

# Residual Markets, Uninsured Motorists and Competition in Maryland Auto Insurance

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### **Executive Summary: Residual Markets** and Uninsured Motorists in Maryland



- 99% of all private passenger motor vehicles insured in Maryland are insured in the private market (as of 2013)
  - Only 1% are insured by the state residual market (same as the US overall)
  - MAIF's market share has shrunk from 3.7% in 2004 to 1.0% in 2013
  - Very small market share in the "market of last resort" is indicative of healthy and strong pvt. insurer competition, sophisticated underwriting
  - In 2014, a total of 59 insurers were offering pvt. pass. auto insurance in MD
- The number of vehicles insured by MAIF plunged by 70.5% from 2004 to 2013, a decline of 96,668 (from 137,168 in 2004 to 40,500 in 2013)
- The Uninsured Motorist Percentage in Maryland fell from 14.9% in 2009 to 12.2% in 2012 (latest available, Insurance Research Council)
  - Maryland's Uninsured Motorist percentage in 2012 was lower than the 12.6% recorded for the US overall
- Bottom Line: Residual Market and Uninsured Motorist trends in Maryland are favorable, suggesting that markets are healthy and competition is vigorous, even for riskier drivers

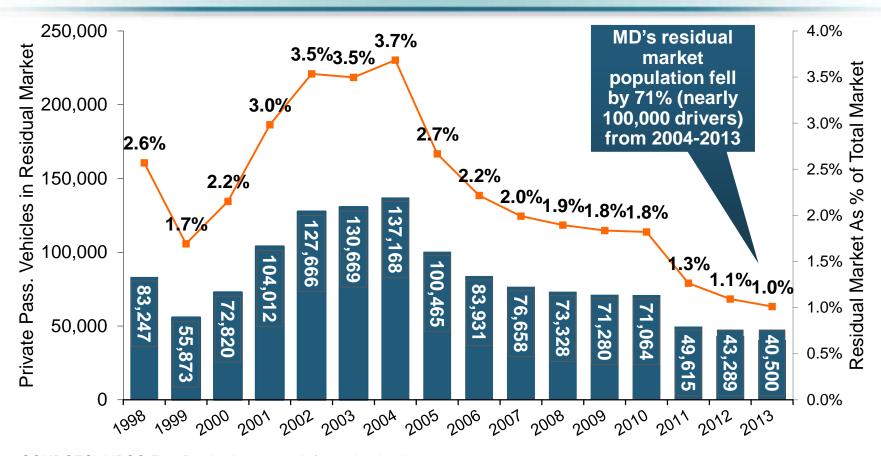


### Maryland Private Passenger Auto Residual Market Overview

## Residual Market Shares in Maryland Have Been Shrinking

### **Residual Market - Maryland**



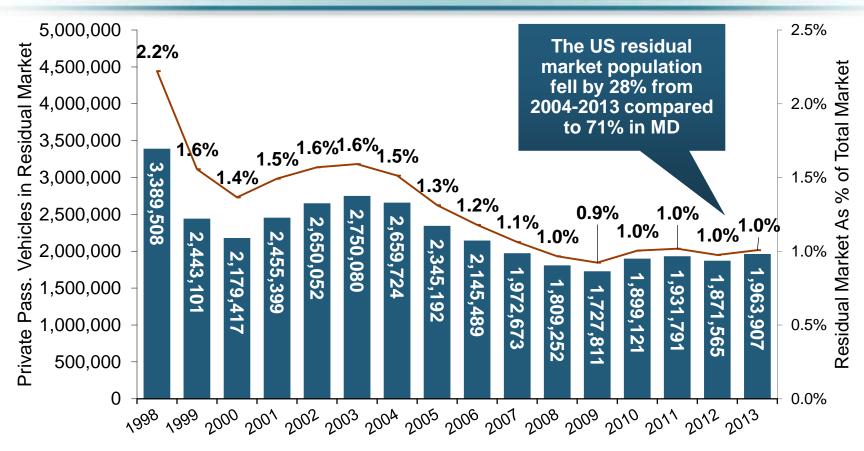


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#### Residual Market – USA\*



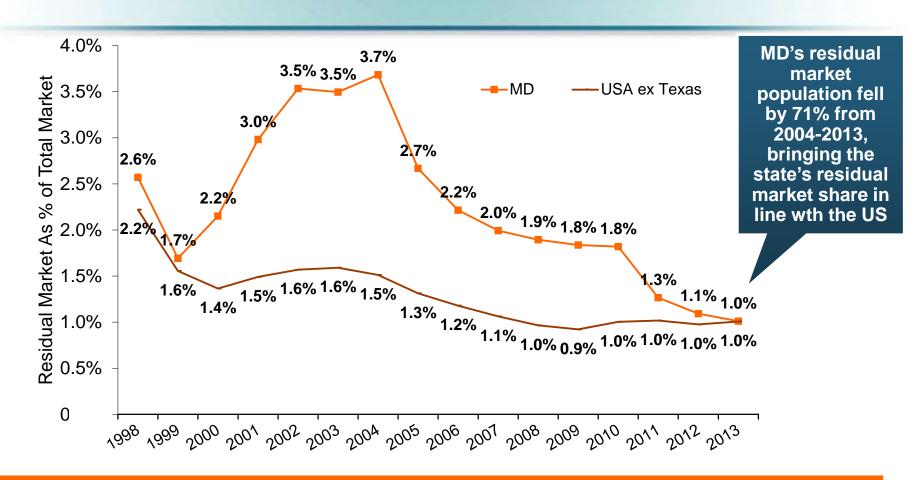


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#### Residual Market - MD vs. US\*





The Residual Market Has Been Shrinking in Maryland and Across the Country. North Carolina Remains an Outlier.

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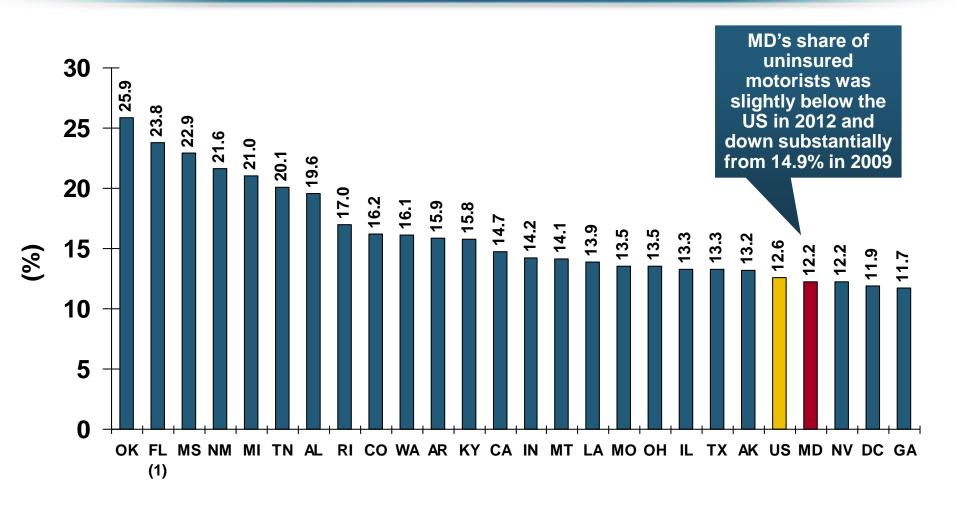


### Maryland Private Passenger Uninsured Motorist Analysis

**Uninsured Motorist Shares in Maryland Has Been Shrinking** 

### Estimated Percentage of Uninsured Motorists by State, 2012: Highest 25 States\*





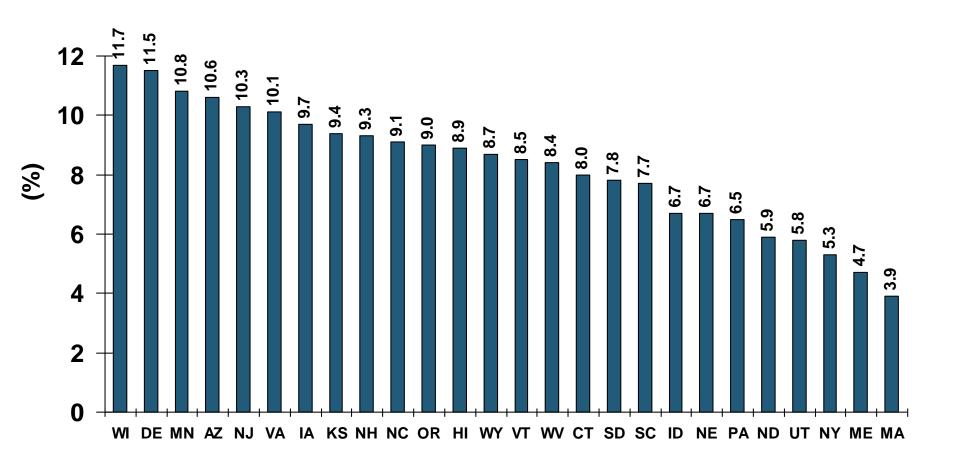
<sup>\*</sup>Percentage of uninsured drivers, as measured by the ratio of uninsured motorists (UM) claims to bodily injury (BI) claims frequencies.

Source: Insurance Research Council; Insurance Information Institute.

<sup>(1)</sup> In Florida, compulsory auto laws apply to personal injury protection (PIP) and physical damage, but not to third party bodily injury coverage.

### Estimated Percentage of Uninsured Motorists by State, 2012: Lowest 25 States\*

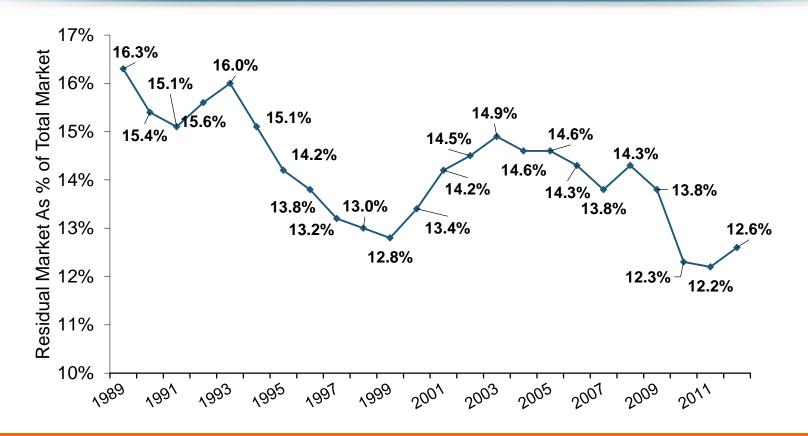




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### **Uninsured Driver Percentage: United States, 1989 – 2012\***



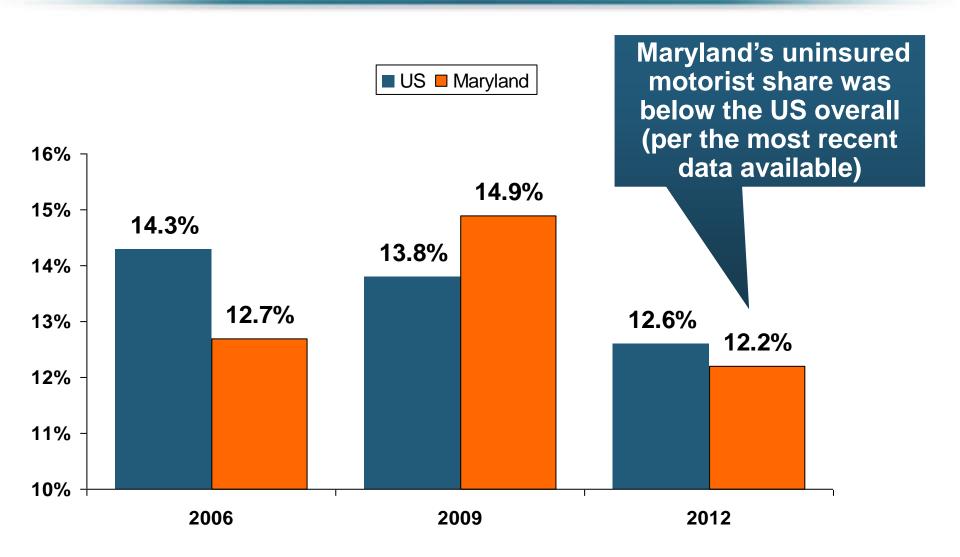


Over the Past Three Decades, the Percentage of Uninsured Motorists Has Been Shrinking Across the Country.

<sup>\*</sup>Latest available.

### Uninsured Motorist Share, Maryland vs. US, 2006 – 2012





Source: Insurance Research Council (latest available); Insurance Information Institute.

### Strategies for Reducing the Uninsured Motorist Population



#### Education

 Educating drivers as to their legal requirement to carry auto liability insurance is an important factor in achieving the goal of low r are insured by the state residual market (same as the US overall

#### No Pay, No Play Laws

- Laws that prevent uninsured motorists from collecting compensation for noneconomic damages arising from a traffic accident with an insured, atfault driver
- Logic is that if you violate the law and are driving illegally without insurance there should be no recovery for noneconomic damages
- Theory and empirical evidence (IRC) suggest such laws do reduce uninsured motorist rates

#### Enforcement and Penalties

- Stringent enforcement is necessary to reduce flaunting of the law
- Should be backed with appropriate penalties

#### **SUMMARY**



- Maryland's residual market population and share have experienced significant shrinkage in recent years (from 3.7%% in 2004 to 1.0% in 2012)
  - This is indicative of strong competition among private passenger auto insurers for event the riskiest drivers (59 pvt. passenger auto insurers competed for business in the state in 2014)
  - 99% of drivers are covered in the voluntary market by private insurers
  - A <u>small</u> residual market is a critical part of a healthy, competitive private market; A true "market of last resort"
- Maryland's uninsured motorist percentage has declined significantly as well (from 14.9% in 2009 to 12.2% in 2012); Now below US average
- Education and Enforcement are keys to keeping the down proportion of uninsured motorists on the road
  - "No Pay, No Play" laws can help



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