

## California & Insurance

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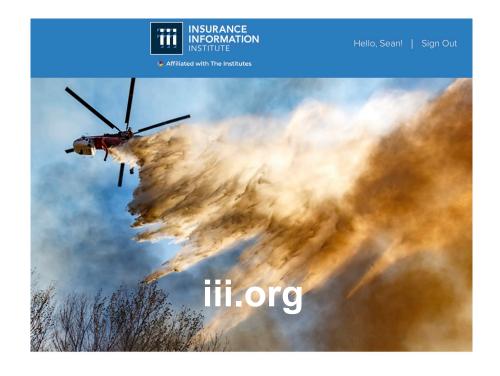
## Insurance As Financial First Responders "Talk with your insurance professional..."

#### **Claims Being Paid**

- Additional living expenses
- 30-50% immediate contents payments
- Inventory assistance

#### **Capital on Hand to Keep Promises**

- Policyholder surplus
- FAIR plan
- Guaranty fund system



**California Wildfires Update** 

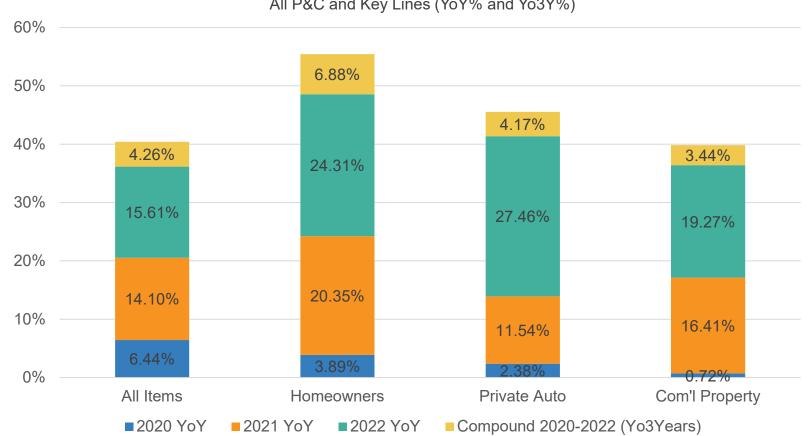
## **US Homeowners Insurance Market**



#### **COVID** Inflation Led to Widespread **Increases Insurance Costs**

#### **Cumulative P&C Replacement Cost Increases from 2019 to 2022**

All P&C and Key Lines (YoY% and Yo3Y%)



Replacement costs for all P&C lines increased 40.4% from 2019 to 2022 even after the recent decreases in U.S. CPI.

#### **Cumulative P&C Replacement Costs Increases** (Yo3Y% 2019-22)

All P&C Lines: 40.4%

Homeowners: 55 4%

Private Auto: 45.6%

Commercial Property: 39.9%

#### **Homeowners Economic Drivers**

#### Replacement Costs Normalizing

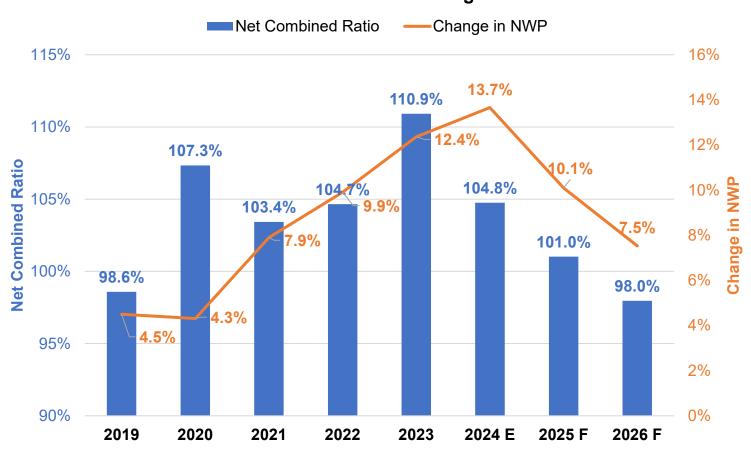
| Homeowners (YoY%)                   | 2022  | 2023   | 2024  | 2025 | 2026 |
|-------------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|------|------|
| Underlying Growth                   | 1.7%  | -5.4%  | 1.3%  | 2.0% | 2.3% |
| Housing Unit Starts                 | -4.2% | -12.3% | -0.2% | 1.0% | 1.5% |
| Residential Construction Employment | 6.1%  | 0.8%   | 2.8%  | 3.0% | 3.2% |
| Retail Sales                        | 8.9%  | 2.3%   | 2.7%  | 2.9% | 3.1% |
| Replacement Costs Key Takeaway      | 9.4%  | 2.5%   | 0.8%  | 2.7% | 3.5% |
| Shelter                             | 5.9%  | 7.5%   | 4.8%  | 5.0% | 4.5% |
| Household Furnishings & Supplies    | 9.7%  | 2.9%   | -2.4% | 1.0% | 2.0% |
| Construction Materials              | 12.6% | -2.9%  | 0.1%  | 2.0% | 4.0% |

Source: Insurance data and analysis: Triple-I; U.S. economic data: FRED (as of 01/01/2025)

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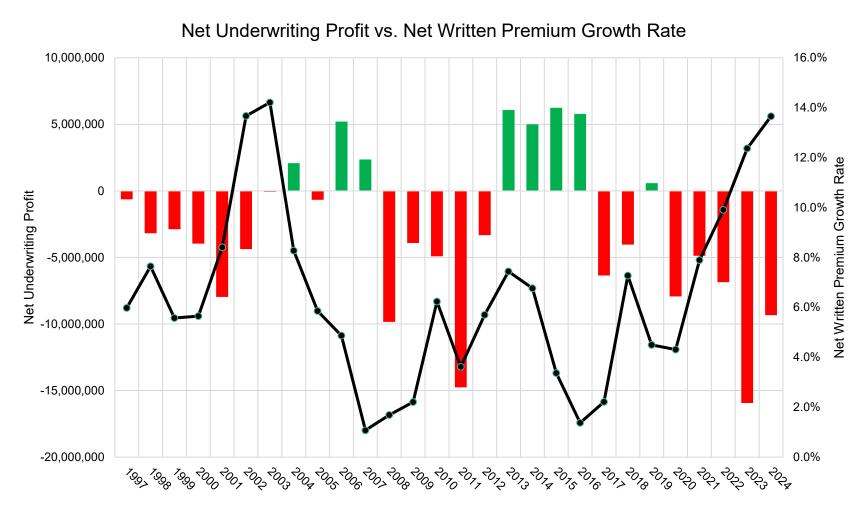
### **Homeowners Insurance Underwriting**

#### **Net Combined Ratio and Change in NWP**



- Combined Ratio is expenses paid out versus premiums paid. Profitable when under 100
- Replacement costs inflation drives up costs of risk / insurance
- Industry average projected to catch up to inflation in 2026

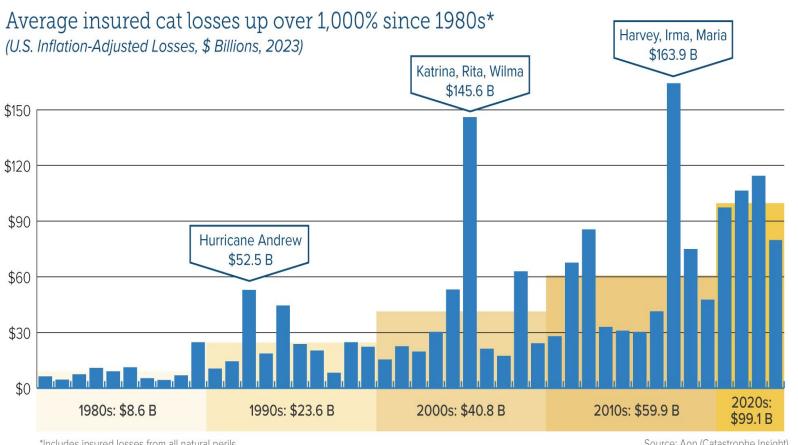
# Homeowners Insurance Long-Term Underwriting Profitability



- Industry achieved underwriting profit in only 8 of 28 years
- 1997-2024
   Cumulative
   Underwriting Loss of \$82B
- Premium growth rate exceeded 10% in 2023-2024 for first time since 2003

Sources: NAIC Statutory Financial Data through S&P Global Market Intelligence Analysis (as of 9/24/2024): Insurance Information Institute, Milliman.

### U.S. Catastrophe Losses Steadily Climbing



#### Population Growth in Harms Way...

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|-----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|
|                 | Population<br>Change* (M) | Median Home<br>Value ** (%chg) |  |  |
| Fastest-growing | (2010-2020)               | (2010-2022)                    |  |  |
| 1 Texas         | 4.00                      | 123%                           |  |  |
| 2 Florida       | 2.73                      | 72%                            |  |  |
| 3 California    | 2.28                      | 56%                            |  |  |
| 4 Georgia       | 1.02                      | 84%                            |  |  |
| 5 Washington    | 0.98                      | 88%                            |  |  |
|                 |                           |                                |  |  |

Source: Aon (Catastrophe Insight)

Long before "climate risk" was commonly discussed, Hurricane Andrew (1992) and Northridge earthquake (1994) were the industry's call to mitigate the severity of natural catastrophes

<sup>\*</sup>Includes insured losses from all natural perils.

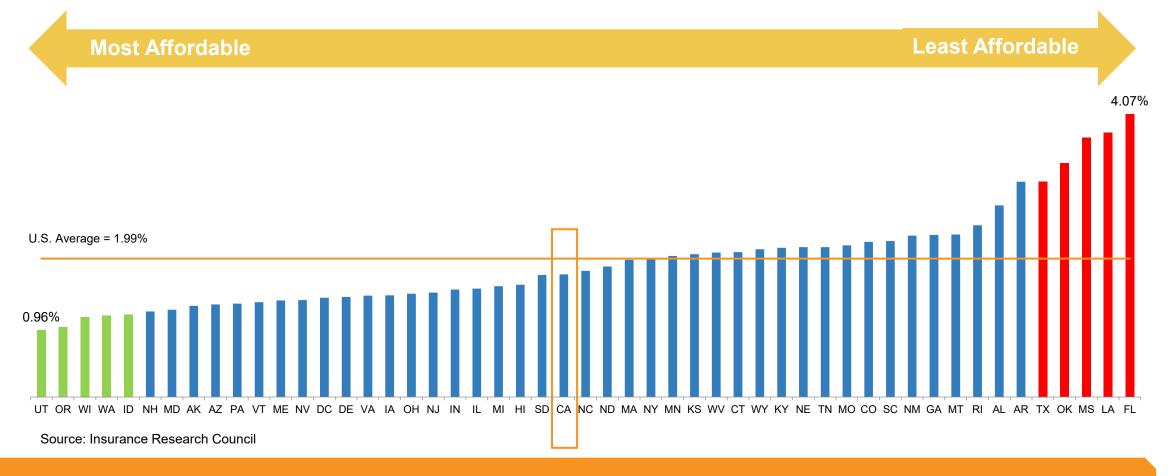
## Key Drivers of Increasing Insurance / Risk Pricing



## California Insurance Market



# Homeowners Insurance Premiums as Percent of Median Income (2021)



# Compounding of Fires, Regulatory Restrictions, and Inflation Caused Property Risk Crisis in California

100

50

### **Insurance Availability Crisis Building for Decades**

- Industry Homeowners Combined Ratio averaged 120.2 from 2014-2023
- Proposition 103 restricted insurance pricing and underwriting for 35 years after its implementation
- Many insurers reduced appetite for property risk

#### **Regulatory Reform – January 2025**

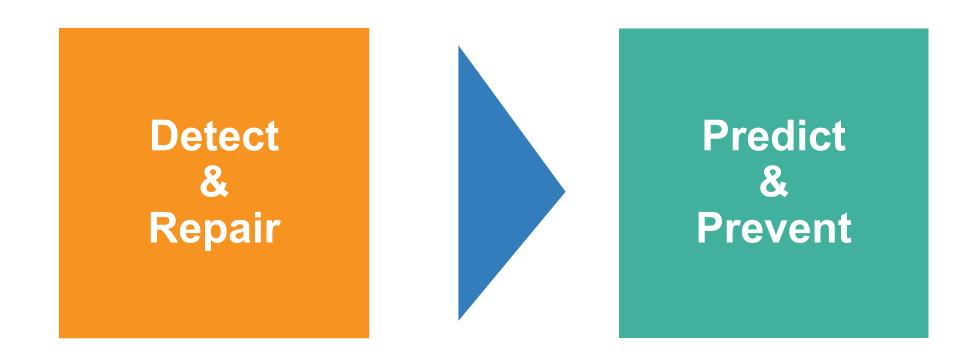
 California Department of Insurance "Sustainable Insurance Strategy" introduced new regulations to allow cat models and reinsurance to be included in pricing

# California Homeowners Direct Combined Ratio Direct Combined Ratio Direct Combined Ratio 10 year average

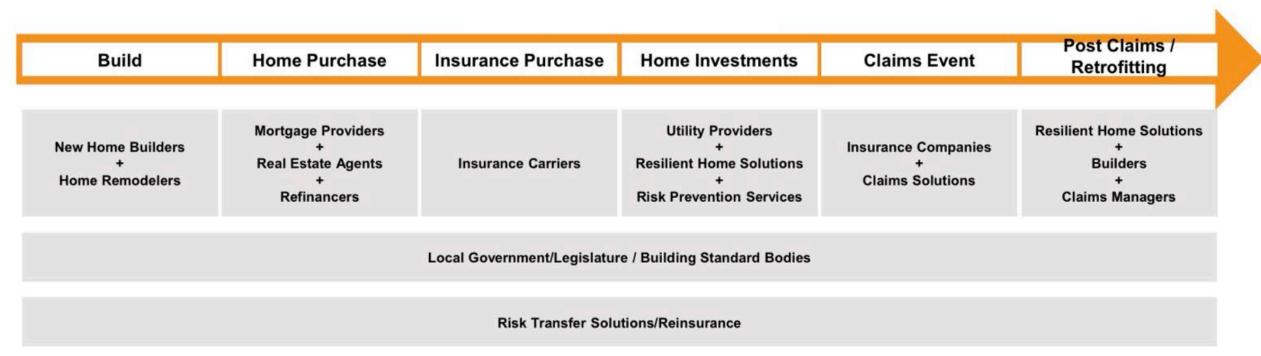
Source: Triple-I analysis of NAIC Annual Statements available through S&P Global Market Intelligence

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## Our Future Depends on Resilience

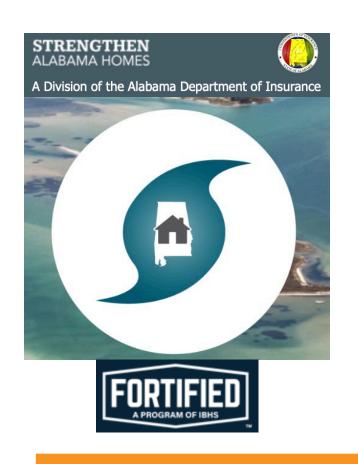


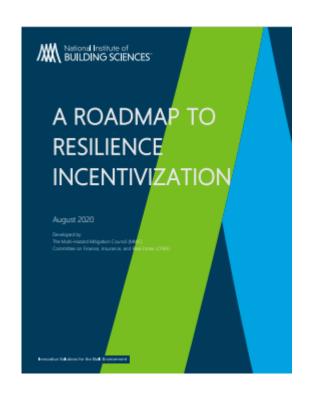
# Resilience Building: Creating economic value that drives behavioral change and helps people and communities better manage risk

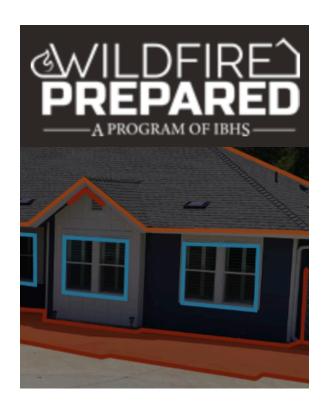


Insurance is essential, but just one tool in the resilience toolkit alongside risk modeling, technology, public policy, finance, and science

### Learning from and Scaling Resilience







Rebuilding Los Angeles as well as future building in the State of California must adhere to residence standards to ensure survivability and insurability

## Thank You

**Questions?** 

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