## **Deloitte Insurance Week** Where Reinsurance Meets

Workers' Compensation and Auto Liability Industry Insights & Trends

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### Introductions

### Workers' Compensation

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### **Auto Liability**

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### **Questions?**

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## Introductions

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## Workers' Compensation Industry Trends



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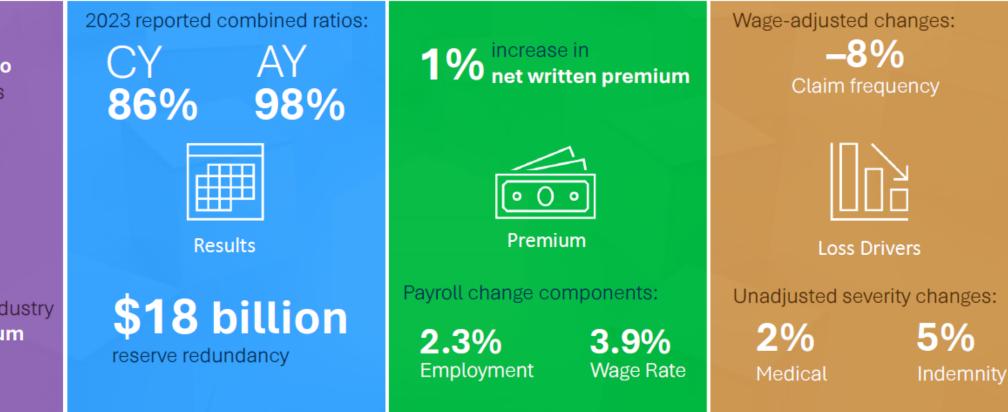
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Lowest combined ratio compared to other lines



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5% share of the P&C Industry net written premium

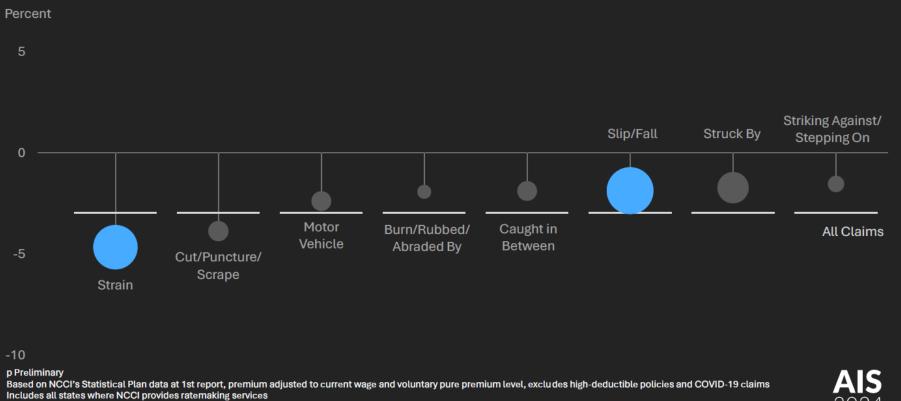




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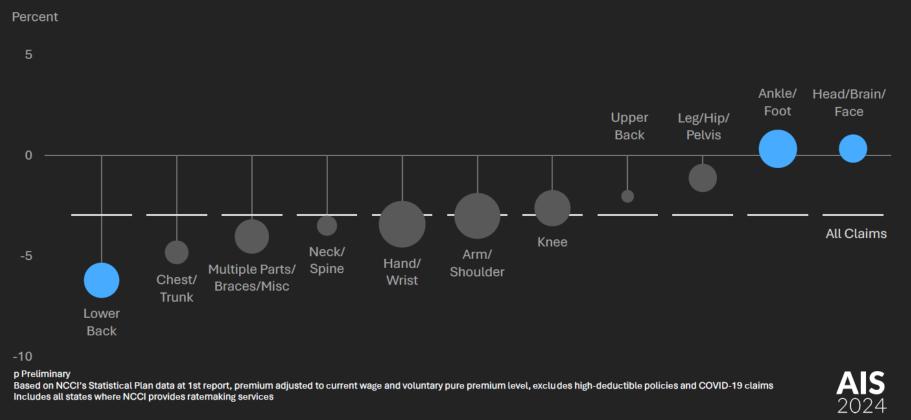
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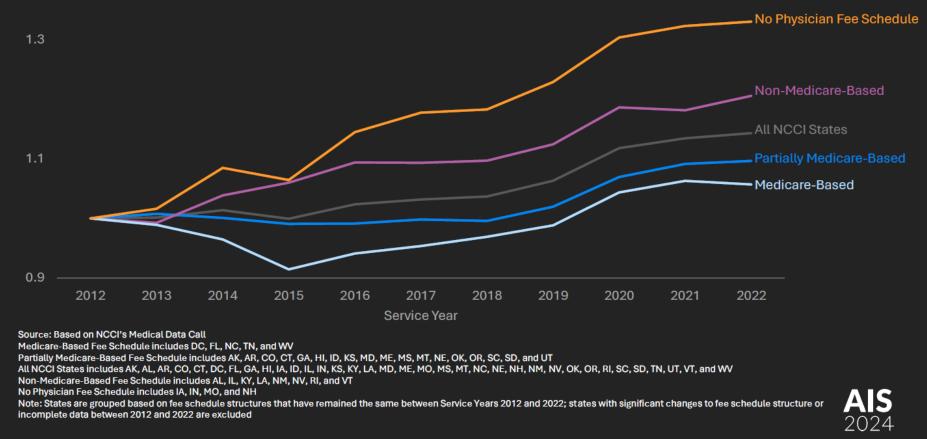


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## NCCI State of the Line Changes in Physician Cost per Active Claim

## Cumulative Changes in Physician Cost per Active Claim





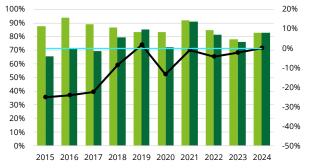
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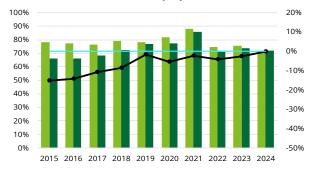
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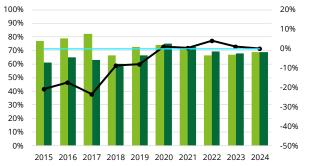




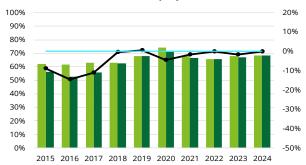




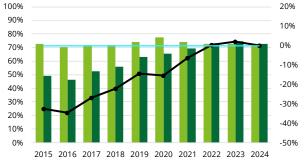
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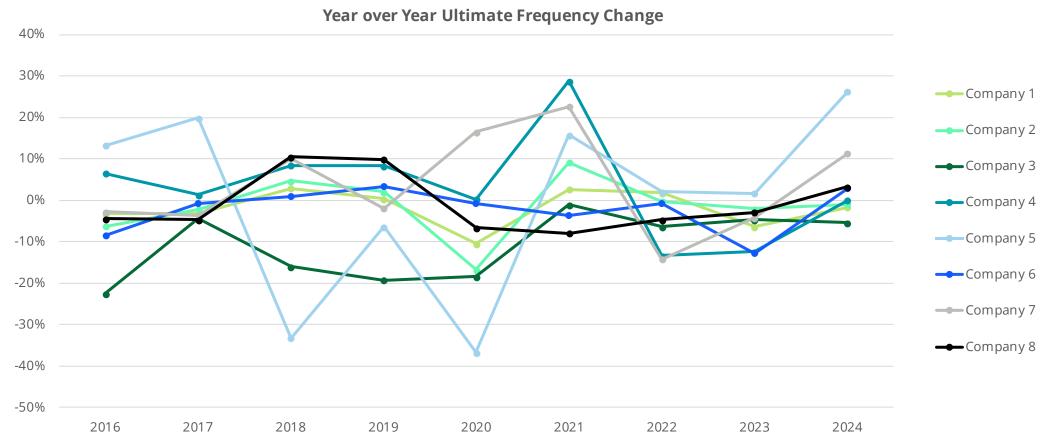
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## Workers' Compensation Frequency & Severity



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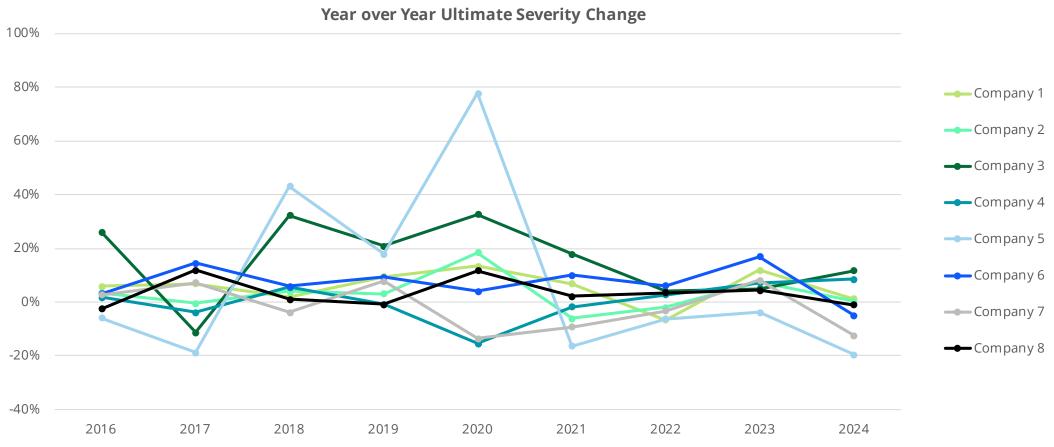
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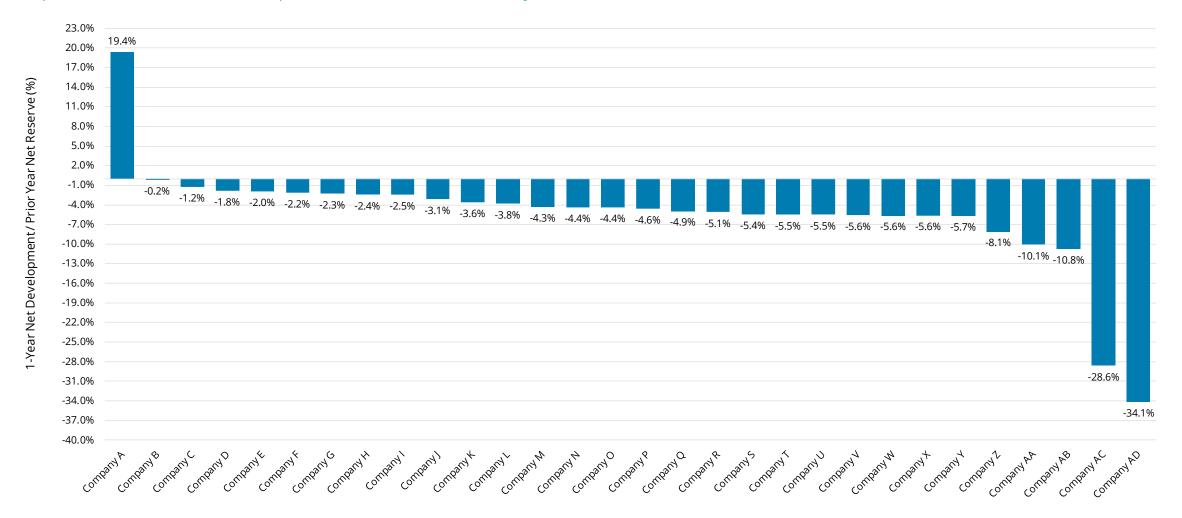
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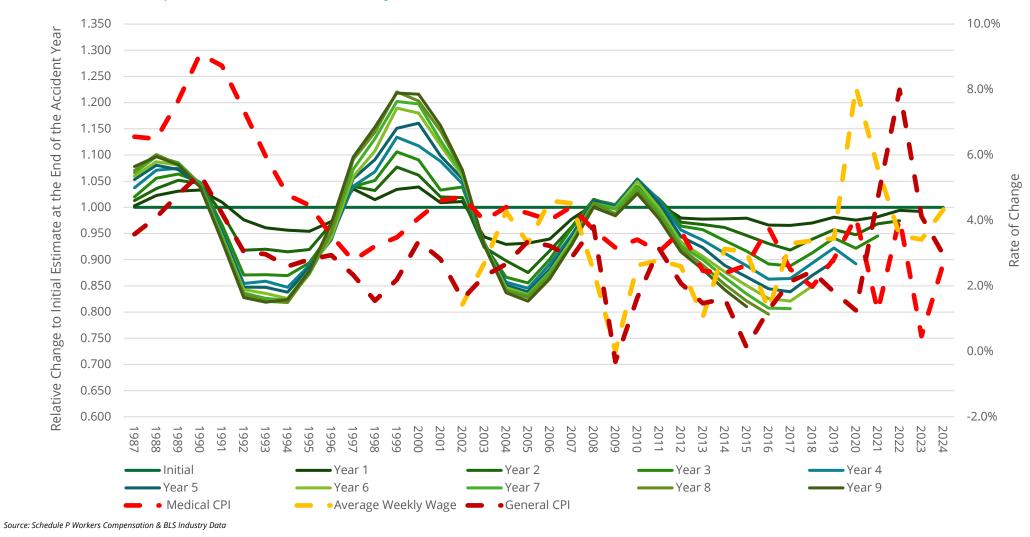
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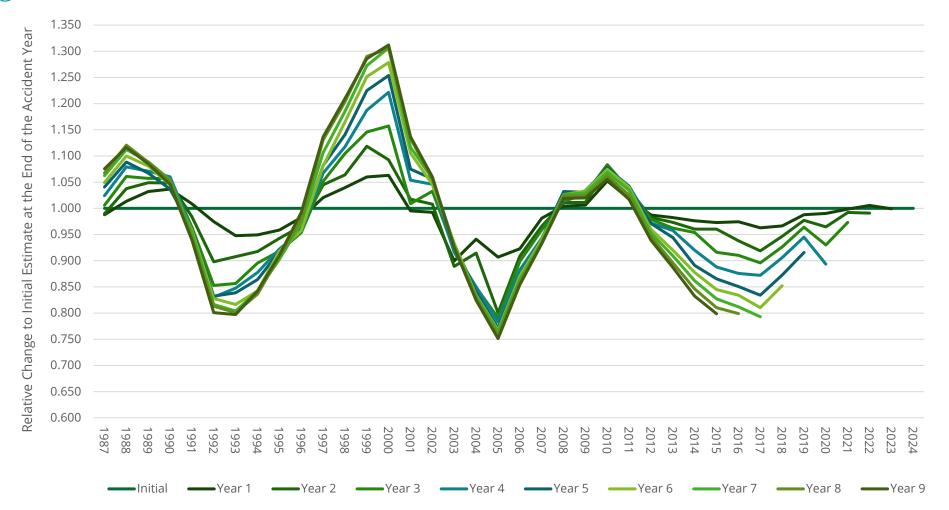
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## **Reserve Development & Inflation** Workers' Compensation Industry





## **Reserve Development & Inflation** Large National Carriers

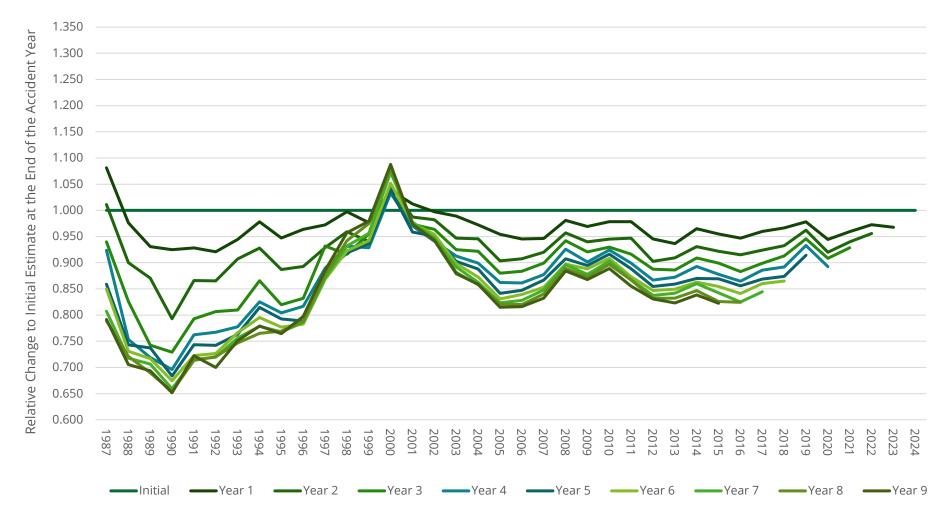


Source: Schedule P Workers Compensation & BLS Industry Data



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### **Reserve Development & Inflation** AASCIF Members



Source: Schedule P Workers Compensation & BLS Industry Data

## Auto Liability Industry Trends

## Commercial Driving Staffing Shortages Cause Risky Driving Behavior Lack of commercial drivers has contributed to heightened distractions and dangerous practices observed on the roads



### **By The Numbers**

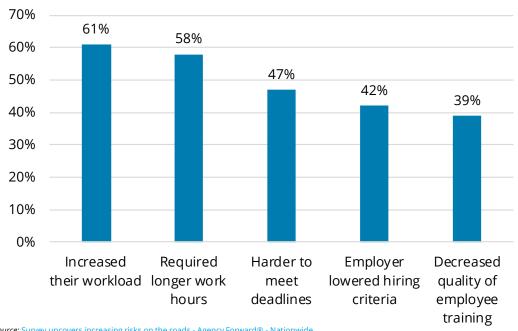
- Over 80,000 professional drivers were injured 2023, with 843 fatalities, making commercial vehicle operation one of the top 10 most dangerous jobs in the U.S.
- Nearly **40% of business drivers** report that their employers • are struggling to find, hire or retain commercial drivers

### **Drivers Are Fearful**

- 59% worry about personal liability for accidents or injuries
- 58% of drivers express concern about being killed or injured in an accident
- 52% are concerned about damaging their employer's reputation

### What Can Be Done?

- Drivers believe that management needs to increase training to improve safety
- Install dashcams in vehicles



#### **Commercial Driver Perspective on Staffing Shortages**

Source: Survey uncovers increasing risks on the roads - Agency Forward® - Nationwide

### **Electric Vehicles are Impacting Insurers** As electric vehicle (EV) sales increase, so do insurance risks and loss costs

### **Electric Vehicle Market in 2023**

The number of paid claims and total claims payment amount for EVs has risen faster than the number of EVs as a percentage of the total private passenger autos (PPA) market

**1.5%** of all PPA vehicles **1.7%** of all PPA claims

2.3% of the total claims payment amount of all PPAs

#### **Electric Vehicle Loss Costs**

- The total number of EVs grew by 40% in 2023
- The total number of PPAs grew only **1.2%** in 2023
- The distinctive driving experience and higher repair cost of EVs has contributed to higher claims frequency and severity than Internal Combustion Engine vehicles (IECs)
- Claim frequency for EVs was 17% higher than PPAs
- Claim severity for EVs was **34% higher** than PPAs

### PLUG-IN EVs / PRIVATE PASSENGER AUTOS (%)



Source: https://lexisnexis.turtl.co/story/top-5-auto-insurance-trends-2024-nonpersonalizedbroad/page/6/2

In 2023, EV sales grew 54% compared to all cars, vans, SUVs and light-duty pickup trucks sales growth of 13%

A greater percentage of new EV buyers shopped for lower rates on their auto insurance policies than new owners of private passenger autos

Figure 1

The EV segment of auto insurance is expected to grow robustly in 2024 and beyond

Auto insurers need to develop EV-specific rating and underwriting strategies to help capture this growth opportunity profitably

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## Potential Impacts of Tariffs on the Auto Insurance Industry As the U.S. imposes tariffs on international trade partners, domestic insurers will need to assess and potentially adapt pricing and reserving practices

#### **Factors To Consider**



#### **Rising costs of vehicle parts**

- Large portion of vehicles sold on the US have imported parts
- Increased supply chain volatility
- Production of vehicle components and parts often cross borders several times before for use
- Recent car fleets come equipped with advanced engineering and electronics, which require an increased number of imports

#### New and used vehicle market dynamics

- Supply and demand constraints on new vehicles
- · Shifts in demand and prices for used vehicles



#### Increased tax burden on automakers

Due to in-shoring and multiple border crossings of products during the manufacturing/production cycle

#### Longer term uncertainty from tariffs

- Potential impact on strategic plan of manufacturers
- Less industry innovation as companies focus on short-term survival
- Capital expenditures shift to combat tariffs instead of investing in enhanced productivity and efficiency
- Uncertainty surrounding who will absorb higher costs manufacturers or consumers

Source: Trump's tariffs are raising car part prices, but will your auto insurance increase?; Tariffs Will Negatively Affect Insurance Industry, Says AM Best © 2025 DCB Holding Ltd. and its affiliates.

#### **Impact on Insurers**



#### Adverse development of loss reserves

... arising from higher costs associated with replacement parts



#### Increased likelihood of underwriting losses

... provided tariffs were not considered in the pricing of policies already in effect



#### Establishment of premium deficiency reserve (PDR)

... as unearned premium reserves for auto lines may be insufficient to cover associated future losses and expenses

#### **Increased rates**

... to offset potentially higher replacement costs associated with uncertainty and volatility of tariffs

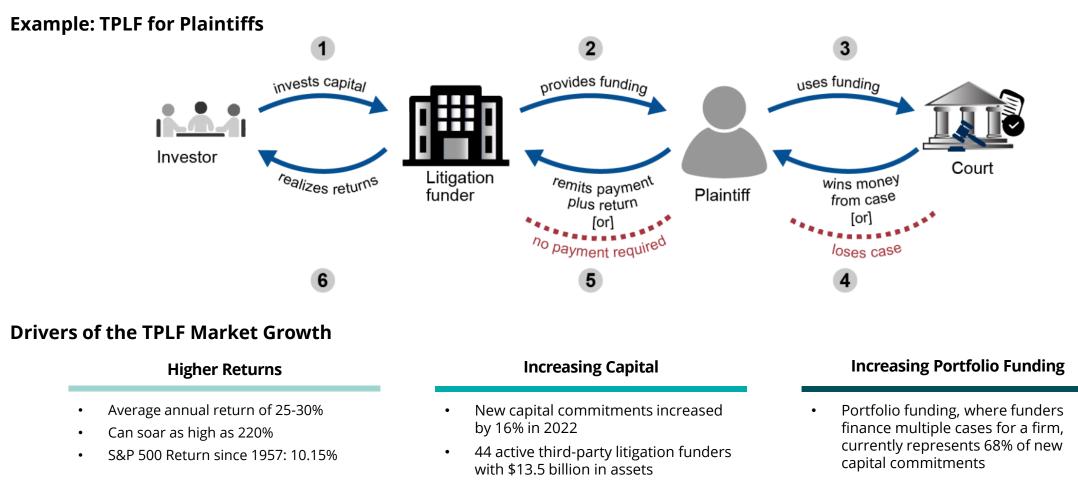


#### Increased mix of business and market share volatility

... as consumers have a higher propensity to shop around during periods of rate fluctuations

## Third-Party Litigation Funding is Here to Stay

As other investment avenues become more uncertain, Third-Party Litigation Funding (TPLF) guarantees high rates of return



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## Nuclear Verdicts Reach Record \$14.5 Billion in 2023

Nuclear verdicts can have financial and reputational costs for insurance companies



Beyond the financial impact, these verdicts can severely damage a company's reputation: Research shows **stock prices can decline almost 22% in the years following such verdicts**.



Florida, historically the #2 state for nuclear verdicts, dropped to #7 following the March 2023 tort reforms

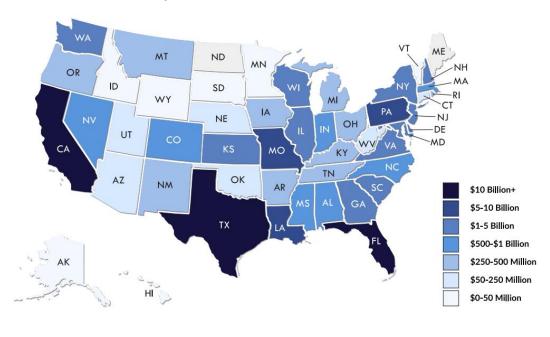
The **median nuclear verdict rose to \$44 million in 2023**, a significant increase from \$21 million in 2020.

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**89 lawsuits resulted in verdicts over \$10 million in 2023** — a 15-year high — and 27 of these were "thermonuclear," reaching more than \$100 million.



Attorney advertising now exceeds \$1 billion each year, contributing to the growth of nuclear verdicts and shaping public perception of cases.



Nuclear Verdicts by State (2009-2022)

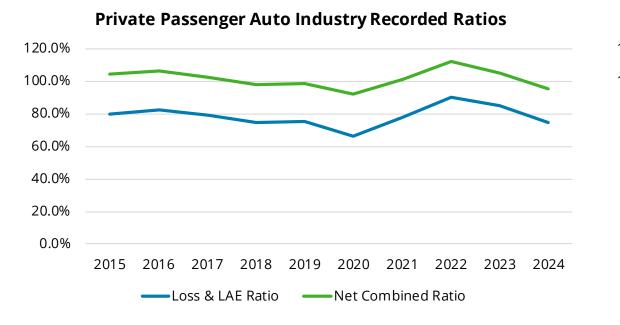
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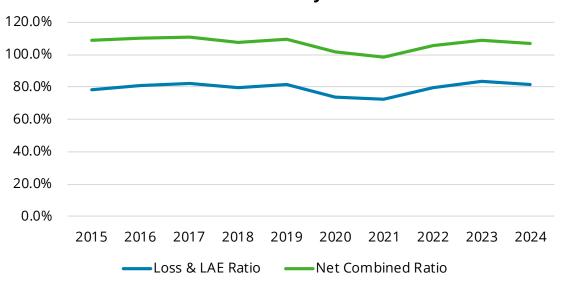
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## Auto Liability Loss Ratios

## **Peer Comparison of AY Net Ultimate Loss & LAE Ratios** Private Passenger and Commercial Auto Liability





#### Commercial Auto Industry Recorded Ratios

• As private auto underwriting results continue to improve post COVID-19 pandemic, average rate increases have returned to single digits

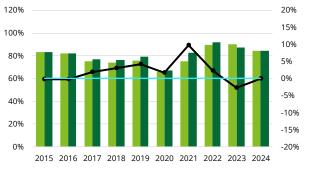
Commercial auto remains unprofitable, with a net combined ratio of 107% in 2024

Source: Schedule P Private Passenger & Commercial Auto Liability Data Note: Private Passenger Auto includes Auto Physical Damage, Commercial Auto does not include Auto Physical Damage

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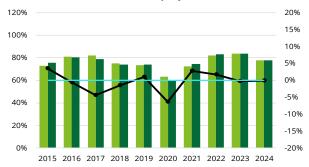








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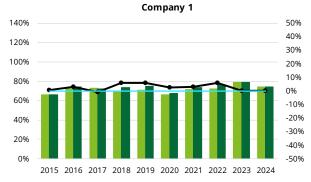




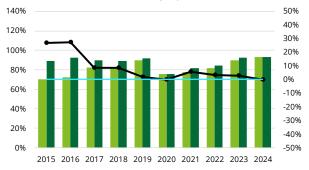
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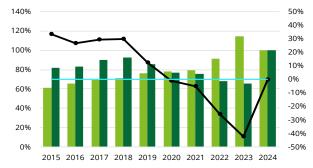
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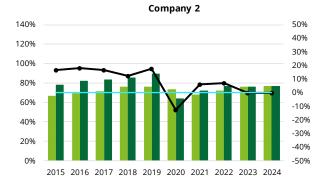


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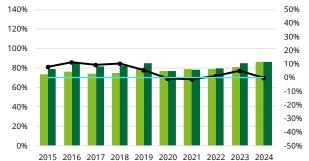








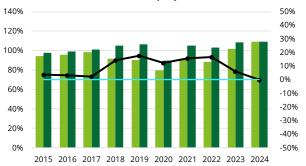
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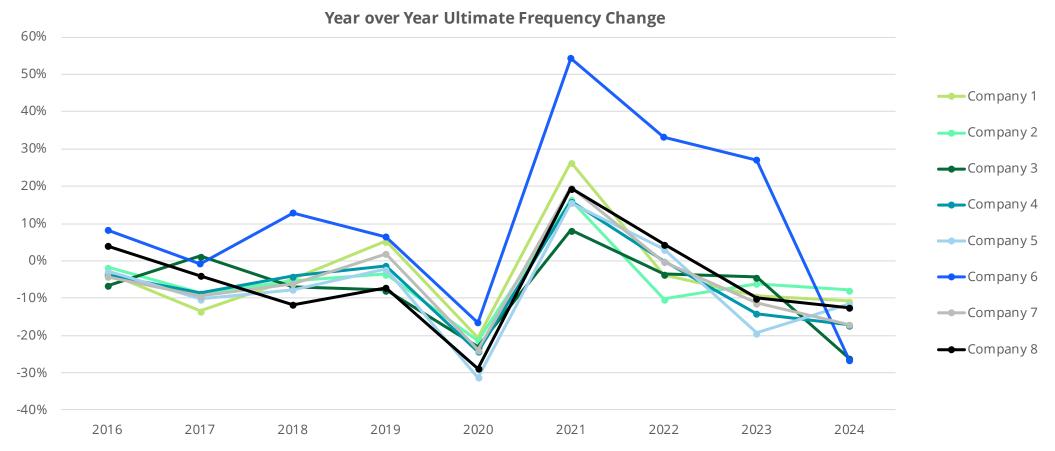
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## Auto Liability Frequency & Severity



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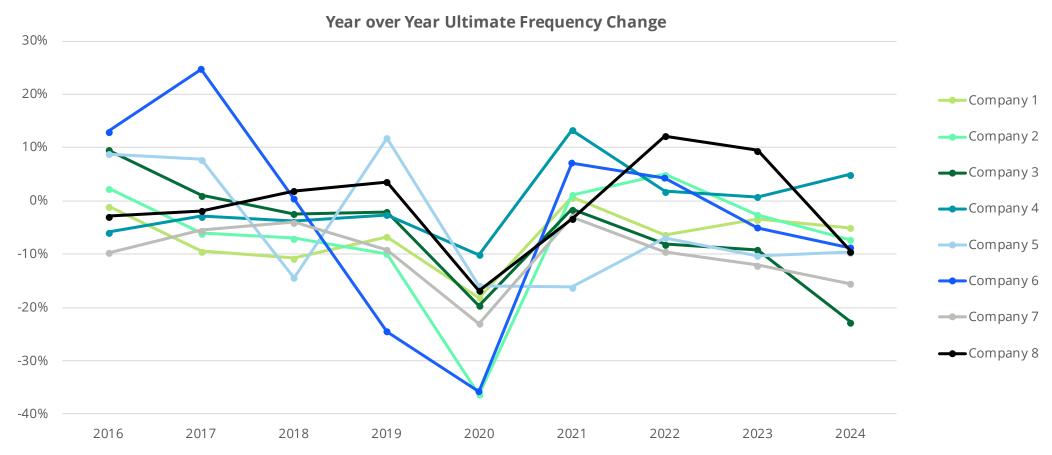
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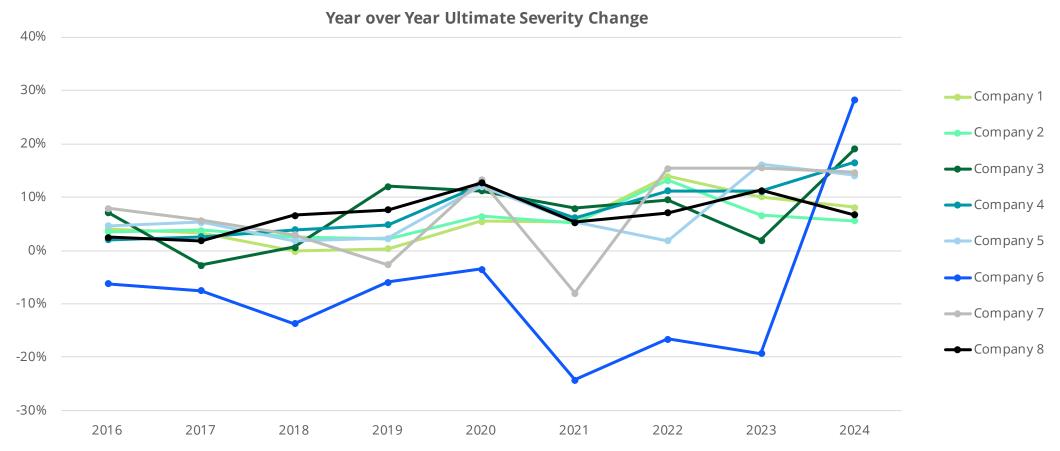
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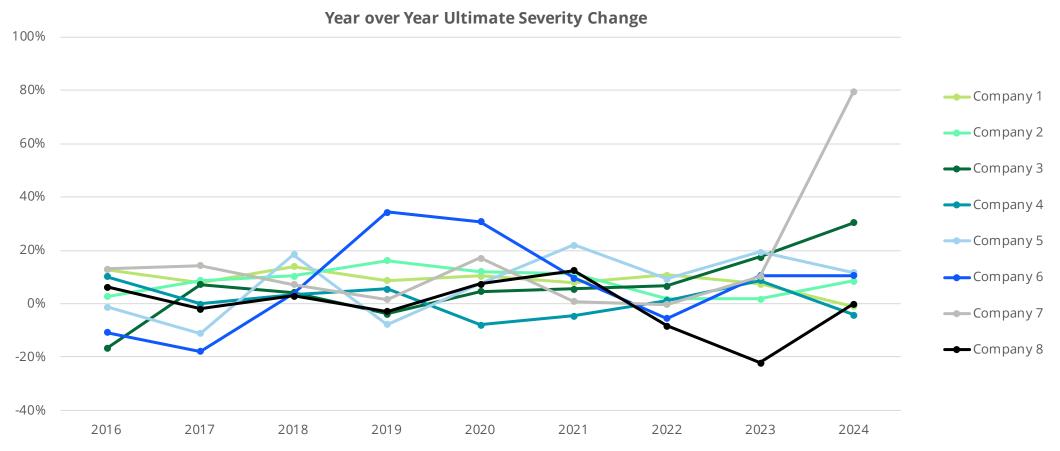
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## **Auto Liability** Fatality Rates



## **Fatality Rates** COVID-19 Pandemic and Driving Habits



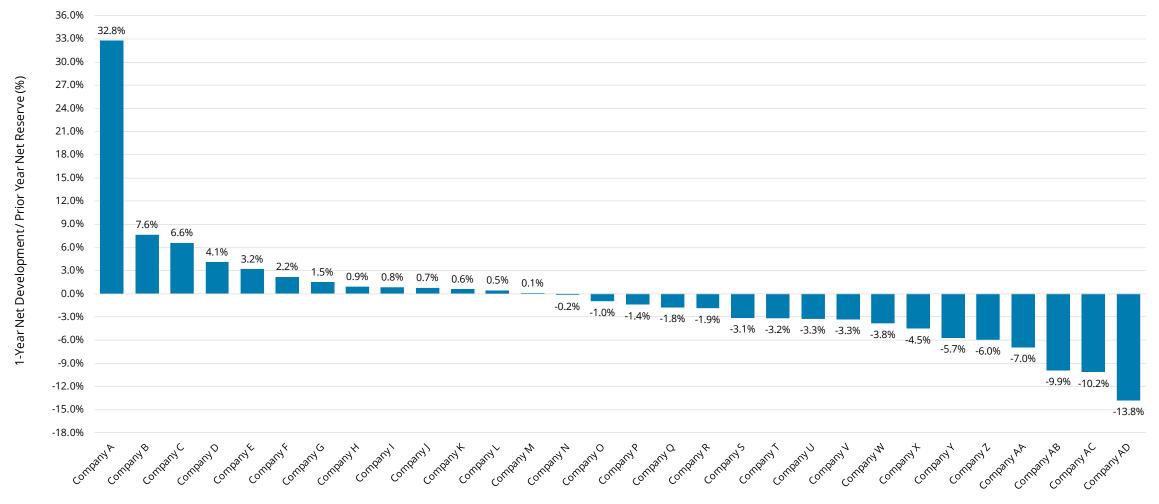
#### Quarterly Weighted-Average Fatality Rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled

- Fatality rates increased substantially due to dangerous driving habits after the COVID-19 pandemic, but have continued to improve over recent years
- Average fatality rates in 2024 have returned to pre-pandemic levels

Source: NHTSA's National Center for Statistics and Analysis

## Auto Liability Reserve Development & Inflation

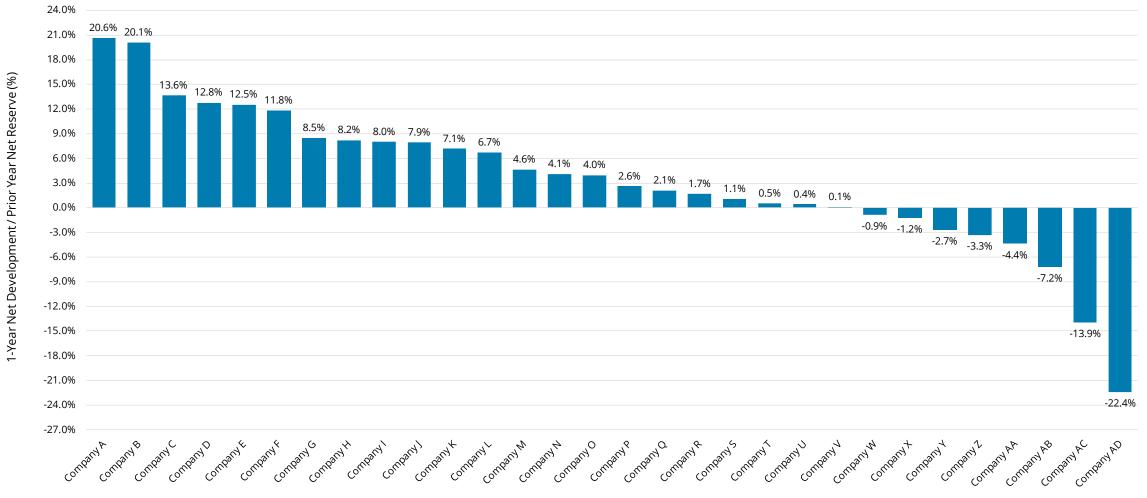
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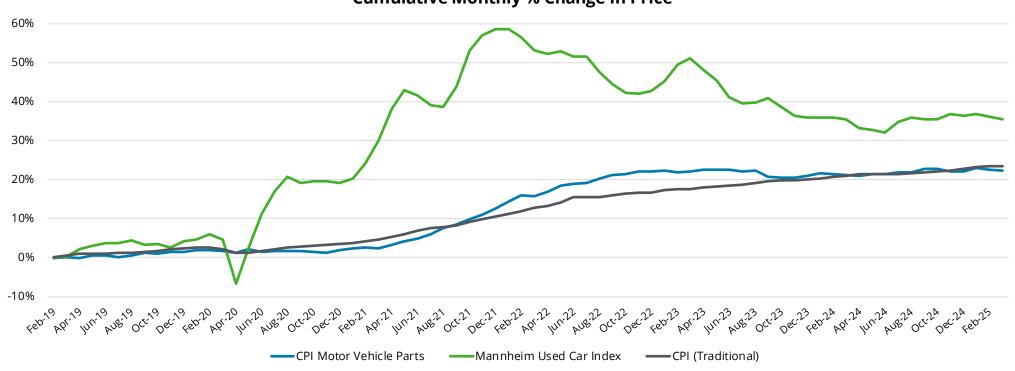
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## **CPI & Inflation** Cost of Vehicle Parts vs. Inflation



Cumulative Monthly % Change in Price

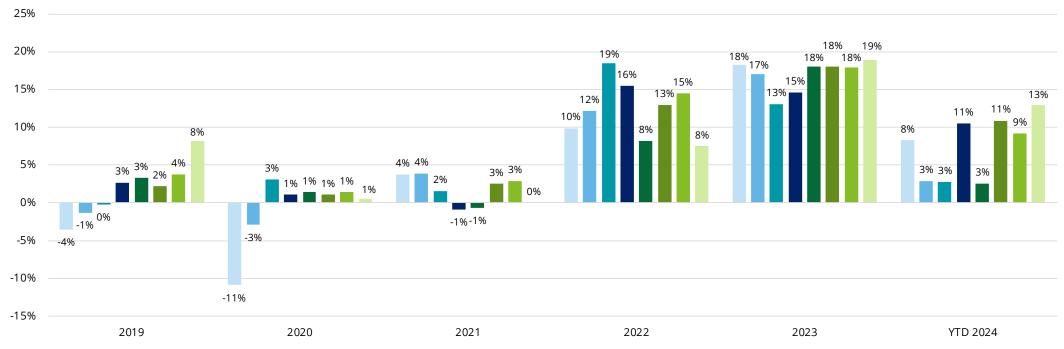
• Traditional CPI is outpacing motor vehicle parts CPI for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic

• Both CPI for motor vehicle parts and used vehicle prices show signs of leveling out, but could be impacted by tariffs on auto parts

## Auto Liability Rate Change



## Rate Change Relative to 2018 Largest U.S. Private Auto Insurers



Rate Change Relative to 2018

- Largest U.S. private auto insurers are returning to single-digit rate increases in 2024
- Through 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2024, 43 states and the District of Columbia reflected an effective rate change of 7.2%, compared to 16.4% in 2023

Source: S&P Global Data

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