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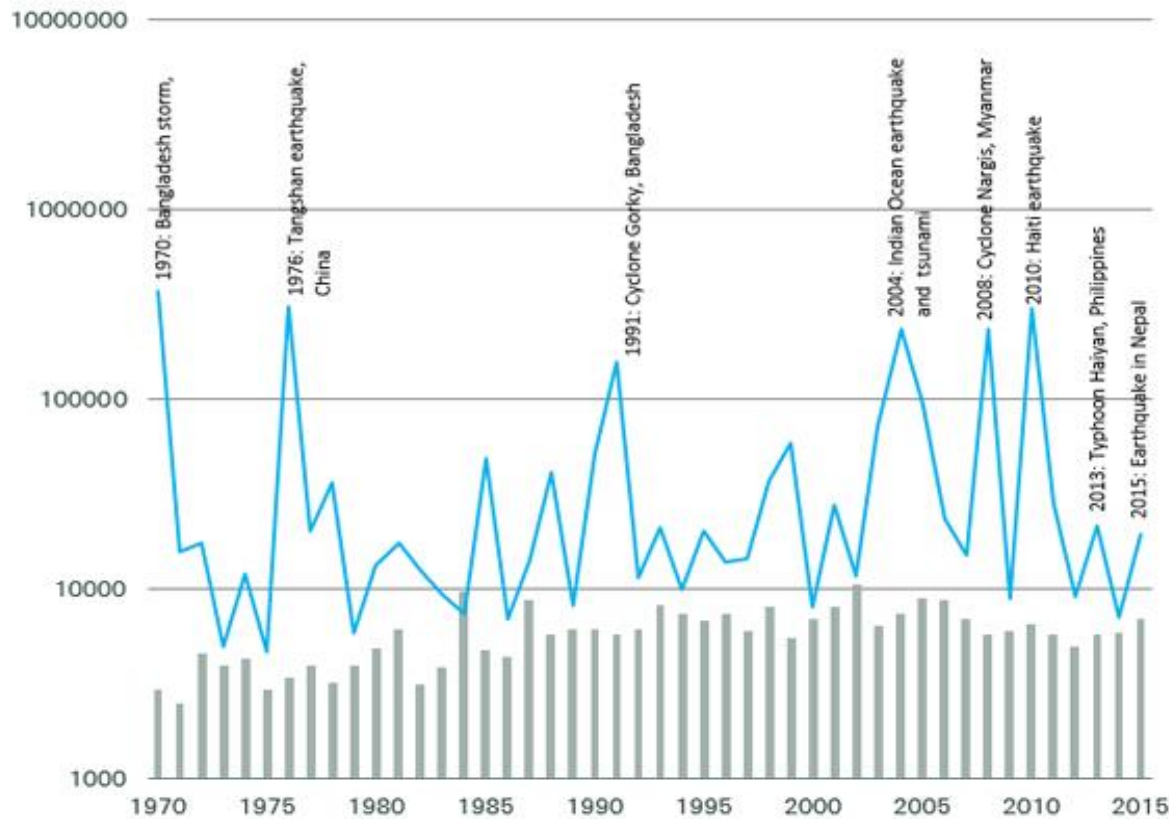
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Natural catastrophes and man-made disasters in 2015
Swiss Re Economic Research & Consulting



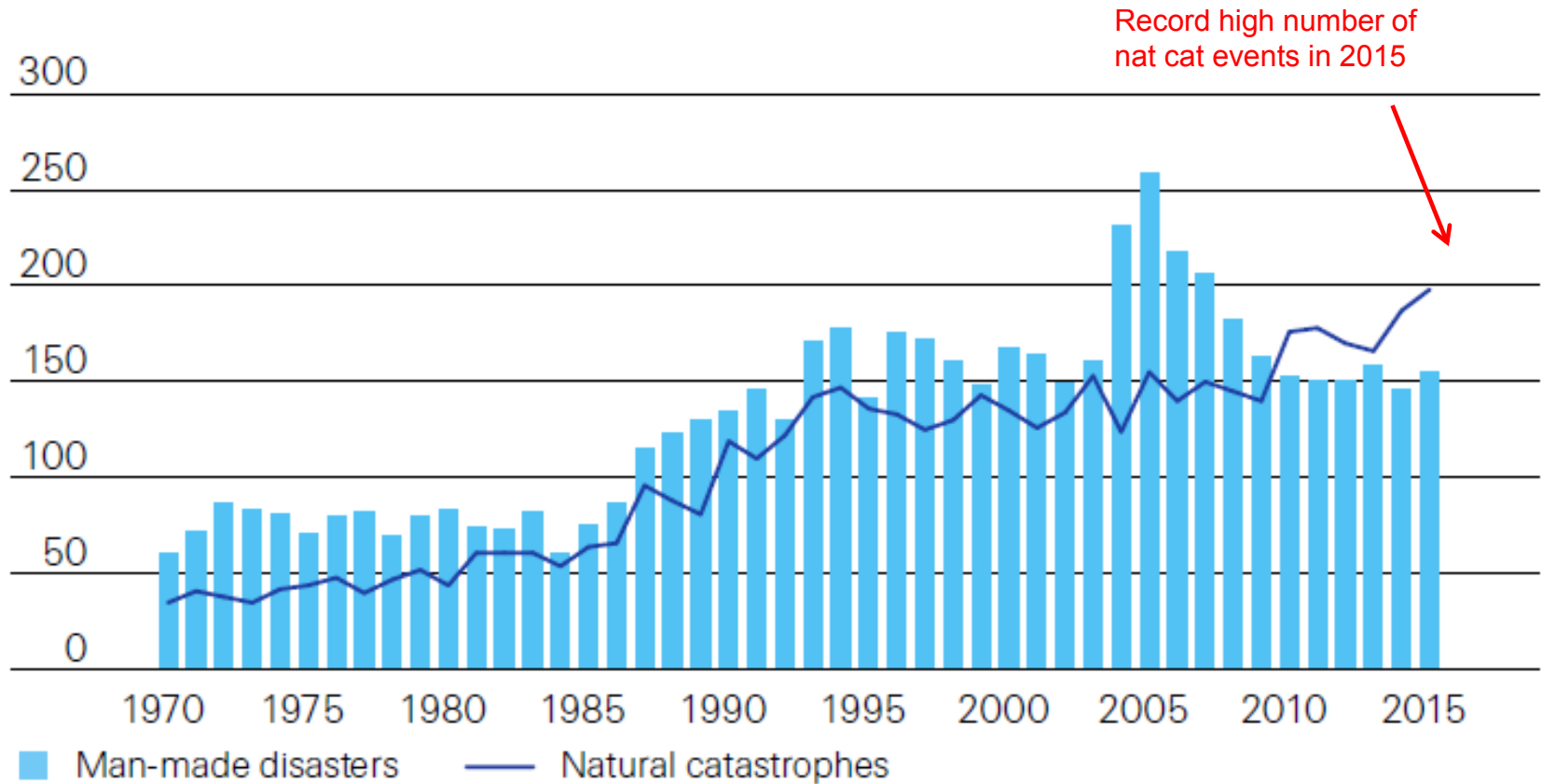
More than 26 000 casualties in 2015



More than 19 000 people were killed or went missing in natural catastrophes, the majority in the devastating earthquake that struck Nepal in April

The number of natural catastrophe events continues to trend up

Number of natural and man-made catastrophe events, 1970 – 2015



Source: Swiss Re Economic Research & Consulting and Cat Perils.

Top five insured losses in 2015

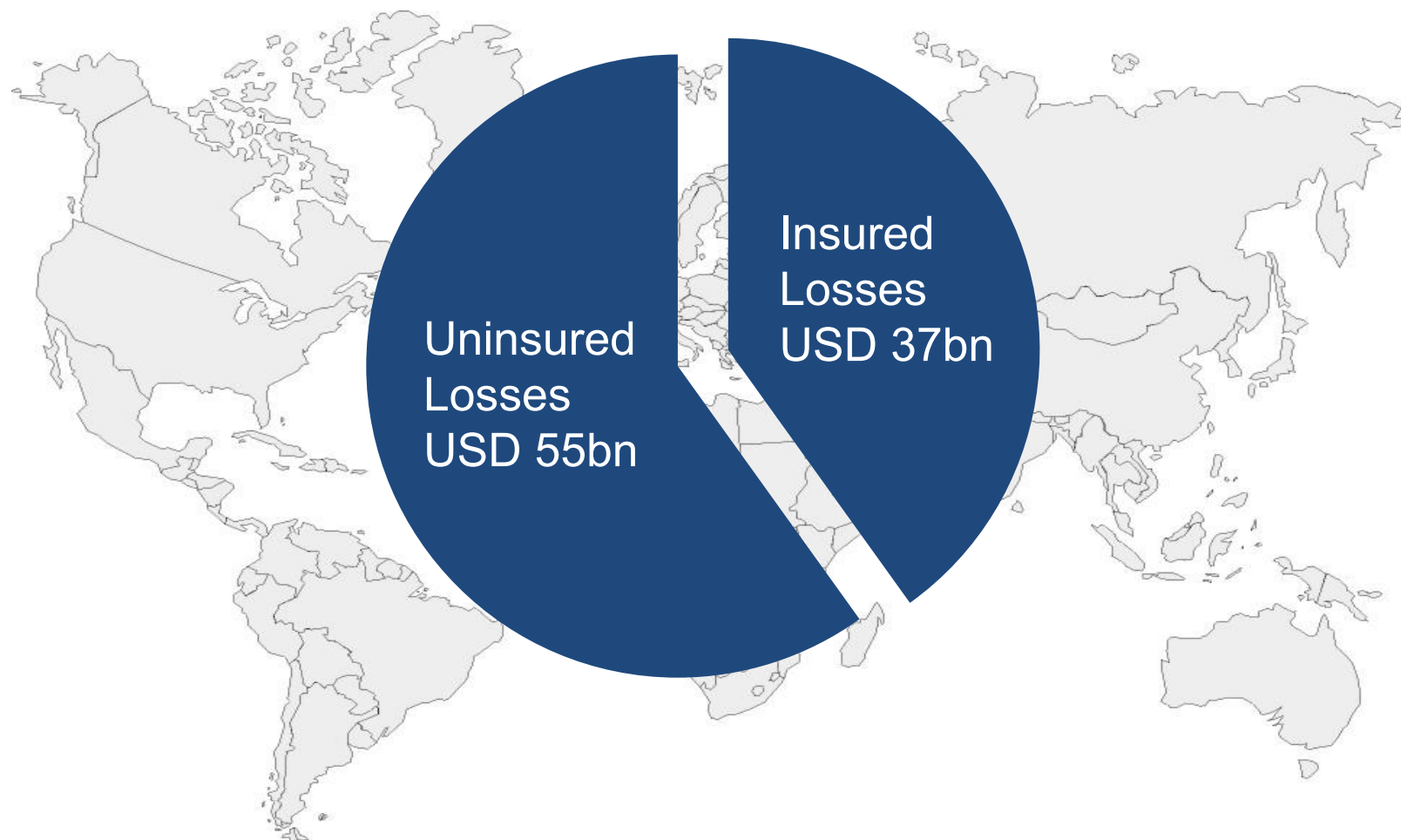


China Tianjin	1	United States MA*	2	United States TX*	3	United States MO*	4	Japan Philippines North Korea	5
Explosions at port		Winter storm		Thunderstorms		Thunderstorms		Typhoon Goni	
Insured loss 2.5 to 3.5 bn USD	Victims 173	Insured loss 2.1 bn USD	Victims 30	Insured loss 1.5 bn USD	Victims 31	Insured loss 1.2 bn USD	Victims 2	Insured loss 1.2 bn USD	Victims 89

* only worst affected country/state/place listed

Source: Swiss Re Economic Research and Consulting

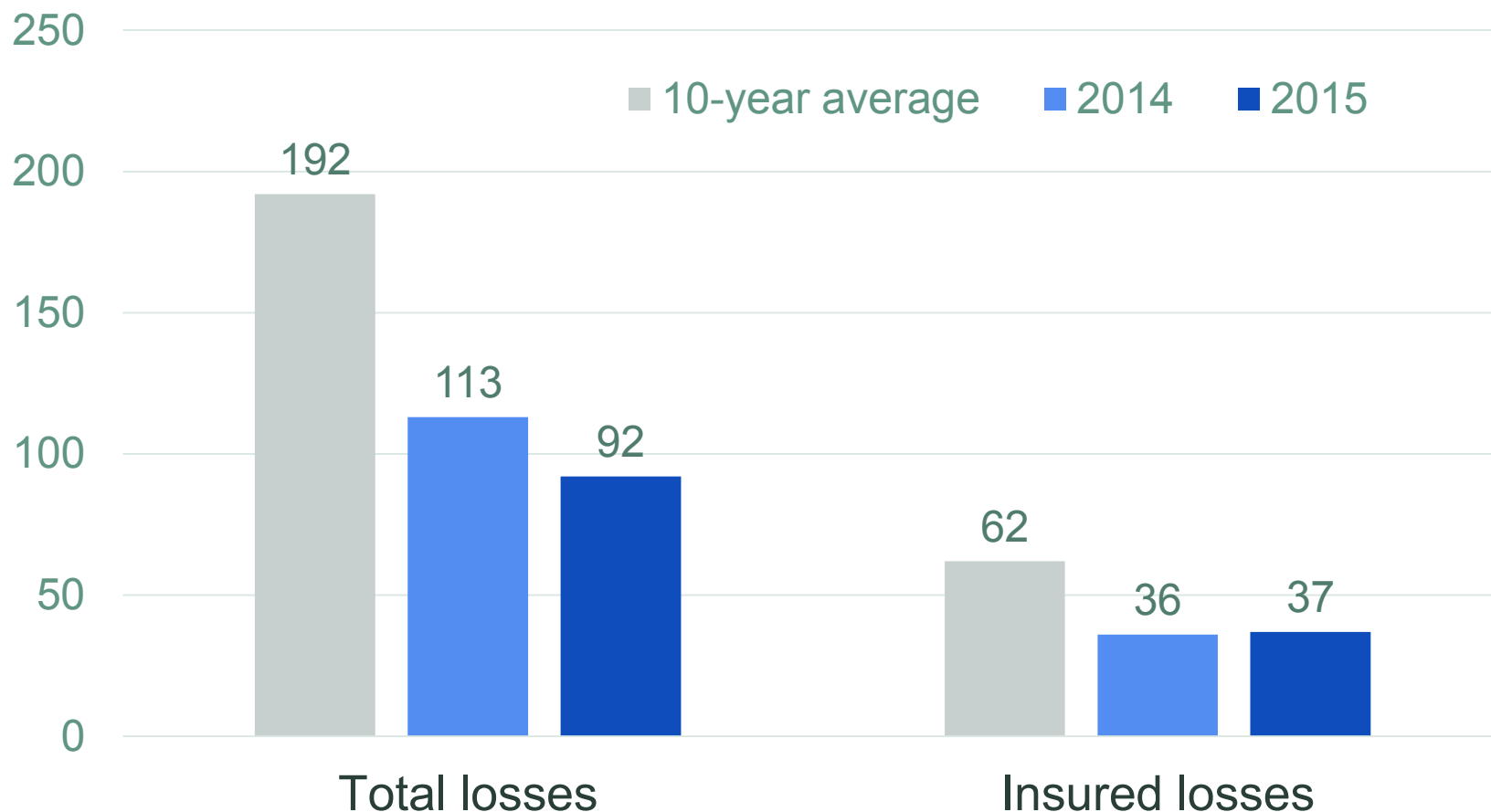
Global losses totalled 92 billion in 2015
with nearly 60% uninsured



Source: Swiss Re Economic Research & Consulting and Cat Perils.

Below-average losses in 2015 – no room for complacency

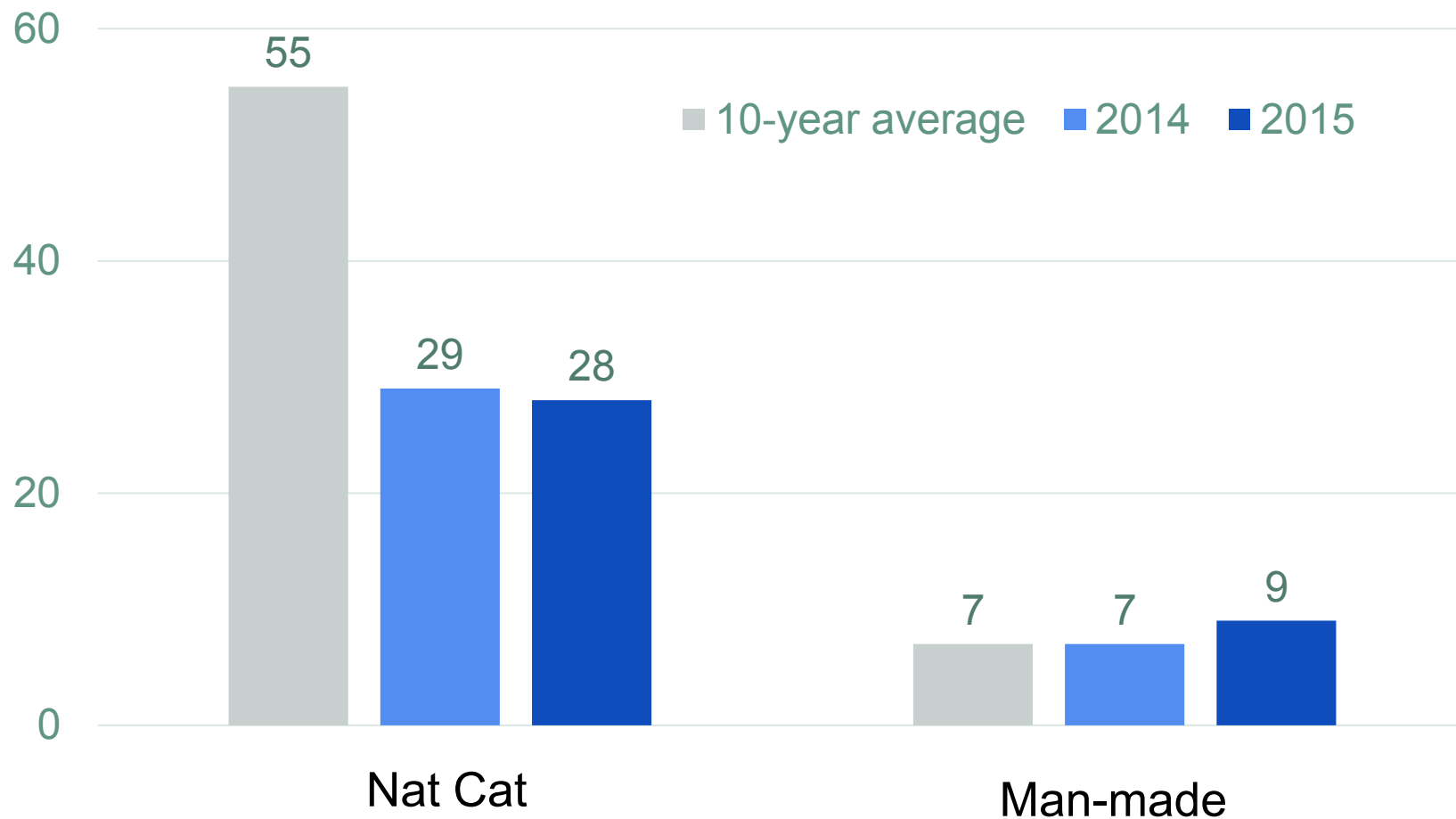
Total and insured losses in USD billion



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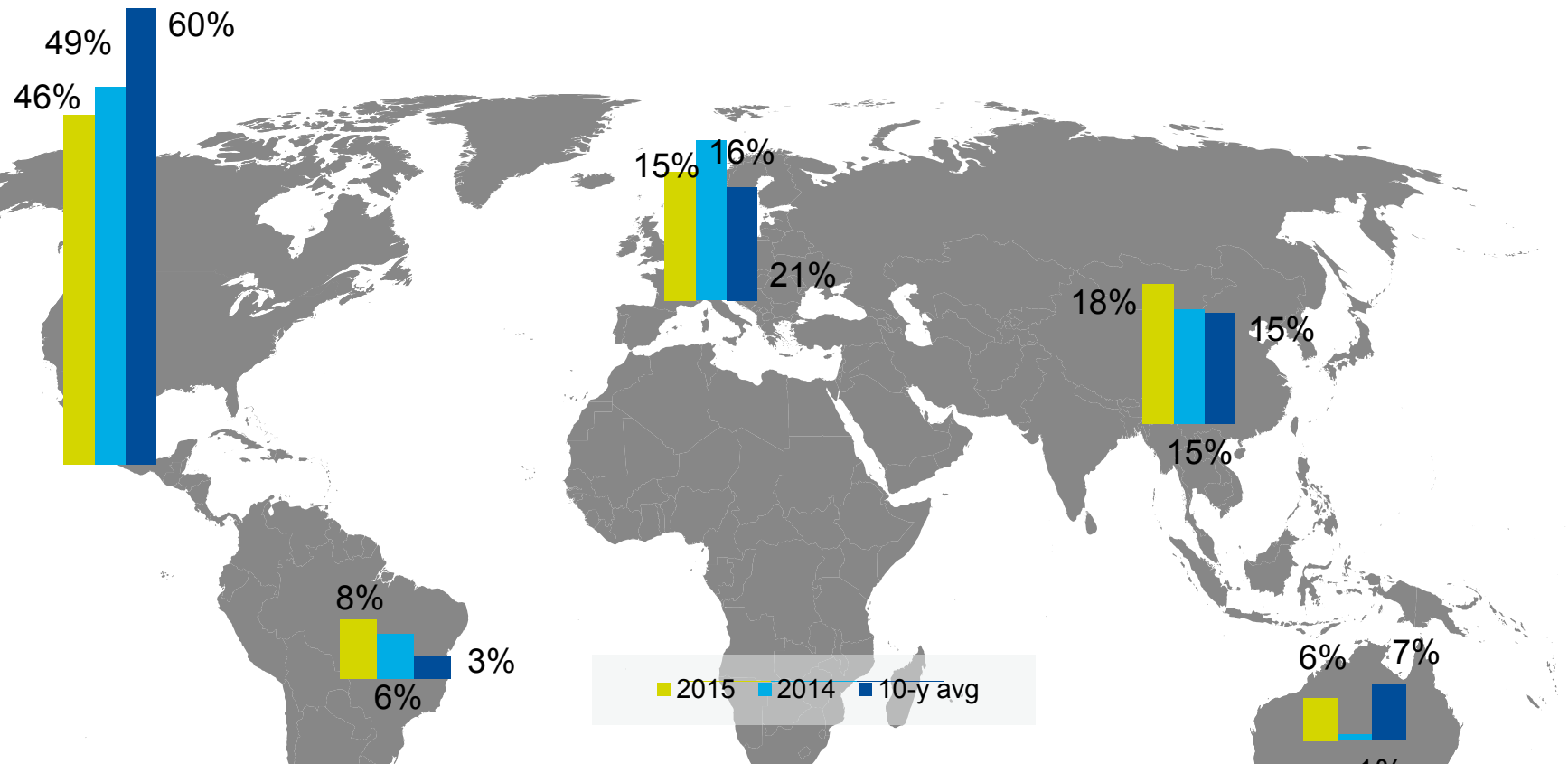
Man-made losses were up

Insured losses in USD billion



Source: Swiss Re Economic Research & Consulting and Cat Perils.

North America faced highest insured losses

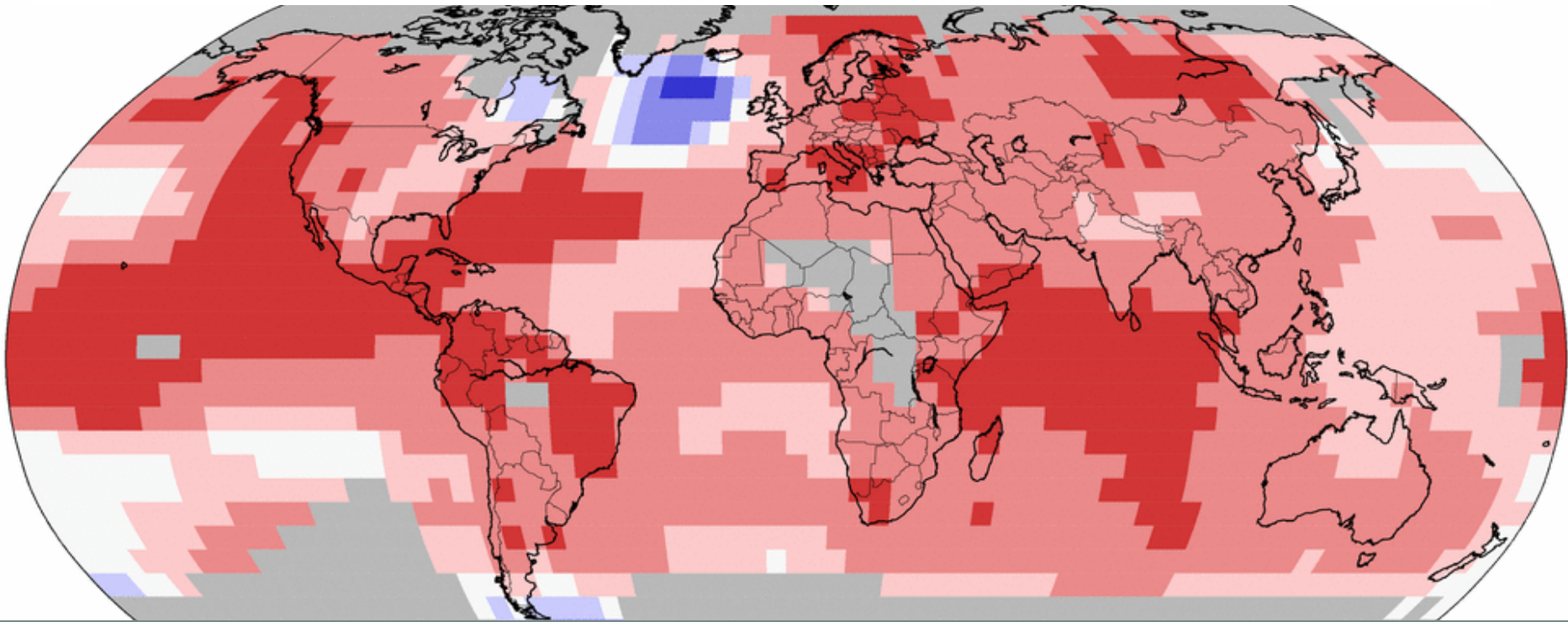


2015 was the 10th year in succession that no major hurricane made US landfall, the longest stretch since the 1860s

Source: Swiss Re Economic Research & Consulting and Cat Perils.

Global weather patterns deviated from climate norms

Land and Ocean Temperature deviations Jan through Dec 2015



Despite a harsh winter season in the US, 2015 was the hottest year since 1850


**Record
Coldest**


**Much
Cooler than
Average**


**Cooler than
Average**


**Near
Average**


**Warmer than
Average**


**Much
Warmer than
Average**

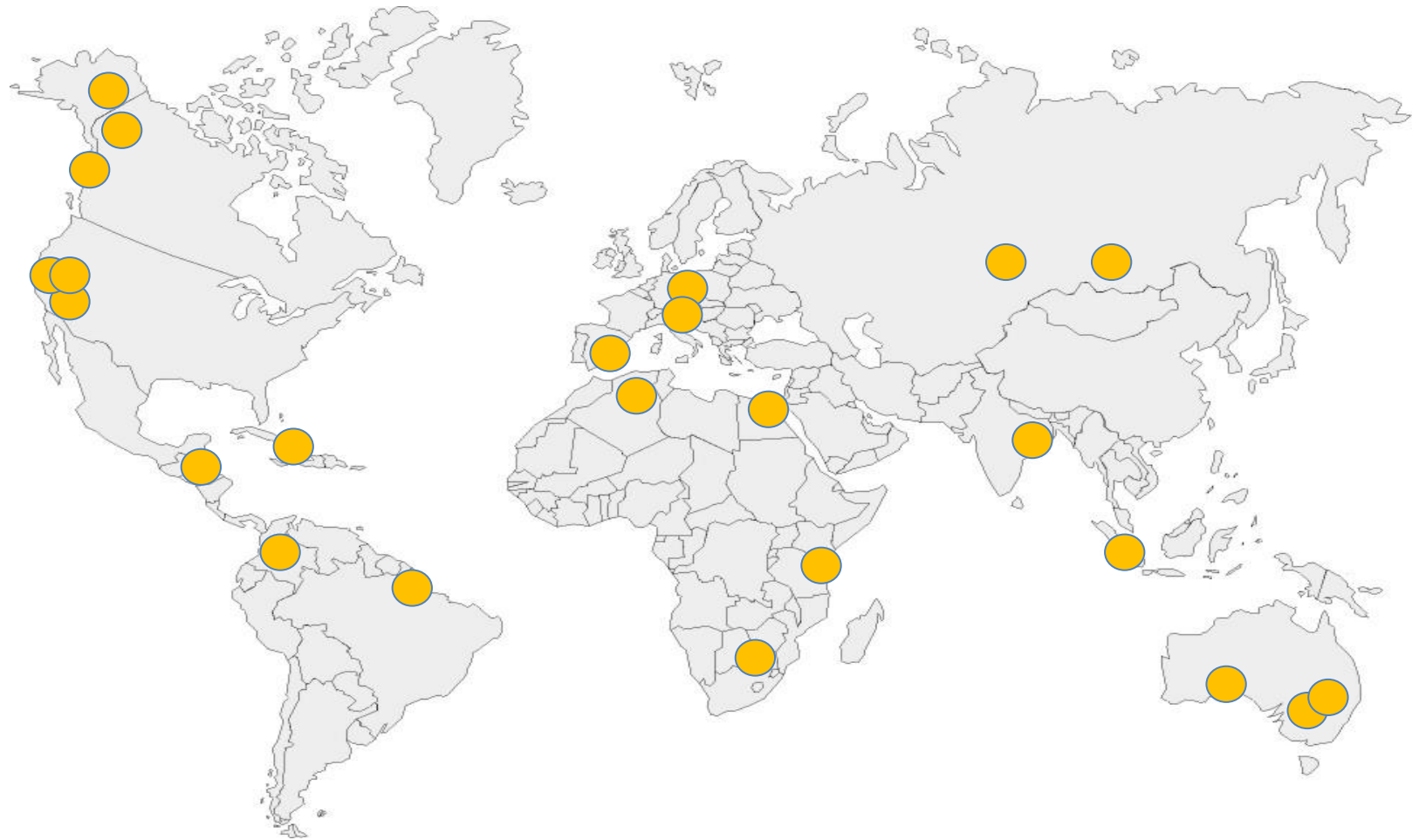

**Record
Warmest**

Source: NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information

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Several heat waves, wildfires and droughts



Source: Swiss Re Economic Research & Consulting and Cat Perils.

El Niño contributed to low North Atlantic hurricane activity

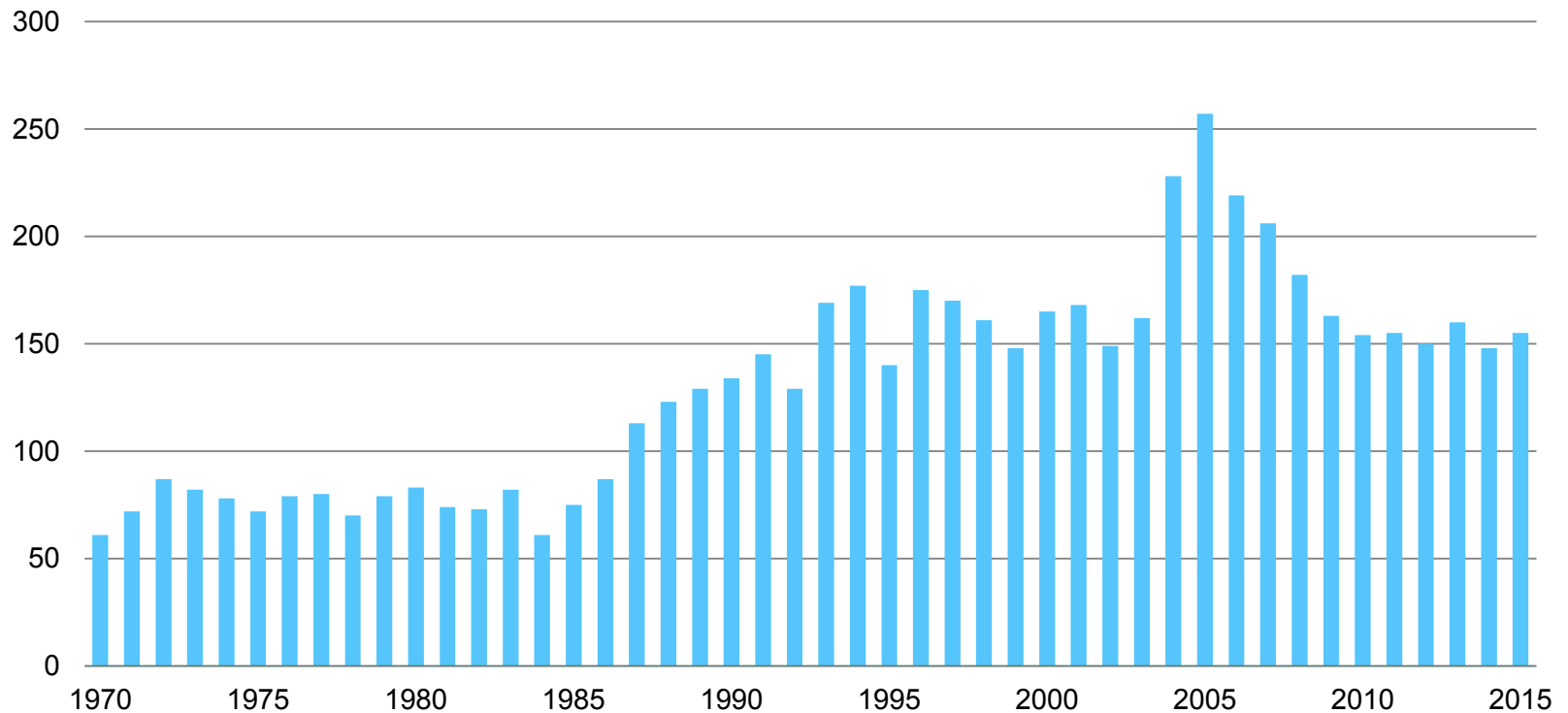


Tropical storm activity in the North Atlantic was suppressed, while it was a very active season in the Pacific

Source: Swiss Re Economic Research & Consulting and Cat Perils.

Frequency of man-made catastrophes was flat since 2010 but severity was above-average in 2015

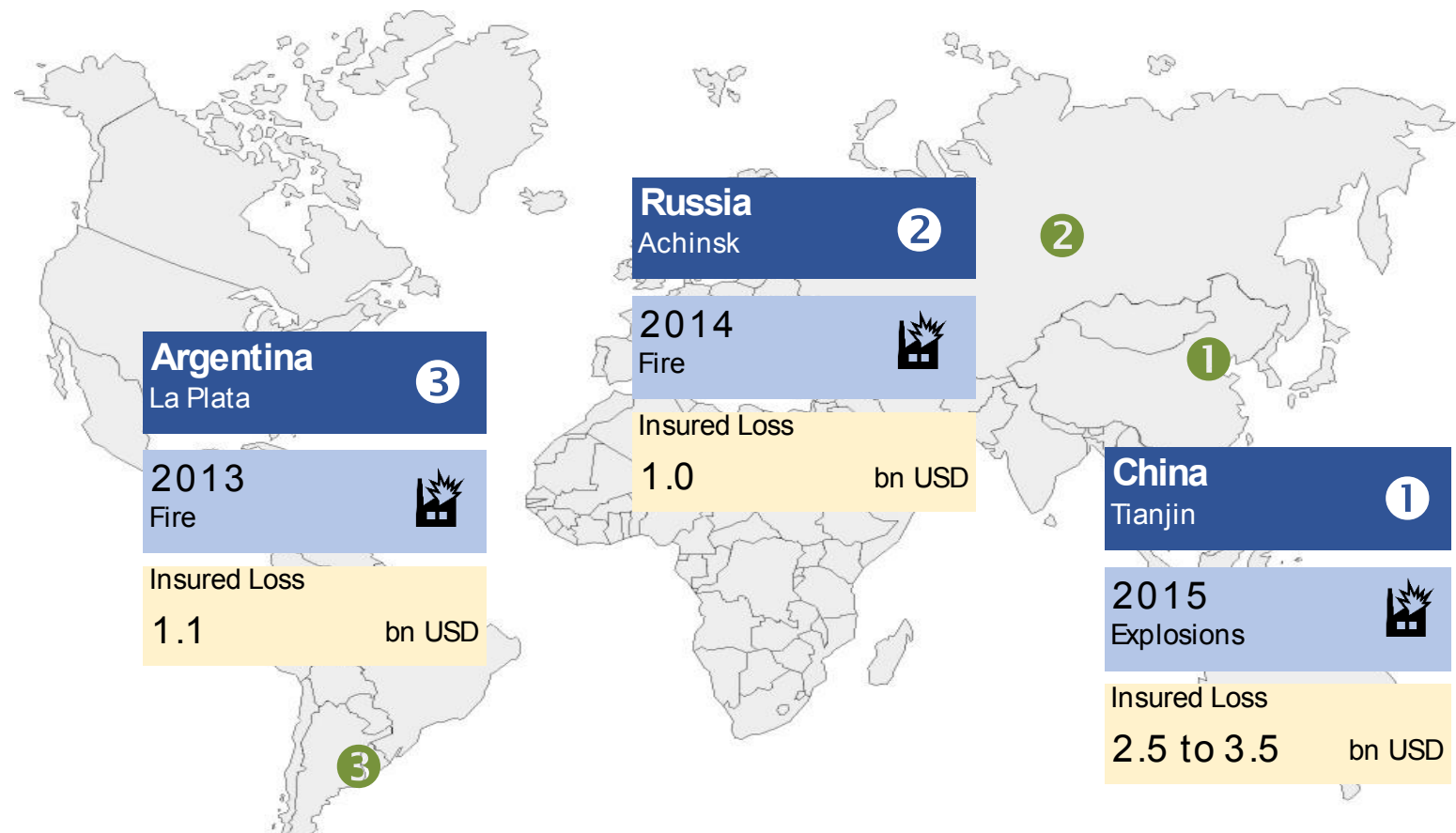
Number of man-made catastrophe events, 1970 – 2015



The frequency of man-made catastrophe events is stagnating with a weak global economy

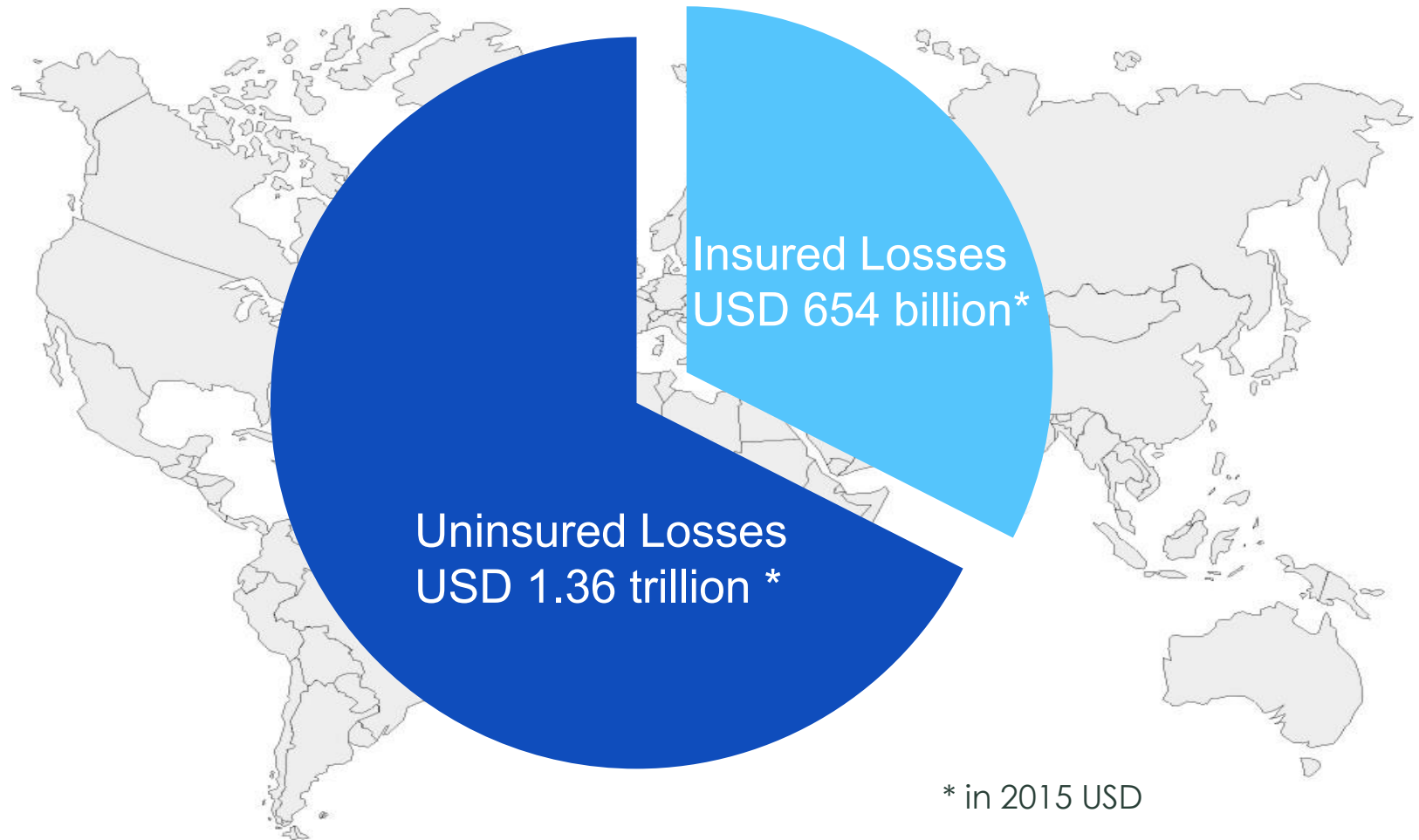
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The largest man-made losses of the last three years occurred in emerging economies... . . .



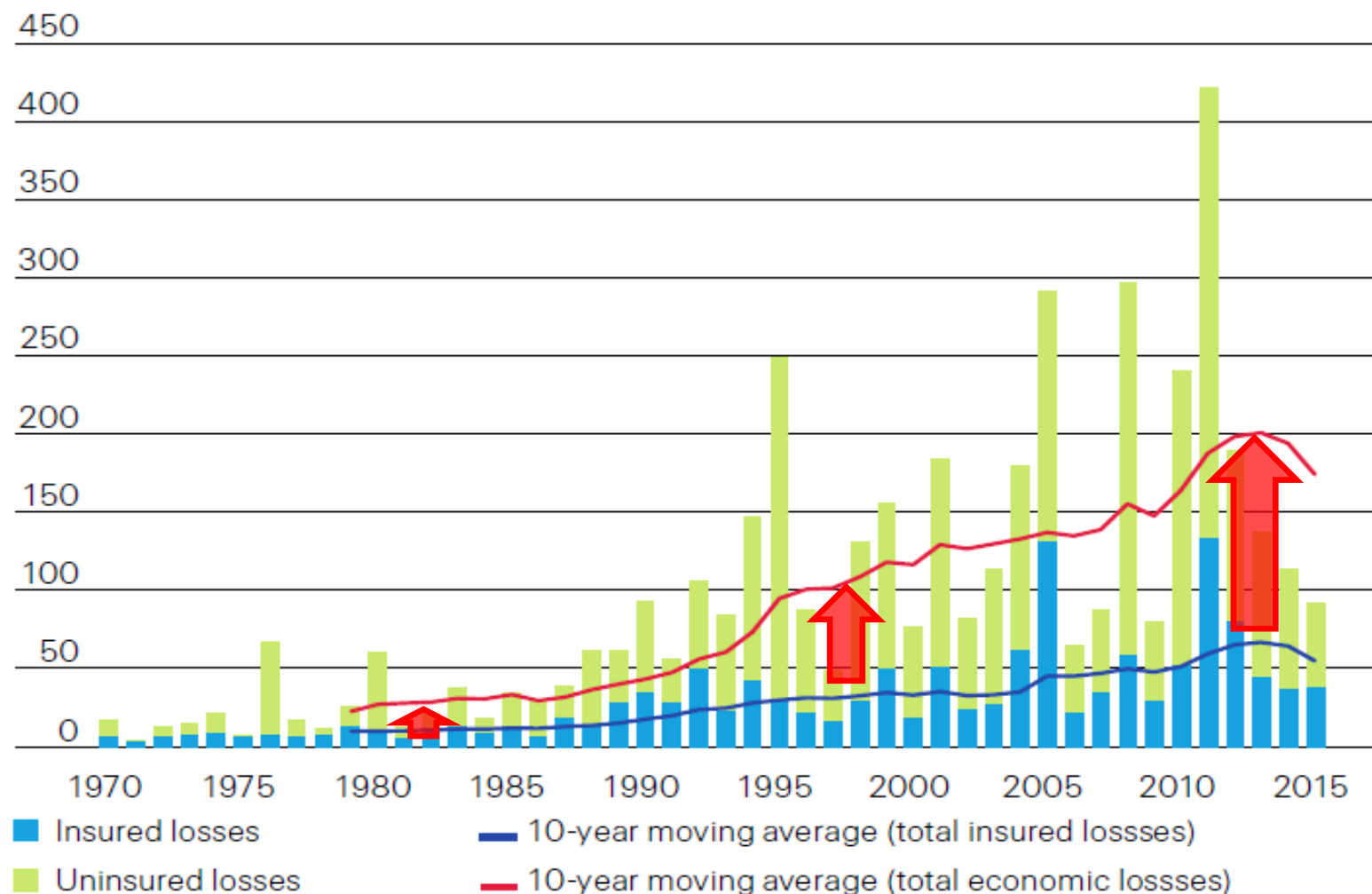
... putting a spotlight on the global spread of commercial risks

Global natural catastrophe losses totaled USD 2 trillion* over the last decade, with ~70% uninsured



Source: Swiss Re Economic Research & Consulting and Cat Perils.

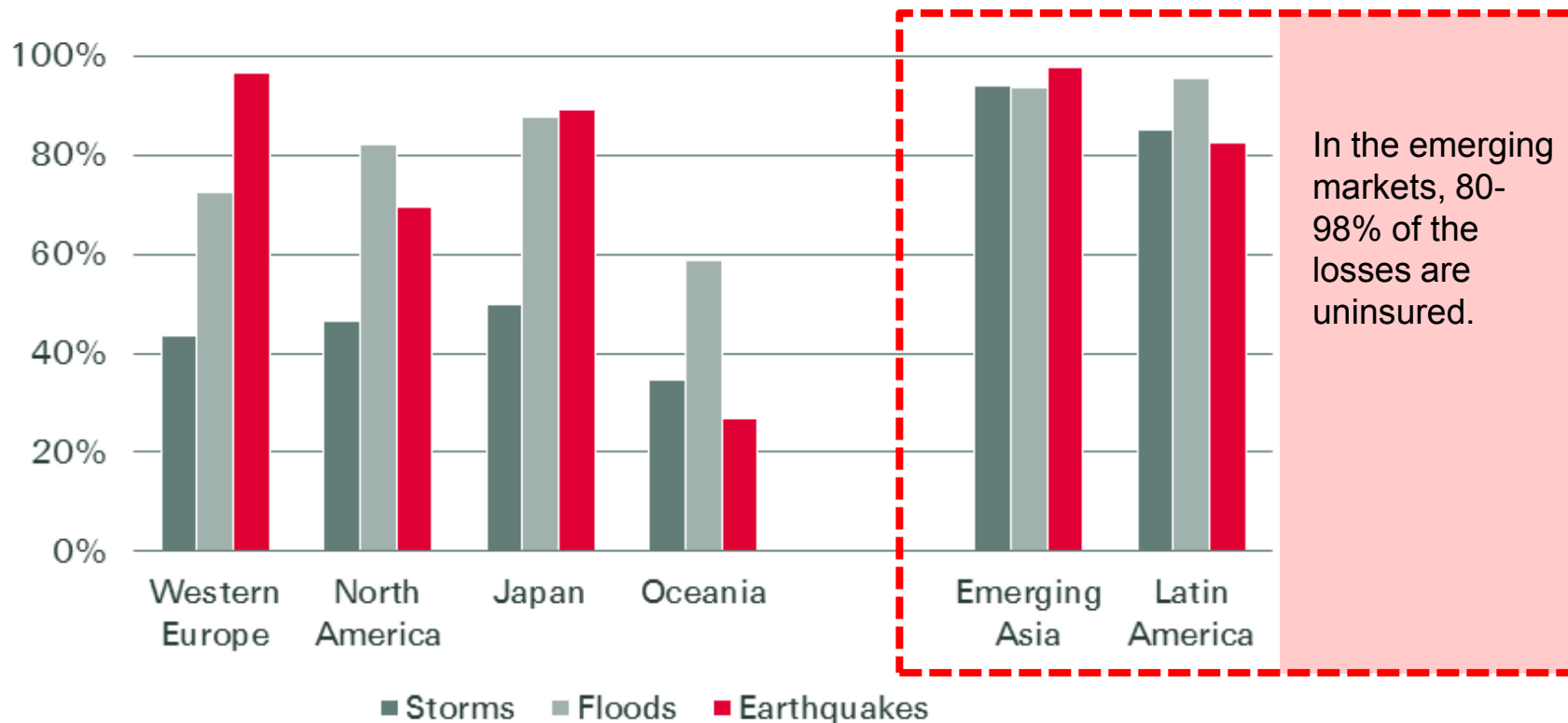
Total losses outpaced insured losses



Source: sigma 1/2016

The protection gap varies by peril and by region

Nat cat protection gap by region and peril, 1975-2014



Average uninsured portions have been around 55% for windstorms, 86% for floods, and 90% for earthquakes.

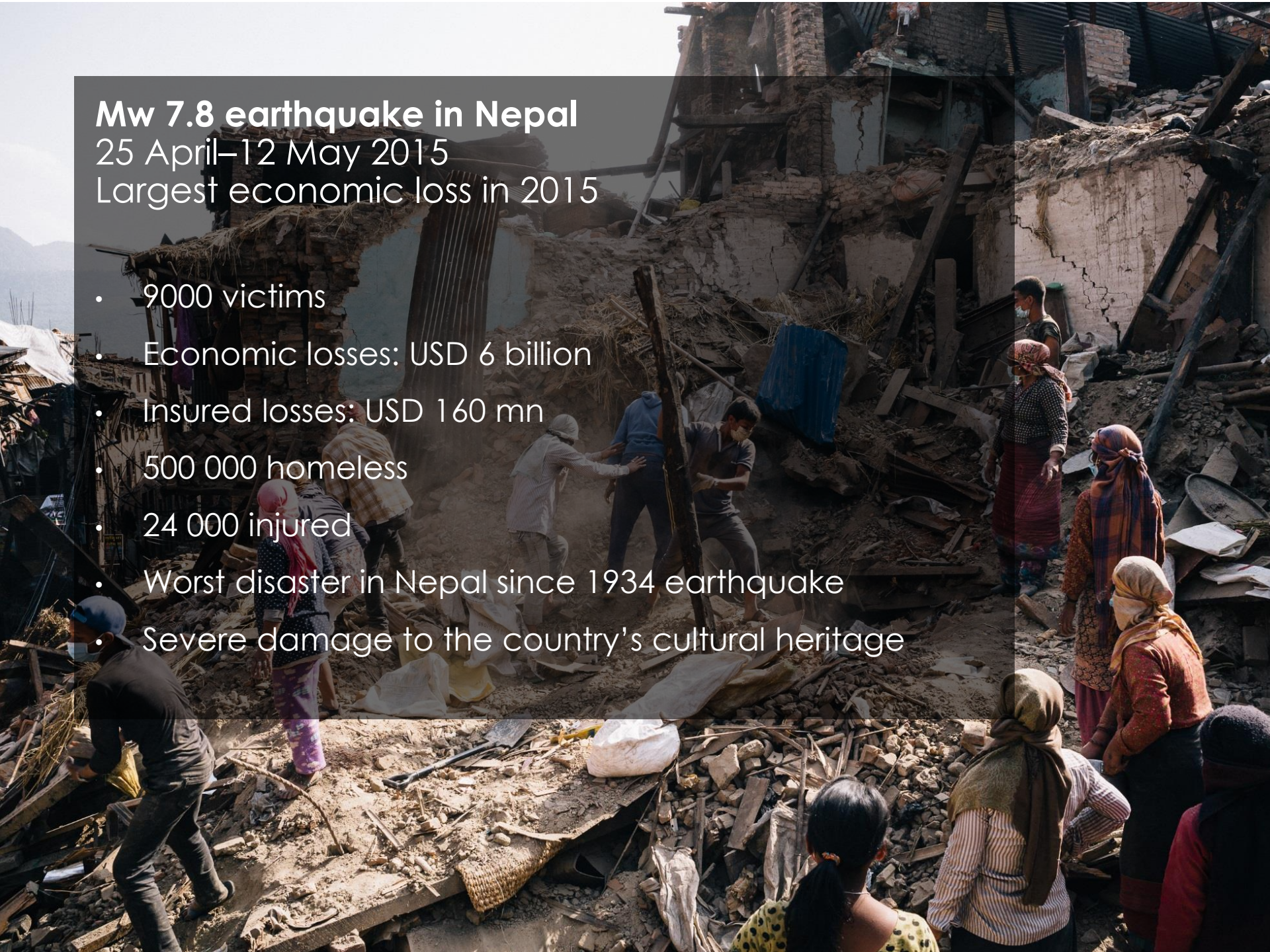
Source: Swiss Re *sigma* 5/2015

Mw 7.8 earthquake in Nepal

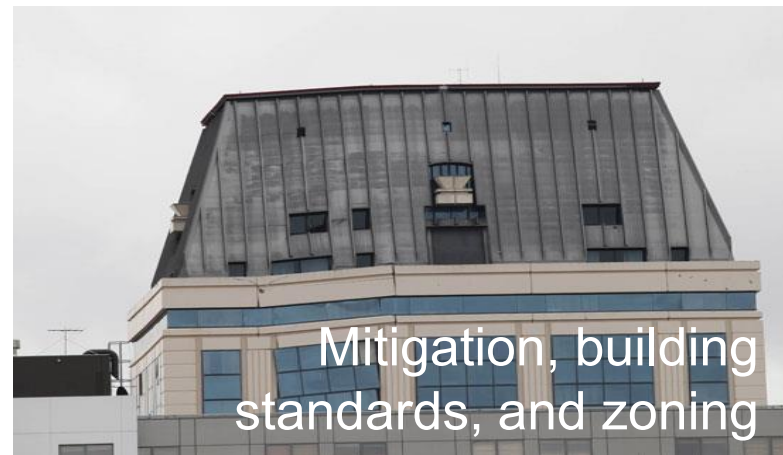
25 April–12 May 2015

Largest economic loss in 2015

- 9000 victims
- Economic losses: USD 6 billion
- Insured losses: USD 160 mn
- 500 000 homeless
- 24 000 injured
- Worst disaster in Nepal since 1934 earthquake
- Severe damage to the country's cultural heritage



How to close the underinsurance gap?



A dramatic night scene of a forest fire. In the foreground, the dark silhouettes of several firefighters are visible, facing away from the camera towards the burning forest. The background is filled with tall, thin trees, many of which are engulfed in bright orange and yellow flames. The overall atmosphere is one of a major disaster response.

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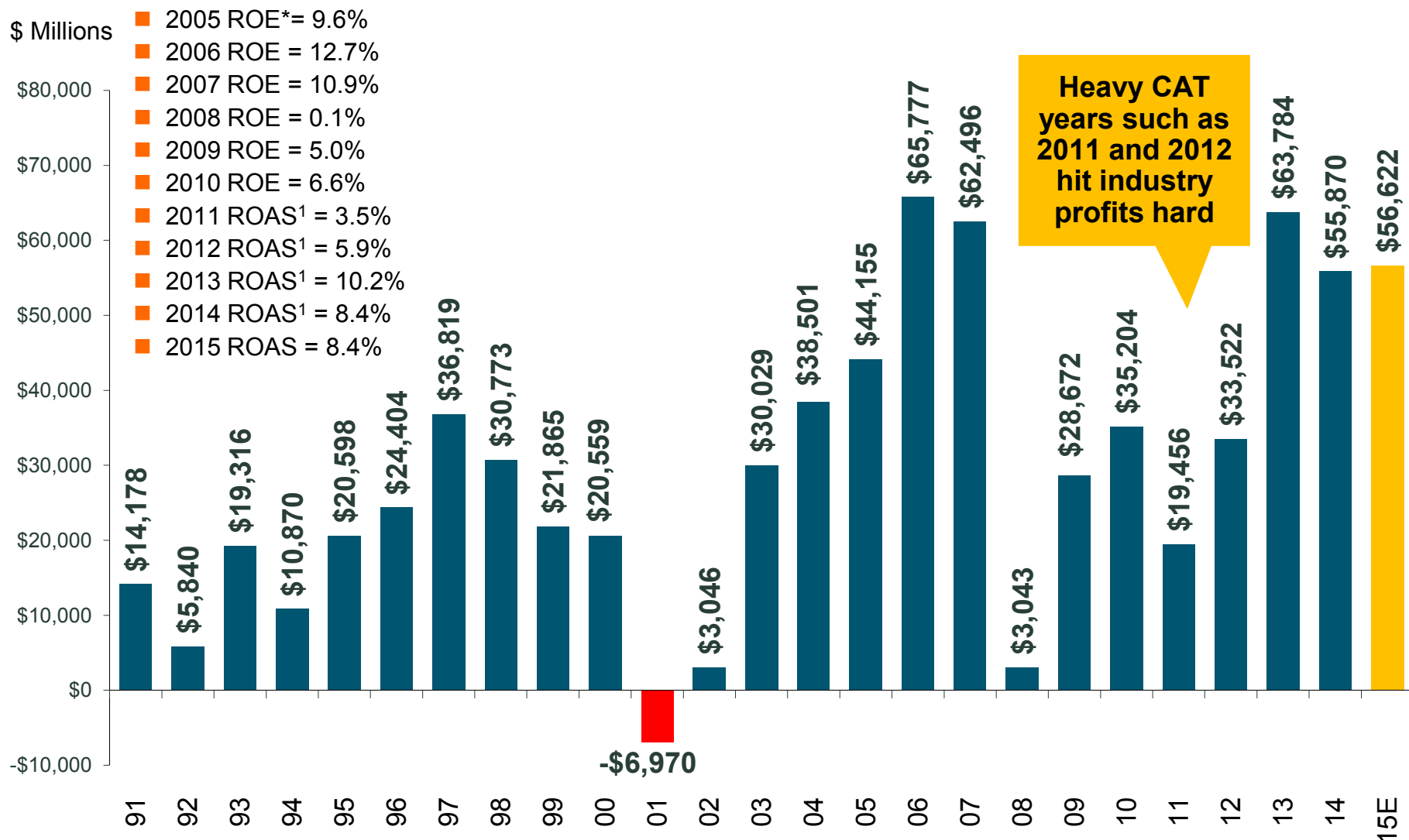


Insurance Industry Financials Are Often Driven by Catastrophe Loss Activity

*Past Few Years Have Been
Unusually Quiet in the US*

This Will Change...

P/C Industry Net Income After Taxes 1991–2015

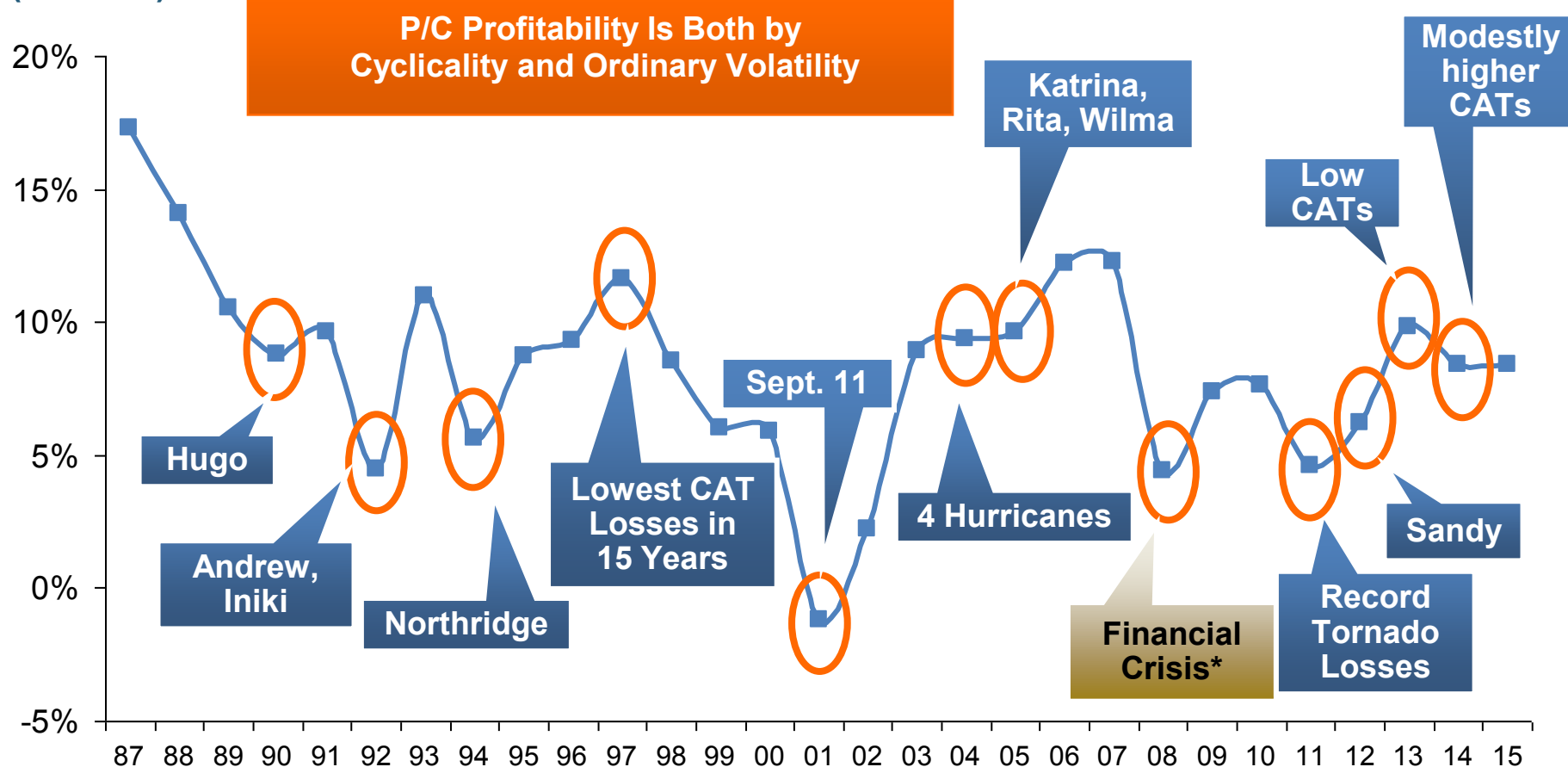


*ROE figures are GAAP; ¹Return on avg. surplus. Excluding Mortgage & Financial Guaranty insurers yields a 8.2% ROAS in 2014, 9.8% ROAS in 2013, 6.2% ROAS in 2012, 4.7% ROAS for 2011, 7.6% for 2010 and 7.4% for 2009; 2015E is annualized figure based actual figure through Q3 of \$44.0

Sources: A.M. Best, ISO; Insurance Information Institute

ROE: Property/Casualty Insurance by Major Event, 1987–2015

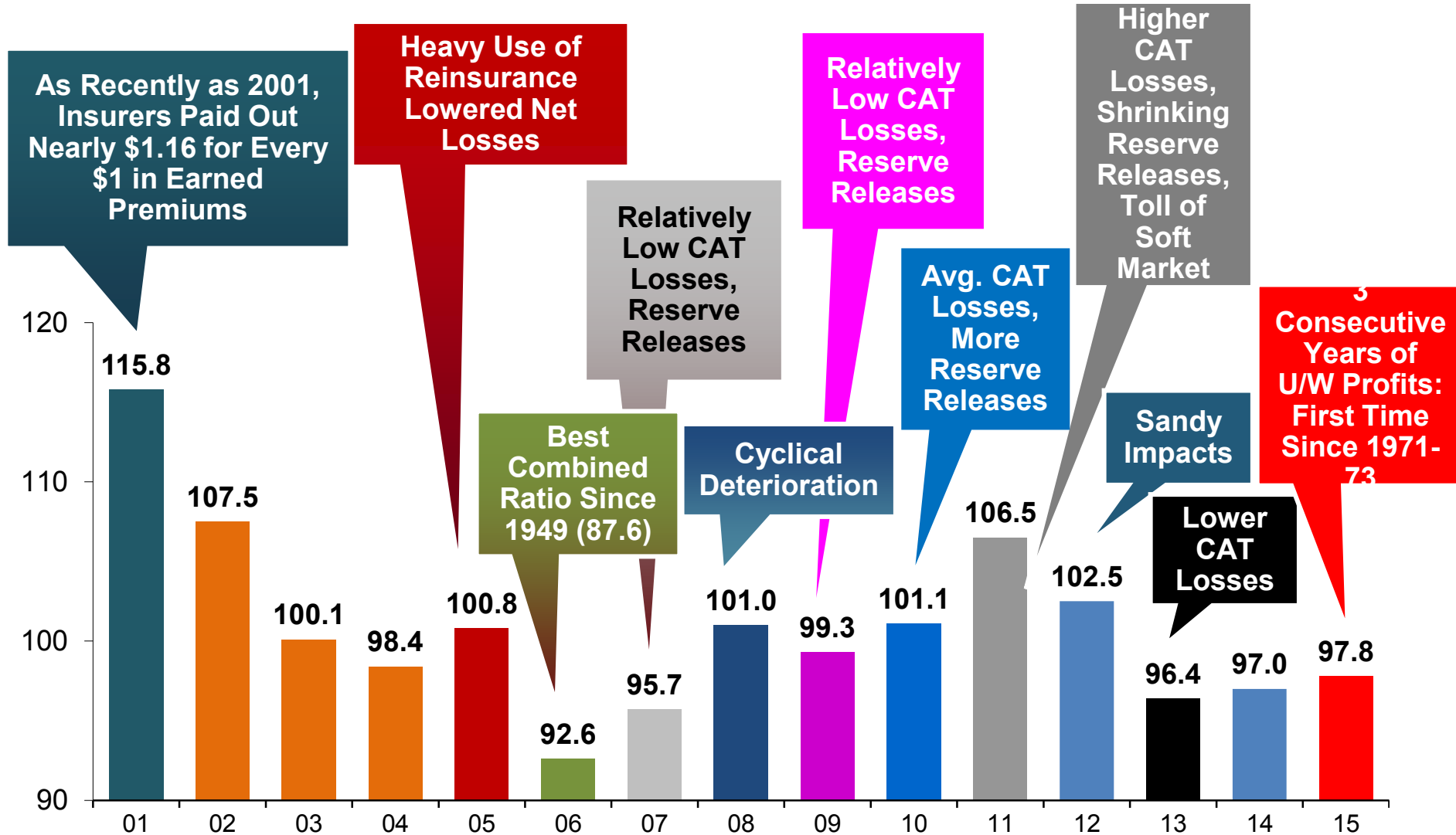
(Percent)



* Excludes Mortgage & Financial Guarantee in 2008 – 2014.

Sources: ISO, *Fortune*, Insurance Information Institute.

P/C Insurance Industry Combined Ratio, 2001–2015*



* Excludes Mortgage & Financial Guaranty insurers 2008--2014. Including M&FG, 2008=105.1, 2009=100.7, 2010=102.4, 2011=108.1; 2012:=103.2; 2013: = 96.1; 2014: = 97.0.

Sources: A.M. Best, ISO (2014-2015); Figure for 2010-2013 is from A.M. Best P&C Review and Preview, Feb. 16, 2016.

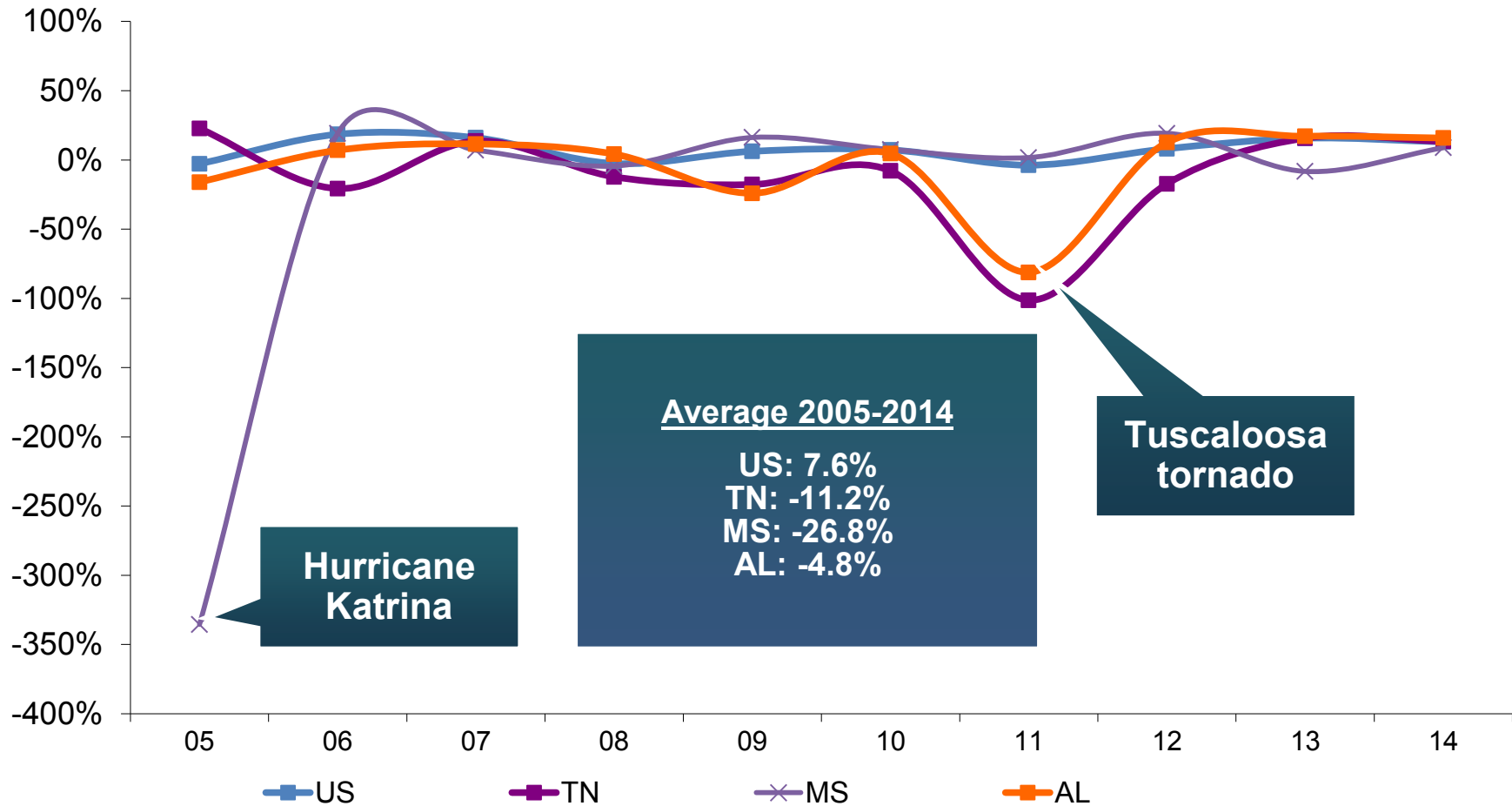


Profitability and Growth in Georgia, Florida, the Carolinas, Tennessee, Mississippi and Alabama's P/C Insurance Markets

Analysis by Line and State Comparisons

RNW Homeowners: TN, MS and AL vs. U.S., 2005-2014

(Percent)



Top Ten Most Expensive And Least Expensive States For Homeowners Insurance, 2013 (1)

Florida ranked as the most expensive state for homeowners insurance in 2013, with an average expenditure of \$2,115. Mississippi was 5th (\$1,395). Alabama was 8th (\$1,323).

Rank	Most expensive states	HO average premium	Rank	Least expensive states	HO average premium
1	Florida	\$2,115	1	Idaho	561
2	Texas (2)	1,837	2	Oregon	568
3	Louisiana	1,822	3	Utah	609
4	Oklahoma	1,654	4	Wisconsin	665
5	Mississippi	1,395	5	Washington	676
6	Kansas	1,343	6	Nevada	687
7	Rhode Island	1,334	7	Delaware	709
8	Alabama	1,323	8	Arizona	724
9	Connecticut	1,274	9	Ohio	763
10	Massachusetts	1,263	10	Maine	776

- (1) Includes policies written by Citizens Property Insurance Corp. (Florida) and Citizens Property Insurance Corp. (Louisiana), Alabama Insurance Underwriting Association, Mississippi Windstorm Underwriting Association, North Carolina Joint Underwriting Association and South Carolina Wind and Hail Underwriting Association. Other southeastern states have wind pools in operation and their data may not be included in this chart. Based on the HO-3 homeowner package policy for owner-occupied dwellings, 1 to 4 family units. Provides "all risks" coverage (except those specifically excluded in the policy) on buildings and broad named-peril coverage on personal property, and is the most common package written.
- (2) The Texas Department of Insurance developed home insurance policy forms that are similar but not identical to the standard forms. In addition, due to the Texas Windstorm Association (which writes wind-only policies) classifying HO-1, 2 and 5 premiums as HO-3, the average premium for homeowners insurance is artificially high.

Note: Average premium=Premiums/exposure per house years. A house year is equal to 365 days of insured coverage for a single dwelling. The NAIC does not rank state average expenditures and does not endorse any conclusions drawn from this data.

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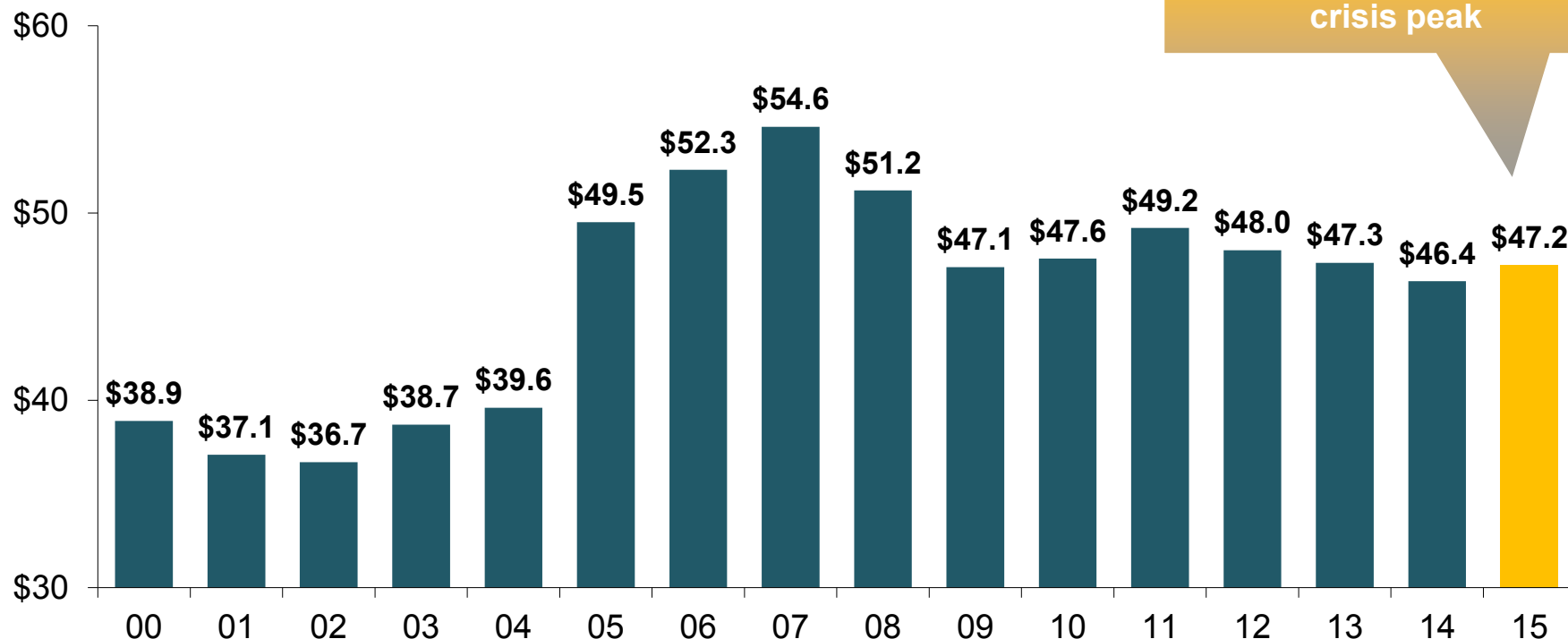
INVESTMENTS: THE NEW REALITY

**Investment Earnings Offset a
Smaller Share of Catastrophe
Losses than in the Past**

Rates Must Pick Up a Larger Share

Property/Casualty Insurance Industry Investment Income: 2000–2015¹

(\$ Billions)



Due to persistently low interest rates, investment income fell in 2012, 2013 and 2014 but showed a small (1.9%) increase in 2015—a trend that may continue

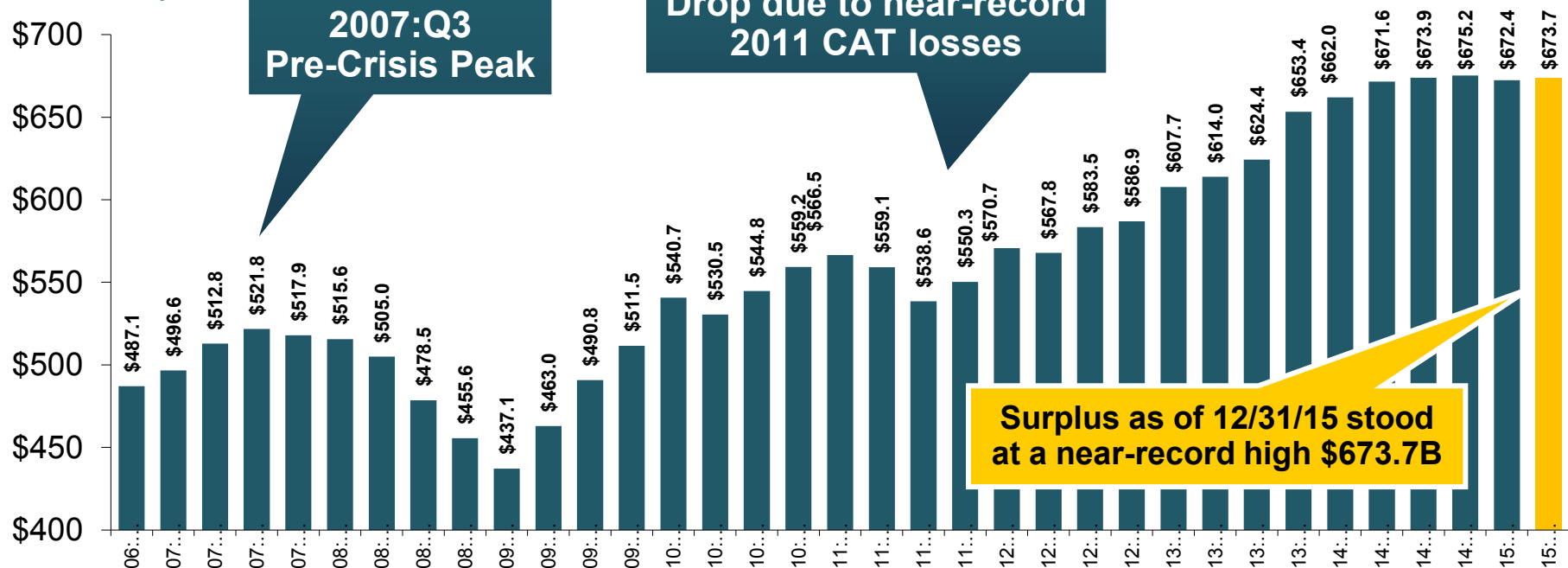
¹ Investment gains consist primarily of interest and stock dividends. Sources: ISO; Insurance Information Institute.

CAPITAL/CAPACITY

**(Re)Insurance Industry Is Very
Well Capitalized**

Policyholder Surplus, 2006:Q4–2015:Q4

(\$ Billions)



The industry now has \$1 of surplus for every \$0.76 of NPW, close to the strongest claims-paying status in its history.

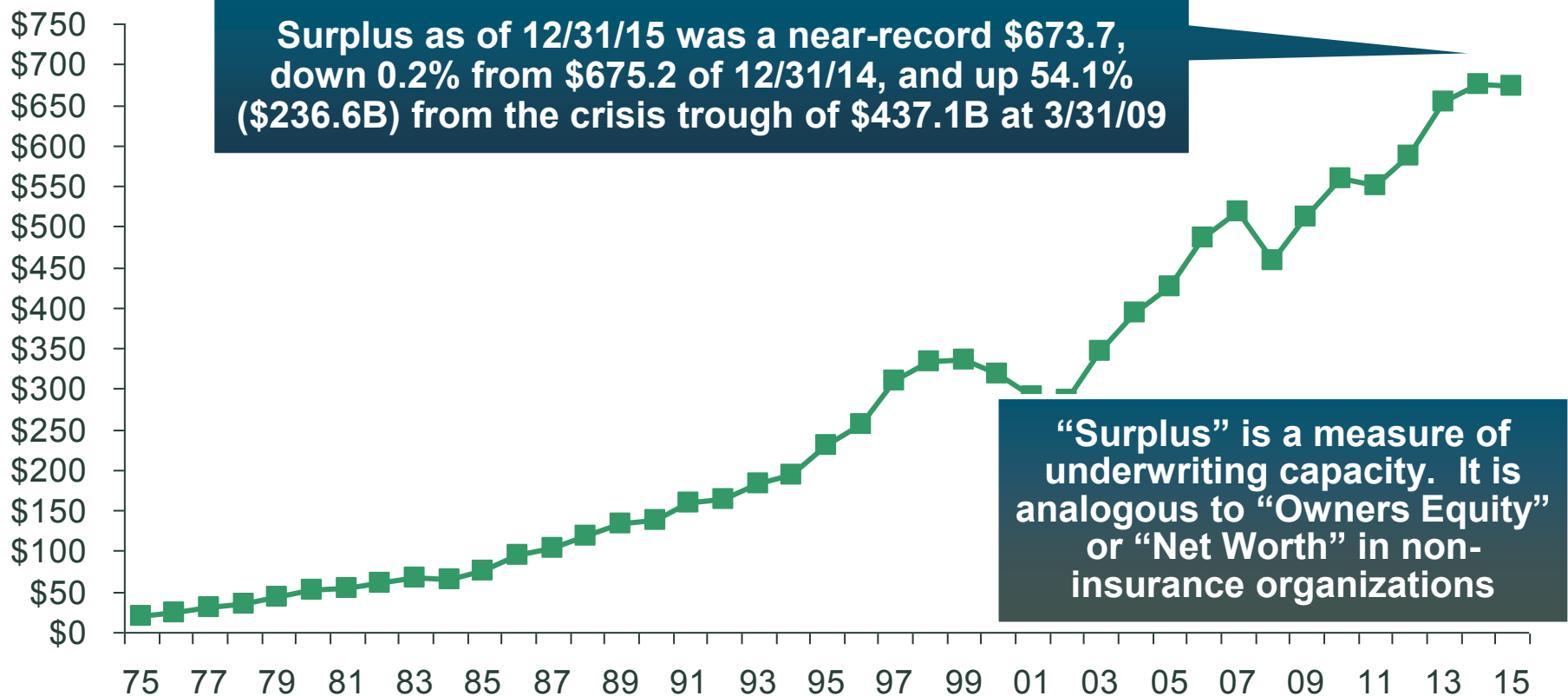
2010:Q1 data includes \$22.5B of paid-in capital from a holding company parent for one insurer's investment in a non-insurance business.

Sources: ISO, A.M. Best.

The P/C insurance industry entered 2016 in very strong financial condition.

US Policyholder Surplus: 1975–2015*

(\$ Billions)



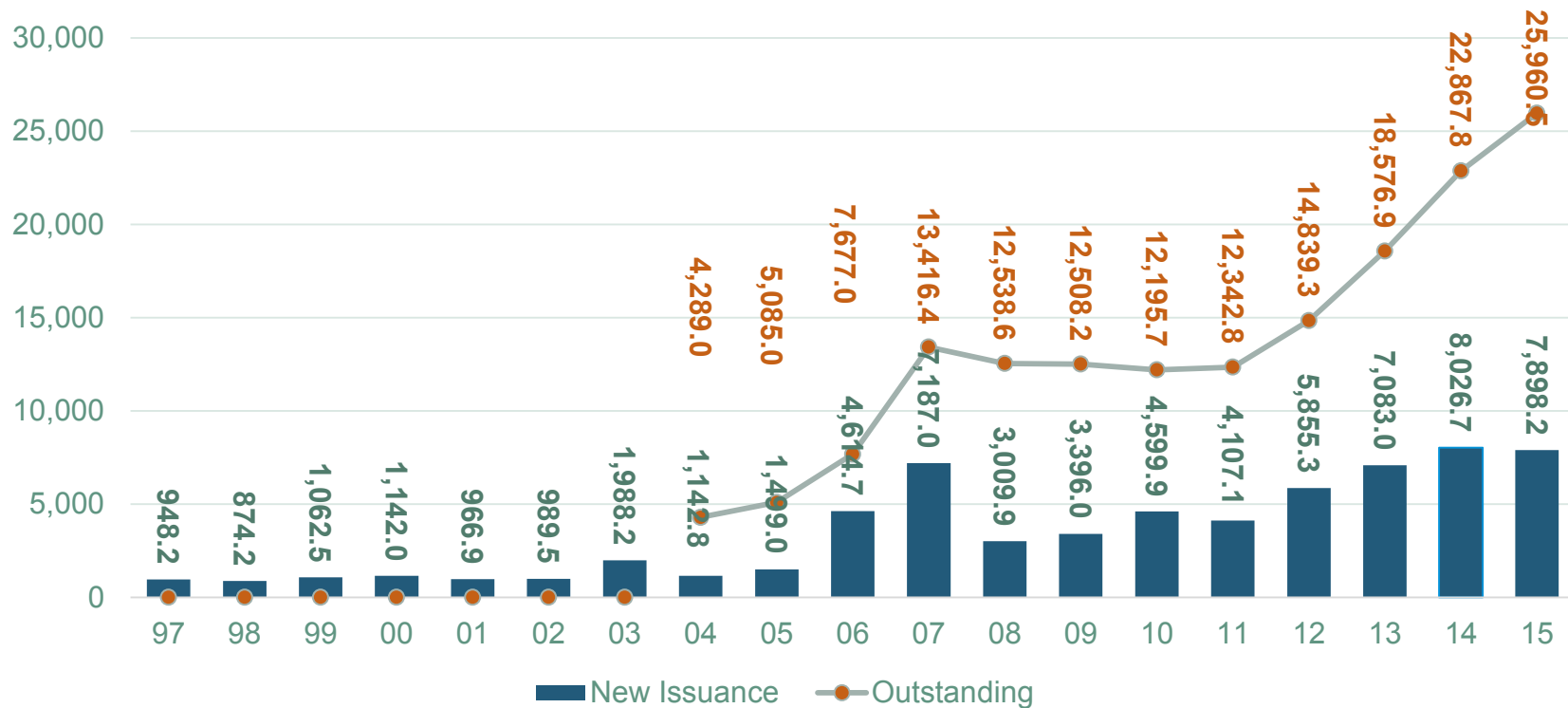
The Premium-to-Surplus Ratio Stood at \$0.76:\$1 as of 12/31/15, a Near Record Low (at Least in Recent History)

* As of 12/31/15.

Source: A.M. Best, ISO, Insurance Information Institute.

Catastrophe Bond Issuance and Outstanding: 1997-2015

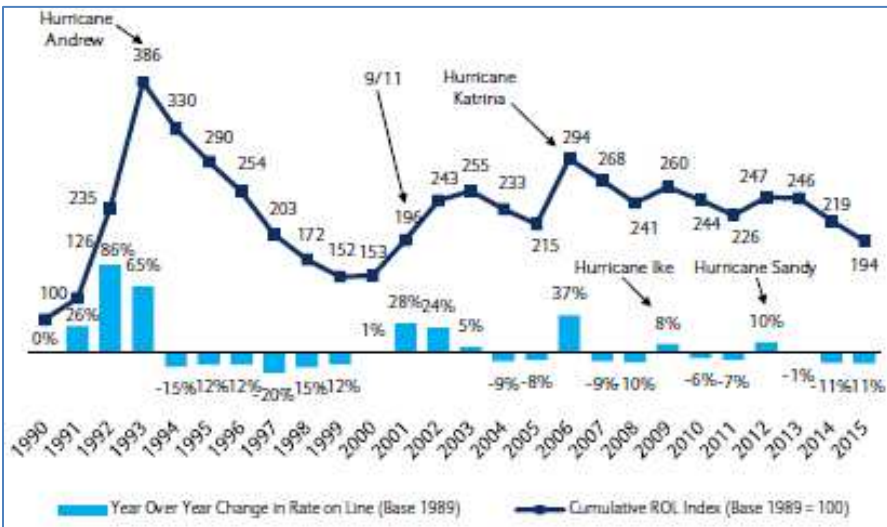
Risk Capital Amount (\$ Millions)



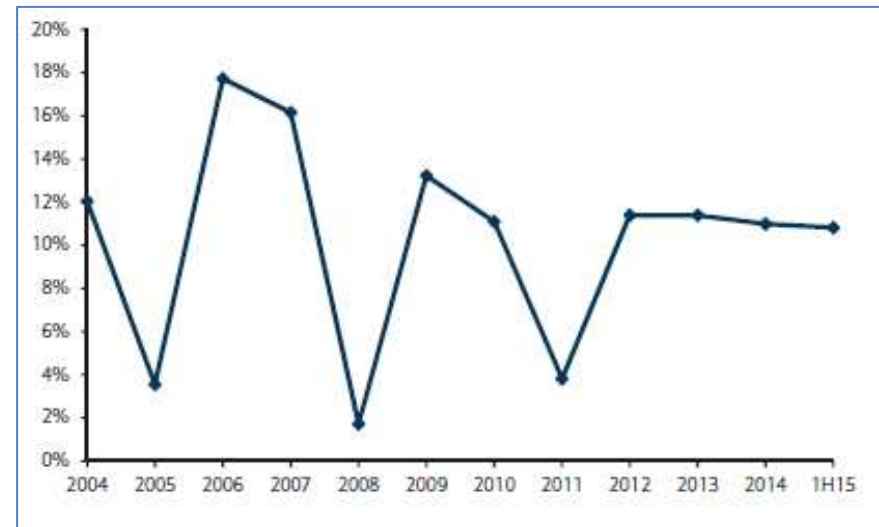
Cat Bond Issuance Declined Slightly in 2015 from 2014's Record Pace. Lower Yields on Bonds Explain Some of the Contraction.

US Property CAT Rate on Line Index & Global Reinsurance ROE

US Property CAT ROL



Global Reinsurance ROE



Near-record traditional capacity, alternative capital and low CAT activity have impacted markets

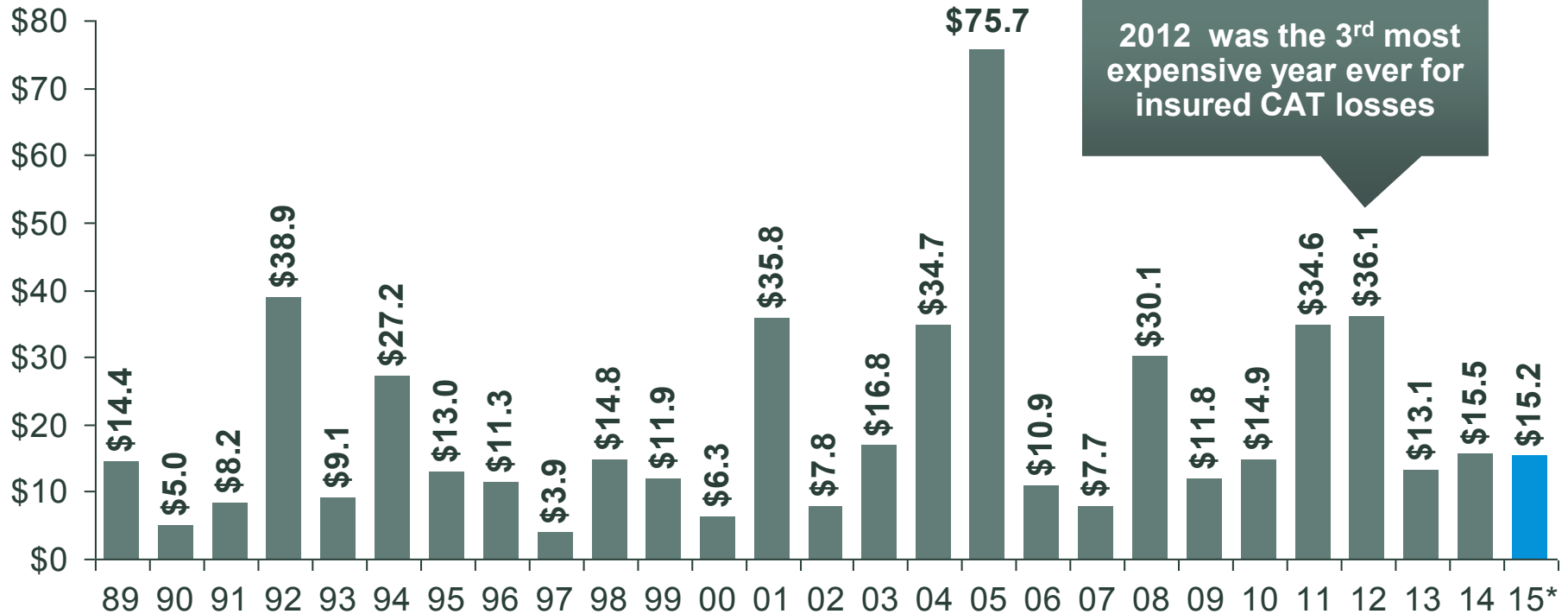
Insured Catastrophe Losses

**2013/14 and 2015 Experienced Below
Average CAT Activity After Very High CAT
Losses in 2011/12**

***Winter Storm Losses Far Above Average in
2014 and 2015***

U.S. Insured Catastrophe Losses

(\$ Billions, \$ 2015)



2012 was the 3rd most expensive year ever for insured CAT losses

2013/14/15 Were Welcome Respite from 2011/12, among the Costliest Years for Insured Disaster Losses in US History. Longer-term Trend is for more—not fewer—Costly Events

\$15B in insured CAT losses though 12/31/15

*Estimate through 12/31/15 in 2015 dollars.

Note: 2001 figure includes \$20.3B for 9/11 losses reported through 12/31/01 (\$25.9B 2011 dollars). Includes only business and personal property claims, business interruption and auto claims. Non-prop/BI losses = \$12.2B (\$15.6B in 2011 dollars.)

Sources: Property Claims Service/ISO; Insurance Information Institute.

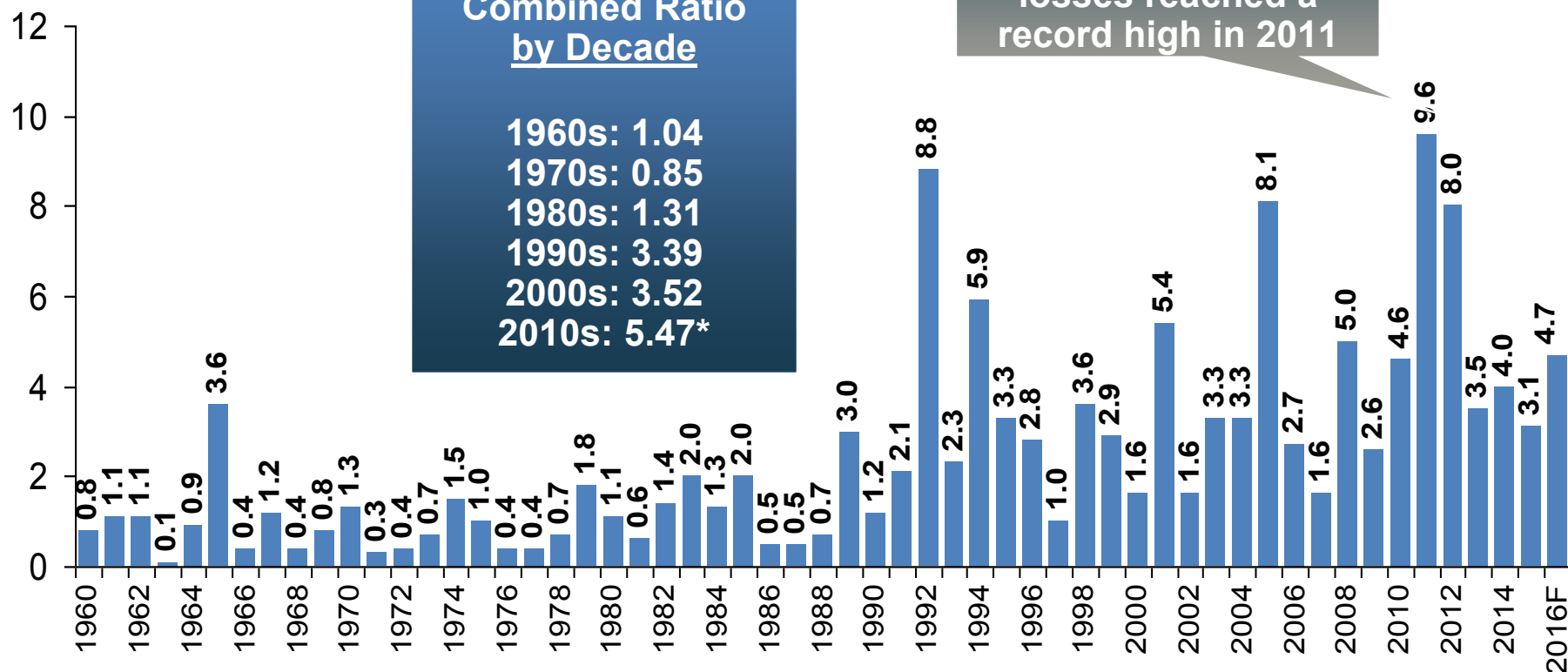
Combined Ratio Points Associated with Catastrophe Losses: 1960 – 2016F*

Combined Ratio Points

**Avg. CAT Loss
Component of the
Combined Ratio
by Decade**

1960s: 1.04
1970s: 0.85
1980s: 1.31
1990s: 3.39
2000s: 3.52
2010s: 5.47*

**Catastrophe losses
as a share of all
losses reached a
record high in 2011**



The Catastrophe Loss Component of Private Insurer Losses Has Increased Sharply in Recent Decades

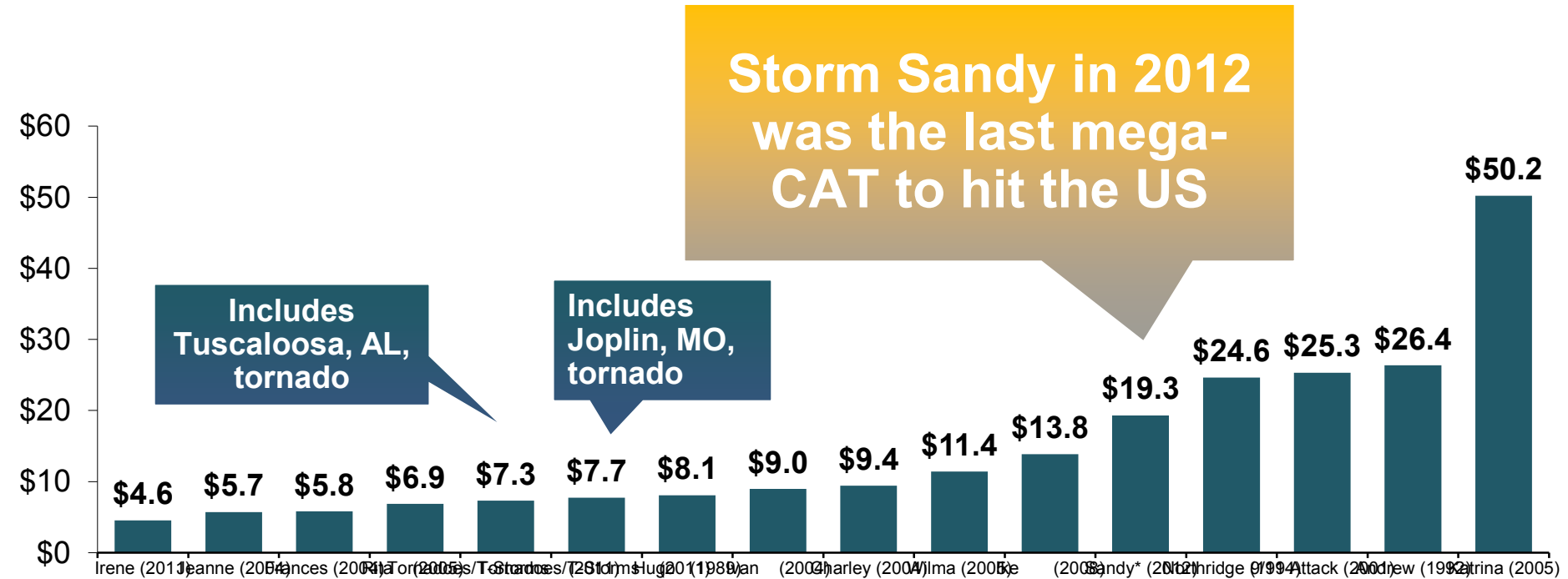
*2010s represent 2010-2015.

Notes: Private carrier losses only. Excludes loss adjustment expenses and reinsurance reinstatement premiums. Figures are adjusted for losses ultimately paid by foreign insurers and reinsurers.

Source: ISO (1960-2009); A.M. Best (2010-16E) Insurance Information Institute.

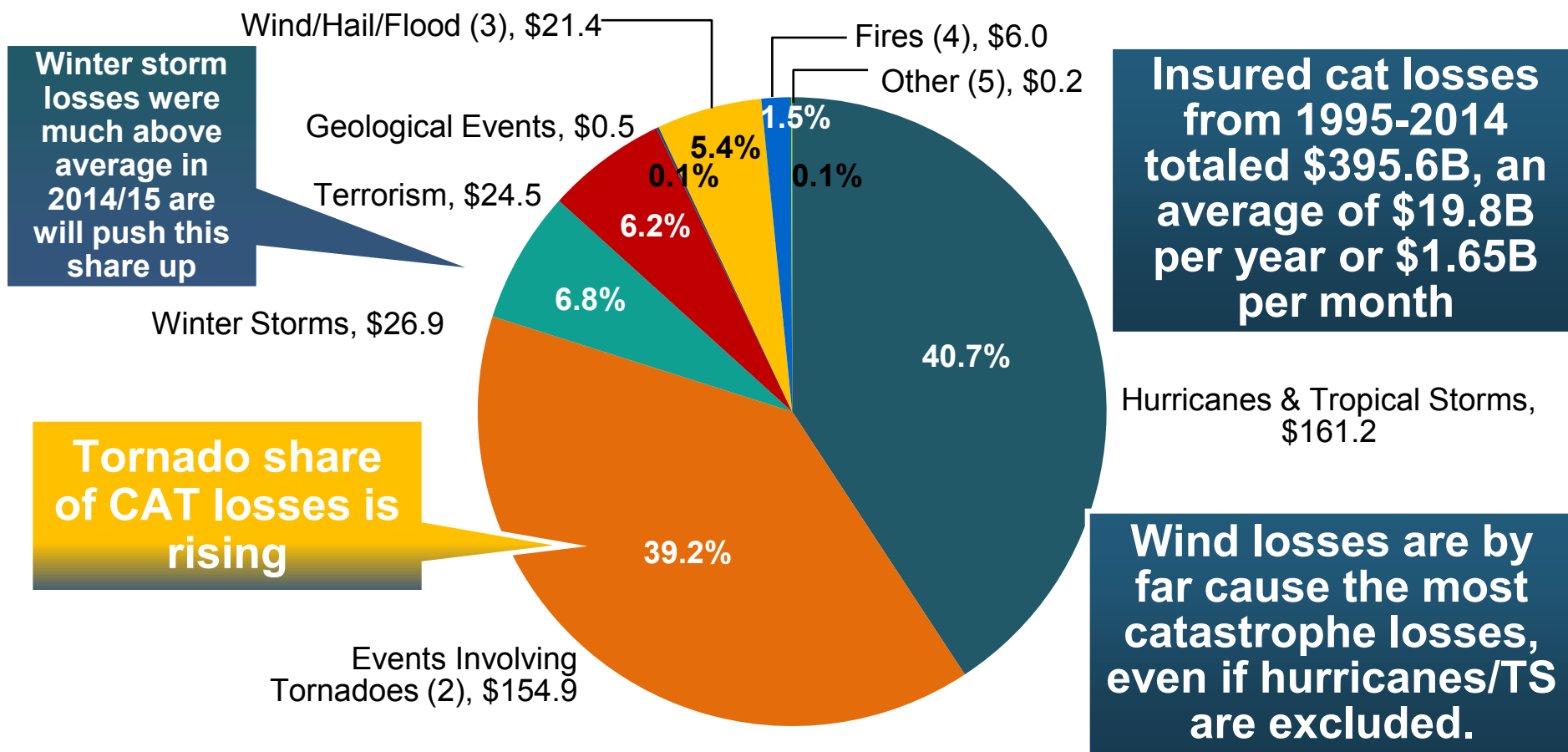
Top 16 Most Costly Disasters in U.S. History—Katrina Still Ranks #1

(Insured Losses, 2014 Dollars, \$ Billions)



12 of the 16 Most Expensive Events in US History Have Occurred Since 2004

Inflation Adjusted U.S. Catastrophe Losses by Cause of Loss, 1995–2014¹



1. Catastrophes are defined as events causing direct insured losses to property of \$25 million or more in 2014 dollars.
2. Excludes snow.
3. Does not include NFIP flood losses
4. Includes wildland fires
5. Includes civil disorders, water damage, utility disruptions and non-property losses such as those covered by workers compensation.

Source: ISO's Property Claim Services Unit.



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**Vulnerable Economic
Development, Subsidies and
Underinsurance Are Inextricably
Intertwined**

The Four Types of Underinsurance

1. Entirely Uninsured

–People/Businesses in this group buy no insurance at all because:

- Unaware of it
- Belief that cost outweighs benefit

2. Insured, but Certain Perils Excluded

–Covered for many perils but some are excluded (e.g., flood, earthquake)

–Fail to completely insure because:

- Unaware of availability of coverage
- Belief that cost outweighs benefit
- Lack of available coverage

3. Insured, but Policy Terms Restrictive

–Coverage is restrictive/limited, often due to limits of insurability

4. Insured, but Undervalued

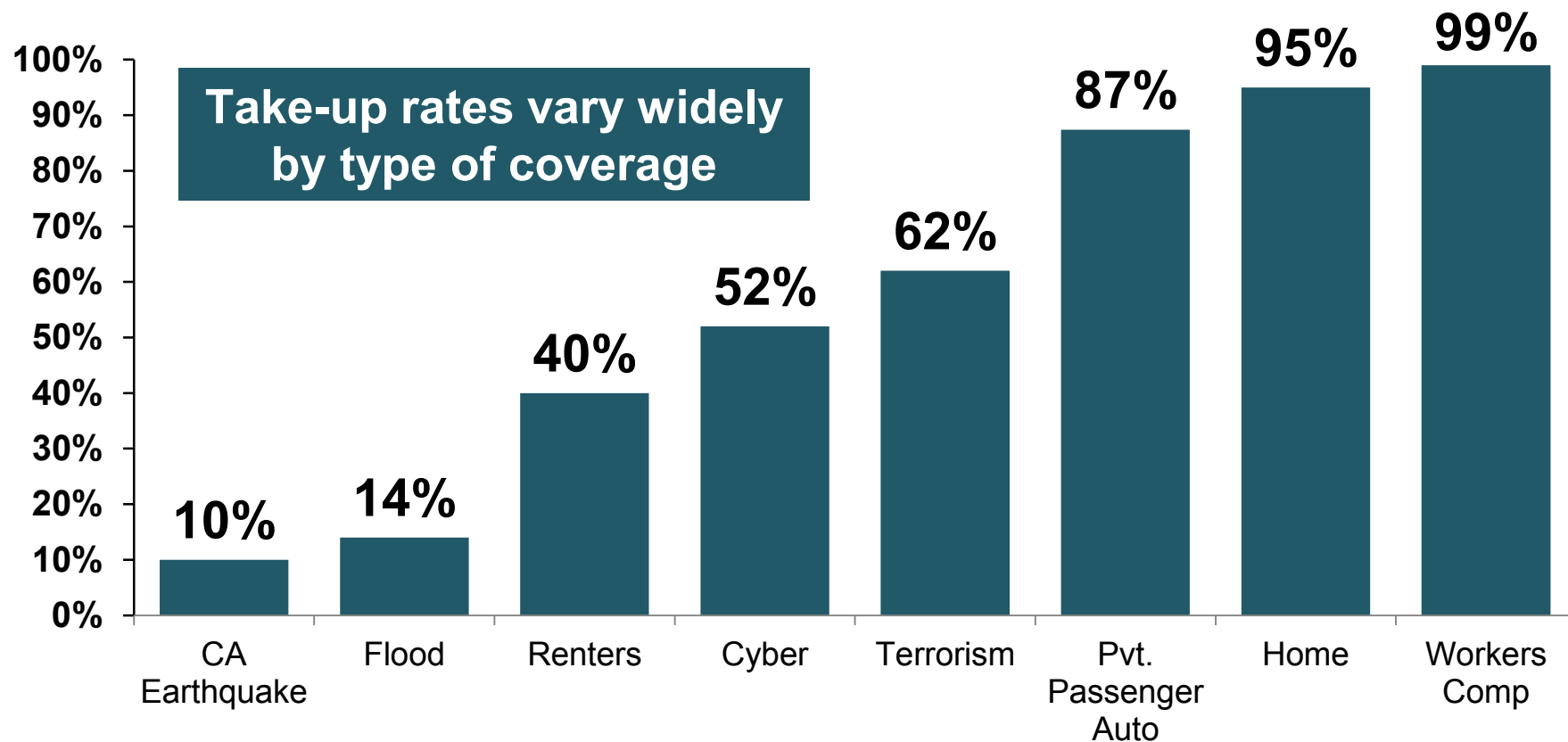
–Perils are covered and level of coverage meets stated demand, but exposures are undervalued

Factors Influencing the Decision to Buy Property Insurance

1. **Risk Awareness**
 - Vulnerability to (natural disaster) risk often poorly understood
 - Awareness does not necessarily lead to insurance purchases
 - Lack of awareness; perceptions on low-probability events
2. **Knowledge about Insurance Products and their Availability**
 - Insurance ‘literacy’ is key
 - Understanding of what’s covered, limits, premiums, claims process often lacking
3. **Affordability**
 - As with any product, insurance buyers are price sensitive
 - Budget constraints could be binding for low-income consumers
4. **Trust in Insurers**
 - Stories of claim disputes, litigation have impact
5. **Ease of Buying Insurance Products**
 - Insurance products are intangible and may seem abstract to many consumers
6. **Reliance on Government Aid as a Substitute for Insurance**
 - Widespread expectation of government aid can reduce incentives to buy insurance, leading to a crowding out of private sector solutions

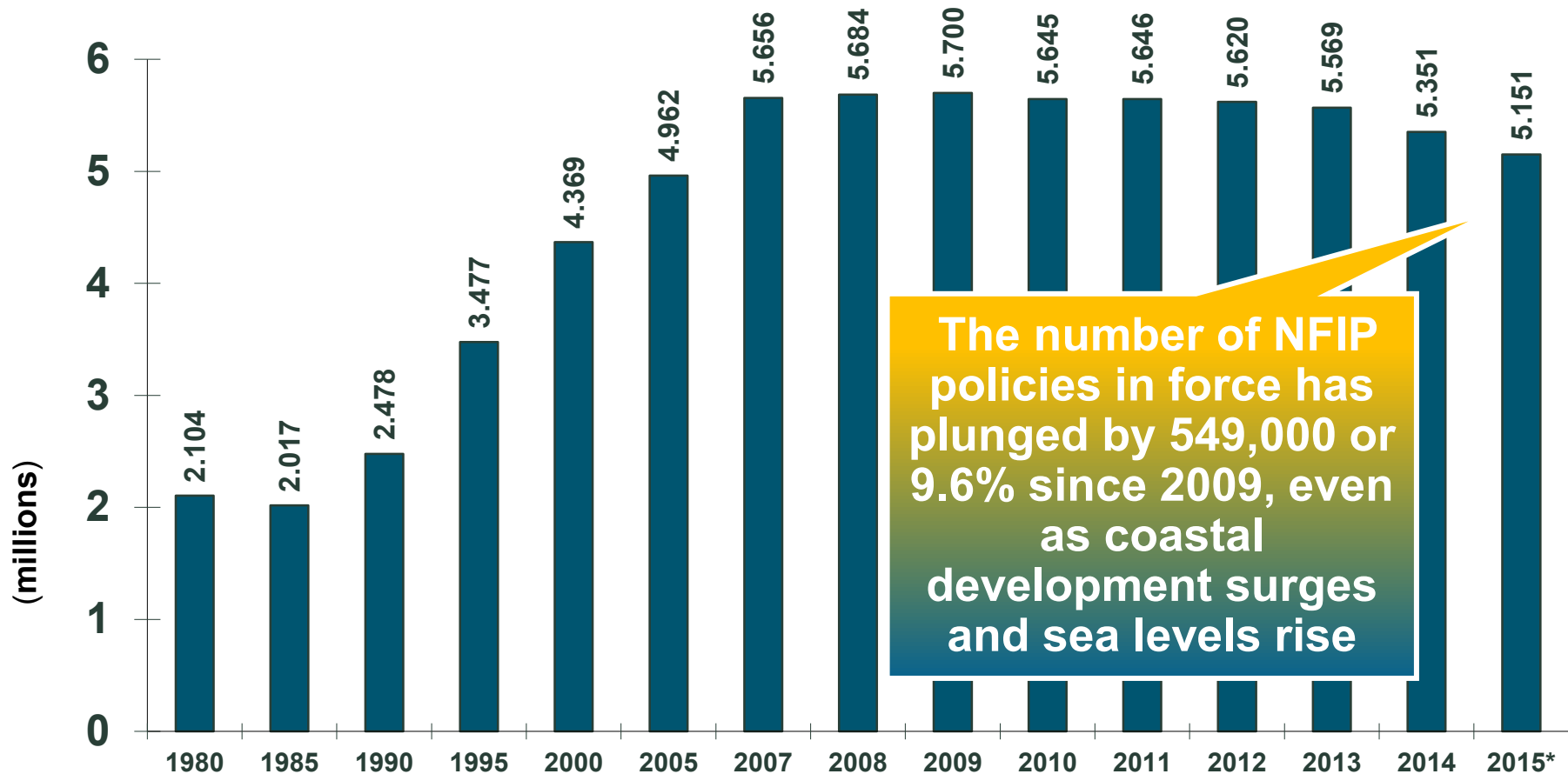
Take-Up Rates for Various Types of Insurance in the U.S.

Take-Up Rate



Sources: CA Earthquake (WSJ, <http://www.wsj.com/articles/california-pushes-homeowners-to-insure-against-earthquakes-1440980138>); Flood and Renters (I.I.I. June 2015 Pulse Survey); Cyber (Advisen, 2015); Terrorism (Marsh Global Analytics, *2014 Terrorism Risk Insurance Report*, April 2014; data for 2013); Pvt. Passenger Auto (Insurance Research Council, *Uninsured Motorists*, 2014 Edition, data for 2012); Home and Workers Comp (I.I.I. estimates); Insurance Information Institute research.

Number of National Flood Insurance Program Policies in Force at Year-End, 1980-2015*



Source: National Flood Insurance Program.

* As of July, 2015



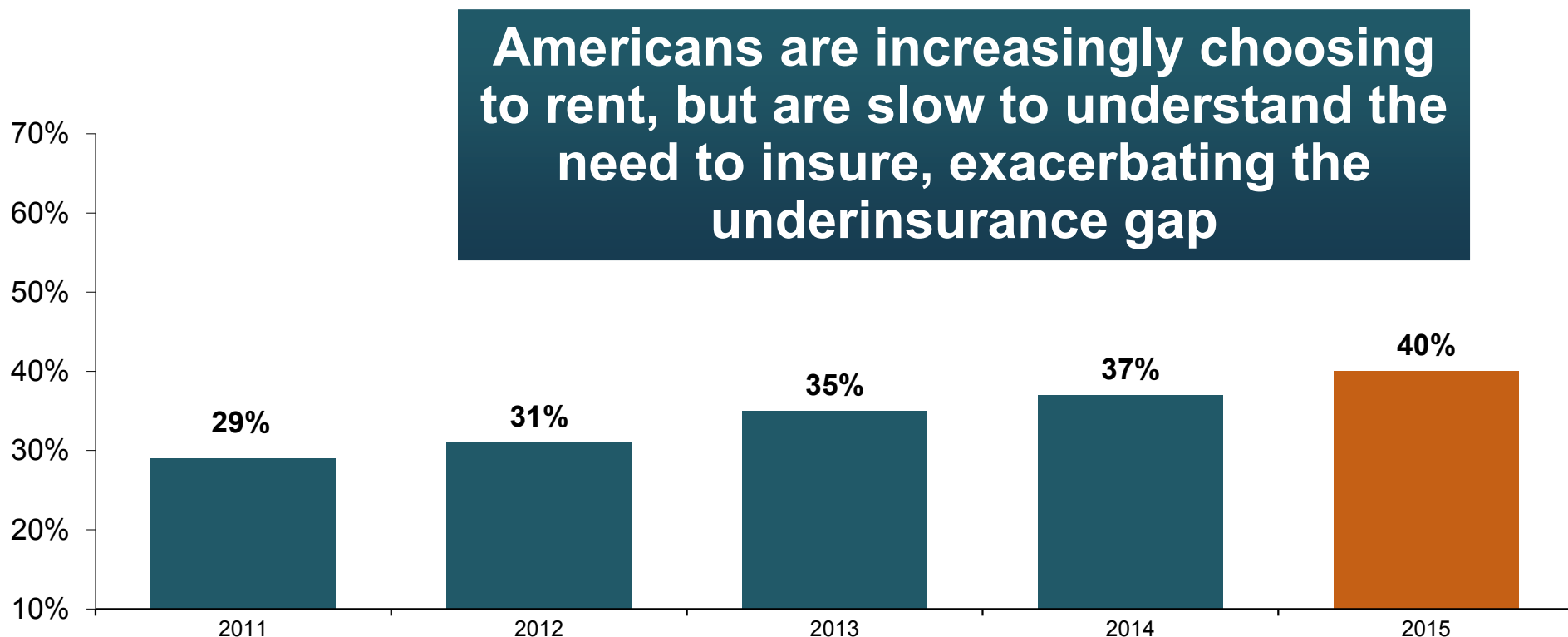
CONSUMER AWARENESS AND UNDERINSURANCE

**Education of the Public Is a
Difficult, Continuous Process**

Case Study: Flood Insurance

I.I.I. Poll: Home Insurance

Q. Do you have renters insurance? ¹



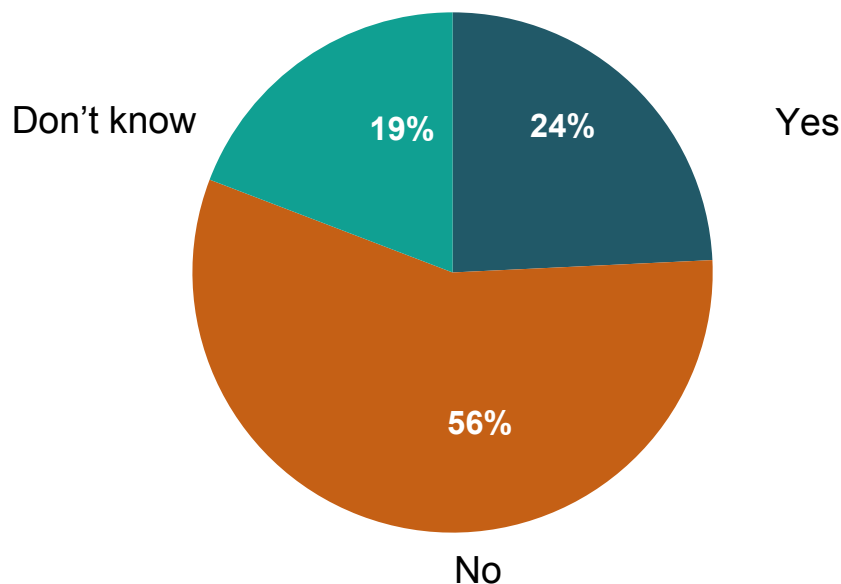
The Percentage of Renters Who Have Renters Insurance Has Been Rising Since 2011.

¹Asked of those who rent their home.

Source: Insurance Information Institute Annual *Pulse* Survey.

I.I.I. Poll: Home Insurance

Q. Does your homeowners policy cover damage from flooding during a hurricane?¹



More Than Half of Homeowners Know Their HO Insurance Does Not Cover Flood From a Hurricane, But A Significant Proportion Either Think It Does Or Do Not Know.

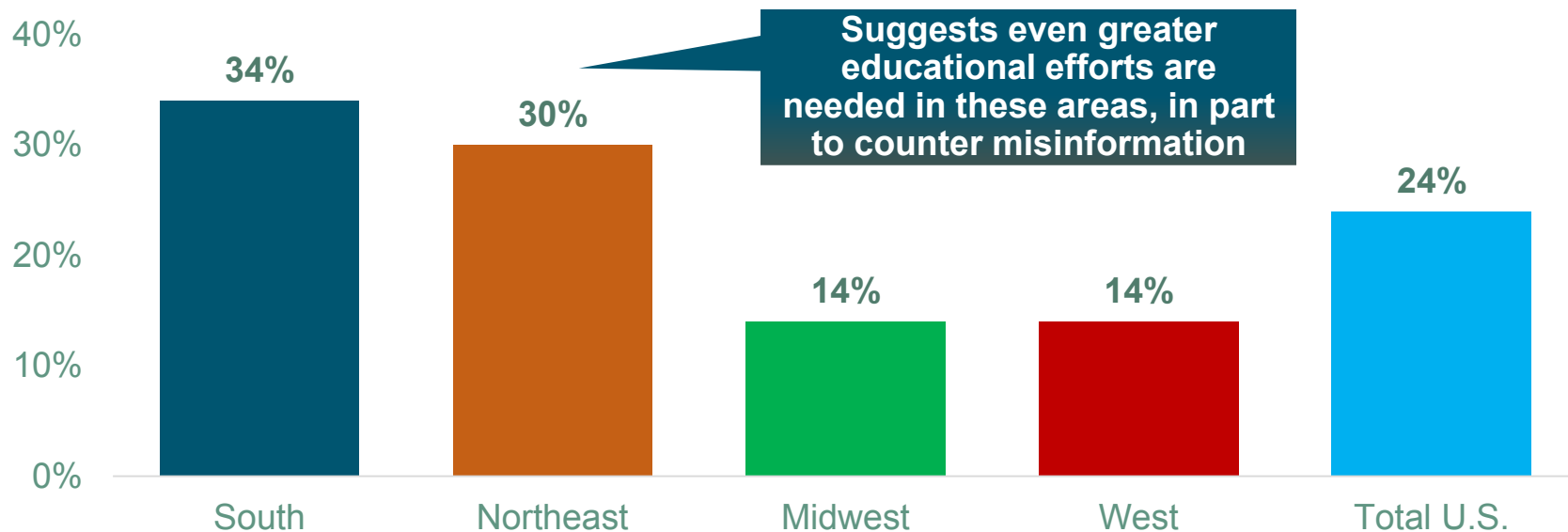
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Respondents answering “YES”



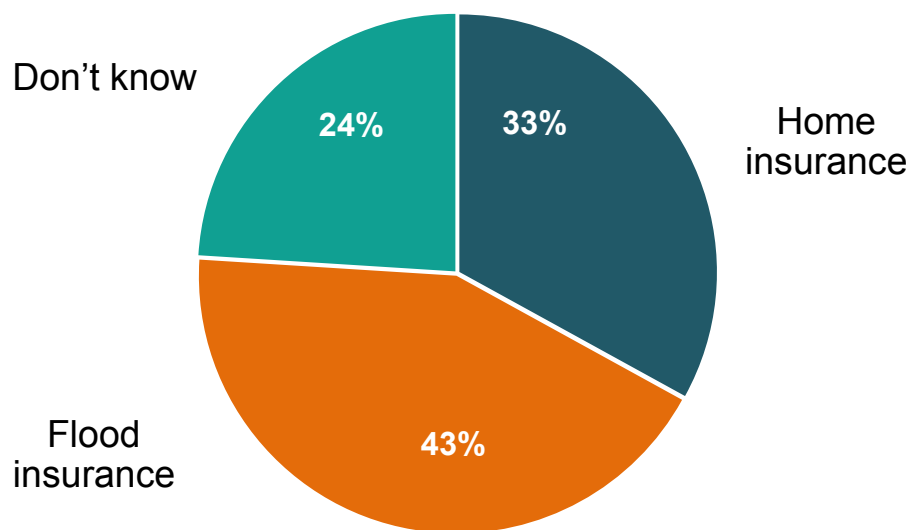
Homeowners in the South and Northeast Were Most Likely to Think Home Insurance Pays for Flood Damage.

¹Asked of those who have home insurance.

Source: Insurance Information Institute Annual *Pulse* Survey.

I.I.I. Poll: Superstorm Sandy Claims

Q. Do you think that the damages in these disputed claims from Hurricane Sandy were covered by homeowners insurance or flood insurance policies?¹



Only 1/3 Third of Those Who Heard About Superstorm Sandy Claim Disputes Thought the Claims Were Related to Home Insurance while 43% Understood Correctly that the Claims are on Flood Policies.

¹Asked of those who had heard about disputes following Hurricane Sandy.

Source: Insurance Information Institute Annual *Pulse* Survey.



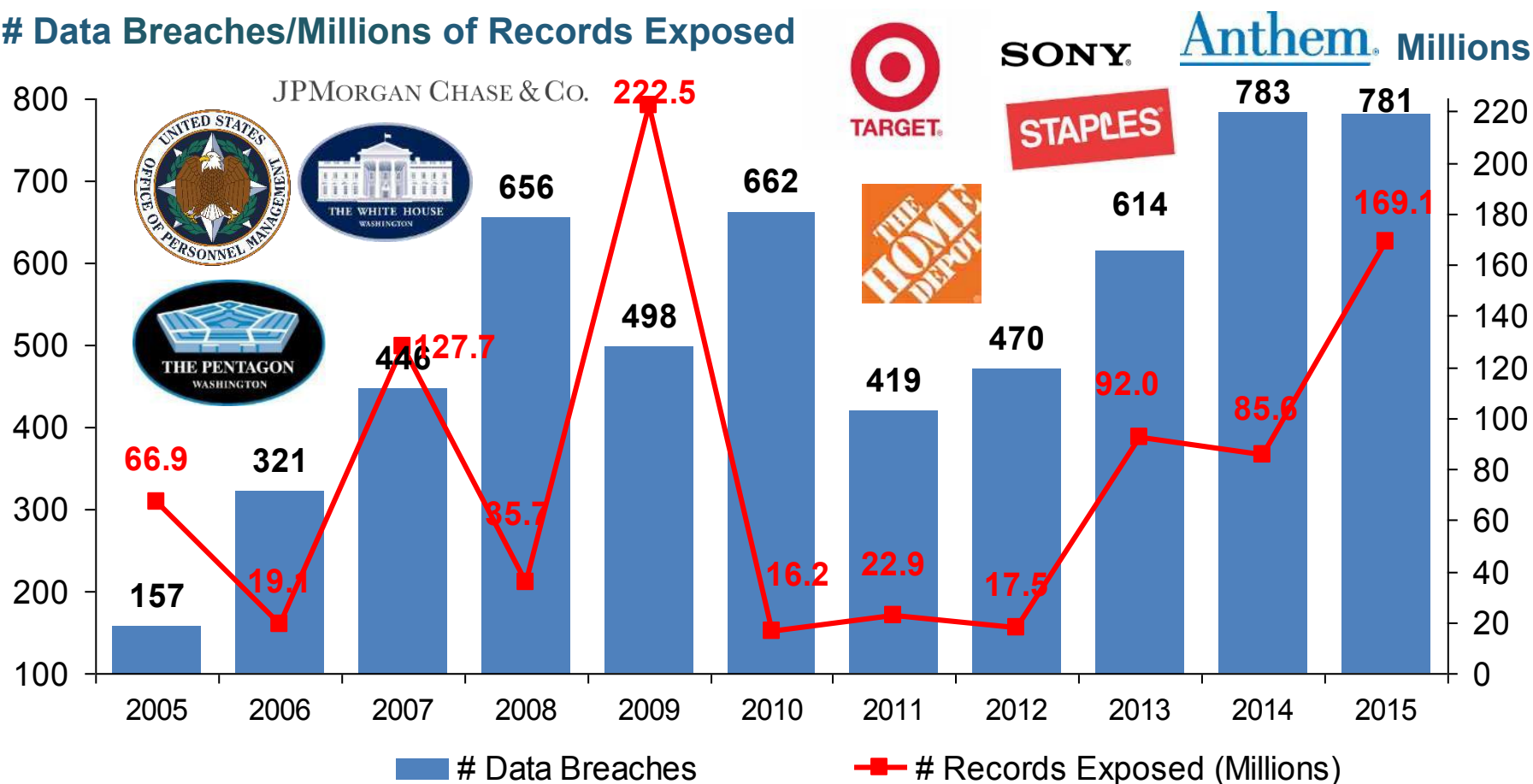
CYBER RISK AND INSURANCE

**Cyber Risk is a Rapidly Emerging
Exposure for Businesses Large and
Small in Every Industry**

Insurers Are Closing the Gaps

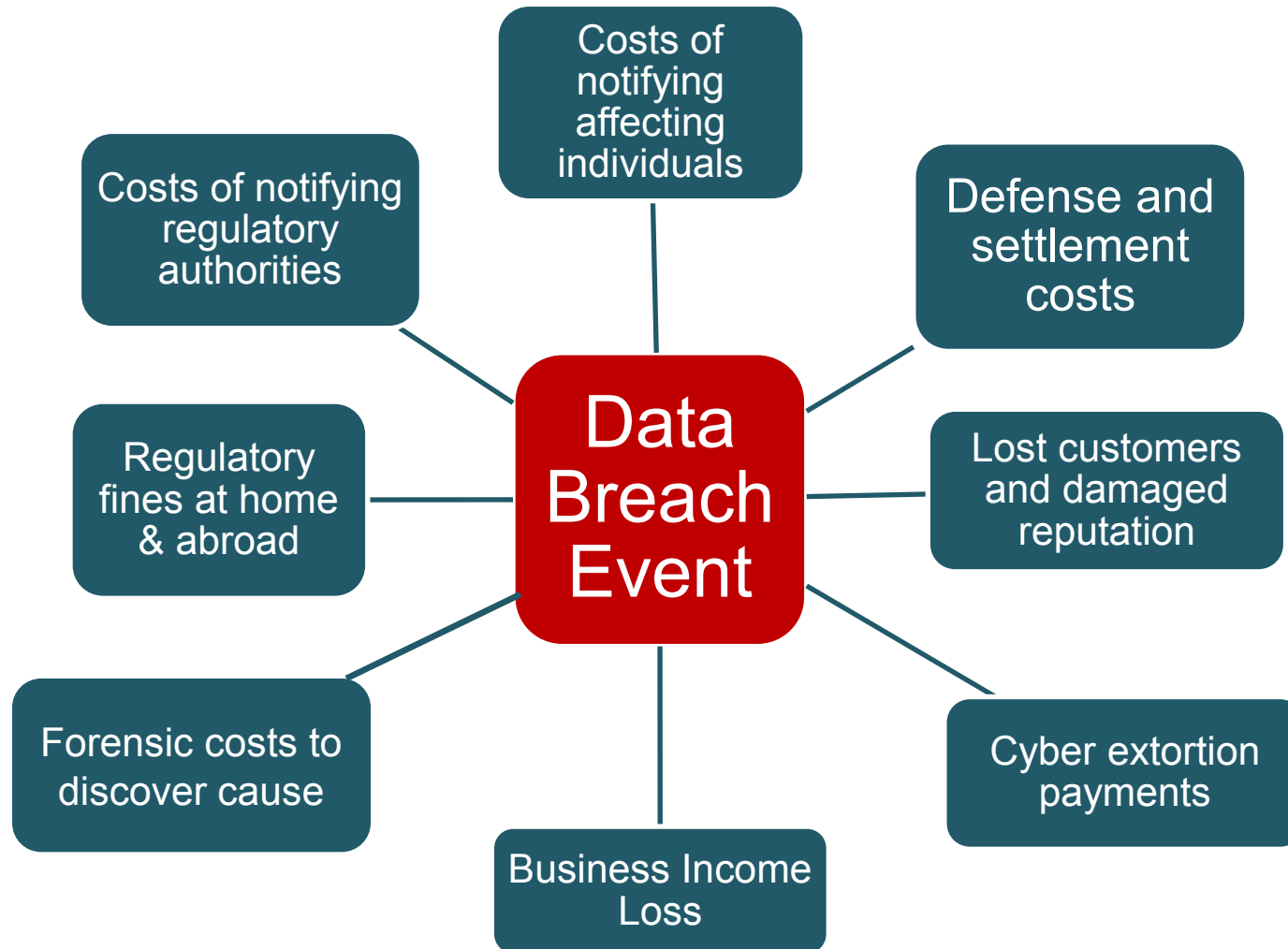
Data Breaches 2005-2015, by Number of Breaches and Records Exposed

Data Breaches/Millions of Records Exposed

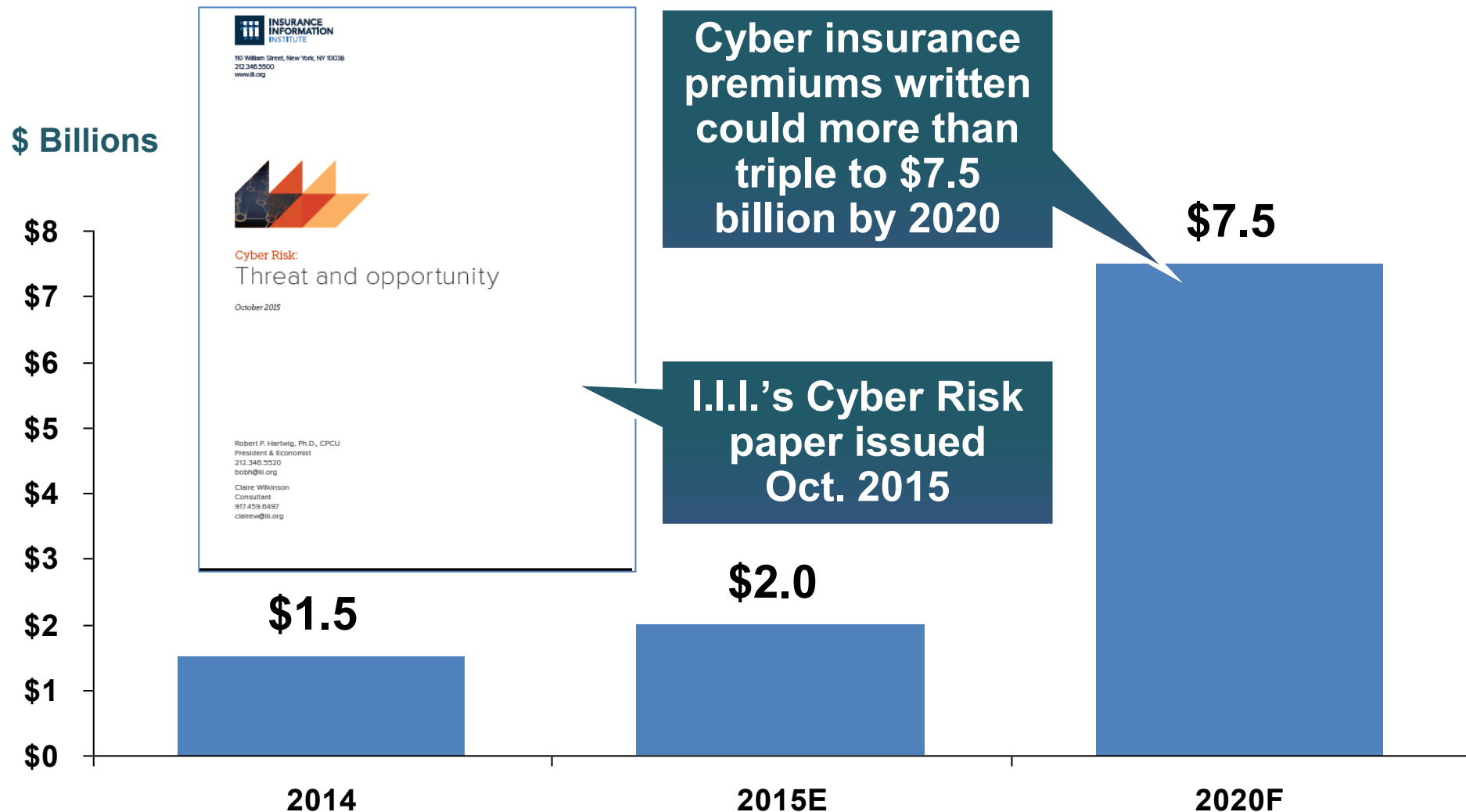


The 781 reported data breaches in 2015 was virtually unchanged from the record 783 reported in 2014. The number of exposed records soared to 169.1 million, and increase of 97.5%.

Data/Privacy Breach: Many Potential Costs Can Be Insured



Estimated Cyber Insurance Premiums Written, 2014 – 2020F

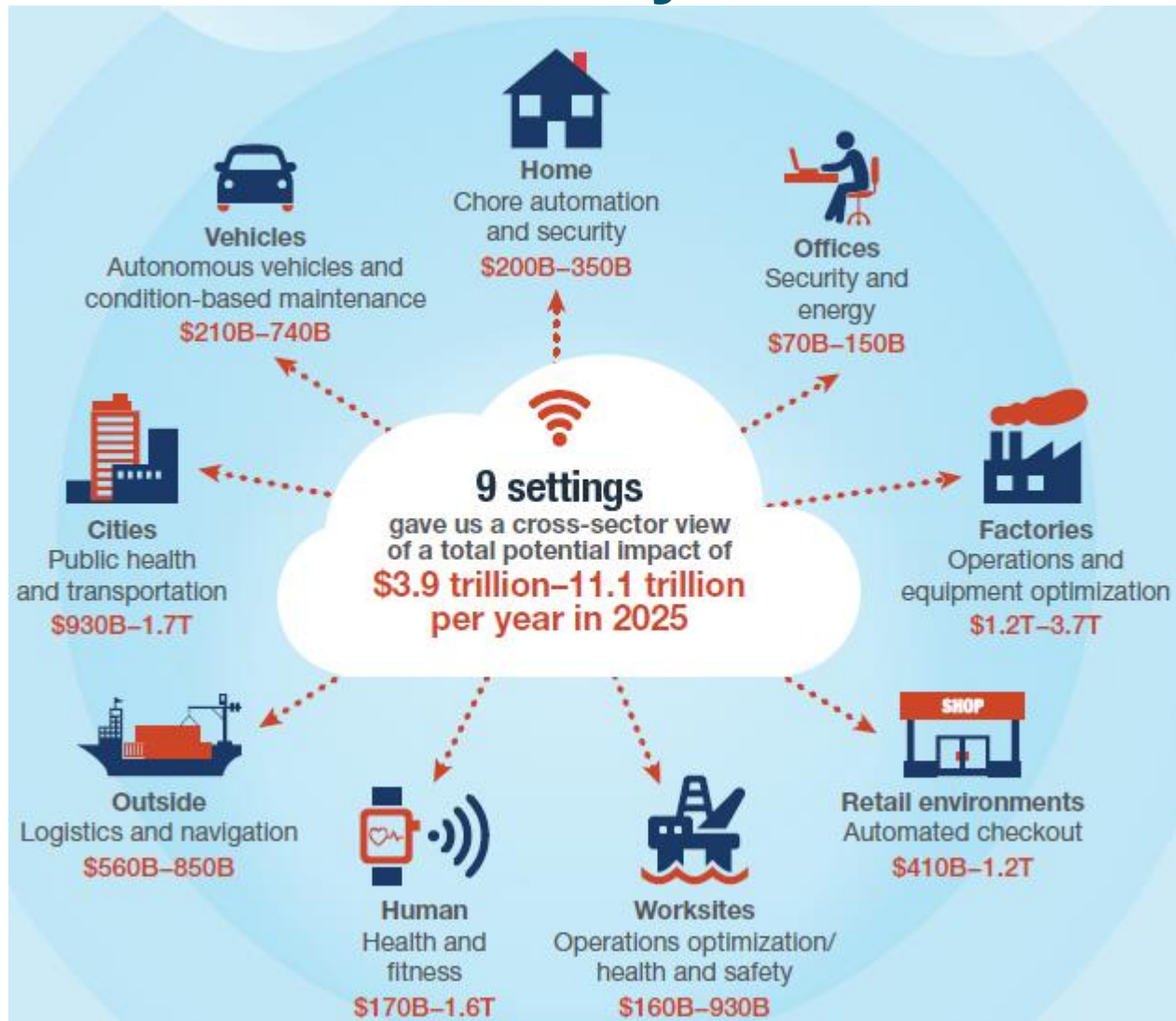




THE 'INTERNET OF THINGS'

**The Advance of Technology Creates
New Risks, New Gaps and New Solutions**

The Internet of Things and the Insurance Industry



- The “Internet of Things” will create trillions in economic value throughout the global economy by 2025
- What opportunities, challenges will this create for insurers?
- As new risks arise, new gaps will emerge as solutions generally lag

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