

Business Metrics & Benchmarks

Leading US Insurance Companies Expense Ratio Analysis

P&C insurers spend a larger percentage of premiums on customer acquisition and policy servicing and have been able to keep it relatively stable over the years

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Introduction

Expense Ratio is a key metric used by investors to assess the financial health of an insurer, and expressed as a percentage of premiums used to cover the costs related to acquiring, writing and servicing of policies issued by the companies. A higher Expense Ratio indicates that less money is available to pay claims.

Research Methodology

This report is part of a series called "Business Metrics & Benchmarks" that analyzes financial data across sectors and industries. Aranca analyzed 23 leading US-based insurance underwriters over a period of 15 years (2007-22). The information in this report was compiled from income statements sourced from Financial APIs and annual SEC filings.

Key Takeaways

Analysis of Expense Ratio of these companies highlight the following:

- Expense ratio of P&C and multi-line insurers have been consistent and ranged between 25-30%
- On the contrary, L&H insurers have witnessed increased volatility in expense ratio and ranged between 19-25%
- Increased use of digital tools and online solutions to acquire business coupled with rise in premium value led to a decline in expense ratio in post-COVID period (2020-22)



Leading US Insurance Underwriters: Expense Ratio Analysis By Size of Business

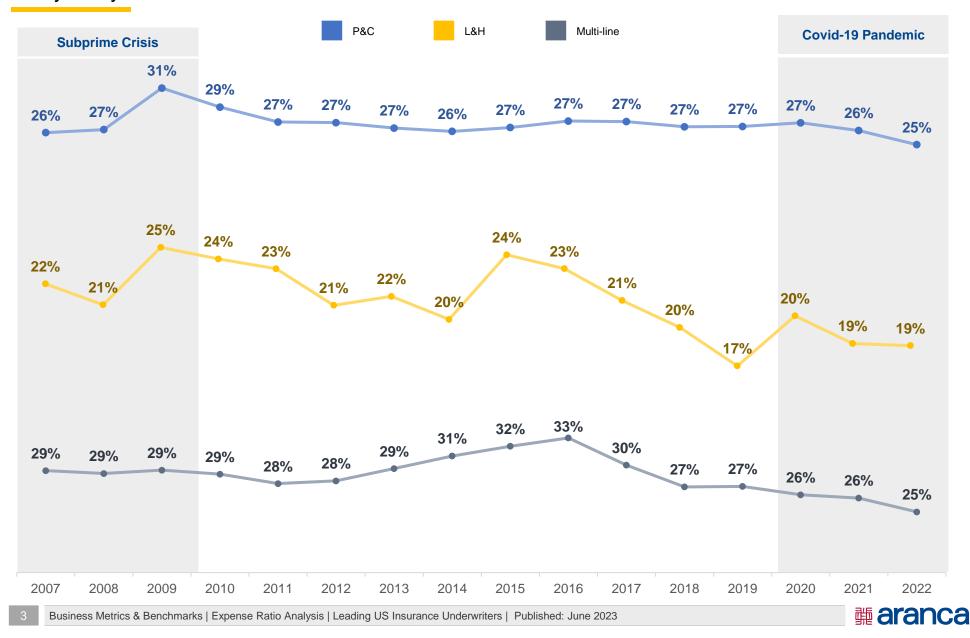
[# Represents company count, Expense Ratio is shown as average of five-year period]

P&C Insurance					
Size (2022 NPW)	#	2007-11	2012-16	2017-21	2022
Less than \$5 Bn	5	32%	30%	32%	23%
\$5-15 Bn	6	27%	26%	25%	23%
More than \$15 Bn	4	24%	23%	23%	24%
L&H Insurance					
Size (2022 NPW)	#	2007-11	2012-16	2017-21	2022
Less than \$5 Bn	1	46%	42%	38%	46%
\$5-15 Bn	2	18%	19%	20%	16%
More than \$15 Bn	2	17%	15%	10%	8%
Multi-line Insurance					
Size (2022 NPW)	#	2007-11	2012-16	2017-21	2022
Less than \$5 Bn	1	31%	28%	25%	na
\$5-15 Bn	1	29%	31%	34%	32%
More than \$15 Bn	1	26%	32%	23%	42%

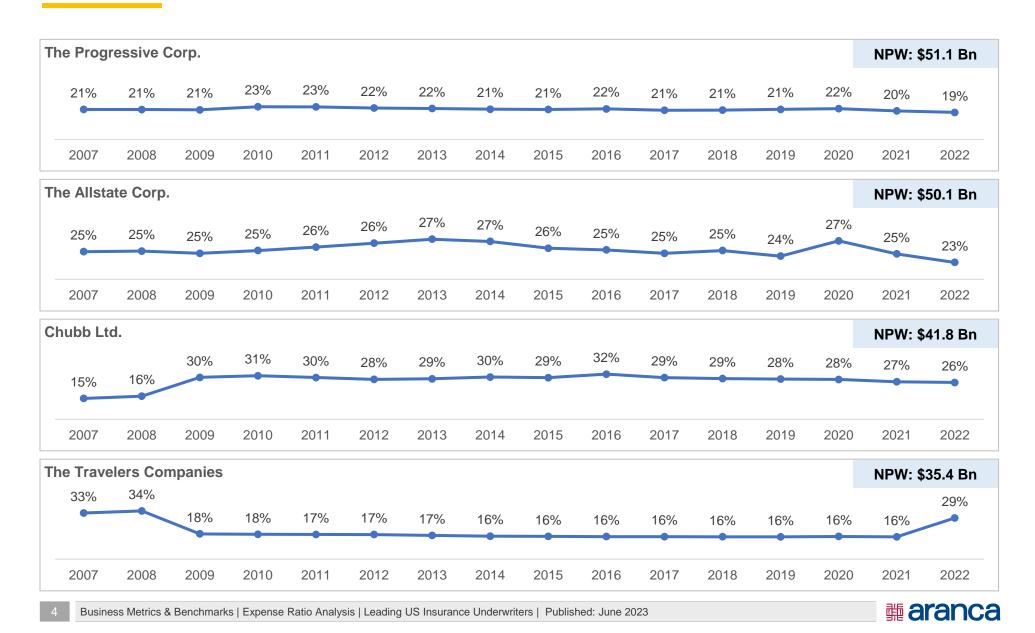
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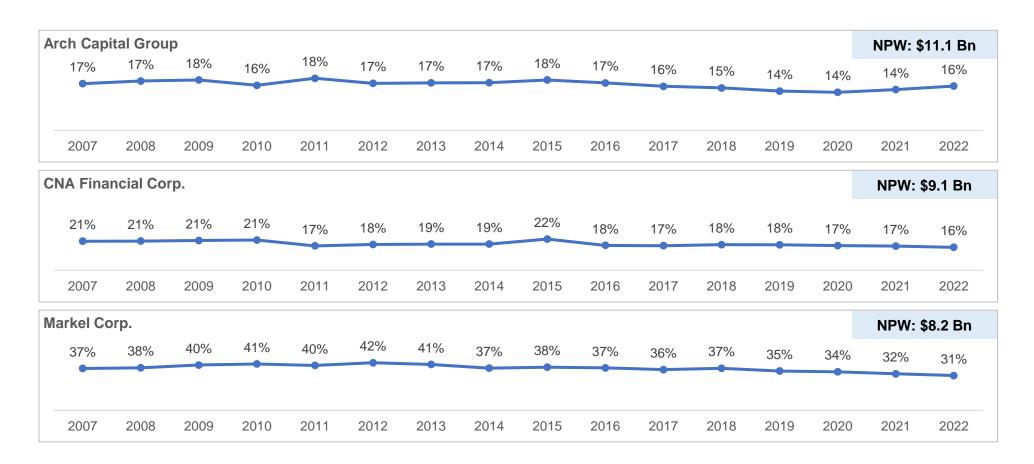
Leading US Insurance Underwriters: Expense Ratio Analysis By Business Line



P&C insurers with Net Premiums Written more than \$15 Bn

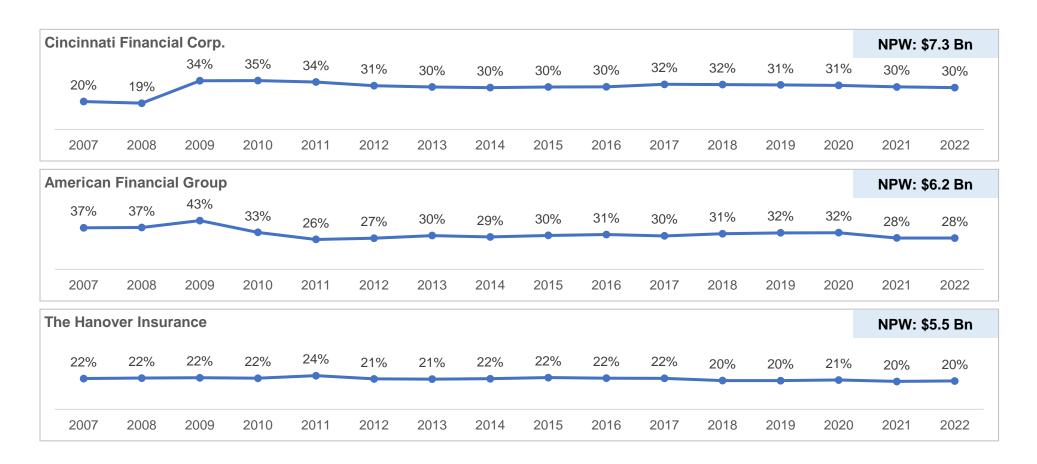


P&C insurers with Net Premiums Written more than \$5-15 Bn



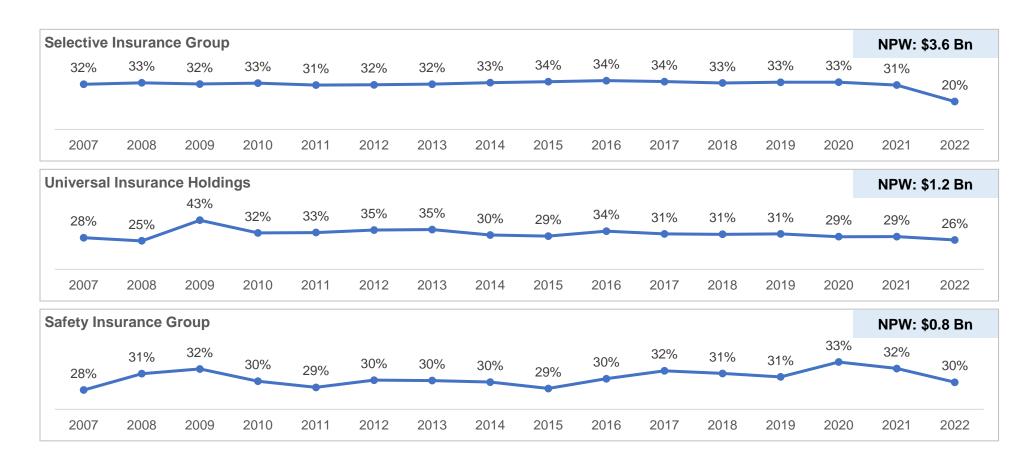


P&C insurers with Net Premiums Written more than \$5-15 Bn





P&C insurers with Net Premiums Written less than \$5 Bn



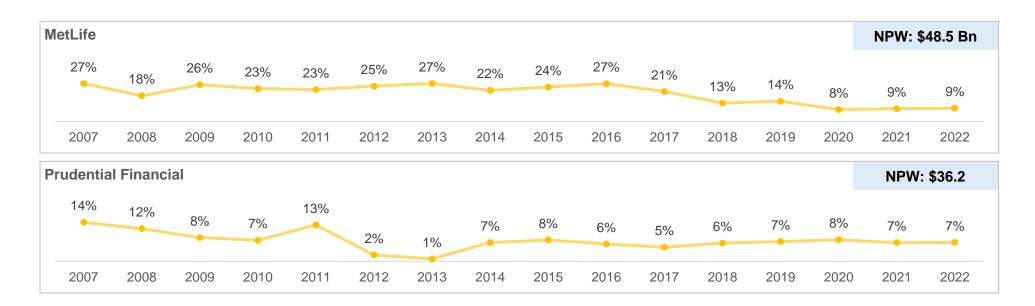


P&C insurers with Net Premiums Written less than \$5 Bn



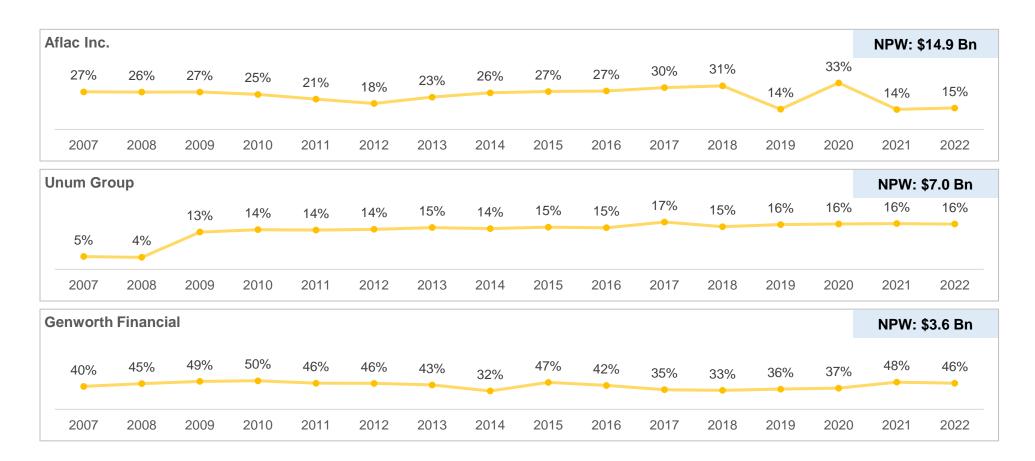


L&H insurers with Net Premiums Written more than \$15 Bn



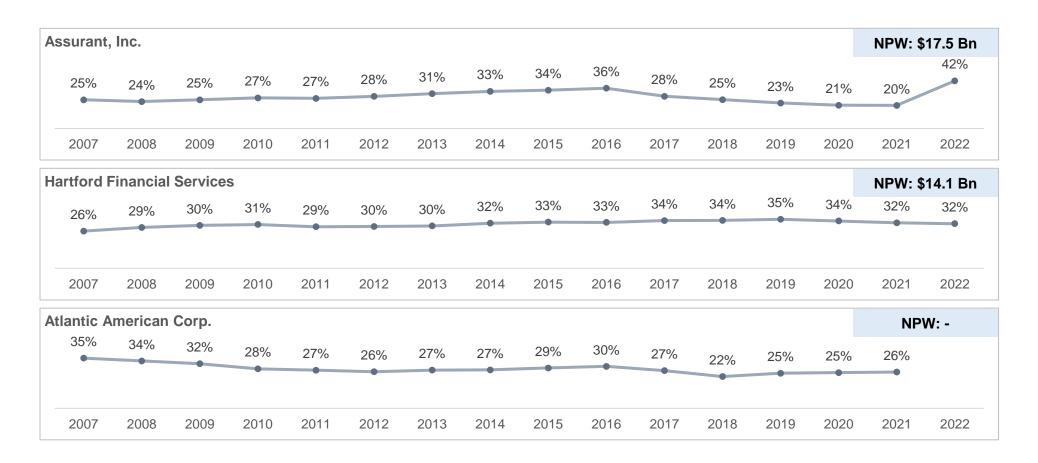


L&H insurers with Net Premiums Written less than \$15 Bn





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