



# 2021 US Education Insurance Market Update Webcast

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## Marsh Panel Overview



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# Agenda

- Welcome and introductions.
- Overview of evolving insurance marketplace conditions and insurer considerations.
- Evolving cyber landscape.
- Casualty market overview.
  - Higher education.
  - Primary and secondary schools.
- Property market update.
- Health & Benefits insights.
- Trends in student health plans.
- Q&A.

# 2020 Year-End Results

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## 2020 US Results

- Combined ratio of 99.3%.
- 1.8 % increase in net premiums to \$650 billion.
- Underwriting gains of \$700 million down from \$1.4 billion reported in 2019.
- Policyholders' surplus rose \$22 billion to \$898 billion from \$876 billion year end 2019.
- Unrealized capital loss of \$1.7 billion improved greatly from a large loss in June 2020.
- Net income of \$49 billion, down \$13 billion from prior year period.
- Catastrophes add 7.5 points to combined ratio in 2020 as compared to 4.1 points in 2019.
- Net investment income fell \$5.3 billion to \$52 billion from \$57.3 billion in 2019.
- Favorable loss reserve development totaled \$6.7 billion in 2020.
- Favorable development should be lower in 2021.



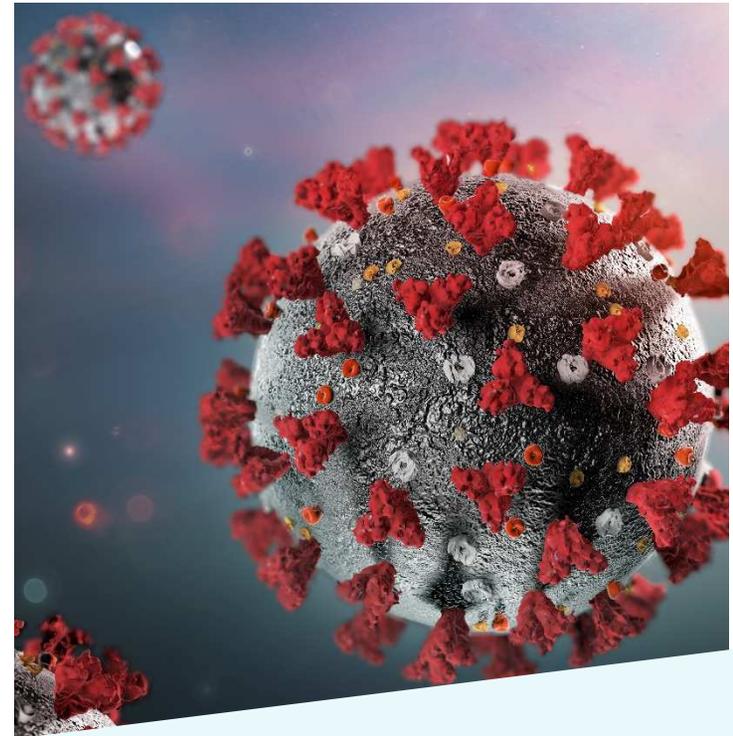
## 2020 Year Results - A.M. Best Analysis

- Despite COVID losses and high catastrophe losses, the industry's capital position is strong.
- Policyholder dividends also increased significantly as insurers issued large refunds and dividends for lower mileage driven in the US due to COVID.
- Underwriting actions in prior years helped mitigate declining premiums and COVID losses.
- Catastrophe losses totaled \$66 billion.
- Hurricane losses were \$25 billion.
- Convective storm losses were \$30 billion, plus recent storm in 2020 has estimates of \$18 billion alone
- Wildfires remained an issue with \$11 billion in losses.



## COVID Losses In 2020

- Global COVID losses reported to date total \$37 billion.
- Major losses reported include:
  - Munich Re – \$4.1 billion.
  - Lloyds – \$4 billion.
  - Swiss Re – \$3.9 billion.
  - Axa – \$1.8 billion.
  - Talanx – \$1.8 billion.
  - Chubb – \$1.4 billion.
  - AIG – \$1.2 billion.
  - Berkshire Hathaway – \$668 million.



## Global Catastrophe Losses

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  - Munich Re- \$ 5.2 billion.
  - Lloyds- \$4 billion.
  - Chubb- \$3.3 billion.
  - Allstate- \$2.8 billion.
  - AIG- \$2.4 billion.
  - Allianz- \$2.35 billion.
  - Talanx- \$2 billion.



## United Educators 2020 Results

- Combined ratio of 107%.
- Gross written premium increased to \$292 million with \$13 million in new business.
- Adjusted net income of \$20.3 million.
- Surplus increased to \$375 million.
- Assets over \$1 billion.
- 98.4% retention rate.
- Continue to maintain A rating from A.M. Best.



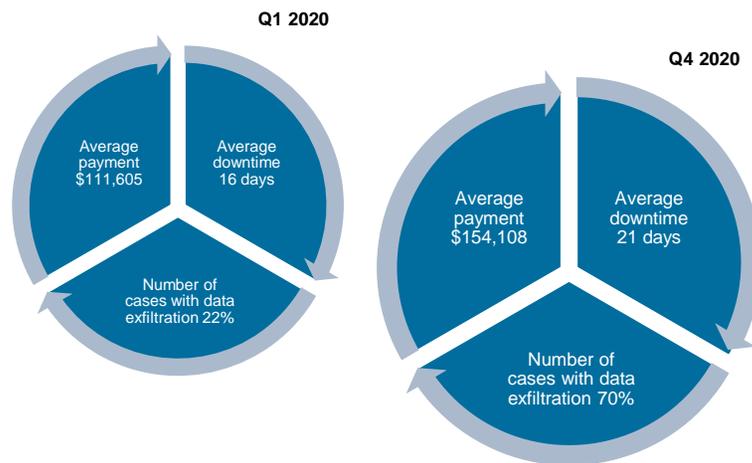
# Cyber Marketplace

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# Threat Landscape for Higher Education – Key Trends

## Ransomware Landscape

- Average downtime is up 31% from Q1 to **21 days**.
- Data exfiltration is up 218% from Q1: **70% of attacks** now include the threat of data exfiltration as a coercion tactic.
- Average ransom payment is up 38% from Q1 but down 34% from Q3 due to lack of confidence that exfiltrated data is deleted.



## COVID-19 and Virtual Learning Environment

- As the pandemic continues, many schools are operating partly or wholly online – adding new cyber threats that could lead to system shutdowns that freeze or interrupt the online learning environment.
- This risk is particularly acute for tuition-based schools, some of which are already struggling to remain financially solvent. Interruptions — especially lengthy ones — can lead students to question whether they should continue to pay tuition. Adverse events on campus, including network interruptions or data breaches following an attack, can also cause widespread reputational damage.

## Targeted Attacks on Research

- Targeted attacks where threat actors look to gain access to proprietary research information is a critical concern for many institutions.
- In November 2019, Microsoft reported that foreign threat actors were specifically targeting research facilities that were developing COVID-19 vaccine studies.

## Other Issues: Regulatory Environment, Silent Cyber, Contractual Risk, Systemic Risk

# Q1 Cyber Marketplace Snapshot



## Pricing & Terms

### Rates



Average premium increase in Dec 2020: **26%**  
Jan 2021: **38%**  
Q1 Trend  
**+30-50%.**

### Limits / Coverage



Carriers considering scaling back ransomware-related coverages for clients that do not demonstrate adequate controls.

**Future Expectations**  
Anticipate increases to accelerate into 2021, **likely 30% or greater** depending on risk profile.

## Claims

### Frequency



Ransomware is more accessible for bad actors. Short tail nature of losses is changing insurer profitability weekly.

### Severity



Average downtime from ransomware is up 11% Q3 to Q4 to 21 days. Demands can be in the millions. Solar Winds attack has increased carrier uncertainty.

**Future Expectations**  
Ransomware attacks will continue to increase in sophistication & more often include data exfiltration.

## Underwriting

### Information Needs



Full application & responses to ransomware Q's. Underwriters will inquire about usage of Solar Winds services.

**Future Expectations**  
Underwriters will demand additional information to assess risk and may require certain cyber controls to quote.

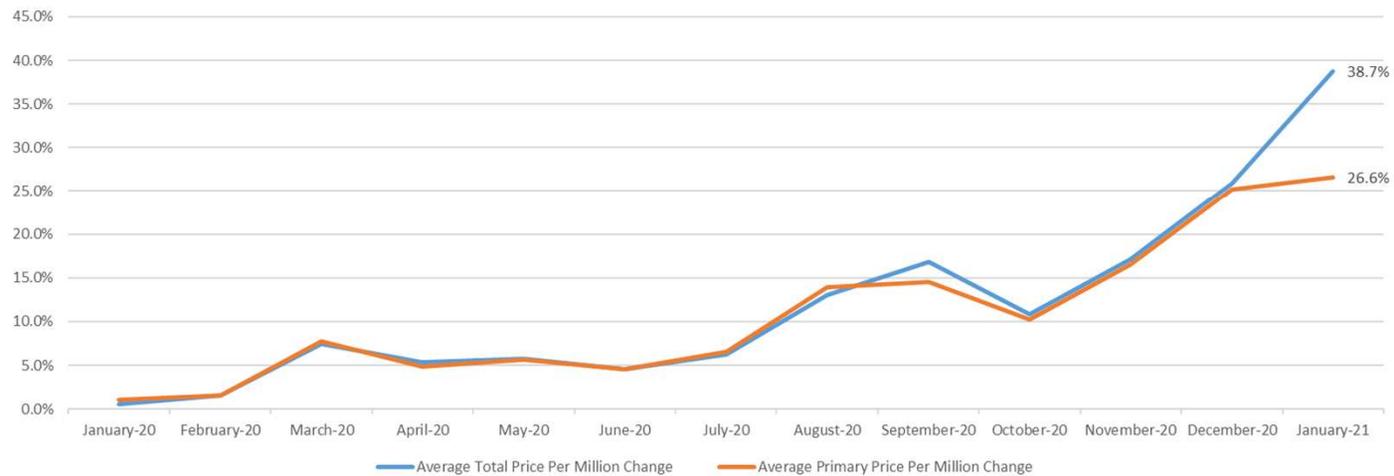
### Carrier Flexibility



Ransomware responses required prior to quoting. Third party scans may lead to remediation requests.

## Rate Environment & Trends

Average US Cyber Price Per Million Changes Over Time  
 Source: Marsh Global Placement & Specialties, Data and Analytics, PlaceMAP  
 Marsh Clients

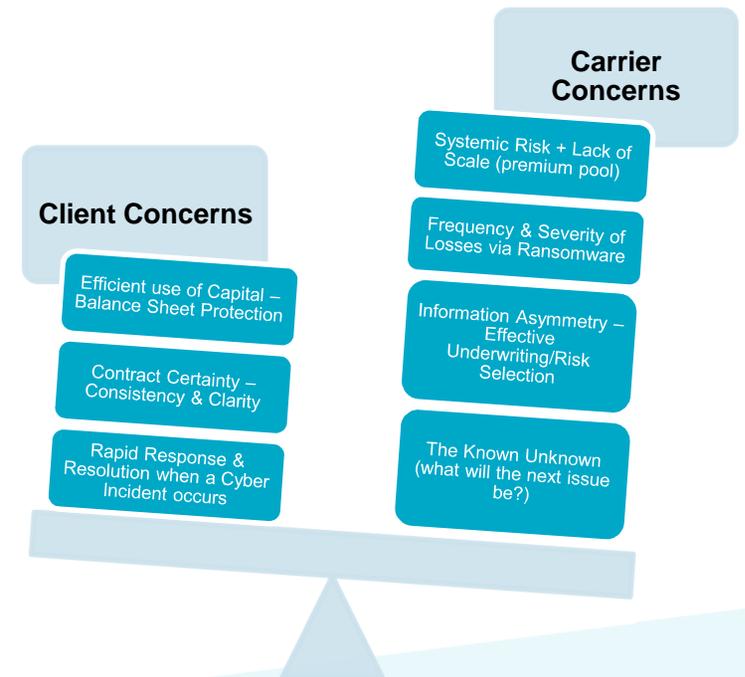


### Macro Trends for Higher Education

- Ransomware claims are rampant within education; threat actors continue to use ransomware to target research programs and are using more robust tools to encrypt backup research data.
- In November 2020, Microsoft reported that foreign threat actors were targeting research facilities that were developing COVID-19 vaccine studies.
- Educational institutions are increasingly concerned with business interruption cyber risk. This exposure has increased due to COVID-19 as institutions are more reliant on technology solutions than ever before and as higher education becomes more digital.
- Several excess insurers have identified higher education as a restricted class of business within the cyber market. Carriers are tightly managing their deployment of capacity, typically offering no more than \$5 Million or \$10 Million on a single risk for most insureds .

## What is Driving the Shift?

- There are many factors driving the dramatic shift in the cyber market starting in Q4 2020.
- The US cyber market is approximately \$3.15B, with the top 10 group of insurers representing 80% market share – **real and simulated cyber incidents represent multiples of the capital currently available.**
- The 2019 average loss ratio was 48.2%; including 30% for expenses = 78% combined ratio. **A number of large insurers trended closer to +100% combined ratio**, almost exclusively due to ransomware losses. Contrary to recent reports, up until 2020, most insurers writing cyber as a package or stand alone product have done so very profitably.
- **Reinsurers raised rates and narrowed the scope of treaties**, while adding cyber exclusions on other product lines.
- Rapid integration of technology into the modern business model has raised the sensitivity of operations to a technology event and has empowered organizations to collect and use more data than ever before.
- The rise of Ransomware as a Service coupled with increased awareness of nation state activity targeting and impacting large scale supply chains has created an untenable amount of volatility and brought a number of insurers into the red over the last 4-6 quarters.
- There remains a lack of scale, i.e. DWP, to withstand a shock event.



## Strategies to Achieve Best Results

Pricing & Terms	Claims	Underwriting
<p><b>Issue:</b> Carriers are seeking price increases and are more conservative about limits deployment.</p> <p><b>Actions to Achieve Best Results:</b> Demonstrate strong ransomware controls during the underwriting process.</p> <p>Consider alternative terms and conditions to control costs &amp; maximize coverage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increased retentions.</li><li>• Co-insurance options.</li><li>• Alternative limit options.</li></ul> <p>Larger, multi-layered programs may need to be restructured.</p>	<p><b>Issue:</b> Frequency and severity of claims continues to rise driven by business interruption losses and ransomware.</p> <p><b>Actions to Achieve Best Results:</b> Leverage carrier preferred vendors and Marsh Catalyst solutions to improve security posture.</p> <p>Update and practice incident response plan specific to ransomware scenario.</p> <p>Update strategic vendor and legal counsel partners you might engage and evaluate against insurer's panel.</p> <p>Seek out any identified problematic IP addresses and remote desktop protocols (RDP).</p>	<p><b>Issue:</b> Underwriting scrutiny has increased significantly and carriers are requiring additional information to quote.</p> <p><b>Actions to Achieve Best Results:</b> Use Marsh Cyber-Self Assessment to minimize need for multiple supplemental applications (includes ransomware Qs &amp; provides additional insights).</p> <p>Highlight significant cybersecurity updates &amp; improvements over past year – especially multi-factor authentication (MFA) &amp; endpoint detection and response (EDR).</p>

# Casualty Education Market Update 2021

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## Education Segments

- Colleges and universities:
  - Public.
  - Private.
  - Doctoral research institutions.
  - Consortia.
- Primary and secondary:
  - Public K-12 school districts.
  - Independent schools.
- Other educational services:
  - For-profit institutions.
  - Education-related human/social services.
  - Charter schools.
  - Vocational schools.
  - Technical schools.



## Education Overview

- The “Perfect Storm”
  - Increased rates/premium.
  - Restricted or excluded coverage.
  - Reduced capacity.
  - Losses growing in frequency and severity.
  - COVID-19.
- Conservative underwriting due to unknown claim development.
- More questions asked on renewals and especially on new business.
- Terms and conditions controlled at executive level.
- Diminishing coverage for Sexual Abuse & Molestation (SAM), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Law Enforcement – Civil Unrest.
- Lead/Excess umbrella and Educators Legal Liability hit the hardest.
- Excess capacity being cut with carrier consolidation and many are exiting the market.
- Communicable Disease exclusions.

## Higher Education

- Overall capacity continues to decrease and re-underwriting increase.
- We position carriers on coverage, capacity, cost, and service.
  - Focus on all core exposures in primary and excess layers.
- Major concern is the growing severity as well as frequency of claims:

Active Shooter/Assaults	Greek life (hazing)
Auto	Registered student organizations
Athletics (SAML & TBI)	Special events – fundraising
Clinics	Off-campus-related exposures
Discrimination	Sexual molestation and harassment
Drowning	Title IX
International travel	Workplace violence
Law enforcement	Wrongful death claims

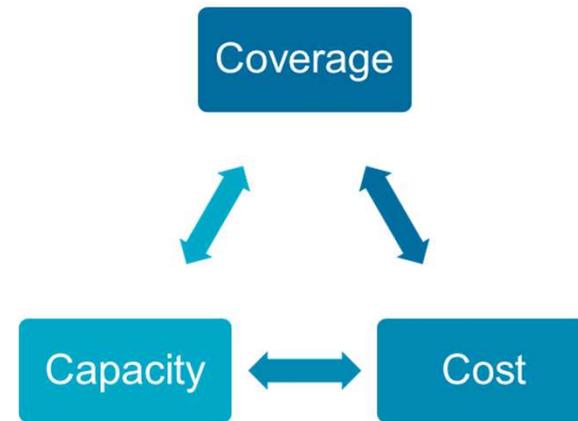


## Casualty Renewal Outlook and Considerations

- Current trends are expected to continue through 2021.
- Question of insurability for sexual abuse and molestation liability.
- Reinsurance repricing and re-underwriting.
- Occurrence vs. Claims Made triggers.
- Impact of campus exposure: full on-site, online or "hybrid".
- Tuition reimbursement – class action lawsuits testing the quality of on-line learning.
- Med Mal carriers are excluding SAM.
- Mono-line Auto Liability coverage is vanishing: 15-passenger vans increasing.
- For broader coverage & for a marketplace alternative, Marsh continues to collaborate globally building the Marsh Education Casualty Plus + Form.
- What is the new "cost of capacity"?

## What is driving the Education Liability market today?

- Reviver Statutes – expanding the tail, changing the tort landscape.
- Social Inflation – trends toward increase litigation and headlines.
- Nuclear Verdicts – jury awards are drastically increasing.
  - Third-party litigation funding: investing in plaintiff lawsuits/trials.



## United Educators Reunderwriting its Entire Book

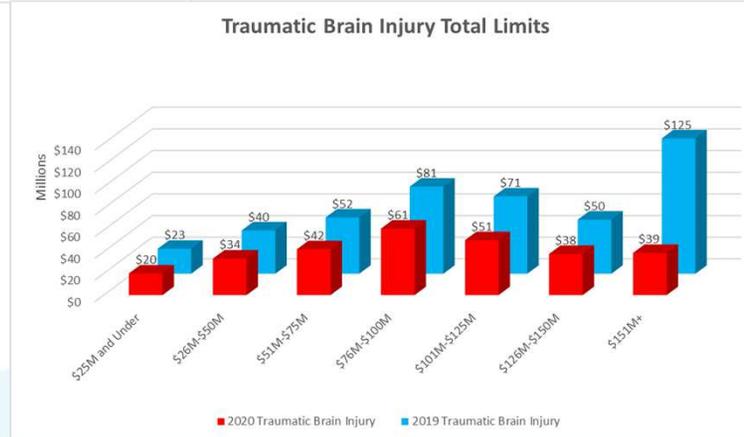
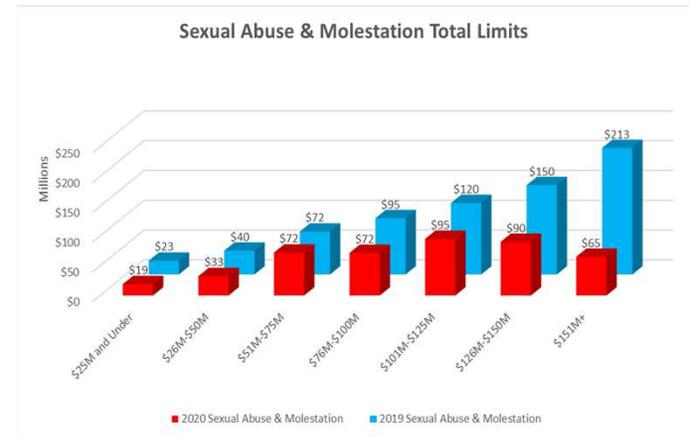
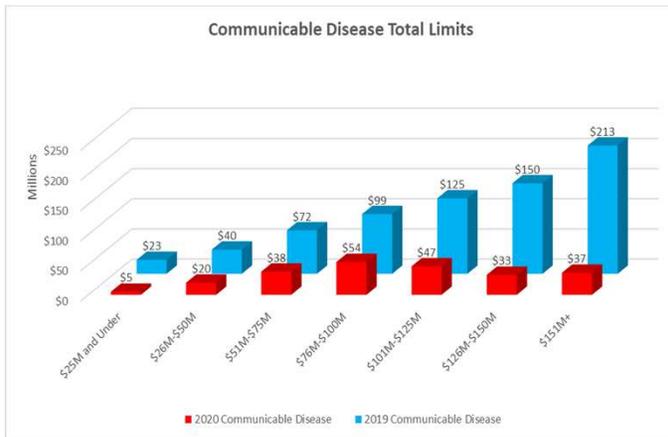
- General Liability Excess (GLX) and Educators Legal Liability (ELL) maximum limits are now \$30M. This full limit will be deployed on an account by account basis.
- CGL and GLX coverage changes: SAML – 10 year reporting period then sunset clause sublimit of \$5M aggregate.
- A total policy aggregate will be added to the GLX policy limit.
- A Pandemic Exclusion will be endorsed on all GL products as they renew.
- Pandemic exclusion on new ELL business but severe claims are more frequent & mostly coming from employment practices liability insurance.
- A new Sexual Misconduct Endorsement will replace the Sexual Abuse Coverage Endorsement.
- A Cyber exclusion is added to the new policy forms wording.
- An expanded Telemedicine endorsement (up to full policy limits) is available subject to underwriting review.
- Cautious states: NY, IL, CA, PA.

## Excess Liability Market

- The cost of capacity is increasing upwards of 40+%.
- Lead carriers limiting capacity to \$5 million or \$10 million for full coverage.
- Excess carriers mandating a \$50 million+ attachment points.
- Carriers becoming cautious to provide law enforcement liability due to the recent series of civil unrest events.
- Few markets offering SML and TBI coverage into the excess tower; there is “pure capacity” available for GL and auto.
- Mono-line coverage for SML and law enforcement liability is available, however, capacity is typically limited to \$10 million.
- Look up clauses on some excess renewals.



# Excess Liability – Reduced Coverage Exhibits



## Educators Legal Liability (ELL) and Excess ELL

- ELL and Excess ELL marketplace limited and shrinking capacity.
- Markets pushing increased deductibles/retentions based upon exposures & claims.
- Increased tuition reimbursement class action lawsuits against Board of Trustees.
- Mounting failure to educate, negligence or education malpractice allegations.
- Legal costs increasing rapidly – consequence of uncertainty.
- Markets lowering and/or capping limits: \$2.5M - \$10M.
- Eliminating or capping antitrust coverage at \$2.5M or lower sublimit plus coinsurance penalties.
- Markets controlling panel counsel selection & hourly rates – hesitant to permit alternative appointments.
- Contracting excess liability market, forcing education industry to purchase separate ELL tower.



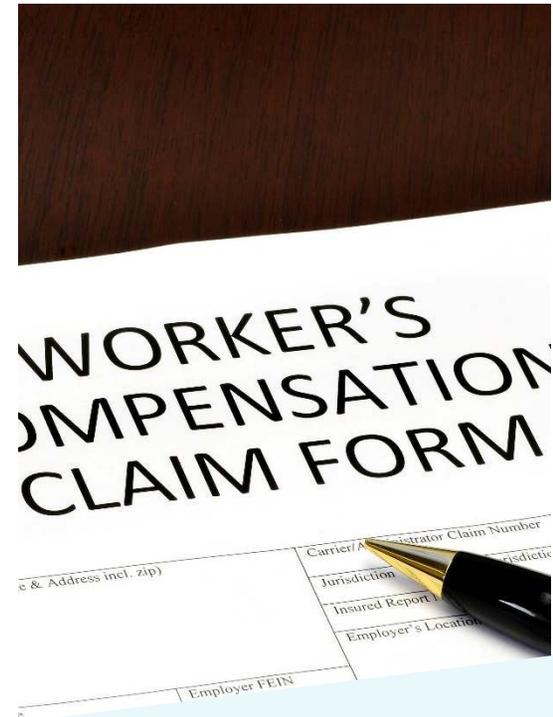
## Automobile Liability

- Very few markets are offering monoline coverage.
- Pricing for coverage of hired and non-owned autos is increasing, especially on smaller packages.
- Reinsurers are pushing back on underwriters for not adequately identifying or pricing the exposure.
- MVR's need to be checked.
- No student drivers.
- More public schools are addressing out-of-state exposure whereby state immunity laws do not provide protection in federal court.
- 15-passenger vehicles increase loss potential.
- Securing increased limit from \$1 million to \$2 million to buffer excess layer.
- Autonomous vehicles.
- Carriers require supporting lines of coverage to consider auto.



## Workers Compensation (WC) and Excess WC

- COVID-19 epidemic steering markets to remove, limit or charge for the Same Communicable Disease Endorsement (SCD.)
- Minimum premium of \$75,000 is for an aggregate limit of \$5,000,000 or less.
- Aggregate Limit is determined based on SIC.
- Markets continue to focus on concentration hazard relating to urban environments, earthquakes, active shooter, or other CAT exposures.
- Additionally, underwriters seeking details regarding aviation, hospital, & water-related exposures to support appropriate coverage extensions & rates.
- Carriers demanding 10-year loss history due to rising medical inflation costs.
- Standalone guaranteed cost (GC) workers' compensation still difficult with limited markets available, especially for the smaller policies.
- Excess WC markets typically accommodate the GC WC if they also write the Excess WC.
- Deductible options are available & potential to unbundle third party administrator.



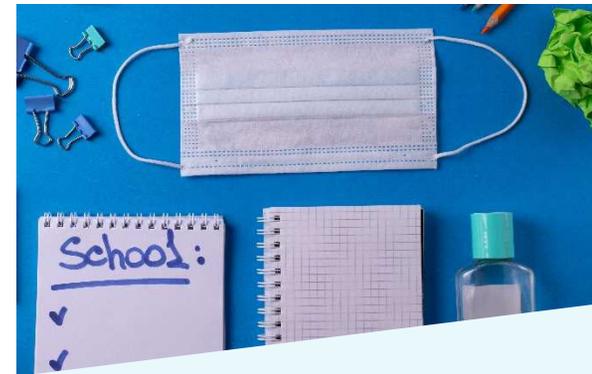
## Market Concerns and Options

- Marketing to new carriers?
  - More questions, details, requirements will be needed. SAML? TBI?
- Benchmarking:
  - Experience, Exposure, Expiring premiums => set Expectations.
- Quota share concepts.
- Corridor retentions.
- Captives.
- Alternative Risk Solutions.
- Reinsurance memorandums.
- Per claimant retentions.
- Claims made vs. Occurrence triggers.
- First loss triggers.
- More options, more control.



## Key Market Coverage and Exposure Issues

- Alcohol/binge drinking.
- Active shooter.
- Agricultural products.
- Athletic participants — TBI and CTE.
- Autonomous vehicles.
- Campus construction risk.
- Background screenings.
- Campus violence, crisis communications, and disaster planning.
- Cyber security.
- E-Risk (cyber/network security liability).
- Daycare centers on campus.
- Drones — UAV.
- Environmental.
- Health care clinics — contracts.
- Law enforcement — contracts.
- Minors on campus.
- Pandemic/coronavirus.
- Protests on campus.
- Off-campus housing.
- Opioids.
- Reputational risk.
- 15-passenger vans and fleet safety.
- Sanctuary campuses.
- Sporting events.
- Student rights (FERPA).
- Summer camps.
- Tuition reimbursement.



## Higher Education Market Guidance\*

- General liability.
- Automobile liability.
- Educators legal liability.
- Workers' compensation.
- Excess workers' compensation.
- Lead umbrella.
- Excess umbrella.
- Internships and professional liability.



\*Note: Marsh renewal strategy meeting with clients will include more details on market guidance.

## Primary and Secondary Education

- Market remains erratic and capacity is being reduced.
- Usage of captives and alternative risk solutions increasing.
- Integrated programs and pools dominate public K-12.
- Reinsurance takes a bigger hit on rate.
- Guaranteed cost options available.
- Capacity available up to \$10 million.
- More markets to achieve the same results, with an increase in premium.
- Budget restrictions, reduction in staff = varying results.
- Overall poor underwriting experience = volatility.



## Primary and Secondary Education Market Guidance\*

### Rates Guidance:

- General liability.
- Automobile liability.
- School board legal liability.
- Lead umbrella.
- Excess umbrella.

### Key Points / Conclusion:

- Higher retentions may be needed.
- Become acquainted with alternative forms and coverage.
- Balance the value drivers between coverage, capacity, and price.

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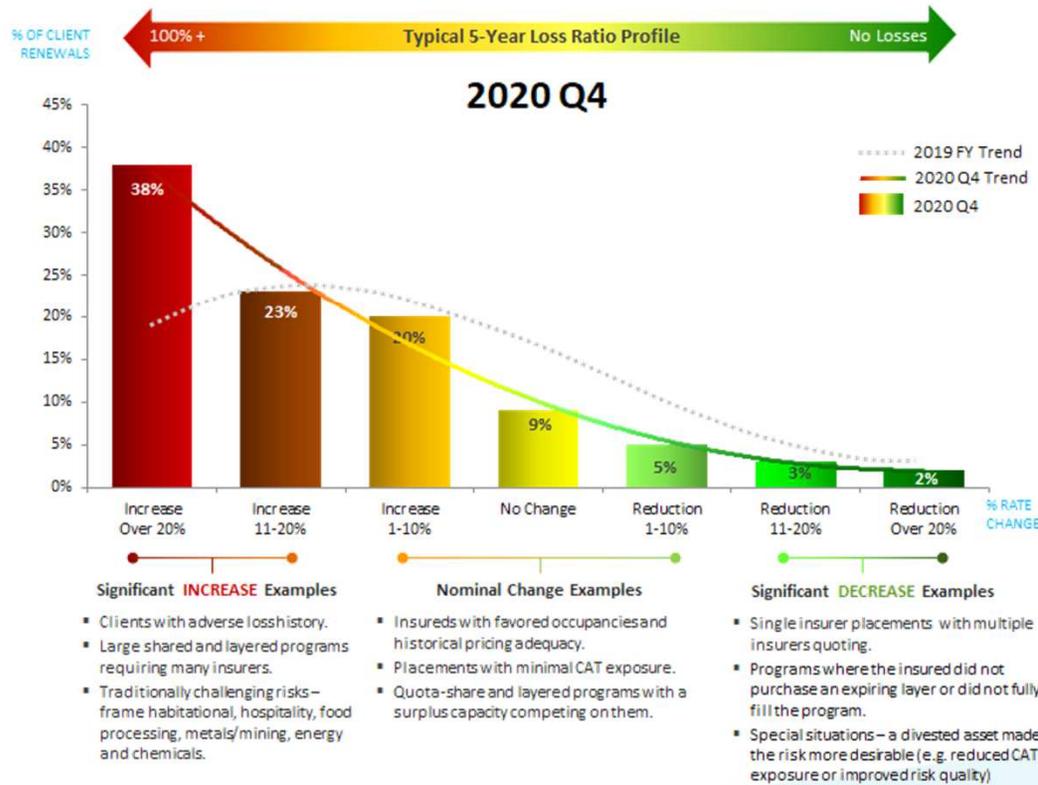
# Property Education Market Update

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## Marsh US Property Market Update

<b>Q4 Highlights Overall Market</b>	<b>Overall Market Commentary</b>	<b>Key Themes</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 81% of insureds experienced rate increases.</li><li>• 10% of insureds experienced a rate decrease, with 9% seeing no change.</li><li>• 9% of insureds experienced no rate change at renewal.</li><li>• Terrorism take-up rate was 57%.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 13 straight quarters or rate increases.</li><li>• Divergence of larger &amp; smaller programs.</li><li>• Significant percentage of insureds changing retention or limit.</li><li>• 2020 likely record year for global insured property losses – SCS, SRCC, Flood, Named Storm.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rate + Terms &amp; Conditions.</li><li>• Policy forms.</li><li>• Valuation.</li><li>• Deductibles on loss-driven programs.</li></ul>

# Marsh US Property Rate Change Benchmarking



- Q4 HIGHLIGHTS**
- 61% of programs experienced a rate increase greater than 10%.
  - 81% of companies saw rate increases in the fourth quarter. Only 5% of clients had no change in rate for their Q4 renewal.
  - 10% of companies saw rate decreases at renewal.
  - Average rate changes:
    - All companies: +19.9%
    - Non-CAT: +16.9%
    - Medium-CAT: +26.6%
    - High-CAT: +19.8%
  - Coverage for terrorism was purchased by 57% of clients.

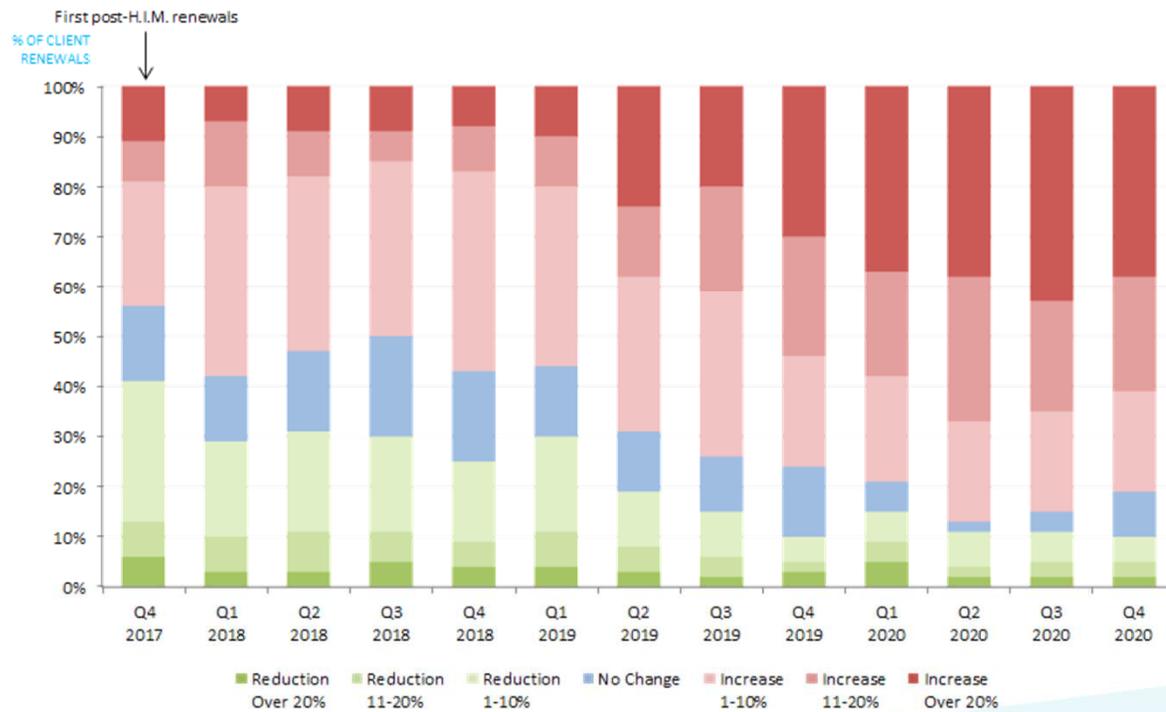
*Renewals with increased deductibles or reduced limits are excluded.*

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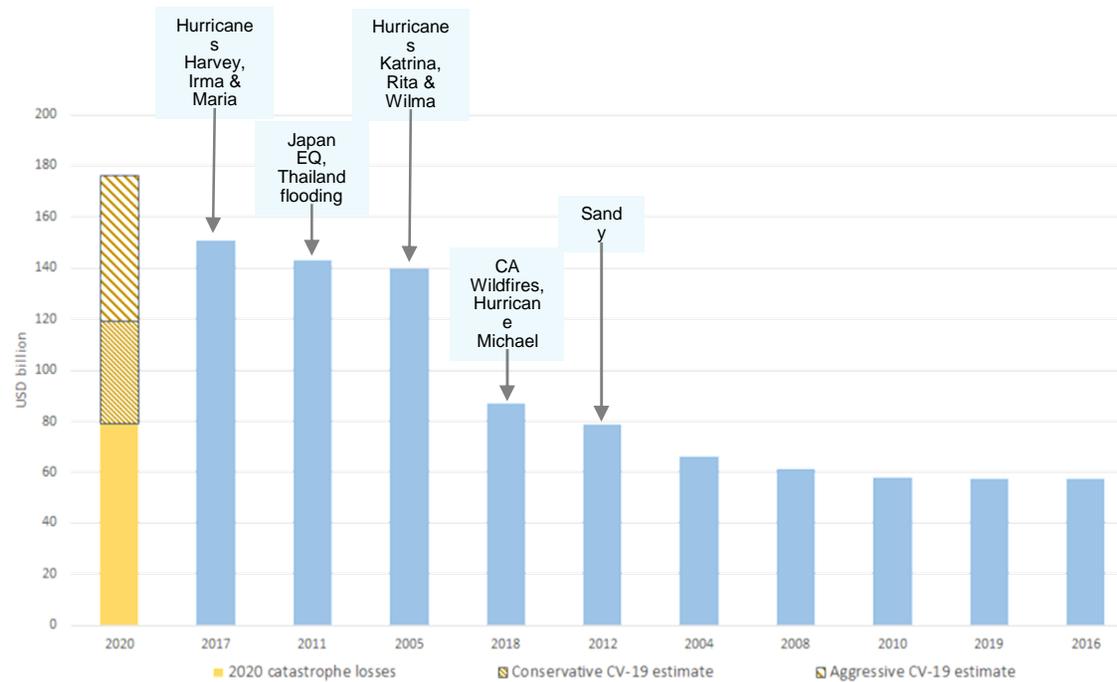
## Quarterly Rate Changes, Q4 2017 to Q4 2020



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# Global Insured Losses

## Top 10 Largest Insured Catastrophe Loss Years

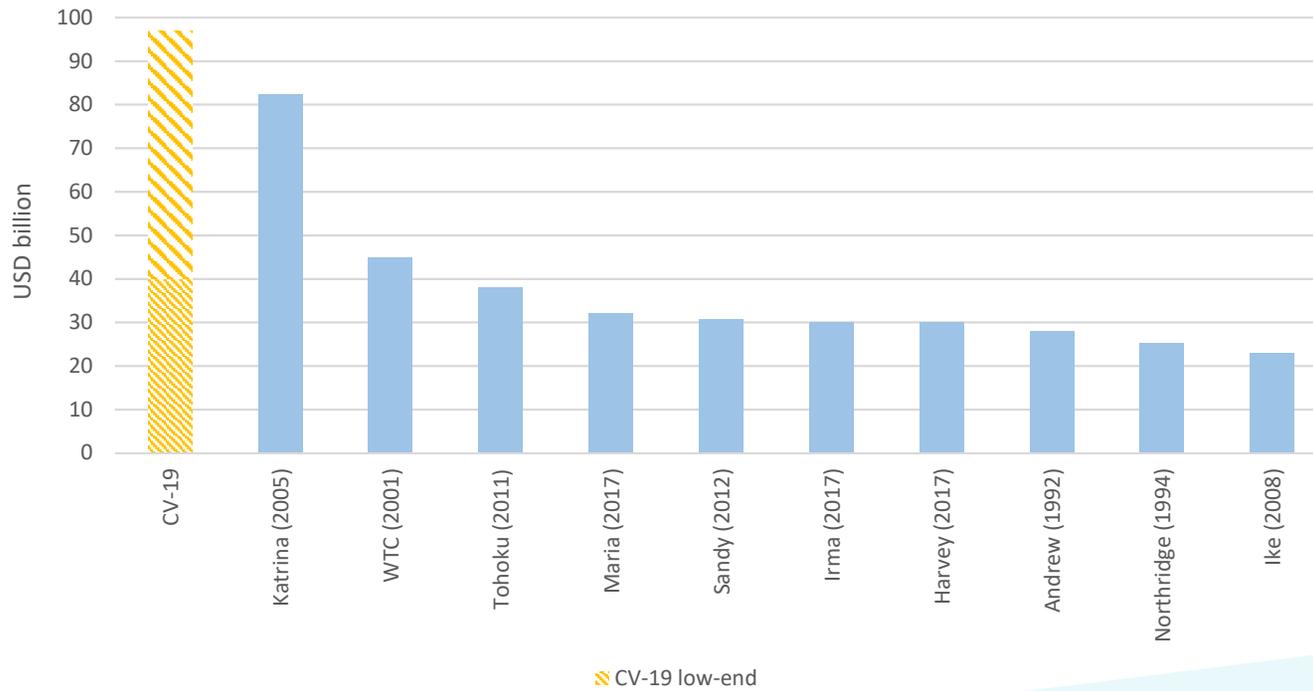


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Losses for Full Year 2020 look set, at a minimum, to approach USD \$100 billion for only the fourth time ever.

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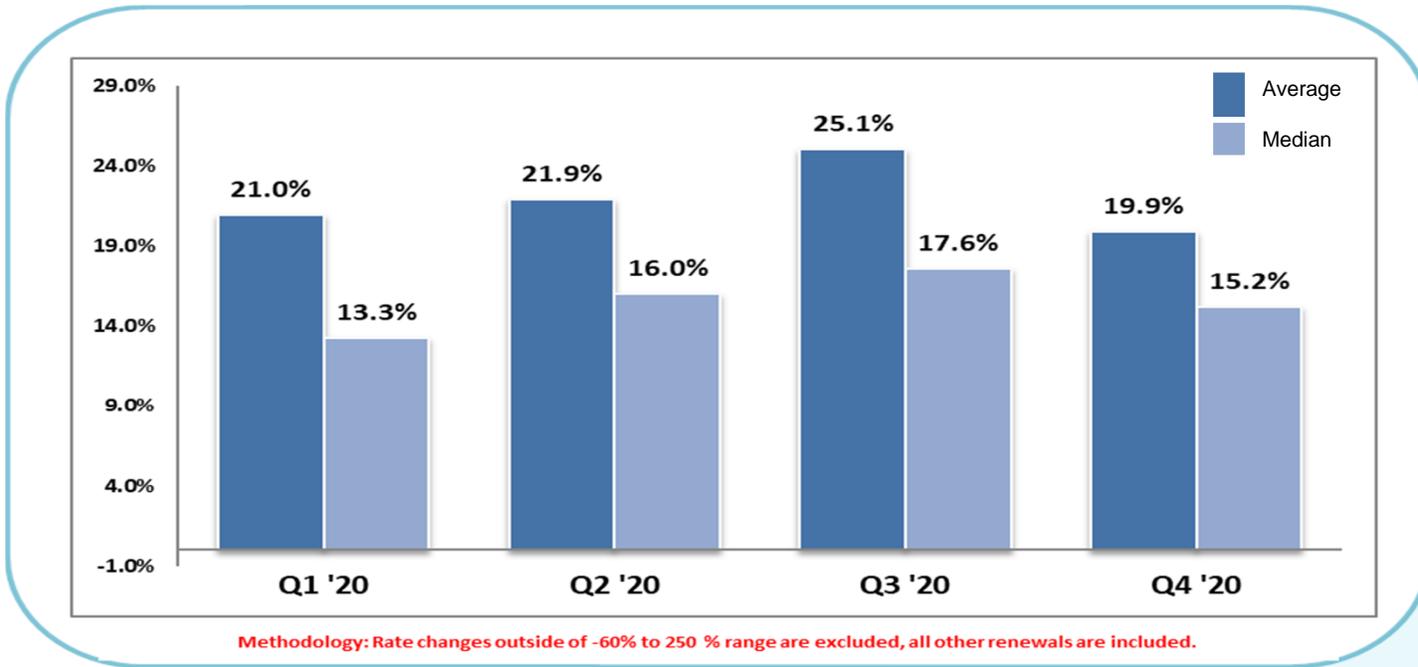
## Top 10 Largest Insured Events & Projections for COVID-19



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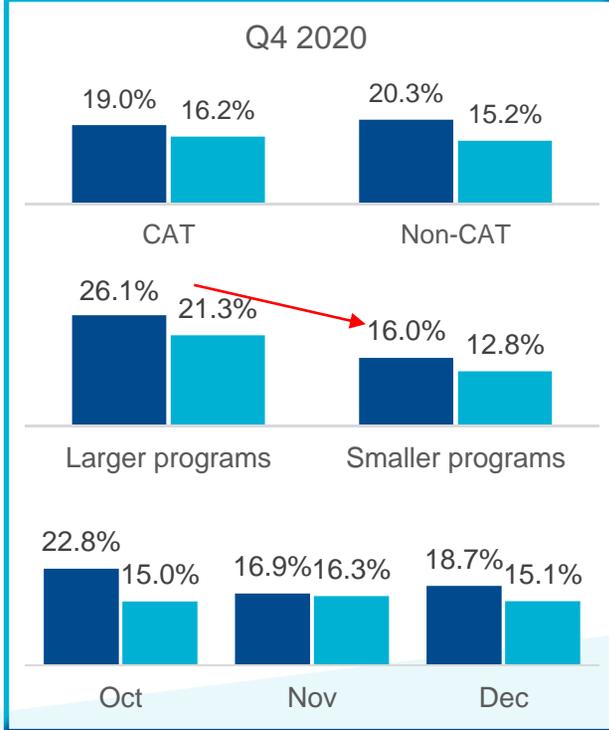
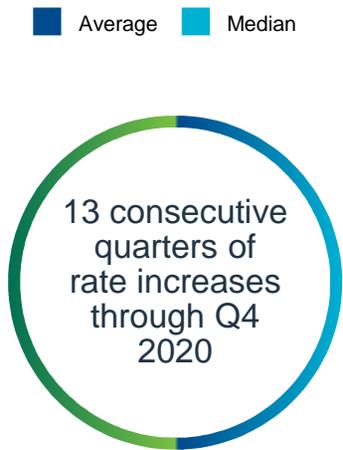
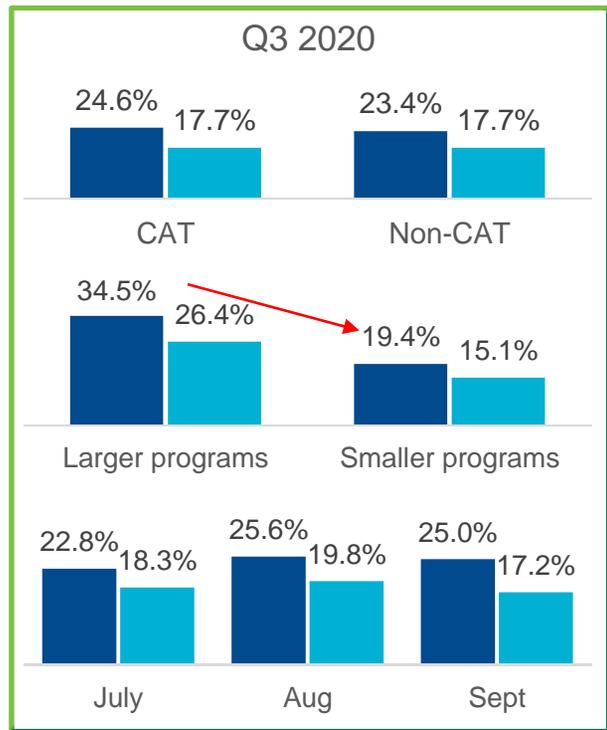
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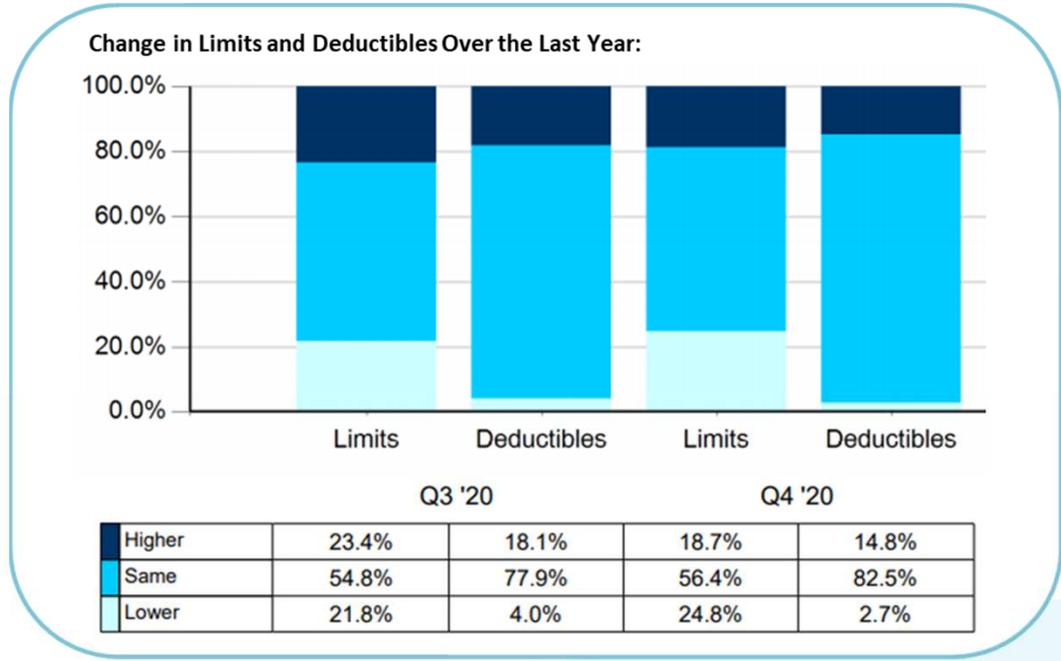


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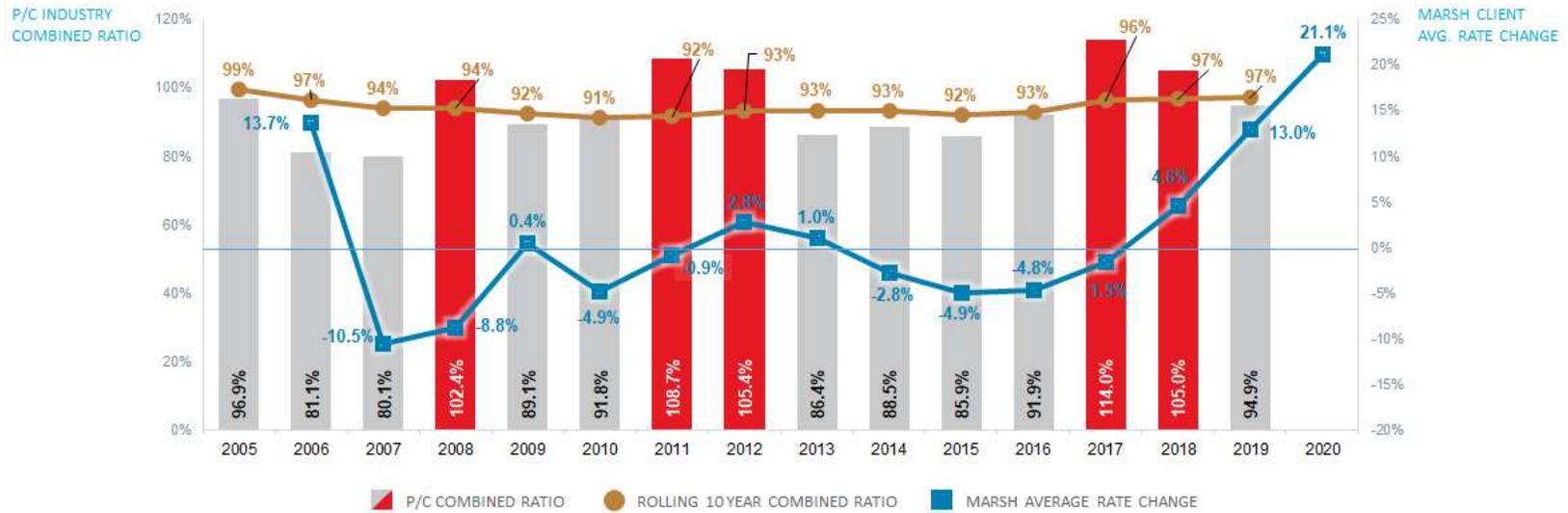
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Marsh US Property Portfolio



# Commercial Property – Historical Underwriting Performance

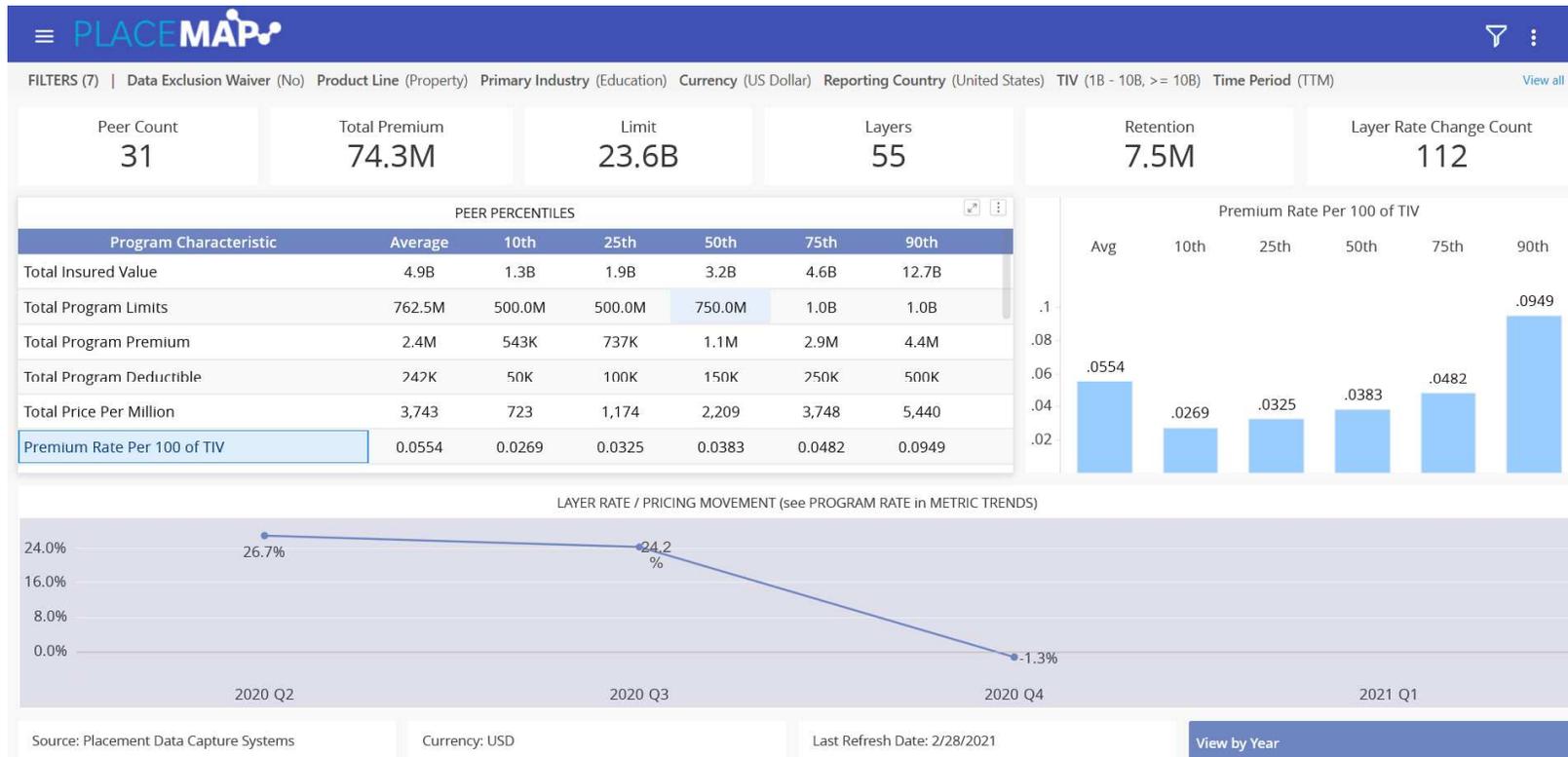


As a whole, US industry will target a combined loss ratio in high 80's to low 90's in order to earn an "adequate" return on capital for property insurance.

Source: Dowling & Partners; Statutory Filings; D&P Analysis; Commercial Property = CMP (Non-liab), Fire, Inland Marine, Allied Lines, Boiler & Machinery & EQ

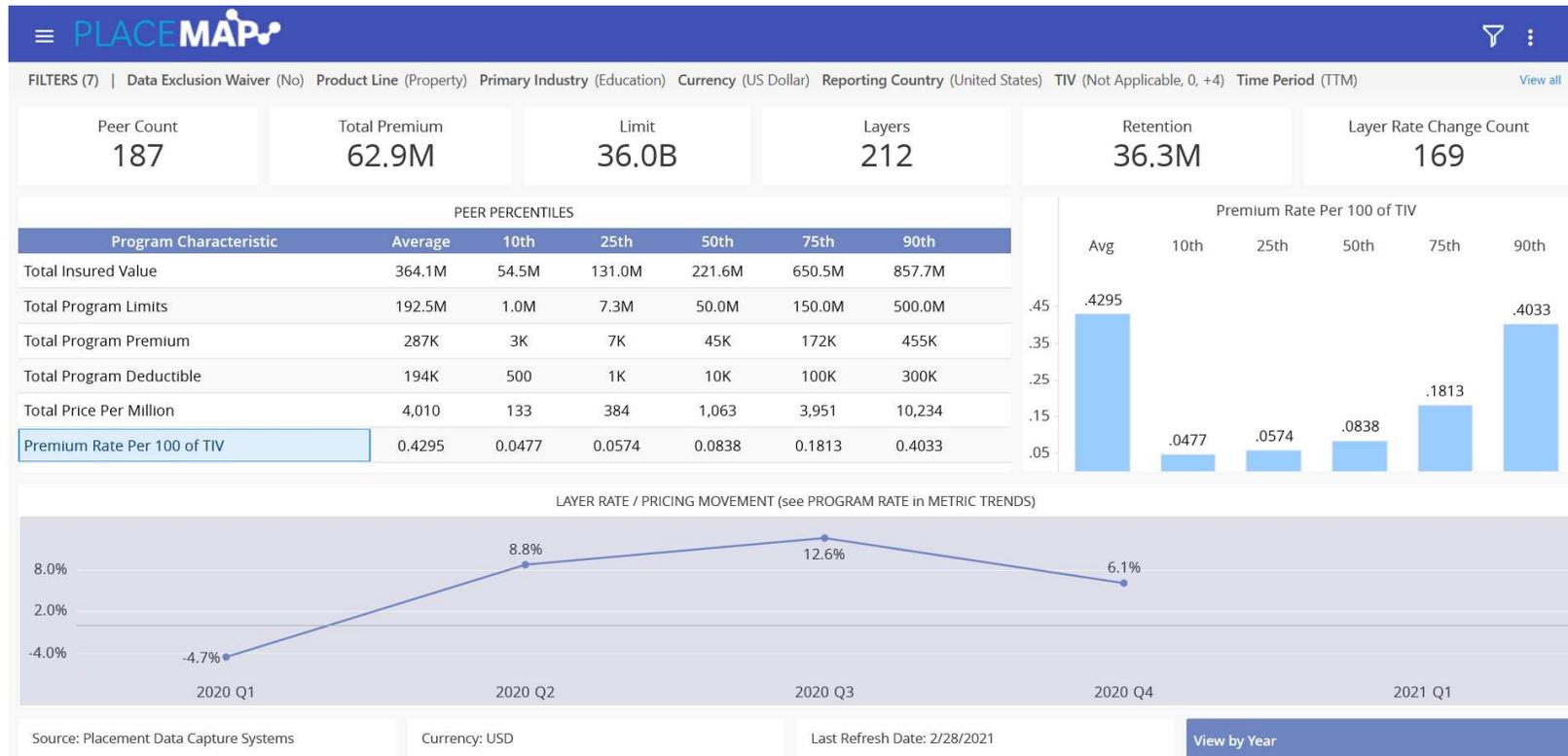
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## Education Property Benchmarking – Insured Values > \$1B



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## Education Property Benchmarking – Insured Values < \$1B



## Underwriting Perspective Rate Change Characteristics

Lesser Rate Increase		Greater Rate Increase
Single insurer	Program Structure	Shared & layered
Low hazard	Occupancy	High hazard
Loss-free	Loss Experience	Loss-affected
Nominal	NatCat Exposure	Severe
Non-combustible	Construction	Frame
Protected, well-maintained	Risk Quality	Poorly protected & maint.
Engaged	Loss Control Focus	Disengaged
Minimal for occupancy	Loss Expectancies	Large count & quantum
Above expected losses	Deductible	Not appropriate for size/risk
Credible	Valuation	Questionable

## Underwriting Perspective Emphasis on New Loss Drivers

### Traditional Concerns

- Earthquakes
- Hurricanes
- Floods
- Large fire loss expectancies and MFL's

### Emerging Concerns

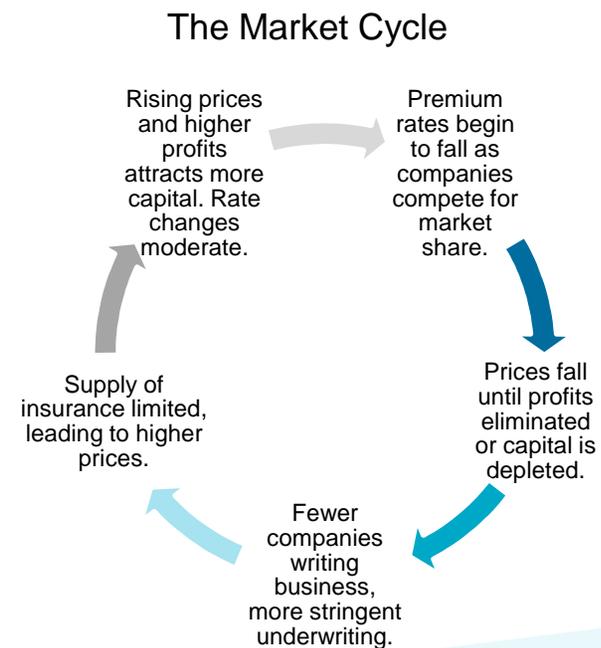
- Severe convective storm
- Wildfires
- Contingent B.I.
- Strikes, Riots and Civil Commotion (SRCC)

## Underwriting Perspective Property Market Hot Buttons



## Future Expectations

- Known issues:
  - Heavy catastrophe losses in 2020.
  - Bond market returns continue to diminish = need for underwriting profitability.
- Stabilizing factors:
  - Many markets indicating a desire to grow in 2021.
  - Pricing at or near “technical” rates.
  - Alternative capacity remains plentiful.
  - Recent new and expanded capacity.
- To be determined:
  - Winter Storm Uri impact.
  - Insurers remain well-capitalized but will they deploy capacity?



## Recommendations

### Pre-Renewal

- Communicate often with brokers and internal stakeholders.
- Develop a plan to differentiate your risk.
- Meet with underwriters.
- Review loss control weak spots and prepare a plan to address those that do not require significant capital.
- Know your risk bearing capacity.
- Review necessary coverage items and “nice-to-haves” for potential saving opportunities.
- Start early, but be mindful of potential timing issues.
- Explore alternative risk solutions.

### Post-Renewal

- Review any non-concurrent terms to ensure a complete understanding.
- Conduct a post-renewal meeting with appropriate persons.
- Assess how the renewal process went.
- Start planning for 2022.

## Key Markets for Higher Education Property

- AIG.
- Alternus.\*
- Arch.
- AXA XL.
- Chubb.
- CNA.
- FM Global.\*\*
- Hartford.
- Liberty Mutual.
- Lloyd's.
- Sompo.
- Starr.
- Travelers.\*\*
- Swiss Re.
- Zurich.



\* Exclusive to Marsh.

\*\* 100% of program or layer only.

# Health & Benefits Insights

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# 2020: A Year of Chaos & Agility

Findings

November 2020

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# Key Findings



49% of participants reported that their institution **hit or came close to target enrollments** this academic year.



However, **84% of institutions missed their budget targets** likely due to reductions in non-tuition revenue streams (room and board, fees, athletics, etc.) as well as the costs related to COVID-19 (testing, hotel rooms for quarantining, cleaning, etc.)



Institutions have addressed reduced budgets with **staff layoffs (35%).**



A majority of institutions (62%) **will NOT be providing merit** increases with still another 29% still deciding.



It appears that **flexible work arrangements are here to stay** with 46% of institutions likely to continue a flexible work arrangement schedule.

# Key Findings



Working remotely appears to be largely successful:

90% report a positive impact or no change on **employee productivity**.

75% report a positive impact or no change on **work life balance**.

76% report a positive impact or no change on **communication and collaboration**.



Mental health continues to be a challenge: 54% report a negative impact (improved somewhat from the prior survey.)



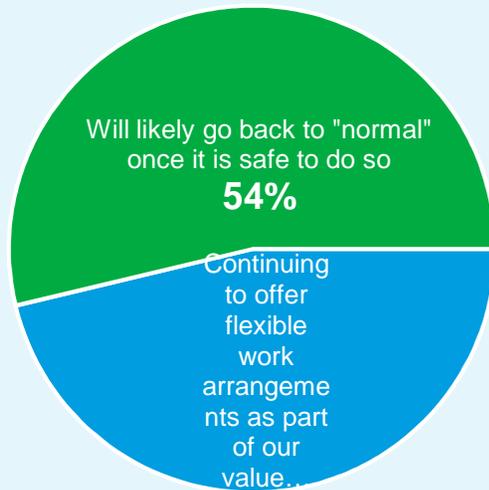
Despite tight budgets, the vast majority (93%) of institutions are making **little to no changes in their health and welfare plans** – including 58% of institutions reporting no changes to wellbeing programs.



As institutions adapt to the continuously changing environment, most are **focused on strategic workforce analytics (75%), business processes review (63%), and DEI programs and policies (52%).**

# Flexible Work

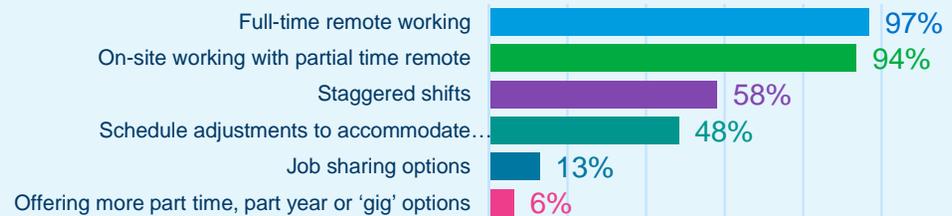
**Q: Flexible work arrangements are becoming an important topic in higher education. How is your institution addressing this issue:**



## Segmentation

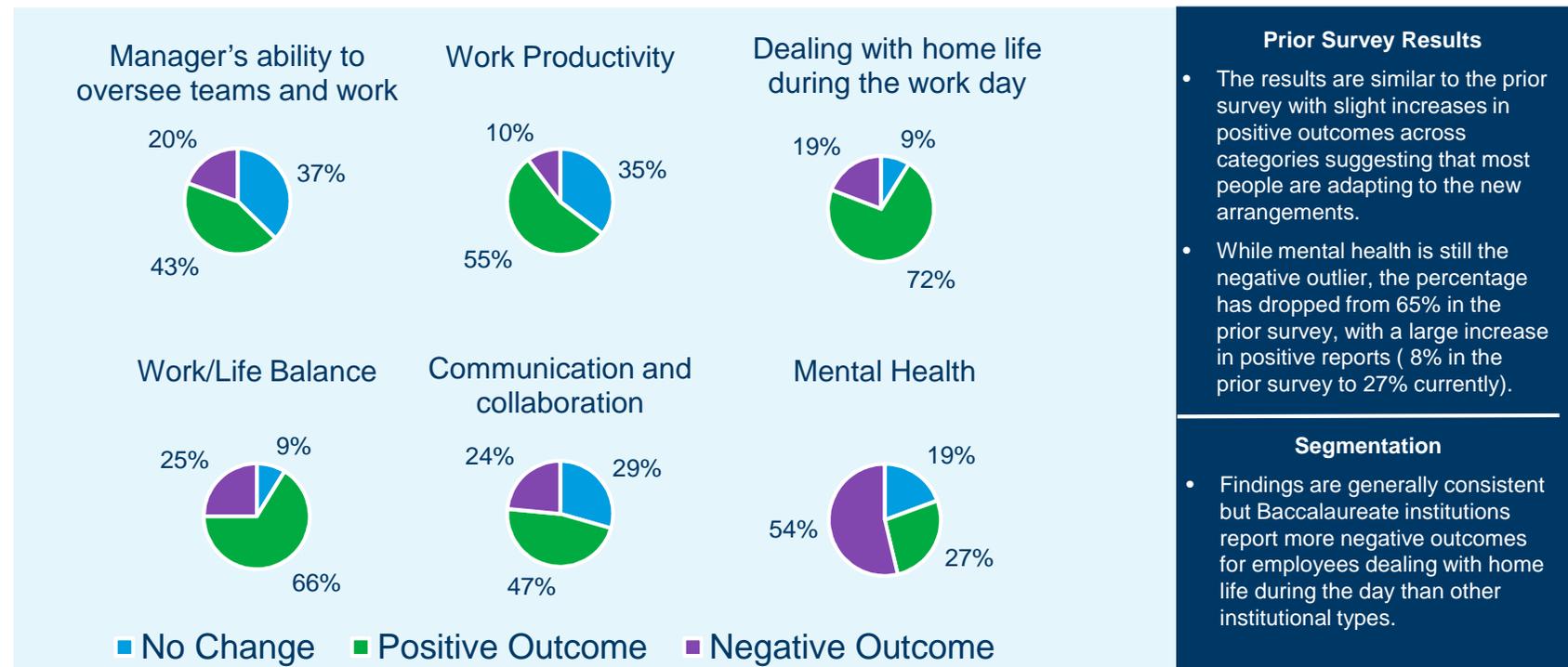
- Only 42% of private institutions reported that they are interested in continuing to offer flexible working arrangements, compared to 54% of public institutions
- Just over half of Doctoral institutions (52%) will continue to offer flexible working arrangements post COVID-19, compared to only ~30% of both Masters and Baccalaureate institutions

## Of those considering long-term flexible work arrangements:



# Remote Working

**Q: Remote working on a regular basis has not been common in higher education until the pandemic forced it. What outcomes has your institution experienced in this extended period of remote working?**



**Prior Survey Results**

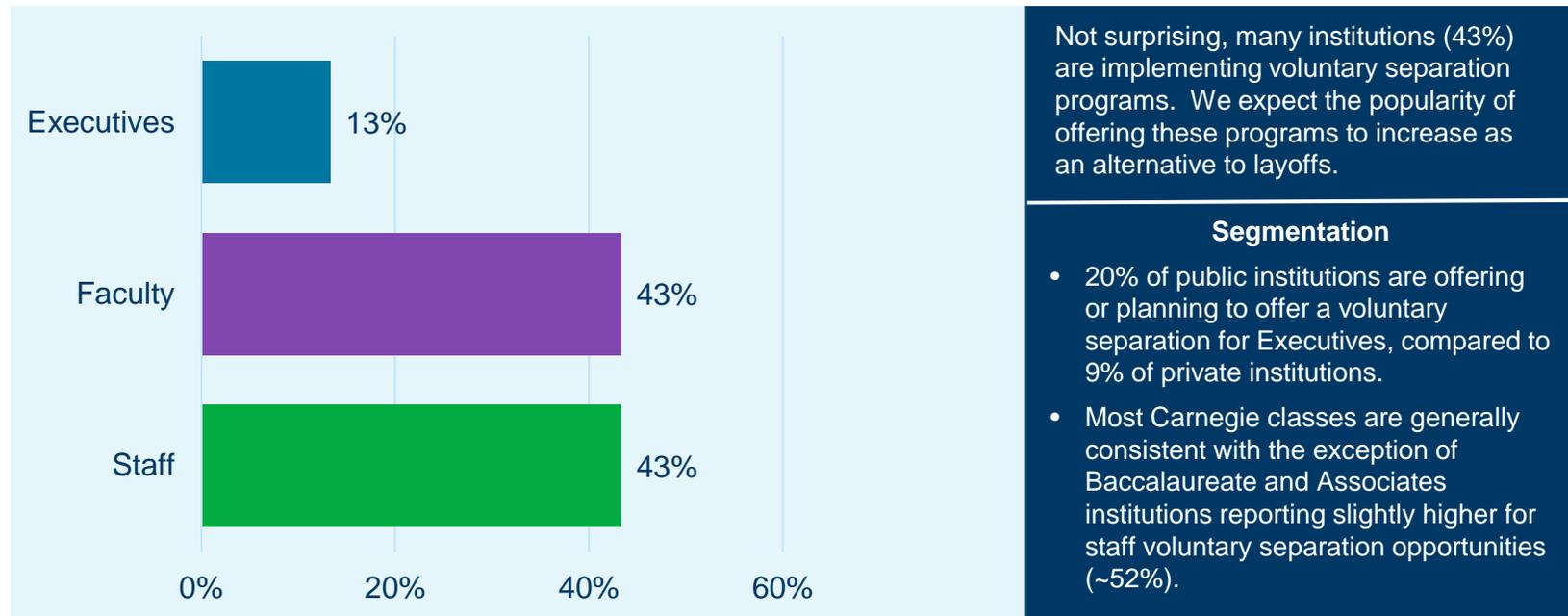
- The results are similar to the prior survey with slight increases in positive outcomes across categories suggesting that most people are adapting to the new arrangements.
- While mental health is still the negative outlier, the percentage has dropped from 65% in the prior survey, with a large increase in positive reports ( 8% in the prior survey to 27% currently).

**Segmentation**

- Findings are generally consistent but Baccalaureate institutions report more negative outcomes for employees dealing with home life during the day than other institutional types.

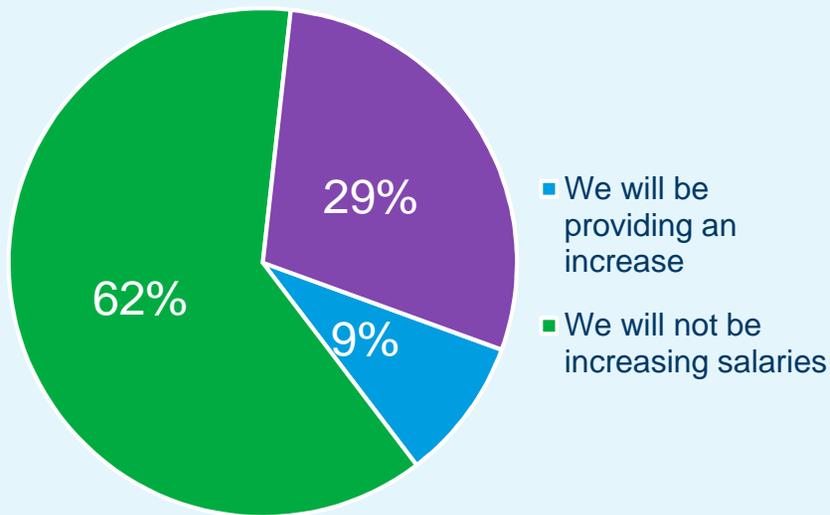
# Voluntary Separation

**Q: Has your institution offered (or plans to offer) a voluntary separation from service or early retirement incentive?**  
Please check all employee groups that apply.



# Merit Increases

Q: Please describe the annual/merit increases for your current academic year



### Segmentation

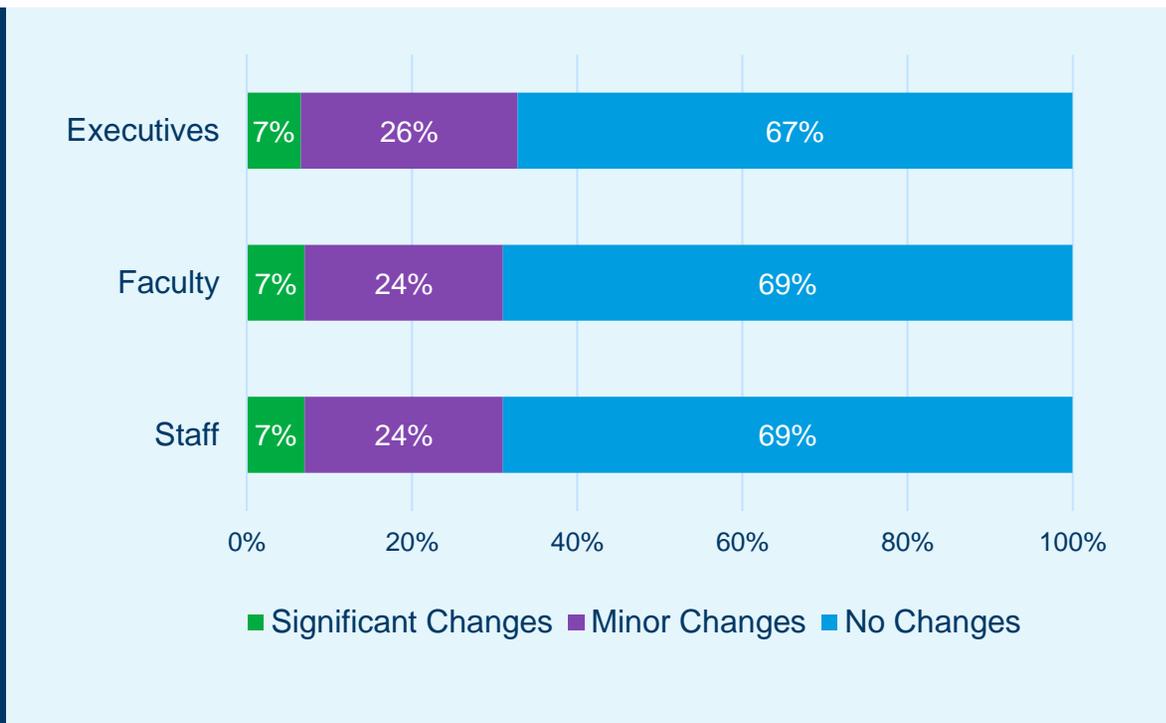
- 35% of publics have decided not to provide salary increases and almost half are undecided. This compares to 77% of private institutions having already decided not to provide salary increases.
- This is consistent across Carnegie class with the exception of Associates institutions (67% still deciding).
- Many institutions with enrollments and budgets that are near their targets are still considering whether to provide salary increases, given the uncertainty around the pandemic.

Of the 9% of institutions providing salary increases the increase was **between 1-3%** for all employee types

# Benefits Strategies

**Q: Has your institution made changes to its health and welfare benefits program?**

- Surprisingly, most institutions have not reduced benefit programs even though most institutions are experiencing a budget shortfall.
- Of those that have made changes, the most common is reduction in the retirement contribution. This approach is generally easiest to implement and has an immediate impact on institutional finances.
- There is some continued movement to modify leave policies and offer early retirement programs.
- We expect that there may be increasing pressure to reduce benefit spend in the near future.

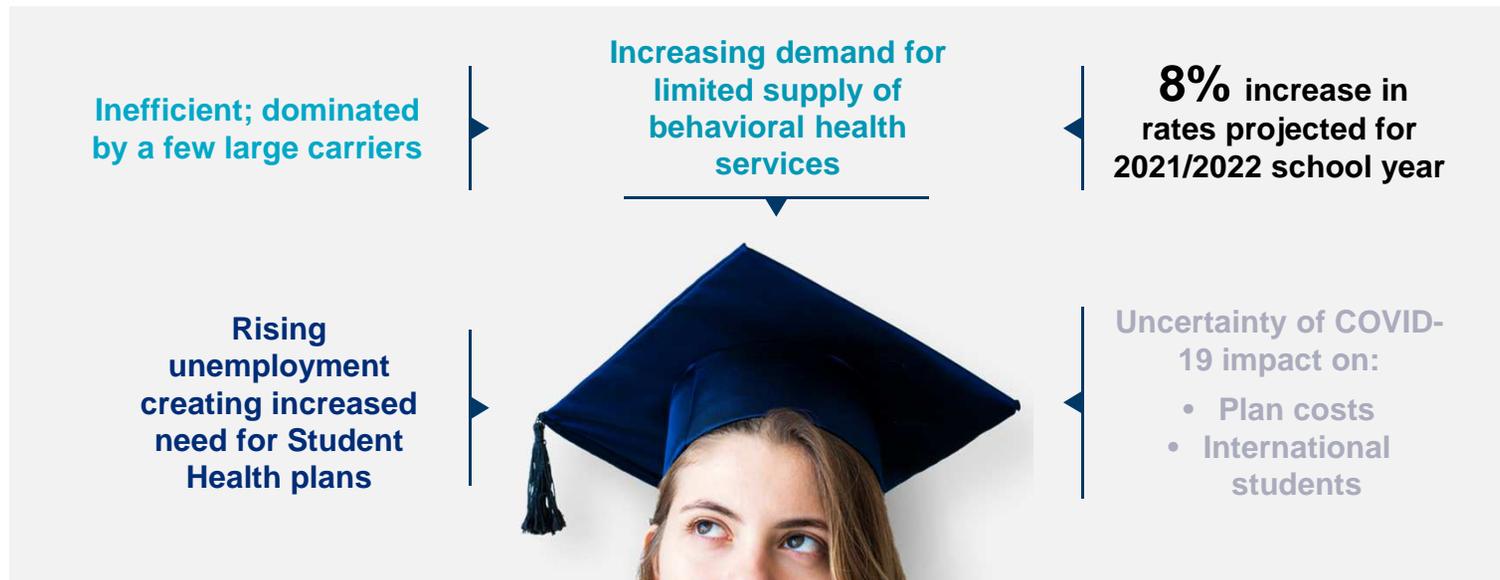


# Student Health Landscape

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# Student Health Landscape

## Market Update



# Driving Success

## Innovative Solutions for Student Health



Leverage and integrate total campus population to optimize purchasing



Implement Student Assistance Plan (SAP) to expand behavioral health access



Consider Student Health as part of the total campus health initiative



Self funding for larger plans

# Managing Costs

## Self Funding Student Health

### Value

- Cost savings for students and the University
- Optimized vendor administrative capabilities (“best of the best”)
- Enhanced plan flexibility

### Key considerations

- The University assumes risk
- Risk mitigation (stop loss, captives)
- Governance
- Regulatory approval

### End result

- Savings up to 10%
- Selection of vendors that best meet needs of the University and students
- Improved administration and flexibility

Phase 1: Go or No-Go



# Managing Costs

## Leveraging Employee Benefits Population for Better Student Health Fees

	<h3>Client</h3>	<h3>Project and action</h3>	
	<p>Current university client engaged Mercer for Student Health consulting</p>	<p>Mercer conducted the Request for Proposal process for a student health benefits carrier</p> <p>All major student health coverage carriers were included in the RFP process</p>	
	<h3>The difference</h3>	<h3>The results</h3>	<p><b>11%+</b> annual savings on Student Health with multi-year rate cap</p>
	<p>Working with the University's employee benefits account executive at one of the national carriers, Mercer negotiated a contract that assured the University got credit for and maximized leverage across both Student and Employee benefits</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Achieved lower student health premiums based on combined headcount for employee medical and student health</li> <li>Decreased employee medical ASO fees, with improved scale and administrative efficiencies</li> </ul>	

# Q&A

## Survey Request



We are very interested in your opinion!



We will be circulating a replay link and copies of the slides.



Please remember to take our survey when you receive the follow-up email.

Thank you for attending!



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