

IMIA Country Analysis 2010

Country	Premium Development	Claims Development	Underwriting Profitability	Business Outlook
USA	P&C insurers' Written premium increased while Earned premium decreased in 2010. There was a 0.9% rise in GWP compared to -3.8% in 2009; while GEP decreased by -0.4% compared to -3.7% in 2009.	In 2010 Incurred Losses and LAE slightly increased. The total Incurred Losses for 2010 were \$256.5 billion with another \$52.6 billion in LAE. The P&C Industry's Direct catastrophe losses increased in 2010.	Loss Ratios and Combined Ratios increased in 2010. The Loss & LAE ratio went from 72.5% in 2009 to 73.5% in 2010 while combined ratio increased from 101.0% in 2009 to 102.4% in 2010. The Expense Ratio slightly increased in 2010, rising to 28.3% from 28.0% in 2009.	As market conditions remain soft but look to change, premium growth has slightly increased. Because losses have also increased at a slightly higher rate, overall loss ratios have increased. Insurers need to continue to implement new ideas and strategies within the market to create positive premium growth while improving underwriting and pricing guidelines to reduce losses and maintain profitable growth.

Source: Premium and Loss Ratio Tables taken from ISO Property/Casualty Insurance Industry Financial Results April 29, 2011