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COMMERCIAL P/C PRICING INCREASES SLOWED IN SECOND QUARTER, ACCORDING TO CIAB SURVEY

WASHINGTON, D.C. – July 23, 2013 – Commercial property/casualty pricing continued to gently creep upwards in the second quarter, The Council of Insurance Agents & Brokers' quarterly Commercial P/C Market Index Survey revealed. On average, pricing rose at a rate of 4.3 percent compared with 5.2 percent in the first quarter of 2013, according to the charts prepared by Barclays Research based on The Council's data.

Small and medium account pricing continued to rise more than pricing for large accounts, as shown in the chart below.

"There weren't any great surprises in the second quarter," said The Council's President/CEO Ken A. Crerar. "Prices inched up, underwriting tightened and insurers looked to reduce exposure in some critical areas. However, the market hardening appears to have moderated in the last quarter," Crerar added.

Average Second Quarter 2013 Commercial Rate Increases Slow

	Small Accounts	Medium Accounts	Large Accounts	Avg
Second Quarter 2013	4.6%	4.7%	3.8%	4.3%
First Quarter 2013	5.2%	5.3%	4.9%	5.2%
Fourth Quarter 2012	5.5%	5.1%	4.4%	5.0%
Third Quarter 2012	3.7%	4.5%	3.5%	3.9%
Second Quarter 2012	4.3%	4.9%	3.7%	4.3%
High (4Q01)	20.8%	31.7%	33.0%	28.5%
Low (3Q07)	-10.0% (1Q08)	-15.0%	-15.9%	-13.3%

Source: The Council of Insurance Agents & Brokers. Chart prepared by Barclays Research.

The critical areas continued to be property and workers' compensation. The second quarter survey also showed that insurers were still feeling the sting of Superstorm Sandy, the most destructive hurricane of the 2012 Atlantic hurricane season. In fact, insurers were looking carefully at any CAT-prone property exposure on the coast or inland. Brokers across the country reported that insurers were using more wind/hail deductibles.

Brokers also said carriers pulled back on terms and conditions and lowered limits and cover for exposures, such as storm surge, flood and off-site power, among others.

One broker in the Midwest noted that flood mapping by carriers was fraught with uncertainty and inconsistency and suggested there should be a universally recognized and uniform flood mapping model.

Workers' compensation again was a tough sell, particularly where loss experience was poor. A broker in the Northwest reported that "Workers' compensation was the line with the strongest rate [increases] and non-renewals." A similar story played out in most regions of the country with some brokers reporting that carriers were backing away from the line.

Demand for insurance appeared to hold steady in the second quarter, according to the brokers responding -- an indication that the economy is slowly recovering.

The survey showed that the top concern among brokers continued to be finding young talent to fill the shoes of the aging and retiring broker force. Uncertainty surrounding health insurance reform also remained a great concern.

The Council's survey is the oldest, most authoritative source of existing market conditions, pricing practices and trends, dating back to 1999.

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Below are the survey results for: ALL REGIONS

	1 Down 30-40%	2 Down 20-30%	3 Down 10-20%	4 Down 1-10%	5 No Change	6 Up 1-10%	7 Up 10-20%	8 Up 20-30%	9 Up 30-50%	10 Up 50- 100%	N/A
Small (<\$25K Comm. & Fees)	0%	0%	0%	2%	15%	70%	6%	1%	0%	0%	6%
Medium (\$25K – \$100K)	0%	0%	0%	4%	16%	72%	4%	1%	1%	0%	2%
Large (>\$100K)	0%	0%	0%	5%	24%	61%	2%	1%	1%	0%	6%

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Business Interruption	0%	0%	0%	1%	27%	63%	2%	1%	0%	0%	6%
Commercial Auto	0%	0%	0%	3%	26%	63%	6%	0%	1%	0%	1%
Commercial Property	0%	0%	0%	4%	12%	65%	14%	3%	0%	0%	2%
Construction Risks	0%	0%	0%	3%	20%	60%	10%	1%	0%	0%	6%
D & O	0%	0%	0%	3%	22%	46%	22%	2%	0%	0%	5%
Flood Insurance	0%	0%	0%	1%	33%	31%	13%	7%	1%	0%	14%
Employment Practices	0%	0%	0%	3%	30%	42%	21%	1%	0%	0%	3%
General Liability	0%	0%	0%	3%	32%	61%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Marine	0%	0%	0%	6%	38%	41%	5%	1%	0%	0%	9%
Medical Malpractice	0%	0%	2%	5%	26%	25%	2%	0%	0%	0%	40%
Surety Bonds	0%	0%	0%	0%	52%	17%	1%	0%	0%	0%	30%
Terrorism	0%	0%	0%	1%	56%	21%	2%	1%	0%	0%	19%
Umbrella	0%	0%	0%	5%	30%	59%	4%	0%	1%	0%	1%
Workers' Compensation	0%	0%	0%	1%	10%	57%	25%	5%	1%	0%	1%
Broker E&O	0%	0%	0%	2%	29%	31%	5%	0%	0%	0%	33%

Below are the survey results for: NORTHEAST (CT, DE, DC, MA, ME, MD, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI)

1. On average, how have premium rates changed over the last three months (April 1, 2013-June 30, 2013) for the following accounts? Please check N/A if you don't know or don't handle the type of account

	1 Down 30-40%	2 Down 20-30%	3 Down 10-20%	4 Down 1-10%	5 No Change	6 Up 1-10%	7 Up 10-20%	8 Up 20-30%	9 Up 30-50%	10 Up 50- 100%	N/A
Small (<\$25K Comm. & Fees)	0%	0%	0%	0%	29%	53%	6%	6%	0%	0%	6%
Medium (\$25K – \$100K)	0%	0%	0%	0%	31%	63%	0%	0%	6%	0%	0%
Large (>\$100K)	0%	0%	0%	6%	47%	35%	0%	0%	0%	0%	12%

	1 Down 30-40%	2 Down 20-30%	3 Down 10-20%	4 Down 1-10%	5 No Change	6 Up 1-10%	7 Up 10- 20%	8 Up 20- 30%	9 Up 30- 50%	10 Up 50- 100%	N/A
Business Interruption	0%	0%	0%	0%	41%	47%	0%	0%	0%	0%	12%
Commercial Auto	0%	0%	0%	12%	41%	35%	6%	0%	0%	0%	6%
Commercial Property	0%	0%	0%	6%	24%	46%	18%	0%	0%	0%	6%
Construction Risks	0%	0%	0%	0%	41%	41%	0%	6%	0%	0%	12%
D & O	0%	0%	0%	6%	29%	47%	12%	0%	0%	0%	6%
Flood Insurance	0%	0%	0%	0%	47%	23%	12%	0%	6%	0%	12%
Employment Practices	0%	0%	0%	6%	35%	41%	6%	6%	0%	0%	6%
General Liability	0%	0%	0%	6%	47%	41%	6%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Marine	0%	0%	0%	6%	53%	23%	6%	0%	0%	0%	12%
Medical Malpractice	0%	0%	6%	6%	29%	35%	0%	0%	0%	0%	24%
Surety Bonds	0%	0%	0%	0%	76%	6%	0%	0%	0%	0%	18%
Terrorism	0%	0%	0%	0%	59%	17%	0%	0%	0%	0%	24%
Umbrella	0%	0%	0%	6%	41%	47%	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%
Worker's Compensation	0%	0%	0%	0%	18%	58%	18%	0%	0%	0%	6%
Broker E&O	0%	0%	0%	6%	41%	35%	0%	0%	0%	0%	18%

Below are the survey results for: SOUTHEAST (AL, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV)

1. On average, how have premium rates changed over the last three (April 1, 2013-June 30, 2013) for the following accounts? Please check N/A if you don't know or don't handle the type of account

	1 Down 30-40%	2 Down 20-30%	3 Down 10-20%	4 Down 1-10%	5 No Change	6 Up 1-10%	7 Up 10-20%	8 Up 20-30%	9 Up 30-50%	10 Up 50- 100%	N/A
Small (<\$25K Comm. & Fees)	0%	0%	0%	3%	10%	70%	10%	0%	0%	0%	7%
Medium (\$25K – \$100K)	0%	0%	0%	7%	14%	66%	7%	3%	0%	0%	3%
Large (>\$100K)	0%	0%	0%	7%	28%	56%	3%	3%	3%	0%	0%

	1 Down 30- 40%	2 Down 20-30%	3 Down 10-20%	4 Down 1-10%	5 No Change	6 Up 1-10%	7 Up 10- 20%	8 Up 20- 30%	9 Up 30- 50%	10 Up 50- 100%	N/A
Business Interruption	0%	0%	0%	3%	28%	59%	7%	0%	0%	0%	3%
Commercial Auto	0%	0%	0%	3%	24%	63%	7%	0%	3%	0%	0%
Commercial Property	0%	0%	0%	7%	10%	66%	14%	3%	0%	0%	0%
Construction Risks	0%	0%	0%	4%	29%	56%	11%	0%	0%	0%	0%
D & O	0%	0%	0%	7%	31%	35%	21%	3%	0%	0%	3%
Flood Insurance	0%	0%	0%	3%	38%	31%	14%	7%	0%	0%	7%
Employment Practices	0%	0%	0%	3%	38%	45%	14%	0%	0%	0%	0%
General Liability	0%	0%	0%	3%	31%	56%	10%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Marine	0%	0%	0%	4%	56%	29%	7%	0%	0%	0%	4%
Medical Malpractice	0%	0%	0%	4%	19%	21%	4%	0%	0%	0%	52%
Surety Bonds	0%	0%	0%	0%	52%	7%	0%	0%	0%	0%	41%
Terrorism	0%	0%	0%	0%	66%	10%	3%	0%	0%	0%	21%
Umbrella	0%	0%	0%	7%	28%	55%	7%	0%	3%	0%	0%
Workers' Compensation	0%	0%	0%	3%	14%	53%	24%	3%	3%	0%	0%
Broker E&O	0%	0%	0%	0%	30%	18%	4%	0%	0%	0%	48%

Below are the survey results for: MIDWEST (AR, IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MO, MN, NE, ND, SD, OH, WI)

1. On average, how have premium rates changed over the last three months (April 1, 2013-June 30, 2013) for the following accounts? Please check N/A if you don't know or don't handle the type of account.

	1 Down 30-40%	2 Down 20-30%	3 Down 10-20%	4 Down 1-10%	5 No Change	6 Up 1-10%	7 Up 10-20%	8 Up 20-30%	9 Up 30-50%	10 Up 50- 100%	N/A
Small (<\$25K Comm. & Fees)	0%	0%	0%	4%	11%	70%	4%	0%	0%	0%	11%
Medium (\$25K – \$100K)	0%	0%	0%	7%	7%	78%	4%	0%	0%	0%	4%
Large (>\$100K)	0%	0%	0%	7%	11%	71%	0%	0%	0%	0%	11%

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Business Interruption	0%	0%	0%	0%	22%	71%	0%	0%	0%	0%	7%
Commercial Auto	0%	0%	0%	0%	15%	73%	12%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Commercial Property	0%	0%	0%	4%	7%	70%	11%	4%	0%	0%	4%
Construction Risks	0%	0%	0%	7%	4%	67%	11%	0%	0%	0%	11%
D & O	0%	0%	0%	0%	11%	48%	30%	4%	0%	0%	7%
Flood Insurance	0%	0%	0%	0%	22%	34%	22%	15%	0%	0%	7%
Employment Practices	0%	0%	0%	4%	26%	40%	26%	0%	0%	0%	4%
General Liability	0%	0%	0%	4%	26%	70%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Marine	0%	0%	0%	11%	21%	60%	4%	0%	0%	0%	4%
Medical Malpractice	0%	0%	4%	11%	26%	25%	4%	0%	0%	0%	30%
Surety Bonds	0%	0%	0%	0%	37%	37%	4%	0%	0%	0%	22%
Terrorism	0%	0%	0%	0%	56%	33%	4%	0%	0%	0%	7%
Umbrella	0%	0%	0%	4%	30%	62%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Workers' Compensation	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	59%	37%	4%	0%	0%	0%
Broker E&O	0%	0%	0%	0%	30%	29%	4%	0%	0%	0%	37%

Below are the survey results for: SOUTHWEST (So. CA, AZ, NM, OK, TX)

1. On average, how have premium rates changed over the last three months (April 1, 2013-June 30, 2013) for the following accounts? Please check N/A if you don't know or don't handle the type of account.

	1 Down 30-40%	2 Down 20-30%	3 Down 10-20%	4 Down 1-10%	5 No Change	6 Up 1-10%	7 Up 10-20%	8 Up 20-30%	9 Up 30-50%	10 Up 50- 100%	N/A
Small (<\$25K Comm. & Fees)	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	93%	7%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Medium (\$25K – \$100K)	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Large (>\$100K)	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

	1 Down 30-40%	2 Down 20-30%	3 Down 10-20%	4 Down 1-10%	5 No Change	6 Up 1-10%	7 Up 10- 20%	8 Up 20- 30%	9 Up 30- 50%	10 Up 50- 100%	N/A
Business Interruption	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	86%	0%	7%	0%	0%	7%
Commercial Auto	0%	0%	0%	0%	7%	93%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Commercial Property	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	79%	14%	7%	0%	0%	0%
Construction Risks	0%	0%	0%	0%	7%	79%	7%	0%	0%	0%	7%
D & O	0%	0%	0%	0%	7%	65%	21%	0%	0%	0%	7%
Flood Insurance	0%	0%	0%	0%	21%	43%	0%	0%	0%	0%	36%
Employment Practices	0%	0%	0%	0%	7%	50%	36%	0%	0%	0%	7%
General Liability	0%	0%	0%	0%	14%	86%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Marine	0%	0%	0%	0%	21%	51%	7%	7%	0%	0%	14%
Medical Malpractice	0%	0%	0%	0%	29%	21%	0%	0%	0%	0%	50%
Surety Bonds	0%	0%	0%	0%	43%	21%	0%	0%	0%	0%	36%
Terrorism	0%	0%	0%	7%	36%	29%	0%	7%	0%	0%	21%
Umbrella	0%	0%	0%	0%	8%	84%	8%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Workers' Compensation	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	72%	14%	14%	0%	0%	0%
Broker E&O	0%	0%	0%	0%	14%	51%	14%	0%	0%	0%	21%

Below are the survey results for: PACIFIC NW (No.CA, AK, CO, HI, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY)

1. On average, how have premium rates changed over the last three months (April 1, 2013-June 30, 2013) for the following accounts? Please check N/A if you don't know or don't handle the type of account.

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Small (<\$25K Comm. & Fees)	0%	0%	0%	0%	38%	62%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Medium (\$25K – \$100K)	0%	0%	0%	0%	50%	37%	13%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Large (>\$100K)	0%	0%	0%	0%	50%	24%	13%	0%	0%	0%	13%

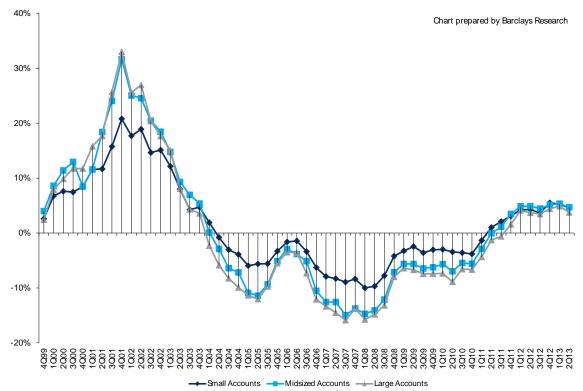
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Business Interruption	0%	0%	0%	0%	63%	37%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Commercial Auto	0%	0%	0%	0%	63%	37%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Commercial Property	0%	0%	0%	0%	25%	62%	13%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Construction Risks	0%	0%	0%	0%	25%	50%	25%	0%	0%	0%	0%
D & O	0%	0%	0%	0%	38%	37%	25%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Flood Insurance	0%	0%	0%	0%	38%	24%	0%	13%	0%	0%	25%
Employment Practices	0%	0%	0%	0%	38%	24%	38%	0%	0%	0%	0%
General Liability	0%	0%	0%	0%	50%	50%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Marine	0%	0%	0%	13%	25%	24%	0%	0%	0%	0%	38%
Medical Malpractice	0%	0%	0%	0%	38%	12%	0%	0%	0%	0%	50%
Surety Bonds	0%	0%	0%	0%	63%	12%	0%	0%	0%	0%	25%
Terrorism	0%	0%	0%	0%	50%	12%	0%	0%	0%	0%	38%
Umbrella	0%	0%	0%	13%	50%	37%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Workers' Compensation	0%	0%	0%	0%	25%	37%	25%	13%	0%	0%	0%
Broker E&O	0%	0%	0%	13%	25%	24%	13%	0%	0%	0%	25%

Average Second Quarter 2013 Commercial Rate Increases Slow

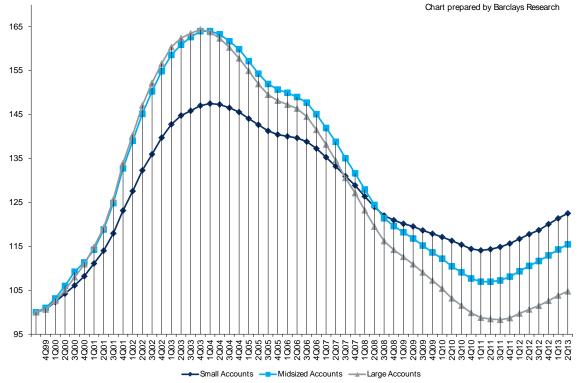
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Low (3Q07)	-10.0% (1Q08)	-15.0%	-15.9%	-13.3%

Source: The Council of Insurance Agents & Brokers. Chart prepared by Barclays Research.

Average Commercial Premium Rate Changes by Account Size



Cumulative Quarterly Rate Increases by Account Size



By-Line Second Quarter 2013 Rate Changes Ranged From +3.5% to +8.3%

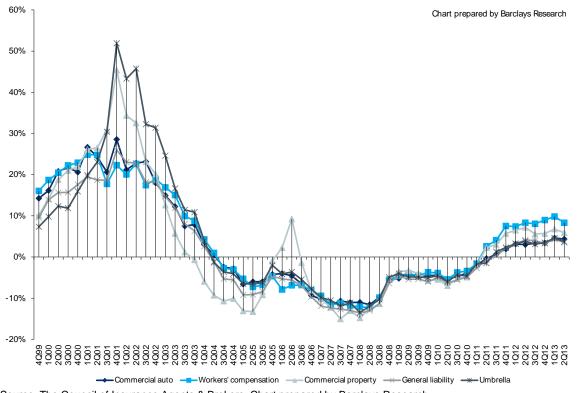
	Comm'l	Workers' Comm'l		Gen'l	Umbrella	Averege
	Auto	Comp	Property	Liability	Unibrella	Average
Second Quarter 2013	4.4%	8.3%	5.9%	3.5%	3.7%	5.2%
First Quarter 2013	4.6%	9.8%	6.8%	4.3%	4.6%	6.0%
Fourth Quarter 2012	3.4%	9.0%	5.7%	3.3%	3.5%	5.0%
Third Quarter 2012	3.3%	8.1%	5.6%	4.0%	3.1%	4.8%
Second Quarter 2012	3.0%	8.3%	7.2%	4.1%	3.8%	5.3%
High	28.6%	24.9%	45.4%	26.0%	51.9%	35.3%
Low	-11.6%	-12.3%	-15.0%	-13.6%	-13.5%	-13.2%

Source: The Council of Insurance Agents & Brokers. Chart prepared by Barclays Research.

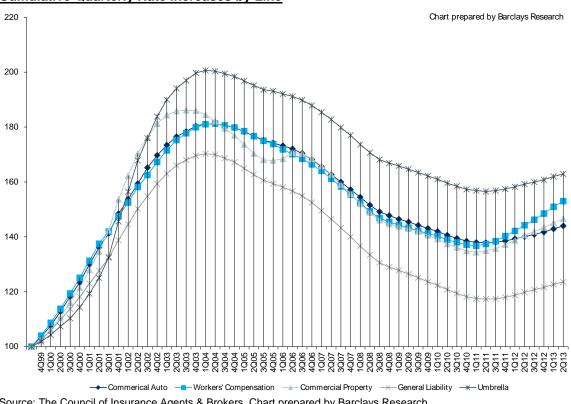
Rate Changes in Other Lines

Second Quarter 2013 Rate Changes in Other Lines			
	2Q13	High	Low
Business interruption	3.6%	28.8%	-10.2%
Construction	4.5%	38.7%	-10.7%
D&O liability	5.9%	32.4%	-8.7%
Employment practices	5.4%	21.9%	-8.1%
Surety bonds	1.1%	11.2%	-2.3%

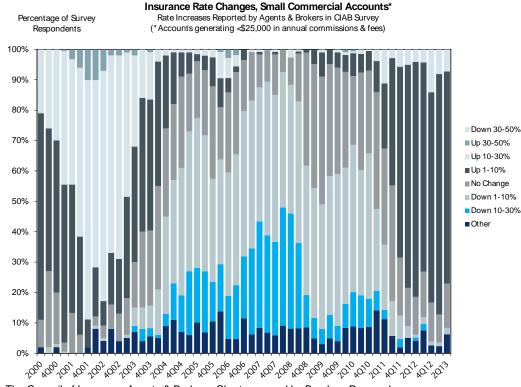
Average Commercial Rate Increases by Line



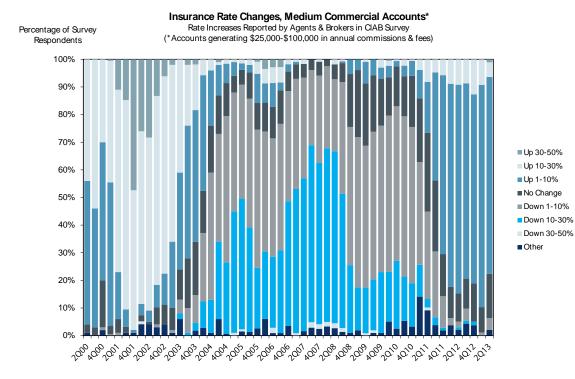
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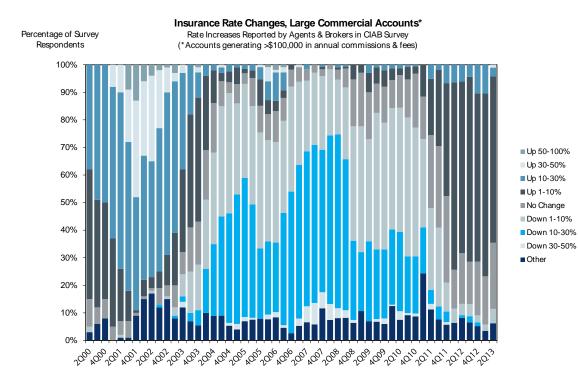
Cumulative Quarterly Rate Increases by Line

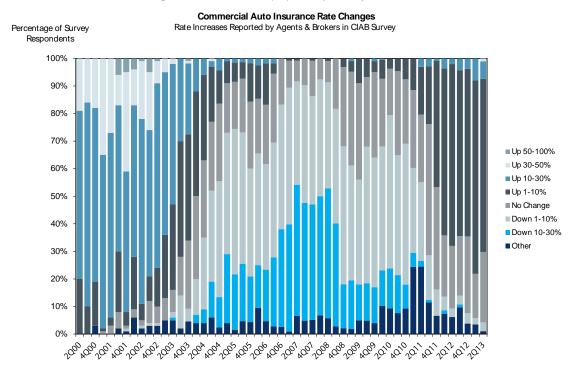


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