

Western-Southern Life Assurance Company

Statutory-Basis Financial Statements

Years Ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022

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Report of Independent Auditors

The Board of Directors
Western-Southern Life Assurance Company

Opinion

We have audited the statutory-basis financial statements of Western-Southern Life Assurance Company (the Company), which comprise the balance sheets as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of operations, changes in capital and surplus and cash flows for each of the three years ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements (collectively referred to as the “financial statements”).

Unmodified Opinion on Statutory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company at December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the three years ended December 31, 2024, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles section of our report, the financial statements do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Company at December 31, 2024 and 2023, or the results of its operations or its cash flows for the three years ended December 31, 2024.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Company and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.



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Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Company prepared these financial statements using accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Ohio Department of Insurance, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between these statutory accounting practices described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Ohio Department of Insurance. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are issued.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.



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In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Ernst & Young LLP

April 15, 2025

Western-Southern Life Assurance Company

Balance Sheets (Statutory-Basis)

	December 31	
	2024	2023
	<i>(In Thousands)</i>	
Admitted assets		
Cash and invested assets:		
Debt securities	\$ 23,534,226	\$ 21,303,198
Preferred and common stocks	1,309,981	1,214,175
Investment in common stock of subsidiaries	3,592	2,832
Mortgage loans	5,799,044	4,839,834
Policy loans	20,911	22,438
Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments	482,774	345,191
Receivable for securities	2,757	13,487
Derivatives	3,508	5,029
Receivable for collateral on derivatives	1,317	1,774
Securities lending reinvested collateral assets	—	63,603
Other invested assets	717,398	535,699
Total cash and invested assets	31,875,508	28,347,260
Investment income due and accrued	235,594	200,052
Premiums deferred and uncollected	16,941	19,143
Net deferred income tax asset	273,684	265,225
Other admitted assets	68,708	39,277
Separate account assets	2,600,584	2,067,455
Total admitted assets	\$ 35,071,019	\$ 30,938,412
Liabilities and capital and surplus		
Liabilities:		
Policy and contract liabilities:		
Life and annuity reserves	\$ 26,341,713	\$ 23,579,949
Liability for deposit-type contracts	2,639,405	2,092,584
Policy and contract claims	20,211	18,122
Premiums received in advance	753	185
Total policy and contract liabilities	29,002,082	25,690,840
General expense due and accrued	107	11,392
Current federal income taxes payable to parent	22,328	38,198
Transfer to (from) separate accounts due and accrued, net	12,303	9,417
Asset valuation reserve	595,330	506,502
Other liabilities	157,697	128,054
Derivatives	—	3,834
Payable for securities lending	655,289	542,557
Separate account liabilities	2,600,584	2,067,455
Total liabilities	33,045,720	28,998,249
Capital and surplus:		
Common stock, \$1 par value, authorized 10,000 shares, issued and outstanding 2,500 shares	2,500	2,500
Paid-in surplus	1,672,408	1,672,408
Accumulated surplus	350,391	265,255
Total capital and surplus	2,025,299	1,940,163
Total liabilities and capital and surplus	\$ 35,071,019	\$ 30,938,412

See accompanying notes.

Western-Southern Life Assurance Company

Statements of Operations (Statutory-Basis)

	Year Ended December 31		
	2024	2023	2022
	<i>(In Thousands)</i>		
Premiums and other revenues:			
Premiums and annuity considerations	\$ 5,602,461	\$ 7,007,773	\$ 6,660,230
Net investment income	1,571,827	1,245,747	856,014
Considerations for supplementary contracts with life contingencies	2,655	196	600
Amortization of the interest maintenance reserve	(11,182)	(6,567)	(753)
Fees from management of separate accounts	2,660	855	879
Other revenues	1,746	1,993	1,355
Total premiums and other revenues	7,170,167	8,249,997	7,518,325
Benefits paid or provided:			
Death benefits	128,109	124,138	133,355
Annuity benefits	690,089	589,551	488,520
Disability and accident and health benefits	1,572	1,669	1,814
Surrender benefits	2,456,490	2,276,960	1,222,883
Payments on supplementary contracts with life contingencies	2,828	2,798	2,788
Other benefits	2,338	2,504	2,402
Increase (decrease) in policy reserves and other policyholders' funds	2,861,029	4,268,509	4,679,285
Total benefits paid or provided	6,142,455	7,266,129	6,531,047
Insurance expenses and other deductions:			
Commissions	136,276	152,990	143,851
General expenses	162,137	157,285	124,604
Net transfers to (from) separate accounts	412,583	570,570	721,683
Other deductions	27,025	31,645	13,980
Total insurance expenses and other deductions	738,021	912,490	1,004,118
Gain (loss) from operations before federal income tax expense and net realized capital gains (losses)	289,691	71,378	(16,840)
Federal income tax expense (benefit), excluding tax on capital gains	97,391	112,756	65,520
Gain (loss) from operations before net realized capital gains (losses)	192,300	(41,378)	(82,360)
Net realized capital gains (losses) (excluding gains (losses) transferred to IMR and capital gains tax)	56,676	(21,227)	(2,189)
Net income (loss)	\$ 248,976	\$ (62,605)	\$ (84,549)

See accompanying notes.

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Statements of Changes in Capital and Surplus (Statutory-Basis)

	Common Stock	Paid-In Surplus	Accumulated Surplus	Total Capital and Surplus
	<i>(In Thousands)</i>			
Balance, January 1, 2022	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,077,408	\$ 459,388	\$ 1,539,296
Net income (loss)	—	—	(84,549)	(84,549)
Change in net deferred income tax	—	—	88,826	88,826
Net change in unrealized gains (losses) on investments (net of deferred tax expense (benefit) of (\$18,180))	—	—	(68,473)	(68,473)
Net change in nonadmitted assets and related items	—	—	(11,700)	(11,700)
Change in asset valuation reserve	—	—	(5,239)	(5,239)
Change in surplus in separate accounts	—	—	(938)	(938)
Capital contribution	—	320,000	—	320,000
Balance, December 31, 2022	2,500	1,397,408	377,315	1,777,223
Net income (loss)	—	—	(62,605)	(62,605)
Change in net deferred income tax	—	—	112,298	112,298
Net change in unrealized gains (losses) on investments (net of deferred tax expense (benefit) of \$38,090)	—	—	128,280	128,280
Net change in nonadmitted assets and related items	—	—	(197)	(197)
Change in asset valuation reserve	—	—	(138,549)	(138,549)
Change in valuation basis	—	—	(1,287)	(1,287)
Capital contribution	—	275,000	—	275,000
Dividends to stockholder	—	—	(150,000)	(150,000)
Balance, December 31, 2023	2,500	1,672,408	265,255	1,940,163
Net income (loss)	—	—	248,976	248,976
Change in net deferred income tax	—	—	51,350	51,350
Net change in unrealized gains (losses) on investments (net of deferred tax expense (benefit) of \$15,699)	—	—	60,451	60,451
Net change in nonadmitted assets and related items	—	—	(31,834)	(31,834)
Change in asset valuation reserve	—	—	(88,828)	(88,828)
Change in surplus in separate accounts	—	—	21	21
Dividends to stockholder	—	—	(155,000)	(155,000)
Balance, December 31, 2024	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,672,408	\$ 350,391	\$ 2,025,299

See accompanying notes.

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Statements of Cash Flow (Statutory-Basis)

	Year Ended December 31		
	2024	2023	2022
	(In Thousands)		
Operating activities			
Premiums collected net of reinsurance	\$ 5,605,465	\$ 7,009,480	\$ 6,666,375
Net investment income received	1,525,695	1,201,965	845,843
Benefits paid	(3,378,745)	(3,087,132)	(1,902,612)
Net transfers from (to) separate accounts	(409,718)	(552,630)	(720,340)
Commissions and expense paid	(346,045)	(329,485)	(279,084)
Federal income taxes recovered (paid)	(125,021)	(75,085)	(75,994)
Other, net	2,816	975	4,512
Net cash from (for) operations	2,874,447	4,168,088	4,538,700
Investing activities			
Proceeds from investments sold, matured or repaid:			
Debt securities	4,597,697	2,647,335	3,190,392
Preferred and common stocks	268,247	77,692	129,449
Mortgage loans	331,887	250,298	339,535
Other invested assets	41,706	20,217	17,368
Net gains (losses) on cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments	(23)	1,088	5
Miscellaneous proceeds	154,435	4,151	802
Net proceeds from investments sold, matured or repaid	5,393,949	3,000,781	3,677,551
Cost of investments acquired:			
Debt securities	(6,912,106)	(6,248,001)	(6,984,854)
Preferred and common stocks	(182,836)	(149,574)	(177,238)
Mortgage loans	(1,288,592)	(1,330,215)	(1,316,726)
Other invested assets	(194,106)	(63,588)	(55,902)
Miscellaneous applications	(874)	(21,730)	(26,125)
Total cost of investments acquired	(8,578,514)	(7,813,108)	(8,560,845)
Net change in policy and other loans	1,526	912	1,576
Net cash from (for) investments	(3,183,039)	(4,811,415)	(4,881,718)
Financing and miscellaneous activities			
Capital and paid in surplus, less treasury stock	—	225,000	320,000
Net deposits on deposit-type contract funds and other insurance liabilities	546,820	284,650	42,853
Dividends paid to stockholder	(155,000)	(150,000)	—
Other cash provided (applied)	54,355	105,538	177,195
Net cash from (for) financing and miscellaneous sources	446,175	465,188	540,048
Net change in cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments	137,583	(178,139)	197,030
Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments:			
Beginning of year	345,191	523,330	326,300
End of year	\$ 482,774	\$ 345,191	\$ 523,330
Cash flow information for noncash transactions:			
Capital contribution received from The Western and Southern Life Insurance Company in the form of common stock	\$ —	\$ 50,000	\$ —

See accompanying notes.

1. Nature of Operations and Significant Accounting Policies

Western-Southern Life Assurance Company (the Company), a stock life insurance company, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Western and Southern Life Insurance Company (Western and Southern), a stock life insurance company. The Company is domiciled in Ohio.

The Company offers individual annuities and interest-sensitive life insurance products through Western and Southern agents and various financial institutions. The Company is licensed in 49 states, the District of Columbia, and Guam. For the year ended December 31, 2024, approximately 40.9% of the gross premiums and annuity considerations for the Company were derived from California, Florida, Massachusetts, Ohio, and Texas.

State regulatory authorities have powers relating to granting and revoking licenses to transact business, the licensing of agents, the regulation of premium rates and trade practices, the form and content of insurance policies, the content of advertising material, financial statements and the nature of permitted practices.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of statutory-basis financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements of the Company have been prepared in conformity with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Ohio Department of Insurance (the Department). The National Association of Insurance Commissioners' (NAIC) *Accounting Practices and Procedures Manual* (NAIC SAP or SSAP) has been adopted as a component of prescribed or permitted practices by the State of Ohio. These practices differ in some respects from U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The more significant differences follow.

Investments

Investments in debt securities and mandatory redeemable preferred stocks are reported at amortized cost or fair value based on the NAIC's rating; for GAAP, such fixed maturity investments are designated at purchase as held-to-maturity, trading or available-for-sale. Held-to-maturity fixed investments are reported at amortized cost, and the remaining fixed maturity investments are reported at fair value with unrealized holding gains and losses reported in the statement of operations for those designated as trading and as a separate component of other comprehensive income (loss) for those designated as available-for-sale.

All single-class and multiclass mortgage-backed/asset-backed securities (e.g., CMOs) are adjusted for the effects of changes in prepayment assumptions on the related accretion of discount or amortization of premium of such securities using the retrospective method. The prospective method is used to determine amortized cost for securities that experience a decline that is deemed to be other-than-temporary. Securities that are in an unrealized loss position which the Company intends to sell, or does not have the intent and ability to hold until recovery, are written down to fair value as a realized loss. Securities that are in an unrealized loss position which the Company has the intent and ability to hold until recovery are written down to the extent the present value of expected future cash flows using the security's effective yield is lower than the amortized cost. For GAAP purposes, all securities, purchased or retained, that represent beneficial interests in securitized assets (e.g., CMO, CBO, CDO, CLO, MBS and ABS securities), other than high credit quality securities, are adjusted using the prospective method when there is a change in estimated future cash flows. If it is determined that a decline in fair value is other-than-temporary, the cost basis of the security is written down to the extent the present value of expected future cash flows using the security's effective yield is lower than the amortized cost. If high credit quality securities are adjusted, the retrospective method is used.

The Company monitors other investments to determine if there has been an other-than-temporary decline in fair value. Factors that management considers for each identified security include the following:

- The extent the fair value has been below the book/adjusted carrying value;
- The reasons for the decline in value;
- Specific credit issues related to the issuer and current economic conditions, including the current and future impact of any specific events;
- For structured investments (e.g., residential mortgage-backed securities, commercial mortgage-backed securities, asset-backed securities and other structured investments), factors such as overall deal structure and the Company's position within the structure, quality of underlying collateral, delinquencies and defaults, loss severities, recoveries, prepayments and cumulative loss projections are considered;
- For all equity securities and other debt securities with credit-related declines in fair value, the Company's intent and ability to hold the security long enough for it to recover its value to book/adjusted carrying value; and
- For all other debt securities with interest-related declines in fair value, the Company's intent to sell the security before recovery of its book/adjusted carrying value.

If the decline is judged to be other-than-temporary, an impairment charge to fair value is recorded as a net realized capital loss in the period the determination is made. Under GAAP, if the decline is judged to be other-than-temporary because the Company has the intent to sell the debt security or is more likely than not to be required to sell the debt security before its anticipated recovery, an impairment charge to fair value is recorded as a net realized capital loss. If the decline is judged to be other-than-temporary because the Company does not expect to recover the entire amortized cost basis of the security due to expected credit losses, an impairment charge is recorded to net realized capital loss as the difference between amortized cost and the net present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the effective interest rate implicit in the debt security prior to impairment.

Investments in real estate are reported net of required obligations rather than on a gross basis as for GAAP.

Under a formula prescribed by the NAIC, the Company defers the portion of realized capital gains and losses on sales of fixed income investments, principally debt securities and mortgage loans, attributable to changes in the general level of interest rates and amortizes those deferrals over the remaining period to maturity based on groupings of individual security sold in five-year bands. The net deferral is reported as the interest maintenance reserve (IMR) in the accompanying balance sheets. Realized capital gains and losses are reported in income net of federal income tax and transfers to the IMR. Under GAAP, realized capital gains and losses are reported in the statements of operations on a pretax basis in the period that the assets giving rise to the gains or losses are sold.

The asset valuation reserve (AVR) provides a valuation allowance for invested assets. The AVR is determined by an NAIC prescribed formula with changes reflected directly in capital and surplus. AVR is not recognized for GAAP.

Subsidiaries

The accounts and operations of the Company's subsidiaries are not consolidated with the accounts and operations of the Company as would be required under GAAP.

Policy Acquisition Costs

The costs of acquiring and renewing business are expensed when incurred. Under GAAP, policy acquisition costs, related to traditional life insurance and certain long-duration accident and health insurance policies sold, to the extent recoverable from future policy revenues, would be deferred and amortized over the premium-paying period of the related policies using assumptions consistent with those used in computing policy benefit reserves; for universal life insurance and investment products, to the extent recoverable from future gross profits, deferred policy acquisition costs are amortized generally in proportion to the present value of expected gross profits from surrender charges and investments, mortality, and expense margins.

Nonadmitted Assets

Certain assets designated as "nonadmitted" (principally investments in unaudited subsidiaries and controlled and affiliated entities), and other assets not specifically identified as admitted assets within the NAIC's *Accounting Practices and Procedures Manual*, are excluded from the accompanying balance sheets and are charged directly to accumulated surplus. Under GAAP, such assets are included in the balance sheets.

Premiums and Benefits

Revenues for universal life and annuity policies with mortality or morbidity risk, except for guaranteed interest and group annuity contracts, consist of the entire premium received, and benefits incurred represent the total of death benefits paid and the change in policy reserves. Premiums received for annuity policies without mortality or morbidity risk and for guaranteed interest and group annuity contracts are recorded using deposit accounting, and credited directly to an appropriate policy reserve account, without recognizing premium income. Under GAAP, premiums received in excess of policy charges would not be recognized as premium revenue and benefits would represent the excess of benefits paid over the policy

account value and interest credited to the account values.

Benefit Reserves

Certain policy reserves are calculated using statutorily prescribed interest and mortality assumptions rather than on estimated expected experience or actual account balances as would be required under GAAP.

Reinsurance

A liability for reinsurance balances is required to be provided for unsecured policy reserves ceded to reinsurers not authorized to assume such business. Changes to those amounts are credited or charged directly to capital and surplus. Under GAAP, an allowance for amounts deemed uncollectible would be established through a charge to earnings.

Policy and contract liabilities ceded to reinsurers have been reported as reductions of the related reserves rather than as assets as would be required under GAAP. Commissions allowed by reinsurers on business ceded are reported as income when incurred rather than being deferred and amortized with policy acquisition costs as required under GAAP.

Statutory accounting contains specific criteria related to risk transfer that must be met in order to qualify for reinsurance accounting. Under GAAP, the risk transfer criteria is less specific and focuses on whether or not the agreement exposes the company to the reasonable possibility of incurring a significant loss from the assumed insurance risk. Consequently, certain reinsurance contracts may qualify for reinsurance accounting for statutory purposes while not qualifying under GAAP. To the extent an agreement does not qualify for reinsurance accounting, deposit accounting is used.

Deferred Income Taxes

Deferred tax assets are recorded for the amount of gross deferred tax assets expected to be realized in future years, and a valuation allowance is established for deferred tax assets not meeting a more-likely-than-not realization threshold. Deferred tax assets are limited to 1) the amount of federal income taxes paid in prior years that can be recovered through loss carrybacks for existing temporary differences that reverse during a time frame corresponding with Internal Revenue Service (IRS) tax loss carryback provisions, not to exceed three years, including amounts established in accordance with the provision of SSAP No. 5R, plus 2) for entities that meet the required realization threshold in SSAP No. 101, the lesser of the remaining gross deferred tax assets expected to be realized within three years of the balance sheet date or 15% of capital and surplus excluding any net deferred tax assets, electronic data processing equipment and operating software and any net positive goodwill, plus 3) the amount of remaining gross deferred tax assets that can be offset against existing gross deferred tax liabilities. The remaining deferred tax assets are nonadmitted. Under GAAP, a deferred tax asset is recorded for the amount of gross deferred tax assets expected to be realized in all future years, and a valuation allowance is established for deferred tax assets not meeting a more-likely-than-not realization threshold.

Policyholder Dividends

Policyholder dividends are recognized when declared rather than over the term of the related policies.

Statements of Cash Flow

Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments in the statements of cash flow represent cash balances and investments with initial maturities of one year or less. Under GAAP, the corresponding captions of cash and cash equivalents include cash balances and investments with initial maturities of three months or less.

Other significant statutory accounting practices follow.

Restricted Assets

The Company has assets pledged as collateral, or otherwise not exclusively under control of the Company, totaling \$6,409.0 million and \$4,587.1 million as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. These assets are primarily collateral pledged to the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB), collateral held in relation to the Company's securities lending program, and FHLB stock. These restricted assets are discussed in more detail in their relevant sections.

Investments

Debt securities, common stocks, preferred stocks, and short-term investments are stated at values prescribed by the NAIC, as follows:

Debt securities not backed by other loans are principally stated at amortized cost using the interest method.

Single-class and multiclass mortgage-backed/asset-backed securities are valued at amortized cost using the interest method including anticipated prepayments. Prepayment assumptions are obtained from Bloomberg and broker-dealer prepayment models or derived from empirical data and are based on the current interest rate and economic environment. The retrospective adjustment method is used to value all such securities except securities that are deemed to be other-than-temporarily impaired and securities that are principal-only or interest-only, which are valued using the prospective method.

Unaffiliated common stocks, other than FHLB stock, are unrestricted and reported at fair value utilizing publicly quoted prices from third-party pricing services and the related unrealized capital gains and losses are reported in capital and surplus along with any adjustment for federal income taxes. FHLB stock is carried at cost and is restricted. At December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Company owned \$115.8 million and \$94.7 million, of FHLB stock, respectively. The FHLB stock is held in conjunction with the issuance of deposit contracts to the FHLB. See Note 9 for further description.

Redeemable preferred stocks that have characteristics of debt securities and are rated as medium quality or better are reported at amortized cost. All other redeemable preferred stocks are reported at the lower of amortized cost or fair value. Perpetual preferred stocks are valued at fair value, not exceeding any currently effective call price, utilizing publicly quoted prices from third-party pricing services and the related unrealized capital gains and losses are reported in capital and surplus along with any adjustment for federal income taxes.

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Short-term investments include investments with remaining maturities of one year or less at the date of acquisition and are principally stated at amortized cost, which approximates fair value.

Cash equivalents are short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and are principally stated at amortized cost, which approximates fair value.

The Company's noninsurance subsidiaries are reported based on underlying audited GAAP equity. The net change in the subsidiaries' equity is included in capital and surplus.

Joint ventures, partnerships, and limited liability companies are carried at the Company's interest in the underlying audited GAAP equity of the investee. Undistributed earnings allocated to the Company are reported in the change in net unrealized capital gains or losses. Distributions from earnings of the investees are reported as net investment income when received. Because of the indirect nature of these investments, there is an inherent reduction in transparency and liquidity and increased complexity in valuing the underlying investments. As a result, these investments are actively managed by the Company's management via detailed evaluation of the investment performance relative to risk.

Mortgage loans are reported at unpaid principal balances, less an allowance for impairment. A mortgage loan is considered to be impaired when, based on current information and events, it is probable that the Company will be unable to collect all principal and interest amounts due according to the contractual terms of the mortgage agreement. When management determines foreclosure is probable, the impairment is other than temporary; the mortgage loan is written down to realized value and a realized loss is recognized.

Policy loans are reported at unpaid principal balances.

Real estate held for the production of income is reported at depreciated cost net of related obligations. Real estate that the Company has the intent to sell is reported at the lower of depreciated cost or fair value, net of related obligations. Depreciation is computed by the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the properties.

Property acquired in the satisfaction of debt is recorded at the lower of cost less accumulated depreciation or fair market value.

Debt securities and other loan interest are credited to income as it accrues. Dividends are recorded as income on ex-dividend dates. To the extent income is uncertain, due and accrued income is excluded and treated as nonadmitted through surplus.

Realized capital gains and losses are determined using the specific identification method.

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Premiums

Life and accident and health premiums are recognized as revenue when due. Premiums for annuity policies with mortality and morbidity risk, except for guaranteed interest and group annuity contracts, are also recognized as revenue when due. Premiums received for annuity policies without mortality or morbidity risk and for guaranteed interest and group annuity contracts are recorded using deposit accounting.

Policy Reserves

Life and annuity reserves are developed by actuarial methods and are determined based on published tables using statutorily specified interest rates and valuation methods that will provide, in the aggregate, reserves that are greater than or equal to the minimum or guaranteed policy cash values or the amounts required by the Department. The Company waives deduction of deferred fractional premiums on the death of life and annuity policy insureds and does return any premium beyond the date of death. Surrender values on policies do not exceed the corresponding benefit reserves. Policies issued subject to multiple table substandard extra premiums are valued on the standard reserve basis, which recognizes the nonlevel incidence of the excess mortality costs. Additional reserves are established when the results of cash flow testing under various interest rate scenarios indicate the need for such reserves, or the net premiums exceed the gross premiums on any insurance in-force.

For policies issued in 2020 or after, life insurance reserves are developed using principle-based policyholder and asset assumptions with margins and floored at formulaic reserves based upon published tables using statutorily specified interest rates and valuation methods.

Formulaic policy reserves for life insurance and supplemental benefits are computed on the Commissioner's Reserve Valuation Method. The following mortality tables and interest rates are used:

	Percentage of Reserves	
	2024	2023
Life Insurance:		
1958 Commissioners Standard		
Ordinary (CSO), 2-1/2% - 4-1/2%	0.8 %	0.9 %
1980 CSO, 4% - 6%	1.0	1.2
2001 CSO, 3-1/2% - 4-1/2%	3.9	4.3
2017 CSO, 3-1/2%	2.2	2.2
Other	0.1	0.1
Annuities:		
Various, 2-1/4% - 8-1/4%	91.9	91.1
Supplemental benefits:		
Various, 2-1/2% - 6%	0.1	0.2
	100.0 %	100.0 %

The mean reserve method is used to adjust the calculated terminal reserve to the appropriate reserve at December 31. Mean reserves are determined by computing the regular mean reserve for the plan at the rated age and holding, in addition, one-half of the extra premium charge for the year. Policies issued after July 1 for substandard lives, are charged an extra premium plus the regular premium for the true age. Mean reserves are based on appropriate multiples of standard rates of mortality. An asset is recorded for deferred premiums net of loading to adjust the reserve for modal premium payments.

For substandard table ratings, mean reserves are based on 125% to 500% of standard mortality rates. For flat extra ratings, mean reserves are based on the standard or substandard mortality rates increased by 1 to 25 deaths per thousand.

As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, reserves of \$6.1 million and \$7.3 million respectively, were recorded on in-force amounts of \$523.9 million and \$630.3 million respectively, for which gross premiums are less than the net premiums according to the standard of valuation required by the Department.

Tabular interest, tabular less actual reserves released, and tabular cost have been determined by formula. Tabular interest on funds not involving life contingencies is calculated as one-hundredth of the product of such valuation rate of interest times the mean of the amount of funds subject to such valuation rate of interest held at the beginning and end of the year of valuation.

The Company's variable annuities are reserved under VM-21. Policies reserved under VM-21 are based on principle-based policyholder and asset assumptions with margins and floored at cash values.

Contracts issued that do not incorporate mortality or morbidity risk, such as guaranteed interest contracts, are accounted for as deposit-type contracts. Amounts received as payments and amounts withdrawn on deposit-type contracts are recorded directly to the liability for deposit-type contracts.

The establishment of appropriate reserves is an inherently uncertain process, and there can be no assurance that the ultimate liability will not exceed the Company's policy reserves and have an adverse effect on the Company's results of operations and financial condition. Due to the inherent uncertainty of estimating reserves, it has been necessary, and may over time continue to be necessary, to revise estimated future liabilities as reflected in the Company's policy reserves.

Policy and Contract Claims

Policy and contract claims in process of settlement represent the estimated ultimate net cost of all reported and unreported claims incurred through December 31, 2024 and 2023. The reserves for unpaid claims are estimated using individual case-basis valuations and statistical analysis. These estimates are subject to the effects of trends in claim severity and frequency. Although considerable variability is inherent in such estimates, management believes that the reserves for claims are adequate. The estimates are continually reviewed and adjusted as necessary as experience develops or new information becomes known; such adjustments are included in current operations.

Reinsurance

Reinsurance premiums and benefits paid or provided are accounted for on a basis consistent with those used in accounting for the original policies issued and the terms of the reinsurance contracts.

Securities Lending

At December 31, 2024, the Company had loaned various debt securities, preferred stocks and common stocks as part of a securities lending program administered by Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking Corporation, of which the fair value was \$640.0 million. At December 31, 2023, the Company had loaned various debt securities, preferred stocks and common stocks as part of a securities lending program administered by Deutsche Bank, of which the fair value was \$527.6 million. The Company maintains effective control over all loaned securities and, therefore, continues to report such securities as invested assets in the balance sheets.

The Company requires at the initial transaction that the fair value of the cash collateral received must be equal to 102% of the fair value of the loaned securities. The Company monitors the ratio of the fair value of the collateral to loaned securities to ensure it does not fall below 100%. If the fair value of the collateral falls below 100% of the fair value of the securities loaned, the Company nonadmits that portion of the loaned security. At December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Company did not nonadmit any portion of the loaned securities.

The Company reports all collateral on the balance sheet with an offsetting liability recognized for the obligation to return the collateral. Collateral for the securities lending program is either managed by an affiliated agent of the Company or is managed by Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking Corporation (managed by Deutsche Bank in 2023), an unaffiliated agent. Collateral managed by an affiliated agent, which approximated \$661.6 million and \$475.0 million at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively, is invested primarily in investment-grade debt securities and cash equivalents and is included in the applicable amount on the balance sheets because the funds are available for the general use of the Company. At December 31, 2024 and 2023, collateral managed by an unaffiliated agent, which approximated \$0.0 million and \$63.6 million, respectively, was invested in cash equivalents and was included in securities lending reinvested collateral assets on the balance sheet.

At December 31, 2024, the collateral for all securities on loan could be requested to be returned on demand by the borrower. At December 31, 2024 and 2023, the fair value of the total collateral is \$661.6 million and \$538.6 million, respectively.

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The aggregate collateral broken out by maturity date is as follows at December 31, 2024:

	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
	<i>(In Thousands)</i>	
Open	\$ —	\$ —
30 days or less	263,174	263,166
31 to 60 days	30,828	30,827
61 to 90 days	22,172	22,174
91 to 120 days	4,584	4,590
121 to 180 days	61,623	61,679
181 to 365 days	96,610	96,657
1 to 2 years	95,587	95,709
2 to 3 years	2,593	2,593
Greater than 3 years	84,192	84,192
Total collateral	<u>\$ 661,363</u>	<u>\$ 661,587</u>

At December 31, 2024, all of the collateral held for the securities lending program was invested in tradable securities that could be sold and used to pay for the \$655.3 million in collateral calls that could come due under a worst-case scenario where all collateral was called simultaneously.

The Company does not accept collateral that is not permitted by contract or custom to sell or repledge. The Company does not have any securities lending transactions that extend beyond one year from the reporting date.

Separate Accounts

Separate account assets and liabilities reported in the accompanying balance sheets represent funds that are separately administered, principally for group variable universal life, nonguaranteed variable annuity contracts, and guaranteed market value adjusted annuity contracts. Assets held in the separate account supporting variable annuities and group variable universal life are carried at fair value. Assets held in the separate account supporting market value adjusted annuities are carried at the general account basis. These separate account assets are considered legally insulated from the general account. Surrender charges collectible by the general account in the event of annuity contract surrenders are reported as a negative liability rather than an asset. Policy-related activity involving cash flow, such as premiums and benefits, are reported in the accompanying statements of operations in separate line items combined with related general account amounts. Investment income and interest credited on deposits held in guaranteed separate accounts are included in the accompanying statements of operations as a net amount included in net transfers to (from) separate accounts. The Company receives administrative fees for managing the nonguaranteed separate accounts and other fees for assuming mortality and certain expense risks.

Federal Income Taxes

Western and Southern files a consolidated income tax return with its eligible subsidiaries and affiliates, including the Company. The provision for federal income taxes is allocated to the Company using a separate return method based upon a written tax-sharing agreement. The benefits from losses of subsidiaries and affiliates, which are utilized in the consolidated return, will be retained by the subsidiaries and affiliates under the tax-sharing agreement. Western and Southern pays all federal income taxes due for all members of the consolidated group. Western and Southern will then charge or reimburse, as the case may be, the members of the group an amount consistent with the method described in the tax-sharing agreement.

The Company includes interest and penalties in the federal income tax line on the statements of operations.

Accounting Changes

The Company had no significant accounting changes in 2024.

In 2023, the Statutory Accounting Principles Working Group issued *INT 23-01 Net Negative (Disallowed) Interest Maintenance Reserve* that allows for admission of IMR in a net asset position, which was previously non-admitted, if certain criteria are met. The amount allowed to be admitted is limited to 10% of an entity's adjusted capital and surplus. Having adopted this interpretation, the Company admitted \$17.3 million of general account IMR assets as of December 31, 2023.

The Company had no significant accounting changes in 2022.

Subsequent Events

The Company recognizes in the financial statements the effects of all subsequent events that provide additional evidence about conditions that existed at the balance sheet date. For nonrecognized subsequent events that must be disclosed to keep the financial statements from being misleading, the Company is required to disclose the nature of the event as well as an estimate of its financial effect, or a statement that such an estimate cannot be made. Management has evaluated subsequent events through the issuance of these financial statements on April 15, 2025.

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2. Investments

The book/adjusted carrying value and fair value of the Company's investments in debt securities are summarized as follows:

	Book/ Adjusted Carrying Value	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
	(In Thousands)			
At December 31, 2024:				
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. government corporation and agencies	\$ 55,060	\$ 2	\$ (1,103)	\$ 53,959
Debt securities issued by states of the U.S. and political subdivisions of the states	102,250	338	(5,051)	97,537
Non-U.S. government securities	183,006	152	(23,692)	159,466
Corporate securities	11,040,170	120,020	(449,920)	10,710,270
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	2,937,504	17,209	(144,950)	2,809,763
Residential mortgage-backed securities	2,581,810	22,742	(131,477)	2,473,075
Asset-backed securities	6,634,426	36,156	(133,027)	6,537,555
Total	\$ 23,534,226	\$ 196,619	\$ (889,220)	\$ 22,841,625

	Book/ Adjusted Carrying Value	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
	(In Thousands)			
At December 31, 2023:				
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. government corporation and agencies	\$ 109,862	\$ 580	\$ (523)	\$ 109,919
Debt securities issued by states of the U.S. and political subdivisions of the states	83,560	1,872	(3,792)	81,640
Non-U.S. government securities	143,576	240	(21,962)	121,854
Corporate securities	10,016,585	151,456	(467,517)	9,700,524
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	2,961,077	9,439	(219,824)	2,750,692
Residential mortgage-backed securities	2,326,223	20,150	(143,693)	2,202,680
Asset-backed securities	5,662,315	16,699	(196,220)	5,482,794
Total	\$ 21,303,198	\$ 200,436	\$ (1,053,531)	\$ 20,450,103

At December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Company held unrated or below-investment-grade debt securities with a book/adjusted carrying value of \$1,778.2 million and \$2,145.5 million, respectively, and an aggregate fair value of \$1,705.3 million and \$2,046.2 million, respectively. As of December 31, 2024 and

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2023, such holdings amounted to 7.6% and 10.1%, respectively, of the Company's investments in debt securities and 5.1% and 6.9%, respectively, of the Company's total admitted assets. The Company performs periodic evaluations of the relative credit standing of the issuers of these debt securities. The Company considers these evaluations in its overall investment strategy.

Unrealized gains and losses on investments in unaffiliated common stocks, and common stocks of subsidiaries are reported directly in capital and surplus and do not affect net income. The unrealized gains and unrealized losses on, and the cost and fair value of those investments and preferred stocks are as follows:

	Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
	<i>(In Thousands)</i>			
At December 31, 2024:				
Preferred stocks	\$ 91,633	\$ 800	\$ (578)	\$ 91,855
Common stocks, unaffiliated	\$ 702,408	\$ 454,362	\$ (11,151)	\$ 1,145,619
Common stocks, mutual funds	72,120	387	—	72,507
Common stocks, subsidiaries	18,602	—	(15,010)	3,592
	\$ 793,130	\$ 454,749	\$ (26,161)	\$ 1,221,718
At December 31, 2023:				
Preferred stocks	\$ 32,724	\$ 75	\$ (606)	\$ 32,193
Common stocks, unaffiliated	\$ 710,297	\$ 390,305	\$ (7,154)	\$ 1,093,448
Common stocks, mutual funds	87,884	650	—	88,534
Common stocks, subsidiaries	15,602	—	(12,770)	2,832
	\$ 813,783	\$ 390,955	\$ (19,924)	\$ 1,184,814

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The following table shows unrealized losses and fair values, aggregated by investment category and length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position.

	Unrealized Losses Less Than 12 Months		Unrealized Losses Greater Than or Equal to 12 Months	
	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
	<i>(In Thousands)</i>			
At December 31, 2024:				
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. government corporations and agencies	\$ (1,004)	\$ 42,682	\$ (99)	\$ 2,476
Debt securities issued by states of the U.S. and political subdivisions of the states	(1,200)	38,214	(3,851)	23,799
Non-U.S. government securities	(2,759)	76,769	(20,933)	81,897
Corporate securities	(29,860)	1,839,336	(420,060)	3,713,649
Commercial mortgage-backed securities ⁽¹⁾	(4,455)	268,681	(140,495)	1,641,465
Residential mortgage-backed securities ⁽¹⁾	(7,255)	521,240	(124,222)	1,069,458
Asset-backed securities ⁽¹⁾	(10,675)	637,448	(122,352)	1,805,318
Total	<u>\$ (57,208)</u>	<u>\$ 3,424,370</u>	<u>\$ (832,012)</u>	<u>\$ 8,338,062</u>
Preferred stocks	<u>\$ (578)</u>	<u>\$ 69,354</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>
Common stocks, unaffiliated	<u>\$ (11,151)</u>	<u>\$ 86,214</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>

⁽¹⁾ Amounts relate to securities subject to SSAP 43R.

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	Unrealized Losses Less Than 12 Months		Unrealized Losses Greater Than or Equal to 12 Months	
	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
<i>(In Thousands)</i>				
At December 31, 2023:				
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S. government corporations and agencies	\$ (386)	\$ 19,168	\$ (137)	\$ 2,437
Debt securities issued by states of the U.S. and political subdivisions of the states	—	—	(3,792)	32,418
Non-U.S. government securities	(180)	19,676	(21,782)	97,160
Corporate securities	(14,762)	366,692	(452,755)	5,211,188
Commercial mortgage-backed securities ⁽¹⁾	(7,236)	257,418	(212,588)	2,126,547
Residential mortgage-backed securities ⁽¹⁾	(1,679)	170,418	(142,014)	1,321,474
Asset-backed securities ⁽¹⁾	(3,465)	571,932	(192,755)	3,301,809
Total	<u>\$ (27,708)</u>	<u>\$ 1,405,304</u>	<u>\$ (1,025,823)</u>	<u>\$ 12,093,033</u>
Preferred stocks	\$ (606)	\$ 27,881	\$ —	\$ —
Common stocks, unaffiliated	<u>\$ (7,154)</u>	<u>\$ 150,877</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>

⁽¹⁾ Amounts relate to securities subject to SSAP 43R.

Investments that are impaired at December 31, 2024 and 2023, for which other-than-temporary impairments have not been recognized, consist mainly of corporate debt securities, asset-backed securities, and residential mortgage-backed securities. The aggregated unrealized loss is approximately 7.0% and 7.2% of the carrying value of securities considered temporarily impaired at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. At December 31, 2024, there were a total of 1,726 securities held that are considered temporarily impaired, 1,251 of which have been impaired for 12 months or longer. At December 31, 2023, there were a total of 1,968 securities held that are considered temporarily impaired, 1,676 of which have been impaired for 12 months or longer. The Company recorded other-than-temporary impairments on securities of \$8.2 million, \$25.3 million, and \$13.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

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The following is a list of each loan-backed security held at December 31, 2024, with a recognized other-than-temporary impairment (OTTI) for the year ended December 31, 2024, where the present value of future cash flows expected to be collected was less than the amortized cost basis of the securities.

CUSIP	Book/Adj Carrying Value Amortized Cost Before Current Period OTTI	Present Value of Future Cash Flows	Recognized Other- Than- Temporary Impairment	Amortized Cost After Other- Than- Temporary Impairment	Fair Value	Date of Other- Than- Temporary Impairment
<i>(In Thousands)</i>						

For the year ended, December 31, 2024:

760985-7P-0	\$	192	\$	189	\$	3	\$	189	\$	135	12/31/2024
761118-XQ-6		624		597		27		597		597	12/31/2024
Total		XXX		XXX	\$	30		XXX		XXX	XXX

The Company had no OTTI on loan-backed and structured securities for the year ended December 31, 2024, due to the intent to sell the security or the inability or lack of intent to retain the investment in the security for a period of time sufficient to recover the amortized cost basis.

A summary of the cost or amortized cost and fair value of the Company's debt securities at December 31, 2024, by contractual maturity, is as follows:

	Book/ Adjusted Carrying Value	Fair Value
<i>(In Thousands)</i>		
Years to maturity:		
One or less	\$ 607,823	\$ 606,780
After one through five	4,095,950	4,057,164
After five through ten	3,530,886	3,430,522
After ten	3,145,827	2,926,766
Mortgage-backed securities	12,153,740	11,820,393
Total	<u>\$ 23,534,226</u>	<u>\$ 22,841,625</u>

The expected maturities may differ from contractual maturities in the foregoing table because certain borrowers have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties and because asset-backed and mortgage-backed securities (including floating-rate securities) provide for periodic payments throughout their lives.

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Proceeds from sales of investments in debt securities during 2024, 2023, and 2022 were \$1,636.5 million, \$1,220.8 million, and \$1,271.3 million; gross gains of \$16.3 million, \$7.8 million, and \$3.9 million and gross losses of \$44.3 million, \$35.7 million, and \$28.6 million were realized on these sales, respectively.

Proceeds from sales of investments in equity securities during 2024, 2023, and 2022 were \$254.1 million, \$56.2 million, and \$114.7 million; gross gains of \$95.2 million, \$10.7 million, and \$23.1 million and gross losses of \$2.2 million, \$1.9 million, and \$4.6 million were realized on these sales, respectively.

Realized capital gains (losses) are reported net of federal income taxes and amounts transferred to the IMR as follows for the years ended December 31:

	2024	2023	2022
	<i>(In Thousands)</i>		
Realized capital gains (losses)	\$ 49,501	\$ (49,431)	\$ (17,252)
Less amount transferred to (from) IMR (net of related taxes (benefits) of \$(5,042) in 2024, \$(6,418) in 2023, and \$(4,640) in 2022)	(18,969)	(24,142)	(17,456)
Less federal income tax expense (benefit) of realized capital gains(losses)	11,794	(4,062)	2,393
Net realized capital gains (losses)	<u>\$ 56,676</u>	<u>\$ (21,227)</u>	<u>\$ (2,189)</u>

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Net investment income was generated from the following for the years ended December 31:

	2024	2023	2022
	<i>(In Thousands)</i>		
Debt securities	\$ 1,206,504	\$ 975,296	\$ 653,795
Equity securities	61,720	57,216	48,629
Mortgage loans	280,924	189,856	140,529
Policy loans	1,563	1,683	1,758
Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments	18,998	14,070	5,065
Derivative instruments	(7,716)	(308)	—
Other invested assets	27,942	23,107	17,313
Other	4,426	3,373	3,327
Gross investment income	1,594,361	1,264,293	870,416
Investment expenses	22,534	18,546	14,402
Net investment income	<u>\$ 1,571,827</u>	<u>\$ 1,245,747</u>	<u>\$ 856,014</u>

The Company's investments in mortgage loans principally involve commercial real estate. At December 31, 2024, 47.5% of such mortgages, or \$2,699.8 million, involved properties located in Florida, Colorado, Ohio, and Texas. Such investments consist of primarily first-mortgage liens on completed income-producing properties. The aggregate mortgage outstanding to any one borrower does not exceed \$122.5 million. During 2024, the respective minimum and maximum lending rates for mortgage loans issued were 5.56% and 7.98%. At the issuance of a loan, the percentage of any one loan to value of security, exclusive of insured, guaranteed or purchase money mortgage did not exceed 80.0%. During 2024, the Company did not reduce interest rates on any outstanding mortgages.

The Company utilizes loan-to-value and debt-service coverage ratios as credit quality indicators for its commercial mortgage loans. The Company updates and analyzes these indicators at least annually. 95.7% of the Company's mortgage loans were less than 75% loan-to-value and the total portfolio's debt-service coverage ratio was 1.54 at December 31, 2024, based on the most recent data available.

Derivative Instruments

The Company has entered into Interest Rate Swaps to hedge fluctuations in interest rates impacting the floating rate security portfolio. The hedge makes the floating-rate assets into a fixed-rate-equivalent; with a similar tenor of the liability (typically 3 years). At the beginning of these contracts, no premium is either paid or received for transferring the related risk. The Company retains risk associated with actual versus expected assumptions for interest rate movements. Monthly Interest payments paid/received are recorded in Net Investment Income. The swaps are not designated as a hedge for accounting purposes and are carried at fair value on the balance sheet with changes in fair value recorded in surplus. The related gains and losses from terminations or expirations are recorded in realized capital gains and losses.

The net loss recognized in unrealized gains and losses during the reporting period related to the Interest Rate Swaps was \$(2.4) million. The interest paid along with due and accrued interest recognized in Net Investment Income was \$(7.7) million. The Company has entered into a collateral agreement with the counterparty whereby under certain conditions the counterparty is required to post assets on the Company's behalf. The posted amount is equal to the difference between the net positive fair value of the interest rate swaps and the agreed upon thresholds that are based on the credit rating of the counterparty. Inversely, if the net fair value of the interest rate swap is negative, then the Company may be required to post assets instead using similar thresholds. At December 31, 2024, \$2.9 million cash collateral has been posted to the Company.

Information related to the Company's derivative instruments as described above and the effects of offsetting on the balance sheet consisted of the following for the years ended December 31:

	2024	2023
	<i>(In Thousands)</i>	
Derivative assets:		
Gross amount of recognized assets	\$ 3,508	\$ —
Gross amounts offset	—	—
Net amount of assets	<u>\$ 3,508</u>	<u>\$ —</u>
Derivative liabilities:		
Gross amount of recognized liabilities	\$ —	\$ —
Gross amounts offset	—	—
Net amount of liabilities	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>

3. Fair Values of Financial Instruments

Included in various investment-related line items in the financial statements are certain financial instruments carried at fair value. Other financial instruments are periodically measured at fair value such as when impaired or, for certain bonds and preferred stocks, when carried at the lower of cost or market.

The Company uses fair value measurements to record the fair value of certain assets and liabilities and to estimate the fair value of financial instruments not recorded at fair value but required to be disclosed at fair value. Certain financial instruments, particularly policyholder liabilities other than investment-type contracts, are excluded from this fair value discussion.

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Company's financial assets and liabilities carried at fair value have been classified, for disclosure purposes, based on the following hierarchy that prioritizes inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three levels. The Company's policy is to recognize transfers in and transfers out of levels at the beginning of the quarterly reporting period.

- Level 1 - Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. The Company's Level 1 assets and liabilities primarily include exchange-traded equity securities and mutual funds, including those which are part of the Company's separate account assets.
- Level 2 - Inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. The Company's Level 2 assets and liabilities primarily include investment grade municipal, corporate bonds, and surplus notes within the Company's separate account, preferred stock, interest rate swaps, to be announced (TBA) forward contracts, industrial and miscellaneous bonds, bank loans, and initially rated NAIC 6 commercial and residential mortgage-backed securities. The fair values of these instruments are determined through the use of third-party pricing services or models utilizing market observable inputs.
- Level 3 - Significant unobservable inputs for the asset or liability. The Company's Level 3 assets primarily include fixed income residual tranches, which is priced utilizing client statements.

Fair value estimates are made at a specific point in time, based on available market information and judgments about the financial instrument, including discount rates, estimates of timing, amount of expected future cash flows and the credit standing of the issuer. Such estimates do not consider the tax impact of the realization of unrealized gains or losses.

For Level 3 investments, the fair value estimates cannot be substantiated by comparison to independent markets. In addition, the disclosed fair value may not be realized in the immediate settlement of the financial instrument.

Certain investments utilize net asset value (NAV) as a practical expedient for fair value. These investments are reported separately from the hierarchy. Investments utilizing NAV consist mainly of fixed income residual tranches. These residual tranches represent equity interests in feeder funds and is stapled

to fixed income notes. These investments have to be sold in the same proportion with the note. The Company's unfunded commitments for these investments are \$27.9 million.

As described below, certain fair values are determined through the use of third-party pricing services. Management does not adjust prices received from third parties; however, the Company does analyze the third-party pricing services' valuation methodologies and related inputs and performs additional evaluation to determine the appropriate level within the fair value hierarchy. The Company performs annual due diligence of third-party pricing services, which includes assessing the vendor's valuation qualifications, control environment, analysis of asset class-specific valuation methodologies and understanding of market observable assumptions and unobservable assumptions, if any, employed in the valuation methodology. Care should be exercised in deriving conclusions about the Company's business, its value or financial position based on the fair value information of financial instruments presented below. The following discussion describes the valuation methodologies utilized by the Company for assets and liabilities measured or disclosed at fair value.

Debt and Equity Securities

The fair values of debt securities and asset/mortgage-backed securities have been determined through the use of third-party pricing services utilizing market observable inputs. Private placement securities trading in less liquid or illiquid markets with limited or no pricing information are valued using either broker quotes or by discounting the expected cash flows using current market-consistent rates applicable to the yield, credit quality and maturity of each security.

The fair values of actively traded equity securities and exchange traded funds (including exchange traded funds with debt like characteristics) have been determined utilizing publicly quoted prices obtained from third-party pricing services. The fair values of certain equity securities for which no publicly quoted prices are available have been determined through the use of third-party pricing services utilizing market observable inputs. Actively traded mutual funds are valued using the net asset values of the funds.

Mortgage Loans

The fair values for mortgage loans, consisting principally of commercial real estate loans, are estimated using discounted cash flow analyses, using interest rates currently being offered for similar loans collateralized by properties with similar investment risk. The fair values for mortgage loans in default are established at the lower of the fair value of the underlying collateral less costs to sell or the carrying amount of the loan.

Derivative Instruments

The fair values of free-standing derivative instruments, primarily interest rate swaps and TBA forward contracts, are determined through the use of third-party pricing services or models utilizing market observable inputs.

Cash Collateral Receivable

The receivable represents the obligation to return cash collateral the Company has posted relating to derivative instruments and a bank loan revolver. The fair value is based upon the stated amount.

Cash, Cash Equivalents and Short-Term Investments

The fair values of cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments are based on quoted market prices or stated amounts.

Securities Lending Reinvested Collateral Assets

The fair values of securities lending reinvested collateral assets are determined through the use of third-party sources utilizing publicly quoted prices.

Other Invested Assets

Other invested assets primarily include surplus debentures and fixed income residual tranches for which fair values have been determined through the use of third-party pricing services utilizing market observable inputs.

Assets Held in Separate Accounts

Assets held in separate accounts include debt securities, surplus notes, and mutual funds. The fair values of these assets have been determined using the same methodologies as similar assets held in the general account.

Life and Annuity Reserves for Investment-Type Contracts and Deposit Fund Liabilities

The fair value of liabilities for investment-type contracts is based on the present value of estimated liability cash flows, which are discounted using rates that incorporate risk-free rates and margins for the Company's own credit spread and the riskiness of cash flows. Key assumptions to the cash flow model include the timing of policyholder withdrawals and the level of interest credited to contract balances. Fair values for insurance reserves are not required to be disclosed. However, the estimated fair values of all insurance reserves and investment contracts are taken into consideration in the Company's overall management of interest rate risk.

Cash Collateral Payable

The payable represents the obligation to return cash collateral the Company has received relating to derivative instruments. The fair value is based upon the stated amount.

Securities Lending Liability

The liability represents the Company's obligation to return collateral related to securities lending transactions. The liability is short-term in nature and therefore, the fair value of the obligation approximates the carrying amount.

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Separate Account Liabilities

Certain separate account liabilities are classified as investment contracts and are carried at an amount equal to the related separate account assets. Carrying value is a reasonable estimate of the fair value as it represents the exit value as evidenced by withdrawal transactions between contract holders and the Company.

Assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis are outlined below:

	Assets/ (Liabilities) Measured at Fair Value	Fair Value Hierarchy Level			
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	NAV
		(In Thousands)			
At December 31, 2024					
Assets:					
Bonds, industrial and misc.	\$ 3,244	\$ —	\$ 3,244	\$ —	\$ —
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	7,696	—	7,696	—	—
Residential mortgage-backed securities	392	—	392	—	—
Bonds, exchange traded funds	64,073	64,073	—	—	—
Common stocks, unaffiliated	1,029,843	1,028,429	—	1,414	—
Common stocks, mutual funds	72,507	72,507	—	—	—
Preferred stock	91,855	—	91,855	—	—
Other invested assets, fixed income residual tranche	83,339	—	—	18,016	65,323
Derivative assets	3,508	—	3,508	—	—
Separate account assets*	222,254	25,178	197,076	—	—
Total assets	\$ 1,578,711	\$ 1,190,187	\$ 303,771	\$ 19,430	\$ 65,323

* Separate account assets measured at fair value in this table do not include assets backing market value adjusted annuities, which are held at amortized cost, with the exception of securities rated NAIC 6 where the security's fair value is below amortized cost.

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	Assets/ (Liabilities) Measured at Fair Value	Fair Value Hierarchy Level			
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	NAV
		(In Thousands)			
At December 31, 2023					
Assets:					
Bonds, industrial and misc.	\$ 1,793	\$ —	\$ 1,793	\$ —	\$ —
Bonds, bank loans	244	—	244	—	—
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	7,876	—	7,876	—	—
Residential mortgage-backed securities	591	—	591	—	—
Bonds, exchange traded funds	7,113	7,113	—	—	—
Common stocks, unaffiliated	998,724	998,382	—	342	—
Common stocks, mutual funds	88,534	88,534	—	—	—
Preferred stock	32,193	—	32,193	—	—
Other invested assets, fixed income residual tranche	9,467	—	—	9,467	—
Derivative assets	5,029	—	5,029	—	—
Separate account assets*	68,019	19,056	48,963	—	—
Total assets	\$ 1,219,583	\$ 1,113,085	\$ 96,689	\$ 9,809	\$ —
Liabilities:					
Derivative liabilities	\$ (3,834)	\$ —	\$ (3,834)	\$ —	\$ —

* Separate account assets measured at fair value in this table do not include assets backing market value adjusted annuities, which are held at amortized cost, with the exception of securities rated NAIC 6 where the security's fair value is below amortized cost.

The Company did not have any significant assets or liabilities measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

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The reconciliation for all assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) for the year ended December 31, 2024, is as follows:

	Beginning Asset/ (Liability) as of January 1, 2024	Total Realized/ Unrealized Gains (Losses) Included in:		Purchases, Sales, Issuances and Settlements	Transfers Into Level 3*	Transfers Out of Level 3	Ending Asset/ (Liability) as of December 31, 2024
		Net Income	Surplus				
	(In Thousands)						
Assets:							
Common stocks, unaffiliated	\$ 342	\$ —	\$ 1,072	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 1,414
Other invested assets, fixed income residual tranche	9,467	—	(777)	(674)	10,000	—	18,016
Total assets	\$ 9,809	\$ —	\$ 295	\$ (674)	\$ 10,000	\$ —	\$ 19,430

* Transfers into Level 3 are due to changes resulting from the application of the lower of amortized cost or fair value rules.

The gross purchases, issuances, sales and settlements included in the reconciliation for all assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) for the year ended December 31, 2024, is as follows:

	Purchases	Issuances	Sales	Settlements	Net Purchases, Issuances, Sales and Settlements
<i>(In Thousands)</i>					
Assets:					
Common stocks, unaffiliated	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Other invested assets, fixed income residual tranche	—	—	(674)	—	(674)
Total assets	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ (674)</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ (674)</u>

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The reconciliation for all assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) for the year ended December 31, 2023, is as follows:

	Beginning Asset/ (Liability) as of January 1, 2023	Total Realized/ Unrealized Gains (Losses) Included in:			Purchases, Sales, Issuances and Settlements	Transfers Into Level 3*	Transfers Out of Level 3	Ending Asset/ (Liability) as of December 31, 2023						
		Net Income	Surplus											
	(In Thousands)													
Assets:														
Common stocks, unaffiliated	\$	—	\$	—	\$	342	\$	—	\$	342				
Other invested assets, fixed income residual tranche		—		—	(198)	—	9,665		—	9,467				
Total assets	\$	—	\$	—	\$	(198)	\$	342	\$	9,665	\$	—	\$	9,809

* Transfers into Level 3 are due to changes resulting from the application of the lower of amortized cost or fair value rules.

The gross purchases, issuances, sales and settlements included in the reconciliation for all assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) for the year ended December 31, 2023, is as follows:

	Purchases	Issuances	Sales	Settlements	Net Purchases, Issuances, Sales and Settlements
<i>(In Thousands)</i>					
Assets:					
Common stocks, unaffiliated	\$ 342	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 342
Other invested assets, fixed income residual tranche	—	—	—	—	—
Total assets	\$ 342	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 342

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The carrying amounts and fair values of the Company's significant financial instruments follow:

	December 31, 2024					
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	NAV
	<i>(In Thousands)</i>					
Assets:						
Bonds	\$ 23,534,226	\$ 22,841,625	\$ 109,856	\$ 21,573,066	\$ 1,158,703	\$ —
Common stock:						
Unaffiliated**	1,145,619	1,145,619	1,144,205	—	1,414	—
Mutual funds	72,507	72,507	72,507	—	—	—
Preferred stock	91,855	91,855	—	91,855	—	—
Mortgage loans	5,799,044	5,723,964	—	—	5,723,964	—
Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments	482,774	483,067	483,067	—	—	—
Other invested assets:						
Surplus notes	51,967	50,287	—	50,287	—	—
Fixed income residual tranche	88,339	88,339	—	—	23,016	65,323
Securities lending reinvested collateral assets	—	—	—	—	—	—
Derivative assets	3,508	3,508	—	3,508	—	—
Cash collateral receivable	1,317	1,317	—	1,317	—	—
Separate account assets	2,600,584	2,581,247	107,124	2,428,362	45,761	—
Liabilities:						
Life and annuity reserves for investment-type contracts and deposit fund liabilities	\$ (19,670,969)	\$ (18,979,923)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (18,979,923)	\$ —
Cash collateral payable	(3,124)	(3,124)	—	(3,124)	—	—
Securities lending liability	(655,289)	(655,289)	—	(655,289)	—	—
Separate account liabilities*	(2,391,276)	(2,303,129)	—	—	(2,303,129)	—

* Variable annuity contracts are considered insurance contracts and therefore, are not included in separate account liabilities for purposes of this disclosure.

** Includes FHLB common stock, which is held at cost.

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	December 31, 2023					
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	NAV
	<i>(In Thousands)</i>					
Assets:						
Bonds	\$ 21,303,198	\$ 20,450,103	\$ 56,080	\$ 19,437,356	\$ 956,667	\$ —
Common stock:						
Unaffiliated**	1,093,448	1,093,448	1,093,106	—	342	—
Mutual funds	88,534	88,534	88,534	—	—	—
Preferred stock	32,193	32,193	—	32,193	—	—
Mortgage loans	4,839,834	4,677,737	—	—	4,677,737	—
Cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments	345,191	345,211	345,211	—	—	—
Other invested assets:						
Surplus notes	46,735	46,837	—	46,837	—	—
Fixed income residual tranche	24,175	24,175	—	—	24,175	—
Securities lending reinvested collateral assets	63,603	63,603	63,603	—	—	—
Derivative assets	5,029	5,029	—	5,029	—	—
Cash collateral receivable	1,774	1,774	—	1,774	—	—
Separate account assets	2,067,455	2,018,572	64,457	1,916,672	37,443	—
Liabilities:						
Life and annuity reserves for investment-type contracts and deposit fund liabilities	\$ (17,482,315)	\$ (16,913,352)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (16,913,352)	\$ —
Derivative liabilities	(3,834)	(3,834)	—	(3,834)	—	—
Cash collateral payable	(2,660)	(2,660)	—	(2,660)	—	—
Securities lending liability	(542,557)	(542,557)	—	(542,557)	—	—
Separate account liabilities*	(2,008,453)	(1,938,936)	—	—	(1,938,936)	—

* Variable annuity contracts are considered insurance contracts and therefore, are not included in separate account liabilities for purposes of this disclosure.

** Includes FHLB common stock, which is held at cost.

4. Related-Party Transactions

The Company received payments of principal and interest under mortgage financing arrangements in the amount of \$19.2 million, \$14.7 million, and \$9.9 million in 2024, 2023 and 2022, respectively, on behalf of certain partnerships in which Western and Southern has an equity interest. The principal balance of the mortgage financing arrangements was \$171.1 million and \$127.5 million at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

At December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Company had \$136.6 million and \$88.5 million, respectively, invested in the Touchstone Funds, which are exchange traded and mutual funds administered by Touchstone Advisors, Inc., an indirect subsidiary of the company.

At December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Company had \$244.1 million and \$219.0 million, respectively, invested in various private debt funds managed by Fort Washington Investment Advisors, Inc., an indirect subsidiary of Western and Southern.

In July 2024, the Company purchased \$71.3 million of other invested assets in exchange for cash from Western and Southern.

In March 2024, the Company paid a \$155.0 million ordinary dividend to Western and Southern. The dividend was in the form of cash.

In December 2023, the Company received a \$275.0 million capital contribution from Western and Southern. The contribution was in the form of \$225.0 million and \$50.0 million in cash and equity securities, respectively.

In August 2023, the Company entered into a Pension Risk Transfer agreement with Western and Southern to transfer risk and administration costs associated with Western and Southern's pension benefit obligation in the amount of \$54.6 million.

In March 2023, the Company paid a \$150.0 million ordinary dividend to Western and Southern. The dividend was in the form of cash.

In December 2022, the Company received a capital contribution of \$320.0 million from Western and Southern. The contribution was in the form of cash.

The Company had \$6.7 million and \$3.9 million receivable from parent, subsidiaries and affiliates as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The Company had \$12.7 million and \$33.9 million payable to parent, subsidiaries and affiliates as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The terms of the settlement generally require that these amounts be settled in cash within 30 days.

Western and Southern guarantees the payment of the Company's policyholder obligations. In the unlikely event the guarantee would be triggered, Western and Southern may be permitted to take control of the Company's assets to recover all or a portion of the amounts paid under the guarantee.

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5. Reinsurance

Certain premiums and benefits are assumed from and ceded to other insurance companies under various reinsurance agreements. The ceded reinsurance agreements provide the Company with increased capacity to write larger risks and maintain its exposure to loss within its capital resources.

The effects of reinsurance on premiums, annuity considerations and deposit-type funds are as follows for the years ended December 31:

	2024	2023	2022
	<i>(In Thousands)</i>		
Direct premiums	\$ 5,637,045	\$ 7,041,103	\$ 6,690,247
Assumed premiums:			
Affiliates	—	—	—
Nonaffiliates	—	—	—
Ceded premiums:			
Affiliates	—	—	—
Nonaffiliates	(34,584)	(33,330)	(30,017)
Net premiums	<u>\$ 5,602,461</u>	<u>\$ 7,007,773</u>	<u>\$ 6,660,230</u>

The Company's ceded reinsurance arrangements impacted certain other items in the accompanying financial statements by the following amounts as of and for the years ended December 31:

	2024	2023	2022
	<i>(In Thousands)</i>		
Policy and contract claims:			
Affiliates	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Nonaffiliates	30,875	32,096	30,444
Policy and contract liabilities:			
Affiliates	—	—	—
Nonaffiliates	28,992	28,244	28,101
Amounts recoverable on reinsurance contracts:			
Affiliates	—	—	—
Nonaffiliates	3,994	3,618	6,388

In 2024, 2023 and 2022, the Company did not commute any ceded reinsurance.

At December 31, 2024, the Company has no significant reserves ceded to unauthorized reinsurers. Amounts payable or recoverable for reinsurance on policy and contract liabilities are not subject to periodic or maximum limits.

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Neither the Company nor any of its related parties, control directly or indirectly, any reinsurers with whom the Company conducts business. No policies issued by the Company have been reinsured with a foreign company, which is controlled, either directly or indirectly, by a party not primarily engaged in the business of insurance. At December 31, 2024, there are no reinsurance agreements in effect such that the amount of losses paid or accrued exceed the total direct premium collected. The Company remains obligated for amounts ceded in the event that the reinsurers do not meet their obligations.

The Company has certain reinsurance agreements in effect under which the reinsurer may unilaterally cancel the agreement under certain conditions. In addition, these reinsurance agreements reinsure contracts that had existing reserves as of the effective date of the agreements. There are no reinsurance credits associated with these agreements. There would be a reduction in surplus of \$7.0 million if these reinsurance agreements were cancelled.

6. Federal Income Taxes

The Company is included in the consolidated federal income tax return of Western and Southern. The Company had a receivable (payable) from (to) Western and Southern in the amount of \$(22.3) million and \$(38.2) million as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The tax years 2014 through 2017 and 2021 through 2024 remain subject to examination by major tax jurisdictions.

The amount of federal income taxes incurred that will be available for recoupment at December 31, 2024, in the event of future net losses is \$11.5 million, \$0.0 million, and \$0.0 million from 2024, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

The components of net deferred tax asset (liability) at December 31 are as follows:

	12/31/2024		
	<i>(In Thousands)</i>		
	(1)	(2)	(3)
	Ordinary	Capital	(Col 1+2) Total
(a) Gross deferred tax assets	\$ 433,007	\$ 22,786	\$ 455,793
(b) Statutory valuation allowance adjustments	—	—	—
(c) Adjusted gross deferred tax assets (a – b)	433,007	22,786	455,793
(d) Deferred tax assets nonadmitted	39,195	—	39,195
(e) Subtotal net admitted deferred tax assets (c – d)	393,812	22,786	416,598
(f) Deferred tax liabilities	47,631	95,283	142,914
(g) Net admitted deferred tax asset/(net deferred tax liability) (e – f)	\$ 346,181	\$ (72,497)	\$ 273,684

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12/31/2023			
(In Thousands)			
(4)	(5)	(6)	
Ordinary	Capital	(Col 4+5)	Total
(a) Gross deferred tax assets	\$ 368,357	\$ 21,562	\$ 389,919
(b) Statutory valuation allowance adjustments	—	—	—
(c) Adjusted gross deferred tax assets (a – b)	368,357	21,562	389,919
(d) Deferred tax assets nonadmitted	12,002	—	12,002
(e) Subtotal net admitted deferred tax assets (c – d)	356,355	21,562	377,917
(f) Deferred tax liabilities	34,505	78,187	112,692
(g) Net admitted deferred tax asset/(net deferred tax liability) (e – f)	\$ 321,850	\$ (56,625)	\$ 265,225

Change			
(In Thousands)			
(7)	(8)	(9)	
Ordinary	Capital	7+8	Total
(a) Gross deferred tax assets	\$ 64,650	\$ 1,224	\$ 65,874
(b) Statutory valuation allowance adjustments	—	—	—
(c) Adjusted gross deferred tax assets (a – b)	64,650	1,224	65,874
(d) Deferred tax assets nonadmitted	27,193	—	27,193
(e) Subtotal net admitted deferred tax assets (c – d)	37,457	1,224	38,681
(f) Deferred tax liabilities	13,125	17,097	30,222
(g) Net admitted deferred tax asset/(net deferred tax liability) (e – f)	\$ 24,332	\$ (15,873)	\$ 8,459

12/31/2024			
(In Thousands)			
(7)	(8)	(9)	
Ordinary	Capital	(Col 1+2)	Total
(a) Federal income taxes paid in prior years recoverable through loss carrybacks	\$ —	\$ 5,978	\$ 5,978
(b) Adjusted gross deferred tax assets expected to be realized (excluding the amount of deferred tax assets from (a) above) after application of the threshold limitation (the lesser of (b)1 and (b)2 below)	250,898	16,808	267,706
1. Adjusted gross deferred tax assets expected to be realized following the balance sheet date	250,898	16,808	267,706
2. Adjusted gross deferred tax assets allowed per limitation threshold.	XXX	XXX	267,706
(c) Adjusted gross deferred tax assets (excluding the amount of deferred tax assets from (a) and (b) above) offset by gross deferred tax liabilities	142,914	—	142,914
(d) Deferred tax assets admitted as the result of application of SSAP No. 101 Total ((a) + (b) + (c))	\$ 393,812	\$ 22,786	\$ 416,598

Admission Calculation Components SSAP No. 101

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12/31/2023 (In Thousands)		
(4) Ordinary	(5) Capital	(6) (Col 4+5) Total
(a) Federal income taxes paid in prior years recoverable through loss carrybacks	\$ —	\$ 10,043
(b) Adjusted gross deferred tax assets expected to be realized (excluding the amount of deferred tax assets from (a) above) after application of the threshold limitation (the lesser of (b)1 and (b)2 below)	243,663	11,519
1. Adjusted gross deferred tax assets expected to be realized following the balance sheet date	243,663	11,519
2. Adjusted gross deferred tax assets allowed per limitation threshold	XXX	XXX
(c) Adjusted gross deferred tax assets (excluding the amount of deferred tax assets from (a) and (b) above) offset by gross deferred tax liabilities	112,692	—
(d) Deferred tax assets admitted as the result of application of SSAP No. 101 Total ((a) + (b) + (c))	\$ 356,355	\$ 21,562
		\$ 377,917

Admission Calculation Components SSAP No. 101

Change (In Thousands)		
(7) Ordinary	(8) Capital	(9) (Col 7+8) Total
(a) Federal income taxes paid in prior years recoverable through loss carrybacks	\$ —	\$ (4,065)
(b) Adjusted gross deferred tax assets expected to be realized (excluding the amount of deferred tax assets from (a) above) after application of the threshold limitation (the lesser of (b)1 and (b)2 below)	7,235	5,289
1. Adjusted gross deferred tax assets expected to be realized following the balance sheet date	7,235	5,289
2. Adjusted gross deferred tax assets allowed per limitation threshold.	XXX	XXX
(c) Adjusted gross deferred tax assets (excluding the amount of deferred tax assets from (a) and (b) above) offset by gross deferred tax liabilities	30,222	—
(d) Deferred tax assets admitted as the result of application of SSAP No. 101 Total ((a) + (b) + (c))	\$ 37,457	\$ 1,224
		\$ 38,681

2024	2023
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(a) Ratio percentage used to determine recovery period and threshold limitation amount

597%

588%

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		12/31/2024	
		(1) Ordinary	(2) Capital
Impact of tax planning strategies		<i>(In Thousands)</i>	
(a)	Adjusted gross DTAs amount	\$433,007	\$22,786
(b)	Percentage of adjusted gross DTAs by tax character attributable to the impact of tax planning strategies	24.89%	5.00%
(c)	Net admitted adjusted gross DTAs amount	\$393,812	\$22,786
(d)	Percentage of net admitted adjusted gross DTAs by tax character attributable to the impact of tax planning strategies	27.23%	5.47%

		12/31/2023	
		(3) Ordinary	(4) Capital
Impact of tax planning strategies		<i>(In Thousands)</i>	
(a)	Adjusted gross DTAs amount	\$368,357	\$21,562
(b)	Percentage of adjusted gross DTAs by tax character attributable to the impact of tax planning strategies	22.25%	5.53%
(c)	Net admitted adjusted gross DTAs amount	\$356,355	\$21,562
(d)	Percentage of net admitted adjusted gross DTAs by tax character attributable to the impact of tax planning strategies	22.96%	5.71%

		Change	
		(5) Ordinary	(6) Capital
Impact of tax planning strategies		<i>(In Thousands)</i>	
(a)	Adjusted gross DTAs amount	\$64,650	\$1,224
(b)	Percentage of adjusted gross DTAs by tax character attributable to the impact of tax planning strategies	2.64%	(0.53)%
(c)	Net admitted adjusted gross DTAs amount	\$37,457	\$1,224
(d)	Percentage of net admitted adjusted gross DTAs by tax character attributable to the impact of tax planning strategies	4.27%	(0.24)%

The Company's tax planning strategies include the use of reinsurance.

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Current income taxes incurred consist of the following major components:

	12/31/2024	12/31/2023	12/31/2022
	<i>(In Thousands)</i>		
(1) Current income tax			
(a) Federal	\$ 97,358	\$ 112,725	\$ 65,520
(b) Foreign	33	31	—
(c) Subtotal	97,391	112,756	65,520
(d) Federal income tax on net capital gains	11,794	(4,062)	2,393
(e) Utilization of capital loss carryforwards	—	—	—
(f) Other	—	—	—
(g) Federal and foreign income taxes incurred	\$ 109,185	\$ 108,694	\$ 67,913
	(1)	(2)	(3)
	12/31/2024	12/31/2023	(Col 1-2) Change
(2) Deferred tax assets:			
(a) Ordinary	<i>(In Thousands)</i>		
(1) Discounting of unpaid losses	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
(2) Unearned premium revenue	—	—	—
(3) Policyholder reserves	369,177	317,488	51,689
(4) Investments	11,979	4,304	7,675
(5) Deferred acquisition costs	49,023	44,516	4,507
(6) Policyholder dividends accrual	—	—	—
(7) Fixed assets	—	—	—
(8) Compensation and benefits accrual	—	—	—
(9) Pension accrual	—	—	—
(10) Receivables - nonadmitted	1,086	1,043	43
(11) Net operating loss carryforward	—	—	—
(12) Tax credit carryforward	—	—	—
(13) Other	1,742	1,006	736
(99) Subtotal	433,007	368,357	64,650
(b) Statutory valuation allowance adjustment	—	—	—
(c) Nonadmitted	39,195	12,002	27,193
(d) Admitted ordinary deferred tax assets (2a99 - 2b - 2c)	393,812	356,355	37,457
(e) Capital			
(1) Investments	22,786	21,562	1,224
(2) Net capital loss carryforward	—	—	—
(3) Real estate	—	—	—
(4) Other	—	—	—
(99) Subtotal	22,786	21,562	1,224
(f) Statutory valuation allowance adjustment	—	—	—
(g) Nonadmitted	—	—	—
(h) Admitted capital deferred tax assets (2e99- 2f - 2g)	22,786	21,562	1,224
(i) Admitted deferred tax assets (2d + 2h)	\$ 416,598	\$ 377,917	\$ 38,681

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	(1) 12/31/2024	(2) 12/31/2023	(3) (Col 1-2) Change
(3) Deferred tax liabilities:	<i>(In Thousands)</i>		
(a) Ordinary			
(1) Investments	\$ 40,340	\$ 25,975	\$ 14,365
(2) Fixed assets	—	—	—
(3) Deferred and uncollected premium	3,960	4,098	(138)
(4) Policyholder reserves	3,331	4,198	(867)
(5) Other	—	234	(234)
(99) Subtotal	47,631	34,505	13,126
(b) Capital			
(1) Investments	95,283	78,187	17,096
(2) Real estate	—	—	—
(3) Other	—	—	—
(99) Subtotal	95,283	78,187	17,096
(c) Deferred tax liabilities (3a99 + 3b99)	\$ 142,914	\$ 112,692	\$ 30,222
(4) Net deferred tax assets/liabilities (2i - 3c)	\$ 273,684	\$ 265,225	\$ 8,459

Among the more significant book-to-tax adjustments were the following:

	12/31/2024 <i>(In Thousands)</i>	Effective Tax Rate	12/31/2023 <i>(In Thousands)</i>	Effective Tax Rate	12/31/2022 <i>(In Thousands)</i>	Effective Tax Rate
Provision computed at statutory rate	\$ 75,819	21.00 %	\$ 9,679	21.00 %	\$ (7,159)	21.00 %
Dividend received deduction	(1,226)	(0.34)	(1,609)	(3.49)	(6,054)	17.76
Tax credits	(975)	(0.27)	(1,684)	(3.65)	(2,314)	6.79
Other invested assets and nonadmitted change	(9,799)	(2.71)	(6,199)	(13.45)	(5,824)	17.07
Affiliated income	(5,250)	(1.45)	—	—	—	—
Other	(734)	(0.21)	(3,791)	(8.23)	438	(1.28)
Total statutory income taxes	\$ 57,835	16.02 %	\$ (3,604)	(7.82)%	\$ (20,913)	61.34 %
Federal and foreign taxes incurred	\$ 109,185	30.24 %	\$ 108,694	235.83 %	\$ 67,913	(199.21)%
Change in net deferred income taxes	(51,350)	(14.22)	(112,298)	(243.65)	(88,826)	260.55
Total statutory income taxes	\$ 57,835	16.02 %	\$ (3,604)	(7.82)%	\$ (20,913)	61.34 %

At December 31, 2024, the Company had \$0.0 million of net operating loss carryforwards, net capital loss carryforwards and tax credit carry forwards; the company had \$0.0 million of deferred tax liabilities that are not recognized.

The Inflation Reduction Act (the “IRA”) was enacted on August 16, 2022, and included a provision for a new Corporate Alternative Minimum Tax (CAMT), effective in 2023, that is based on the adjusted financial statement income set forth on the applicable financial statement of an “applicable corporation.” The controlled group of corporations of which the reporting entity is a member has determined that it is not an “applicable corporation” for purposes of CAMT during the reporting period, and is not liable for the CAMT.

7. Capital and Surplus

The Company is required by statutory regulations to meet minimum risk-based capital standards. Risk-based capital is a method of measuring the minimum amount of capital appropriate for an insurance company to support its overall business operations in consideration of its size and risk profile. At December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Company exceeded the minimum risk-based capital.

Ohio insurance law limits the amount of dividends that can be paid to a parent in a holding company structure without prior approval of the regulators to the greater of 10% of statutory surplus or statutory net income as of the preceding December 31 less any dividends paid in the preceding 12 months, but only to the extent of earned surplus as of the preceding December 31. Based on these limitations, the Company is able to pay dividends of up to \$249.0 million by the end of 2025 without seeking prior regulatory approval based on net income of \$249.0 million at December 31, 2024.

8. Commitments and Contingencies

The Company is named as a defendant in various legal actions arising principally from claims made under insurance policies and contracts. The Company believes the resolution of these actions will not have a material effect on the Company’s financial position or results of operations.

At December 31, 2024, the Company does not have any material lease agreements as a lessee for office space or equipment.

At December 31, 2024, the Company has future commitments to provide additional capital contributions of \$138.4 million to investments in joint ventures, limited partnerships and limited liability companies. Additionally, the Company has commitments to fund \$722.1 million of commercial mortgage loans and \$195.0 million of debt capital.

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9. Life and Annuity Reserves and Deposit-Type Contract Liabilities

At December 31, 2024, the Company's general and separate account annuity reserves and deposit-type contract liabilities that are subject to discretionary withdrawal (with adjustment), subject to discretionary withdrawal (without adjustment), and not subject to discretionary withdrawal provisions are summarized as follows:

	General Account	Separate Account With Guarantees	Separate Account Non- guaranteed	Total	Percent
Individual Annuities					
	<i>(In Thousands)</i>				
Subject to discretionary withdrawal:					
With market value adjustment	\$ 14,200,715	\$ 2,391,276	\$ —	\$ 16,591,991	67.7 %
At book value less current surrender charge of 5% or more	49,338	—	—	49,338	0.2
At fair value	—	—	19,073	19,073	0.1
Total with adjustment or at fair value	14,250,053	2,391,276	19,073	16,660,402	68.0
Subject to discretionary withdrawal at book value without adjustment (minimal or no charge or adjustment)	2,797,091	—	—	2,797,091	11.4
Not subject to discretionary withdrawal	5,041,784	—	—	5,041,784	20.6
Total individual annuity reserves (before reinsurance)	22,088,928	2,391,276	19,073	24,499,277	100.0 %
Reinsurance ceded	—	—	—	—	
Net individual annuity reserves	\$ 22,088,928	\$ 2,391,276	\$ 19,073	\$ 24,499,277	
Amount subject to greater than a 5% surrender charge that will be subject to minimal or no surrender charge after the statement date	\$ 49,338	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 49,338	
Group Annuities					
	<i>(In Thousands)</i>				
Not subject to discretionary withdrawal	\$ 2,141,606	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 2,141,606	100.0 %
Total group annuity reserves (before reinsurance)	2,141,606	—	—	2,141,606	100.0 %
Reinsurance ceded	—	—	—	—	
Net group annuity reserves	\$ 2,141,606	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 2,141,606	

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	General Account	Separate Account With Guarantees	Separate Account Non- guaranteed	Total	Percent
Deposit-type contracts (no life contingencies)					
	<i>(In Thousands)</i>				
Subject to discretionary withdrawal at book value without adjustment (minimal or no charge or adjustment)	\$ 17,330	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 17,330	0.7 %
Not subject to discretionary withdrawal	2,622,074	—	—	2,622,074	99.3
Total deposit-type contract liability (before reinsurance)	2,639,404	—	—	2,639,404	<u>100.0 %</u>
Reinsurance ceded	—	—	—	—	
Total deposit-type contract liability	<u>\$ 2,639,404</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 2,639,404</u>	

Interest rate changes may have temporary effects on the sale and profitability of annuity products offered by the Company. Although the rates offered by the Company are adjustable in the long-term, in the short-term they may be subject to contractual and competitive restrictions, which may prevent timely adjustment. The Company's management constantly monitors interest rates with respect to a spectrum of product durations and sells annuities that permit flexible responses to interest rate changes as part of the Company's management of interest spreads. However, adverse changes in investment yields on invested assets will affect the earnings on those products with a guaranteed return.

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At December 31, 2024, the Company's general and separate account life insurance account values, cash value, and reserves for policies subject to discretionary withdrawal, not subject to discretionary withdrawal, or with no cash value are summarized as follows:

	General Account			Separate Account - Nonguaranteed		
	Account Value	Cash Value	Reserve	Account Value	Cash Value	Reserve
<i>(In Thousands)</i>						
Subject to discretionary withdrawal, surrender values, or policy loans:						
Term policies with cash value	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Universal life	383,138	388,739	398,141	—	—	—
Universal life with secondary guarantees	788,279	859,015	1,479,260	—	—	—
Indexed universal life	—	—	—	—	—	—
Indexed universal life with secondary guarantees	—	—	—	—	—	—
Indexed life	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other permanent cash value life insurance	—	4,350	4,558	—	—	—
Variable life	—	—	—	—	—	—
Variable universal life	—	—	—	200,833	200,833	200,833
Miscellaneous reserves	—	—	—	—	—	—
Not subject to discretionary withdrawal or no cash values:						
Term policies without cash value	XXX	XXX	239,585	XXX	XXX	—
Accidental death benefits	XXX	XXX	286	XXX	XXX	—
Disability - active lives	XXX	XXX	1,940	XXX	XXX	—
Disability - disabled lives	XXX	XXX	10,699	XXX	XXX	—
Miscellaneous reserves	XXX	XXX	—	XXX	XXX	—
Total life reserves (before reinsurance)	1,171,417	1,252,104	2,134,469	200,833	200,833	200,833
Reinsurance ceded	—	—	23,291	—	—	—
Net life reserves	\$ 1,171,417	\$ 1,252,104	\$ 2,111,178	\$ 200,833	\$ 200,833	\$ 200,833

Federal Home Loan Bank

The Company is a member of the FHLB of Cincinnati. Through its membership, the Company has conducted business activity (borrowings) with the FHLB. It is part of the Company's strategy to utilize these funds to increase profitability. The Company has determined the actual/estimated maximum borrowing capacity as \$4.22 billion. The Company calculated this amount after a review of its pledgeable assets (both pledged and unpledged) and after applying the respective FHLB borrowing haircuts.

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FHLB Capital Stock – General Account:

	December 31	
	2024	2023
	<i>(In Thousands)</i>	
Membership stock - Class A (not eligible for redemption)	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Membership stock - Class B	—	—
Activity stock	95,158	74,137
Excess stock	618	587
Aggregate total	<u>\$ 115,776</u>	<u>\$ 94,724</u>
Actual or estimated borrowing capacity as determined by the insurer	<u>\$ 4,220,000</u>	<u>\$ 4,180,000</u>

Collateral Pledged to FHLB – General Account:

	2024				2023			
	Fair Value	Carrying Value	Aggregate Total Borrowing	Borrowed at Time of Maximum Collateral	Fair Value	Carrying Value	Aggregate Total Borrowing	Borrowed at Time of Maximum Collateral
	<i>(In Thousands)</i>							
Total as of reporting date	\$ 5,431,817	\$ 5,611,771	\$ 2,114,626	XXX	\$ 3,761,455	\$ 3,949,497	\$ 1,654,932	XXX
Maximum during reporting period	5,534,152	5,626,706	XXX	1,859,294	3,739,243	4,074,642	XXX	1,613,290

Borrowing from FHLB - General Account:

	2024			2023		
	At Reporting Date	Reserves Established at Reporting Date	Maximum Amount During Period	At Reporting Date	Reserves Established at Reporting Date	
	<i>(In Thousands)</i>					
Funding agreements	\$ 2,114,626	\$ 2,114,999	\$ 2,114,626	\$ 1,654,932	\$ 1,659,966	
Debt	—	XXX	—	—	XXX	
Aggregate total	<u>\$ 2,114,626</u>	<u>\$ 2,114,999</u>	<u>\$ 2,114,626</u>	<u>\$ 1,654,932</u>	<u>\$ 1,659,966</u>	

The Company does not have any prepayment obligations under these FHLB borrowing arrangements.

10. Separate Accounts

The Company's guaranteed separate account consists of non-indexed, guaranteed rate options that include market value adjustments. The guaranteed rate options were sold in a fixed annuity product. These options carry a minimum interest guarantee based on the guarantee period selected by the policyholder. The fixed annuity product provides a death benefit equal to the account value.

The Company's nonguaranteed separate accounts consist of subaccounts available through variable annuities and group variable universal life insurance. The net investment experience of each subaccount is credited directly to the policyholder and can be positive or negative. Variable annuities include guaranteed minimum death benefits that vary by product and include optional death benefits available on some products. The death benefits include the following: account value, return of premium paid, a death benefit that accumulates at a specified interest rate, a death benefit that is adjusted septennially to the current account value, and a death benefit that is adjusted annually to the current account value. The death benefit under the group variable universal life insurance policies may vary with the investment performance of the underlying investments in the separate accounts.

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Information regarding the separate accounts of the Company as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, is as follows:

	Separate Accounts With Guarantees			
	Nonindexed Guaranteed Less Than/ Equal to 4%	Nonindexed Guaranteed More Than 4%	Nonguaranteed Separate Accounts	Total
(In Thousands)				
Premiums, considerations or deposits	\$ 70	\$ 566,026	\$ 150,325	\$ 716,421
Reserves for separate accounts with assets at:				
Fair value	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 219,906	\$ 219,906
Amortized cost	719,271	1,672,005	—	2,391,276
Total reserves	\$ 719,271	\$ 1,672,005	\$ 219,906	\$ 2,611,182
Reserves for separate accounts by withdrawal characteristics:				
Subject to discretionary withdrawal:				
With fair value adjustment	\$ 719,271	\$ 1,672,005	\$ —	\$ 2,391,276
At book value without fair value adjustment and with current surrender charge of 5% or more	—	—	—	—
At fair value	—	—	219,906	219,906
At book value without fair value adjustment and with current surrender charge of less than 5%	—	—	—	—
Subtotal	719,271	1,672,005	219,906	2,611,182
Not subject to discretionary withdrawal	—	—	—	—
Total separate accounts reserves	\$ 719,271	\$ 1,672,005	\$ 219,906	\$ 2,611,182

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A reconciliation of the amounts transferred to and from the separate accounts for the year ended December 31, 2024, is presented below:

	2024
	<i>(In Thousands)</i>
Transfers as reported in the Summary of Operations of the Separate Accounts Statement:	
Transfers to separate accounts	\$ 716,421
Transfers from separate accounts	303,865
Net transfers to (from) separate accounts	<u>412,556</u>
Reconciling adjustments:	
Policy deductions and other expenses	6
Change in surplus in separate accounts	21
Other account adjustments	—
Transfers as reported in the Summary of Operations of the Company	<u><u>\$ 412,583</u></u>

11. Premium and Annuity Considerations Deferred and Uncollected

Deferred and uncollected life insurance premiums and annuity considerations at December 31, 2024, were as follows:

	Gross	Net of Loading
	<i>(In Thousands)</i>	
Ordinary new business	\$ 1,706	\$ 11
Ordinary renewal	13,401	16,930
Total	<u><u>\$ 15,107</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 16,941</u></u>