

Selected South African insurance sector data March 2021





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Introduction

This report provides a high level overview of insurers' financial and risk information, compiled by means of the aggregation of data submitted quarterly by individual South African-registered insurers.

The following should be noted with regards to the data contained in this document:

- data is based on reporting by insurance entities and the prudential standard issued in terms of the Insurance Act 18 of 2017 as implemented in South Africa on 1 July 2018;
- this information is subject to change without notice. The data in this report is as at the end of March 2021.



Registered insurance entities in South Africa

	Mar 2020	Mar 2021
Total	170	150
Life primary insurers	70	60
Life cell captives	5	5
Life microinsurer ¹	1	2
Non-life primary insurers	65	59
Non-life cell captives	9	7
Non-life captives	8	5
Non-life microinsurer ¹	1	2
Professional reinsurers	9	9
Composite reinsurers	5	5
Life reinsurers	2	1
Non-life reinsurers	2	3
Other	2	1

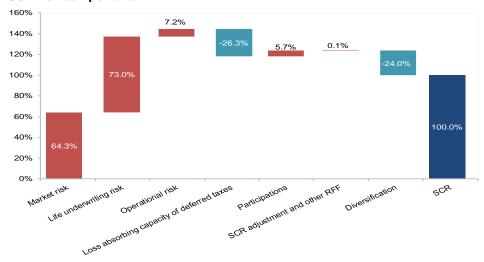
¹Microinsurer: No data available as yet.



Life insurance: Primary insurers

Balance sheet	Mar 2020 R'mil	Mar 2021 R'mil	12 Monthly % growth
Total assets	2,844,189	3,316,560	16.6
Of which:			
Total investments	2,655,491	3,134,099	18.0
Government bonds	203,206	305,199	50.2
Corporate bonds	228,978	210,375	-8.1
Equity	385,035	525,916	36.6
Investment funds	1,428,098	1,724,823	20.8
Structured notes	51,537	59,480	15.4
Collateralised securities	16,706	14,717	-11.9
Cash and deposits	229,631	171,273	-25.4
Mortgages and loans	78,514	88,738	13.0
Property	33,785	33,578	-0.6
Total reinsurance recoverables/ (payable)	6,150	1,249	-79.7
Derivatives	1,585	6,080	283.5
Owner occupied property	9,647	6,843	-29.1
Other assets	171,315	168,289	-1.8
Total liabilities	2,515,362	2,992,521	19.0
Of which:			
Gross technical provisions	2,337,180	2,804,020	20.0
Basic own funds	328,826	324,038	-1.5
Eligible own funds to meet SCR	319,156	321,611	0.8
Eligible own funds to meet MCR	305,029	307,000	0.6
Profitability			
Gross premium	136,541	144,444	5.8
Reinsurance	3,857	4,235	9.8
Net premiums	132,684	140,209	5.7
Net claims paid	122,589	141,993	15.8
Investment income/ (loss) ³	-284,595	154,571	154.3
Management expenses	13,954	13,738	-1.5
Commission paid/ (received)	4,881	4,942	1.2
Other expenses	4,703	1,288	-72.6
Net profit before tax and dividends ⁴	-28,771	7,397	125.7
Other			
Number of policies at the end of period	51,173,993	45,823,710	-10.5
Number of schemes at the end of period	83,590	89,545	7.1

Performance indicators	Mar 2020	Mar 2021
Claims ratio ¹	92.4	101.3
Commission ratio ¹	3.7	3.5
Management expenses ratio ¹	10.5	9.8
Individual lapse ratio ²	69.3	16.4
Individual contractual termination ²	4.2	6.9
Individual expiry ²	1.1	0.0
Surrenders ²	5.3	5.4
Surrenders (in-force policies)	0.5	0.4
Individual lapse ratio (in-force policies)	7.0	1.3
Solvency and capital		
SCR cover ratio (Median)	1.9	1.8
MCR cover ratio (Median)	4.3	4.6







¹ Expressed as a percentage of net written premium during the period.

² Expressed as a percentage of the number of newpolicies issued during the period.

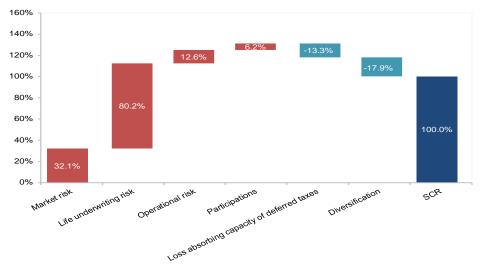
³ During 2021 The insurance industry benefited from a strong equity performance.

⁴ Rebound in net profit before tax was mainly due to change in policy liabilities.

Life insurance: Reinsurers

Balance sheet	Mar 2020 R'mil	Mar 2021 R'mil	12 Monthly % growth
Total assets	7,979	14,855	86.2
Of which:			
Total investments	4,792	6,001	25.2
Total reinsurance recoverables/ (payable) ²	1,123	4,892	335.7
Current assets	1,940	3,508	80.8
Total liabilities	4,612	11,190	142.7
Of which			
Gross technical provisions	2,082	7,201	245.9
Accounts payable	1,843	3,483	88.9
Reinsurance deposits	3	4	17.4
Basic own funds	3,368	3,665	8.8
Eligible own funds to meet SCR	3,368	3,624	7.6
Eligible own funds to meet MCR	3,368	3,624	7.6
Profitability			
Gross premium	1,793	2,062	15.0
Reinsurance	1,166	1,405	20.6
Net premiums	627	657	4.7
Net claims paid	440	752	70.9
Investment income	-66	25	138.6
Management expenses	99	109	10.8
Other expenses	-60	-1	-98.8
Net profit before tax and dividends ³	-106	-555	-421.5

Performance indicators	Mar 2020	Mar 2021
Claims ratio ¹	70.2	114.5
Management expenses ratio ¹	15.7	16.7
Solvency and capital		
SCR cover ratio (Median)	1.7	1.4
MCR cover ratio (Median)	5.7	4.8







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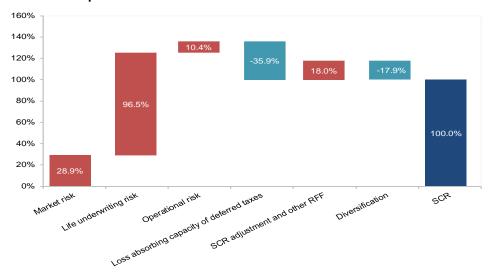
² Fluctuation due to change in reinsurance arrangement between subsidiary and its parent reinsurer.

³ Reinsurers net profit before tax was mainly affected by change in policy liabilities.

Life insurance: Cell Captive insurers

Balance sheet	Mar 2020 R'mil	Mar 2021 R'mil	12 Monthly % growth
Total assets	15,643	19,917	27.3
Of which:			
Total investments	18,089	22,447	24.1
Government bonds	896	1,610	79.6
Corporate bonds	6,487	8,135	25.4
Equity	98	278	184.8
Investment funds	7,171	7,777	8.4
Structured notes	7	67	921.7
Collateralised securities	146	308	111.7
Cash and deposits	2,920	3,883	33.0
Mortgages and loans	365	388	6.4
Total reinsurance recoverables/ (payable)	-3,255	-3,891	19.5
Derivatives	-23	3	112.0
Other assets	831	1,358	63.4
Total liabilities	7,375	8,863	20.2
Of which:			
Gross technical provisions	4,253	4,913	15.5
Deferred tax liabilities	2,035	2,480	21.9
Basic own funds	8,268	11,054	33.7
Eligible own funds to meet SCR	4,892	6,791	38.8
Eligible own funds to meet MCR	4,876	6,787	39.2
Profitability			
Gross premium ³	3,974	4,149	4.4
Reinsurance	833	928	11.4
Net premiums	3,141	3,221	2.5
Net claims paid	632	1,097	73.6
Investment income ³	-298	329	210.5
Management expenses	325	338	3.9
Commission paid/ (received)	360	355	-1.5
Other expenses	1	0	-68.8
Net profit before tax and dividends	1,053	1,363	29.5
Other			
Number of policies at the end of period	7,255,485	5,087,621	-29.9
Number of schemes at the end of period	85,210	71,998	-15.5

	Performance indicators	Mar 2020	Mar 2021
	Claims ratio ¹	20.1	34.1
	Commission ratio ¹	11.5	11.0
	Management expenses ratio ¹	10.3	10.5
	Individual lapse ratio ²	21.6	0.0
	Individual contractual termination ²	0.8	2.2
	Individual expiry ²	54.2	11.1
	Surrenders ²	0.0	17.6
	Surrenders (in-force policies)	0.0	1.7
	Individual lapse ratio (in-force policies)	3.0	0.0
	Solvency and capital		
ı	SCR cover ratio (Median)	1.1	1.1
	MCR cover ratio (Median)	4.3	4.4



¹ Expressed as a percentage of net written premiums.





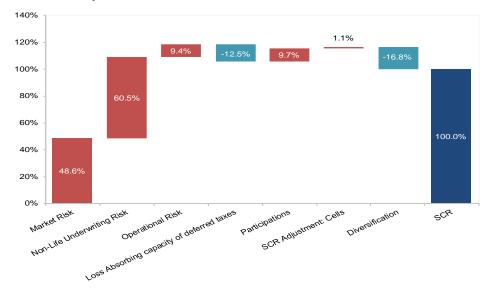
² Expressed as a percentage of the number of newpolicies issued during the period.

³ During 2021 The insurance industry benefited from a strong equity performance.

Non-Life insurance: Primary insurers

Balance sheet	Mar 2020 R'mil	Mar 2021 R'mil	12 Monthly % growth
Total assets	155,636	180,724	16.1
Of which:			
Total investments	104,341	121,961	16.9
Government bonds	20,049	24,375	21.6
Corporate bonds	26,946	29,263	8.6
Equity	14,833	19,272	29.9
Investment funds	11,295	15,500	37.2
Structured notes	260	138	-47.0
Collateralised securities	789	673	-14.7
Cash and deposits	28,038	30,849	10.0
Mortgages and loans	2,077	1,849	-11.0
Property	54	42	-21.6
Total reinsurance recoverables/ (payable)	16,421	25,744	56.8
Derivatives	184	195	6.2
Owner occupied property	1,854	1,438	-22.4
Other assets	32,837	31,386	-4.4
Total liabilities	86,552	104,897	21.2
Of which:			
Gross technical provisions	58,334	76,026	30.3
Accounts payable	6,307	8,788	39.3
Payables (trade, not insurance)	10,569	7,594	-28.1
Basic own funds	69,084	75,827	9.8
Eligible own funds to meet SCR	67,739	74,894	10.6
Eligible own funds to meet MCR	63,948	70,699	10.6
Profitability			
Gross written premium	31,522	35,523	12.7
Reinsurance	10,336	10,466	1.3
Net premiums	21,186	25,057	18.3
Net earned premium	19,929	23,235	16.6
Investment income	-2,582	3,285	227.2
Net claims paid	9,868	14,236	44.3
Management expenses	5,868	6,852	16.8
Commission paid/ (received)	1,247	849	-31.9
Underwriting profit/(loss) ⁴	3,539	1,102	-68.9
Underwriting and investment income	957	4,387	358.3
Net profit before tax and dividends	834	3,446	313.2

Performance indicators	Mar 2020	Mar 2021
Claims ratio ¹	46.6	56.8
Management expenses ratio ¹	27.7	27.3
Commission ratio ¹	5.9	3.4
Combined ratio ²	80.2	87.5
Underwriting profit/(loss) ratio ³	17.8	4.7
Underwriting and investment income ratio ³	4.8	18.9
Solvency and capital		
SCR cover ratio (Median)	1.8	1.7
MCR cover ratio (Median)	3.9	4.2



¹ Expressed as a percentage of net written premium during the period.





² Claims + commission + expenses as a percentage of net written premium.

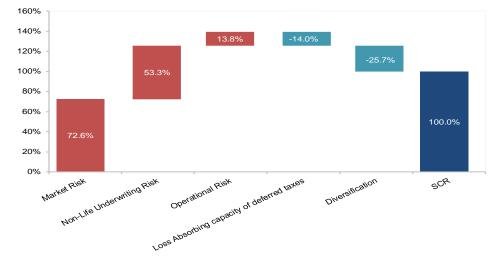
³ Expressed as a percentage of net earned premium during the period.

 $^{^4}$ Underwriting losses were as a result of higher than normal business interruption claims.

Non-Life insurance: Reinsurers

Balance sheet	Mar 2020 R'mil	Mar 2021 R'mil	12 Monthly % growth
Total assets	6,860	9,281	35.3
Of which:			
Total investments	3,618	5,769	59.5
Total reinsurance recoverables/ (payable)	2,125	2,598	22.2
Total liabilities	5.040	7.040	22.0
Of which :	5,242	7,016	33.8
Gross technical provisions	3,258	3,775	15.9
Accounts payable	3,236	176	-48.9
Reinsurance deposits	1.432	2,921	103.9
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Basic own funds	1,618	2,265	40.0
Eligible own funds to meet SCR	1,618	2,264	39.9
Eligible own funds to meet MCR	1,607	2,216	37.9
Profitability			
Gross premium	1,218	781	-35.8
Reinsurance	751	478	-36.4
Net premiums	467	304	-35.0
Net earned premiums	405	191	-52.8
Investment income	289	152	-47.5
Net claims paid	-23	-154	562.4
Management expenses	39	39	-1.7
Commission paid/ (received)	116	99	-14.8
Other expenses	-0	-	-100.0
Underwriting profit/(loss)	-134	365	372.3
Underwriting and investment income	-157	517	428.4
Net profit before tax and dividends	-157	512	425.8

Performance indicators	Mar 2020	Mar 2021
Claims ratio ¹ Commission ratio ¹	86.7	-50.8
Management expenses ratio ¹	24.8 8.5	32.5 12.8
Combined ratio ² Underwriting profit/(loss) ratio ³	119.9 -46.3	-5.5 191.1
Underwriting and investment income ratio	-54.4	270.6
Solvency and capital		
SCR cover ratio (Median)	1.7	2.3
MCR cover ratio (Median)	5.3	8.4







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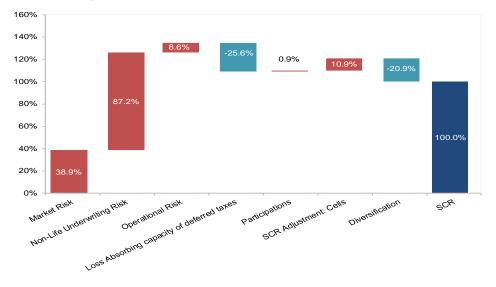
² Claims + commission + expenses as a percentage of net written premium.

³ Expressed as a percentage of net earned premium during the period.

Non-Life insurance: Cell Captive insurers

Balance sheet Total assets ⁴	Mar 2020 R'mil 42,237	Mar 2021 R'mil 48,329	12 Monthly % growth
Of which:			
Total investments	35,975	40,968	13.9
Government bonds	385	862	123.8
Corporate bonds	12,619	13,565	7.5
Equity	1,490	2,349	57.7
Investment funds	4,111	5,692	38.4
Structured notes	118	91	-22.8
Collateralised securities	378	448	18.5
Cash and deposits ⁴	16,850	17,943	6.5
Mortgages and loans	24	18	-23.9
Total reinsurance recoverables/ (payable)	3,856	4,363	13.2
Derivatives	-2	1	137.4
Other assets	2,408	2,997	24.5
Total liabilities	26,286	28,985	10.3
Of which:			
Gross technical provisions	23,857	26,143	9.6
Basic own funds	15,951	19,344	21.3
Eligible own funds to meet SCR	12,365	15,543	25.7
Eligible own funds to meet MCR	12,126	15,452	27.4
Profitability			
Gross written premium	4,710	5,250	11.5
Reinsurance	1,849	1,992	7.8
Net premiums	2,861	3,258	13.9
Net earned premium	3,532	3,859	9.2
Investment income	52	717	1283.0
Net claims paid	2,006	2,191	9.2
Management expenses	573	653	14.0
Commission paid/ (received)	120	70	-41.6
Underwriting profit/(loss)	-28	334	1297.1
Underwriting and investment income	24	1,051	4299.7
Net profit before tax and dividends	76	1,137	1392.7

Performance indicators	Mar 2020	Mar 2021
Claims ratio ¹	70.1	67.2
Management expenses ratio ¹	20.0	20.0
Commission ratio ¹	4.2	2.2
Combined ratio ²	94.3	89.4
Underwriting profit/(loss) ratio ³	-0.8	8.7
Underwriting and investment income ratio ³	0.7	27.2
Solvency and capital		
SCR cover ratio (Median)	1.5	1.6
MCR cover ratio (Median)	2.4	3.1







¹ Expressed as a percentage of net written premium during the period.

² Claims + commission + expenses as a percentage of net written premium.

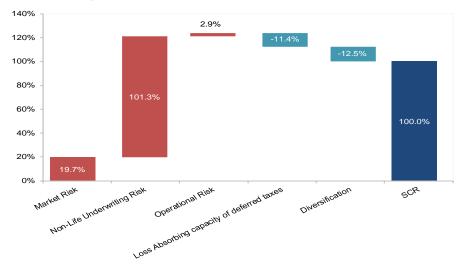
³ Expressed as a percentage of net earned premium during the period.

⁴ General increase in assets was as a result of reclassification of insurers from primary to cell captives.

Non-Life insurance: Captive insurers

Balance sheet	Mar 2020 R'mil	Mar 2021 R'mil	12 Monthly % growth
Total assets	3,096	2,870	-7.3
Of which:			
Total investments	2,632	2,341	-11.1
Government bonds	2	440	19057.4
Corporate bonds	108	295	173.9
Equity	2	3	47.2
Investment funds	424	120	-71.8
Structured notes	10	28	189.0
Collateralised securities	4	3	-7.4
Cash and deposits	2,083	1,452	-30.3
Total reinsurance recoverables/ (payable)	259	263	1.5
Derivatives	-	-	0.0
Other assets	206	267	29.8
Total Liabilities	722	998	38.2
Of which:			
Gross technical provisions	587	935	59.5
Basic own funds	2,374	1,872	-21.1
Eligible own funds to meet SCR	2,394	1,872	-21.8
Eligible own funds to meet MCR	2,379	1,838	-22.7
Profitability			
Gross written premium ³	224	56	-74.9
Reinsurance	17	23	30.9
Net premiums	206	33	-83.9
Net earned premium	212	70	-67.0
Investment income	38	16	-58.1
Net claims paid	-91	132	-246.0
Management expenses	39	15	-60.8
Commission paid/ (received)	2	7	910.4
Underwriting profit/(loss)	265	-85	-131.9
Underwriting and investment income	303	-69	-122.6
Net profit before tax and dividends	293	-69	-123.4

Performance indicators	Mar 2020	Mar 2021
Claims ratio ¹	-43.9	397.2
Management expenses ratio ¹	18.7	45.3
Commission ratio ¹	0.9	21.2
Combined ratio ²	-24.4	463.7
Underwriting profit/(loss) ratio ⁴	124.8	-120.6
Underwriting and investment income ratio ⁴	142.7	-97.9
Solvency and capital		
SCR cover ratio (Median)	1.8	1.5
MCR cover ratio (Median)	3.8	5.7







¹Expressed as a percentage of net written premium during the period.

² Claims + commission + expenses as a percentage of net written premium.

³ Most captive insurers receives once off premiums which are spread over the period resulting in fluctuations.

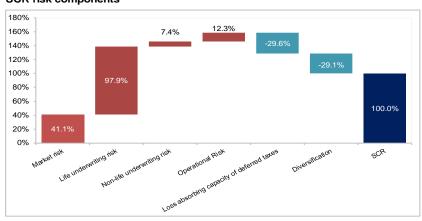
⁴ Expressed as a percentage of net earned premium during the period.

Composite reinsurers

Balance sheet	Mar 2020 R'mil	Mar 2021 R'mil	12 Monthly % growth
Total assets	38,666	39,010	0.9
Total investments	21,703	19,291	-11.1
Total reinsurance recoverables	8,778	12,055	37.3
Current assets	7,554	6,998	-7.4
Total liabilities	26,843	28,333	5.6
Of which:			
Gross technical provisions (Life)	5,226	6,625	26.8
Gross technical provisions (Non-Life)	11,664	11,888	1.9
Reinsurance accounts payable	5,099	4,535	-11.1
Reinsurance deposits	1,496	31	-97.9
Basic own funds	11,824	10,676	-9.7
Eligible own funds to meet SCR	13,334	11,371	-14.7
Eligible own funds to meet MCR	11,729	10,268	-12.5

Profitability	Mar 2020	Mar 2020	Mar 2021	Mar 2021
	Life	Non-life	Life	Non-life
Gross premium	2,969	3,874	2,952	3,209
Reinsurance	174	3,254	447	2,491
Net premiums	2,795	621	2,505	718
Net earned premiums		477		470
Investment Income	1,667	584	139	58
Net claims paid	60	284	1,792	284
Management expenses	172	23	136	29
Commission paid/ (received)	234	225	212	59
Other expenses	51	17	-6	-56
Underwriting profit/(loss)		159		140
Underwriting and investment income		443		198
Net profit before tax and dividends	214	427	-305	340

Performance indicators	Mar 2020 Life (%)	Mar 2020 Non-life (%)	Mar 2021 Life (%)	Mar 2021 Non-life (%)
Claims ratio ¹	59.7	76.9	71.5	39.5
Management Expenses ratio ¹	6.2	3.8	5.4	4.0
Commission ratio ¹	8.4	36.2	8.5	8.2
Combined ratio ²		116.9		51.7
Underwriting profit/(loss) ratio ³		27.3		29.9
Underwriting and investment income ratio ³		75.9		42.3
Solvency and capital	4.0	4.0	4.7	4.7
SCR cover ratio (Median)	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7
MCR cover ratio (Median)	4.2	4.2	3.8	3.8







¹ Expressed as a percentage of net written premium during the period.

² Claims + commission + expenses as a percentage of net written premium.

³ Expressed as a percentage of net earned premium during the period.