## Public Entity Risk Management

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#### Current Trends

## Auto Liability and Physical Damage

In today's environment, there are MORE:

- Drivers on the road
- Distractions (texting, etc.)
- Impaired drivers
- Theft & Fraud
- Uninsured Drivers
- Expensive cars & parts
- Expensive medical care
- Extreme weather events
- Each of these factors is increasing the cost of settling claims



#### Current Trends

# Inflation is making these auto trends even more expensive

- Used Cars & Truck Prices
  - Increased 38% from June 2020 to December 2021
- Other Auto Related Costs

• New car prices: up 11.8%

• Parts & equipment: up 11.3%

Medical services: up 3.3%

• Repair labor: up 4.8%



### Current Trends

## Weather & Climate Disasters – by Decade

Time Period	Billion \$ Disasters	Events/Year	Cost	Percent of Total	Cost/Year
1980s	29	2.9	\$190B	8.8%	\$19B
1990s	53	5.3	\$293B	13.6%	\$29B
2000s	63	6.3	\$557B	25.8%	\$56B
2010s	123	12.3	\$873B	40.4%	\$87B
Last 3 Years	56	18.7	\$296B	13.7%	\$99B
2021	20	20.0	\$145B	6.7%	\$145B
All Years	310	7.4	\$2,160	100%	\$51B



### Future Trends

## Replacement Cost Forecasts: 2022-2025

#### **Pandemic Related Factors Increasing Replacement Costs**

- Supply Chain Issues
- Labor Costs
- Demand Increased

#### **All Lines Price Increase**

- 11.75% average increase in 2021 (Commercial Multi Peril +21.62%)
- 9.11% cost increase projected for next three years (2022, 2023, 2024)



## Social Inflation Trends

## **Runaway Litigation Costs**

- Nuclear verdicts
  - Average jury award reached \$1,847,000 in 2017 (new record)
  - Median award 2018 = \$100,000 (new record)
  - # of \$10M+ Verdicts last five years (26, 30, 40, 46, 46) double previous fifteen
  - Million \$ Verdicts up 235%: 2005-11: 79 2012-19: 265
- Contributing Factors
  - Third party Litigation Financing (TPLF)
  - Advertising/Social Media Impact
  - Hardening Juror Attitudes
  - Reptile Theory



## Underwriting Trends **Public Entity Market Disruption**

- May 2020
  - Paragon buys Argo SIR and GC Public Entity business
- September 2020
  - Intact buys renewal rights to BRIT's GC Public Entity business
- June 2021
  - Trident loses reinsurance support and shuts down Public Risk Solutions unit
- March 2022
  - Intact announces withdrawal from Public Entity market effective 4/1/22





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