

# Private Flood Rating Plans

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# **Flood Feasibility Study: Florida Example**

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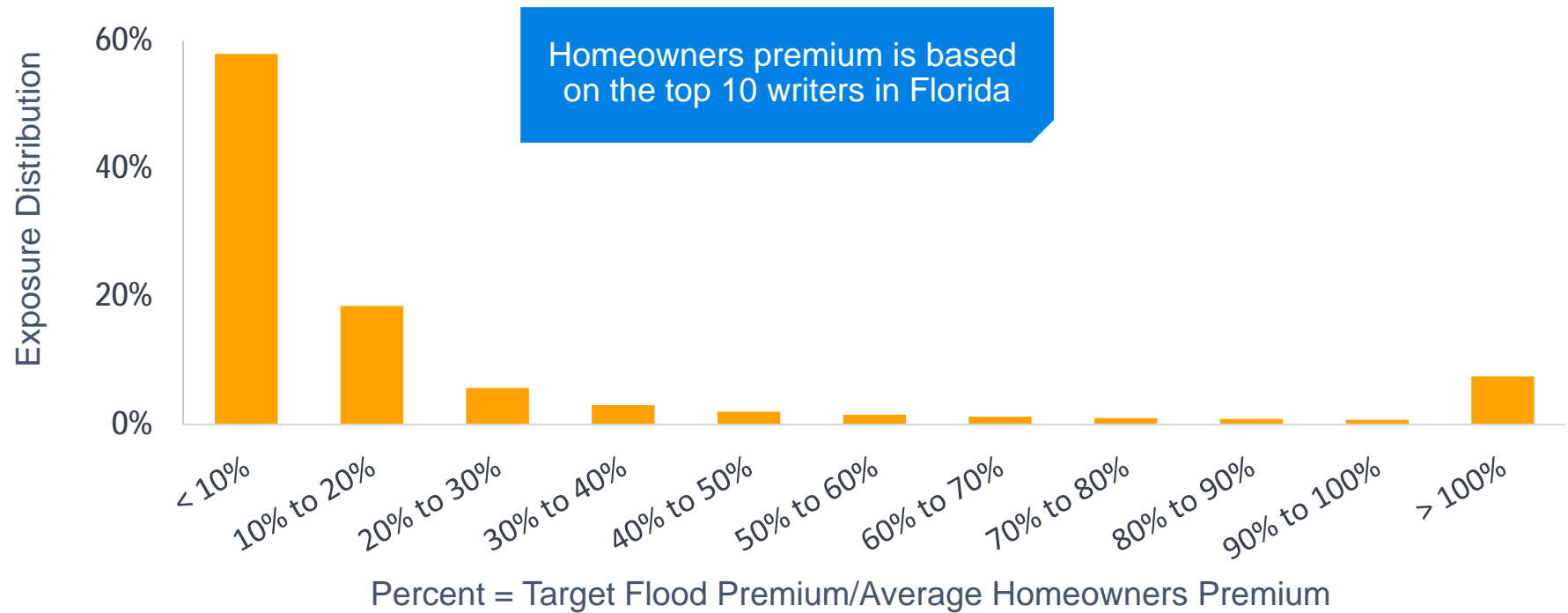
## Critical assumptions and data underlying Florida study

- § **Market basket** of 400,000 risks representing single family homes in Florida, developed by Milliman based on parcel data and other third-party sources
- § **GIS variables** created by Milliman based on data from NOAA and USGS
- § **Maximum flood limits** of \$250k, consistent with NFIP coverage
- § **NFIP rates** current as of October 2017 (most recent available)
- § **KatRisk catastrophe model** to estimate inland flood and storm surge losses
- § **Target loss ratio** of 35% assumes 65% for expenses, reinsurance and profit
- § **\$100 minimum premium**, no additional provision for non-modeled losses

**This is just an example – the use of different data sources, catastrophe models and target expense assumptions will produce different results.**

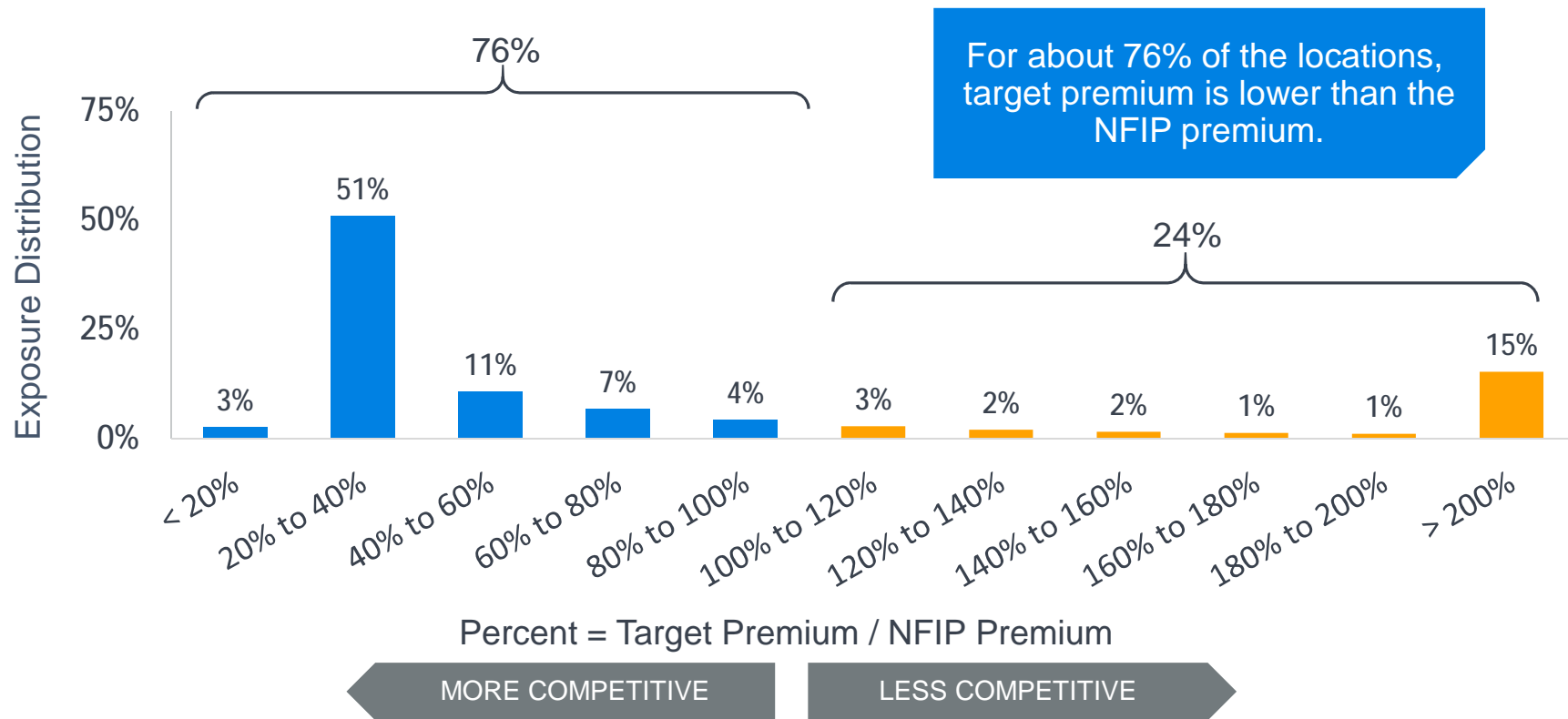
# Overall – target flood premium vs. homeowners premium

Target Flood Premium as % of Homeowners



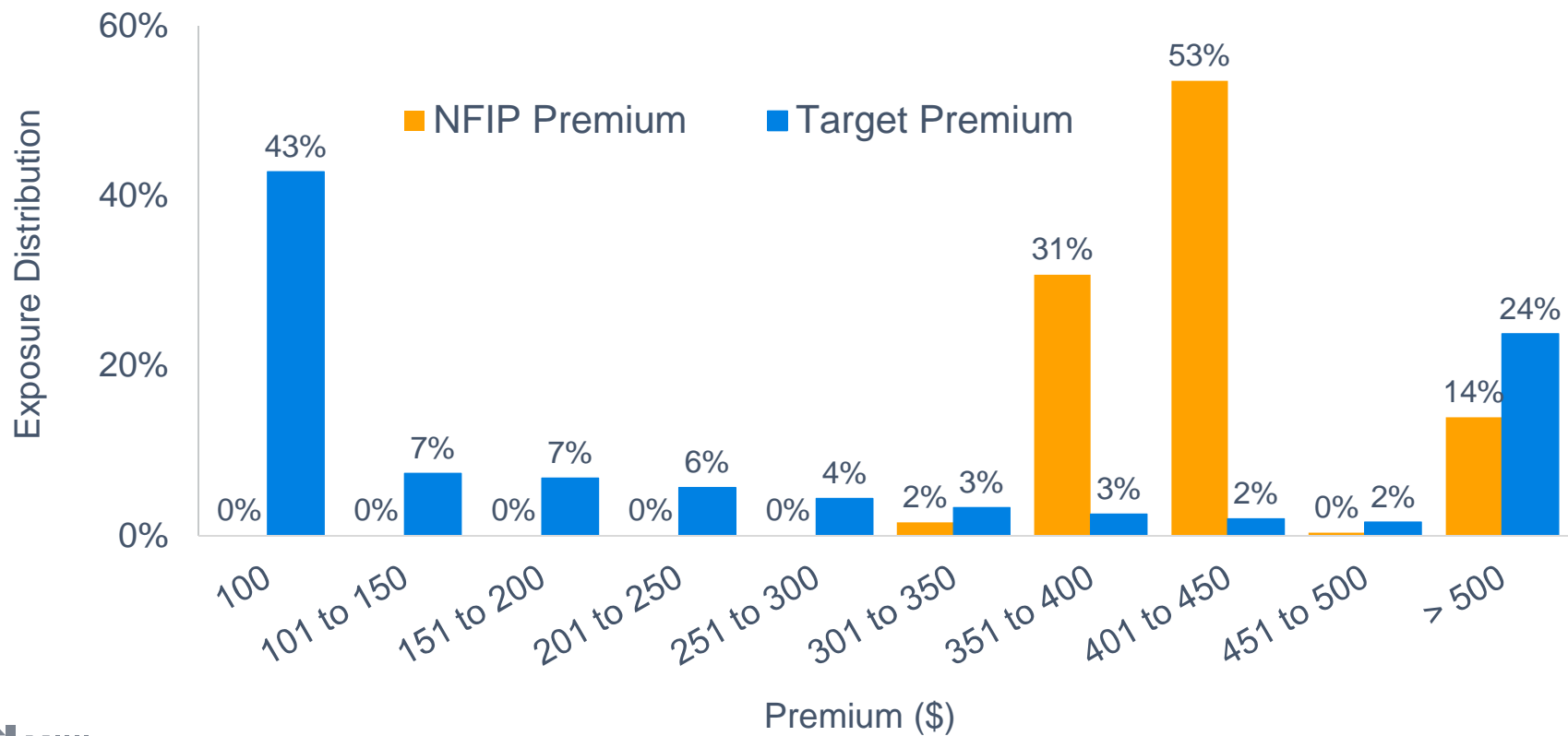
# Overall – target flood premium vs. NFIP premium

Target Premium as % of NFIP Statewide Distribution



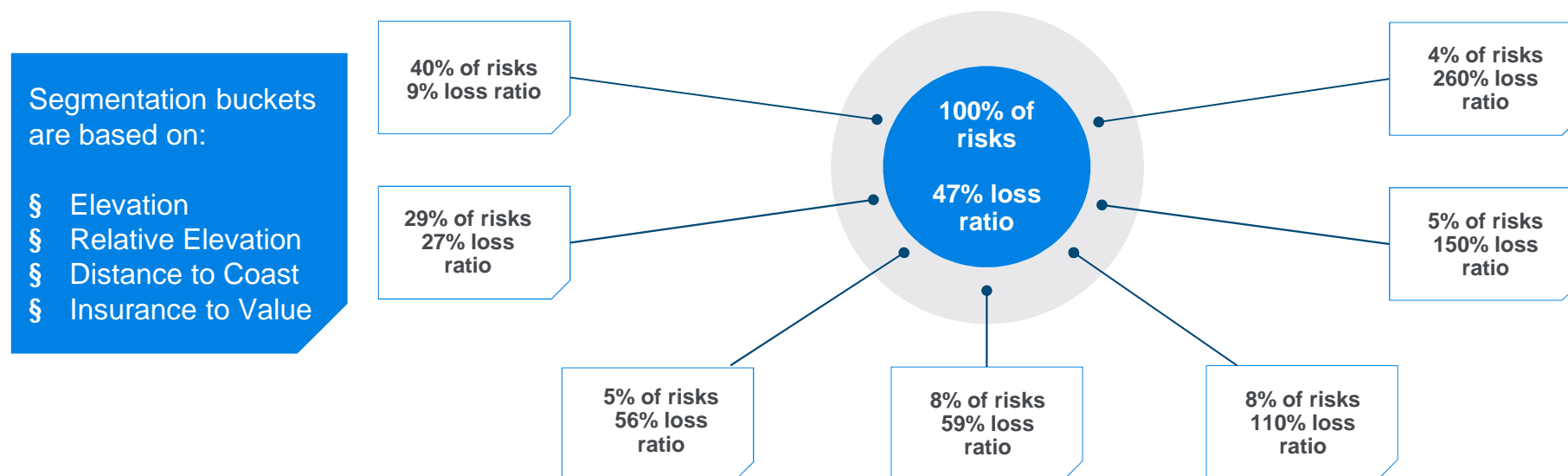
# Overall – distribution of target and NFIP premiums

Target vs. NFIP Premium Distribution



## Modeled NFIP loss ratios by segment

Policies that can be written at less than current NFIP rates can be identified based on several key factors





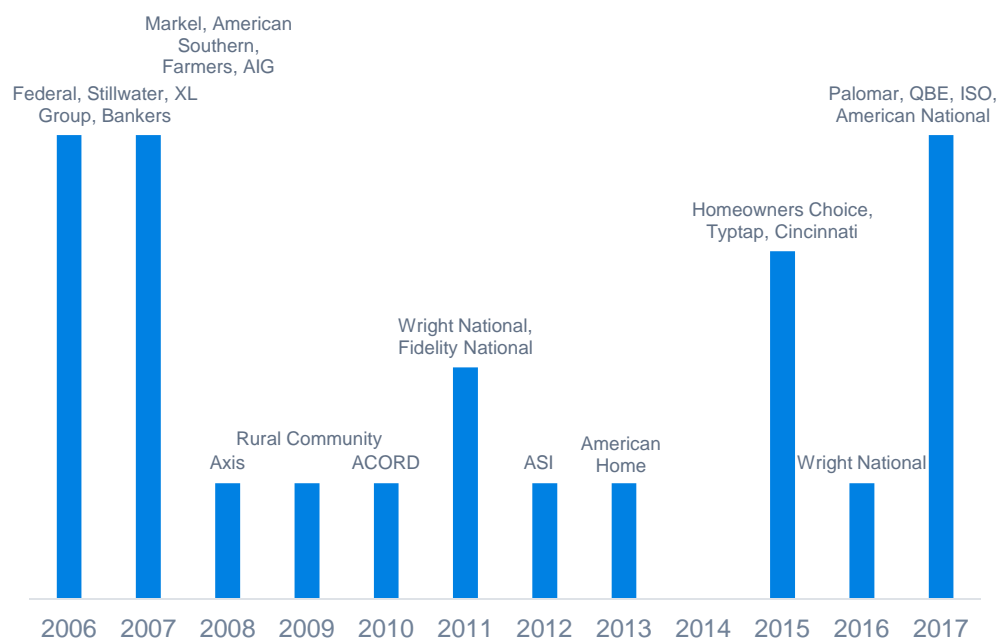
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# Florida Private Flood Programs

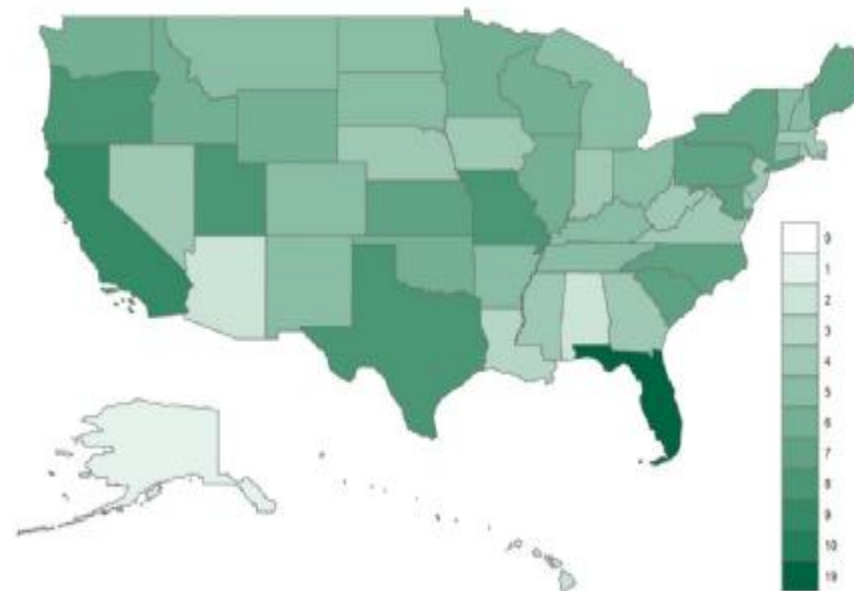
# Private flood growth

Entrants to the private flood market have increased in recent years; highest activity in Florida

### Private Standalone Flood Program Launches



### Number of Private Standalone Flood Programs by State (2017)



Source: SNL.com; excludes non-admitted and endorsement programs

# Current Florida flood programs

As of March 2018

Standalone	Endorsement	Excess of NFIP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• American Home</li><li>• American Security (lender placed)</li><li>• Federal</li><li>• Homeowners Choice</li><li>• TypTap</li><li>• Lloyds Underwriters (surplus lines)</li><li>• Voyager Indemnity (surplus lines)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AIG Property Casualty</li><li>• American Integrity</li><li>• ASI</li><li>• Centauri</li><li>• Florida Peninsula/Edison</li><li>• Homeowners Choice</li><li>• Progressive Property</li><li>• Safe Harbor*</li><li>• Southern Oak</li><li>• Tower Hill/Omega*</li><li>• Universal North America</li><li>• U.S. Coastal*</li><li>• Weston</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• American Home</li><li>• American Security (lender placed)</li><li>• ASI</li><li>• Bankers</li><li>• Federal</li><li>• Markel</li><li>• PURE</li><li>• Wright National</li></ul>

\* Proprietary rates. All others based on NFIP or simplified rating structure.

## Rapid Private Flood Growth in 2017

Private Flood written premiums grew over 50% in 2017, up to \$624 million

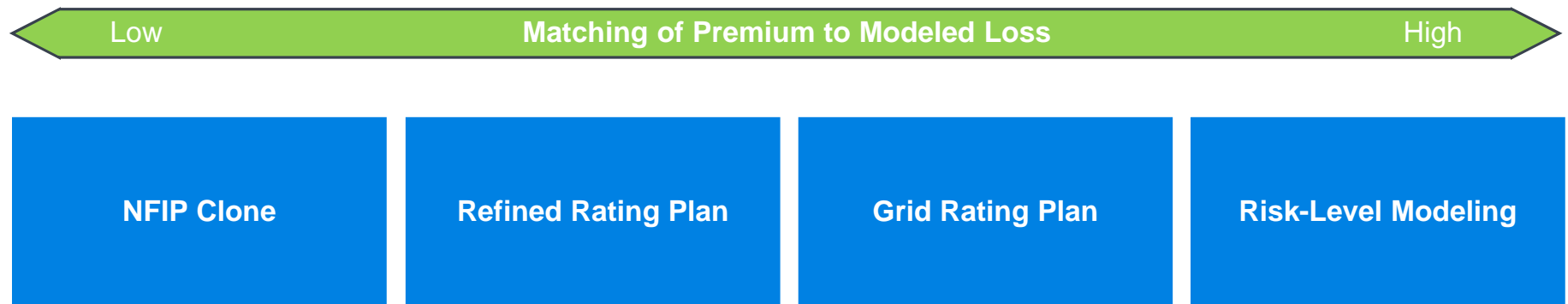
State	Private Written Premiums (Millions)		2017 to 2016	
	2016	2017	% Change	\$ Change
Florida	47.8	84.5	77%	36.7
California	48.8	72.0	48%	23.2
Texas	31.8	53.5	68%	21.7
New York	27.4	47.7	74%	20.3
New Jersey	17	28.9	70%	11.9
Pennsylvania	13.2	18.8	42%	5.6
Louisiana	11.5	17.9	56%	6.4
Massachusetts	9	15.3	70%	6.3
Ohio	5.6	14.2	154%	8.6
Illinois	9.8	14.0	43%	4.2

.Source: Insurance Journal. Originally reported by S&P Global

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# Flood Pricing Structures

# Flood pricing structures



## Risk-level modeling

- § Cat model is run on every risk to derive annual average loss (AAL)
- § Loss is loaded for reinsurance, expense, and profit to derive premium

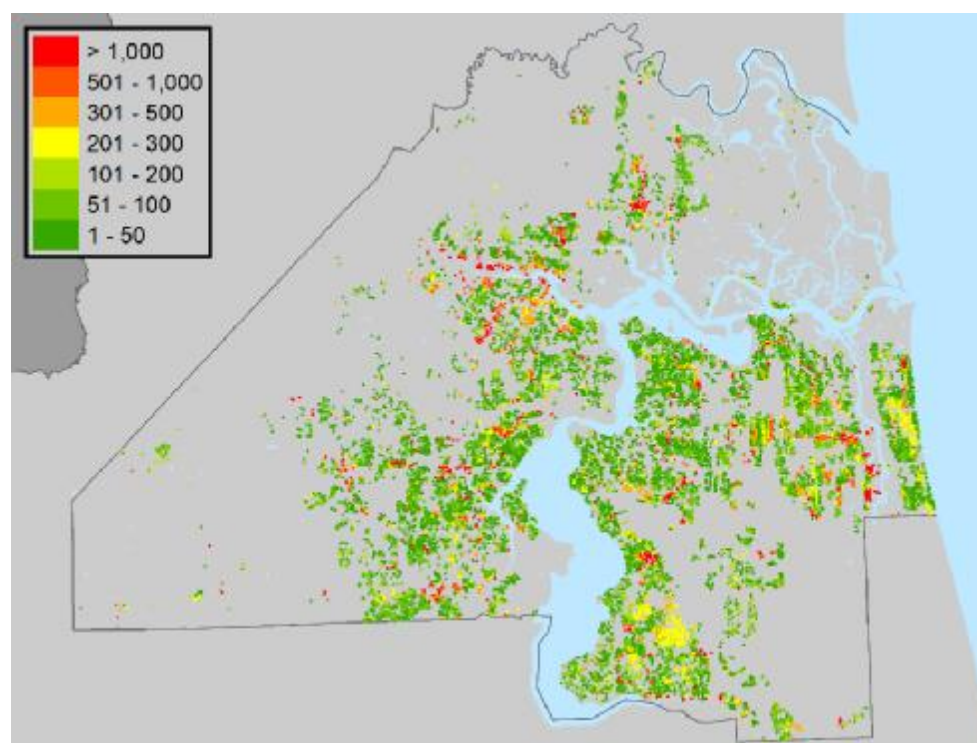
### Advantages

- § Low requirements and time to develop
- § Matches premium to modeled loss
- § Large market of profitable risks

### Disadvantages

- § Requires cat model call at quote
- § Limited transparency for agents, regulators, and internal stakeholders
- § Difficult to control pricing strategy
- § Discontinuities and extreme values
- § Reliance on one cat model

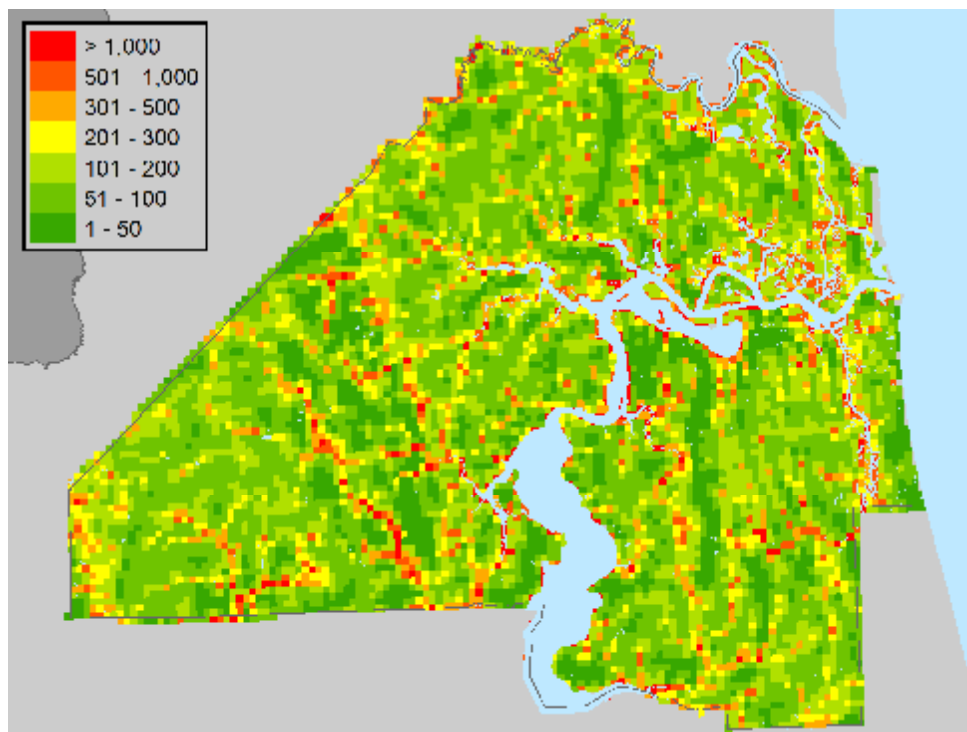
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## Grid rating plan

- § Precompiled approach to all geographical characteristics from risk-level modeling
- § Grids typically based on latitude and longitude, but could use other features such as census block
- § Rates for each grid use base risk cat model results to determine geographic component of rate
- § Utilizes separate factors for building characteristics and policy terms
  - § Number of Stories
  - § Amount of Insurance
  - § Insurance to Value
  - § Deductible
  - § Presence of Basement
  - § First Floor Height
  - § Construction
  - § Year Built

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# Grid rating plan

## Advantages

- § Can be similar to risk-level modeling without having to call a cat model at quote
- § Large market of profitable risks
- § Easier regulatory approval than risk-level modeling
- § Can control pricing strategy around building characteristics

## Disadvantages

- § Maintenance of base rates can be difficult
  - § At 10 meter resolution (100 square meters), Florida has over 1.7 billion grids.
  - § At 30 meter resolution (900 square meters), Florida has over 180 million grids.
- § Lower resolutions can be used, but premium will diverge from modeled loss as resolution decreases
  - § There are about 454,000 census blocks over land in Florida.
  - § The median size is over 21,000 square meters. Average size is over 312,000 square meters.
- § Similar issues to risk-level modeling regarding:
  - § Limited transparency for agents, regulators, and internal stakeholders
  - § Difficult to control geographic pricing strategy
  - § Discontinuities and extreme values

## Refined rating plan

- § Complete rating plan with unique territories, rating factors, and algorithm
- § Reflects geographical and building characteristics that relate to flood risk

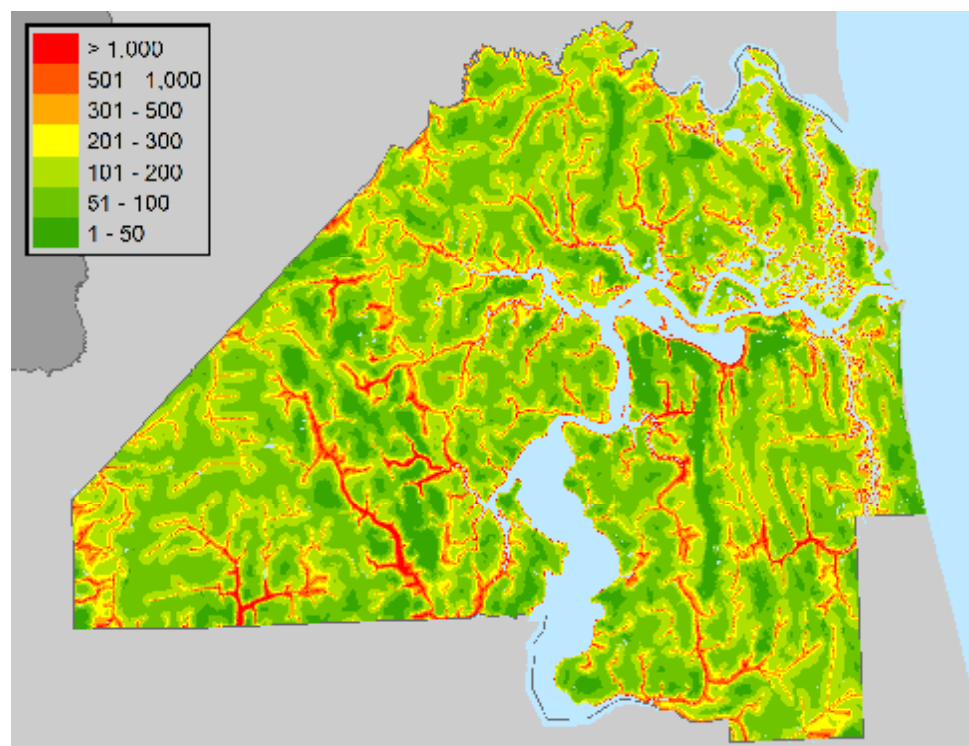
### Advantages

- § Easy to explain to agents and regulators
- § Easiest method to compare and use multiple catastrophe models
- § Can control pricing strategy
- § Fewer discontinuities and extreme values
- § Large market of profitable risks

### Disadvantages

- § High development time required to ensure rating plan is an accurate estimate of modeled loss
- § Requires significant Geographic Information Systems (GIS) expertise

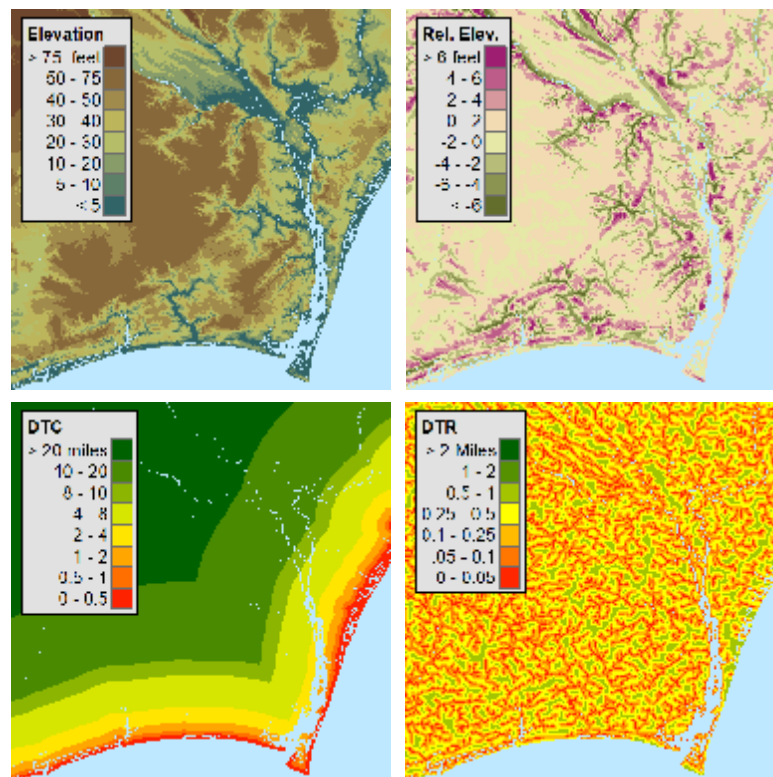
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# Refined rating geographic variables

## Flood Risk Factors

- § Elevation
- § Relative elevation (elevation relative to nearby elevation)
- § Distance to coast
- § Distance to river / stream
- § Size of river / stream
- § Hydrological units / watersheds
- § Slope
- § Curvature



## NFIP clone

- § Rates and territories follow NFIP
- § Underwriting used to avoid unprofitable areas

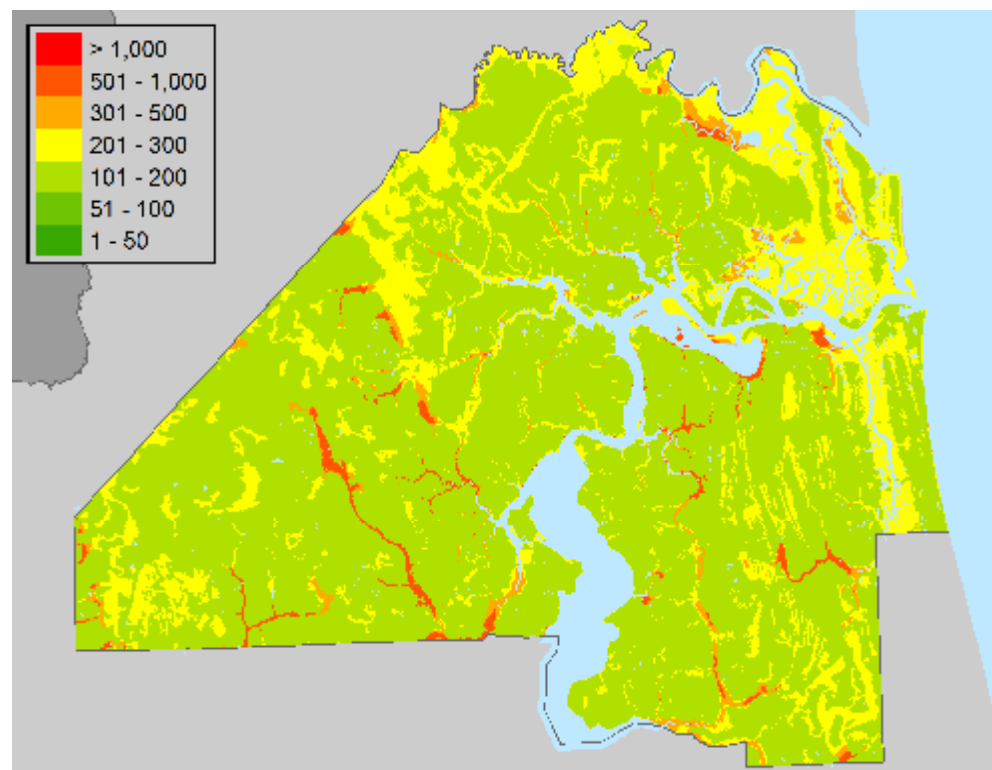
### Advantages

- § Low requirements and time to develop
- § Easy to explain to agents and regulators
- § Faster IT implementation time

### Disadvantages

- § Limited market of profitable risks
- § Limited rate differentiation, especially outside of Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)
- § Underutilization of technology and advanced analytics
- § Rates may be obsolete once NFIP rolls out refined rate structure

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# Thank you

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