# The Affordability Paradigm:

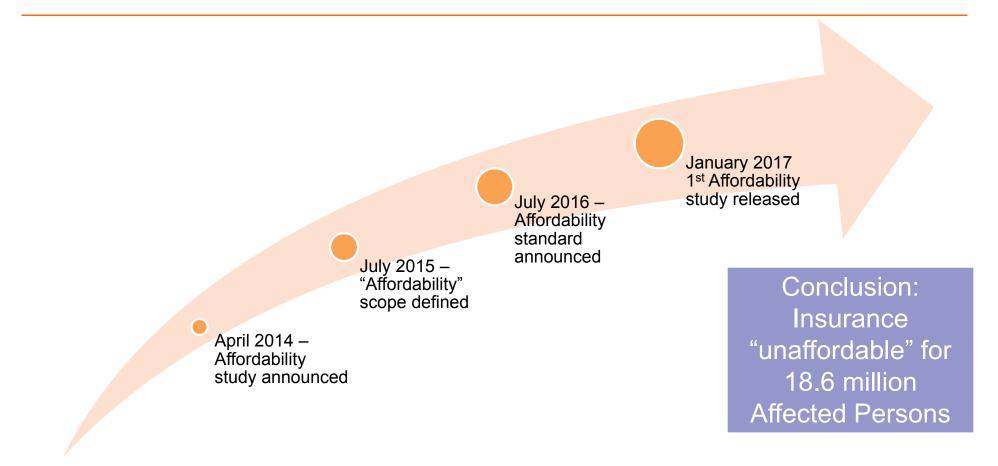
Is Affordability the Next Big Issue for Automobile Insurers?

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## **Federal Insurance Office - Affordability Standard Proposal**





# The Challenges of Affordability

Affordable insurance promotes opportunities for economic well-being	How does availability of insurance benefit society?
	What is the cost of uninsured drivers?
Pricing is designed to reflect risk characteristics	Should risk be adjusted or should price be adjusted?
	How can price be shared across groups to maintain affordability?
Affordability is subjective	What is the value of an insurance policy?
	Do different states need different thresholds?
Can insurers and regulators implement an Affordability criteria?	How should affordability be measured?
	What data is needed to evaluate affordability?
	Who should enforce affordability and how?



## **Pillars of Affordability**

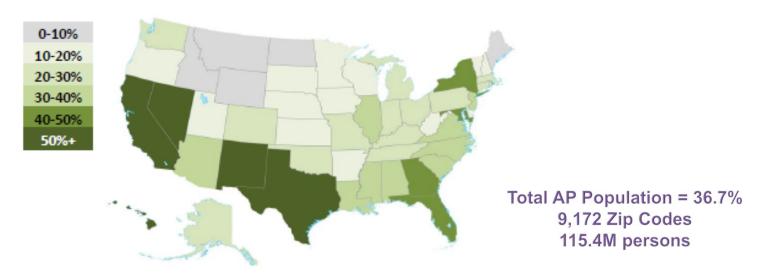
- Defining Affordability
  - Affordability Index
    - Affordability =  $\frac{Avg\ Annual\ Written\ Premium}{Median\ Household\ Income}$
  - Scope and definition of study
- Appropriate Metrics
  - 2% Threshold
- Sources for Data Monitoring
  - Publicly available
  - Provided by insurers



## **2017 Affordability Study: Affected Persons**

- Defined as "underserved communities"
- 50%+ minority population or
- Low to Moderate Income (LMI) areas

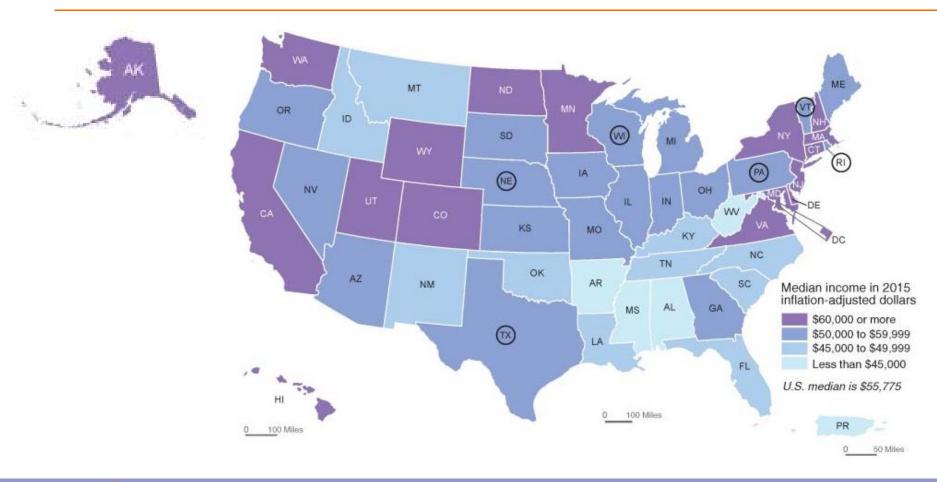
Figure 3: Concentration of Affected Persons as Percentage of U.S. Population



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

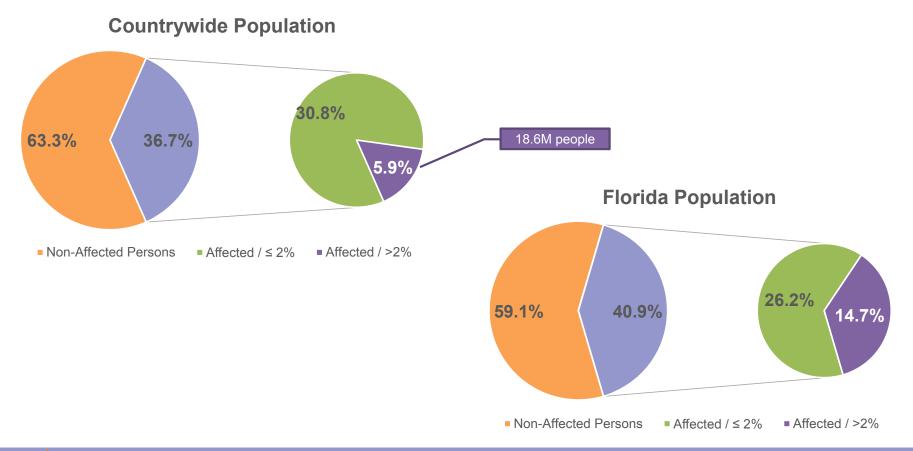


### **2015 Median Household Income**





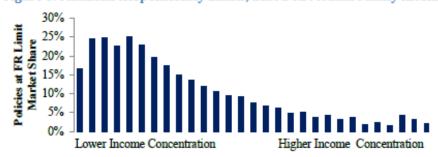
## **2017 Affordability Study: Results**





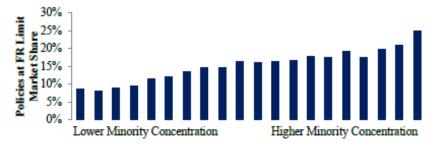
## 2017 Affordability Study: Insights

Figure 5: Financial Responsibility Limits, Based on Median Family Income



Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, and premium data

Figure 6: Financial Responsibility Limits, Based on Minority Concentration



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, and premium data

"Developing a single number index to represent a topic as complicated as personal auto insurance affordability is a challenging endeavor."



### **2017 Affordability Study: Conclusions**

- "The Study thereby provides baseline measurements that policymakers, regulators, and consumers can use for future national, objective, quantifiable comparisons of changes in auto insurance affordability over time"
- "The Affordability Index and its results are best used only for intrastate
  comparisons, rather than to compare one state with another, and are not intended
  to provide insight on the affordability (or not) for any individual consumer."



### **Pinnacle Assessment**

Is the definition of "Affordability" appropriate?

Is the scope of the analysis sufficient?

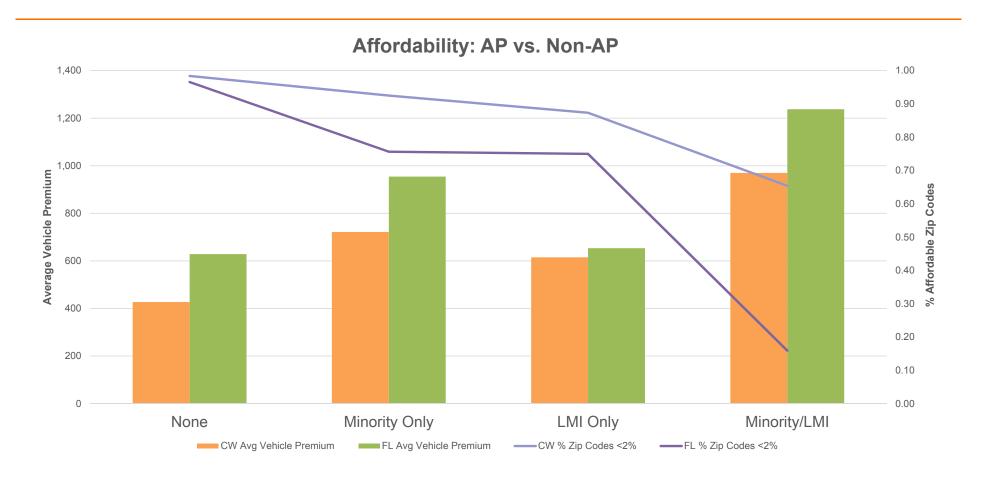
Is 2% a reasonable threshold?

Is the data suitable for this analysis?

Do we need an Affordability metric?

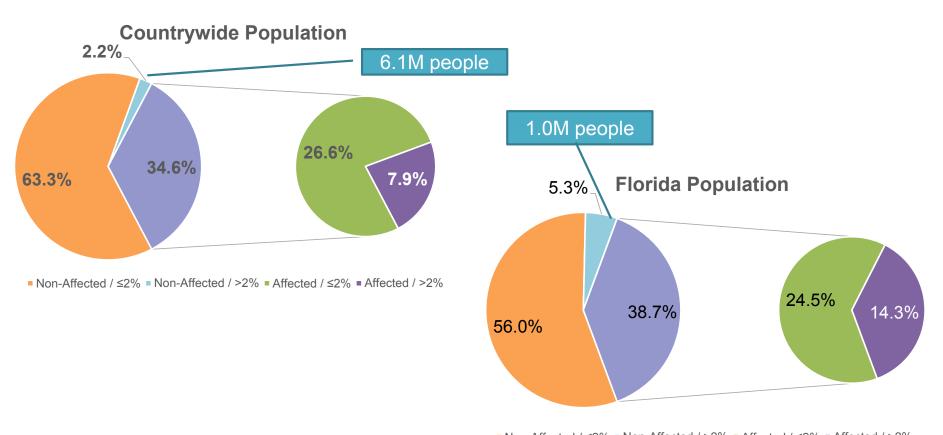


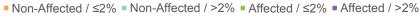
### **Affected vs. Non-Affected Persons**





## Affordability - Creating a Universal Standard







## Affordability vs. Availability

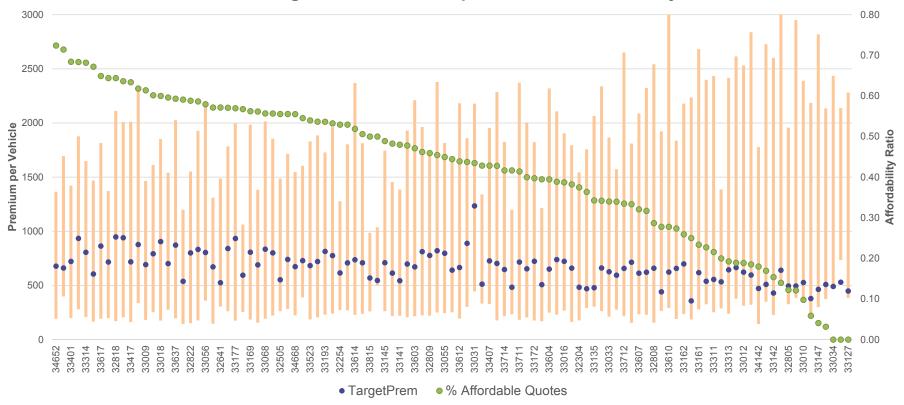






## Affordability vs. Availability

#### Auto Premium Ranges for Florida AP Zip Codes with Affordability Index >2%



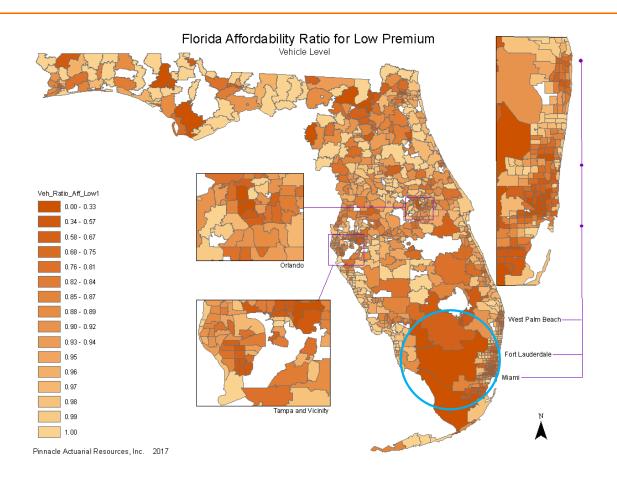


# Florida – Affordability by Zip Code



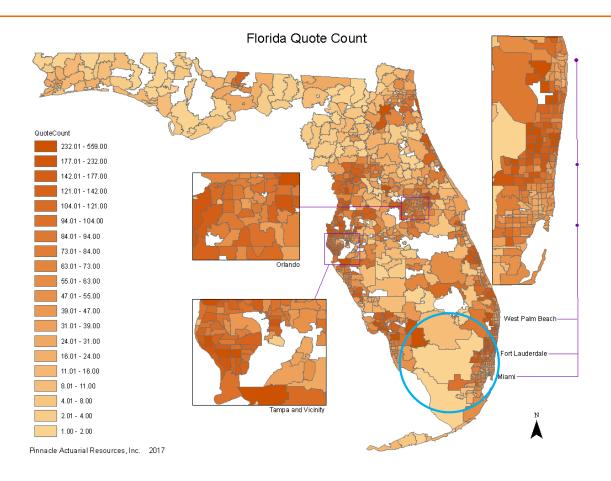


# **Affordability Redefined**





# **Credibility of Calculating Affordability**

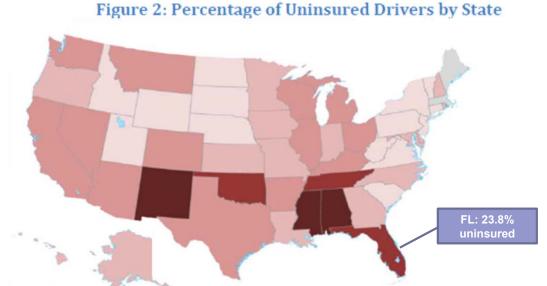




## **Impacts of Uninsured Drivers**

- 12.6% of US drivers are uninsured
- Primary cause insurance affordability
- Influences median household income downward
- Premiums "missing" from Affordability calculation
- 20 states mandate UM/UIM coverage but not included in the FIO Affordability Index



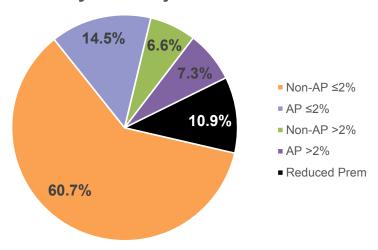


Source: Insurance Information Institute

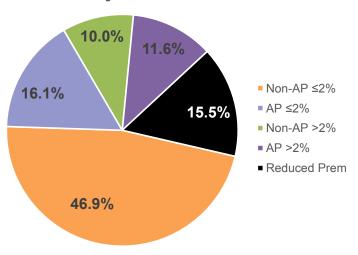


## Industry Impacts – cost to "right size"

#### **Countrywide Adjusted Premiums**



#### Florida Adjusted Premiums



Impact → \$10.1B premium reduction countrywide \$1.2B premium reduction in Florida



## **Challenges of Determining Affordability**

Selection of insurance is not solely based on price

Data is often self-reported and individuals will self-select

Delayed updates of publicly available data

Focus on minimum limits policies (3.6% of CW data)

Lack of inclusion of all mandatory coverages

Unknown impacts of insuring uninsured drivers

Lack of enforceable actions to provide "affordable" insurance



### **Conclusions**

#### Affordability is subjective

2% threshold may not be universally appropriate

#### Pricing is designed to reflect risk characteristics

· Adjusting risk will adjust pricing

"Affordable" insurance should be made available and may help reduce uninsured drivers

State-specific "Low Cost" policy options

The data for the proposed study is not easily obtainable

The calculation of Affordability is only meaningful if there are enforceable corrective actions



## **Thank You for Your Attention**

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