UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event Reported): February 23, 2018

Donegal Group Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

DELAWARE (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

0-15341 (Commission File Number)

23-2424711 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

1195 RIVER RD, MARIETTA, PA 17547

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

717-426-1931

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the a	ppropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following
provisions:	
[]	Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
[]	Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
[]	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2). Emerging growth company [

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. []

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 23, 2018, the Registrant issued a press release, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1. Press release dated February 23, 2018

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: February 23, 2018

Donegal Group Inc.

By: <u>/s/ Jeffrey D. Miller</u>

Jeffrey D. Miller

Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number Description

99.1 Press Release dated February 23, 2018

Donegal Group Inc. Announces 2017 Fourth Quarter and Full Year Results

MARIETTA, Pa., Feb. 23, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Donegal Group Inc. (NASDAQ:DGICA) (NASDAQ:DGICB) today reported its financial results for the fourth quarter and full year of 2017. Significant items included:

Fourth Quarter:

- Income tax expense for the fourth quarter of 2017 included \$4.8 million, or 17 cents per diluted Class A share, related to the Company's revaluation of its net deferred tax assets pursuant to the provisions of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the "TCJA") that was enacted in December of 2017
- Net income, excluding the above-mentioned TCJA impact, was \$2.0 million, or 7 cents per diluted Class A share, for the fourth quarter of 2017, compared to \$5.6 million, or 21 cents per diluted Class A share, for the fourth quarter of 2016
- Net premiums earned of \$181.1 million for the fourth quarter of 2017 increased 7.2% compared to the fourth quarter of 2016
- Net premiums written¹ of \$171.4 million for the fourth quarter of 2017 increased 5.9% compared to the fourth quarter of 2016 as a result of organic growth in both personal and commercial lines
- Combined ratio of 104.8% for the fourth quarter of 2017, compared to 100.5% for the prior-year fourth quarter

Full Year:

- Net income, excluding the above-mentioned TCJA impact, was \$11.9 million, or 43 cents per diluted Class A share, for the full year of 2017, compared to \$30.8 million, or \$1.16 per diluted Class A share, for the full year of 2016
- Net premiums earned of \$702.5 million for the full year of 2017 increased 7.1% compared to the full year of 2016
- Net premiums written of \$729.1 million for the full year of 2017 increased 6.9% compared to the full year of 2016
- Combined ratio of 103.0% for the full year of 2017, compared to 98.1% for the full year of 2016
- Book value per share of \$15.95 at December 31, 2017, compared to \$16.21 at year-end 2016

	Three Mor	ıths	Ended Dec	ember 31,		Year	Enc	led Decembe	er 31,
	 2017		2016	% Change		2017		2016	% Change
			(dollars in	n thousands, e	exce	pt per share	e am	ounts)	
Income Statement Data									
Net premiums earned	\$ 181,060	\$	168,977	7.2%	\$	702,515	\$	656,205	7.1%
Investment income, net	6,142		6,161	-0.3		23,527		22,633	3.9
Net realized investment gains	1,498		321	366.7		5,705		2,525	125.9
Total revenues	190,759		177,196	7.7		739,027		688,423	7.4
Net (loss) income	(2,779)		5,554	NM^2		7,116		30,801	-76.9
Operating income ¹	986		5,345	-81.6		8,103		29,160	-72.2
Annualized return on average equity	-2.5%		5.0%	-7.5 pts		1.6%)	7.3%	-5.7 pts
Per Share Data									
Net (loss) income – Class A (diluted)	\$ (0.10)	\$	0.21	NM	\$	0.26	\$	1.16	-77.6%
Net (loss) income – Class B	(0.10)		0.18	NM		0.22		1.06	-79.2
Operating income – Class A (diluted)	0.04		0.20	-80.0%		0.30		1.10	-72.7
Operating income – Class B	0.03		0.18	-83.3		0.26		1.00	-74.0
Book value	15.95		16.21	-1.6		15.95		16.21	-1.6

¹See the "Definitions of Non-GAAP and Operating Measures" section of this release, which defines data that the Company prepares on an accounting basis other than U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") and reconciles such data to GAAP measures.

Management Commentary

Kevin G. Burke, President and Chief Executive Officer of Donegal Group Inc., stated, "We achieved a 7.1% increase in net premiums earned for the full year of 2017, which contributed to a 7.4% increase in our total revenues. However, throughout the fourth quarter of 2017, we continued to experience higher-than-expected losses within our personal and commercial automobile lines of business, primarily related to increases in claim severity in certain geographic markets. We have already implemented actions, and are taking additional measures, intended to reduce future losses and to increase our premium rates to levels that we expect will result in improved profitability of our automobile lines of business going forward. As we stated throughout 2017, we

²Not meaningful.

continue to strive for improved profitability by expanding our utilization of predictive analytical tools and implementing rate increases for those lines in all of the states in which we conduct business."

Mr. Burke continued, "In spite of the challenges we faced in our automobile lines and the impact of unusually severe weather events, we achieved net income for the full year of 2017 of \$11.9 million, excluding the \$4.8 million income tax expense impact of the December tax law change. Excellent workers' compensation results during the year helped to offset the underperformance in our commercial automobile line of business."

Mr. Burke concluded, "In the coming quarters, the actions we have taken to increase premium rates will begin to add to our revenues, and we will continue to file for rate increases and manage our diversified product lines to achieve solid underwriting performance."

Jeffrey D. Miller, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, added, "Our workers' compensation statutory combined ratio¹ was 80.7% for fourth quarter of 2017, compared to 79.6% for the fourth quarter of 2016. Large losses in our workers' compensation line of business, which we define as individual losses in excess of \$50,000, increased \$5.5 million compared to the fourth quarter of 2016. That increase in loss severity was related to a handful of unusual claims and was partially offset by \$4.0 million of favorable loss reserve development that resulted from bulk reserve releases and favorable settlements of claims incurred in prior years."

Mr. Miller concluded, "At December 31, 2017, our book value per share was \$15.95, compared to \$16.21 at December 31, 2016. The bulk of the decrease relates to the additional income tax expense related to the December 2017 tax law change, which reduced our book value per share by 17 cents. We expect to recoup that impact quickly through reduced income tax expense beginning in 2018."

Insurance Operations

Donegal Group is an insurance holding company whose insurance subsidiaries offer personal and commercial property and casualty lines of insurance in four Mid-Atlantic states (Delaware, Maryland, New York and Pennsylvania), three New England states (Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont), seven Southern states (Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia) and eight Midwestern states (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Nebraska, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin). Donegal Mutual Insurance Company and the insurance subsidiaries of Donegal Group conduct business together as the Donegal Insurance Group.

	Three M	onth	s Ended De	cember 31,		Year	En	ded Decem	December 31,	
	2017	-	2016	% Change		2017		2016	% Change	
				(dollars in th	ıousa	nds)				
Net Premiums Earned										
Personal lines	\$ 99,106	\$	92,308	7.4%	\$	384,124	\$	361,131	6.4%	
Commercial lines	81,954		76,669	6.9		318,391		295,074	7.9	
Total net premiums earned	\$ 181,060	\$	168,977	7.2%	\$	702,515	\$	656,205	7.1%	
Net Premiums Written										
Personal lines:										
Automobile	\$ 61,435	\$	55,875	10.0%	\$	255,297	\$	229,789	11.1%	
Homeowners	29,904		29,422	1.6		125,054		122,811	1.8	
Other	 4,765		4,690	1.6		19,672		19,057	3.2	
Total personal lines	 96,104		89,987	6.8		400,023		371,657	7.6	
Commercial lines:	 									
Automobile	23,430		20,625	13.6		99,333		87,849	13.1	
Workers' compensation	23,891		24,848	(3.9)		109,884		108,349	1.4	
Commercial multi-peril	25,961		24,225	7.2		110,313		104,728	5.3	
Other	 2,002		2,091	(4.3)		9,586		9,451	1.4	
Total commercial lines	 75,284		71,789	4.9		329,116		310,377	6.0	
Total net premiums written	\$ 171,388	\$	161,776	5.9%	\$	729,139	\$	682,034	6.9%	

The 5.9% increase in the Company's net premiums written for the fourth quarter of 2017 compared to the fourth quarter of 2016, as shown in the table above, represents the combination of 4.9% growth in commercial lines net premiums written and 6.8% growth in personal lines net premiums written. The \$9.6 million growth in net premiums written for the fourth quarter of 2017 compared to the fourth quarter of 2016 included:

• \$3.5 million in commercial lines premiums that the Company attributes primarily to new commercial accounts the Company's insurance subsidiaries have written throughout their operating regions and a continuation of modest renewal premium increases.

• \$6.1 million in personal lines premiums that the Company attributes to a combination of new policy growth and premium rate increases the Company has implemented over the past four quarters.

For the full year of 2017, the Company's net premiums written increased 6.9% compared to the full year of 2016.

The Company evaluates the performance of its commercial lines and personal lines segments primarily based upon the underwriting results of its insurance subsidiaries as determined under statutory accounting practices. The following table presents comparative details with respect to the Company's GAAP and statutory combined ratios for the three months and full years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016:

	Three Mont Decemb	Year E Decemb		
	2017	2016	2017	2016
GAAP Combined Ratios (Total Lines)				
Loss ratio (non-weather)	69.0%	62.8%	61.1%	58.8%
Loss ratio (weather-related)	3.0	4.3	8.3	5.7
Expense ratio	31.9	32.4	32.9	33.0
Dividend ratio	0.9	1.0	0.7	0.6
Combined ratio	104.8%	100.5%	103.0%	98.1%
Statutory Combined Ratios				
Personal lines:				
Automobile	119.2%	118.5%	109.3%	106.7%
Homeowners	94.2	91.0	109.9	95.5
Other	79.4	84.1	90.8	86.3
Total personal lines	109.3	107.5	108.5	101.8
Commercial lines:				
Automobile	127.7	122.9	115.0	110.8
Workers' compensation	80.7	79.6	79.0	83.8
Commercial multi-peril	96.9	85.3	96.7	87.7
Total commercial lines	98.8	91.9	93.6	90.7
Total lines	104.6%	100.4%	101.7%	96.8%

Donegal Group's combined ratio was 104.8% for the fourth quarter of 2017, compared to 100.5% for the fourth quarter of 2016. The increase related primarily to increases in loss severity in the Company's casualty lines of business.

For the fourth quarter of 2017, the Company's loss ratio increased to 72.0%, compared to 67.1% for the fourth quarter of 2016. Weather-related losses totaled approximately \$5.4 million, or 3.0 percentage points of the Company's loss ratio, decreasing from the \$7.4 million of weather-related losses, or 4.3 percentage points of the Company's loss ratio, for the fourth quarter of 2016. Weather-related losses for the fourth quarter of 2017 were in line with the previous five-year average for fourth quarter weather-related losses of \$5.0 million.

Large fire losses, which the Company defines as individual fire losses in excess of \$50,000, were \$7.7 million for the fourth quarter of 2017, compared to \$7.4 million for the fourth quarter of 2016. Large fire losses represented 4.3 percentage points of the Company's loss ratio for the fourth quarter of 2017, compared to 4.4 percentage points of the Company's loss ratio for the fourth quarter of 2016.

Unfavorable net development of reserves for losses incurred in prior accident years did not have a material impact on the Company's loss ratios for the fourth quarters and full years of 2017 and 2016. Favorable development of workers' compensation loss reserves partially offset unfavorable development of commercial multi-peril, personal automobile and commercial automobile loss reserves.

The Company's expense ratio was 31.9% for the fourth quarter of 2017, compared to 32.4% for the fourth quarter of 2016. The decrease in the Company's expense ratio reflected lower underwriting-based incentive costs for the fourth quarter of 2017 compared to the fourth quarter of 2016. The Company's expense ratio was 32.9% for the full year of 2017, in line with the 33.0% expense ratio for the full year of 2016.

Investment Operations

Donegal Group's investment strategy is to generate an appropriate amount of after-tax income on its invested assets while minimizing credit risk through investment in high-quality securities. As a result, the Company had invested 90.0% of its consolidated investment portfolio in diversified, highly rated and marketable fixed-maturity securities at December 31, 2017.

December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016

	 Amount	<u>%</u>		Amount	%
		(dollars in t	hous	sands)	
Fixed maturities, at carrying value:					
U.S. Treasury securities and obligations of U.S.					
government corporations and agencies	\$ 115,786	11.5%	\$	99,970	10.6%
Obligations of states and political subdivisions	269,698	26.8		308,876	32.7
Corporate securities	213,764	21.2		179,011	18.9
Mortgage-backed securities	306,353	30.5		263,319	27.8
Total fixed maturities	905,601	90.0		851,176	90.0
Equity securities, at fair value	50,445	5.0		47,088	5.0
Investments in affiliates	38,774	3.9		37,885	4.0
Short-term investments, at cost	11,050	1.1		9,371	1.0
Total investments	\$ 1,005,870	100.0%	\$	945,520	100.0%
Average investment yield	2.4%			2.5%	
Average tax-equivalent investment yield	2.9%			3.0%	
Average fixed-maturity duration (years)	5.2			4.5	

Net investment income of \$6.1 million for the fourth quarter of 2017 was comparable to \$6.2 million in net investment income for the fourth quarter of 2016. The change in net investment income reflected primarily an increase in average invested assets relative to the prior-year fourth quarter, offset by an increase in expenses the Company allocated to the investment function.

Net realized investment gains were \$1.5 million for the fourth quarter of 2017, compared to \$321,042 for the fourth quarter of 2016.

Definitions of Non-GAAP and Operating Measures

The Company prepares its consolidated financial statements on the basis of GAAP. The Company's insurance subsidiaries also prepare financial statements based on statutory accounting principles state insurance regulators prescribe or permit ("SAP"). In addition to using GAAP-based performance measurements, the Company also utilizes certain non-GAAP financial measures that it believes provide value in managing its business and for comparison to the financial results of its peers. These non-GAAP measures are net premiums written, operating income and statutory combined ratio.

Net premiums written and operating income are non-GAAP financial measures investors in insurance companies commonly use. The Company defines net premiums written as the amount of full-term premiums the Company records for policies effective within a given period less premiums the Company cedes to reinsurers. The Company defines operating income as net income excluding after-tax net realized investment gains or losses. The Company also excluded from its calculation of non-GAAP operating income for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2017 the deferred income tax expense that resulted from the December 2017 enactment of the TCJA. Because the Company's calculation of operating income may differ from similar measures other companies use, investors should exercise caution when comparing the Company's measure of operating income to the measure of other companies.

The following table provides a reconciliation of the Company's net premiums earned to the Company's net premiums written for the periods indicated:

		Diraca D	Three Months Ended December 31,					
 2017		2016	% Change	_	2017		2016	% Change
			(dollars in th	ous	ands)			
\$ 181,060	\$	168,977	7.2%	\$	702,515	\$	656,205	7.1%
(9,672)		(7,201)	34.3%		26,624		25,829	3.1%
\$ 171,388	\$	161,776	5.9%	\$	729,139	\$	682,034	6.9%
\$ <u>\$</u>	(9,672)	(9,672)	(9,672) (7,201)	\$ 181,060 \$ 168,977 7.2% (9,672) (7,201) 34.3%	\$ 181,060 \$ 168,977	(9,672) (7,201) 34.3% 26,624	\$ 181,060 \$ 168,977	\$ 181,060 \$ 168,977

The following table provides a reconciliation of the Company's net (loss) income to the Company's operating income for the periods indicated:

Three Mo	onths Ended	led December 31, Year Ended December					
2017	2016	% Change	2017	2016	% Change		

		(dollars in	thousands, exce	ept p	er share	am	ounts)	
Reconciliation of Net (Loss) Income								
to Operating Income								
Net (loss) income	\$ (2,779)	\$ 5,554	NM	\$	7,116	\$	30,801	-76.9%
Realized gains (after tax)	(988)	(209)	372.7%		(3,766)		(1,641)	129.5%
Effect of the TCJA at enactment	4,753	-	NM		4,753		-	NM
Operating income	\$ 986	\$ 5,345	-81.6%	\$	8,103	\$	29,160	-72.2%
Per Share Reconciliation of Net								
(Loss) Income to Operating Income								
Net (loss) income – Class A (diluted)	\$ (0.10)	\$ 0.21	NM	\$	0.26	\$	1.16	-77.6%
Realized gains (after tax)	(0.03)	(0.01)	200.0%		(0.13)		(0.06)	116.7%
Effect of the TCJA at enactment	 0.17		NM		0.17			NM
Operating income – Class A	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.20	-80.0%	\$	0.30	\$	1.10	-72.7%
Net (loss) income – Class B	\$ (0.10)	\$ 0.18	NM	\$	0.22	\$	1.06	-79.2%
Realized gains (after tax)	(0.03)	-	NM		(0.12)		(0.06)	100.0%
Effect of the TCJA at enactment	0.16	-	NM		0.16		-	NM
Operating income – Class B	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.18	-83.3%	\$	0.26	\$	1.00	-74.0%

The statutory combined ratio is a standard non-GAAP measurement of underwriting profitability that is based upon amounts determined under SAP. The statutory combined ratio is the sum of:

- the statutory loss ratio, which is the ratio of calendar-year incurred losses and loss expenses to premiums earned;
- the statutory expense ratio, which is the ratio of expenses incurred for net commissions, premium taxes and underwriting expenses to premiums written; and
- the statutory dividend ratio, which is the ratio of dividends to holders of workers' compensation policies to premiums earned.

The statutory combined ratio does not reflect investment income, federal income taxes or other non-operating income or expense. A statutory combined ratio of less than 100% generally indicates underwriting profitability.

Conference Call and Webcast

The Company will hold a conference call and webcast on Friday, February 23, 2018, beginning at 11:00 A.M. Eastern Time. You may listen via the Internet by accessing the webcast link on the Company's website at http://investors.donegalgroup.com. A replay of the conference call will also be available via the Company's website.

About the Company

Donegal Group is an insurance holding company. The Company's Class A common stock and Class B common stock trade on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbols DGICA and DGICB, respectively. As an effective acquirer of small to medium-sized "main street" property and casualty insurers, Donegal Group has grown profitably over the last three decades. The Company continues to seek opportunities for growth while striving to achieve its longstanding goal of outperforming the property and casualty insurance industry in terms of service, profitability and book value growth.

The Company owns 48.2% of the outstanding stock of Donegal Financial Services Corporation ("DFSC"). DFSC owns all of the outstanding stock of Union Community Bank ("UCB"). The Company accounts for its investment in DFSC using the equity method of accounting. Donegal Mutual Insurance Company owns the remaining 51.8% of the outstanding stock of DFSC.

Safe Harbor

We base all statements contained in this release that are not historic facts on our current expectations. These statements are forward-looking in nature (as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995) and involve a number of risks and uncertainties. Actual results could vary materially. Factors that could cause actual results to vary materially include: adverse and catastrophic weather events, our ability to maintain profitable operations, the adequacy of the loss and loss expense reserves of our insurance subsidiaries, business and economic conditions in the areas in which our insurance subsidiaries operate, interest rates, competition from various insurance and other financial businesses, terrorism, the availability and cost of reinsurance, legal and judicial developments, changes in regulatory requirements, our ability to integrate and manage successfully the insurance companies we may acquire from time to time and other risks we describe in the periodic reports we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. You should not place undue reliance on any such forward-looking statements. We disclaim any obligation to update such statements or to announce publicly the results of any revisions that we may make to any forward-looking statements to reflect the occurrence of anticipated or unanticipated events or circumstances after the date of such statements.

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Donegal Group Inc. Consolidated Statements of Income (unaudited; in thousands, except share data)

	Quarter Ende	d Decem	ber 31,
	 2017		2016
Net premiums earned	\$ 181,060	\$	168,977
Investment income, net of expenses	6,142		6,161
Net realized investment gains	1,498		321
Lease income	117		156
Installment payment fees	1,344		1,193
Equity in earnings of DFSC	598		388
Total revenues	190,759	-	177,196
Net losses and loss expenses	130,442		113,369
Amortization of deferred acquisition costs	29,674		27,842
Other underwriting expenses	28,000		26,902
Policyholder dividends	1,592		1,644
Interest	381		371
Other expenses	396		233
Total expenses	190,485		170,361
Income before income tax expense	274		6,835
Income tax expense	 3,053		1,281
Net (loss) income	\$ (2,779)	\$	5,554
Net (loss) income per common share:			
Class A - basic and diluted	\$ (0.10)	\$	0.21
Class B - basic and diluted	\$ (0.10)	\$	0.18
Supplementary Financial Analysts' Data			
Weighted-average number of shares			
outstanding:			
Class A - basic	 22,183,787		21,294,986
Class A - diluted	 23,224,404		22,065,480
Class B - basic and diluted	 5,576,775	-	5,576,775
Net premiums written	\$ 171,388	\$	161,776
Book value per common share			
at end of period	\$ 15.95	\$	16.21
Annualized return on average equity	 -2.5%		5.0%

Donegal Group Inc. Consolidated Statements of Income (unaudited; in thousands, except share data)

Year Ended	December 31,
2017	2016

Net premiums earned	\$	702,515	\$	656,205
Investment income, net of expenses		23,527		22,633
Net realized investment gains		5,705		2,525
Lease income		501		671
Installment payment fees		5,157		5,303
Equity in earnings of DFSC		1,622		1,086
Total revenues		739,027	<u> </u>	688,423
Net losses and loss expenses		487,268		423,316
Amortization of deferred acquisition costs		115,065		107,876
Other underwriting expenses		116,538		108,459
Policyholder dividends		5,015		4,373
Interest		1,594		1,658
Other expenses		1,433		1,413
Total expenses		726,913		647,095
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Income before income tax expense		12,114		41,328
Income tax expense		4,998		10,527
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Net income	D	7,116	\$	30,801
Net income per common share:				
Class A - basic	\$	0.27	\$	1.19
Class A - diluted	\$	0.26	\$	1.16
Class B - basic and diluted	\$	0.22	\$	1.06
Supplementary Financial Analysts' Data				
Weighted-average number of shares				
outstanding:				
Class A - basic		21,798,948		20,917,429
Class A - diluted		22,642,442		21,530,142
Class B - basic and diluted		5,576,775		5,576,775
Net premiums written	\$	729,139	\$	682,034
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Book value per common share				
at end of period	\$	15.95	\$	16.21
Annualized return on average equity		1.6%		7.3%
Consolidated Bala				
(in thousan	ıds)			
		December 31,		December 31,
		2017		2016
		(unaudited)		
ASSETS	2			
Investments:	,			
Fixed maturities:				
Held to maturity, at amortized cost		\$ 366,6	55 \$	336,101
Available for sale, at fair value		538,9		515,075
Equity securities, at fair value		50,445 47,088		
Investments in affiliates		38,774		
		23,7		37,885

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Short-term investments, at cost

Total investments

Cash Premiums receivable Reinsurance receivable Deferred policy acquisition costs Prepaid reinsurance premiums Other assets Total assets	\$	1,005,870 37,833 160,406 298,343 60,290 135,033 40,145 1,737,920	\$	945,520 24,587 159,390 263,028 56,309 124,256 50,041 1,623,131			
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY							
Liabilities:	•						
Losses and loss expenses	\$	676,672	\$	606,665			
Unearned premiums		503,457		466,055			
Accrued expenses		28,034		28,247			
Borrowings under lines of credit		59,000		69,000			
Subordinated debentures		5,000		5,000			
Other liabilities		17,061		9,549			
Total liabilities		1,289,224		1,184,516			
Stockholders' equity:							
Class A common stock		256		245			
Class B common stock		56		56			
Additional paid-in capital		255,401		236,852			
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(2,684)		(2,254)			
Retained earnings		236,893		244,942			
Treasury stock		(41,226)		(41,226)			
Total stockholders' equity		448,696		438,615			
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	1,737,920	\$	1,623,131			