

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Our purpose at work



Our purpose at work

COMPANY FACTS

More than

21M

6,500

\$8.4M

Customers served

Employees and representatives Charitable impact

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

\$97.8B

\$6.9B

\$6.8B

Assets under management Life insurance in force

GAAP revenue

GAAP benefits provided1

GAAP equity

RATINGS

(very strong) Standard & Poor's

(very strong) Fitch

(superior) A.M. Best

Aa3

(excellent) Moody's Investors Service

Ratings information

Securian Financial's insurance company subsidiaries, Minnesota Life Insurance Company and Securian Life Insurance Company, a New York authorized insurer, receive high ratings from independent rating agencies that analyze the financial soundness and claims-paying ability of insurance companies. These ratings reflect our stability, integrity, long-term focus and commitment to maintaining a strong balance sheet. All ratings information is current as of May 2021 and is subject to change. A.M. Best Company rating (second highest of 16 ratings); Fitch rating (third highest of 19 ratings); Moody's rating (fourth highest of 21 ratings); Standard & Poor's rating (fourth highest of 21 ratings). For more information about the rating agencies and to see where our ratings rank compared to other ratings, visit securian.com/ratings.

^{1.} GAAP benefits provided includes policyholder benefits and interest credited to policies and contracts.

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CHRISTOPHER M. HILGER Chairman, President and CEO



LETTER FROM THE CEO

Securian Financial's purpose was on full display in 2020.

The worst pandemic in a century highlighted the importance of the peace of mind we provide our customers and their families. As the significance of COVID-19 became evident, we embraced three crisis management principles shaped by our purpose — helping people build secure tomorrows — that informed the actions we took throughout an extraordinary year.

Take care of the people who count on us

We were there for our customers and their families when they needed us the most — providing important financial protection (including \$275 million in death benefits related to COVID-19) and compassionate service. Our hearts go out to those who lost loved ones due to the pandemic.

We also supported our employees and distribution partners as they balanced work obligations with the realities of caring for themselves and their families. And we increased our community giving by 25 percent to help soften the impact of the pandemic and other crises on the places we call home.

Protect our financial strength

Taking care of the people who count on us requires more than just good intentions — our purpose is realized through our financial strength — ensuring we will be able to fulfill our promises over generations.

While ultra-low interest rates and the additional death benefits we paid due to COVID-19 impacted our earnings, we continued to build the long-term financial performance potential of the company through strong revenue growth and solid sales results.

Our investment portfolio remains strong, and we increased our already excellent capital levels, retaining our position among the most highly rated insurance companies in the country.

Prepare for the future

Our outstanding financial strength gives us the resources to invest in the new capabilities and sources of growth we will need to thrive in the future.

We invested in the continued advancement of our multi-year technology transformation, with a particular focus on developing new digital, data and analytics capabilities. We prioritized elements of our strategic plan to reflect evolving customer expectations that were further accelerated by the pandemic.

We also continued to pursue acquisitions that support our diverse portfolio of businesses, including completing the acquisition of Gerber Life's Canadian business and the integration of Empyrean Benefit Solutions.

These three crisis principles also informed our corporate social responsibility actions in 2020, most notably our public commitment to be part of the solution to social injustice in the wake of George Floyd's death just 10 miles from our headquarters. This commitment extended to the Securian Financial Foundation, where we expanded our grant-making parameters to include an explicit commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion.

Optimism and resolve

In 2020, Securian Financial stepped up to meet challenges with a long-term view on how we continue to deliver on our purpose. While our three crisis management principles brought clarity to our decision making, it was the professionalism and dedication of the entire Securian Financial family that ultimately made our success possible.

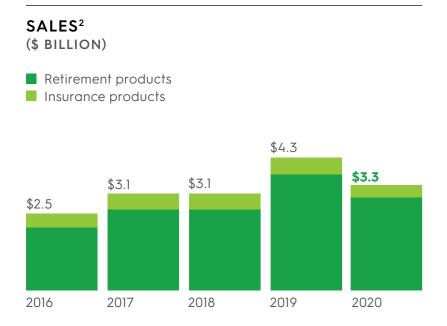
I am optimistic about our future and confident that we will emerge from the pandemic in an even stronger position to help future generations build secure tomorrows.

Thank you for the trust you place in us.

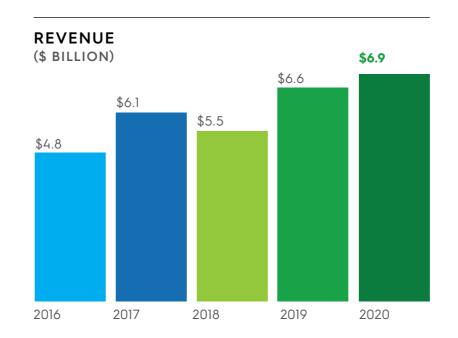
Christopher M. Hilger
Chairman, President and
Chief Executive Officer

FINANCIAL AND INVESTMENT RESULTS

During 2020, Securian Financial navigated a challenging environment, but delivered solid financial results and growth within our risk appetite.



Insurance sales, including group life insurance, individual life insurance and insurance products sold through financial institutions and affinity organizations, were solid at \$500 million. Retirement products — including 401(k) plans, individual annuities and pension risk transfers — had their second highest sales in company history, at \$2.8 billion.



GAAP revenue rose to \$6.9 billion, driven by excellent retention and business growth across the markets we serve.

ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT



Assets under management increased by 5 percent to \$97.8 billion, driven by sales, retention and market performance.

EQUITY³

110%

Total GAAP equity increased 10 percent to \$6.8 billion, driven by net income and increased net unrealized gains on investments.

OPERATING EARNINGS⁴

\$116M

Operating earnings fell to \$116 million, reflecting COVID-19 related benefits to our policyholders.

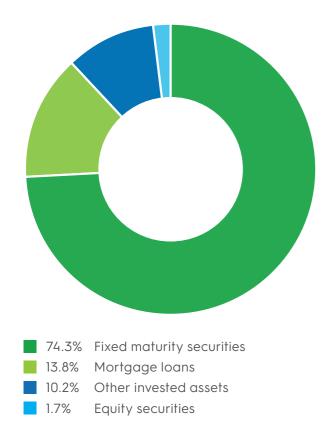
^{2.} Sales generally represent annualized premiums, fund deposits and new asset deposits as applicable to specific products.

^{3.} Equity represents total Securian Financial Group, Inc., and subsidiaries equity.

^{4.} Operating earnings equal net income attributable to Securian Financial Group, Inc., and subsidiaries, less net realized investment gains (losses), net of taxes.

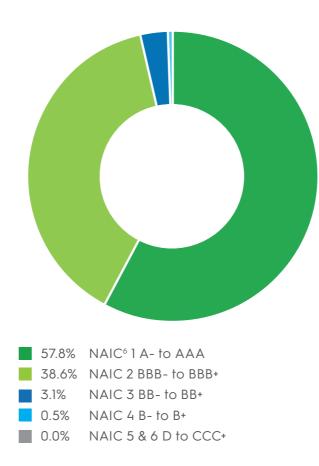
TOTAL INVESTMENTS

(% OF TOTAL INVESTMENTS⁵)



FIXED MATURITY SECURITIES

(% OF FIXED MATURITY SECURITIES)



The performance of Securian Financial's investment portfolio remained strong during 2020. We adhered to our investment fundamentals, maintaining the high quality of our investments

Investments

The high quality of our investment portfolio served us well in Our disciplined quidelines limit exposure to any single 2020, allowing us to navigate the pandemic from a position of strength.

Our investment approach is consistent with our risk management goals and philosophy. We combine a long-term market perspective with a focus on quality, diversification and competitive return.

Securian Financial's investment portfolio is predominantly fixed income assets, which are primarily investment grade fixed maturity securities and mortgage loans.

asset class, sector and issuer, and we continue to hold ample liquidity in our investment portfolio.

The size of our investment portfolio allows us to access and select from all asset classes, which provide a broad universe of attractive investment opportunities. We invest in asset classes that provide higher return potential in the long term, in alignment with our liabilities and within our risk appetite.

^{5.} Total investments include cash, cash equivalents and invested assets, and exclude separate accounts.

^{6.} National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES

Providing solutions that help put family first

From the everyday moments to major milestones, we understand that our customers' most valuable asset is family—however they define it. That's why we provide life insurance, annuities and wealth management solutions that help them continue putting family first.

SERVICE EXCELLENCE

\$1.1B

GAAP benefits provided

96%

Individual life insurance customer retention, based on insurance in force

94%

Individual annuity customer retention, based on assets

BUSINESS RESULTS

\$279M

Individual life insurance direct premiums

\$10.3B

Individual annuity assets under management⁷

\$43.5B

Securian Financial Network assets under administration⁸

CUSTOMERS SERVED

More than

800,000



^{8.} The amount of assets under administration does not include proprietary retirement plan assets.









EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES

Making the workplace work for employees

Workplace benefits are the foundation of many families' financial futures—allowing them to focus on the moments that matter today. We provide group insurance and retirement solutions paired with decades of expertise and supported by caring and responsive service—helping employees love where they work and prioritize those they love.

SERVICE EXCELLENCE

BUSINESS RESULTS

CUSTOMERS SERVED

More than

9M

\$3.1B

GAAP benefits provided

97%

Retirement customer retention, based on assets

95%

Group insurance customer retention, based on premiums

\$1.2T

Group insurance in force

\$2.7B

Group insurance direct premiums

\$26.5B

Retirement plan assets under management

3rd largest

Direct writer of group life insurance in the United States⁹

9. Direct group life insurance in force as of December 31, 2020, on a consolidated basis as reported in the Annual Statement Policy Exhibit State Pages. Source: S&P Global Market Intelligence. This statistic reflects the insurance subsidiaries of Securian Financial Group, Inc., Minnesota Life Insurance Company and Securian Life Insurance Company.





Helping customers be present in the here and now

Many people rely on their financial institutions to protect what matters to them. And those financial institutions look to us to provide sound solutions in a market that's constantly on the move. Our insurance, credit and debt protection products help customers spend less time worrying about their finances and more time being present in the here and now.

SERVICE EXCELLENCE BUSINESS RESULTS

CUSTOMERS SERVED

\$378M

GAAP benefits provided

98%

Domestic customer retention based on financial institution premiums

\$828M

Domestic direct insurance premiums

\$227M

Canadian direct insurance premiums

Nearly

4,300

Financial institutions offer our products and solutions

Nearly

11M





INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS

Providing customized investment strategies

Institutional investors look to Securian Asset Management and AAM Insurance Investment Management to help them achieve their investment objectives. We take a long-term, collaborative and researchdriven approach to help achieve steady growth, bringing decades of experience and providing tailored solutions to corporations, nonprofits, insurance companies, public funds and retirement plans nationwide.

SERVICE EXCELLENCE BUSINESS RESULTS

95%

Securian Asset Management customer retention based on unaffiliated assets

91%

AAM Insurance Investment Management customer retention based on assets

\$52.3B

Securian Asset Management assets under management

\$27.6B

AAM assets under management









ENTERPRISE OVERVIEW

MARKETS PRODUCTS AND SERVICES **COMPANIES** Individual life insurance Individual annuities · Minnesota Life Insurance Company Individuals · Universal: fixed, fixed indexed, variable and · Variable, fixed, fixed indexed and immediate Securian Life Insurance Company and families survivorship Securian Financial Services Wealth management Term · Securian Trust Company · Investment advisory **SERVING** Whole Asset management Individuals, families, executives and · Hybrid life/long-term care · Brokerage accounts business owners Mutual funds Trust services · Estate planning **Group insurance** · Minnesota Life Insurance Company Longevity solutions **Employers** · Term life and universal life • Pension risk transfer Securian Life Insurance Company and employees · Critical illness, accident, and hospital • Defined contribution income solutions · Empyrean Benefit Solutions indemnity Institutional solutions **SERVING** · Accidental death and dismemberment Guaranteed investment contracts Private and public employers, employees · Business travel accident Fixed group annuity contracts and their families **Retirement solutions** Benefits enrollment, administration and Recordkeeping solutions technology Defined contribution and defined benefit plans • Fully bundled and TPA-serviced plans · Non-registered group variable annuities and custodial accounts For financial institutions For their customers · Minnesota Life Insurance Company **Financial** · Accident and sickness insurance Collateral protection · Securian Life Insurance Company institutions and their customers Consumer loan forms · Accidental death and dismemberment · Securian Casualty Company · Direct response, digital, point-of-sale and Allied Solutions **SERVING** · Credit life, disability and involuntary · Canadian Premier Life Insurance call center services Banks, credit unions, finance companies, unemployment insurance Vendor single interest Company mortgage lenders, other affinity groups · Canadian Premier General Credit property insurance and customers of financial institutions Debt protection Insurance Company · Guaranteed asset protection Valeyo · Mortgage accidental death, disability and life insurance Term life insurance Institutional Alternative investments Investment grade fixed income Securian Asset Management · Commercial mortgage loans · Pension solutions and liability-driven AAM Insurance Investment investors · Commercial real estate debt and equity investing Management

Private placements

Public equities

Public and private fixed income

· Convertible bonds

· High yield/bank loans

SERVING

Corporations, endowments and foundations,

and related separate account platforms

insurance companies, mutual fund companies, pension plans, variable insurance providers, 401(k)

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

Years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

in millions	2020	2019
Assets		
Total investments ¹⁰	\$34,748	\$29,592
Total other assets	3,934	4,390
Separate account assets	29,377	29,156
Total assets	\$68,059	\$63,138
Liabilities and equity		
Liabilities:		
Policyholder benefits and funds ¹¹	\$28,213	\$24,781
Other liabilities	3,653	2,990
Separate account liabilities	29,377	29,156
Total liabilities	\$61,243	\$56,927
Equity:		
Total Securian Financial Group, Inc., and subsidiaries equity	6,782	6,182
Noncontrolling interests	34	29
Total equity	\$6,816	\$6,211
Total liabilities and equity	\$68,059	\$63,138

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

Years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

in millions	2020	2019
Revenues		
Premiums and policy and contract fees	\$4,880	\$4,831
Net investment income	1,082	1,023
Net realized investment gains	160	131
Other income	748	616
Total revenues	\$6,870	\$6,601
Benefits and expenses		
Policyholder benefits	3,775	3,514
Interest credited	809	671
Other operating costs and expenses	2,021	1,901
Total benefits and expenses	\$6,605	\$6,086
Income from operations before taxes	265	515
Income tax expense	19	78
Net income	246	437
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	3	2
Net income attributable to Securian Financial Group, Inc., and subsidiaries	\$243	\$435

These condensed consolidated financial statements are derived from the company's audited consolidated financial statements, which are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

^{10.} Total investments include cash, cash equivalents and invested assets.

^{11.} Policyholder benefits and funds include policyholder and contract holder benefits, funds and claims.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As of December 31, 2020

Mary K. Brainerd

Retired President and Chief Executive Officer **HealthPartners** Minneapolis, Minnesota

Committees:

Audit (Chair); Investment; Executive

Jay D. Debertin

President and Chief Executive Officer CHS Inc.

Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota

Committees:

Human Resources and Compensation; Investment; Non-Overlapping Directors

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Committees:

Human Resources and Compensation; Audit

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Chief Client Officer Weber Shandwick Minneapolis, Minnesota

Committees:

Corporate Governance and Public Affairs (Chair); Human Resources and Compensation; Executive

Eric B. Goodman

Retired Chief Investment Officer **AEGON USA** Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Committees:

Audit; Investment

Christopher M. Hilger

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer Securian Financial Group, Inc. St. Paul, Minnesota

Committees:

Corporate Governance and Public Affairs; Investment; Executive Committees:

John H. Hooley

Retired Executive Vice President/President **SUPERVALU** Retail Companies Eden Prairie, Minnesota

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Human Resources and Compensation (Chair); Audit; Non-Overlapping Directors; Executive

Trudy A. Rautio

Retired President and Chief Executive Officer Carlson, Inc. Minnetonka, Minnesota

Committees:

Audit; Investment (Chair); Executive

Robert L. Senkler

Former Chairman and Retired Chief Executive Officer Securian Financial Group, Inc. St. Paul, Minnesota

Committees:

Audit; Investment

Elizabeth A. Simermeyer

Executive Vice President and President of Global Healthcare, Life Sciences and Hand Care Ecolab

St. Paul, Minnesota

Audit; Corporate Governance and Public Affairs; Non-Overlapping Directors

SENIOR OFFICERS

As of March 31, 2021

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Enterprise Technology

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Technology Infrastructure

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Affinity Solutions

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Affinity Solutions

Michael J. Webster

Second Vice President Digital

Jennifer L. Wolf

Second Vice President

Investment Law
Kiirsten Zellmer

Second Vice President, Business

Operations

Individual Solutions

At Securian Financial, we're here for family. And we're here because of it.

Family doesn't have to branch from your tree, but it always shares your roots. Roots woven by common understanding, shared values and mutual respect. Like you, we believe a rewarding life is really about being present in the here and now, and that money isn't the only thing when family is your everything.

Since 1880, we've been here for those who see family as their most valuable asset. Our longevity is a testament to the strength of our company. We've weathered economic ups and downs while staying true to our customers. We're not publicly traded, so we can focus on you and what you care most about.

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- · Asset Allocation & Management Company, LLC
- · Canadian Premier General Insurance Company
- · Canadian Premier Life Insurance Company
- · CRI Canada Ltd.
- · Empyrean Benefit Solutions, Inc.
- · Minnesota Life Insurance Company
- · Ochs, Inc.
- · Securian Asset Management, Inc.
- · Securian Casualty Company
- · Securian Financial Services, Inc.
- · Securian Life Insurance Company
- · Securian Trust Company, N.A.
- · Selient Inc.