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	SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
	WASHINGTON, DC 20549
	FORM 11-K
(Mark One):	
x ACT OF 1934	ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE
	For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014
	OR
o EXCHANGE	TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1934
	For the transition period from to

Commission file number 1-11840

A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if different from that of the issuer named below:

#### ALLSTATE 401(k) SAVINGS PLAN

B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal executive office:

THE ALLSTATE CORPORATION

2775 SANDERS ROAD, SUITE F-5

NORTHBROOK, ILLINOIS 60062-6127

# Allstate 401(k) Savings Plan

(EIN: 36-3871531 Plan: 001)

Financial Statements as of and for the Years Ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, Supplemental Schedule as of December 31, 2014, and Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

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#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Trustee and Participants of Allstate 401(k) Savings Plan Northbrook, Illinois

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of the Allstate 401(k) Savings Plan (the Plan) as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits

We conducted our audits in accordance with standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Plan is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan s internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2014 is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor s Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The supplementary information by fund in the statements of net assets available for benefits and the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits to the individual analysis rather than to present the net assets available for benefits and changes in net assets available for benefits to the individual funds. The supplemental schedule and supplementary information by fund are the responsibility of the Plan s management. Such supplemental schedule and supplementary information by fund have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic 2014 financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects when considered in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Chicago, Illinois

June 9, 2015

#### STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2014

(Dollars in thousands)

	Supplementary Information ESOP								
		articipant- Directed Funds		Allstate Stock Fund		Co	ompany Shares allocated		Total
ASSETS									
Investments At fair value:									
The Allstate Corporation common stock Invesco Advisors Inc. Stable Value Fund Funds managed by State Street Global Advisors (SSgA):	\$	659,778	\$	683,160		\$	263,663	\$	946,823 659,778
SSgA U.S. Bond Index Non-Lending Series Fund Class A SSgA S&P 500 Index Non-Lending Series Fund Class A		408,142 1,100,150							408,142 1,100,150
SSgA Global Equity ex U.S. Index Non-Lending Series Fund Class A		342,538							342,538
SSgA Russell Small Cap Index Non-Lending Series Fund Class A		387,703							387,703
SSgA S&P Mid Cap Index Non-Lending Series Fund Class A NTI Emerging Markets Fund		226,679 23,344							226,679 23,344
Northern Trust Focus Funds Collective short-term investment fund		483,767		3,339			1		483,767 3,340
Total investments		3,632,101		686,499			263,664		4,582,264
Receivables: Dividends and interest		1		2,672			1,051		3,724
Employer contributions Participant contributions		31		2			7,521		7,521 33
Participant notes receivable Interfund		91,999		76,485					91,999 76,485
Total receivables		92,031		79,159			8,572		179,762
Other assets		3,336							3,336
Total assets		3,727,468		765,658			272,236		4,765,362
LIABILITIES									
ESOP loan (Notes 1 and 3) Payables:							15,308		15,308
Interfund Other		1,247 631		37			75,238		76,485 668
Total liabilities		1,878		37			90,546		92,461
NET ASSETS REFLECTING ALL INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE		3,725,590		765,621			181,690		4,672,901
Adjustments from fair value to contract value for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts		(22,407)							(22,407)
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	\$	3,703,183	\$	765,621		\$	181,690	\$	4,650,494

See notes to financial statements.

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#### STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2013

(Dollars in thousands)

	Supplementary Information							
	D	ticipant- irected Funds		Allstate Stock Fund		ESOP Company Shares nallocated		Total
ASSETS								
Investments At fair value:								
The Allstate Corporation common stock Invesco Advisors Inc. Stable Value Fund	\$	710,164	\$	575,248	\$	251,168	\$	826,416 710,164
Funds managed by State Street Global Advisors (SSgA): SSgA U.S. Bond Index Non-Lending Series Fund Class A		370,035						370,035
SSgA S&P 500 Index Non-Lending Series Fund Class A SSgA Global Equity ex U.S. Index Non-Lending Series Fund		998,879						998,879
Class A		328,403						328,403
SSgA Russell Small Cap Index Non-Lending Series Fund Class A		427,312						427,312
SSgA S&P Mid Cap Index Non-Lending Series Fund Class A		200,530						200,530
NTI Emerging Markets Fund Northern Trust Focus Funds		17,666 427,878						17,666 427,878
Collective short-term investment fund		,,,,,,,		1,372				1,372
Total investments	3	,480,867		576,620		251,168		4,308,655
Receivables:								
Dividends and interest Employer contributions				2,610		1,152 7,880		3,762 7,880
Participant notes receivable		92,351				7,000		92,351
Interfund				52,756				52,756
Other				2,176				2,176
Total receivables		92,351		57,542		9,032		158,925
Other assets		5,820						5,820
Total assets	3	,579,038		634,162		260,200		4,473,400
LIABILITIES								
ESOP loan (Notes 1 and 3) Payables:						20,787		20,787
Interfund		1,038				51,718		52,756
Other		617		37				654
Total liabilities		1,655		37		72,505		74,197
NET ASSETS REFLECTING ALL INVESTMENTS AT		555.000		(24.125		107.605		4 200 202
FAIR VALUE Adjustments from fair value to contract value for fully	3	5,577,383		634,125		187,695		4,399,203
benefit-responsive investment contracts		(19,002)						(19,002)
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	\$ 3	,558,381	\$	634,125	\$	187,695	\$	4,380,201

See notes to financial statements.

#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

(Dollars in thousands)

	Supplementary Information									
ADDITIONS		Participant- Directed Funds		Allstate Stock Fund		ESOP Company Shares nallocated		Total		
Net investment income: Net appreciation in fair value of investments Interest Dividends	\$	193,658 13,604 (8)	\$	159,390 5 11,691	\$	58,963 4 4,204	\$	412,011 13,613 15,887		
Net investment income		207,254		171,086		63,171		441,511		
Interest income on participant notes receivable		3,650						3,650		
Contributions: Participants Employer ESOP loan debt service Employer cash matched on participant contributions		178,319 905		12,033 (905)		2,271 5,250		190,352 2,271 5,250		
Total contributions		179,224		11,128		7,521		197,873		
Allocation of company shares shares matched on participant deposits at fair value				69,988		(69,988)				
Total additions		390,128		252,202		704		643,034		
DEDUCTIONS										
Benefits paid to participants Interest expense Administrative expense		317,433 4,446		49,021 382		1,455 4		366,454 1,455 4,832		
Total deductions		321,879		49,403		1,459		372,741		
NET INCREASE (DECREASE)		68,249		202,799		(755)		270,293		
INTERFUND TRANSFERS		76,553		(71,303)		(5,250)				
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS: Beginning of year		3,558,381		634,125		187,695		4,380,201		
End of year	\$	3,703,183	\$	765,621	\$	181,690	\$	4,650,494		

See notes to financial statements.

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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

(Dollars in thousands)

	Supplementary Information ESOP							
ADDITIONS		Participant- Directed Funds		Allstate Stock Fund		Company Shares nallocated		Total
ADDITIONS								
Net investment income: Net appreciation in fair value of investments Interest Dividends	\$	498,562 15,641 79	\$	168,704 6 11,415	\$	66,177 2 4,606	\$	733,443 15,649 16,100
Net investment income		514,282		180,125		70,785		765,192
Interest income on participant notes receivable		3,607						3,607
Contributions: Participants Employer ESOP loan debt service		194,431		12,019		2,630		206,450 2,630
Employer cash matched on participant contributions		(224)		224		5,250		5,250
Total contributions		194,207		12,243		7,880		214,330
Allocation of company shares shares matched on participant deposits at fair value				46,468		(46,468)		
Total additions		712,096		238,836		32,197		983,129
DEDUCTIONS								
Benefits paid to participants		358,109		57,651		1.775		415,760
Interest expense Administrative expense		4,174		362		1,775 2		1,775 4,538
Total deductions		362,283		58,013		1,777		422,073
NET INCREASE		349,813		180,823		30,420		561,056
INTERFUND TRANSFERS		64,345		(59,095)		(5,250)		
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS: Beginning of year		3,144,223		512,397		162,525		3,819,145
End of year	\$	3,558,381	\$	634,125	\$	187,695	\$	4,380,201

See notes to financial statements.

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#### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

AS OF AND FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013

#### 1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the Allstate 401(k) Savings Plan (the Plan ), sponsored by The Allstate Corporation (the Company ), provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan document for a more complete description of the Plan s provisions.

**General** Regular full-time and regular part-time employees of subsidiaries of the Company, with the exception of those employed by the Company s international subsidiaries, Kennett Capital, Inc., Esurance Insurance Services, Inc., and Answer Financial, Inc. are eligible to participate in the Plan. There is no waiting period to enroll in the Plan, provided employees are at least 18 years old.

The Plan is a defined contribution plan consisting of a profit sharing and stock bonus plan containing a cash or deferred arrangement which is intended to meet the requirements of Sections 401(a) and 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code ). The stock bonus portion of the Plan includes a leveraged and a nonleveraged employee stock ownership plan ( ESOP ) which is intended to meet the requirements of Section 409 and Section 4975(e)(7) of the Code. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ( ERISA ).

**Administration** The Plan is administered by the Administrative Committee. Investment transactions are authorized by the Plan s Investment Committee. Members of the Administrative and Investment Committees are appointed by the 401(k) Committee. The 401(k) Committee is comprised of various Allstate Insurance Company officers as described in the Plan.

Trustee of the Plan The Northern Trust Company holds Plan assets as trustee under the Allstate 401(k) Savings Plan Trust.

Contributions Each year, employees may contribute up to 50% of eligible annual compensation through a combination of pre-tax and after-tax contributions, subject to Internal Revenue Code limitations. All eligible employees hired or rehired are automatically enrolled in the Plan at a 5% pre-tax contribution rate, unless the participant declines enrollment or changes the contribution rate within the first 45 days of eligibility. Participants age 50 or older have the option to make additional pre-tax contributions ( Catch-Up contributions). Employees may also roll over pre-tax amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans. The Company changed the Plan effective January 1, 2014. The Company match for a plan year will be 80 cents for every pre-tax dollar that a participant contributes to the Plan during the plan year, up to 5% of eligible compensation. Prior to January 1, 2014, the Company match was 40% of the first 5% of eligible compensation that a participant contributes on a pre-tax basis to the Plan, and at the Company s discretion, up to an additional 40% of the first 5% of eligible compensation. The variable portion of the Company match was tied to improvement in the Company s position on the Customer Loyalty Index, Allstate s internal metric that gauges customer sentiment on three key drivers of loyalty: overall satisfaction, likelihood to renew, and likelihood to recommend Allstate to others. All employer contributions are invested in the Allstate Stock Fund. However, participants can

transfer all or part of their Company contributions to any investment option within the Plan at any time, subject to certain limited trading restrictions. Eligible participants in the Plan received a company match of 56% of eligible pre-tax contributions, up to the first 5% of their eligible pre-tax compensation for the year ended December 31, 2013.

**Participant Accounts** Individual accounts are maintained for each Plan participant. Each participant s account is credited with the participant s contribution, allocations of the Company s contribution and investment earnings and losses, and is charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Accounts may increase by rollovers and decrease by rollovers and withdrawals. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant s vested account.

**Vesting** Participants hired prior to March 1, 2009 were immediately vested in their contributions and the Company s contributions plus earnings thereon. Employees hired on or after March 1, 2009 are immediately vested in their contributions and will fully vest in the Company s contributions after three years of vesting service.

*Investment Options* Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant may direct employee contributions to any or all of the current investment options as listed below. If a participant does not make an investment election, employee contributions will be invested in the Target Retirement Date Fund that corresponds with the participant s birth date and assumes a retirement date at age 65. Participants may change their investment elections at any time, with limited trading restrictions, but without redemption restrictions. The funds transact with the participants at net asset value on a daily basis.

Allstate Stock Fund (The Allstate Corporation common stock) The Allstate Stock Fund is a unitized fund that invests in Company common stock with a portion of the fund invested in short-term securities to provide liquidity to process transactions.

Stable Value Fund (Invesco Advisors, Inc. Stable Value Fund) The fund, managed by Invesco Advisors, Inc. ( Invesco ), a registered investment advisor, is an actively managed portfolio that includes a number of investment contracts issued by a diversified group of insurance companies, banks, and other financial institutions, each backed by one or more diversified bond portfolios.

Bond Fund (SSgA U.S. Bond Index Non-Lending Series Fund - Class A) The fund, managed by State Street Global Advisors (SSgA), a registered investment company, invests in the U.S. Bond Index Non-Lending Series Fund - Class A, which is a collective fund whose objective is to approximate as closely as practicable, before expenses, the performance of the Barclays Capital U.S. Aggregate Bond Index over the long term. The Barclays Capital U.S. Aggregate Bond Index is an index representative of well-diversified exposure to the overall U.S. bond market.

S&P 500® Index Non-Lending Series Fund Class A) The fund, managed by SSgA, invests in the S&P 500® Index Non-Lending Series Fund Class A, which is a collective fund whose objective it is to approximate as closely as practicable, before expenses, the performance of the Standard & Poor s 500® Index over the long term. The Standard & Poor s 500® Index consists of large capitalization stocks across over 24 industry groups and 500 stocks chosen for market size, liquidity and industry group representation.

International Equity Fund (SSgA Global Equity ex U.S. Index Non-Lending Series Fund Class A) The fund, managed by SSgA, invests in a portfolio whose objective is to approximate as closely as practicable, before expenses, the performance of the Morgan Stanley Capital International All Country World Index Ex-U.S. over the long term. The Morgan Stanley Capital International All Country World Index Ex-U.S. is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the combined equity market performance of developed and emerging market countries, excluding the U.S.

Russell 2000 Fund (SSgA Russell Small Cap Index Non-Lending Series Fund Class A) The fund, managed by SSgA, invests in the Russell Small Cap Index Non-Lending Series Fund Class A, which is a collective fund whose objective is to approximate as closely as practicable, before expenses, the performance of the Russell 2000® Index over the long term. The Russell 2000® Index measures the performance of the small-cap segment of the U.S. equity universe.

Mid-Cap Fund (SSgA S&P Mid-Cap Index Non-Lending Series Fund Class A) The fund, managed by SSgA, invests in the S&P Mid-Cap Index Non-Lending Series Fund Class A, which is a collective fund whose objective is to approximate as closely as practicable, before expenses, the performance of the S&P Mid-Cap 400TM Index over the long term. The S&P Mid-Cap 400TM Index is a cap-weighted index that measures the performance of the mid-range sector of the U.S. stock market.

Emerging Markets Fund (Northern Trust Investments, Inc. ( NTI ) Emerging Markets Fund) The Emerging Markets Fund invests in the Northern Trust Collective Emerging Markets Index Fund Non-Lending managed by Northern Trust Investments. The fund s objective is to approximate the risk and return characteristics of the MSCI® Emerging Markets Equity Index. The MSCI® Emerging Markets Equity Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance in the global emerging markets.

Target Retirement Date Funds (Northern Trust Focus Funds) The Target Retirement Date Funds invest in the Northern Trust Focus Funds, a series of target retirement date collective trust funds for qualified plans managed by Northern Trust Investments, Inc. There are ten different Target Retirement Date Funds ranging from 2010 2055, in five-year increments, and an Income Fund. Target Retirement Date Funds are dynamic asset allocation investment options. The asset allocation of each Target Retirement Date Fund (except for the Income Fund) gradually changes over time according to a targeted retirement year, assuming a retirement age of 65, until the Target Retirement Date Fund eventually merges with the Income Fund. The funds invests in a broadly diversified portfolio of primarily passive investment funds comprised of U.S. and international stocks, inflation sensitive securities, and U.S. bonds.

Participant Notes Receivable Participants may borrow from their vested account balance. The loan amount must be at least \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of: (i) 50% of their vested account balance, or (ii) \$50,000, and will be taken from the participant s accounts in the following order: pre-tax, rollover, and after-tax. Loan transactions are treated as a proportional transfer from/to the investment funds and to/from the loan fund. Loan terms range from 6 to 48 months for a general-purpose loan and 49 to 180 months for a primary residence loan. Loans are secured by the participant s account balance and bear interest at the prime rate, as published in the Wall Street Journal in effect on the 15th day of the month prior to the first day of the quarter in which the loan is requested, plus one percent and fixed for the duration of the loan. Generally, principal and interest are paid by participants ratably through payroll deductions.

*Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP)* The Company has a leveraged ESOP. The ESOP loan bears interest at 7.9%. The borrowing is to be repaid through the year 2019 or earlier, if the Company elects to make additional contributions for principal prepayments on the ESOP Loan. As the Plan makes each payment of principal and interest, a proportional percentage of unallocated shares are allocated to eligible participants accounts in accordance with applicable regulations under the Code. The Company has made principal prepayments to fund Company contributions.

ESOP shares not yet allocated to participants are held in a suspense account, and none of these shares serve as collateral. ESOP shares allocated to participants and other Company shares that were acquired with participant contributions are included in the Allstate Stock Fund and the lender has no rights against these shares.

**Payment of Benefits** Upon termination of service, a participant is entitled to a complete withdrawal of his or her vested account balance. Partial withdrawals are also permitted under the Plan subject to restrictions. If the value of a vested account balance on or after a participant s settlement date does not exceed \$1,000, the participant will receive an automatic lump sum distribution of their vested account balance.

**Forfeited Accounts** As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$1,246,743 and \$1,044,849, respectively, and are reported in other assets. These accounts will be used to reduce future employer contributions. During the year ended December 31, 2014, employer contributions were reduced by \$1,037,537 due to forfeited nonvested accounts. During the year ended December 31, 2013, employer contributions were reduced by \$38,243 due to forfeited nonvested accounts.

#### 2. SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**Basis of Accounting** The Plan s financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

*Use of Estimates* The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Risks and Uncertainties** The Plan utilizes various types of investments, including institutional index funds, a stable value fund and common stock. These investments are subject to market risk, the risk that losses will be incurred due to adverse changes in creditworthiness, equity prices and interest rates. It is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investments will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the financial statements.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition Plan investments are stated at fair value. Shares of institutional index funds are valued at prices that represent the net asset value of shares held by the Plan at year-end and the fair value of the underlying investments. Common stock held in the Allstate Stock Fund is valued using market price. The Stable Value Fund is stated at fair value and then adjusted to contract value as the investment contracts are fully benefit-responsive.

The Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits present investment contracts at fair value, with an additional line item showing adjustments of the fully benefit-responsive contracts from fair value to contract value. The Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits is presented on a contract value basis.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date plus one basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

Benefits Paid to Participants and Participant Notes Receivable Benefits paid to participants and participant notes receivable are recorded upon distribution. Amounts allocated to accounts of persons who have elected to withdraw from the Plan, but have not yet been paid as of year end are

included in other assets on the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits. Participant notes receivable are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest.

#### 3. ESOP LOAN

The ESOP Loan agreement provides for the loan to be repaid through the year 2019 at an annual interest rate of 7.9%. There are no principal payments required on the loan during the next four years and \$13 million is scheduled in 2019.

The following table presents additional information, as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, for the Plan s investment in The Allstate Corporation common stock held in the Allstate Stock Fund and the ESOP Company Shares Unallocated:

(\$ in thousands)	20	14		2013					
	Allstate Stock Fund		ESOP Company Shares nallocated	,	Allstate Stock Fund	ESOP Company Shares Unallocated			
Number of shares	9,724,698		3,753,203		10,547,285		4,605,203		
Cost	\$ 266,441	\$	26,742	\$	296,201	\$	32,813		
Fair value	\$ 683,160	\$	263,663	\$	575,248	\$	251,168		

The estimated fair value of the ESOP loan as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, was \$14,202,908 and \$19,694,287, respectively, determined using discounted cash flow calculations based on current interest rates for instruments with comparable terms and considering the Plan s own credit risk.

#### 4. PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event that the Plan is terminated, participants would be 100% vested in their accounts.

#### 5. TAX STATUS

The Internal Revenue Service has determined and informed the Company by a letter, dated September 23, 2013, that the Plan and related trust were designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Code. The plan document has been amended since receiving the determination letter. The Plan s management believes that the Plan is currently designed and is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan s financial statements, and there are no uncertain tax positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Internal Revenue Service is currently examining the Plan.

#### 6. INVESTMENTS

The Plan s investments which exceeded 5% of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, were as follows:

(\$ in thousands)		2013	
The Allstate Corporation common stock *	\$	683,160	\$ 575,248
ESOP Company Shares Unallocated		263,663	251,168
SSgA U.S. Bond Index NL Series Fund Class A		408,142	370,035
SSgA S&P 500 Index NL Series Fund Class A		1,100,150	998,879
SSgA Global Equity ex U.S. Index NL Series Fund - Class A		342,538	328,403
SSgA Russell Small Cap Index NL Series Fund Class A		387,703	427,312

<sup>\*</sup> Employer contributions are made directly to the Allstate Stock Fund; Participants may redirect funds immediately.

During 2014 and 2013, the Plan s investments (including gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held during the year) appreciated (depreciated) in value as follows:

(\$ in thousands)	2014	2013	
The Allstate Corporation common stock	\$ 159,390 \$	168,704	
ESOP Company Shares Unallocated	58,963	66,177	
SSgA U.S. Bond Index NL Series Fund Class A	22,368	(8,991)	
SSgA S&P 500 Index NL Series Fund Class A	133,197	251,755	
SSgA Global Equity ex U.S. Index NL Series Fund - Class A	(16,490)	42,260	
SSgA Russell Small Cap Index NL Series Fund Class A	17,455	122,207	
SSgA S&P Mid-Cap Index Series Fund Class A	19,543	46,613	
NTI Emerging Markets Fund	(1,144)	(390)	
Northern Trust Focus Funds	18,729	45,108	
Total net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 412,011 \$	733,443	

The Stable Value Fund holdings include investment contracts called synthetic guaranteed investment contracts comprised of investments in the common collective trusts plus a wrapper contract. The wrapper contract is issued by a financial institution and the contract guarantees to provide a specific interest rate to be credited to the contract plus provide for participant liquidity at contract value in certain situations.

The Stable Value Fund s wrapper contracts are benefit-responsive and are thus eligible for contract-value reporting. Funds may be withdrawn pro-rata from all the Stable Value Fund s investment contracts at contract value determined by the respective issuing companies to pay benefits and to make participant-directed transfers to other investment options pursuant to the terms of the Plan after the amounts in the Stable Value Fund s Short-Term Investment Fund reserve are depleted.

The wrapper contracts wrap underlying assets which are held in the trust and owned by the Stable Value Fund. The underlying assets are comprised of common collective trusts which may include a variety of high quality fixed income investments selected by the fund manager consistent with the Stable Value Fund s investment

guidelines. High quality, as defined by the Stable Value Fund s investment guidelines, means the average credit quality of all of the investments backing the Stable Value Fund contracts is AA/Aa or better as measured by Standard & Poor s or Moody s credit rating services. The investments in the common collective trusts are used to generate the investment returns that are utilized to provide for interest rates credited through the wrapper contracts.

The wrapper contracts are benefit-responsive in that they provide that participants may execute transactions from the Stable Value Fund according to Plan provisions at contract value. Contract value represents contributions made to the Stable Value Fund, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals. The interest rates in wrapper contracts are reset monthly, based on market rates of other similar investments, the current yield of the underlying investments, the spread between the market value and contract value of the investments held by the contract, and the financial duration of the contract investments. All contracts have a minimum crediting rate of 0%. Certain events, such as plan termination, or a plan merger initiated by the plan sponsor, or changes to Plan provisions not approved by the issuers of the Stable Value Fund s wrapper contracts, may limit the ability of the Stable Value Fund to transact at contract value or may allow for the termination of the wrapper contracts at less than contract value. Plan Management does not believe that any events that may limit the ability of the Stable Value Fund to transact at contract value are probable.

Changes in market interest rates affect the yield to maturity and the market value of the investments in the common collective trusts, and thus can have a material impact on the interest crediting rate. In addition, participant withdrawals and transfers from the Stable Value Fund are paid at contract value but funded through the market value liquidation of the investments in the common collective trusts, which also may affect future interest crediting rates. If market interest rates rise and fair values of investments in the common collective trusts fall, the fair value may be less than the corresponding contract value. This shortfall in fair value will be reflected in future crediting rates by amortizing the effect into the future through an adjustment to interest crediting rates of the wrapper contracts. Similarly, if market interest rates fall and fair values of investments in the common collective trusts rise, the fair values of investments held by the wrapper contract may be greater than the corresponding contract value. This excess in fair value will also be reflected in future crediting rates through an amortization process similar to that when there is a fair value shortfall.

	2014	2013
Average yields:		
Based on annualized earnings (1)	1.414 %	1.346%
Based on interest rate credited to participants (2)	2.150 %	1.966%

- (1) Computed by dividing the annualized one-day actual earnings of the investments on the last day of the plan year by the fair value of the investments on the same date.
- (2) Computed by dividing the annualized one-day earnings credited to participants on the last day of the plan year by the fair value of the investments on the same date.

For purposes of calculating the interest crediting rate, fair value is equal to the market value of the investments in the common collective trusts. The crediting interest rates ranged from 1.69% to 2.65% as of December 31, 2014, and 1.55% to 2.54% as of December 31, 2013.

There are no reserves against contract value credit risk of the contract issuer or otherwise. The crediting interest rate is based on current market yields, adjusted upward/downward to amortize differences between book and market values of the underlying investments. All contracts have a minimum crediting rate of 0%. The crediting interest rates are reset monthly. The average yield is a weighted average of assets held on the last

day of the year. The average yield based on book value as of December 31,2014 was 2.32%. The average yield based on book value as of December 31,2013 was 2.07%.

Investment management fees, recordkeeping fees, and trustee fees along with other administrative expenses charged to the Plan for investments in each of the Plan s investment options are deducted from income earned on a daily basis and are not separately reflected. Consequently, fees and expenses are reflected as a reduction of investment return for such investments.

#### 7. FAIR VALUE OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The hierarchy for inputs used in determining fair value maximizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs by requiring that observable inputs be used when available. Assets and liabilities recorded on the Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits at fair value are categorized in the fair value hierarchy based on the observability of inputs to the valuation techniques as follows:

- Level 1: Assets and liabilities whose values are based on unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in an active market that the Plan can access.
- Level 2: Assets and liabilities whose values are based on the following:
- (a) Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- (b) Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active; or
- (c) Valuation models whose inputs are observable, directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.
- Level 3: Assets and liabilities whose values are based on prices or valuation techniques that require inputs that are both unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement. Unobservable inputs reflect the Plan s estimates of the assumptions that market participants would use in valuing the assets and liabilities.

The availability of observable inputs varies by instrument. In situations where fair value is based on internally developed pricing models or inputs that are unobservable in the market, the determination of fair value requires more judgment. The degree of judgment exercised by the Plan in determining fair value is typically greatest for instruments categorized in Level 3. In many instances, valuation inputs used to measure fair value fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. The category level in the fair value hierarchy is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. The Plan uses prices and inputs that are current as of the measurement date, including during periods of market disruption. In periods of market disruption, the ability to observe prices and inputs may be reduced for many instruments.

In determining fair value, the Plan principally uses the market approach which generally utilizes market transaction data for the same or similar instruments. To a lesser extent, the Plan uses the income approach which involves determining fair values from discounted cash flow methodologies and the cost approach which is based on replacement costs.
Summary of significant valuation techniques for assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis
Level 1 measurements
The Allstate Corporation Common Stock: The Company s common stock is actively traded in the New York Stock Exchange and is valued based on unadjusted quoted prices.
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#### Level 2 measurements

Invesco Advisors, Inc. Stable Value Fund Common Collective Trusts: A component of the Stable Value Fund which comprise funds that have daily quoted net asset values for identical assets in markets that are not active. The net asset values are derived based on the fair values of the underlying investments in the fund some of which are not actively traded.

SSgA U.S. Bond Index Non-Lending Series Fund Class A, SSgA S&P 500 Index Non-Lending Series Fund Class A, SSgA Global Equity ex U.S. Index Non-Lending Series Fund Class A, SSgA Russell Small Cap Index Non-Lending Series Fund Class A, SSgA S&P Mid Cap Index Non-Lending Series Fund Class A, NTI Emerging Markets Fund, Northern Trust Focus Funds: Comprise funds that have daily quoted net asset values for identical assets in markets that are not active. The net asset values are primarily derived based on the fair values of the underlying investments in the fund, some of which are not actively traded.

Collective Short-Term Investment Fund: Comprise funds that have daily quoted net asset values for identical assets in markets that are not active. The net asset values are derived based on the fair values of the underlying investments in the fund some of which are not actively traded. A portion of the Collective Short-Term Investment Fund is deemed part of the Stable Value Fund.

#### Level 3 measurements

*Invesco Advisors, Inc. Stable Value Fund Wrappers:* A component of the Stable Value Fund which comprise various wrappers that are valued based on a discounted cash flow methodology that is widely accepted. The discounted cash flow methodology uses inputs such as the change in replacement costs for the wrappers obtained from the wrapper providers which are unobservable, and a discount rate (which includes swap yields, duration, and a credit rating adjustment for the wrapper providers).

The following table summarizes the Plan s assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2014. There were no assets measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis as of December 31, 2014.

(\$ in thousands)	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Total
Assets							
The Allstate Corporation Common Stock	\$	946,823	\$	\$		\$	946,823
Invesco Advisors, Inc. Stable Value Fund			659,596		182		659,778
SSgA U.S. Bond Index NL Series Fund Class A			408,142				408,142
SSgA S&P 500 Index NL Series Fund Class A			1,100,150				1,100,150
SSgA Global Equity ex U.S. Index NL Series Fund Class A			342,538				342,538
SSgA Russell Small Cap Index NL Series Fund Class A			387,703				387,703
SSgA S&P Mid Cap Index NL Series Fund Class A			226,679				226,679
NTI Emerging Markets Fund			23,344				23,344
Northern Trust Focus Funds			483,767				483,767
Collective short-term investment fund			3,340				3,340
Total assets at fair value	\$	946,823	\$ 3,635,259	\$	182	\$	4,582,264
% of total assets at fair value		20.7%	79.3%				100.0%

The following table summarizes the Plan s assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2013. There were no assets measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis as of December 31, 2013.

(\$ in thousands)	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Total	
Assets								
The Allstate Corporation Common Stock	\$	826,416	\$	\$		\$	826,416	
Invesco Advisors, Inc. Stable Value Fund			709,956		208		710,164	
SSgA U.S. Bond Index NL Series Fund Class A			370,035				370,035	
SSgA S&P 500 Index NL Series Fund Class A			998,879				998,879	
SSgA Global Equity ex U.S. Index NL Series Fund Class A			328,403				328,403	
SSgA Russell Small Cap Index NL Series Fund Class A			427,312				427,312	
SSgA S&P Mid Cap Index NL Series Fund Class A			200,530				200,530	
NTI Emerging Markets Fund			17,666				17,666	
Northern Trust Focus Funds			427,878				427,878	
Collective short-term investment fund			1,372				1,372	
Total assets at fair value	\$	826,416	\$ 3,482,031	\$	208	\$	4,308,655	
% of total assets at fair value		19.2%	80.8%				100.0%	

The following table presents the rollforward of Level 3 assets held at fair value on a recurring basis during the year ended December 31, 2014.

(\$ in thousands)	Baland of Decen 31, 20	nber	С	Net appreciation (depreciation) of exestments included in the Statement of Changes of Net Assets Available for Benefits	iss	urchases, sales, uances and ettlements	tran	et sfers Level	tran ou	let sfers t of vel 3	Dec	nce as of ember 2014
Invesco Advisors Inc. Stable Value Fund Wrapper Total recurring Level 3	\$ \$	208 208	\$ \$	(26) (26)	\$ \$	-	\$ \$	-	\$ \$	-		182 182

The following table presents the rollforward of Level 3 assets held at fair value on a recurring basis during the year ended December 31, 2013.

(\$ in thousands)	Dec	ance as of cember , 2012	Net appreciation (depreciation) of nvestments included in the Statement of Changes of Net Assets Available for Benefits	i	Purchases, sales, ssuances and settlements	Ŀ	Net transfe into Le	ers	tran ou	let sfers It of vel 3	Dec	nce as of ember 2013
Invesco Advisors Inc.												
Stable Value Fund Wrapper	\$	186	\$ 22		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	208
Total recurring Level 3	\$	186	\$ 22		\$	-	\$	_	\$	-	\$	208

Transfers in and out of level categorizations are reported as having occurred at the beginning of the quarter in which the transfer occurred. Therefore, for all transfers into Level 3, all realized and changes in unrealized gains and losses in the quarter of transfer are reflected in the Level 3 rollforward table. There were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 or Level 2 and Level 3 during 2014 or 2013.

Net appreciation (depreciation) of investments included in the Statement of Change of Net Assets Available for Benefits relate to investments still held as of December 31, 2014 and 2013.

#### 8. RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to the Form 5500 as of December 31, 2014 and 2013:

(\$ in thousands)	2014	2013
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements Adjustments from contract value to fair value for fully benefit-responsive investment	\$ 4,650,494	\$ 4,380,201
contracts	22,407	19,002
Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	\$ 4,672,901	\$ 4,399,203

The following is a reconciliation of net investment income per the financial statements to the Form 5500 for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013:

(\$ in thousands)	2014			2013		
Total net investment income per the financial statements	\$	441,511	\$	765,192		
Interest income on participant notes receivable		3,650		3,607		
Adjustments from contract value to fair value for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts		3,405		(23,161)		
Total net investment income per the Form 5500	\$	448,566	\$	745,638		

#### 9. RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Plan invests in The Northern Trust Collective Short Term Investment Fund, the NTI Emerging Markets Fund, and the Northern Trust Focus Funds, which are collective investment funds managed by Northern Trust Investments, Inc., the investment advisor division of The Northern Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan. The Plan is not charged directly for investment management services associated with The Northern Trust Collective Short Term Investment Fund. Fees paid by the Plan for investment management services associated with the NTI Emerging Markets Fund and the Northern Trust Focus Funds were included as a reduction of the return earned on each fund. The Plan also invests in the common stock of The Allstate Corporation, the Plan s sponsor, as referenced in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

#### 10. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

ne Company changed the Plan effective January 1, 2015. Employees may now contribute to the Plan using a Roth 401(k) account. In addition apployees may directly rollover Roth accounts maintained under other eligible plans to Roth rollover accounts and elect to convert certain
tisting balances to Roth 401(k) accounts. Also, employees are now assessed a \$75 loan origination fee.
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## **SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE**

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FORM 5500 SCHEDULE H, PART IV, LINE 4i

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2014

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment , including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) (	Current Value
	The Allstate Corporation common stock	13,477,901 shares	\$ 293,183,066	\$	946,822,545
	Invesco Advisors Stable Value Fund:				
	The Northern Trust Collective Short Term Investment Fund No. 22-19589	25,505,364 shares	25,505,364		25,505,364
	IGT MxMgr A+ Int G/C Common Collective Trust	63,128,187 shares	77,954,569		101,304,201
	Voya Retirement & Annuity Wrapper	Voya Retirement & Annuity No. 60256			
	IGT Invesco Short Term Bond Common Collective Trust	13,294,006 shares	20,707,262		21,355,517
	Voya Retirement & Annuity Wrapper	Voya Retirement & Annuity No. 60256-B			
	IGT ING Short Duration Common Collective Trust	19,972,739 shares	20,709,094		21,228,445
	Voya Retirement & Annuity Wrapper	Voya Retirement & Annuity No. 60256-C			
	IGT PIMCO A+ Int G/C Common Collective Trust	507,103 shares	1,232,121		1,241,216
	IGT Invesco A+ Int G/C Common Collective Trust	655,725 shares	1,232,182		1,248,317
	IGT Jennison A+ Int G/C Common Collective Trust	930,510 shares	1,538,697		1,566,975
	IGT BlkRK A+ Int G/C Common Collective Trust	796,438 shares	1,231,639		1,243,176
	IGT BlkRK A+ Core Common Collective Trust	9,028,497 shares	14,168,860		14,774,224
	IGT GS Core A Common Collective Trust	9,716,743 shares	14,144,673		14,722,596
	IGT Invesco A+ Core Common Collective	4,262,224 shares	6,857,869		7,253,939
	Trust		, ,		
	IGT Invesco Short Term Bond Common Collective Trust	47,026,304 shares	73,546,467		75,543,149
	IGT PIMCO A+ Core Common Collective Trust	4,208,010 shares	6,949,246		7,207,854
	Transamerica Wrapper	Transamerica No. MDA-00714TR			181,637
		57,949,499 shares	91,975,707		93,090,192

IGT Invesco Short Term Bond Common			
Collective Trust			
IGT GS Core A Common Collective Trust	6,632,943 shares	9,787,132	10,050,089
IGT BlkRK A+ Core Common Collective	6,163,154 shares	9,766,633	10,085,379
Trust			
IGT PIMCO A+ Core Common Collective	5,869,982 shares	9,760,183	10,054,627
Trust			
IGT Invesco A+ Core Common Collective	5,945,573 shares	9,771,561	10,118,854
Trust			
Pacific Life Insurance Wrapper	Pacific Life Insurance		
	No. G-26930.01.0001		

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SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2014

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment , including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
I	nvesco Advisors Stable Value Fund:			
	GT Invesco A+ Core Common Collective  Frust	4,354,807 shares	\$ 7,007,810	\$ 7,411,507
	GT Invesco Short Term Bond Common Collective Trust	57,778,585 shares	90,191,982	92,815,634
	GT Jennison A+ Int G/C Common Collective Trust	18,361,283 shares	29,870,543	30,920,327
	GT PIMCO A+ Core Common Collective	4,299,415 shares	7,109,399	7,364,420
I	Prudential Insurance Company Wrapper	Prudential Insurance Company No. GA-62294		
	GT BlkRK A+ Int G/C Common Collective	19,945,891 shares	28,607,561	31,133,920
	GT Invesco A+ Int G/C Common Collective	16,426,804 shares	28,454,933	31,272,069
	GT PIMCO A+ Int G/C Common Collective	12,699,817 shares	29,004,716	31,084,846
	State Street Bank Wrapper	State Street Bank No. 105027		
5	State Street Global Advisors (SSgA):			
	SSgA U.S. Bond Index Non-Lending Series Fund - Class A	31,313,659 shares	365,226,900	408,142,231
	SSgA S&P 500 Index Non-Lending Series Fund - Class A	29,127,621 shares	661,526,022	1,100,150,257
	SSgA Global Equity ex U.S. Index Non-Lending Series Fund - Class A	22,690,632 shares	315,630,161	342,537,787
	SSgA Russell Small Cap Index Non-Lending Series Fund - Class A	10,133,370 shares	254,947,023	387,702,740
	SSgA S&P Mid-Cap Index Non-Lending Series Fund - Class A	3,950,353 shares	164,815,957	226,679,172

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FORM 5500 SCHEDULE H, PART IV, LINE 4i

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2014

\* Permitted party in interest.

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment , including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
	Northern Trust Global Investments (NTGI):			
	The Northern Trust Collective Short Term Investment Fund No. 22-44460, No. 22-41639, and No. 22-18490	3,340,084 shares	\$ 3,340,084	\$ 3,340,084
	NTI Emerging Markets Fund	156,470 shares	24,441,266	23,344,178
	Northern Trust Focus Income Fund	62,086 shares	7,328,936	7,723,495
	Northern Trust Focus 2010 Fund	108,672 shares	12,607,808	13,749,132
	Northern Trust Focus 2015 Fund	499,250 shares	55,206,056	64,043,823
	Northern Trust Focus 2020 Fund	919,917 shares	104,112,016	119,488,054
	Northern Trust Focus 2025 Fund	743,363 shares	83,326,071	97,707,660
	Northern Trust Focus 2030 Fund	486,463 shares	55,337,719	64,762,778
	Northern Trust Focus 2035 Fund	334,451 shares	39,242,982	45,003,790
	Northern Trust Focus 2040 Fund	223,247 shares	27,391,572	30,305,716
	Northern Trust Focus 2045 Fund	141,708 shares	16,893,825	19,250,977
	Northern Trust Focus 2050 Fund	79,913 shares	9,632,125	10,856,176
	Northern Trust Focus 2055 Fund	80,032 shares	9,912,292	10,875,516
*	Participant loans	Rates of interest from 3.25% to 9.50% maturing through 2030	91,998,764	91,998,764
	Total		\$ 3,213,186,848	\$ 4,674,263,349

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#### **SIGNATURES**

The Plan. Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the trustees (or other persons who administer the employee benefit plan) have duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ALLSTATE 401(k) SAVINGS PLAN

By /s/ Josee Wilson

Josee Wilson Plan Administrator

Date: June 9, 2015