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(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2012

OR

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number: 1-6028

LINCOLN NATIONAL CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Indiana
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

35-1140070
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

150 N. Radnor Chester Road, Suite A305, Radnor,
Pennsylvania
(Address of principal executive offices)

19087
(Zip Code)

(484) 583-1400
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report.)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)
Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

As of July 31, 2012, there were 279,173,774 shares of the registrant's common stock outstanding.

Lincoln National Corporation

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PART I – FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

LINCOLN NATIONAL CORPORATION
 CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
 (in millions, except share data)

	As of June 30, 2012 (Unaudited)	As of December 31, 2011
ASSETS		
Investments:		
Available-for-sale securities, at fair value:		
Fixed maturity securities (amortized cost: 2012 - \$71,394; 2011 - \$68,988)	\$ 79,191	\$ 75,433
Variable interest entities' fixed maturity securities (amortized cost: 2012 - \$675; 2011 - \$673)	705	700
Equity securities (cost: 2012 - \$143; 2011 - \$135)	154	139
Trading securities	2,649	2,675
Mortgage loans on real estate	6,804	6,942
Real estate	116	137
Policy loans	2,829	2,884
Derivative investments	3,399	3,151
Other investments	1,041	1,069
Total investments	96,888	93,130
Cash and invested cash	5,257	4,510
Deferred acquisition costs and value of business acquired	6,505	6,776
Premiums and fees receivable	388	408
Accrued investment income	1,021	981
Reinsurance recoverables	6,601	6,526
Funds withheld reinsurance assets	863	874
Goodwill	2,273	2,273
Other assets	2,475	2,536
Separate account assets	88,839	83,477
Total assets	\$ 211,110	\$ 201,491
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Future contract benefits	\$ 19,930	\$ 19,813
Other contract holder funds	70,422	69,466
Short-term debt	300	300
Long-term debt	5,719	5,391
Reinsurance related embedded derivatives	185	168
Funds withheld reinsurance liabilities	999	1,045
Deferred gain on business sold through reinsurance	356	394
Payables for collateral on investments	5,070	3,733
Variable interest entities' liabilities	158	193
Other liabilities	4,950	4,273
Separate account liabilities	88,839	83,477
Total liabilities	196,928	188,253

Contingencies and Commitments (See Note 8)

Stockholders' Equity

Preferred stock - 10,000,000 shares authorized; Series A - 9,632 and 10,072 shares issued and outstanding as of June 30, 2012, and December 31, 2011, respectively	-	-
Common stock - 800,000,000 shares authorized; 279,168,971 and 291,319,222 shares issued and outstanding as of June 30, 2012, and December 31, 2011, respectively	7,310	7,590
Retained earnings	3,493	2,969
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	3,379	2,679
Total stockholders' equity	14,182	13,238
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 211,110	\$ 201,491

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

LINCOLN NATIONAL CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)
(Unaudited, in millions, except per share data)

	For the Three Months Ended June 30,		For the Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Revenues				
Insurance premiums	\$ 630	\$ 594	\$ 1,219	\$ 1,162
Insurance fees	887	900	1,794	1,718
Net investment income	1,197	1,181	2,362	2,372
Realized gain (loss):				
Total other-than-temporary impairment losses on securities	(50)	(47)	(147)	(91)
Portion of loss recognized in other comprehensive income	17	16	67	19
Net other-than-temporary impairment losses on securities recognized in earnings))))
Realized gain (loss), excluding other-than-temporary impairment losses on securities	(33)	(31)	(80)	(72)
Total realized gain (loss)	76	22	37	65
Amortization of deferred gain on business sold through reinsurance	43	(9)	(43)	(7)
Other revenues and fees	18	19	38	37
Total revenues	124	122	244	244
Expenses	2,899	2,807	5,614	5,526
Interest credited	616	625	1,241	1,239
Benefits	945	1,027	1,804	1,862
Commissions and other expenses	828	674	1,684	1,443
Interest and debt expense	68	72	135	144
Total expenses	2,457	2,398	4,864	4,688
Income (loss) from continuing operations before taxes	442	409	750	838
Federal income tax expense (benefit)	118	105	180	221
Income (loss) from continuing operations	324	304	570	617
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of federal income taxes	-	-	(1)	-
Net income (loss)	324	304	569	617
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	757	354	700	376
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$ 1,081	\$ 658	\$ 1,269	\$ 993
Earnings (Loss) Per Common Share - Basic				
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 1.15	\$ 0.98	\$ 1.99	\$ 1.97
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	-	-	-	-
Net income (loss)	\$ 1.15	\$ 0.98	\$ 1.99	\$ 1.97
Earnings (Loss) Per Common Share - Diluted				
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 1.10	\$ 0.95	\$ 1.94	\$ 1.92
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	-	-	-	-
Net income (loss)	\$ 1.10	\$ 0.95	\$ 1.94	\$ 1.92

LINCOLN NATIONAL CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
(Unaudited, in millions, except per share data)

	For the Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2012	2011
Common Stock		
Balance as of beginning-of-year	\$ 7,590	\$ 8,124
Stock compensation/issued for benefit plans	20	9
Retirement of common stock/cancellation of shares	(300)	(195)
Balance as of end-of-period	7,310	7,938
Retained Earnings		
Balance as of beginning-of-year	2,969	3,934
Cumulative effect from adoption of new accounting standards	-	(1,095)
Net income (loss)	569	617
Retirement of common stock	-	(31)
Dividends declared: Common (2012 - \$0.160; 2011 - \$0.100)	(45)	(32)
Balance as of end-of-period	3,493	3,393
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)		
Balance as of beginning-of-year	2,679	748
Cumulative effect from adoption of new accounting standards	-	103
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	700	376
Balance as of end-of-period	3,379	1,227
Total stockholders' equity as of end-of-period	\$ 14,182	\$ 12,558

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

LINCOLN NATIONAL CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(Unaudited, in millions)

	For the Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2012	2011
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Net income (loss)	\$ 569	\$ 617
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Deferred acquisition costs, value of business acquired, deferred sales inducements		
and deferred front-end loads deferrals and interest, net of amortization	(114)	(215)
Trading securities purchases, sales and maturities, net	67	26
Change in premiums and fees receivable	20	(35)
Change in accrued investment income	(40)	(61)
Change in future contract benefits and other contract holder funds	120	371
Change in reinsurance related assets and liabilities	(111)	(72)
Change in federal income tax accruals	197	297
Realized (gain) loss	43	7
(Income) loss attributable to equity method investments	(81)	(75)
Amortization of deferred gain on business sold through reinsurance	(38)	(37)
(Gain) loss on disposal of discontinued operations	1	-
Other	(19)	55
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	614	878
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Purchases of available-for-sale securities	(5,717)	(5,901)
Sales of available-for-sale securities	369	1,042
Maturities of available-for-sale securities	2,983	2,857
Purchases of other investments	(1,398)	(1,701)
Sales or maturities of other investments	1,451	1,527
Increase (decrease) in payables for collateral on investments	1,337	146
Other	(47)	(42)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(1,022)	(2,072)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities		
Issuance of long-term debt, net of issuance costs	298	298
Increase (decrease) in commercial paper, net	-	(100)
Deposits of fixed account values, including the fixed portion of variable	4,979	5,335
Withdrawals of fixed account values, including the fixed portion of variable	(2,611)	(2,515)
Transfers to and from separate accounts, net	(1,160)	(1,391)
Common stock issued for benefit plans and excess tax benefits	(5)	(5)
Repurchase of common stock	(300)	(226)
Dividends paid to common and preferred stockholders	(46)	(31)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	1,155	1,365

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Net increase (decrease) in cash and invested cash, including discontinued operations	747	171
Cash and invested cash, including discontinued operations, as of beginning-of-year	4,510	2,741
Cash and invested cash, including discontinued operations, as of end-of-period \$	5,257	\$ 2,912

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

LINCOLN NATIONAL CORPORATION
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Unaudited)

1. Nature of Operations and Basis of Presentation

Nature of Operations

Lincoln National Corporation and its majority-owned subsidiaries (“LNC” or the “Company,” which also may be referred to as “we,” “our” or “us”) operate multiple insurance businesses through four business segments. See Note 13 for additional details. The collective group of businesses uses “Lincoln Financial Group” as its marketing identity. Through our business segments, we sell a wide range of wealth protection, accumulation and retirement income products. These products include institutional and/or retail fixed and indexed annuities, variable annuities, universal life insurance (“UL”), variable universal life insurance (“VUL”), linked-benefit UL, term life insurance, mutual funds and group life, disability and dental.

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with United States of America generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”) for interim financial information and with the instructions for the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, including Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and notes required by GAAP for complete financial statements. Therefore, the information contained in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 (“2011 Form 10-K”), should be read in connection with the reading of these interim unaudited consolidated financial statements.

Certain GAAP policies, which significantly affect the determination of financial position, results of operations and cash flows, are summarized in our 2011 Form 10-K.

In the opinion of management, these statements include all normal recurring adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of the Company’s results. Operating results for the six month period ended June 30, 2012, are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the full year ending December 31, 2012. All material intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

See Note 2 “Financial Services – Insurance Industry Topic” below for information about the retrospective restatement of amounts due to the adoption of new accounting guidance. In addition, certain amounts reported in prior years’ consolidated financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the presentation adopted in the current year. These reclassifications had no effect on net income or stockholders’ equity of the prior years.

2. New Accounting Standards

Adoption of New Accounting Standards

Comprehensive Income Topic

In June 2011, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) No. 2011-05, “Presentation of Comprehensive Income” (“ASU 2011-05”), with an objective of increasing the prominence of items reported in other comprehensive income (“OCI”); however, in December 2011, the FASB deferred a portion of the

presentation requirements by issuing ASU No. 2011-12, “Deferral of the Effective Date for Amendments to the Presentation of Reclassifications of Items Out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income in Accounting Standards Update No. 2011-05” (“ASU 2011- 12”). For a more detailed description of ASU 2011-05 and ASU 2011-12, see “Future Adoption of New Accounting Standards – Comprehensive Income Topic” in Note 2 of our 2011 Form 10-K. We adopted the provisions of ASU 2011-05 as of January 1, 2012, after considering the deferral in ASU 2011-12, and have included a single continuous statement of comprehensive income in Item 1 of this quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2012.

Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures Topic

In May 2011, the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-04, “Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards” (“ASU 2011-04”), which was issued to create a consistent framework for the application of fair value measurement across jurisdictions. For a more detailed description of ASU 2011-04 see “Future Adoption of New Accounting Standards – Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures Topic” in Note 2 of our 2011 Form 10-K. We adopted the provisions of ASU 2011-04 effective January 1, 2012, and have included the additional disclosures required for fair value measurements in Note 12 for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2012.

Financial Services – Insurance Industry Topic

In October 2010, the FASB issued ASU No. 2010-26, “Accounting for Costs Associated with Acquiring or Renewing Insurance Contracts” (“ASU 2010-26”), which clarifies the types of costs incurred by an insurance entity that can be capitalized in the acquisition of insurance contracts. Only those costs incurred that result directly from and are essential to the successful acquisition of new or renewal insurance contracts may be capitalized as deferrable acquisition costs. The determination of deferability must be made on a contract-level basis.

Prior to the adoption of ASU 2010-26, we defined deferred acquisition costs (“DAC”) as commissions and other costs of acquiring UL insurance, VUL insurance, traditional life insurance, annuities and other investments contracts that vary with and are related primarily to new or renewal business, regardless of whether the acquisition efforts were successful or unsuccessful. Upon the adoption of ASU 2010-26, we revised our accounting policy to only defer acquisition costs directly related to successful contract acquisitions or renewals, and excluded from DAC those costs incurred for soliciting potential customers, market research, training, administration, management of distribution and underwriting functions, unsuccessful acquisition or renewal efforts and product development. In addition, indirect acquisition costs including administrative costs, rent, depreciation, occupancy costs, equipment costs and other general overhead are excluded from DAC. The costs that are considered non-deferrable acquisition costs under ASU 2010-26 are expensed in the period incurred.

We adopted the provisions of ASU 2010-26 as of January 1, 2012, and elected to retrospectively restate all prior periods. The following summarizes the prior period increases (decreases) (in millions) reflected in our Consolidated Balance Sheets and Consolidated Statements of Stockholders’ Equity related to the adoption:

	As of December 31,	
	2011	2010
Assets		
Deferred acquisition costs	\$ (1,415)	\$ (1,516)
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Other liabilities - deferred income taxes	\$ (490)	\$ (524)
Stockholders' equity:		
Retained earnings	(1,157)	(1,095)
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	232	103
Total stockholders' equity	(925)	(992)
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ (1,415)	\$ (1,516)

The following summarizes the prior period increases (decreases) to income from continuing operations and earnings (loss) per share (“EPS”) (in millions, except per share data) reflected in our Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss) for the three and six months ended June 30, 2011, related to the adoption:

	For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2011	For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2011
Revenues		
Realized gain (loss)	\$ 4	\$ 8
Expenses		
Commissions and other expenses	(37)	(81)
Income (loss) from continuing operations before taxes	(33)	(73)
Federal income tax expense (benefit)	12	26
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ (21)	\$ (47)
Earnings (Loss) Per Common Share - Basic	\$ (0.07)	\$ (0.15)
Earnings (Loss) Per Common Share - Diluted	\$ (0.07)	\$ (0.15)

Intangibles – Goodwill and Other Topic

In September 2011, the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-08, “Testing Goodwill for Impairment” (“ASU 2011-08”), which provides an option to first assess qualitative factors to determine if it is necessary to complete the two-step goodwill impairment test. For a more detailed description of ASU 2011-08, see “Future Adoption of New Accounting Standards – Intangibles – Goodwill and Other Topic” in Note 2 of our 2011 Form 10-K. We adopted the provisions of ASU 2011-08 effective January 1, 2012. The adoption did not have a material effect on our consolidated financial condition and results of operations.

Transfers and Servicing Topic

In April 2011, the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-03, “Reconsideration of Effective Control for Repurchase Agreements” (“ASU 2011-03”), which revises the criteria for assessing effective control for repurchase agreements and other agreements that both entitle and obligate a transferor to repurchase or redeem financial assets before their maturity. For a more detailed description of ASU 2011-03, see “Future Adoption of New Accounting Standards – Transfers and Servicing Topic” in Note 2 of our 2011 Form 10-K. We adopted the provisions of ASU 2011-03 effective January 1, 2012. The adoption did not have a material effect on our consolidated financial condition and results of operations.

Future Adoption of New Accounting Standards

Balance Sheet Topic

In December 2011, the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-11, “Disclosures about Offsetting Assets and Liabilities” (“ASU 2011-11”), to address certain comparability issues between financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP

and those prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. For a more detailed description of ASU 2011-11, see “Future Adoption of New Accounting Standards – Balance Sheet Topic” in Note 2 of our 2011 Form 10-K. We will adopt the disclosure requirements in ASU 2011-11 beginning with our first quarter 2013 financial statements and are currently evaluating the appropriate location for these disclosures in the notes to our financial statements.

3. Variable Interest Entities (“VIEs”)

Consolidated VIEs

See Note 4 in our 2011 Form 10-K for a detailed discussion of our consolidated VIEs, which information is incorporated herein by reference.

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The following summarizes information regarding the credit-linked note (“CLN”) structures (dollars in millions) as of June 30, 2012:

	Amount and Date of Issuance	
	\$400 December 2006	\$200 April 2007
Original attachment point (subordination)	5.50%	2.05%
Current attachment point (subordination)	4.17%	1.48%
Maturity	12/20/2016	3/20/2017
Current rating of tranche	BB-	Ba2
Current rating of underlying collateral pool	Aa1-B3	Aaa-Caa1
Number of defaults in underlying collateral pool	2	2
Number of entities	123	99
Number of countries	20	22

The following summarizes the exposure of the CLN structures’ underlying collateral by industry and rating as of June 30, 2012:

	AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB	B	CCC	Total
Industry								
Telecommunications	- %	- %	5.5 %	4.5 %	0.7 %	0.5 %	- %	11.2 %
Financial intermediaries	- %	2.1 %	7.5 %	0.9 %	- %	- %	- %	10.5 %
Oil and gas	- %	1.8 %	1.0 %	4.6 %	- %	- %	- %	7.4 %
Utilities	- %	- %	2.6 %	2.0 %	- %	- %	- %	4.6 %
Chemicals and plastics	- %	- %	2.3 %	1.2 %	0.3 %	- %	- %	3.8 %
Drugs	0.3 %	2.7 %	0.7 %	- %	- %	- %	- %	3.7 %
Retailers (except food and drug)	- %	- %	2.1 %	0.9 %	0.5 %	- %	- %	3.5 %
Industrial equipment	- %	- %	3.0 %	0.3 %	- %	- %	- %	3.3 %
Sovereign	- %	0.7 %	1.6 %	1.0 %	- %	- %	- %	3.3 %
Conglomerates	- %	2.3 %	0.9 %	- %	- %	- %	- %	3.2 %
Forest products	- %	- %	- %	1.6 %	1.4 %	- %	- %	3.0 %
Other	- %	3.9 %	16.0 %	17.7 %	3.7 %	0.9 %	0.3 %	42.5 %
Total	0.3 %	13.5 %	43.2 %	34.7 %	6.6 %	1.4 %	0.3 %	100.0 %

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Asset and liability information (dollars in millions) for these consolidated VIEs included on our Consolidated Balance Sheets was as follows:

	As of June 30, 2012		As of December 31, 2011			
	Number of Instruments	Notional Amounts	Carrying Value	Number of Instruments	Notional Amounts	Carrying Value
Assets						
Fixed maturity securities:						
Asset-backed credit card loans	N/A	\$ -	\$ 595	N/A	\$ -	\$ 592
U.S. government bonds	N/A	-	110	N/A	-	108
Excess mortality swap	1	100	-	1	100	-
Total assets (1)	1	\$ 100	\$ 705	1	\$ 100	\$ 700
Liabilities						
Non-qualifying hedges:						
Credit default swaps	2	\$ 600	\$ 234	2	\$ 600	\$ 295
Contingent forwards	2	-	(3)	2	-	(4)
Total non-qualifying hedges	4	600	231	4	600	291
Federal income tax	N/A	-	(73)	N/A	-	(98)
Total liabilities (2)	4	\$ 600	\$ 158	4	\$ 600	\$ 193

(1) Reported in VIEs' fixed maturity securities on our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

(2) Reported in VIEs' liabilities on our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

For details related to the fixed maturity available-for-sale ("AFS") securities for these VIEs, see Note 4.

As described more fully in Note 1 of our 2011 Form 10-K, we regularly review our investment holdings for other-than-temporary impairment ("OTTI"). Based upon this review, we believe that the fixed maturity securities were not other-than-temporarily impaired as of June 30, 2012.

The gains (losses) for these consolidated VIEs (in millions) recorded on our Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss) were as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended		For the Six Months Ended	
	June 30, 2012	June 30, 2011	June 30, 2012	June 30, 2011
Non-Qualifying Hedges				
Credit default swaps	\$ (10)	\$ 6	\$ 61	\$ 13
Contingent forwards	-	(1)	(2)	(3)
Total non-qualifying hedges (1)	\$ (10)	\$ 5	\$ 59	\$ 10

(1) Reported in realized gain (loss) on our Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).

Unconsolidated VIEs

See Note 4 in our 2011 Form 10-K for a detailed discussion of our unconsolidated VIEs, which information is incorporated herein by reference.

4. Investments

AFS Securities

Pursuant to the Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures Topic of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification™ (“ASC”), we have categorized AFS securities into a three-level hierarchy, based on the priority of the inputs to the respective valuation technique. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3), as described in Note 1 in our 2011 Form 10-K, which also includes additional disclosures regarding our fair value measurements.

The amortized cost, gross unrealized gains, losses and OTTI and fair value of AFS securities (in millions) were as follows:

	Amortized Cost	As of June 30, 2012			Fair Value
		Gains	Losses	OTTI	
Fixed maturity securities:					
Corporate bonds	\$ 57,342	\$ 7,068	\$ 393	\$ 103	\$ 63,914
U.S. Government bonds	449	68	-	-	517
Foreign government bonds	583	81	-	-	664
Residential mortgage-backed securities ("RMBS")	6,808	522	41	92	7,197
Commercial mortgage-backed securities ("CMBS")	1,304	71	43	25	1,307
Collateralized debt obligations ("CDOs")	135	-	15	-	120
State and municipal bonds	3,525	767	8	-	4,284
Hybrid and redeemable preferred securities	1,248	63	123	-	1,188
VIEs' fixed maturity securities	675	30	-	-	705
Total fixed maturity securities	72,069	8,670	623	220	79,896
Equity securities	143	19	8	-	154
Total AFS securities	\$ 72,212	\$ 8,689	\$ 631	\$ 220	\$ 80,050

	Amortized Cost	As of December 31, 2011			Fair Value
		Gains	Losses	OTTI	
Fixed maturity securities:					
Corporate bonds	\$ 53,661	\$ 6,185	\$ 517	\$ 68	\$ 59,261
U.S. Government bonds	439	55	-	-	494
Foreign government bonds	668	65	-	-	733
RMBS	7,690	548	73	126	8,039
CMBS	1,642	73	106	9	1,600
CDOs	121	-	19	-	102
State and municipal bonds	3,490	566	9	-	4,047
Hybrid and redeemable preferred securities	1,277	50	170	-	1,157
VIEs' fixed maturity securities	673	27	-	-	700
Total fixed maturity securities	69,661	7,569	894	203	76,133
Equity securities	135	16	12	-	139
Total AFS securities	\$ 69,796	\$ 7,585	\$ 906	\$ 203	\$ 76,272

The amortized cost and fair value of fixed maturity AFS securities by contractual maturities (in millions) as of June 30, 2012, were as follows:

	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
Due in one year or less	\$ 2,931	\$ 2,989
Due after one year through five years	12,188	13,136
Due after five years through ten years	23,651	26,185
Due after ten years	25,052	28,962
Subtotal	63,822	71,272
Mortgage-backed securities ("MBS")	8,112	8,504
CDOs	135	120
Total fixed maturity AFS securities	\$ 72,069	\$ 79,896

Actual maturities may differ from contractual maturities because issuers may have the right to call or pre-pay obligations.

The fair value and gross unrealized losses, including the portion of OTTI recognized in OCI, of AFS securities (dollars in millions), aggregated by investment category and length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position, were as follows:

	As of June 30, 2012					
	Less Than or Equal to Twelve Months		Greater Than Twelve Months		Total	
	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses and OTTI	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses and OTTI	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses and OTTI
Fixed maturity securities:						
Corporate bonds	\$ 2,389	\$ 175	\$ 1,293	\$ 321	\$ 3,682	\$ 496
RMBS	521	90	314	43	835	133
CMBS	110	25	146	43	256	68
CDOs	-	-	68	15	68	15
State and municipal bonds	5	-	22	8	27	8
Hybrid and redeemable preferred securities	125	4	425	119	550	123
Total fixed maturity securities	3,150	294	2,268	549	5,418	843
Equity securities	10	1	4	7	14	8
Total AFS securities	\$ 3,160	\$ 295	\$ 2,272	\$ 556	\$ 5,432	\$ 851

Total number of AFS securities in an unrealized loss position 734

	As of December 31, 2011					
	Less Than or Equal to Twelve Months		Greater Than Twelve Months		Total	
	Gross Unrealized Losses		Gross Unrealized Losses		Gross Unrealized Losses	
	Fair Value	and OTTI	Fair Value	and OTTI	Fair Value	and OTTI
Fixed maturity securities:						
Corporate bonds	\$ 2,848	\$ 162	\$ 1,452	\$ 423	\$ 4,300	\$ 585
RMBS	565	125	429	74	994	199
CMBS	178	15	146	100	324	115
CDOs	9	1	80	18	89	19
State and municipal bonds	31	-	30	9	61	9
Hybrid and redeemable preferred securities	324	23	353	147	677	170
Total fixed maturity securities	3,955	326	2,490	771	6,445	1,097
Equity securities	38	12	-	-	38	12
Total AFS securities	\$ 3,993	\$ 338	\$ 2,490	\$ 771	\$ 6,483	\$ 1,109

Total number of AFS securities in an unrealized loss position 897

For information regarding our investments in VIEs, see Note 3.

We perform detailed analysis on the AFS securities backed by pools of residential and commercial mortgages that are most at risk of impairment based on factors discussed in Note 1 in our 2011 Form 10-K. Selected information for these securities in a gross unrealized loss position (in millions) was as follows:

	As of June 30, 2012		
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss
Total			
AFS securities backed by pools of residential mortgages	\$ 1,734	\$ 1,363	\$ 371
AFS securities backed by pools of commercial mortgages	355	274	81
Total	\$ 2,089	\$ 1,637	\$ 452
Subject to Detailed Analysis			
AFS securities backed by pools of residential mortgages	\$ 1,724	\$ 1,353	\$ 371
AFS securities backed by pools of commercial mortgages	79	42	37
Total	\$ 1,803	\$ 1,395	\$ 408
	As of December 31, 2011		
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss
Total			
AFS securities backed by pools of residential mortgages	\$ 2,023	\$ 1,553	\$ 470
AFS securities backed by pools of commercial mortgages	472	344	128
Total	\$ 2,495	\$ 1,897	\$ 598

Subject to Detailed Analysis

AFS securities backed by pools of residential mortgages	\$ 2,015	\$ 1,545	\$ 470
AFS securities backed by pools of commercial mortgages	126	61	65
Total	\$ 2,141	\$ 1,606	\$ 535

For the six months ended June 30, 2012 and 2011, we recorded OTTI for AFS securities backed by pools of residential and commercial mortgages of \$34 million and \$44 million, pre-tax, respectively, and before associated amortization expense for DAC, value of business acquired (“VOBA”), deferred sales inducements (“DSI”) and deferred front-end loads (“DFEL”), of which \$(3) million and \$4 million, respectively, was recognized in OCI and \$37 million and \$40 million, respectively, was recognized in net income (loss).

The fair value, gross unrealized losses, the portion of OTTI recognized in OCI (in millions) and number of AFS securities where the fair value had declined and remained below amortized cost by greater than 20% were as follows:

	As of June 30, 2012			
	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized		Number of Securities (1)
		Losses	OTTI	
Less than six months	\$ 115	\$ 41	\$ 2	25
Six months or greater, but less than nine months	13	4	1	4
Nine months or greater, but less than twelve months	104	40	12	17
Twelve months or greater	584	342	165	167
Total	\$ 816	\$ 427	\$ 180	213

	As of December 31, 2011			
	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized		Number of Securities (1)
		Losses	OTTI	
Less than six months	\$ 385	\$ 125	\$ 31	56
Six months or greater, but less than nine months	53	30	12	18
Nine months or greater, but less than twelve months	2	-	1	7
Twelve months or greater	615	470	111	175
Total	\$ 1,055	\$ 625	\$ 155	256

(1) We may reflect a security in more than one aging category based on various purchase dates.

We regularly review our investment holdings for OTTI. Our gross unrealized losses on AFS securities decreased \$258 million for the six months ended June 30, 2012. As discussed further below, we believe the unrealized loss position as of June 30, 2012, did not represent OTTI as we did not intend to sell these fixed maturity AFS securities, it is not more likely than not that we will be required to sell the fixed maturity AFS securities before recovery of their amortized cost basis, the estimated future cash flows were equal to or greater than the amortized cost basis of the debt securities, or we had the ability and intent to hold the equity AFS securities for a period of time sufficient for recovery.

Based upon this evaluation as of June 30, 2012, management believed we had the ability to generate adequate amounts of cash from our normal operations (e.g., insurance premiums and fees and investment income) to meet cash requirements with a prudent margin of safety without requiring the sale of our temporarily-impaired securities.

As of June 30, 2012, the unrealized losses associated with our corporate bond securities were attributable primarily to securities that were backed by commercial loans and individual issuer companies. For our corporate bond securities with commercial loans as the underlying collateral, we evaluated the projected credit losses in the underlying collateral and concluded that we had sufficient subordination or other credit enhancement when compared with our

estimate of credit losses for the individual security and we expected to recover the entire amortized cost for each security. For individual issuers, we performed detailed analysis of the financial performance of the issuer and determined that we expected to recover the entire amortized cost for each security.

As of June 30, 2012, the unrealized losses associated with our MBS and CDOs were attributable primarily to collateral losses and credit spreads. We assessed for credit impairment using a cash flow model as discussed above. The key assumptions included default rates, severities and prepayment rates. We estimated losses for a security by forecasting the underlying loans in each transaction. The forecasted loan performance was used to project cash flows to the various tranches in the structure, as applicable. Our forecasted cash flows also considered, as applicable, independent industry analyst reports and forecasts, sector credit ratings and other independent market data. Based upon our assessment of the expected credit losses of the security given the performance of the underlying collateral compared to our subordination or other credit enhancement, we expected to recover the entire amortized cost basis of each security.

As of June 30, 2012, the unrealized losses associated with our hybrid and redeemable preferred securities were attributable primarily to wider credit spreads caused by illiquidity in the market and subordination within the capital structure, as well as credit risk of specific issuers. For our hybrid and redeemable preferred securities, we evaluated the financial performance of the issuer based upon credit performance and investment ratings and determined we expected to recover the entire amortized cost of each security.

Changes in the amount of credit loss of OTTI recognized in net income (loss) where the portion related to other factors was recognized in OCI (in millions) on fixed maturity AFS securities were as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended June 30,		For the Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Balance as of beginning-of-period	\$ 410	\$ 352	\$ 390	\$ 319
Increases attributable to:				
Credit losses on securities for which an OTTI was not previously recognized	21	3	56	29
Credit losses on securities for which an OTTI was previously recognized	19	19	42	40
Decreases attributable to:				
Securities sold	(35)	(34)	(73)	(48)
Balance as of end-of-period	\$ 415	\$ 340	\$ 415	\$ 340

During 2012 and 2011, we recorded credit losses on securities for which an OTTI was not previously recognized as we determined the cash flows expected to be collected would not be sufficient to recover the entire amortized cost basis of the debt security. The credit losses we recorded on securities for which an OTTI was not previously recognized were attributable primarily to one or a combination of the following reasons:

- Failure of the issuer of the security to make scheduled payments;
 - Deterioration of creditworthiness of the issuer;
 - Deterioration of conditions specifically related to the security;
- Deterioration of fundamentals of the industry in which the issuer operates;
- Deterioration of fundamentals in the economy including, but not limited to, higher unemployment and lower housing prices; and
 - Deterioration of the rating of the security by a rating agency.

We recognize the OTTI attributed to the noncredit portion as a separate component in OCI referred to as unrealized OTTI on AFS securities.

Details of the amount of credit loss of OTTI recognized in net income (loss) where the portion related to other factors was recognized in OCI (in millions), were as follows:

	As of June 30, 2012			
	Gross Unrealized Losses			OTTI in
	Amortized Cost	Gains	and OTTI	Fair Value
Corporate bonds	\$ 239	\$ 1	\$ 104	\$ 136
				\$ 73

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RMBS		697	5	91	611	268
CMBS		46	-	24	22	74
	Total	\$ 982	\$ 6	\$ 219	\$ 769	\$ 415

		As of December 31, 2011				
		Gross Unrealized Losses			Fair	OTTI in Credit
		Amortized Cost	Gains	and OTTI	Value	Losses
Corporate bonds		\$ 169	\$ 1	\$ 67	\$ 103	\$ 51
RMBS		690	1	128	563	301
CMBS		17	-	10	7	38
	Total	\$ 876	\$ 2	\$ 205	\$ 673	\$ 390

Mortgage Loans on Real Estate

Mortgage loans on real estate principally involve commercial real estate. The commercial loans are geographically diversified throughout the U.S. with the largest concentrations in California and Texas, which accounted for 31% and 32% of mortgage loans on real estate as of June 30, 2012, and December 31, 2011, respectively.

The following provides the current and past due composition of our mortgage loans on real estate (in millions):

	As of June 30, 2012	As of December 31, 2011
Current	\$ 6,736	\$ 6,858
60 to 90 days past due	3	26
Greater than 90 days past due	80	76
Valuation allowance associated with impaired mortgage loans on real estate	(26)	(31)
Unamortized premium (discount)	11	13
Total carrying value	\$ 6,804	\$ 6,942

The number of impaired mortgage loans on real estate, each of which had an associated specific valuation allowance, and the carrying value of impaired mortgage loans on real estate (dollars in millions) were as follows:

	As of June 30, 2012	As of December 31, 2011
Number of impaired mortgage loans on real estate	9	12
Principal balance of impaired mortgage loans on real estate	\$ 66	\$ 100
Valuation allowance associated with impaired mortgage loans on real estate	(26)	(31)
Carrying value of impaired mortgage loans on real estate	\$ 40	\$ 69

The average carrying value on the impaired mortgage loans on real estate (in millions) was as follows:

For the Three Months Ended		For the Six Months Ended	
June 30, 2012	2011	June 30, 2012	2011

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Average carrying value for impaired mortgage loans on real estate	\$ 49	\$ 53	\$ 56	\$ 54
Interest income recognized on impaired mortgage loans on real estate	-	-	-	1
Interest income collected on impaired mortgage loans on real estate	-	1	-	2

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As described in Note 1 in our 2011 Form 10-K, we use the loan-to-value and debt-service coverage ratios as credit quality indicators for our mortgage loans, which were as follows (dollars in millions):

	As of June 30, 2012			As of December 31, 2011		
	Principal Amount	% of Total	Debt- Service Coverage Ratio	Principal Amount	% of Total	Debt- Service Coverage Ratio
Loan-to-Value						
Less than 65%	\$ 5,395	79.1%	1.63	\$ 5,338	76.7%	1.61
65% to 74%	1,008	14.8%	1.41	1,198	17.2%	1.37
75% to 100%	334	4.9%	0.90	308	4.4%	0.92
Greater than 100%	82	1.2%	0.32	116	1.7%	0.36
Total mortgage loans on real estate	\$ 6,819	100.0%		\$ 6,960	100.0%	

Alternative Investments

As of June 30, 2012, and December 31, 2011, alternative investments included investments in 97 and 96 different partnerships, respectively, and the portfolio represented less than 1% of our overall invested assets.

Realized Gain (Loss) Related to Certain Investments

The detail of the realized gain (loss) related to certain investments (in millions) was as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2012		For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2011	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Fixed maturity AFS securities:				
Gross gains	\$ 3	\$ 31	\$ 8	\$ 67
Gross losses	(49)	(51)	(112)	(114)
Equity AFS securities:				
Gross gains	-	1	1	9
Gain (loss) on other investments	(5)	(8)	2	5
Associated amortization of DAC, VOBA, DSI and DFEL and changes in other contract holder funds	-	(5)	2	(14)
Total realized gain (loss) related to certain investments	\$ (51)	\$ (32)	\$ (99)	\$ (47)

Details underlying write-downs taken as a result of OTTI (in millions) that were recognized in net income (loss) and included in realized gain (loss) on AFS securities above, and the portion of OTTI recognized in OCI (in millions) were as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended June 30,		For the Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
OTTI Recognized in Net Income (Loss)				
Corporate bonds	\$ (10)	\$ (2)	\$ (29)	\$ (6)
RMBS	(14)	(23)	(32)	(43)
CMBS	(16)	(15)	(36)	(39)
CDOs	-	-	-	(1)
Hybrid and redeemable preferred securities	-	-	-	(2)
Gross OTTI recognized in net income (loss)	(40)	(40)	(97)	(91)
Associated amortization of DAC, VOBA, DSI and DFEL	7	9	17	19
Net OTTI recognized in net income (loss), pre-tax	\$ (33)	\$ (31)	\$ (80)	\$ (72)
Portion of OTTI Recognized in OCI				
Gross OTTI recognized in OCI	\$ 21	\$ 19	\$ 79	\$ 27
Change in DAC, VOBA, DSI and DFEL	(4)	(3)	(12)	(8)
Net portion of OTTI recognized in OCI, pre-tax	\$ 17	\$ 16	\$ 67	\$ 19

Determination of Credit Losses on Corporate Bonds and CDOs

As of June 30, 2012, and December 31, 2011, we reviewed our corporate bond and CDO portfolios for potential shortfall in contractual principal and interest based on numerous subjective and objective inputs. The factors used to determine the amount of credit loss for each individual security, include, but are not limited to, near term risk, substantial discrepancy between book and market value, sector or company-specific volatility, negative operating trends and trading levels wider than peers.

Credit ratings express opinions about the credit quality of a security. Securities rated investment grade, that is those rated BBB- or higher by Standard & Poor's ("S&P") Rating Services or Baa3 or higher by Moody's Investors Service ("Moody's"), are generally considered by the rating agencies and market participants to be low credit risk. As of June 30, 2012, and December 31, 2011, 96% of the fair value of our corporate bond portfolio was rated investment grade. As of June 30, 2012, and December 31, 2011, the portion of our corporate bond portfolio rated below investment grade had an amortized cost of \$2.7 billion and \$2.6 billion and a fair value of \$2.5 billion and \$2.4 billion, respectively. As of June 30, 2012, and December 31, 2011, 98% and 97%, respectively, of the fair value of our CDO portfolio was rated investment grade. As of June 30, 2012, and December 31, 2011, the portion of our CDO portfolio rated below investment grade had an amortized cost and fair value of \$3 million. Based upon the analysis discussed above, we believed as of June 30, 2012, and December 31, 2011, that we would recover the amortized cost of each investment grade corporate bond and CDO security.

For securities where we recorded an OTTI recognized in net income (loss) for the six months ended June 30, 2012 and 2011, the recovery as a percentage of amortized cost was 92% and 98%, respectively, for corporate bonds and 0% for CDOs.

Determination of Credit Losses on MBS

As of June 30, 2012, and December 31, 2011, default rates were projected by considering underlying MBS loan performance and collateral type. Projected default rates on existing delinquencies vary between 25% to 100% depending on loan type and severity of delinquency status. In addition, we estimate the potential contributions of currently performing loans that may become delinquent in the future based on the change in delinquencies and loan liquidations experienced in the recent history. Finally, we develop a default rate timing curve by aggregating the defaults for all loans (delinquent loans, foreclosure and real estate owned and new delinquencies from currently performing loans) in the pool to project the future expected cash flows.

We use certain available loan characteristics such as lien status, loan sizes and occupancy to estimate the loss severity of loans. Second lien loans are assigned 100% severity, if defaulted. For first lien loans, we assume a minimum of 30% severity with higher severity assumed for investor properties and further housing price depreciation.

Payables for Collateral on Investments

The carrying values of the payables for collateral on investments (in millions) included on our Consolidated Balance Sheets and the fair value of the related investments or collateral consisted of the following:

	As of June 30, 2012		As of December 31, 2011	
	Carrying Value	Fair Value	Carrying Value	Fair Value
	of Payables	of Collateral	of Payables	of Collateral
Collateral payable held for derivative investments (1)	\$ 3,441	\$ 3,441	\$ 2,980	\$ 2,980
Securities pledged under securities lending agreements (2)	200	194	200	193
Securities pledged under reverse repurchase agreements (3)	280	293	280	294
Securities pledged for Term Asset-Backed Securities Loan Facility ("TALF") (4)	49	66	173	199
Investments pledged for Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis ("FHLBI") (5)	1,100	2,013	100	142
Total payables for collateral on investments	\$ 5,070	\$ 6,007	\$ 3,733	\$ 3,808

- (1) We obtain collateral based upon contractual provisions with our counterparties. These agreements take into consideration the counterparties' credit rating as compared to ours, the fair value of the derivative investments and specified thresholds that if exceeded result in the receipt of cash that is typically invested in cash and invested cash. See Note 6 for details about maximum collateral potentially required to post on our credit default swaps.
- (2) Our pledged securities under securities lending agreements are included in fixed maturity AFS securities on our Consolidated Balance Sheets. We generally obtain collateral in an amount equal to 102% and 105% of the fair value of the domestic and foreign securities, respectively. We value collateral daily and obtain additional collateral when deemed appropriate. The cash received in our securities lending program is typically invested in cash and invested cash or fixed maturity AFS securities.
- (3) Our pledged securities under reverse repurchase agreements are included in fixed maturity AFS securities on our Consolidated Balance Sheets. We obtain collateral in an amount equal to 95% of the fair value of the securities, and our agreements with third parties contain contractual provisions to allow for additional collateral to be obtained when necessary. The cash received in our reverse repurchase program is typically invested in fixed maturity AFS securities.
- (4) Our pledged securities for TALF are included in fixed maturity AFS securities on our Consolidated Balance Sheets. We obtain collateral in an amount that has typically averaged 90% of the fair value of the TALF securities. The cash received in these transactions is invested in fixed maturity AFS securities.
- (5) Our pledged investments for FHLBI are included in fixed maturity AFS securities and mortgage loans on real estate on our Consolidated Balance Sheets. The collateral requirements are generally 105% to 115% of the fair value for fixed maturity AFS securities and 155% to 175% of the fair value for mortgage loans on real estate. The cash received in these transactions is primarily invested in cash and invested cash or fixed maturity AFS securities.

Increase (decrease) in payables for collateral on investments (in millions) included on the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows consisted of the following:

For the Six
Months Ended
June 30,

	2012	2011
Collateral payable held for derivative investments	\$ 461	\$ 223
Securities pledged under securities lending agreements	-	1
Securities pledged for TALF	(124)	(78)
Investments pledged for FHLBI	1,000	-
Total increase (decrease) in payables for collateral on investments	\$ 1,337	\$ 146

Investment Commitments

As of June 30, 2012, our investment commitments were \$754 million, which included \$233 million of limited partnerships (“LPs”), \$339 million of private placements and \$182 million of mortgage loans on real estate.

Concentrations of Financial Instruments

As of June 30, 2012, and December 31, 2011, our most significant investments in one issuer were our investments in securities issued by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation with a fair value of \$4.5 billion and \$5.0 billion, respectively, or 5% of our invested assets portfolio and our investments in securities issued by Fannie Mae with a fair value of \$2.5 billion and \$2.6 billion, respectively, or 3% of our invested assets portfolio. These investments are included in corporate bonds in the tables above.

As of June 30, 2012, and December 31, 2011, our most significant investments in one industry were our investment securities in the electric industry with a fair value of \$8.1 billion and \$7.7 billion, respectively, or 8% of our invested assets portfolio, and our investment securities in the collateralized mortgage obligations industry with a fair value of \$5.0 billion and \$5.6 billion, or 5% and 6% of our invested assets portfolio, respectively. We utilized the industry classifications to obtain the concentration of financial instruments amount; as such, this amount will not agree to the AFS securities table above.

5. Derivative Instruments

We maintain an overall risk management strategy that incorporates the use of derivative instruments to minimize significant unplanned fluctuations in earnings that are caused by interest rate risk, foreign currency exchange risk, equity market risk, default risk, basis risk and credit risk. See Note 1 in our 2011 Form 10-K for a detailed discussion of the accounting treatment for derivative instruments. See Note 6 in our 2011 Form 10-K for a detailed discussion of our derivative instruments and use of them in our overall risk management strategy which information is incorporated herein by reference. In addition, we have entered into forward-starting interest rate swaps that hedge the interest rate risk of floating rate bond coupon payments by replicating a fixed rate bond. See Note 12 for additional disclosures related to the fair value of our derivative instruments and Note 3 for derivative instruments related to our consolidated VIEs.

We have derivative instruments with off-balance-sheet risks whose notional or contract amounts exceed the credit exposure. Outstanding derivative instruments with off-balance-sheet risks (in millions) were as follows:

	As of June 30, 2012		As of December 31, 2011			
	Notional Amounts	Fair Value Asset Liability	Notional Amounts	Fair Value Asset Liability		
Qualifying Hedges						
Cash flow hedges:						
Interest rate contracts (1)	\$ 3,418	\$ 190	\$ -	\$ 2,512	\$ 130	\$ -
Foreign currency contracts (1)	420	37	-	340	38	-
Total cash flow hedges	3,838	227	-	2,852	168	-
Fair value hedges:						
Interest rate contracts (1)	1,175	325	-	1,675	319	-
Equity collar (1)	9	-	-	-	-	-
Total fair value hedges	1,184	325	-	1,675	319	-
Non-Qualifying Hedges						
Interest rate contracts (1)	36,599	777	-	30,232	568	-
Foreign currency contracts (1)	196	-	-	4	-	-
Equity market contracts (1)	19,182	2,071	-	16,401	2,096	-
Credit contracts (1)	46	(1)	-	48	-	-
Credit contracts (2)	148	-	11	148	-	16
Embedded derivatives:						

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Indexed annuity contracts (3)	-	-	431	-	-	399
Guaranteed living benefits ("GLB") reserves (3)	-	-	1,926	-	-	2,217
Reinsurance related (4)	-	-	185	-	-	168
Total derivative instruments	\$ 61,193	\$ 3,399	\$ 2,553	\$ 51,360	\$ 3,151	\$ 2,800

- (1) Reported in derivative investments on our Consolidated Balance Sheets.
- (2) Reported in other liabilities on our Consolidated Balance Sheets.
- (3) Reported in future contract benefits on our Consolidated Balance Sheets.
- (4) Reported in reinsurance related embedded derivatives on our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

The maturity of the notional amounts of derivative instruments (in millions) was as follows:

	Remaining Life as of June 30, 2012					Total
	Less Than 1 Year	1 – 5 Years	6 – 10 Years	11 – 30 Years	Over 30 Years	
Interest rate contracts (1)	\$ 3,389	\$ 11,942	\$ 14,478	\$ 10,169	\$ 1,213	\$ 41,191
Foreign currency contracts (2)	196	179	130	111	-	616
Equity market contracts	9,978	3,305	5,881	24	3	19,191
Credit contracts	40	155	-	-	-	195
Total derivative instruments with notional amounts	\$ 13,603	\$ 15,581	\$ 20,489	\$ 10,304	\$ 1,216	\$ 61,193

(1) As of June 30, 2012, the latest maturity date for which we were hedging our exposure to the variability in future cash flows for these instruments was April 2067.

(2) As of June 30, 2012, the latest maturity date for which we were hedging our exposure to the variability in future cash flows for these instruments was April 2028.

The change in our unrealized gain (loss) on derivative instruments in accumulated OCI (in millions) was as follows:

	For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2012 2011	
Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Derivative Instruments		
Balance as of beginning-of-year	\$ 119	\$ (15)
Other comprehensive income (loss):		
Cumulative effect from adoption of new accounting standards	-	3
Unrealized holding gains (losses) arising during the year:		
Cash flow hedges:		
Interest rate contracts	38	(41)
Foreign currency contracts	(3)	5
Fair value hedges:		
Interest rate contracts	2	2
Change in foreign currency exchange rate adjustment	2	(14)
Change in DAC, VOBA, DSI and DFEL	4	-
Income tax benefit (expense)	(16)	18
Less:		
Reclassification adjustment for gains (losses) included in net income (loss):		
Cash flow hedges:		
Interest rate contracts (1)	(11)	(5)
Interest rate contracts (2)	-	1
Foreign currency contracts (1)	2	(7)
Fair value hedges:		
Interest rate contracts (2)	2	2
Associated amortization of DAC, VOBA, DSI and DFEL	1	1
Income tax benefit (expense)	2	3
Balance as of end-of-period	\$ 150	\$ (37)

- (1) The OCI offset is reported within net investment income on our Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).
- (2) The OCI offset is reported within interest and debt expense on our Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).

The gains (losses) on derivative instruments (in millions) recorded within income (loss) from continuing operations on our Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss) were as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2012		For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2011	
Qualifying Hedges				
Cash flow hedges:				
Interest rate contracts (1)	\$ (4)	\$ (4)	\$ (11)	\$ (5)
Foreign currency contracts (1)	-	(1)	2	1
Total cash flow hedges	(4)	(5)	(9)	(4)
Fair value hedges:				
Interest rate contracts (2)	11	13	23	25
Non-Qualifying Hedges				
Interest rate contracts (1)	(16)	(10)	(18)	(16)
Interest rate contracts (3)	622	88	208	27
Foreign currency contracts (3)	-	(1)	(4)	(5)
Equity market contracts (3)	241	64	(430)	(135)
Equity market contracts (4)	26	(15)	(109)	(34)
Credit contracts (1)	(1)	-	(2)	-
Credit contracts (3)	1	(1)	6	3
Embedded derivatives:				
Indexed annuity contracts (3)	23	6	(80)	54
GLB reserves (3)	(862)	(160)	291	130
Reinsurance related (3)	(27)	(28)	(18)	(18)
AFS securities (1)	-	-	-	1
Total derivative instruments	\$ 14	\$ (49)	\$ (142)	\$ 28

- (1) Reported in net investment income on our Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).
(2) Reported in interest and debt expense on our Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).
(3) Reported in realized gain (loss) on our Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).
(4) Reported in commissions and other expenses on our Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).

Gains (losses) (in millions) on derivative instruments designated and qualifying as cash flow hedges were as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2012		For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2011	
Gain (loss) recognized as a component of OCI with the offset to net investment income	\$ (6)	\$ (4)	\$ (10)	\$ (4)

As of June 30, 2012, \$21 million of the deferred net losses on derivative instruments in accumulated OCI were expected to be reclassified to earnings during the next 12 months. This reclassification would be due primarily to the interest rate variances related to the interest rate swap agreements.

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2012 and 2011, there were no material reclassifications to earnings due to hedged firm commitments no longer deemed probable or due to hedged forecasted transactions that had not occurred

by the end of the originally specified time period.

Gains (losses) (in millions) on derivative instruments designated and qualifying as fair value hedges were as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2012		For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2011	
Gain (loss) recognized as a component of OCI with the offset to interest expense	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 2	\$ 2

Information related to our open credit default swap liabilities for which we are the seller (dollars in millions) was as follows:

As of June 30, 2012						
Reason for	Nature of	Credit Rating of Underlying	Number of	Instruments	Fair Value	Maximum Potential Payout
Maturity	Entering	Recourse	Obligation (1)	Instruments	(2)	Payout
12/20/2012	(1)	(6)	BBB+	4	\$ -	\$ 40
12/20/2012	(1)	(6)	BBB	3	(8)	68
03/20/2012	(1)	(6)	BBB	2	(3)	40
				9	\$ (11)	\$ 148

As of December 31, 2011						
Reason for	Nature of	Credit Rating of Underlying	Number of	Instruments	Fair Value	Maximum Potential Payout
Maturity	Entering	Recourse	Obligation (1)	Instruments	(2)	Payout
12/20/2011	(1)	(6)	BBB+	4	\$ -	\$ 40
12/20/2011	(1)	(6)	BBB+	3	(12)	68
03/20/2011	(1)	(6)	BBB	2	(4)	40
				9	\$ (16)	\$ 148

- (1) Represents average credit ratings based on the midpoint of the applicable ratings among Moody's, S&P and Fitch Ratings, as scaled to the corresponding S&P ratings.
- (2) Broker quotes are used to determine the market value of credit default swaps.
- (3) These credit default swaps were sold to our contract holders prior to 2007, where we determined there was a spread versus premium mismatch.
- (4) These credit default swaps were sold to a counter-party of the consolidated VIEs as discussed in Note 4 in our 2011 Form 10-K.
- (5) Credit default swaps were entered into in order to generate income by providing default protection in return for a quarterly payment.
- (6) Sellers do not have the right to demand indemnification or compensation from third parties in case of a loss (payment) on the contract.

Details underlying the associated collateral of our open credit default swaps for which we are the seller, if credit risk related contingent features were triggered (in millions), are as follows:

As of As of

	December	
	June 30,	31,
	2012	2011
Maximum potential payout	\$ 148	\$ 148
Less:		
Counterparty thresholds	-	-
Maximum collateral potentially required to post	\$ 148	\$ 148

Certain of our credit default swap agreements contain contractual provisions that allow for the netting of collateral with our counterparties related to all of our collateralized financing transactions that we have outstanding. If these netting agreements were not in place, we would have been required to post approximately \$11 million as of June 30, 2012, after considering the fair values of the associated investments counterparties' credit ratings as compared to ours and specified thresholds that once exceeded result in the payment of cash.

Credit Risk

We are exposed to credit loss in the event of nonperformance by our counterparties on various derivative contracts and reflect assumptions regarding the credit or nonperformance risk. The nonperformance risk is based upon assumptions for each counterparty's credit spread over the estimated weighted average life of the counterparty exposure less collateral held. As of June 30, 2012, the nonperformance risk adjustment was \$6 million. The credit risk associated with such agreements is minimized by purchasing such agreements from financial institutions with long-standing, superior performance records. Additionally, we maintain a policy of requiring all derivative contracts to be governed by an International Swaps and Derivatives Association ("ISDA") Master Agreement. We are required to maintain minimum ratings as a matter of routine practice in negotiating ISDA agreements. Under some ISDA agreements, our insurance subsidiaries have agreed to maintain certain financial strength or claims-paying ratings. A downgrade below these levels could result in termination of derivative contracts, at which time any amounts payable by us would be dependent on the market value of the underlying derivative contracts. In certain transactions, we and the counterparty have entered into a collateral support agreement requiring either party to post collateral when net exposures exceed pre-determined thresholds. These thresholds vary by counterparty and credit rating. The amount of such exposure is essentially the net replacement cost or market value less collateral held for such agreements with each counterparty if the net market value is in our favor. As of June 30, 2012, our exposure was \$47 million.

The amounts recognized (in millions) by S&P credit rating of counterparty, for which we had the right to reclaim cash collateral or were obligated to return cash collateral, were as follows:

	As of June 30, 2012		As of December 31, 2011	
	Collateral Posted by Counterparty (Held by LNC)	Collateral Posted by LNC (Held by Counterparty)	Collateral Posted by Counterparty (Held by LNC)	Collateral Posted by LNC (Held by Counterparty)
AA	\$ 43	\$ -	\$ 35	\$ -
AA-	121	-	219	-
A+	908	-	848	-
A	845	(109)	1,681	(120)
A-	1,529	-	387	-
	\$ 3,446	\$ (109)	\$ 3,170	\$ (120)

6. Federal Income Taxes

The effective tax rate is a ratio of tax expense over pre-tax income (loss). The effective tax rate was 27% and 24% for the three and six months ended June 30, 2012, respectively. The effective tax rate was 26% for the three and six months ended June 30, 2011. The effective tax rate on pre-tax income from continuing operations was lower than the

prevailing corporate federal income tax rate. Differences in the effective rates and the U.S. statutory rate of 35% were the result of certain tax preferred investment income, separate account dividends-received deduction, foreign tax credits and other tax preference items.

7. Guaranteed Benefit Features

Information on the guaranteed death benefit (“GDB”) features outstanding (dollars in millions) was as follows (our variable contracts with guarantees may offer more than one type of guarantee in each contract; therefore, the amounts listed are not mutually exclusive):

	As of June 30, 2012	As of December 31, 2011
Return of Net Deposits		
Total account value	\$ 58,260	\$ 54,004
Net amount at risk (1)	812	1,379
	59	59
Average attained age of contract holders	years	years
Minimum Return		
Total account value	\$ 151	\$ 155
Net amount at risk (1)	42	48
	72	72
Average attained age of contract holders	years	years
Guaranteed minimum return	5%	5%
Anniversary Contract Value		
Total account value	\$ 22,255	\$ 21,648
Net amount at risk (1)	1,963	2,939
	67	67
Average attained age of contract holders	years	years

(1) Represents the amount of death benefit in excess of the account balance. The decrease in net amount at risk when comparing June 30, 2012, to December 31, 2011, was attributable primarily to the increase in the equity markets during the first six months of 2012.

The determination of GDB liabilities is based on models that involve a range of scenarios and assumptions, including those regarding expected market rates of return and volatility, contract surrender rates and mortality experience. The following summarizes the balances of and changes in the liabilities for GDB (in millions), which were recorded in future contract benefits on our Consolidated Balance Sheets:

	For the Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2012	2011
Balance as of beginning-of-year	\$ 84	\$ 44
Changes in reserves	7	16
Benefits paid	(24)	(19)
Balance as of end-of-period	\$ 67	\$ 41

Account balances of variable annuity contracts with guarantees (in millions) were invested in separate account investment options as follows:

	As of June 30,	As of December 31,
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	2012	2011
Asset Type		
Domestic equity	\$ 34,700	\$ 34,286
International equity	13,194	13,095
Bonds	18,148	17,735
Money market	5,948	5,892
Total	\$ 71,990	\$ 71,008
Percent of total variable annuity separate account values	93%	98%

Future contract benefits also includes reserves for our products with secondary guarantees for our products sold through our Life Insurance segment. These UL and VUL products with secondary guarantees represented 38% of permanent life insurance in force as of June 30, 2012, and 34% and 33% of total sales for these products for the three and six months ended June 30, 2012, respectively.

8. Contingencies and Commitments

Regulatory bodies, such as state insurance departments, the SEC, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority and other regulatory bodies, regularly make inquiries and conduct examinations or investigations concerning our compliance with, among other things, insurance laws, securities laws, laws governing the activities of broker-dealers, registered investment advisors and unclaimed property laws.

LNC and its subsidiaries are involved in various pending or threatened legal or regulatory proceedings, including purported class actions, arising from the conduct of business both in the ordinary course and otherwise. In some of the matters, very large and/or indeterminate amounts, including punitive and treble damages, are sought. Modern pleading practice in the U.S. permits considerable variation in the assertion of monetary damages or other relief. Jurisdictions may permit claimants not to specify the monetary damages sought or may permit claimants to state only that the amount sought is sufficient to invoke the jurisdiction of the trial court. In addition, jurisdictions may permit plaintiffs to allege monetary damages in amounts well exceeding reasonably possible verdicts in the jurisdiction for similar matters. This variability in pleadings, together with the actual experiences of LNC in litigating or resolving through settlement numerous claims over an extended period of time, demonstrates to management that the monetary relief which may be specified in a lawsuit or claim bears little relevance to its merits or disposition value.

Due to the unpredictable nature of litigation, the outcome of a litigation matter and the amount or range of potential loss at particular points in time is normally difficult to ascertain. Uncertainties can include how fact finders will evaluate documentary evidence and the credibility and effectiveness of witness testimony, and how trial and appellate courts will apply the law in the context of the pleadings or evidence presented, whether by motion practice, or at trial or on appeal. Disposition valuations are also subject to the uncertainty of how opposing parties and their counsel will themselves view the relevant evidence and applicable law.

We establish liabilities for litigation and regulatory loss contingencies when information related to the loss contingencies shows both that it is probable that a loss has been incurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. It is possible that some matters could require us to pay damages or make other expenditures or establish accruals in amounts that could not be estimated as of June 30, 2012. While the potential future charges could be material in the particular quarterly or annual periods in which they are recorded, based on information currently known by management, management does not believe any such charges are likely to have a material adverse effect on LNC's financial position.

See Note 13 to the consolidated financial statements in our 2011 Form 10-K for a discussion of commitments and contingencies, which information is incorporated herein by reference.

9. Shares and Stockholders' Equity

Common and Preferred Shares

The changes in our preferred and common stock (number of shares) were as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended June 30,		For the Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Series A Preferred Stock				
Balance as of beginning-of-period	9,632	10,914	10,072	10,914
Conversion of convertible preferred stock (1)	-	(60)	(440)	(60)
Balance as of end-of-period	9,632	10,854	9,632	10,854
Common Stock				
Balance as of beginning-of-period	285,412,303	313,456,824	291,319,222	315,718,554
Conversion of convertible preferred stock (1)	-	960	7,040	960
Stock compensation/issued for benefit plans	230,198	30,772	334,395	182,906
Retirement/cancellation of shares	(6,473,530)	(5,149,393)	(12,491,686)	(7,563,257)
Balance as of end-of-period	279,168,971	308,339,163	279,168,971	308,339,163
Common Stock as of End-of-Period				
Assuming conversion of preferred stock	279,323,083	308,512,827	279,323,083	308,512,827
Diluted basis	286,820,300	316,821,550	286,820,300	316,821,550

(1) Represents the conversion of Series A preferred stock into common stock.

Our common and Series A preferred stocks are without par value.

Average Shares

A reconciliation of the denominator (number of shares) in the calculations of basic and diluted EPS was as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended June 30,		For the Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Weighted-average shares, as used in basic calculation	282,085,602	311,391,263	285,570,764	313,192,667
Shares to cover exercise of outstanding warrants	10,150,192	10,150,292	10,150,231	10,150,292
Shares to cover conversion of preferred stock	154,112	174,603	154,305	174,613
Shares to cover non-vested stock	1,110,662	816,834	1,060,676	794,095
Average stock options outstanding during the period	507,944	633,711	554,614	796,792
Assumed acquisition of shares with assumed proceeds from exercising outstanding warrants	(4,887,102)	(3,846,217)	(4,760,822)	(3,758,105)
Assumed acquisition of shares with assumed proceeds and benefits from exercising stock options (at average market price for the period)	(346,700)	(400,374)	(380,239)	(517,329)
Shares repurchaseable from measured but unrecognized stock option expense	(1,768)	(36,857)	(8,224)	(104,962)
Average deferred compensation shares	1,187,598	1,031,814	1,206,501	1,053,100
Weighted-average shares, as used in diluted calculation	289,960,540	319,915,069	293,547,806	321,781,163

In the event the average market price of LNC common stock exceeds the issue price of stock options and the options have a dilutive effect to our EPS, such options will be shown in the table above.

We have participants in our deferred compensation plans who selected LNC stock as the measure for the investment return attributable to their deferral amounts. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2012 and 2011, the effect of settling this obligation in LNC stock (“equity classification”) was more dilutive than the scenario of settling it in cash (“liability classification”). Therefore, for our EPS calculation for these periods, we added these shares to the denominator and adjusted the numerator to present net income as if the shares had been accounted for under equity classification by removing the mark-to-market adjustment included in net income attributable to these deferred units of LNC stock. The amount of this adjustment was \$4 million and \$(2) million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2012, respectively, and \$1 million for the three months ended June 30, 2011.

The income used in the calculation of our diluted EPS is our net income (loss), reduced by preferred stock dividends and accretion of discount. These amounts are presented on our Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).

Accumulated OCI

The following summarizes the components and changes in accumulated OCI (in millions):

	For the Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2012	2011
Unrealized Gain (Loss) on AFS Securities		
Balance as of beginning-of-year	\$ 2,947	\$ 1,072
Cumulative effect from adoption of new accounting standards	-	105
Unrealized holding gains (losses) arising during the period	1,276	627
Change in foreign currency exchange rate adjustment	(6)	22
Change in DAC, VOBA, DSI and other contract holder funds	(261)	(168)
Income tax benefit (expense)	(395)	(136)
Less:		
Reclassification adjustment for gains (losses) included in net income (loss)	(103)	(38)
Associated amortization of DAC, VOBA, DSI and DFEL	1	(15)
Income tax benefit (expense)	36	19
Balance as of end-of-period	\$ 3,627	\$ 1,556
Unrealized OTTI on AFS Securities		
Balance as of beginning-of-year	\$ (110)	\$ (129)
(Increases) attributable to:		
Cumulative effect from adoption of new accounting standards	-	(5)
Gross OTTI recognized in OCI during the period	(79)	(27)
Change in DAC, VOBA, DSI and other contract holder funds	12	8
Income tax benefit (expense)	26	7
Decreases attributable to:		
Sales, maturities or other settlements of AFS securities	62	67
Change in DAC, VOBA, DSI and other contract holder funds	(8)	(13)
Income tax benefit (expense)	(20)	(19)
Balance as of end-of-period	\$ (117)	\$ (111)
Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Derivative Instruments		
Balance as of beginning-of-year	\$ 119	\$ (15)
Cumulative effect from adoption of new accounting standards	-	3
Unrealized holding gains (losses) arising during the period	37	(34)
Change in foreign currency exchange rate adjustment	2	(14)
Change in DAC, VOBA, DSI and DFEL	4	-
Income tax benefit (expense)	(16)	18
Less:		
Reclassification adjustment for gains (losses) included in net income (loss)	(7)	(9)
Associated amortization of DAC, VOBA, DSI and DFEL	1	1
Income tax benefit (expense)	2	3
Balance as of end-of-period	\$ 150	\$ (37)
Foreign Currency Translation Adjustment		
Balance as of beginning-of-year	\$ 1	\$ 1
Foreign currency translation adjustment arising during the period	(8)	(6)

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Income tax benefit (expense)		3	2
Balance as of end-of-period	\$	(4)	\$ (3)
Funded Status of Employee Benefit Plans			
Balance as of beginning-of-year	\$	(278)	\$ (181)
Adjustment arising during the period		1	5
Income tax benefit (expense)		-	(2)
Balance as of end-of-period	\$	(277)	\$ (178)

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10. Realized Gain (Loss)

Details underlying realized gain (loss) (in millions) reported on our Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss) were as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended June 30,		For the Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Total realized gain (loss) related to certain investments (1)	\$ (51)	\$ (32)	\$ (99)	\$ (47)
Realized gain (loss) on the mark-to-market on certain instruments (2)	(19)	(1)	39	9
Indexed annuity net derivative results: (3)				
Gross gain (loss)	(3)	1	19	7
Associated amortization of DAC, VOBA, DSI and DFEL	1	-	(5)	(2)
Variable annuity net derivatives results: (4)				
Gross gain (loss)	148	34	14	44
Associated amortization of DAC, VOBA, DSI and DFEL	(33)	(11)	(11)	(18)
Total realized gain (loss)	\$ 43	\$ (9)	\$ (43)	\$ (7)

- (1) See “Realized Gain (Loss) Related to Certain Investments” section in Note 4.
- (2) Represents changes in the fair values of certain derivative investments (including those associated with our consolidated VIEs), total return swaps (embedded derivatives that are theoretically included in our various modified coinsurance and coinsurance with funds withheld reinsurance arrangements that have contractual returns related to various assets and liabilities associated with these arrangements) and trading securities.
- (3) Represents the net difference between the change in the fair value of the S&P 500 call options that we hold and the change in the fair value of the embedded derivative liabilities of our indexed annuity products along with changes in the fair value of embedded derivative liabilities related to index call options we may purchase in the future to hedge contract holder index allocations applicable to future reset periods for our indexed annuity products.
- (4) Includes the net difference in the change in embedded derivative reserves of our GLB products and the change in the fair value of the derivative instruments we own to hedge GDB and GLB products, including the cost of purchasing the hedging instruments.

11. Stock-Based Incentive Compensation Plans

We sponsor various incentive plans for our employees and directors and for the employees and agents of our subsidiaries that provide for the issuance of stock options, performance shares (performance-vested shares as opposed to time-vested shares), stock appreciation rights (“SARs”) and restricted stock units. We have a policy of issuing new shares to satisfy option exercises.

LNC stock-based awards granted were as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2012	For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2012
Awards		

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10-year LNC stock options	41,536	870,210
Performance shares	15,815	294,758
SARs	-	80,225
Restricted stock units	82,004	686,230
Non-employee:		
Agent stock options	90	99,178
Director stock options	-	51,140
Director restricted stock units	12,218	22,346

12. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The carrying values and estimated fair values of our financial instruments (in millions) were as follows:

	As of June 30, 2012		As of December 31, 2011	
	Carrying Value	Fair Value	Carrying Value	Fair Value
Assets				
AFS securities:				
Fixed maturity securities	\$ 79,191	\$ 79,191	\$ 75,433	\$ 75,433
VIEs' fixed maturity securities	705	705	700	700
Equity securities	154	154	139	139
Trading securities	2,649	2,649	2,675	2,675
Mortgage loans on real estate	6,804	7,463	6,942	7,608
Derivative investments	3,399	3,399	3,151	3,151
Other investments	1,041	1,041	1,069	1,069
Cash and invested cash	5,257	5,257	4,510	4,510
Separate account assets	88,839	88,839	83,477	83,477
Liabilities				
Future contract benefits:				
Indexed annuity contracts embedded derivatives	(431)	(431)	(399)	(399)
GLB reserves embedded derivatives	(1,926)	(1,926)	(2,217)	(2,217)
Other contract holder funds:				
Remaining guaranteed interest and similar contracts	(1,034)	(1,034)	(1,114)	(1,114)
Account values of certain investment contracts	(27,916)	(31,554)	(27,468)	(30,812)
Short-term debt (1)	(300)	(302)	(300)	(309)
Long-term debt	(5,719)	(6,659)	(5,391)	(5,345)
Reinsurance related embedded derivatives	(185)	(185)	(168)	(168)
VIEs' liabilities - derivative instruments	(231)	(231)	(291)	(291)
Other liabilities:				
Deferred compensation plans	(358)	(358)	(354)	(354)
Credit default swaps	(11)	(11)	(16)	(16)

(1) The difference between the carrying value and fair value of short-term debt as of June 30, 2012, and December 31, 2011, related to current maturities of long-term debt.

Valuation Methodologies and Associated Inputs for Financial Instruments Not Carried at Fair Value

The following discussion outlines the methodologies and assumptions used to determine the fair value of our financial instruments not carried at fair value on our Consolidated Balance Sheets. Considerable judgment is required to develop these assumptions used to measure fair value. Accordingly, the estimates shown are not necessarily indicative of the amounts that would be realized in a one-time, current market exchange of all of our financial instruments.

Mortgage Loans on Real Estate

The fair value of mortgage loans on real estate is established using a discounted cash flow method based on credit rating, maturity and future income. The ratings for mortgages in good standing are based on property type, location, market conditions, occupancy, debt-service coverage, loan-to-value, quality of tenancy, borrower and payment record. The fair value for impaired mortgage loans is based on the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the loan's effective interest rate, the loan's market price or the fair value of the collateral if the loan is collateral dependent. The inputs used to measure the fair value of our mortgage loans on real estate are classified as Level 2 within the fair value hierarchy.

Other Investments

The carrying value of our assets classified as other investments approximates fair value. Other investments include LPs and other privately held investments that are accounted for using the equity method of accounting and the carrying value is based on our proportional share of the net assets of the LPs. The inputs used to measure the fair value of our other investments are classified as Level 3 within the fair value hierarchy.

Other Contract Holder Funds

Other contract holder funds include remaining guaranteed interest and similar contracts and account values of certain investment contracts. The fair value for the remaining guaranteed interest and similar contracts is estimated using discounted cash flow calculations as of the balance sheet date. These calculations are based on interest rates currently offered on similar contracts with maturities that are consistent with those remaining for the contracts being valued. As of June 30, 2012, and December 31, 2011, the remaining guaranteed interest and similar contracts carrying value approximated fair value. The fair value of the account values of certain investment contracts is based on their approximate surrender value as of the balance sheet date. The inputs used to measure the fair value of our other contract holder funds are classified as Level 3 within the fair value hierarchy.

Short-Term and Long-Term Debt

The fair value of long-term debt is based on quoted market prices. For short-term debt, excluding current maturities of long-term debt, the carrying value approximates fair value. The inputs used to measure the fair value of our short-term and long-term debt are classified as Level 2 within the fair value hierarchy.

Financial Instruments Carried at Fair Value

We did not have any assets or liabilities measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis as of June 30, 2012, or December 31, 2011, and we noted no changes in our valuation methodologies between these periods.

The following summarizes our financial instruments carried at fair value (in millions) on a recurring basis by the fair value hierarchy levels described in "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies" in Note 1 of our 2011 Form 10-K:

	As of June 30, 2012			
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total Fair Value
Assets				
Investments:				
Fixed maturity AFS securities:				
Corporate bonds	\$ 62	\$ 62,174	\$ 1,678	\$ 63,914
U.S. government bonds	482	34	1	517
Foreign government bonds	-	562	102	664
RMBS	-	7,013	184	7,197
CMBS	-	1,268	39	1,307
CDOs	-	-	120	120
State and municipal bonds	-	4,252	32	4,284
Hybrid and redeemable preferred securities	20	1,039	129	1,188
VIEs' fixed maturity securities	110	595	-	705
Equity AFS securities	45	24	85	154
Trading securities	2	2,575	72	2,649
Derivative investments	-	882	2,517	3,399
Cash and invested cash	-	5,257	-	5,257
Separate account assets	-	88,839	-	88,839
Total assets	\$ 721	\$ 174,514	\$ 4,959	\$ 180,194
Liabilities				
Future contract benefits:				
Indexed annuity contracts embedded derivatives	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (431)	\$ (431)
GLB reserves embedded derivatives	-	-	(1,926)	(1,926)
Long-term debt	-	(1,203)	-	(1,203)
Reinsurance related embedded derivatives	-	(185)	-	(185)
VIEs' liabilities - derivative instruments	-	-	(231)	(231)
Other liabilities:				
Deferred compensation plans	-	-	(358)	(358)
Credit default swaps	-	-	(11)	(11)
Total liabilities	\$ -	\$ (1,388)	\$ (2,957)	\$ (4,345)

	As of December 31, 2011			
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total Fair Value
Assets				
Investments:				
Fixed maturity AFS securities:				
Corporate bonds	\$ 63	\$ 57,310	\$ 1,888	\$ 59,261
U.S. government bonds	475	18	1	494
Foreign government bonds	-	636	97	733
RMBS	-	7,881	158	8,039
CMBS	-	1,566	34	1,600
CDOs	-	-	102	102
State and municipal bonds	-	4,047	-	4,047
Hybrid and redeemable preferred securities	15	1,042	100	1,157
VIEs' fixed maturity securities	108	592	-	700
Equity AFS securities	37	46	56	139
Trading securities	2	2,605	68	2,675
Derivative investments	-	681	2,470	3,151
Cash and invested cash	-	4,510	-	4,510
Separate account assets	-	83,477	-	83,477
Total assets	\$ 700	\$ 164,411	\$ 4,974	\$ 170,085
Liabilities				
Future contract benefits:				
Indexed annuity contracts embedded derivatives	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (399)	\$ (399)
GLB reserves embedded derivatives	-	-	(2,217)	(2,217)
Long-term debt	-	(1,688)	-	(1,688)
Reinsurance related embedded derivatives	-	(168)	-	(168)
VIEs' liabilities - derivative instruments	-	-	(291)	(291)
Other liabilities:				
Deferred compensation plans	-	-	(354)	(354)
Credit default swaps	-	-	(16)	(16)
Total liabilities	\$ -	\$ (1,856)	\$ (3,277)	\$ (5,133)

The following summarizes changes to our financial instruments carried at fair value (in millions) and classified within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy. This summary excludes any effect of amortization of DAC, VOBA, DSI and DFEL. The gains and losses below may include changes in fair value due in part to observable inputs that are a component of the valuation methodology.

	For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2012					
	Beginning	Items	(Losses)	Sales,	In or	Ending
	Fair	Included	in	Maturities,	Out	Fair
	Value	in	OCI	Settlements,	Level	Value
		Net	and	Calls,	3,	
		Income	Other	Net	Net (2)	
			(1)			
Investments: (3)						
Fixed maturity AFS securities:						
Corporate bonds	\$ 1,932	\$ (4)	\$ (11)	\$ 45	\$ (284)	\$ 1,678
U.S. government bonds	1	-	-	-	-	1
Foreign government bonds	99	-	3	-	-	102
RMBS	98	-	1	98	(13)	184
CMBS	32	(2)	2	(1)	8	39
CDOs	102	-	-	18	-	120
State and municipal bonds	-	-	-	32	-	32
Hybrid and redeemable preferred securities	116	-	(3)	-	16	129
Equity AFS securities	61	-	(1)	25	-	85
Trading securities	68	1	-	2	1	72
Derivative investments	2,037	228	155	97	-	2,517
Future contract benefits: (4)						
Indexed annuity contracts embedded derivatives	(480)	24	-	25	-	(431)
GLB reserves embedded derivatives	(1,064)	(862)	-	-	-	(1,926)
VIEs' liabilities - derivative instruments (5)	(221)	(10)	-	-	-	(231)
Other liabilities:						
Deferred compensation plans (6)	(375)	10	-	7	-	(358)
Credit default swaps (7)	(10)	(1)	-	-	-	(11)
Total, net	\$ 2,396	\$ (616)	\$ 146	\$ 348	\$ (272)	\$ 2,002

	For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2011					
	Purchases,		Gains Issuances, Transfers			
	Items	(Losses)	Sales	In or		
	Included	in	Maturities,	Out		Ending
	Beginning	OCI	Settlements,	of	Level	Fair
	Fair	Net	Calls,	3,		Value
	Value	Income	Net	Net (2)		Value
			Other			
		(1)				
Investments: (3)						
Fixed maturity AFS securities:						
Corporate bonds	\$ 1,806	\$ 23	\$ 33	\$ (200)	\$ (89)	\$ 1,573
U.S. government bonds	2	-	-	-	-	2
Foreign government bonds	100	-	(4)	-	-	96
RMBS	115	(1)	3	44	-	161
CMBS	64	(22)	24	(12)	(1)	53
CDOs	136	-	2	(12)	-	126
Hybrid and redeemable preferred securities	124	-	4	-	(22)	106
Equity AFS securities:	96	-	(2)	2	-	96
Trading securities	71	-	4	(1)	(3)	71
Derivative investments	1,439	62	7	(16)	-	1,492
Future contract benefits: (4)						
Indexed annuity contracts embedded derivatives	(528)	6	-	16	-	(506)
GLB reserves embedded derivatives	(118)	(160)	-	-	-	(278)
VIEs' liabilities - derivative instruments (5)	(203)	5	-	-	-	(198)
Other liabilities:						
Deferred compensation plans (6)	(357)	(5)	-	2	-	(360)
Credit default swaps (7)	(6)	(1)	-	-	-	(7)
Total, net	\$ 2,741	\$ (93)	\$ 71	\$ (177)	\$ (115)	\$ 2,427

	For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2012					
	Purchases,		Gains Issuances, Transfers			
	Items (Losses)	Sales,	In or			
	Included	in Maturities,	Out			
	Beginning	OCI Settlements,	Level			Ending
	Fair	and	3,			Fair
	Value	Other	Net	Net (2)		Value
		(1)	Net			
Investments: (3)						
Fixed maturity AFS securities:						
Corporate bonds	\$ 1,888	\$ (17)	\$ (5)	\$ 25	\$ (213)	\$ 1,678
U.S. government bonds	1	-	-	-	-	1
Foreign government bonds	97	-	4	-	1	102
RMBS	158	(3)	3	94	(68)	184
CMBS	34	(5)	9	(8)	9	39
CDOs	102	-	4	14	-	120
State and municipal bonds	-	-	-	32	-	32
Hybrid and redeemable preferred securities	100	-	3	-	26	129
Equity AFS securities	56	-	4	25	-	85
Trading securities	68	1	1	-	2	72
Derivative investments	2,470	(289)	67	269	-	2,517
Future contract benefits: (4)						
Indexed annuity contracts embedded derivatives	(399)	(80)	-	48	-	(431)
GLB reserves embedded derivatives	(2,217)	291	-	-	-	(1,926)
VIEs' liabilities - derivative instruments (5)	(291)	60	-	-	-	(231)
Other liabilities:						
Deferred compensation plans (6)	(354)	(18)	-	14	-	(358)
Credit default swaps (7)	(16)	5	-	-	-	(11)
Total, net	\$ 1,697	\$ (55)	\$ 90	\$ 513	\$ (243)	\$ 2,002

	For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2011					
	Purchases,		Gains Issuances, Transfers			
	Items	(Losses)	Sales,	In or		
	Included	in	Maturities,	Out		
	Beginning	OCI	Settlements,	of	Ending	
	Fair	Net	and	3,	Fair	
	Value	Income	Other	Net	Net (2)	Value
		(1)		Net		
Investments: (3)						
Fixed maturity AFS securities:						
Corporate bonds	\$ 1,816	\$ 23	\$ 44	\$ (221)	\$ (89)	\$ 1,573
U.S. government bonds	2	-	-	-	-	2
Foreign government bonds	113	-	3	(3)	(17)	96
RMBS	119	(3)	4	41	-	161
CMBS	109	(45)	54	(64)	(1)	53
CDOs	172	14	(9)	(51)	-	126
Hybrid and redeemable preferred securities	119	(1)	5	-	(17)	106
Equity AFS securities	92	8	1	(7)	2	96
Trading securities	76	-	2	(3)	(4)	71
Derivative investments	1,495	(84)	(11)	92	-	1,492
Future contract benefits: (4)						
Indexed annuity contracts embedded derivatives	(497)	54	-	(63)	-	(506)
GLB reserves embedded derivatives	(408)	130	-	-	-	(278)
VIEs' liabilities - derivative instruments (5)	(209)	11	-	-	-	(198)
Other liabilities:						
Deferred compensation plans (6)	(363)	(13)	-	16	-	(360)
Credit default swaps (7)	(16)	2	-	7	-	(7)
Total, net	\$ 2,620	\$ 96	\$ 93	\$ (256)	\$ (126)	\$ 2,427

- (1) The changes in fair value of the interest rate swaps are offset by an adjustment to derivative investments (see Note 5).
- (2) Transfers in or out of Level 3 for AFS and trading securities are displayed at amortized cost as of the beginning-of-period. For AFS and trading securities, the difference between beginning-of-period amortized cost and beginning-of-period fair value was included in OCI and earnings, respectively, in prior periods.
- (3) Amortization and accretion of premiums and discounts are included in net investment income on our Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss). Gains (losses) from sales, maturities, settlements and calls and OTTI are included in realized gain (loss) on our Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).
- (4) Gains (losses) from sales, maturities, settlements and calls are included in realized gain (loss) on our Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).
- (5) The changes in fair value of the credit default swaps and contingency forwards are included in realized gain (loss) on our Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).
- (6) Deferrals and subsequent changes in fair value for the participants' investment options are reported in commissions and other expenses on our Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).
- (7) Gains (losses) from sales, maturities, settlements and calls are included in net investment income on our Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).

The following provides the components of the items included in issuances, sales, maturities, settlements, calls, net, excluding any effect of amortization of DAC, VOBA, DSI and DFEL and changes in future contract benefits, (in millions) as reported above:

For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2012
Issuances Sales Maturities Settlements Calls Total

Investments:

Fixed maturity AFS securities:

Corporate bonds	\$ 80	\$ (26)	\$ -	\$ (8)	\$ (1)	\$ 45
RMBS	103	-	-	(5)	-	98
CMBS	-	-	-	(1)	-	(1)
CDOs	23	-	-	(5)	-	18
State and municipal bonds	32	-	-	-	-	32

Equity AFS securities

Equity AFS securities	25	-	-	-	-	25
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Trading securities

Trading securities	2	-	-	-	-	2
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Derivative investments

Derivative investments	165	(10)	(58)	-	-	97
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Future contract benefits:

Indexed annuity contracts embedded derivatives	(25)	-	-	50	-	25
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Other liabilities:

Deferred compensation plans	-	-	-	7	-	7
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Total, net	\$ 405	\$ (36)	\$ (58)	\$ 38	\$ (1)	\$ 348
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For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2011
Issuances Sales Maturities Settlements Calls Total

Investments:

Fixed maturity AFS securities:

Corporate bonds	\$ 22	\$ (125)	\$ -	\$ (9)	\$ (88)	\$ (200)
RMBS	47	-	-	(3)	-	44
CMBS	-	(9)	-	(3)	-	(12)
CDOs	-	-	-	(12)	-	(12)

Equity AFS securities

Equity AFS securities	2	-	-	-	-	2
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Trading securities

Trading securities	-	(1)	-	-	-	(1)
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Derivative investments

Derivative investments	107	(25)	(98)	-	-	(16)
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Future contract benefits:

Indexed annuity contracts embedded derivatives	(20)	-	-	36	-	16
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Other liabilities:

Deferred compensation plans	-	-	-	2	-	2
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Total, net	\$ 158	\$ (160)	\$ (98)	\$ 11	\$ (88)	\$ (177)
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For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2012
 Issuances Sales Maturities Settlements Calls Total

Investments:						
Fixed maturity AFS securities:						
Corporate bonds	\$ 91	\$ (27)	\$ -	\$ (35)	\$ (4)	\$ 25
RMBS	103	-	-	(9)	-	94
CMBS	-	-	-	(8)	-	(8)
CDOs	23	-	-	(9)	-	14
State and municipal bonds	32	-	-	-	-	32
Equity AFS securities	25	-	-	-	-	25
Trading securities	2	-	-	(2)	-	-
Derivative investments	373	3	(107)	-	-	269
Future contract benefits:						
Indexed annuity contracts embedded derivatives	(35)	-	-	83	-	48
Other liabilities:						
Deferred compensation plans	-	-	-	14	-	14
Total, net	\$ 614	\$ (24)	\$ (107)	\$ 34	\$ (4)	\$ 513

For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2011
 Issuances Sales Maturities Settlements Calls Total

Investments:						
Fixed maturity AFS securities:						
Corporate bonds	\$ 38	\$ (133)	\$ (1)	\$ (36)	\$ (89)	\$ (221)
Foreign government bonds	-	(3)	-	-	-	(3)
RMBS	48	-	-	(7)	-	41
CMBS	-	(53)	-	(11)	-	(64)
CDOs	-	(33)	-	(18)	-	(51)
Equity AFS securities	8	(15)	-	-	-	(7)
Trading securities	-	(1)	-	(2)	-	(3)
Derivative investments	275	(27)	(156)	-	-	92
Future contract benefits:						
Indexed annuity contracts embedded derivatives	(38)	-	-	(25)	-	(63)
Other liabilities:						
Deferred compensation plans	-	-	-	16	-	16
Credit Default swaps	-	7	-	-	-	7
Total, net	\$ 331	\$ (258)	\$ (157)	\$ (83)	\$ (89)	\$ (256)

The following summarizes changes in unrealized gains (losses) included in net income, excluding any effect of amortization of DAC, VOBA, DSI and DFEL and changes in future contract benefits, related to financial instruments carried at fair value classified within Level 3 that we still held (in millions):

	For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2012		For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2011	
Investments: (1)				
Derivative investments	\$ 240	\$ 62	\$ (332)	\$ (94)
Future contract benefits: (1)				
Indexed annuity contracts embedded derivatives	(3)	-	19	(4)
GLB reserves embedded derivatives	(814)	(108)	369	229
VIEs' liabilities - derivative instruments (1)	(10)	5	60	11
Other liabilities:				
Deferred compensation plans (2)	(10)	5	18	13
Credit default swaps (3)	(1)	(1)	5	1
Total, net	\$ (598)	\$ (37)	\$ 139	\$ 156

- (1) Included in realized gain (loss) on our Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).
(2) Included in commissions and other expenses on our Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).
(3) Included in net investment income on our Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).

The following provides the components of the transfers in and out of Level 3 (in millions) as reported above:

	For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2012			For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2011		
	Transfers In to Level 3	Transfers Out of Level 3	Total	Transfer In to Level 3	Transfer Out of Level 3	Total
Investments:						
Fixed maturity AFS securities:						
Corporate bonds	\$ 90	\$ (374)	\$ (284)	\$ 21	\$ (110)	\$ (89)
RMBS	-	(13)	(13)	-	-	-
CMBS	8	-	8	-	(1)	(1)
Hybrid and redeemable preferred securities	16	-	16	-	(22)	(22)
Trading securities	1	-	1	-	(3)	(3)
Total, net	\$ 115	\$ (387)	\$ (272)	\$ 21	\$ (136)	\$ (115)

	For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2012			For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2011		
	Transfers	Transfers	Total	Transfers	Transfers	Total
	In to	Out of		In to	Out of	
	Level	Level 3	Level	Level 3		
3	Level 3	Total	3	Level 3	Total	
Investments:						
Fixed maturity AFS securities:						
Corporate bonds	\$ 146	\$ (359)	\$ (213)	\$ 34	\$ (123)	\$ (89)
Foreign government bonds	1	-	1	-	(17)	(17)
RMBS	-	(68)	(68)	-	-	-
CMBS	9	-	9	-	(1)	(1)
Hybrid and redeemable preferred securities	35	(9)	26	4	(21)	(17)
Equity AFS securities	-	-	-	2	-	2
Trading securities	2	-	2	-	(4)	(4)
Total, net	\$ 193	\$ (436)	\$ (243)	\$ 40	\$ (166)	\$ (126)

Transfers in and out of Level 3 are generally the result of observable market information on a security no longer being available or becoming available to our pricing vendors. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2012 and 2011, our corporate bonds transfers in and out were attributable primarily to the securities' observable market information no longer being available or becoming available, respectively. Transfers in and out of Levels 1 and 2 are generally the result of a change in the type of input used to measure the fair value of an asset or liability at the end of the reporting period. When quoted prices in active markets become available or when these prices become unavailable, but we are able to employ a valuation methodology using significant observable inputs, transfers between Levels 1 and 2 will result. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2012 and 2011, the transfers between Levels 1 and 2 of the fair value hierarchy were less than \$1 million for our financial instruments carried at fair value.

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The following summarizes the fair value (in millions), valuation techniques and significant unobservable inputs of the Level 3 fair value measurements that were developed as of June 30, 2012:

	Fair Value	Valuation Technique	Significant Unobservable Inputs	Range
Assets				
Investments:				
Fixed maturity AFS and trading securities				
Corporate bonds	\$ 899	Discounted cash flow	Liquidity/duration adjustment (1)	1.1% 13.2% 2.7%
Foreign government bonds	52	Discounted cash flow	Liquidity/duration adjustment (1)	6.1% 2.7%
Hybrid and redeemable preferred stock	21	Discounted cash flow	Liquidity/duration adjustment (1)	2.7% 4.3%
Equity AFS and trading securities	11	Discounted cash flow	Liquidity/duration adjustment (1)	4.5%
Liabilities				
Future contract benefits:				
Indexed annuity contracts embedded derivatives	(431)	Discounted cash flow	Lapse rate (2) Mortality rate (3)	1.0% - 15.0% (8)
GLB reserves embedded derivatives	(1,926)	Monte Carlo simulation	Long-term lapse rate (2) Wait period (5) Percent of maximum withdrawal amount (6)	0.3% - 13.1% 0 - 25 years (or years until the eligible age) 95.0% - 100.0%

Non-performance risk ("NPR")	0.22%
(7)	-
Mortality rate	0.55%
(3)	(8)
	1.0%
	-
Volatility (4)	35.0%

- (1) The liquidity/duration adjustment input represents an estimated market participant composite of adjustments attributable to liquidity premiums, expected durations, structures and credit quality that would be applied to the market observable information of an investment.
- (2) The lapse rate input represents the estimated probability of a contract surrendering during a year, and thereby forgoing any future benefits. The range represents the lapse rates during the surrender charge period for indexed annuity contracts.
- (3) The mortality rate input represents the estimated probability of when an individual belonging to a particular group, categorized according to age or some other factor such as occupation, will die.
- (4) The volatility input represents overall volatilities assumed for the underlying variable annuity funds, which include a mixture of equity and fixed income assets. Fair value of the variable annuity GLB embedded derivatives would increase if higher volatilities were used for valuation.
- (5) The wait period input represents the estimated period a contract holder would wait to withdraw after becoming eligible.
- (6) The percent of maximum withdrawal amount input represents the estimated ratio of contract withdrawal amount to the maximum withdrawal amount specified.
- (7) The NPR input represents the estimated additional credit spread that market participants would apply to the market observable discount rate when pricing a contract.
- (8) Based on the "Annuity 2000 Mortality Table" developed by the Society of Actuaries Committee on Life Insurance Research that was adopted by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners in 1996 for our mortality input.

From the table above, we have excluded Level 3 fair value measurements obtained from independent, third-party pricing sources. We do not develop the significant inputs used to measure the fair value of these assets and liabilities, and the information regarding the significant inputs is not readily available to us. Independent broker-quoted fair values are non-binding quotes developed by market makers or broker-dealers obtained from third-party sources recognized as market participants. The fair value of a broker-quoted asset or liability is based solely on the receipt of an updated quote from a single market maker or a broker-dealer recognized

as a market participant as we do not adjust broker quotes when used as the fair value measurement for an asset or liability. Significant increases or decreases in any of the quotes received from a third-party broker-dealer may result in a significantly higher or lower fair value measurement.

Changes in any of the significant inputs presented in the table above may result in a significant change in the fair value measurement of the asset or liability as follows:

- Investments – An increase in the liquidity/duration input would result in a decrease in the fair value measurement.
- Indexed annuity contracts embedded derivatives – An increase in the lapse rate or mortality rate inputs would result in a decrease in the fair value measurement.
- GLB reserves embedded derivatives – An increase in our lapse rate, wait period, NPR or mortality rate inputs would result in a decrease in the fair value measurement. An increase in the percent of maximum withdrawal amount input would result in an increase in the fair value measurement.

For each category discussed above, the unobservable inputs are not inter-related; therefore, a directional change in one input will not affect the other inputs.

As part of our on-going valuation process, we assess the reasonableness of our valuation techniques or models and make adjustments as necessary. For more information, see “Summary of Significant Accounting Policies” in Note 1 of our 2011 Form 10-K.

13. Segment Information

We provide products and services and report results through our Annuities, Retirement Plan Services, Life Insurance and Group Protection segments. We also have Other Operations, which includes the financial data for operations that are not directly related to the business segments. Our reporting segments reflect the manner by which our chief operating decision makers view and manage the business. See Note 22 of our 2011 Form 10-K for a brief description of these segments and Other Operations.

Segment operating revenues and income (loss) from operations are internal measures used by our management and Board of Directors to evaluate and assess the results of our segments. Income (loss) from operations is GAAP net income excluding the after-tax effects of the following items, as applicable:

- Realized gains and losses associated with the following (“excluded realized gain (loss)”):
 - § Sales or disposals of securities;
 - § Impairments of securities;
- § Changes in the fair value of derivatives, embedded derivatives within certain reinsurance arrangements and trading securities;
 - § Changes in the fair value of the derivatives we own to hedge our GDB riders within our variable annuities;
- § Changes in the fair value of the embedded derivatives of our GLB riders accounted for at fair value, net of the change in the fair value of the derivatives we own to hedge them; and
- § Changes in the fair value of the embedded derivative liabilities related to index call options we may purchase in the future to hedge contract holder index allocations applicable to future reset periods for our indexed annuity products accounted for at fair value;
 - Changes in reserves resulting from benefit ratio unlocking on our GDB and GLB riders;
- Income (loss) from reserve changes, net of related amortization, on business sold through reinsurance;
 - Gains (losses) on early extinguishment of debt;
 - Losses from the impairment of intangible assets;
 - Income (loss) from discontinued operations; and

- Income (loss) from the initial adoption of new accounting standards.

Operating revenues represent GAAP revenues excluding the pre-tax effects of the following items, as applicable:

- Excluded realized gain (loss);
 - Revenue adjustments from the initial adoption of new accounting standards;
 - Amortization of DFEL arising from changes in GDB and GLB benefit ratio unlocking; and
- Amortization of deferred gains arising from the reserve changes on business sold through reinsurance.

We use our prevailing corporate federal income tax rate of 35% while taking into account any permanent differences for events recognized differently in our financial statements and federal income tax returns when reconciling our non-GAAP measures to the

most comparable GAAP measure. Operating revenues and income (loss) from operations do not replace revenues and net income as the GAAP measures of our consolidated results of operations.

Segment information (in millions) was as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended June 30,		For the Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Revenues				
Operating revenues:				
Annuities	\$ 734	\$ 735	\$ 1,465	\$ 1,468
Retirement Plan Services	258	260	510	523
Life Insurance	1,237	1,229	2,469	2,376
Group Protection	540	501	1,043	979
Other Operations	113	114	220	232
Excluded realized gain (loss), pre-tax	18	(33)	(95)	(53)
Amortization of deferred gain arising from reserve changes on business sold through reinsurance, pre-tax	-	1	1	1
Amortization of DFEL associated with benefit ratio unlocking, pre-tax	(1)	-	1	-
Total revenues	\$ 2,899	\$ 2,807	\$ 5,614	\$ 5,526
	For the Three Months Ended June 30,		For the Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Net Income (Loss)				
Income (loss) from operations:				
Annuities	\$ 158	\$ 145	\$ 294	\$ 289
Retirement Plan Services	38	41	72	90
Life Insurance	138	136	281	279
Group Protection	27	26	43	50
Other Operations	(39)	(22)	(73)	(60)
Excluded realized gain (loss), after-tax	12	(21)	(61)	(34)
Benefit ratio unlocking, after-tax	(10)	(1)	14	3
Income (loss) from continuing operations, after-tax	324	304	570	617
Income (loss) from discontinued operations, after-tax	-	-	(1)	-
Net income (loss)	\$ 324	\$ 304	\$ 569	\$ 617

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") is intended to help the reader understand the financial condition as of June 30, 2012, compared with December 31, 2011, and the results of operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2012, compared with the corresponding periods in 2011 of Lincoln National Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries. Unless otherwise stated or the context otherwise requires, "LNC," "Lincoln," "Company," "we," "our" or "us" refers to Lincoln National Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries. The MD&A is provided as a supplement to, and should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements ("Notes") presented in "Part I – Item 1. Financial Statements"; our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 ("2011 Form 10-K"), including the sections entitled "Part I – Item 1A. Risk Factors," as updated in "Part II – Item 1A. Risk Factors" below, "Part II – Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and "Part II – Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data"; our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q filed in 2012; and our current reports on Form 8-K filed in 2012.

In this report, in addition to providing consolidated revenues and net income (loss), we also provide segment operating revenues and income (loss) from operations because we believe they are meaningful measures of revenues and the profitability of our operating segments. Financial information that follows is presented in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"), unless otherwise indicated. See Note 1 in our 2011 Form 10-K for a discussion of GAAP.

Operating revenues and income (loss) from operations are the financial performance measures we use to evaluate and assess the results of our segments. Accordingly, we define and report operating revenues and income (loss) from operations by segment in Note 13. Our management believes that operating revenues and income (loss) from operations explain the results of our ongoing businesses in a manner that allows for a better understanding of the underlying trends in our current businesses because the excluded items are unpredictable and not necessarily indicative of current operating fundamentals or future performance of the business segments, and, in many instances, decisions regarding these items do not necessarily relate to the operations of the individual segments. In addition, we believe that our definitions of operating revenues and income (loss) from operations will provide investors with a more valuable measure of our performance because it better reveals trends in our business.

Certain reclassifications have been made to prior periods' financial information.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS – CAUTIONARY LANGUAGE

Certain statements made in this report and in other written or oral statements made by us or on our behalf are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 ("PSLRA"). A forward-looking statement is a statement that is not a historical fact and, without limitation, includes any statement that may predict, forecast, indicate or imply future results, performance or achievements, and may contain words like: "believe," "anticipate," "expect," "estimate," "project," "will," "shall" and other words or phrases with similar meaning in connection with a discussion of future operating or financial performance. In particular, these include statements relating to future actions, trends in our businesses, prospective services or products, future performance or financial results and the outcome of contingencies, such as legal proceedings. We claim the protection afforded by the safe harbor for forward-looking statements provided by the PSLRA.

Forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially from the results contained in the forward-looking statements. Risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to vary materially, some of which are described within the forward-looking statements, include, among others:

- Deterioration in general economic and business conditions that may affect account values, investment results,
- guaranteed benefit liabilities, premium levels, claims experience and the level of pension benefit costs, funding and investment results;
 - Adverse global capital and credit market conditions could affect our ability to raise capital, if necessary, and may cause us to realize impairments on investments and certain intangible assets, including goodwill and a valuation allowance against deferred tax assets, which may reduce future earnings and/or affect our financial condition and ability to raise additional capital or refinance existing debt as it matures;

- Because of our holding company structure, the inability of our subsidiaries to pay dividends to the holding
- company in sufficient amounts could harm the holding company's ability to meet its obligations;
- Legislative, regulatory or tax changes, both domestic and foreign, that affect the cost of, or demand for, our
- subsidiaries' products, the required amount of reserves and/or surplus, or otherwise affect our ability to conduct business, including changes to statutory reserve requirements related to secondary guarantees under universal life, such as a change to reserve calculations under Actuarial Guideline 38 (also known as The Application of the Valuation of Life Insurance Policies Model Regulation, or "AG38"), and variable annuity products under Actuarial Guideline 43 (also known as Commissioners Annuity Reserve Valuation Method for Variable Annuities, or "AG43"); restrictions on revenue sharing and 12b-1 payments; and the potential for U.S. federal tax reform;

- Uncertainty about the effect of rules and regulations to be promulgated under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act on us and the economy and the financial services sector in particular;
- The initiation of legal or regulatory proceedings against us, and the outcome of any legal or regulatory proceedings, such as: adverse actions related to present or past business practices common in businesses in which we compete; adverse decisions in significant actions including, but not limited to, actions brought by federal and state authorities and class action cases; new decisions that result in changes in law; and unexpected trial court rulings;
- Declines in or sustained low interest rates causing a reduction in investment income, the interest margins of our businesses, estimated gross profits and demand for our products;
- A decline in the equity markets causing a reduction in the sales of our subsidiaries' products, a reduction of asset-based fees that our subsidiaries charge on various investment and insurance products, an acceleration of the net amortization of deferred acquisition costs ("DAC"), value of business acquired ("VOBA"), deferred sales inducements ("DSI") and deferred front-end loads ("DFEL") and an increase in liabilities related to guaranteed benefit features of our subsidiaries' variable annuity products;
- Ineffectiveness of our risk management policies and procedures, including various hedging strategies used to offset the effect of changes in the value of liabilities due to changes in the level and volatility of the equity markets and interest rates;
- A deviation in actual experience regarding future persistency, mortality, morbidity, interest rates or equity market returns from the assumptions used in pricing our subsidiaries' products, in establishing related insurance reserves and in the net amortization of DAC, VOBA, DSI and DFEL, which may reduce future earnings;
- Changes in GAAP, including the potential incorporation of International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") into the U.S. financial reporting system, that may result in unanticipated changes to our net income;
- Lowering of one or more of our debt ratings issued by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations and the adverse effect such action may have on our ability to raise capital and on our liquidity and financial condition;
- Lowering of one or more of the insurer financial strength ratings of our insurance subsidiaries and the adverse effect such action may have on the premium writings, policy retention, profitability of our insurance subsidiaries and liquidity;
- Significant credit, accounting, fraud, corporate governance or other issues that may adversely affect the value of certain investments in our portfolios, as well as counterparties to which we are exposed to credit risk, requiring that we realize losses on investments;
 - Inability to protect our intellectual property rights or claims of infringement of the intellectual property rights of others;
 - Ineffectiveness of risk management policies and procedures in identifying, monitoring and managing material risks;
- Interruption in telecommunication, information technology or other operational systems or failure to safeguard the confidentiality or privacy of sensitive data on such systems;
 - The effect of acquisitions and divestitures, restructurings, product withdrawals and other unusual items;
 - The adequacy and collectibility of reinsurance that we have purchased;
- Acts of terrorism, a pandemic, war or other man-made and natural catastrophes that may adversely affect our businesses and the cost and availability of reinsurance;
- Competitive conditions, including pricing pressures, new product offerings and the emergence of new competitors, that may affect the level of premiums and fees that our subsidiaries can charge for their products;
- The unknown effect on our subsidiaries' businesses resulting from changes in the demographics of their client base, as aging baby-boomers move from the asset-accumulation stage to the asset-distribution stage of life; and
 - Loss of key management, financial planners or wholesalers.

The risks included here are not exhaustive. Our annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and other documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") include additional factors that could affect our businesses and financial performance. Moreover, we operate in a rapidly changing and competitive environment. New risk factors emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for

management to predict all such risk factors.

Further, it is not possible to assess the effect of all risk factors on our businesses or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements. Given these risks and uncertainties, investors should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements as a prediction of actual results. In addition, we disclaim any obligation to update any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances that occur after the date of this report.

INTRODUCTION

Executive Summary

We are a holding company that operates multiple insurance and retirement businesses through subsidiary companies. Through our business segments, we sell a wide range of wealth protection, accumulation and retirement income products and solutions. These products include fixed and indexed annuities, variable annuities, universal life insurance (“UL”), variable universal life insurance

(“VUL”), linked-benefit UL, term life insurance, employer-sponsored defined contribution retirement plans, mutual funds and group life, disability and dental.

We provide products and services and report results through our Annuities, Retirement Plan Services, Life Insurance and Group Protection segments. We also have Other Operations. These segments and Other Operations are described in “Part I – Item 1. Business” of our 2011 Form 10-K.

For information on how we derive our revenues, see the discussion in results of operations by segment below.

Our current market conditions, significant operational matters, industry trends, issues and outlook are described in “Introduction – Executive Summary” of our 2011 Form 10-K.

For factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those set forth in this section, see “Forward-Looking Statements – Cautionary Language” above and “Part I – Item 1A. Risk Factors” in our 2011 Form 10-K, as updated in “Part II – Item 1A. Risk Factors” below.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The MD&A included in our 2011 Form 10-K contains a detailed discussion of our critical accounting policies and estimates. The following information updates the “Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates” provided in our 2011 Form 10-K and, accordingly, should be read in conjunction with the “Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates” discussed in our 2011 Form 10-K.

DAC, VOBA, DSI and DFEL

New DAC Methodology

In October 2010, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2010-26, “Accounting for Costs Associated with Acquiring or Renewing Insurance Contracts” (referred to herein as the “new DAC methodology”), which clarifies the types of costs incurred by an insurance entity that can be capitalized in the acquisition of insurance contracts. Only those costs incurred that result directly from and are essential to the successful acquisition of new or renewal insurance contracts may be capitalized as deferrable acquisition costs. This determination of deferability must be made on a contract-level basis. This new DAC methodology contrasts to the prior guidance we followed that defined deferrable acquisition costs as costs that vary with and are related primarily to new or renewal business, regardless of whether the acquisition efforts were successful or unsuccessful.

Some examples of acquisition costs that remain subject to deferral as part of the new DAC methodology include the following:

- Employee, agent or broker commissions for successful contract acquisitions;
 - Wholesaler production bonuses for successful contract acquisitions;
 - Renewal commissions and bonuses to agents or brokers;
 - Medical and inspection fees for successful contract acquisitions;
 - Premium-related taxes and assessments; and
- A portion of the salaries and benefits of certain employees involved in the underwriting, contract issuance and processing, medical and inspection and sales force contract selling functions related to the successful issuance or renewal of an insurance contract.

All other acquisition-related costs, including costs incurred by the insurer for soliciting potential customers, market research, training, administration, management of distribution and underwriting functions, unsuccessful acquisition or renewal efforts and product development, are considered non-deferrable acquisition costs and must be expensed in the period incurred.

In addition, the following indirect costs are considered non-deferrable acquisition costs as part of the new DAC methodology and must be charged to expense in the period incurred:

- Administrative costs;
- Rent;
- Depreciation;
- Occupancy costs;
- Equipment costs (including data processing equipment dedicated to acquiring insurance contracts); and
- Other general overhead.

We adopted the new DAC methodology as of January 1, 2012, and elected to apply the guidance retrospectively. The retrospective adoption resulted in the restatement of all periods presented with a cumulative effect adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings and accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) (“AOCI”) for the earliest period presented. Further, our adoption of the new DAC methodology resulted in an overall reduction in deferrable acquisition costs, partially offset by lower DAC amortization, in each of our business segments. See Note 2 for more discussion of the effect of adoption.

Reversion to the Mean (“RTM”)

As equity markets do not move in a systematic manner, we reset the baseline of account values from which estimated gross profits (“EGPs) are projected, which we refer to as our RTM process, as discussed in our 2011 Form 10-K.

Our long-term variable fund growth rate assumption, which is used in the determination of DAC, VOBA, DSI and DFEL amortization for our variable annuity and VUL products, is an immediate drop of approximately 9% followed by growth going forward of 8% to 9% depending on the block of business and reflecting differences in contract holder fund allocations between fixed income and equity-type investments. If we were to have unlocked our RTM assumption in the corridor as of June 30, 2012, we would have recorded a favorable prospective unlocking of approximately \$170 million, pre-tax, for Annuities, approximately \$15 million, pre-tax, for Retirement Plan Services, and approximately \$15 million, pre-tax, for Life Insurance.

Investments

Investment Valuation

The following summarizes our available-for-sale (“AFS”) and trading securities and derivative investments carried at fair value by pricing source and fair value hierarchy level (in millions):

	As of June 30, 2012				
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets	for Significant Identical Assets (Level 1)	Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total Fair Value
Priced by third party pricing services	\$ 721	\$ 70,177	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70,898
Priced by independent broker quotations	-	-	3,976	-	3,976
Priced by matrices	-	10,241	-	-	10,241
Priced by other methods (1)	-	-	983	-	983
Total	\$ 721				