



Press Release

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Preliminary Earnings of Insurance Companies, First Quarter 2024

Insurance companies (22 life insurance companies and 31 nonlife insurance companies) generated KRW4.8443 trillion in preliminary net income for the first quarter of 2024, down KRW605.2 billion or 11.1% from the same period a year earlier.

Net income for life insurance companies decreased KRW1.0012 trillion or 34.8% to KRW1.8749 trillion on year. Insurance income slightly increased from a year ago while investment income shrank. When it came to nonlife insurers, net income increased KRW396.0 billion or 15.4% to KRW2.9694 trillion during the same period. Their insurance income grew on year based on decreases in liabilities for incurred claims, but investment income decreased due to losses on valuation of financial assets.

Table 1. Net Income of Insurance Companies, First Quarter 2024*

	Q1 2023	Q1 2024
Life insurance companies	2,876.1	1,874.9
Insurance income ²	1,225.9	1,247.2
Investment income	2,493.5	1,167.0
Other incomes	-32.8	-60.4
Nonlife insurance companies	2,573.4	2,969.4
Insurance income ²	2,381.7	3,045.1
Investment income	1,092.1	901.2
Other incomes	-8.7	-14.8
Total	5,449.5	4,844.3

*The figures for Q1 2024 are preliminary as of the release date and subject to change.

The insurance companies' premium income for the first three months of 2024 came in at KRW58.9521 trillion, down KRW78.1 billion or 0.1% from a year ago.

Premium income for the life insurance companies fell KRW1.0059 trillion or 3.5% to KRW28.0393 trillion year on year. While protection type insurance grew 13.3% on year, savings-type plan and variable life insurance shrank by 9.2% and 2.1%, respectively, compared to the previous year. In addition, retirement pension decreased 33.5% on year.



As for nonlife insurance companies, premium income came in at KRW30.9128 trillion in the January-to-March period of 2024, up 927.8 billion or 3.1% from the same period a year ago. In particular, long-term insurance increased by 4.9%, and general insurance jumped 10.2% from a year earlier. However, auto insurance and retirement pension decreased 0.3% and 4.7%, respectively, year on year.

Table 2. Premium Income of Insurance Companies, First Quarter 2024¹

	Q1 2023	Q1 2024
	(In billions of KRW)	
Life insurance companies	29,045.2	28,039.3
Protection-type insurance	11,691.9	13,248.9
Savings-type insurance	9,295.7	8,442.6
Variable life insurance	3,145.8	3,079.3
Retirement pension and others	4,911.8	3,268.5
Nonlife insurance companies ²	29,985.0	30,912.8
Long-term insurance	16,289.0	17,092.5
Auto insurance	5,286.0	5,268.5
General insurance	3,602.8	3,970.3
Retirement pension and others	4,807.2	4,581.5
Total	59,030.2	58,952.1

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²Premium income of nonlife insurance companies were based on direct premium written.

When it came to overall profitability, return on assets (ROA) declined 0.27%p to 1.58% on year. Furthermore, return on equity (ROE) fell 2.03%p to 11.95% as well.

Table 3. ROA and ROE of Insurance Companies, First Quarter 2024^{*}

	Q1 2023	Q1 2024
	(In percentage)	
Return on assets	1.85	1.58
Life insurance companies	1.35	0.85
Nonlife insurance companies	3.18	3.46
Return on equity	13.98	11.95
Life insurance companies	11.59	7.48
Nonlife insurance companies	18.15	19.17

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As of end-March 2024, the aggregate assets of the insurance companies came in at KRW1,222.6 trillion, down KRW2.0 trillion or 0.2% from the end of December 2023. In addition, shareholders' equity decreased KRW8.7 trillion or 5.2% to KRW157.8 trillion during the same period. Higher interest rates resulted in decreasing valuation of financial assets, which contributed to reducing total assets. Furthermore, total liabilities expanded KRW6.6 trillion based on increasing insurance operating activities.



Table 4. Total Assets and Shareholders' Equity of Insurance Companies, March 2024*

(In trillions of KRW)

	Dec 2023	Mar 2024
Assets	1,224.6	1,222.6
Life insurance companies	880.9	879.5
Nonlife insurance companies	343.7	343.1
Liabilities	1,058.1	1,064.7
Life insurance companies	777.6	782.3
Nonlife insurance companies	280.5	282.4
Shareholders' equity	166.5	157.8
Life insurance companies	103.3	97.1
Nonlife insurance companies	63.2	60.7

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With a new accounting system introduced and changing financial environments, the Financial Supervisory Service will closely look into the financial status of domestic insurance companies and carry out a thorough off-site monitoring of major risk factors.

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