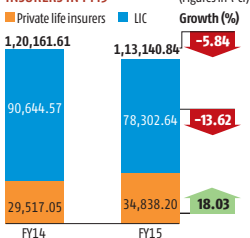


GREENER PASTURES AHEAD FOR INSURANCE BUSINESS; LIC BOUNCES BACK

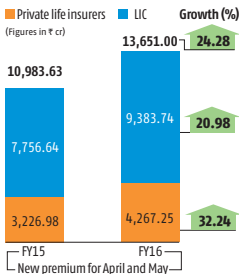
Insurers had a tough business period in the 2014-15 financial year owing to macroeconomic conditions and slowdown in automobile sales. Overall, both the life and general insurance sectors have seen a slower rate of growth in premiums. However, initial data from the life and general insurance councils suggest that both non-life and life insurers are seeing a better run with respect to premium collection in April and May

NEW PREMIUM GROWTH FOR LIFE INSURERS IN FY15



LIC LEADS CHARTS IN PREMIUM COLLECTION

Due to change in product guidelines and re-filing of many products, LIC had seen a drop in new premiums in FY15. However, the country's largest insurer has bounced back with a strong double digit growth in new premiums, backed by a big jump in group single premiums

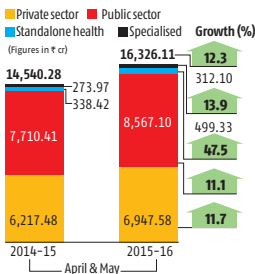


*Cumulative up to May 2015



GROSS DIRECT PREMIUM INCOME*

General insurance firms have been grappling with higher underwriting losses in motor and health insurance, apart from lower auto sales numbers impacting insurance sales and premium collections. But this year, boosted by slightly better auto sales and a sharp increase in business of standalone health insurers, non-life sector has seen a positive growth



Source: Life Insurance Council; General Insurance Council