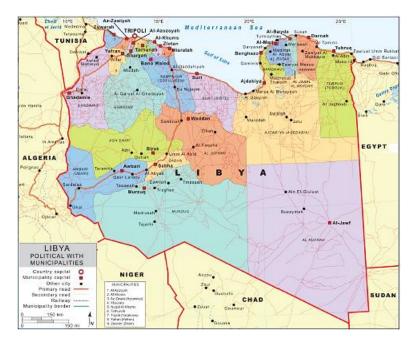
# **INSURANCE MARKET OVERVIEW**

LIBYA





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#### **Official Name:**

#### Libya.

The country's full formal name is State of Libya. Under the Gaddafi government the country was known as the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

#### Location:

Libya is located on the Mediterranean coast of north Africa. The country is bordered by Egypt to the east, Sudan to the south-east, Chad and Niger to the south, and Algeria and Tunisia to the west.

Surface Area:

1,759,540 km².

Time Zone: UTC+2 (EET)

Income Category: Medium income

#### **Religion:**

Sunni Islam is the dominant religion in Libya, practised by 97% of the indigenous population. Berbers in some of the western rural areas practise Ibadi Islam.

#### Language:

Arabic is the official language. European languages are not widely spoken, but the older generation and workers in the commercial sector may speak some English, Italian or French.

#### Government:

Unitary republic under a provisional unity government.

#### **Climate:**

The climate is mostly extremely dry and desertlike in nature. However, the northern regions enjoy a milder Mediterranean climate.

#### **Natural Hazards:**

*Earthquake:* Libya has an exposure to earthquake damage and there have been a number of substantial earthquakes in the country over the years.

**Storm**: Libya is not particularly exposed to storm damage other than occasional sandstorms. **Flood**: The area is not generally susceptible to flood damage, although there is some exposure to flash flooding at the start of the wet season.

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Region Northern Africa Population (000, 2023) 6 812 <sup>a,b</sup>	UN membership o Surface area (km2	2) 1	4 December 1955 676 198°		
Pop. density (per km2, 2023) 4.1 <sup>a,b</sup>	Sex ratio (m per 1		02.4 <sup>a,b</sup>		
Capital city Tripoli Capital city pop. (000, 2023) 1 160.9 <sup>d</sup>	National currency Exchange rate (pe	rUS\$) 4	Libyan Dinar (LYD) JS\$) 4.8 <sup>b</sup>		
Economic indicators	2010	2015	2023		
GDP: Gross domestic product (million current US\$)	75 381	48 718	39 006 °		
GDP growth rate (annual %, const. 2015 prices)	5.0	- 0.8	28.3 °		
GDP per capita (current US\$)	11 611.4	7 867.5	5 791.3°		
Economy: Agriculture (% of Gross Value Added)	1.6	3.9	3.6°		
Economy: Industry (% of Gross Value Added)	69.0	31.2	44.4 c		
Economy: Services and other activity (% of GVA)	29.3	64.9	52.0°		
Employment in agriculture (% of employed) <sup>e</sup>	17.3	19.3	16.3°		
Employment in industry (% of employed) <sup>e</sup>	22.0	17.5	19.3°		
Employment in services & other sectors (% employed) <sup>e</sup>	60.7	63.2	64.4°		
Unemployment rate (% of labour force) <sup>e</sup>	19.3	19.5	20.5		
Labour force participation rate (female/male pop. %) <sup>e</sup>	33.9 / 61.4	33.9 / 61.1	34.8 / 60.8		
CPI: Consumer Price Index (2010=100)	100	126 <sup>f</sup>			
Agricultural production index (2014-2016=100)	106	101	106¢		
International trade: exports (million current US\$)	36 440	10 200 e	46 483 <sup>e,b</sup>		
International trade: imports (million current US\$)	17 674	13 000 e	20 936 <sup>e,b</sup>		
International trade: balance (million current US\$)	18 766	- 2 800 e	25 547 e,b		
Balance of payments, current account (million US\$)	16 801	- 9 346	- 4 780 <sup>g</sup>		
Major trading partners			2022		
	9.3 Spain	9.9	Germany 9.4		
Import partners (% of imports) <sup>e</sup> Türkiye 13	3.5 Italy	11.7	China 11.3		
Social indicators	2010	2015	2023		
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**a** Projected estimate (medium fertility variant). **b** 2022. **c** 2021. **d** 2019. **e** Estimate. **f** 2013. **g** 2020. **h** Data refers to a 5-year period preceding the reference year. **i** Including refugees. **j** Refers to foreign citizens. **k** Data as at the end of December. **I** Estimates should be viewed with caution as these are derived from scarce data. **m** Data based on calendar year (January 1 to December 31). **n** 2011. **o** 2009. **p** 2017. **q** 2006. **r** Data are as at 1 January of reporting year. **s** 2014. **t** Non-resident tourists staying in hotels and similar establishments. **u** 2008.

# (III) LIBYA: Insurance Market

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

- The insurance industry of Libya is regulated by the Insurance Department of General People's Committee for Economy, Trade and Investment.
- Up to 49% FDI is permitted in the Libyan insurance industry.
- Composite insurance is not permitted in Libya.
- Motor third-party liability insurance and health insurance are the key compulsory classes of insurance.
- Non-admitted insurance is permitted with a few exceptions.

Several Italian insurers had agencies in Libya.

### (A) LIBYA: Insurance Market - Historical Landmarks and Regulatory Environment

#### Historical Landmarks

1930s

1940s British insurers became involved in the market. 1959 The Supervision and Control Law No 7 was issued. 1964 Libya Insurance Company was established. 1967 Sahara Insurance Company was established. 1968 El Mukhtar Insurance Company was established. 1969 North Africa Insurance Company was established. 1970 A ministerial order stopped the activities of branches and agencies of foreign companies operating in Libya. All insurance companies operating in Libya were nationalized. 1970 The Supervision and Control of Insurance Companies Law No 131 was introduced. 1971 Sahara Insurance and North Africa Insurance were merged with El Mukhtar Insurance Company. 1981 El Mukhtar Insurance Company was merged with Libya Insurance Company thereby confining insurance activity in Libya to one state-owned entity, Libya Insurance Company. 1997 United Insurance Company, jointly owned by the public and private sectors, commenced operations. 2003 The Resolution of the Secretariat of the People's General Committee No 213 of 2003 introduced a table of bodily injury and death compensation. 2005 Insurance Law No 3 of 2005 (replacing the Supervision and Control of Insurance Companies Law No 131 of 1970) was introduced, permitting a relatively free private insurance market, increasing minimum paid-up capital for insurance and reinsurance companies, and establishing minimum solvency margins. 2007 Seven insurance companies were licensed to operate in the market, of which one was stateowned, two partly state-owned and the rest private. 2009 - A new insurance company has come to increase the insurers on the market. Qafela Insurance (the caravan) has started underwriting as of September 1, 2009. - A new company specialized in health insurance has been established: "Libya Insurance Medical". - An assistance company is being established in Libya. The main shareholders of this new body are Mapfre Assistance and the African Insurance Company, one of the key stakeholders on the Libyan market. Lib Assist will be providing motor assistance and travel insurance policies - Nine insurance companies were operating in the market of which one remained state-owned, two partly state-owned and the rest private. 2010 The principle of compulsory health insurance for all residents in the country was introduced; according to market sources PMI became compulsory in 2012. 2012 After the election of the General National Congress (GNC) in July the supervisory authority remained in place and is still the likely future source of insurance legislative proposals.

New rules regarding the conduct of takaful business were issued by the regulator.

**2013** Following the change of regime in Libya, the authorities decided to suspend the activities of *Libo Insurance*.

A new insurance company, *International Insurance Company*, has been established in Tripoli, Libya. The company is endowed with a share capital of 10 million LYD (7.9 million USD).

A new insurance company has just been established in Libya. Called *Tibesty* Insurance, this company, whose capital is detained by private shareholders

2014 Damage to some 90% of the aircraft on the ground at Tripoli airport was reported to have occurred on 14 July due to fierce fighting between rival militia attempting to take control of the airport. At least 47 fatalities resulted and the airport was seriously damaged. Ongoing hostilities between the entities competing as separate governing authorities has meant that new legislation, in respect of the insurance industry, has not been a priority. This unrest has

also meant the industry has not been able to grow, during this period.

- 2015 The conflict for the takeover of Tripoli airport since July 13 has caused enormous damage to the airfleets parked on the tarmac. A total of 20 aircrafts would have been damaged, for an estimated total amount between 200 and 400 million USD according to a research note from Barclays Bank. 13 planes would be the property of Afriqiyah company, and the rest belonging to Libyan Airlines.
- 2022 *Umbrella Re* launched its operations in Tripoli.
- 2023 Storm "Daniel", accompanied by torrential rain, struck eastern Libya on 10 September 2023, causing severe flooding and the bursting of two dams upstream of the coastal town of Derna. This city, home to over 100000 inhabitants and located 900 kilometers east of Tripoli, was subsequently declared a "disaster city" by the government. The Libyan Red Crescent has estimated the death toll at over 11300. The disaster also caused extensive damage to private property. The United Nations (UN) estimates that over 880000 people have been affected and 2200 buildings damaged.

#### > Regulatory framework

#### Insurance Law:

Insurance law No 3 of 2005 on Supervision and Control of Insurance Business.

#### Insurance Supervisory Authority:

The Libyan insurance industry is governed by <u>Libyan Insurance Supervisory Authority</u>. It functions in accordance with the guidelines stipulated in the Insurance law No 3 of 2005 on Supervision and Control of Insurance Business.

The Supervisory Authority of Libya in the supervision of insurance companies performs tasks that should ensure the preservation and strengthening of financial stability of the insurance market, as part of a modern, efficient and stable financial sector, in order to protect the rights and interests of policyholders and other insurance beneficiaries. The insurance supervisory body carries out activities through: issuing and revoking licenses for performing insurance



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activities, performing control, ie supervision over the performance of those activities and other related activities.

Supervision includes assessment of: legality of performing insurance activities, management system in the company, market behavior, investment activities, accounting and reporting, actions of administrative bodies, as well as compliance with the rules of insurance and actuarial profession, good business practices and business ethics.

The task of supervision is also to ensure that insurance companies are at all times financially capable and ready to fulfill their obligations to policyholders, insurance beneficiaries and third parties injured, and that persons performing insurance sales are adequately prepared to meet the needs of citizens and businesses for insurance.

#### Insurance Association:

<u>Libyan Association of Insurance Companies</u>; which established in 2004 under the provisions of the Commercial Code and Law No. 131 of 1970

The Association aims to:

- 1. Study the technical foundations of tariffs and prices, and develop legislation to suit market needs.
- 2. Preparing various insurance policies and presenting them to members for guidance.
- 3. Conducting studies to reduce losses in insurance branches, and analyzing information about the Libyan market
- 4. Cooperation with experienced arab and international markets
- 5. Supporting technical cooperation between its members through the exchange of experiences and information.
- 6. Strengthening ties with regional and international insurance markets, bodies and unions.

#### Foreign Ownership

Foreign ownership is permitted subject to Central Bank approval up to a maximum of 49% of the total shares issued in respect of joint stock companies.

#### Types of Licence

- Composite licences are available. A company already holding a life or non-life licence would apply to add a life or non-life branch to its activities, and therefore would not need to make a fresh licence application, in order to become a composite. There are no specific asset separation rules between life and non-life business.
- Separate permission is required to obtain a licence to transact each individual class of business. There are no restrictions on the choice of classes of business to be transacted by composite insurance companies or by composite takaful operators.
- Health insurance is treated by the regulator as a specific class of business.
- Direct insurance companies do not need a separate licence to transact inwards reinsurance.

#### Capital Requirements

The Insurance Law No 3 of 2005 stipulates that insurance companies must have a paid-up capital of not less than LYD 10mn (USD 7.41mn), with no distinction between life, non-life and composite companies.



Reinsurance companies require a minimum paid-up capital of at least LYD 30mn (USD 22.22mn). These regulations apply equally to conventional insurance companies and takaful/retakaful operators.

#### Solvency Margins

Assets must exceed liabilities by a margin of 20% of net premium or 25% of net outstanding claims for the previous financial year, whichever is the greater. No allowance is permitted in respect of the solvency margin calculation for reinsurance ceded.

The same requirements apply to reinsurers.

#### Reserve Requirements

The Insurance Law No 3 of 2005 specifies the following reserve requirements:

- Motor third party liability 47% of the preceding year's premiums
- Other classes (excluding marine cargo, goods in transit and aviation, but including life) 40% of the preceding year's premiums
- Marine cargo, goods in transit and aviation 25% of the preceding year's premiums.

#### Compulsory Insurances

#### List of Compulsory Insurances

- Motor third party legal liability in respect of bodily injury.
- Professional indemnity insurance for the medical profession.
- Workers' compensation (entirely dealt with by the state social security system).
- Health insurance for all citizens and residents.
- Shipowners' liability for marine oil pollution (financial guarantee or insurance).

#### Supplementary Information on Compulsory Insurances:



- Law *No* 28 of 1971 dealt with compulsory insurance against civil liabilities resulting from vehicle accidents. This law has been amended over the years by various decrees including the General People's Committee Decree No 195 issued in August 2001 and the Resolution of the Secretariat of the People's General Committee No 213 of 2003.
- *Professional* indemnity insurance for the medical profession used to be dealt with by the state-owned Libya Insurance Company, but is now open to all companies. The minimum limit is LYD 100,000 (USD 74,080).
- Law No 20 of May 2010 introduced compulsory private healthcare insurance. In 2012 private medical insurance (PMI) became compulsory.
- There is a requirement under the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage, 1969, renewed in 1992 to give evidence of an insurance or other financial guarantee in respect of oil pollution.
- Libya was a signatory to this convention in 2005. The convention requires owners of ships carrying more than 2,000 tonnes of oil in cargo to maintain "insurance or other financial security" sufficient to cover the maximum liability for one oil spill.

#### Insurance Tariff :

Resolution of the Minister of Economy and Trade No. 120 of 2023 regarding setting the tariff for compulsory insurance prices arising from accidents of insured motor vehicles.

#### Non-Admitted Insurance:

Non-admitted insurance is not permitted because the law provides that insurance must be purchased from locally authorized insurers to which 100% of the gross premium must be paid locally. The regulator may grant an exemption to the non-admitted rules but this would be extremely rare.



#### Intermediaries

- Intermediaries (brokers or agents) have to be authorized to do insurance business.
- Intermediaries are not allowed to place business with non-admitted insurers.
- All brokers and agents are expected to comply in full with the non-admitted insurance regulations.

## (B) LIBYA: Insurance Market Statistics & Performance

### > LIBYA: Market Structure:

According to data published on Libyan Insurance Supervisory Authority website, the market; in 2022; includes:

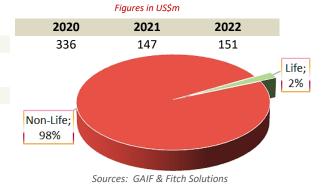
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2 Reinsurance companies5 Actuarial experts19 Insurance agents



- > LIBYA: Market Statistics
- LIBYA: Life and non-life GWP premiums 2020-2022
- LIBYA: Market Segment by Life & Non-Life in 2022



LIBYA: Composition of GWP portfolio per class of business in 2022

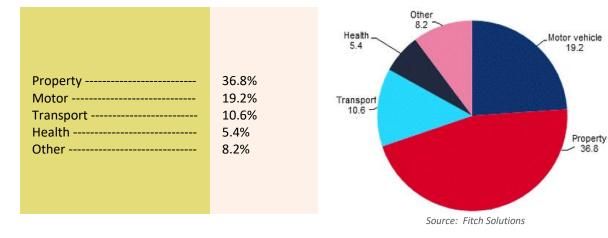


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Sources: GAIF & Fitch Solutions

### LIBYA: Insurance Companies Indicators 2020 -2022

#### 2020

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Rank	Company Name	Premium Written 2020	Premium Written 2019	Assets 2020	Assets 2019	Shareholders Equity 2020	Shareholders Equity 2019	Net Profit 2020	Net Profit 2019	ROE %
1	LIBYA	82000	90000	320600	350000	61500	65000	5400	7000	8.78
2	TRUST	52400	55350	192400	210410	10250	11570	1700	1910	16.59
3	AFRICAN	49100	49100	60600	60600	10550	10550	-	-	-
4	SAHARA	32400	37100	46100	49300	10800	11020	-	-	-
5	UNITED	18200	20350	109350	114950	13220	14350	2100	1910	15.89
6	TAKAFULY	14250	16100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	LIBO	13800	16000	32100	36100	7560	9990	2010	2630	26.59
8	QAFELA	8800	6350	17100	15100	1320	600	-	350	-
9	ALETEHADIYA	3920	3450	5320	6700	4250	5200	-	-	-
10	TIBESTY	3610	3330	3100	2850	1750	1300	-	-	-
11	AMIC	1850	1380	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

#### 2021

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1	LIBYA	77200	82000	301090	320600	57350	61500	4100	5400	7.2
2	TRUST	54100	52400	193000	192400	10100	10250	1900	1700	18.8
3	AFRICAN	49100	49100	60600	60600	10550	10550	-	-	-
4	SAHARA	25100	32400	44300	46100	10200	10800	-	-	-
5	UNITED	19100	18200	110000	109350	14400	13220	2250	2100	15.6
6	TAKAFULY	15100	14250	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	LIBO	14200	13800	32000	32100	8100	7560	2000	2010	24.7
8	QAFELA	4000	8800	16000	17100	5000	11320	100	-	0.5
9	ALETEHADIYA	3900	3920	5450	5320	4460	4250	-	-	-
10	TIBESTY	3800	3610	3300	3100	1900	1750	-	-	-
11	AMIC	1900	1850	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

#### 2022

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1	LIBYA	82000	77200	308800	301090	59440	57350	5500	4100	9.3
2	TRUST	56000	54100	193000	193000	11000	10100	2000	1900	18.2
3	AFRICAN	49100	49100	60600	60600	10550	10550	-	-	-
4	SAHARA	26000	25100	45250	44300	11320	10200	-	-	-
5	UNITED	21200	19100	112220	110000	15150	14400	2400	2250	15.8
6	LIBO	14850	14200	33100	32000	8250	8100	2150	2000	26.1
7	TAKAFULY	14000	15100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	QAFELA	5820	4000	19580	16000	5780	5000	140	100	24
9	ALETEHADIYA	3930	3900	5550	5450	4700	4460	-	-	-
10	TIBESTY	3870	3800	3420	3300	2250	1900	-	-	-
11	AMIC	2100	1900	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

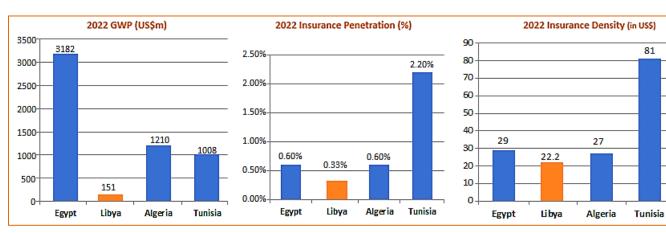
Source: "MENA Insurers, Reinsurers and Reinsurance Brokers Ranking" <u>Albayan Magazine, Dec 2023</u>

	Industry Rewards	Industry Rewards Non-Life	Industry Rewards Life	Country Rewards	Rewards	Industry Risk	Country Risks	Risks	Insurance Risk/ Reward Score	Rank
UAE	45,00	52,50	37,50	64,18	52,67	70,00	59,96	63,97	56,06	1
Bahrain	27,50	32,50	22,50	69,79	44,42	85,00	50,93	64,56	50,46	2
Saudi Arabia	32,50	50,00	15,00	65,63	45,75	60,00	55,29	57,17	49,18	3
Oman	26,25	35,00	17.50	63,67	41,22	65,00	59,00	61,40	47,27	4
Morocco	37,50	37,50	37,50	46,14	40,96	70,00	51,23	58,74	46,29	5
Kuwait	25,00	27,50	22,50	67,62	42,05	50,00	59,01	55,41	46,05	6
lordan	23,75	27,50	20,00	54,90	36,21	70,00	48,90	57,34	42,55	7
Qatar	25,63	46,25	5,00	70,21	43,46	55,00	21,00	34,60	40,80	8
Egypt	27,50	27,50	27,50	42,74	33,60	60,00	43,50	50,10	38,55	9
Lebanon	16,25	17,50	15,00	48,84	29,29	65,00	36,88	48,13	34,94	10
Tunisia	22,50	27,50	17,50	43,97	31,09	55,00	33,47	42,08	34,39	11
Iran	18,75	22,50	15,00	41,47	27,84	20,00	45,10	35,06	30,01	12
Algeria	12,50	17,50	7,50	27,12	18,35	50,00	37,11	42,27	25,52	13
Yemen	13,75	15,00	12,50	33,59	21,68	60,00	6,06	27,64	23,47	14
Libya	3.75	5,00	2,50	35,88	16,60	15,00	21,11	18,66	17.22	15
Regional Average	23,88	29,42	18,33	51,72	35,01	56,67	41,90	47,81	38,85	

# (C) LIBYA - Insurance Market: Regional Comparison

Note: Scores out of 100; higher score = lower risk. Source: Fitch Solutions

Source: UAE Insurance Report Q2\_2023 - by Fitch solutions, February 2023



Source: SwissRe Sigma Explorer (http://www.sigma-explorer.com)



# (D) LIBYA: Insurance Market SWOT Analysis



	Strengths	<ul> <li>Local insurance providers continue to provide services in the face of very challenging conditions.</li> </ul>
Strengths	Weaknesses	<ul> <li>Recent political and economic uncertainty continues to undermine consumer spending and demand for non-essentials, such as insurance.</li> <li>The fragmented security situation has resulted in politics and commerce being dominated by mafia-style militias in some urban centres, making normal business almost impossible to conduct.</li> <li>Low household incomes, a lack of job security and rampant inflation are tempering demand for personal insurance products.</li> <li>There is a lack of trust in the institutions necessary to support life insurance.</li> </ul>
Opportunities	Opportunities	<ul> <li>A recovery in oil and gas output will boost economic growth and create some renewed demand for a range of insurance services.</li> <li>Extremely low levels of insurance penetration and density allow potential for long-term growth should Libya's political and security situation improve.</li> <li>A return of political stability would boost the economic and regulatory environment, bolstering the sector's fortunes.</li> </ul>
Threots	Threats	<ul> <li>Despite Islamic State being pushed out of Sirte, overall insecurity shows few signs of substantially abating, making it extremely difficult to carry out normal insurance business.</li> <li>A significant deterioration in Libya security environment, prolonged oil blockades to gain leverage in negotiations over the holding of national elections, would negatively impact both the oil and non-oil economy.</li> </ul>

Source: Business Monitor International - 29 September 2023

### (E) LIBYA - Insurance Market Forecast by Fitch

• We expect that life premiums will grow by 6.5% in local currency terms in 2023, to LYD7.0mn (USD1.5mn). We see premiums rising by an average of 4.1% per annum in local currency terms during the remainder of the forecast period, taking the value of premiums to LYD8.0mn.



- In 2023, we expect that non-life premiums will grow by 6.0% in local currency terms to LYD276.9mn (USD58.2mn). Over the forecast period (2022-2027), we expect premiums to rise by an annual average of 4.1% in nominal dinar terms, taking the value of premiums to LYD319.7mn (USD66.1mn) in 2027.
- In 2023, the insurance sector will benefit from relative political stability which will support a rebound in oil exports, feeding through higher government spending, with positive spillovers for private consumption and investment activity.

