Berkshire Hathaway

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| Consolidated Statements of Earnings - | 12 | 12 Months Ended | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------------|---------------|--|--|
| USD (\$) \$ in Millions | Dec. 31, 2020 | Dec. 31, 2019 | Dec. 31, 2018 | | |
| Revenues: | | | | | |
| Sales and service revenues | \$ 166,733 | \$ 176,512 | \$ 175,44 | | |
| Leasing revenues | 5,209 | 5,856 | | | |
| Total revenues | 245,510 | 254,616 | 247,83 | | |
| Investment and derivative contract gains/losses: | 40,746 | 72,607 | (22,45 | | |
| Costs and expenses: | | | | | |
| Interest expense | 4,083 | 3,961 | 3,85 | | |
| Total costs and expenses | 231,289 | 225,703 | 219,21 | | |
| Earnings before income taxes and equity method earnings (losses) | 54,967 | 101,520 | 6,16 | | |
| Equity method earnings (losses) | 726 | 1,176 | (2,16 | | |
| Earnings before income taxes | 55,693 | 102,696 | 4,00 | | |
| Income tax expense (benefit) | 12,440 | 20,904 | (32) | | |
| Net earnings | 43,253 | 81,792 | 4,32 | | |
| Earnings attributable to noncontrolling interests | 732 | 375 | 30 | | |
| Net earnings attributable to Berkshire Hathaway shareholders | \$ 42,521 | \$ 81,417 | \$ 4,02 | | |
| Equivalent Class A [Member] | | | | | |
| Costs and expenses: | | | | | |
| Net earnings per average equivalent share | \$ 26,668 | \$ 49,828 | \$ 2,44 | | |
| Average equivalent shares outstanding | 1,594,469 | 1,633,946 | 1,643,79 | | |
| Equivalent Class B [Member] | | | | | |
| Costs and expenses: | | | | | |
| Net earnings per average equivalent share | \$ 17.78 | \$ 33.22 | \$ 1.6 | | |
| Average equivalent shares outstanding | 2,391,703,454 | 2,450,919,020 | 2,465,692,36 | | |
| Insurance and Other [Member] | | | | | |
| Revenues: | | | | | |
| Insurance premiums earned | \$ 63,401 | \$ 61,078 | \$ 57,41 | | |
| Sales and service revenues | 127,044 | 134,989 | 133,33 | | |
| Leasing revenues | 5,209 | 5,856 | 5,73 | | |
| Interest, dividend and other investment income | 8,092 | 9,240 | 7,67 | | |
| Total revenues | 203,746 | 211,163 | 204,16 | | |
| Costs and expenses: | | | | | |
| Insurance losses and loss adjustment expenses | 43,951 | 44,456 | 39,90 | | |
| Life, annuity and health insurance benefits | 5,812 | 4,986 | 5,69 | | |
| Insurance underwriting expenses | 12,798 | 11,200 | 9,79 | | |
| Cost of sales and services | 101,091 | 107,041 | 106,08 | | |
| Cost of leasing | 3,520 | 4,003 | 4,06 | | |

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|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 19,809 | 19,226 | 17,856 |
| Goodwill and intangible asset impairments | 10,671 | 96 | 382 |
| Interest expense | 1,105 | 1,056 | 1,035 |
| Total costs and expenses | 198,757 | 192,064 | 184,815 |
| Freight Rail Transportation [Member] | | | |
| Revenues: | | | |
| Total revenues | 20,750 | 23,357 | 23,703 |
| Costs and expenses: | | | |
| Expenses | 13,120 | 15,436 | 16,045 |
| Utilities and Energy [Member] | | | |
| Revenues: | | | |
| Sales and service revenues | 15,540 | 15,353 | 15,555 |
| Costs and expenses: | | | |
| Cost of sales and other expenses | 11,638 | 11,296 | 11,641 |
| Railroad, Utilities and Energy [Member] | | | |
| Revenues: | | | |
| Service revenues and other income | 5,474 | 4,743 | 4,415 |
| Total revenues | 41,764 | 43,453 | 43,673 |
| Costs and expenses: | | | |
| Other expenses | 4,796 | 4,002 | 3,895 |
| Interest expense | 2,978 | 2,905 | 2,818 |
| Total costs and expenses | \$ 32,532 | \$ 33,639 | \$ 34,399 |

^[1] Class B shares are economically equivalent to one-fifteen-hundredth of a Class A share. Accordingly, net earnings per average equivalent Class B share outstanding is equal to one-fifteen-hundredth of the equivalent Class A amount.

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| Consolidated Balance Sheets € in Millions, £ in Millions, \$ in Millions, ¥ in Billions | , | Dec. 31, 2020 USD (\$) | Dec. 31, 2019 USD (\$) |
|---|-----|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| ASSETS | | | |
| Investments in fixed maturity securities | | \$ 20,410 | \$ 18,685 |
| Investments in equity securities | | 281,170 [1] | 248,027 [2] |
| Loans and finance receivables | | 19,201 | 17,527 |
| Inventories | | 19,208 | 19,852 |
| Equipment held for lease | | 14,601 | 15,065 |
| Goodwill | [3] | 73,734 | 81,882 |
| Deferred charges under retroactive reinsurance contracts | | 12,441 | 13,747 |
| Total assets | | 873,729 | 817,729 |
| LIABILITIES | | | |
| Unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses | | 79,854 | 73,019 |
| Unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses under retroactive reinsurance contracts | | 40,966 | 42,441 |
| Income taxes, principally deferred | | 74,098 | 66,799 |
| Total liabilities | | 422,393 | 389,166 |
| Shareholders' equity: | | | |
| Common stock | | 8 | 8 |
| Capital in excess of par value | | 35,626 | 35,658 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income | | (4,243) | (5,243) |
| Retained earnings | | 444,626 | 402,493 |
| Treasury stock, at cost | | (32,853) | (8,125) |
| Berkshire Hathaway shareholders' equity | | 443,164 | 424,791 |
| Noncontrolling interests | | 8,172 | 3,772 |
| Total shareholders' equity | | 451,336 | 428,563 |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity | | 873,729 | 817,729 |
| Insurance and Other [Member] | | | |
| ASSETS | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | [4] | 44,714 | 61,151 |
| Short-term investments in U.S. Treasury Bills | | 90,300 | 63,822 |
| Investments in fixed maturity securities | | 20,410 | 18,685 |
| Investments in equity securities | | 281,170 | 248,027 |
| Equity method investments | | 17,303 | 17,505 |
| Loans and finance receivables | | 19,201 | 17,527 |
| Other receivables | | 32,310 | 32,418 |
| Inventories | | 19,208 | 19,852 |
| Property, plant and equipment | | 21,200 | 21,438 |
| Equipment held for lease | | 14,601 | 15,065 |
| | | | |

| Other intangible assets | 29,462 | 31,051 |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Deferred charges under retroactive reinsurance contracts | 12,441 | 13,747 |
| Other | 14,580 | 13,232 |
| Total assets | 664,021 | 630,572 |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses | 79,854 | 73,019 |
| Unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses under retroactive reinsurance contracts | 40,966 | 42,441 |
| Unearned premiums | 21,395 | 19,782 |
| Life, annuity and health insurance benefits | 21,616 | 20,155 |
| Other policyholder liabilities | 8,670 | 7,723 |
| Accounts payable, accruals and other liabilities | 29,279 | 27,611 |
| Derivative contract liabilities | 1,065 | 968 |
| Aircraft repurchase liabilities and unearned lease revenues | 5,856 | 5,281 |
| Notes payable and other borrowings | 41,522 | 37,590 |
| Total liabilities | 250,223 | 234,570 |
| Railroad, Utilities and Energy [Member] | | |
| ASSETS | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents [4] | 3,276 | 3,024 |
| Receivables | 3,542 | 3,417 |
| Property, plant and equipment | 151,216 | 137,838 |
| Goodwill | 26,613 | 24,830 |
| Regulatory assets | 3,440 | 2,881 |
| Other | 21,621 | 15,167 |
| Total assets | 209,708 | 187,157 |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Accounts payable, accruals and other liabilities | 15,224 | 14,708 |
| Regulatory liabilities | 7,475 | 7,311 |
| Notes payable and other borrowings | 75,373 | 65,778 |
| Total liabilities | \$ 98,072 | \$ 87,797 |

^[1] Approximately 68% of the aggregate fair value was concentrated in four companies (American Express Company – \$18.3 billion; Apple Inc. – \$120.4 billion; Bank of America Corporation – \$31.3 billion and The Coca-Cola Company – \$21.9 billion).

^[2] Approximately 60% of the aggregate fair value was concentrated in four companies (American Express Company – \$18.9 billion; Apple Inc. – \$73.7 billion; Bank of America Corporation – \$33.4 billion and The Coca-Cola Company – \$22.1 billion).

^[3] Net of accumulated goodwill impairments of \$11.0 billion as of December 31, 2020 and \$1.1 billion as of December 31, 2019.

^[4] Includes U.S. Treasury Bills with maturities of three months or less when purchased of \$23.2 billion at December 31, 2020 and \$37.1 billion at December 31, 2019.

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| Business segment data | | 12 Months Ended | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Segment Reporting [Abstract] | | Dec. 31, 2020 | | | | | | |
| Business segment data | Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Conti | nued) | | | | | | |
| | (27) Business segment data | | | | | | | |
| | Our operating businesses include a large and diverse group of insurance, manufacturing, service and retailing businesses. We organize our reportable business segments in a manner that reflects how management views those business activities. Certain businesses are grouped together for segment reporting based upon similar products or product lines, marketing, selling and distribution characteristics, even though those business units are operated under separate local management. | | | | | | | |
| | Financial Statements. Intersegment transactions are rassessing the results of the respective segments. Fur impairments or amortization of certain business acq | data of reportable segments reconciled to amounts reflected in our Consolidated not eliminated from segment results when management considers those transactions in thermore, our management does not consider investment and derivative gains/losses, uisition accounting adjustments related to Berkshire's business acquisitions or certain g the financial performance of operating units. Collectively, these items are included in mounts. | | | | | | |
| | Berkshire's operating segments are as follows. | | | | | | | |
| | Business Identity | Business Activity | | | | | | |
| | Insurance: | | | | | | | |
| | GEICO | Underwriting private passenger automobile insurance mainly by direct response methods | | | | | | |
| | Berkshire Hathaway Primary Group | Underwriting multiple lines of property and casualty insurance policies for primarily commercial accounts | | | | | | |
| | Berkshire Hathaway Reinsurance Group | Underwriting excess-of-loss, quota-share and facultative reinsurance worldwide | | | | | | |
| | BNSF | Operation of one of the largest railroad systems in North America | | | | | | |
| | Berkshire Hathaway Energy | Regulated electric and gas utility, including power generation and distribution activities and real estate brokerage activities | | | | | | |
| | Manufacturing | Manufacturers of numerous products including industrial, consumer and building products, including home building and related financial services | | | | | | |
| | McLane Company | Wholesale distribution of groceries and non-food items | | | | | | |
| | Service and retailing | Providers of numerous services including shared aircraft ownership programs, aviation pilot training, electronic components distribution, various retailing businesses, including automobile dealerships and trailer and furniture leasing | | | | | | |
| | Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Conti | nued) | | | | | | |
| | (27) Business segment data (Continued) | | | | | | | |
| | A disaggregation of our consolidated data for | each of the three most recent years is presented as follows (in millions). | | | | | | |

Revenues

| | | Kevenues | | | | | | Earm | ngs before income to | | | laxes | |
|---|----|----------|------|--------------|----|---------|----|----------|----------------------|----------------|----|----------|--|
| | | 2020 | | 2019 | | 2018 | | 2020 | | 2019 | | 2018 | |
| Operating Businesses | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Insurance: | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Underwriting: | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| GEICO | \$ | 35,093 | \$ | 35,572 | \$ | 33,363 | \$ | 3,428 | \$ | 1,506 | \$ | 2,449 | |
| Berkshire Hathaway Primary Group | | 9,615 | | 9,165 | | 8,111 | | 110 | | 383 | | 670 | |
| Berkshire Hathaway Reinsurance Group | | 18,693 | | 16,341 | | 15,944 | | (2,700) | | (1,472) | | (1,109 | |
| Insurance underwriting | | 63,401 | | 61,078 | | 57,418 | | 838 | | 417 | | 2,010 | |
| Investment income | | 5,960 | | 6,615 | | 5,518 | | 5,949 | | 6,600 | | 5,503 | |
| Total insurance | | 69,361 | | 67,693 | | 62,936 | | 6,787 | | 7,017 | | 7,513 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BNSF | | 20,869 | | 23,515 | | 23,855 | | 6,792 | | 7,250 | | 6,863 | |
| Berkshire Hathaway Energy | | 21,031 | | 20,114 | | 19,987 | | 2,479 | | 2,618 | | 2,472 | |
| Manufacturing | | 59,079 | | 62,730 | | 61,883 | | 8,010 | | 9,522 | | 9,366 | |
| McLane Company | | 46,840 | | 50,458 | | 49,987 | | 251 | | 288 | | 246 | |
| Service and retailing | | 28,178 | | 29,487 | | 28,939 | | 2,628 | | 2,555 | | 2,696 | |
| | | 245,358 | | 253,997 | | 247,587 | | 26,947 | | 29,250 | | 29,156 | |
| Reconciliation to consolidated amount | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Investment and derivative gains/losses | | _ | | _ | | _ | | 40,746 | | 72,607 | | (22,455) | |
| Interest expense, not allocated to segments | | _ | | _ | | _ | | (483) | | (416) | | (458 | |
| Equity method investments | | _ | | _ | | _ | | 726 | | 1,176 | | (2,167 | |
| Goodwill and intangible asset impairments | | _ | | _ | | _ | | (10,671) | | (96) | | (382 | |
| Corporate, eliminations and other | | 152 | | 619 | | 250 | | (1,572) | | 175 | | 307 | |
| | \$ | 245,510 | \$ | 254,616 | \$ | 247,837 | \$ | 55,693 | \$ | 102,696 | \$ | 4,001 | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | _ | 2020 | Inte | rest expense | | 2010 | | | ncon | ne tax expense | | | |
| Operating Businesses | _ | 2020 | | 2019 | | 2018 | _ | 2020 | - | 2019 | | 2018 | |
| Insurance | \$ | | \$ | _ | \$ | | \$ | 1,089 | \$ | 1,166 | \$ | 1,374 | |
| BNSF | Ψ | 1,037 | Ψ | 1,070 | Ψ | 1,041 | Ψ | 1,631 | ψ | 1,769 | Φ | 1,644 | |
| Berkshire Hathaway Energy | | 1,941 | | 1,835 | | 1,777 | | (1,010) | | (526) | | (452) | |
| Manufacturing Licigy | | 737 | | 752 | | 690 | | 1,795 | | 2,253 | | 2,188 | |
| McLane Company | | 131 | | 132 | | 15 | | 71 | | 71 | | 59 | |
| Service and retailing | | 61 | | 86 | | 91 | | 669 | | 603 | | 634 | |
| Service and retaining | _ | 3,776 | | 3,743 | | 3,614 | _ | 4,245 | | 5,336 | | 5,447 | |
| Reconciliation to consolidated amount | | 3,770 | | 3,773 | | 3,014 | | 7,273 | | 3,330 | | 3,447 | |
| Investment and derivative gains/losses | | _ | | _ | | _ | | 8,855 | | 15,159 | | (4,673) | |
| Interest expense, not allocated to segments | | 483 | | 416 | | 458 | | (102) | | (88) | | (96) | |
| Equity method investments | | | | T10 | | | | 57 | | 148 | | (753) | |
| Corporate, eliminations and other | | (176) | | (198) | | (219) | | (615) | | 349 | | (246) | |
| Corporate, eminiations and other | \$ | 4,083 | \$ | 3,961 | \$ | 3,853 | \$ | 12,440 | \$ | 20,904 | \$ | (321) | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Earnings before income taxes

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)

(27) Business segment data (Continued)

| | | Ca | apita | l expenditu | res | | Depreciation of tangible assets | | | | | ets |
|---------------------------------------|----|--------|-------|----------------|-----|--------|---------------------------------|---------|------|---------|----|---------|
| | | 2020 | | 2019 | | 2018 | | 2020 | 2019 | | | 2018 |
| Operating Businesses | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Insurance | \$ | 50 | \$ | 108 | \$ | 130 | \$ | 74 | \$ | 82 | \$ | 79 |
| BNSF | | 3,063 | | 3,608 | | 3,187 | | 2,423 | | 2,350 | | 2,268 |
| Berkshire Hathaway Energy | | 6,765 | | 7,364 | | 6,241 | | 3,376 | | 2,947 | | 2,830 |
| Manufacturing | | 2,133 | | 2,981 | | 3,116 | | 2,026 | | 1,951 | | 1,890 |
| McLane Company | | 98 | | 158 | | 276 | | 204 | | 225 | | 204 |
| Service and retailing | | 903 | | 1,760 | | 1,587 | | 1,216 | | 1,192 | | 1,115 |
| | \$ | 13,012 | \$ | 15,979 | \$ | 14,537 | \$ | 9,319 | \$ | 8,747 | \$ | 8,386 |
| | _ | | _ | | _ | | _ | | _ | | _ | |
| | | G | oodw | vill at year-e | nd | | Identifiable assets at year-end | | | | | |
| | | 2020 | | 2019 | | 2018 | | 2020 | _ | 2019 | | 2018 |
| Operating Businesses | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Insurance | \$ | 15,224 | \$ | 15,289 | \$ | 15,289 | \$ | 399,169 | \$ | 364,550 | \$ | 289,746 |
| BNSF | | 14,851 | | 14,851 | | 14,851 | | 73,809 | | 73,699 | | 70,242 |
| Berkshire Hathaway Energy | | 11,763 | | 9,979 | | 9,851 | | 109,286 | | 88,651 | | 80,543 |
| Manufacturing | | 25,512 | | 34,800 | | 34,019 | | 104,318 | | 104,437 | | 99,912 |
| McLane Company | | 232 | | 734 | | 734 | | 6,771 | | 6,872 | | 6,243 |
| Service and retailing | | 6,152 | | 6,229 | | 6,281 | | 26,173 | | 26,494 | | 24,724 |
| | \$ | 73,734 | \$ | 81,882 | \$ | 81,025 | | 719,526 | | 664,703 | | 571,410 |
| Reconciliation to consolidated amount | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Corporate and other | | | | | | | | 80,469 | | 71,144 | | 55,359 |
| Goodwill | | | | | | | | 73,734 | | 81,882 | | 81,025 |
| | | | | | | | \$ | 873,729 | \$ | 817,729 | \$ | 707,794 |

Property/casualty and life/health insurance premiums written and earned are summarized below (in millions).

| | | Property/Casualty | | | | | Life/Health | | | | |
|-------------------|----|-------------------|----|--------|----|--------|-------------|-------|----|-------|-------------|
| | | 2020 | | 2019 | | 2018 | | 2020 | | 2019 | 2018 |
| Premiums Written: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Direct | \$ | 47,838 | \$ | 47,578 | \$ | 44,513 | \$ | 510 | \$ | 839 | \$ 1,111 |
| Assumed | | 11,533 | | 10,214 | | 8,970 | | 5,960 | | 5,046 | 5,540 |
| Ceded | | (898) | | (821) | | (869) | | (42) | | (45) | (49) |
| | \$ | 58,473 | \$ | 56,971 | \$ | 52,614 | \$ | 6,428 | \$ | 5,840 | \$ 6,602 |
| Premiums Earned: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Direct | \$ | 46,418 | \$ | 46,540 | \$ | 43,095 | \$ | 510 | \$ | 839 | \$ 1,111 |
| Assumed | | 11,449 | | 9,643 | | 8,649 | | 5,973 | | 4,952 | 5,438 |
| Ceded | | (907) | | (851) | | (825) | | (42) | | (45) | (50) |
| | \$ | 56,960 | \$ | 55,332 | \$ | 50,919 | \$ | 6,441 | \$ | 5,746 | \$ 6,499 |
| | = | | | | | | | | | | |

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)

(27) Business segment data (Continued)

Insurance premiums written by geographic region (based upon the domicile of the insured or reinsured) are summarized below (in millions).

| | Property/Casualty | | | | | Life/Health | | | | | |
|----------------|-------------------|--------|----|--------|----|-------------|----|-------|----|-------|-------|
| | | 2020 | | 2019 | | 2018 | | 2020 | | 2019 | 2018 |
| United States | \$ | 50,250 | \$ | 50,529 | \$ | 46,146 | \$ | 2,820 | \$ | 2,553 | 3,598 |
| Western Europe | | 3,751 | | 2,535 | | 2,157 | | 1,120 | | 908 | 939 |
| Asia Pacific | | 3,410 | | 3,114 | | 3,726 | | 1,652 | | 1,582 | 1,361 |
| All other | | 1,062 | | 793 | | 585 | | 836 | | 797 | 704 |
| | \$ | 58,473 | \$ | 56,971 | \$ | 52,614 | \$ | 6,428 | \$ | 5,840 | 6,602 |

Consolidated sales, service and leasing revenues were \$132.3 billion in 2020, \$140.8 billion in 2019 and \$139.1 billion in 2018. Sales, service and leasing revenues attributable to the United States were 86% in 2020, 85% in 2019 and 84% in 2018 of such amounts. The remainder of sales, service and leasing revenues were primarily in Europe, Canada and the Asia Pacific. Railroad, utilities and energy revenues were \$41.8 billion in 2020, \$43.5 billion in 2019 and \$43.7 billion in 2018. In each of the three years, approximately 96% of such revenues were attributable to the United States. At December 31, 2020, approximately 89% of our consolidated net property, plant and equipment and equipment held for lease was located in the United States with the remainder primarily in Canada and the United Kingdom.

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| Consolidated Statements of Earnings - | | | | 6 Months Ended | | | | |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|--|--|--|--|
| USD (\$) \$ in Millions | Jun. 30, 2021 | Jun. 30, 2020 | Jun. 30, 2021 | Jun. 30, 2020 | | | | |
| Revenues: | | | | | | | | |
| Sales and service revenues | \$ 48,110 | \$ 37,378 | \$ 92,733 | \$ 78,830 | | | | |
| easing revenues | 1,447 | 1,161 | 2,771 | 2,589 | | | | |
| Total revenues | 69,114 | 56,840 | 133,713 | 118,105 | | | | |
| nvestment and derivative contract gains (losses) | 27,394 | 40,085 | 33,094 | (30,190 | | | | |
| Costs and expenses: | | | | | | | | |
| Total costs and expenses | 60,934 | 61,259 | 116,956 | 115,598 | | | | |
| Earnings (loss) before income taxes and equity method earnings | 35,574 | 35,666 | 49,851 | (27,683 | | | | |
| Equity method earnings (loss) | 147 | (257) | 398 | 43 | | | | |
| Earnings (loss) before income taxes | 35,721 | 35,409 | 50,249 | (27,640) | | | | |
| ncome tax expense (benefit) | 7,296 | 9,002 | 9,984 | (4,350) | | | | |
| Net earnings (loss) | 28,425 | 26,407 | 40,265 | (23,290) | | | | |
| Earnings attributable to noncontrolling nterests | 331 | 112 | 460 | 161 | | | | |
| Net earnings (loss) attributable to Berkshire Hathaway shareholders | \$ 28,094 | \$ 26,295 | \$ 39,805 | \$ (23,451) | | | | |
| Equivalent Class A [Member] | | | | | | | | |
| Costs and expenses: | | | | | | | | |
| Net earnings (loss) per average equivalent share | \$ 18,488 | \$ 16,314 | \$ 26,078 | \$ (14,500) | | | | |
| Average equivalent shares outstanding | 1,519,576 | 1,611,760 | 1,526,392 | 1,617,325 | | | | |
| Equivalent Class B [Member] | | | | | | | | |
| Costs and expenses: | | | | | | | | |
| Net earnings (loss) per average equivalent share | \$ 12.33 | \$ 10.88 | \$ 17.39 | \$ (9.67 | | | | |
| Average equivalent shares outstanding | 2,279,363,382 | 2,417,640,311 | 2,289,587,640 | 2,425,986,839 | | | | |
| nsurance and Other [Member] | | | | | | | | |
| Revenues: | | | | | | | | |
| nsurance premiums earned | \$ 17,163 | \$ 15,595 | \$ 33,587 | \$ 31,343 | | | | |
| Sales and service revenues | 36,743 | 28,703 | 70,441 | 60,629 | | | | |
| Leasing revenues | 1,447 | 1,161 | 2,771 | 2,589 | | | | |
| nterest, dividend and other investment ncome | 1,898 | 2,150 | 3,749 | 4,426 | | | | |
| Total revenues | 57,251 | 47,609 | 110,548 | 98,987 | | | | |
| Costs and expenses: | | | | | | | | |
| nsurance losses and loss adjustment expenses | 12,175 | 10,066 | 23,139 | 21,045 | | | | |
| ife, annuity and health insurance benefits | 1,459 | 1,407 | 2,939 | 2,790 | | | | |
| nsurance underwriting expenses | 3,065 | 3,067 | 6,079 | 5,991 | | | | |
| Cost of sales and services | 28,761 | 23,216 | 55,291 | 48,608 | | | | |
| Cost of leasing | 982 | 749 | 1,864 | 1,751 | | | | |
| | 5,045 | 4,652 | 8,955 | 9,123 | | | | |

| Selling, general and administrative expenses | | | | |
|--|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Goodwill and intangible asset impairments | | 10,634 | | 10,634 |
| Interest expense | 298 | 258 | 574 | 554 |
| Total costs and expenses | 51,785 | 54,049 | 98,841 | 100,496 |
| Freight Rail Transportation [Member] | | | | |
| Revenues: | | | | |
| Total revenues | 5,778 | 4,573 | 11,156_ | 9,953 |
| Costs and expenses: | | | | |
| Expenses | 3,588 | 2,871 | 7,098 | 6,464 |
| Utilities and Energy [Member] | | | | |
| Revenues: | | | | |
| Sales and service revenues | 4,302 | 3,419 | 9,150 | 7,053 |
| Costs and expenses: | | | | |
| Cost of sales and other expenses | 3,220 | 2,503 | 6,809 | 5,225 |
| Railroad, Utilities and Energy [Member] | | | | |
| Revenues: | | | | |
| Service revenues and other income | 1,783 | 1,239 | 2,859 | 2,112 |
| Total revenues | 11,863 | 9,231 | 23,165 | 19,118 |
| Costs and expenses: | | | | |
| Other expenses | 1,563 | 1,092 | 2,656 | 1,941 |
| Interest expense | 778 | 744 | 1,552 | 1,472 |
| Total costs and expenses | \$ 9,149 | \$ 7,210 | \$ 18,115 | \$ 15,102 |

^[1] Class B shares are economically equivalent to one-fifteen-hundredth of a Class A share. Accordingly, net earnings per average equivalent Class B share outstanding is equal to one-fifteen-hundredth of the equivalent Class A amount. See Note 17.

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| Consolidated Balance Sheets £ in Millions, \$ in Millions, € in Billions, ¥ in Billions | | Jun. 30, 2021 USD (\$) | Dec. 31, 2020 USD (\$) |
|---|-----|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| ASSETS | | | |
| Investments in fixed maturity securities | | \$ 20,460 | \$ 20,410 |
| Investments in equity securities | | 307,942 [1] | 281,170 [2] |
| Loans and finance receivables | | 19,900 | 19,201 |
| Inventories | | 19,393 | 19,208 |
| Equipment held for lease | | 14,659 | 14,601 |
| Goodwill | [3] | 73,758 | 73,734 |
| Deferred charges under retroactive reinsurance contracts | | 11,968 | 12,441 |
| Total assets | | 912,493 | 873,729 |
| LIABILITIES | | | |
| Unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses | | 82,958 | 79,854 |
| Unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses under retroactive reinsurance contracts | | 40,237 | 40,966 |
| Income taxes, principally deferred | | 81,577 | 74,098 |
| Total liabilities | | 433,693 | 422,393 |
| Shareholders' equity: | | | |
| Common stock | | 8 | 8 |
| Capital in excess of par value | | 35,635 | 35,626 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income | | (4,219) | (4,243) |
| Retained earnings | | 484,431 | 444,626 |
| Treasury stock, at cost | | (45,446) | (32,853) |
| Berkshire Hathaway shareholders' equity | | 470,409 | 443,164 |
| Noncontrolling interests | | 8,391 | 8,172 |
| Total shareholders' equity | | 478,800 | 451,336 |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity | | 912,493 | 873,729 |
| Insurance and Other [Member] | | | |
| ASSETS | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | [4] | 38,924 | 44,714 |
| Short-term investments in U.S. Treasury Bills | | 101,760 | 90,300 |
| Investments in fixed maturity securities | | 20,460 | 20,410 |
| Investments in equity securities | | 307,942 | 281,170 |
| Equity method investments | | 16,542 | 17,303 |
| Loans and finance receivables | | 19,900 | 19,201 |
| Other receivables | | 36,044 | 32,310 |
| Inventories | | 19,393 | 19,208 |
| Property, plant and equipment | | 20,865 | 21,200 |
| | | | |
| Equipment held for lease | | 14,659 | 14,601 47,121 |

| Other intangible assets | 28,853 | 29,462 |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Deferred charges under retroactive reinsurance contracts | 11,968 | 12,441 |
| Other | 15,638 | 14,580 |
| Total assets | 700,028 | 664,021 |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses | 82,958 | 79,854 |
| Unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses under retroactive reinsurance contracts | 40,237 | 40,966 |
| Unearned premiums | 23,732 | 21,395 |
| Life, annuity and health insurance benefits | 22,106 | 21,616 |
| Other policyholder liabilities | 8,528 | 8,670 |
| Accounts payable, accruals and other liabilities | 29,816 | 29,279 |
| Derivative contract liabilities | 355 | 1,065 |
| Aircraft repurchase liabilities and unearned lease revenues | 5,819 | 5,856 |
| Notes payable and other borrowings | 40,561 | 41,522 |
| Total liabilities | 254,112 | 250,223 |
| Railroad, Utilities and Energy [Member] | | |
| ASSETS | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents [4] | 3,374 | 3,276 |
| Receivables | 4,229 | 3,542 |
| Property, plant and equipment | 152,787 | 151,216 |
| Goodwill | 26,678 | 26,613 |
| Regulatory assets | 3,610 | 3,440 |
| Other | 21,787 | 21,621 |
| Total assets | 212,465 | 209,708 |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Accounts payable, accruals and other liabilities | 15,728 | 15,224 |
| Regulatory liabilities | 7,614 | 7,475 |
| Notes payable and other borrowings | 74,662 | 75,373 |
| Total liabilities | \$ 98,004 | \$ 98,072 |

^[1] Approximately 69% of the aggregate fair value was concentrated in four companies (American Express Company – \$25.1 billion; Apple Inc. – \$124.3 billion; Bank of America Corporation – \$42.6 billion and The Coca-Cola Company – \$21.6 billion).

^[2] Approximately 68% of the aggregate fair value was concentrated in four companies (American Express Company – \$18.3 billion; Apple Inc. – \$120.4 billion; Bank of America Corporation – \$31.3 billion and The Coca-Cola Company – \$21.9 billion).

^[3] Net of accumulated goodwill impairments of \$11.0 billion as of June 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020.

^[4] Includes U.S. Treasury Bills with maturities of three months or less when purchased of \$16.6 billion at June 30, 2021 and \$23.2 billion at December 31, 2020.

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| Business segment data | 6 Months Ended |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| | Jun. 30, 2021 |
| Segment Reporting [Abstract] | |
| Business segment data | |

Note 23. Business segment data

Our operating businesses include a large and diverse group of insurance, manufacturing, service and retailing businesses. We organize our reportable business segments in a manner that reflects how management views those business activities. Certain businesses are grouped together for segment reporting based upon similar products or product lines, marketing, selling and distribution characteristics, even though those business units are operated under separate local management. Revenues and earnings before income taxes by segment for the second quarter and first six months of 2021 and 2020 were as follows (in millions).

| | Second Quarter | | | First Six Months | | | | |
|---|--------------------|----|--------|------------------|---------|----|---------|--|
| | 2021 | | 2020 | | 2021 | | 2020 | |
| Revenues of Operating Businesses | | | | | | | | |
| Insurance: | | | | | | | | |
| Underwriting: | | | | | | | | |
| GEICO | \$ 9,546 | \$ | 9,040 | \$ | 18,469 | \$ | 18,149 | |
| Berkshire Hathaway Primary Group | 2,755 | | 2,244 | | 5,409 | | 4,613 | |
| Berkshire Hathaway Reinsurance Group | 4,862 | | 4,311 | | 9,709 | | 8,581 | |
| Investment income | 1,459 | | 1,615 | | 2,873 | | 3,263 | |
| Total insurance | 18,622 | | 17,210 | | 36,460 | | 34,606 | |
| BNSF | 5,809 | | 4,602 | | 11,210 | | 10,019 | |
| Berkshire Hathaway Energy | 6,085 | | 4,659 | | 12,009 | | 9,166 | |
| Manufacturing | 17,412 | | 13,033 | | 33,325 | | 28,068 | |
| McLane Company | 12,295 | | 11,218 | | 23,917 | | 23,039 | |
| Service and retailing | 8,977 | | 6,037 | | 16,935 | | 12,993 | |
| | 69,200 | | 56,759 | | 133,856 | | 117,891 | |
| Reconciliation of segments to consolidated amount | | | | | | | | |
| Corporate, eliminations and other | (86) | | 81 | | (143) | | 214 | |
| | \$ 69,114 | \$ | 56,840 | \$ | 133,713 | \$ | 118,105 | |

| | Second Quarter | | | First Six Months | | | | |
|---|----------------|-------|----|------------------|----|-------|----|---------|
| | | 2021 | | 2020 | | 2021 | | 2020 |
| Earnings (Loss) Before Income Taxes of Operating Businesses | | | | | | | | |
| Insurance: | | | | | | | | |
| Underwriting: | | | | | | | | |
| GEICO | \$ | 626 | \$ | 2,060 | \$ | 1,649 | \$ | 3,044 |
| Berkshire Hathaway Primary Group | | 166 | | 96 | | 372 | | 63 |
| Berkshire Hathaway Reinsurance Group | | (327) | | (1,103) | | (590) | | (1,592) |
| Investment income | | 1,456 | | 1,613 | | 2,868 | | 3,260 |
| Total insurance | | 1,921 | | 2,666 | | 4,299 | | 4,775 |
| BNSF | | 1,979 | | 1,494 | | 3,638 | | 3,078 |
| | | | | | | | | |

| Berkshire Hathaway Energy | 739 | 533 | 1,422 | 952 |
|---|--------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Manufacturing | 2,714 | 1,399 | 5,150 | 3,510 |
| McLane Company | 84 | 44 | 187 | 109 |
| Service and retailing | 1,186 | 408 | 2,124 | 966 |
| | 8,623 | 6,544 | 16,820 | 13,390 |
| Reconciliation of segments to consolidated amount | | | | |
| Investment and derivative gains (losses) | 27,394 | 40,085 | 33,094 | (30,190) |
| Interest expense, not allocated to segments | (144) | (111) | (258) | (247) |
| Equity method investments | 147 | (257) | 398 | 43 |
| Goodwill and intangible impairments | _ | (10,634) | _ | (10,634) |
| Corporate, eliminations and other | (299) | (218) | 195 | (2) |
| | \$ 35,721 \$ | 35,409 \$ | 50,249 \$ | (27,640) |