| | December 31, 2000 | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|------------------|------|---------------|------|-------------------------|------|-------------------------|
| | A | mortized Cost | | Fair Value | Unre | ross ealized ains | Unre | ross ealized sses |
| Fixed maturities hell Bonds and notes: United States | d t | o maturity | at a | mortized o | ost: | | | |
| government State and munic | | 8,765 | \$ | 9,393 | \$ | 628 | \$ | _ |
| pal obligations | | 460,826 | | 481,399 | 2 | 1,070 | | 497 |
| | \$ | 469,591 | \$ | 490,792 | \$2 | 1,698 | \$ | 497 |
| Fixed maturities ava Bonds and notes: United States | | | | | | | | |
| government State and munic | | 33,126 | \$ | 33,527 | \$ | 756 | \$ | 355 |
| pal obligations | | 822,501 | | 848,048 | 2 | 8,541 | 2 | ,994 |
| Corporate Asset-backed | | 152,052 | | 157,115 | | 8,807 | 3 | ,744 |
| securities Redeemable | | 59,200 | | 60,031 | | 1,146 | | 315 |
| preferred stock | | 20,312 | | 22,119 | | 2,437 | | 630 |
| | \$1 | ,087,191 | \$1 | ,120,840 | \$4 | 1,687 | \$8 | ,038 |
| Equity securities available for sale | \$ | 58 , 877 | \$ | 64,202 | \$1 | 2,684 | \$7 | , 359 |

The contractual maturities of fixed maturity investments are as follows (in thousands):

| | December 31, 2001 | | |
|--|--|--|--|
| | Amortized Cost | Fair Value | |
| Fixed maturities held to maturity: 2002 2003–2006 2007–2011 2012 and thereafter | \$ 23,723 125,760 186,266 106,449 | \$ 23,754 132,106 196,525 109,577 | |
| | \$ 442,198 | \$ 461,962 | |
| Fixed maturities available for sale: 2002 2003–2006 2007–2011 2012 and thereafter Asset-backed securities Redeemable preferred stock | \$ 19,104 301,250 339,413 1,718,111 149,670 25,382 \$2,552,930 | \$ 18,524 309,324 342,513 1,721,779 149,700 25,360 \$2,567,200 | |

Net investment income consisted of (in thousands):

| | Year Ended December 31 | | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|----------|----------|--|
| | 2001 | 2000 | 1999 | |
| Investment income: | | | | |
| Fixed maturities | \$139,508 | \$79,891 | \$66,090 | |
| Equity securities | 1,772 | 1,461 | 636 | |
| Short-term investments | 7,597 | 3,941 | 1,789 | |
| Other | 3,749 | 1,272 | 667 | |
| | 152,626 | 86,565 | 69,182 | |
| Investment expenses | (5,139) | (3,619) | (1,923) | |
| | \$147,487 | \$82,946 | \$67,259 | |

Net gain on sales of investments consisted of (in thousands):

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| | Year Ended December 31 | | | |
|--|------------------------|-----------|----------|--|
| | 2001 | 2000 | 1999 | |
| Gains on sales and | | | | |
| redemptions of fixed | | | | |
| maturity investments | | | | |
| | 22,336 | \$ 12,732 | \$ 3,213 | |
| Losses on sales and | | | | |
| redemptions of fixed | | | | |
| maturity investments | (4.0. =0.0) | (0.445) | (4.750) | |
| available for sale | (13,782) | (9,115) | (1,752) | |
| Gains on sales and | | | | |
| redemptions of fixed | | | | |
| maturity investments held to maturity | 59 | 4 | 27 | |
| Losses on sales and | 22 | 4 | 21 | |
| redemptions of fixed | | | | |
| maturity investments | | | | |
| held to maturity | (84) | (35) | (10) | |
| Gains on sales of equity | (01) | (33) | (10) | |
| securities available for sa | le 39 | 2,206 | 273 | |
| Losses on sales of equity | | , | | |
| securities available for sa | le (943) | (1,767) | (183) | |
| Losses on sales of other | , , | | | |
| invested assets | (1,058) | _ | _ | |
| Gains on sales of | | | | |
| trading securities | 521 | _ | _ | |
| Losses on sales of | | | | |
| trading securities | (669) | _ | _ | |
| Gains on sales of | | | | |
| short-term investments | 5 | 184 | _ | |
| Losses on sales of | | (2.2) | | |
| short-term investments | _ | (30) | _ | |
| | 6,824 | \$ 4,179 | \$ 1,568 | |
| | | | | |

For the year ended December 31, 2001, the Company did not sell any fixed maturity investments held to maturity. For the year ended December 31, 2000, the Company sold fixed maturity investments held to maturity with an amortized cost of \$1,949,000 resulting in losses of \$27,000, and for the year ended December 31, 1999, the Company sold a fixed maturity investment held to maturity with an amortized cost of \$10,000 that resulted in no gain or loss. All investments were sold in response to a significant deterioration in the issuer's creditworthiness.

Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments consisted of (in thousands):

| | Year Ended December 31 | | | |
|--|------------------------|---------------------|------------|--|
| | 2001 | 2000 | 1999 | |
| Fixed maturities held to maturity | \$ (1,437) | \$ 14 , 493 | \$(28,142) | |
| Fixed maturities available for sale Deferred tax benefit | \$(19,379) | \$ 68,718 | \$(59,636) | |
| (provision) | 6,725 | (24,051) | 20,873 | |
| | \$(12,654) | \$ 44,667 | \$(38,763) | |
| Equity securities available for sale Deferred tax benefit (provision) | \$ (1,983) 695 | \$ (5,334) 1,867 | \$ 8,343 | |
| | \$ (1,288) | \$ (3,467) | \$ 5,423 | |
| Other | \$ (365) | - | - | |

Securities on deposit with various state insurance commissioners amounted to \$17,512,000 at December 31, 2001 and \$13,086,000 at December 31, 2000. The Company also had \$596,965,000 on deposit at December 31, 2001 for the benefit of reinsurers.