

# Why PwC's Global actuarial modernisation survey should matter to you

Actuarial modernisation is part of **finance transformation.** 

The insurance industry has undergone significant changes in the past few years, including accounting changes, but the modernisation journey is still ongoing.

As technology and tools such as GenAI continue to advance, finding use cases in the insurance industry can prove to be a **differentiator** in efficiency and provide first mover advantage.

On top of their traditional missions, actuaries are finding themselves playing a role in driving business requirements and **transformational decisions** as actuarial data and platforms become more integrated with other parts of the insurance value chain. At PwC, we support actuarial modernisation journeys across the market and across the globe with our deep industry-wide expertise and our strong global network.



Belgium tends to be a follower, implementing solutions after they have been adopted on the EU and global markets.

However, we see that certain innovations are onboarded quite quickly in Belgium.

**Understanding the trends** is also essential in enabling this transformation.

Consistent with the results of this survey, we see that insurers in Belgium sometimes find it difficult to get buy-in and support to embark on the journey of actuarial modernisation.

We hope these materials and the upcoming report will be helpful to advance discussions with decision-makers in your company.

# What is actuarial modernisation?

Modernising all the key components outlined leads to a more **efficient**. **strategic**, and **resilient** actuarial function. This holistic transformation will position the actuarial team as a vital contributor to your company's success, driving **operational** excellence, cost savings, and **strategic insight** through an enhanced target operating model.

#### **Actuarial Models and** Data **Systems**

- Unified Data Sources
- Modern Data Management
- Business Requirements and modern TOM

- Advanced actuarial models
- · Model validation and backtesting

with robust data processing

- Advanced Analytics to support decision-making
- · Management Information **Systems**

**Policies and Procedures** 

#### **Processes**

- · Technology-enabled processes, automated routine tasks
- Advanced software, streamlined processes
- Centers of excellence. delegation

#### Governance

- Adherence to professional standards
- Efficiency through Governance
- Automation oversight

#### **People and Talent**

- Team-based, matrix-
- Actuaries in strategic roles

oriented structures

Talent mobility across the organisation (departments and business units)

- Clear policies
- Production environments driven by robust actuarial numbers
- Standard guidelines: consistency, compliance and efficiency

#### **Technology**

- IT partnership relevant, tailored, focused on business needs
- Broader technology use: improved efficiency and performance

#### **Service Delivery**

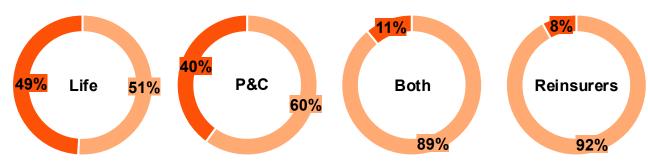
- Mobile teams
- Shared services
- Flexible staffing
- Outsourcing

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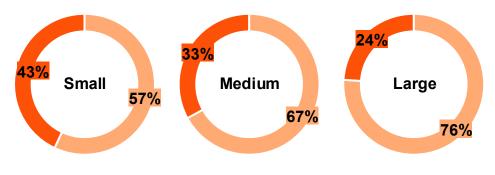
# Methodology of the Survey

## 200+ participants worldwide

## Industry



#### Size



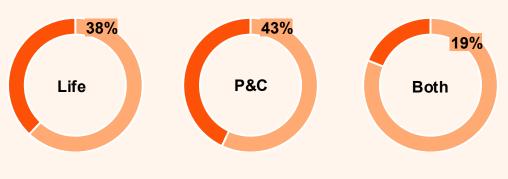
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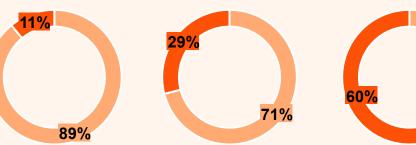
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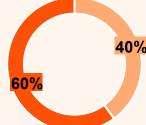
7 survey participants in Belgium, 33% market share

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# **Key observations**

## Efficiency is the top goal for changes

Nearly all participants identify **process efficiency** as a major driver for their modernisation initiatives, clearly overtaking regulatory or accounting changes, which were the top drivers for modernisation in previous years.

Over 64%

also acknowledge **management** insight and process quality as key factors prompting their need to modernise.

Unsurprisingly, other top catalysts include quality of process, regulatory or accounting changes, enhancements in the control environment, cost reduction, and key person risk.

## Data management takes too much time

Actuaries are currently spending **more** than three days a week on data preparation instead of analysis, which is far from ideal.

More than 55%

of respondents report lacking a single **source of truth** for their data, and over 60% lack sufficiently automated workflows.

While most firms now have access to a variety of data sources and can obtain timely and accurate data under robust governance controls, they face new challenges.

88%

of respondents are currently undergoing an actuarial modernisation journey

## Automation is a key driver for operational efficiency

Automation is rapidly advancing in the insurance industry, improving the efficiency of actuarial practices. By automating an increasing number of traditional tasks, actuaries can allocate more time to in-depth analysis, especially as advanced data science techniques and GenAI become more prominent.

Many companies have already achieved considerable automation in areas such as modeling and controls.

26%

of respondents have a clear modernisation roadmap

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