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x ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT ACT OF 1934	TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE
For the fisca	ll year ended December 31, 2011
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o TRANSITION REPORT PURSU EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934	UANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES
For the transitio	on period from to
Commission file number 1-11840	

A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if different from that of the issuer named below:

ALLSTATE 401(k) SAVINGS PLAN

B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal executive office:

THE ALLSTATE CORPORATION

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Allstate 401(k) Savings Plan

(EIN: 36-3871531 Plan: 001)

Financial Statements as of and for the Years Ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, Supplemental Schedule as of December 31, 2011, and Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

ALLSTATE 401(k) SAVINGS PLAN

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All other supplemental schedules required by Section 2520.103-10 of the Department of Labor s Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Trustee and Participants of Allstate 401(k) Savings Plan

Northbrook, Illinois

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of the Allstate 401(k) Savings Plan (the Plan) as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Plan is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan s internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2011 is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor s Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The supplementary information by fund in the statements of net assets available for benefits and the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits to the individual analysis rather than to present the net assets available for benefits and changes in net assets available for benefits to the individual funds. The supplemental schedule and supplementary information by fund are the responsibility of the Plan s management. Such supplemental schedule and supplementary information by fund have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic 2011 financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects when considered in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Chicago, Illinois

ALLSTATE 401(k) SAVINGS PLAN STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2011 (Dollars in thousands)

	Sup _l Participant- Directed Funds		Allstate Stock Fund		ESOP Company Shares Unallocated		Total
ASSETS							
Investments At fair value: The Allstate Corporation common stock Invesco Advisors Inc. Stable Value Fund	\$	783,973	\$	379,683	\$	139,071	\$ 518,754 783,973
Funds managed by State Street Global Advisors (SSgA):		449,278					449,278
SSgA U.S. Bond Index Non-Lending Series Fund Class A SSgA S&P 500 Index Non-Lending Series Fund Class A SSgA Global Equity ex U.S. Index Non-Lending Series Fund		716,295					716,295
Class A SSgA Russell Small Cap Index Non-Lending Series Fund		207,153					207,153
Class A		295,725					295,725
SSgA S&P Mid Cap Index Non-Lending Series Fund Class A		84,395					84,395
Northern Trust Focus Funds		253,078					253,078
Collective short-term investment fund				5,673		5	5,678
Unallocated employer contributions				9,774			9,774
Total investments		2,789,897		395,130		139,076	3,324,103
Receivables:							
Dividends and interest		1,817		2,759		1,065	5,641
Participant contributions		4,208		329			4,537
Participant notes receivable		93,014		11			93,025
Other				1,473			1,473
Interfund				6,421			6,421
Total receivables		99,039		10,993		1,065	111,097
Other assets		1,261					1,261
Total assets		2,890,197		406,123		140,141	3,436,461
LIABILITIES							
ESOP loan (Notes 1 and 3) Payables:						22,467	22,467
Other Interfund		2,947		5,095		6,421	8,042 6,421
						0,.21	0,121
Total liabilities		2,947		5,095		28,888	36,930
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS AT FAIR							
VALUE		2,887,250		401,028		111,253	3,399,531
Adjustments from fair value to contract value for fully benefit- responsive investment contracts		(40,306)					(40,306)
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	\$	2,846,944	\$	401,028	\$	111,253	\$ 3,359,225

ALLSTATE 401(k) SAVINGS PLAN STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2010 (Dollars in thousands)

	Participant- Directed Funds		plementary Informa Allstate Stock Fund		ESOP Company Shares Unallocated		Total
ASSETS							
Investments At fair value: The Allstate Corporation common stock Invesco Advisors Inc. Stable Value Fund Funds managed by State Street Global Advisors (SSgA):	\$	726,535	\$	531,755	\$	169,219	\$ 700,974 726,535
SSgA U.S. Bond Index Non-Lending Series Fund Class A SSgA Allstate Balanced Fund SSgA S&P 500 Index Non-Lending Series Fund Class A SSgA Global Equity ex U.S. Index Non-Lending Series Fund		305,113 481,543 654,040					305,113 481,543 654,040
Class A SSgA Russell Small Cap Index Non-Lending Series Fund		269,967					269,967
Class A Collective short-term investment fund		356,689		2,775		10	356,689 2,785
Total investments		2,793,887		534,530		169,229	3,497,646
Receivables: Dividends and interest Employer contributions Participant contributions Participant notes receivable Other Interfund		3 4,195 96,356		3,194 686 486 1,891 7,468		1,062	4,259 686 4,681 96,356 1,891 7,468
Total receivables		100,554		13,725		1,062	115,341
Other assets		1,192					1,192
Total assets		2,895,633		548,255		170,291	3,614,179
LIABILITIES							
ESOP loan (Notes 1 and 3) Payables: Other		691		1,432		22,467	22,467 2,123
Interfund						7,468	7,468
Total liabilities		691		1,432		29,935	32,058
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS AT FAIR VALUE Adjustments from fair value to contract value for fully benefit-		2,894,942		546,823		140,356	3,582,121
responsive investment contracts		(33,732)					(33,732)
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	\$	2,861,210	\$	546,823	\$	140,356	\$ 3,548,389

ALLSTATE 401(k) SAVINGS PLAN STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011 (Dollars in thousands)

		Participant- Directed Funds		Allstate Stock Fund		ESOP Company Shares Unallocated		Total
ADDITIONS								
Net investment income (loss): Net depreciation in fair value of investments Interest Dividends	\$	(9,162) 25,645	\$	(60,786) 17 11,894	\$	(22,680) 4 4,262	\$	(92,628) 25,666 16,156
Net investment income (loss)		16,483		(48,875)		(18,414)		(50,806)
Interest income on participant notes receivable		3,233						3,233
Contributions: Participants Employer cash matched on participant contributions		155,073 119		12,938 29,381		5,250		168,011 34,750
Total contributions		155,192		42,319		5,250		202,761
Allocation of company shares shares matched on participant deposits at fair value				6,421		(6,421)		
Total additions (reductions)		174,908		(135)		(19,585)		155,188
DEDUCTIONS								
Benefits paid to participants		291,730		46,269				337,999
Interest expense Administrative expense		4,064		511		1,775 3		1,775 4,578
Total deductions		295,794		46,780		1,778		344,352
NET DECREASE		(120,886)		(46,915)		(21,363)		(189,164)
INTERFUND TRANSFERS		106,620		(98,880)		(7,740)		
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS: Beginning of year		2,861,210		546,823		140,356		3,548,389
End of year	\$	2,846,944	\$	401,028	\$	111,253	\$	3,359,225

ALLSTATE 401(k) SAVINGS PLAN STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010 (Dollars in thousands)

	Supplementary Information								
	Participant- Directed Funds		Allstate Stock Fund		ESOP Company Shares Unallocated			Total	
ADDITIONS									
Net investment income: Net appreciation in fair value of investments Interest Dividends	\$	239,116 28,039	\$	31,152 22 13,658	\$	9,767 3 4,246	\$	280,035 28,064 17,904	
Net investment income		267,155		44,832		14,016		326,003	
Interest income on participant notes receivable		4,067						4,067	
Contributions: Participants Employer cash matched on participant contributions		148,874 (24)		16,281 20,099		5,250		165,155 25,325	
Total contributions		148,850		36,380		5,250		190,480	
Allocation of company shares shares matched on participant deposits at fair value				7,468		(7,468)			
Total additions		420,072		88,680		11,798		520,550	
DEDUCTIONS									
Benefits paid to participants		265,340		52,605		1.555		317,945	
Interest expense Administrative expense		4,000		599		1,775		1,775 4,599	
Total deductions		269,340		53,204		1,775		324,319	
NET INCREASE		150,732		35,476		10,023		196,231	
INTERFUND TRANSFERS		59,903		(52,128)		(7,775)			
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS: Beginning of year		2,650,575		563,475		138,108		3,352,158	
End of year	\$	2,861,210	\$	546,823	\$	140,356	\$	3,548,389	

ALLSTATE 401(k) SAVINGS PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS OF AND FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010

1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the Allstate 401(k) Savings Plan (the Plan), sponsored by The Allstate Corporation (the Company), provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan document for a more complete description of the Plan s provisions.

General Full-time and regular part-time employees of subsidiaries of the Company, with the exception of those employed by the Company s international subsidiaries, Kennett Capital, Inc., Esurance Insurance Services, Inc., Answer Financial, Inc., and Sterling Collision Centers, Inc. are eligible to participate in the Plan. There is no waiting period to enroll in the plan, provided employees are at least 18 years old.

The Plan is a defined contribution plan consisting of a profit sharing and stock bonus plan containing a cash or deferred arrangement which is intended to meet the requirements of Sections 401(a) and 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code). The stock bonus portion of the Plan includes a leveraged and a nonleveraged employee stock ownership plan (ESOP) which is intended to meet the requirements of Section 409 and Section 4975(e)(7) of the Code. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Administration The Plan is administered by the Administrative Committee. Investment transactions are authorized by the Plan s Investment Committee. Members of the Administrative and Investment Committees are appointed by the Profit Sharing Committee. Members of the Profit Sharing Committee are appointed by the Compensation and Succession Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company.

Trustee of the Plan The Northern Trust Company holds Plan assets as trustee under the Allstate 401(k) Savings Plan Trust.

Contributions Each year, employees may contribute up to 50% of eligible annual compensation through a combination of pre-tax and after-tax contributions, subject to Internal Revenue Code limitations. Effective January 1, 2011, all eligible employees hired or rehired on or after January 1, 2011 will be automatically enrolled in the Plan at a 5% pre-tax contribution rate, unless the participant declines enrollment or changes the contribution rate within the first 45 days of eligibility. Participants age 50 or older have the option to make additional pre-tax contributions (Catch-Up contributions). Employees may also roll over pre-tax amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans. The Company match is 40% of the first 5% of eligible compensation that a participant contributes on a pre-tax basis to the Plan, and at its discretion, up to an additional 40% of the first 5% of eligible compensation. The variable portion of the Company match is tied to improvement in the Company s position on the Customer Loyalty Index, Allstate s internal metric that gauges customer sentiment on three key drivers of loyalty: overall satisfaction, likelihood to renew, and likelihood to recommend Allstate to others. All employer contributions are invested in the Allstate Stock Fund. However, participants can transfer all or part of their Company contributions to any investment option

within the Plan at any time, subject to certain limited trading restrictions. Eligible participants in the 401(k) plan received a company match of 40% of eligible pre-tax contribution for the year ended December 31, 2011. Eligible participants received a minimum matching contribution of 50% of the first 3% and 25% of the next 2% of eligible compensation for the year ended December 31, 2010.

Participant Accounts Individual accounts are maintained for each Plan participant. Each participant s account is credited with the participant s contribution, allocations of the Company s contribution and investment earnings and losses, and is charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Accounts may increase by rollovers and decrease by rollovers and withdrawals. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant s vested account.

Vesting Participants hired prior to March 1, 2009 were immediately vested in their contributions and the Company s contributions plus earnings thereon. Employees hired on or after March 1, 2009 are immediately vested in their contributions and will fully vest in the Company s contributions after three years of vesting service.

Investment Options Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant may direct employee contributions to any or all of the current investment options as listed below. Participants may change their investment elections at any time without redemption restrictions. The funds transact with the participants at net asset value on a daily basis.

Allstate Stock Fund (The Allstate Corporation common stock) Funds are invested in Company common stock with a portion of the fund invested in short-term securities to provide liquidity to process transactions.

Stable Value Fund (Invesco Advisors, Inc. Stable Value Fund) The fund, managed by Invesco Advisors, Inc. (Invesco), a registered investment advisor, is a separately managed portfolio that consists of: (i) investment contracts issued by a diversified group of insurance companies, banks, and other institutions; and (ii) shares of common collective trusts that are comprised of publicly and privately issued fixed, floating, and variable rate obligations of select entities.

Bond Fund (SSgA U.S. Bond Index Non-Lending Series Fund - Class A) The fund, managed by State Street Global Advisors (SSgA), a registered investment company, invests in the U.S. Bond Index Non-Lending Series Fund - Class A, which is a collective fund that invests in the broad domestic bond market and also in U.S. government and agency, corporate, mortgage-backed, and asset-backed debt securities. Between July 2009 and October 2010, the Bond Fund invested in both the SSgA Passive Bond Market Index Securities Lending Series Fund - Class A and the SSgA Passive Bond Market Index Non-Lending Series Fund - Class A.

S&P 500 Fund (SSgA S&P 500 ® Index Non-Lending Series Fund Class A) The fund, managed by SSgA, invests in the S&P 500 ® Index Non-Lending Series Fund Class A, which is a collective fund that invests in a diversified portfolio of stocks of large, established companies. Between July 2009 and October 2010, the S&P 500 Fund invested in both the SSgA S&P 500 ® Flagship Non-Lending Series Fund Class A and the S&P 500 ® Flagship Securities Lending Series Fund Class A.

International Equity Fund (SSgA Global Equity ex U.S. Index Non-Lending Series Fund Class A, formerly the SSgA Daily EAFE Index Non-Lending Series Fund Class A) Effective December 31, 2010, the fund, managed by SSgA, invests in a portfolio that replicates the Morgan Stanley Capital International All Country World Ex-U.S. Index, a float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the combined equity market performance of developed and emerging market countries, excluding the U.S. Between October and December 31, 2010, the SSgA Daily EAFE Index Non-Lending Series Fund - Class A invested in a diversified portfolio of stocks in developed markets within Europe, Australia, and the Far East (EAFE). Between July 2009 and October 2010, the International Equity Fund invested in both the Daily EAFE Index Securities Lending Series Fund Class T and the Daily EAFE Index Non-Lending Series Fund Class A.

Russell 2000 Fund (SSgA Russell Small Cap Index Non-Lending Series Fund Class A) The fund, managed by SSgA, invests in the Russell Small Cap Index Non-Lending Series Fund Class A, which

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is a collective fund that invests in a diversified portfolio of stocks that represents the smallest two-thirds of the 3,000 largest U.S. companies. Between July 2009 and October 2010, the Russell 2000 Fund invested in both the SSgA Russell 2000 Index Securities Lending Series Fund Class A and the SSgA Russell 2000 Index Non-Lending Series Fund Class A.

Mid Cap Fund (SSgA S&P Mid Cap Index Non-Lending Series Fund Class A) The fund, managed by SSgA, invests in the S&P Mid Cap Index Non-Lending Series Fund Class A, which is a collective fund whose objective is to approximate as closely as practicable, before expenses, the performance of the S&P Mid Cap 400 (the Index) over the long term. The fund was first offered as an investment option in January 2011.

Target Retirement Date Funds (Northern Trust Focus Funds) The Target Retirement Date Funds invest in the Northern Trust Focus Funds, a series of target retirement date collective trust funds for qualified plans managed by Northern Trust Global Investments. There are 11 different Target Retirement Date Funds ranging from 2010 2055, in five-year increments, and an Income Fund. Target Retirement Date Funds are dynamic asset allocation investment options. The asset allocation of each Target Retirement Date Fund (except for the Income Fund) gradually changes over time according to a targeted retirement year, assuming a retirement age of 65, until the Fund eventually merges with the Income Fund. The funds invests in a broadly diversified portfolio of primarily passive investment funds comprised of U.S. and international stocks, securities that act as a hedge against inflation, U.S. bonds and U.S. Government cash reserves. These funds were first offered as investment options in January 2011.

Balanced Fund (SSgA Allstate Balanced Fund) The Balanced Fund was no longer offered as an investment after March 2011. The fund, managed by SSgA, had approximately one half of its assets in the S&P 500 ® Flagship Non-Lending Fund and approximately one half of its assets in the U.S. Aggregate Bond Index Non-Lending Fund, which are collective funds that invest in a diversified portfolio of stocks and debt securities. Between November 2009 and October 2010, the Balanced Fund invested approximately one half of its assets the S&P 500 ® Flagship Securities Lending Fund and the S&P 500 ® Flagship Non-Lending Fund, and approximately one half of its assets in the Passive Bond Market Index Securities Lending Fund and the Passive Bond Market Index Non-Lending Fund.

Participant Notes Receivable Participants may borrow from their account balance. The loan amount must be at least \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of: (i) 50% of their account value, (ii) 100% of their pre-tax, after-tax, and rollover account balances, or (iii) \$50,000. Loan transactions are treated as a proportional transfer from/to the investment funds and to/from the loan fund. Loan terms range from 6 to 48 months for a general-purpose loan and 49 to 180 months for a primary residence loan. Loans are secured by the participant s account balance and bear interest at the prime rate in effect as of the last day of the previous calendar quarter prior to the issuance of the loan and fixed for the duration of the loan. Principal and interest are paid by participants ratably through payroll deductions.

Employee Stock Ownership Plan The Company has a leveraged ESOP. The ESOP loan bears interest at 7.9%. The borrowing is to be repaid through the year 2019 or earlier, if the Company elects to make additional contributions for principal prepayments on the ESOP Loan. As the Plan makes each payment of principal and interest, a proportional percentage of unallocated shares are allocated to eligible employees accounts in accordance with applicable regulations under the Code. The Company has made principal prepayments to fund Company contributions.

ESOP shares not yet allocated to participants are held in a suspense account, and none of these shares serve as collateral. ESOP shares allocated to participants and other Company shares that were acquired with participant contributions are included in the Allstate Stock Fund and the lender has no rights against these shares.

Payment of Benefits Upon termination of service, a participant is entitled to a complete withdrawal of his or her vested account balance. Partial withdrawals are also permitted under the Plan subject to restrictions.

Forfeited Accounts As of December 31, 2011 and 2010, forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$155,808 and \$5,408, respectively, and are reported in Other Assets. These accounts will be used to reduce future employer contributions. During the year ended December 31, 2011, employer contributions were not reduced by the forfeited nonvested accounts.

2. SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting The Plan s financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

Use of Estimates The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Risks and Uncertainties The Plan utilizes various types of investments, including institutional index funds, a stable value fund and common stock. These investments are subject to market risk, the risk that losses will be incurred due to adverse changes in creditworthiness, equity prices and interest rates. It is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investments will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the financial statements.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition Plan investments are stated at fair value. Shares of institutional index funds are valued at prices that represent the net asset value of shares held by the Plan at year-end and the fair value of the underlying investments. Common stock held in the Allstate Stock Fund is valued at market price. The Stable Value Fund is stated at fair value and then adjusted to contract value as the investment contracts are fully benefit-responsive.

The Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits present investment contracts at fair value, with an additional line item showing adjustments of the fully benefit-responsive contracts from fair value to contract value. The Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits is presented on a contract value basis.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date plus one basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

Unallocated Employer Contributions Employer contributions transferred to the Plan as of December 31, 2011, but not yet allocated to Plan participant accounts. All employer contributions are invested in the Allstate Stock Fund and are valued at market price.

Benefits Paid to Participants and Participant Notes Receivable Benefits paid to participants and participant notes receivable loans are recorded upon distribution. Amounts allocated to accounts of persons who have elected to withdraw from the Plan, but have not yet been paid as of December 31, 2011 and 2010 are included in other assets on the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits. Participant notes receivable are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest.

Pending Accounting Standard In May 2011, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued guidance that clarifies the application of existing fair value measurement and disclosure requirements and amends certain fair value measurement principles, requirements and disclosures. Changes were made to improve consistency in global application. The guidance is to be applied

prospectively for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2011. Early adoption is not permitted. The impact of adoption is not expected to be material to the Plan s results of operations or financial position.

3. ESOP LOAN

The ESOP Loan agreement provides for the loan to be repaid through the year 2019 at an annual interest rate of 7.9%. There are no principal payments required on the loan during the next five years.

The following table presents additional information, as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, for the Plan s investment in The Allstate Corporation common stock held in the Allstate Stock Fund and the ESOP Company Shares Unallocated:

(\$ in thousands)		20	11		2010					
		Allstate Stock Fund	ESOP Company Shares Unallocated			Allstate Stock Fund	ESOP Company Shares Unallocated			
Number of shares		14,208,577		5,073,731		16,679,895		5,307,995		
Cost	\$	376,537	\$	36,151	\$	436,416	\$	37,820		
Fair value	\$	389,457	\$	139,071	\$	531,755	\$	169,219		

The estimated fair value of the ESOP loan as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, was \$24,925,032 and \$25,537,709, respectively, determined using discounted cash flow calculations based on current interest rates for instruments with comparable terms and considering the Plan s own credit risk.

4. PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event that the Plan is terminated, participants would be 100% vested in their accounts.

5. TAX STATUS

The Internal Revenue Service has determined and informed the Company by a letter, dated June 25, 2008, that the Plan and related trust were designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Code. The plan document has been amended and restated since receiving the determination letter. The Plan s management believes that the Plan is currently designed and is being operated in compliance with the applicable

requirements of the Code. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan s financial statements, and there are no uncertain tax positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Internal Revenue Service is not currently examining the Plan. The statute of limitations has expired and the Plan is not subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2008.

A filing for an updated Plan determination letter was submitted to the Internal Revenue Service in December 2011.

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6. INVESTMENTS

The Plan s investments which exceeded 5% of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, were as follows:

(\$ in thousands)		20	2010		
The Allstate Corporation common stock *	\$	389,457	\$	531,755	
ESOP Company Shares Unallocated		139,071		169,219	
SSgA U.S. Bond Index NL Series Fund Class A		449,278		305,113	
SSgA Allstate Balanced Fund		-		481,543	
SSgA S&P 500 Index NL Series Fund Class A		716,295		654,040	
SSgA Global Equity ex U.S. Index NL Series Fund - Class A		207,153		269,967	
SSgA Russell Small Cap Index NL Series Fund Class A		295,725		356,689	

^{*} Employer contributions are made directly to the Allstate Stock Fund; Participants may redirect funds immediately.

During 2011 and 2010, the Plan s investments (including gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held during the year) appreciated (depreciated) in value as follows:

(\$ in thousands)	2011	2010
The Allstate Corporation common stock	\$ (60,786) \$	31,152
ESOP Company Shares Unallocated	(22,680)	9,767
SSgA U.S. Bond Index NL Series Fund Class A	30,757	18,363
SSgA Allstate Balanced Fund	13,057	48,946
SSgA S&P 500 Index NL Series Fund Class A	8,525	83,681
SSgA Global Equity ex U.S. Index NL Series Fund - Class A	(34,448)	17,235
SSgA Russell Small Cap Index NL Series Fund Class A	(14,711)	70,891
SSgA S&P Mid Cap Index Series Fund Class A	(7,297)	-
Northern Trust Focus Funds	(5,045)	-
Total net (depreciation) appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ (92,628) \$	280,035

The Stable Value Fund holdings include investment contracts called synthetic guaranteed investment contracts comprised of investments in the common collective trusts plus a wrapper contract. The wrapper contract is issued by a financial institution and the contract guarantees to provide a specific interest rate to be credited to the contract plus provide for participant liquidity at contract value in certain situations.

The Stable Value Fund s wrapper contracts are benefit-responsive and are thus eligible for contract-value reporting. Funds may be withdrawn pro-rata from all the Stable Value Fund s investment contracts at contract value determined by the respective issuing companies to pay benefits and to make participant-directed transfers to other investment options pursuant to the terms of the Plan after the amounts in the Stable Value Fund s Short-Term Investment Fund reserve are depleted.

The wrapper contracts wrap underlying assets which are held in the trust and owned by the Stable Value Fund. The underlying assets are comprised of common collective trusts which may include a variety of high quality fixed income investments selected by the fund manager consistent with the Stable Value Fund s investment guidelines. High quality, as defined by the Stable Value Fund s investment guidelines, means the average credit quality of all of the investments backing the Stable Value Fund contracts is AA/Aa or better as measured by Standard & Poor s or Moody s credit rating services. The

investments in the common collective trusts are used to generate the investment returns that are utilized to provide for interest rates credited through the wrapper contracts.

The wrapper contracts are benefit-responsive in that they provide that participants may execute transactions from the Stable Value Fund according to Plan provisions at contract value. Contract value represents contributions made to the Stable Value Fund, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals. The interest rates in wrapper contracts are reset monthly, based on market rates of other similar investments, the current yield of the underlying investments, the spread between the market value and contract value of the investments held by the contract, and the financial duration of the contract investments. All contracts have a minimum crediting rate of 0%. Certain events, such as plan termination, or a plan merger initiated by the plan sponsor, or changes to Plan provisions not approved by the issuers of the Stable Value Fund s wrapper contracts, may limit the ability of the Stable Value Fund to transact at contract value or may allow for the termination of the wrapper contracts at less than contract value. Plan Management does not believe that any events that may limit the ability of the Stable Value Fund to transact at contract value are probable.

Changes in market interest rates affect the yield to maturity and the market value of the investments in the common collective trusts, and thus can have a material impact on the interest crediting rate. In addition, participant withdrawals and transfers from the Stable Value Fund are paid at contract value but funded through the market value liquidation of the investments in the common collective trusts, which also may affect future interest crediting rates. If market interest rates rise and fair values of investments in the common collective trusts fall, the fair value may be less than the corresponding contract value. This shortfall in fair value will be reflected in future crediting rates by amortizing the effect into the future through an adjustment to interest crediting rates of the wrapper contracts. Similarly, if market interest rates fall and fair values of investments in the common collective trusts rise, the fair values of investments held by the wrapper contract may be greater than the corresponding contract value. This excess in fair value will also be reflected in future crediting rates through an amortization process similar to that when there is a fair value shortfall.

	2011	2010
Average yields:		
Based on annualized earnings (1)	1.357%	2.195%
Based on interest rate credited to participants (2)	2.871%	3.909%

- (1) Computed by dividing the annualized one-day actual earnings of the investments on the last day of the plan year by the fair value of the investments on the same date.
- (2) Computed by dividing the annualized one-day earnings credited to participants on the last day of the plan year by the fair value of the investments on the same date.

For purposes of calculating the interest crediting rate, fair value is equal to the market value of the investments in the common collective trusts. The crediting interest rates ranged from 2.88% to 3.72% as of December 31, 2011 and 3.81% to 5.05% as of December 31, 2010.

There are no reserves against contract value credit risk of the contract issuer or otherwise. The crediting interest rate is based on current market yields, adjusted upward/downward to amortize differences between book and market values of the underlying investments. All contracts have a minimum crediting rate of 0%. The crediting interest rates are reset monthly. The average yield is a weighted average of assets held on the last day of the year. The average yield based on book value as of December 31, 2011 was 3.34%. The average yield based on book value as of

During 2010, plan investments included collective investment trusts managed by SSgA (SSgA Investment Funds) which were authorized, by the terms of the applicable trusts, to participate in securities lending activities through the State Street Global Securities Lending Program. The collateral for the loans made by the collective investment trusts were invested in a collective investment trust known as the Quality Trust for SSgA Fund (SSgA Collateral Fund). The value of the underlying investments in the SSgA Collateral Fund, which invested the collateral received from borrowers in these activities, was included in the fair value of the SSgA Investment Funds at a \$1.00 price per unit. This value of the underlying investments in the SSgA Investments accounts are transacted.

During 2010, a transition from securities lending funds to comparable SSgA non-lending funds was completed. As of December 31, 2010, none of the Plan s funds were invested in securities lending funds.

Investment management fees, recordkeeping fees, and trustee fees along with other administrative expenses charged to the Plan for investments in each of the Plan s investment options are deducted from income earned on a daily basis and are not separately reflected. Consequently, fees and expenses are reflected as a reduction of investment return for such investments.

7. FAIR VALUE OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The hierarchy for inputs used in determining fair value maximizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs by requiring that observable inputs be used when available. Assets and liabilities recorded on the Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits at fair value are categorized in the fair value hierarchy based on the observability of inputs to the valuation techniques as follows:

Level 1: Assets and liabilities whose values are based on unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in an active market that the Plan can access.

Level 2: Assets and liabilities whose values are based on the following:

- (a) Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- (b) Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active; or
- (c) Valuation models whose inputs are observable, directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3: Assets and liabilities whose values are based on prices or valuation techniques that require inputs that are both unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement. Unobservable inputs reflect the Plan s estimates of the assumptions that market participants would use in valuing the assets and liabilities.

The availability of observable inputs varies by instrument. In situations where fair value is based on internally developed pricing models or inputs that are unobservable in the market, the determination of fair value requires more judgment. The degree of judgment exercised by the Plan in determining fair value is typically greatest for instruments categorized in Level 3. In many instances, valuation inputs used to measure fair value fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. The category level in the fair value hierarchy is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. The Plan uses prices and inputs that are current as of the measurement date, including during periods of market disruption. In periods of market disruption, the ability to observe prices and inputs may be reduced for many instruments.

In determining fair value, the Plan principally uses the market approach which generally utilizes market transaction data for the same or similar instruments. To a lesser extent, the Plan uses the income approach which involves determining fair values from discounted cash flow methodologies and the cost approach which is based on replacement costs.
Summary of Significant Valuation Techniques for Assets and Liabilities measured at fair value on a Recurring Basis
Level 1 Measurements
The Allstate Corporation Common Stock: The Company s common stock is actively traded in the New York Stock Exchange and is valued based on unadjusted quoted prices.
Level 2 Measurements
SSgA U.S. Bond Index Non-Lending Series Fund Class A, SSgA Allstate Balanced Fund, SSgA S&P 500 Index Non-Lending Series Fund Class A, SSgA Global Equity ex U.S. Index Non-Lending Series Fund Class A, SSgA Russell Small Cap Index Non-Lending Series Fund Class A, SSgA S&P Mid Cap Index Non-Lending Series Fund Class A, Northern Trust Focus Funds: Comprise funds that have daily quoted net asset values for identical assets in markets that are not active. The net asset values are primarily derived based on the fair values of the underlying investments in the fund, some of which are not actively traded.
Collective Short-Term Investment Fund: Comprise funds that have daily quoted net asset values for identical assets in markets that are not active. The net asset values are derived based on the fair values of the underlying investments in the fund some of which are not actively traded. A portion of the Collective Short-Term Investment Fund is deemed part of the Stable Value Fund.
Invesco Advisors, Inc. Stable Value Fund Common Collective Trusts: A component of the Stable Value Fund which comprise funds that have daily quoted net asset values for identical assets in markets that are not active. The net asset values are derived based on the fair values of the underlying investments in the fund some of which are not actively traded.
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Level 3 Measurements

Invesco Advisors, Inc. Stable Value Fund Wrappers: A component of the Stable Value Fund which comprise various wrappers that are valued based on a discounted cash flow methodology that is widely accepted. The discounted cash flow methodology uses inputs such as the change in replacement costs for the wrappers obtained from the wrapper providers which are unobservable, and a discount rate (which includes swap yields, duration, and a credit rating adjustment for the wrapper providers).

The following table summarizes the Plan s assets measured at fair value on a recurring and nonrecurring basis as of December 31, 2011:

(\$ in thousands)		Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Total	
Assets									
The Allstate Corporation Common Stock	\$	528,528	\$		\$		\$	528,528	
Invesco Advisors, Inc. Stable Value Fund				782,945		1,028		783,973	
SSgA U.S. Bond Index NL Series Fund Class A				449,278				449,278	
SSgA S&P 500 Index NL Series Fund Class A				716,295				716,295	
SSgA Global Equity ex U.S. Index NL Series Fund Class A				207,153				207,153	
SSgA Russell Small Cap Index NL Series Fund Class A				295,725				295,725	
SSgA S&P Mid Cap Index NL Series Fund Class A				84,395				84,395	
Northern Trust Focus Funds				253,078				253,078	
Collective short-term investment fund				5,678				5,678	
Total assets at fair value	\$	528,528	\$	2,794,547	\$	1,028	\$	3,324,103	
% of Total assets at fair value		15.9%		84.1%		0.0%		100.0%	

The following table summarizes the Plan s assets measured at fair value on a recurring and nonrecurring basis as of December 31, 2010:

(\$ in thousands)	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Total	
Assets		500.054	4					500.054
The Allstate Corporation Common Stock	\$	700,974	\$	50 6.400	\$	422	\$	700,974
Invesco Advisors, Inc. Stable Value Fund				726,103		432		726,535
SSgA U.S. Bond Index NL Series Fund Class A				305,113				305,113
SSgA Allstate Balanced Fund				481,543				481,543
SSgA S&P 500 Index NL Series Fund Class A				654,040				654,040
SSgA Global Equity ex U.S. Index NL Series Fund Class A				269,967				269,967
SSgA Russell Small Cap Index NL Series Fund Class A				356,689				356,689
Collective short-term investment fund				2,785				2,785
Total assets at fair value	\$	700,974	\$	2,796,240	\$	432	\$	3,497,646
% of Total assets at fair value		20.0%		80.0%		0.0%		100.0%

The following table presents the rollforward of Level 3 assets held at fair value on a recurring basis during the year ended December 31, 2011.

(\$ in thousands)	Balance as of December 31, 2010		Net appreciation (depreciation) of investments included in the Statement of Changes of Net Assets Available for Benefits		Purchases, sales, issuances and settlements		Net transfers into Level 3		Net transfers out of Level 3		Balance as of December 31, 2011		
Invesco Advisors Inc. Stable Value Fund													
Wrapper	\$	432	\$	5	596	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,028
Total recurring Level 3	\$	432	\$	5	596	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,028

Transfers in and out of level categorizations are reported as having occurred at the beginning of the quarter in which the transfer occurred. Therefore, for all transfers into Level 3, all realized and changes in unrealized gains and losses in the quarter of transfer are reflected in the Level 3 rollforward table. There were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 or Level 2 and Level 3 during 2011 or 2010.

The following table presents the rollforward of Level 3 assets held at fair value on a recurring basis during the year ended December 31, 2010.

(\$ in thousands)	Balance as of December 31, 2009		Net appreciation (depreciation) of investments included in the Statement of Changes of Net Assets Available for Benefits		Purchases, sales, issuances and settlements, net		Net transfers into Level 3		Net transfers out of Level 3		Balance as of December 31, 2010	
Invesco Advisors Inc. Stable Value Fund												
Wrapper	\$	963	\$	(531)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	432
Total recurring Level 3	\$	963	\$	(531)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	432

Net appreciation (depreciation) of investments included in the Statement of Change of Net Assets Available for Benefits relate to investments still held as of December 31, 2011 and 2010.

8. RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to the amounts that will be included in the Form 5500 as of December 31, 2011, and amounts per the filed Form 5500 as of December 31, 2010:

(\$ in thousands)	2011	2010
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 3,359,225	\$ 3,548,389
Adjustments from contract value to fair value for fully benefit-responsive		
investment contracts	40,306	33,732
Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	\$ 3,399,531	\$ 3,582,121

The following is a reconciliation of net investment income per the financial statements to the amounts that will be included in the Form 5500 for the year ended December 31, 2011, and amounts per the filed Form 5500 as of December 31, 2010:

(\$ in thousands)	2011	2010
Total net investment income per the financial statements	\$ (50,806)	\$ 326,003
Interest income on participant notes receivable	3,233	4,067
Adjustments from contract value to fair value for fully benefit-responsive		
investment contracts	6,574	10,640
Total net investment income per the Form 5500	\$ (40,999)	\$ 340,710

The Form 5500 for 2011 will be prepared and filed by the Plan in accordance with Internal Revenue Service requirements.

9. RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Plan invests in The Northern Trust Collective Short Term Investment Fund and the Northern Trust Focus Funds, which are collective investment funds managed by Northern Trust Global Investments, the investment advisor division of The Northern Trust Company, the trustee of the Plan. The Plan is not charged directly for investment management services associated with The Northern Trust Collective Short Term Investment Fund. Fees paid by the Plan for investment management services associated with the Northern Trust Focus Funds were included as a reduction of the return earned on each fund. The Plan also invests in the common stock of The Allstate Corporation, the Plan s sponsor, as referenced in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

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SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

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36-3871531 Plan: 001 FORM 5500 SCHEDULE H, PART IV, LINE 4i SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR) AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2011

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment , including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
*	The Allstate Corporation common stock	19,282,308 shares	\$ 412,688,514	\$ 528,528,062
	Invesco Advisors Stable Value Fund:			
*	The Northern Trust Collective Short Term Investment Fund No. 22-19589	70,683,919 shares	70,683,919	70,683,919
	IGT MxMgr A+ Int G/C Common Collective Trust	76,941,857 shares	95,012,538	116,773,888
	ING Life & Annuity Wrapper	ING Life & Annuity No. 60256		
	IGT Invesco Short Term Bond Common Collective Trust	69,495,298 shares	86,224,608	107,042,078
	JP Morgan Chase Wrapper	JP Morgan Chase No. AALLSTATE-S		448,829
	IGT MxMgr A+ Core Common Collective Trust	44,139,141 shares	53,365,673	66,989,312
	JP Morgan Chase Wrapper	JP Morgan Chase No. ALLSTATE-MCA		498,097
	IGT Invesco Short Term Bond Common	78,877,943 shares	100,738,507	121,493,960
	Collective Trust Monumental Wrapper	Monumental No. MDA-00714TR		81,037
	IGT Invesco Short Term Bond Common Collective Trust	70,810,969 shares	88,741,867	109,068,578
	Pacific Life Insurance Wrapper	Pacific Life Insurance No. G-26930.01.0001		
	IGT MxMgr A+ Core Common Collective Trust	30,460,383 shares	36,798,208	46,229,267
	Pacific Life Insurance Wrapper	Pacific Life Insurance No. G-26930.02.001		
	IGT Jennison A+ Int G/C Common Collective Trust	23,012,793 shares	34,725,131	36,480,271
	Prudential Insurance Company Wrapper	Prudential Insurance Company No. GA-62294		
	IGT BlkRK A+ Int G/C Common Collective Trust	24,437,771 shares	35,041,148	36,337,547
	IGT Invesco A+ Int G/C Common Collective Trust	20,230,648 shares	35,041,161	36,180,551
	IGT PIMCO A+ Int G/C Common Collective	15,347,287 shares	35,041,140	35,664,777
	Trust State Street Bank Wrapper	State Street Bank No. 105027		

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(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment , including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
	State Street Global Advisors (SSgA):			
	SSgA U.S. Bond Index Non-Lending Series Fund - Class A	37,284,477 shares	\$ 416,496,050	\$ 449,277,951
	SSgA S&P 500 Index Non-Lending Series Fund - Class A	33,117,331 shares	645,402,492	716,294,762
	SSgA Global Equity ex U.S. Index Non-Lending Series Fund - Class A	17,793,628 shares	238,204,793	207,153,421
	SSgA Russell Small Cap Index Non-Lending Series Fund - Class A	13,090,406 shares	267,573,168	295,725,368
	SSgA S&P Mid Cap Index Non-Lending Series Fund - Class A	2,541,115 shares	89,208,517	84,395,496
*	The Northern Trust Collective Short Term Investment Fund No. 22-44460 and	5,678,301 shares	5,678,301	5,678,301
	No. 22-41639			(Continued)
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(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment , including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
*	Northern Trust Global Investments (NTGI):			
	Northern Trust Focus Income Fund	34,974 shares	\$ 3,631,057	\$ 3,669,599
	Northern Trust Focus 2010 Fund	156,526 shares	15,925,402	16,074,557
	Northern Trust Focus 2015 Fund	549,078 shares	55,739,148	55,754,456
	Northern Trust Focus 2020 Fund	674,769 shares	68,536,413	67,657,710
	Northern Trust Focus 2025 Fund	500,583 shares	50,823,151	49,569,732
	Northern Trust Focus 2030 Fund	305,822 shares	31,021,971	29,933,236
	Northern Trust Focus 2035 Fund	141,094 shares	13,868,436	13,632,196
	Northern Trust Focus 2040 Fund	93,448 shares	9,384,517	8,997,344
	Northern Trust Focus 2045 Fund	44,460 shares	4,464,131	4,284,040
	Northern Trust Focus 2050 Fund	22,746 shares	2,264,624	2,192,025
	Northern Trust Focus 2055 Fund	13,622 shares	1,348,500	1,313,218
*	Participant loans	Rates of interest from 3.25% to 9.50% maturing through 2026	93,024,903	93,024,903
	Total		\$ 3,096,697,988	\$ 3,417,128,488
*	Permitted party in interest.			(Concluded)

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SIGNATURES

The Plan. Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the trustees (or other persons who administer the employee benefit plan) have duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

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By /s/ John O Malley

John O Malley Plan Administrator

Date: June 19, 2012

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