

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 11-K

(Mark One)

- ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2000

OR

- TRANSACTION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 (NO FEE REQUIRED)

Commission file number 0-3722

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

Atlantic American Corporation
401(k) Retirement Savings Plan

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

Atlantic American Corporation
4370 Peachtree Road, N.E.
Atlanta, GA 30319

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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

Atlantic American Corporation
401(k) Retirement Savings Plan

(Name of Plan)

Date: June 26, 2001

/s/ Robert A. Renaud

Robert A. Renaud
Vice President & CFO

**ATLANTIC AMERICAN CORPORATION
401 (K) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN**

The following exhibits are filed herewith:

- Exhibit 1: Financial Statements and Schedules as of December 31, 2000 and 1999 together with auditor's report.
Exhibit 2: Consent of Arthur Andersen LLP

ATLANTIC AMERICAN CORPORATION
401(K) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

Financial Statements and Schedules
as of December 31, 2000 and 1999
Together With Auditors' Report

ATLANTIC AMERICAN CORPORATION
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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

To Atlantic American Corporation 401(k)
Retirement Savings Plan:

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for plan benefits of the ATLANTIC AMERICAN CORPORATION 401(K) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN as of December 31, 2000 and 1999 and the related statement of changes in net assets available for plan benefits for the year ended December 31, 2000. These financial statements and the schedules referred to below are the responsibility of the Plan's administrator. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and the schedules based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the 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. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes 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, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for plan benefits as of December 31, 2000 and 1999 and the changes in net assets available for plan benefits for the year ended December 31, 2000 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Our audits were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The schedules of assets (held at end of year) and nonexempt transactions are presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Atlanta, Georgia
June 1, 2001

ATLANTIC AMERICAN CORPORATION
401(K) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR PLAN BENEFITS
DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999

	2000	1999
	-----	-----
INVESTMENTS, AT FAIR VALUE	\$4,834,695	\$5,018,532
CASH	1,547	0
PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVABLE	28,721	0
EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVABLE	33,314	0
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR PLAN BENEFITS	----- \$4,898,277 =====	----- \$5,018,532 =====

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

ATLANTIC AMERICAN CORPORATION
401(K) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR PLAN BENEFITS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000

ADDITIONS:	
Contributions:	
Participant contributions	\$ 400,956
Employer contributions	155,012
Roll-over contributions	41,718

Total contributions	597,686
Interest and dividend income	163,179

Total additions	760,865

DEDUCTIONS:	
Benefit payments to participants	(427,546)
Net depreciation in fair market value of investments	(453,574)

Total deductions	(881,120)

NET DECREASE	(120,255)
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR PLAN BENEFITS:	
Beginning of year	5,018,532

End of year	\$ 4,898,277
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

ATLANTIC AMERICAN CORPORATION
401(K) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SCHEDULES

DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 1999

1. PLAN DESCRIPTION

The following description of the Atlantic American Corporation 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

GENERAL

The Plan is a defined contribution plan established by Atlantic American Corporation (the "Company") for the benefit of eligible employees of the Company. All employees of the Company, except collective bargaining employees, nonresident aliens, and leased employees, are eligible to participate on the first day of the upcoming quarter in which the individual became an employee of the Company. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as amended.

PLAN ADMINISTRATION

AMVESCAP National Trust Company (the "Trustee") is the Trustee of the Plan and has custodial responsibility for the Plan's assets, except for company stock which is held by State Street Bank and Trust Company, including the authority and power to, among other things, invest the principal and income of the Plan's assets.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Participants may elect to contribute in 1% increments up to 16% of their annual compensation, as defined by the Plan, subject to certain limitations under the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code") into any of the investment funds offered by the Plan. A participant may change his/her deferral percentage on a quarterly basis. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified benefit plans. These contributions are classified as roll-over contributions in the statement of changes in net assets available for plan benefits for the year ended December 31, 2000. The Company provides a matching contribution equal to a certain percentage of the participant's contributions. For the year ended December 31, 2000, the Company's matching contribution equaled 50% of the first 6% of each participant's contribution. All Company matching contributions are in Company common stock. A participant can elect to transfer the Company contributions into another investment fund only after the participant is fully vested in the Company matching contributions.

VESTING

Participants are always fully vested in their own contributions. Each participant becomes vested in the company contributions based on years of continuous service. Effective October 1, 2000, the vesting percentage for company contributions was amended as follows:

	PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1, 2000 -----	EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2000 -----
Years of service:		
Less than one	0%	0%
One	10	20
Two	20	40
Three	30	60
Four	40	80
Five	60	100
Six	80	N/A
Seven or more	100	N/A

Participants become fully vested upon retirement, death, or disability.

BENEFITS

Upon termination of service due to death, disability, retirement, or separation from service, a participant or his/her beneficiary may elect to receive an amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his/her account. The form of payment, selected by the participant or his/her beneficiary, is either a lump-sum distribution, an annuity to be paid in monthly installments over a fixed number of years, or a direct rollover into a qualified retirement plan or individual retirement account.

PARTICIPANT ACCOUNTS

Individual accounts are maintained for each of the Plan's participants and reflect the participant's contributions, employer contributions, and the participant's share of the Plan's investment income (loss). Allocations of income (loss) are based on the proportion that each participant's account balance bears to the total of all participant account balances and their investment elections.

INVESTMENT OPTIONS

Participants may direct their contributions and any related earnings into several investment options in 10% increments. Participants may change their investment elections once each calendar quarter. The participants in the Plan can invest in any of the following investment options:

- Atlantic American Corporation Common Stock--Funds are invested in common stock of the Company.
- INVESCO Cash Reserves Fund--Mutual fund which invests in short-term obligations such as commercial paper, U.S. government and government agency obligations, and repurchase agreements.
- INVESCO Equity Income Fund--Mutual fund which invests in dividend-paying common and preferred stocks of large U.S. companies and in convertible bonds, debt issues, and preferred stocks.
- INVESCO Select Income Fund--Mutual fund which invests primarily in bonds and marketable debt securities of established companies.
- INVESCO Balanced Fund--Mutual fund which invests in common stocks and in fixed income securities including preferred stocks, convertible securities, and bonds.
- INVESCO Dynamics Fund--Mutual fund which invests in common stocks of mid-sized companies in addition to preferred stocks, convertible securities, and bonds.

- INVESCO Small Company Growth Fund--Mutual fund which invests in small-capitalization companies in the developing stage.
- IRT 500 Index Fund--Funds are invested in a collective trust which seeks to provide total returns that closely replicate those of the Standard and Poor's 500 composite index.
- AIM Basic Value Fund--Mutual fund which invests in under-valued securities, investment-grade nonconvertible debt securities, U.S. government securities, high-quality money market instruments, and foreign securities.
- Janus Twenty Fund--Mutual fund which invests primarily in common stocks selected for long-term growth potential.
- Janus Advisor Worldwide Fund--Mutual fund which invests primarily in common stocks of companies of any size located throughout the world.

Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, including interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for plan benefits.

FORFEITURES

Amounts forfeited from nonvested accounts are used to reduce future employer contributions.

PARTICIPANT LOANS

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of the accumulated employee contribution balance. Participants may elect to have their loans disbursed from specific investment funds. Loan terms range from six months to five years or within a reasonable time if used for the purchase of a primary residence. The loans are secured by the vested value of the participants' account balance and bear interest at the prime rate of interest on the date of the loan, plus 1%. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions of not less than \$10 per pay period, or in a single lump sum.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

The Company pays all administrative expenses of the Plan, including trustee fees.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND OTHER MATTERS

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting.

USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported

amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported additions and deductions during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

VALUATION OF INVESTMENTS

All investments are stated at fair value. Securities traded on national securities exchanges are valued at the closing price on the last day of the plan year; investments traded in over-the-counter markets and listed securities for which no sale was reported on that date are valued at the last reported bid price. Purchases and sales of securities and mutual funds are reflected on a trade-date basis.

NET APPRECIATION (DEPRECIATION)

Net realized gains (losses) and unrealized appreciation (depreciation) are recorded in the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for plan benefits as net depreciation in fair value of investments.

3. INVESTMENTS

The fair market values of individual investments that represent 5% or more of the Plan's net assets as of December 31, 2000 and 1999 are as follows:

	2000	1999
	-----	-----
Atlantic American Corporation common stock	\$ 541,018	\$ 577,946
INVESCO Cash Reserves Fund	277,210	336,387
INVESCO Equity Income Fund	970,297	1,011,639
INVESCO Select Income Fund	267,618	292,036
INVESCO Balanced Fund	798,512	854,857
INVESCO Dynamics Fund	1,945,293	1,920,200

Net depreciation in fair value of investments by major investment type for the year ended December 31, 2000 is as follows:

Common stock--Atlantic American Corporation	\$(101,865)
Mutual funds	(351,709)

	\$(453,574)
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4. NONPARTICIPANT-DIRECTED INVESTMENTS

Information about the net assets as of December 31, 2000 and 1999 and the significant components of the change in net assets for the year ended December 31, 2000 relating to the Company's common stock (nonparticipant-directed investments) is as follows:

	2000	1999
	-----	-----
Net assets:		
Common stock--Atlantic American Corporation	\$ 68,642	\$ 42,542
	-----	-----
Changes in net assets:		
Contributions--employer	\$ 44,553	
Net depreciation in fair value of common stock	(14,221)	
Benefits paid to participants	(977)	
Transfers to participant-directed investments	(3,255)	

	\$ 26,100	
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5. TAX STATUS

The Internal Revenue Service issued a determination letter dated June 14, 2000 stating that the Plan was in accordance with applicable plan requirements as of that date. The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter and the plan administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code. Therefore, the plan administrator believes that the Plan was qualified and the related trust was tax-exempt as of December 31, 2000 and 1999.

6. 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 of plan termination, participants will become fully vested in their accounts as of the termination date.

7. NONEXEMPT TRANSACTIONS

During the year ended December 31, 2000, the Company failed on three occasions to remit participant contributions to the Plan within the time required by the Department of Labor. Such transactions represent nonexempt loans of funds to the Company from the Plan (identified in Schedule II). The Company is currently in the process of calculating the lost earnings on the nontimely contributions and intends to allocate such lost earnings to affected participants.

8. RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for plan benefits per the financial statements to the Form 5500 as follows for the year 2000:

Net assets available for plan benefits per the financial statements	\$4,898,277
Less amounts allocated to withdrawing participants	(24,527)

Net assets available for plan benefits per the Form 5500	\$4,873,750
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Benefits paid to participants per the financial statements	\$ 427,546
Plus amounts allocated for withdrawing participants	24,527

Benefits paid to participants per the Form 5500	\$ 452,073
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SCHEDULE I

ATLANTIC AMERICAN CORPORATION
401(K) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

SCHEDULE H, LINE 4I--SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

DECEMBER 31, 2000

IDENTITY OF ISSUER	DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENT	COST	CURRENT VALUE
* INVESCO FUNDS GROUP	INVESCO Cash Reserves Fund, 277,210 shares	(a)	\$ 277,210
	INVESCO Equity Income Fund, 67,569 shares	(a)	970,297
	INVESCO Select Income Fund, 45,129 shares	(a)	267,618
	INVESCO Balanced Fund, 47,361 shares	(a)	798,512
	INVESCO Dynamics Fund, 81,838 shares	(a)	1,945,293
	INVESCO Small Company Growth Fund, 4 shares	(a)	65
	IRT 500 Index Fund, 2 shares	(a)	65
* ATLANTIC AMERICAN CORPORATION	Atlantic American Corporation common stock, 270,509 shares	550,394	541,018
* AIM FUNDS MANAGEMENT	AIM Basic Value Fund, 3 shares	(a)	98
JANUS FUNDS	Janus Twenty Fund, 43 shares	(a)	2,350
	Janus Adviser Worldwide Fund, 2 shares	(a)	65
* VARIOUS PLAN PARTICIPANTS	Participant loans with varying maturities and interest rates ranging from 8.75% to 10.5%	(a)	32,104
	Total		----- \$ 4,834,695 =====

*Indicates a party in interest.

(a) Participant-directed.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

SCHEDULE II

ATLANTIC AMERICAN CORPORATION
401(K) RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

SCHEDULE G, PART III--NONEXEMPT TRANSACTIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000

IDENTITY OF ISSUER OR PARTY INVOLVED	RELATIONSHIP TO PLAN	DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTIONS	VALUE OF ASSET
ATLANTIC AMERICAN CORPORATION	Plan sponsor	Deemed loan to the Company dated September 2000 Deemed loan to the Company dated October 2000 Deemed loan to the Company dated November 2000	\$32,389 31,437 30,645

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

As independent public accountants, we hereby consent to the incorporation by reference of our report dated June 1, 2001, included in this Annual Report of the Atlantic American Corporation 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan on Form 11-K for the year ended December 31, 2000, into the Plan's previously filed Registration Statement No. 333-89891.

/s/ Arthur Andersen LLP

Atlanta, Georgia
June 25, 2001

