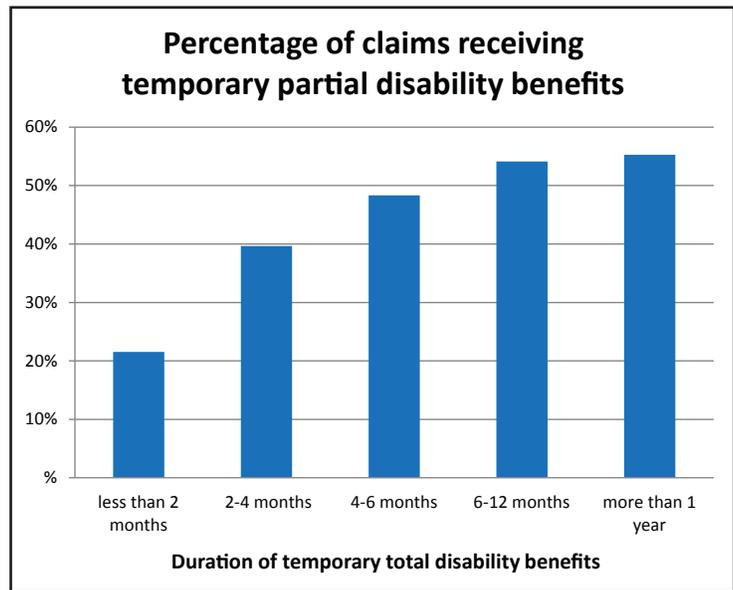


CompFact: More TTD means TPD more likely

Temporary partial disability (TPD) benefits are paid to injured workers who are working with wages that are reduced due to the effects of their work-related injury or illness. While some workers receive TPD benefits without missing full days of work due to their injury, analysis of claims data shows that injured workers with long durations of temporary total disability (TTD) are more likely to receive TPD benefits upon their return to work.

During the past decade, the overall percentage of injured workers with indemnity benefits who receive TPD benefits has stayed at about 29 percent.¹ For injuries between 2003 and 2008², the percentage of indemnity claims with TPD benefits increases with TTD benefit duration, leveling off at about 55 percent for claims with more than six months of total disability.



¹See Figure 3.2 of the *Minnesota Workplace System Report, 2009* to see a chart of the percentage of claims receiving each indemnity benefit type from 1997 through 2009, www.dli.mn.gov/RS/WcSystemReport.asp.

²Claims for 2009 and 2010 were not included in this analysis due to the small number of claims currently reporting more than six months of TTD benefits. The percentages of claims with TPD for durations of shorter than six months are consistent with the results of the earlier years.

'Oh darn, what were those department email notices again?'

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The Department of Labor and Industry maintains three workers'-compensation-related email lists, used for sending infrequent updates to subscribers about adjuster information, medical provider information and rehabilitation information.



The department also offers an archive of messages that have been sent to subscribers of the three email lists, which goes back a rolling three years.

The adjuster, medical provider and rehabilitation provider archives may be viewed by thread, subject, author or date.

To subscribe to an email list or to view list archives, visit www.dli.mn.gov/EmailLists.asp.