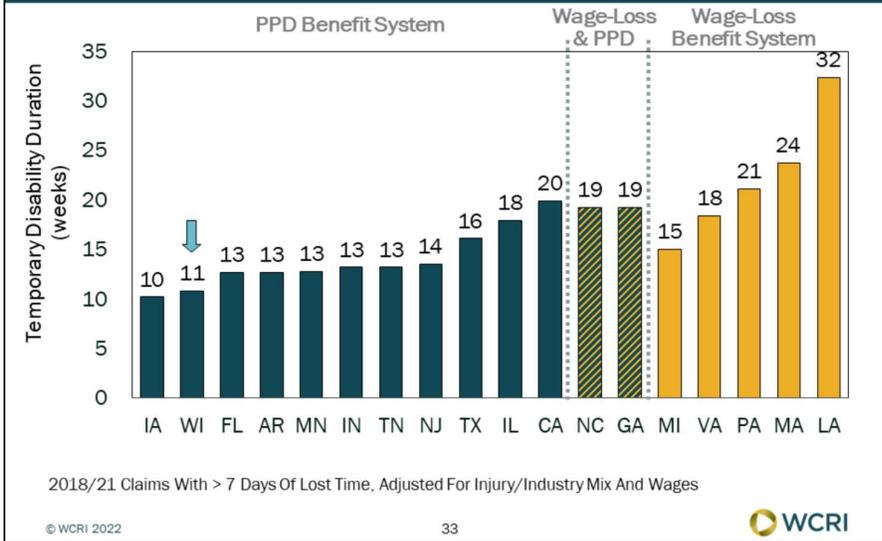


WI Duration Of Temporary Disability Per Claim Among Shortest Of All Study States



Key and definition: Duration of temporary disability: Average length of time for which temporary disability benefits were paid to workers. This metric is inversely related to the timeliness and ease of return to work. **PPD:** Permanent partial disability. **TD:** Temporary disability, includes temporary total disability (TTD) and temporary partial disability (TPD).

Note: See a [general classification of indemnity benefit systems: wage-loss versus PPD states](#).

In the absence of direct observations of each worker’s postinjury employment experience, we rely on a measure of the average number of weeks of temporary disability payments as a proxy for return to work. This measure reflects the duration of both temporary total and temporary partial disability benefits.

At an average of 11 weeks, duration of temporary disability in Wisconsin was the second shortest of all study states. System features contributed to that result: these are related to [terminating or modifying TTD](#) and [PPD benefits](#), and the [dispute resolution process](#).

In general, the duration of disability is likely affected by state-specific rules about terminating temporary disability benefits—for example, benefits can be terminated unilaterally or a hearing is required before benefits can be terminated. In addition, the speed of the dispute resolution process likely affects the duration of temporary disability. Some study states have [limits on duration of TD](#).

Wisconsin Has Two-Tier Permanent Partial Disability System For Nonscheduled Injuries

Impairment Only	Loss Of Earning Capacity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applies to workers with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Scheduled injuries ➢ Nonscheduled injuries and RTW with preinjury employer at 85% or more of preinjury wage • Physician evaluation of functional impairment • Use of state-specific guides • Minimum rating required for specific injuries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applies to workers with nonscheduled injuries and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ No RTW to the preinjury employer ➢ RTW to the preinjury employer at less than 85% of preinjury wage • Vocational expert evaluation of disability • Multiple factors considered, including employability, previous earnings, and other factors

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System features contributed to PPD benefit levels in Wisconsin. A detailed description is provided in the [“Discussion of Major Findings.”](#)

PPD regulations are provided in Wis. Stat. [§102.52](#) for scheduled and [§102.44 \(3\)](#) for nonscheduled injuries.

Key: **PPD:** Permanent partial disability. **RTW:** Return to work. **Wis. Stat.:** Wisconsin Statutes.