Workers’ Compensation on the Rise

Economic Recovery Seen in Increase

Workers’ Compensation Benefits, 1980-2011 per $100 of covered wages

- Total Benefits: 3.5%
- 126 Million Covered Workers

Most Disability Cases are Temporary

- 62.6% Temporary
- 36.8% Permanent Partial
- 0.4% Fatalities
- 0.3% Permanent Total

Employer Costs: 7% since 2010

Increased Employer Costs reflect increased employment and wages

Change in Total Workers’ Compensation Benefits Paid, 2010-2011

- Increase: 29 States
- Decrease: 22 States