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- To: Employee Trust Funds Board
- **From:** Gene Janke, Benefit Services Bureau Director Division of Benefits Administration
- **Subject:** Disability Programs and Quarterly Statistics Update: October December 2024

This memo is for informational purposes only. No Board action is required.

Attached is the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) 2024 Fourth Quarter Disability Programs Update for the period October – December 2024. The report provides quarterly data on benefit payments, the number of annuities started, options selected, sex, determination, age, and disability type. It should be noted that the number of annuitants and claimants have stayed relatively stable for the Disability Retirement (<u>Wis</u> <u>Stat. § 40.63</u>) and Duty Disability (<u>Wis Stat. § 40.65</u>) programs. Long-Term Disability Insurance claimants continue to decline as expected, due to the closure of this benefit in 2018.

This report does not include quarterly Income Continuation Insurance (ICI) program statistics, which is overseen by the Group Insurance Board. Annual ICI data is provided to the Employee Trust Funds Board (Board) in the "2024 Disability Statistical Report" presented in March (<u>Ref. ETF | 03.27.25 | 6D</u>).

We appreciate any feedback or suggestions you may offer for future inclusion in this report.

Staff will be at the Board meeting to answer any questions.

Attachment A: 2024 Fourth Quarter Disability Programs Update

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