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From: Karen Carraher, Executive Director
 Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

Date: March 1, 2024

Re: 2023 – 2024 Disability Report pursuant to ORC Section 145.351

The following is a summary of the 2023-2024 Ohio Public Employees Retirement System Disability Activity Report as required by Section 145.351 of the Ohio Revised Code. Attached is a detailed disability experience report for each employer.

Disability Summary Year 2023

Employer Group/ Classification Type	Year Start (In Process)	Submitted	Granted	Denied	Canceled	Year End (In Process)	Percent of Disability Recipients to Active Members
STATE	59	275	181	11	97	45	6.72%
LOCAL	80	380	248	27	137	48	5.23%
LAW/Public Safety	7	21	24	0	4	0	20.88%
Total	146	676	453	38	238	93	6.18%

Experience Versus Annual Actuarial Assumption

Employer Group/ Classification Type	2023 Percent Granted to Active Members (actual %)	2023 Granted to Active Members (actual #)	Most Recent Annual Actuarial Disability Assumption (as %/#)
STATE	0.18%	181	0.24% (241)
LOCAL	0.14%	248	0.20% (342)
LAW/Public Safety	0.32%	24	0.59% (47)
Total	0.16%	453	0.22% (630)

5-Year Summary of Percent Granted to Active Members (%/actual #)

Employer Group/ Classification		2019		2020		2021		2022		2023		5-Year Average	
		%	actual #	%	actual #	%	actual #	%	actual #	%	actual #	%	actual #
NON-LAW	State	0.18%	174	0.15%	155	0.16%	156	0.21%	209	0.18%	181	0.16%	468
	Local	0.17%	338	0.16%	289	0.13%	246	0.18%	342	0.14%	248		
LAW/Public Safety		0.46%	38	0.43%	36	0.39%	32	0.53%	43	0.32%	24	0.43%	35
Total		0.18%	550	0.16%	480	0.15%	434	0.20%	594	0.16%	453	0.17%	503

Common Disabilities

Condition <i>(recipient may have multiple conditions)</i>	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	5-Year Total	Percent
Musculoskeletal	237 (28%)	202 (32%)	149 (28%)	300 (35%)	260 (36%)	1,148	32%
Psychiatric	114 (14%)	101 (16%)	99 (19%)	153 (18%)	121 (17%)	588	16%
Neurological	92 (11%)	76 (12%)	59 (11%)	109 (12%)	91 (13%)	427	12%
Cardiovascular	104 (12%)	74 (12%)	75 (14%)	101 (12%)	66 (9%)	420	12%
Oncologic	86 (10%)	73 (12%)	66 (13%)	82 (10%)	87 (12%)	394	11%
Other*	214 (25%)	99 (16%)	81 (15%)	116 (13%)	91 (13%)	601	17%
Total	847	625	529	861	716	3,578	100%

* Other includes pulmonary, gastrointestinal, eye, ear, nose, and throat, endocrine, renal, hematologic, infectious disease, and sleep disorders.