American wage earners believe disabilities will last a long time.

% of respondents who believe that a typical disability lasts the following lengths of time

- Less than 1 month: 1%
- 1 to 3 months: 7%
- 4 to 6 months: 14%
- 7 to 11 months: 9%
- 1 to 2 years: 20%
- 2 to 5 years: 9%
- More than 5 years: 8%
- Most likely never to return to work: 31%

Source: The Disability Divide, CDA 2010 Consumer Disability Awareness Study