



**Final Top Line Results**  
**PA Trial Lawyers' Association Fall 2005 Statewide Poll**  
**Sample Size 700**  
**Conducted September 28 - October 3, 2005**

**INTRODUCTION:** We are conducting a survey of attitudes and opinions concerning some important issues facing Pennsylvania today. May we have a few minutes of your time to complete the survey?

Q1. This fall, the State General Assembly may consider a plan to double the length of time an injured worker is required to see the company's approved doctor for treatment before they can see their own doctor - from 90 days to 180 days. Would you support this change?

1. Yes	164	23%
2. No	475	68%
3. Undecided	59	08%

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Q2. If you knew that the number of workers compensation claims filed had been decreasing in Pennsylvania, would you support making it harder to file a claim, make it easier, or leave it as it is?

1. Harder	80	11%
2. Easier	138	20%
3. Leave as is	433	62%
4. Undecided	46	07%

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Q3. Do you believe insurance policies should be required to be written in "plain English" which would make it easier for people to understand exactly what their policy does and does not cover? For example, would you support changing the term "full tort" to instead be "full right to sue" to make it clearer what coverage people are purchasing?

1. Yes	675	96%
2. No	20	03%
3. Undecided	4	01%

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Q4. Currently, drivers are only required to carry \$15,000 in coverage – an amount that has not changed in well over 30 years. Would you support raising this minimum amount of required coverage?

1. Yes	422	60%
2. No	210	30%
3. Undecided	65	09%

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**Now, I have a few more questions for demographic purposes and then we'll be through....**

Q5. Are you registered to vote as a Republican, Democrat, Independent or something else?

1. Republican	315	45%
2. Democrat	336	48%
3. Independent/other	42	06%
4. Refuse	7	01%

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Q6. What is your approximate age according to the following brackets: 18-29, 30-44, 45-59 or 60 and over?

1. 18-29	31	04%
2. 30-44	143	20%
3. 45-59	274	39%
4. 60+	238	34%
5. Refuse	14	02%

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Q7. Do you consider yourself to be conservative or liberal when thinking about politics?

1. Conservative	356	51%
2. Liberal	170	24%
3. Moderate	140	20%
4. None/other	12	02%
5. Refuse	22	03%

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Q8. Is your main racial heritage of Caucasian, African-American, Hispanic, Asian American or another background? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

1. Caucasian	609	87%
2. African American	58	08%
3. Hispanic	4	01%
4. Asian or Pacific Islander	5	01%
5. Native American	1	00%
6. Other	11	02%
7. Refuse	21	03%

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE SURVEY. HAVE A GOOD DAY.**

Gender

1. Male	336	48%
2. Female	364	52%

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Area:

- 34 (05%) 1. **Northwest** [Erie, Crawford, Mercer, Venango, Warren, Forest]
- 76 (11%) 2. **Southwest** [Lawrence, Beaver, Washington, Greene, Fayette, Westmoreland, Indiana, Armstrong, Butler]
- 88 (13%) 3. **The "T"/Central** [Jefferson, Elk, McKean, Cameron, Clarion, Clearfield, Centre, Cambria, Somerset, Bedford, Fulton, Franklin, Huntingdon, Blair, Potter, Tioga, Bradford, Susquehanna, Wyoming, Sullivan, Lycoming, Clinton, Union, Snyder, Northumberland, Montour, Columbia, Mifflin, Juniata]
- 87 (12%) 4. **Northeast/Lehigh Valley** [Luzerne, Carbon, Monroe, Schuylkill, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Northampton, Pike, Wayne]
- 104 (15%) 5. **South Central** [Perry, Cumberland, Adams, York, Lancaster, Lebanon, Dauphin, Berks]
- 146 (21%) 6. **Southeast** [Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, Bucks]
- 80 (11%) 7. **Allegheny County**
- 86 (12%) 8. **Philadelphia**
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The margin of error for a sample size of 700 is +/-3.7%

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