

Workers compensation system monthly dashboard

May 2020 report



System overview

Key workers compensation system statistics for the 12 months ending May 2020



\$271B

of reported wages are safeguarded by the workers compensation scheme¹



\$3.8B

in premiums were collected, **representing 1.4%** of reported NSW wages¹



\$3.2B

was paid out as costs for workers claims¹



94,713

claims were reported to SIRA



78,979

workers received weekly benefit payments

Coronavirus (COVID-19) claims

SIRA is now reporting claim volumes for COVID-19

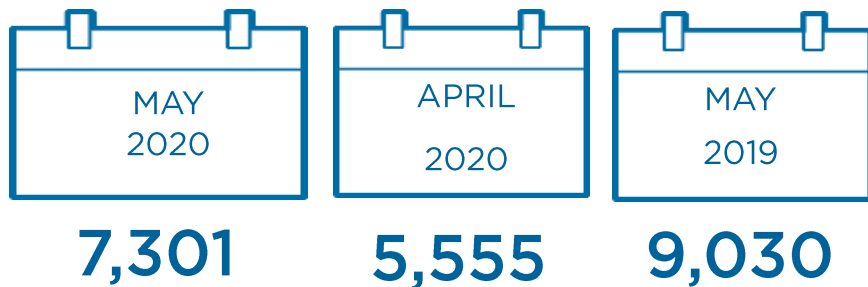
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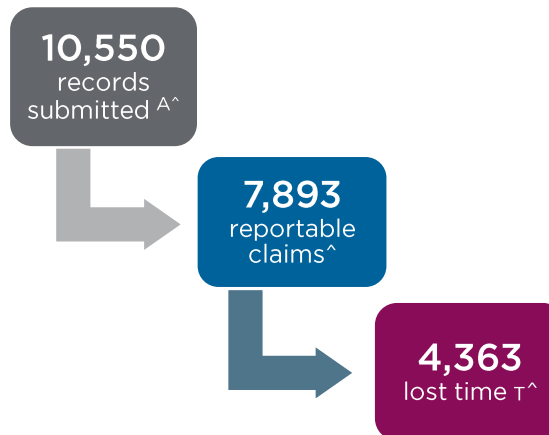
System effectiveness in protecting workers and getting workers back to work and wellbeing



Reportable claims



Monthly average over the last 12 months



Working from home claims

As at 31/7/2020 there were 105 claims for workers working from home

Insurer type	Number of claims
Nominal Insurer	53
Government Self-insurers (TMF)	34
Self Insurers	12
Specialised Insurers	6
TOTAL	105

Of these 105 claims – 10 occurred in July 2020, 10 in June, 4 in May, 2 in April. The remainder were earlier than this.

¹For the 2018/19 financial year

^A Records submitted includes all records received from insurers across NSW. This data excludes administration errors.

^T Lost time is based on workers receiving weekly benefits.

[^] Figure is based on a 12-month average.

Note the data does not indicate if the injured workers is working from home as a result of the COVID -19 pandemic or as part of their flexible working conditions

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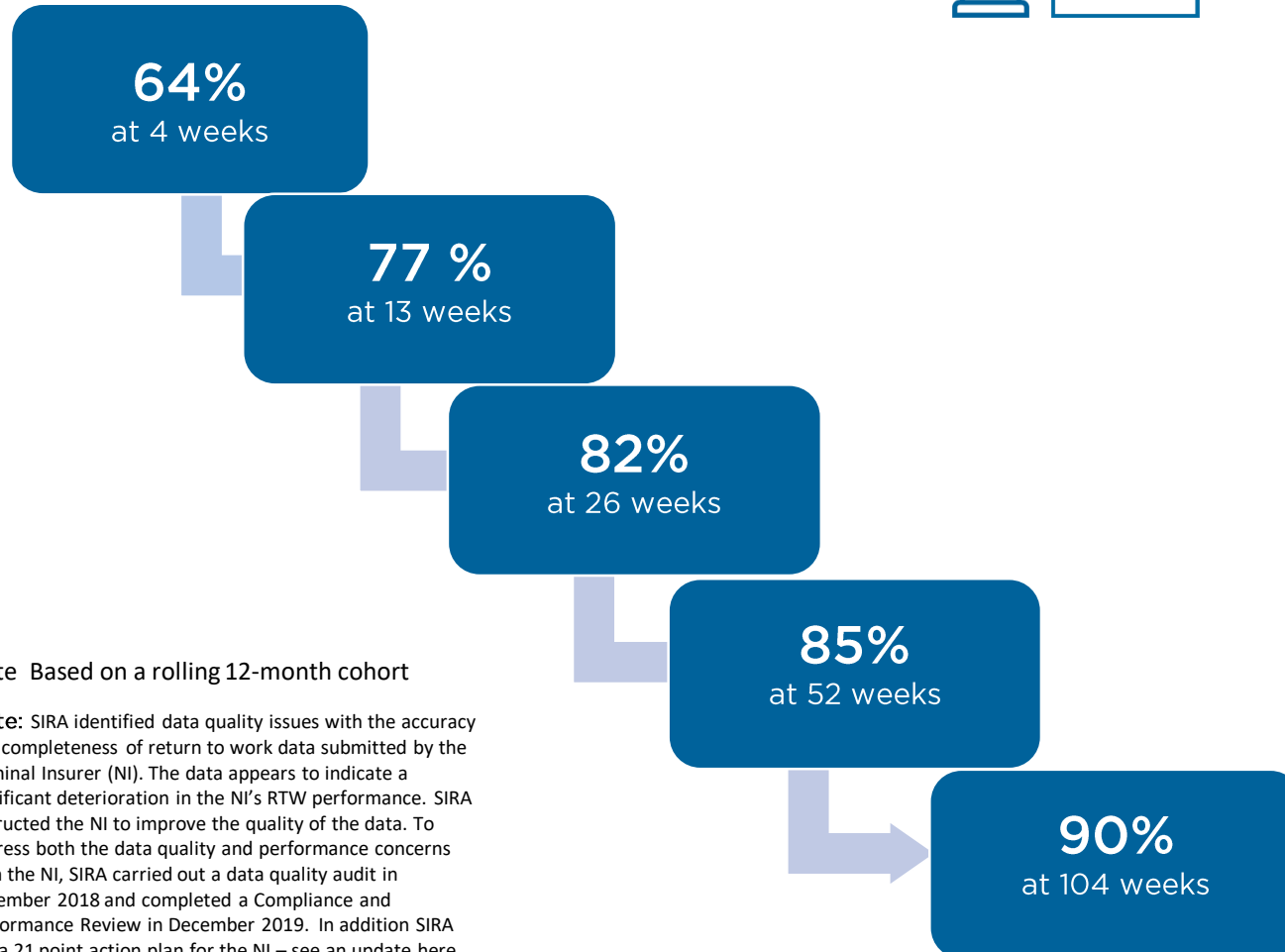
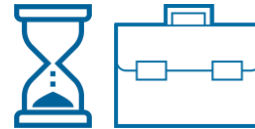
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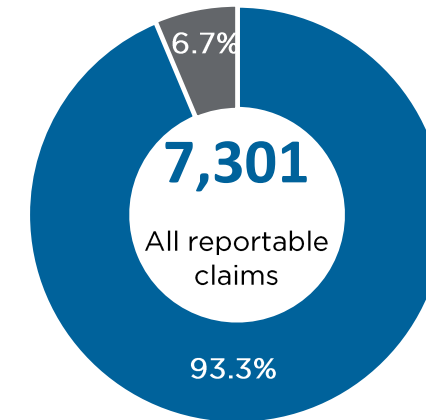
Return to work rates



Note Based on a rolling 12-month cohort

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Primary psychological injuries



Physical injuries
6,810 (93.3%)

Psychological injuries
491 (6.7%)

Claims by body locations



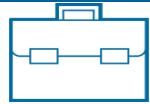
Head	10.5%
Neck	2.5%
Upper limbs	34.8%
Trunk	19.0%
Lower limbs	19.6%
Psychological	6.7%
To be confirmed	2.4%
Multiple locations	3.4%
Systemic locations	1.1%

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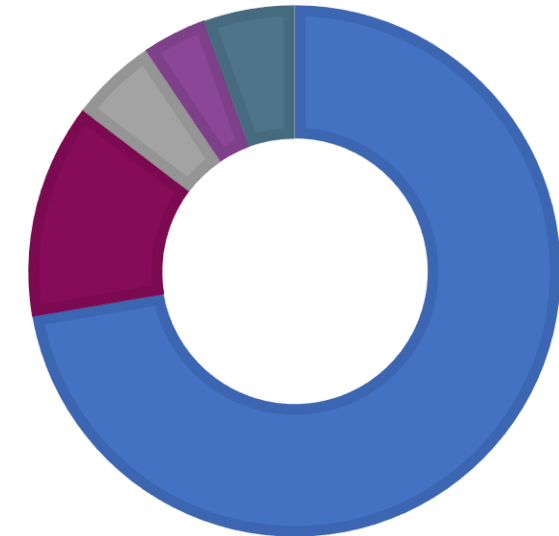
Workers' claims journey results at April 2020



System return to work rates

	RTW rate 4 weeks	RTW rate 13 weeks	RTW rate 26 weeks	RTW rate 52 weeks	RTW rate 104 weeks
Scheme	64%	77%	82%	85%	90%
Scheme compared with last month	↓	↓	=	↓	↓
Nominal insurer	63%	76%	80%	83%	90%
Government self insurer (TMF)	68%	81%	86%	89%	91%
Specialised Insurers	72%	82%	86%	87%	89%
Self insurers	69%	78%	84%	85%	90%

Maintaining a significant period of work



- Maintained RTW for 12 months
- Maintained RTW for 8+ to 11 months
- Maintained RTW for 5+ to 8 months
- Maintained RTW for 3+ to 5 months
- Maintained RTW for less than 3 months

Maintaining a significant RTW monitors the length of time workers were reported to be working in a 12-month period following their initial return to work
Note - This analysis requires a 12 month data development period and data is as at May 2020.

Note Based on a rolling 12-month cohort, for further details see the Explanatory Note.

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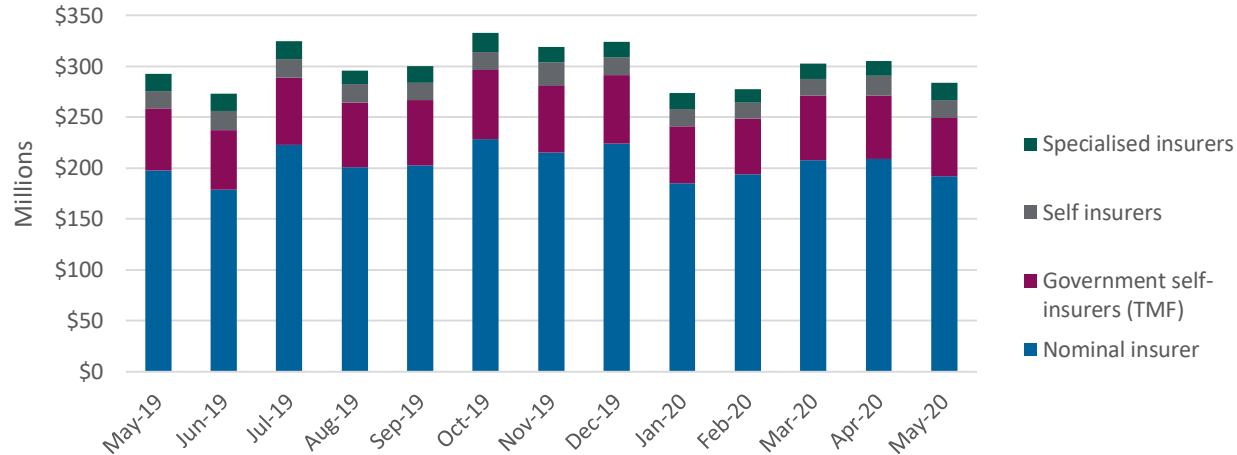


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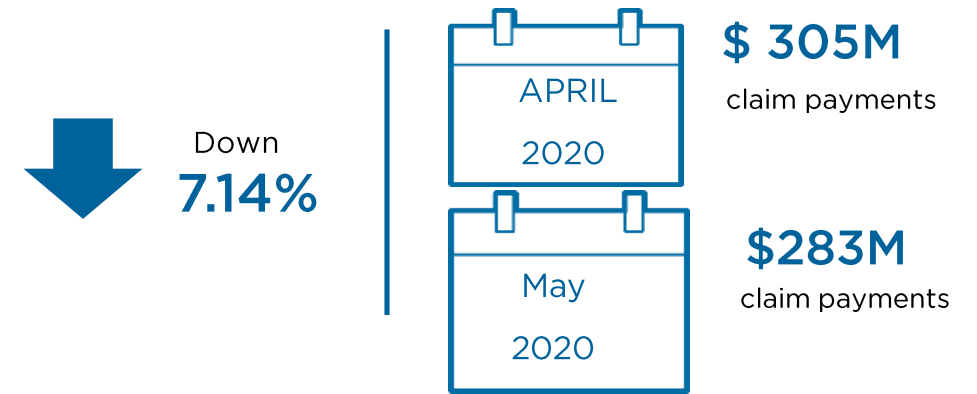
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Total claim payments made by insurers

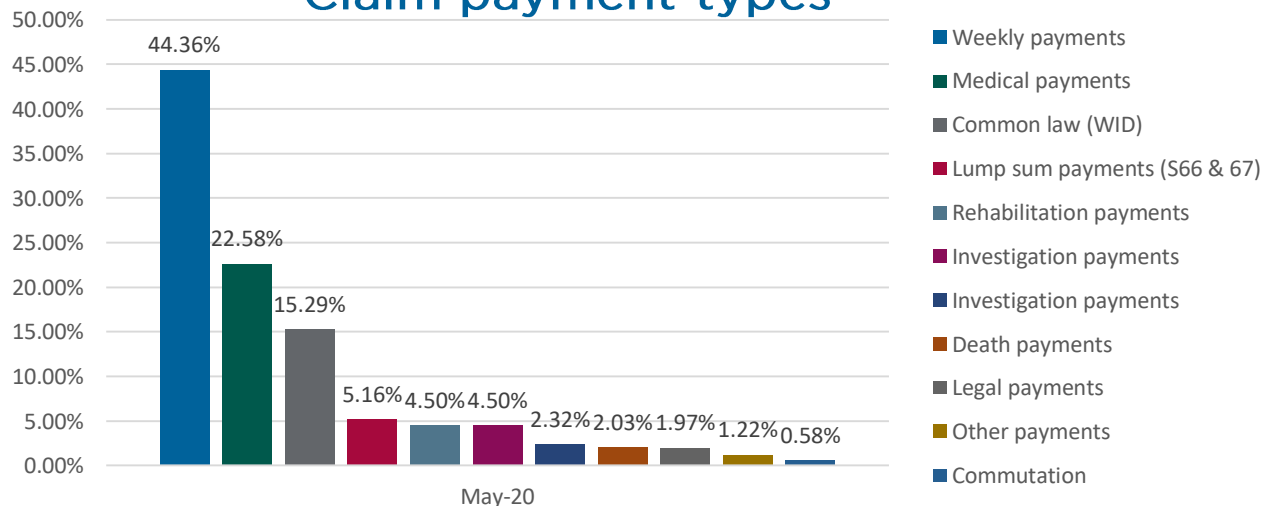


Claim payments

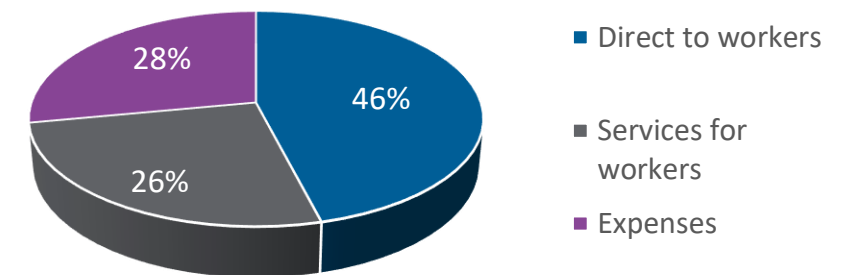


Note – Insurers regularly update claims data based on the progression of a claim. This has been observed to result in changing payment details month on month.

Claim payment types



Benefits paid to and for workers



Note: The benefits paid to and for workers is calculated annually. Details of definitions can be found in the methodology and data section. Insurers reported this data to SIRA at the end of the 2018/19 financial year.

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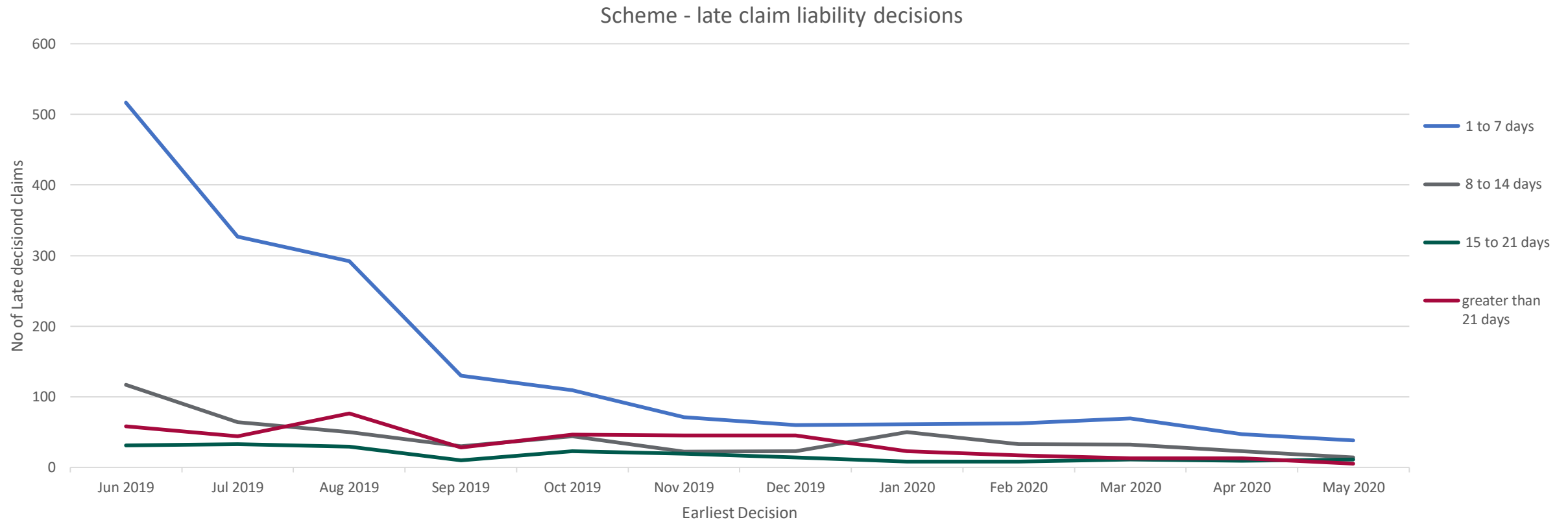


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Scheme - late claim liability decisions



Once an insurer has been notified of a work-related injury they are required to make a liability decision (including provisional liability, reasonable excuse, liability accepted or disputed) within 7 days. This graph shows the performance across the scheme of the decisions which fall outside that performance standard. See the *Workplace Injury Management and Workers Compensation Act 1998* (1998 Act).

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NSW workers compensation insurer scorecard

Information about the performance of insurers operating within the workers compensation system



	% share of reported wages FY 2018/19	% share of total claims FY 2018/19	% share of total payments made in April 2020	% share of total active claims	% of injury notifications actioned within 7 days	% of Level 1 complaints to active claims
Nominal insurer	74%	67%	69%	66%	99.09%	0.05%
Government self insurer (TMF)	13%	17%	19%	20%	99.51%	0.00%
Specialised Insurers	6%	8%	5%	7%	95.14%	0.03%
Self insurers	7%	9%	7%	8%	97.99%	0.12%

Note: insurers reported this data to SIRA as at May 2020

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Customer experience & equity

Customers' experience with the system is positive and equitable



Enquiries and complaints



1,692 enquiries

677 complaints

Note: These are the complaints and enquiries numbers received by SIRA and WIRO. Complaint data (which may include the name of an insurer) is derived from verbatim reports from customers. While SIRA does some data cleansing, the reporting is verbatim from customers and might occasionally reference an incorrect insurer and/or insurer type.



Disputes lodged

0.7% of active claims

In May 2020 there were **93,943** active claims
and **649** disputes

Note: Including internal reviews and disputes from the NSW Workers Compensation Commission.

Perceived justice of the compensation process

Insurer type	Procedural Justice Average (mean) on a 5-point scale	Informational Justice Average (mean) on a 5-point scale	Interpersonal Justice Average (mean) on a 5-point scale
Nominal Insurer	4.0	3.9	4.3
Self and Specialised	3.9	3.9	4.3
Treasury Managed Fund	4.0	3.7	4.4

Definitions of dimensions used to measure customers perception of equity and perceived justice:

- **Procedural justice**, about the fairness of the procedures used to determine the outcomes.
- **Informational justice**, is about receiving accurate and timely information about the rationale for decisions.
- **Interpersonal justice**, relates to whether workers were treated with respect and sensitivity.

Source: [Abridged Return to Work Outcomes Survey: NSW Workers Compensation System \(October 2019\)](#).

Affordability

Insurance affordability



1.4%

Affordability of insurance as a percentage of
reported NSW wages for 2018/19

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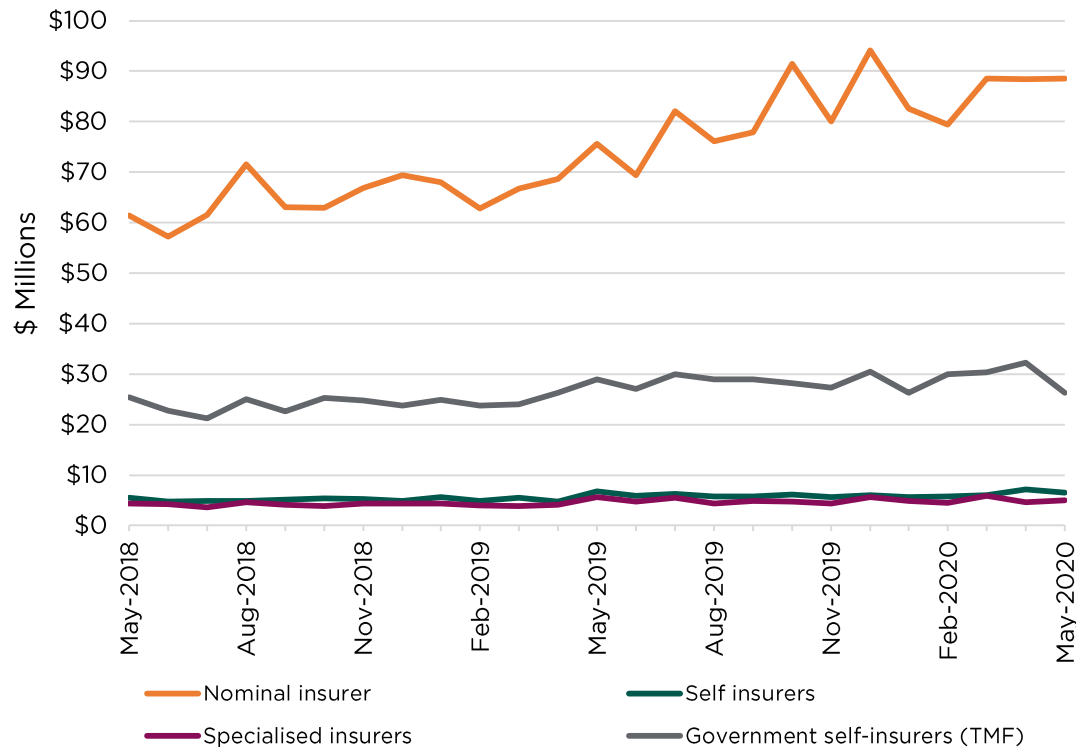


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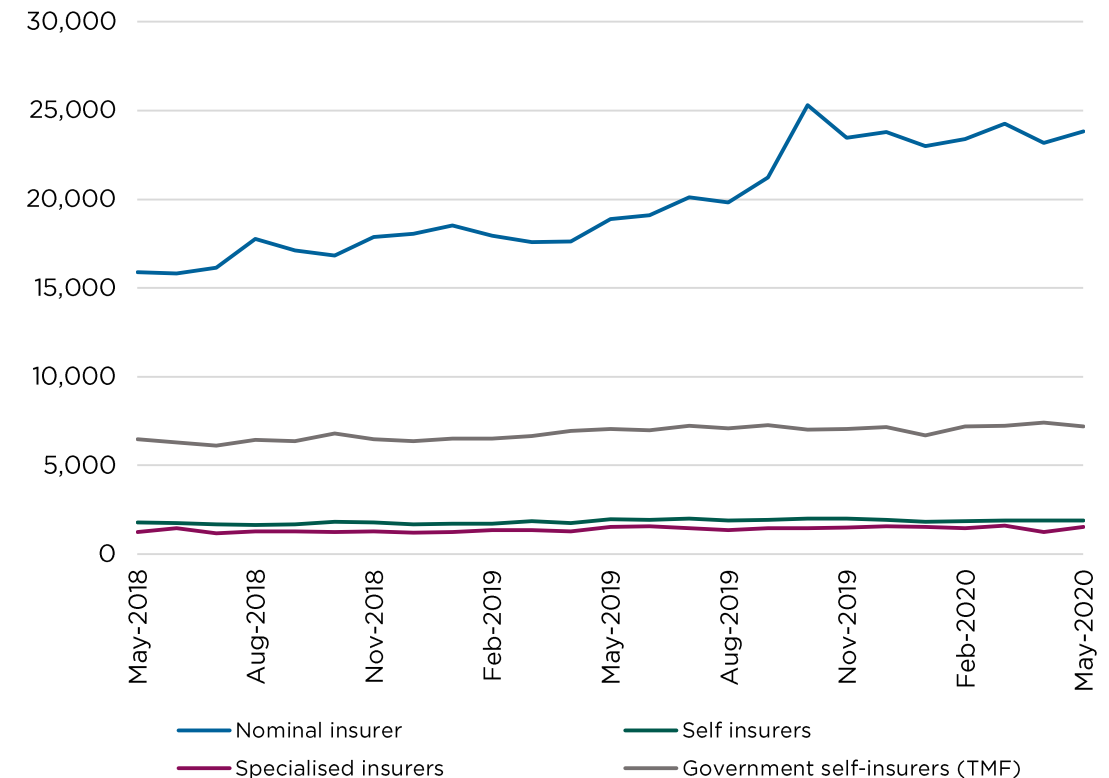
Information about insurers performance within the workers compensation system



Cost to the system for weekly benefits paid per month



Number of workers receiving weekly benefits per month



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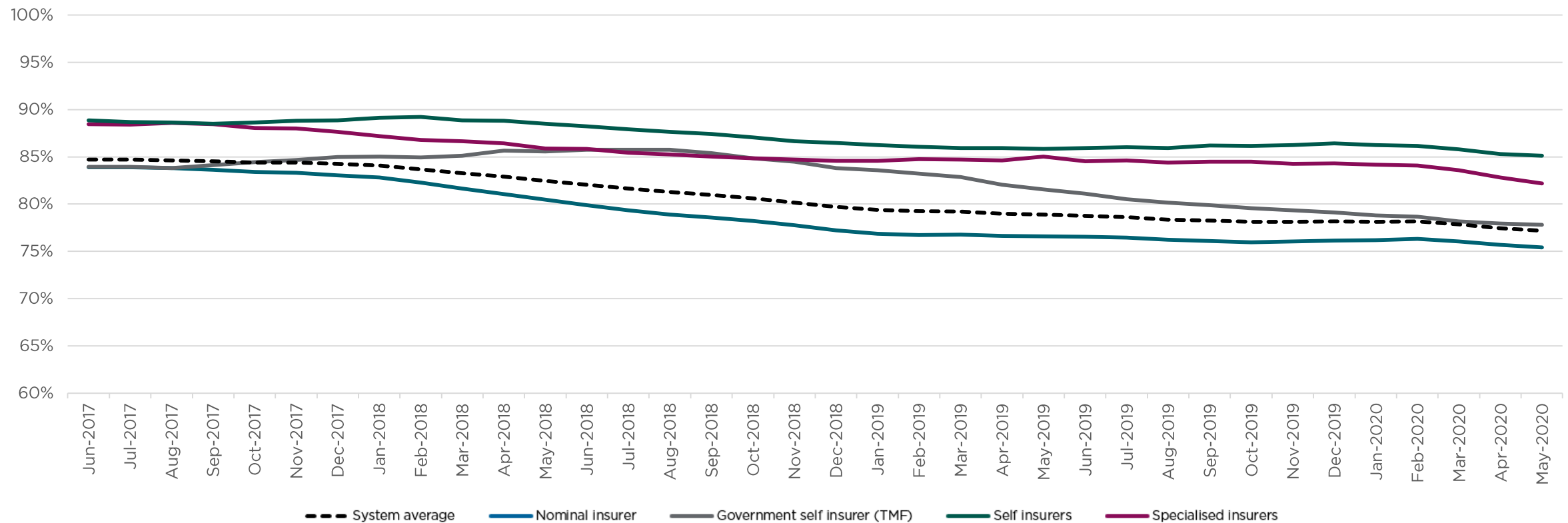
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RTW including medical only claimants rate

at 4 weeks



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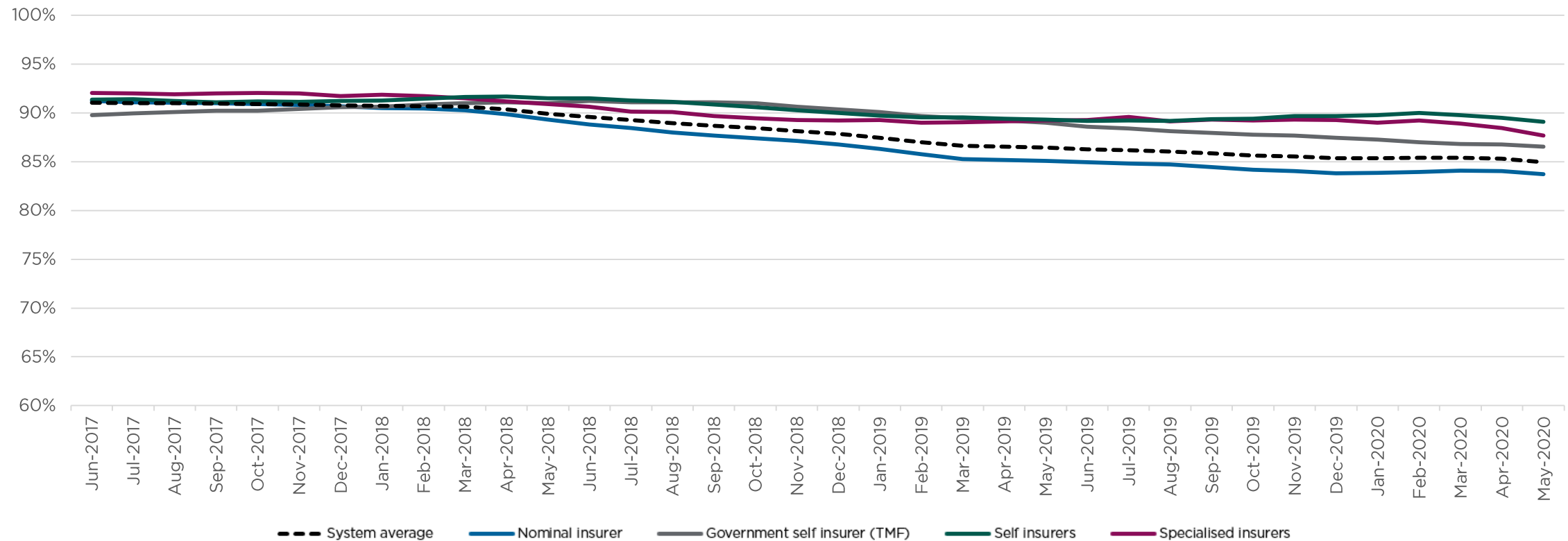
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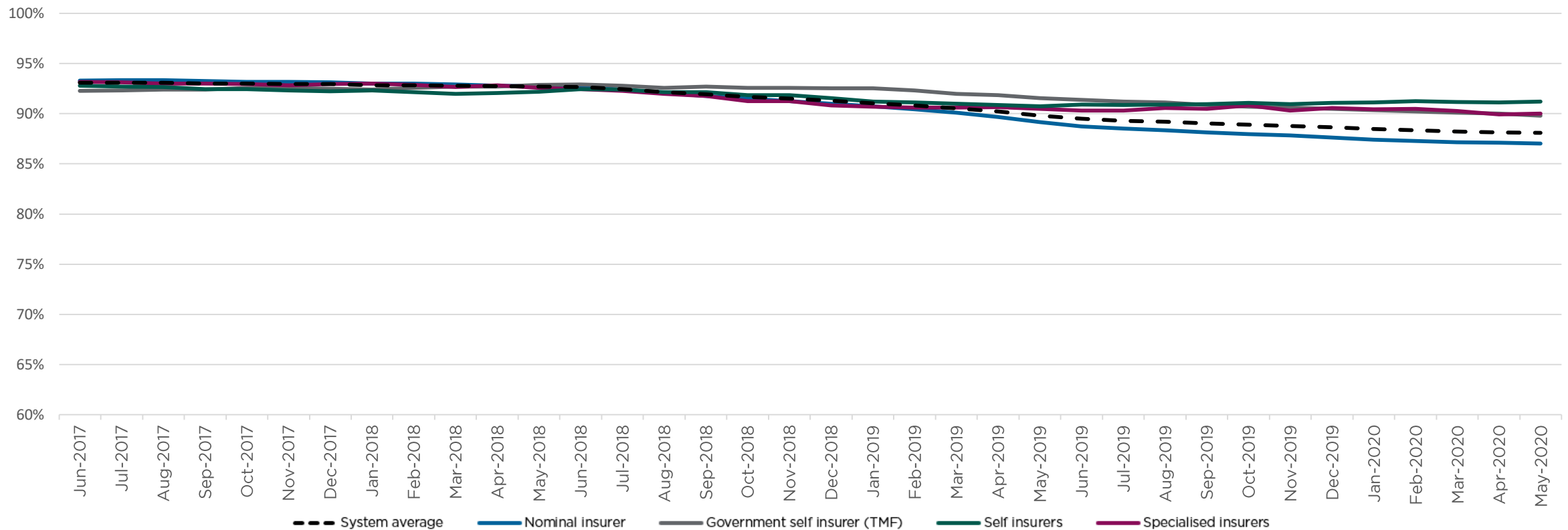
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RTW including medical only claimants rate

at 26 weeks



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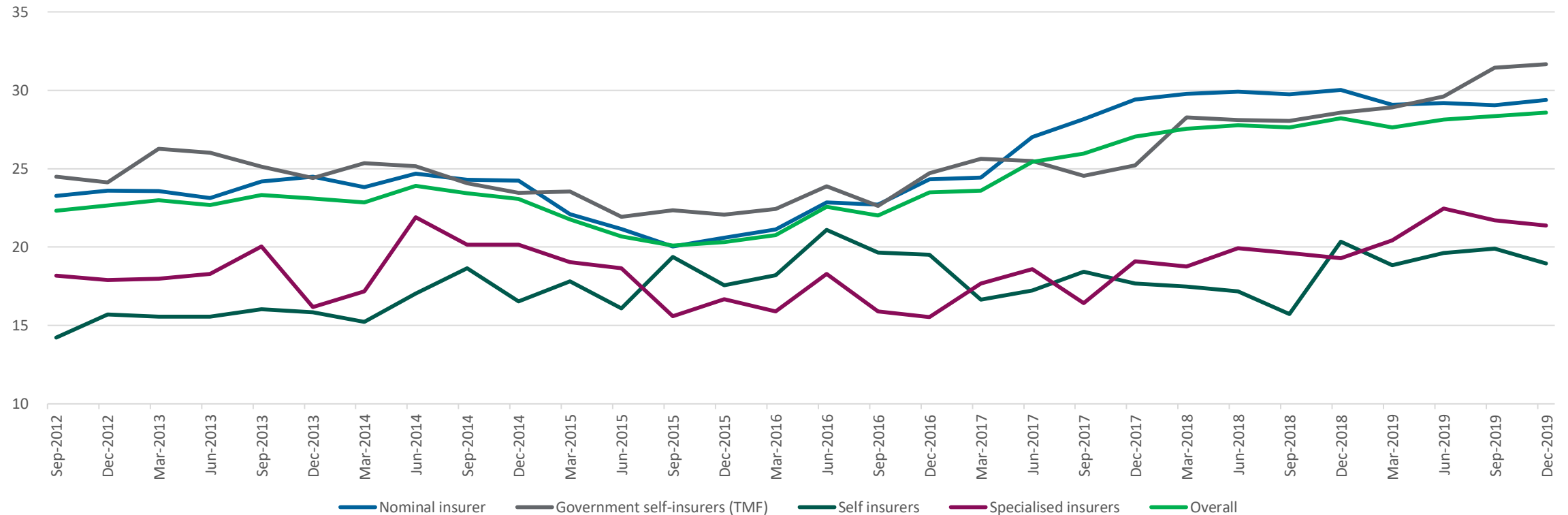


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Average number of days weekly benefits are paid in the first 6 months (quarterly results)



Note: The data for this chart requires a six month development period. This data is as at December 2019.

This chart shows the average number of days of weekly benefits paid to injured workers in the first 6 months of their claim. This measure uses work hours lost and injury quarter to calculate average days.

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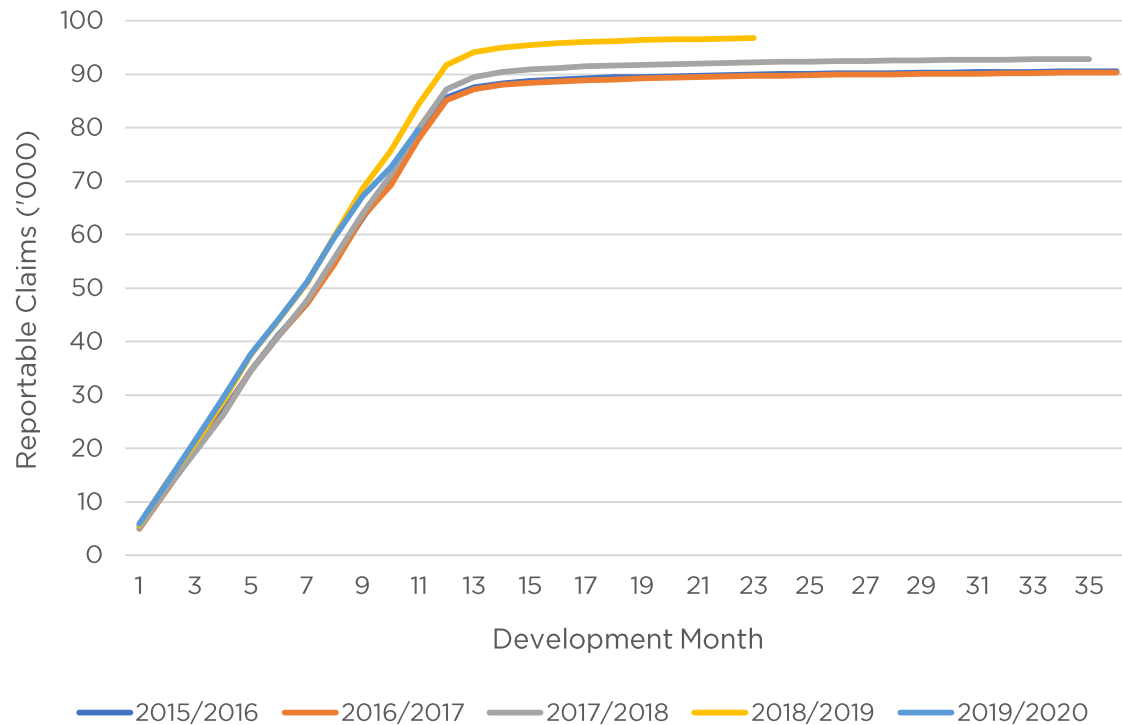


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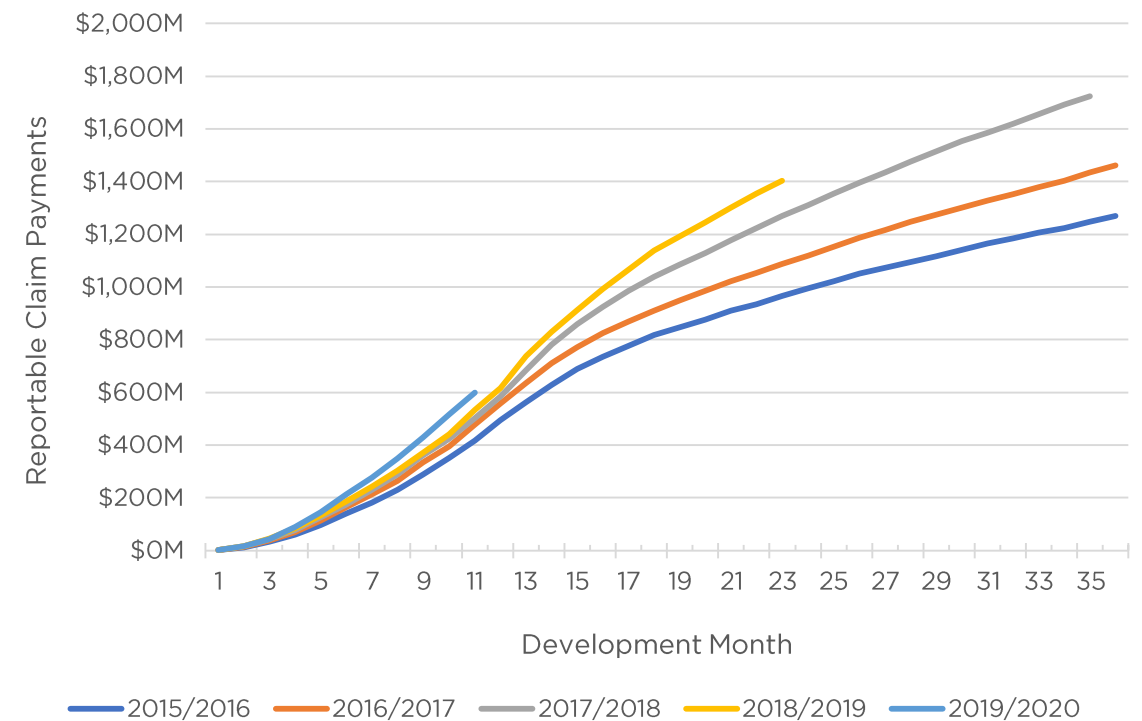
Monitoring claim and payment development in the workers compensation system



Reportable claims development



Reportable claims payment development



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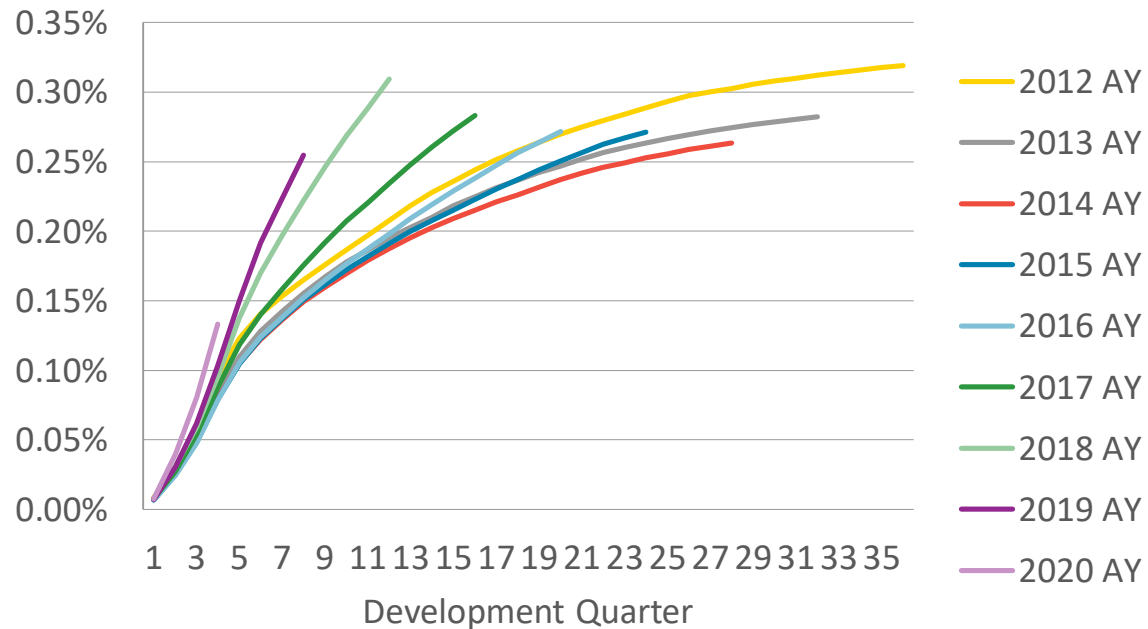


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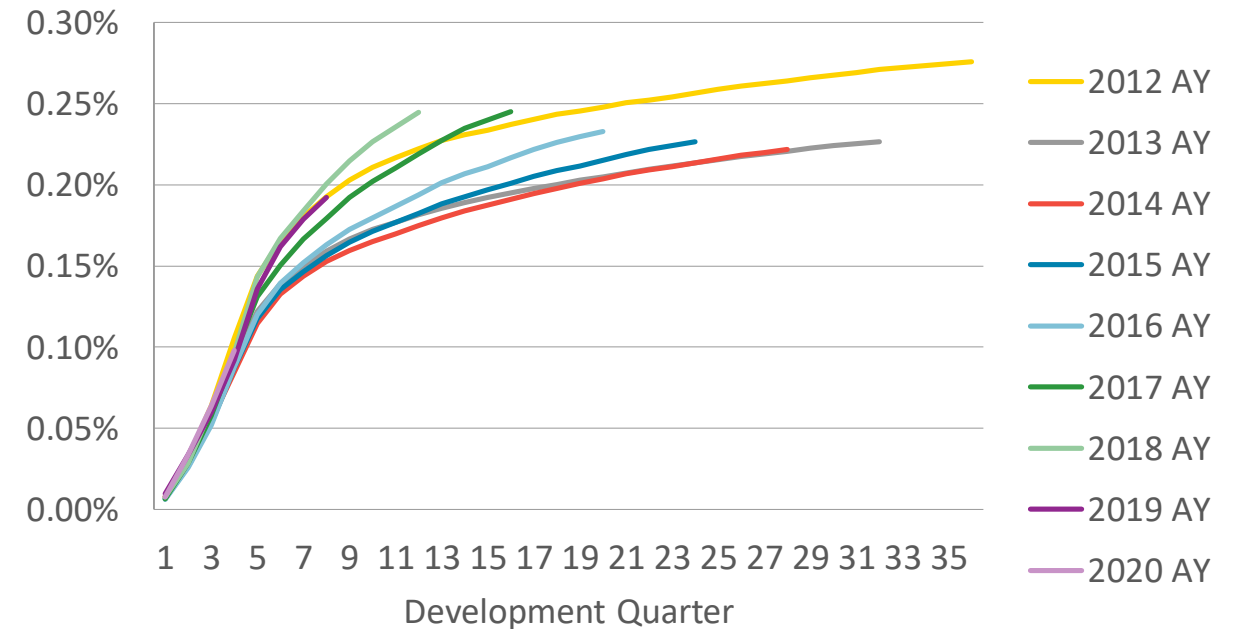
NI weekly and medical payments as a percentage of insured wages



NI weekly payments
as a percentage of insured wages



NI medical payments
as a percentage of insured wages



Data as at June 2020

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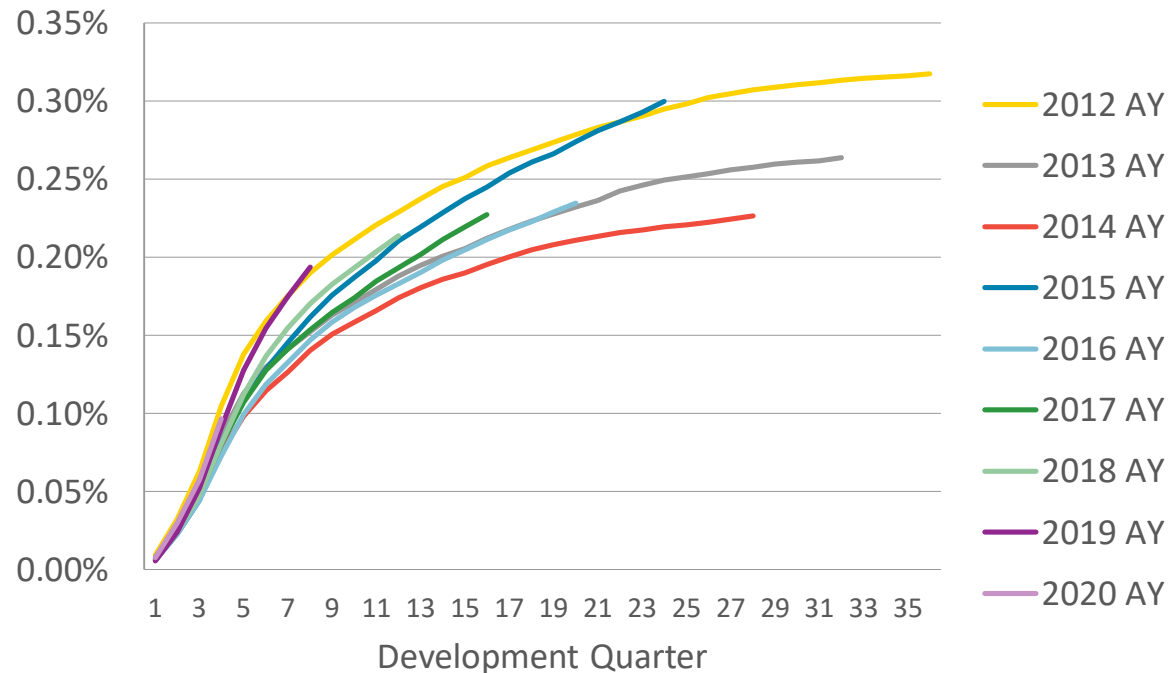
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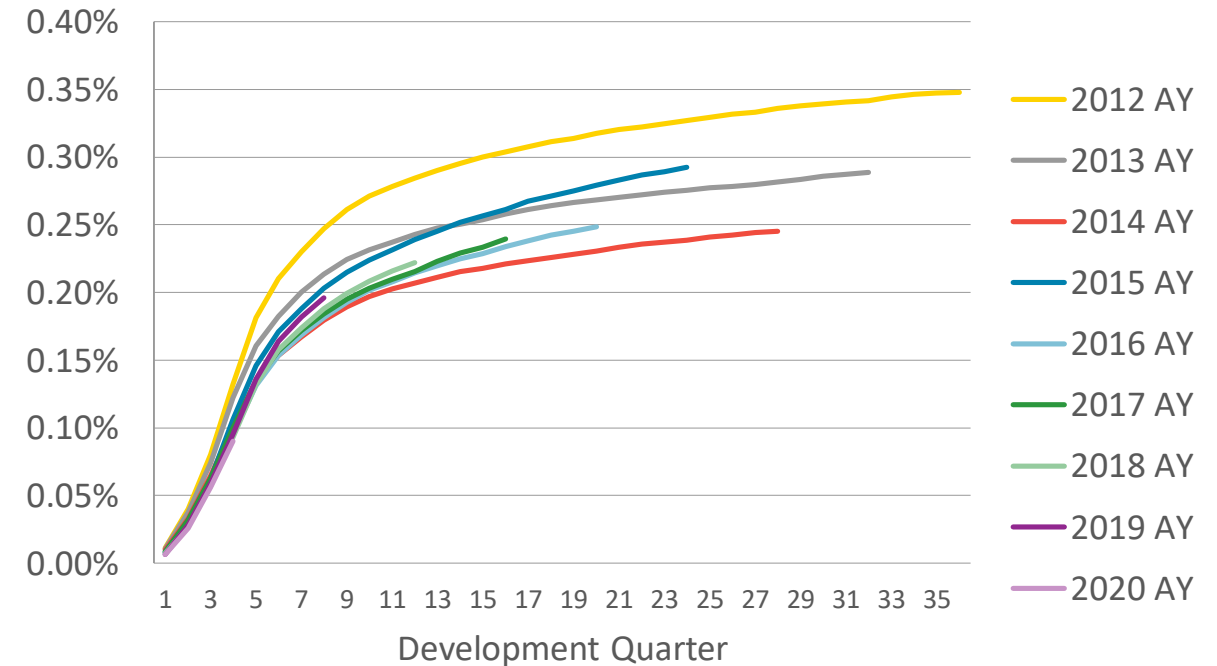
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Self insurers Weekly and medical payments as a percentage of insured wages

Self-insurers' weekly payments
as a percentage of insured wages



Self insurers' medical payments
as a percentage of insured wages



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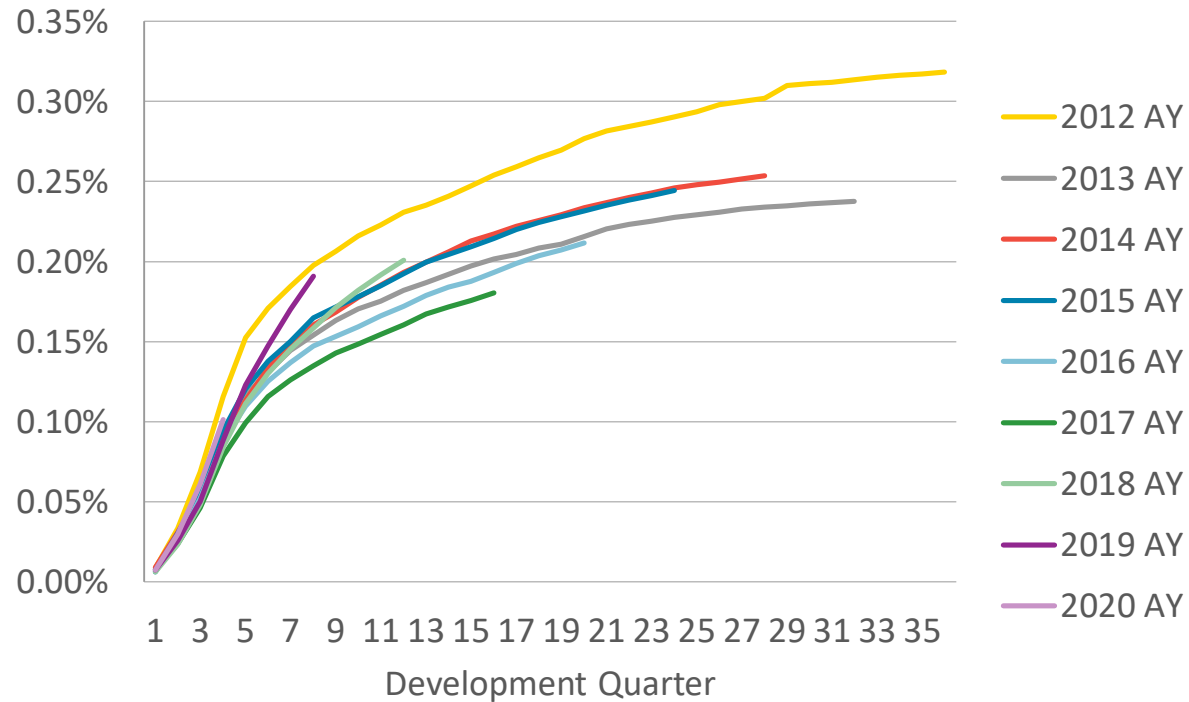
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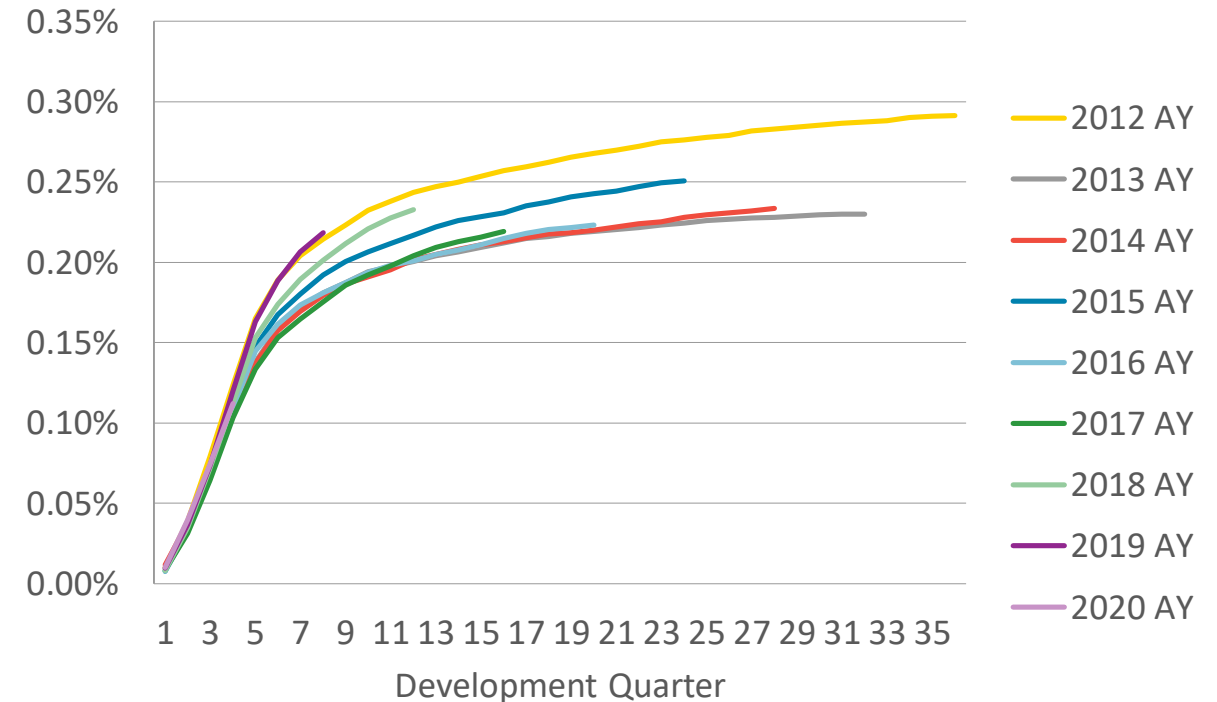
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Specialised insurers weekly and medical payments as a percentage of insured wages

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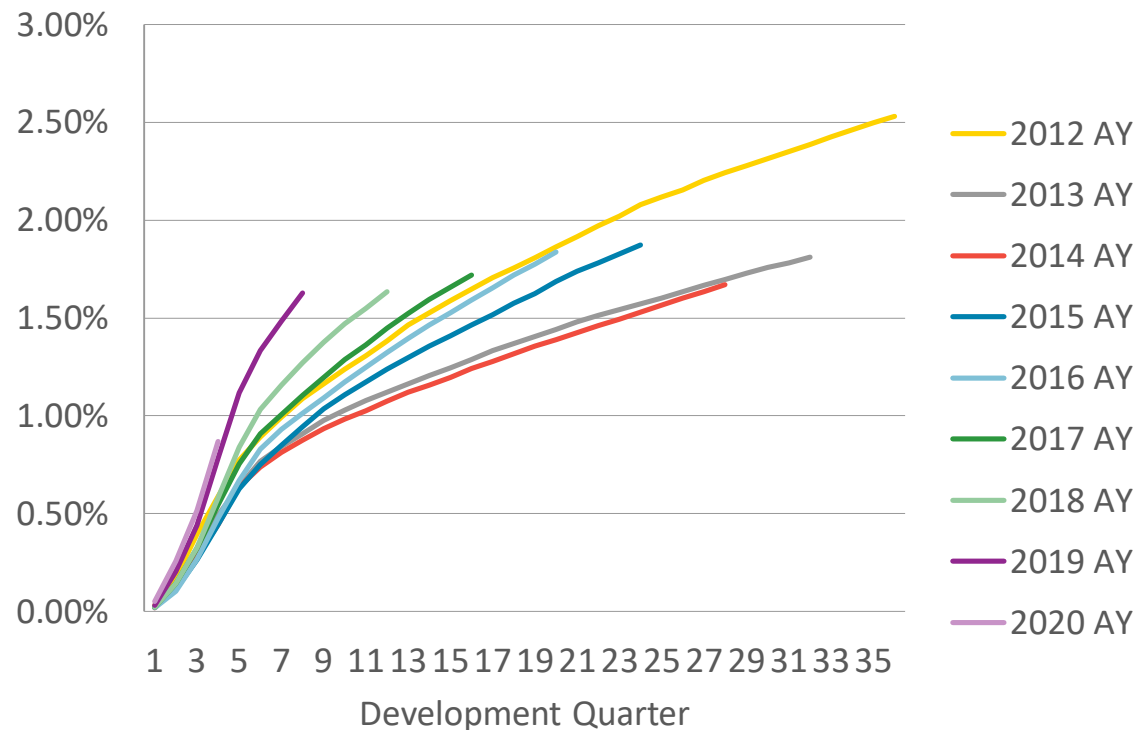


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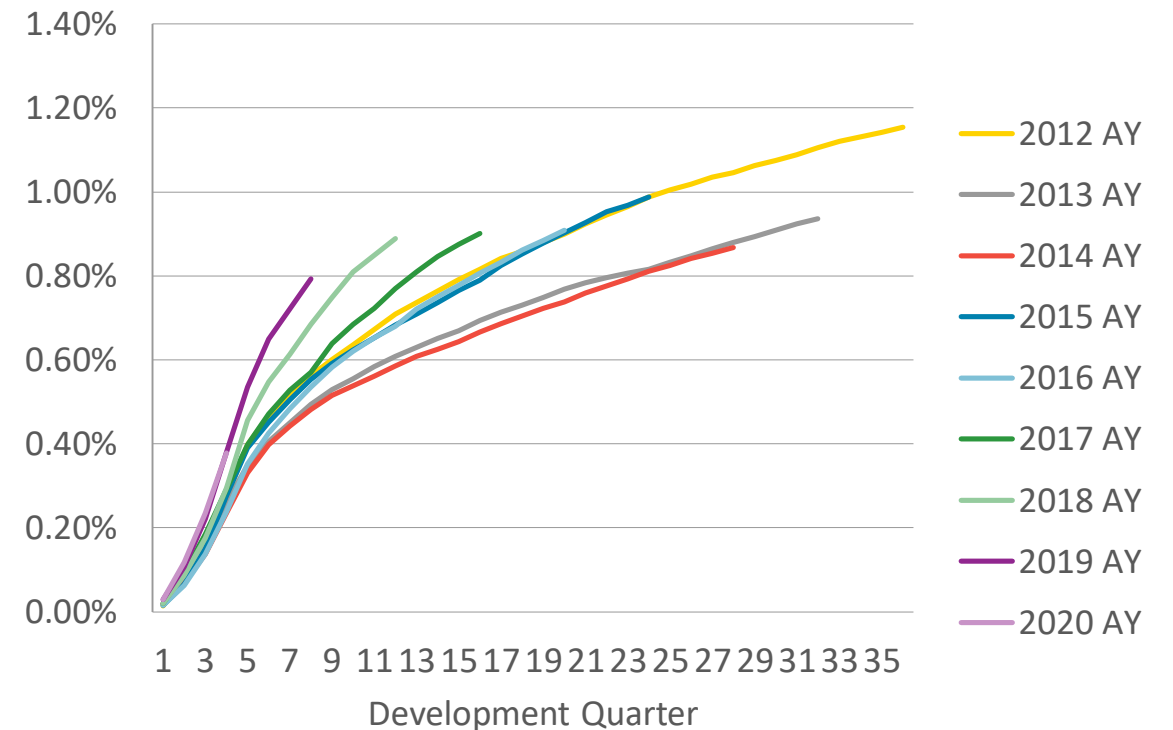
Government self insurers (TMF) emergency service segments* weekly and medical payments wages



Government self insurer's (TMF) emergency segments
weekly payments as a percentage of insured wages



Government self insurer's (TMF) emergency segments
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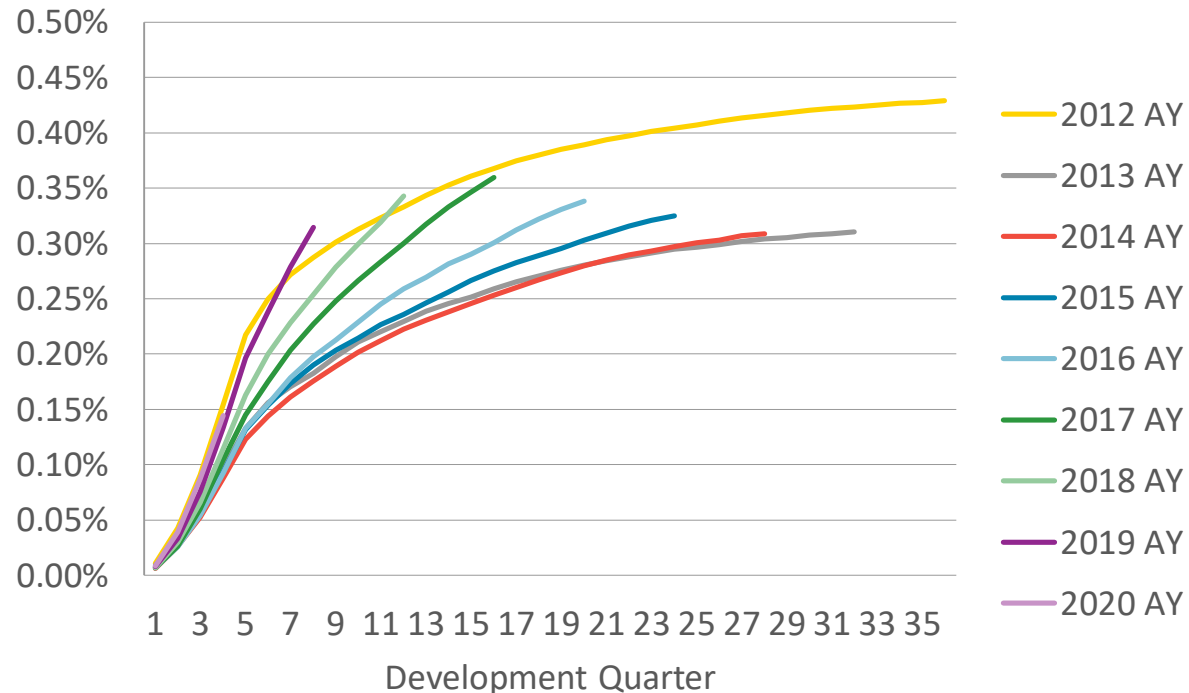


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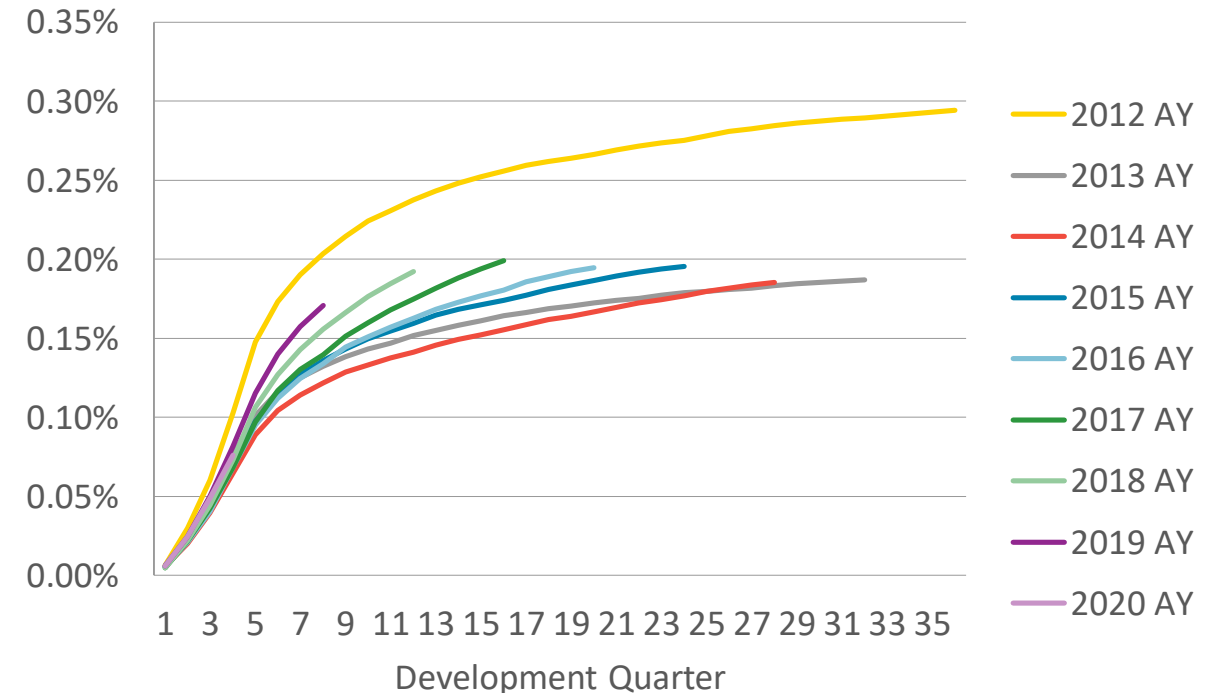
Government self insurers (TMF) non-emergency services* weekly payments by accident year and development quarters



Government self-insurer's (TMF) non emergency segments
weekly payments as a percentage of wages



Government self-insurer's (TMF) non emergency segments
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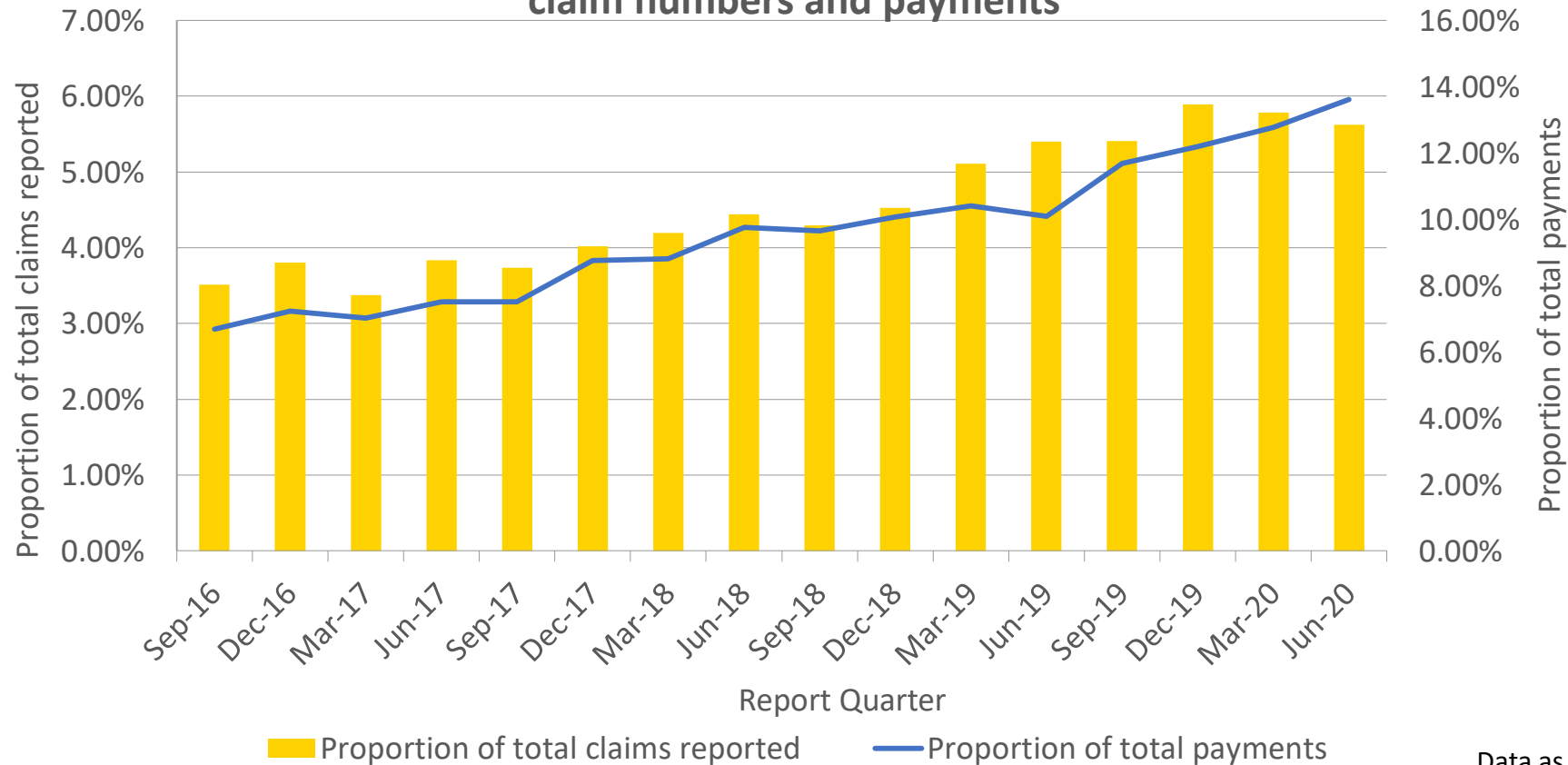
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Psychological claims



NI psychological claim numbers and payments as a proportion of NI total claim numbers and payments



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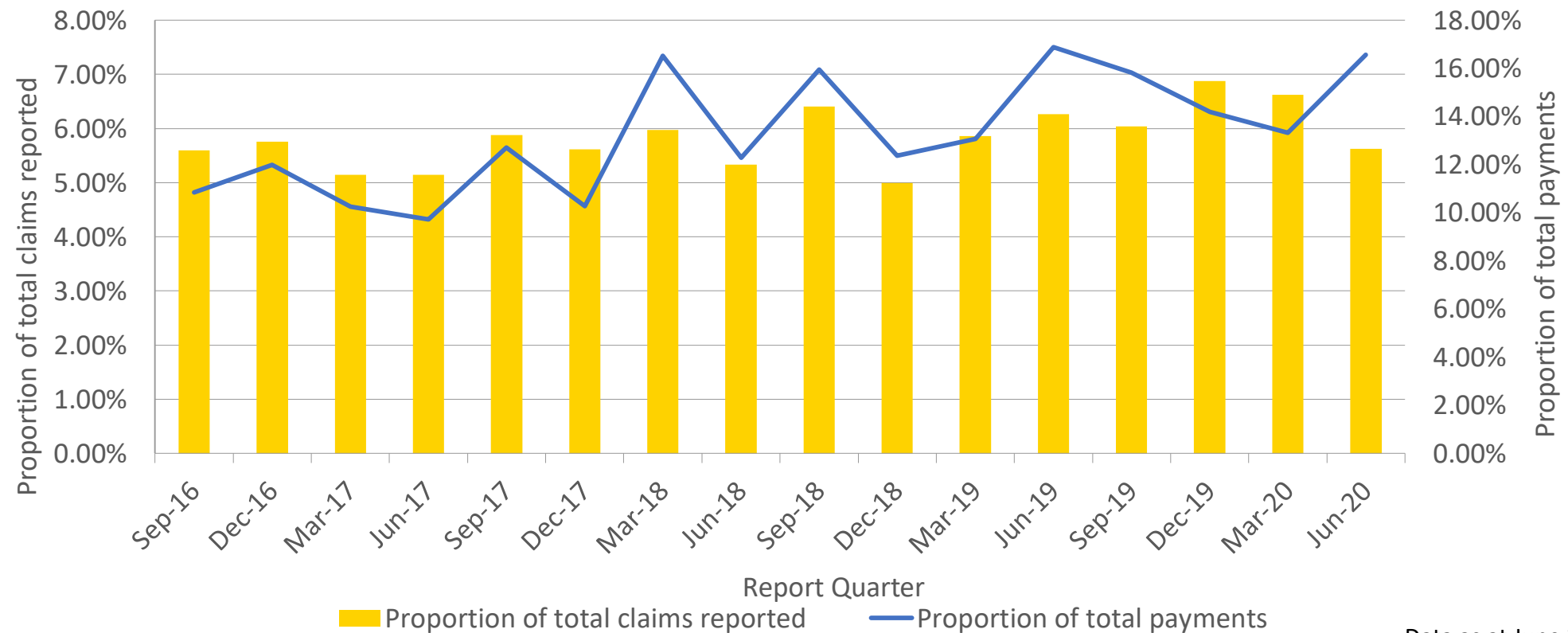
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Self insurers psychological claim numbers and payments as a proportion of self insurers total claim numbers and payments



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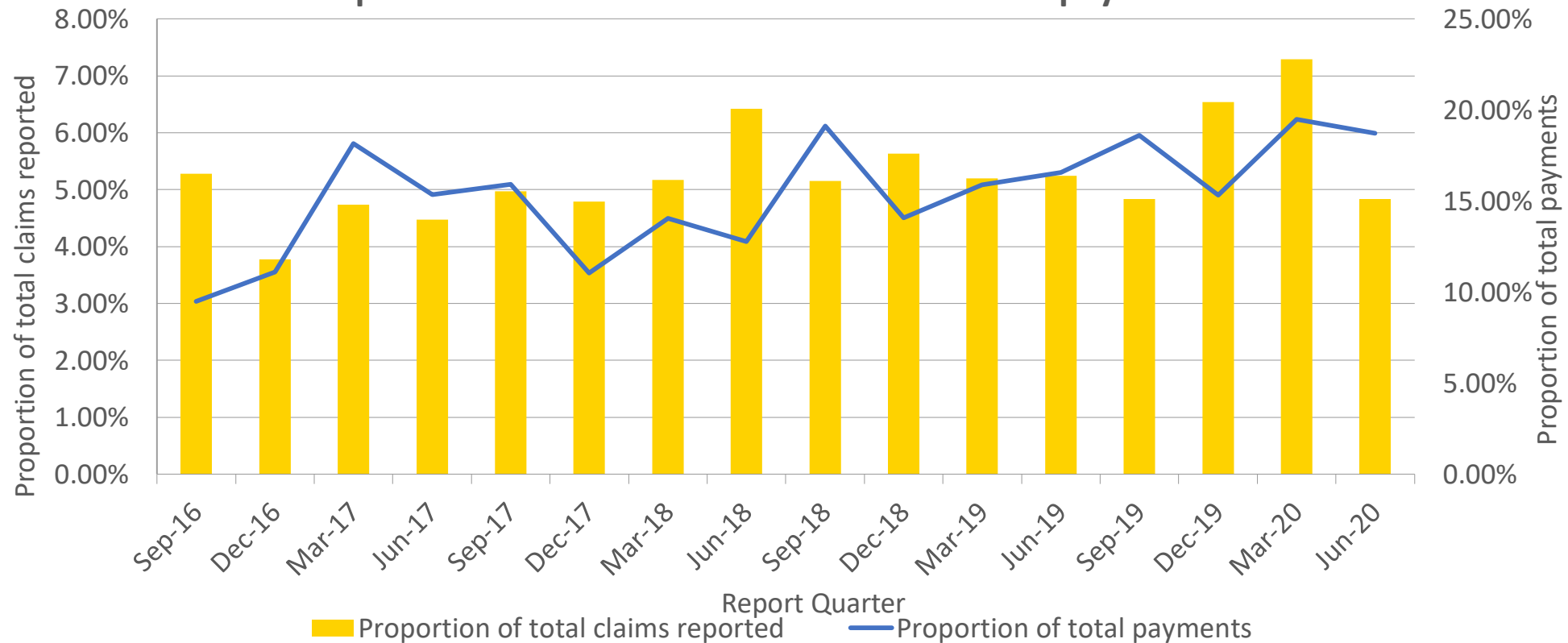
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Specialised insurers psychological claims numbers and payments as a proportion of specialised insurers total claim numbers and payments



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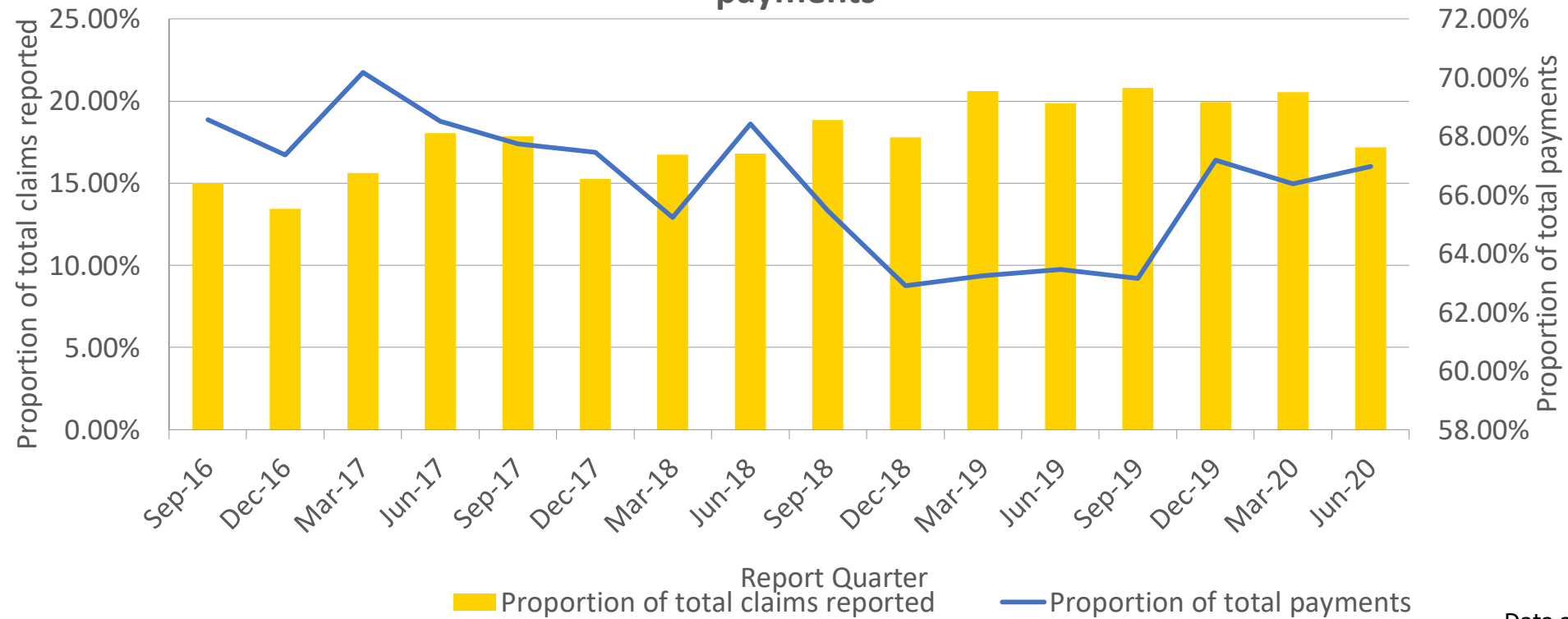
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Government self insurers (TMF) Emergency* psychological claims numbers and payments as a proportion of TMF (emergency) total claim numbers and payments



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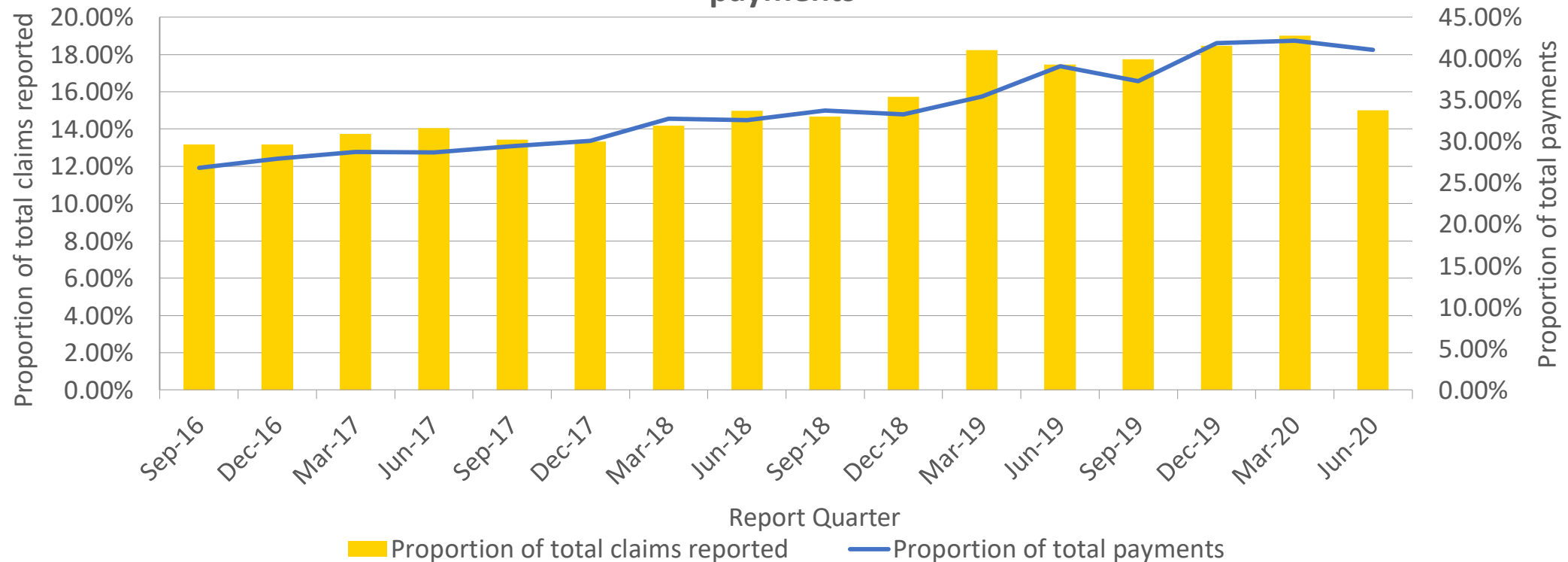
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Government self insurers (TMF) non-emergency* Psychological claim numbers and payments as a proportion of TMF (non-emergency) total claim numbers and payments



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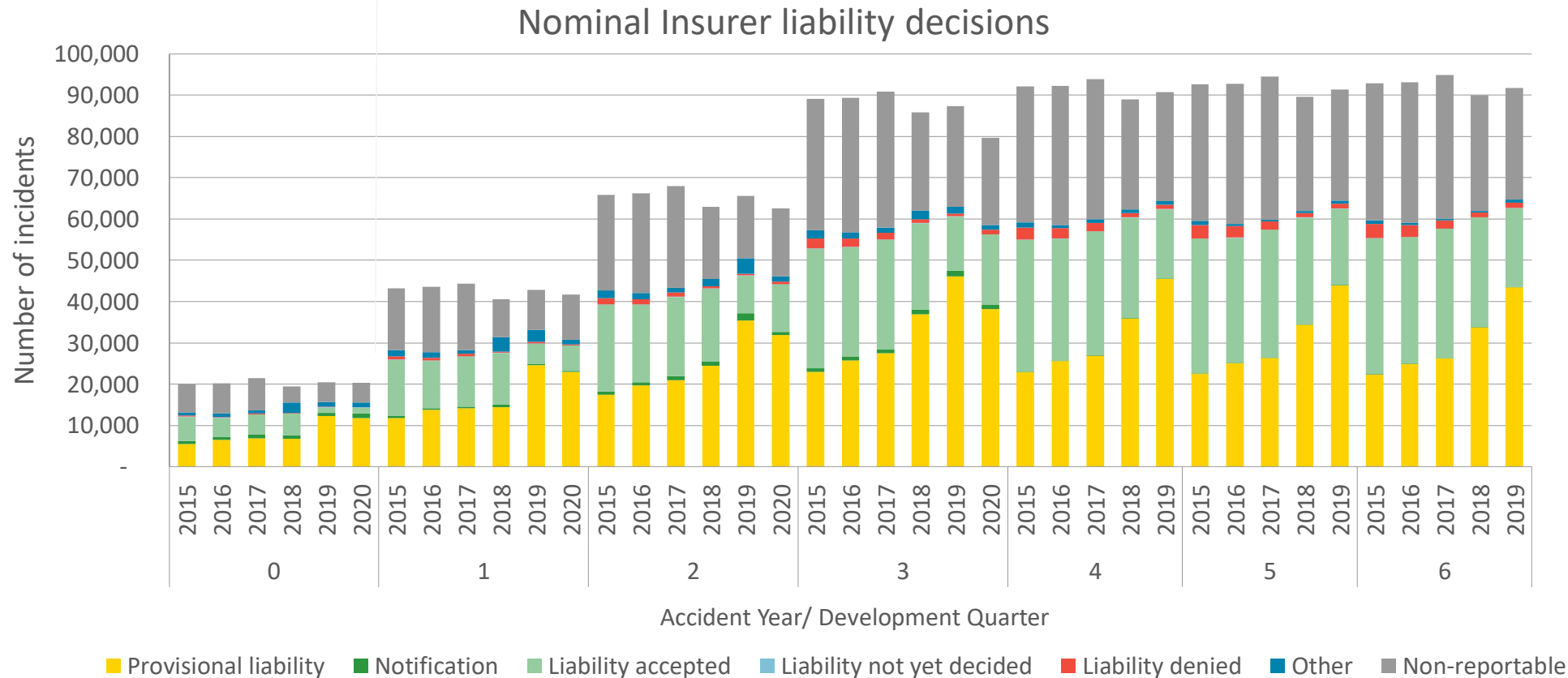
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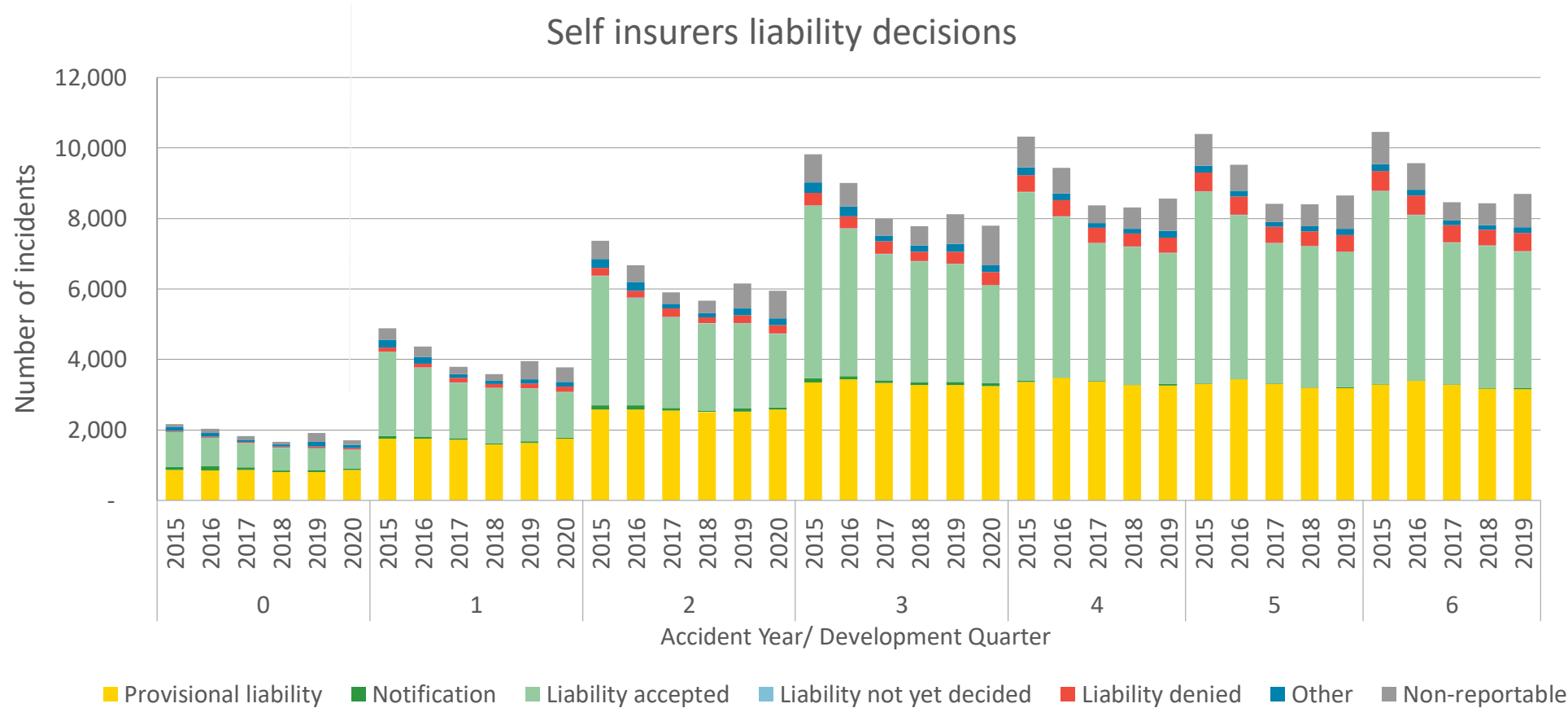
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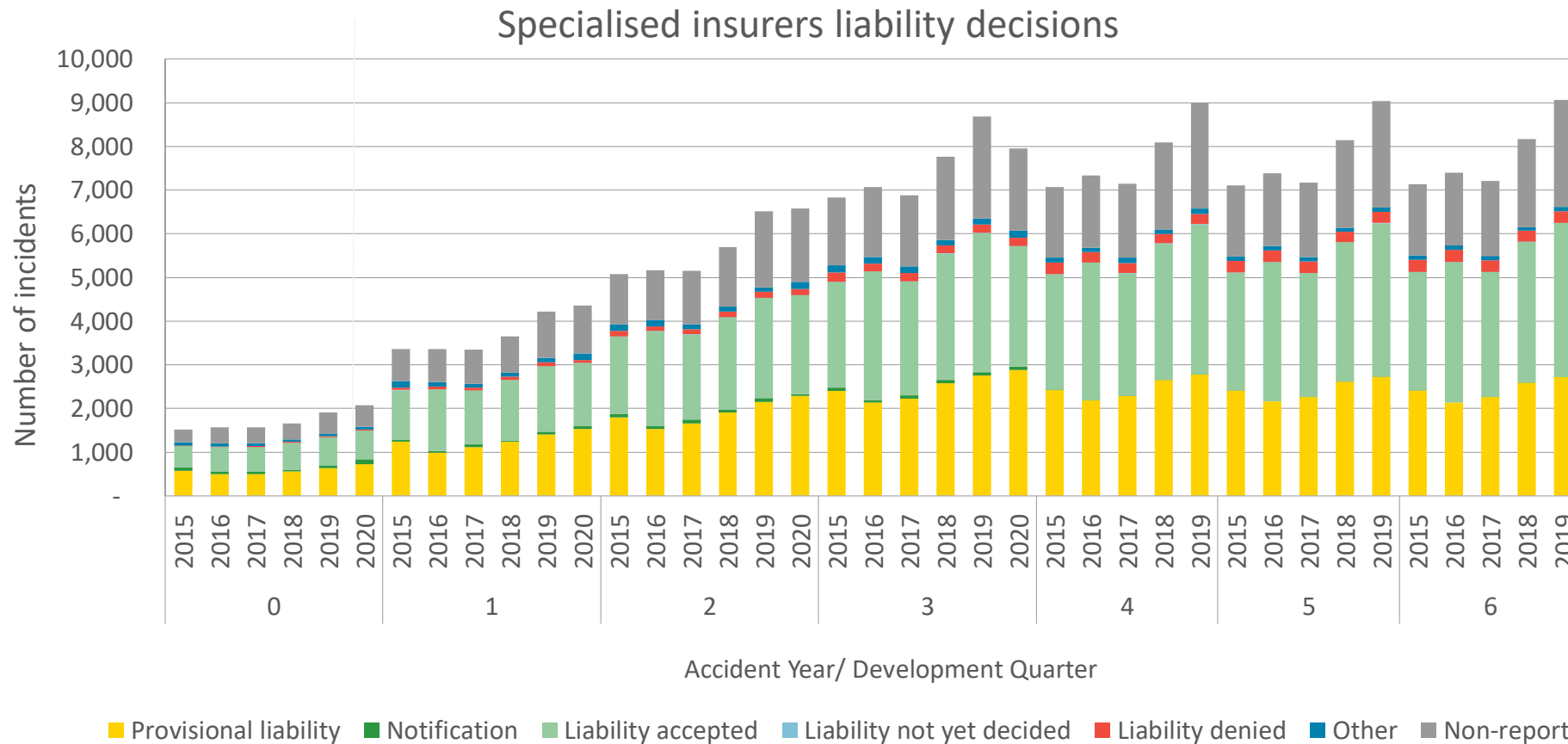
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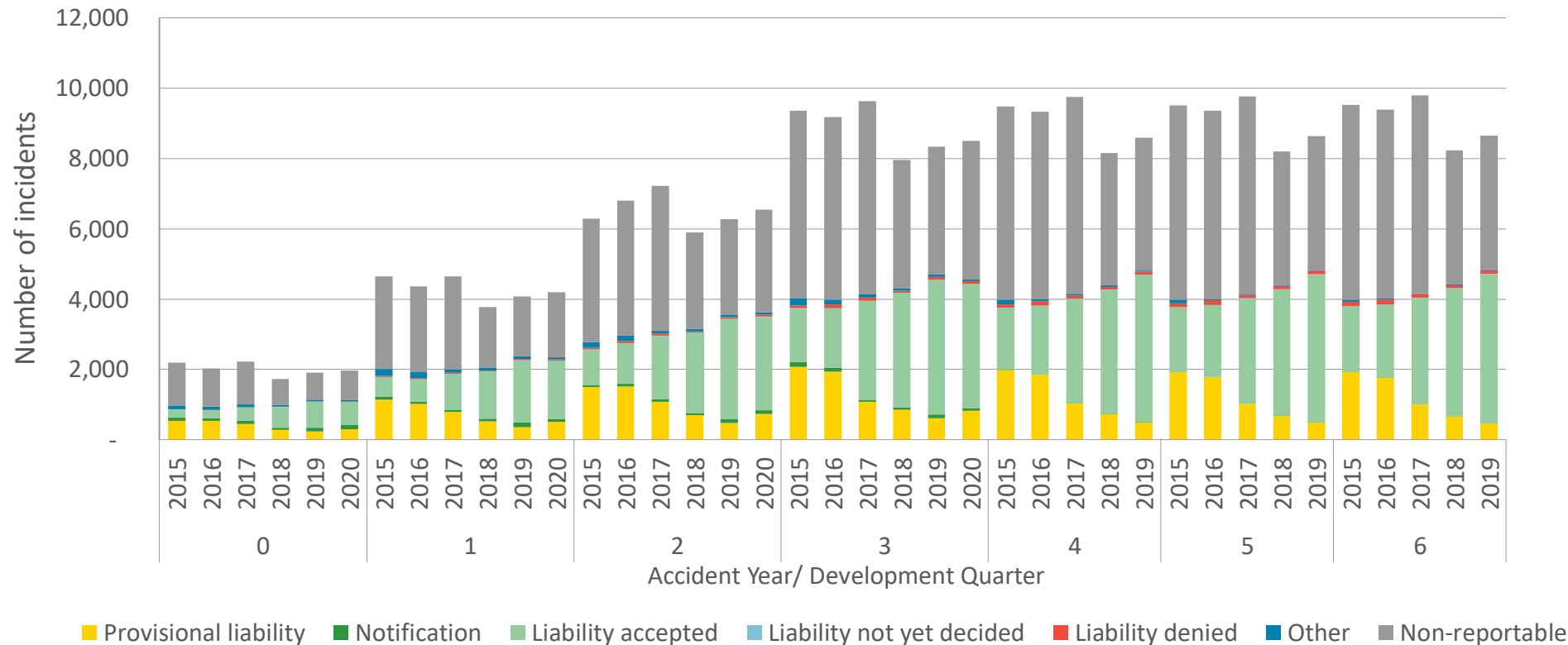
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Government self insurers (TMF) emergency* liability decisions



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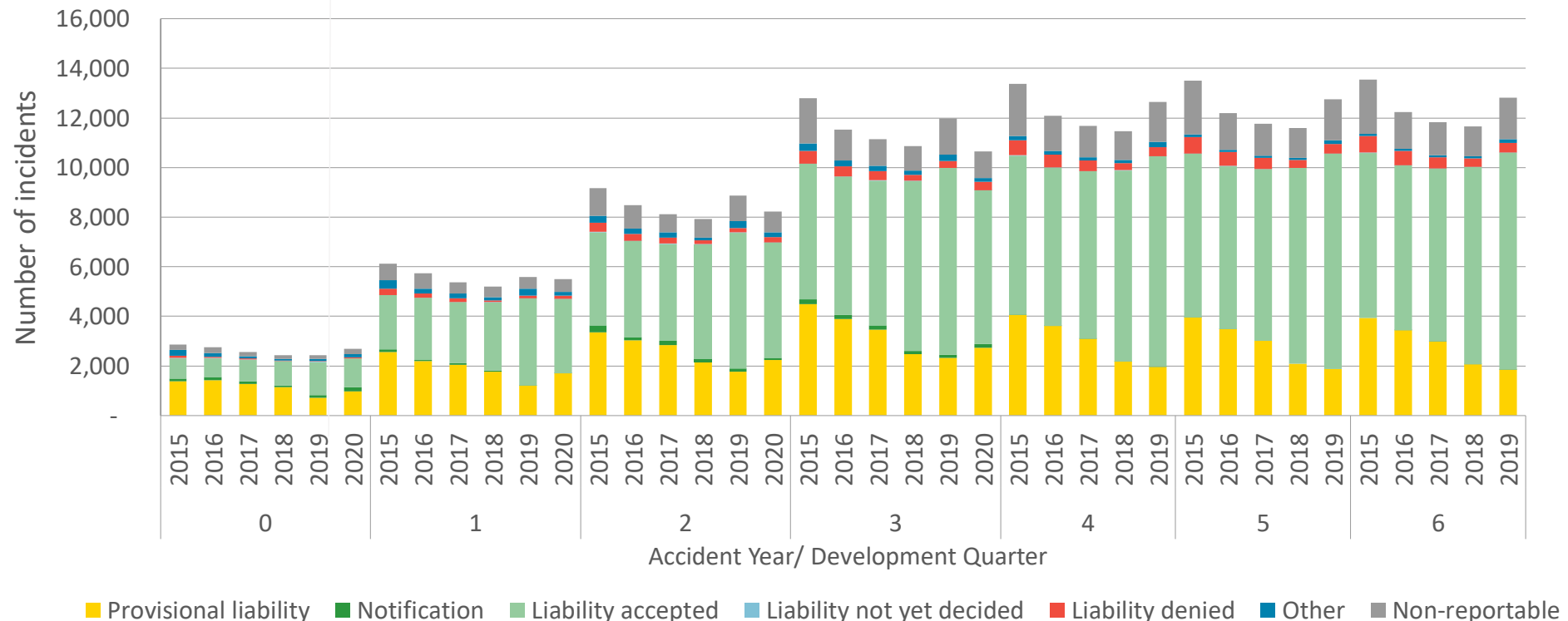
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- Note:** The reportable claims development chart shows the development of reportable claims by injury/accident financial year. Other has been grouped together as the numbers are quite small it includes '06' = Administration error, '09' = Reasonable excuse, '10' = Provisional liability discontinued, '12' = No Action after notification

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