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Navigating Change

State of the Disability Income Industry: Trends, Challenges and What's Ahead





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What best describes your primary role?



What best describes your tenure in the IDI Industry

Disability Income Industry: Trends, Challenges, and What's Ahead

Focus on growth

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The aftermath

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2000s

2010s

2020-2025

2026+

\$562M sales in 1989

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2025 Sales: \$495M



Where is the industry headed?

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