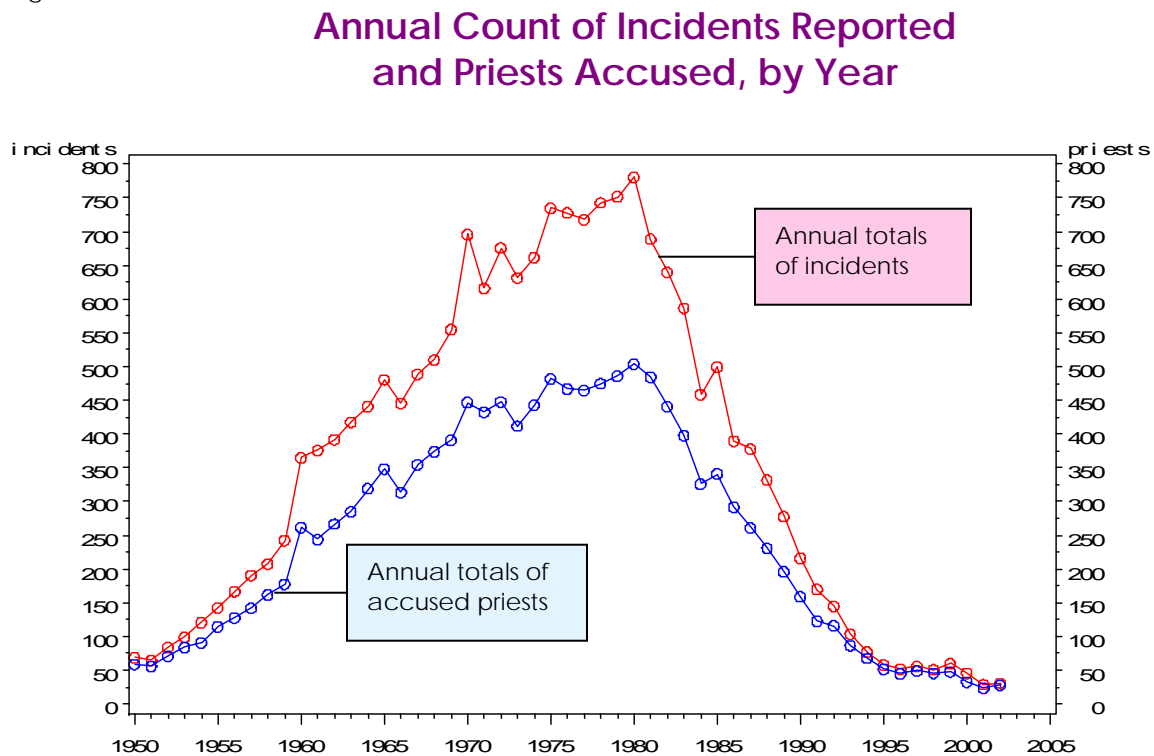


## 2.3 DETAILED DATA ON PREVALENCE OF SEXUAL ABUSE OF YOUTHS UNDER 18 BY CATHOLIC PRIESTS

The red (upper) line in Figure 2.3.1 represents the total incidents of alleged abuse for each year of the study while the blue (lower) line charts the total number of priests accused in each year of the study.

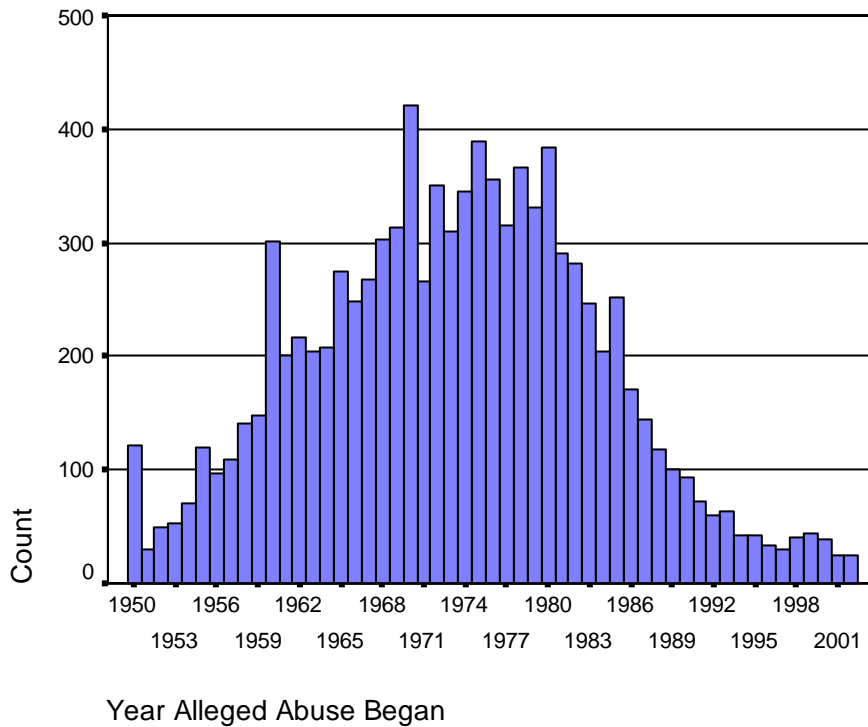
Figure 2.3.1



The calculation of an overall percentage of priests in ministry was initially derived using information from the Diocesan Profiles for total numbers of priests and deacons subject to allegations compared to the total of those in ministry between 1950 and 2002. The surveys reported 75,694 diocesan priests and approximately 34,000 religious priests in ministry with 4,392 accused of abuse. If the total of the accused priests (4,392) is divided by the total of all priests in ministry between 1950 and 2002 (109,694), the result is 4%; for diocesan priests only, (3,282/76,694), the percentage is 4.27% and for religious priests, (929/34,000), 2.7%.<sup>1</sup>

Alternatively, the total of priests in ministry estimated by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate is 94,607 between 1960 and 2002. If the number of priests who had no allegations after 1959 is removed (265), the total of surveys for priests and deacons with allegations of child sexual abuse is 4,127, and the resulting percentage is slightly more than 4%.

Figure 2.3.2 DISTRIBUTION OF ALLEGED INCIDENTS OF ABUSE, BY DATE OF FIRST INSTANCE



The tables that follow show in detail the distribution of the allegations of child sexual abuse for each diocese or religious community, arrayed by a series of demographic variables. The results are fairly uniform across each of the three diocesan tables: the percentage of incardinated priests and deacons accused of child sexual abuse is consistently between 3% and 6% and the overall average is 5%. For the religious communities, a similar uniformity is evident although it is approximately half of the diocesan level. The tables that follow do not include priests who have been exonerated, or those who were determined to be ineligible for the study because they did not meet the protocol criteria.

Table 2.3.1 shows the average number of incardinated clerics who have been accused of sexual abuse and the percentage of accused clerics within the total number of incardinated clerics in an individual diocese, grouped by Catholic Region. These tables also show the dioceses with the lowest number (and percentage) of accused priests in a Region and the dioceses with the highest number (and percentage). Table 2.3.2 shows the United States dioceses grouped by the size of the Catholic population and Table 2.3.3 repeats this display by the number of parishes.

Tables 2.3.4 and 2.3.5 show the average number of religious community members who have been accused of sexual abuse, grouped by the overall membership of the community and then by clerical membership.

The average number of incardinated clerics in individual diocese or eparchy who have been the subject of an allegation of sexual abuse is 19. Another way of expressing this statistic is that the average diocese or eparchy had records or knowledge of allegations against 19 clerics. The total number of accused clerics incardinated to an individual diocese or eparchy, between 1950 and 2002, ranges from a minimum of 0 to a maximum of 165.

*Table 2.3.1. PERCENT AND NUMBER OF INCARDINATED CLERICS PER DIOCESE OR EPARCHY ACCUSED OF SEXUAL ABUSE, GROUPED BY REGION*

United States Dioceses Grouped by Catholic Region	Accused Clerics as a Percent of All Accused of Abuse			Number of Incardinated Clerics Accused of Abuse		
	Average Per Diocese	Minimum	Maximum	Average per Diocese	Minimum	Maximum
1	5%	0%	10%	40.42	0	165
2	4%	1%	9%	38.22	4	73
3	5%	0%	24%	26.13	0	69
4	5%	0%	10%	17.00	0	46
5	5%	0%	11%	8.24	0	30
6	3%	0%	8%	17.71	0	93
7	4%	1%	7%	24.47	5	116
8	5%	2%	16%	13.45	3	26
9	3%	1%	5%	16.50	2	64
10	5%	0%	19%	7.44	0	31
11	4%	1%	9%	15.07	1	71
12	4%	2%	9%	6.80	2	21
13	6%	0%	11%	9.89	0	24
14	5%	1%	10%	8.38	2	12

Table 2.3.2. PERCENT AND NUMBER OF INCARDINATED CLERICS PER DIOCESE OR EPARCHY ACCUSED OF SEXUAL ABUSE, GROUPED BY CATHOLIC POPULATION

United States Dioceses Grouped by Catholic Population	Accused Clerics as a Percent of All Incardinated Priests, 1950 - 2002			Number of Incardinated Priests Accused of Sexual Abuse		
	Average In Diocese	Minimum	Maximum	Average In Diocese	Minimum	Maximum
Group 1 (5,000 - 45,000)	4%	0%	9%	3.00	0	10
Group 2 (45,001 - 66,000)	4%	0%	11%	5.00	0	12
Group 3 (66,001 - 88,500)	6%	0%	19%	9.35	0	41
Group 4 (88,5001 - 122,000)	3%	0%	6%	7.63	0	23
Group 5 122,001 - 170,000)	5%	0%	10%	12.53	0	35
Group 6 (170,001 - 239,000)	4%	0%	10%	15.55	0	34
Group 7 (239,001 - 350,700)	4%	1%	9%	21.17	3	52
Group 8 (350,701 - 475,000)	4%	2%	7%	18.31	1	39
Group 9 (475,001 - 778, 700)	5%	0%	24%	23.85	0	64
Group 10 (788,701 - 4,500,000)	4%	0%	10%	45.47	0	165

Table 2.3.3. PERCENT AND NUMBER OF INCARDINATED CLERICS PER DIOCESE WHO HAVE BEEN ACCUSED OF SEXUAL ABUSE, GROUPED BY NUMBER OF PARISHES

United States Dioceses Grouped by Number of Parishes	Accused Priests as a Percent of All Incardinated Priests, 1950 - 2002			Number of Incardinated Priests Accused of Sexual Abuse		
	Average in Diocese	Minimum	Maximum	Average In Diocese	Minimum	Maximum
1 (1 - 35)	3%	0%	9%	1.10	0	3
2 (36 - 46)	5%	0%	11%	4.36	0	12
3 (47 - 56)	4%	0%	19%	5.73	0	23
4 (57 - 71)	5%	0%	12%	8.41	0	31
5 (72 - 84)	3%	0%	7%	7.42	0	17
6 (85 - 97)	5%	1%	9%	15.37	3	41
7 (98 - 119)	6%	2%	24%	16.80	5	35
8 (120 - 138)	5%	1%	10%	23.67	6	52
9 (139 - 185)	4%	1%	8%	27.04	9	93
10 (186 + )	4%	2%	8%	55.67	11	165

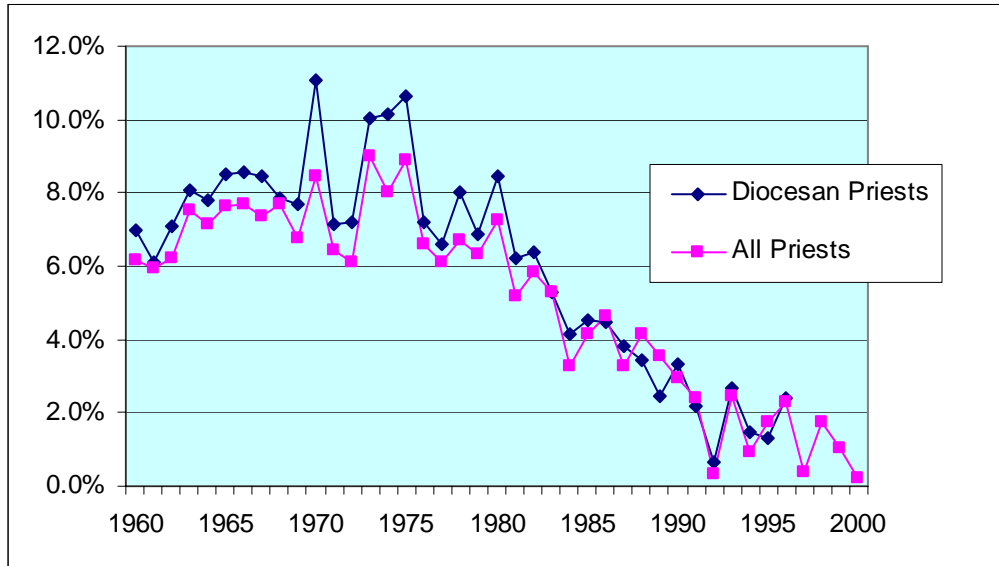
*Table 2.3.4* PERCENT AND NUMBER OF ALL CLERICS IN RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES ACCUSED OF SEXUAL ABUSE, GROUPED BY THE OVERALL MEMBERSHIP

U.S. Catholic Religious Communities Grouped by Overall Membership	Accused Priests as a Percent of All Priests in a Religious Community, 1950 - 2002			Number of Religious Priests Accused of Abuse		
	Average Per Community	Minimum	Maximum	Average Per Community	Minimum	Maximum
1 (1 - 10)	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
2 (11 - 20)	2%	0%	9%	.67	0	3
3 (21 - 30)	2%	0%	5%	1.55	0	4
4 (31 - 40)	3%	0%	13%	2.10	0	7
5 (41 - 75)	3%	0%	8%	2.71	0	9
6 (76 - 110)	3%	0%	7%	6.62	0	17
7 (111 - 150)	1%	<1%	2%	4.38	1	8
8 (151 - 305)	2%	<1%	5%	10.19	1	21
9 (306 - 540)	1%	<1%	4%	16.00	4	55
10 541 +	1%	<1%	1%	10.50	6	15

Table 2.3.5 PERCENT AND NUMBER OF ALL CLERICS IN RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES ACCUSED OF SEXUAL ABUSE, GROUPED BY THE CURRENT CLERICAL MEMBERSHIP

U.S. Catholic Religious Communities Grouped by Clerical Membership	Accused Clerics as a Percent of All Clerics in a Religious Community, 1950 - 2002			Number of Religious Clerics Accused of Abuse		
	Average Per Community	Minimum	Maximum	Average Per Community	Minimum	Maximum
1 (1 - 6)	2%	0%	9%	.17	0	1
2 (7 - 14)	2%	0%	7%	1.57	0	4
3 (15 - 21)	2%	0%	5%	1.00	0	2
4 (22 - 35)	3%	0%	13%	2.45	0	9
5 (36 - 57)	2%	0%	5%	2.71	0	6
6 (58 - 80)	3%	0%	7%	5.58	1	17
7 (81 - 110)	2%	0%	5%	6.30	0	17
8 (111 - 176)	2%	0%	5%	9.41	1	21
9 (177 - 399)	2%	0%	4%	13.93	1	55
10 (400 +)	1%	0%	1%	8.67	4	15

FIGURE 2.3.3 PRIESTS ACCUSED AS A PERCENT OF ALL ORDINATIONS, BY YEAR



This figure shows the percentage of all priests ordained in each year from 1960 to 2002 who were subsequently accused of child sexual abuse. Data was not available for the total number of Catholic priests ordained for the years 1950 through 1959. The upper, or darker, line represents the percentage of ordained diocesan priests and the lower, or lighter, line is the percentage of all who were ordained. The Official Catholic Directory and the Center for Applied Research were the sources for the total numbers of yearly ordinations.

<sup>1</sup> Surveys were included in the study for 181 priests who were reported by their dioceses to have had allegations, but whose clerical status was not reported. The total number of individual priests and deacons includes the diocesan priests, the religious priests and those whose status was not identified.