

## ***COSTS TO DIOCESES AND RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES***

### 6.1 Total Costs

This section reports the costs to dioceses and religious communities of response to allegations of child sexual abuse by priests between the years 1950 and 2002. Costs to dioceses are reported separately from costs to religious communities. Some dioceses and religious communities did not report cost data for certain questions because either there were no expenditures or information was unavailable. The data in the following tables are limited to dioceses and religious communities which reported expenditures. With the exception of Table 6.1.1, which is based on reports from Diocesan Profiles only, dollar amounts in all other Tables are based upon victim surveys.

Of the 193 dioceses that had responded to this inquiry, approximately 80% contained a reportable figure for alleged victim compensation. Total expenditures by type of expenditure are shown in Table 6.1.1 and the proportions of dioceses and religious communities reporting expenditure figures are shown in Table 6.1.2. The total compensation paid by Dioceses to alleged victims by region of the country is shown in Table 6.1.3. The proportion of diocesan expenditures on victim compensation that was covered by insurance was about 60 percent (see Table 6.1.4). Nearly three-quarters of the 193 dioceses had a reportable figure for alleged victim treatment expenditures (Table 6.1.5) but only 30% of the dioceses reported insurance coverage cost data for such treatment (Table 6.1.6). Just over 60% of the dioceses reported cost data for priest treatment (Table 6.1.7), and roughly 30% of the dioceses gave an insurance coverage figure for this treatment (Table 6.1.8). Sixty-two percent of the dioceses also reported a figure for attorney fees paid for allegations of child sexual abuse by priests (Table 6.1.9).

A total of 127 religious communities responded to this inquiry, 60% of which reported a figure for total compensation for alleged victims (Table 6.1.10) and one-quarter were able to give an insurance coverage figure (Table 6.1.11). Nearly half of all religious communities reported cost data for victim treatment (Table 6.1.12), but only 10% had data for insurance coverage of victim treatment (Table 6.1.13). About forty percent of the 127 religious communities which responded had cost data for priest treatment costs (Table 6.1.14), and just over 10% reported insurance coverage for this treatment (Table 6.1.15). Half of these religious communities reported cost figures for attorney fees (Table 6.1.16).

These cost figures have several limitations. Some reports include a total compensation figure that may include victim treatment costs because one of the survey questions asked for the approximate total compensation or payment to the victim, thereby inflating the compensation sum. Additionally, there are more than one thousand pending legal cases that have not yet reported a compensation figure for alleged victims, nor attorney fees. In cases in which large-scale settlements had been made, some dioceses were unable report a compensation figure at the victim level of analysis because the victim's attorney had not yet dispersed money to victims. Similarly, some dioceses were unable to report an attorney fee at the victim level because the attorney for the diocese may have represented the diocese in cases brought by multiple victims concurrently. An additional limitation to consider regarding the reported treatment costs for priests is that many victim surveys for one particular priest also contained the same cost figure for priest treatment. The priest treatment figures, then, may be inflated due to multi-counting. A further caution about the overall costs arises because some respondents reported overall cost data on the Diocesan Profile survey, but did not send in subsequent priest

and victim surveys providing detail as to how this money was spent. Finally, we do not know with precision the percentage of religious communities that have responded to the study and therefore do not know with precision the expenditures of the religious communities.

Several steps were taken to maximize the validity of these cost estimates. All potential duplicative victim treatment costs were identified and double counting was eliminated. Because attorney fees were reported at the victim level, those, which were deemed to be redundant, were divided by the number of victims that generated that attorney fee. For example 25 victim surveys with a \$25 million attorney fee would be divided. Most dioceses and religious communities which sent expenditure information on the Diocesan Profiles, provided detailed breakdown of those costs in the victim surveys. When comparing the sum total compensation for victims, the compensation figures reported on the victim surveys were remarkably similar to the overall amounts reported on the Diocesan Profile surveys.

Table 6.1.1 TOTAL EXPENDITURES BY DIOCESES AND RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES  
BY TYPE OF EXPENDITURE

Type of Cost	Diocese and Eparchy Costs	Religious Order and Province Costs	Sum Total Costs for Years 1950 to 2002
Alleged Victim Compensation Costs	\$420,112,633.03*	\$55,562,202.70	\$475,674,835.73*
Compensation Costs Covered by Insurance	\$182,800,358.58	\$22,765,455.82	\$205,565,814.40
Alleged Victim Treatment Costs	\$19,828,656.56	\$5,148,031.36	\$24,976,687.92
Alleged Victim Treatment Covered by Insurance	\$5,019,729.33	\$524,994.36	\$5,544,723.69
Priest Treatment Costs	\$27,607,676.21	\$5,785,963.49	\$33,393,639.70
Priest Treatment Costs Covered by Insurance	\$6,230,276.31	\$1,182,575.14	\$7,412,851.45
Attorney Costs for Legal Representation	\$32,033,226.55	\$6,428,704.05	\$38,461,930.60
Total Cost**	\$499,582,192.35*	\$72,924,901.60	\$572,507,094.00*

\*These figures do not include the highly publicized settlement figure of \$85 million in the Diocese of Boston. No Diocesan profile (Form One) contained a data point with this specific total compensation amount.

\*\*The total cost represents rows 1,3,5, and 7 because insurance coverage is already included in these figures.

Table 6.1.2 PERCENT OF DIOCESES AND RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES REPORTING EXPENDITURES BY TYPE OF EXPENDITURE

Type of Cost	Diocese/Eparchy	Religious Community
Alleged Victim Compensation	193	127
	82.4%	61.4%
Compensation Costs Covered by Insurance	193	127
	58%	25.2%
Alleged Victim Treatment Costs	193	127
	74.1%	47.2%
Alleged Victim Treatment Covered by Insurance	193	127
	29%	12.6%
Priest Treatment Costs	193	127
	62.2%	40.9%
Priest Treatment Costs Covered by Insurance	193	127
	31.1%	13.2%
Attorney Costs for Legal Representation	193	127
	62.2%	51.2%

Table 6.1.3 COMPENSATION PAID BY DIOCESES TO ALLEGED VICTIMS, BY REGION

United States Dioceses/Eparchies Grouped by Catholic Region	Average Payment Made by a Diocese/Eparchy	Minimum Payment Made by a Diocese/Eparchy	Maximum Payment Made by a Diocese/Eparchy
1	\$5,823,164.05	\$1,600.00	\$17,339,047.00*
2	\$1,072,596.64	\$25,000.00	\$3,007,220.00
3	\$1,610,752.91	\$298,920.00	\$5,178,605.46
4	\$1,395,907.31	\$900.00	\$4,122,000.00
5	\$4,444,040.50	\$180.00	\$24,719,972.19
6	\$567,284.57	\$500.00	\$1,457,953.00
7	\$1,952,707.83	\$41,281.15	\$15,309,988.42
8	\$1,345,152.32	\$90,587.00	\$5,429,554.00
9	\$1,010,562.26	\$12,454.00	\$6,169,884.00
10	\$3,247,078.08	\$1,200.00	\$37,429,326.45
11	\$3,406,149.14	\$9,000.00	\$9,425,000.00
12	\$6,915,500.06	\$25,000.00	\$44,863,453.75
13	\$3,885,674.12	\$200.00	\$28,068,887.00
14	\$891,844.27	\$1,395.00	\$2,959,496.04

*\*This figure does not include the highly publicized settlement figure of \$85 million in the Diocese of Boston. No Diocesan profile contained a data point with this specific total compensation amount.*

Table 6.1.4 COMPENSATION PAID BY DIOCESES\* TO ALLEGED VICTIMS THAT WAS COVERED BY INSURANCE BY REGION

United States Dioceses/Eparchies Grouped by Catholic Region	Average Payment made by an Insurance Company	Minimum Payment Made by an Insurance Company	Maximum Payment Made by an Insurance Company
1	\$2,625,477.77	\$651,000.00	\$8,300,180.00
2	\$585,489.90	\$25,000.00	\$2,793,462.86
3	\$706,212.99	\$112,500.00	\$2,232,905.00
4	\$1,256,124.48	\$75,000.00	\$2,710,500.00
5	\$2,619,321.98	\$5,000.00	\$24,047,211.96
6	\$372,204.90	\$29,835.00	\$1,101,248.00
7	\$614,422.47	\$60,000.00	\$1,189,000.00
8	\$957,185.94	\$20,000.00	\$3,637,314.00
9	\$570,447.12	\$400.00	\$3,476,000.00
10	\$1,259,092.39	\$50,000.00	\$8,721,612.92
11	\$1,934,119.16	\$45,000.00	\$7,534,000.00
12	\$7,817,763.40	\$379,000.00	\$27,151,000.00
13	\$4,764,002.00	\$163,800.00	\$18,426,983.00
14	\$422,730.80	\$26,500.00	\$814,000.00

\*In some instances the insurance carrier paid a greater sum to an alleged victim than a particular Diocese.

Table 6.1.5 TREATMENT EXPENDITURES FOR ALLEGED VICTIMS IN DIOCESES, BY REGION\*

<b>United States Dioceses/Eparchies Grouped by Catholic Region</b>	<b>Average Payment made by a Diocese/Eparchy</b>	<b>Minimum Payment Made by a Diocese/Eparchy</b>	<b>Maximum Payment Made by a Diocese/Eparchy</b>
1	\$91,263.17	\$60.00	\$482,565.63
2	\$227,825.60	\$4,500.00	\$668,250.00
3	\$249,422.65	\$8,400.00	\$1,038,565.00
4	\$266,583.81	\$900.00	\$887,500.00
5	\$255,220.06	\$1,200.00	\$1,209,519.00
6	\$85,521.08	\$500.00	\$289,143.00
7	\$252,494.98	\$5,184.00	\$1,110,000.00
8	\$67,892.66	\$7,584.68	\$346,177.00
9	\$71,420.28	\$2,454.00	\$378,200.00
10	\$82,352.76	\$1,000.00	\$416,061.00
11	\$72,945.52	\$1,375.00	\$226,587.00
12	\$91,829.64	\$10,000.00	\$255,222.00
13	\$176,151.28	\$200.00	\$944,329.00
14	\$33,195.26	\$1,395.00	\$72,076.78

\* These amounts represent the combined total of victim treatment costs incurred by both dioceses and insurance companies.

Table 6.1.6 TREATMENT EXPENDITURES PAID BY INSURANCE COMPANIES FOR ALLEGED VICTIMS BY DIOCESAN PRIESTS, BY REGION

<b>United States Dioceses/Eparchies Grouped by Catholic Region</b>	<b>Average Payment Made by an Insurance Company</b>	<b>Minimum Payment Made by an Insurance Company</b>	<b>Maximum Payment Made by an Insurance Company</b>
1	\$122,347.21	\$10,600.00	\$234,094.40
2	\$62,861.08	\$1,590.00	\$217,049.40
3	\$181,040.82	\$2,003.00	\$592,961.80
4	\$136,545.15	\$56,000.00	\$296,780.60
5	\$105,739.12	\$0.00	\$255,758.00
6	\$99,206.18	\$250.00	\$455,375.00
7	\$38,973.84	\$10,000.00	\$96,000.00
8	\$69,814.33	\$6,644.00	\$150,000.00
9	\$52,054.80	\$200.00	\$127,124.00
10	\$45,250.00	\$0.00	\$126,000.00
11	\$45,374.89	\$2,000.00	\$158,450.00
12	\$255,042.00	\$255,042.00	\$255,042.00
13	\$76,520.00	\$3,040.00	\$150,000.00
14	\$75,750.00	\$26,500.00	\$125,000.00

Table 6.1.7 TREATMENT EXPENDITURES FOR DICOSESAN PRIESTS, BY REGION

<b>United States Dioceses/Eparchies Grouped by Catholic Region</b>	<b>Average Payment Made by a Diocese/Eparchy</b>	<b>Minimum Payment Made by a Diocese/Eparchy</b>	<b>Maximum Payment Made by a Diocese/Eparchy</b>
1	\$141,091.31	\$1,050.00	\$527,560.40
2	\$692,239.40	\$3,000.00	\$1,273,277.50
3	\$462,503.47	\$33,000.00	\$1,657,907.00
4	\$259,958.73	\$70,000.00	\$775,300.40
5	\$212,753.60	\$0.00	\$833,500.00
6	\$183,556.87	\$800.00	\$400,000.00
7	\$301,798.08	\$16,428.00	\$843,851.10
8	\$155,687.59	\$2,259.00	\$440,583.00
9	\$313,554.59	\$45,000.00	\$1,264,444.76
10	\$61,692.82	\$3,853.75	\$213,000.00
11	\$84,493.72	\$3,000.00	\$253,896.00
12	\$115,250.00	\$15,000.00	\$245,000.00
13	\$54,901.80	\$1,183.00	\$133,000.00
14	\$112,426.33	\$30,000.00	\$375,000.00

Table 6.1.8 TREATMENT EXPENDITURES FOR DIOCESAN PRIESTS, COVERED BY INSURANCE, BY REGION

<b>United States Dioceses/Eparchies Grouped by Catholic Region</b>	<b>Average Payment Made by an Insurance Company</b>	<b>Minimum Payment Made by an Insurance Company</b>	<b>Maximum Payment Made by an Insurance Company</b>
1	\$268,724.90	\$2,060.60	\$535,389.20
2	\$217,016.00	\$13,500.00	\$509,657.00
3	\$158,159.66	\$10,000.00	\$370,699.00
4	\$234,506.48	\$35,000.00	\$761,715.00
5	\$55,766.97	\$0.00	\$133,362.00
6	\$157,336.73	\$800.00	\$345,000.00
7	\$21,153.91	\$1,532.00	\$87,200.00
8	\$3,631.07	\$1,994.27	\$5,202.46
9	\$34,750.00	\$18,000.00	\$56,000.00
10	\$45,717.19	\$1,194.84	\$185,000.00
11	\$46,852.00	\$2,000.00	\$86,700.00
12	\$60,500.00	\$20,000.00	\$101,000.00
13	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
14	\$24,600.00	\$3,000.00	\$50,000.00

Table 6.1.9 ATTORNEY FEES PAID BYDIOCESES, BY REGION

<b>United States Dioceses/Eparchies Grouped by Catholic Region</b>	<b>Average Payment Made by a Diocese/Eparchy</b>	<b>Minimum Payment Made by a Diocese/Eparchy</b>	<b>Maximum Payment Made by a Diocese/Eparchy</b>
1	\$385,369.24	\$55,000.00	\$890,615.05
2	\$159,144.60	\$31,000	\$311,595.14
3	\$608,074.68	\$11,933.25	\$4,590,039.20
4	\$169,217.69	\$9.00	\$712,000.00
5	\$217,945.44	\$470.00	\$1,004,607.22
6	\$166,099.96	\$1,744.00	\$668,698.00
7	\$516,807.54	\$1,500.00	\$2,913,626.00
8	\$194,805.16	\$12,000.00	\$781,000.00
9	\$226,719.65	\$1,250.00	\$1,192,258.00
10	\$337,218.00	\$800.00	\$2,948,102.00
11	\$74,947.35	\$12,500.00	\$165,200.00
12	\$161,105.65	\$10,000.00	\$431,318.60
13	\$83,534.30	\$3,160.82	\$438,000.00
14	\$306,480.05	\$610.00	\$1,208,000.00

Table 6.1.10 COMPENSATION PAID BY RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES TO ALLEGED VICTIMS, BY COMMUNITY SIZE

<b>Religious Communities Grouped by Clerical Membership</b>	<b>Average Payment Made by a Religious Community</b>	<b>Minimum Payment Made by a Religious Community</b>	<b>Maximum Payment Made by a Religious Community</b>
Group 1 (1-10)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Group 2 (11-20)	\$54,764.17	\$10,292.53	\$84,000.00
Group 3 (21-30)	\$121,873.75	\$22,495.00	\$350,000.00
Group 4 (31-40)	\$160,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$400,000.00
Group 5 (41-75)	\$593,712.31	\$375.00	\$5,291,300.00
Group 6 (76-110)	\$2,035,110.69	\$10,000.00	\$6,232,500.00
Group 7 (111-150)	\$683,933.75	\$2,990.00	\$3,000,000.00
Group 8 (151-305)	\$485,296.73	\$15,000.00	\$2,461,308.00
Group 9 (306-540)	\$1,817,300.00	\$175,000.00	\$7,590,500.00
Group 10 (541 and up)	\$5,327,032.80	\$189,110.00	\$15,309,988.00

Table 6.1.11 COMPENSATION FOR ALLEGED VICTIMS COVERED BY INSURANCE BY SIZE OF RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY \*

<b>Religious Communities Grouped by Clerical Membership</b>	<b>Average Payment Made by an Insurance Company</b>	<b>Minimum Payment Made by an Insurance Company</b>	<b>Maximum Payment Made by an Insurance Company</b>
Group 1 (1-10)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Group 2 (11-20)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Group 3 (21-30)	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00
Group 4 (31-40)	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00
Group 5 (41-75)	\$1,462,710.41	\$25,000.00	\$4,285,000.00
Group 6 (76-110)	\$715,924.99	\$391,250.00	\$1,256,525.00
Group 7 (111-150)	\$803,333.33	\$20,000.00	\$3,000,000.00
Group 8 (151-305)	\$183,581.53	\$0.00	\$507,500.00
Group 9 (306-540)	\$1,456,006.25	\$21,025.00	\$4,951,000.00
Group 10 (541 and up)	\$758,038.00	\$330,000.00	\$1,186,076.00

*\*In some instances the insurance carrier paid a greater sum to an alleged victim than a particular Religious Community.*

Table 6.1.12 TREATMENT COSTS FOR ALLEGED VICTIMS BY SIZE OF RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY

<b>Religious Communities Grouped by Clerical Membership</b>	<b>Average Payment Made by a Religious Community</b>	<b>Minimum Payment Made by a Religious Community</b>	<b>Maximum Payment Made by a Religious Community</b>
Group 1 (1-10)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Group 2 (11-20)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Group 3 (21-30)	\$41,883.50	\$41,883.50	\$41,883.50
Group 4 (31-40)	\$20,312.08	\$2,500.00	\$70,566.00
Group 5 (41-75)	\$31,953.70	\$375.00	\$125,000.00
Group 6 (76-110)	\$24,727.10	\$2,000.00	\$59,126.00
Group 7 (111-150)	\$70,771.83	\$2,990.00	\$312,000.00
Group 8 (151-305)	\$174,183.14	\$500.00	\$2,094,484.00
Group 9 (306-540)	\$91,220.00	\$6,000.00	\$195,000.00
Group 10 (541 and up)	\$225,502.49	\$4,755.00	\$521,752.50

Table 6.1.13 TREATMENT COSTS COVERED BY INSURANCE BY SIZE OF RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY

<b>Religious Communities Grouped by Clerical Membership</b>	<b>Average Payment Made by an Insurance Company</b>	<b>Minimum Payment Made by an Insurance Company</b>	<b>Maximum Payment Made by an Insurance Company</b>
Group 1 (1-10)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Group 2 (11-20)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Group 3 (21-30)	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
Group 4 (31-40)	\$2,519.70	\$1,589.40	\$3,450.00
Group 5 (41-75)	\$20,625.00	\$2,500.00	\$50,000.00
Group 6 (76-110)	\$14,729.00	\$2,000.00	\$27,458.00
Group 7 (111-150)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Group 8 (151-305)	\$48,856.70	\$0.00	\$200,000.00
Group 9 (306-540)	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Group 10 (541 and up)	\$33,384.50	\$33,384.50	\$33,384.50

Table 6.1.14 TREATMENT COSTS FOR RELIGIOUS PRIESTS BY SIZE OF RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY

<b>Religious Communities Grouped by Clerical Membership</b>	<b>Average Payment Made by a Religious Community</b>	<b>Minimum Payment Made by a Religious Community</b>	<b>Maximum Payment Made by a Religious Community</b>
Group 1 (1-10)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Group 2 (11-20)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Group 3 (21-30)	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
Group 4 (31-40)	\$44,364.17	\$10,000.00	\$74,820.87
Group 5 (41-75)	\$119,063.32	\$3,700.00	\$289,750.00
Group 6 (76-110)	\$58,736.90	\$2,500.00	\$112,577.80
Group 7 (111-150)	\$67,614.00	\$16,000.00	\$175,570.00
Group 8 (151-305)	\$126,429.69	\$0.00	\$652,000.00
Group 9 (306-540)	\$183,851.83	\$6,700.00	\$350,000.00
Group 10 (541 and up)	\$446,950.57	\$50,050.00	\$843,851.10

Table 6.1.15 TREATMENT COSTS COVERED BY INSURANCE FOR RELIGIOUS PRIESTS BY SIZE OF RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY

<b>Religious Communities Grouped by Clerical Membership</b>	<b>Average Payment Made by an Insurance Company</b>	<b>Minimum Payment Made by an Insurance Company</b>	<b>Maximum Payment Made by an Insurance Company</b>
Group 1 (1-10)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Group 2 (11-20)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Group 3 (21-30)	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
Group 4 (31-40)	\$38,223.18	\$24,446.36	\$52,000.00
Group 5 (41-75)	\$249,600.00	\$249,600.00	\$249,600.00
Group 6 (76-110)	\$33,211.39	\$21,011.13	\$45,411.65
Group 7 (111-150)	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Group 8 (151-305)	\$51,994.44	\$0.00	\$187,144.00
Group 9 (306-540)	\$123,578.00	\$99,000.00	\$148,156.00
Group 10 (541 and up)	\$1,532.00	\$1,532.00	\$1,532.00

Table 6.1.16 ATTORNEY FEES PAID BY RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES BY SIZE OF RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY

<b>Religious Communities Grouped by Clerical Membership</b>	<b>Average Payment Made by a Religious Community</b>	<b>Minimum Payment Made by a Religious Community</b>	<b>Maximum Payment Made by a Religious Community</b>
Group 1 (1-10)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Group 2 (11-20)	\$117,646.26	\$10,292.53	\$225,000.00
Group 3 (21-30)	\$5,049.93	\$1,000.00	\$10,000.00
Group 4 (31-40)	\$19,600.00	\$5,000.00	\$32,400.00
Group 5 (41-75)	\$78,150.02	\$1,500.00	\$578,000.00
Group 6 (76-110)	\$166,164.62	\$2,260.00	\$775,085.50
Group 7 (111-150)	\$30,286.37	\$1,021.23	\$85,000.00
Group 8 (151-305)	\$158,291.78	\$0.00	\$1,309,105.00
Group 9 (306-540)	\$86,200.00	\$28,000.00	\$230,000.00
Group 10 (541 and up)	\$986,417.00	\$10,625.00	\$2,913,626.00