

Gender of claimants by Catholic Church authority type

Catholic Church authority type	Male (%)	Female (%)
Archdioceses/dioceses	66	34
Male religious institutes (religious brother members only)	97	3
Male religious institutes (priest members only)	69	31
Male religious institutes (priest and religious brother members)	81	19
Female religious institutes	42	58

48. The average age of the claimant at the time of the first alleged incident of child sexual abuse was:
- 11.4 years of age for all claimants
 - 10.5 years of age for females
 - 11.6 years of age for males.
49. The gap between first alleged incident of child sexual abuse and the date the claim was received was more than 30 years in 59 per cent of the claims, and more than 20 years in 81 per cent of claims. The average time between the first alleged incident date and the date the claim was received was 33 years.

Redress

50. Overall 3,057 claims of child sexual abuse resulted in a payment being made following a claim for redress. Catholic Church authorities made total payments of \$268.0 million in response to claims of child sexual abuse received between 1 January 1980 and 28 February 2015, including monetary compensation, treatment, legal and other costs.
51. Of this amount, a total of \$250.7 million was paid in monetary compensation, at an average of \$88,000 per claim. A total of 2,845 claims of child sexual abuse resulted in monetary compensation following a claim for redress.
52. The Christian Brothers reported both the highest total payment and the largest number of total payments (a total of \$48.5 million paid in relation to 763 payments at an average of approximately \$64,000 per payment).
53. The Jesuits (the Society of Jesus) had the highest average total payment at an average of approximately \$257,000 per payment (of those Catholic Church authorities who made at least 10 payments).
54. The most commonly used redress process was *Towards Healing* (41 per cent of claims went through this redress process). Of all redress processes, the *Melbourne Response* had the highest proportion of claims resulting in monetary compensation (324 claims or 84 per cent of all *Melbourne Response* claims).

Claims for redress relating to allegations of child sexual abuse

Total redress payments

94. This section only relates to claims of child sexual abuse made when a claimant, or their solicitor or advocate on their behalf sought redress through *Towards Healing*, the *Melbourne Response* or another redress process, including civil proceedings. This is because information about monetary compensation and other associated costs was only sought in relation to claims for redress. The term 'monetary compensation' is used to describe only the amount of compensation paid, while the term 'payment' is used to describe the total payment made, including compensation; treatment, legal and other costs. In terms of the cost of child sexual abuse claims to Catholic Church authorities:
- a. Catholic Church authorities in Australia made total payments of \$268.0 million in response to claims of child sexual abuse received between 1 January 1980 and 28 February 2015, including compensation, treatment, legal and other costs. The average payment was approximately \$88,000 per claim.
 - b. 3,057 claims of child sexual abuse resulted in a payment being made following a claim for redress.
 - c. 2,845 claims of child sexual abuse resulted in monetary compensation following a claim for redress.
 - d. \$250.7 million was paid in monetary compensation for these claims at an average of approximately \$88,000 per claim.
 - e. 741 claims of child sexual abuse were ongoing at the time of the survey.
95. **Appendix 2** contains a table setting out the total number of claims; total payments; total number of payments; and average payments for each Catholic Church authority who received one or more claims of child sexual abuse.
96. **Table 8** shows the 20 Catholic Church authorities that made the highest total payments to claimants. The Christian Brothers reported both the highest total payment and the largest number of payments (a total of \$48.5 million paid in relation to 763 payments at an average of approximately \$64,000 per payment). All figures above \$1 million have been rounded to the nearest \$100,000. All figures below \$1 million have been rounded to the nearest \$1,000.