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Crime Victims Reparations Board  
State of Louisiana

JOHN BEL EDWARDS  
GOVERNOR



JIM CRAFT  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

To: Honorable John Bel Edwards  
Governor, State of Louisiana

Honorable Members of the Legislature  
State of Louisiana

We have the honor to submit the annual report of the Louisiana Crime Victims Reparations Board. This report is submitted pursuant to the provisions of L.A. R.S. 46:1818 and covers the period of July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016.

The total amount of funds collected for FY 2016 was \$1,066,283. In FY 2016, 694 claims were paid and a total of \$1,032,616 was awarded. The average total per award was \$1,488. Funds for the Crime Victims Reparations Program are not state appropriated funds and are mainly derived from costs levied on criminal court cases and from federal grants.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "A. Tonkovich".

Amanda Tonkovich  
Chair

## BOARD MEMBERS

The Crime Victims Reparations Board is under the jurisdiction of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and is domiciled in Baton Rouge. The Board is composed of the Executive Director of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement or his designee; seven representatives from each of the congressional districts in the state; a representative of the elderly; and a representative at large. The Board members are appointed by the governor and their terms run concurrent with that of the governor.

The membership of the Crime Victims Reparations Board in FY 2016 was:

Lamarr Davis, Chairman  
Hodge, Louisiana  
At-Large Member

Tyler Downing  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
Designee of LCLE Executive Director

Mary Fanara  
Bunkie, Louisiana  
5th Congressional District

Sharon Rodi  
Metairie, Louisiana  
1st Congressional District

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Zachary, Louisiana  
6th Congressional District

Vacant  
2nd Congressional District

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Lake Charles, Louisiana  
7th Congressional District

Vacant  
3d Congressional District

Lucille Williams  
Shreveport, Louisiana  
Elderly Representative

Nancy Adcock  
Shreveport, Louisiana  
4th Congressional District

Carroll DiBenedetto, Sr.  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
Victims & Citizens Against Crime

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## **CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS ACT**

The Louisiana Crime Victims Reparations Act provides for monetary compensation for economic losses to victims of crimes involving personal injury and to their dependents in cases of death. It also permits recovery for economic losses incurred as a result of a good faith effort to prevent a crime.

The maximum award allowable is \$10,000 for any one case, although the Board may extend an award to a maximum allowable of \$25,000 for those victims whose injuries are total and permanent. Claims are reduced by all collateral sources, such as medical and hospitalization insurance payments, social security benefits, disability income insurance, worker's compensation and other sources of benefits.

## **FUNDING**

Income for the compensation fund is composed primarily of monies paid as costs levied on criminal court cases. A cost of not less than fifty dollars (\$50) for felonies and seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) for violations of misdemeanors and municipal and parish ordinances is levied, except traffic violations other than those driving offenses defined in Title 14 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 which result in a conviction. Other components of the fund include federal grants, court-ordered restitution from criminals, donations and interest.

Act 634 (CHC 811.2) of 1993 created the Victims of Juvenile Crime Compensation Fund. Courts which levy the cost (not to exceed \$15) must remit one-third of the amount collected to the Crime Victims Reparation Fund.

The Crime Victims Reparations Board manages a small fund and must insure that these dollars are disbursed as equitably and fairly as possible. The Board has adopted standard operating procedures to keep the fund solvent and help contain these costs while insuring equitable disbursements among crime victims and their families.

## **AWARDS**

### **Eligibility:**

A person who believes he or she is a victim of a crime which involved the use of force or threat of force and resulted in personal injury and/or loss of income; the victim's legal representative; or, in the case of death, a dependent or the dependent's legal representative may make application to the Board for an award.

A claim may be filed regardless of whether the offender is known, has been arrested, and/or has been found guilty.

The crime must:

1. involve the use of force or threat of use of force **or**
2. result in personal injury, death, or catastrophic property loss **and**
3. result in expenses covered by the statute and not reimbursable by any other source.

Vehicular crimes (motor vehicle, boat or aircraft) are not included unless they involve a DWI/DUI offense, a hit-and-run offense, the injuries or death were intentionally inflicted with a vehicle, or the crime was caused by an operator fleeing the scene of a crime in which he knowingly participated.

Victims of terrorist acts are also eligible to apply for awards.

### **Application Requirements:**

1. The crime must have been committed in Louisiana after July 16, 1982 or happened to a Louisiana resident in a place with no compensation program.
2. The crime must be reported to law enforcement officials within 72 hours unless there is a valid reason for a later reporting.
3. The application must be filed within one year from the date of the crime.
4. The required information must be provided on the application.
5. The losses must not be reimbursable from any other source such as insurance, social security, Medicare, Medicaid, civil suit or restitution.
6. The victim or claimant must cooperate with the reasonable requests of law enforcement officials.

### **Awards Are Prohibited If:**

1. The victim/claimant does not comply with the application requirements as listed in the previous section.
2. The victim is the offender or an accessory, or an award would unjustly benefit either the offender or the accessory.
3. The victim is confined in any type of correctional facility.

### **An Award Could Be Denied or Reduced If:**

1. The Board finds that the victim's behavior at the time of the crime or the victim's past criminal activity caused or contributed to the incident.
2. The victim was operating a vehicle at the time of the crime without the required insurance.
3. The victim was not wearing a seat belt as required by state law.
4. The victim was a willing passenger in a vehicle driven by an intoxicated driver.

### **Expenses:**

Expenses which may be reimbursed include those:

1. For personal injury:
  - a) medical, hospital, nursing, physical therapy, psychiatric care, or counseling;
  - b) actual loss of past earnings and anticipated loss of future earnings because of a disability resulting from the personal injury or the receipt of medically indicated services for a minor child related to the personal injury;
  - c) care of child or dependent
  - d) counseling or therapy for the parent(s) or sibling(s) of a child who is the victim of a sex crime
  - e) loss of support for a child victim of a sexual crime not otherwise compensated for as a pecuniary loss for personal injury
2. As a consequence of death:
  - a) funeral, burial, cremation expenses;
  - b) loss of support to one or more dependents not otherwise compensated for personal injury loss;
  - c) care of children, enabling the surviving spouse of a victim or the legal custodian or caretaker of the deceased victim's child or children to engage in lawful employment where that expense is not otherwise compensated for as a pecuniary loss for personal injury;
  - d) counseling or therapy for any surviving family member of the victim or any person in close relationship to such victim
3. Expenses of the victim associated with the collection and securing of crime scene evidence or with cleanup of the crime scene.



Expenses which may not be reimbursed for any reason include:

1. Property losses, except for a catastrophic property loss which is limited to the loss of the victim's abode provided it is owned and occupied by the victim;
2. Pain and suffering;
3. Attorney fees, except when they are part of an order from a hearing or awarded by a court of law.

## **Processing**

Applications are distributed, received, and investigated by the Sheriff's Office in the parish where the crime occurred. As part of their investigative responsibilities, the sheriff's office obtains a copy of the law enforcement agency report on the crime, verifies all the expenses submitted and insurance or any other collateral sources that the claimant may have received, and makes a recommendation based on the investigation.

The application is then submitted to the Crime Victims Reparations Board's office where the Program Manager reviews the submitted documents, prepares a summary, and places the application on a monthly docket to be reviewed and considered by the entire Board. Applications are reviewed by the Board at its regular meeting and the Board votes to either award or deny. However, they may also vote to continue the case pending further information or they may order a hearing.

The victim/claimant is notified in writing of the Board's decision. The Board administrative assistant prepares the award checks which are distributed to the respective Sheriff's offices from which they are sent to the victims and/or providers. The victim/claimant has the right to appeal the decision of the Board within 60 days or appeal directly to District Court within 30 days. If an appeal to the board is denied, further appeal to District Court in Baton Rouge is allowed under the Administrative Procedures Act.

Provisions are made for payment of emergency awards up to \$500 in cases where urgency is apparent. Emergency awards are rendered upon the recommendation of the sheriff's investigator and concurrence of the Board member for the area involved.

Supplemental claims may be submitted for additional expenses incurred after the original award has been made. The aggregate total cannot exceed the maximum caps as per the statute. The supplemental claims are processed in the same manner as original claims.

## **PUBLIC INFORMATION AWARENESS**

Act 383 of 1992 mandated that the Crime Victims Reparations Board prepare a brochure enumerating victims' rights. These brochures are available in sheriff's offices, police departments, hospitals, doctor's offices, as well as other service agencies.

Public service announcements are distributed to all radio and television stations licensed to broadcast in Louisiana.

The Crime Victims Reparations (CVR) Board maintains a website on the CVR Program which includes information available to the public, such as, who may qualify, how to apply for reparations, as well as whom to contact for assistance.

The Crime Victims Reparations Board and the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement publishes a statewide Victim/Elderly Services Directory. The directory contains an updated extensive cross-reference of service agencies available to the citizens of Louisiana. The directory, along with other CVR information can be accessed on the web at [www.lcle.la.gov/cvr](http://www.lcle.la.gov/cvr).

## **NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATION**

The Louisiana Crime Victims Reparations Board is a member of the National Association of Crime Victims Compensation Boards, the National Organization for Victim Assistance, and the National Victim Center for Victims of Crime.

**COLLECTIONS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS**

	<b>Revenues Collected*</b>	<b>VOCA Federal Grant</b>	<b>Total Funds Awarded</b>
FY 1983	\$299,568.00	\$0.00	\$33,645.86
FY 1984	664,354.60	0.00	240,536.41
FY 1985	588,258.62	0.00	195,403.74
FY 1986	727,224.55	77,000.00	575,579.73
FY 1987	698,437.94	114,000.00	865,164.07
FY 1988	618,320.12	222,000.00	765,528.74
FY 1989	749,507.52	222,000.00	703,750.60
FY 1990	699,292.42	326,000.00	1,028,644.11
FY 1991	831,859.37	220,000.00	1,222,260.81
FY 1992	990,399.86	206,000.00	1,154,816.42
FY 1993	902,340.70	405,000.00	1,001,715.07
FY 1994	981,722.02	371,000.00	932,886.17
FY 1995	953,435.24	203,000.00	804,814.04
FY 1996	1,231,208.99	203,000.00	739,748.57
FY 1997	1,230,602.06	100,000.00	1,129,641.47
FY 1998	1,272,676.39	190,000.00	1,074,564.13
FY 1999	1,418,764.04	331,000.00	1,422,911.50
FY 2000	1,504,539.62	314,000.00	1,351,160.69
FY 2001	1,502,417.87	389,000.00	1,722,806.17
FY 2002	1,354,813.47	429,000.00	1,827,829.86
FY 2003	1,270,467.21	988,000.00	1,699,068.00
FY 2004	1,329,320.46	771,000.00	1,740,998.77
FY 2005	1,364,766.16	773,000.00	1,698,379.47
FY 2006	1,425,526.38	689,000.00	1,719,949.45
FY 2007	1,422,986.09	683,000.00	2,184,876.97
FY 2008	1,405,677.59	757,000.00	2,350,613.77
FY 2009	1,300,947.77	896,000.00	2,243,905.65
FY 2009		233,894.00	**
FY 2010	1,337,016.17	863,000.00	2,096,355.89
FY 2011	1,478,418.96	833,000.00	2,261,506.65
FY 2012	1,319,110.00	386,000.00	1,733,135.35
FY 2013	1,341,106.21	607,000.00	2,063,395.52
FY 2014	1,158,205.80	404,000.00	1,670,724.02
FY 2015	1,091,107.00	484,000.00	1,155,296.34
FY 2016	1,066,283.50	506,000.00	1,032,616.01
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$37,530,682.70</b>	<b>\$14,195,894.00</b>	<b>\$44,444,230.02</b>

\*\* Recovery Act-OVCFY09 VOCA

**CLAIMS PROCESSED  
2016**

	Approved	Denied	Deferred
FY 1983	11	14	0
FY 1984	69	21	0
FY 1985	80	21	4
FY 1986	213	21	5
FY 1987	332	36	11
FY 1988	317	49	13
FY 1989	267	59	11
FY 1990	387	82	25
FY 1991	450	78	13
FY 1992	479	118	21
FY 1993	495	231	20
FY 1994	488	216	23
FY 1995	409	177	22
FY 1996	364	118	3
FY 1997	462	97	3
FY 1998	445	139	0
FY 1999	540	119	0
FY 2000	570	99	0
FY 2001	693	105	75
FY 2002	792	107	132
FY 2003	760	165	421
FY 2004	702	204	10
FY 2005	725	158	160
FY 2006	680	155	111
FY 2007	791	109	173
FY 2008	924	122	225
FY 2009	671	210	232
FY 2010	738	205	204
FY 2011	827	229	207
FY 2012	598	213	128
FY 2013	588	175	391
FY 2014	564	127	226
FY 2015	488	122	300
FY 2016	476	90	570
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>17,395</b>	<b>4,191</b>	<b>3,739</b>

**ELIGIBILITY DENIALS  
2016**

1	No evidence crime was committed	1
2	Passenger with impaired driver	0
3	Crime not reported within time specified by statute	1
4	Lack of cooperation with law enforcement	5
5	Victim/Claimant was offender or accessory	0
6	Claim not filed timely	0
7	Victim contribution	33
8	Loss recouped from collateral source	1
9	Does not meet definition of crime	6
10	Pecuniary loss not covered by statute	0
11	Unable to determine pecuniary loss sustained	0
12	Exceeds or does not meet limits on awards defined in rules	0
13	Victim is a career criminal	0
14	Victim had felony conviction within the last five years	43
15	Crime previous to chapter date	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>90</b>

**RECEIPTS BY PARISH  
FY 2016**

Parish	TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED	
	Fines/Fees	Restitution
Acadia	12,663.30	0.00
Allen	8,428.11	0.00
Ascension	21,242.25	0.00
Assumption	3,742.50	0.00
Avoyelles	5,340.00	0.00
Beauregard	5,035.22	0.00
Bienville	4,081.66	0.00
Bossier	24,612.43	0.00
Caddo	68,717.43	18,783.13
Calcasieu	40,183.35	5,000.00
Caldwell	1,460.00	0.00
Cameron	2,088.41	0.00
Catahoula	3,332.50	0.00
Claiborne	3,910.05	0.00
Concordia	9,095.04	0.00
DeSoto	9,323.22	0.00
East Baton Rouge	69,853.11	772.05
East Carroll	1,983.00	0.00
East Feliciana	6,929.42	824.34
Evangeline	8,312.12	26.00
Franklin	14,450.00	0.00
Grant	8,259.78	0.00
Iberia	15,559.53	0.00
Iberville	7,383.34	0.00
Jackson	2,120.00	0.00
Jefferson	118,580.20	0.00
Jefferson Davis	4,570.25	0.00
Lafayette	40,082.92	3,014.26
Lafourche	30,442.25	0.00
Lasalle	5,623.32	0.00
Lincoln	8,802.72	0.00
Livingston	20,777.13	0.00
Madison	6,982.00	0.00
Morehouse	4,075.41	0.00
Natchitoches	8,637.20	0.00
Orleans	62,056.23	217.68
Ouachita	38,137.20	276.54
Plaquemines	8,090.00	0.00
Pointe Coupee	3,866.78	0.00

**RECEIPTS BY PARISH FY 2016 (Cont'd.)**

	<u>Fines/Fees</u>	<u>Restitution</u>
Rapides	42,453.50	0.00
Red River	2,424.43	0.00
Richland	6,359.03	0.00
Sabine	7,178.23	417.79
St. Bernard	5,175.24	0.00
St. Charles	6,480.52	0.00
St. Helena	972.84	0.00
St. James	1,900.00	0.00
St. John the Baptist	26,634.43	0.00
St. Landry	17,719.80	0.00
St. Martin	9,470.15	0.00
St. Mary	15,577.04	0.00
St. Tammany	48,106.95	10.00
Tangipahoa	18,598.40	450.00
Tensas	1,336.00	0.00
Terrebonne	25,582.50	699.70
Union	4,372.41	0.00
Vermilion	9,710.55	0.00
Vernon	14,939.23	0.00
Washington	10,256.41	0.00
Webster	8,282.56	32.24
West Baton Rouge	2,613.15	5,997.69
West Carroll	4,010.36	0.00
West Feliciana	9,700.00	0.00
Winn	4,021.33	0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<u>1,022,704.44</u>	<u>36,521.42</u>
Fines/Fees		1,022,704.44
Restitution (Parish)		36,521.42
Restitution (Federal Court)		2,528.64
Civil Suit Recovery		0.00
Donations		0.00
Prior Year Refund		0.00
Prison Enterprises		0.00
Angola Break-In		0.00
Juvenile Crime Compensation		0.00
Interest		4,529.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<u>\$1,066,283.50</u>

**APPLICATIONS BY PARISH  
FY 2016**

Parish	Eligibility			
	Total	Approved	Denied	Other
Acadia	1	0	0	1
Allen	1	0	0	1
Ascension	7	4	0	3
Assumption	4	0	0	4
Avoyelles	4	0	0	4
Beauregard	1	0	0	1
Bienville	1	0	0	1
Bossier	15	5	1	9
Caddo	98	29	4	65
Calcasieu	152	84	17	51
Caldwell	0	0	0	0
Cameron	0	0	0	0
Catahoula	0	0	0	0
Claiborne	7	4	0	3
Concordia	1	0	0	1
DeSoto	2	0	0	2
E. Baton Rouge	175	46	24	105
E. Carroll	2	1	0	1
E. Feliciana	3	1	2	0
Evangeline	1	0	0	1
Franklin	3	0	0	3
Grant	1	1	0	0
Iberia	21	3	4	14
Iberville	10	3	3	4
Jackson	0	0	0	0
Jefferson	34	16	1	17
Jeff. Davis	9	6	0	3
Lafayette	31	10	3	18
Lafourche	36	14	2	20
Lasalle	1	0	0	1
Lincoln	4	0	0	4
Livingston	8	3	0	5
Madison	1	0	0	1
Morehouse	1	0	0	1
Natchitoches	3	2	0	1
Orleans	282	164	13	105
Ouachita	11	3	1	7
Plaquemines	11	2	0	9
Pointe Coupee	1	0	0	1



**APPLICATIONS BY PARISH (Cont'd.)  
FY 2016**

Parish	Eligibility			
	Total	Approved	Denied	Other
Rapides	5	1	1	3
Red River	0	0	0	0
Richland	5	1	1	3
Sabine	3	2	1	0
St. Bernard	5	3	1	1
St. Charles	70	32	0	38
St. Helena	4	1	0	3
St. James	1	1	0	0
St. John	3	1	1	1
St. Landry	7	2	0	5
St. Martin	7	3	1	3
St. Mary	11	4	2	5
St. Tammany	14	6	0	8
Tangipahoa	18	5	2	11
Tensas	1	1	0	0
Terrebonne	12	5	3	4
Union	0	0	0	0
Vermilion	6	1	2	3
Vernon	12	4	0	8
Washington	3	1	0	2
Webster	3	1	0	2
W. Baton Rouge	3	0	0	3
W. Carroll	0	0	0	0
W. Feliciana	0	0	0	0
Winn	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	1136	476	90	570

**AWARDS BY PARISH  
FY 2016**

Parish	AWARDS	
	Count*	Amount
Acadia	0	\$0.00
Allen	0	0.00
Ascension	4	40,122.99
Assumption	1	500.00
Avoyelles	0	0.00
Beauregard	0	0.00
Bienville	0	0.00
Bossier	8	5,214.66
Caddo	44	75,902.12
Calcasieu	109	95,683.18
Caldwell	0	0.00
Cameron	0	0.00
Catahoula	0	0.00
Claiborne	3	2,375.75
Concordia	1	500.00
DeSoto	0	0.00
E. Baton Rouge	132	158,169.21
E. Carroll	0	0.00
E. Feliciana	1	1,026.29
Evangeline	0	0.00
Franklin	2	1,000.00
Grant	1	3,118.10
Iberia	12	9,459.11
Iberville	3	1,257.00
Jackson	0	0.00
Jefferson	27	56,430.40
Jeff. Davis	8	13,817.90
Lafayette	11	30,646.31
Lafourche	11	27,597.17
Lasalle	1	500.00
Lincoln	0	0.00
Livingston	6	13,033.86
Madison	0	0.00
Morehouse	0	0.00
Natchitoches	2	13,749.23
Orleans	224	339,137.59
Ouachita	2	2,568.78
Plaquemines	11	5,420.00
Pointe Coupee	0	0.00

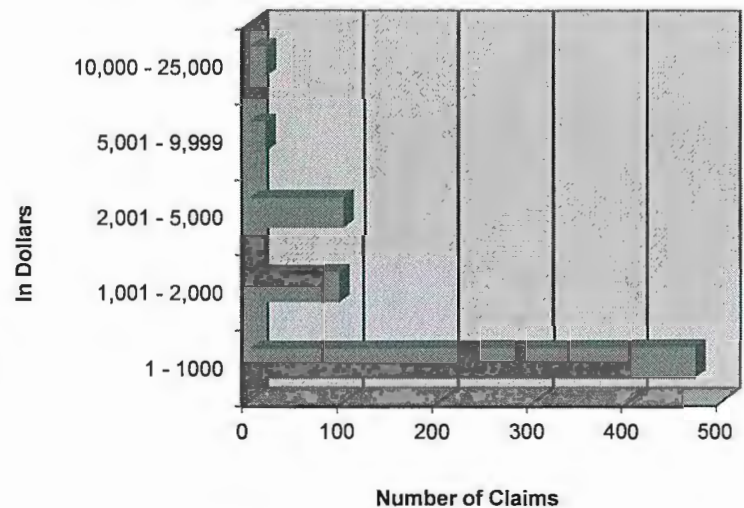
**AWARDS BY PARISH (Cont'd.)  
FY 2016**

Parish	AWARDS	
	Count*	Amount
Rapides	0	0.00
Red River	0	0.00
Richland	2	6,736.04
Sabine	1	14.27
St. Bernard	2	3,187.34
St. Charles	20	10,953.62
St. Helena	3	9,003.50
St. James	1	8,529.65
St. John	1	1,000.00
St. Landry	4	8,215.68
St. Martin	4	11,150.42
St. Mary	3	18,548.89
St. Tammany	4	10,453.07
Tangipahoa	8	8,893.00
Tensas	1	1,641.08
Terrebonne	6	14,530.00
Union	0	0.00
Vermilion	0	0.00
Vernon	4	3,481.00
Washington	4	15,825.60
Webster	2	3,223.20
W. Baton Rouge	0	0.00
W. Carroll	0	0.00
W. Feliciana	0	0.00
Winn	0	0.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>\$1,032,616.01</b>

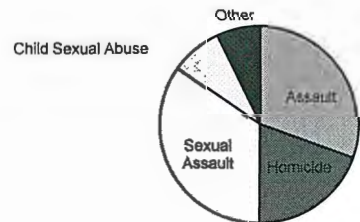
\*\* Includes both state and federal funds. Does not include refund adjustments.

\* This count includes supplemental awards based on previous years' eligibility.

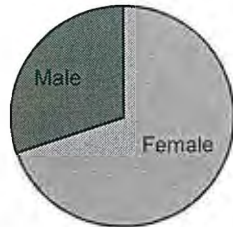
### CLAIMS BY DOLLAR AMOUNT



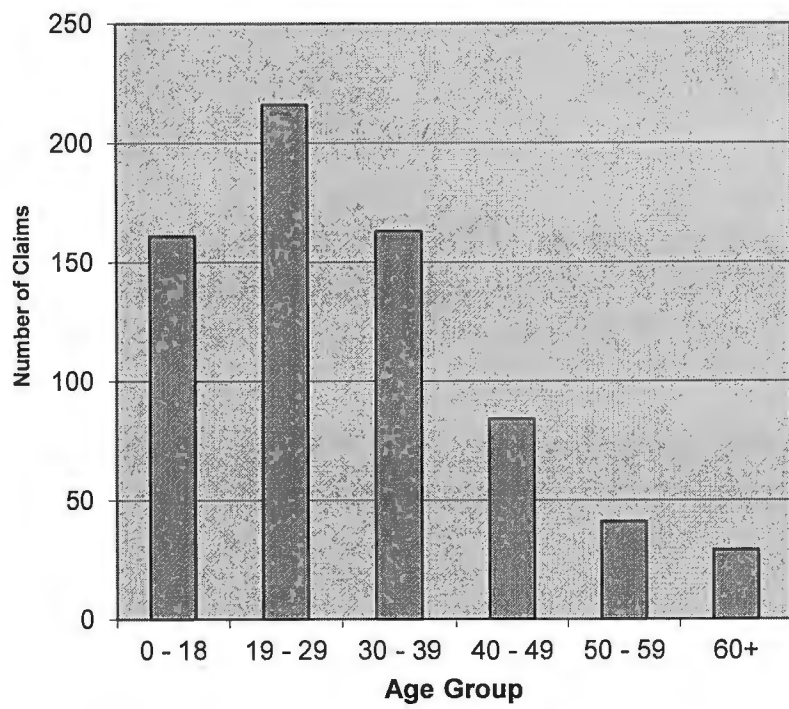
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**CHART BY GENDER**



**CLAIMS BY AGE**



### AWARDED BY EXPENSE TYPE

