

Crime Victims' Compensation Applications & Payments for Sexual Violence Survivors

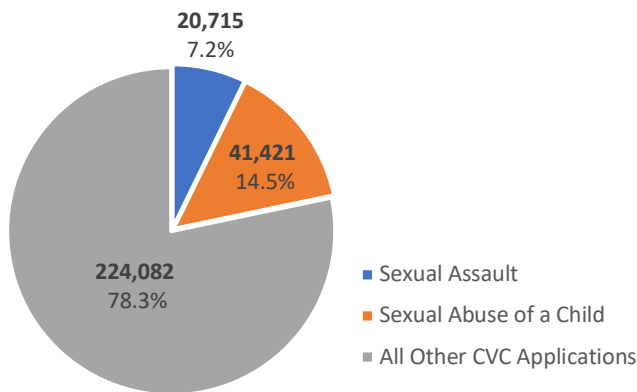
The Crime Victims' Compensation Program (CVC) is administered by the Texas Office of the Attorney General (OAG) and provides financial assistance to victims of violent crime for certain crime-related expenses.¹

CVC APPLICATIONS & AWARDS

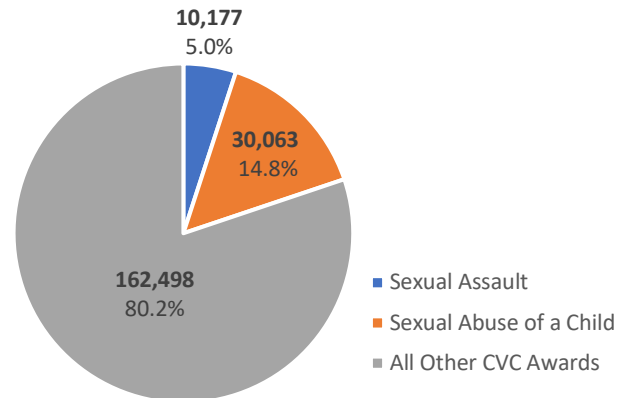
- From 2009–2019, OAG received **286,218** CVC applications.
- 21.7%** of CVC applications were related to the following two crime types: Sexual Assault and Sexual Abuse of a Child.

- From 2009–2019, **22,125** applications were closed (see p. 2 for case closure information).
- Of the 264,093 applications remaining, **202,738** (76.8%) were approved for reimbursement (see p. 2 for denial and approval information).

**All Submitted Applications by Crime Type
 2009–2019, n=286,218**

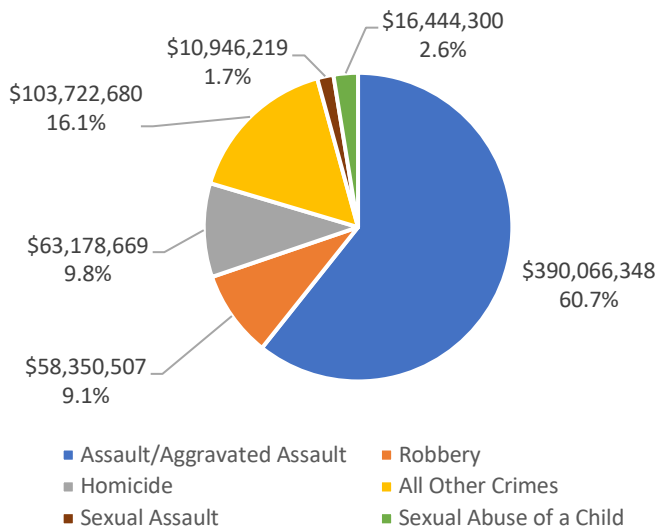


**Applications Approved for Reimbursement
 2009–2019, n=202,738**



CVC AWARDS

**Amount of CVC Awards to or on Behalf of
 Victims by Crime Type, 2009–2019**



Top 5 Expenditures, 2010–2018

Sexual Assault	Sexual Abuse of a Child
1. Acute Care Hospitals (\$2,984,158)	1. Relocation/Rent (\$3,685,377)
2. Relocation/Rent (\$1,538,204)	2. Mental Health Counseling (\$3,296,490)
3. Physician Fees (\$691,594)	3. Relocation/Deposits (\$1,437,340)
4. Mental Health Counseling (\$649,461)	4. Psychiatric Hospital (\$810,707)
5. Loss of Wages (\$587,213)	5. Acute Care Hospital (\$659,707)

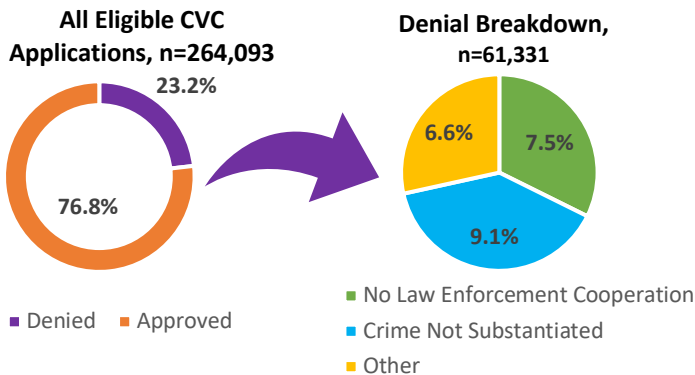
¹ Attorney General of Texas. (2019). *Crime victim services 2019 annual report: Changing needs changing services*. <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/sites/default/files/files/divisions/crime-victims/Crime-Victim-Services-Annual-Report2019.pdf>

DETERMINING CVC ELIGIBILITY

Common denial reasons include:

- Victim did not satisfy either state or federal eligibility requirement to ‘cooperate’ with law enforcement.
- Law enforcement could not substantiate the report.
- Application was filed later than the three-year requirement.
- Victim did not satisfy either state or federal eligibility requirements to not ‘contribute to the crime.’

“Denial” is a CVC eligibility decision and triggers due process rights of appeal.

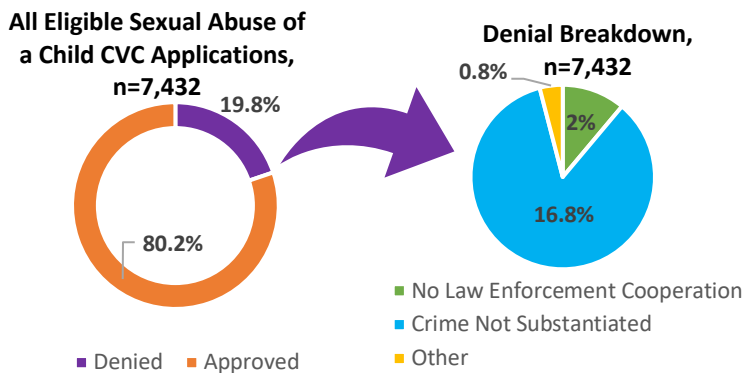
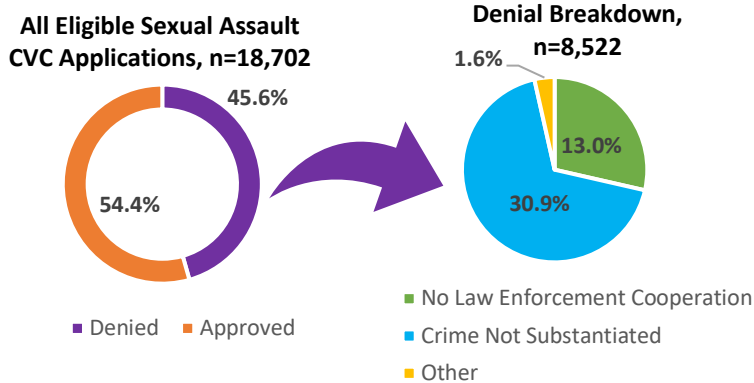
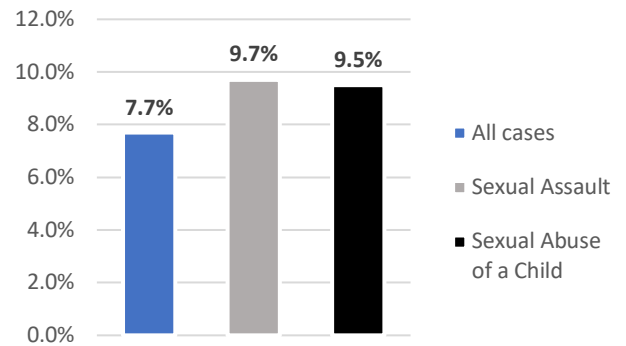


A closed case can be reopened at any time. Some common closure reasons include:

- Application is incomplete.
- Application inactivity.
- Claimant withdrew claim.
- Law enforcement information not received.
- Unable to locate, mail returned.

“Closed” is not an eligibility determination.

Closed CVC Applications



Key Findings

- Sexual Assault crimes have one of the highest denial rates (45.6%). Only the ‘Other’ crime type (96.8%) and Burglary (51.3%) are higher.
- 30.9% of eligible sexual assault applications are denied due to “No Law Enforcement Cooperation.”
- “No Law Enforcement Cooperation” and “Crime Not Substantiated” were the most common denial reasons for both sexual assault and sexual abuse of a child CVC applications.

METHODS

These data are based on a review of CVC applications received by the OAG between January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2019. The data were extracted on October 11, 2020; changes to the data may have occurred since then due to appeals, payments and/or re-opened applications. Data sets were cleaned and then merged where appropriate. Additional variables were calculated, tables and explanatory text were created, and data were examined for patterns and trends over time.

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