

Public sector compensation payments

Last updated on 31 December 2020

	Payments	in billions of euros	
	<u>by</u> <u>31.12.2019</u>	<u>in 2020</u>	<u>by</u> <u>31.12.2020</u>
<i>Payments made so far</i>			
1. Federal Compensation Act	48,454	0,131	48,585
2. Federal Restitution Act	2,023	0,000	2,023
3. Compensation Pension Act	0,813	0,000	0,813
4. Federal Act for the Compensation of the Victims of National Socialist Persecution	2,564	0,012	2,576
5. Luxembourg Agreement	1,764	0,000	1,764
6. Comprehensive agreements (and similar agreements)	1,489	0,000	1,489
7. Other payments (civil service, Wapniarka, Hardship Fund for Non-Jewish Victims of National Socialism, victims of pseudo-medical experiments, Art. VI Final Federal Compensation Act, etc.)	6,793	0,151	6,944
8. Payments made by the Länder outside of the Federal Compensation Act	2,028	0,037	2,065
9. Hardship compensation (not including the Länder)	9,148	1,037	10,185
10. Act on the Creation of a Foundation for Remembrance, Responsibility and the Future	2,556	0,000	2,556
TOTALS:	77,632	1,368	79,000

The German Government has expressed its intention to make lifelong ongoing payments to victims of National Socialism whose claims have been approved.

Approximately 17% of payments made pursuant to the Federal Compensation Act and the Federal Restitution Act are disbursed to individuals who live in Germany, and approximately 40% to individuals who live in Israel; the remaining proportion is disbursed to individuals who live elsewhere. Approximately 15% of ongoing payments made pursuant to the Federal Compensation Act are disbursed to individuals who live in Germany, approximately 85% of ongoing payments are disbursed to individuals who live abroad.

During the period from 1 October 1953 to 31 December 1987, **4,384,138 applications** for compensation were submitted pursuant to the Additional Federal Compensation Act of 18 September 1953 (Federal Law Gazette I p. 1387), the Federal Compensation Act of 29 June 1956 (Federal Law Gazette I p. 559) and the Final Federal Compensation Act of 14 September 1965 (Federal Law Gazette I p. 1315). These applications were processed as follows:

Approved	2,014,142
Denied	1,246,571
Otherwise processed (e.g. application withdrawn)	1,123,425

No statistical record is kept of the total number of applicants. This number is, however, not identical to the number of applications that are submitted. Pursuant to information provided by the Länder – who are responsible for implementing the Federal Compensation Act – on average, every applicant submitted more than one application. The exact number of claims that were submitted by each individual claimant cannot be determined. The number of applications, and of applications processed, from 1 January 1988 to date is comparatively small; the Länder are therefore no longer keeping a statistical record of this figure.

Except for an insignificant, small number of cases, compensation pursuant to the Federal Restitution Act has been completed.

The above table does not include other payments – the individual amounts of which cannot be exactly determined – totalling several billion euros that were made pursuant to other directives, e.g. the Act on Social Insurance Pensions for Victims of National Socialism, the Federal Act on Compensation for National Socialist Injustice through War Disablement and Survivors' Pensions and the General Act Regulating Compensation for War-induced Losses.

The Foundation for Remembrance, Responsibility and the Future has not made any ongoing compensation payments; it has only made one-off payments. The Foundation received funding totalling EUR 5.1 billion. Of this, the Federal Government provided the EUR 2.556 billion recorded in the table above. The remainder came from German companies that participated in the German Economy Foundation Initiative. By the time the last payments were made in 2007, the Foundation, which was set up to help forced labourers and other victims of National Socialism, had disbursed a total of more than EUR 4.7 billion to around 1.7 million victims of National Socialism, in particular forced labourers, who were entitled to support.

Compensation paid by the Länder outside of the Federal Compensation Act

1950 to 2020

(figures provided by the Länder)

<u>Länder</u>	<u>in 2020</u> - in thousands of euros -	<u>up to the end of 2020</u> - in millions of euros -
Baden-Württemberg	7	37
Bavaria	15.031	265
Berlin	12.027	846
Bremen	20	13
Hamburg	235	78
Hessen	946	78
Lower Saxony	5.622	126
North Rhine-Westphalia	600	510
Rhineland-Palatinate	2.020	85
Saarland	0	1
Schleswig-Holstein	11	25
TOTAL:	36.519 Tsd. €	~ 2.065 Mio. €

Note: all figures have been rounded.

**Payments made pursuant to the Federal Compensation Act
between 1 October 1953 and 31 December 2020**

in millions of euros (Note: any divergence of total amounts results from rounding)

figures provided by the Länder

Type of damage or harm suffered Type of compensation made	One-time payments		Ongoing payments		Total payments		Ongoing payments as of 1 December 2020	
	total	of column 1 to individuals residing abroad	total	of column 3 to individuals residing abroad	total columns 1 + 3	to individuals residing abroad columns 2 + 4	number	monthly total in thousands of euros
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1. loss of life	339	270	3.862	2.803	4.201	3.073	447	451
2. damage to limb or health	2.152	1.661	27.980	24.913	30.132	26.574	12.677	9.319
3. deprivation of liberty	1.442	1.320	0	0	1.442	1.320	0	0
4. damage to property	216	95	0	0	216	95	0	0
5. damage to assets	275	219	0	0	275	219	0	0
6. charges, fines, etc.	155	136	0	0	155	136	0	0
7. damage to professional careers	1.455	1.164	7.449	5.951	8.904	7.115	106	88
8. damage to business	242	223	1.069	968	1.311	1.192	25	15
9. granting of immediate assistance	90	6	0	0	90	6	0	0
10. provision of health care	439	45	0	0	439	45	0	0
11. mitigation of hardship	37	23	406	335	442	358	92	34
Total:	6.841	5.162	40.766	34.970	47.606	40.132	13.347	9.907

Total amount disbursed compensation payments:

before 30 September 1953
pursuant to Article V of the Final Federal Compensation Act
pursuant to the Federal Compensation Act (cf. column 5 above)

EUR 377 million
EUR 614 million
EUR 47.606 million
EUR 48.597 million

Average ongoing monthly payment:

for loss of life, damage to limb or health: approx. EUR 1.009
of all ongoing compensation payments: approx. EUR 742