



**Workers'
Compensation
Board**

WORLD TRADE CENTER CLAIMS IN THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SYSTEM

THE OFFICE OF THE ADVOCATE FOR INJURED WORKERS

OCTOBER 15, 2026

WHO IS NOT IN THE STATE SYSTEM?

These responders have benefits in other systems, **not** the New York State workers' compensation system

- FDNY firefighters on active duty
- NYPD officers on active duty
- Uniformed NYC sanitation workers
- Federal employees
- National Guard

This is based on their employment at the time of response

WHO IS COVERED IN THE STATE SYSTEM?

These responders have benefits in the New York State workers' compensation system for rescue, recovery and clean-up work

- **Employees** who performed according to the criteria — covered by insurance or self-insurance
- **Volunteers** who performed according to the criteria — covered by the Volunteer Fund at the Board

This is based on their status at the time of their response

WTG12 PRESERVES THE RIGHT TO FILE A CLAIM

- Rescue, recovery and clean-up workers who fit the criteria for location and dates should file a **WTC-12** with the NYS Workers' Compensation Board
- This extends your right to file a claim, if you need one, for the rest of your life, rather than two years after incident in all other claims
- By law, the Board must receive the original, signed paper copy by 9/11/2030 – no emails, faxes, or postmarks for later delivery
- Notarization is no longer required

WHO SHOULD FILE A WTC

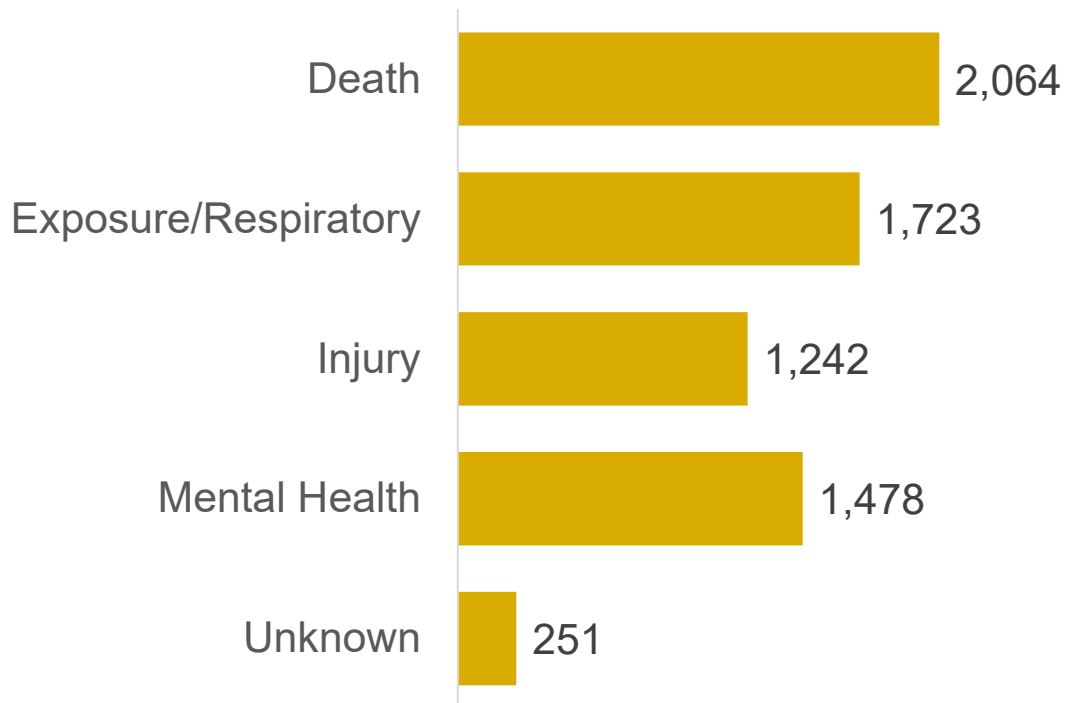
- Employees (and volunteers) who were part of the NYS workers' compensation system at that time
- These responders performed rescue, recovery and clean-up
- For service between 9/11/2001 and 9/12/2002
- For service at these locations
 - South of Canal Street to the tip of Manhattan
 - At Fresh Kills Landfill on Staten Island
 - On the barges
 - On the piers
 - At the morgues



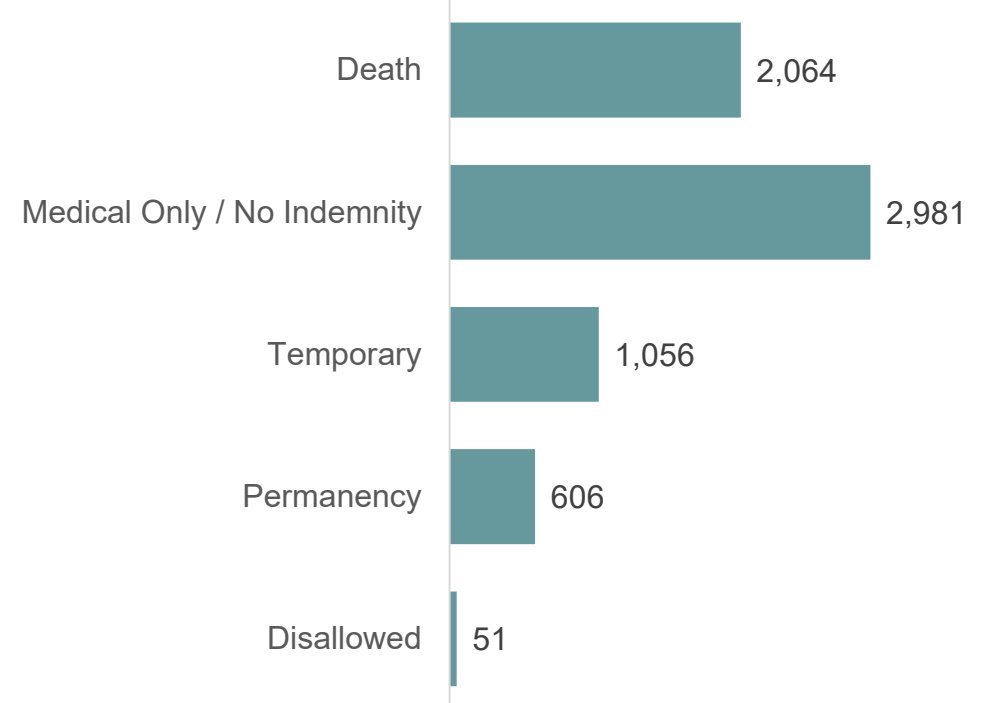
CLAIM DATA: VICTIMS OF THE ATTACKS

A total of **6,758** claims resulted from the direct attacks

Injury Type



Benefit Type



CLAIM DATA: RESCUE, RECOVERY & CLEAN

11,704 responders filed a workers' compensation claim due to illness or injury resulting from rescue, recovery and clean-up

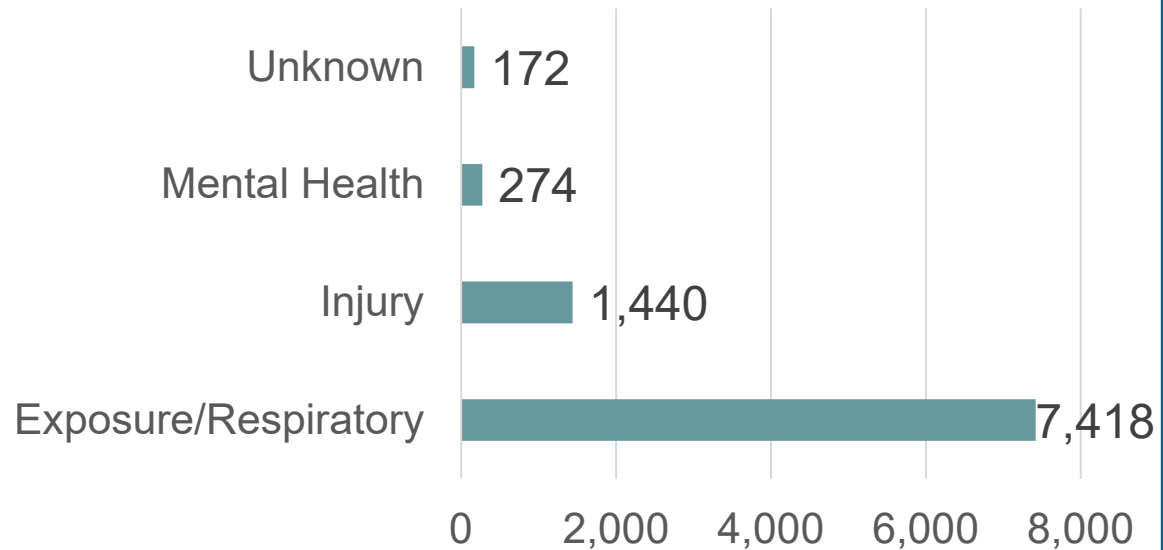


- Of those, **9,304** are from paid and/or insured workers
- Of those, **2,400** are from volunteers covered by the Volunteer Fund

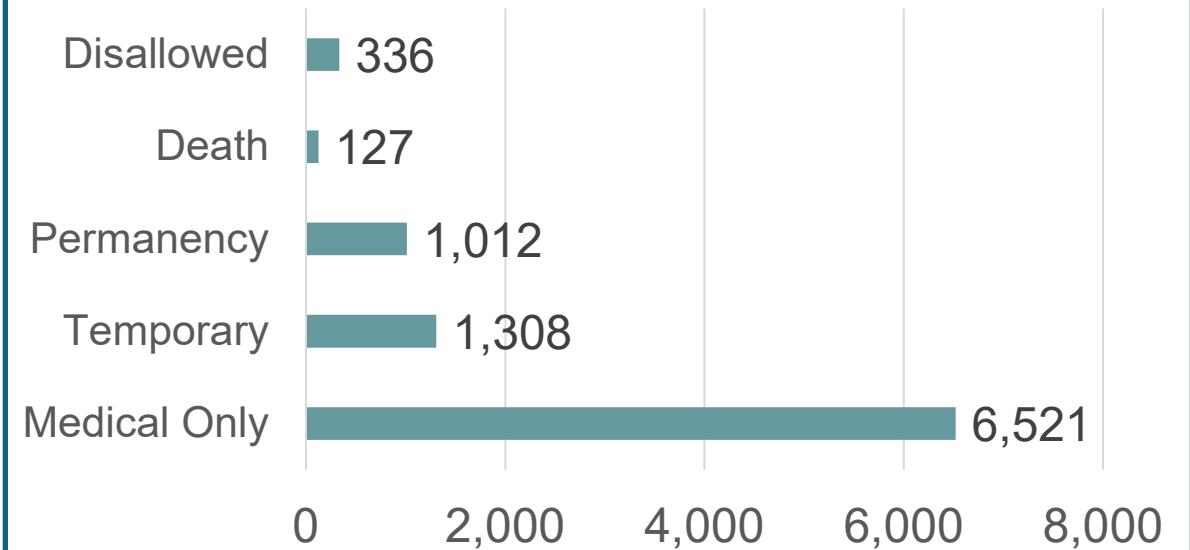
CLAIM DATA: RESCUE, RECOVERY & CLEAN UP

In the **9,304** claims filed by paid and/or insured workers

Type of Injury

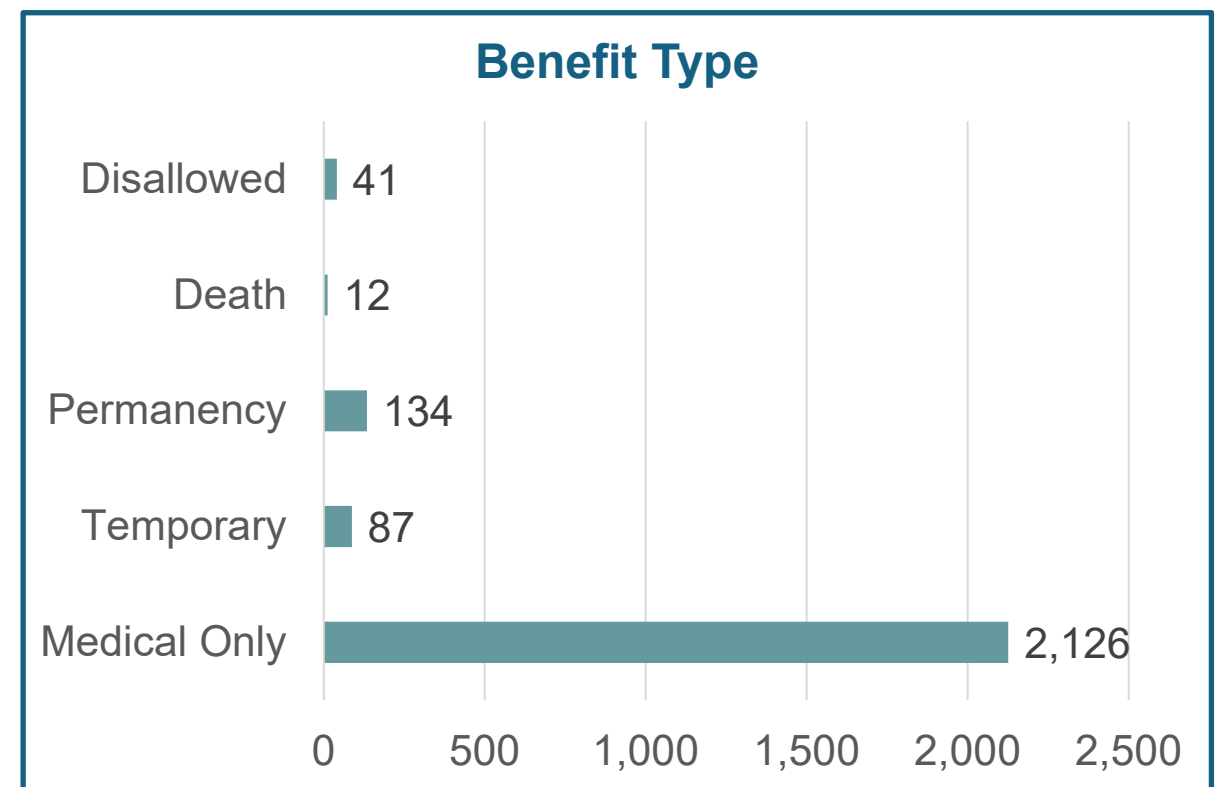
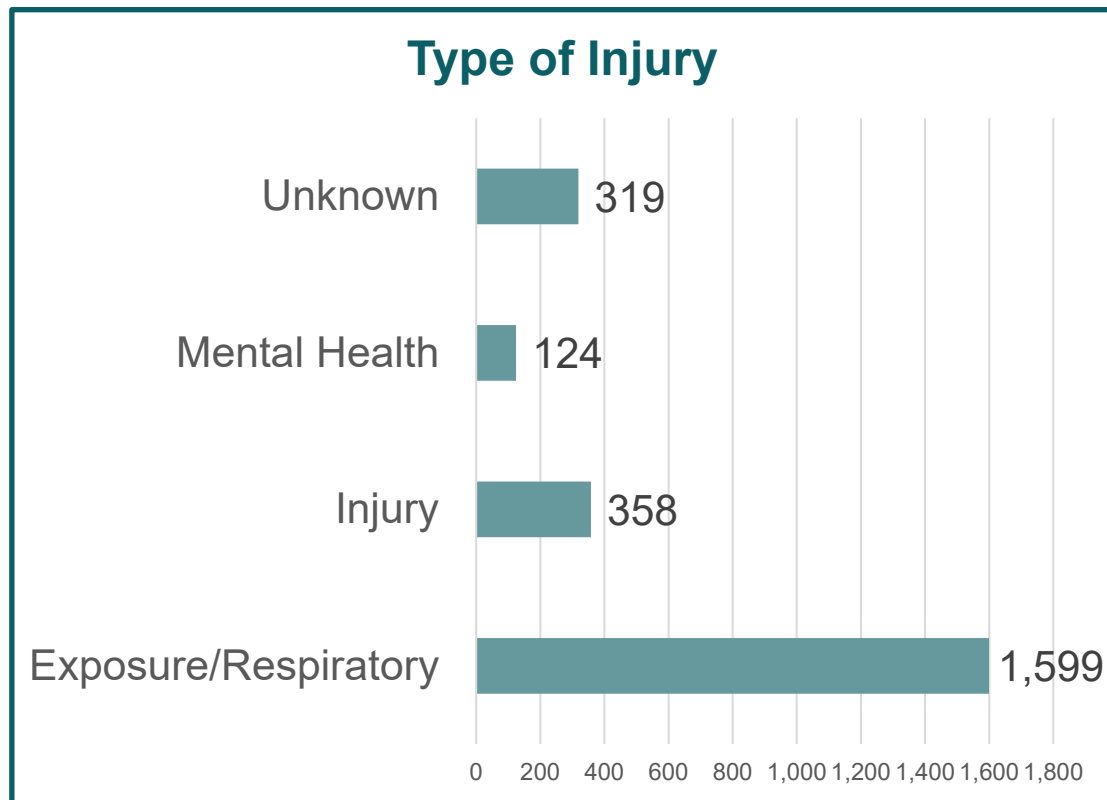


Benefit Type



CLAIM DATA: RESCUE, RECOVERY & CLEAN

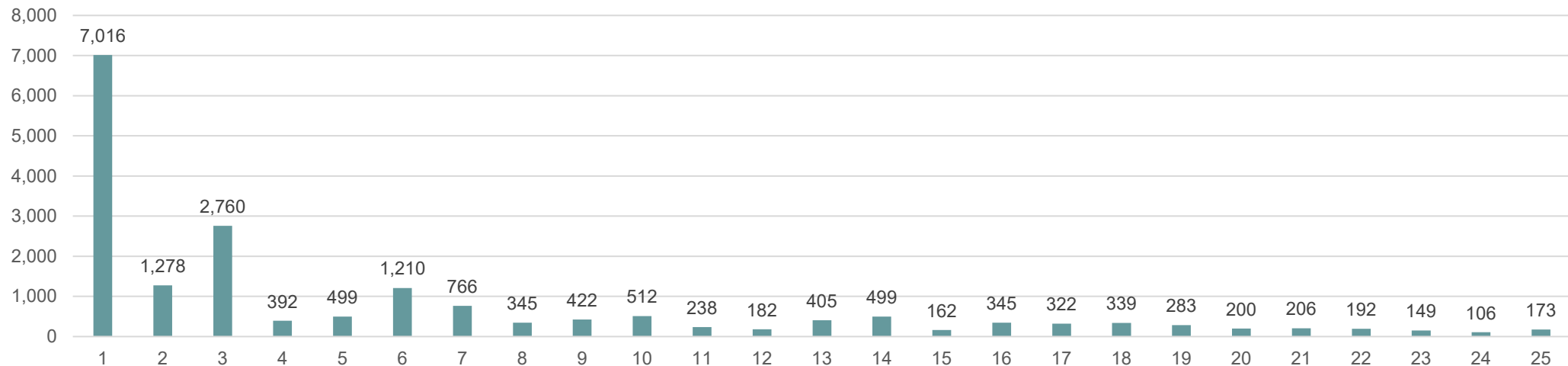
In the **2,400** claims filed by volunteers



CLAIM DATA: WHEN CLAIMS WERE ASSEMBLED

When all the **19,001** claims were assembled, by year,
beginning 9/11/2001 – 9/10/02

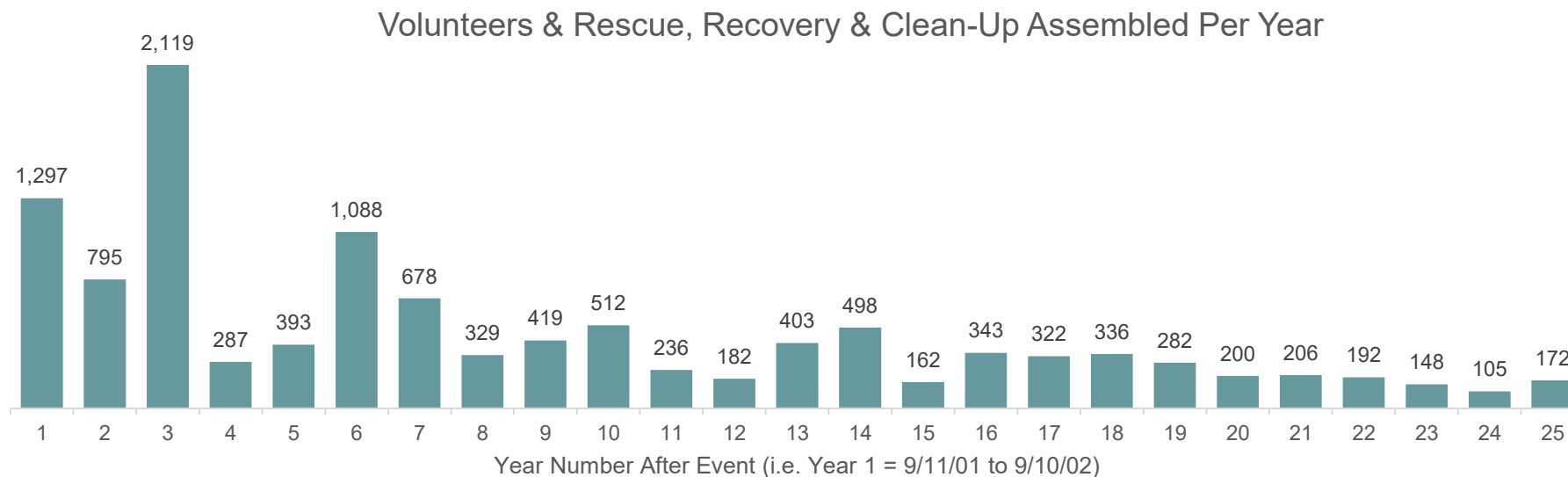
Total Claims Assembled by Year



- A **total** of **19,001** World Trade Center claims were assembled (**includes anomalies**)
- During Year 1 (9/11/01 to 9/10/02), a total of **7,016** claims were assembled
- Since 2010, all but **14** of the claims are for RRCU workers

CLAIM DATA: WHEN ASSEMBLED ONLY

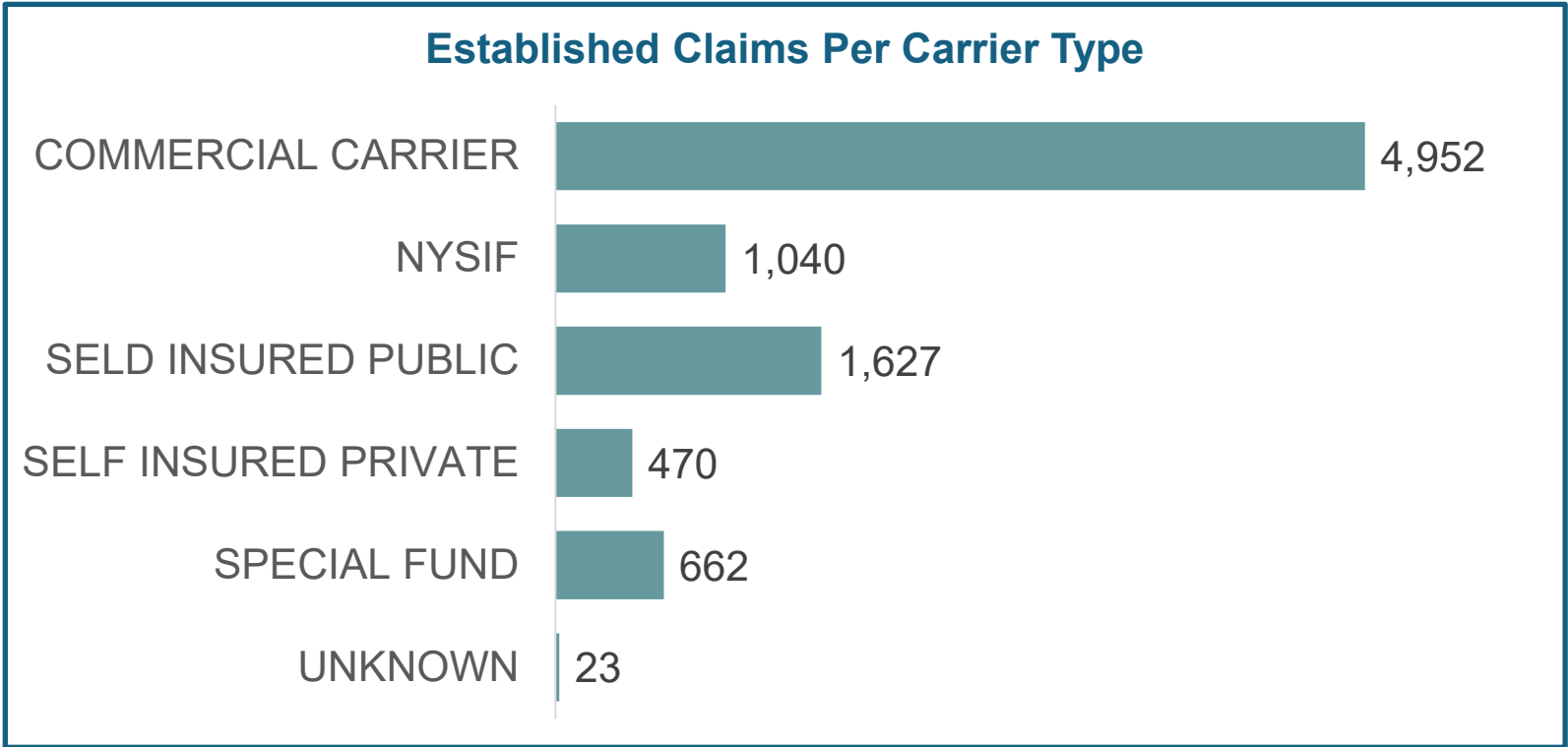
The **11,704** rescue, recovery and clean-up worker claims assembled by year, beginning 9/11/2001 – 9/10/02



- A total of **11,704** claims were from rescue, recovery & clean-up workers
- On average, **170** claims per year were assembled over Years 20 to 24 in a declining rate
- Year 25 reversed the decline and exceeds this recent average, at **172**

CLAIM DATA: INSURERS, RRCU WORKERS, EST

These are the insurers for the 8,774 established claims of RRCU workers



COMMERCIAL	56.4%
NYSIF	11.9%
S-I PUBLIC	18.5%
S-I PRIVATE	5.4%
SPEC FUND	7.5%
UNKNOWN	.3%

CLAIM DATA WTC-12s FILED

Responders who file a **Form WTC-12*** are saying they were there, as well as preserving their right to then file a claim due to illness or injury

- **40,609** unique WTC-12 forms are on file without a resulting claim
- This means 40,609 individual responders who said they were there have not filed claims to date with the Board
- Another **8,979** WTC-12 forms are in claim folders
- This means 8,979 responders filed claims after using a *Form WTC-12* to preserve those claim filing rights

**Registration of Participation in World Trade Center Rescue, Recovery and/or Cleanup Operations: Sworn Statement Pursuant to WCL §162 (Form WTC-12)*

CLAIM DATA: GRAND TOTALS, RRCU

The total number of responders on file with the Board is **52,313**



- The Board has **11,704** rescue, recovery and clean-up worker claims
- The Board has **40,609** *WTC-12* forms from other rescue, recovery and clean-up workers on file
- Therefore, the Board has filings from **52,313** responders in total

PUBLIC OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

- The Board ran the national ***Tell Us You Were There*** campaign in 2008 to promote filing the *Form WTC-12*
- Along with print and PR, former Yankee **Bernie Williams** did television and radio spots in English and Spanish
- Filings increased by **700%**
- New statewide campaigns ran again in 2010, 2014, and 2018



Tell us you were there.

If you participated in the rescue, recovery and clean-up of the World Trade Center through September 12, 2002, please register your service with the New York State Workers' Compensation Board. This will preserve your right to future benefits, should you ever need them.



Most people are eligible. You should file a WTC-12 form whether you were injured or not, and whether you were employed or volunteered. This includes duty at Ground Zero, Fresh Kills Landfill, on the barges, the piers, and at the morgues.

Call 1-877-WTC12-08
Visit www.WTC12.org

Employees and members of entities that participate in the New York State workers' compensation system are eligible. Please call to determine your status.



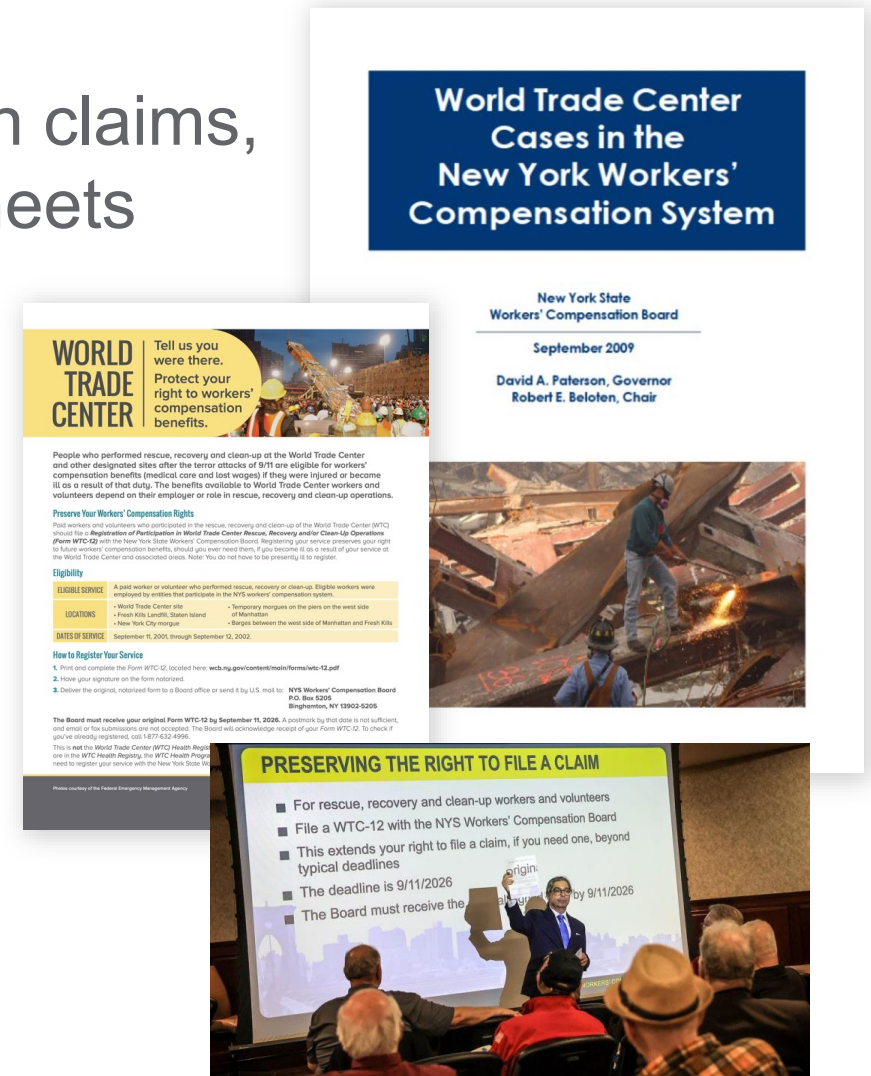
It only takes a minute to tell us about the service of a lifetime.

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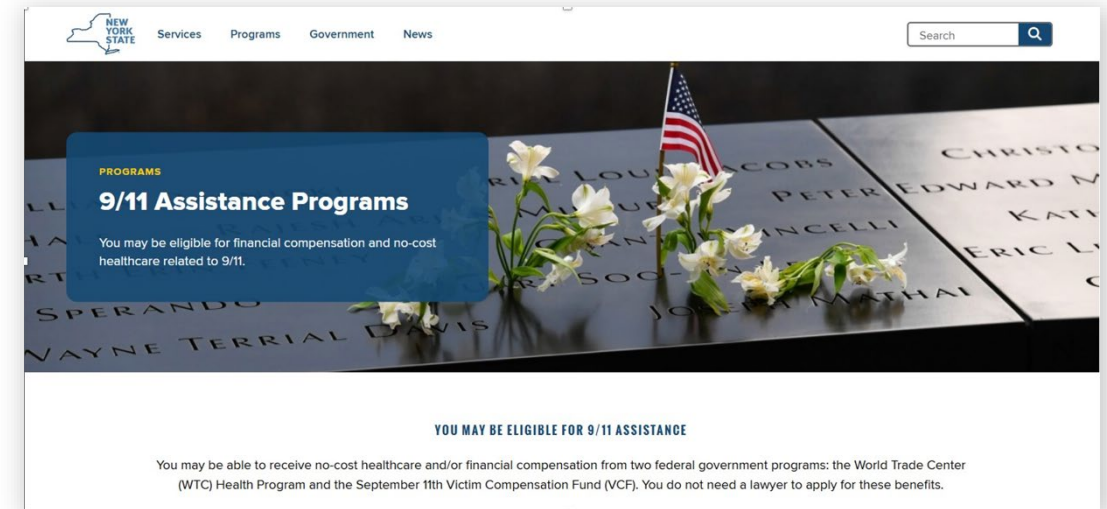
MORE PUBLIC OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

- The Board published three research reports on claims, including a 25th year update, as well as fact sheets
- Board staff are recognized in the Well of the Legislature for 9/11 service
- Partnerships proliferate; outreach performed with state, federal and local partners, as well as unions, advocates and institutions
- Public education accelerated in 2026; the advocate presented this report to the 9/11 Worker Protection Task Force in May



NEW YORK STATE AND FEDERAL SUPPORT

- The State of New York remembers — The advocate covers World Trade Center in all public education
- Employers must make eligible employees aware of the federal supports
- The **September 11th Victim Compensation Fund** compensates responders and survivors for physical illnesses or deaths
- The **World Trade Center Health Program** provides no-cost medical monitoring and treatment to eligible responders and survivors



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