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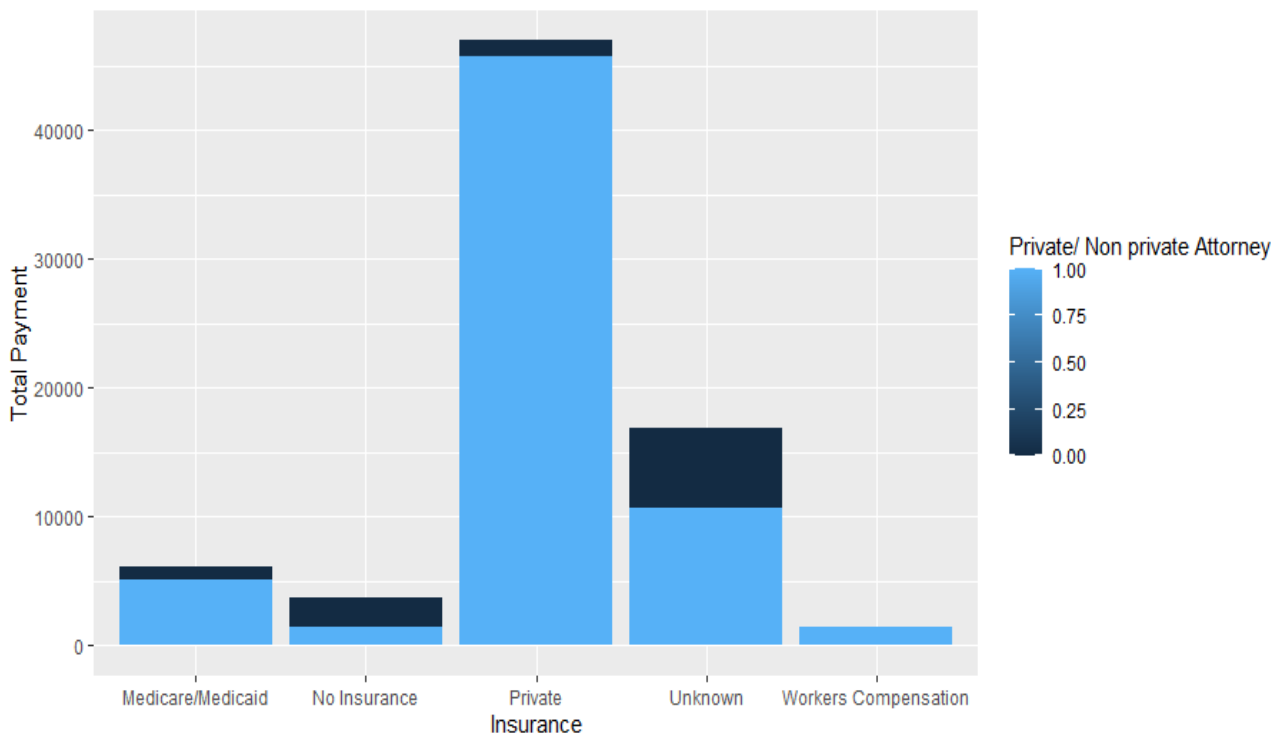
This summary reports on the elements that influence settlements for medical malpractice and the insurance company.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Major Findings:

- Across all the payments, total sum of private attorney payments weighs 88.27% from the total payments. Also payments more than \$800,000 are mostly private attorney that's why claims have to be paid more as compared to non-private attorney.
- Total of private insurance payments is highest by value \$46,950,500 as compared to all other type of insurances, covering 62.53% from the total.
- Severity of 7 and 8 has the highest payments which is 38.69% of the total payments, where severity 7 has paid maximum total of payments of \$14,606,200 and severity 8 of \$14,446,100.
- Maximum number of lawsuits are filed by people whose age was 25 to 50 in between.
- Maximum of the payments have a private medical insurance, as total sum of private insurance is largest with the value of \$46,950,500. And lowest was for Worker's Compensation worth \$1,387,555.
- Maximum sum of payments are paid by married ones with private insurance.
- Medical payments are more than payments for surgeries by \$21,308,100.

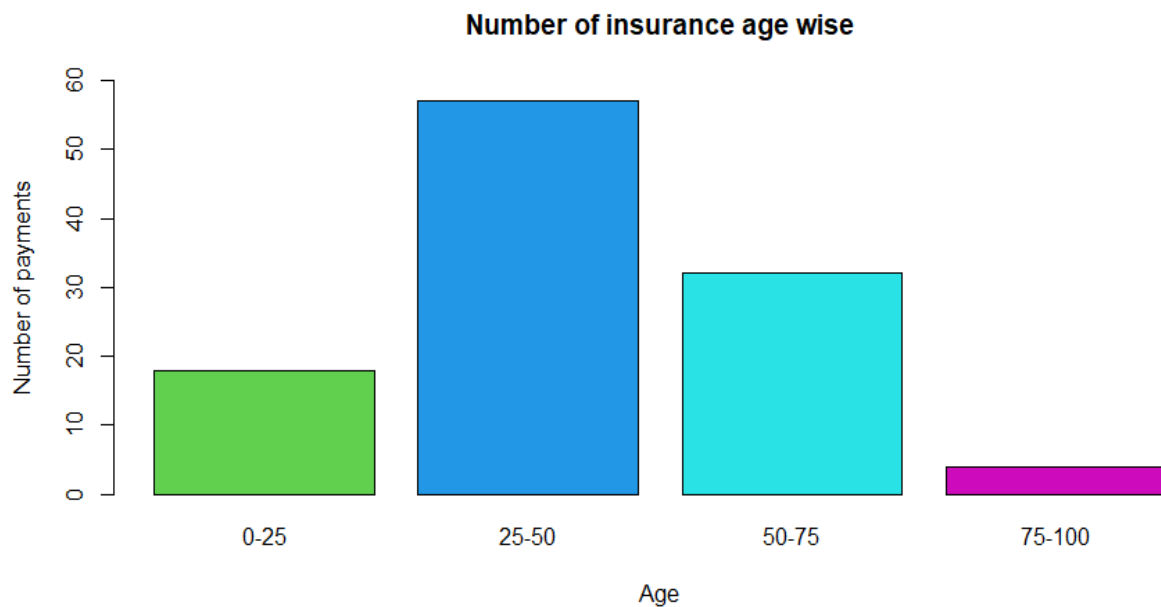
Relation between payments from various type of insurance for private / non private attorney



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Recommendations for Action

- Company should focus on people with age range from 25 to 50 and improve their policy terms.
- Private attorney are the ones who are costly, so company should hire more experienced lawyers to fight with them in court so that they could win it and compensate less to the patients.
- Should make a policy of compensating a small amount for medical bills as they are more than surgical ones.
- Should increase Insurance cost of doctors who are in family practice and OBGYN.



Analytical Overview

- Excel data was cleaned before analysing such as duplicates and where age was 0.
- For all graphs and data visualisation, only R programming was used.
- All major findings and recommendations are based on EDA which is explained in Documentation Page.

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Documentation Page

Cleaning data

- First by using “describe” function I got to know there was no “NULL” data in excel. I also got a brief summary of all the columns. For using “describe” function I installed a package and included a library (“install.packages("psych") ; library(psych)").

```
> describe(df_lawsuits)
      vars  n  mean    sd median trimmed  mad  min  max range  skew kurtosis   se
Payment    1 115 652.83 1216.61  160.6  358.35 207.86 11.5 6856.1 6844.6  3.18  10.93 113.45
Severity    2 115  4.65   2.05   4.0   4.39  1.48  1.0   9.0   8.0  0.89  -0.45  0.19
Age         3 115 43.10  17.48  42.0  42.71 16.31  2.0  87.0  85.0  0.22  -0.50  1.63
Private Attorney  4 115  0.65  0.48   1.0  0.69  0.00  0.0   1.0   1.0 -0.63  -1.62  0.04
Marital Status  5 115  2.03  1.00   2.0  1.98  0.00  0.0   4.0   4.0  0.52   0.29  0.09
Specialty*     6 115  8.21  5.29   7.0  7.76  4.45  1.0  21.0  20.0  0.68  -0.33  0.49
Insurance*     7 115  3.29  1.37   3.0  3.33  1.48  1.0   6.0   5.0  0.00  -0.96  0.13
Gender*       8 115  1.41  0.49   1.0  1.39  0.00  1.0   2.0   1.0  0.37  -1.88  0.05
> |
```

- Secondly, what I found was ambiguity in data i.e. I found a row which was repeating in data frame. So I omitted the repeating row through R code. I used “distinct” function to do so.(Code line 6)
- Thirdly, I got to know that there was a value of “Age” which was 0. As it is not possible so I omitted through R code. (Code line 7)

```
3
4
5 df_lawsuits1 = readxl::read_xlsx("Lawsuits.xlsx")
6 df_lawsuits2 = distinct(df_lawsuits1)
7 df_lawsuits = df_lawsuits2[df_lawsuits2$Age != 0,] #Removing rows where age = 0 as it is not productive data.
8
9
```

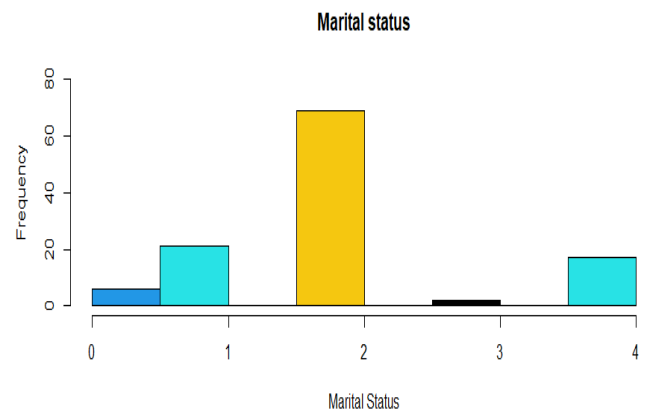
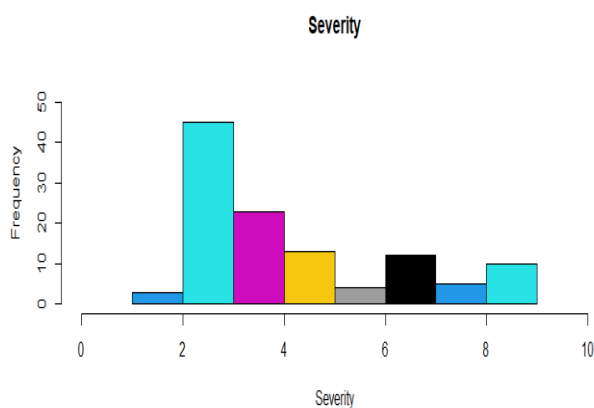
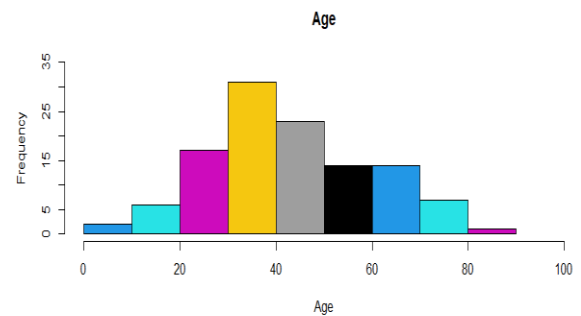
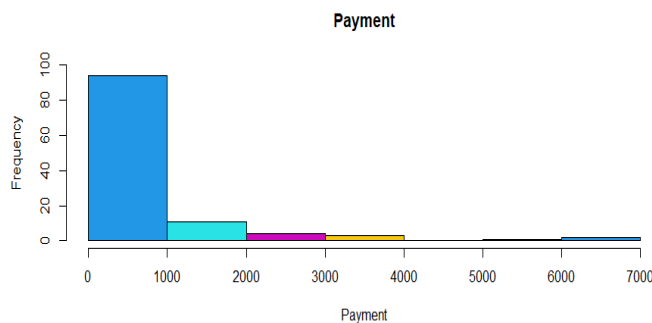
There could be many possibilities of “Why age was written 0”. May be it was “10” or may be “20” or even “30”. So I decided to omit the data so that I can evaluate the rest data precisely.

- Fourthly, I also came to know that some data was case sensitive, like ‘OBGYN’ and ‘ObGyn’, also ‘Unknown’ and ‘unknown’. So for that whenever I used text data I made sure I changed the case to “Title” i.e. First letter upper case and the rest in lower case. (Code line 2). I used a library “stringr” and function “str_to_title” to do the same.

```
df_paysum_Insurance = aggregate(x= df_lawsuits$Payment,
                                by= list(stringr::str_to_title(df_lawsuits$Insurance)),
                                FUN=mean)
```

Histogram of various numeric columns

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Following things I can conclude from the above graphs:

- Most of the claims were paid by the company was below \$1000.
- Most of the payment was made for age in between 20 to 50.
- Most of the case was for severity 3 which is minor temporary damage.
- Most of the payments were made to married people.

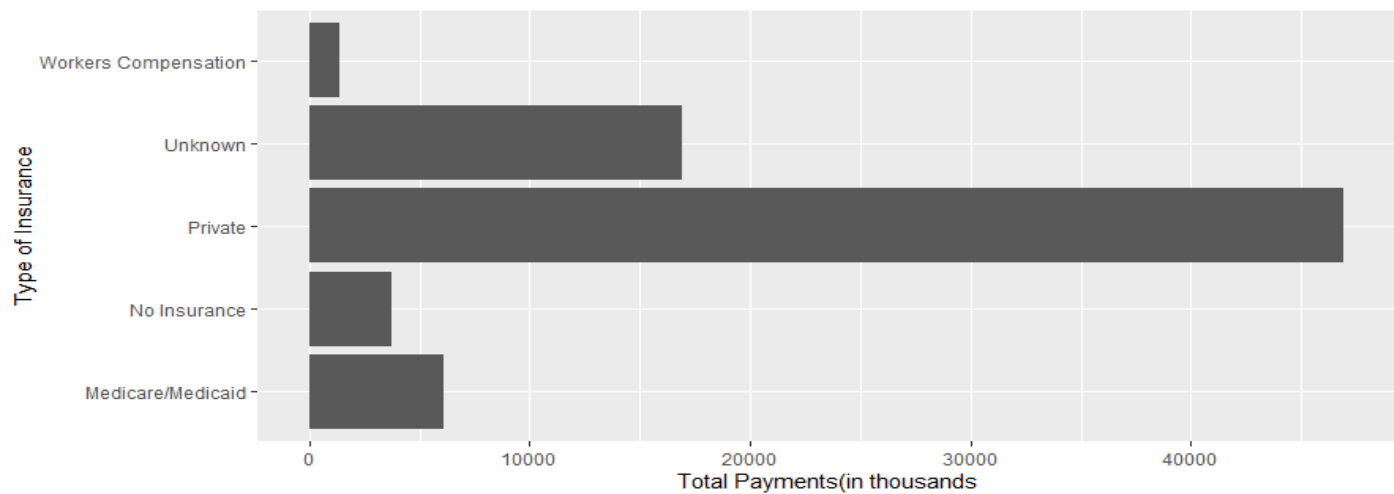
We obtained the following graphs by the following R code:

```
18 hist(df_lawsuits$Payment,  
19       xlim = c(0,7000),  
20       ylim = c(0, 100),  
21       main = "Payment",  
22       xlab = "Payment",  
23       col= c(4:9))  
24  
25  
26  
27 hist(df_lawsuits$Age,  
28       xlim = c(0,100),  
29       ylim = c(0, 35),  
30       main = "Age",  
31       xlab = "Age",  
32       col= c(4:9))  
33
```

```
36  
37 hist(df_lawsuits$Severity,  
38       xlim = c(1,10),  
39       ylim = c(0,55),  
40       main = "Severity",  
41       xlab = "Severity",  
42       col= c(4:9))  
43  
44 hist(df_lawsuits$`Marital status`,  
45       xlim = c(0,4),  
46       ylim = c(0,80),  
47       main = "Marital status",  
48       xlab = "Marital status",  
49       col= c(4:9))  
50
```

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Insurance wise Payments



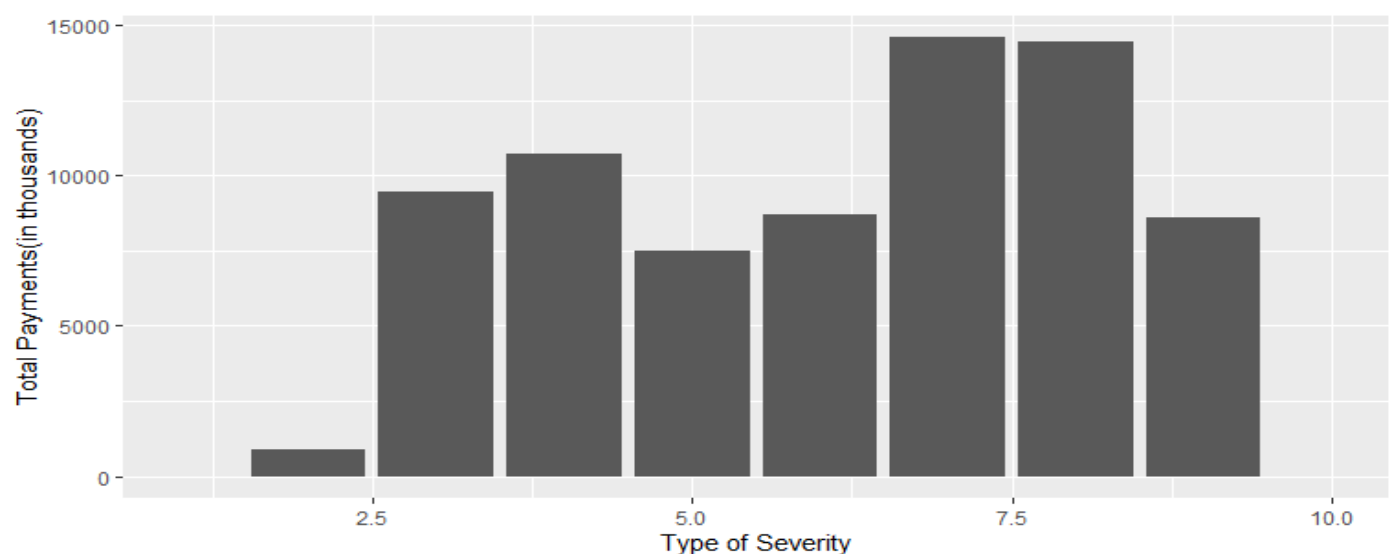
The above graph represents the total payments claimed by various insurance types. I can conclude that the highest is made by 'Private Insurance'. I achieved this graph by following R code:

```
library(ggplot2)
df_paysum_Insurancesum = aggregate(x= df_lawsuits$Payment,
                                   by= list(stringr::str_to_title(df_lawsuits$Insurance)),
                                   FUN=sum)

ggplot(data=df_paysum_Insurancesum, aes(x=x, y=Group.1)) + geom_bar(stat="identity") + title("Insurance wise payments") +
  xlab("Total Payments(in thousands)") + ylab("Type of Insurance")
```

```
> df_paysum_Insurancesum
  Group.1      x
1 Medicare/Medicaid 6100.1
2   No Insurance    3756.9
3     Private    46950.5
4     Unknown    16880.3
5 workers Compensation 1387.5
> |
```

Severity wise Payment



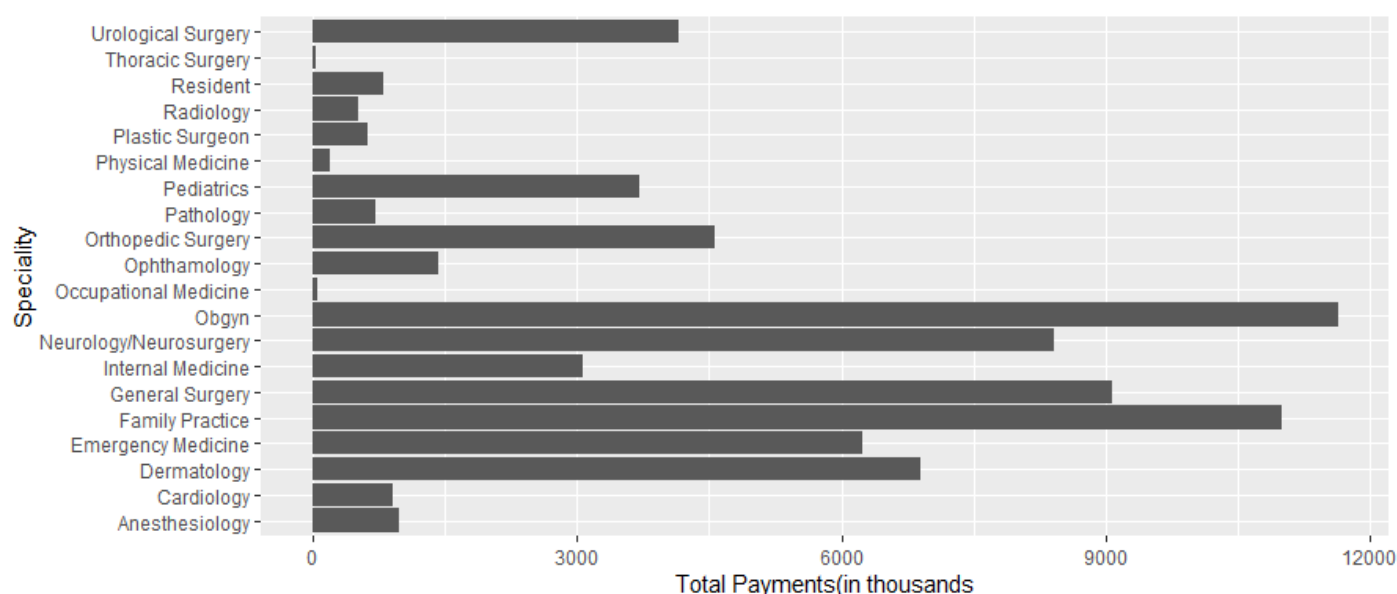
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The above plot indicates that Severity with 7 and 8 has caused this company a lot, as they have had the highest payment. Whereas Severity 1 has the least total payment. I achieved this graph by the following R code: (Group.1 = Type of severity, x = Total payment of severity)

```
sum1 = aggregate(x= df_lawsuits$Payment,  
                 by= list(df_lawsuits$Severity),  
                 FUN=sum)  
  
ggplot(data=sum1, aes(y=x, x=Group.1)) + geom_bar(stat="identity") + title("Severity wise payments") +  
  ylab("Total Payments(in thousands)") + xlab("Type of severity") + xlim(1,10)
```

```
> sum1  
  Group.1      x  
1        1    55.5  
2        2   891.7  
3        3  9463.2  
4        4 10746.9  
5        5  7519.8  
6        6  8720.9  
7        7 14606.2  
8        8 14446.1  
9        9  8625.0  
> |
```

Bar graph for Speciality



The above graph indicates that maximum payments were done for 'OBGYN' then 'Family Practice'. I obtained this result by the following R code where I used a code string::str_to_title which formats all the rows of particular column to title case (First alphabet Upper rest Lower) to avoid ambiguity.

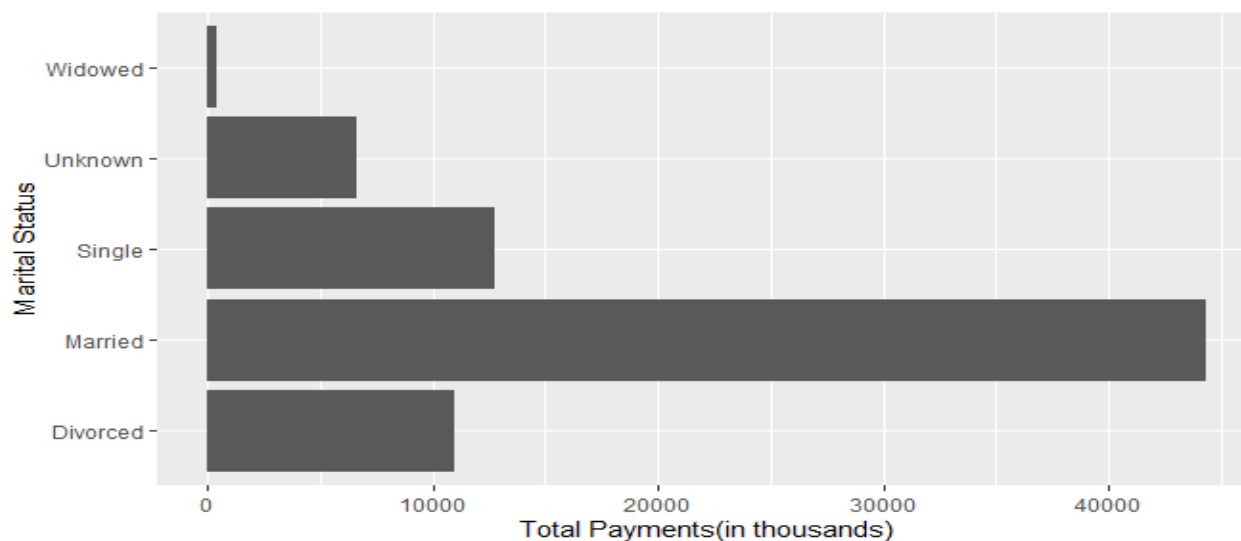
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```
df_speciality = aggregate(x= df_lawsuits$Payment,
                          by= list(stringr::str_to_title(df_lawsuits$Specialty)),
                          FUN=sum)

ggplot(data=df_speciality, aes(x=x, y=Group.1)) + geom_bar(stat="identity") + title("Speciality wise payments")
xlab("Total Payments(in thousands)") + ylab("Speciality")
```

```
> df_speciality
  Group.1      x
1  Anesthesiology 988.4
2  Cardiology    910.2
3  Dermatology  6904.2
4  Emergency Medicine 6247.4
5  Family Practice 10989.0
6  General Surgery 9064.2
7  Internal Medicine 3069.6
8  Neurology/Neurosurgery 8411.7
9  obgyn 11627.8
10 Occupational Medicine 66.6
11 Ophthamology 1436.7
12 Orthopedic Surgery 4568.2
13 Pathology 711.7
14 Pediatrics 3703.7
15 Physical Medicine 199.8
16 Plastic Surgeon 632.7
17 Radiology 524.4
18 Resident 812.2
19 Thoracic Surgery 48.1
20 Urological Surgery 4158.7
```

Marital Status wise payment



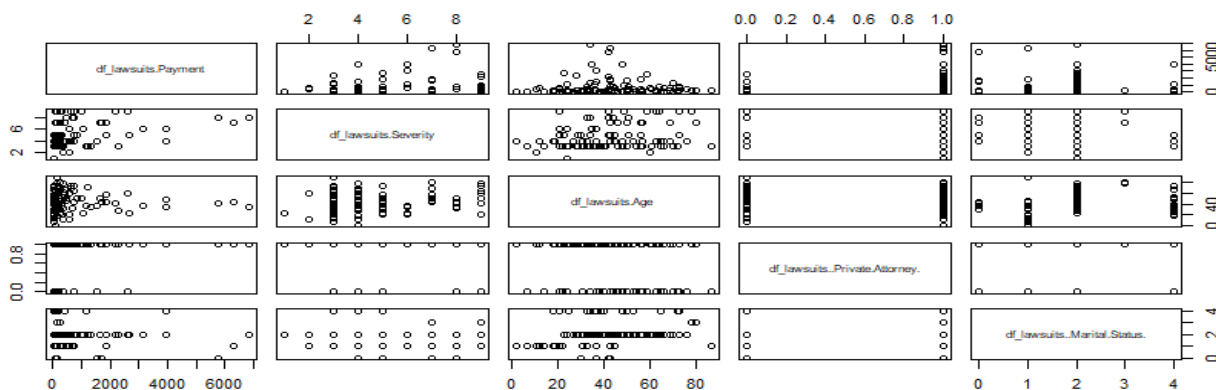
The above graph denotes that the married patients have paid the highest total payment as compared to all others. I obtained the following graph by the following R code:

```
90
91 df_paySum_Maritalwise = aggregate(x= df_lawsuits$Payment,
92                                   by= list(df_lawsuits$Marital Status'),
93                                   FUN=sum)
94
95 Marital_status=c("Divorced", "Single", "Married", "widowed", "Unknown")
96
97 ggplot(data=df_paySum_Maritalwise, aes(x=x, y=Marital_status)) + geom_bar(stat="identity") + title("Marital status wise payments") +
98   xlab("Total Payments(in thousands)") + ylab("Marital Status")
99
```

```
> df_paySum_Maritalwise
  Group.1      x
1      0 10944.6
2      1 12736.2
3      2 44347.5
4      3  414.4
5      4 6632.6
```

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Correlations between numeric columns:



The above graph shows the correlations between all numeric columns. From this I can conclude that “Private Attorney and Payment” and “Private Attorney and Severity” has a positive correlation. Whereas “Private Attorney and Marital Status has a negative correlation. I also found the correlations through the R program as follows:

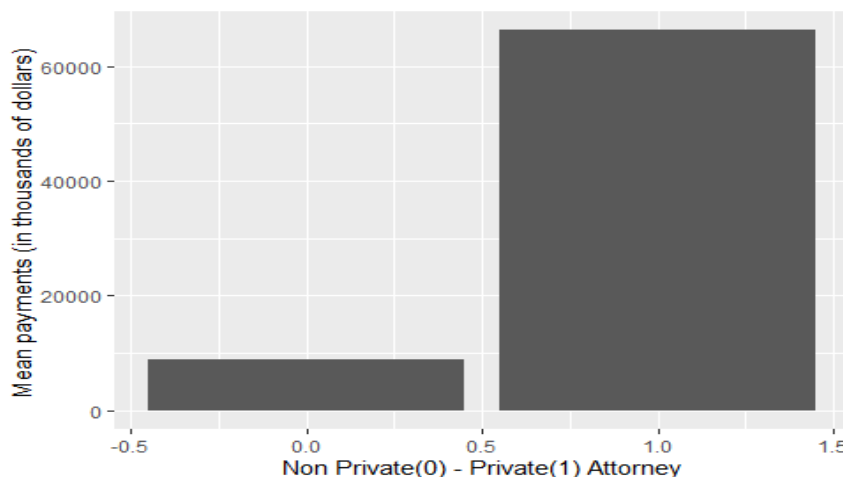
Input

```
102
103 df_forscatterplot = data.frame(df_lawsuits$Payment,df_lawsuits$Severity,df_lawsuits$Age, df_lawsuits`Private Attorney`, df_lawsuits$Marital Status`)
104
105 plot(df_forscatterplot)
106
107 cor(df_forscatterplot$df_lawsuits..Private.Attorney.,df_forscatterplot$df_lawsuits.Payment)
108 cor(df_forscatterplot$df_lawsuits..Private.Attorney.,df_forscatterplot$df_lawsuits.Severity)
109 cor(df_forscatterplot$df_lawsuits..Private.Attorney.,df_forscatterplot$df_lawsuits.Age)
110 cor(df_forscatterplot$df_lawsuits..Private.Attorney.,df_forscatterplot$df_lawsuits..Marital.Status.)
```

Output

```
>
> cor(df_forscatterplot$df_lawsuits..Private.Attorney.,df_forscatterplot$df_lawsuits.Payment)
[1] 0.260861
> cor(df_forscatterplot$df_lawsuits..Private.Attorney.,df_forscatterplot$df_lawsuits.Severity)
[1] 0.322462
> cor(df_forscatterplot$df_lawsuits..Private.Attorney.,df_forscatterplot$df_lawsuits.Age)
[1] -0.09320136
> cor(df_forscatterplot$df_lawsuits..Private.Attorney.,df_forscatterplot$df_lawsuits..Marital.Status.)
[1] -0.1087877
```

Comparing Private/ Non private attorney Payments



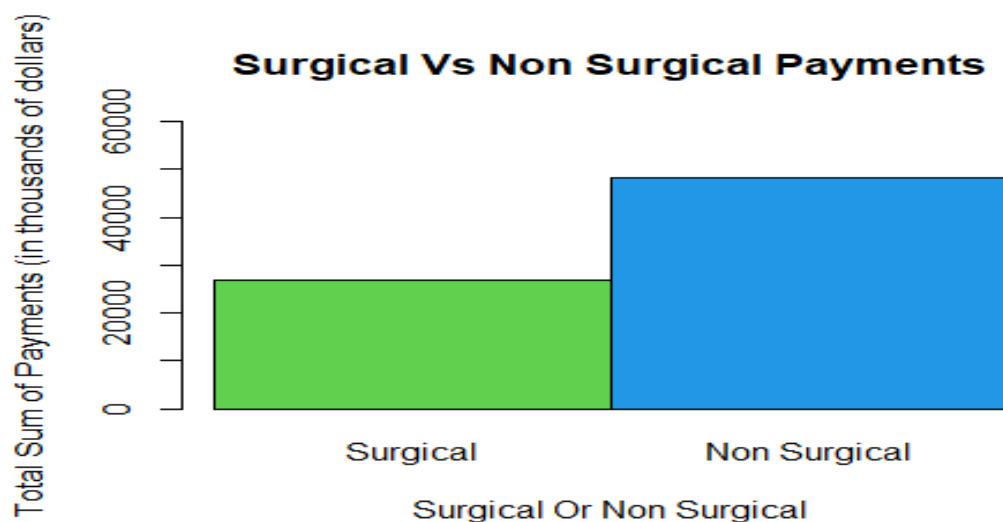
Beside graph indicates the difference between a Private attorney payments and a Non Private attorney payments. Private attorney Payments are lot higher than a Non private one.

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We achieved this plot by the following R code:

```
114
115 df_paySum = aggregate(x= df_lawsuits$Payment,
116                       by= list(df_lawsuits$`Private Attorney`),
117                       FUN=sum)
118
119 ggplot(data=df_paySum, aes(y=x, x=Group.1)) + geom_bar(stat="identity") + title("Attorney wise payments") +
120   xlab("Non Private(0) - Private(1) Attorney") + ylab("Mean payments (in thousands of dollars) ")
121
> df_paySum
  Group.1      x
1      0 8806.1
2      1 66269.2
>
```

Surgical Payments VS Non-Surgical payments



Beside graph denotes the total payment done for surgical and Non-surgical events. I can conclude that Non-Surgical expenses are more than the surgical expenses. I got this graph by the following R code.

```
124
125 install.packages("dplyr")
126 library(dplyr)
127 df_surge=df_lawsuits %>% filter(grepl('Surgeon|surgery|Neurosurgery', specialty))
128 df_notSurge = df_lawsuits %>% filter(!grepl('Surgeon|surgery|Neurosurgery', specialty))
129
130 df_paySurge = aggregate(x= df_surge$Payment, by=list(df_surge$specialty) ,FUN=sum)
131 df_paynotSurge = aggregate(x= df_notSurge$Payment, by=list(df_notSurge$specialty) ,FUN=sum)
132
133 barplot(as.matrix(rbind(sum(df_surge$Payment), sum(df_notSurge$Payment))), beside=TRUE,
134         ylim= c(0,60000),
135         ylab = "Total Sum of Payments (in thousands of dollars)",
136         xlab = "Surgical Or Non Surgical",
137         names.arg = c("Surgical", "Non Surgical"),
138         col=c(3,4),
139         main = "Surgical Vs Non Surgical Payments")
140
```

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```
> df_paysurge
  Group.1      x
1 General Surgery 9064.2
2 Neurology/Neurosurgery 8411.7
3 Orthopedic Surgery 4568.2
4 Plastic Surgeon 632.7
5 Thoracic Surgery 48.1
6 Urological Surgery 4158.7
> df_paynotsurge
  Group.1      x
1 Anesthesiology 988.4
2 Cardiology 910.2
3 Dermatology 6904.2
4 Emergency Medicine 6247.4
5 Family Practice 10989.0
6 Internal Medicine 3069.6
7 ObGyn 552.2
8 OB/GYN 11075.6
9 Occupational Medicine 66.6
10 Ophthalmology 1436.7
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12 Pediatrics 3703.7
13 Physical Medicine 199.8
14 Radiology 524.4
15 Resident 812.2
> |
```

First I installed a library 'dplyr'. Secondly I created two separate data's for Surgical and non-surgical speciality, for that I used filter function (line 127) to get all rows which has terms like 'Surgeon', 'Surgery' and 'Neurosurgery' and stored in df_Surge. Then I filtered for non-surgical data by just putting !grepl (line 128) and stored it into df_notSurge. Thereafter I found sum of payments (line 130 and 131). After that I simply plotted a bar graph using a bar plot.

Age wise Payments

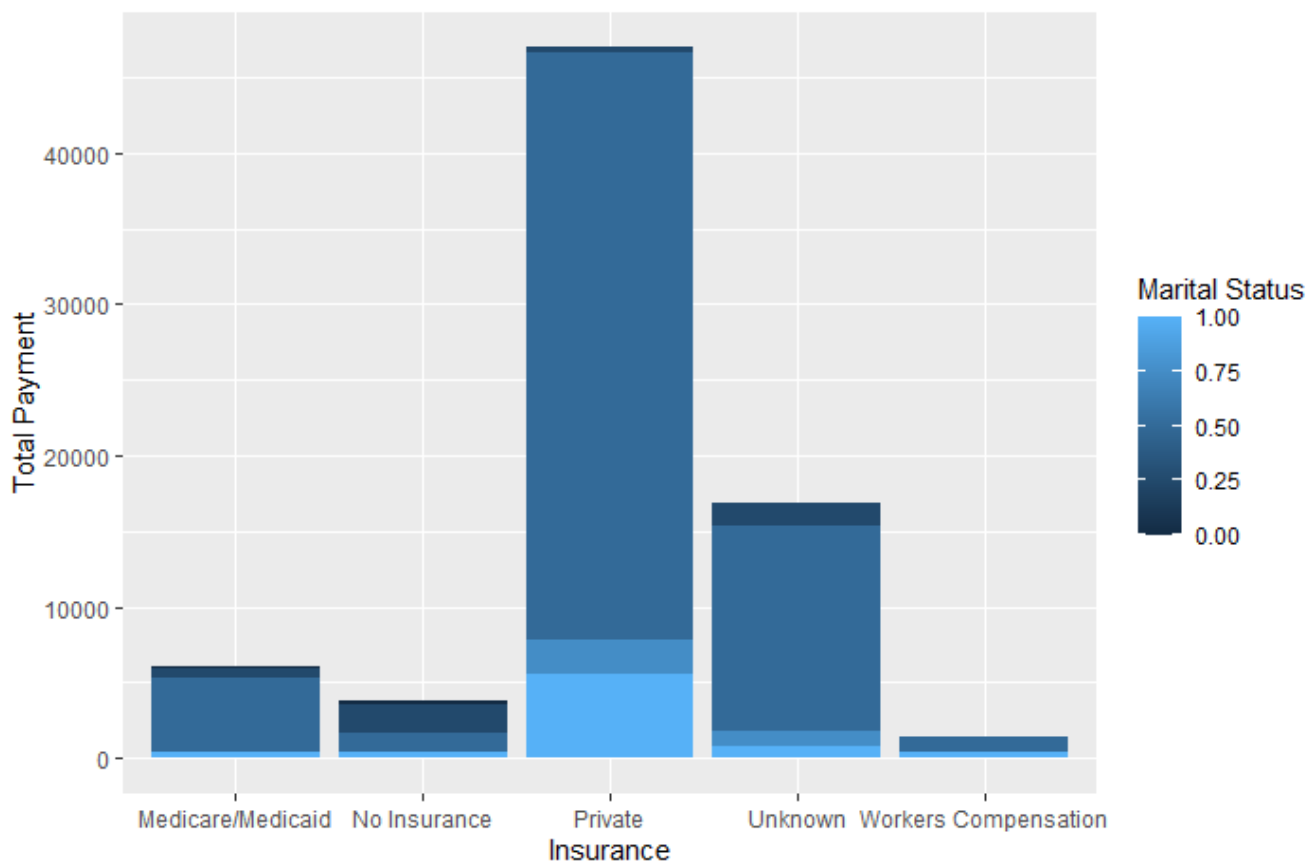


From this scatter plot I can conclude that from the age 25 to 50 highest number of payments were made and also the highest payment was claimed. I got this plot by following R code:

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```
142  
143 plot(df_lawsuits$Age,df_lawsuits$Payment,  
144       xlab = "Age",  
145       ylab = "Payment",  
146       col = "Red",  
147       main= "Age wise payments")
```

Relation between payments from various type of insurance according to Marital Status of patients.

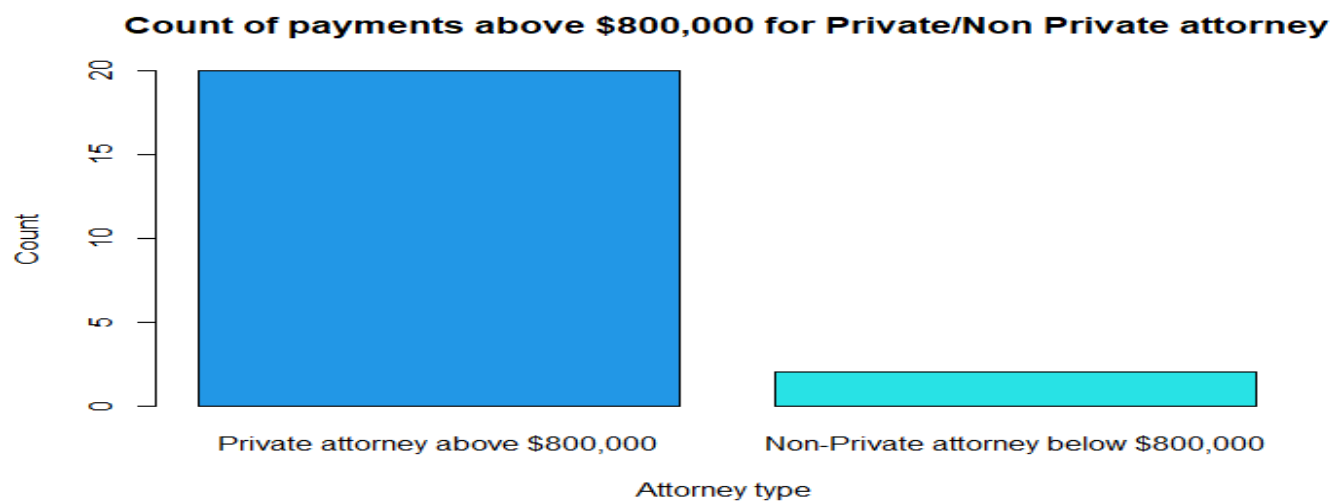


From this stacked bar graph I can conclude that marital status of 2 (Married) has paid the most number and sum of payments. I got the following plot by below R code in which I have divided the marital status column by 4, so 1.00 represents marital status 4 (unknown), 0.75 represents marital status 3 (widowed), 0.5 represents marital status 2 (married), 0.25 represents marital status 1 (single) and 0.00 represents marital status 0 (divorced).

```
209 |  
210 library(ggplot2)  
211 ggplot(df_lawsuits, aes(fill=sort(df_lawsuits$`Marital Status`/4, decreasing = TRUE), y=Payment, x=stringr::str_to_title(Insurance)),  
212 ) + xlab("Insurance")+ ylab("Total Payment")+  
213     geom_bar(position='stack', stat='identity') + labs(fill = "Marital Status")  
214  
215
```

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Relation between payments above \$800,000 and Private/Non-Private attorney



The above graph concludes that the majority of payments above \$800,000 is from Private attorney. I got the graph from the following R code.

```
193  
194 df_PA= df_lawsuits[df_lawsuits$Payment >= 800,]  
195 x = nrow(df_PA[df_PA$`Private Attorney` == 1,])  
196 y = nrow(df_PA[df_PA$`Private Attorney` != 1,])  
197 z=c(x,y)  
198 names= c("Private attorney above $800,000", "Non-Private attorney below $800,000")  
199 barplot(z,  
200       xlab = "Attorney type ",  
201       ylab = "Count",  
202       names.arg = names,  
203       col = c(4,5),  
204       main = "Count of payments above $800,000 for Private/Non Private attorney"  
205       )  
206
```