

Workers' Compensation Claims for Exposure to and Disease from COVID-19

WA State Fund and Self-Insured Claims Established between Feb 26, 2020 and Nov 16, 2020

Industry Sector ¹	Claims Filed ²	Quarantine ³	Known Positive Laboratory Test ⁴	Hospitalized	Fatal	Claims Accepted	Claims Not Yet Allowed
Health Care & Social Assistance	3153	2916	1740	46	9	2995	26
Public Administration	624	579	156	4	4	572	4
Educational Services	265	247	197	9	1	257	1
Admin & Support & Waste Mgmt.	140	129	68	3	-	102	12
Agricult., Forestry, Fish & Hunting	105	97	68	-	3	38	27
Retail Trade	84	79	35	1	-	12	30
Accommodation & Food Services	78	70	12	1	-	13	21
Manufacturing	71	65	17	-	-	1	20
Construction	66	51	21	-	-	1	16
Transportation & Warehousing	58	51	17	1	-	10	8
Other Svcs.(except Public Admin.)	50	40	17	-	-	44	-
Wholesale Trade	49	46	7	-	-	5	4
Professional, Sci., & Tech. Svcs.	29	27	10	-	-	4	9
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	14	11	2	-	-	5	1
Finance & Insurance	6	6	2	-	-	-	-
Information	5	5	2	-	-	1	1
Arts, Entertainment, & Rec.	2	1	2	-	-	-	1
Unknown Industry, Not Specified	20	16	4	2	1	3	-
Total	4819	4436	2377	67	18	4063	181

1. Industry sectors defined using the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). Educational Services is predominant for university-affiliated hospitals. Administrative & Support & Waste Mgmt. is predominant for hospital and nursing home administrators.
2. Includes claims adjudicated as Accepted, Rejected, Provisional, and claims Not Yet Allowed.
3. Workers may have been told by their employer or healthcare provider to self-quarantine for any # of days.
4. Number of positive tests are likely an undercount, as test results are not always known, particularly for self-insured claims. We linked L&I claim records with COVID-19 data from the WA Department of Health to identify 2.5% of the positive tests.

Claims are confirmed for known or suspected exposure to or disease from COVID-19. Counts of quarantine, laboratory tests, hospitalization, and fatal are for all claims filed. Information about the coronavirus outbreak and workers' compensation coverage can be found on LNI's [COVID-19 Resource](#) page. [Methods for COVID-19 Surveillance](#) details how this table was derived.

Affected workers are under-represented in workers' compensation data, particularly outside of the healthcare sector. Washington's [Confirmed Cases by Industry Sector Report](#) summarizes all positive cases in the state, not just those associated with workers' compensation claims, and indicates a high burden of COVID-19 in the Manufacturing and Agricultural sectors. The industry report is periodically updated and posted to the WA Department of Health's [coronavirus webpage](#)