

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

WA State Fund and Self-Insured Claims Established between Feb 26, 2020 and Dec 14, 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	3761	3512	2206	51	10	3575	33
Public Administration	752	707	215	5	4	694	4
Educational Services	319	299	247	9	1	306	4
Admin & Support & Waste Mgmt.	188	177	113	3	-	132	27
Agricult., Forestry, Fish & Hunting	106	98	69	-	3	38	28
Retail Trade	98	93	47	1	-	13	38
Accommodation & Food Services	88	79	15	1	-	14	24
Manufacturing	76	70	19	-	-	1	22
Construction	72	57	24	-	-	2	19
Transportation & Warehousing	69	62	21	1	-	17	11
Other Svcs.(except Public Admin.)	57	46	21	-	-	46	-
Wholesale Trade	50	47	7	-	-	5	4
Professional, Sci., & Tech. Svcs.	31	29	11	-	-	4	10
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	16	13	3	-	-	6	2
Finance & Insurance	6	6	2	-	-	-	-
Information	5	5	2	-	-	1	1
Arts, Entertainment, & Rec.	3	2	3	-	-	-	2
Mgmt. of Companies & Enterprises	1	1	1	-	-	1	-
Unknown Industry, Not Specified	23	19	7	2	1	3	1
Total	5721	5322	3033	73	19	4858	230

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 2.1% 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](#)