

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

WA State Fund and Self-Insured Claims Established between Feb 26, 2020 and June 14, 2021

			Known Positive				Claims
	Claims	Quarant-	Laboratory	Hospital-		Claims	Not Yet
Industry Sector ¹	Filed ²	ine ³	Test⁴ ´	ized	Fatal	Accepted	Allowed
Health Care & Social Assistance	5430	5147	3585	82	19	5182	25
Public Administration	1196	1139	521	17	6	1110	13
Educational Services	405	385	328	10	1	388	3
Admin & Support & Waste Mgmt.	271	260	190	4	-	211	21
Retail Trade	130	125	76	2	-	16	46
Accommodation & Food Services	120	108	33	3	-	28	19
Agricult., Forestry, Fish & Hunting	120	112	83	2	4	45	25
Other Srvs.(except Public Admin.)	110	94	42	-	-	89	5
Manufacturing	108	96	47	1	3	8	22
Construction	89	73	35	-	-	5	23
Transportation & Warehousing	87	79	32	3	1	28	16
Wholesale Trade	56	53	12	1	-	5	4
Professional, Sci., & Tech. Srvs.	42	40	19	-	-	11	9
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	21	18	5	-	-	7	2
Arts, Entertainment, & Rec.	13	12	12	-	-	-	11
Finance & Insurance	8	7	3	-	-	-	-
Information	7	7	4	-	-	2	2
Utilities	2	2	1	-	-	2	-
Mgmt. of Companies & Enterprises	1	1	1	-	-	1	-
Unknown Industry, Not Specified	23	20	8	1	-	2	1
Total	8239	7778	5037	126	34	7140	247

^{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.

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.



^{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 1.3% of the positive tests.