

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

WA State Fund and Self-Insured Claims Established between Feb 26, 2020 and August 9, 2021

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	5596	5310	3737	86	20	5328	45
Public Administration	1256	1197	575	19	8	1156	25
Educational Services	415	395	338	10	1	393	4
Admin & Support & Waste Mgmt.	280	269	198	5	-	219	19
Retail Trade	136	131	82	3	-	20	46
Accommodation & Food Services	125	114	38	4	1	31	22
Agricult., Forestry, Fish & Hunting	123	114	86	2	5	48	26
Other Srvs.(except Public Admin.)	118	101	48	-	-	94	8
Manufacturing	113	100	53	1	3	8	22
Transportation & Warehousing	99	90	43	5	1	29	23
Construction	92	76	38	-	1	6	24
Wholesale Trade	58	55	14	1	-	5	4
Professional, Sci., & Tech. Srvs.	44	42	21	-	-	12	9
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	22	19	6	-	-	8	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	15	12	8	1	-	2	1
Total	8523	8054	5306	137	40	7364	293

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 1.9% 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](#).