

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

WA State Fund and Self-Insured Claims Established between Feb 26, 2020 and Sep 4, 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	5872	5575	3952	88	20	5551	50
Public Administration	1362	1303	664	21	8	1253	22
Educational Services	434	414	356	10	1	415	2
Admin & Support & Waste Mgmt.	297	286	213	5	-	230	20
Retail Trade	147	142	92	3	1	31	41
Accommodation & Food Services	133	121	45	4	1	38	19
Agricult., Forestry, Fish & Hunting	131	122	93	3	6	57	22
Other Srvs. (except Public Admin.)	123	106	51	-	-	96	10
Manufacturing	115	102	55	1	3	13	19
Transportation & Warehousing	101	92	45	5	1	31	20
Construction	96	80	42	-	1	9	23
Wholesale Trade	59	56	15	1	-	4	4
Professional, Sci., & Tech. Srvs.	45	43	22	-	-	12	9
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	26	23	7	-	-	8	4
Arts, Entertainment, & Rec.	14	13	13	-	-	-	12
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	16	13	9	1	-	3	-
Total	8989	8508	5683	142	42	7756	279

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 1.8% 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](#).