

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 8, 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	6,612	6,288	4,578	98	23	6,249	16
Public Administration	1,733	1,670	988	37	9	1,597	14
Educational Services	515	494	428	11	1	480	3
Admin & Support & Waste Mgmt.	346	335	261	5	-	269	8
Retail Trade	179	174	123	5	1	65	6
Agricult., Forestry, Fish & Hunting	150	141	112	3	6	80	5
Accommodation & Food Services	145	133	55	4	1	56	2
Other Srvs.(except Public Admin.)	130	113	57	-	-	104	1
Manufacturing	128	115	66	3	4	19	4
Transportation & Warehousing	111	102	52	6	1	41	2
Construction	110	94	55	2	1	17	9
Wholesale Trade	64	61	20	1	-	8	1
Professional, Sci., & Tech. Srvs.	50	48	26	-	-	17	1
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	29	26	10	-	-	8	2
Arts, Entertainment, & Rec.	16	15	15	-	-	4	1
Finance & Insurance	9	8	4	-	-	-	-
Information	7	7	4	-	-	3	-
Utilities	3	3	2	-	-	2	1
Mgmt. of Companies & Enterprises	2	2	2	-	-	1	-
Unknown Industry, Not Specified	22	19	15	2	1	3	-
Total	10,361	9,848	6,873	177	48	9,023	76

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 1.6% of the positive tests.

Claims are confirmed for known or suspected exposure to or disease from COVID-19 at work. Counts of quarantine, laboratory tests, hospitalization, and fatal are for all claims filed. Affected workers are under-represented in workers' compensation data, particularly outside of the healthcare sector. Information about workers' compensation coverage can be found on L&I's [COVID-19 Resource](#) page. [Methods for COVID-19 Surveillance](#) details how this table was derived. Key findings from this surveillance system can be found in the report [COVID-19 Surveillance in Washington Workers' Compensation Data: March 2020 to June 2021](#). Washington's [Confirmed Cases by Industry Sector Report](#) summarizes all positive cases in the state by industry and includes race and ethnicity. The industry report is periodically updated and posted to the WA Department of Health's [coronavirus webpage](#).