

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

WA State Fund and Self-Insured Claims Established between Feb 26, 2020 and Jan 4, 2022

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	6,961	6,603	4,894	104	25	6,583	11
Public Administration	1,968	1,881	1,189	40	10	1,833	6
Educational Services	616	583	525	11	1	579	1
Admin & Support & Waste Mgmt.	379	367	291	5	-	299	7
Retail Trade	194	189	137	7	1	77	6
Agricult., Forestry, Fish & Hunting	174	165	134	6	7	97	6
Accommodation & Food Services	164	152	73	4	1	66	4
Manufacturing	137	122	72	5	5	27	4
Other Svcs.(except Public Admin.)	134	117	61	-	-	106	3
Transportation & Warehousing	126	117	64	9	1	48	2
Construction	123	107	63	2	1	20	15
Wholesale Trade	68	65	24	1	-	11	1
Professional, Sci., & Tech. Svcs.	62	60	38	-	-	25	1
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	30	27	11	-	-	8	2
Arts, Entertainment, & Rec.	17	16	15	-	-	5	-
Finance & Insurance	9	8	4	-	-	-	-
Information	7	7	4	-	-	3	-
Utilities	3	3	2	-	-	2	-
Mgmt. of Companies & Enterprises	2	2	2	-	-	1	-
Unknown Industry, Not Specified	23	19	16	2	2	3	-
Total	11,197	10,610	7,619	196	54	9,793	69

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 1.5% 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](#).