

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 31, 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	7,921	7,463	5,818	107	26	7,454	14
Public Administration	2,653	2,499	1,814	44	11	2,503	10
Educational Services	922	857	827	13	2	854	1
Admin & Support & Waste Mgmt.	466	453	370	5	-	366	6
Retail Trade	249	240	169	7	1	121	3
Agricult., Forestry, Fish & Hunting	189	179	148	6	7	107	3
Accommodation & Food Services	188	175	97	4	1	86	4
Manufacturing	155	140	90	5	5	40	1
Transportation & Warehousing	144	135	78	10	1	59	1
Other Svcs.(except Public Admin.)	142	125	69	2	-	110	1
Construction	131	114	71	2	1	23	3
Professional, Sci., & Tech. Svcs.	103	101	71	-	-	57	3
Wholesale Trade	76	72	32	1	-	14	1
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	34	31	15	-	-	12	-
Arts, Entertainment, & Rec.	19	18	17	-	-	6	1
Finance & Insurance	12	11	7	-	-	1	1
Information	7	7	4	-	-	3	-
Utilities	4	4	2	-	-	2	-
Mgmt. of Companies & Enterprises	2	2	2	-	-	1	-
Unknown Industry, Not Specified	37	33	30	2	2	13	-
Total	13,454	12,659	9,731	208	57	11,832	53

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 1.3% 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](#).