

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

WA State Fund and Self-Insured Claims Established between Feb 26, 2020 and Feb 28, 2022

Industry Sector ¹	Claims Filed ²	Known Positive Laboratory Test ³	Hospital-ized	Fatal	Claims Accepted	Claims Not Yet Allowed
Health Care & Social Assistance	8,785	6,650	108	27	8,270	19
Public Administration	3,200	2,328	46	11	3,040	7
Educational Services	1,134	1,024	14	2	1,040	1
Admin & Support & Waste Mgmt.	578	455	7	-	469	2
Retail Trade	278	190	7	1	144	3
Accommodation & Food Services	201	109	5	1	96	1
Agricult., Forestry, Fish & Hunting	199	158	6	7	113	2
Transportation & Warehousing	174	105	10	1	82	3
Manufacturing	168	103	5	6	46	-
Other Svcs.(except Public Admin.)	151	78	2	-	114	1
Construction	134	73	2	1	23	1
Professional, Sci., & Tech. Svcs.	113	81	-	-	65	3
Wholesale Trade	85	41	1	-	18	-
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	36	17	-	-	14	-
Arts, Entertainment, & Rec.	20	18	-	-	7	-
Finance & Insurance	13	8	-	-	2	-
Information	7	4	-	-	3	-
Utilities	4	2	-	-	2	-
Mgmt. of Companies & Enterprises	2	2	-	-	1	-
Unknown Industry, Not Specified	69	52	2	2	8	-
Total	15,351	11,498	215	59	13,557	43

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. 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](#).