

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

WA State Fund and Self-Insured Claims Established between Feb 26, 2020 and May 16, 2022

Industry Sector <sup>1</sup>	Claims Filed <sup>2</sup>	Known Positive Laboratory Test <sup>3</sup>	Hospital-ized	Fatal	Claims Accepted	Claims Not Yet Allowed
Health Care & Social Assistance	9,696	7,521	112	27	9,139	30
Public Administration	3,691	2,778	48	11	3,520	7
Educational Services	1,431	1,313	15	2	1,311	5
Admin & Support & Waste Mgmt.	654	513	8	-	532	8
Retail Trade	312	222	9	1	169	-
Accommodation & Food Services	208	115	5	1	101	2
Agricult., Forestry, Fish & Hunting	205	164	7	7	118	1
Transportation & Warehousing	185	115	10	1	92	2
Manufacturing	175	110	5	6	48	-
Other Svcs.(except Public Admin.)	164	90	2	-	127	-
Construction	134	73	2	1	23	1
Professional, Sci., & Tech. Svcs.	123	91	-	-	73	3
Wholesale Trade	89	45	1	-	20	-
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	38	19	1	-	16	-
Arts, Entertainment, & Rec.	20	18	-	-	7	-
Finance & Insurance	13	8	-	-	2	-
Information	8	5	-	-	3	-
Utilities	4	2	-	-	2	-
Mgmt. of Companies & Enterprises	3	3	-	-	1	1
Unknown Industry, Not Specified	70	53	2	2	7	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,223</b>	<b>13,258</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>15,311</b>	<b>60</b>

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 1.0% 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](#).