

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

WA State Fund and Self-Insured Claims Established between Feb 26, 2020 and Sep 5, 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	11,549	9,301	119	32	10,906	22
Public Administration	4,404	3,436	52	13	4,224	5
Educational Services	2,037	1,885	17	2	1,856	4
Admin & Support & Waste Mgmt.	830	657	8	-	700	2
Retail Trade	361	270	9	1	205	-
Manufacturing	313	240	6	8	51	3
Accommodation & Food Services	245	149	6	1	122	3
Agricult., Forestry, Fish & Hunting	217	176	7	7	127	2
Transportation & Warehousing	209	136	11	3	103	2
Other Svcs.(except Public Admin.)	207	133	2	-	169	-
Professional, Sci., & Tech. Svcs.	153	119	-	-	94	2
Construction	146	84	2	1	23	2
Wholesale Trade	99	55	1	-	22	4
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	45	28	1	-	20	2
Information	35	30	-	-	23	4
Arts, Entertainment, & Rec.	22	19	-	-	7	-
Finance & Insurance	15	10	-	-	2	-
Utilities	8	6	-	-	5	1
Mgmt. of Companies & Enterprises	3	3	-	-	1	-
Unknown Industry, Not Specified	100	78	3	2	11	-
Total	20,998	16,815	244	70	18,671	58

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 0.9% 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](#).