

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

WA State Fund and Self-Insured Claims Established between Feb 26, 2020 and Oct 3, 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	11,817	9,559	119	32	11,147	15
Public Administration	4,565	3,584	53	13	4,377	7
Educational Services	2,093	1,938	17	2	1,902	2
Admin & Support & Waste Mgmt.	859	679	8	-	724	4
Retail Trade	370	279	9	1	212	-
Manufacturing	318	244	6	8	51	2
Accommodation & Food Services	248	152	6	1	124	3
Agricult., Forestry, Fish & Hunting	222	181	7	7	131	2
Other Svcs.(except Public Admin.)	218	144	2	-	179	1
Transportation & Warehousing	214	140	11	3	106	2
Professional, Sci., & Tech. Svcs.	157	123	-	-	96	2
Construction	146	84	2	1	23	2
Wholesale Trade	101	57	1	-	25	3
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	46	29	1	-	22	2
Information	37	32	-	-	27	2
Arts, Entertainment, & Rec.	22	19	-	-	7	-
Finance & Insurance	15	10	-	-	2	-
Utilities	8	6	-	-	5	1
Mgmt. of Companies & Enterprises	4	4	-	-	1	1
Unknown Industry, Not Specified	100	78	3	2	11	-
Total	21,560	17,342	245	70	19,171	51

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](#).