

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

WA State Fund and Self-Insured Claims Established between Feb 26, 2020 and June 22, 2020

Industry Sector ¹	Claims Filed ²	Quarantine ³	Known Positive Laboratory Test ⁴	Hospitalized	Fatal	Claims Accepted
Health Care & Social Assistance	1580	1408	768	20	4 ⁵	1483
Public Administration	231	200	46	1	1 ⁵	208
Educational Services	169	149	116	6	1	166
Admin & Support & Waste Mgmt.	70	61	29	1	-	56
Transportation & Warehousing	25	20	6	-	-	2
Accommodation & Food Services	26	22	6	1	-	7
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunting	28	28	14	-	-	1
Other Services (except Public Admin.)	28	25	9	-	-	27
Retail Trade	20	20	11	-	-	8
Manufacturing	31	26	7	-	-	-
Wholesale Trade	12	11	3	-	-	-
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	7	5	1	-	-	3
Construction	8	8	5	-	-	1
Professional, Scientific, & Tech Svcs.	7	5	2	-	-	1
Unknown Industry, Not Specified	50	37	15	1	-	33
Total	2294	2026	1039	30	6	1996

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.
5. One Healthcare and one Public Administration claim not yet accepted

There were 2,294 workers' compensation claims filed for the time period February 26, 2020 through June 22, 2020. Claims are confirmed for known or suspected exposure to or disease from COVID-19. Counts of quarantine, laboratory tests, hospitalization, and fatal are for all claims filed. Information about the coronavirus outbreak and workers' compensation coverage can be found on LNI's [COVID-19 Resource](#) page. [Methods for COVID-19 Surveillance](#) explains how this table was derived; the table will be periodically updated.

Affected workers are under-represented in workers' compensation data, particularly outside of the healthcare sector. Washington's [Confirmed Cases by Occupation and Industry Report](#) summarizes all positive cases in the state, not just those associated with workers' compensation claims, and indicates a high burden of COVID-19 in the Manufacturing and Agricultural sectors. The occupation and industry report is periodically updated and posted to the WA Department of Health's [coronavirus webpage](#).