

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 1, 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	10,030	7,840	114	29	9,470	18
Public Administration	3,814	2,893	49	11	3,641	8
Educational Services	1,550	1,426	15	2	1,415	8
Admin & Support & Waste Mgmt.	680	535	8	-	558	9
Retail Trade	321	230	9	1	175	1
Accommodation & Food Services	213	118	5	1	102	2
Agricult., Forestry, Fish & Hunting	205	164	7	7	119	-
Transportation & Warehousing	191	119	11	2	95	1
Manufacturing	184	117	5	7	48	2
Other Svcs.(except Public Admin.)	168	94	2	-	130	1
Construction	134	73	2	1	23	-
Professional, Sci., & Tech. Svcs.	129	97	-	-	77	2
Wholesale Trade	89	45	1	-	20	-
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	38	19	1	-	16	-
Arts, Entertainment, & Rec.	21	19	-	-	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	71	54	2	2	7	-
Total	17,866	13,861	231	63	15,911	53

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](#).