

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

WA State Fund and Self-Insured Claims Established between Feb 26, 2020 and July 4, 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	10,562	8,352	116	31	9,970	22
Public Administration	4,020	3,090	50	11	3,846	8
Educational Services	1,750	1,617	15	2	1,585	11
Admin & Support & Waste Mgmt.	728	576	8	-	606	8
Retail Trade	338	247	9	1	187	2
Manufacturing	232	164	5	7	50	2
Accommodation & Food Services	230	135	6	1	114	2
Agricult., Forestry, Fish & Hunting	207	166	7	7	120	1
Transportation & Warehousing	194	122	11	2	97	1
Other Svcs.(except Public Admin.)	175	101	2	-	137	-
Construction	138	76	2	1	23	1
Professional, Sci., & Tech. Svcs.	133	101	-	-	81	-
Wholesale Trade	92	48	1	-	21	1
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	39	22	1	-	16	1
Arts, Entertainment, & Rec.	21	19	-	-	7	-
Finance & Insurance	13	8	-	-	2	-
Information	9	6	-	-	3	-
Utilities	6	4	-	-	3	1
Mgmt. of Companies & Enterprises	3	3	-	-	1	1
Unknown Industry, Not Specified	93	71	3	2	7	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,983</b>	<b>14,928</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>16,876</b>	<b>62</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](#).