

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

WA State Fund and Self-Insured Claims Established between Feb 26, 2020 and August 1, 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	11,032	8,804	118	32	10,420	18
Public Administration	4,224	3,268	51	13	4,049	5
Educational Services	1,932	1,787	16	2	1,758	11
Admin & Support & Waste Mgmt.	775	614	8	-	647	4
Retail Trade	352	261	9	1	198	1
Manufacturing	270	199	6	8	52	2
Accommodation & Food Services	236	141	6	1	118	2
Agricult., Forestry, Fish & Hunting	209	168	7	7	122	1
Transportation & Warehousing	202	129	11	3	100	1
Other Svcs.(except Public Admin.)	187	113	2	-	149	-
Professional, Sci., & Tech. Svcs.	144	111	-	-	88	-
Construction	142	80	2	1	23	3
Wholesale Trade	94	50	1	-	22	-
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	43	26	1	-	19	1
Arts, Entertainment, & Rec.	22	19	-	-	7	-
Finance & Insurance	13	8	-	-	2	-
Information	11	8	-	-	4	1
Utilities	8	6	-	-	4	2
Mgmt. of Companies & Enterprises	3	3	-	-	1	-
Unknown Industry, Not Specified	97	75	3	2	9	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,996</b>	<b>15,870</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>17,792</b>	<b>52</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 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](#).