

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

WA State Fund and Self-Insured Claims Established between Feb 26, 2020 and Dec 6, 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	12,448	10,173	119	32	11,780	7
Public Administration	4,797	3,797	53	13	4,624	2
Educational Services	2,181	2,015	18	2	1,973	2
Admin & Support & Waste Mgmt.	899	715	9	0	754	4
Retail Trade	382	291	9	1	219	1
Manufacturing	328	253	7	8	50	1
Accommodation & Food Services	249	153	6	1	125	0
Other Svcs.(except Public Admin.)	240	165	2	0	201	0
Agricult., Forestry, Fish & Hunting	225	184	7	7	133	0
Transportation & Warehousing	224	146	11	3	117	0
Professional, Sci., & Tech. Svcs.	157	123	0	0	97	0
Construction	150	88	3	2	23	2
Wholesale Trade	110	66	1	0	32	0
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	48	31	1	0	23	0
Information	43	38	0	0	35	0
Arts, Entertainment, & Rec.	23	20	0	0	7	0
Finance & Insurance	16	11	0	0	2	0
Utilities	8	6	0	0	6	0
Mgmt. of Companies & Enterprises	4	4	0	0	1	0
Unknown Industry, Not Specified	106	84	3	2	16	0
Total	22,638	18,363	249	71	20,218	19

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](#).