

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

WA State Fund and Self-Insured Claims Established between Feb 26, 2020 and April 12, 2021

Industry Sector ¹	Claims Filed ²	Quarantine ³	Known Positive Laboratory Test ⁴	Hospitalized	Fatal	Claims Accepted	Claims Not Yet Allowed
Health Care & Social Assistance	5064	4783	3261	76	15	4843	22
Public Administration	1074	1018	416	12	5	995	7
Educational Services	390	370	314	10	1	372	4
Admin & Support & Waste Mgmt.	260	249	182	4	-	204	19
Retail Trade	127	122	73	2	-	16	48
Accommodation & Food Services	115	103	29	2	-	26	17
Agricult., Forestry, Fish & Hunting	114	106	77	-	4	43	25
Other Srvs.(except Public Admin.)	101	86	37	-	-	81	5
Manufacturing	98	88	39	1	2	5	20
Construction	84	68	32	-	-	5	22
Transportation & Warehousing	82	74	28	3	1	26	15
Wholesale Trade	55	52	11	1	-	6	4
Professional, Sci., & Tech. Srvs.	38	36	16	-	-	9	8
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	21	18	5	-	-	7	2
Finance & Insurance	8	7	3	-	-	-	-
Information	6	6	3	-	-	1	2
Arts, Entertainment, & Rec.	4	3	4	-	-	-	2
Utilities	2	2	1	-	-	2	-
Mgmt. of Companies & Enterprises	1	1	1	-	-	1	-
Unknown Industry, Not Specified	24	20	8	2	1	3	1
Total	7668	7212	4540	113	29	6645	223

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. We linked L&I claim records with COVID-19 data from the WA Department of Health to identify 2% of the positive tests.

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](#) details how this table was derived. Affected workers are under-represented in workers' compensation data, particularly outside of the healthcare sector. Washington's [Confirmed Cases by Industry Sector 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 industry report is periodically updated and posted to the WA Department of Health's [coronavirus webpage](#).