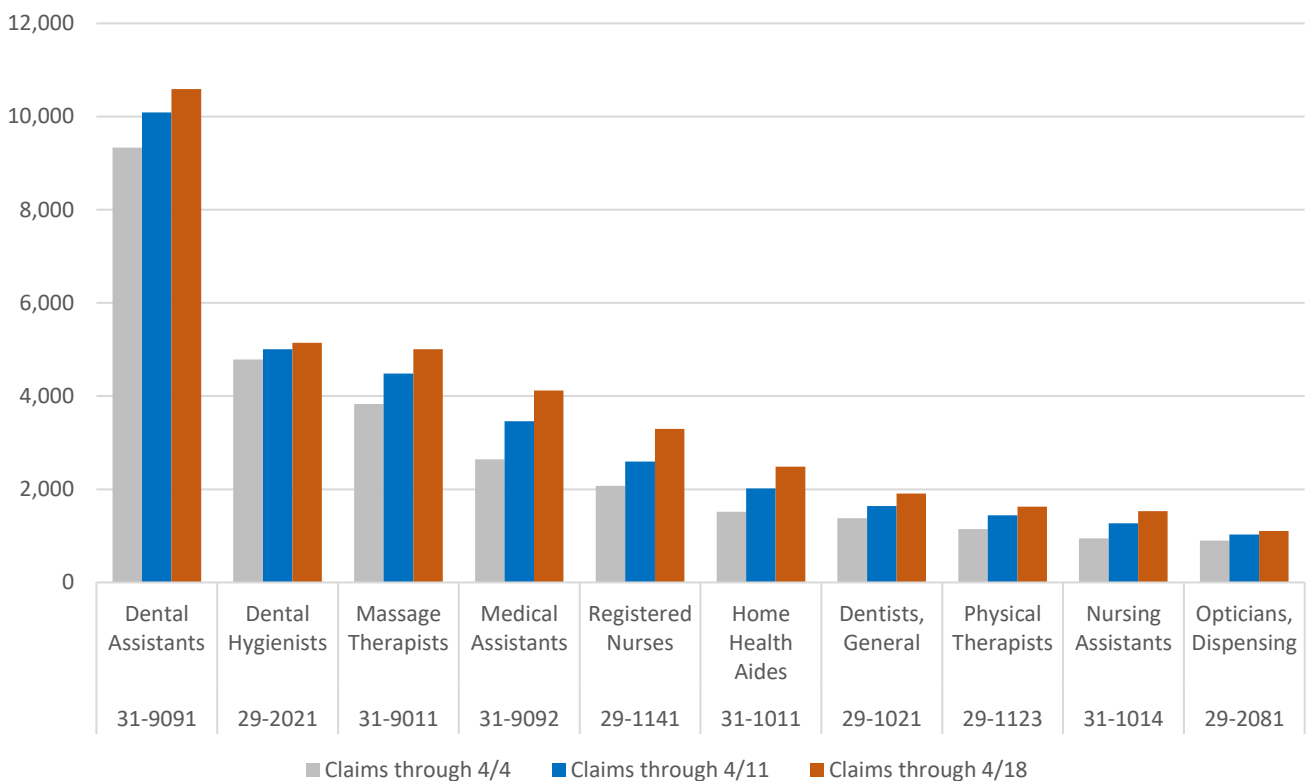


## Washington State Initial Unemployment Claims: Specific Health Related Occupations

This summary describes initial unemployment claims in Washington State for select health care related occupations from 3/8/2020 through 4/18/2020. These data are from the Washington State Department of Employment Security (unemployment claims). Figure 1 shows the ten occupations with the highest numbers of unemployment, followed by Table 1 showing the source data for the figure as well as for other health care related occupations.

Figure 1. Top 10 Health-Related Occupations with Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims in Washington State, 3/8/20-4/18/20



Data Source: Washington State Employment Security Department, LMEA, 4/23/2020

Table 1. Washington State Weekly Initial Unemployment Claims for Health Care Occupations\*

SOC	Occupational Group	State Total through 4/4	State Total through 4/11	State Total through 4/18
29-1011	Chiropractors	193	260	317
29-1021	Dentists, General	1,381	1,642	1,906
29-1023	Orthodontists	107	126	140
29-1031	Dietitians and Nutritionists	67	98	132
29-1051	Pharmacists	65	80	107
29-1071	Physician Assistants	261	354	407
29-1122	Occupational Therapists	370	432	512

29-1123	Physical Therapists	1,144	1,439	1,623
29-1127	Speech-Language Pathologists	159	188	224
29-1131	Veterinarians	73	102	118
29-1141	Registered Nurses	2,074	2,592	3,294
29-1151	Nurse Anesthetists	110	142	159
29-1171	Nurse Practitioners**	198	245	267
29-1171	Nurse Practitioners	198	245	***
29-1181	Audiologists**	65	90	61
29-2011	Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technologists	230	314	***
29-2012	Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians	207	268	***
29-2021	Dental Hygienists	4,786	5,006	5,146
29-2032	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	129	196	309
29-2034	Radiologic Technologists	305	481	601
29-2035	Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologists	73	113	139
29-2041	Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics	121	192	309
29-2052	Pharmacy Technicians	123	168	221
29-2053	Psychiatric Technicians	148	166	188
29-2055	Surgical Technologists	552	670	792
29-2056	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	234	311	369
29-2057	Ophthalmic Medical Technicians	860	994	1,064
29-2061	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	360	467	589
29-2081	Opticians, Dispensing	895	1,032	1,107
29-9091	Athletic Trainers	333	391	434
31-1011	Home Health Aides	1,515	2,017	2,482
31-1014	Nursing Assistants	944	1,271	1,527
31-2021	Physical Therapist Assistants	663	797	899
31-2022	Physical Therapist Aides	428	553	615
31-9011	Massage Therapists	3,828	4,487	5,004
31-9091	Dental Assistants	9,333	10,086	10,593
31-9092	Medical Assistants	2,646	3,461	4,121
31-9093	Medical Equipment Preparers	215	268	316
31-9094	Medical Transcriptionists	272	351	413
31-9095	Pharmacy Aides	61	84	107
31-9096	Veterinary Assistants and Laboratory Animal Caretakers	443	582	689
31-9097	Phlebotomists	172	265	338
31-9099	Healthcare Support Workers, All Other	660	814	1,000

Data Source: Washington State Employment Security Department, LMEA

\*Includes occupations for which initial claims comprised >1% of total occupation employment in Washington in May, 2019 and excludes some occupations for which county level data were suppressed due to low numbers.

\*\*Total claims likely undercounts statewide total somewhat due to suppression of some county data for week of 4/18/2020.

\*\*\*Statewide data not provided for week of 4/18/2020