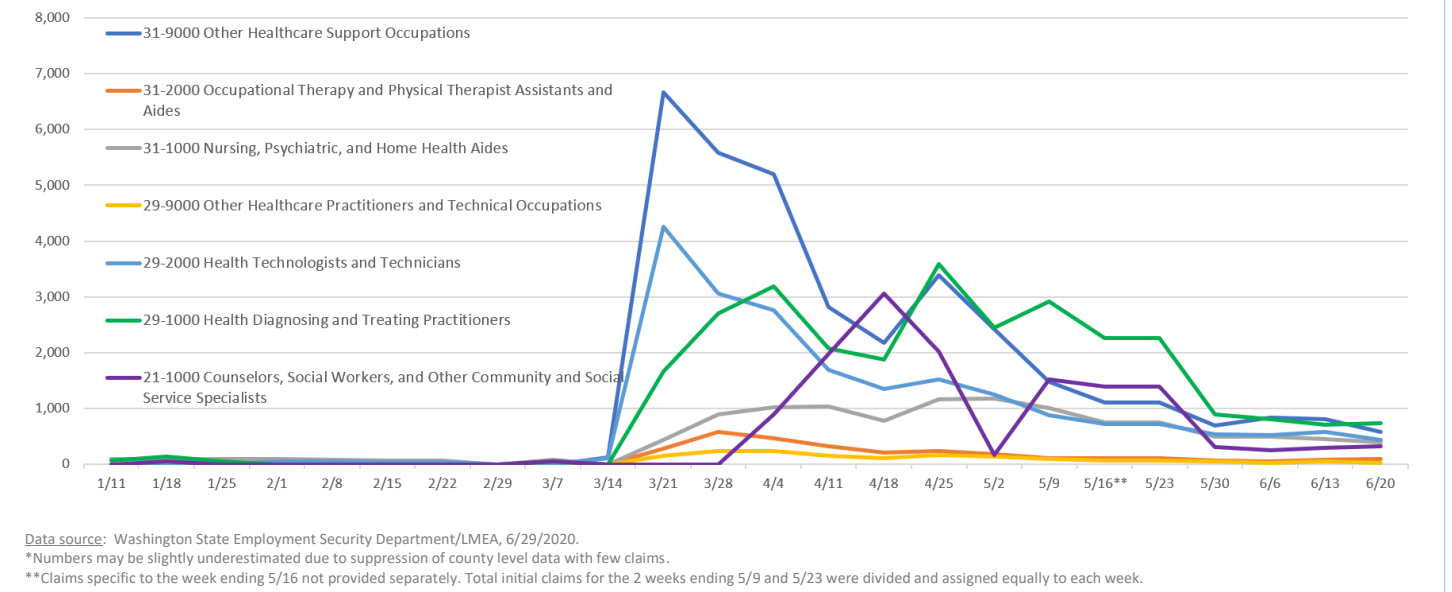


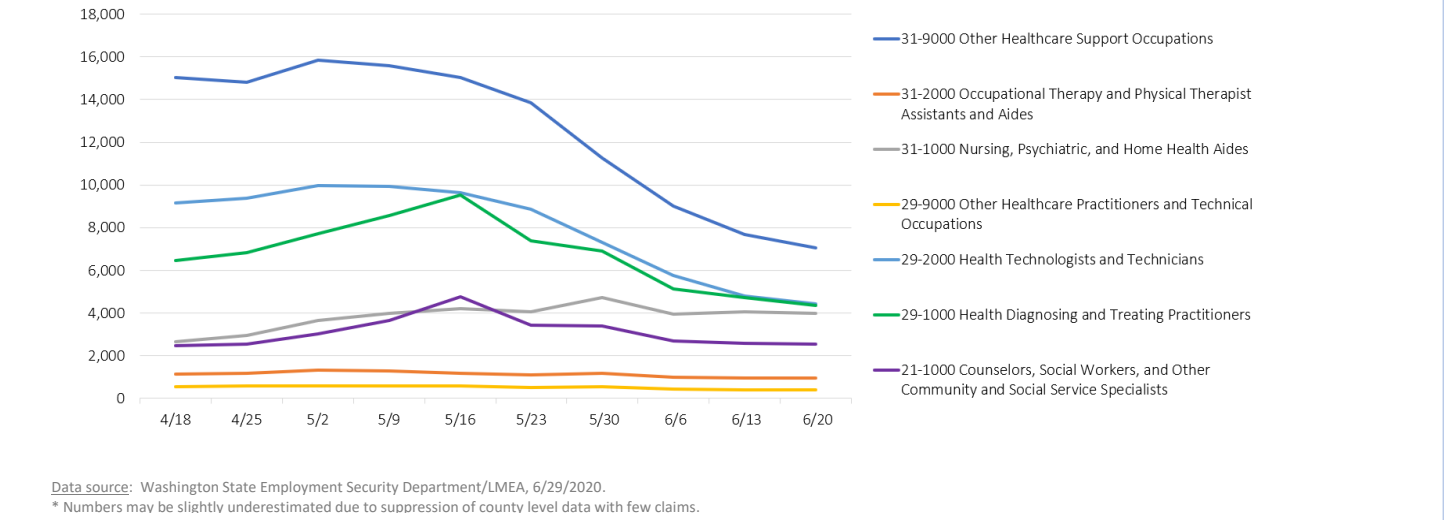
## Washington State Unemployment Claims: Health Related Occupations 1/11/20 – 6/20/20

This summary shows unemployment insurance claims in Washington State for seven categories of health care related occupations from the week ending January 11 through June 20, 2020. The first figure shows the initial unemployment claims by week, and the second shows continued unemployment claims beginning the week ending April 18. Following the figures is a description of the occupations included in each of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics’ Standard Occupation Classification (SOC) codes. Unemployment data are from the Washington State Department of Employment Security, and do not include Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) and Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) claims.

**Figure 1. Initial Unemployment Claims 1/11/20-6/20/20:  
Health Related Occupations\***



**Figure 2. Continued Unemployment Claims 4/18/20-6/20/20:  
Health Related Occupations\***



## I. Occupations included in Standard Occupation Classification (SOC) codes\*:

### Other Healthcare Support Occupations (SOC 31-9000)

- Massage Therapists
- Miscellaneous Healthcare Support Occupations
- Dental Assistants
- Medical Assistants
- Medical Equipment Preparers
- Medical Transcriptionists
- Pharmacy Aides
- Veterinary Assistants and Laboratory Animal Caretakers
- Phlebotomists
- Healthcare Support Workers, All Other

### Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapist Assistants and Aides (SOC 31-2000) Nursing, Psychiatric, and Home Health Aides (SOC 31-1000)

- Home Health Aides
- Psychiatric Aides
- Nursing Assistants
- Orderlies

### Other Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations (SOC 29-9000)

- Occupational Health and Safety Specialists and Technicians
- Miscellaneous Health Practitioners and Technical Workers

### Health Technologists and Technicians (SOC 29-2000)

- Clinical Laboratory Technologists and Technicians
- Dental Hygienists
- Diagnostic Related Technologists and Technicians
  - Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians, Diagnostic Medical Sonographers, Nuclear Medicine Technologists, Radiologic Technologists, Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologists
- Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics
- Health Practitioner Support Technologists and Technicians
  - Dietetic Technicians, Pharmacy Technicians, Psychiatric Technicians, Respiratory Therapy Technicians, Surgical Technologists, Veterinary Technologists and Technicians, Ophthalmic Medical Technicians
- Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
- Medical Records and Health Information Technicians
- Opticians, Dispensing
- Miscellaneous Health Technologists and Technicians
  - Orthotists and Prosthetists, Hearing Aid Specialists, Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other

### Health Diagnosing and Treating Practitioners (SOC 29-1000)

- Chiropractors
- Dentists
- Dietitians and Nutritionists
- Optometrists
- Pharmacists
- Physicians and Surgeons
- Physician Assistants
- Podiatrists
- Therapists
- Veterinarians
- Registered Nurses
- Nurse Anesthetists
- Nurse Midwives
- Nurse Practitioners
- Audiologists
- Miscellaneous Health Diagnosing and Treating Practitioners

### Counselors, Social Workers, and Other Community and Social Service Specialists (SOC 21-1000)

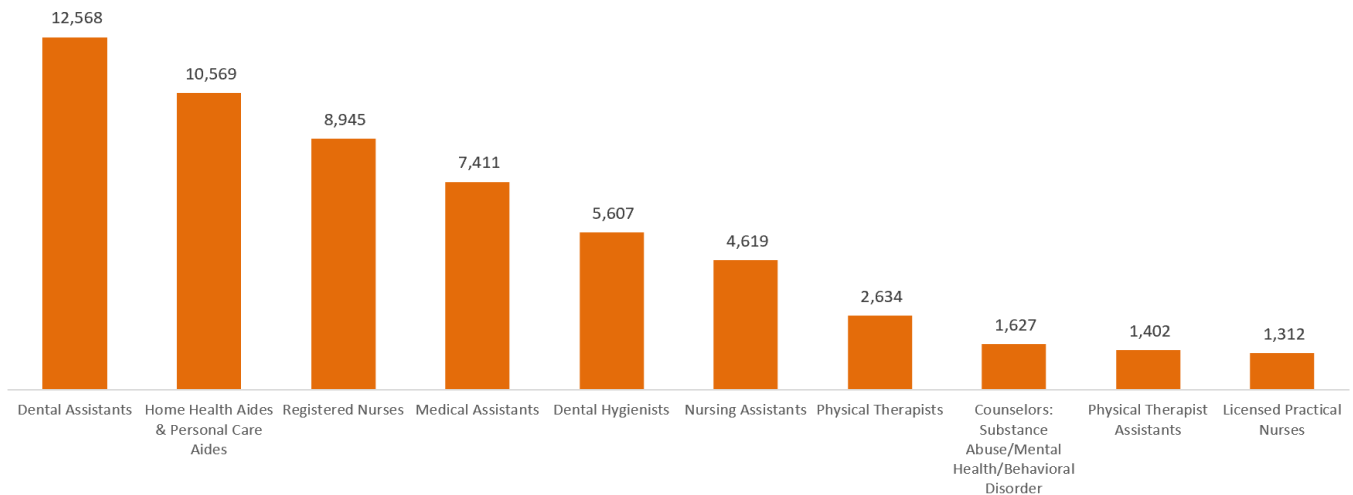
- Counselors
  - Educational, Guidance, School, and Vocational Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, Rehabilitation Counselors, Substance Abuse, Behavioral Disorder, and Mental Health Counselors, Counselors, All Other
- Social Workers
- Miscellaneous Community and Social Service Specialists

\*U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Standard Occupational Classification. <https://www.bls.gov/soc/>

## Washington State Unemployment Claims for Specific Health Care Related Occupations

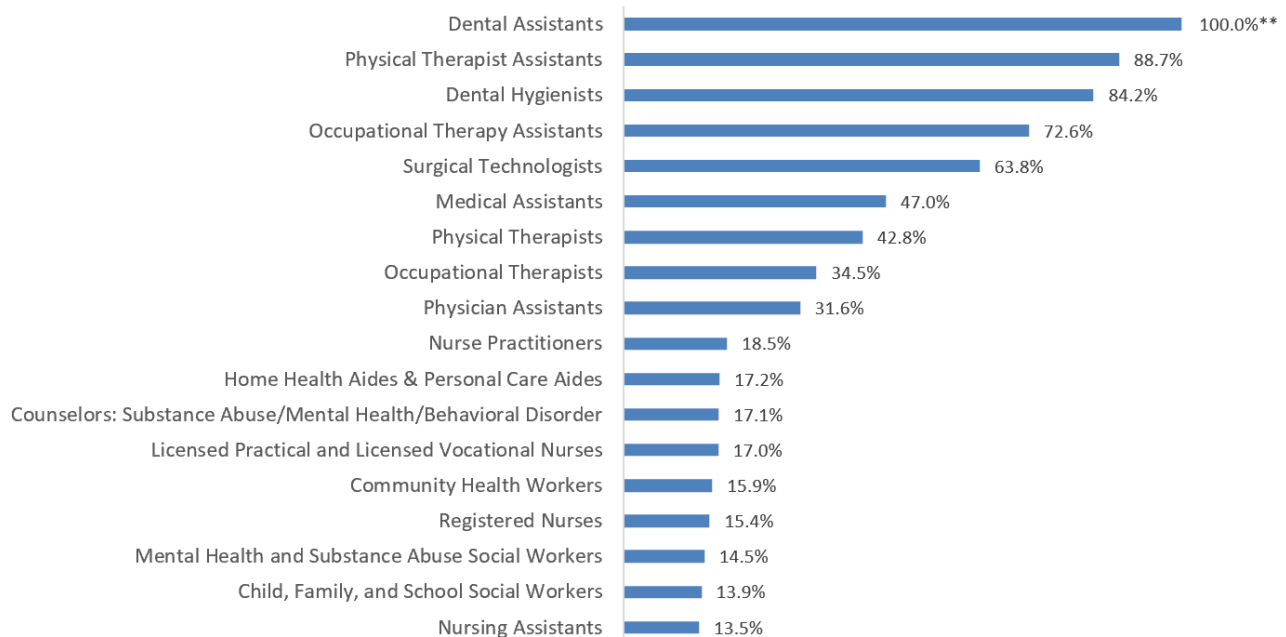
This summary shows initial and continued unemployment insurance claims in Washington State for specific health care related occupations from March 14 through June 20, 2020. **Figure 3** shows selected occupations with the largest total numbers of initial claims, and **Figures 4** shows selected initial unemployment claims for health care occupations with high percentages, and/or for which data are available, as a percentage of total employment of each occupation in May 2019 (a year earlier). **Figures 5** and **6** show continued unemployment claims for selected occupations with high numbers of claims, shown on two separate graphs because of the differences in numbers of continued unemployment claims. Data are from the Washington State Department of Employment Security (unemployment claims) and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Employment Survey (total employed in 2019 by occupation).

**Figure 3. Initial Unemployment Claims 3/14/2020-6/20/2020:  
Health Care Related Occupations with High Numbers of Claims**



Data source: Washington State Employment Security Department/LMEA, 6/29/2020.

**Figure 4. Initial Unemployment Claims 3/14/2020-6/20/2020:  
Select Health Care Related Occupations as a Percentage of Total Employed\* May, 2019**



Data Sources: Washington State Employment Security Department, LMEA, 6/29/2020; US Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment Survey 5/2019

\*Total employed numbers from OES are reported by employers and likely undercount some occupations, such as those with many self-employed individuals, and occupations that may have grown in number since May, 2019.

\*\*Total initial unemployment claims exceeds the total number reported as employed in May, 2019

**Table 1. Washington State Initial Unemployment Claims 3/14/2020-6/20/2020 Select Health Care Related Occupations**

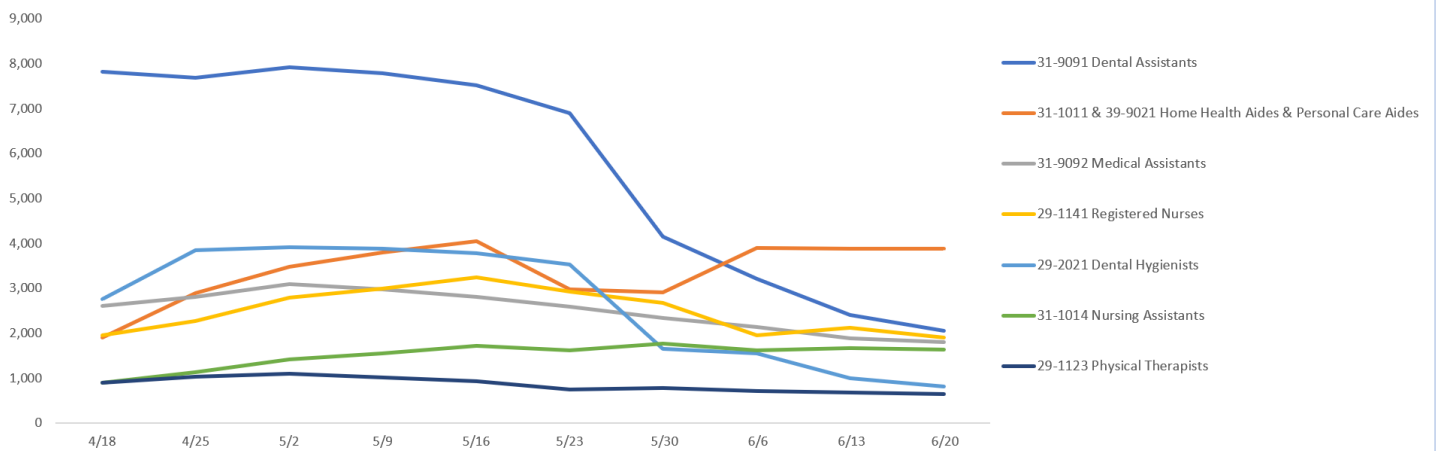
SOC	Occupational Group	Total Claims 3/14-6/20/2020	Total Employed 5/2019*	Percentage of Total Employed
21-1011 & 21-1014	Counselors: Substance Abuse/Mental Health/Behavioral Disorder	1,627	9,540	17.1%
21-1021	Child, Family, and School Social Workers	1,097	7,870	13.9%
21-1023	Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers	327	2,260	14.5%
21-1094	Community Health Workers	413	2,600	15.9%
29-1071	Physician Assistants	885	2,800	31.6%
29-1122	Occupational Therapists	919	2,660	34.5%
29-1123	Physical Therapists	2,634	6,160	42.8%
29-1141	Registered Nurses	8,945	58,000	15.4%
29-1171	Nurse Practitioners	716	3,870	18.5%
29-2021	Dental Hygienists	5,607	6,660	84.2%
29-2055	Surgical Technologists	1,275	2,000	63.8%
29-2061	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	1,312	7,730	17.0%
31-1014	Nursing Assistants	4,619	34,200	13.5%
31-1011 & 39-9021	Home Health and Personal Care Aides	10,569	61,470	17.2%
31-2011	Occupational Therapy Assistants	530	730	72.6%
31-2021	Physical Therapist Assistants	1,402	1,580	88.7%
31-9091	Dental Assistants	12,568	10,780	100.0%**
31-9092	Medical Assistants	7,411	15,780	47.0%

Data Sources: Washington State Employment Security Department, LMEA, 6/29/2020; US Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment Survey 5/2019

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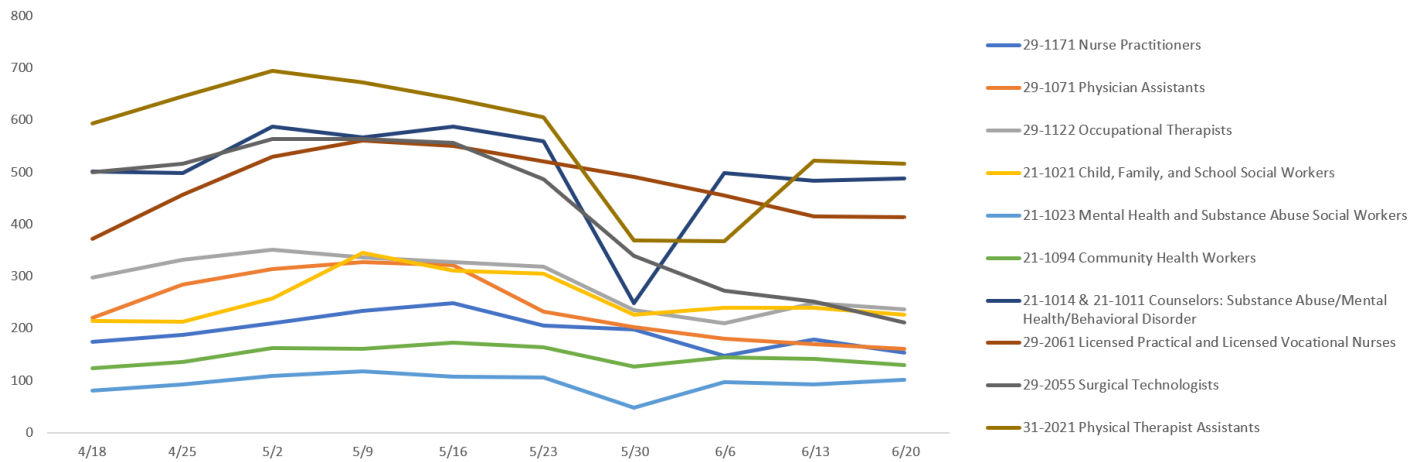
**Figure 5. Continued Unemployment Claims 4/18/2020-6/20/2020: Select Health Related Occupations\* with High Numbers of Claims**



Data source: Washington State Employment Security Department/LMEA, 6/29/2020.

\* Numbers may be slightly underestimated due to suppression of county level data with few claims.

**Figure 6. Continued Unemployment Claims 4/18/2020-6/20/2020:  
Other Health Related Occupations\* with High Numbers of Claims**



Data source: Washington State Employment Security Department/LMEA, 6/29/2020.  
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**Table 2. Washington State Continued Unemployment Claims as of 4/18/20 and 6/20/20**

SOC	Occupational Group	Continued Claims 4/18/20	Continued Claims 6/20/20
21-1011 & 21-1014	Counselors: Substance Abuse/Mental Health/Behavioral Disorder	501	488
21-1021	Child, Family, and School Social Workers	214	226
21-1023	Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers	80	101
21-1094	Community Health Workers	123	129
29-1071	Physician Assistants	220	161
29-1122	Occupational Therapists	297	236
29-1123	Physical Therapists	901	648
29-1141	Registered Nurses	1,952	1,903
29-1171	Nurse Practitioners	174	154
29-2021	Dental Hygienists	2,758	822
29-2055	Surgical Technologists	500	211
29-2061	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	372	414
31-1014	Nursing Assistants	906	1,634
31-1011 & 39-9021	Home Health and Personal Care Aides	1,896	3,887
31-2021	Physical Therapist Assistants	594	516
31-9091	Dental Assistants	7,825	2,055
31-9092	Medical Assistants	2,613	1,799

Data Source: Washington State Employment Security Department, LMEA, 6/29/2020

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