



Minnesota's workers' compensation COVID-19 claims update

Claims reported through November 17, 2021

Workers' compensation COVID-19 presumption

CHAPTER 72--H.F.No. 4537

An act relating to workers' compensation; providing a presumption for COVID-19 workers' compensation claims for certain employees; requiring a report; authorizing extension of the implementation date of the CAMPUS system; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 176.011, subdivision 15.

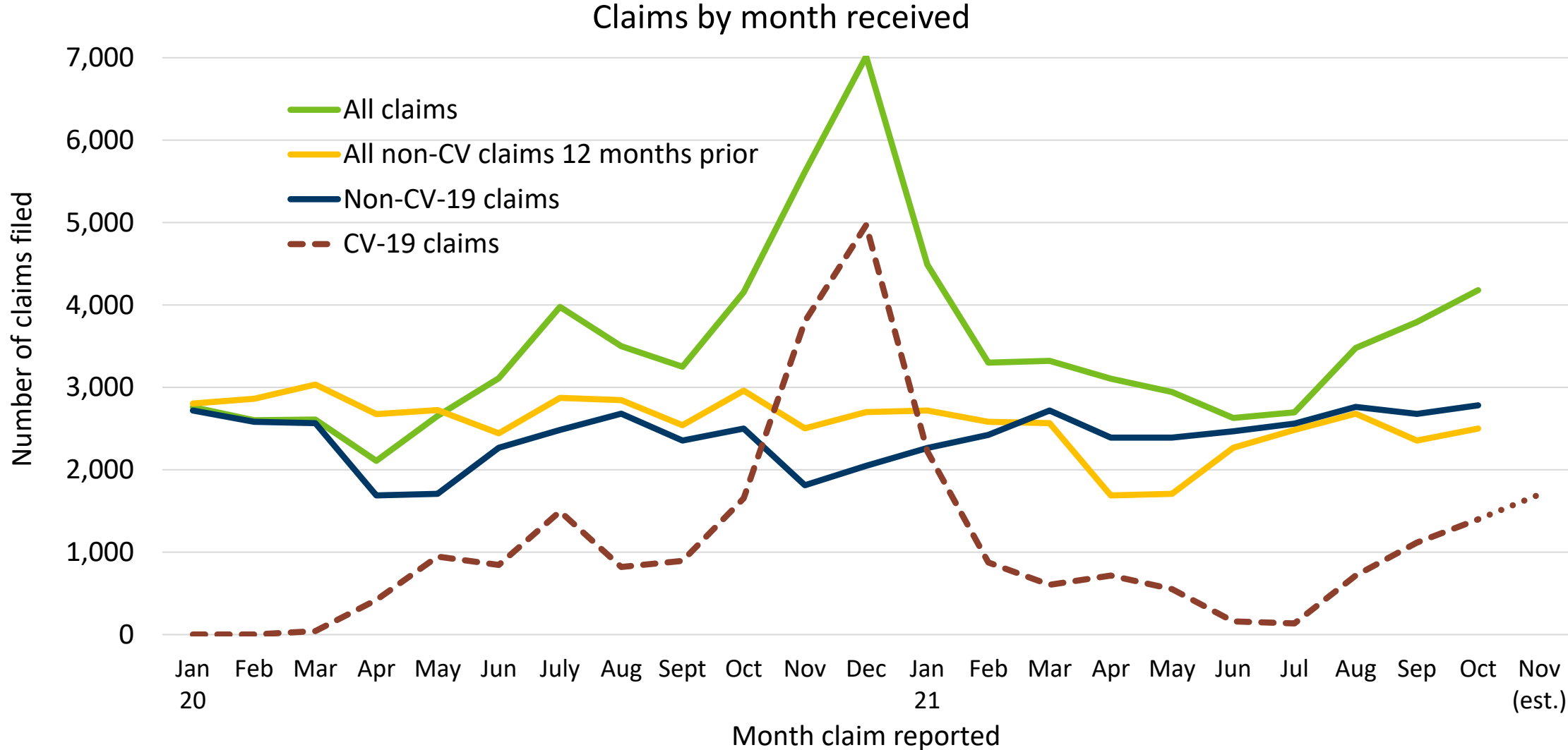
The presumption covers:

- a licensed peace officer, firefighter, paramedic or emergency medical technician;
 - certain workers employed at a corrections, detention or secure treatment facility;
 - a health care provider, nurse or assistive employee employed in a health care, home care or long-term care setting, with direct COVID-19 patient care or ancillary work in COVID-19 patient units;
 - a person required to provide child care to children of first responders and health care workers under Executive Orders 20-02 and 20-19.
- Effective for workers contracting COVID-19 on or after April 8, 2020 through December 31, 2021
 - Approximately 183,000 workers are eligible for presumption coverage (estimated in March 2020).

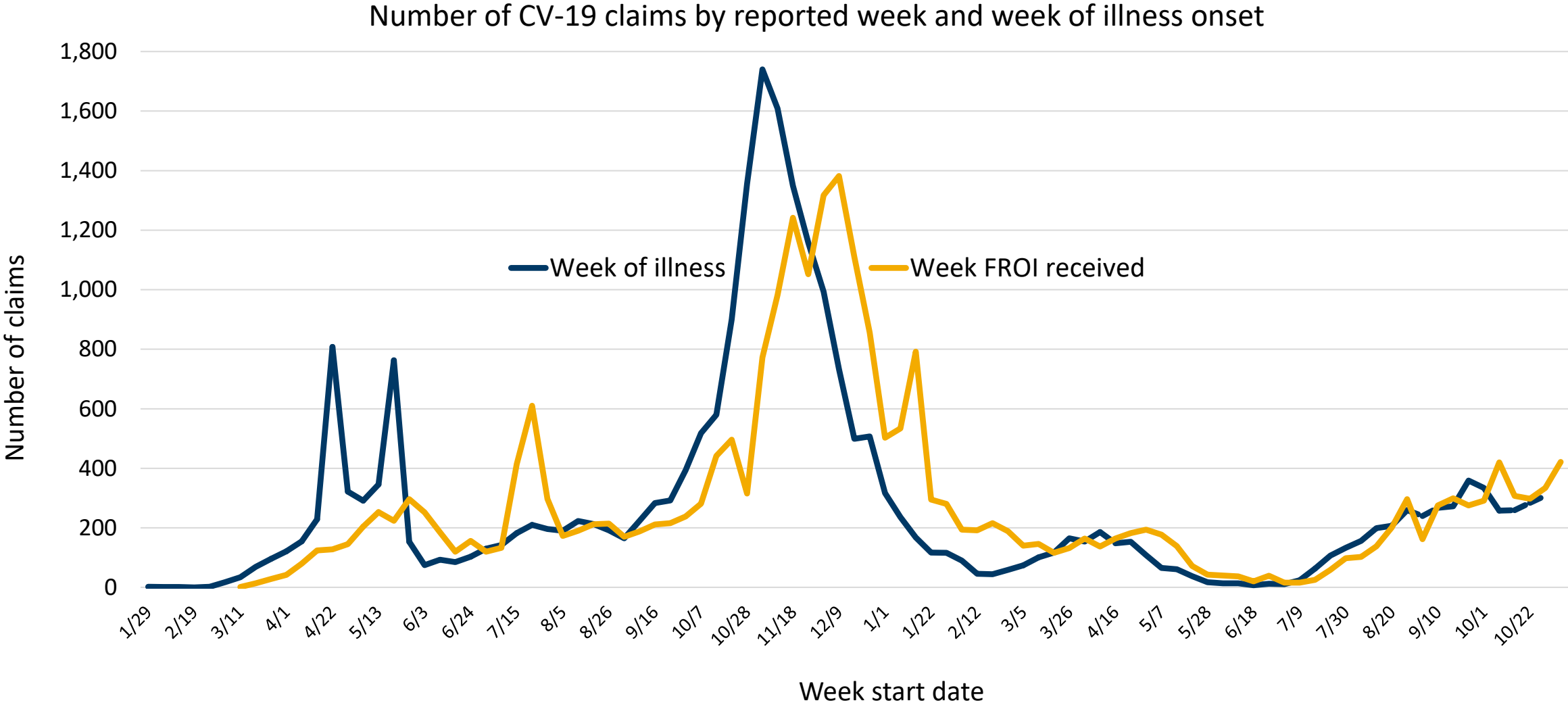
About these claim counts

- The claims counts show the total number of claims with COVID-19 or coronavirus exposure given as a nature or cause of injury
- All claims submitted are included in the count of reported claims, ignoring lost time status and acceptance/denial of benefits
- Injury reports are received a 3-4 weeks, on average, after the date of illness
 - The illness date is either reported by the worker or employer. It does not always correspond with the date of onset of symptoms.
 - Primary liability decisions generally arrive a week or two after the claim is reported
 - DLI continues to receive claims with illness dates from much earlier in the pandemic

25,343 COVID-19 claims reported through Nov. 17, 2021

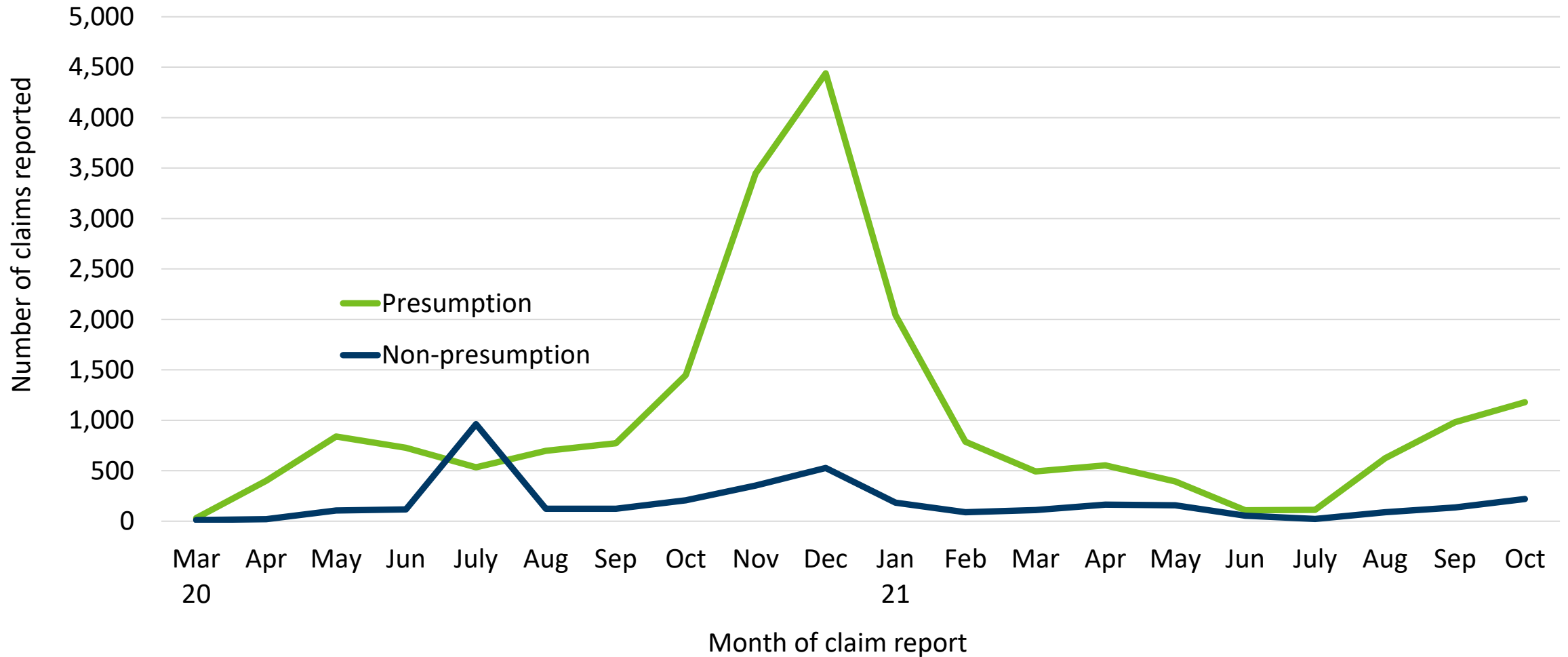


Low point reached in early July 2021 followed by Delta surge



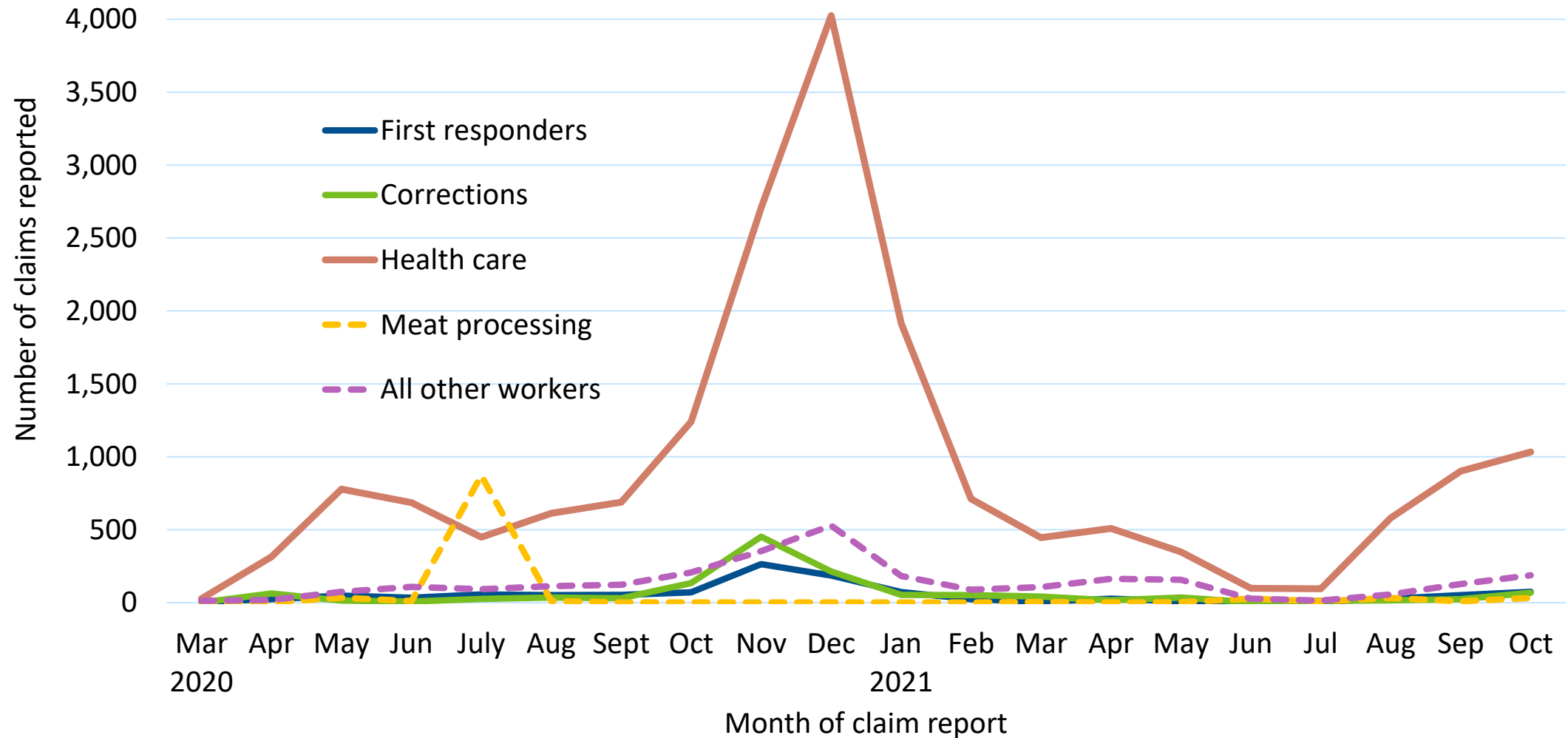
Delta surge affecting presumption group claims

COVID-19 claims by presumption status and month reported

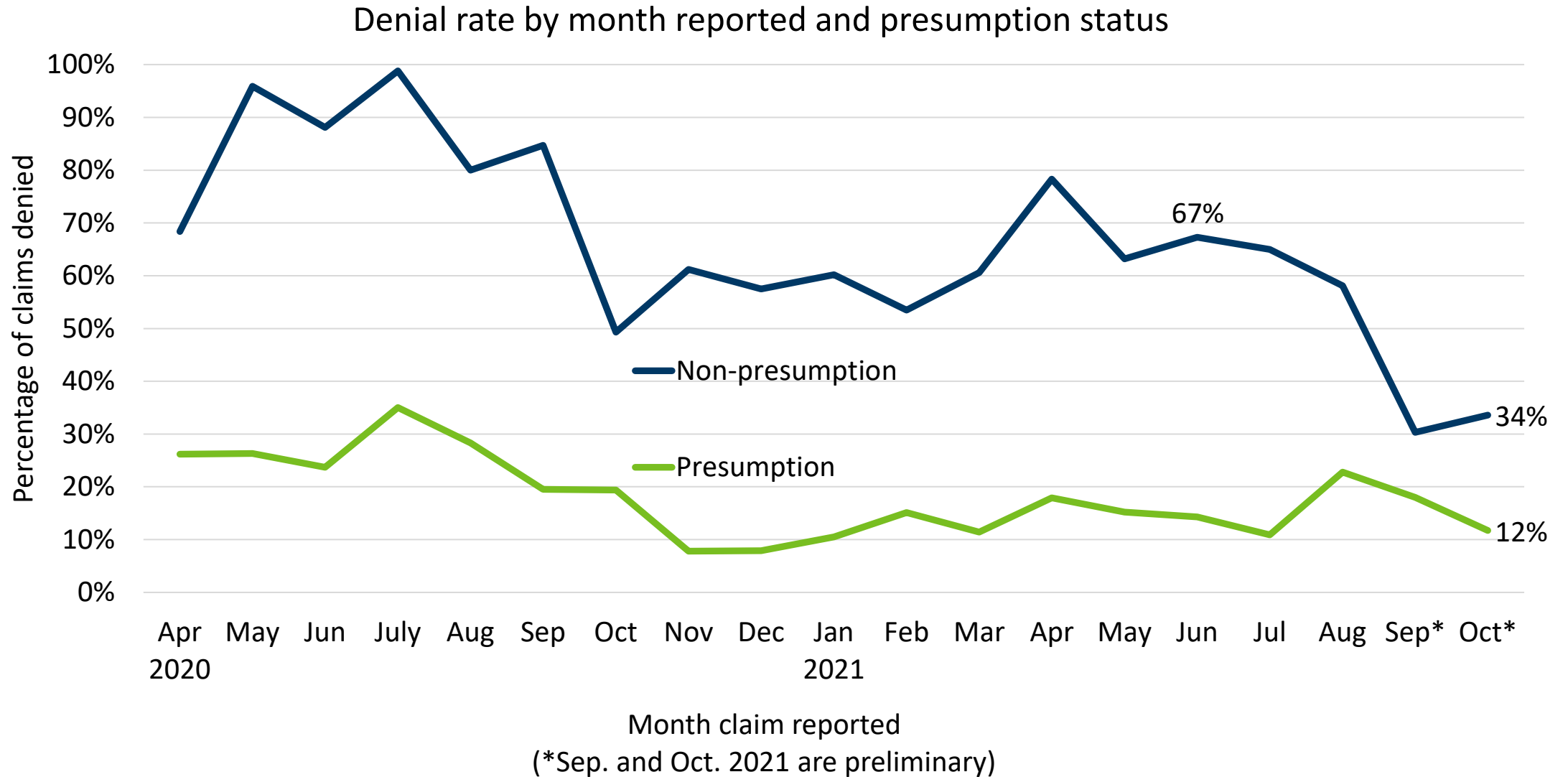


Delta surge very noticeable among health care workers

COVID-19 claims by month received and industry-presumption group

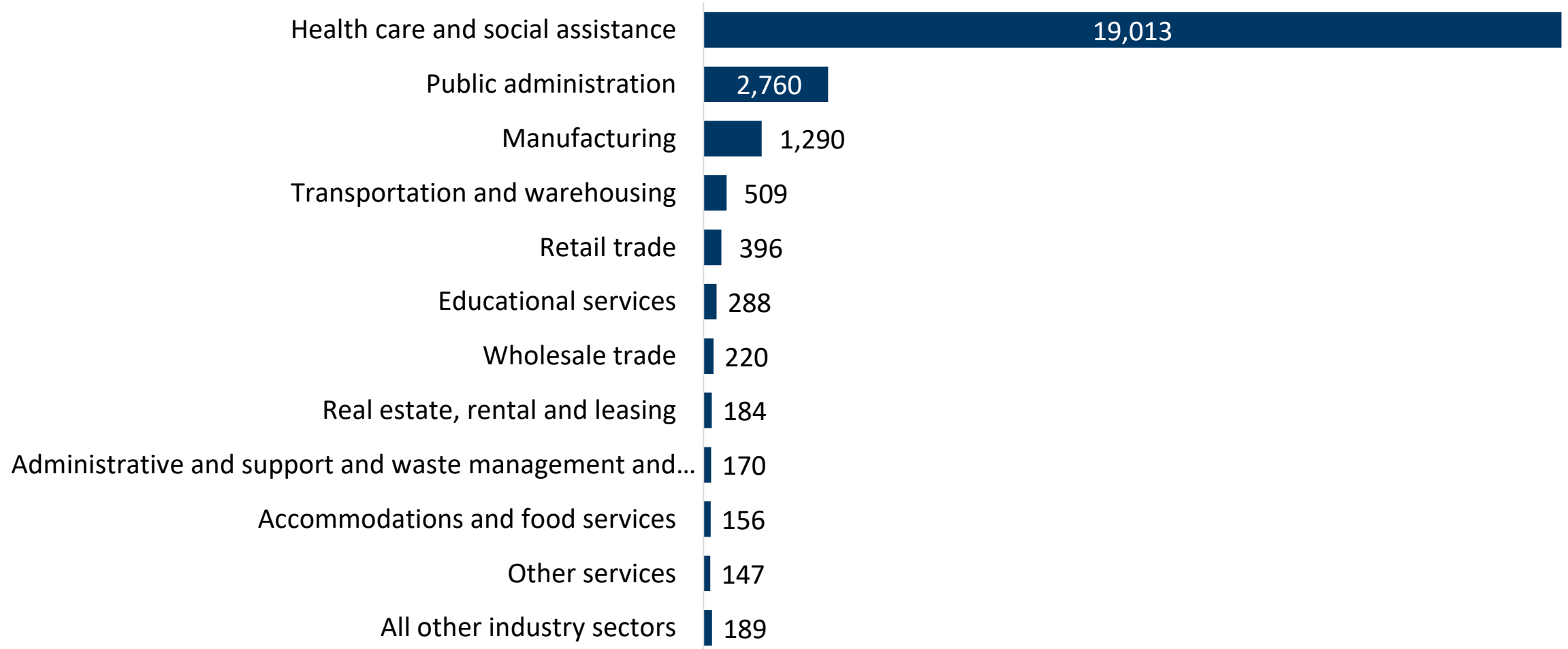


Non-presumption denial rates decreased since June 2021



COVID-19 claims are concentrated in a few industries

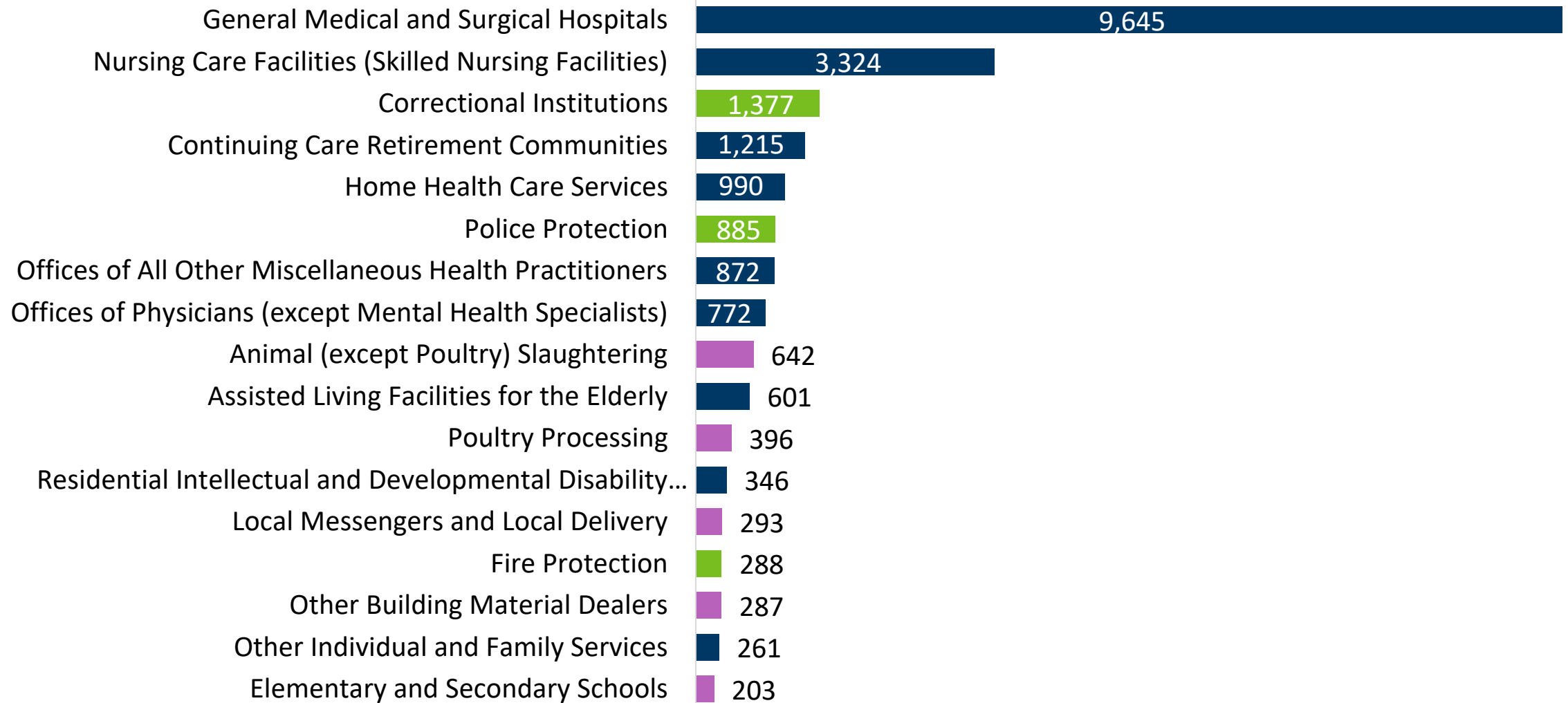
Number of CV-19 claims by industry sector* as of Nov. 17, 2021



*North American Industry Classification System

Half of all claims were from hospitals and nursing homes

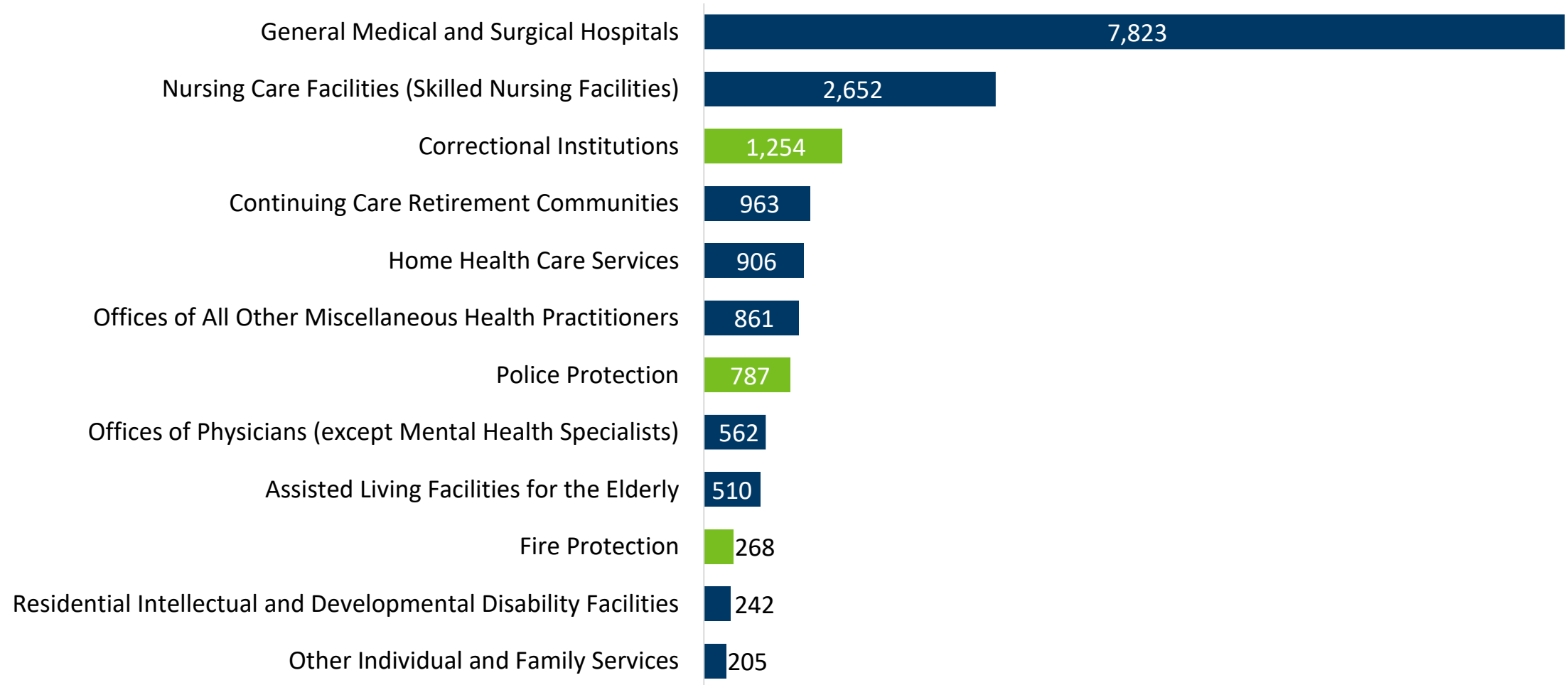
Detailed industries* with 200 or more CV-19 claims filed as of Nov. 17, 2021



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Hospitals and nursing homes have 56% of the paid CV-19 claims

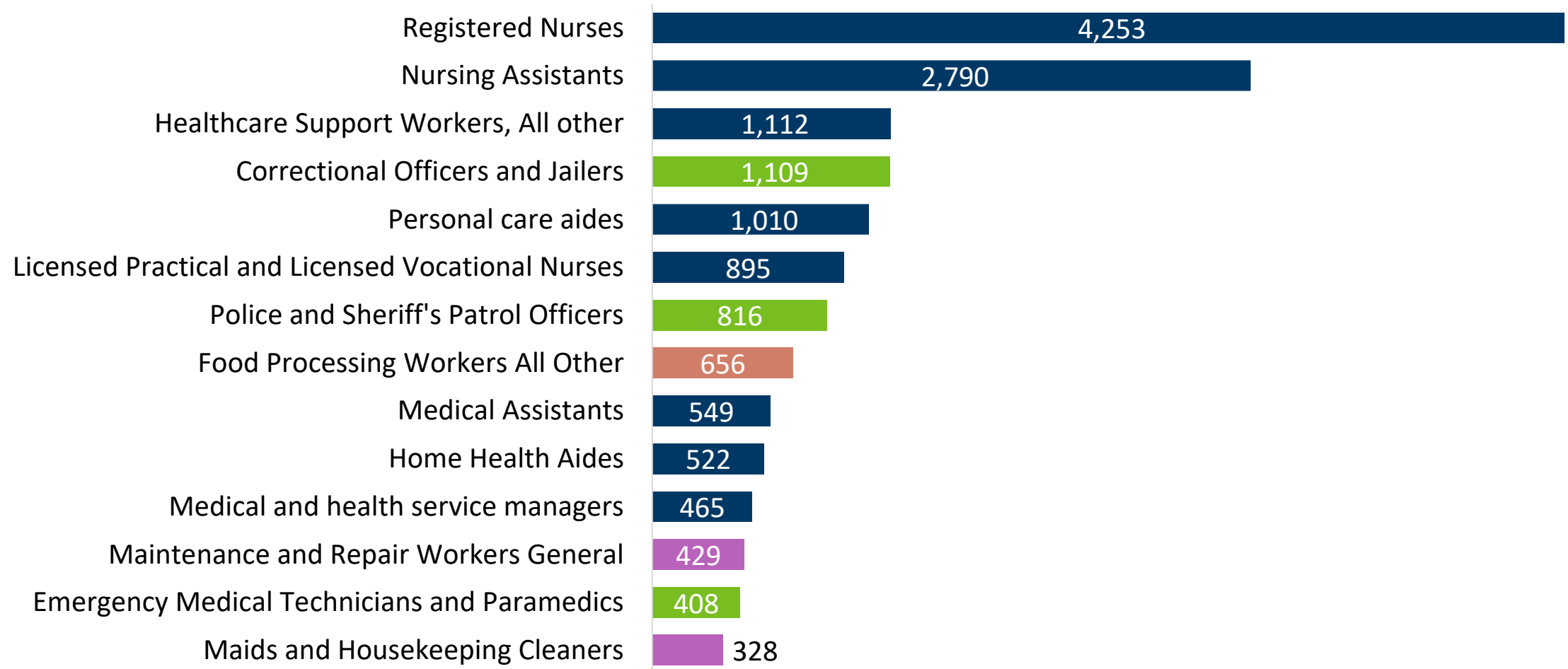
Detailed industries* with 150 or more CV-19 accepted or paid indemnity claims as of Nov. 17, 2021



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RNs and nursing aides reported the most claims

Specific occupations* with 250 or more claims as of Nov. 17, 2021



*Standard Occupation Classification. Occupation data unavailable for 2,759 claims.

120 CV-19 claims with vocational rehabilitation

Voc rehab utilization

- 0.6% of CV-19 indemnity claims have a voc rehab plan
- 80 plans open, 40 closed
- 49% of plans for claims have illness dates from Oct., Nov., Dec. 2020
- 80% are health care workers, 8% work in corrections

Closed plans

- Employment outcomes:
 - 61% return to pre-injury employer
 - 8% find a new employer
 - 32% did not return to work
- Mean plan cost is \$4,400
- Mean plan duration is 6.7 months