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**Update on Payments Awarded for Covid-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment And
Enhanced Illness Benefit - Statistics**

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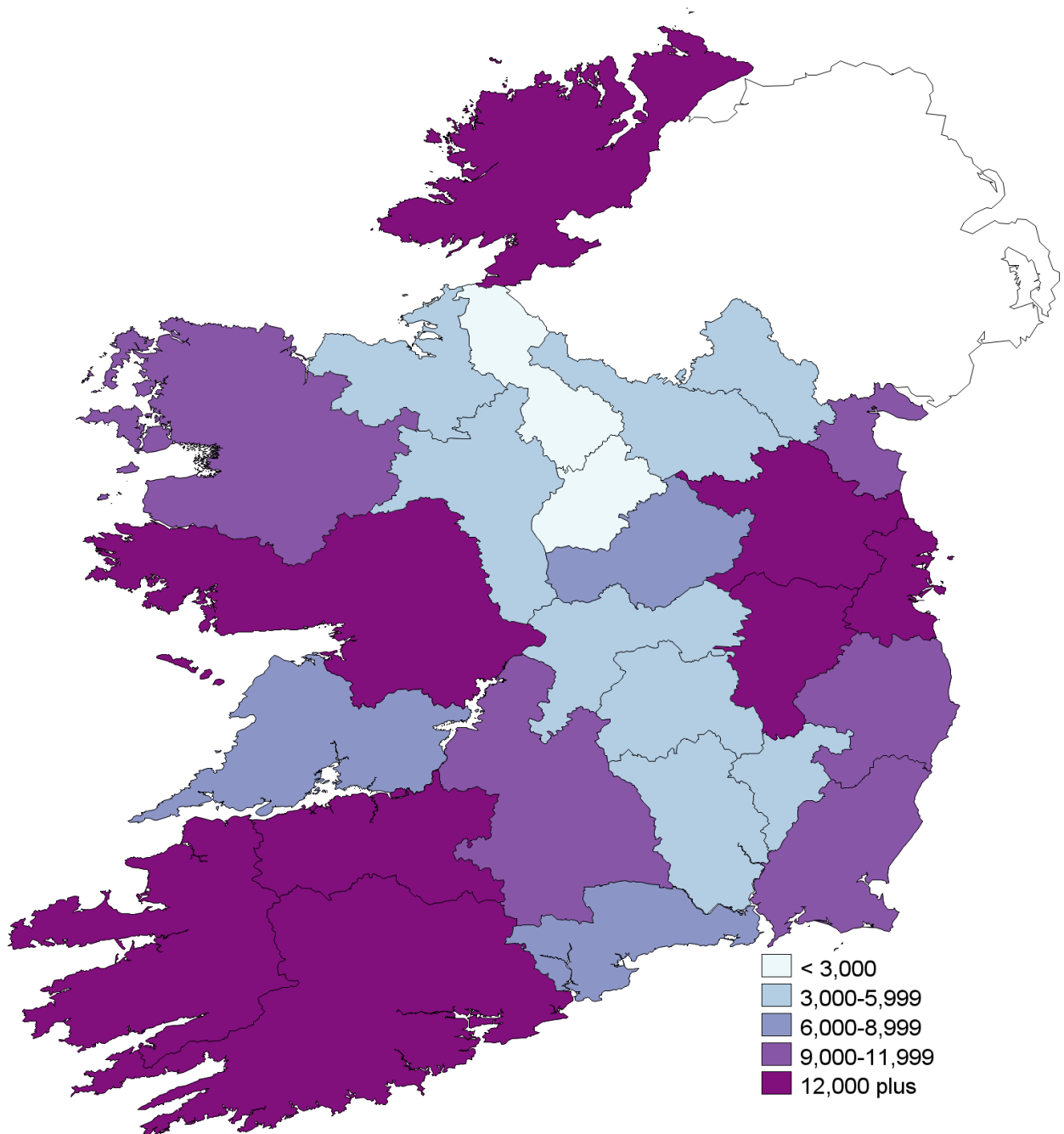
Analysis of Pandemic Unemployment Payments

There are 348,256 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 174,554 are female and 173,702 are male.

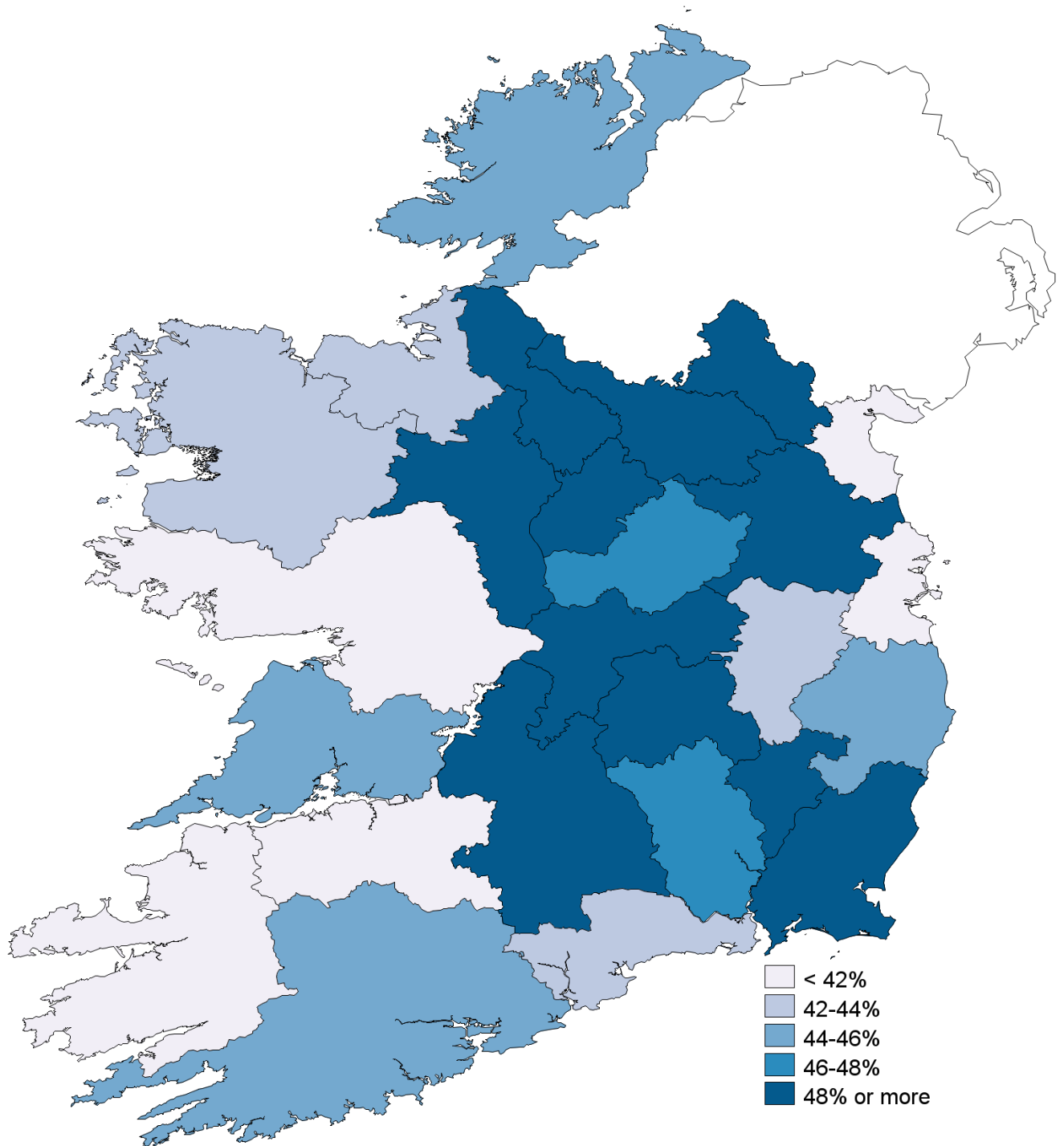
County Breakdown

County	Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 8th December	Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 1st December	Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 5th May
Carlow	3,632	3,676	7,800
Cavan	4,676	4,702	9,700
Clare	7,398	7,495	14,600
Cork	34,707	35,141	61,900
Donegal	12,375	12,440	22,700
Dublin	113,692	114,530	174,200
Galway	19,244	19,500	32,300
Kerry	13,815	14,000	22,200
Kildare	15,160	15,360	26,100
Kilkenny	5,453	5,556	10,600
Laois	4,513	4,622	8,600
Leitrim	2,024	2,043	4,100
Limerick	13,589	13,803	22,300
Longford	2,324	2,342	4,500
Louth	10,822	10,879	17,300
Mayo	9,489	9,538	16,400
Meath	12,961	13,081	25,000
Monaghan	4,229	4,211	8,200
Offaly	4,321	4,379	8,900
Roscommon	3,498	3,513	7,100
Sligo	4,318	4,355	7,700
Tipperary	9,279	9,383	18,800
Waterford	8,198	8,354	14,100
Westmeath	6,497	6,583	11,700
Wexford	10,536	10,698	20,500
Wicklow	10,558	10,637	18,700
County not included	948	603	2,000
Total	348,256	351,424	598,000

Total pandemic unemployment payments by county



% decrease in number of recipients of PUP payments since peak, by county



Pandemic Unemployment Payment Sector breakdowns

The sector with the highest number of people in receipt of the Pandemic Unemployment Payment is Accommodation and Food Service Activities (101,335) followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (55,173) and Other Sectors (31,008).

Sector Breakdown

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 8 th December	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 1 st December	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 5 th May
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	4,572	4,502	8,600
Manufacturing	15,536	15,555	37,400
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	1,121	1,130	2,100
Construction	21,459	21,368	79,300
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	55,173	56,893	90,300
Transportation and storage	9,251	9,249	17,900
Accommodation and food service activities	101,335	102,321	128,500
Information and communication activities	7,617	7,609	11,800
Financial and insurance activities	7,138	7,143	12,500
Real Estate activities	5,370	5,437	8,100
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	13,184	13,241	24,800
Administrative and support service activities	29,904	29,917	45,800
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	5,321	5,331	14,400
Education	10,123	10,187	22,000
Human Health And Social Work activities	10,161	10,215	22,500
Arts, entertainment and recreation	11,951	12,036	14,200
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressers and beauty salons	31,008	31,361	39,200
Unclassified or unknown	8,032	7,929	18,600
Total	348,256	351,424	598,000

Note: The sector breakdowns are estimated from the NACE code of the last known employer.

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by sector

	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 8 th December	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 8 th December	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 8 th December	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 8 th December
Industrial Sector				
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	2,013	867	779	913
Manufacturing	8,907	2,408	2,017	2,204
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	736	142	110	133
Construction	12,940	2,850	2,579	3,090
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	22,425	10,805	11,541	10,402
Transportation and storage	5,161	1,401	1,317	1,372
Accommodation and food service activities	42,443	21,568	20,552	16,772
Information and communication activities	4,003	1,000	1,153	1,461
Financial and insurance activities	3,509	973	1,113	1,543
Real Estate activities	2,426	968	954	1,022
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	7,218	1,982	1,800	2,184
Administrative and support service activities	15,225	4,977	4,746	4,956
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	2,164	748	933	1,476
Education	3,910	1,688	2,000	2,525
Human Health And Social Work activities	4,121	1,823	2,008	2,209
Arts, entertainment and recreation	4,691	2,058	2,337	2,865
Other Sectors	12,204	6,430	6,026	6,348
Unclassified or unknown	1,361	753	1,212	4,706
Total	155,457	63,441	63,177	66,181

Note: The sector breakdowns are estimated from the NACE code of the last known employer.

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Age Profile

Age category	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 8 th December	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 1 st December
< 25	88,075	89,254
25-34	79,456	80,165
35-44	75,769	76,356
45-54	59,560	60,091
55+	45,396	45,558
Total	348,256	351,424

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 8 th December	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 8 th December	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 8 th December	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 8 th December
Male	91,879	28,515	25,685	27,623
Female	63,578	34,926	37,492	38,558
Total	155,457	63,441	63,177	66,181

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 8 th December	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 8 th December	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 8 th December	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 8 th December
< 25	21,349	20,702	24,769	21,255
25-34	42,882	15,278	11,221	10,075
35-44	40,861	11,735	10,635	12,538
45-54	30,131	8,905	9,037	11,487
55+	20,234	6,821	7,515	10,826
Total	155,457	63,441	63,177	66,181

Analysis of People who Closed their PUP Claim to Return to Work

Around 25,350 people who have closed their account for return to work since 29th November will receive a Pandemic Unemployment Payment tomorrow, 8th December. Of these 16,876 are female and 8,474 are male.

County	Number of people who closed their PUP payment from 8 th December to return to work	Number of people who closed their PUP payment from 1 st December to return to work	Number of people who closed their PUP payment from 24 th November to return to work
Carlow	353	52	40
Cavan	336	84	79
Clare	516	89	69
Cork	3,265	485	383
Donegal	814	145	110
Dublin	6,441	1,317	897
Galway	1,458	266	166
Kerry	859	155	93
Kildare	1,244	242	182
Kilkenny	486	70	49
Laois	416	78	48
Leitrim	140	10	12
Limerick	1,181	225	147
Longford	163	29	27
Louth	814	112	99
Mayo	690	108	76
Meath	912	188	154
Monaghan	292	46	39
Offaly	336	72	50
Roscommon	277	40	35
Sligo	358	43	46
Tipperary	837	133	98
Waterford	784	119	80
Westmeath	558	97	67
Wexford	1,019	174	110
Wicklow	767	138	88
County not included	34	10	7
Total	25,350	4,527	3,251

Closed Pandemic Unemployment Payments - Sector Breakdown

The top sectors from which employees closed their Pandemic Unemployment Payment to return to work are Wholesale and Retail Trade (7,298), Other Sectors e.g. hairdressers and beauty salons (6,635), Accommodation and Food Service Activities (3,968), and Administrative and Support Service Activities (1,077).

Sector Breakdown

Industrial Sector	Number of people who closed their PUP payment from 8th December to return to work	Number of people who closed their PUP payment from 1st December to return to work
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	156	36
Manufacturing	871	287
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	50	13
Construction	696	358
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	7,298	1,423
Transportation and storage	211	96
Accommodation and food service activities	3,968	847
Information and communication activities	287	86
Financial and insurance activities	373	69
Real Estate activities	366	62
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	612	201
Administrative and support service activities	1,077	379
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	301	74
Education	498	140
Human Health And Social Work activities	620	193
Arts, entertainment and recreation	935	85
Other Sectors (e.g. hairdressers and beauty salons)	6,635	144
Unclassified or unknown	396	34
Total	25,350	4,527

Note: The sector breakdowns are estimated from the NACE code of the last known employer.

Closed Pandemic Unemployment Payments – Age Profile

Age category	Number of people who closed their PUP payment from 8th December to return to work	Number of people who closed their PUP payment from 1st December to return to work
< 25	5,330	1,095
25-34	6,034	1,203
35-44	6,066	1,024
45-54	4,758	765
55+	3,162	440
Total	25,350	4,527

Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date, 92,629 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment - 50,612 are female and 42,017 are male.

Some 1,855 people are currently in receipt of an Enhanced Illness Benefit payment.

County Breakdown (based on the county recorded on the Illness Benefit certificate)

County	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 8 th December	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 1 st December	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 24 th November
Carlow	1,288	1,269	1,244
Cavan	2,386	2,339	2,310
Clare	1,686	1,661	1,633
Cork	10,027	9,908	9,724
Donegal	2,799	2,718	2,628
Dublin	25,355	24,994	24,607
Galway	5,639	5,560	5,464
Kerry	2,192	2,167	2,115
Kildare	4,420	4,369	4,320
Kilkenny	1,900	1,858	1,826
Laois	1,551	1,528	1,507
Leitrim	409	402	397
Limerick	3,235	3,184	3,077
Longford	770	759	746
Louth	2,695	2,635	2,581
Mayo	2,223	2,156	2,082
Meath	3,749	3,695	3,609
Monaghan	1,703	1,677	1,644
Offaly	1,445	1,434	1,407
Roscommon	1,319	1,301	1,278
Sligo	906	891	866
Tipperary	3,390	3,327	3,230
Waterford	3,368	3,319	3,212
Westmeath	1,677	1,658	1,635
Wexford	3,142	3,103	3,064
Wicklow	2,685	2,649	2,617
Other (NI & Foreign Address)	670	614	576
Total	92,629	91,175	89,399

Covid-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit - Sector Breakdown

The sectors with the highest number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 Illness Benefit payment to date are Wholesale and Retail Trade (19,789) and Human Health and Social Work (16,768), followed by Manufacturing (12,882).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 8 th December	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 1 st December	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 24 th November
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	931	911	880
Manufacturing	12,882	12,654	12,356
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	469	464	451
Construction	4,222	4,143	4,048
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	19,789	19,521	19,163
Transportation and storage	3,366	3,313	3,263
Accommodation and food service activities	5,818	5,682	5,553
Information and communication activities	1,507	1,483	1,469
Financial and insurance activities	3,286	3,248	3,205
Real Estate activities	760	751	747
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	2,906	2,859	2,798
Administrative and support service activities	8,157	8,012	7,860
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	3,728	3,670	3,594
Education	2,536	2,483	2,410
Human Health And Social Work activities	16,768	16,591	16,381
Arts, entertainment and recreation	886	877	867
Other Sectors	3,161	3,127	3,070
Unclassified or unknown	1,457	1,386	1,284
Total	92,629	91,175	89,399

Note: The sector breakdowns are estimated from the NACE code of the last known employer.

Enhanced Illness Benefit Age Profile

Age category	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 8 th December	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 1 st December	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 24 th November
< 25	14,214	13,969	13,611
25-34	23,065	22,676	22,202
35-44	25,267	24,888	24,483
45-54	18,311	18,037	17,720
55+	11,772	11,605	11,383
Total	92,629	91,175	89,399

Christmas Bonus paid to recipients of Pandemic Unemployment Payment – County Breakdown

County	Number of PUP recipients receiving Christmas Bonus on 8 th December	Amount of Christmas Bonus payment to PUP recipients on 8 th December
Carlow	3,028	€880,481
Cavan	3,802	€1,094,104
Clare	6,092	€1,800,526
Cork	27,857	€8,087,290
Donegal	10,389	€2,974,255
Dublin	92,266	€27,448,095
Galway	15,824	€4,676,587
Kerry	11,377	€3,400,739
Kildare	12,226	€3,591,343
Kilkenny	4,434	€1,300,398
Laois	3,678	€1,074,376
Leitrim	1,727	€490,981
Limerick	10,916	€3,184,010
Longford	1,861	€532,205
Louth	8,865	€2,570,206
Mayo	7,661	€2,235,792
Meath	10,630	€3,122,255
Monaghan	3,262	€932,926
Offaly	3,511	€1,020,065
Roscommon	2,873	€819,218
Sligo	3,537	€1,019,516
Tipperary	7,561	€2,184,138
Waterford	6,517	€1,886,956
Westmeath	5,251	€1,528,317
Wexford	8,488	€2,493,874
Wicklow	8,628	€2,522,116
County not included	860	€264,267
Total	283,121	€83,135,036

Christmas Bonus Paid to PUP recipients – Age Breakdown

Age category	Number of PUP recipients receiving Christmas Bonus on 8 th December	Amount of Christmas Bonus being paid to PUP recipients on 8 th December
< 25	62,239	€17,065,167
25-34	64,373	€19,685,592
35-44	63,849	€19,233,305
45-54	51,918	€15,387,096
55+	40,742	€11,763,876
Total	283,121	€83,135,036