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

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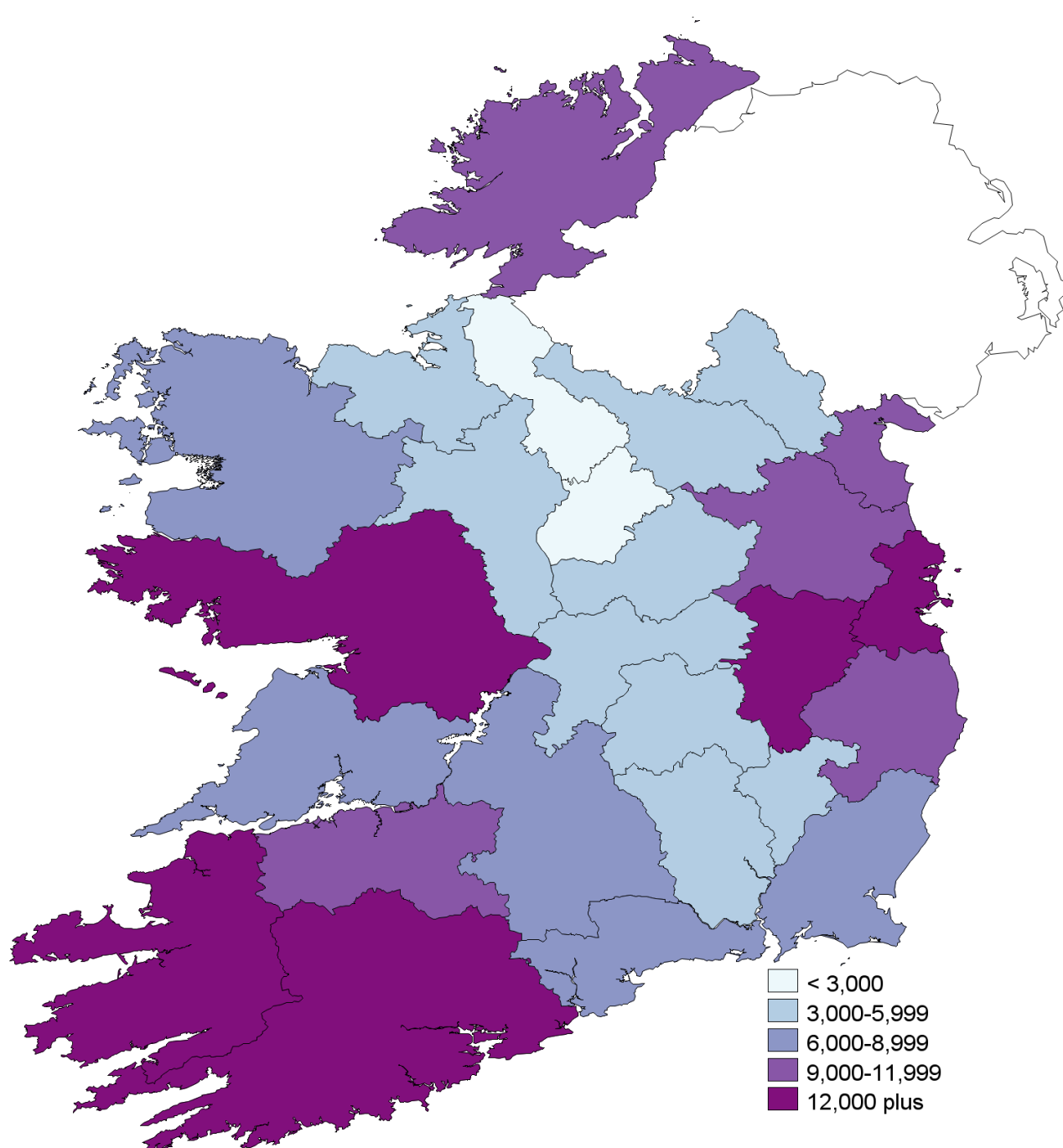
Analysis of Pandemic Unemployment Payments

There are 306,220 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 159,996 are male and 146,224 are female.

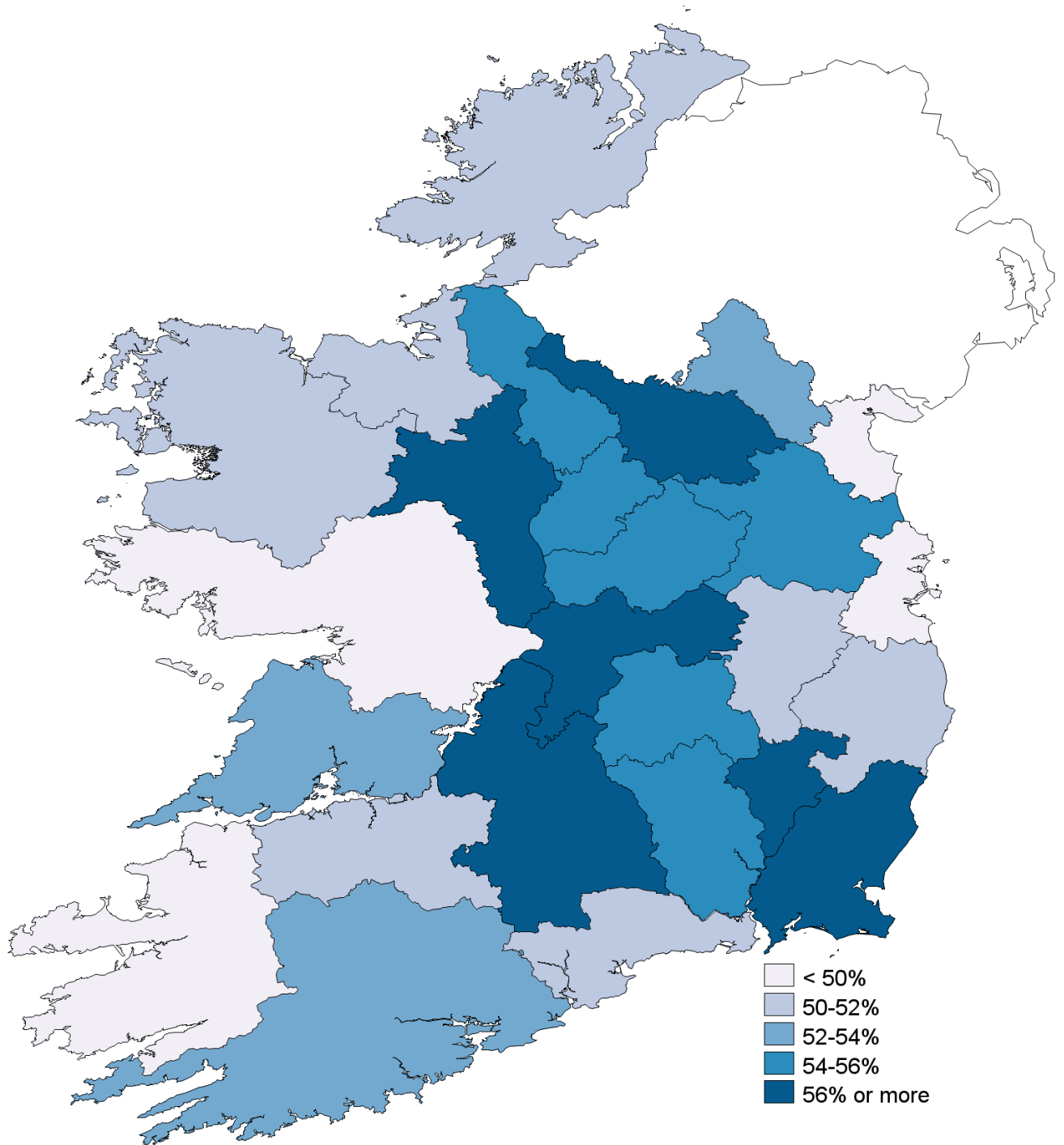
County Breakdown

County	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 15th December	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 8th December	Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 5th May
Carlow	3,069	3,632	7,800
Cavan	4,074	4,676	9,700
Clare	6,539	7,398	14,600
Cork	29,079	34,707	61,900
Donegal	10,991	12,375	22,700
Dublin	103,115	113,692	174,200
Galway	16,668	19,244	32,300
Kerry	12,282	13,815	22,200
Kildare	13,257	15,160	26,100
Kilkenny	4,683	5,453	10,600
Laois	3,876	4,513	8,600
Leitrim	1,793	2,024	4,100
Limerick	11,615	13,589	22,300
Longford	2,077	2,324	4,500
Louth	9,585	10,822	17,300
Mayo	8,315	9,489	16,400
Meath	11,497	12,961	25,000
Monaghan	3,843	4,229	8,200
Offaly	3,835	4,321	8,900
Roscommon	3,031	3,498	7,100
Sligo	3,737	4,318	7,700
Tipperary	7,899	9,279	18,800
Waterford	6,977	8,198	14,100
Westmeath	5,546	6,497	11,700
Wexford	8,807	10,536	20,500
Wicklow	9,269	10,558	18,700
County not included	761	948	2,000
Total	306,220	348,256	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 (88,659) followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (45,197) and Administrative and support service activities (28,705).

Sector Breakdown

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 15 th December	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 8 th December	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 5 th May
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	4,429	4,572	8,600
Manufacturing	14,626	15,536	37,400
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	1,081	1,121	2,100
Construction	21,154	21,459	79,300
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	45,197	55,173	90,300
Transportation and storage	9,089	9,251	17,900
Accommodation and food service activities	88,659	101,335	128,500
Information and communication activities	7,230	7,617	11,800
Financial and insurance activities	6,601	7,138	12,500
Real Estate activities	4,758	5,370	8,100
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	12,451	13,184	24,800
Administrative and support service activities	28,705	29,904	45,800
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	4,941	5,321	14,400
Education	9,474	10,123	22,000
Human Health And Social Work activities	9,613	10,161	22,500
Arts, entertainment and recreation	10,530	11,951	14,200
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	20,117	31,008	39,200
Unclassified or unknown	7,565	8,032	18,600
Total	306,220	348,256	598,000

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

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by sector

Industrial Sector	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 15th December	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 15th December	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 15th December	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 15th December
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	1,965	841	736	887
Manufacturing	8,466	2,226	1,858	2,076
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	714	138	105	124
Construction	12,872	2,777	2,497	3,008
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	17,886	8,716	9,502	9,093
Transportation and storage	5,092	1,384	1,282	1,331
Accommodation and food service activities	35,775	18,883	18,439	15,562
Information and communication activities	3,866	925	1,050	1,389
Financial and insurance activities	3,237	894	1,013	1,457
Real Estate activities	2,123	837	841	957
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	6,819	1,866	1,686	2,080
Administrative and support service activities	14,628	4,780	4,529	4,768
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	1,995	698	862	1,386
Education	3,630	1,575	1,867	2,402
Human Health And Social Work activities	3,860	1,744	1,893	2,116
Arts, entertainment and recreation	3,990	1,780	2,088	2,672
Other Sectors	7,043	3,995	4,143	4,936
Unclassified or unknown	1,284	678	1,104	4,499
Total	135,245	54,737	55,495	60,743

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 15 th December	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 8 th December
< 25	77,516	88,075
25-34	69,314	79,456
35-44	66,134	75,769
45-54	52,363	59,560
55+	40,893	45,396
Total	306,220	348,256

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 15 th December	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 15 th December	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 15 th December	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 15 th December
Male	83,693	26,110	23,820	26,373
Female	51,552	28,627	31,675	34,370
Total	135,245	54,737	55,495	60,743

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 15 th December	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 15 th December	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 15 th December	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 15 th December
< 25	18,875	17,884	21,611	19,146
25-34	36,924	13,182	9,927	9,281
35-44	35,450	10,005	9,202	11,477
45-54	26,145	7,622	7,951	10,645
55+	17,851	6,044	6,804	10,194
Total	135,245	54,737	55,495	60,743

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

Around 40,075 people who have closed their account for return to work since 5th December will receive a Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 15th December. Of these 15,206 are male and 24,869 are female.

County	Number of people who closed their PUP payment from 15 th December to return to work	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
Carlow	480	353	52
Cavan	696	336	84
Clare	816	516	89
Cork	5,037	3,265	485
Donegal	1,496	814	145
Dublin	10,295	6,441	1,317
Galway	2,395	1,458	266
Kerry	1,536	859	155
Kildare	1,752	1,244	242
Kilkenny	761	486	70
Laois	613	416	78
Leitrim	236	140	10
Limerick	1,741	1,181	225
Longford	274	163	29
Louth	1,292	814	112
Mayo	1,193	690	108
Meath	1,428	912	188
Monaghan	458	292	46
Offaly	465	336	72
Roscommon	421	277	40
Sligo	542	358	43
Tipperary	1,242	837	133
Waterford	1,142	784	119
Westmeath	916	558	97
Wexford	1,535	1,019	174
Wicklow	1,292	767	138
County not included	21	34	10
Total	40,075	25,350	4,527

Closed Pandemic Unemployment Payments - Sector Breakdown

The top sectors from which employees closed their Pandemic Unemployment Payment to return to work are Accommodation and Food Service Activities (17,478), Other Sectors (6,858) and Wholesale and Retail Trade (6,693).

Sector Breakdown

	Number of people who closed their PUP payment from 15th December to return to work	Number of people who closed their PUP payment from 8th December to return to work
Industrial Sector		
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	214	156
Manufacturing	950	871
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	44	50
Construction	776	696
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	6,693	7,298
Transportation and storage	283	211
Accommodation and food service activities	17,478	3,968
Information and communication activities	515	287
Financial and insurance activities	500	373
Real Estate activities	523	366
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	711	612
Administrative and support service activities	1,261	1,077
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	317	301
Education	618	498
Human Health And Social Work activities	565	620
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,362	935
Other Sectors	6,858	6,635
Unclassified or unknown	407	396
Total	40,075	25,350

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 15th December to return to work	Number of people who closed their PUP payment from 8th December to return to work
< 25	12,014	5,330
25-34	9,323	6,034
35-44	8,947	6,066
45-54	6,103	4,758
55+	3,688	3,162
Total	40,075	25,350

Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date, 93,657 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 51,152 are female and 42,505 are male.

Some 1,691 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 15 th December	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
Carlow	1,305	1,288	1,269
Cavan	2,393	2,386	2,339
Clare	1,702	1,686	1,661
Cork	10,120	10,027	9,908
Donegal	2,860	2,799	2,718
Dublin	25,617	25,355	24,994
Galway	5,712	5,639	5,560
Kerry	2,216	2,192	2,167
Kildare	4,468	4,420	4,369
Kilkenny	1,932	1,900	1,858
Laois	1,564	1,551	1,528
Leitrim	412	409	402
Limerick	3,308	3,235	3,184
Longford	781	770	759
Louth	2,734	2,695	2,635
Mayo	2,244	2,223	2,156
Meath	3,787	3,749	3,695
Monaghan	1,728	1,703	1,677
Offaly	1,458	1,445	1,434
Roscommon	1,330	1,319	1,301
Sligo	914	906	891
Tipperary	3,426	3,390	3,327
Waterford	3,399	3,368	3,319
Westmeath	1,684	1,677	1,658
Wexford	3,166	3,142	3,103
Wicklow	2,719	2,685	2,649
Other (NI & Foreign Address)	678	670	614
Total	93,657	92,629	91,175

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 (19,989) and Human Health and Social Work (16,922), followed by Manufacturing (13,022).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 15 th December	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
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	942	931	911
Manufacturing	13,022	12,882	12,654
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	474	469	464
Construction	4,276	4,222	4,143
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	19,989	19,789	19,521
Transportation and storage	3,414	3,366	3,313
Accommodation and food service activities	5,891	5,818	5,682
Information and communication activities	1,518	1,507	1,483
Financial and insurance activities	3,318	3,286	3,248
Real Estate activities	766	760	751
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	2,946	2,906	2,859
Administrative and support service activities	8,238	8,157	8,012
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	3,769	3,728	3,670
Education	2,571	2,536	2,483
Human Health And Social Work activities	16,922	16,768	16,591
Arts, entertainment and recreation	901	886	877
Other Sectors	3,180	3,161	3,127
Unclassified or unknown	1,520	1,457	1,386
Total	93,657	92,629	91,175

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 15 th December	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
< 25	14,370	14,214	13,969
25-34	23,371	23,065	22,676
35-44	25,523	25,267	24,888
45-54	18,504	18,311	18,037
55+	11,889	11,772	11,605
Total	93,657	92,629	91,175