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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 277,671 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 128,467 are female and 149,204 are male.

County Breakdown

County	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 22nd December	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 15th December	Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 5th May
Carlow	2,749	3,069	7,800
Cavan	3,618	4,074	9,700
Clare	5,928	6,539	14,600
Cork	25,523	29,079	61,900
Donegal	9,853	10,991	22,700
Dublin	95,866	103,115	174,200
Galway	14,882	16,668	32,300
Kerry	11,199	12,282	22,200
Kildare	11,894	13,257	26,100
Kilkenny	4,110	4,683	10,600
Laois	3,462	3,876	8,600
Leitrim	1,625	1,793	4,100
Limerick	10,396	11,615	22,300
Longford	1,879	2,077	4,500
Louth	8,787	9,585	17,300
Mayo	7,456	8,315	16,400
Meath	10,513	11,497	25,000
Monaghan	3,508	3,843	8,200
Offaly	3,427	3,835	8,900
Roscommon	2,723	3,031	7,100
Sligo	3,359	3,737	7,700
Tipperary	7,012	7,899	18,800
Waterford	6,089	6,977	14,100
Westmeath	4,858	5,546	11,700
Wexford	7,830	8,807	20,500
Wicklow	8,325	9,269	18,700
County not included	800	761	2,000
Total	277,671	306,220	598,000

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 (74,101) followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (40,406) and Administrative and support service activities (28,099).

Sector Breakdown

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 22 nd December	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 15 th December	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 5 th May
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	4,313	4,429	8,600
Manufacturing	14,243	14,626	37,400
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	1,064	1,081	2,100
Construction	21,086	21,154	79,300
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	40,406	45,197	90,300
Transportation and storage	8,947	9,089	17,900
Accommodation and food service activities	74,101	88,659	128,500
Information and communication activities	6,872	7,230	11,800
Financial and insurance activities	6,239	6,601	12,500
Real Estate activities	4,356	4,758	8,100
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	11,967	12,451	24,800
Administrative and support service activities	28,099	28,705	45,800
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	4,731	4,941	14,400
Education	9,056	9,474	22,000
Human Health And Social Work activities	9,370	9,613	22,500
Arts, entertainment and recreation	9,461	10,530	14,200
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	16,008	20,117	39,200
Unclassified or unknown	7,352	7,565	18,600
Total	277,671	306,220	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 22nd December	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 22nd December	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 22nd December	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 22nd December
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	1,942	820	695	856
Manufacturing	8,359	2,133	1,764	1,987
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	716	130	97	121
Construction	12,949	2,728	2,438	2,971
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	16,286	7,770	8,205	8,145
Transportation and storage	5,040	1,363	1,251	1,293
Accommodation and food service activities	29,069	15,738	15,558	13,736
Information and communication activities	3,765	847	957	1,303
Financial and insurance activities	3,058	836	941	1,404
Real Estate activities	1,927	775	750	904
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	6,591	1,777	1,586	2,013
Administrative and support service activities	14,409	4,657	4,371	4,662
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	1,932	646	818	1,335
Education	3,505	1,498	1,748	2,305
Human Health And Social Work activities	3,779	1,720	1,820	2,051
Arts, entertainment and recreation	3,592	1,572	1,854	2,443
Other Sectors	5,472	3,084	3,279	4,173
Unclassified or unknown	1,284	648	1,048	4,372
Total	123,675	48,742	49,180	56,074

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 22 nd December	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 15 th December
< 25	67,396	77,516
25-34	62,971	69,314
35-44	60,346	66,134
45-54	48,439	52,363
55+	38,519	40,893
Total	277,671	306,220

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 22 nd December	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 22 nd December	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 22 nd December	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 22 nd December
Male	77,916	24,129	21,971	25,188
Female	45,759	24,613	27,209	30,886
Total	123,675	48,742	49,180	56,074

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 22 nd December	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 22 nd December	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 22 nd December	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 22 nd December
< 25	17,172	15,347	18,148	16,729
25-34	33,496	11,817	8,977	8,681
35-44	32,316	9,024	8,280	10,726
45-54	24,030	6,910	7,370	10,129
55+	16,661	5,644	6,405	9,809
Total	123,675	48,742	49,180	56,074

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

Around 16,593 people who have closed their account for return to work since 12th December will receive a Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 22nd December. Of these 6,964 are male and 9,629 are female.

County	Number of people who closed their PUP payment from 22 nd December to return to work	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
Carlow	185	480	353
Cavan	248	696	336
Clare	365	816	516
Cork	1,796	5,037	3,265
Donegal	606	1,496	814
Dublin	4,608	10,295	6,441
Galway	980	2,395	1,458
Kerry	643	1,536	859
Kildare	760	1,752	1,244
Kilkenny	329	761	486
Laois	216	613	416
Leitrim	100	236	140
Limerick	692	1,741	1,181
Longford	120	274	163
Louth	501	1,292	814
Mayo	509	1,193	690
Meath	572	1,428	912
Monaghan	220	458	292
Offaly	215	465	336
Roscommon	185	421	277
Sligo	224	542	358
Tipperary	526	1,242	837
Waterford	509	1,142	784
Westmeath	382	916	558
Wexford	550	1,535	1,019
Wicklow	531	1,292	767
County not included	21	21	34
Total	16,593	40,075	25,350

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 (7,760), Wholesale and Retail Trade (2,503) and Other Sectors (2,125).

Sector Breakdown

	Number of people who closed their PUP payment from 22 nd December to return to work	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
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	123	214	156
Manufacturing	442	950	871
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	16	44	50
Construction	363	776	696
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	2,503	6,693	7,298
Transportation and storage	211	283	211
Accommodation and food service activities	7,760	17,478	3,968
Information and communication activities	244	515	287
Financial and insurance activities	188	500	373
Real Estate activities	232	523	366
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	337	711	612
Administrative and support service activities	635	1,261	1,077
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	133	317	301
Education	258	618	498
Human Health And Social Work activities	306	565	620
Arts, entertainment and recreation	558	1,362	935
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	2,125	6,858	6,635
Unclassified or unknown	159	407	396
Total	16,593	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 22nd December to return to work	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	5,521	12,014	5,330
25-34	3,897	9,323	6,034
35-44	3,474	8,947	6,066
45-54	2,379	6,103	4,758
55+	1,322	3,688	3,162
Total	16,593	40,075	25,350

Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date, 95,233 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment of whom 51,971 are female and 43,262 are male.

Some 1,724 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 22 nd December	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
Carlow	1,335	1,305	1,288
Cavan	2,449	2,393	2,386
Clare	1,730	1,702	1,686
Cork	10,238	10,120	10,027
Donegal	2,926	2,860	2,799
Dublin	26,000	25,617	25,355
Galway	5,787	5,712	5,639
Kerry	2,240	2,216	2,192
Kildare	4,515	4,468	4,420
Kilkenny	1,982	1,932	1,900
Laois	1,592	1,564	1,551
Leitrim	420	412	409
Limerick	3,381	3,308	3,235
Longford	804	781	770
Louth	2,806	2,734	2,695
Mayo	2,356	2,244	2,223
Meath	3,829	3,787	3,749
Monaghan	1,749	1,728	1,703
Offaly	1,469	1,458	1,445
Roscommon	1,354	1,330	1,319
Sligo	929	914	906
Tipperary	3,481	3,426	3,390
Waterford	3,468	3,399	3,368
Westmeath	1,699	1,684	1,677
Wexford	3,221	3,166	3,142
Wicklow	2,760	2,719	2,685
Other (NI & Foreign Address)	713	678	670
Total	95,233	93,657	92,629

Covid-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit - Sector Breakdown

The two 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 (20,280) and Human Health and Social Work (17,137), followed by Manufacturing (13,266).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 22 nd December	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
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	960	942	931
Manufacturing	13,266	13,022	12,882
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	482	474	469
Construction	4,361	4,276	4,222
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	20,280	19,989	19,789
Transportation and storage	3,473	3,414	3,366
Accommodation and food service activities	6,032	5,891	5,818
Information and communication activities	1,539	1,518	1,507
Financial and insurance activities	3,363	3,318	3,286
Real Estate activities	774	766	760
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	2,990	2,946	2,906
Administrative and support service activities	8,351	8,238	8,157
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	3,830	3,769	3,728
Education	2,634	2,571	2,536
Human Health And Social Work activities	17,137	16,922	16,768
Arts, entertainment and recreation	921	901	886
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	3,233	3,180	3,161
Unclassified or unknown	1,607	1,520	1,457
Total	95,233	93,657	92,629

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 22 nd December	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
< 25	14,622	14,370	14,214
25-34	23,814	23,371	23,065
35-44	25,932	25,523	25,267
45-54	18,799	18,504	18,311
55+	12,066	11,889	11,772
Total	95,233	93,657	92,629