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

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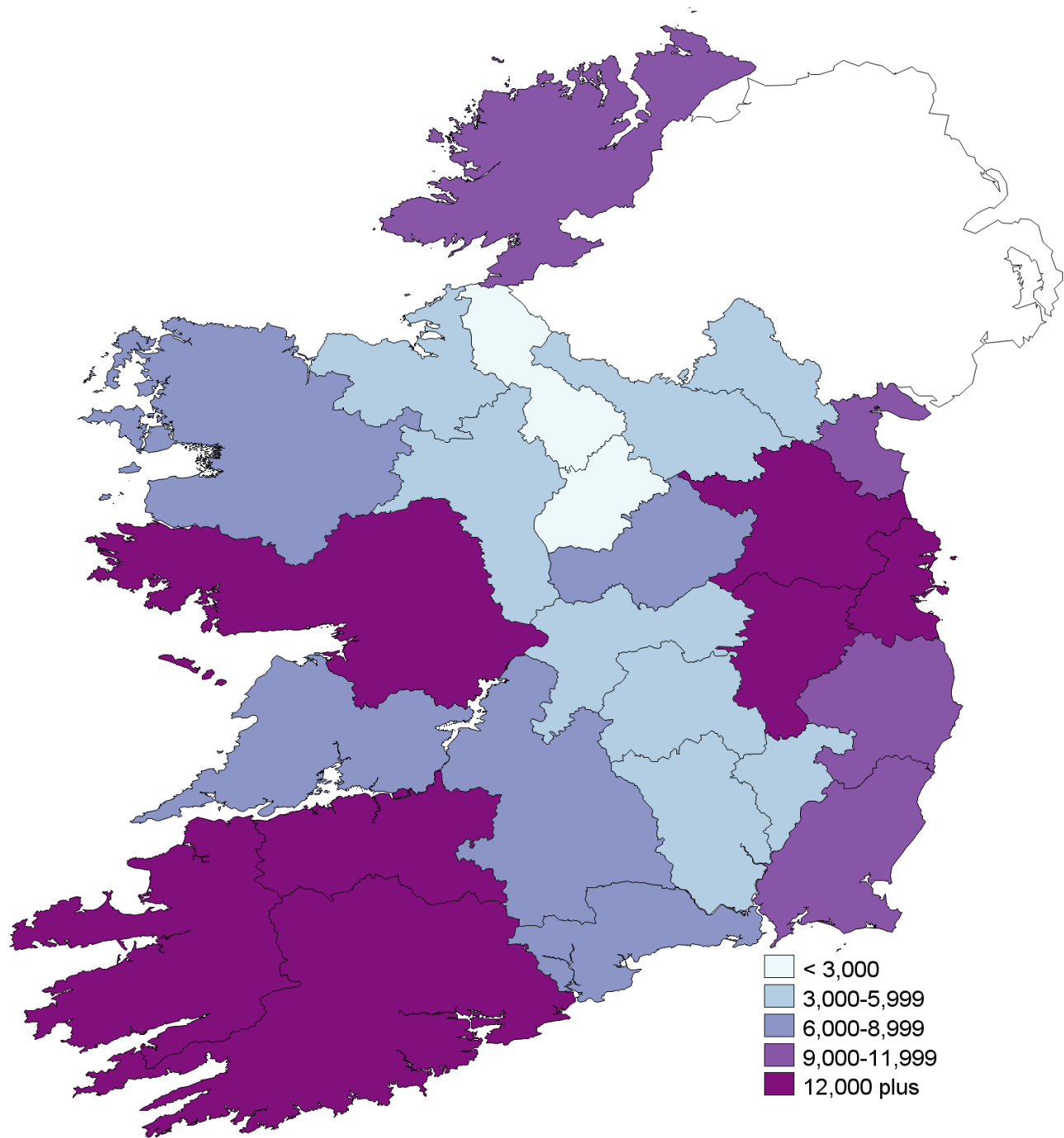
Analysis of Pandemic Unemployment Payments

There are 335,599 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 164,044 are female and 171,555 are male.

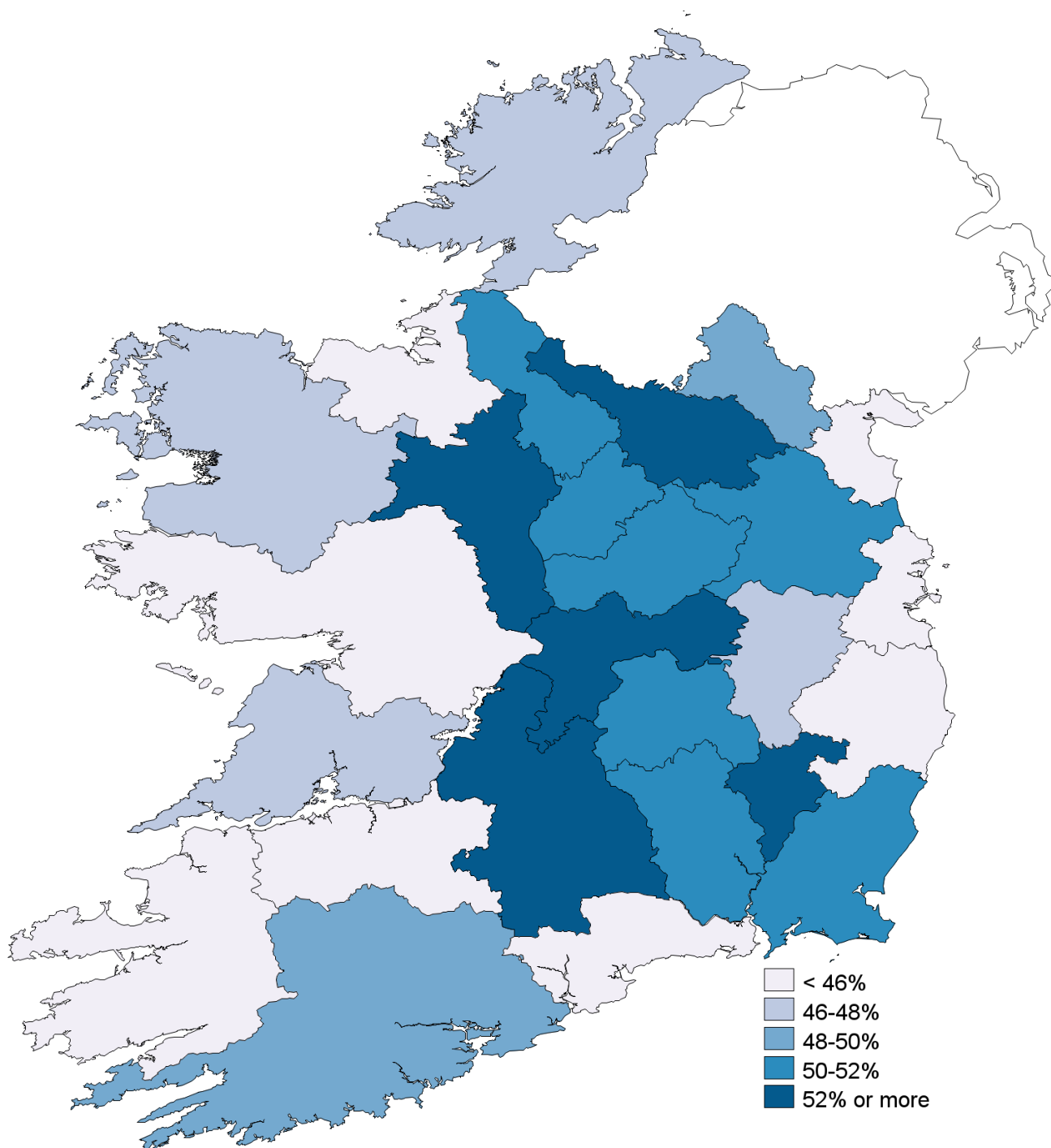
County Breakdown

County	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 5th January	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 22nd December	Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 5th May
Carlow	3,498	2,749	7,800
Cavan	4,509	3,618	9,700
Clare	7,112	5,928	14,600
Cork	32,761	25,523	61,900
Donegal	11,942	9,853	22,700
Dublin	111,173	95,866	174,200
Galway	18,233	14,882	32,300
Kerry	13,323	11,199	22,200
Kildare	14,251	11,894	26,100
Kilkenny	5,097	4,110	10,600
Laois	4,302	3,462	8,600
Leitrim	1,974	1,625	4,100
Limerick	12,920	10,396	22,300
Longford	2,263	1,879	4,500
Louth	10,766	8,787	17,300
Mayo	8,942	7,456	16,400
Meath	12,541	10,513	25,000
Monaghan	4,162	3,508	8,200
Offaly	4,106	3,427	8,900
Roscommon	3,247	2,723	7,100
Sligo	4,157	3,359	7,700
Tipperary	8,809	7,012	18,800
Waterford	7,778	6,089	14,100
Westmeath	6,071	4,858	11,700
Wexford	10,202	7,830	20,500
Wicklow	10,317	8,325	18,700
County not included	1,143	800	2,000
Total	335,599	277,671	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 (97,798) followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (46,853) and Other sectors (30,221).

Sector Breakdown

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 5 th January	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 22 nd December	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 5 th May
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	4,716	4,313	8,600
Manufacturing	15,694	14,243	37,400
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	1,111	1,064	2,100
Construction	23,080	21,086	79,300
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	46,853	40,406	90,300
Transportation and storage	9,610	8,947	17,900
Accommodation and food service activities	97,798	74,101	128,500
Information and communication activities	7,421	6,872	11,800
Financial and insurance activities	6,782	6,239	12,500
Real Estate activities	5,032	4,356	8,100
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	12,761	11,967	24,800
Administrative and support service activities	30,136	28,099	45,800
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	5,245	4,731	14,400
Education	10,102	9,056	22,000
Human Health And Social Work activities	10,318	9,370	22,500
Arts, entertainment and recreation	10,724	9,461	14,200
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	30,221	16,008	39,200
Unclassified or unknown	7,995	7,352	18,600
Total	335,599	277,671	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 5th January	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 5th January	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 5th January	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 5th January
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	2,112	918	783	903
Manufacturing	9,203	2,361	1,971	2,159
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	747	131	102	131
Construction	14,227	2,982	2,692	3,179
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	18,874	9,124	9,592	9,263
Transportation and storage	5,413	1,468	1,358	1,371
Accommodation and food service activities	40,905	20,558	19,671	16,664
Information and communication activities	4,019	946	1,080	1,376
Financial and insurance activities	3,338	925	1,037	1,482
Real Estate activities	2,251	915	890	976
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	7,037	1,900	1,707	2,117
Administrative and support service activities	15,474	5,027	4,671	4,964
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	2,170	728	925	1,422
Education	3,954	1,714	1,973	2,461
Human Health And Social Work activities	4,229	1,886	2,003	2,200
Arts, entertainment and recreation	4,123	1,834	2,093	2,674
Other Sectors	11,944	6,220	5,862	6,195
Unclassified or unknown	1,481	765	1,181	4,568
Total	151,501	60,402	59,591	64,105

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 5 th January	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 22 nd December
< 25	83,631	67,396
25-34	77,532	62,971
35-44	74,004	60,346
45-54	57,382	48,439
55+	43,050	38,519
Total	335,599	277,671

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 5 th January	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 5 th January	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 5 th January	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 5 th January
Male	91,649	27,799	24,862	27,245
Female	59,852	32,603	34,729	36,860
Total	151,501	60,402	59,591	64,105

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 5 th January	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 5 th January	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 5 th January	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 5 th January
< 25	21,031	19,462	22,733	20,405
25-34	42,213	14,717	10,693	9,909
35-44	40,169	11,329	10,289	12,217
45-54	29,050	8,448	8,704	11,180
55+	19,038	6,446	7,172	10,394
Total	151,501	60,402	59,591	64,105

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

Around 1,195 people who have closed their account for return to work since 25th December will receive a Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 5th January. Of these 562 are male and 633 are female.

County	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 5 th January	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 22 nd December	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 15 th December
Carlow	15	185	480
Cavan	20	248	696
Clare	16	365	816
Cork	111	1,796	5,037
Donegal	33	606	1,496
Dublin	341	4,608	10,295
Galway	67	980	2,395
Kerry	59	643	1,536
Kildare	58	760	1,752
Kilkenny	27	329	761
Laois	11	216	613
Leitrim	5	100	236
Limerick	62	692	1,741
Longford	8	120	274
Louth	53	501	1,292
Mayo	61	509	1,193
Meath	35	572	1,428
Monaghan	12	220	458
Offaly	19	215	465
Roscommon	7	185	421
Sligo	10	224	542
Tipperary	34	526	1,242
Waterford	29	509	1,142
Westmeath	18	382	916
Wexford	43	550	1,535
Wicklow	38	531	1,292
County not included	3	21	21
Total	1,195	16,593	40,075

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 (325), Wholesale and Retail Trade (267) and Administrative and support service activities (106).

Sector Breakdown

	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 5 th January	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 22 nd December	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 15 th December
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	17	123	214
Manufacturing	81	442	950
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	3	16	44
Construction	41	363	776
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	267	2,503	6,693
Transportation and storage	33	211	283
Accommodation and food service activities	325	7,760	17,478
Information and communication activities	19	244	515
Financial and insurance activities	20	188	500
Real Estate activities	17	232	523
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	41	337	711
Administrative and support service activities	106	635	1,261
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	15	133	317
Education	29	258	618
Human Health And Social Work activities	77	306	565
Arts, entertainment and recreation	48	558	1,362
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	46	2,125	6,858
Unclassified or unknown	10	159	407
Total	1,195	16,593	40,075

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 to return to work in week up to 5th January	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 22nd December	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 15th December
< 25	436	5,521	12,014
25-34	292	3,897	9,323
35-44	211	3,474	8,947
45-54	158	2,379	6,103
55+	98	1,322	3,688
Total	1,195	16,593	40,075

Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date, 98,009 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 53,519 are female and 44,490 are male.

Some 1,661 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 5 th January	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
Carlow	1,366	1,335	1,305
Cavan	2,502	2,449	2,393
Clare	1,775	1,730	1,702
Cork	10,462	10,238	10,120
Donegal	3,018	2,926	2,860
Dublin	26,830	26,000	25,617
Galway	5,914	5,787	5,712
Kerry	2,291	2,240	2,216
Kildare	4,590	4,515	4,468
Kilkenny	2,064	1,982	1,932
Laois	1,650	1,592	1,564
Leitrim	432	420	412
Limerick	3,535	3,381	3,308
Longford	822	804	781
Louth	2,938	2,806	2,734
Mayo	2,441	2,356	2,244
Meath	3,924	3,829	3,787
Monaghan	1,808	1,749	1,728
Offaly	1,494	1,469	1,458
Roscommon	1,369	1,354	1,330
Sligo	970	929	914
Tipperary	3,550	3,481	3,426
Waterford	3,590	3,468	3,399
Westmeath	1,743	1,699	1,684
Wexford	3,390	3,221	3,166
Wicklow	2,807	2,760	2,719
Other (NI & Foreign Address)	734	713	678
Total	98,009	95,233	93,657

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 (20,944) and Human Health and Social Work (17,572), followed by Manufacturing (13,537).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 5 th January	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
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	994	960	942
Manufacturing	13,537	13,266	13,022
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	492	482	474
Construction	4,462	4,361	4,276
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	20,944	20,280	19,989
Transportation and storage	3,587	3,473	3,414
Accommodation and food service activities	6,305	6,032	5,891
Information and communication activities	1,595	1,539	1,518
Financial and insurance activities	3,446	3,363	3,318
Real Estate activities	803	774	766
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	3,086	2,990	2,946
Administrative and support service activities	8,551	8,351	8,238
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	3,944	3,830	3,769
Education	2,725	2,634	2,571
Human Health And Social Work activities	17,572	17,137	16,922
Arts, entertainment and recreation	972	921	901
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	3,312	3,233	3,180
Unclassified or unknown	1,682	1,607	1,520
Total	98,009	95,233	93,657

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 5 th January	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
< 25	15,148	14,622	14,370
25-34	24,525	23,814	23,371
35-44	26,618	25,932	25,523
45-54	19,285	18,799	18,504
55+	12,433	12,066	11,889
Total	98,009	95,233	93,657