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

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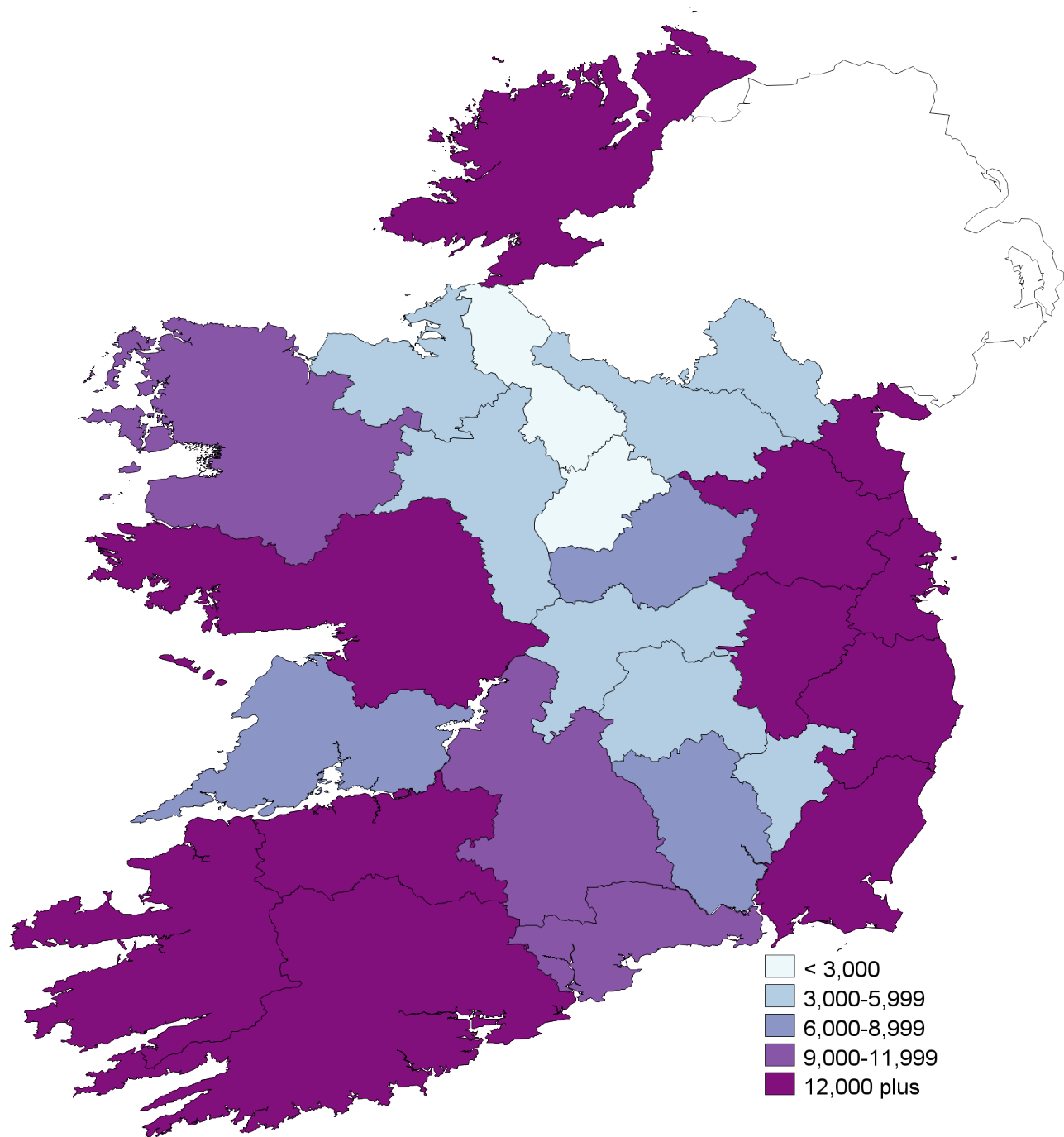
**Analysis of Pandemic Unemployment Payments**

There are 398,206 people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 194,074 are female and 204,132 are male.

**County Breakdown**

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2020</b>
Carlow	4,360	3,498	7,800
Cavan	5,406	4,509	9,700
Clare	8,261	7,112	14,600
Cork	40,485	32,761	61,900
Donegal	13,877	11,942	22,700
Dublin	127,273	111,173	174,200
Galway	21,464	18,233	32,300
Kerry	15,537	13,323	22,200
Kildare	17,363	14,251	26,100
Kilkenny	6,288	5,097	10,600
Laois	5,298	4,302	8,600
Leitrim	2,332	1,974	4,100
Limerick	15,795	12,920	22,300
Longford	2,711	2,263	4,500
Louth	13,072	10,766	17,300
Mayo	10,743	8,942	16,400
Meath	14,792	12,541	25,000
Monaghan	5,103	4,162	8,200
Offaly	5,018	4,106	8,900
Roscommon	4,000	3,247	7,100
Sligo	4,857	4,157	7,700
Tipperary	10,795	8,809	18,800
Waterford	9,409	7,778	14,100
Westmeath	7,342	6,071	11,700
Wexford	12,653	10,202	20,500
Wicklow	12,100	10,317	18,700
County not included	1,872	1,143	2,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>398,206</b>	<b>335,599</b>	<b>598,000</b>

# Total pandemic unemployment payments 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 (106,387) followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (65,300) and Administrative and support service activities (34,459).

### Sector Breakdown

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
<b>Industrial Sector</b>			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	5,554	4,716	8,600
Manufacturing	19,458	15,694	37,400
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	1,305	1,111	2,100
Construction	32,152	23,080	79,300
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	65,300	46,853	90,300
Transportation and storage	11,062	9,610	17,900
Accommodation and food service activities	106,387	97,798	128,500
Information and communication activities	8,079	7,421	11,800
Financial and insurance activities	7,691	6,782	12,500
Real Estate activities	5,689	5,032	8,100
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	14,584	12,761	24,800
Administrative and support service activities	34,459	30,136	45,800
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	6,478	5,245	14,400
Education	12,743	10,102	22,000
Human Health And Social Work activities	12,938	10,318	22,500
Arts, entertainment and recreation	12,595	10,724	14,200
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	32,976	30,221	39,200
Unclassified or unknown	8,756	7,995	18,600
<b>Total</b>	<b>398,206</b>	<b>335,599</b>	<b>598,000</b>

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

## Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by sector

<b>Industrial Sector</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €350 on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €300 on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €250 on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €203 on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	2,535	1,064	927	1,028
Manufacturing	11,875	2,803	2,304	2,476
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	890	157	116	142
Construction	20,967	4,007	3,424	3,754
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	26,726	12,752	13,276	12,546
Transportation and storage	6,526	1,706	1,564	1,536
Accommodation and food service activities	44,690	22,273	21,234	18,190
Information and communication activities	4,387	1,038	1,175	1,479
Financial and insurance activities	3,832	1,062	1,183	1,614
Real Estate activities	2,560	1,011	1,015	1,103
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	8,137	2,165	1,969	2,313
Administrative and support service activities	17,816	5,635	5,306	5,702
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	2,826	905	1,125	1,622
Education	5,111	2,143	2,501	2,988
Human Health And Social Work activities	5,499	2,385	2,488	2,566
Arts, entertainment and recreation	4,991	2,160	2,441	3,003
Other Sectors	13,217	6,707	6,352	6,700
Unclassified or unknown	1,723	857	1,303	4,873
<b>Total</b>	<b>184,038</b>	<b>70,830</b>	<b>69,703</b>	<b>73,635</b>

**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 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
< 25	100,746	83,631
25-34	90,472	77,532
35-44	87,602	74,004
45-54	68,463	57,382
55+	50,923	43,050
<b>Total</b>	<b>398,206</b>	<b>335,599</b>

## Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
Male	112,368	32,373	28,659	30,732
Female	71,670	38,457	41,044	42,903
<b>Total</b>	<b>184,038</b>	<b>70,830</b>	<b>69,703</b>	<b>73,635</b>

## Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
< 25	25,459	23,155	27,284	24,848
25-34	50,646	16,734	12,044	11,048
35-44	48,957	13,103	11,822	13,720
45-54	35,680	10,168	10,159	12,456
55+	23,296	7,670	8,394	11,563
<b>Total</b>	<b>184,038</b>	<b>70,830</b>	<b>69,703</b>	<b>73,635</b>

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

Around 2,811 people who have closed their account for return to work since 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2021. Of these 1,464 are male and 1,347 are female.

County	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2020
Carlow	42	15	185
Cavan	27	20	248
Clare	38	16	365
Cork	312	111	1,796
Donegal	98	33	606
Dublin	827	341	4,608
Galway	121	67	980
Kerry	78	59	643
Kildare	127	58	760
Kilkenny	45	27	329
Laois	38	11	216
Leitrim	11	5	100
Limerick	158	62	692
Longford	18	8	120
Louth	112	53	501
Mayo	95	61	509
Meath	98	35	572
Monaghan	47	12	220
Offaly	41	19	215
Roscommon	29	7	185
Sligo	39	10	224
Tipperary	78	34	526
Waterford	70	29	509
Westmeath	48	18	382
Wexford	125	43	550
Wicklow	78	38	531
County not included	11	3	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,811</b>	<b>1,195</b>	<b>16,593</b>

## **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 (583), Wholesale and Retail Trade (519) and Administrative and support service activities (279).

### **Sector Breakdown**

	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2020
<b>Industrial Sector</b>			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	46	17	123
Manufacturing	282	81	442
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	11	3	16
Construction	193	41	363
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	519	267	2,503
Transportation and storage	82	33	211
Accommodation and food service activities	583	325	7,760
Information and communication activities	87	19	244
Financial and insurance activities	41	20	188
Real Estate activities	32	17	232
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	145	41	337
Administrative and support service activities	279	106	635
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	39	15	133
Education	108	29	258
Human Health And Social Work activities	188	77	306
Arts, entertainment and recreation	47	48	558
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	107	46	2,125
Unclassified or unknown	22	10	159
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,811</b>	<b>1,195</b>	<b>16,593</b>

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



## **Closed Pandemic Unemployment Payments – Age Profile**

<b>Age category</b>	<b>Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>	<b>Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>	<b>Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2020</b>
< 25	727	436	5,521
25-34	754	292	3,897
35-44	681	211	3,474
45-54	445	158	2,379
55+	204	98	1,322
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,811</b>	<b>1,195</b>	<b>16,593</b>

## Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date, 105,372 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 57,487 are female and 47,885 are male.

Some 6,412 people are currently in receipt of an Enhanced Illness Benefit payment.

For 7,308 people the date of their first certificate was issued in December 2020, of which 1,629 have been certified for Covid-19.

The following Table shows the number of people medically certified for meeting the conditions for receipt of a Covid-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit payment up to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2020, by start date entered on the medical certificate.

The number of people medically certified with having Coronavirus is given in brackets and is included in the weekly overall figure shown.

<b>Certificate start date</b>	<b>Number of people who were medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020</b>
Before March 2020	150 (7)
March 2020	31,006 (1,013)
April 2020	14,403 (2,040)
May 2020	4,991 (777)
June 2020	1,474 (129)
July 2020	2,295 (158)
August 2020	5,774(566)
September 2020	11,973(1,174)
October 2020	15,390(2,813)
November 2020	5,898(1,324)
December 2020	7,308(1,629)
<b>Total</b>	<b>100,662 (11,630)</b>

## 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 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2020
Carlow	1,499	1,366	1,335
Cavan	2,657	2,502	2,449
Clare	1,963	1,775	1,730
Cork	11,245	10,462	10,238
Donegal	3,238	3,018	2,926
Dublin	28,837	26,830	26,000
Galway	6,295	5,914	5,787
Kerry	2,512	2,291	2,240
Kildare	4,794	4,590	4,515
Kilkenny	2,207	2,064	1,982
Laois	1,731	1,650	1,592
Leitrim	464	432	420
Limerick	3,926	3,535	3,381
Longford	876	822	804
Louth	3,226	2,938	2,806
Mayo	2,616	2,441	2,356
Meath	4,178	3,924	3,829
Monaghan	2,003	1,808	1,749
Offaly	1,600	1,494	1,469
Roscommon	1,439	1,369	1,354
Sligo	1,083	970	929
Tipperary	3,781	3,550	3,481
Waterford	3,888	3,590	3,468
Westmeath	1,827	1,743	1,699
Wexford	3,783	3,390	3,221
Wicklow	2,933	2,807	2,760
Other (NI & Foreign Address)	771	734	713
<b>Total</b>	<b>105,372</b>	<b>98,009</b>	<b>95,233</b>

## 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 (22,642) and Human Health and Social Work (18,595), followed by Manufacturing (14,352).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2020
<b>Industrial Sector</b>			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	1,112	994	960
Manufacturing	14,352	13,537	13,266
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	542	492	482
Construction	4,932	4,462	4,361
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	22,642	20,944	20,280
Transportation and storage	3,850	3,587	3,473
Accommodation and food service activities	6,855	6,305	6,032
Information and communication activities	1,741	1,595	1,539
Financial and insurance activities	3,750	3,446	3,363
Real Estate activities	870	803	774
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	3,423	3,086	2,990
Administrative and support service activities	9,056	8,551	8,351
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	4,278	3,944	3,830
Education	2,916	2,725	2,634
Human Health And Social Work activities	18,595	17,572	17,137
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,049	972	921
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	3,511	3,312	3,233
Unclassified or unknown	1,898	1,682	1,607
<b>Total</b>	<b>105,372</b>	<b>98,009</b>	<b>95,233</b>

**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 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2020
< 25	16,600	15,148	14,622
25-34	26,480	24,525	23,814
35-44	28,323	26,618	25,932
45-54	20,641	19,285	18,799
55+	13,328	12,433	12,066
<b>Total</b>	<b>105,372</b>	<b>98,009</b>	<b>95,233</b>