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

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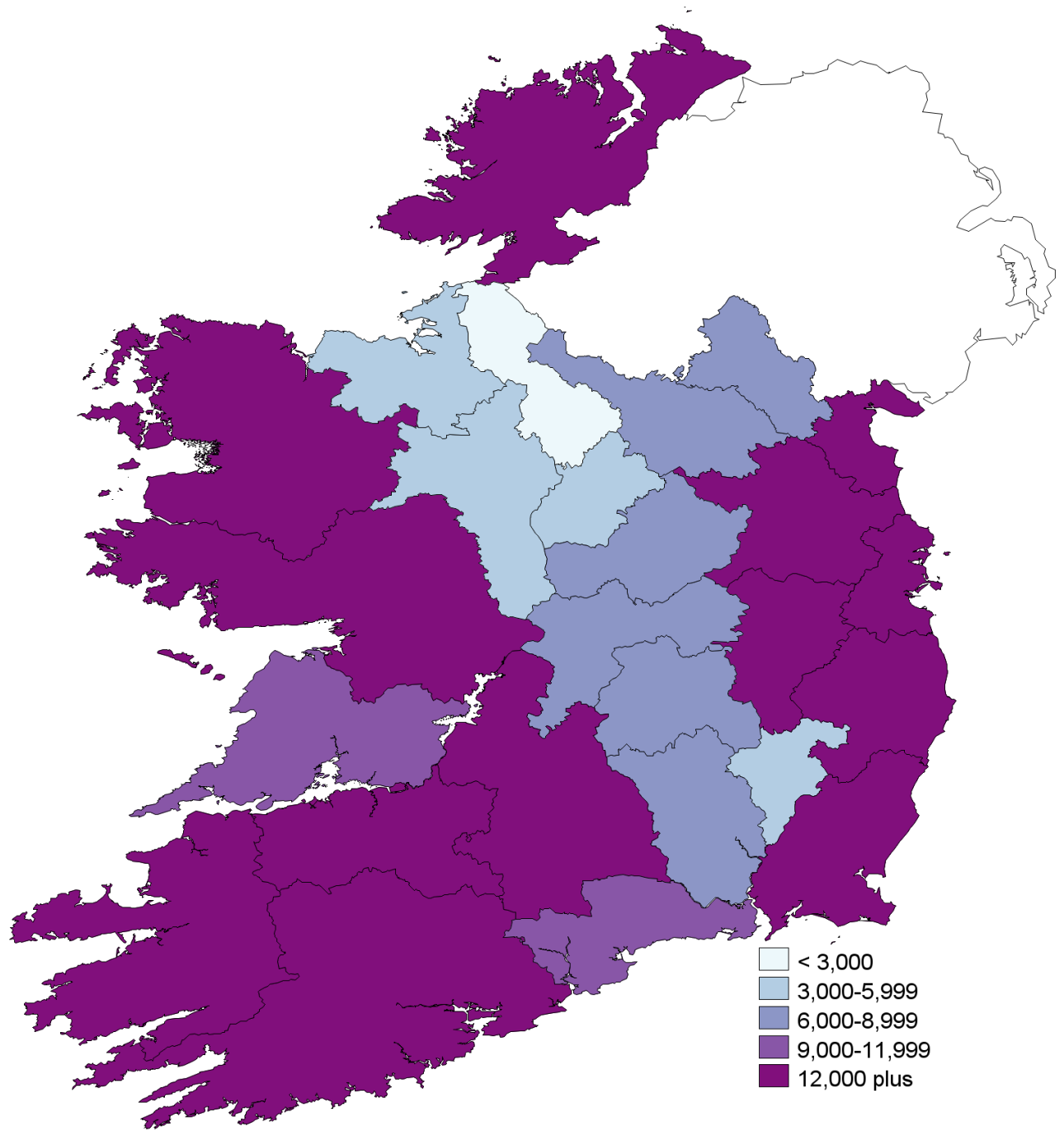
Analysis of Pandemic Unemployment Payments

There are 459,921 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 208,794 are female and 251,127 are male.

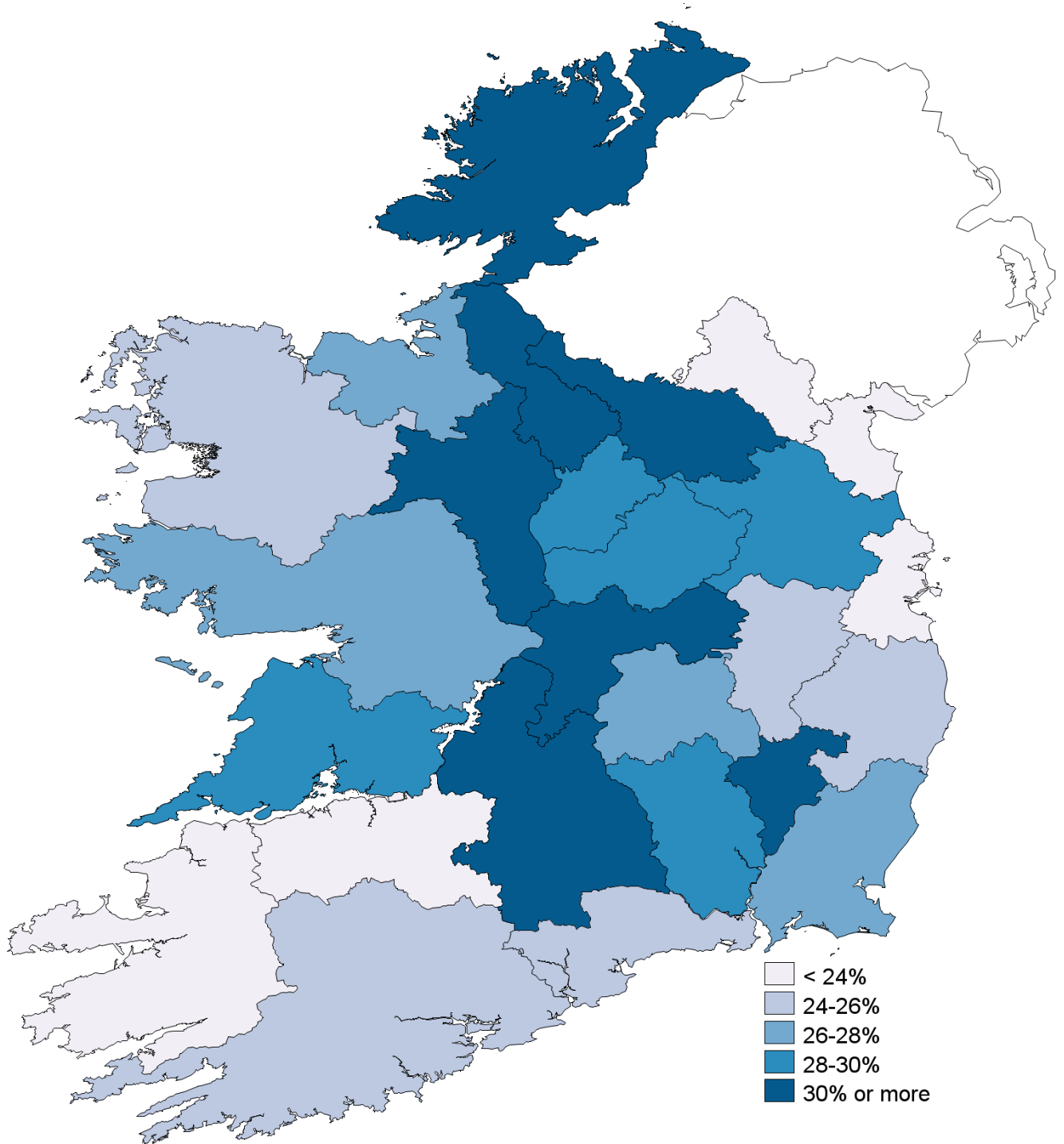
County Breakdown

County	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 19th January	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 12th January	Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 5th May 2020
Carlow	5,143	4,360	7,800
Cavan	6,448	5,406	9,700
Clare	9,376	8,261	14,600
Cork	47,447	40,485	61,900
Donegal	15,767	13,877	22,700
Dublin	142,495	127,273	174,200
Galway	24,353	21,464	32,300
Kerry	17,723	15,537	22,200
Kildare	20,328	17,363	26,100
Kilkenny	7,197	6,288	10,600
Laois	6,352	5,298	8,600
Leitrim	2,668	2,332	4,100
Limerick	17,941	15,795	22,300
Longford	3,208	2,711	4,500
Louth	14,973	13,072	17,300
Mayo	12,726	10,743	16,400
Meath	17,721	14,792	25,000
Monaghan	6,308	5,103	8,200
Offaly	6,055	5,018	8,900
Roscommon	4,775	4,000	7,100
Sligo	5,471	4,857	7,700
Tipperary	12,747	10,795	18,800
Waterford	10,628	9,409	14,100
Westmeath	8,699	7,342	11,700
Wexford	15,279	12,653	20,500
Wicklow	14,225	12,100	18,700
County not included	3,868	1,872	2,000
Total	459,921	398,206	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 (110,351) followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (73,382) and Construction (56,217).

Sector Breakdown

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 19 th January	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 12 th January	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 5 th May 2020
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	6,631	5,554	8,600
Manufacturing	25,614	19,458	37,400
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	1,533	1,305	2,100
Construction	56,217	32,152	79,300
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	73,382	65,300	90,300
Transportation and storage	12,919	11,062	17,900
Accommodation and food service activities	110,351	106,387	128,500
Information and communication activities	8,452	8,079	11,800
Financial and insurance activities	8,464	7,691	12,500
Real Estate activities	6,165	5,689	8,100
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	16,360	14,584	24,800
Administrative and support service activities	39,519	34,459	45,800
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	7,611	6,478	14,400
Education	14,332	12,743	22,000
Human Health And Social Work activities	14,813	12,938	22,500
Arts, entertainment and recreation	13,030	12,595	14,200
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	34,821	32,976	39,200
Unclassified or unknown	9,707	8,756	18,600
Total	459,921	398,206	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 19th January 2021	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 19th January 2021	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 19th January 2021	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 19th January 2021
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	3,291	1,194	1,039	1,107
Manufacturing	16,955	3,312	2,638	2,709
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	1,079	166	133	155
Construction	40,788	6,075	4,757	4,597
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	31,654	14,114	14,397	13,217
Transportation and storage	7,517	1,977	1,771	1,654
Accommodation and food service activities	46,700	23,038	21,912	18,701
Information and communication activities	4,631	1,098	1,218	1,505
Financial and insurance activities	4,323	1,169	1,285	1,687
Real Estate activities	2,856	1,092	1,060	1,157
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	9,451	2,363	2,097	2,449
Administrative and support service activities	21,522	6,181	5,716	6,100
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	3,603	1,035	1,241	1,732
Education	5,880	2,403	2,800	3,249
Human Health And Social Work activities	6,599	2,712	2,744	2,758
Arts, entertainment and recreation	5,242	2,225	2,510	3,053
Other Sectors	14,286	6,985	6,606	6,944
Unclassified or unknown	2,159	977	1,416	5,155
Total	228,536	78,116	75,340	77,929

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 19 th January	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 12 th January
< 25	110,600	100,746
25-34	102,933	90,472
35-44	104,484	87,602
45-54	81,690	68,463
55+	60,214	50,923
Total	459,921	398,206

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 19 th January	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 19 th January	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 19 th January	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 19 th January
Male	149,454	36,921	31,779	32,973
Female	79,082	41,195	43,561	44,956
Total	228,536	78,116	75,340	77,929

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 19 th January	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 19 th January	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 19 th January	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 19 th January
< 25	30,348	25,322	29,041	25,889
25-34	60,637	17,902	12,675	11,719
35-44	62,269	14,582	12,943	14,690
45-54	45,654	11,511	11,243	13,282
55+	29,628	8,799	9,438	12,349
Total	228,536	78,116	75,340	77,929

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

Around 5,042 people who have closed their account for return to work since 8th January. Of these 2,906 are male and 2,136 are female.

County	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 19 th January	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 12 th January	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 5 th January
Carlow	88	42	15
Cavan	85	27	20
Clare	86	38	16
Cork	593	312	111
Donegal	219	98	33
Dublin	1,324	827	341
Galway	243	121	67
Kerry	214	78	59
Kildare	219	127	58
Kilkenny	93	45	27
Laois	74	38	11
Leitrim	32	11	5
Limerick	214	158	62
Longford	48	18	8
Louth	211	112	53
Mayo	119	95	61
Meath	177	98	35
Monaghan	104	47	12
Offaly	84	41	19
Roscommon	49	29	7
Sligo	51	39	10
Tipperary	155	78	34
Waterford	119	70	29
Westmeath	75	48	18
Wexford	211	125	43
Wicklow	124	78	38
County not included	31	11	3
Total	5,042	2,811	1,195

Closed Pandemic Unemployment Payments - Sector Breakdown

The top three sectors from which employees closed their Pandemic Unemployment Payment to return to work are Wholesale and Retail Trade (904), Accommodation and Food Service Activities (797) and Manufacturing (589).

Sector Breakdown

	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 19 th January	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 12 th January	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 5 th January
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	69	46	17
Manufacturing	589	282	81
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	26	11	3
Construction	583	193	41
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	904	519	267
Transportation and storage	162	82	33
Accommodation and food service activities	797	583	325
Information and communication activities	97	87	19
Financial and insurance activities	70	41	20
Real Estate activities	54	32	17
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	203	145	41
Administrative and support service activities	512	279	106
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	103	39	15
Education	252	108	29
Human Health And Social Work activities	385	188	77
Arts, entertainment and recreation	66	47	48
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	139	107	46
Unclassified or unknown	31	22	10
Total	5,042	2,811	1,195

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 19th January	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 12th January	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 5th January
< 25	1,152	727	436
25-34	1,312	754	292
35-44	1,233	681	211
45-54	934	445	158
55+	411	204	98
Total	5,042	2,811	1,195

Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date, 113,344 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 61,782 are female and 51,562 are male.

Some 10,484 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 19 th January	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 12 th January	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 5 th January
Carlow	1,650	1,499	1,366
Cavan	2,810	2,657	2,502
Clare	2,132	1,963	1,775
Cork	12,198	11,245	10,462
Donegal	3,470	3,238	3,018
Dublin	30,923	28,837	26,830
Galway	6,750	6,295	5,914
Kerry	2,717	2,512	2,291
Kildare	5,061	4,794	4,590
Kilkenny	2,333	2,207	2,064
Laois	1,863	1,731	1,650
Leitrim	502	464	432
Limerick	4,337	3,926	3,535
Longford	926	876	822
Louth	3,549	3,226	2,938
Mayo	2,863	2,616	2,441
Meath	4,426	4,178	3,924
Monaghan	2,233	2,003	1,808
Offaly	1,682	1,600	1,494
Roscommon	1,510	1,439	1,369
Sligo	1,158	1,083	970
Tipperary	4,015	3,781	3,550
Waterford	4,185	3,888	3,590
Westmeath	1,899	1,827	1,743
Wexford	4,148	3,783	3,390
Wicklow	3,127	2,933	2,807
Other (NI & Foreign Address)	877	771	734
Total	113,344	105,372	98,009

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 (24,517) and Human Health and Social Work (19,796), followed by Manufacturing (15,341).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 19 th January	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 12 th January	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 5 th January
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	1,244	1,112	994
Manufacturing	15,341	14,352	13,537
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	587	542	492
Construction	5,348	4,932	4,462
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	24,517	22,642	20,944
Transportation and storage	4,173	3,850	3,587
Accommodation and food service activities	7,447	6,855	6,305
Information and communication activities	1,906	1,741	1,595
Financial and insurance activities	4,043	3,750	3,446
Real Estate activities	929	870	803
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	3,705	3,423	3,086
Administrative and support service activities	9,588	9,056	8,551
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	4,575	4,278	3,944
Education	3,107	2,916	2,725
Human Health And Social Work activities	19,796	18,595	17,572
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,129	1,049	972
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	3,741	3,511	3,312
Unclassified or unknown	2,168	1,898	1,682
Total	113,344	105,372	98,009

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 19 th January	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 12 th January	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 5 th January
< 25	18,195	16,600	15,148
25-34	28,543	26,480	24,525
35-44	30,120	28,323	26,618
45-54	22,202	20,641	19,285
55+	14,284	13,328	12,433
Total	113,344	105,372	98,009