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Department of Social Protection

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

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subject to revision.**

**Analysis of Pandemic Unemployment Payments**

There are 475,364 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 213,153 are female and 262,211 are male.

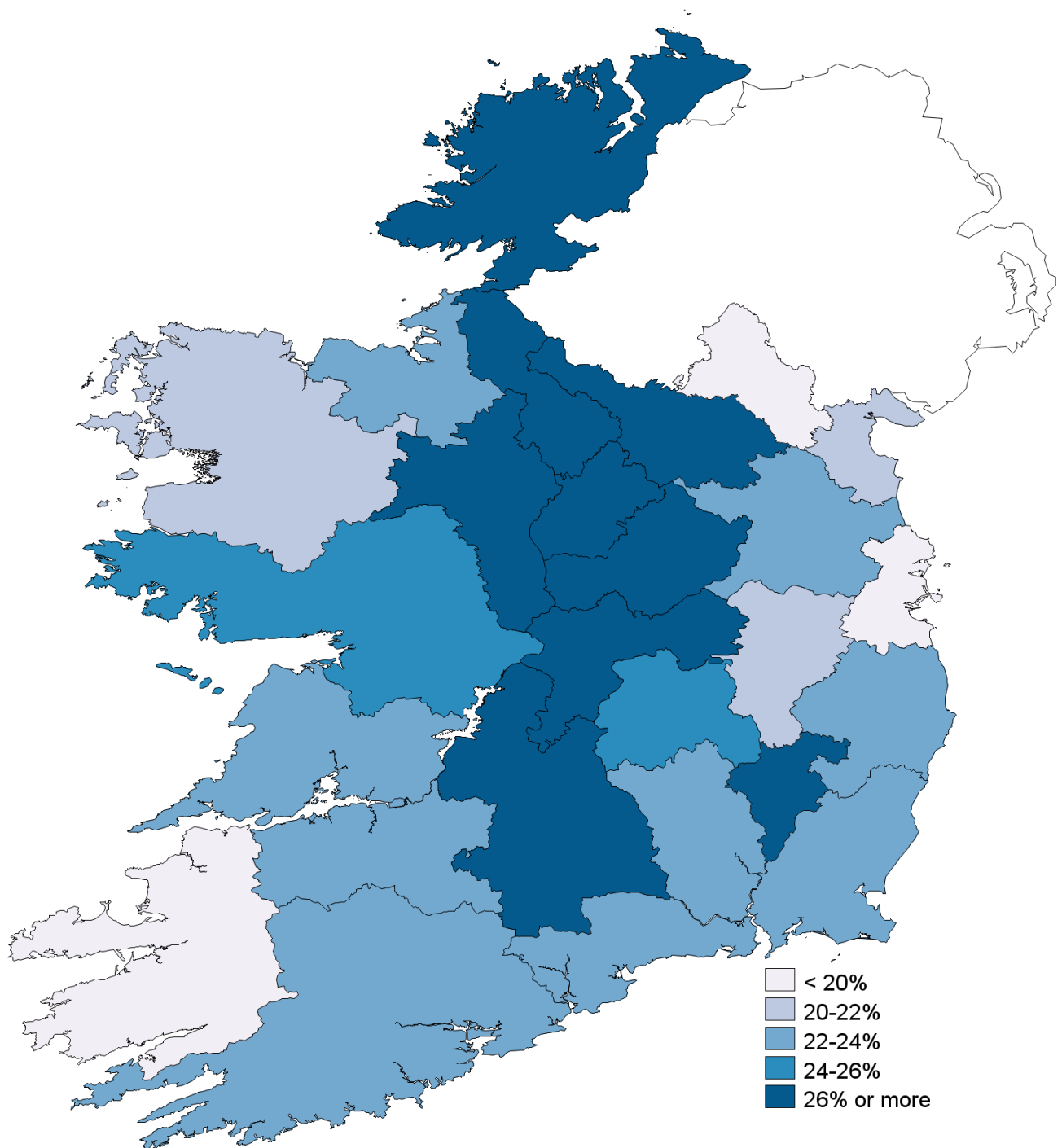
**County Breakdown**

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 26<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2020</b>
Carlow	5,179	5,143	7,800
Cavan	7,177	6,448	9,700
Clare	10,557	9,376	14,600
Cork	48,731	47,447	61,900
Donegal	16,353	15,767	22,700
Dublin	147,191	142,495	174,200
Galway	25,130	24,353	32,300
Kerry	18,297	17,723	22,200
Kildare	21,063	20,328	26,100
Kilkenny	8,504	7,197	10,600
Laois	6,838	6,352	8,600
Leitrim	2,840	2,668	4,100
Limerick	18,135	17,941	22,300
Longford	3,274	3,208	4,500
Louth	15,141	14,973	17,300
Mayo	13,002	12,726	16,400
Meath	18,974	17,721	25,000
Monaghan	6,715	6,308	8,200
Offaly	6,707	6,055	8,900
Roscommon	5,210	4,775	7,100
Sligo	5,933	5,471	7,700
Tipperary	12,803	12,747	18,800
Waterford	10,818	10,628	14,100
Westmeath	8,902	8,699	11,700
Wexford	15,679	15,279	20,500
Wicklow	14,387	14,225	18,700
County not included	1,824	3,868	2,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>475,364</b>	<b>459,921</b>	<b>598,000</b>

The map displays the population distribution of people aged 15 years and over across the Republic of Ireland, broken down by county. The population ranges are as follows:

Population Range	Counties
< 3,000	Donegal, Sligo, Leitrim, Fermanagh, Tyrone, Londonderry, and parts of County Londonderry.
3,000-5,999	County Donegal, County Sligo, County Leitrim, County Fermanagh, County Tyrone, County Londonderry, County Wick, County Wex, County Carlow, County Kerry, County Cork, County Clare, County Limerick, County Tipperary, County Waterford, County Wex, County Wick, County Donegal, County Sligo, County Leitrim, County Fermanagh, County Tyrone, County Londonderry.
6,000-8,999	County Wick, County Wex, County Carlow, County Kerry, County Cork, County Clare, County Limerick, County Tipperary, County Waterford, County Wex, County Wick, County Donegal, County Sligo, County Leitrim, County Fermanagh, County Tyrone, County Londonderry.
9,000-11,999	County Wick, County Wex, County Carlow, County Kerry, County Cork, County Clare, County Limerick, County Tipperary, County Waterford, County Wex, County Wick, County Donegal, County Sligo, County Leitrim, County Fermanagh, County Tyrone, County Londonderry.
12,000 plus	County Wick, County Wex, County Carlow, County Kerry, County Cork, County Clare, County Limerick, County Tipperary, County Waterford, County Wex, County Wick, County Donegal, County Sligo, County Leitrim, County Fermanagh, County Tyrone, County Londonderry.

**% 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 (111,569) followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (75,861) and Construction (61,159).

### Sector Breakdown

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 19 <sup>th</sup> January	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	6,999	6,631	8,600
Manufacturing	27,173	25,614	37,400
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	1,595	1,533	2,100
Construction	61,159	56,217	79,300
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	75,861	73,382	90,300
Transportation and storage	13,436	12,919	17,900
Accommodation and food service activities	111,569	110,351	128,500
Information and communication activities	8,545	8,452	11,800
Financial and insurance activities	8,659	8,464	12,500
Real Estate activities	6,306	6,165	8,100
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	16,762	16,360	24,800
Administrative and support service activities	40,857	39,519	45,800
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	7,830	7,611	14,400
Education	14,578	14,332	22,000
Human Health And Social Work activities	15,354	14,813	22,500
Arts, entertainment and recreation	13,110	13,030	14,200
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	35,332	34,821	39,200
Unclassified or unknown	10,239	9,707	18,600
<b>Total</b>	<b>475,364</b>	<b>459,921</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 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €300 on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €250 on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €203 on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	3,543	1,236	1,066	1,154
Manufacturing	18,094	3,454	2,719	2,906
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	1,127	171	137	160
Construction	44,551	6,468	4,991	5,149
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	32,929	14,549	14,722	13,661
Transportation and storage	7,874	2,047	1,815	1,700
Accommodation and food service activities	47,196	23,238	22,119	19,016
Information and communication activities	4,690	1,105	1,229	1,521
Financial and insurance activities	4,447	1,185	1,297	1,730
Real Estate activities	2,936	1,108	1,080	1,182
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	9,722	2,403	2,125	2,512
Administrative and support service activities	22,316	6,325	5,831	6,385
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	3,735	1,064	1,264	1,767
Education	5,964	2,439	2,830	3,345
Human Health And Social Work activities	6,948	2,781	2,795	2,830
Arts, entertainment and recreation	5,286	2,229	2,517	3,078
Other Sectors	14,582	7,056	6,645	7,049
Unclassified or unknown	2,287	1,011	1,447	5,494
<b>Total</b>	<b>238,227</b>	<b>79,869</b>	<b>76,629</b>	<b>80,639</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 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 19 <sup>th</sup> January
< 25	113,244	110,600
25-34	106,090	102,933
35-44	108,529	104,484
45-54	84,829	81,690
55+	62,672	60,214
<b>Total</b>	<b>475,364</b>	<b>459,921</b>

## Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 26 <sup>th</sup> January
Male	157,187	37,973	32,451	34,600
Female	81,040	41,896	44,178	46,039
<b>Total</b>	<b>238,227</b>	<b>79,869</b>	<b>76,629</b>	<b>80,639</b>

## Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 26 <sup>th</sup> January
< 25	31,204	25,801	29,471	26,768
25-34	62,730	18,219	12,887	12,254
35-44	65,184	14,986	13,177	15,182
45-54	47,872	11,824	11,402	13,731
55+	31,237	9,039	9,692	12,704
<b>Total</b>	<b>238,227</b>	<b>79,869</b>	<b>76,629</b>	<b>80,639</b>

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

Around 6,749 people who have closed their account for return to work since 15<sup>th</sup> January. Of these 4,200 are male and 2,549 are female.

County	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 12 <sup>th</sup> January
Carlow	96	88	42
Cavan	119	85	27
Clare	155	86	38
Cork	721	593	312
Donegal	234	219	98
Dublin	1717	1,324	827
Galway	330	243	121
Kerry	208	214	78
Kildare	314	219	127
Kilkenny	156	93	45
Laois	104	74	38
Leitrim	40	32	11
Limerick	285	214	158
Longford	57	48	18
Louth	229	211	112
Mayo	180	119	95
Meath	315	177	98
Monaghan	172	104	47
Offaly	136	84	41
Roscommon	83	49	29
Sligo	75	51	39
Tipperary	195	155	78
Waterford	176	119	70
Westmeath	131	75	48
Wexford	279	211	125
Wicklow	206	124	78
County not included	36	31	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,749</b>	<b>5,042</b>	<b>2,811</b>

## **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 (1,295), Construction (1,078), and Accommodation and Food Service Activities (887).

### **Sector Breakdown**

	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 12 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Industrial Sector</b>			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	135	69	46
Manufacturing	796	589	282
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	32	26	11
Construction	1,078	583	193
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	1,295	904	519
Transportation and storage	210	162	82
Accommodation and food service activities	887	797	583
Information and communication activities	119	97	87
Financial and insurance activities	91	70	41
Real Estate activities	52	54	32
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	272	203	145
Administrative and support service activities	641	512	279
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	127	103	39
Education	233	252	108
Human Health And Social Work activities	466	385	188
Arts, entertainment and recreation	93	66	47
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	172	139	107
Unclassified or unknown	50	31	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,749</b>	<b>5,042</b>	<b>2,811</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 26<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 12<sup>th</sup> January</b>
< 25	1,672	1,152	727
25-34	1,735	1,312	754
35-44	1,623	1,233	681
45-54	1,130	934	445
55+	589	411	204
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,749</b>	<b>5,042</b>	<b>2,811</b>

## Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date, 120,892 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 65,704 are female and 55,188 are male.

Some 9,718 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 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 12 <sup>th</sup> January
Carlow	1,674	1,650	1,499
Cavan	3,065	2,810	2,657
Clare	2,461	2,132	1,963
Cork	13,060	12,198	11,245
Donegal	3,703	3,470	3,238
Dublin	33,076	30,923	28,837
Galway	7,120	6,750	6,295
Kerry	2,861	2,717	2,512
Kildare	5,307	5,061	4,794
Kilkenny	2,849	2,333	2,207
Laois	2,121	1,863	1,731
Leitrim	532	502	464
Limerick	4,577	4,337	3,926
Longford	957	926	876
Louth	3,566	3,549	3,226
Mayo	3,069	2,863	2,616
Meath	4,943	4,426	4,178
Monaghan	2,492	2,233	2,003
Offaly	1,841	1,682	1,600
Roscommon	1,608	1,510	1,439
Sligo	1,265	1,158	1,083
Tipperary	4,170	4,015	3,781
Waterford	4,179	4,185	3,888
Westmeath	1,909	1,899	1,827
Wexford	4,439	4,148	3,783
Wicklow	3,200	3,127	2,933
Other (NI & Foreign Address)	848	877	771
<b>Total</b>	<b>120,892</b>	<b>113,344</b>	<b>105,372</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 (26,228), followed by Human Health and Social Work (20,932) and Manufacturing (16,248).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 12 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Industrial Sector</b>			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	1,389	1,244	1,112
Manufacturing	16,248	15,341	14,352
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	637	587	542
Construction	5,712	5,348	4,932
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	26,228	24,517	22,642
Transportation and storage	4,486	4,173	3,850
Accommodation and food service activities	8,045	7,447	6,855
Information and communication activities	2,041	1,906	1,741
Financial and insurance activities	4,317	4,043	3,750
Real Estate activities	983	929	870
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	3,974	3,705	3,423
Administrative and support service activities	10,166	9,588	9,056
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	4,837	4,575	4,278
Education	3,279	3,107	2,916
Human Health And Social Work activities	20,932	19,796	18,595
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,208	1,129	1,049
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	3,941	3,741	3,511
Unclassified or unknown	2,469	2,168	1,898
<b>Total</b>	<b>120,892</b>	<b>113,344</b>	<b>105,372</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 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 12 <sup>th</sup> January
< 25	19,687	18,195	16,600
25-34	30,570	28,543	26,480
35-44	31,777	30,120	28,323
45-54	23,632	22,202	20,641
55+	15,226	14,284	13,328
<b>Total</b>	<b>120,892</b>	<b>113,344</b>	<b>105,372</b>