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

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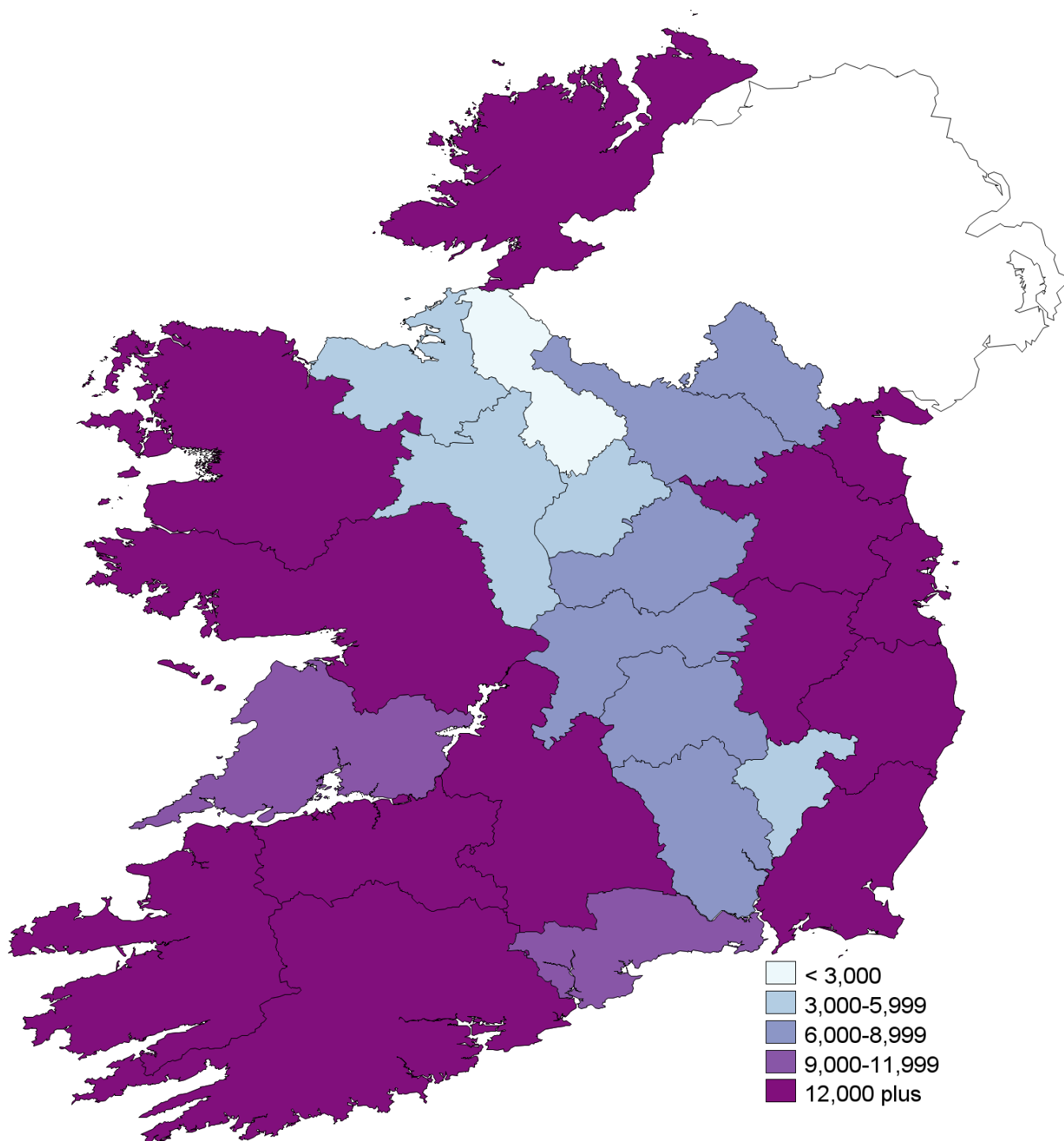
**Analysis of Pandemic Unemployment Payments**

There are 479,633 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 214,375 are female and 265,258 are male.

**County Breakdown**

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 2<sup>nd</sup> February</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 a Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2020</b>
Carlow	5,025	5,179	7,800
Cavan	7,218	7,177	9,700
Clare	10,989	10,557	14,600
Cork	49,184	48,731	61,900
Donegal	16,439	16,353	22,700
Dublin	148,617	147,191	174,200
Galway	25,452	25,130	32,300
Kerry	18,455	18,297	22,200
Kildare	21,277	21,063	26,100
Kilkenny	8,936	8,504	10,600
Laois	7,208	6,838	8,600
Leitrim	2,970	2,840	4,100
Limerick	17,852	18,135	22,300
Longford	3,189	3,274	4,500
Louth	14,623	15,141	17,300
Mayo	13,150	13,002	16,400
Meath	19,709	18,974	25,000
Monaghan	6,751	6,715	8,200
Offaly	6,722	6,707	8,900
Roscommon	5,460	5,210	7,100
Sligo	6,008	5,933	7,700
Tipperary	12,994	12,803	18,800
Waterford	10,618	10,818	14,100
Westmeath	8,671	8,902	11,700
Wexford	15,823	15,679	20,500
Wicklow	14,478	14,387	18,700
County not included	1,815	1,824	2,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>479,633</b>	<b>475,364</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 (111,809) followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (76,367) and Construction (62,534).

### Sector Breakdown

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	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 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
<b>Industrial Sector</b>			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	7,078	6,999	8,600
Manufacturing	27,577	27,173	37,400
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	1,621	1,595	2,100
Construction	62,534	61,159	79,300
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	76,367	75,861	90,300
Transportation and storage	13,556	13,436	17,900
Accommodation and food service activities	111,809	111,569	128,500
Information and communication activities	8,562	8,545	11,800
Financial and insurance activities	8,753	8,659	12,500
Real Estate activities	6,346	6,306	8,100
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	16,883	16,762	24,800
Administrative and support service activities	41,262	40,857	45,800
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	7,908	7,830	14,400
Education	14,707	14,578	22,000
Human Health And Social Work activities	15,396	15,354	22,500
Arts, entertainment and recreation	13,125	13,110	14,200
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	35,565	35,332	39,200
Unclassified or unknown	10,584	10,239	18,600
<b>Total</b>	<b>479,633</b>	<b>475,364</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 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €300 on 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €250 on 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €203 on 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	3,591	1,241	1,072	1,174
Manufacturing	18,323	3,523	2,747	2,984
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	1,143	172	143	163
Construction	45,546	6,605	5,066	5,317
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	33,066	14,606	14,815	13,880
Transportation and storage	7,933	2,071	1,834	1,718
Accommodation and food service activities	47,208	23,257	22,138	19,206
Information and communication activities	4,711	1,100	1,223	1,518
Financial and insurance activities	4,500	1,201	1,311	1,741
Real Estate activities	2,952	1,115	1,093	1,186
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	9,792	2,416	2,134	2,541
Administrative and support service activities	22,487	6,383	5,890	6,502
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	3,772	1,068	1,285	1,783
Education	6,017	2,454	2,848	3,388
Human Health And Social Work activities	6,915	2,798	2,824	2,859
Arts, entertainment and recreation	5,300	2,237	2,515	3,073
Other Sectors	14,693	7,090	6,680	7,102
Unclassified or unknown	2,371	1,043	1,481	5,689
<b>Total</b>	<b>240,320</b>	<b>80,390</b>	<b>77,099</b>	<b>81,824</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 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 26 <sup>th</sup> January
< 25	113,882	113,244
25-34	106,731	106,090
35-44	109,777	108,529
45-54	85,674	84,829
55+	63,569	62,672
<b>Total</b>	<b>479,633</b>	<b>475,364</b>

## Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 2 <sup>nd</sup> February
Male	158,958	38,307	32,713	35,280
Female	81,362	42,083	44,386	46,544
<b>Total</b>	<b>240,320</b>	<b>80,390</b>	<b>77,099</b>	<b>81,824</b>

## Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 2 <sup>nd</sup> February
< 25	31,296	25,810	29,595	27,181
25-34	62,986	18,318	12,960	12,467
35-44	65,923	15,157	13,289	15,408
45-54	48,382	11,920	11,474	13,898
55+	31,733	9,185	9,781	12,870
<b>Total</b>	<b>240,320</b>	<b>80,390</b>	<b>77,099</b>	<b>81,824</b>

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

Around 7,330 people who have closed their account for return to work since 22nd January. Of these 4,718 are male and 2,612 are female.

County	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	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
Carlow	98	96	88
Cavan	159	119	85
Clare	179	155	86
Cork	835	721	593
Donegal	218	234	219
Dublin	1,889	1,717	1,324
Galway	347	330	243
Kerry	244	208	214
Kildare	361	314	219
Kilkenny	153	156	93
Laois	122	104	74
Leitrim	29	40	32
Limerick	300	285	214
Longford	48	57	48
Louth	265	229	211
Mayo	213	180	119
Meath	338	315	177
Monaghan	161	172	104
Offaly	153	136	84
Roscommon	91	83	49
Sligo	89	75	51
Tipperary	193	195	155
Waterford	131	176	119
Westmeath	135	131	75
Wexford	340	279	211
Wicklow	190	206	124
County not included	49	36	31
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,330</b>	<b>6,749</b>	<b>5,042</b>

## **Closed Pandemic Unemployment Payments - Sector Breakdown**

The top three sectors from which employees closed their Pandemic Unemployment Payment to return to work are Construction (1,468), Wholesale and Retail Trade (1,377), and Manufacturing (889).

### **Sector Breakdown**

	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	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
<b>Industrial Sector</b>			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	123	135	69
Manufacturing	889	796	589
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	42	32	26
Construction	1,468	1,078	583
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	1,377	1,295	904
Transportation and storage	210	210	162
Accommodation and food service activities	830	887	797
Information and communication activities	118	119	97
Financial and insurance activities	99	91	70
Real Estate activities	64	52	54
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	304	272	203
Administrative and support service activities	697	641	512
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	118	127	103
Education	166	233	252
Human Health And Social Work activities	526	466	385
Arts, entertainment and recreation	92	93	66
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	156	172	139
Unclassified or unknown	51	50	31
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,330</b>	<b>6,749</b>	<b>5,042</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 2<sup>nd</sup> February</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>
< 25	1,720	1,672	1,152
25-34	1,870	1,735	1,312
35-44	1,779	1,623	1,233
45-54	1,253	1,130	934
55+	708	589	411
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,330</b>	<b>6,749</b>	<b>5,042</b>

## Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date, 126,295 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 68,516 are female and 57,779 are male.

Some 7,520 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 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	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
Carlow	1,766	1,674	1,650
Cavan	3,169	3,065	2,810
Clare	2,576	2,461	2,132
Cork	13,644	13,060	12,198
Donegal	3,859	3,703	3,470
Dublin	34,549	33,076	30,923
Galway	7,408	7,120	6,750
Kerry	2,970	2,861	2,717
Kildare	5,498	5,307	5,061
Kilkenny	2,940	2,849	2,333
Laois	2,205	2,121	1,863
Leitrim	551	532	502
Limerick	4,852	4,577	4,337
Longford	995	957	926
Louth	3,791	3,566	3,549
Mayo	3,252	3,069	2,863
Meath	5,142	4,943	4,426
Monaghan	2,650	2,492	2,233
Offaly	1,917	1,841	1,682
Roscommon	1,651	1,608	1,510
Sligo	1,315	1,265	1,158
Tipperary	4,311	4,170	4,015
Waterford	4,384	4,179	4,185
Westmeath	1,965	1,909	1,899
Wexford	4,702	4,439	4,148
Wicklow	3,343	3,200	3,127
Other (NI & Foreign Address)	890	848	877
<b>Total</b>	<b>126,295</b>	<b>120,892</b>	<b>113,344</b>

## 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 (27,457) and Human Health and Social Work (21,765), followed by Manufacturing (16,861).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	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
<b>Industrial Sector</b>			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	1,475	1,389	1,244
Manufacturing	16,861	16,248	15,341
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	664	637	587
Construction	5,965	5,712	5,348
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	27,457	26,228	24,517
Transportation and storage	4,737	4,486	4,173
Accommodation and food service activities	8,441	8,045	7,447
Information and communication activities	2,131	2,041	1,906
Financial and insurance activities	4,529	4,317	4,043
Real Estate activities	1,021	983	929
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	4,155	3,974	3,705
Administrative and support service activities	10,603	10,166	9,588
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	5,051	4,837	4,575
Education	3,385	3,279	3,107
Human Health And Social Work activities	21,765	20,932	19,796
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,258	1,208	1,129
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	4,078	3,941	3,741
Unclassified or unknown	2,719	2,469	2,168
<b>Total</b>	<b>126,295</b>	<b>120,892</b>	<b>113,344</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 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	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
< 25	20,630	19,687	18,195
25-34	31,970	30,570	28,543
35-44	33,027	31,777	30,120
45-54	24,737	23,632	22,202
55+	15,931	15,226	14,284
<b>Total</b>	<b>126,295</b>	<b>120,892</b>	<b>113,344</b>