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Update on Payments Awarded for Covid-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment and Enhanced Illness Benefit – Statistics

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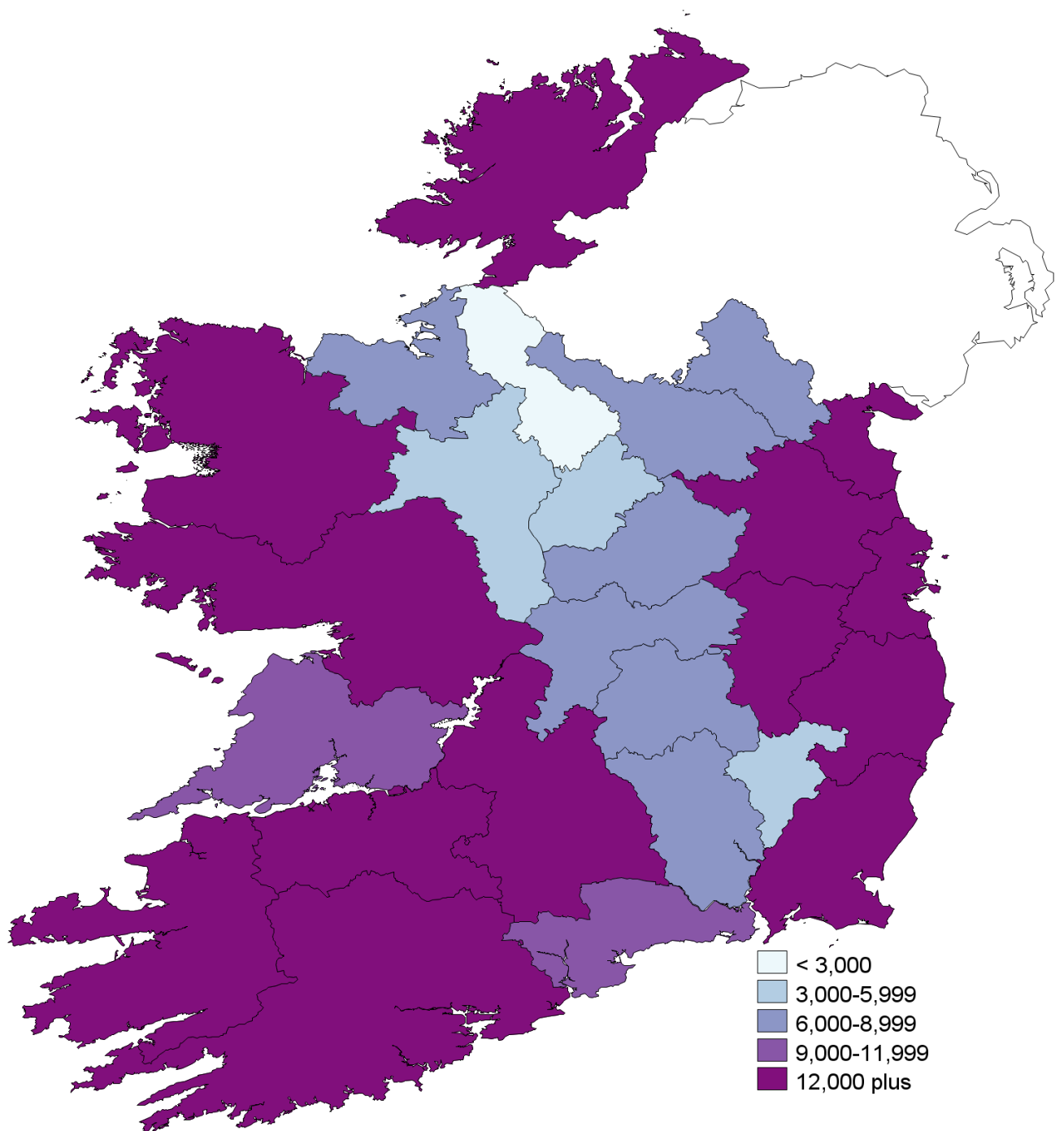
Analysis of Pandemic Unemployment Payments

There are 481,331 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 215,006 are female and 266,325 are male.

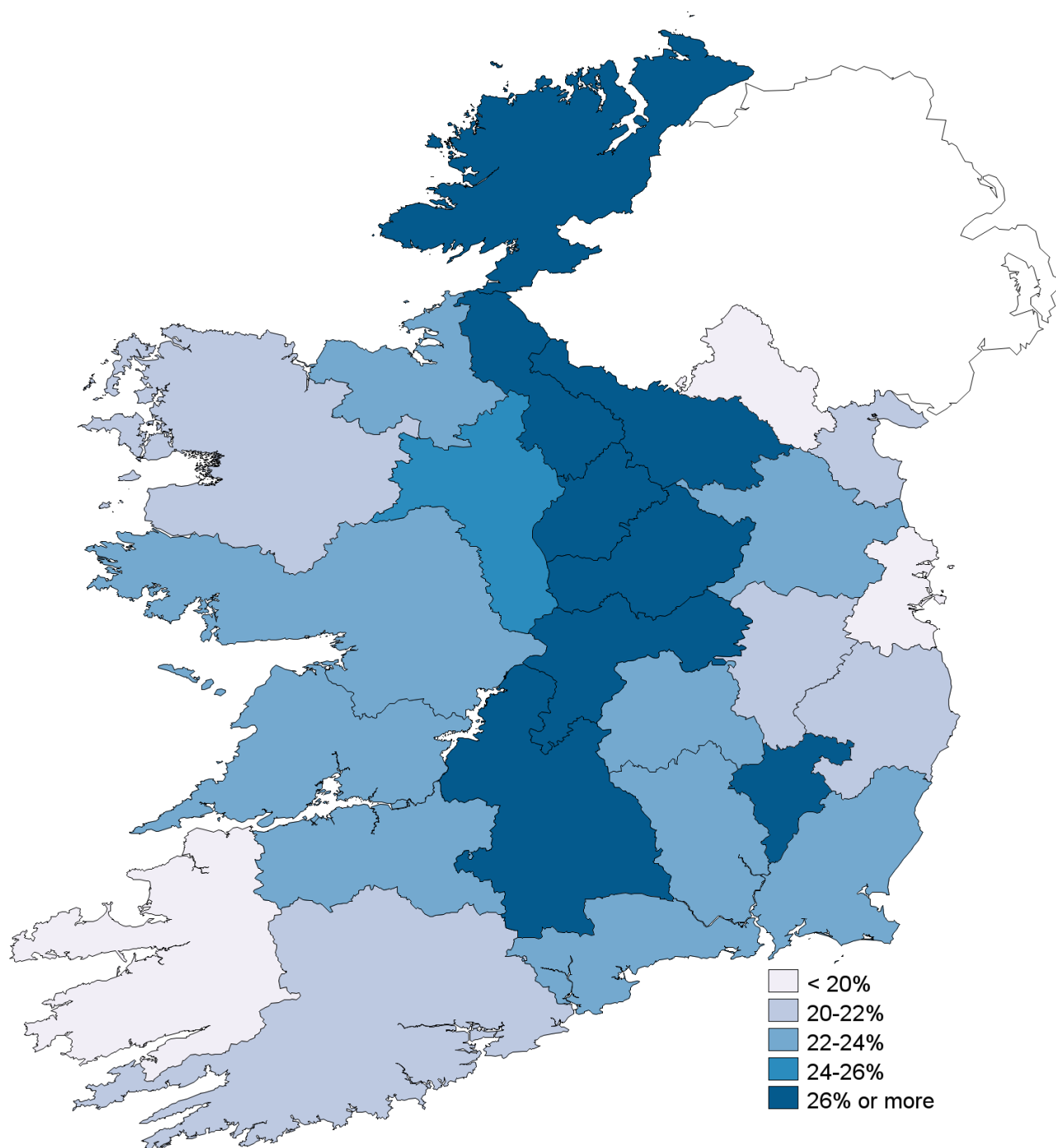
County Breakdown

County	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 9th February	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 2nd February	Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 5th May 2020
Carlow	5,047	5,025	7,800
Cavan	7,165	7,218	9,700
Clare	11,230	10,989	14,600
Cork	49,195	49,184	61,900
Donegal	16,421	16,439	22,700
Dublin	149,534	148,617	174,200
Galway	25,603	25,452	32,300
Kerry	18,476	18,455	22,200
Kildare	21,422	21,277	26,100
Kilkenny	8,957	8,936	10,600
Laois	7,420	7,208	8,600
Leitrim	2,982	2,970	4,100
Limerick	17,533	17,852	22,300
Longford	3,223	3,189	4,500
Louth	14,351	14,623	17,300
Mayo	13,150	13,150	16,400
Meath	20,011	19,709	25,000
Monaghan	6,735	6,751	8,200
Offaly	6,687	6,722	8,900
Roscommon	5,583	5,460	7,100
Sligo	6,018	6,008	7,700
Tipperary	13,076	12,994	18,800
Waterford	10,683	10,618	14,100
Westmeath	8,415	8,671	11,700
Wexford	15,906	15,823	20,500
Wicklow	14,593	14,478	18,700
County not included	1,915	1,815	2,000
Total	481,331	479,633	598,000

Total pandemic unemployment payments by county



% decrease in number of recipients of PUP payments since peak, by county



Pandemic Unemployment Payments - Sector Breakdown

The sector with the highest number of people in receipt of the Pandemic Unemployment Payment is Accommodation and Food Service Activities (111,872) followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (76,606) and Construction (62,902).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 9th February	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 2nd February	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 5th May 2020
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	7,099	7,078	8,600
Manufacturing	27,732	27,577	37,400
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	1,619	1,621	2,100
Construction	62,902	62,534	79,300
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	76,606	76,367	90,300
Transportation and storage	13,629	13,556	17,900
Accommodation and food service activities	111,872	111,809	128,500
Information and communication activities	8,595	8,562	11,800
Financial and insurance activities	8,811	8,753	12,500
Real Estate activities	6,359	6,346	8,100
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	16,920	16,883	24,800
Administrative and support service activities	41,565	41,262	45,800
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	7,977	7,908	14,400
Education	14,790	14,707	22,000
Human Health And Social Work activities	15,320	15,396	22,500
Arts, entertainment and recreation	13,133	13,125	14,200
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	35,712	35,565	39,200
Unclassified or unknown	10,690	10,584	18,600
Total	481,331	479,633	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 9th February	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 9th February	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 9th February	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 9th February
Unclassified or unknown	2418	1048	1501	5786
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	3607	1232	1078	1182
Manufacturing	18403	3551	2757	3021
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1137	176	142	164
Construction	45729	6686	5096	5391
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	33061	14750	14832	13963
Transportation and storage	7978	2073	1846	1732
Accommodation and food service activities	47201	23262	22114	19232
Information and communication activities	4740	1111	1218	1526
Financial and insurance activities	4547	1206	1317	1741
Real Estate activities	2951	1118	1092	1198
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	9802	2424	2150	2544
Administrative and support service activities	22645	6412	5920	6588
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	3807	1085	1285	1800
Education	6078	2444	2872	3396
Human Health And Social Work activities	6848	2776	2814	2882
Arts, entertainment and recreation	5290	2232	2527	3084
Other Service activities	14753	7122	6702	7135
Total	240,995	80,708	77,263	82,365

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 9 th February	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 2 nd February
< 25	113,894	113,882
25-34	106,984	106,731
35-44	110,213	109,777
45-54	86,172	85,674
55+	64,068	63,569
Total	481,331	479,633

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 9 th February	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 9 th February	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 9 th February	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 9 th February
Male	159,400	38,513	32,808	35,604
Female	81,595	42,195	44,455	46,761
Total	240,995	80,708	77,263	82,365

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 9 th February	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 9 th February	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 9 th February	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 9 th February
< 25	31,069	25,850	29,583	27,392
25-34	63,060	18,418	12,976	12,530
35-44	66,214	15,187	13,336	15,476
45-54	48,659	11,993	11,537	13,983
55+	31,993	9,260	9,831	12,984
Total	240,995	80,708	77,263	82,365

Analysis of People who Closed their PUP claim to return to Work

Around 10,945 people closed their PUP claim since the 29th January, with 8,273 of these stating that they were doing so because they are returning to work.

County Breakdown

County	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 9th February	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 2nd February	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 26th January
Carlow	111	98	96
Cavan	179	159	119
Clare	102	179	155
Cork	942	835	721
Donegal	246	218	234
Dublin	2,132	1889	1,717
Galway	392	347	330
Kerry	275	244	208
Kildare	407	361	314
Kilkenny	173	153	156
Laois	138	122	104
Leitrim	33	29	40
Limerick	439	300	285
Longford	54	48	57
Louth	299	265	229
Mayo	240	213	180
Meath	281	338	315
Monaghan	182	161	172
Offaly	173	153	136
Roscommon	103	91	83
Sligo	100	89	75
Tipperary	218	193	195
Waterford	148	131	176
Westmeath	252	135	131
Wexford	384	340	279
Wicklow	214	190	206
County not included	56	49	36
Total	8,273	7,330	6,749

Closed Pandemic Unemployment Payments - Sector Breakdown

The top three sectors from which employees closed their Pandemic Unemployment Payment to return to work are Construction (1,657), Wholesale and Retail Trade (1,554), and Manufacturing (1,003).

	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 9 th February	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 2 nd February	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 26 th January
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	139	123	135
Manufacturing	1,003	889	796
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	47	42	32
Construction	1,657	1,468	1,078
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	1,554	1,377	1,295
Transportation and storage	237	210	210
Accommodation and food service activities	937	830	887
Information and communication activities	133	118	119
Financial and insurance activities	112	99	91
Real Estate activities	72	64	52
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	343	304	272
Administrative and support service activities	787	697	641
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	133	118	127
Education	187	166	233
Human Health And Social Work activities	594	526	466
Arts, entertainment and recreation	104	92	93
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	176	156	172
Unclassified or unknown	58	51	50
Total	8,273	7,330	6,749

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 9th February	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 2nd February	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 26th January
< 25	1,941	1,720	1,672
25-34	2,111	1,870	1,735
35-44	2,008	1,779	1,623
45-54	1,414	1,253	1,130
55+	799	708	589
Total	8,273	7,330	6,749

Analysis of Covid-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date, 130,434 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 70,667 are female and 59,767 are male.

Some 7,149 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 9 th February	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 2 nd February	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 26 th January
Carlow	1,836	1,766	1,674
Cavan	3,242	3,169	3,065
Clare	2,661	2,576	2,461
Cork	14,129	13,644	13,060
Donegal	3,973	3,859	3,703
Dublin	35,701	34,549	33,076
Galway	7,655	7,408	7,120
Kerry	3,057	2,970	2,861
Kildare	5,645	5,498	5,307
Kilkenny	3,007	2,940	2,849
Laois	2,282	2,205	2,121
Leitrim	562	551	532
Limerick	5,020	4,852	4,577
Longford	1,044	995	957
Louth	3,967	3,791	3,566
Mayo	3,380	3,252	3,069
Meath	5,300	5,142	4,943
Monaghan	2,783	2,650	2,492
Offaly	1,979	1,917	1,841
Roscommon	1,689	1,651	1,608
Sligo	1,353	1,315	1,265
Tipperary	4,420	4,311	4,170
Waterford	4,524	4,384	4,179
Westmeath	2,012	1,965	1,909
Wexford	4,871	4,702	4,439
Wicklow	3,416	3,343	3,200
Other (NI & Foreign Address)	926	890	848
Total	130,434	126,295	120,892

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 (28,636) and Human Health and Social Work (24,018), followed by Manufacturing (17,888).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 9th February	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 2nd February	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 26th January
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	1,579	1,475	1,389
Manufacturing	17,888	16,861	16,248
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	704	664	637
Construction	6,500	5,965	5,712
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	28,636	27,457	26,228
Transportation and storage	5,078	4,737	4,486
Accommodation and food service activities	7,555	8,441	8,045
Information and communication activities	2,243	2,131	2,041
Financial and insurance activities	4,774	4,529	4,317
Real Estate activities	1,016	1,021	983
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	4,455	4,155	3,974
Administrative and support service activities	11,095	10,603	10,166
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	5,200	5,051	4,837
Education	3,674	3,385	3,279
Human Health And Social Work activities	24,018	21,765	20,932
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,140	1,258	1,208
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	4,074	4,078	3,941
Unclassified or unknown	805	2,719	2,469
Total	130,434	126,295	120,892

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 9th February	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 2nd February	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 26th January
< 25	21,329	20,630	19,687
25-34	33,027	31,970	30,570
35-44	33,990	33,027	31,777
45-54	25,567	24,737	23,632
55+	16,521	15,931	15,226
Total	130,434	126,295	120,892