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

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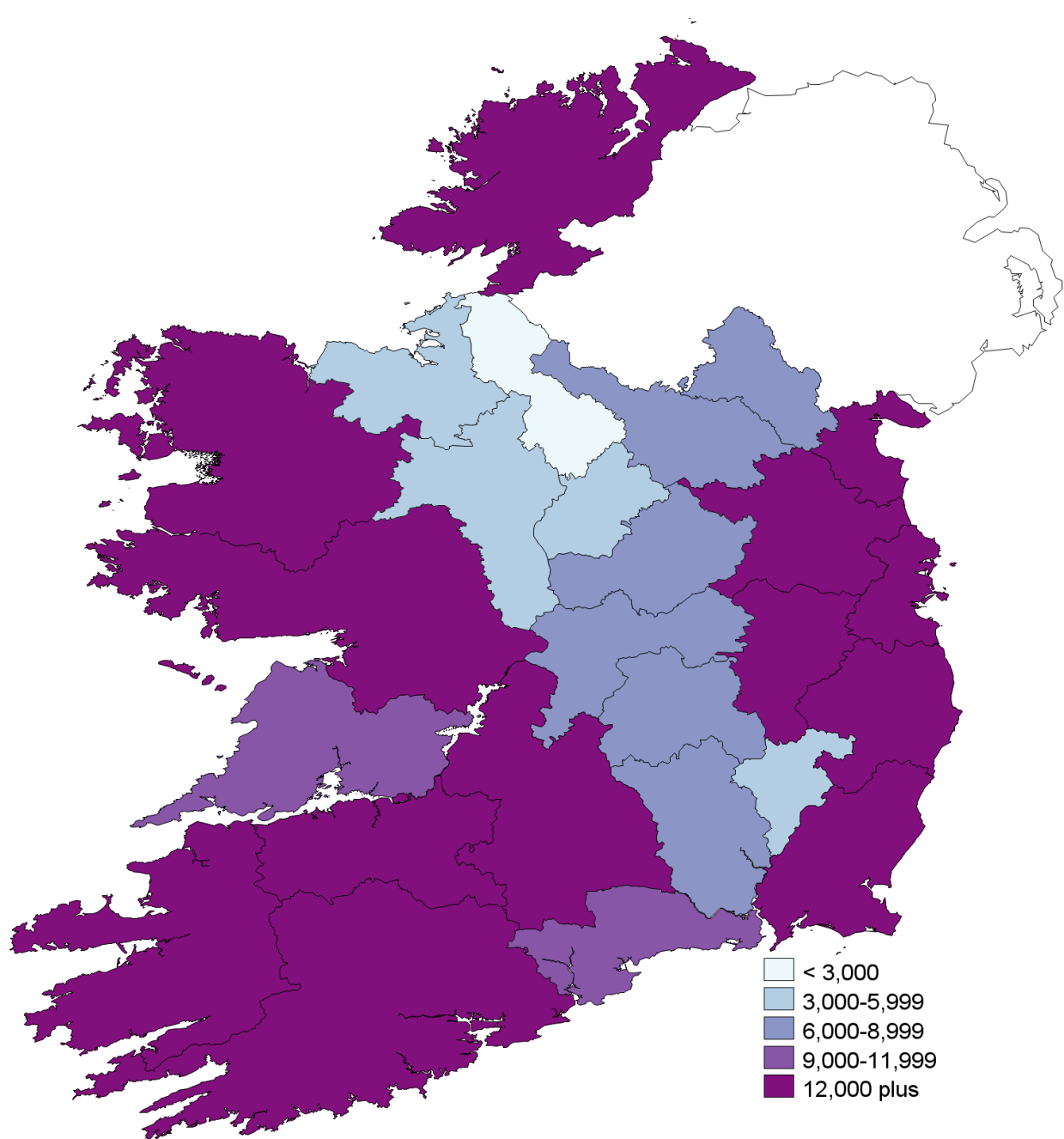
Analysis of Pandemic Unemployment Payments

There are 477,655 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 213,566 are female and 264,099 are male.

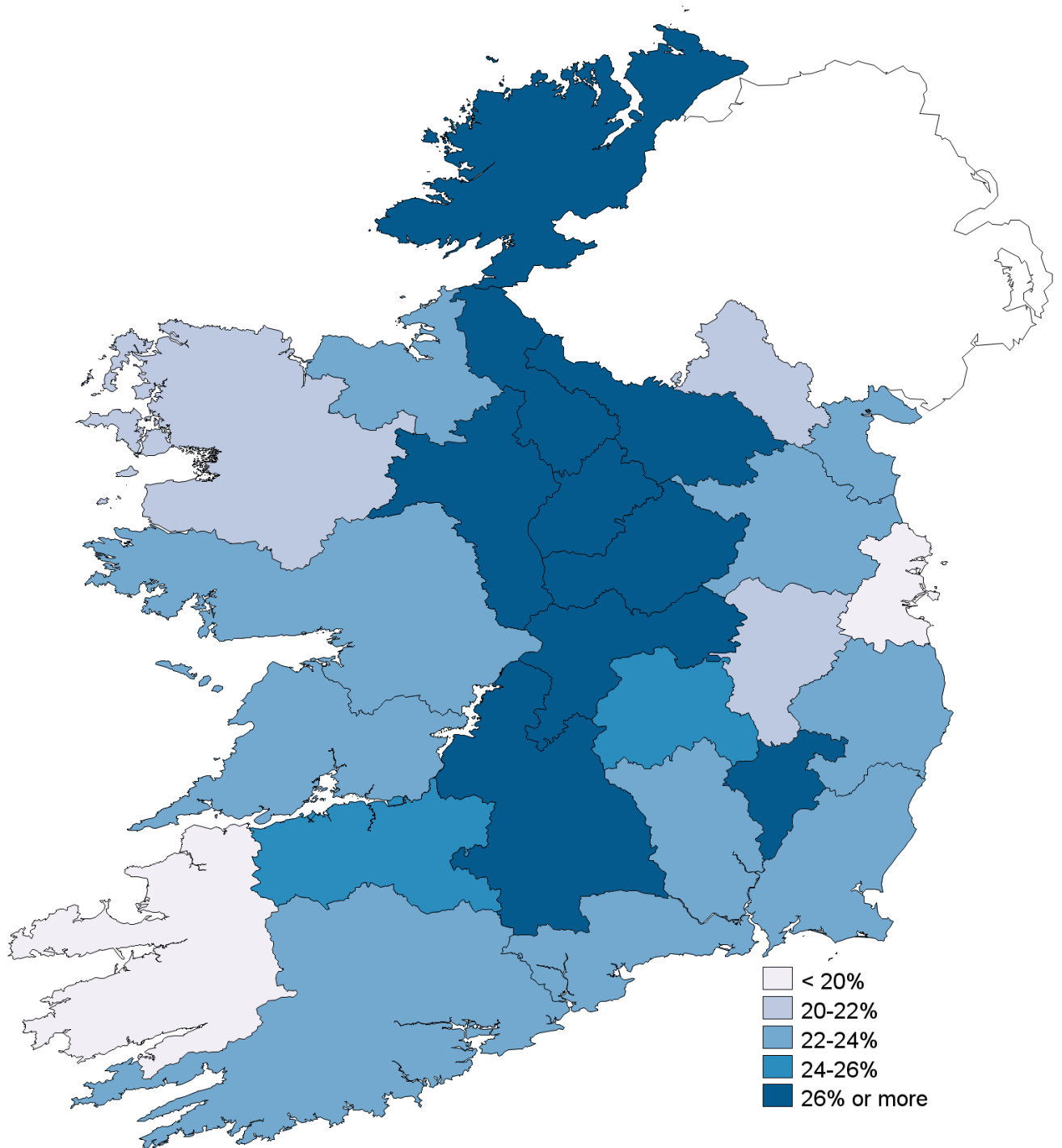
County Breakdown

County	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 16th February	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 9th February	Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 5th May 2020
Carlow	4,933	5,047	7,800
Cavan	7,100	7,165	9,700
Clare	11,241	11,230	14,600
Cork	48,658	49,195	61,900
Donegal	16,355	16,421	22,700
Dublin	148,879	149,534	174,200
Galway	25,496	25,603	32,300
Kerry	18,343	18,476	22,200
Kildare	21,284	21,422	26,100
Kilkenny	8,864	8,957	10,600
Laois	7,299	7,420	8,600
Leitrim	2,957	2,982	4,100
Limerick	17,175	17,533	22,300
Longford	3,210	3,223	4,500
Louth	13,859	14,351	17,300
Mayo	12,995	13,150	16,400
Meath	20,062	20,011	25,000
Monaghan	6,605	6,735	8,200
Offaly	6,609	6,687	8,900
Roscommon	5,586	5,583	7,100
Sligo	5,957	6,018	7,700
Tipperary	12,961	13,076	18,800
Waterford	10,589	10,683	14,100
Westmeath	8,284	8,415	11,700
Wexford	15,732	15,906	20,500
Wicklow	14,505	14,593	18,700
County not included	2,127	1,915	2,000
Total	477,665	481,331	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 (111,280) followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (75,927) and Construction (62,197).

Sector Breakdown

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 16 th February	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 9 th February	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 5 th May 2020
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	7,018	7,099	8,600
Manufacturing	27,212	27,732	37,400
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	1,625	1,619	2,100
Construction	62,197	62,902	79,300
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	75,927	76,606	90,300
Transportation and storage	13,537	13,629	17,900
Accommodation and food service activities	111,280	111,872	128,500
Information and communication activities	8,538	8,595	11,800
Financial and insurance activities	8,765	8,811	12,500
Real Estate activities	6,344	6,359	8,100
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	16,741	16,920	24,800
Administrative and support service activities	41,378	41,565	45,800
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	7,896	7,977	14,400
Education	14,685	14,790	22,000
Human Health And Social Work activities	14,877	15,320	22,500
Arts, entertainment and recreation	13,078	13,133	14,200
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	35,666	35,712	39,200
Unclassified or unknown	10,901	10,690	18,600
Total	477,665	481,331	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 16th February	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 16th February	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 16th February	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 16th February
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	3,537	1,234	1,074	1,173
Manufacturing	17,891	3,526	2,766	3,029
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	1,140	174	142	169
Construction	45,053	6,653	5,074	5,417
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	32,581	14,641	14,769	13,936
Transportation and storage	7,890	2,079	1,833	1,735
Accommodation and food service activities	46,876	23,176	22,025	19,203
Information and communication activities	4,700	1,119	1,199	1,520
Financial and insurance activities	4,518	1,200	1,309	1,738
Real Estate activities	2,938	1,112	1,092	1,202
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	9,627	2,408	2,140	2,566
Administrative and support service activities	22,445	6,368	5,914	6,651
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	3,735	1,073	1,277	1,811
Education	6,014	2,422	2,862	3,387
Human Health And Social Work activities	6,548	2,708	2,759	2,862
Arts, entertainment and recreation	5,251	2,221	2,519	3,087
Other Sectors	14,724	7,092	6,704	7,146
Unclassified or unknown	2,433	1,056	1,505	5,907
Total	237,901	80,262	76,963	82,539

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 16 th February	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 9 th February
< 25	112,940	113,894
25-34	105,870	106,984
35-44	109,363	110,213
45-54	85,534	86,172
55+	63,958	64,068
Total	477,665	481,331

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 16 th February	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 16 th February	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 16 th February	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 16 th February
Male	157,268	38,374	32,698	35,759
Female	80,633	41,888	44,265	46,780
Total	237,901	80,262	76,963	82,539

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 16 th February	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 16 th February	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 16 th February	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 16 th February
< 25	30,482	25,611	29,461	27,386
25-34	62,079	18,312	12,922	12,557
35-44	65,386	15,129	13,278	15,570
45-54	48,090	11,942	11,499	14,003
55+	31,864	9,268	9,803	13,023
Total	237,901	80,262	76,963	82,539

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

Around 10,201 people have closed their account to return to work since 5th February. Of these 6,912 are male and 3,289 are female.

County	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 16 th February	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
Carlow	147	111	98
Cavan	229	179	159
Clare	248	102	179
Cork	1,047	942	835
Donegal	351	246	218
Dublin	2,526	2,132	1889
Galway	493	392	347
Kerry	281	275	244
Kildare	510	407	361
Kilkenny	244	173	153
Laois	221	138	122
Leitrim	62	33	29
Limerick	404	439	300
Longford	88	54	48
Louth	351	299	265
Mayo	307	240	213
Meath	480	281	338
Monaghan	259	182	161
Offaly	183	173	153
Roscommon	130	103	91
Sligo	114	100	89
Tipperary	319	218	193
Waterford	229	148	131
Westmeath	204	252	135
Wexford	430	384	340
Wicklow	261	214	190
County not included	83	56	49
Total	10,201	8,273	7,330

Closed Pandemic Unemployment Payments - Sector Breakdown

The top three sectors from which employees closed their Pandemic Unemployment Payment to return to work are Construction (2,167), Wholesale and Retail Trade (1,785), and Manufacturing (1,308).

Sector Breakdown

	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 16 th February	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
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	207	139	123
Manufacturing	1,308	1,003	889
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	40	47	42
Construction	2,167	1,657	1,468
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	1,785	1,554	1,377
Transportation and storage	317	237	210
Accommodation and food service activities	1,148	937	830
Information and communication activities	131	133	118
Financial and insurance activities	122	112	99
Real Estate activities	74	72	64
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	428	343	304
Administrative and support service activities	922	787	697
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	191	133	118
Education	215	187	166
Human Health And Social Work activities	709	594	526
Arts, entertainment and recreation	101	104	92
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	256	176	156
Unclassified or unknown	80	58	51
Total	10,201	8,273	7,330

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 16th February	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
< 25	2,053	1,941	1,720
25-34	2,535	2,111	1,870
35-44	2,666	2,008	1,779
45-54	1,938	1,414	1,253
55+	1,009	799	708
Total	10,201	8,273	7,330

Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date, 133,485 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 72,200 are female and 61,285 are male.

Some 4,707 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 16 th February	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
Carlow	1,881	1,836	1,766
Cavan	3,297	3,242	3,169
Clare	2,732	2,661	2,576
Cork	14,481	14,129	13,644
Donegal	4,054	3,973	3,859
Dublin	36,541	35,701	34,549
Galway	7,833	7,655	7,408
Kerry	3,102	3,057	2,970
Kildare	5,795	5,645	5,498
Kilkenny	3,046	3,007	2,940
Laois	2,341	2,282	2,205
Leitrim	579	562	551
Limerick	5,133	5,020	4,852
Longford	1,078	1,044	995
Louth	4,073	3,967	3,791
Mayo	3,484	3,380	3,252
Meath	5,453	5,300	5,142
Monaghan	2,859	2,783	2,650
Offaly	2,019	1,979	1,917
Roscommon	1,722	1,689	1,651
Sligo	1,391	1,353	1,315
Tipperary	4,504	4,420	4,311
Waterford	4,609	4,524	4,384
Westmeath	2,057	2,012	1,965
Wexford	4,999	4,871	4,702
Wicklow	3,470	3,416	3,343
Other (NI & Foreign Address)	952	926	890
Total	133,485	130,434	126,295

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 (29,282) and Human Health and Social Work (24,639), followed by Manufacturing (18,289).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 16 th February	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
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	1,648	1,579	1,475
Manufacturing	18,289	17,888	16,861
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	722	704	664
Construction	6,659	6,500	5,965
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	29,282	28,636	27,457
Transportation and storage	5,198	5,078	4,737
Accommodation and food service activities	7,718	7,555	8,441
Information and communication activities	2,297	2,243	2,131
Financial and insurance activities	4,900	4,774	4,529
Real Estate activities	1,039	1,016	1,021
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	4,584	4,455	4,155
Administrative and support service activities	11,382	11,095	10,603
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	5,280	5,200	5,051
Education	3,735	3,674	3,385
Human Health And Social Work activities	24,639	24,018	21,765
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,154	1,140	1,258
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	4,137	4,074	4,078
Unclassified or unknown	822	805	2,719
Total	133,485	130,434	126,295

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 16 th February	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
< 25	21,779	21,329	20,630
25-34	33,843	33,027	31,970
35-44	34,743	33,990	33,027
45-54	26,183	25,567	24,737
55+	16,937	16,521	15,931
Total	133,485	130,434	126,295