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

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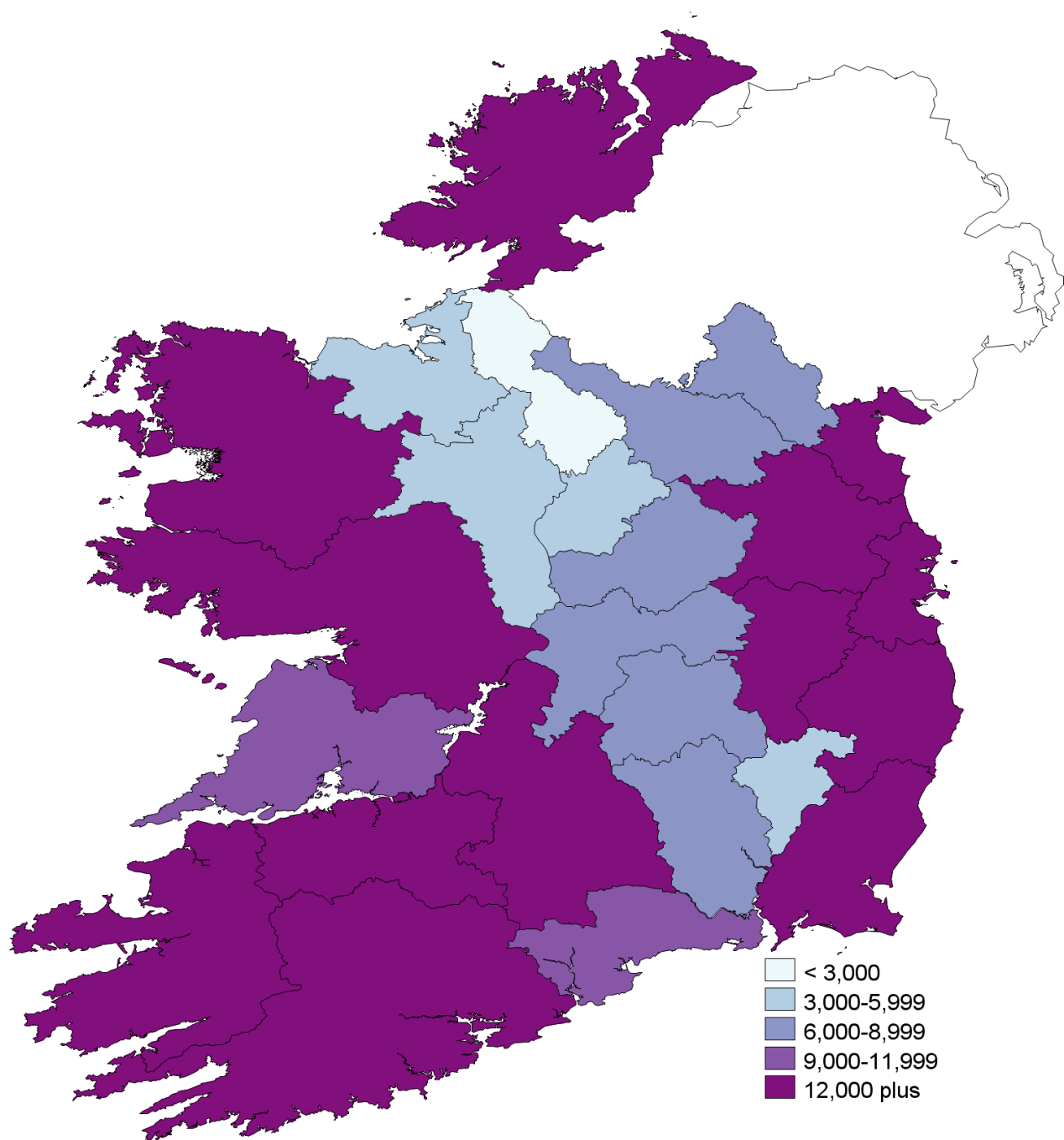
Analysis of Pandemic Unemployment Payments

There are 464,860 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 209,934 are female and 254,926 are male.

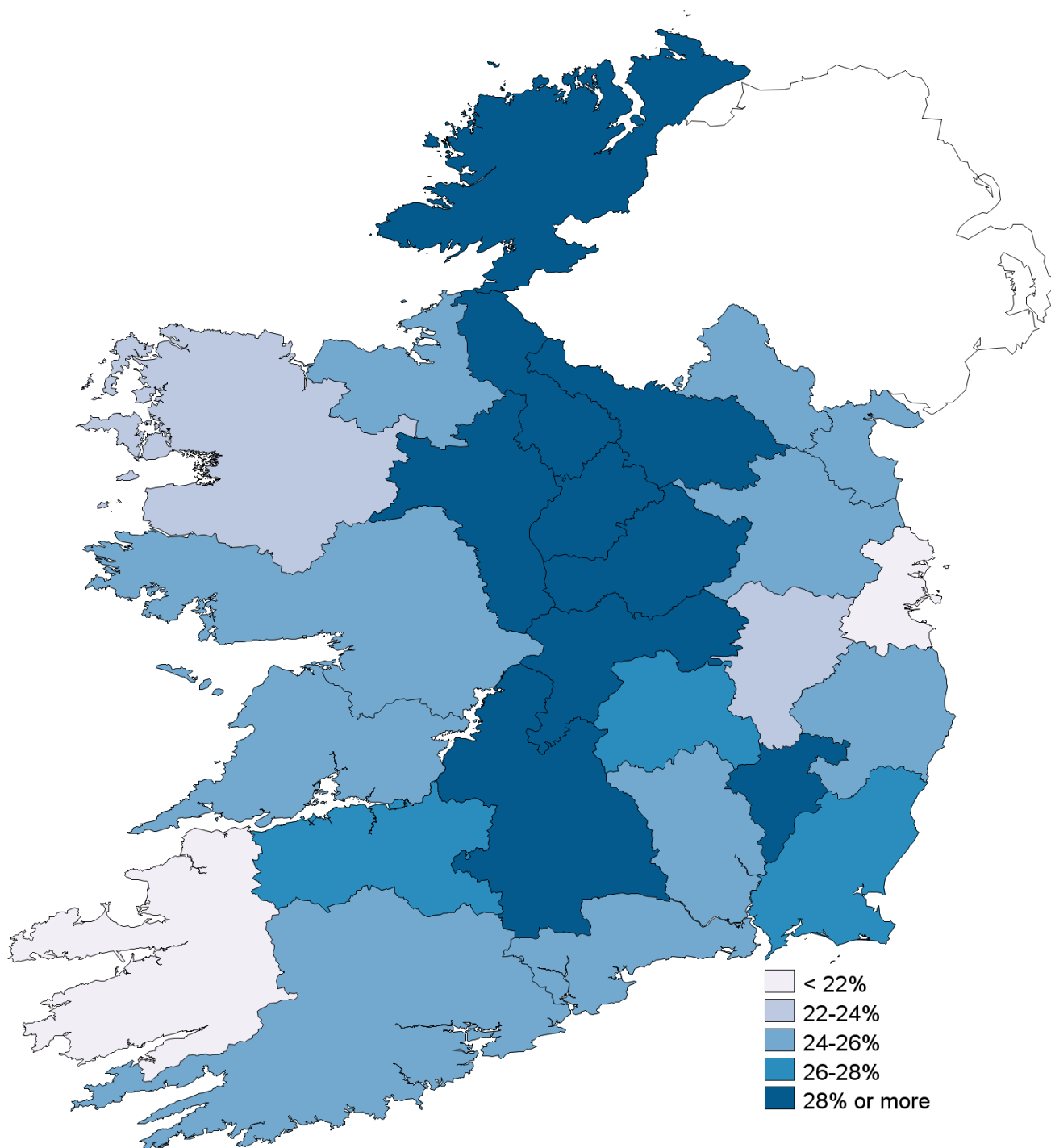
County Breakdown

County	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 9th March	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 2nd March	Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 5th May 2020
Carlow	4,724	4,811	7,800
Cavan	6,759	6,846	9,700
Clare	11,165	11,185	14,600
Cork	47,011	47,535	61,900
Donegal	15,854	16,050	22,700
Dublin	146,547	147,241	174,200
Galway	24,934	25,082	32,300
Kerry	17,936	18,064	22,200
Kildare	20,644	20,864	26,100
Kilkenny	8,592	8,662	10,600
Laois	7,062	7,125	8,600
Leitrim	2,875	2,916	4,100
Limerick	16,323	16,433	22,300
Longford	3,150	3,191	4,500
Louth	12,732	12,972	17,300
Mayo	12,546	12,693	16,400
Meath	19,899	19,921	25,000
Monaghan	6,182	6,272	8,200
Offaly	6,451	6,524	8,900
Roscommon	5,402	5,463	7,100
Sligo	5,761	5,834	7,700
Tipperary	12,608	12,743	18,800
Waterford	10,329	10,399	14,100
Westmeath	8,064	8,143	11,700
Wexford	14,806	15,053	20,500
Wicklow	14,049	14,173	18,700
County not included	2,455	2,652	2,000
Total	464,860	468,847	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 (109,754) followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (74,153) and Construction (58,864).

Sector Breakdown

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 9 th March	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 2 nd March	Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 5 th May 2020
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	6,617	6,770	8,600
Manufacturing	25,488	25,862	37,400
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	1,660	1,657	2,100
Construction	58,864	59,867	79,300
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	74,153	74,589	90,300
Transportation and storage	12,790	13,154	17,900
Accommodation and food service activities	109,754	110,216	128,500
Information and communication activities	8,433	8,446	11,800
Financial and insurance activities	8,589	8,675	12,500
Real Estate activities	6,235	6,275	8,100
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	16,245	16,374	24,800
Administrative and support service activities	40,759	40,923	45,800
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	7,528	7,713	14,400
Education	14,398	14,613	22,000
Human Health And Social Work activities	13,952	14,179	22,500
Arts, entertainment and recreation	12,926	12,984	14,200
Other Sectors	35,419	35,510	39,200
Unclassified or unknown	11,050	11,040	18,600
Total	464,860	468,847	598,000

Note: The sector breakdowns are estimated from the NACE code of the last known employer.

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by sector

	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 9 th March	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 9 th March	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 9 th March	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 9 th March
Industrial Sector				
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	3,245	1,158	1,038	1,176
Manufacturing	16,305	3,456	2,713	3,014
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	1,170	174	142	174
Construction	42,017	6,464	4,965	5,418
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	31,254	14,389	14,574	13,936
Transportation and storage	7,522	1,897	1,691	1,680
Accommodation and food service activities	45,957	22,816	21,811	19,170
Information and communication activities	4,610	1,105	1,188	1,530
Financial and insurance activities	4,414	1,174	1,275	1,726
Real Estate activities	2,868	1,089	1,076	1,202
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	9,233	2,355	2,111	2,546
Administrative and support service activities	21,915	6,334	5,856	6,654
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	3,501	1,034	1,226	1,767
Education	5,838	2,388	2,807	3,365
Human Health And Social Work activities	5,925	2,562	2,651	2,814
Arts, entertainment and recreation	5,172	2,199	2,486	3,069
Other Sectors	14,557	7,068	6,632	7,162
Unclassified or unknown	2,406	1,043	1,498	6,103
Total	227,909	78,705	75,740	82,506

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 March	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 2 nd March
< 25	110,489	111,111
25-34	102,688	103,627
35-44	106,182	107,116
45-54	83,037	83,864
55+	62,464	63,129
Total	464,860	468,847

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 9 th March	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 9 th March	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 9 th March	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 9 th March
Male	149,526	37,463	32,111	35,826
Female	78,383	41,242	43,629	46,680
Total	227,909	78,705	75,740	82,506

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 9 th March	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 9 th March	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 9 th March	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 9 th March
< 25	28,948	25,070	29,033	27,438
25-34	59,461	18,022	12,731	12,474
35-44	62,626	14,901	13,076	15,579
45-54	46,043	11,683	11,275	14,036
55+	30,831	9,029	9,625	12,979
Total	227,909	78,705	75,740	82,506

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

Around 9,372 people have closed their account to return to work since 26th February. Of these 5,873 are male and 3,499 are female.

County	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 9 th March	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 2 nd March	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 23 rd February
Carlow	118	138	131
Cavan	164	209	199
Clare	257	198	238
Cork	1,067	992	1,060
Donegal	382	299	313
Dublin	2,149	2,372	2,378
Galway	432	450	510
Kerry	298	260	324
Kildare	425	493	429
Kilkenny	221	160	203
Laois	174	160	196
Leitrim	68	61	47
Limerick	355	325	363
Longford	97	77	66
Louth	287	263	303
Mayo	282	252	268
Meath	474	444	476
Monaghan	170	156	230
Offaly	187	172	198
Roscommon	122	112	130
Sligo	124	104	105
Tipperary	330	240	315
Waterford	226	194	212
Westmeath	185	191	144
Wexford	415	415	619
Wicklow	265	245	317
County not included	98	96	88
Total	9,372	9,078	9,862

Closed Pandemic Unemployment Payments - Sector Breakdown

The top three sectors from which employees closed their Pandemic Unemployment Payment to return to work are Construction (1,958), Wholesale and Retail Trade (1,210), and Manufacturing (901).

Sector Breakdown

	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 9 th March	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 2 nd March	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 23 rd February
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	182	192	211
Manufacturing	901	1,015	1,388
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	58	56	46
Construction	1,958	2,078	2,369
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	1,210	1,295	1,461
Transportation and storage	734	528	374
Accommodation and food service activities	896	870	1,050
Information and communication activities	136	151	172
Financial and insurance activities	175	146	107
Real Estate activities	89	84	69
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	299	344	391
Administrative and support service activities	884	887	875
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	311	272	192
Education	608	293	190
Human Health And Social Work activities	484	469	554
Arts, entertainment and recreation	91	78	112
Other Sectors	281	229	229
Unclassified or unknown	75	91	72
Total	9,372	9,078	9,862

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 March	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 2nd March	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 23rd February
< 25	1,381	1,603	1,849
25-34	2,027	2,194	2,438
35-44	2,399	2,288	2,514
45-54	1,982	1,769	1,898
55+	1,583	1,224	1,163
Total	9,372	9,078	9,862

Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date, 140,249 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment; 75,631 are female and 64,618 are male.

Some 2,938 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 March	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 2 nd March	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 23 rd February
Carlow	1,994	1,967	1,944
Cavan	3,410	3,382	3,339
Clare	2,861	2,822	2,767
Cork	15,091	14,937	14,733
Donegal	4,203	4,159	4,106
Dublin	38,600	38,057	37,397
Galway	8,244	8,136	7,981
Kerry	3,217	3,189	3,156
Kildare	6,087	6,016	5,910
Kilkenny	3,144	3,114	3,051
Laois	2,467	2,428	2,363
Leitrim	605	591	588
Limerick	5,382	5,312	5,228
Longford	1,157	1,128	1,113
Louth	4,336	4,275	4,187
Mayo	3,689	3,629	3,563
Meath	5,820	5,709	5,575
Monaghan	3,033	2,990	2,925
Offaly	2,135	2,107	2,043
Roscommon	1,790	1,765	1,746
Sligo	1,459	1,443	1,423
Tipperary	4,706	4,657	4,603
Waterford	4,817	4,775	4,716
Westmeath	2,180	2,146	2,120
Wexford	5,200	5,152	5,111
Wicklow	3,597	3,570	3,522
Other (NI & Foreign Address)	1,025	1,000	1,073
Total	140,249	138,456	136,283

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 (30,697) and Human Health and Social Work (25,901), followed by Manufacturing (19,204).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 9 th March	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 2 nd March	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 23 rd February
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	1,794	1,759	1,715
Manufacturing	19,204	18,944	18,665
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	767	756	740
Construction	7,005	6,929	6,809
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	30,697	30,309	29,861
Transportation and storage	5,495	5,414	5,322
Accommodation and food service activities	8,034	7,934	7,847
Information and communication activities	2,424	2,393	2,358
Financial and insurance activities	5,166	5,086	5,009
Real Estate activities	1,093	1,086	1,071
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	4,898	4,816	4,722
Administrative and support service activities	12,065	11,884	11,648
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	5,498	5,452	5,381
Education	3,879	3,837	3,785
Human Health And Social Work activities	25,901	25,609	25,166
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,184	1,166	1,163
Other Sectors	4,277	4,240	4,195
Unclassified or unknown	868	842	826
Total	140,249	138,456	136,283

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 9 th March	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 2 nd March	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 23 rd February
< 25	22,827	22,555	22,234
25-34	35,580	35,142	34,562
35-44	36,438	35,985	35,451
45-54	27,541	27,188	26,764
55+	17,863	17,586	17,272
Total	140,249	138,456	136,283