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

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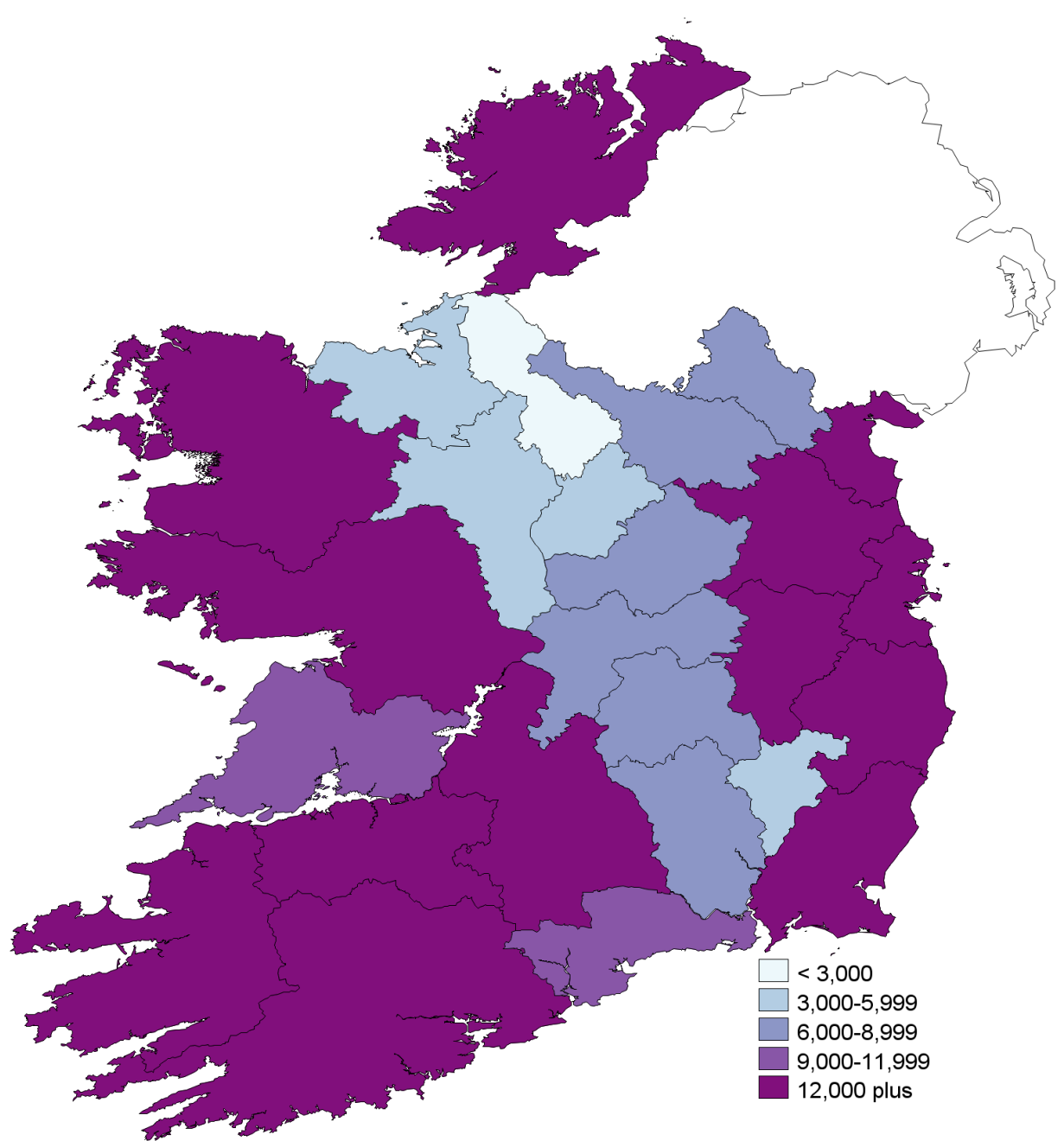
Analysis of Pandemic Unemployment Payments

There are 449,521 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 203,779 are female and 245,742 are male.

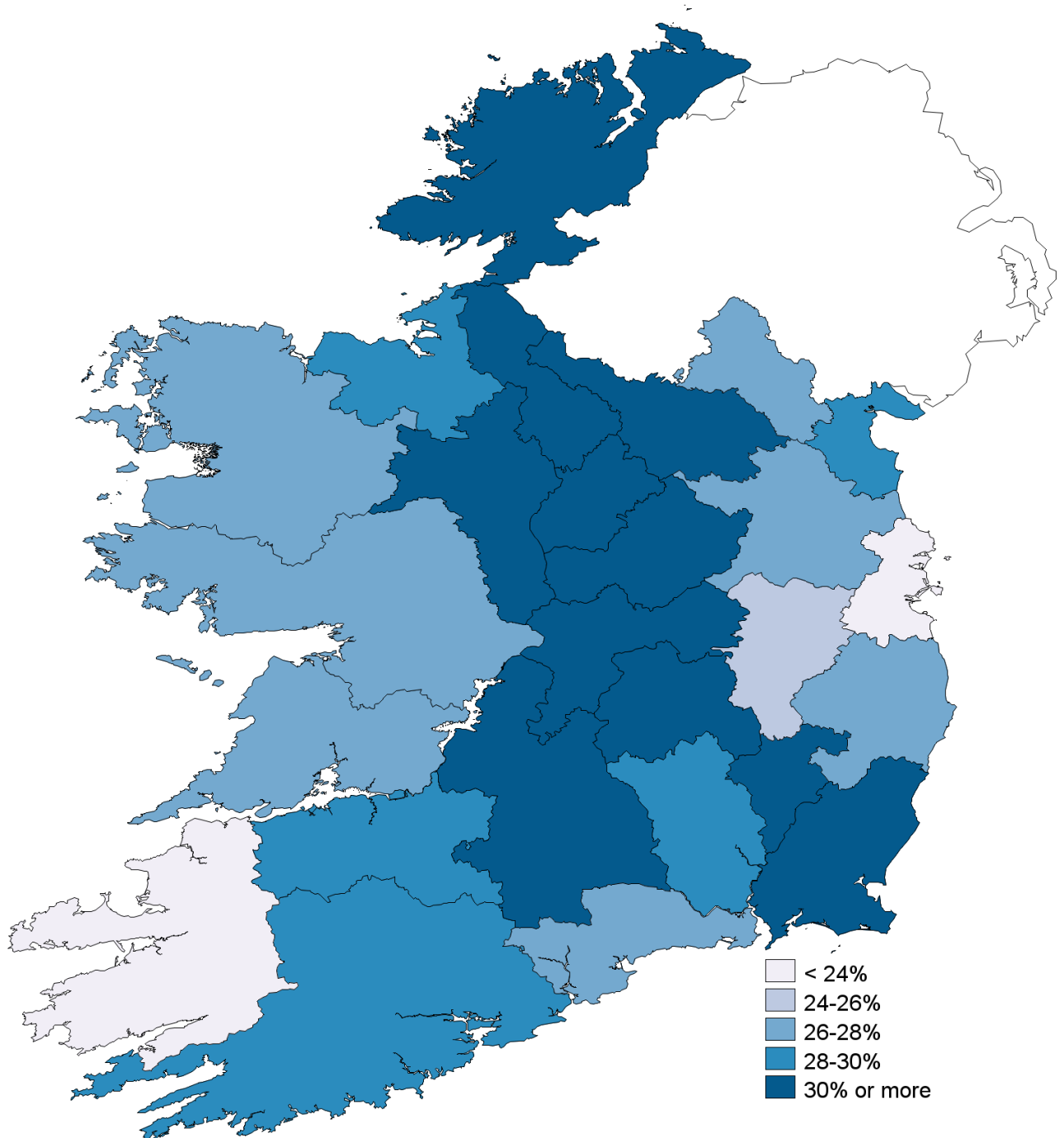
County Breakdown

County	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 23rd March	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 16th March	Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment at its peak in week commencing 4th May 2020
Carlow	4,524	4,611	7,114
Cavan	6,572	6,643	9,941
Clare	10,868	11,037	14,869
Cork	45,238	46,068	62,460
Donegal	15,254	15,504	22,594
Dublin	143,056	144,683	174,163
Galway	24,186	24,563	33,132
Kerry	17,453	17,665	22,217
Kildare	19,949	20,275	26,720
Kilkenny	8,241	8,401	11,491
Laois	6,768	6,930	9,700
Leitrim	2,750	2,812	4,044
Limerick	15,632	15,950	21,964
Longford	3,025	3,093	4,403
Louth	12,264	12,470	16,983
Mayo	12,040	12,277	16,381
Meath	19,342	19,718	26,614
Monaghan	6,090	5,988	8,284
Offaly	6,153	6,314	9,067
Roscommon	5,166	5,299	7,577
Sligo	5,536	5,629	7,725
Tipperary	12,016	12,294	18,515
Waterford	9,921	10,105	13,662
Westmeath	7,759	7,909	11,353
Wexford	14,150	14,486	20,441
Wicklow	13,572	13,781	18,502
County not included	1,996	2,075	2,184
Total	449,521	456,580	602,100

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 (107,905) followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (72,009) and Construction (55,584).

Sector Breakdown

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 23 rd March	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 16 th March	Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment at its peak in week commencing 4 th May 2020
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	6,236	6,402	8,704
Manufacturing	24,268	24,874	39,554
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	1,574	1,615	2,150
Construction	55,584	57,269	84,169
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	72,009	73,070	94,240
Transportation and storage	11,799	12,076	18,130
Accommodation and food service activities	107,905	108,767	131,230
Information and communication activities	8,188	8,319	11,304
Financial and insurance activities	8,295	8,400	11,455
Real Estate activities	6,098	6,162	7,865
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	15,985	15,979	24,199
Administrative and support service activities	39,549	40,059	44,986
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	7,028	7,226	10,354
Education	13,205	13,691	21,552
Human Health And Social Work activities	13,136	13,641	23,668
Arts, entertainment and recreation	12,755	12,862	14,211
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	34,979	35,185	39,090
Unclassified or unknown	10,928	10,983	15,239
Total	449,521	456,580	602,100

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 23rd March	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 23rd March	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 23rd March	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 23rd March
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	3,002	1,095	1,006	1,133
Manufacturing	15,300	3,357	2,656	2,955
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	1,104	168	134	168
Construction	39,299	6,198	4,786	5,301
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	29,985	13,993	14,296	13,735
Transportation and storage	6,972	1,681	1,538	1,608
Accommodation and food service activities	45,030	22,429	21,510	18,936
Information and communication activities	4,443	1,077	1,164	1,504
Financial and insurance activities	4,237	1,131	1,229	1,698
Real Estate activities	2,783	1,068	1,058	1,189
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	9,124	2,301	2,064	2,496
Administrative and support service activities	21,300	6,152	5,669	6,428
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	3,229	959	1,153	1,687
Education	5,250	2,196	2,610	3,149
Human Health And Social Work activities	5,556	2,364	2,510	2,706
Arts, entertainment and recreation	5,076	2,174	2,450	3,055
Other Sectors	14,340	6,973	6,564	7,102
Unclassified or unknown	2,340	1,032	1,482	6,074
Total	218,370	76,348	73,879	80,924

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 23 rd March	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 16 th March
< 25	107,970	109,178
25-34	99,167	100,866
35-44	102,353	104,089
45-54	79,849	81,339
55+	60,182	61,108
Total	449,521	456,580

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 23 rd March	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 23 rd March	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 23 rd March	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 23 rd March
Male	142,746	36,360	31,369	35,267
Female	75,624	39,988	42,510	45,657
Total	218,370	76,348	73,879	80,924

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 23 rd March	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 23 rd March	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 23 rd March	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 23 rd March
< 25	27,850	24,458	28,535	27,127
25-34	57,007	17,552	12,457	12,151
35-44	59,943	14,463	12,724	15,223
45-54	44,014	11,221	10,910	13,704
55+	29,556	8,654	9,253	12,719
Total	218,370	76,348	73,879	80,924

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

Around 8,534 people who have closed their account for return to work since 12th March. Of these 5,244 are male and 3,290 are female.

County	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 23 rd March	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 16 th March	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 9 th March
Carlow	131	122	118
Cavan	139	155	164
Clare	193	237	257
Cork	888	1,075	1,067
Donegal	299	339	382
Dublin	2,105	2,466	2,149
Galway	466	513	432
Kerry	276	315	298
Kildare	426	484	425
Kilkenny	200	207	221
Laois	161	186	174
Leitrim	59	64	68
Limerick	319	388	355
Longford	77	84	97
Louth	246	283	287
Mayo	223	348	282
Meath	418	518	474
Monaghan	131	163	170
Offaly	185	211	187
Roscommon	104	177	122
Sligo	110	127	124
Tipperary	311	362	330
Waterford	204	272	226
Westmeath	191	177	185
Wexford	374	415	415
Wicklow	236	295	265
County not included	62	90	98
Total	8,534	10,073	9,372

Closed Pandemic Unemployment Payments - Sector Breakdown

The top three sectors from which employees closed their Pandemic Unemployment Payment to return to work are Construction (1,781), Wholesale and Retail Trade (1,253), and Accommodation and food services (1,042).

Sector Breakdown

	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 23 rd March	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 16 th March	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 9 th March
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	142	189	182
Manufacturing	808	948	901
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	56	66	58
Construction	1,781	2,134	1,958
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	1,253	1,469	1,210
Transportation and storage	318	409	734
Accommodation and food service activities	1,042	1,141	896
Information and communication activities	140	145	136
Financial and insurance activities	114	161	175
Real Estate activities	73	87	89
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	322	344	299
Administrative and support service activities	904	932	884
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	191	248	311
Education	498	545	608
Human Health And Social Work activities	473	718	484
Arts, entertainment and recreation	101	140	91
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	235	295	281
Unclassified or unknown	83	102	75
Total	8,534	10,073	9,372

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 23rd March	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 16th March	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 9th March
< 25	1,435	1,635	1,381
25-34	1,960	2,397	2,027
35-44	2,244	2,594	2,399
45-54	1,854	2,041	1,982
55+	1,041	1,406	1,583
Total	8,534	10,073	9,372

Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date, 143,229 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment; 77,152 are female and 66,077 are male.

Some 2,134 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 23 rd March	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 16 th March	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 9 th March
Carlow	2,049	2,037	1,994
Cavan	3,464	3,440	3,410
Clare	2,938	2,924	2,861
Cork	15,257	15,189	15,091
Donegal	4,257	4,233	4,203
Dublin	39,588	39,146	38,600
Galway	8,404	8,313	8,244
Kerry	3,253	3,235	3,217
Kildare	6,234	6,160	6,087
Kilkenny	3,255	3,243	3,144
Laois	2,592	2,565	2,467
Leitrim	613	610	605
Limerick	5,471	5,425	5,382
Longford	1,185	1,170	1,157
Louth	4,398	4,369	4,336
Mayo	3,776	3,745	3,689
Meath	6,026	5,948	5,820
Monaghan	3,110	3,079	3,033
Offaly	2,213	2,169	2,135
Roscommon	1,848	1,843	1,790
Sligo	1,496	1,483	1,459
Tipperary	4,784	4,738	4,706
Waterford	4,840	4,800	4,817
Westmeath	2,226	2,206	2,180
Wexford	5,239	5,196	5,200
Wicklow	3,646	3,617	3,597
Other (NI & Foreign Address)	1,067	1,052	1,025
Total	143,229	141,935	140,249

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 (31,371) and Human Health and Social Work (26,388), followed by Manufacturing (19,563).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 23 rd March	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 16 th March	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 9 th March
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	1,847	1,833	1,794
Manufacturing	19,563	19,404	19,204
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	784	776	767
Construction	7,140	7,093	7,005
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	31,371	31,072	30,697
Transportation and storage	5,654	5,570	5,495
Accommodation and food service activities	8,163	8,107	8,034
Information and communication activities	2,496	2,459	2,424
Financial and insurance activities	5,279	5,222	5,166
Real Estate activities	1,120	1,114	1,093
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	5,081	5,007	4,898
Administrative and support service activities	12,362	12,257	12,065
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	5,591	5,553	5,498
Education	3,970	3,928	3,879
Human Health And Social Work activities	26,388	26,184	25,901
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,196	1,191	1,184
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	4,339	4,310	4,277
Unclassified or unknown	885	855	868
Total	143,229	141,935	140,249

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 23 rd March	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 16 th March	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 9 th March
< 25	23,256	23,104	22,827
25-34	36,286	35,971	35,580
35-44	37,235	36,866	36,438
45-54	28,181	27,903	27,541
55+	18,271	18,091	17,863
Total	143,229	141,935	140,249