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

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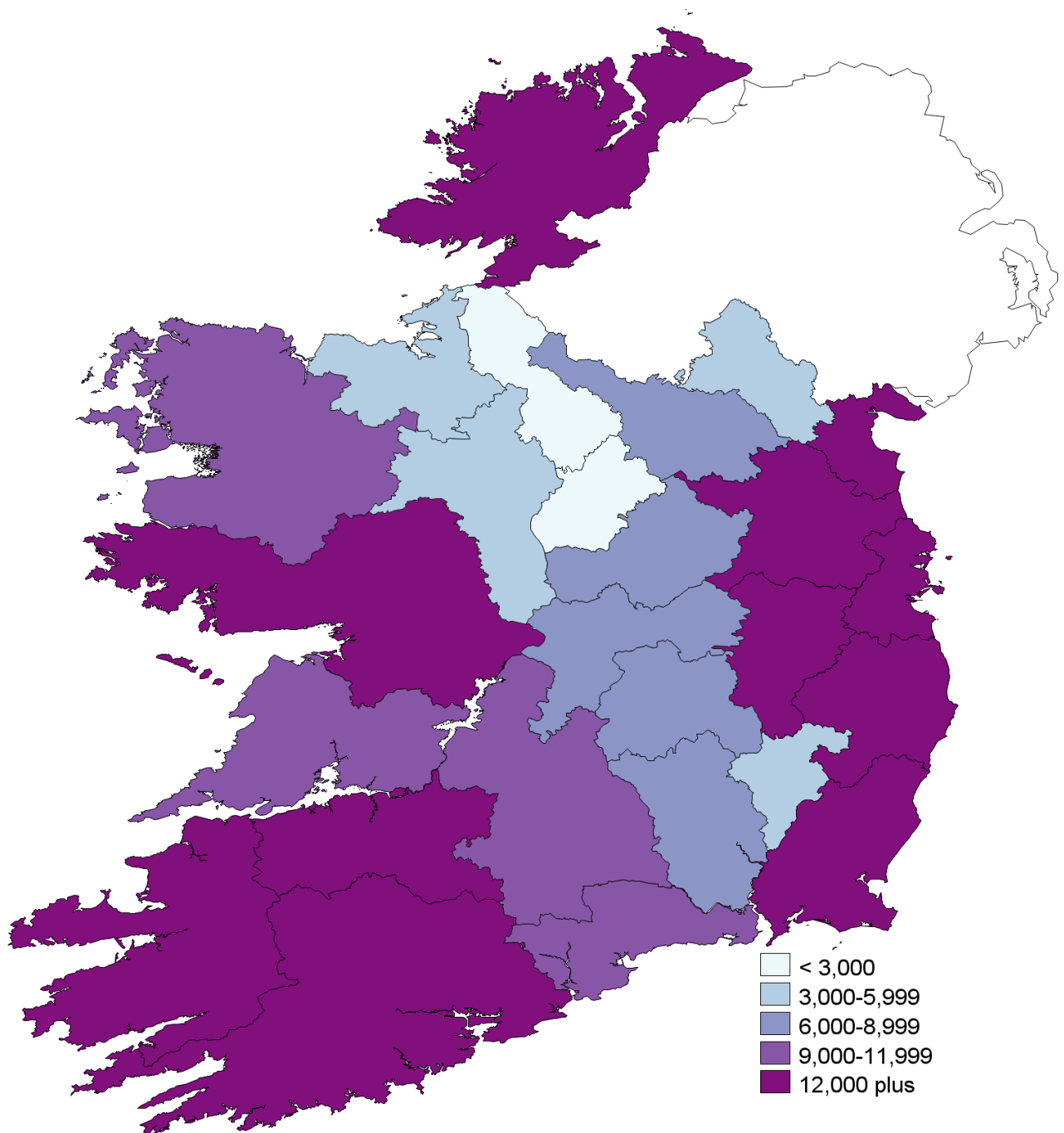
Analysis of Pandemic Unemployment Payments

There are 443,247 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 201,142 are female and 242,105 are male.

County Breakdown

County	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 30th March	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 23rd March	Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment at its peak in week commencing 4th May 2020
Carlow	4,416	4,524	7,114
Cavan	6,465	6,572	9,941
Clare	10,726	10,868	14,869
Cork	44,503	45,238	62,460
Donegal	15,013	15,254	22,594
Dublin	141,621	143,056	174,163
Galway	23,862	24,186	33,132
Kerry	17,209	17,453	22,217
Kildare	19,675	19,949	26,720
Kilkenny	8,068	8,241	11,491
Laois	6,664	6,768	9,700
Leitrim	2,716	2,750	4,044
Limerick	15,385	15,632	21,964
Longford	2,964	3,025	4,403
Louth	12,122	12,264	16,983
Mayo	11,834	12,040	16,381
Meath	19,051	19,342	26,614
Monaghan	5,973	6,090	8,284
Offaly	6,072	6,153	9,067
Roscommon	5,090	5,166	7,577
Sligo	5,447	5,536	7,725
Tipperary	11,812	12,016	18,515
Waterford	9,744	9,921	13,662
Westmeath	7,617	7,759	11,353
Wexford	13,890	14,150	20,441
Wicklow	13,365	13,572	18,502
County not included	1,943	1,996	2,184
Total	443,247	449,521	602,100

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 (107,043) followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (71,099) and Construction (54,314).

Sector Breakdown

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 30 th March	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 23 rd 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	6,136	6,236	8,704
Manufacturing	23,819	24,268	39,554
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	1,549	1,574	2,150
Construction	54,314	55,584	84,169
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	71,099	72,009	94,240
Transportation and storage	11,588	11,799	18,130
Accommodation and food service activities	107,043	107,905	131,230
Information and communication activities	8,072	8,188	11,304
Financial and insurance activities	8,168	8,295	11,455
Real Estate activities	6,056	6,098	7,865
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	15,717	15,985	24,199
Administrative and support service activities	38,989	39,549	44,986
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	6,834	7,028	10,354
Education	12,728	13,205	21,552
Human Health And Social Work activities	12,774	13,136	23,668
Arts, entertainment and recreation	12,671	12,755	14,211
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	34,804	34,979	39,090
Unclassified or unknown	10,886	10,928	15,239
Total	443,247	449,521	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 30th March	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 30th March	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 30th March	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 30th March
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	2,942	1,076	996	1,122
Manufacturing	14,952	3,313	2,637	2,917
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	1,085	168	130	166
Construction	38,250	6,092	4,723	5,249
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	29,471	13,847	14,127	13,654
Transportation and storage	6,852	1,638	1,506	1,592
Accommodation and food service activities	44,618	22,229	21,348	18,848
Information and communication activities	4,346	1,073	1,148	1,505
Financial and insurance activities	4,164	1,107	1,215	1,682
Real Estate activities	2,769	1,060	1,043	1,184
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	8,919	2,286	2,042	2,470
Administrative and support service activities	20,941	6,109	5,587	6,352
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	3,137	925	1,117	1,655
Education	4,996	2,128	2,532	3,072
Human Health And Social Work activities	5,380	2,289	2,451	2,654
Arts, entertainment and recreation	5,032	2,155	2,441	3,043
Other Sectors	14,245	6,967	6,544	7,048
Unclassified or unknown	2,321	1,026	1,479	6,060
Total	214,420	75,488	73,066	80,273

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 30 th March	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 23 rd March
< 25	106,820	107,970
25-34	97,801	99,167
35-44	100,588	102,353
45-54	78,581	79,849
55+	59,457	60,182
Total	443,247	449,521

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 30 th March	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 30 th March	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 30 th March	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 30 th March
Male	139,983	35,988	31,088	35,046
Female	74,437	39,500	41,978	45,227
Total	214,420	75,488	73,066	80,273

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 30 th March	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 30 th March	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 30 th March	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 30 th March
< 25	27,367	24,204	28,268	26,981
25-34	56,059	17,369	12,343	12,030
35-44	58,756	14,262	12,552	15,018
45-54	43,152	11,080	10,744	13,605
55+	29,086	8,573	9,159	12,639
Total	214,420	75,488	73,066	80,273

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

Around 8,303 people who have closed their account for return to work since 19th March. Of these 5,421 are male and 2,882 are female.

County	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 30 th March	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
Carlow	101	131	122
Cavan	163	139	155
Clare	175	193	237
Cork	914	888	1,075
Donegal	308	299	339
Dublin	2,055	2,105	2,466
Galway	391	466	513
Kerry	303	276	315
Kildare	402	426	484
Kilkenny	166	200	207
Laois	136	161	186
Leitrim	48	59	64
Limerick	288	319	388
Longford	67	77	84
Louth	215	246	283
Mayo	231	223	348
Meath	409	418	518
Monaghan	296	131	163
Offaly	144	185	211
Roscommon	100	104	177
Sligo	105	110	127
Tipperary	274	311	362
Waterford	206	204	272
Westmeath	175	191	177
Wexford	320	374	415
Wicklow	251	236	295
County not included	60	62	90
Total	8,303	8,534	10,073

Closed Pandemic Unemployment Payments - Sector Breakdown

The top three sectors from which employees closed their Pandemic Unemployment Payment to return to work are Construction (1,927), Wholesale and Retail Trade (1,254), and Accommodation and Food Services (994).

Sector Breakdown

	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 30 th March	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
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	134	142	189
Manufacturing	840	808	948
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	44	56	66
Construction	1,927	1,781	2,134
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	1,254	1,253	1,469
Transportation and storage	260	318	409
Accommodation and food service activities	994	1,042	1,141
Information and communication activities	163	140	145
Financial and insurance activities	119	114	161
Real Estate activities	76	73	87
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	476	322	344
Administrative and support service activities	747	904	932
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	150	191	248
Education	303	498	545
Human Health And Social Work activities	378	473	718
Arts, entertainment and recreation	112	101	140
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	230	235	295
Unclassified or unknown	96	83	102
Total	8,303	8,534	10,073

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 30th March	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
< 25	1,555	1,435	1,635
25-34	1,873	1,960	2,397
35-44	2,274	2,244	2,594
45-54	1,577	1,854	2,041
55+	1,024	1,041	1,406
Total	8,303	8,534	10,073

Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date, 144,774 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 77,940 are female and 66,834 are male.

Some 2,066 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 30 th March	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
Carlow	2,063	2,049	2,037
Cavan	3,486	3,464	3,440
Clare	2,966	2,938	2,924
Cork	15,356	15,257	15,189
Donegal	4,292	4,257	4,233
Dublin	40,098	39,588	39,146
Galway	8,501	8,404	8,313
Kerry	3,280	3,253	3,235
Kildare	6,302	6,234	6,160
Kilkenny	3,281	3,255	3,243
Laois	2,613	2,592	2,565
Leitrim	617	613	610
Limerick	5,520	5,471	5,425
Longford	1,205	1,185	1,170
Louth	4,436	4,398	4,369
Mayo	3,816	3,776	3,745
Meath	6,108	6,026	5,948
Monaghan	3,138	3,110	3,079
Offaly	2,271	2,213	2,169
Roscommon	1,866	1,848	1,843
Sligo	1,515	1,496	1,483
Tipperary	4,853	4,784	4,738
Waterford	4,880	4,840	4,800
Westmeath	2,264	2,226	2,206
Wexford	5,283	5,239	5,196
Wicklow	3,681	3,646	3,617
Other (NI & Foreign Address)	1,083	1,067	1,052
Total	144,774	143,229	141,935

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 (31,688) and Human Health and Social Work (26,616), followed by Manufacturing (19,779).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 30 th March	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
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	1,866	1,847	1,833
Manufacturing	19,779	19,563	19,404
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	800	784	776
Construction	7,232	7,140	7,093
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	31,688	31,371	31,072
Transportation and storage	5,727	5,654	5,570
Accommodation and food service activities	8,241	8,163	8,107
Information and communication activities	2,529	2,496	2,459
Financial and insurance activities	5,354	5,279	5,222
Real Estate activities	1,133	1,120	1,114
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	5,149	5,081	5,007
Administrative and support service activities	12,519	12,362	12,257
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	5,658	5,591	5,553
Education	4,042	3,970	3,928
Human Health And Social Work activities	26,616	26,388	26,184
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,206	1,196	1,191
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	4,368	4,339	4,310
Unclassified or unknown	867	885	855
Total	144,774	143,229	141,935

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 30 th March	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
< 25	23,484	23,256	23,104
25-34	36,655	36,286	35,971
35-44	37,631	37,235	36,866
45-54	28,491	28,181	27,903
55+	18,513	18,271	18,091
Total	144,774	143,229	141,935