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

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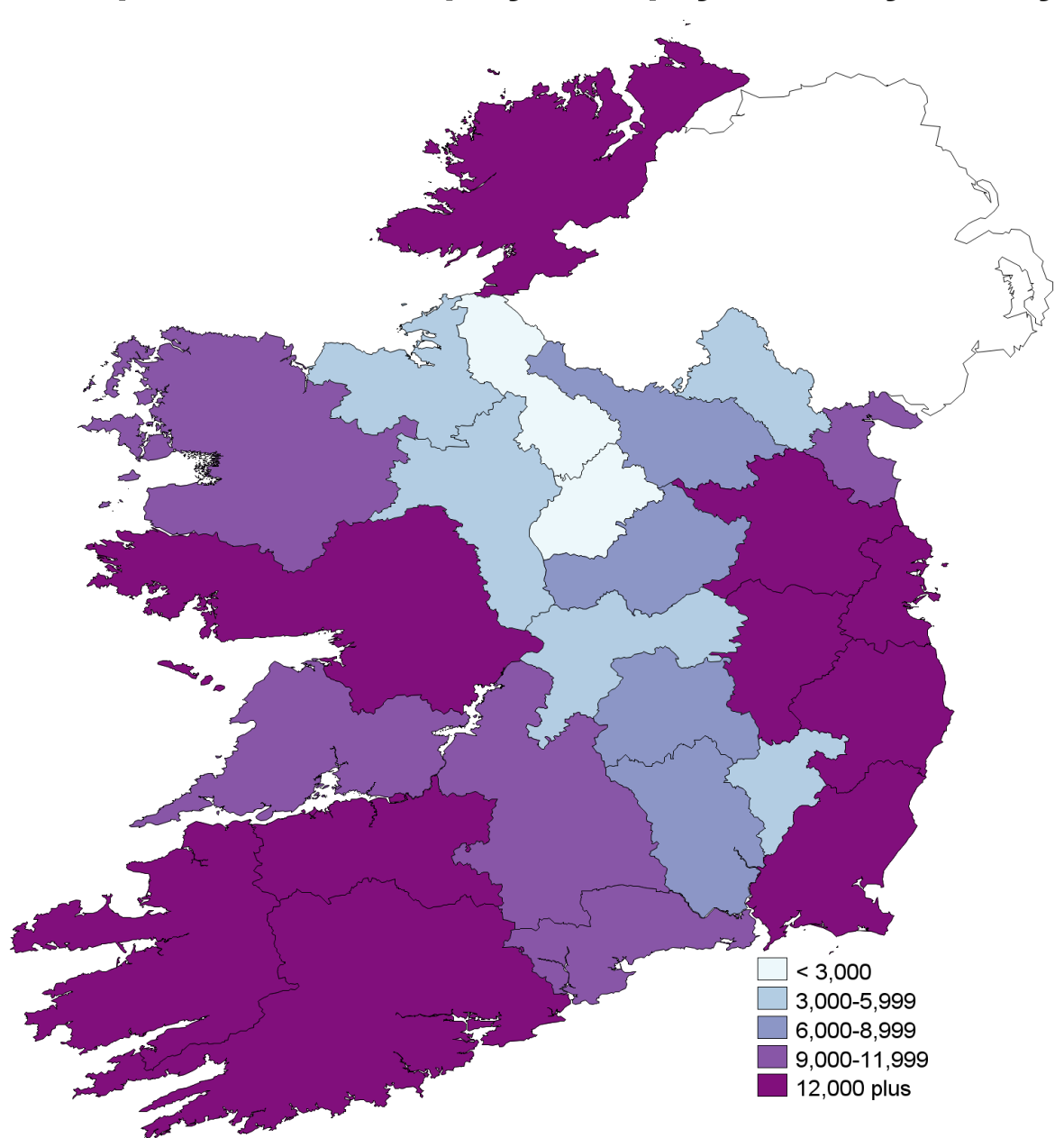
Analysis of Pandemic Unemployment Payments

There are 437,149 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 199,240 are female and 237,909 are male.

County Breakdown

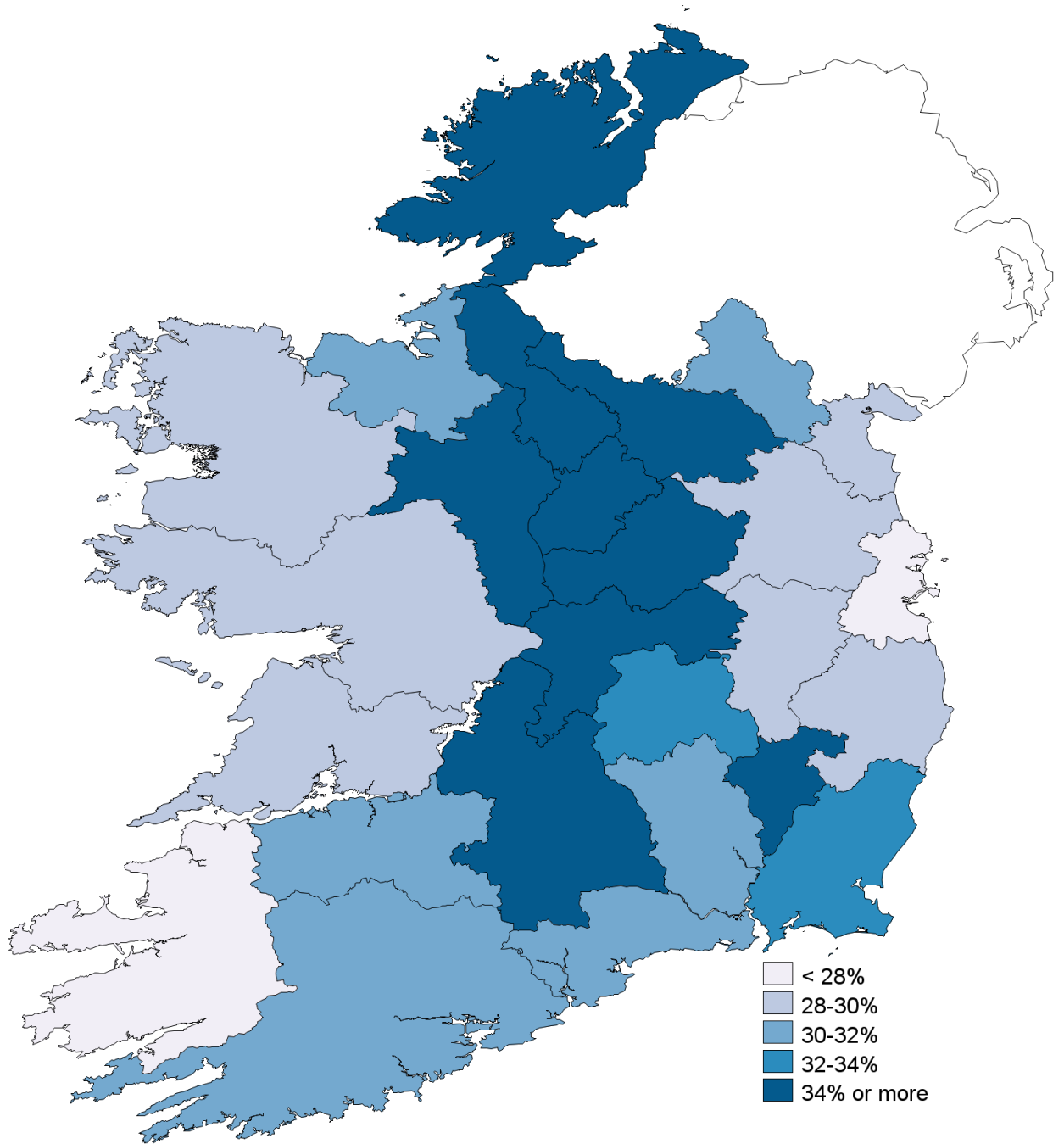
County	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 6 th April	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 30 th March	Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment at its peak in week commencing 4 th May 2020
Carlow	4,324	4,416	7,114
Cavan	6,310	6,465	9,941
Clare	10,611	10,726	14,869
Cork	43,871	44,503	62,460
Donegal	14,834	15,013	22,594
Dublin	140,124	141,621	174,163
Galway	23,589	23,862	33,132
Kerry	16,962	17,209	22,217
Kildare	19,326	19,675	26,720
Kilkenny	7,933	8,068	11,491
Laois	6,572	6,664	9,700
Leitrim	2,672	2,716	4,044
Limerick	15,155	15,385	21,964
Longford	2,906	2,964	4,403
Louth	11,983	12,122	16,983
Mayo	11,692	11,834	16,381
Meath	18,764	19,051	26,614
Monaghan	5,703	5,973	8,284
Offaly	5,990	6,072	9,067
Roscommon	5,004	5,090	7,577
Sligo	5,357	5,447	7,725
Tipperary	11,615	11,812	18,515
Waterford	9,568	9,744	13,662
Westmeath	7,508	7,617	11,353
Wexford	13,696	13,890	20,441
Wicklow	13,181	13,365	18,502
County not included	1,899	1,943	2,184
Total	437,149	443,247	602,100

Total pandemic unemployment payments by county



Map of the United Kingdom showing the percentage of the population aged 65 and over by region. The map is color-coded according to the following legend:

- < 28%
- 28-30%
- 30-32%
- 32-34%
- 34% or more



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 (106,158) followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (70,083) and Construction (52,723).

Sector Breakdown

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 6 th April	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 30 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	6,035	6,136	8,704
Manufacturing	23,234	23,819	39,554
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	1,530	1,549	2,150
Construction	52,723	54,314	84,169
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	70,083	71,099	94,240
Transportation and storage	11,552	11,588	18,130
Accommodation and food service activities	106,158	107,043	131,230
Information and communication activities	7,936	8,072	11,304
Financial and insurance activities	8,116	8,168	11,455
Real Estate activities	5,982	6,056	7,865
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	15,315	15,717	24,199
Administrative and support service activities	38,487	38,989	44,986
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	6,745	6,834	10,354
Education	12,638	12,728	21,552
Human Health And Social Work activities	12,580	12,774	23,668
Arts, entertainment and recreation	12,571	12,671	14,211
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	34,645	34,804	39,090
Unclassified or unknown	10,819	10,886	15,239
Total	437,149	443,247	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 7th April	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 7th April	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 7th April	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 7th April
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	2,866	1,057	986	1,126
Manufacturing	14,477	3,262	2,598	2,897
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	1,071	168	128	163
Construction	36,920	5,975	4,650	5,178
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	28,892	13,695	13,984	13,512
Transportation and storage	6,785	1,664	1,512	1,591
Accommodation and food service activities	44,164	22,036	21,204	18,754
Information and communication activities	4,249	1,057	1,138	1,492
Financial and insurance activities	4,126	1,102	1,215	1,673
Real Estate activities	2,726	1,048	1,033	1,175
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	8,574	2,264	2,022	2,455
Administrative and support service activities	20,596	6,066	5,535	6,290
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	3,077	924	1,106	1,638
Education	4,989	2,109	2,518	3,022
Human Health And Social Work activities	5,286	2,241	2,424	2,629
Arts, entertainment and recreation	4,967	2,145	2,429	3,030
Other Sectors	14,159	6,958	6,513	7,015
Unclassified or unknown	2,306	1,017	1,478	6,018
Total	210,230	74,788	72,473	79,658

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 6 th April	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 30 th March
< 25	105,523	106,820
25-34	96,267	97,801
35-44	98,932	100,588
45-54	77,495	78,581
55+	58,932	59,457
Total	437,149	443,247

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 6 th April	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 6 th April	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 6 th April	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 6 th April
Male	136,684	35,649	30,827	34,749
Female	73,546	39,139	41,646	44,909
Total	210,230	74,788	72,473	79,658

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 6 th April	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 6 th April	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 6 th April	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 6 th April
< 25	26,854	23,897	27,986	26,786
25-34	54,939	17,218	12,229	11,881
35-44	57,446	14,144	12,432	14,910
45-54	42,333	10,968	10,699	13,495
55+	28,658	8,561	9,127	12,586
Total	210,230	74,788	72,473	79,658

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

Around 5,524 people who have closed their account for return to work since 26th March. Of these 3,852 are male and 1,672 are female.

County	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 6 th April	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
Carlow	63	101	131
Cavan	103	163	139
Clare	114	175	193
Cork	623	914	888
Donegal	153	308	299
Dublin	1,422	2,055	2,105
Galway	290	391	466
Kerry	156	303	276
Kildare	262	402	426
Kilkenny	114	166	200
Laois	102	136	161
Leitrim	37	48	59
Limerick	188	288	319
Longford	41	67	77
Louth	143	215	246
Mayo	149	231	223
Meath	294	409	418
Monaghan	171	296	131
Offaly	105	144	185
Roscommon	79	100	104
Sligo	66	105	110
Tipperary	158	274	311
Waterford	141	206	204
Westmeath	127	175	191
Wexford	212	320	374
Wicklow	179	251	236
County not included	32	60	62
Total	5,524	8,303	8,534

Closed Pandemic Unemployment Payments - Sector Breakdown

The top three sectors from which employees closed their Pandemic Unemployment Payment to return to work are Construction (1,312), Wholesale and Retail Trade (870), and Accommodation and food services (684).

Sector Breakdown

	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 6 th April	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
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	105	134	142
Manufacturing	576	840	808
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	25	44	56
Construction	1,312	1,927	1,781
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	870	1,254	1,253
Transportation and storage	157	260	318
Accommodation and food service activities	684	994	1,042
Information and communication activities	102	163	140
Financial and insurance activities	76	119	114
Real Estate activities	63	76	73
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	241	476	322
Administrative and support service activities	535	747	904
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	109	150	191
Education	134	303	498
Human Health And Social Work activities	215	378	473
Arts, entertainment and recreation	78	112	101
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	156	230	235
Unclassified or unknown	86	96	83
Total	5,524	8,303	8,534

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 6th April	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
< 25	1,060	1,555	1,435
25-34	1,354	1,873	1,960
35-44	1,496	2,274	2,244
45-54	1,008	1,577	1,854
55+	606	1,024	1,041
Total	5,524	8,303	8,534

Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date, 146,001 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 78,529 are female and 67,472 are male.

Some 2,061 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 6 th April	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
Carlow	2,073	2,063	2,049
Cavan	3,505	3,486	3,464
Clare	2,986	2,966	2,938
Cork	15,424	15,356	15,257
Donegal	4,332	4,292	4,257
Dublin	40,520	40,098	39,588
Galway	8,578	8,501	8,404
Kerry	3,296	3,280	3,253
Kildare	6,359	6,302	6,234
Kilkenny	3,291	3,281	3,255
Laois	2,642	2,613	2,592
Leitrim	624	617	613
Limerick	5,558	5,520	5,471
Longford	1,219	1,205	1,185
Louth	4,476	4,436	4,398
Mayo	3,841	3,816	3,776
Meath	6,175	6,108	6,026
Monaghan	3,158	3,138	3,110
Offaly	2,314	2,271	2,213
Roscommon	1,879	1,866	1,848
Sligo	1,527	1,515	1,496
Tipperary	4,902	4,853	4,784
Waterford	4,906	4,880	4,840
Westmeath	2,300	2,264	2,226
Wexford	5,322	5,283	5,239
Wicklow	3,702	3,681	3,646
Other (NI & Foreign Address)	1,092	1,083	1,067
Total	146,001	144,774	143,229

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 (31,954) and Human Health and Social Work (26,797), followed by Manufacturing (19,970).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 6 th April	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
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	1,884	1,866	1,847
Manufacturing	19,970	19,779	19,563
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	813	800	784
Construction	7,296	7,232	7,140
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	31,954	31,688	31,371
Transportation and storage	5,795	5,727	5,654
Accommodation and food service activities	8,303	8,241	8,163
Information and communication activities	2,561	2,529	2,496
Financial and insurance activities	5,412	5,354	5,279
Real Estate activities	1,136	1,133	1,120
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	5,208	5,149	5,081
Administrative and support service activities	12,608	12,519	12,362
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	5,679	5,658	5,591
Education	4,091	4,042	3,970
Human Health And Social Work activities	26,797	26,616	26,388
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,217	1,206	1,196
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	4,397	4,368	4,339
Unclassified or unknown	880	867	885
Total	146,001	144,774	143,229

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 6 th April	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
< 25	23,667	23,484	23,256
25-34	36,998	36,655	36,286
35-44	37,980	37,631	37,235
45-54	28,702	28,491	28,181
55+	18,654	18,513	18,271
Total	146,001	144,774	143,229