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

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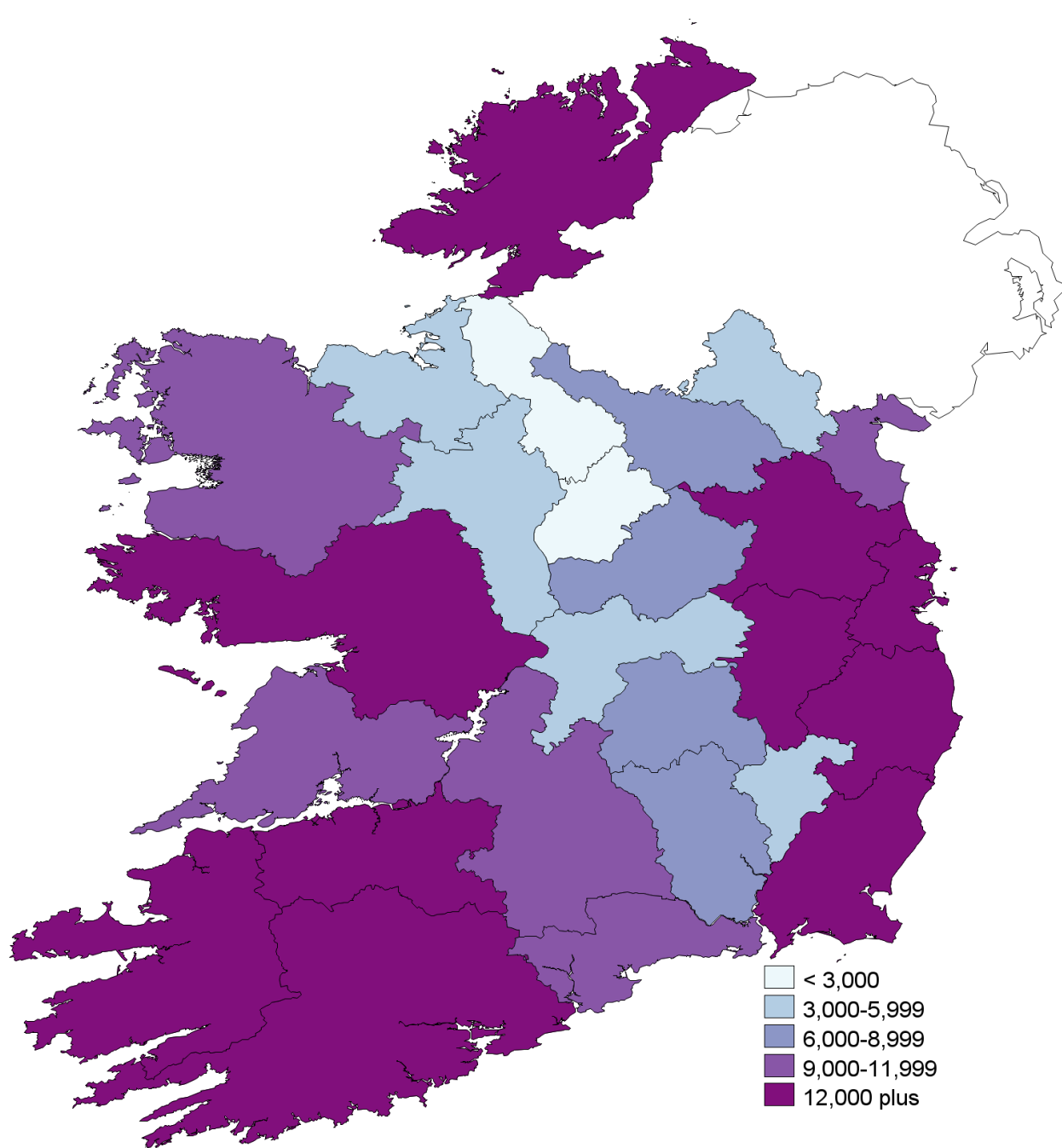
Analysis of Pandemic Unemployment Payments

There are 421,373 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 193,948 are female and 227,425 are male.

County Breakdown

County	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 13th April	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 6th April	Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment at its peak in week commencing 4th May 2020
Carlow	4,151	4,324	7,114
Cavan	6,072	6,310	9,941
Clare	10,304	10,611	14,869
Cork	42,391	43,871	62,460
Donegal	14,429	14,834	22,594
Dublin	134,417	140,124	174,163
Galway	22,774	23,589	33,132
Kerry	16,502	16,962	22,217
Kildare	18,663	19,326	26,720
Kilkenny	7,680	7,933	11,491
Laois	6,350	6,572	9,700
Leitrim	2,561	2,672	4,044
Limerick	14,663	15,155	21,964
Longford	2,776	2,906	4,403
Louth	11,587	11,983	16,983
Mayo	11,382	11,692	16,381
Meath	18,041	18,764	26,614
Monaghan	5,390	5,703	8,284
Offaly	5,796	5,990	9,067
Roscommon	4,815	5,004	7,577
Sligo	5,191	5,357	7,725
Tipperary	11,178	11,615	18,515
Waterford	9,220	9,568	13,662
Westmeath	7,223	7,508	11,353
Wexford	13,216	13,696	20,441
Wicklow	12,721	13,181	18,502
County not included	1,880	1,899	2,184
Total	421,373	437,149	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 (102,405) followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (67,990) and Construction (50,169).

Sector Breakdown

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 13 th April	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 6 th April	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	5,713	6,035	8,704
Manufacturing	22,305	23,234	39,554
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	1,444	1,530	2,150
Construction	50,169	52,723	84,169
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	67,990	70,083	94,240
Transportation and storage	11,074	11,552	18,130
Accommodation and food service activities	102,405	106,158	131,230
Information and communication activities	7,657	7,936	11,304
Financial and insurance activities	7,790	8,116	11,455
Real Estate activities	5,761	5,982	7,865
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	14,763	15,315	24,199
Administrative and support service activities	36,746	38,487	44,986
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	6,482	6,745	10,354
Education	12,247	12,638	21,552
Human Health And Social Work activities	12,155	12,580	23,668
Arts, entertainment and recreation	12,242	12,571	14,211
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	33,935	34,645	39,090
Unclassified or unknown	10,495	10,819	15,239
Total	421,373	437,149	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 13 th April	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 13 th April	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 13 th April	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 13 th April
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	2,704	1,002	939	1,068
Manufacturing	13,842	3,138	2,487	2,838
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	1,013	155	117	159
Construction	35,048	5,676	4,384	5,061
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	27,975	13,260	13,563	13,192
Transportation and storage	6,542	1,594	1,415	1,523
Accommodation and food service activities	42,596	21,172	20,458	18,179
Information and communication activities	4,087	1,019	1,103	1,448
Financial and insurance activities	3,973	1,054	1,155	1,608
Real Estate activities	2,635	994	991	1,141
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	8,267	2,193	1,912	2,391
Administrative and support service activities	19,678	5,781	5,218	6,069
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	2,958	884	1,054	1,586
Education	4,856	2,035	2,427	2,929
Human Health And Social Work activities	5,113	2,164	2,335	2,543
Arts, entertainment and recreation	4,837	2,094	2,350	2,961
Other Sectors	13,895	6,810	6,359	6,871
Unclassified or unknown	2,186	975	1,404	5,930
Total	202,205	72,000	69,671	77,497

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 13 th April	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 6 th April
< 25	102,778	105,523
25-34	92,697	96,267
35-44	95,318	98,932
45-54	74,367	77,495
55+	56,213	58,932
Total	421,373	437,149

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 13 th April	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 13 th April	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 13 th April	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 13 th April
Male	130,456	33,973	29,281	33,715
Female	71,749	38,027	40,390	43,782
Total	202,205	72,000	69,671	77,497

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 13 th April	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 13 th April	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 13 th April	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 13 th April
< 25	25,971	23,271	27,281	26,255
25-34	52,966	16,508	11,677	11,546
35-44	55,250	13,589	11,982	14,497
45-54	40,673	10,510	10,101	13,083
55+	27,345	8,122	8,630	12,116
Total	202,205	72,000	69,671	77,497

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

Around 5,966 people who have closed their account for return to work since 2nd April of these 4,138 are male and 1,828 are female.

County	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 13 th April	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 23 rd March
Carlow	55	63	131
Cavan	93	103	139
Clare	138	114	193
Cork	672	623	888
Donegal	194	153	299
Dublin	1,478	1,422	2,105
Galway	315	290	466
Kerry	206	156	276
Kildare	311	262	426
Kilkenny	112	114	200
Laois	95	102	161
Leitrim	27	37	59
Limerick	216	188	319
Longford	51	41	77
Louth	157	143	246
Mayo	157	149	223
Meath	303	294	418
Monaghan	165	171	131
Offaly	110	105	185
Roscommon	84	79	104
Sligo	61	66	110
Tipperary	189	158	311
Waterford	155	141	204
Westmeath	136	127	191
Wexford	250	212	374
Wicklow	191	179	236
County not included	45	32	62
Total	5,966	5,524	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 (1,501), Wholesale and Retail Trade (970), and Accommodation and food services 723).

Sector Breakdown

	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 13 th April	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
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	109	105	134
Manufacturing	654	576	840
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	36	25	44
Construction	1,501	1,312	1,927
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	970	870	1,254
Transportation and storage	150	157	260
Accommodation and food service activities	723	684	994
Information and communication activities	103	102	163
Financial and insurance activities	91	76	119
Real Estate activities	52	63	76
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	238	241	476
Administrative and support service activities	568	535	747
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	103	109	150
Education	119	134	303
Human Health And Social Work activities	196	215	378
Arts, entertainment and recreation	81	78	112
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	171	156	230
Unclassified or unknown	101	86	96
Total	5,966	5,524	8,303

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 13th April	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
< 25	1,052	1,060	1,555
25-34	1,386	1,354	1,873
35-44	1,607	1,496	2,274
45-54	1,196	1,008	1,577
55+	725	606	1,024
Total	5,966	5,524	8,303

Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date, 147,110 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 79,067 are female and 68,043 are male.

Some 2,078 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 13 th April	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
Carlow	2,079	2,073	2,063
Cavan	3,523	3,505	3,486
Clare	2,994	2,986	2,966
Cork	15,498	15,424	15,356
Donegal	4,362	4,332	4,292
Dublin	40,924	40,520	40,098
Galway	8,636	8,578	8,501
Kerry	3,307	3,296	3,280
Kildare	6,411	6,359	6,302
Kilkenny	3,301	3,291	3,281
Laois	2,668	2,642	2,613
Leitrim	627	624	617
Limerick	5,592	5,558	5,520
Longford	1,233	1,219	1,205
Louth	4,514	4,476	4,436
Mayo	3,865	3,841	3,816
Meath	6,257	6,175	6,108
Monaghan	3,171	3,158	3,138
Offaly	2,353	2,314	2,271
Roscommon	1,883	1,879	1,866
Sligo	1,533	1,527	1,515
Tipperary	4,941	4,902	4,853
Waterford	4,934	4,906	4,880
Westmeath	2,324	2,300	2,264
Wexford	5,353	5,322	5,283
Wicklow	3,721	3,702	3,681
Other (NI & Foreign Address)	1,106	1,092	1,083
Total	147,110	146,001	144,774

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 (32,252) and Human Health and Social Work (26,924), followed by Manufacturing (20,152).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 13 th April	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
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	1,918	1,884	1,866
Manufacturing	20,152	19,970	19,779
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	826	813	800
Construction	7,325	7,296	7,232
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	32,252	31,954	31,688
Transportation and storage	5,839	5,795	5,727
Accommodation and food service activities	8,368	8,303	8,241
Information and communication activities	2,581	2,561	2,529
Financial and insurance activities	5,453	5,412	5,354
Real Estate activities	1,135	1,136	1,133
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	5,274	5,208	5,149
Administrative and support service activities	12,698	12,608	12,519
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	5,719	5,679	5,658
Education	4,117	4,091	4,042
Human Health And Social Work activities	26,924	26,797	26,616
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,227	1,217	1,206
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	4,424	4,397	4,368
Unclassified or unknown	878	880	867
Total	147,110	146,001	144,774

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 13 th April	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
< 25	23,797	23,667	23,484
25-34	37,270	36,998	36,655
35-44	38,300	37,980	37,631
45-54	28,929	28,702	28,491
55+	18,814	18,654	18,513
Total	147,110	146,001	144,774