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

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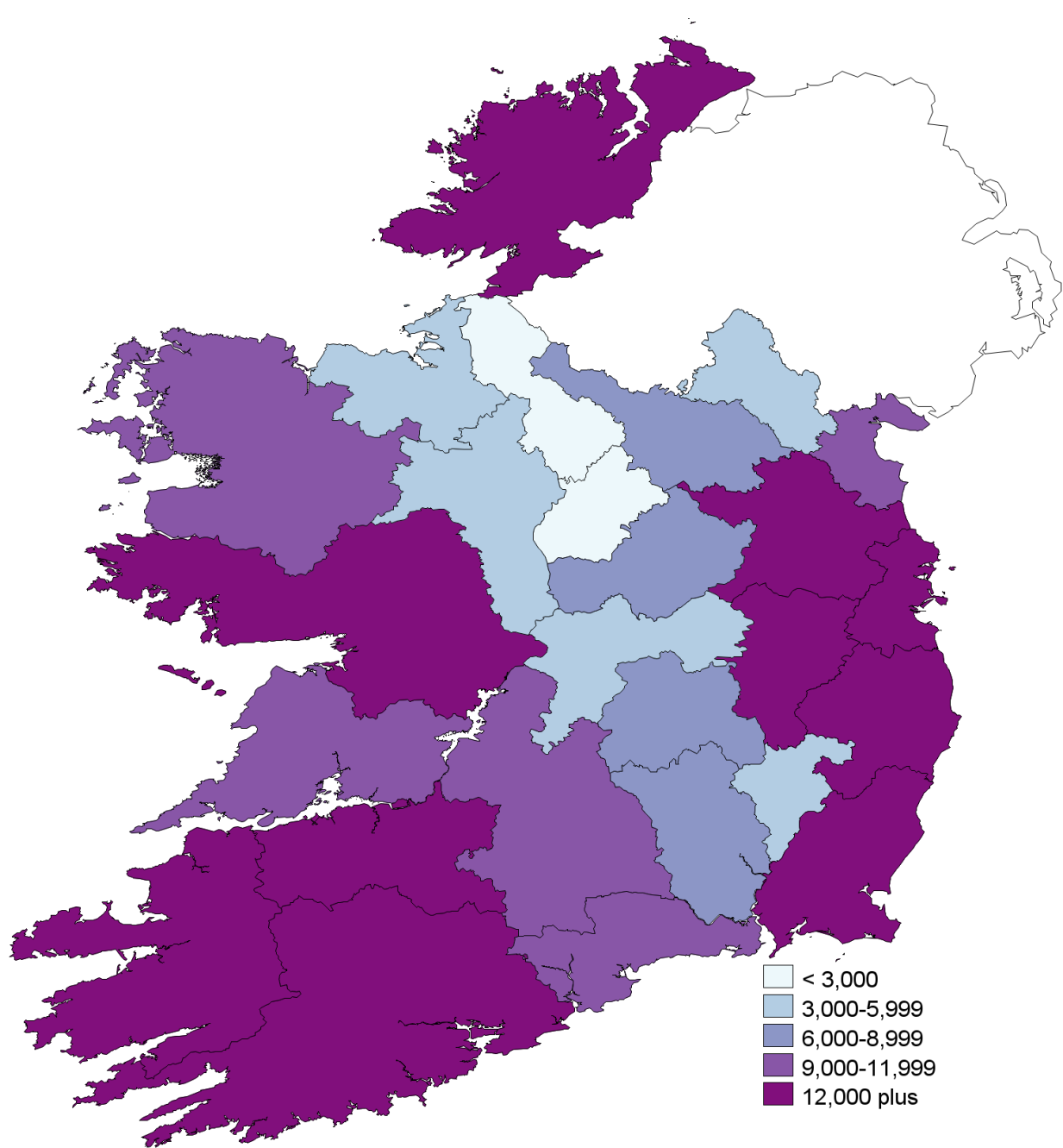
Analysis of Pandemic Unemployment Payments

There are 420,773 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 194,228 are female and 226,545 are male.

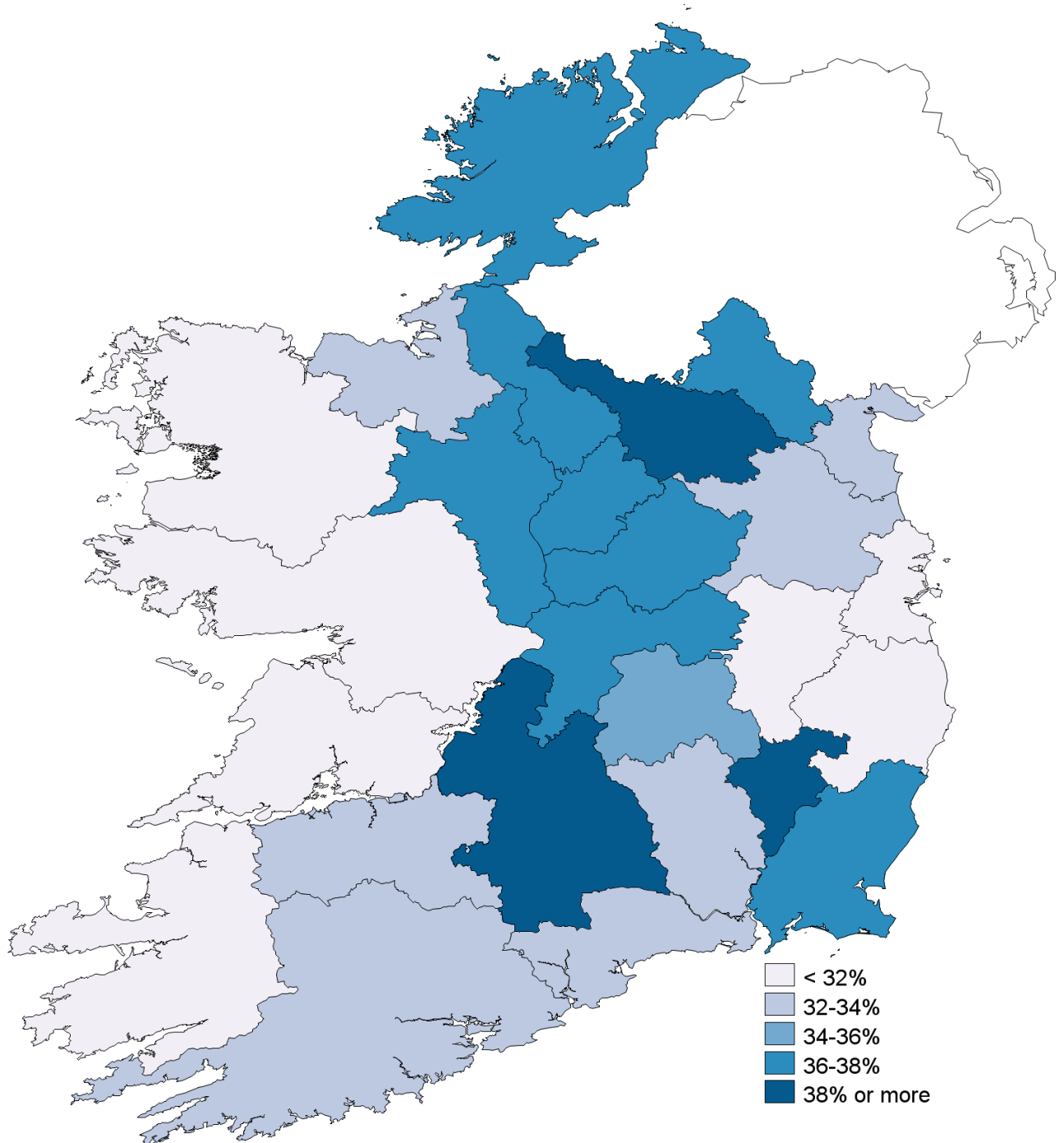
County Breakdown

County	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 20th April	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 13th April	Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment at its peak in week commencing 4th May 2020
Carlow	4,142	4,151	7,114
Cavan	6,025	6,072	9,941
Clare	10,260	10,304	14,869
Cork	42,003	42,391	62,460
Donegal	14,384	14,429	22,594
Dublin	135,295	134,417	174,163
Galway	22,733	22,774	33,132
Kerry	16,402	16,502	22,217
Kildare	18,657	18,663	26,720
Kilkenny	7,653	7,680	11,491
Laois	6,338	6,350	9,700
Leitrim	2,562	2,561	4,044
Limerick	14,653	14,663	21,964
Longford	2,779	2,776	4,403
Louth	11,585	11,587	16,983
Mayo	11,318	11,382	16,381
Meath	17,957	18,041	26,614
Monaghan	5,249	5,390	8,284
Offaly	5,774	5,796	9,067
Roscommon	4,819	4,815	7,577
Sligo	5,161	5,191	7,725
Tipperary	11,135	11,178	18,515
Waterford	9,133	9,220	13,662
Westmeath	7,188	7,223	11,353
Wexford	13,056	13,216	20,441
Wicklow	12,668	12,721	18,502
County not included	1,844	1,880	2,184
Total	420,773	421,373	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 (103,271) followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (67,832) and Construction (48,933).

Sector Breakdown

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 20 th April	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 13 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	5,660	5,713	8,704
Manufacturing	22,001	22,305	39,554
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	1,444	1,444	2,150
Construction	48,933	50,169	84,169
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	67,832	67,990	94,240
Transportation and storage	11,123	11,074	18,130
Accommodation and food service activities	103,271	102,405	131,230
Information and communication activities	7,661	7,657	11,304
Financial and insurance activities	7,822	7,790	11,455
Real Estate activities	5,769	5,761	7,865
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	14,743	14,763	24,199
Administrative and support service activities	36,930	36,746	44,986
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	6,439	6,482	10,354
Education	12,215	12,247	21,552
Human Health And Social Work activities	12,111	12,155	23,668
Arts, entertainment and recreation	12,271	12,242	14,211
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	34,076	33,935	39,090
Unclassified or unknown	10,472	10,495	15,239
Total	420,773	421,373	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 20th April	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 20th April	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 20th April	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 20th April
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	2,657	998	938	1,067
Manufacturing	13,531	3,160	2,489	2,821
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	1,012	153	121	158
Construction	33,950	5,620	4,367	4,996
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	27,724	13,285	13,621	13,202
Transportation and storage	6,549	1,615	1,424	1,535
Accommodation and food service activities	42,911	21,419	20,635	18,306
Information and communication activities	4,101	1,025	1,103	1,432
Financial and insurance activities	3,980	1,069	1,165	1,608
Real Estate activities	2,613	1,003	1,003	1,150
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	8,227	2,211	1,926	2,379
Administrative and support service activities	19,743	5,847	5,276	6,064
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	2,927	887	1,049	1,576
Education	4,828	2,043	2,437	2,907
Human Health And Social Work activities	5,085	2,158	2,334	2,534
Arts, entertainment and recreation	4,851	2,103	2,356	2,961
Other Sectors	13,919	6,849	6,421	6,887
Unclassified or unknown	2,175	983	1,426	5,888
Total	200,783	72,428	70,091	77,471

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 20 th April	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 13 th April
< 25	102,526	102,778
25-34	92,560	92,697
35-44	94,836	95,318
45-54	74,231	74,367
55+	56,620	56,213
Total	420,773	421,373

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 20 th April	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 20 th April	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 20 th April	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 20 th April
Male	129,155	34,248	29,520	33,622
Female	71,628	38,180	40,571	43,849
Total	200,783	72,428	70,091	77,471

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 20 th April	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 20 th April	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 20 th April	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 20 th April
< 25	25,728	23,218	27,267	26,313
25-34	52,621	16,688	11,767	11,484
35-44	54,667	13,676	12,049	14,444
45-54	40,337	10,586	10,248	13,060
55+	27,430	8,260	8,760	12,170
Total	200,783	72,428	70,091	77,471

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

Around 16,793 people who have closed their account for return to work since 9th April. Of these 12,290 are male and 4,503 are female.

County	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 20 th April	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
Carlow	158	55	63
Cavan	319	93	103
Clare	417	138	114
Cork	2,102	672	623
Donegal	629	194	153
Dublin	3,800	1,478	1,422
Galway	901	315	290
Kerry	591	206	156
Kildare	822	311	262
Kilkenny	318	112	114
Laois	309	95	102
Leitrim	95	27	37
Limerick	526	216	188
Longford	142	51	41
Louth	422	157	143
Mayo	509	157	149
Meath	901	303	294
Monaghan	273	165	171
Offaly	304	110	105
Roscommon	253	84	79
Sligo	198	61	66
Tipperary	580	189	158
Waterford	373	155	141
Westmeath	298	136	127
Wexford	754	250	212
Wicklow	608	191	179
County not included	191	45	32
Total	16,793	5,966	5,524

Closed Pandemic Unemployment Payments - Sector Breakdown

The top three sectors from which employees closed their Pandemic Unemployment Payment to return to work are Construction (6,173), Wholesale and Retail Trade (1,737), and Accommodation and food services (1,489).

Sector Breakdown

	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 20 th April	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
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	304	109	105
Manufacturing	1,445	654	576
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	61	36	25
Construction	6,173	1,501	1,312
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	1,737	970	870
Transportation and storage	622	150	157
Accommodation and food service activities	1,489	723	684
Information and communication activities	157	103	102
Financial and insurance activities	269	91	76
Real Estate activities	136	52	63
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	524	238	241
Administrative and support service activities	1,305	568	535
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	420	103	109
Education	755	119	134
Human Health And Social Work activities	509	196	215
Arts, entertainment and recreation	168	81	78
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	459	171	156
Unclassified or unknown	260	101	86
Total	16,793	5,966	5,524

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 20th April	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
< 25	2,138	1,052	1,060
25-34	3,037	1,386	1,354
35-44	4,740	1,607	1,496
45-54	4,020	1,196	1,008
55+	2,858	725	606
Total	16,793	5,966	5,524

Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date, 148,070 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 79,576 are female and 68,494 are male.

Some 1,689 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 20 th April	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
Carlow	2,090	2,079	2,073
Cavan	3,535	3,523	3,505
Clare	3,008	2,994	2,986
Cork	15,563	15,498	15,424
Donegal	4,392	4,362	4,332
Dublin	41,240	40,924	40,520
Galway	8,672	8,636	8,578
Kerry	3,316	3,307	3,296
Kildare	6,475	6,411	6,359
Kilkenny	3,309	3,301	3,291
Laois	2,698	2,668	2,642
Leitrim	631	627	624
Limerick	5,625	5,592	5,558
Longford	1,239	1,233	1,219
Louth	4,536	4,514	4,476
Mayo	3,891	3,865	3,841
Meath	6,312	6,257	6,175
Monaghan	3,179	3,171	3,158
Offaly	2,394	2,353	2,314
Roscommon	1,892	1,883	1,879
Sligo	1,538	1,533	1,527
Tipperary	4,982	4,941	4,902
Waterford	4,966	4,934	4,906
Westmeath	2,345	2,324	2,300
Wexford	5,387	5,353	5,322
Wicklow	3,741	3,721	3,702
Other (NI & Foreign Address)	1,114	1,106	1,092
Total	148,070	147,110	146,001

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 (32,429) and Human Health and Social Work (27,035), followed by Manufacturing (20,273).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 20 th April	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
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	1,925	1,918	1,884
Manufacturing	20,273	20,152	19,970
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	833	826	813
Construction	7,389	7,325	7,296
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	32,429	32,252	31,954
Transportation and storage	5,888	5,839	5,795
Accommodation and food service activities	8,422	8,368	8,303
Information and communication activities	2,597	2,581	2,561
Financial and insurance activities	5,503	5,453	5,412
Real Estate activities	1,147	1,135	1,136
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	5,321	5,274	5,208
Administrative and support service activities	12,802	12,698	12,608
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	5,754	5,719	5,679
Education	4,180	4,117	4,091
Human Health And Social Work activities	27,035	26,924	26,797
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,229	1,227	1,217
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	4,447	4,424	4,397
Unclassified or unknown	896	878	880
Total	148,070	147,110	146,001

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 20 th April	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
< 25	23,872	23,797	23,667
25-34	37,514	37,270	36,998
35-44	38,590	38,300	37,980
45-54	29,126	28,929	28,702
55+	18,968	18,814	18,654
Total	148,070	147,110	146,001