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

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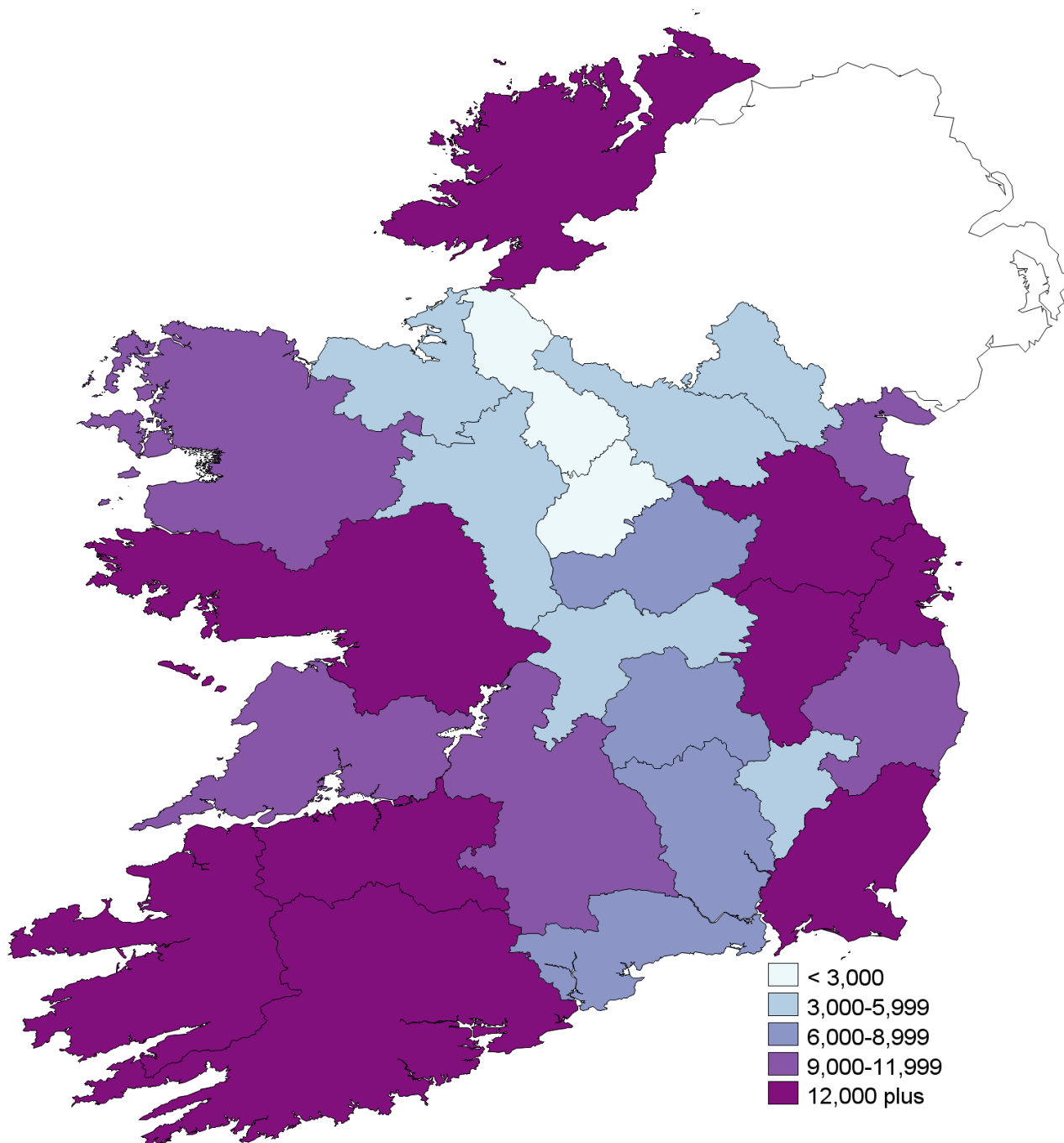
**Analysis of Pandemic Unemployment Payments**

There are 403,095 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 189,303 are female and 213,792 are male.

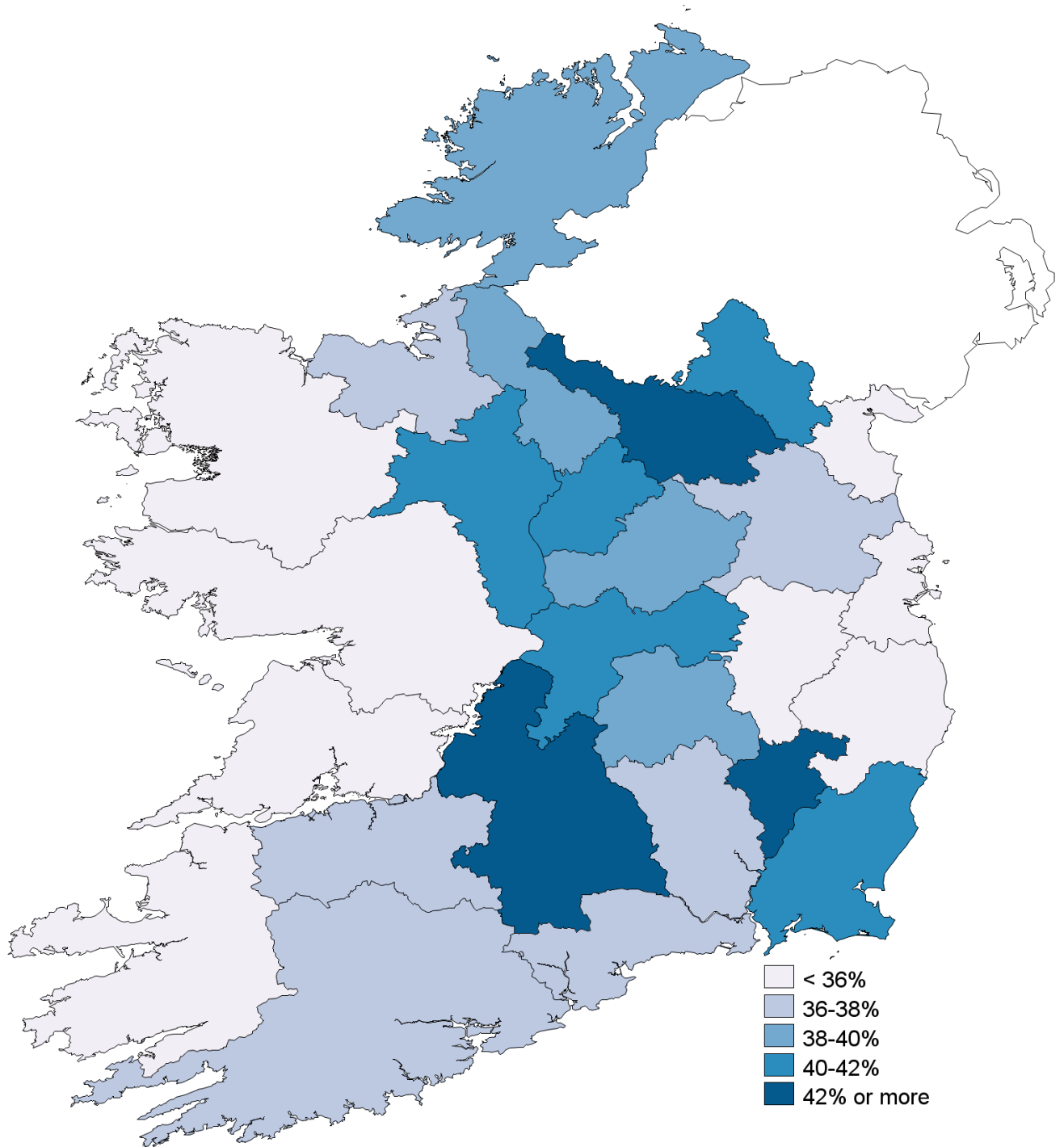
**County Breakdown**

County	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment at its peak in week commencing 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
Carlow	3,964	4,142	7,114
Cavan	5,708	6,025	9,941
Clare	9,803	10,260	14,869
Cork	39,750	42,003	62,460
Donegal	13,778	14,384	22,594
Dublin	131,233	135,295	174,163
Galway	21,783	22,733	33,132
Kerry	15,776	16,402	22,217
Kildare	17,792	18,657	26,720
Kilkenny	7,314	7,653	11,491
Laois	6,027	6,338	9,700
Leitrim	2,472	2,562	4,044
Limerick	14,058	14,653	21,964
Longford	2,640	2,779	4,403
Louth	11,160	11,585	16,983
Mayo	10,808	11,318	16,381
Meath	17,026	17,957	26,614
Monaghan	5,002	5,249	8,284
Offaly	5,471	5,774	9,067
Roscommon	4,570	4,819	7,577
Sligo	4,950	5,161	7,725
Tipperary	10,546	11,135	18,515
Waterford	8,734	9,133	13,662
Westmeath	6,888	7,188	11,353
Wexford	12,241	13,056	20,441
Wicklow	11,990	12,668	18,502
County not included	1,611	1,844	2,184
<b>Total</b>	<b>403,095</b>	<b>420,773</b>	<b>602,100</b>

# 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 (101,637) followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (65,984) and Construction (42,333).

### Sector Breakdown

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment at its peak in week commencing 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
<b>Industrial Sector</b>			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	5,327	5,660	8,704
Manufacturing	20,565	22,001	39,554
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	1,404	1,444	2,150
Construction	42,333	48,933	84,169
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	65,984	67,832	94,240
Transportation and storage	10,498	11,123	18,130
Accommodation and food service activities	101,637	103,271	131,230
Information and communication activities	7,538	7,661	11,304
Financial and insurance activities	7,556	7,822	11,455
Real Estate activities	5,622	5,769	7,865
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	14,250	14,743	24,199
Administrative and support service activities	35,618	36,930	44,986
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	5,992	6,439	10,354
Education	11,222	12,215	21,552
Human Health And Social Work activities	11,573	12,111	23,668
Arts, entertainment and recreation	12,097	12,271	14,211
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	33,609	34,076	39,090
Unclassified or unknown	10,270	10,472	15,239
<b>Total</b>	<b>403,095</b>	<b>420,773</b>	<b>602,100</b>

**Note: The sector breakdowns are estimated from the NACE code of the last known employer.**

## Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by sector

<b>Industrial Sector</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €350 on 27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €300 on 27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €250 on 27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €203 on 27<sup>th</sup> April</b>
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	2,455	942	896	1,034
Manufacturing	12,390	3,019	2,407	2,749
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	977	149	121	157
Construction	28,549	5,069	4,002	4,713
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	26,726	12,966	13,322	12,970
Transportation and storage	6,162	1,513	1,347	1,476
Accommodation and food service activities	42,212	21,089	20,269	18,067
Information and communication activities	4,004	1,026	1,090	1,418
Financial and insurance activities	3,811	1,040	1,134	1,571
Real Estate activities	2,531	983	983	1,125
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	7,892	2,146	1,866	2,346
Administrative and support service activities	18,851	5,719	5,147	5,901
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	2,640	824	996	1,532
Education	4,351	1,858	2,240	2,773
Human Health And Social Work activities	4,830	2,051	2,237	2,455
Arts, entertainment and recreation	4,750	2,063	2,323	2,961
Other Sectors	13,638	6,782	6,359	6,830
Unclassified or unknown	2,083	959	1,393	5,835
<b>Total</b>	<b>188,852</b>	<b>70,198</b>	<b>68,132</b>	<b>75,913</b>

**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 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 20 <sup>th</sup> April
< 25	99,938	102,526
25-34	89,135	92,560
35-44	89,753	94,836
45-54	70,361	74,231
55+	53,908	56,620
<b>Total</b>	<b>403,095</b>	<b>420,773</b>

## Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 27 <sup>th</sup> April
Male	119,391	32,958	28,560	32,883
Female	69,461	37,240	39,572	43,030
<b>Total</b>	<b>188,852</b>	<b>70,198</b>	<b>68,132</b>	<b>75,913</b>

## Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 27 <sup>th</sup> April
< 25	24,656	22,690	26,733	25,859
25-34	50,072	16,321	11,515	11,227
35-44	50,862	13,193	11,600	14,098
45-54	37,626	10,124	9,854	12,757
55+	25,636	7,870	8,430	11,972
<b>Total</b>	<b>188,852</b>	<b>70,198</b>	<b>68,132</b>	<b>75,913</b>

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

Around 14,511 people who have closed their account for return to work since 16<sup>th</sup> April of these 10,705 are male and 3,806 are female.

County	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 13 <sup>th</sup> April
Carlow	184	158	55
Cavan	259	319	93
Clare	331	417	138
Cork	1,583	2,102	672
Donegal	507	629	194
Dublin	3,909	3,800	1,478
Galway	733	901	315
Kerry	457	591	206
Kildare	714	822	311
Kilkenny	251	318	112
Laois	260	309	95
Leitrim	81	95	27
Limerick	419	526	216
Longford	100	142	51
Louth	419	422	157
Mayo	397	509	157
Meath	735	901	303
Monaghan	218	273	165
Offaly	289	304	110
Roscommon	168	253	84
Sligo	186	198	61
Tipperary	450	580	189
Waterford	325	373	155
Westmeath	275	298	136
Wexford	593	754	250
Wicklow	524	608	191
County not included	144	191	45
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,511</b>	<b>16,793</b>	<b>5,966</b>

## **Closed Pandemic Unemployment Payments - Sector Breakdown**

The top three sectors from which employees closed their Pandemic Unemployment Payment to return to work are Construction (4,965), Wholesale and Retail Trade (1,754), and Accommodation and food services (1,499).

### **Sector Breakdown**

	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 13 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Industrial Sector</b>			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	238	304	109
Manufacturing	1,216	1,445	654
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	63	61	36
Construction	4,965	6,173	1,501
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	1,754	1,737	970
Transportation and storage	417	622	150
Accommodation and food service activities	1,499	1,489	723
Information and communication activities	169	157	103
Financial and insurance activities	197	269	91
Real Estate activities	151	136	52
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	456	524	238
Administrative and support service activities	1,298	1,305	568
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	280	420	103
Education	485	755	119
Human Health And Social Work activities	456	509	196
Arts, entertainment and recreation	178	168	81
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	453	459	171
Unclassified or unknown	236	260	101
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,511</b>	<b>16,793</b>	<b>5,966</b>

**Note: The sector breakdowns are estimated from the NACE code of the last known employer.**



## **Closed Pandemic Unemployment Payments – Age Profile**

<b>Age category</b>	<b>Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>
< 25	2,373	2,138	1,052
25-34	3,080	3,037	1,386
35-44	4,084	4,740	1,607
45-54	3,017	4,020	1,196
55+	1,957	2,858	725
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,511</b>	<b>16,793</b>	<b>5,966</b>

## Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date, 149,245 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 80,141 are female and 69,104 are male.

Some 1,653 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 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 13 <sup>th</sup> April
Carlow	2,106	2,090	2,079
Cavan	3,547	3,535	3,523
Clare	3,030	3,008	2,994
Cork	15,633	15,563	15,498
Donegal	4,433	4,392	4,362
Dublin	41,653	41,240	40,924
Galway	8,707	8,672	8,636
Kerry	3,327	3,316	3,307
Kildare	6,553	6,475	6,411
Kilkenny	3,326	3,309	3,301
Laois	2,722	2,698	2,668
Leitrim	645	631	627
Limerick	5,673	5,625	5,592
Longford	1,250	1,239	1,233
Louth	4,566	4,536	4,514
Mayo	3,927	3,891	3,865
Meath	6,388	6,312	6,257
Monaghan	3,188	3,179	3,171
Offaly	2,434	2,394	2,353
Roscommon	1,910	1,892	1,883
Sligo	1,548	1,538	1,533
Tipperary	5,021	4,982	4,941
Waterford	4,988	4,966	4,934
Westmeath	2,367	2,345	2,324
Wexford	5,425	5,387	5,353
Wicklow	3,761	3,741	3,721
Other (NI & Foreign Address)	1,117	1,114	1,106
<b>Total</b>	<b>149,245</b>	<b>148,070</b>	<b>147,110</b>

## 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 (32,686) and Human Health and Social Work (27,250), followed by Manufacturing (20,434).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 13 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Industrial Sector</b>			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	1,940	1,925	1,918
Manufacturing	20,434	20,273	20,152
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	840	833	826
Construction	7,448	7,389	7,325
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	32,686	32,429	32,252
Transportation and storage	5,935	5,888	5,839
Accommodation and food service activities	8,489	8,422	8,368
Information and communication activities	2,618	2,597	2,581
Financial and insurance activities	5,547	5,503	5,453
Real Estate activities	1,156	1,147	1,135
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	5,363	5,321	5,274
Administrative and support service activities	12,904	12,802	12,698
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	5,800	5,754	5,719
Education	4,213	4,180	4,117
Human Health And Social Work activities	27,250	27,035	26,924
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,239	1,229	1,227
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	4,482	4,447	4,424
Unclassified or unknown	901	896	878
<b>Total</b>	<b>149,245</b>	<b>148,070</b>	<b>147,110</b>

**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 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 13 <sup>th</sup> April
< 25	24,007	23,872	23,797
25-34	37,807	37,514	37,270
35-44	38,929	38,590	38,300
45-54	29,376	29,126	28,929
55+	19,126	18,968	18,814
<b>Total</b>	<b>149,245</b>	<b>148,070</b>	<b>147,110</b>