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

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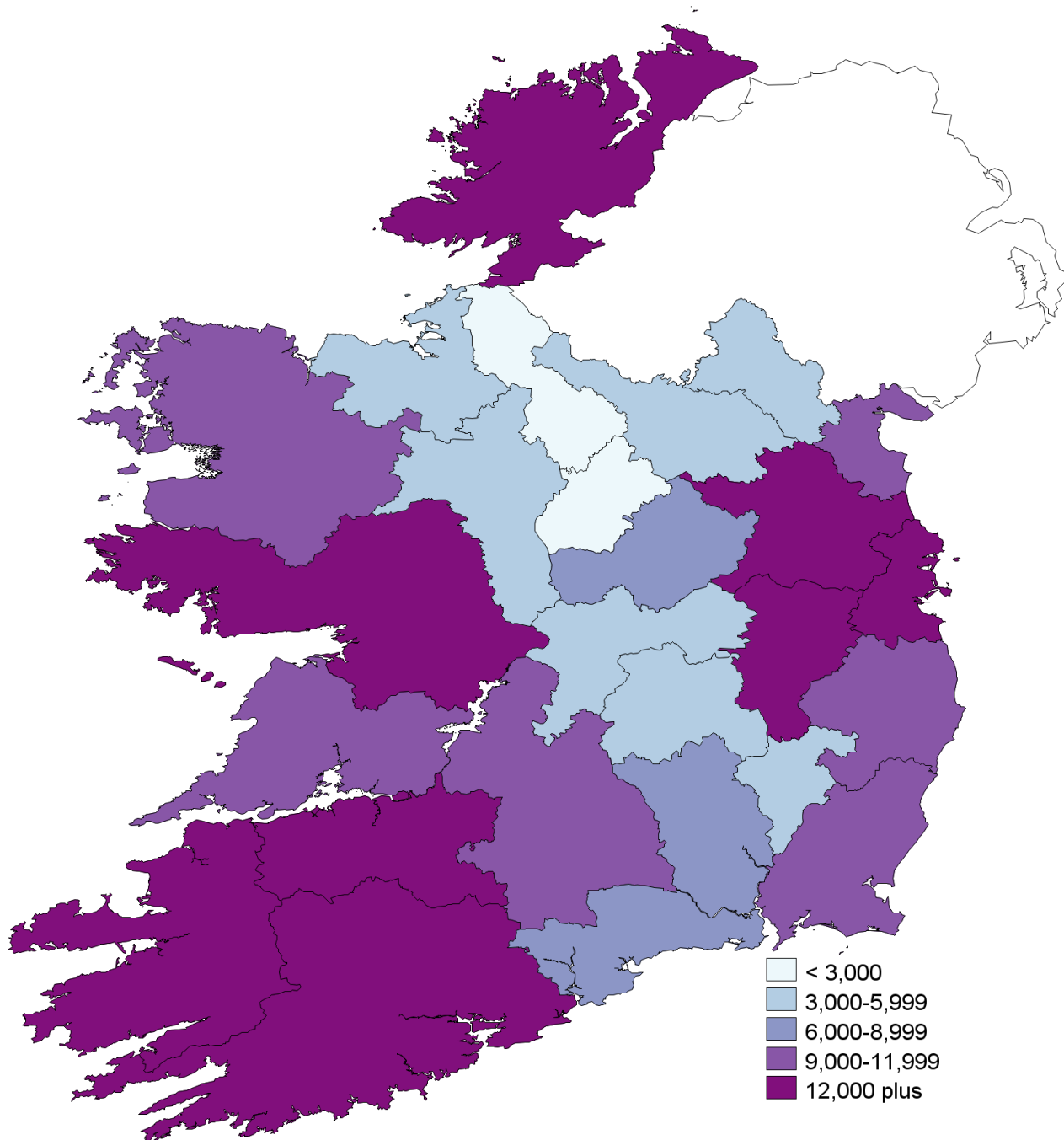
Analysis of Pandemic Unemployment Payments

There are 385,211 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 183,916 are female and 201,295 are male.

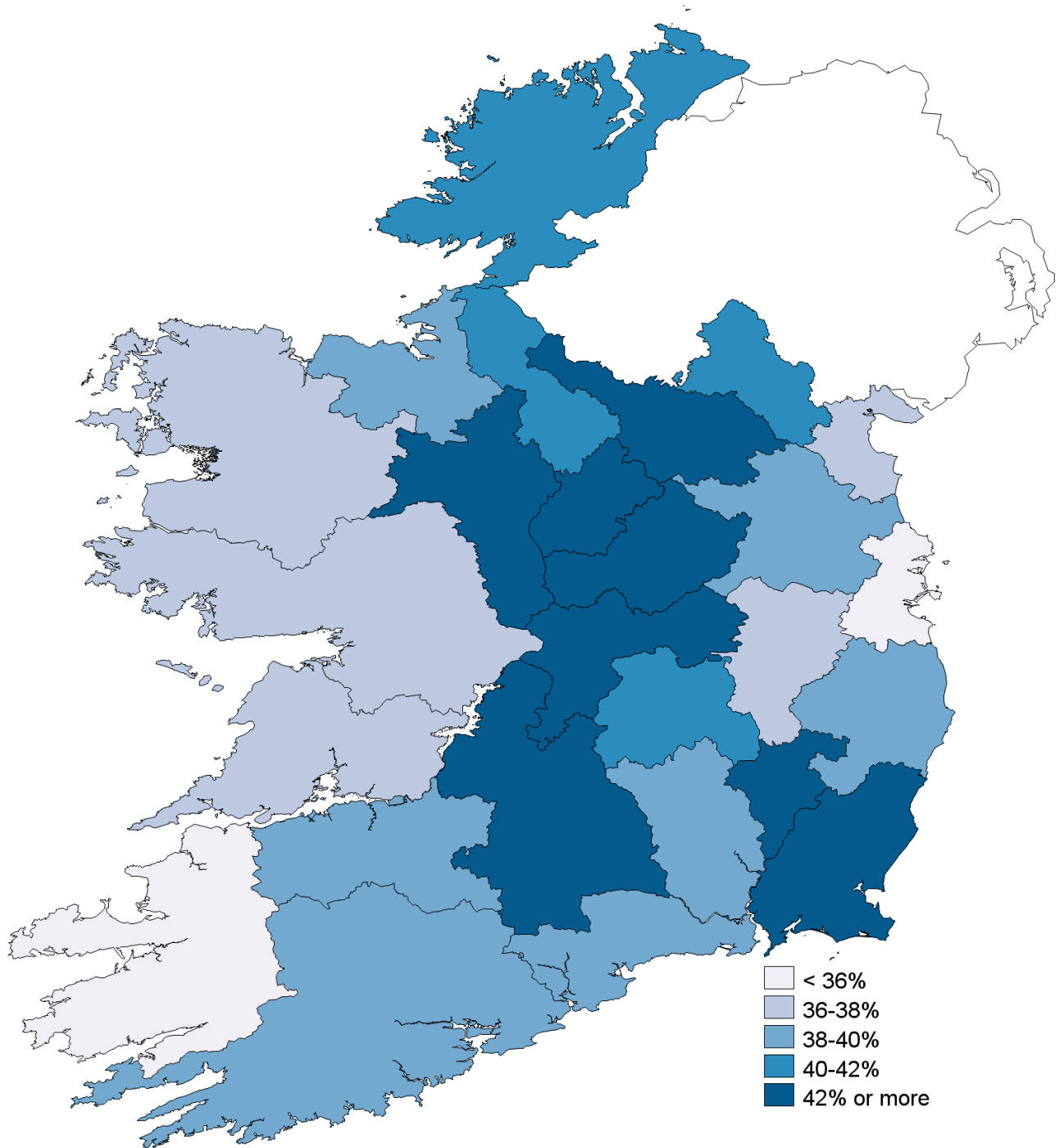
County Breakdown

County	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 4th May	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 27th April	Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment at its peak in week commencing 4th May 2020
Carlow	3,745	3,964	7,114
Cavan	5,439	5,708	9,941
Clare	9,435	9,803	14,869
Cork	37,980	39,750	62,460
Donegal	13,294	13,778	22,594
Dublin	125,105	131,233	174,163
Galway	20,987	21,783	33,132
Kerry	15,232	15,776	22,217
Kildare	16,929	17,792	26,720
Kilkenny	7,021	7,314	11,491
Laois	5,702	6,027	9,700
Leitrim	2,391	2,472	4,044
Limerick	13,462	14,058	21,964
Longford	2,509	2,640	4,403
Louth	10,626	11,160	16,983
Mayo	10,399	10,808	16,381
Meath	16,154	17,026	26,614
Monaghan	4,931	5,002	8,284
Offaly	5,186	5,471	9,067
Roscommon	4,399	4,570	7,577
Sligo	4,771	4,950	7,725
Tipperary	10,082	10,546	18,515
Waterford	8,373	8,734	13,662
Westmeath	6,622	6,888	11,353
Wexford	11,602	12,241	20,441
Wicklow	11,398	11,990	18,502
County not included	1,437	1,611	2,184
Total	385,211	403,095	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 (99,140) followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (63,361) and Construction (37,437).

Sector Breakdown

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 4 th May	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 27 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	5,039	5,327	8,704
Manufacturing	19,297	20,565	39,554
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	1,295	1,404	2,150
Construction	37,437	42,333	84,169
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	63,361	65,984	94,240
Transportation and storage	10,059	10,498	18,130
Accommodation and food service activities	99,140	101,637	131,230
Information and communication activities	7,348	7,538	11,304
Financial and insurance activities	7,342	7,556	11,455
Real Estate activities	5,437	5,622	7,865
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	13,940	14,250	24,199
Administrative and support service activities	33,585	35,618	44,986
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	5,685	5,992	10,354
Education	10,524	11,222	21,552
Human Health And Social Work activities	10,986	11,573	23,668
Arts, entertainment and recreation	11,787	12,097	14,211
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	32,940	33,609	39,090
Unclassified or unknown	10,009	10,270	15,239
Total	385,211	403,095	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 4th May	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 4th May	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 4th May	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 4th May
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	2,285	893	850	1,011
Manufacturing	11,425	2,880	2,331	2,661
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	891	135	115	154
Construction	24,665	4,634	3,687	4,451
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	25,300	12,452	12,920	12,689
Transportation and storage	5,865	1,455	1,305	1,434
Accommodation and food service activities	41,044	20,605	19,758	17,733
Information and communication activities	3,889	1,002	1,070	1,387
Financial and insurance activities	3,679	1,007	1,110	1,546
Real Estate activities	2,428	943	963	1,103
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	7,733	2,084	1,817	2,306
Administrative and support service activities	17,666	5,425	4,872	5,622
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	2,445	781	961	1,498
Education	4,046	1,725	2,100	2,653
Human Health And Social Work activities	4,526	1,930	2,143	2,387
Arts, entertainment and recreation	4,590	2,001	2,269	2,927
Other Sectors	13,279	6,669	6,250	6,742
Unclassified or unknown	1,997	923	1,369	5,720
Total	177,753	67,544	65,890	74,024

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 4 th May	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 27 th April
< 25	96,202	99,938
25-34	84,590	89,135
35-44	85,188	89,753
45-54	67,130	70,361
55+	52,101	53,908
Total	385,211	403,095

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 4 th May	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 4 th May	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 4 th May	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 4 th May
Male	110,455	31,467	27,435	31,938
Female	67,298	36,077	38,455	42,086
Total	177,753	67,544	65,890	74,024

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 4 th May	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 4 th May	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 4 th May	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 4 th May
< 25	23,222	21,846	25,878	25,256
25-34	47,013	15,685	11,057	10,835
35-44	47,605	12,667	11,211	13,705
45-54	35,385	9,738	9,525	12,482
55+	24,528	7,608	8,219	11,746
Total	177,753	67,544	65,890	74,024

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

Around 12,692 people who have closed their account for return to work reasons since 23rd April; of these 9,078 are male and 3,614 are female.

County	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 4 th May	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 27 th April	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 20 th April
Carlow	130	184	158
Cavan	205	259	319
Clare	301	331	417
Cork	1,233	1,583	2,102
Donegal	410	507	629
Dublin	3,776	3,909	3,800
Galway	609	733	901
Kerry	430	457	591
Kildare	684	714	822
Kilkenny	198	251	318
Laois	234	260	309
Leitrim	90	81	95
Limerick	398	419	526
Longford	74	100	142
Louth	328	419	422
Mayo	345	397	509
Meath	589	735	901
Monaghan	179	218	273
Offaly	240	289	304
Roscommon	173	168	253
Sligo	126	186	198
Tipperary	403	450	580
Waterford	284	325	373
Westmeath	228	275	298
Wexford	466	593	754
Wicklow	448	524	608
County not included	111	144	191
Total	12,692	14,511	16,793

Closed Pandemic Unemployment Payments - Sector Breakdown

The top three sectors from which employees closed their Pandemic Unemployment Payment to return to work are Construction (3,729), Wholesale and Retail Trade (1,794), and Accommodation and food services (1,418).

Sector Breakdown

	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 4 th May	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 27 th April	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 20 th April
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	203	238	304
Manufacturing	998	1,216	1,445
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	59	63	61
Construction	3,729	4,965	6,173
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	1,794	1,754	1,737
Transportation and storage	329	417	622
Accommodation and food service activities	1,418	1,499	1,489
Information and communication activities	186	169	157
Financial and insurance activities	174	197	269
Real Estate activities	108	151	136
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	390	456	524
Administrative and support service activities	1,184	1,298	1,305
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	235	280	420
Education	394	485	755
Human Health And Social Work activities	458	456	509
Arts, entertainment and recreation	326	178	168
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	438	453	459
Unclassified or unknown	269	236	260
Total	12,692	14,511	16,793

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 4th May	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 27th April	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 20th April
< 25	2,200	2,373	2,138
25-34	2,723	3,080	3,037
35-44	3,379	4,084	4,740
45-54	2,669	3,017	4,020
55+	1,721	1,957	2,858
Total	12,692	14,511	16,793

Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date, 150,016 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 80,519 are female and 69,497 are male.

Some 1,642 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 4 th May	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 27 th April	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 20 th April
Carlow	2,113	2,106	2,090
Cavan	3,572	3,547	3,535
Clare	3,038	3,030	3,008
Cork	15,692	15,633	15,563
Donegal	4,465	4,433	4,392
Dublin	41,906	41,653	41,240
Galway	8,746	8,707	8,672
Kerry	3,328	3,327	3,316
Kildare	6,601	6,553	6,475
Kilkenny	3,335	3,326	3,309
Laois	2,734	2,722	2,698
Leitrim	653	645	631
Limerick	5,704	5,673	5,625
Longford	1,259	1,250	1,239
Louth	4,591	4,566	4,536
Mayo	3,950	3,927	3,891
Meath	6,431	6,388	6,312
Monaghan	3,193	3,188	3,179
Offaly	2,456	2,434	2,394
Roscommon	1,927	1,910	1,892
Sligo	1,553	1,548	1,538
Tipperary	5,053	5,021	4,982
Waterford	5,006	4,988	4,966
Westmeath	2,385	2,367	2,345
Wexford	5,438	5,425	5,387
Wicklow	3,771	3,761	3,741
Other (NI & Foreign Address)	1,116	1,117	1,114
Total	150,016	149,245	148,070

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 (32,855) and Human Health and Social Work (27,391), followed by Manufacturing (20,540).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 4 th May	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 27 th April	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 20 th April
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	1,950	1,940	1,925
Manufacturing	20,540	20,434	20,273
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	844	840	833
Construction	7,486	7,448	7,389
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	32,855	32,686	32,429
Transportation and storage	5,966	5,935	5,888
Accommodation and food service activities	8,533	8,489	8,422
Information and communication activities	2,632	2,618	2,597
Financial and insurance activities	5,576	5,547	5,503
Real Estate activities	1,162	1,156	1,147
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	5,391	5,363	5,321
Administrative and support service activities	12,971	12,904	12,802
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	5,830	5,800	5,754
Education	4,235	4,213	4,180
Human Health And Social Work activities	27,391	27,250	27,035
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,245	1,239	1,229
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	4,505	4,482	4,447
Unclassified or unknown	904	901	896
Total	150,016	149,245	148,070

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 4 th May	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 27 th April	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 20 th April
< 25	24,068	24,007	23,872
25-34	37,994	37,807	37,514
35-44	39,168	38,929	38,590
45-54	29,540	29,376	29,126
55+	19,246	19,126	18,968
Total	150,016	149,245	148,070