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

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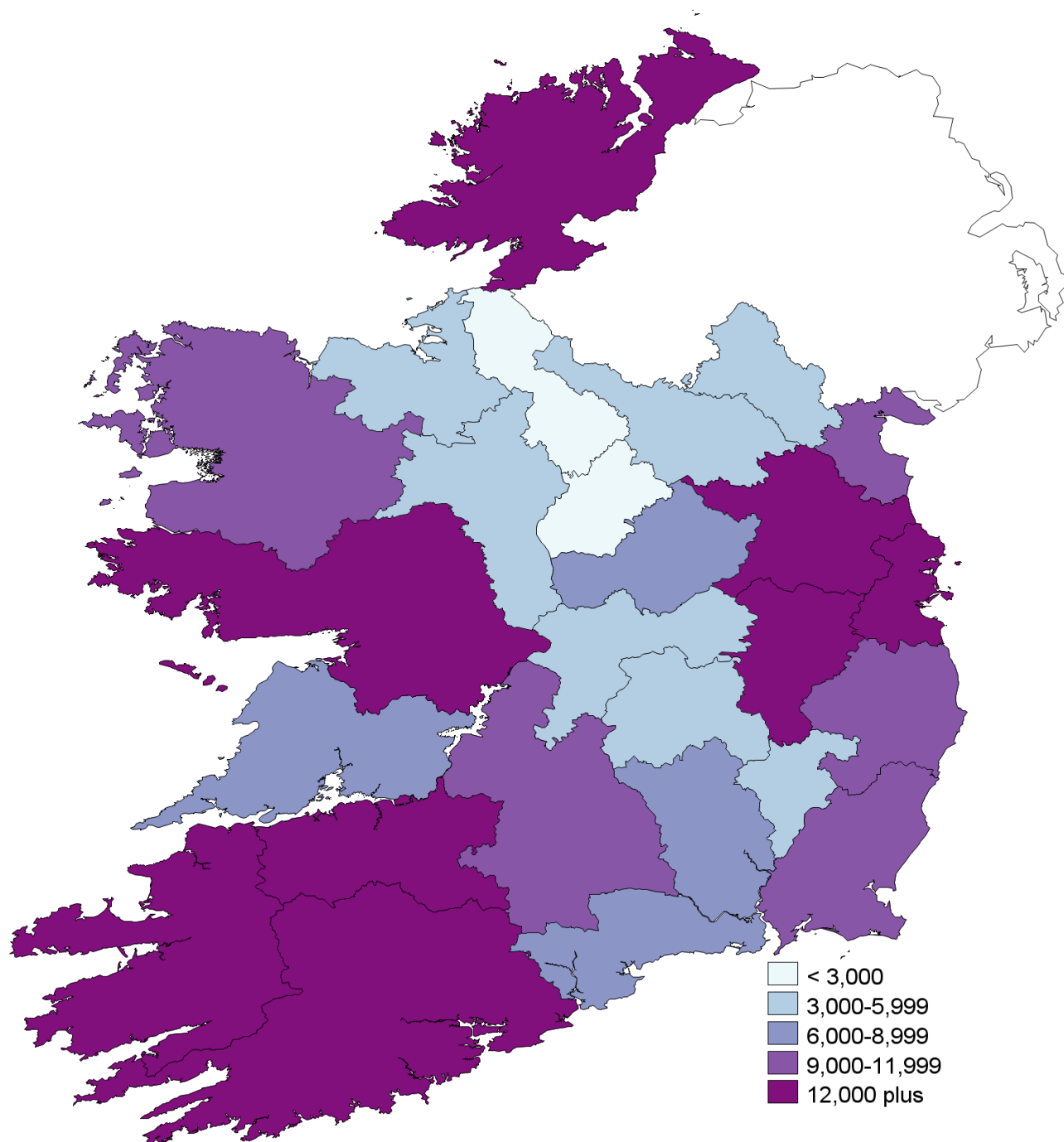
Analysis of Pandemic Unemployment Payments

There are 363,167 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 176,474 are female and 186,693 are male.

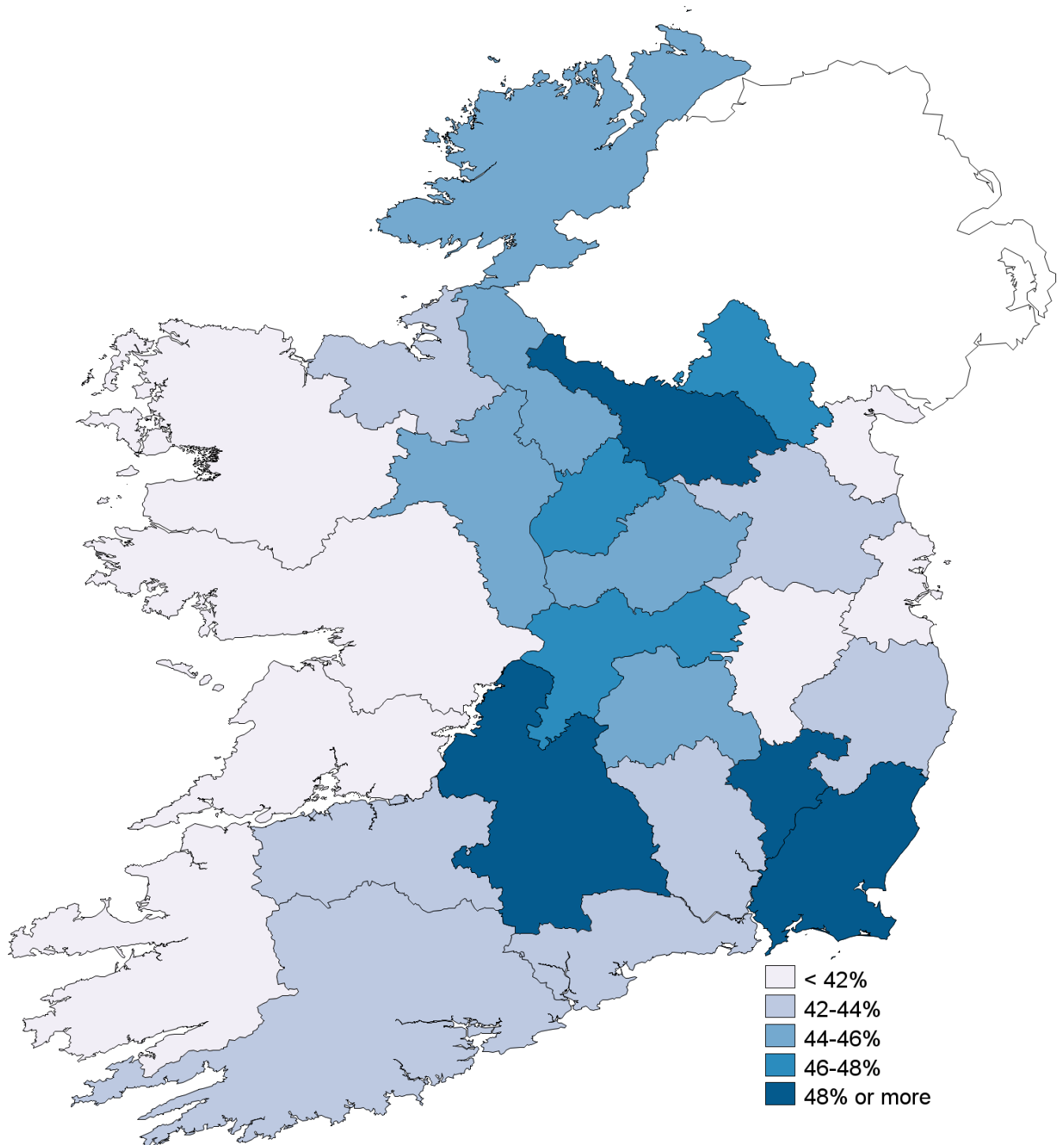
County Breakdown

County	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 18th May	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 11th May	Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment at its peak in week commencing 4th May 2020
Carlow	3,520	3,680	7,114
Cavan	5,103	5,307	9,941
Clare	8,924	9,218	14,869
Cork	35,754	37,118	62,460
Donegal	12,535	12,983	22,594
Dublin	118,925	122,775	174,163
Galway	19,862	20,567	33,132
Kerry	14,409	14,894	22,217
Kildare	15,775	16,468	26,720
Kilkenny	6,628	6,889	11,491
Laois	5,280	5,544	9,700
Leitrim	2,218	2,327	4,044
Limerick	12,757	13,223	21,964
Longford	2,344	2,452	4,403
Louth	10,096	10,436	16,983
Mayo	9,784	10,151	16,381
Meath	15,191	15,769	26,614
Monaghan	4,457	4,795	8,284
Offaly	4,782	5,023	9,067
Roscommon	4,132	4,265	7,577
Sligo	4,508	4,674	7,725
Tipperary	9,441	9,803	18,515
Waterford	7,911	8,206	13,662
Westmeath	6,221	6,477	11,353
Wexford	10,698	11,238	20,441
Wicklow	10,659	11,035	18,502
County not included	1,253	1,348	2,184
Total	363,167	376,665	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 (96,404) followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (59,545) and Administrative and support service activities (31,860).

Sector Breakdown

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 18 th May	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 11 th May	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	4,643	4,873	8,704
Manufacturing	17,830	18,717	39,554
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	1,201	1,275	2,150
Construction	31,582	34,663	84,169
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	59,545	62,115	94,240
Transportation and storage	9,667	9,949	18,130
Accommodation and food service activities	96,404	98,124	131,230
Information and communication activities	7,097	7,254	11,304
Financial and insurance activities	7,007	7,224	11,455
Real Estate activities	5,206	5,351	7,865
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	13,027	13,685	24,199
Administrative and support service activities	31,860	32,929	44,986
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	5,324	5,560	10,354
Education	9,988	10,291	21,552
Human Health And Social Work activities	10,326	10,742	23,668
Arts, entertainment and recreation	11,233	11,500	14,211
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	31,739	32,617	39,090
Unclassified or unknown	9,488	9,796	15,239
Total	363,167	376,665	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 18th May	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 18th May	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 18th May	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 18th May
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	2040	839	801	963
Manufacturing	10357	2730	2195	2548
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	811	133	112	145
Construction	20269	3996	3263	4054
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	23297	11743	12328	12177
Transportation and storage	5599	1406	1269	1393
Accommodation and food service activities	39582	20066	19308	17448
Information and communication activities	3725	971	1047	1354
Financial and insurance activities	3487	955	1069	1496
Real Estate activities	2289	907	942	1068
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	7037	2018	1745	2227
Administrative and support service activities	16507	5228	4681	5444
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	2222	750	917	1435
Education	3819	1629	1991	2549
Human Health And Social Work activities	4141	1856	2030	2299
Arts, entertainment and recreation	4320	1900	2192	2821
Other Sectors	12660	6450	6064	6565
Unclassified or unknown	1811	860	1299	5518
Total	163,973	64,437	63,253	71,504

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 18 th May	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 11 th May
< 25	91,887	94,451
25-34	79,893	82,811
35-44	79,528	82,927
45-54	62,608	65,390
55+	49,251	51,086
Total	363,167	376,665

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 18 th May	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 18 th May	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 18 th May	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 18 th May
Male	100,288	29,778	26,097	30,530
Female	63,685	34,659	37,156	40,974
Total	163,973	64,437	63,253	71,504

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 18 th May	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 18 th May	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 18 th May	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 18 th May
< 25	21,723	20,823	24,882	24,459
25-34	43,621	15,117	10,698	10,457
35-44	43,580	12,043	10,745	13,160
45-54	32,336	9,208	9,041	12,023
55+	22,713	7,246	7,887	11,405
Total	163,973	64,437	63,253	71,504

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

Some 25,920 people who have closed their account for return to work reasons in the week up to May 18th of which 10,431 are male and 15,489 are female.

County	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 18 th May	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 11 th May	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 4 th May
Carlow	276	134	130
Cavan	417	182	205
Clare	655	261	301
Cork	2,987	1,269	1,233
Donegal	845	401	410
Dublin	6,578	3,300	3,776
Galway	1,408	632	609
Kerry	962	451	430
Kildare	1,352	661	684
Kilkenny	499	238	198
Laois	498	242	234
Leitrim	153	97	90
Limerick	1,058	419	398
Longford	204	102	74
Louth	740	333	328
Mayo	771	324	345
Meath	1,186	567	589
Monaghan	321	297	179
Offaly	439	223	240
Roscommon	336	137	173
Sligo	325	150	126
Tipperary	857	353	403
Waterford	637	252	284
Westmeath	525	252	228
Wexford	948	473	466
Wicklow	825	399	448
County not included	118	96	111
Total	25,920	12,245	12,692

Closed Pandemic Unemployment Payments - Sector Breakdown

The top three sectors from which employees closed their Pandemic Unemployment Payment to return to work are Other Sectors (8,930), Wholesale and Retail Trade (4,739), and Construction (3,033).

Sector Breakdown

	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 18 th May	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 11 th May	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 4 th May
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	231	184	203
Manufacturing	1,126	826	998
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	64	51	59
Construction	3,033	3,107	3,729
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	4,739	2,295	1,794
Transportation and storage	346	296	329
Accommodation and food service activities	2,396	1,422	1,418
Information and communication activities	238	150	186
Financial and insurance activities	320	185	174
Real Estate activities	264	126	108
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	579	576	390
Administrative and support service activities	1,318	969	1,184
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	320	210	235
Education	500	298	394
Human Health And Social Work activities	602	368	458
Arts, entertainment and recreation	368	305	326
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	8,930	609	438
Unclassified or unknown	546	268	269
Total	25,920	12,245	12,692

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 18th May	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 11th May	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 4th May
< 25	4,532	2,155	2,200
25-34	6,014	2,632	2,723
35-44	6,941	3,120	3,379
45-54	5,203	2,596	2,669
55+	3,230	1,742	1,721
Total	25,920	12,245	12,692

Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date, 152,054 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 81,517 are female and 70,537 are male.

Some 1,558 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 18 th May	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 11 th May	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 4 th May
Carlow	2,140	2,134	2,113
Cavan	3,650	3,607	3,572
Clare	3,061	3,068	3,038
Cork	15,829	15,845	15,692
Donegal	4,562	4,509	4,465
Dublin	42,558	42,316	41,906
Galway	8,823	8,831	8,746
Kerry	3,341	3,361	3,328
Kildare	6,736	6,666	6,601
Kilkenny	3,373	3,368	3,335
Laois	2,768	2,761	2,734
Leitrim	663	659	653
Limerick	5,790	5,760	5,704
Longford	1,274	1,271	1,259
Louth	4,636	4,636	4,591
Mayo	3,990	3,989	3,950
Meath	6,562	6,494	6,431
Monaghan	3,222	3,224	3,193
Offaly	2,512	2,480	2,456
Roscommon	1,950	1,946	1,927
Sligo	1,564	1,568	1,553
Tipperary	5,137	5,102	5,053
Waterford	5,056	5,055	5,006
Westmeath	2,426	2,408	2,385
Wexford	5,493	5,491	5,438
Wicklow	3,802	3,808	3,771
Other (NI & Foreign Address)	1,136	1,125	1,116
Total	152,054	151,482	150,016

Covid-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit - Sector Breakdown

The two 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 (33,301) and Human Health and Social Work (27,763), followed by Manufacturing (20,819).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 18 th May	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 11 th May	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 4 th May
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	1,976	1,969	1,950
Manufacturing	20,819	20,741	20,540
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	855	852	844
Construction	7,588	7,559	7,486
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	33,301	33,176	32,855
Transportation and storage	6,047	6,024	5,966
Accommodation and food service activities	8,649	8,616	8,533
Information and communication activities	2,668	2,658	2,632
Financial and insurance activities	5,652	5,630	5,576
Real Estate activities	1,178	1,173	1,162
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	5,464	5,444	5,391
Administrative and support service activities	13,147	13,098	12,971
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	5,909	5,887	5,830
Education	4,292	4,276	4,235
Human Health And Social Work activities	27,763	27,659	27,391
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,262	1,257	1,245
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	4,566	4,549	4,505
Unclassified or unknown	918	914	904
Total	152,054	151,482	150,016

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 18 th May	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 11 th May	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 4 th May
< 25	24,292	24,303	24,068
25-34	38,525	38,365	37,994
35-44	39,784	39,551	39,168
45-54	29,954	29,829	29,540
55+	19,499	19,434	19,246
Total	152,054	151,482	150,016