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

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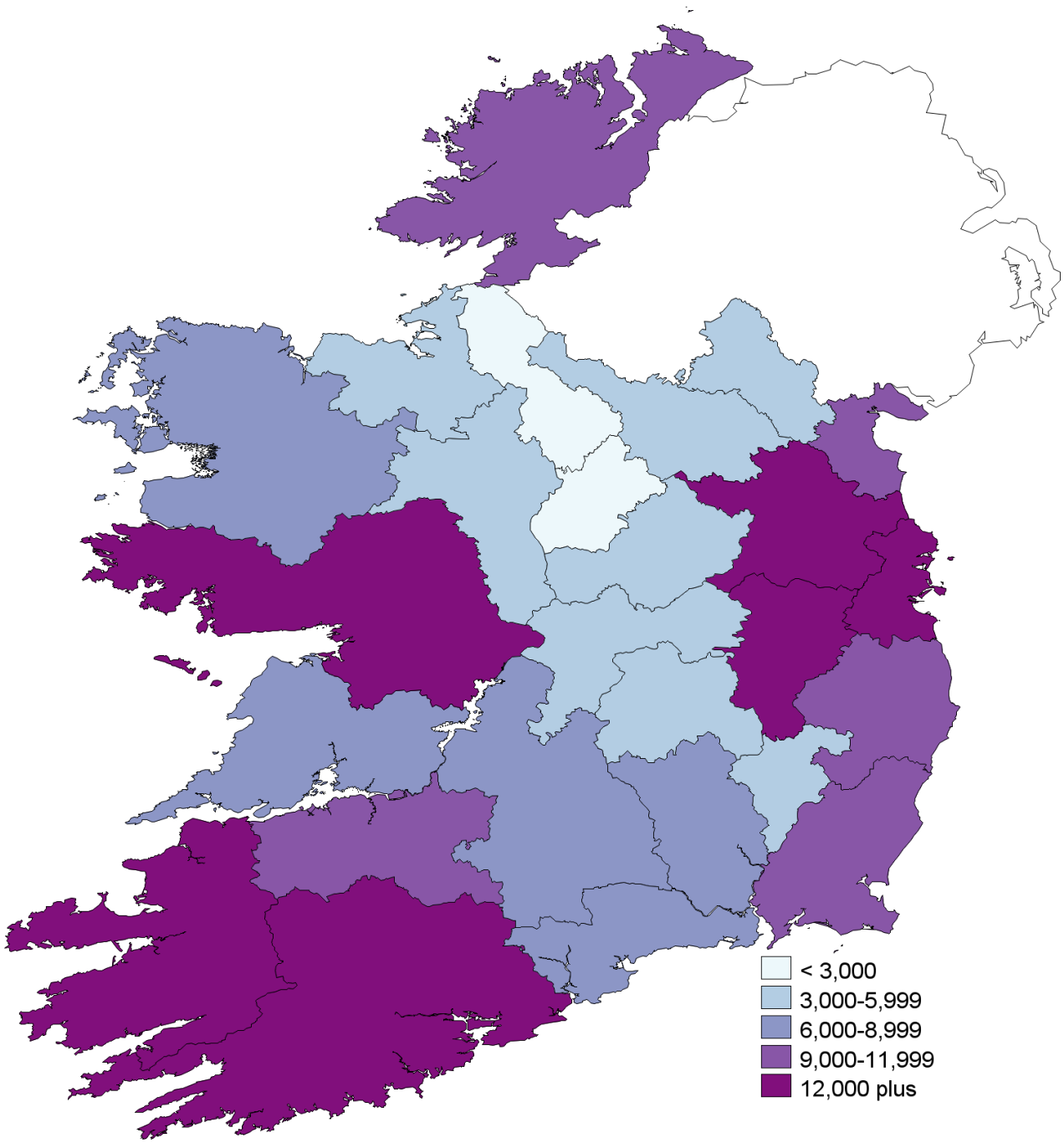
**Analysis of Pandemic Unemployment Payments**

There are 333,993 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 157,810 are female and 176,183 are male.

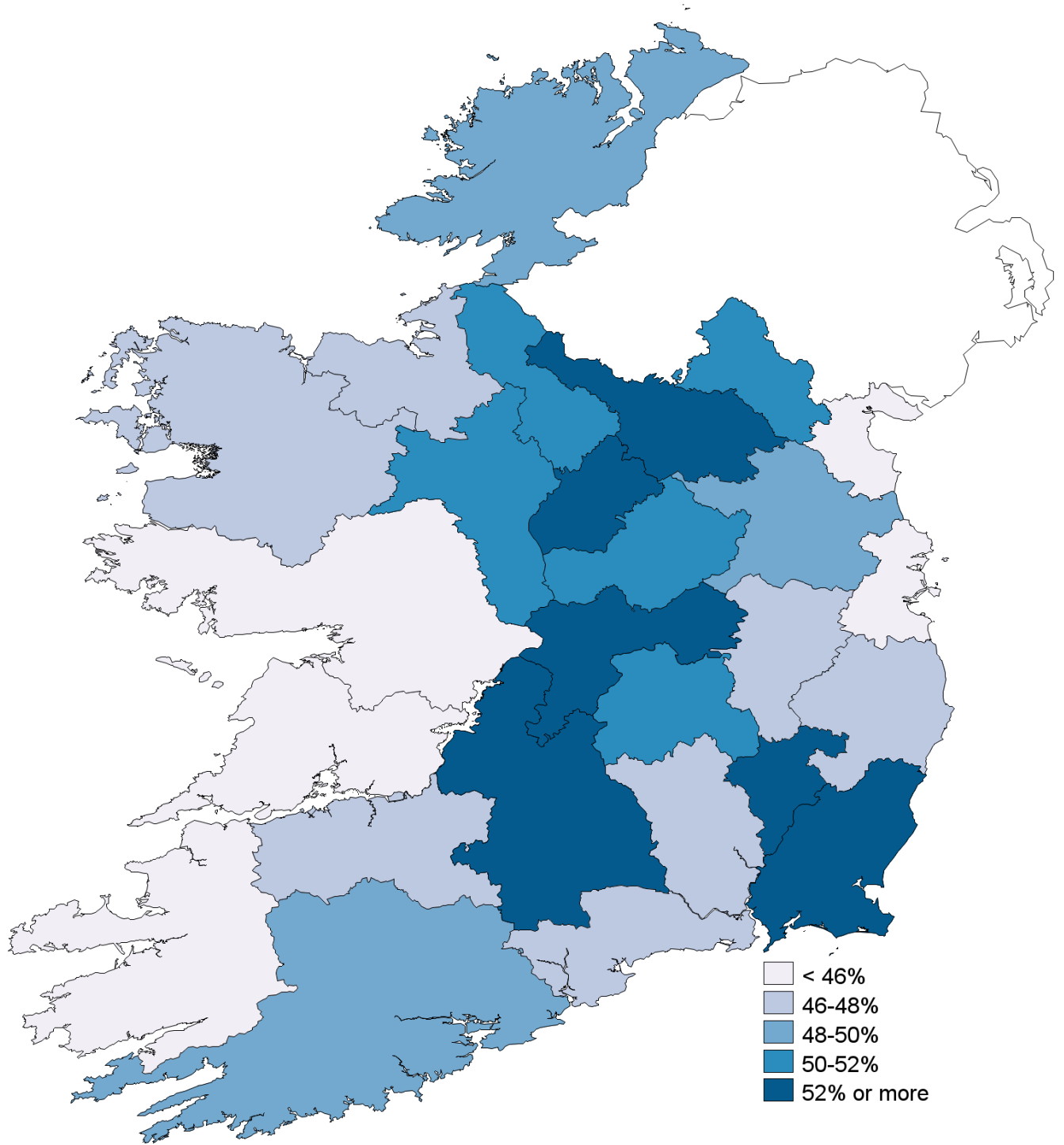
**County Breakdown**

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment at its peak in week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020</b>
Carlow	3,194	3,520	7,114
Cavan	4,643	5,103	9,941
Clare	8,170	8,924	14,869
Cork	32,317	35,754	62,460
Donegal	11,567	12,535	22,594
Dublin	111,566	118,925	174,163
Galway	18,290	19,862	33,132
Kerry	13,328	14,409	22,217
Kildare	14,325	15,775	26,720
Kilkenny	6,052	6,628	11,491
Laois	4,756	5,280	9,700
Leitrim	2,025	2,218	4,044
Limerick	11,554	12,757	21,964
Longford	2,127	2,344	4,403
Louth	9,275	10,096	16,983
Mayo	8,904	9,784	16,381
Meath	13,837	15,191	26,614
Monaghan	4,128	4,457	8,284
Offaly	4,287	4,782	9,067
Roscommon	3,751	4,132	7,577
Sligo	4,102	4,508	7,725
Tipperary	8,446	9,441	18,515
Waterford	7,201	7,911	13,662
Westmeath	5,664	6,221	11,353
Wexford	9,636	10,698	20,441
Wicklow	9,728	10,659	18,502
County not included	1,120	1,253	2,184
<b>Total</b>	<b>333,993</b>	<b>363,167</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 (93,687) followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (54,391) and Administrative and support service activities (30,603).

### Sector Breakdown

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 18 <sup>th</sup> May	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	4,396	4,643	8,704
Manufacturing	16,832	17,830	39,554
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	1,138	1,201	2,150
Construction	28,758	31,582	84,169
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	54,391	59,545	94,240
Transportation and storage	9,337	9,667	18,130
Accommodation and food service activities	93,687	96,404	131,230
Information and communication activities	6,870	7,097	11,304
Financial and insurance activities	6,628	7,007	11,455
Real Estate activities	4,930	5,206	7,865
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	12,472	13,027	24,199
Administrative and support service activities	30,603	31,860	44,986
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	4,998	5,324	10,354
Education	9,487	9,988	21,552
Human Health And Social Work activities	9,781	10,326	23,668
Arts, entertainment and recreation	10,814	11,233	14,211
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	20,031	31,739	39,090
Unclassified or unknown	8,840	9,488	15,239
<b>Total</b>	<b>333,993</b>	<b>363,167</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 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €300 on 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €250 on 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €203 on 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	1,932	798	747	919
Manufacturing	9,764	2,595	2,073	2,400
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	773	126	103	136
Construction	18,344	3,644	3,003	3,767
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	20,941	10,742	11,379	11,329
Transportation and storage	5,395	1,363	1,237	1,342
Accommodation and food service activities	38,284	19,527	18,829	17,047
Information and communication activities	3,612	939	1,019	1,300
Financial and insurance activities	3,326	894	1,008	1,400
Real Estate activities	2,155	866	884	1,025
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	6,732	1,944	1,670	2,126
Administrative and support service activities	15,782	5,068	4,524	5,229
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	2,057	704	865	1,372
Education	3,595	1,553	1,898	2,441
Human Health And Social Work activities	3,909	1,758	1,947	2,167
Arts, entertainment and recreation	4,152	1,821	2,107	2,734
Other Sectors	7,178	3,904	4,047	4,902
Unclassified or unknown	1,675	776	1,186	5,203
<b>Total</b>	<b>149,606</b>	<b>59,022</b>	<b>58,526</b>	<b>66,839</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 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 18 <sup>th</sup> May
< 25	86,500	91,887
25-34	72,884	79,893
35-44	71,819	79,528
45-54	56,956	62,608
55+	45,834	49,251
<b>Total</b>	<b>333,993</b>	<b>363,167</b>

## Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 25 <sup>th</sup> May
Male	93,879	28,176	24,888	29,240
Female	55,727	30,846	33,638	37,599
<b>Total</b>	<b>149,606</b>	<b>59,022</b>	<b>58,526</b>	<b>66,839</b>

## Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 25 <sup>th</sup> May
< 25	20,112	19,490	23,595	23,303
25-34	39,571	13,778	9,840	9,695
35-44	39,541	10,739	9,550	11,989
45-54	29,380	8,290	8,191	11,095
55+	21,002	6,725	7,350	10,757
<b>Total</b>	<b>149,606</b>	<b>59,022</b>	<b>58,526</b>	<b>66,839</b>

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

Some 25,824 people who have closed their account for return to work reasons in the week up to May 25th of which 10,672 are male and 15,152 are female.

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>
Carlow	303	276	134
Cavan	428	417	182
Clare	664	655	261
Cork	3,002	2,987	1269
Donegal	837	845	401
Dublin	6,710	6,578	3300
Galway	1,358	1,408	632
Kerry	1,006	962	451
Kildare	1,195	1,352	661
Kilkenny	600	499	238
Laois	476	498	242
Leitrim	151	153	97
Limerick	1,034	1,058	419
Longford	177	204	102
Louth	754	740	333
Mayo	783	771	324
Meath	1,097	1,186	567
Monaghan	325	321	297
Offaly	390	439	223
Roscommon	326	336	137
Sligo	341	325	150
Tipperary	827	857	353
Waterford	659	637	252
Westmeath	518	525	252
Wexford	951	948	473
Wicklow	773	825	399
County not included	139	118	96
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,824</b>	<b>25,920</b>	<b>12,245</b>

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

The top three sectors from which employees closed their Pandemic Unemployment Payment to return to work are Wholesale and Retail Trade (7,441), Other Sectors (5,855), and Accommodation and food service activities (3,113).

### **Sector Breakdown**

	<b>Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>Industrial Sector</b>			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	221	231	184
Manufacturing	1,170	1,126	826
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	74	64	51
Construction	2,381	3,033	3,107
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	7,441	4,739	2,295
Transportation and storage	326	346	296
Accommodation and food service activities	3,113	2,396	1,422
Information and communication activities	279	238	150
Financial and insurance activities	441	320	185
Real Estate activities	283	264	126
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	638	579	576
Administrative and support service activities	1,352	1,318	969
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	305	320	210
Education	404	500	298
Human Health And Social Work activities	554	602	368
Arts, entertainment and recreation	465	368	305
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	5,855	8,930	609
Unclassified or unknown	522	546	268
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,824</b>	<b>25,920</b>	<b>12,245</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 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>
< 25	5,703	4,532	2,155
25-34	5,739	6,014	2,632
35-44	5,995	6,941	3,120
45-54	4,792	5,203	2,596
55+	3,595	3,230	1,742
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,824</b>	<b>25,920</b>	<b>12,245</b>

## Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date, 152,697 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 81,821 are female and 70,876 are male.

Some 1,389 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 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 11 <sup>th</sup> May
Carlow	2,143	2,140	2,134
Cavan	3,656	3,650	3,607
Clare	3,073	3,061	3,068
Cork	15,889	15,829	15,845
Donegal	4,608	4,562	4,509
Dublin	42,786	42,558	42,316
Galway	8,856	8,823	8,831
Kerry	3,347	3,341	3,361
Kildare	6,782	6,736	6,666
Kilkenny	3,383	3,373	3,368
Laois	2,773	2,768	2,761
Leitrim	669	663	659
Limerick	5,808	5,790	5,760
Longford	1,276	1,274	1,271
Louth	4,639	4,636	4,636
Mayo	4,004	3,990	3,989
Meath	6,601	6,562	6,494
Monaghan	3,227	3,222	3,224
Offaly	2,531	2,512	2,480
Roscommon	1,959	1,950	1,946
Sligo	1,570	1,564	1,568
Tipperary	5,148	5,137	5,102
Waterford	5,058	5,056	5,055
Westmeath	2,445	2,426	2,408
Wexford	5,510	5,493	5,491
Wicklow	3,817	3,802	3,808
Other (NI & Foreign Address)	1,139	1,136	1,125
<b>Total</b>	<b>152,697</b>	<b>152,054</b>	<b>151,482</b>

## 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 (33,434) and Human Health and Social Work (27,844), followed by Manufacturing (20,891).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 11 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Industrial Sector</b>			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	1,986	1,976	1,969
Manufacturing	20,891	20,819	20,741
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	858	855	852
Construction	7,661	7,588	7,559
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	33,434	33,301	33,176
Transportation and storage	6,059	6,047	6,024
Accommodation and food service activities	8,685	8,649	8,616
Information and communication activities	2,696	2,668	2,658
Financial and insurance activities	5,677	5,652	5,630
Real Estate activities	1,185	1,178	1,173
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	5,483	5,464	5,444
Administrative and support service activities	13,193	13,147	13,098
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	5,947	5,909	5,887
Education	4,329	4,292	4,276
Human Health And Social Work activities	27,844	27,763	27,659
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,267	1,262	1,257
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	4,582	4,566	4,549
Unclassified or unknown	920	918	914
<b>Total</b>	<b>152,697</b>	<b>152,054</b>	<b>151,482</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 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 11 <sup>th</sup> May
< 25	24,366	24,292	24,303
25-34	38,696	38,525	38,365
35-44	39,989	39,784	39,551
45-54	30,052	29,954	29,829
55+	19,594	19,499	19,434
<b>Total</b>	<b>152,697</b>	<b>152,054</b>	<b>151,482</b>