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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 211,847 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 96,397 are female and 115,450 are male.

County Breakdown

County	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 13th July	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 6th July	Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment at its peak in week commencing 4th May 2020
Carlow	1,870	1,982	7,114
Cavan	2,774	2,913	9,941
Clare	4,807	5,048	14,869
Cork	18,915	19,925	62,460
Donegal	6,895	7,255	22,594
Dublin	78,042	80,789	174,163
Galway	11,261	11,805	33,132
Kerry	6,995	7,462	22,217
Kildare	9,088	9,447	26,720
Kilkenny	3,497	3,671	11,491
Laois	2,923	3,047	9,700
Leitrim	1,171	1,229	4,044
Limerick	7,371	7,654	21,964
Longford	1,365	1,431	4,403
Louth	6,080	6,302	16,983
Mayo	4,994	5,271	16,381
Meath	9,085	9,448	26,614
Monaghan	2,703	2,807	8,284
Offaly	2,558	2,696	9,067
Roscommon	2,294	2,411	7,577
Sligo	2,500	2,625	7,725
Tipperary	5,173	5,409	18,515
Waterford	4,222	4,445	13,662
Westmeath	3,406	3,550	11,353
Wexford	5,306	5,611	20,441
Wicklow	5,881	6,166	18,502
County not included	671	689	2,184
Total	211,847	221,088	602,100

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 (50,754) followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (32,343) and Administrative and support service activities (23,189).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 13 th July	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 6 th July	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	3,111	3,271	8,704
Manufacturing	11,862	12,288	39,554
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	821	847	2,150
Construction	18,633	19,311	84,169
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	32,343	33,610	94,240
Transportation and storage	7,842	8,024	18,130
Accommodation and food service activities	50,754	54,518	131,230
Information and communication activities	5,173	5,341	11,304
Financial and insurance activities	4,875	4,986	11,455
Real Estate activities	3,145	3,291	7,865
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	9,155	9,417	24,199
Administrative and support service activities	23,189	23,824	44,986
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	3,596	3,675	10,354
Education	7,584	7,759	21,552
Human Health And Social Work activities	7,409	7,622	23,668
Arts, entertainment and recreation	6,521	6,855	14,211
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	10,299	10,711	39,090
Unclassified or unknown	5,535	5,738	15,239
Total	211,847	221,088	602,100

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

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by sector

	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 13 th July	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 13 th July	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 13 th July	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 13 th July
Industrial Sector				
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	1,451	579	502	579
Manufacturing	7,086	1,818	1,450	1,508
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	547	100	88	86
Construction	11,984	2,436	2,070	2,143
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	13,251	6,322	6,474	6,296
Transportation and storage	4,552	1,230	1,080	980
Accommodation and food service activities	19,650	10,697	10,372	10,035
Information and communication activities	2,925	688	706	854
Financial and insurance activities	2,502	662	747	964
Real Estate activities	1,378	582	551	634
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	5,066	1,409	1,264	1,416
Administrative and support service activities	12,087	3,927	3,519	3,656
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	1,523	512	624	937
Education	3,189	1,293	1,432	1,670
Human Health And Social Work activities	3,091	1,322	1,482	1,514
Arts, entertainment and recreation	2,595	1,054	1,206	1,666
Other Sectors	3,551	1,960	2,150	2,638
Unclassified or unknown	1,194	608	949	2,784
Total	97,622	37,199	36,666	40,360

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 13 th July	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 6 th July
< 25	45,881	50,437
25-34	47,469	49,188
35-44	47,165	48,767
45-54	38,375	39,402
55+	32,957	33,294
Total	211,847	221,088

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 13 th July	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 13 th July	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 13 th July	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 13 th July
Male	62,187	18,808	16,793	17,662
Female	35,435	18,391	19,873	22,698
Total	97,622	37,199	36,666	40,360

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 13 th July	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 13 th July	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 13 th July	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 13 th July
< 25	11,693	10,179	11,636	12,373
25-34	25,787	9,018	6,783	5,881
35-44	25,849	7,246	6,537	7,533
45-54	19,410	5,776	6,041	7,148
55+	14,883	4,980	5,669	7,425
Total	97,622	37,199	36,666	40,360

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

Some 7,559 people who have closed their account for return to work reasons in the week up to July 13th of which 3,851 are male and 3,708 are female.

County	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 13 th July	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 6 th July	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 29 th June
Carlow	90	80	105
Cavan	94	116	145
Clare	264	198	315
Cork	758	794	1,168
Donegal	361	347	467
Dublin	2,043	2,246	3,231
Galway	473	444	630
Kerry	375	380	535
Kildare	298	337	481
Kilkenny	141	152	215
Laois	92	109	143
Leitrim	65	48	77
Limerick	247	275	440
Longford	41	47	86
Louth	193	195	282
Mayo	277	244	320
Meath	301	327	448
Monaghan	81	107	124
Offaly	117	109	165
Roscommon	93	127	133
Sligo	134	114	155
Tipperary	195	236	315
Waterford	208	184	240
Westmeath	134	141	206
Wexford	232	260	340
Wicklow	230	230	360
County not included	22	24	33
Total	7,559	7,871	11,159

Closed Pandemic Unemployment Payments - Sector Breakdown

The top three sectors from which employees closed their Pandemic Unemployment Payment to return to work are Accommodation and food service activities (2,590), Wholesale and Retail Trade (1,105), and Construction (622).

	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 13 th July	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 6 th July	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 29 th June
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	107	123	128
Manufacturing	390	444	552
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	31	26	30
Construction	622	709	1,033
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	1,105	1,078	1,522
Transportation and storage	196	205	252
Accommodation and food service activities	2,590	2,804	4,259
Information and communication activities	151	168	212
Financial and insurance activities	116	109	154
Real Estate activities	83	94	151
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	255	254	339
Administrative and support service activities	603	601	730
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	97	101	137
Education	225	196	222
Human Health And Social Work activities	228	196	275
Arts, entertainment and recreation	305	295	500
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	297	314	484
Unclassified or unknown	158	154	179
Total	7,559	7,871	11,159

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 13th July	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 6th July	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 29th June
< 25	2,712	2,796	3,845
25-34	1,511	1,575	2,411
35-44	1,406	1,523	2,229
45-54	1,137	1,141	1,615
55+	793	836	1,059
Total	7,559	7,871	11,159

Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date, 158,024 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 84,593 are female and 73,431 are male.

Some 1,128 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 13 th July	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 6 th July	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 29 th June
Carlow	2,246	2,203	2,177
Cavan	3,759	3,747	3,737
Clare	3,233	3,200	3,171
Cork	16,297	16,231	16,191
Donegal	4,897	4,836	4,803
Dublin	44,347	44,055	43,877
Galway	9,132	9,058	9,016
Kerry	3,411	3,394	3,386
Kildare	6,997	6,962	6,937
Kilkenny	3,464	3,453	3,439
Laois	2,852	2,844	2,831
Leitrim	691	687	682
Limerick	6,295	6,210	6,140
Longford	1,305	1,302	1,295
Louth	4,767	4,753	4,730
Mayo	4,093	4,074	4,067
Meath	6,847	6,806	6,778
Monaghan	3,272	3,264	3,259
Offaly	2,645	2,622	2,612
Roscommon	2,044	2,033	2,019
Sligo	1,592	1,576	1,574
Tipperary	5,328	5,294	5,270
Waterford	5,176	5,142	5,128
Westmeath	2,557	2,540	2,524
Wexford	5,666	5,639	5,620
Wicklow	3,919	3,906	3,894
Other (NI & Foreign Address)	1,192	1,187	1,179
Total	158,024	157,018	156,336

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 (34,052) and Human Health and Social Work (27,923), followed by Manufacturing (21,540).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 13 th July	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 6 th July	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 29 th June
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	2,099	2,053	2,022
Manufacturing	21,540	21,427	21,372
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	912	905	902
Construction	8,289	8,220	8,153
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	34,052	33,885	33,825
Transportation and storage	6,460	6,423	6,377
Accommodation and food service activities	9,273	9,100	8,992
Information and communication activities	2,879	2,867	2,852
Financial and insurance activities	5,907	5,860	5,846
Real Estate activities	1,221	1,215	1,214
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	5,842	5,796	5,746
Administrative and support service activities	13,590	13,511	13,441
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	6,239	6,208	6,179
Education	4,664	4,628	4,591
Human Health And Social Work activities	27,923	27,853	27,796
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,341	1,318	1,308
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	4,909	4,866	4,830
Unclassified or unknown	884	883	890
Total	158,024	157,018	156,336

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 13 th July	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 6 th July	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 29 th June
< 25	25,269	24,952	24,858
25-34	39,921	39,673	39,493
35-44	41,445	41,199	41,018
45-54	31,032	30,891	30,778
55+	20,357	20,303	20,189
Total	158,024	157,018	156,336