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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 202,152 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 91,725 are female and 110,427 are male.

County Breakdown

| County | Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 20th July | Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 13th July | Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment at its peak in week commencing 4th May 2020 |
|------------------------|---|---|--|
| Carlow | 1,776 | 1,870 | 7,114 |
| Cavan | 2,655 | 2,774 | 9,941 |
| Clare | 4,529 | 4,807 | 14,869 |
| Cork | 17,970 | 18,915 | 62,460 |
| Donegal | 6,450 | 6,895 | 22,594 |
| Dublin | 75,178 | 78,042 | 174,163 |
| Galway | 10,706 | 11,261 | 33,132 |
| Kerry | 6,552 | 6,995 | 22,217 |
| Kildare | 8,696 | 9,088 | 26,720 |
| Kilkenny | 3,319 | 3,497 | 11,491 |
| Laois | 2,809 | 2,923 | 9,700 |
| Leitrim | 1,107 | 1,171 | 4,044 |
| Limerick | 7,020 | 7,371 | 21,964 |
| Longford | 1,315 | 1,365 | 4,403 |
| Louth | 5,826 | 6,080 | 16,983 |
| Mayo | 4,694 | 4,994 | 16,381 |
| Meath | 8,720 | 9,085 | 26,614 |
| Monaghan | 2,584 | 2,703 | 8,284 |
| Offaly | 2,435 | 2,558 | 9,067 |
| Roscommon | 2,184 | 2,294 | 7,577 |
| Sligo | 2,338 | 2,500 | 7,725 |
| Tipperary | 4,898 | 5,173 | 18,515 |
| Waterford | 3,972 | 4,222 | 13,662 |
| Westmeath | 3,226 | 3,406 | 11,353 |
| Wexford | 5,046 | 5,306 | 20,441 |
| Wicklow | 5,619 | 5,881 | 18,502 |
| County not included | 528 | 671 | 2,184 |
| Total | 202,152 | 211,847 | 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 (47,640) followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (30,876) and Administrative and support service activities (22,393).

| Sector Breakdown | Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 20 th July | Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 13 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 | 2,979 | 3,111 | 8,704 |
| Manufacturing | 11,378 | 11,862 | 39,554 |
| Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management | 778 | 821 | 2,150 |
| Construction | 17,832 | 18,633 | 84,169 |
| Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles | 30,876 | 32,343 | 94,240 |
| Transportation and storage | 7,586 | 7,842 | 18,130 |
| Accommodation and food service activities | 47,640 | 50,754 | 131,230 |
| Information and communication activities | 4,969 | 5,173 | 11,304 |
| Financial and insurance activities | 4,698 | 4,875 | 11,455 |
| Real Estate activities | 3,032 | 3,145 | 7,865 |
| Professional, Scientific and Technical activities | 8,772 | 9,155 | 24,199 |
| Administrative and support service activities | 22,393 | 23,189 | 44,986 |
| Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security | 3,462 | 3,596 | 10,354 |
| Education | 7,283 | 7,584 | 21,552 |
| Human Health And Social Work activities | 7,096 | 7,409 | 23,668 |
| Arts, entertainment and recreation | 6,169 | 6,521 | 14,211 |
| Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons | 9,895 | 10,299 | 39,090 |
| Unclassified or unknown | 5,314 | 5,535 | 15,239 |
| Total | 202,152 | 211,847 | 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 20 th July | Number of people in receipt of €300 on 20 th July | Number of people in receipt of €250 on 20 th July | Number of people in receipt of €203 on 20 th July |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| Industrial Sector | | | | |
| Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying | 1,394 | 559 | 478 | 548 |
| Manufacturing | 6,768 | 1,755 | 1,404 | 1,451 |
| Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management | 515 | 95 | 85 | 83 |
| Construction | 11,466 | 2,330 | 1,979 | 2,057 |
| Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles | 12,720 | 6,059 | 6,154 | 5,943 |
| Transportation and storage | 4,394 | 1,191 | 1,050 | 951 |
| Accommodation and food service activities | 18,524 | 10,082 | 9,646 | 9,388 |
| Information and communication activities | 2,819 | 656 | 674 | 820 |
| Financial and insurance activities | 2,411 | 640 | 715 | 932 |
| Real Estate activities | 1,327 | 567 | 530 | 608 |
| Professional, Scientific and Technical activities | 4,857 | 1,355 | 1,204 | 1,356 |
| Administrative and support service activities | 11,655 | 3,810 | 3,396 | 3,532 |
| Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security | 1,458 | 492 | 608 | 904 |
| Education | 3,076 | 1,239 | 1,362 | 1,606 |
| Human Health And Social Work activities | 2,956 | 1,259 | 1,419 | 1,462 |
| Arts, entertainment and recreation | 2,472 | 992 | 1,143 | 1,562 |
| Other Sectors | 3,399 | 1,884 | 2,061 | 2,551 |
| Unclassified or unknown | 1,137 | 581 | 921 | 2,675 |
| Total | 93,348 | 35,546 | 34,829 | 38,429 |

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 20 th July | Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 13 th July |
|--------------|---|---|
| < 25 | 42,308 | 45,881 |
| 25-34 | 45,508 | 47,469 |
| 35-44 | 45,267 | 47,165 |
| 45-54 | 37,051 | 38,375 |
| 55+ | 32,018 | 32,957 |
| Total | 202,152 | 211,847 |

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

| Gender | Number of people in receipt of €350 on 20 th July | Number of people in receipt of €300 on 20 th July | Number of people in receipt of €250 on 20 th July | Number of people in receipt of €203 on 20 th July |
|--------------|--|--|--|--|
| Male | 59,520 | 18,050 | 16,010 | 16,847 |
| Female | 33,828 | 17,496 | 18,819 | 21,582 |
| Total | 93,348 | 35,546 | 34,829 | 38,429 |

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

| Age category | Number of people in receipt of €350 on 20 th July | Number of people in receipt of €300 on 20 th July | Number of people in receipt of €250 on 20 th July | Number of people in receipt of €203 on 13 th July |
|--------------|--|--|--|--|
| < 25 | 10,898 | 9,441 | 10,624 | 11,345 |
| 25-34 | 24,619 | 8,690 | 6,533 | 5,666 |
| 35-44 | 24,734 | 6,982 | 6,287 | 7,264 |
| 45-54 | 18,680 | 5,598 | 5,853 | 6,920 |
| 55+ | 14,417 | 4,835 | 5,532 | 7,234 |
| Total | 93,348 | 35,546 | 34,829 | 38,429 |

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

Some 8,806 people who have closed their account for return to work reasons in the week up to July 20th of which 4,625 are male and 4,181 are female.

| County | Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 20 th July | 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 |
|---------------------|---|---|--|
| Carlow | 108 | 90 | 80 |
| Cavan | 111 | 94 | 116 |
| Clare | 301 | 264 | 198 |
| Cork | 882 | 758 | 794 |
| Donegal | 447 | 361 | 347 |
| Dublin | 2,328 | 2,043 | 2,246 |
| Galway | 549 | 473 | 444 |
| Kerry | 453 | 375 | 380 |
| Kildare | 356 | 298 | 337 |
| Kilkenny | 166 | 141 | 152 |
| Laois | 101 | 92 | 109 |
| Leitrim | 76 | 65 | 48 |
| Limerick | 285 | 247 | 275 |
| Longford | 51 | 41 | 47 |
| Louth | 215 | 193 | 195 |
| Mayo | 313 | 277 | 244 |
| Meath | 353 | 301 | 327 |
| Monaghan | 98 | 81 | 107 |
| Offaly | 127 | 117 | 109 |
| Roscommon | 115 | 93 | 127 |
| Sligo | 152 | 134 | 114 |
| Tipperary | 245 | 195 | 236 |
| Waterford | 241 | 208 | 184 |
| Westmeath | 159 | 134 | 141 |
| Wexford | 275 | 232 | 260 |
| Wicklow | 274 | 230 | 230 |
| County not included | 25 | 22 | 24 |
| Total | 8,806 | 7,559 | 7,871 |

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 (2,992), Wholesale and Retail Trade (1,265), and Construction (787).

| | Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 20 th July | 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 |
|--|--|--|---|
| Industrial Sector | | | |
| Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying | 125 | 107 | 123 |
| Manufacturing | 487 | 390 | 444 |
| Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management | 36 | 31 | 26 |
| Construction | 787 | 622 | 709 |
| Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles | 1,265 | 1,105 | 1,078 |
| Transportation and storage | 230 | 196 | 205 |
| Accommodation and food service activities | 2,992 | 2,590 | 2,804 |
| Information and communication activities | 169 | 151 | 168 |
| Financial and insurance activities | 136 | 116 | 109 |
| Real Estate activities | 100 | 83 | 94 |
| Professional, Scientific and Technical activities | 309 | 255 | 254 |
| Administrative and support service activities | 660 | 603 | 601 |
| Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security | 113 | 97 | 101 |
| Education | 260 | 225 | 196 |
| Human Health And Social Work activities | 256 | 228 | 196 |
| Arts, entertainment and recreation | 350 | 305 | 295 |
| Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons | 344 | 297 | 314 |
| Unclassified or unknown | 187 | 158 | 154 |
| Total | 8,806 | 7,559 | 7,871 |

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 20th July | 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 |
|---------------------|---|---|--|
| < 25 | 3,038 | 2,712 | 2,796 |
| 25-34 | 1,704 | 1,511 | 1,575 |
| 35-44 | 1,728 | 1,406 | 1,523 |
| 45-54 | 1,369 | 1,137 | 1,141 |
| 55+ | 967 | 793 | 836 |
| Total | 8,806 | 7,559 | 7,871 |

Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date, 159,242 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 85,234 are female and 74,008 are male.

Some 1,435 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 20 th July | 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 |
|------------------------------|---|---|--|
| Carlow | 2,279 | 2,246 | 2,203 |
| Cavan | 3,780 | 3,759 | 3,747 |
| Clare | 3,263 | 3,233 | 3,200 |
| Cork | 16,369 | 16,297 | 16,231 |
| Donegal | 4,987 | 4,897 | 4,836 |
| Dublin | 44,681 | 44,347 | 44,055 |
| Galway | 9,226 | 9,132 | 9,058 |
| Kerry | 3,438 | 3,411 | 3,394 |
| Kildare | 7,038 | 6,997 | 6,962 |
| Kilkenny | 3,486 | 3,464 | 3,453 |
| Laois | 2,868 | 2,852 | 2,844 |
| Leitrim | 697 | 691 | 687 |
| Limerick | 6,370 | 6,295 | 6,210 |
| Longford | 1,305 | 1,305 | 1,302 |
| Louth | 4,818 | 4,767 | 4,753 |
| Mayo | 4,125 | 4,093 | 4,074 |
| Meath | 6,891 | 6,847 | 6,806 |
| Monaghan | 3,283 | 3,272 | 3,264 |
| Offaly | 2,676 | 2,645 | 2,622 |
| Roscommon | 2,058 | 2,044 | 2,033 |
| Sligo | 1,613 | 1,592 | 1,576 |
| Tipperary | 5,360 | 5,328 | 5,294 |
| Waterford | 5,209 | 5,176 | 5,142 |
| Westmeath | 2,581 | 2,557 | 2,540 |
| Wexford | 5,690 | 5,666 | 5,639 |
| Wicklow | 3,952 | 3,919 | 3,906 |
| Other (NI & Foreign Address) | 1,199 | 1,192 | 1,187 |
| Total | 159,242 | 158,024 | 157,018 |

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 (34,278) and Human Health and Social Work (28,019), followed by Manufacturing (21,624).

| Sector Breakdown | Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 20 th July | 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 |
|--|---|---|--|
| Industrial Sector | | | |
| Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying | 2,138 | 2,099 | 2,053 |
| Manufacturing | 21,624 | 21,540 | 21,427 |
| Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management | 923 | 912 | 905 |
| Construction | 8,388 | 8,289 | 8,220 |
| Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles | 34,278 | 34,052 | 33,885 |
| Transportation and storage | 6,520 | 6,460 | 6,423 |
| Accommodation and food service activities | 9,448 | 9,273 | 9,100 |
| Information and communication activities | 2,920 | 2,879 | 2,867 |
| Financial and insurance activities | 5,943 | 5,907 | 5,860 |
| Real Estate activities | 1,232 | 1,221 | 1,215 |
| Professional, Scientific and Technical activities | 5,899 | 5,842 | 5,796 |
| Administrative and support service activities | 13,676 | 13,590 | 13,511 |
| Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security | 6,305 | 6,239 | 6,208 |
| Education | 4,687 | 4,664 | 4,628 |
| Human Health and Social Work activities | 28,019 | 27,923 | 27,853 |
| Arts, entertainment and recreation | 1,380 | 1,341 | 1,318 |
| Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons | 4,965 | 4,909 | 4,866 |
| Unclassified or unknown | 897 | 884 | 883 |
| Total | 159,242 | 158,024 | 157,018 |

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 20 th July | 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 |
|--------------|---|---|--|
| < 25 | 25,523 | 25,269 | 24,952 |
| 25-34 | 40,285 | 39,921 | 39,673 |
| 35-44 | 41,681 | 41,445 | 41,199 |
| 45-54 | 31,226 | 31,032 | 30,891 |
| 55+ | 20,527 | 20,357 | 20,303 |
| Total | 159,242 | 158,024 | 157,018 |