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

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subject to revision.**

**Analysis of Pandemic Unemployment Payments**

There are 192,296 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 87,268 are female and 105,028 are male.

**County Breakdown**

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 27<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 20<sup>th</sup> July</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	1,674	1,776	7,114
Cavan	2,496	2,655	9,941
Clare	4,278	4,529	14,869
Cork	17,053	17,970	62,460
Donegal	5,983	6,450	22,594
Dublin	71,981	75,178	174,163
Galway	10,159	10,706	33,132
Kerry	6,142	6,552	22,217
Kildare	8,341	8,696	26,720
Kilkenny	3,124	3,319	11,491
Laois	2,686	2,809	9,700
Leitrim	1,050	1,107	4,044
Limerick	6,666	7,020	21,964
Longford	1,242	1,315	4,403
Louth	5,548	5,826	16,983
Mayo	4,428	4,694	16,381
Meath	8,356	8,720	26,614
Monaghan	2,477	2,584	8,284
Offaly	2,314	2,435	9,067
Roscommon	2,054	2,184	7,577
Sligo	2,213	2,338	7,725
Tipperary	4,647	4,898	18,515
Waterford	3,747	3,972	13,662
Westmeath	3,065	3,226	11,353
Wexford	4,778	5,046	20,441
Wicklow	5,342	5,619	18,502
County not included	452	528	2,184
<b>Total</b>	<b>192,296</b>	<b>202,152</b>	<b>602,100</b>

## 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 (44,678) followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (29,440) and Administrative and support service activities (21,457).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 20 <sup>th</sup> July	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	2,840	2,979	8,704
Manufacturing	10,814	11,378	39,554
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	739	778	2,150
Construction	16,919	17,832	84,169
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	29,440	30,876	94,240
Transportation and storage	7,334	7,586	18,130
Accommodation and food service activities	44,678	47,640	131,230
Information and communication activities	4,773	4,969	11,304
Financial and insurance activities	4,540	4,698	11,455
Real Estate activities	2,885	3,032	7,865
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	8,414	8,772	24,199
Administrative and support service activities	21,457	22,393	44,986
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	3,337	3,462	10,354
Education	6,993	7,283	21,552
Human Health And Social Work activities	6,771	7,096	23,668
Arts, entertainment and recreation	5,858	6,169	14,211
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	9,403	9,895	39,090
Unclassified or unknown	5,101	5,314	15,239
<b>Total</b>	<b>192,296</b>	<b>202,152</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

	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 27 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Industrial Sector</b>				
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	1,321	533	462	524
Manufacturing	6,409	1,667	1,345	1,393
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	491	91	80	77
Construction	10,866	2,192	1,892	1,969
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	12,159	5,786	5,847	5,648
Transportation and storage	4,240	1,156	1,012	926
Accommodation and food service activities	17,405	9,430	9,002	8,841
Information and communication activities	2,709	636	641	787
Financial and insurance activities	2,326	620	694	900
Real Estate activities	1,276	534	508	567
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	4,652	1,302	1,161	1,299
Administrative and support service activities	11,154	3,648	3,250	3,405
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	1,408	474	585	870
Education	2,949	1,189	1,310	1,545
Human Health And Social Work activities	2,791	1,193	1,367	1,420
Arts, entertainment and recreation	2,374	941	1,086	1,457
Other Sectors	3,231	1,785	1,951	2,436
Unclassified or unknown	1,092	560	885	2,564
<b>Total</b>	<b>88,853</b>	<b>33,737</b>	<b>33,078</b>	<b>36,628</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 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 20 <sup>th</sup> July
< 25	39,144	42,308
25-34	43,212	45,508
35-44	43,332	45,267
45-54	35,650	37,051
55+	30,958	32,018
<b>Total</b>	<b>192,296</b>	<b>202,152</b>

## Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 27 <sup>th</sup> July
Male	56,556	17,138	15,233	16,101
Female	32,297	16,599	17,845	20,527
<b>Total</b>	<b>88,853</b>	<b>33,737</b>	<b>33,078</b>	<b>36,628</b>

## Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 27 <sup>th</sup> July
< 25	10,147	8,747	9,785	10,465
25-34	23,261	8,248	6,255	5,448
35-44	23,604	6,678	6,040	7,010
45-54	17,909	5,403	5,630	6,708
55+	13,932	4,661	5,368	6,997
<b>Total</b>	<b>88,853</b>	<b>33,737</b>	<b>33,078</b>	<b>36,628</b>

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

Some 5,548 people who have closed their account for return to work reasons in the week up to July 27th of which 3,172 are male and 2,376 are female.

County	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 6 <sup>th</sup> July
Carlow	56	108	80
Cavan	82	111	116
Clare	134	301	198
Cork	562	882	794
Donegal	240	447	347
Dublin	1,622	2,328	2,246
Galway	326	549	444
Kerry	229	453	380
Kildare	225	356	337
Kilkenny	111	166	152
Laois	85	101	109
Leitrim	32	76	48
Limerick	202	285	275
Longford	32	51	47
Louth	169	215	195
Mayo	153	313	244
Meath	221	353	327
Monaghan	62	98	107
Offaly	50	127	109
Roscommon	82	115	127
Sligo	93	152	114
Tipperary	183	245	236
Waterford	129	241	184
Westmeath	110	159	141
Wexford	187	275	260
Wicklow	160	274	230
County not included	11	25	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,548</b>	<b>8,806</b>	<b>7,871</b>

## **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 (1,643), Wholesale and Retail Trade (785), and Construction (548)

	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 6 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Industrial Sector</b>			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	97	125	123
Manufacturing	340	487	444
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	18	36	26
Construction	548	787	709
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	785	1,265	1,078
Transportation and storage	179	230	205
Accommodation and food service activities	1,643	2,992	2,804
Information and communication activities	132	169	168
Financial and insurance activities	118	136	109
Real Estate activities	80	100	94
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	221	309	254
Administrative and support service activities	470	660	601
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	80	113	101
Education	145	260	196
Human Health And Social Work activities	165	256	196
Arts, entertainment and recreation	190	350	295
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	215	344	314
Unclassified or unknown	122	187	154
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,548</b>	<b>8,806</b>	<b>7,871</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 27<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>
< 25	1,526	3,038	2,712
25-34	1,127	1,704	1,511
35-44	1,141	1,728	1,406
45-54	959	1,369	1,137
55+	795	967	793
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,548</b>	<b>8,806</b>	<b>7,559</b>

## Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date, 160,713 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 86,045 are female and 74,668 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 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 13 <sup>th</sup> July
Carlow	2,299	2,279	2,246
Cavan	3,802	3,780	3,759
Clare	3,293	3,263	3,233
Cork	16,463	16,369	16,297
Donegal	5,129	4,987	4,897
Dublin	45,106	44,681	44,347
Galway	9,326	9,226	9,132
Kerry	3,464	3,438	3,411
Kildare	7,096	7,038	6,997
Kilkenny	3,500	3,486	3,464
Laois	2,908	2,868	2,852
Leitrim	712	697	691
Limerick	6,442	6,370	6,295
Longford	1,315	1,305	1,305
Louth	4,897	4,818	4,767
Mayo	4,158	4,125	4,093
Meath	6,954	6,891	6,847
Monaghan	3,296	3,283	3,272
Offaly	2,704	2,676	2,645
Roscommon	2,078	2,058	2,044
Sligo	1,633	1,613	1,592
Tipperary	5,396	5,360	5,328
Waterford	5,226	5,209	5,176
Westmeath	2,611	2,581	2,557
Wexford	5,721	5,690	5,666
Wicklow	3,971	3,952	3,919
County not known	1,213	1,199	1,192
<b>Total</b>	<b>160,713</b>	<b>159,242</b>	<b>158,024</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 (34,585) and Human Health and Social Work (28,121), followed by Manufacturing (21,758).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 13 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Industrial Sector</b>			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	2,159	2,138	2,099
Manufacturing	21,758	21,624	21,540
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	935	923	912
Construction	8,499	8,388	8,289
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	34,585	34,278	34,052
Transportation and storage	6,558	6,520	6,460
Accommodation and food service activities	9,713	9,448	9,273
Information and communication activities	2,957	2,920	2,879
Financial and insurance activities	6,001	5,943	5,907
Real Estate activities	1,249	1,232	1,221
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	5,958	5,899	5,842
Administrative and support service activities	13,769	13,676	13,590
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	6,384	6,305	6,239
Education	4,707	4,687	4,664
Human Health and Social Work activities	28,121	28,019	27,923
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,433	1,380	1,341
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	5,022	4,965	4,909
Unclassified or unknown	905	897	884
<b>Total</b>	<b>160,713</b>	<b>159,242</b>	<b>158,024</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 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 13 <sup>th</sup> July
< 25	26,054	25,523	25,269
25-34	40,653	40,285	39,921
35-44	41,949	41,681	41,445
45-54	31,398	31,226	31,032
55+	20,659	20,527	20,357
<b>Total</b>	<b>160,713</b>	<b>159,242</b>	<b>158,024</b>