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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 163,327 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 76,874 are female and 86,453 are male.

**County Breakdown**

County	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 27 <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
Carlow	1,449	1,674	7,114
Cavan	2,111	2,496	9,941
Clare	3,652	4,278	14,869
Cork	14,629	17,053	62,460
Donegal	5,026	5,983	22,594
Dublin	60,730	71,981	174,163
Galway	8,740	10,159	33,132
Kerry	5,243	6,142	22,217
Kildare	7,083	8,341	26,720
Kilkenny	2,712	3,124	11,491
Laois	2,306	2,686	9,700
Leitrim	899	1,050	4,044
Limerick	5,767	6,666	21,964
Longford	1,054	1,242	4,403
Louth	4,765	5,548	16,983
Mayo	3,749	4,428	16,381
Meath	7,151	8,356	26,614
Monaghan	2,020	2,477	8,284
Offaly	1,991	2,314	9,067
Roscommon	1,742	2,054	7,577
Sligo	1,930	2,213	7,725
Tipperary	3,925	4,647	18,515
Waterford	3,219	3,747	13,662
Westmeath	2,574	3,065	11,353
Wexford	4,051	4,778	20,441
Wicklow	4,586	5,342	18,502
County not included	223	452	2,184
<b>Total</b>	<b>163,327</b>	<b>192,296</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 (37,723) followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (25,368) and Administrative and support service activities (18,350).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 27 <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	2,217	2,840	8,704
Manufacturing	9,130	10,814	39,554
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	612	739	2,150
Construction	12,823	16,919	84,169
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	25,368	29,440	94,240
Transportation and storage	6,554	7,334	18,130
Accommodation and food service activities	37,723	44,678	131,230
Information and communication activities	4,289	4,773	11,304
Financial and insurance activities	4,092	4,540	11,455
Real Estate activities	2,517	2,885	7,865
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	7,409	8,414	24,199
Administrative and support service activities	18,350	21,457	44,986
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	2,984	3,337	10,354
Education	6,413	6,993	21,552
Human Health And Social Work activities	5,968	6,771	23,668
Arts, entertainment and recreation	5,198	5,858	14,211
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	7,921	9,403	39,090
Unclassified or unknown	3,759	5,101	15,239
<b>Total</b>	<b>163,327</b>	<b>192,296</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 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 3 <sup>rd</sup> August
<b>Industrial Sector</b>				
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	1,035	415	364	403
Manufacturing	5,382	1,422	1,160	1,166
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	402	77	66	67
Construction	8,107	1,705	1,504	1,507
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	10,526	5,003	5,012	4,827
Transportation and storage	3,768	1,040	929	817
Accommodation and food service activities	14,781	7,950	7,597	7,395
Information and communication activities	2,442	576	576	695
Financial and insurance activities	2,093	558	645	796
Real Estate activities	1,126	470	437	484
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	4,068	1,160	1,030	1,151
Administrative and support service activities	9,535	3,134	2,796	2,885
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	1,235	423	528	798
Education	2,740	1,100	1,179	1,394
Human Health And Social Work activities	2,481	1,033	1,210	1,244
Arts, entertainment and recreation	2,154	824	958	1,262
Other Sectors	2,762	1,501	1,643	2,015
Unclassified or unknown	760	431	678	1,890
<b>Total</b>	<b>75,397</b>	<b>28,822</b>	<b>28,312</b>	<b>30,796</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 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 27 <sup>th</sup> July
< 25	32,012	39,144
25-34	35,919	43,212
35-44	37,014	43,332
45-54	30,911	35,650
55+	27,471	30,958
<b>Total</b>	<b>163,327</b>	<b>192,296</b>

## Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 3 <sup>rd</sup> August
Male	46,441	14,290	12,720	13,002
Female	28,956	14,532	15,592	17,794
<b>Total</b>	<b>75,397</b>	<b>28,822</b>	<b>28,312</b>	<b>30,796</b>

## Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 3 <sup>rd</sup> August
< 25	8,208	7,207	7,992	8,605
25-34	19,291	6,930	5,284	4,414
35-44	20,071	5,770	5,260	5,913
45-54	15,458	4,739	4,962	5,752
55+	12,369	4,176	4,814	6,112
<b>Total</b>	<b>75,397</b>	<b>28,822</b>	<b>28,312</b>	<b>30,796</b>

## Changes in Number of People Receiving the Pandemic Unemployment Payment by Sector

Sector Breakdown Industrial Sector	Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 3rd August	Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 27th July
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	-623	-139
Manufacturing	-1,684	-564
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	-127	-39
Construction	-4,096	-913
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	-4,072	-1,436
Transportation and storage	-780	-252
Accommodation and food service activities	-6,955	-2,962
Information and communication activities	-484	-196
Financial and insurance activities	-448	-158
Real Estate activities	-368	-147
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	-1,005	-358
Administrative and support service activities	-3,107	-936
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	-353	-125
Education	-580	-290
Human Health And Social Work activities	-803	-325
Arts, entertainment and recreation	-660	-311
Other Sectors	-1,482	-492
Unclassified or unknown	-1,342	-213
Total	-28,969	-9,856

## Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date, 161,926 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 86,687 are female and 75,239 are male.

Some 2,024 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 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	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
Carlow	2,311	2,299	2,279
Cavan	3,830	3,802	3,780
Clare	3,316	3,293	3,263
Cork	16,553	16,463	16,369
Donegal	5,222	5,129	4,987
Dublin	45,386	45,106	44,681
Galway	9,428	9,326	9,226
Kerry	3,488	3,464	3,438
Kildare	7,137	7,096	7,038
Kilkenny	3,503	3,500	3,486
Laois	2,935	2,908	2,868
Leitrim	727	712	697
Limerick	6,491	6,442	6,370
Longford	1,324	1,315	1,305
Louth	4,954	4,897	4,818
Mayo	4,203	4,158	4,125
Meath	7,016	6,954	6,891
Monaghan	3,304	3,296	3,283
Offaly	2,742	2,704	2,676
Roscommon	2,091	2,078	2,058
Sligo	1,661	1,633	1,613
Tipperary	5,422	5,396	5,360
Waterford	5,245	5,226	5,209
Westmeath	2,646	2,611	2,581
Wexford	5,747	5,721	5,690
Wicklow	4,014	3,971	3,952
County not known	1,230	1,213	1,199
<b>Total</b>	<b>161,926</b>	<b>160,713</b>	<b>159,242</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 (34,865) and Human Health and Social Work (28,197), followed by Manufacturing (21,887).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	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
<b>Industrial Sector</b>			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	2,174	2,159	2,138
Manufacturing	21,887	21,758	21,624
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	940	935	923
Construction	8,602	8,499	8,388
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	34,865	34,585	34,278
Transportation and storage	6,590	6,558	6,520
Accommodation and food service activities	9,934	9,713	9,448
Information and communication activities	2,979	2,957	2,920
Financial and insurance activities	6,028	6,001	5,943
Real Estate activities	1,266	1,249	1,232
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	6,005	5,958	5,899
Administrative and support service activities	13,864	13,769	13,676
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	6,429	6,384	6,305
Education	4,736	4,707	4,687
Human Health and Social Work activities	28,197	28,121	28,019
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,461	1,433	1,380
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	5,056	5,022	4,965
Unclassified or unknown	913	905	897
<b>Total</b>	<b>161,926</b>	<b>160,713</b>	<b>159,242</b>

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

## Enhanced Illness Benefit Age Profile

<b>Age category</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 3<sup>rd</sup> August</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 27<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>
< 25	26,528	26,054	25,523
25-34	40,938	40,653	40,285
35-44	42,165	41,949	41,681
45-54	31,549	31,398	31,226
55+	20,746	20,659	20,527
<b>Total</b>	<b>161,926</b>	<b>160,713</b>	<b>159,242</b>