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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 157,712 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 73,482 are female and 84,230 are male.

**County Breakdown**

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 10<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 3<sup>rd</sup> August</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	1,390	1,449	7,114
Cavan	2,039	2,111	9,941
Clare	3,537	3,652	14,869
Cork	14,025	14,629	62,460
Donegal	4,740	5,026	22,594
Dublin	59,480	60,730	174,163
Galway	8,363	8,740	33,132
Kerry	4,959	5,243	22,217
Kildare	6,889	7,083	26,720
Kilkenny	2,521	2,712	11,491
Laois	2,201	2,306	9,700
Leitrim	857	899	4,044
Limerick	5,536	5,767	21,964
Longford	1,015	1,054	4,403
Louth	4,640	4,765	16,983
Mayo	3,477	3,749	16,381
Meath	6,954	7,151	26,614
Monaghan	1,975	2,020	8,284
Offaly	1,929	1,991	9,067
Roscommon	1,653	1,742	7,577
Sligo	1,802	1,930	7,725
Tipperary	3,758	3,925	18,515
Waterford	3,054	3,219	13,662
Westmeath	2,447	2,574	11,353
Wexford	3,822	4,051	20,441
Wicklow	4,425	4,586	18,502
County not included	224	223	2,184
<b>Total</b>	<b>157,712</b>	<b>163,327</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 (33,834) followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (24,821) and Administrative and support service activities (18,158).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 10 <sup>th</sup> August	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	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	2,210	2,217	8,704
Manufacturing	9,064	9,130	39,554
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	621	612	2,150
Construction	12,895	12,823	84,169
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	24,821	25,368	94,240
Transportation and storage	6,472	6,554	18,130
Accommodation and food service activities	33,834	37,723	131,230
Information and communication activities	4,220	4,289	11,304
Financial and insurance activities	3,976	4,092	11,455
Real Estate activities	2,444	2,517	7,865
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	7,327	7,409	24,199
Administrative and support service activities	18,158	18,350	44,986
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	2,918	2,984	10,354
Education	6,284	6,413	21,552
Human Health And Social Work activities	5,836	5,968	23,668
Arts, entertainment and recreation	5,039	5,198	14,211
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	7,813	7,921	39,090
Unclassified or unknown	3,780	3,759	15,239
<b>Total</b>	<b>157,712</b>	<b>163,327</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 10 <sup>th</sup> August	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 10 <sup>th</sup> August	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 10 <sup>th</sup> August	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 10 <sup>th</sup> August
<b>Industrial Sector</b>				
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	1,039	412	356	403
Manufacturing	5,358	1,413	1,137	1,156
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	411	78	65	67
Construction	8,182	1,718	1,496	1,499
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	10,344	4,878	4,895	4,704
Transportation and storage	3,717	1,026	915	814
Accommodation and food service activities	12,929	7,187	6,922	6,796
Information and communication activities	2,406	566	562	686
Financial and insurance activities	2,027	546	623	780
Real Estate activities	1,086	454	419	485
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	4,033	1,144	1,016	1,134
Administrative and support service activities	9,447	3,105	2,760	2,846
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	1,204	413	509	792
Education	2,689	1,077	1,147	1,371
Human Health And Social Work activities	2,417	1,012	1,179	1,228
Arts, entertainment and recreation	2,079	798	933	1,229
Other Sectors	2,710	1,465	1,642	1,996
Unclassified or unknown	784	431	688	1,877
<b>Total</b>	<b>72,862</b>	<b>27,723</b>	<b>27,264</b>	<b>29,863</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 10 <sup>th</sup> August	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 3 <sup>rd</sup> August
< 25	30,246	32,012
25-34	35,051	35,919
35-44	35,898	37,014
45-54	29,857	30,911
55+	26,660	27,471
<b>Total</b>	<b>157,712</b>	<b>163,327</b>

## Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 10 <sup>th</sup> August	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 10 <sup>th</sup> August	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 10 <sup>th</sup> August	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 10 <sup>th</sup> August
Male	45,173	13,932	12,392	12,733
Female	27,689	13,791	14,872	17,130
<b>Total</b>	<b>72,862</b>	<b>27,723</b>	<b>27,264</b>	<b>29,863</b>

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< 25	7,920	6,852	7,456	8,018
25-34	18,859	6694	5136	4362
35-44	19,359	5592	5153	5794
45-54	14,809	4568	4820	5660
55+	11,915	4017	4699	6029
<b>Total</b>	<b>72,862</b>	<b>27,723</b>	<b>27,264</b>	<b>29,863</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 10 <sup>th</sup> August	Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 27 <sup>th</sup> July
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	-7	-623	-139
Manufacturing	-66	-1,684	-564
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	+9	-127	-39
Construction	+72	-4,096	-913
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	-547	-4,072	-1,436
Transportation and storage	-82	-780	-252
Accommodation and food service activities	-3,889	-6,955	-2,962
Information and communication activities	-69	-484	-196
Financial and insurance activities	-116	-448	-158
Real Estate activities	-73	-368	-147
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	-82	-1,005	-358
Administrative and support service activities	-192	-3,107	-936
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	-66	-353	-125
Education	-129	-580	-290
Human Health And Social Work activities	-132	-803	-325
Arts, entertainment and recreation	-159	-660	-311
Other Sectors	-108	-1,482	-492
Unclassified or unknown	+21	-1,342	-213
<b>Total</b>	<b>-5,615</b>	<b>-28,969</b>	<b>-9,856</b>

## Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date 163,912 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 87,714 are female and 76,198 are male.

Some 1,832 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 10 <sup>th</sup> August	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
Carlow	2,334	2,311	2,299
Cavan	3,858	3,830	3,802
Clare	3,352	3,316	3,293
Cork	16,734	16,553	16,463
Donegal	5,366	5,222	5,129
Dublin	45,919	45,386	45,106
Galway	9,594	9,428	9,326
Kerry	3,531	3,488	3,464
Kildare	7,193	7,137	7,096
Kilkenny	3,534	3,503	3,500
Laois	2,981	2,935	2,908
Leitrim	738	727	712
Limerick	6,578	6,491	6,442
Longford	1,333	1,324	1,315
Louth	5,033	4,954	4,897
Mayo	4,268	4,203	4,158
Meath	7,099	7,016	6,954
Monaghan	3,338	3,304	3,296
Offaly	2,767	2,742	2,704
Roscommon	2131	2,091	2,078
Sligo	1,701	1,661	1,633
Tipperary	5,461	5,422	5,396
Waterford	5,273	5,245	5,226
Westmeath	2,678	2,646	2,611
Wexford	5,786	5,747	5,721
Wicklow	4,084	4,014	3,971
County not known	1,248	1,230	1,213
<b>Total</b>	<b>163,912</b>	<b>161,926</b>	<b>160,713</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 (35,296) and Human Health and Social Work (28,322), followed by Manufacturing (22,040).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 10 <sup>th</sup> August	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
<b>Industrial Sector</b>			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	2,201	2,174	2,159
Manufacturing	22,040	21,887	21,758
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	953	940	935
Construction	8,759	8,602	8,499
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	35,296	34,865	34,585
Transportation and storage	6,654	6,590	6,558
Accommodation and food service activities	10,330	9,934	9,713
Information and communication activities	3,022	2,979	2,957
Financial and insurance activities	6,056	6,028	6,001
Real Estate activities	1,270	1,266	1,249
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	6,105	6,005	5,958
Administrative and support service activities	14,026	13,864	13,769
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	6,538	6,429	6,384
Education	4,741	4,736	4,707
Human Health and Social Work activities	28,322	28,197	28,121
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,532	1,461	1,433
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	5,140	5,056	5,022
Unclassified or unknown	927	913	905
<b>Total</b>	<b>163,912</b>	<b>161,926</b>	<b>160,713</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 10 <sup>th</sup> August	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
< 25	27,309	26,528	26,054
25-34	41,457	40,938	40,653
35-44	42,492	42,165	41,949
45-54	31,771	31,549	31,398
55+	20,883	20,746	20,659
<b>Total</b>	<b>163,912</b>	<b>161,926</b>	<b>160,713</b>