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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 153,309 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 71,245 are female and 82,064 are male.

County Breakdown

County	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 17th August	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 10th August	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment at its 2021 peak on 9th February 2021	Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment at its 2020 peak in week commencing 4th May 2020
Carlow	1,344	1,390	5,047	7,114
Cavan	1,949	2,039	7,165	9,941
Clare	3,449	3,537	11,230	14,869
Cork	13,536	14,025	49,195	62,460
Donegal	4,540	4,740	16,421	22,594
Dublin	58,215	59,480	149,534	174,163
Galway	8,120	8,363	25,603	33,132
Kerry	4,768	4,959	18,476	22,217
Kildare	6,711	6,889	21,422	26,720
Kilkenny	2,409	2,521	8,957	11,491
Laois	2,141	2,201	7,420	9,700
Leitrim	826	857	2,982	4,044
Limerick	5,395	5,536	17,533	21,964
Longford	989	1,015	3,223	4,403
Louth	4,517	4,640	14,351	16,983
Mayo	3,334	3,477	13,150	16,381
Meath	6,780	6,954	20,011	26,614
Monaghan	1,899	1,975	6,735	8,284
Offaly	1,874	1,929	6,687	9,067
Roscommon	1,592	1,653	5,583	7,577
Sligo	1,735	1,802	6,018	7,725
Tipperary	3,625	3,758	13,076	18,515
Waterford	2,967	3,054	10,683	13,662
Westmeath	2,372	2,447	8,415	11,353
Wexford	3,674	3,822	15,906	20,441
Wicklow	4,329	4,425	14,593	18,502
County not included	219	224	1,915	2,184
Total	153,309	157,712	481,331	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 (31,767) followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (24,287) and Administrative and support service activities (17,879).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 17 th August	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 10 th August	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment at its 2021 peak on 9 th February 2021	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	2,140	2,210	7,099	8,704
Manufacturing	8,908	9,064	27,732	39,554
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	617	621	1,619	2,150
Construction	12,609	12,895	62,902	84,169
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	24,287	24,821	76,606	94,240
Transportation and storage	6,370	6,472	13,629	18,130
Accommodation and food service activities	31,767	33,834	111,872	131,230
Information and communication activities	4,136	4,220	8,595	11,304
Financial and insurance activities	3,879	3,976	8,811	11,455
Real Estate activities	2,385	2,444	6,359	7,865
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	7,177	7,327	16,920	24,199
Administrative and support service activities	17,879	18,158	41,565	44,986
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	2,865	2,918	7,977	10,354
Education	6,183	6,284	14,790	21,552
Human Health And Social Work activities	5,745	5,836	15,320	23,668
Arts, entertainment and recreation	4,945	5,039	13,133	14,211
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	7,657	7,813	35,712	39,090
Unclassified or unknown	3,760	3,780	10,690	15,239
Total	153,309	157,712	481,331	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 17 th August	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 17 th August	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 17 th August	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 17 th August
Industrial Sector				
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	1,000	400	347	393
Manufacturing	5,270	1,382	1,119	1,137
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	407	78	65	67
Construction	7,976	1,674	1,471	1,488
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	10,115	4,763	4,806	4,603
Transportation and storage	3,650	1,011	905	804
Accommodation and food service activities	12,070	6,778	6,519	6,400
Information and communication activities	2,352	555	549	680
Financial and insurance activities	1,978	533	605	763
Real Estate activities	1,063	442	409	471
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	3,952	1,113	992	1,120
Administrative and support service activities	9,284	3,049	2,724	2,822
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	1,189	399	498	779
Education	2,638	1,064	1,126	1,355
Human Health And Social Work activities	2,376	997	1,161	1,211
Arts, entertainment and recreation	2,039	780	911	1,215
Other Sectors	2,645	1,431	1,612	1,969
Unclassified or unknown	766	421	682	1,891
Total	70,770	26,870	26,501	29,168

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 17 th August	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 10 th August
< 25	29,058	30,246
25-34	34,165	35,051
35-44	34,919	35,898
45-54	29,122	29,857
55+	26,045	26,660
Total	153,309	157,712

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 17 th August	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 17 th August	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 17 th August	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 17 th August
Male	43,891	13,551	12,111	12,511
Female	26,879	13,319	14,390	16,657
Total	70,770	26,870	26,501	29,168

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 17 th August	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 17 th August	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 17 th August	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 17 th August
< 25	7,691	6,579	7,134	7,654
25-34	18,338	6,511	5,016	4,300
35-44	18,766	5,430	5,015	5,708
45-54	14,391	4,429	4,724	5,578
55+	11,584	3,921	4,612	5,928
Total	70,770	26,870	26,501	29,168

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 17 th August	Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 10 th August	Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 3 rd August
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	-70	-7	-623
Manufacturing	-156	-66	-1,684
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	-4	+9	-127
Construction	-286	+72	-4,096
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	-534	-547	-4,072
Transportation and storage	-102	-82	-780
Accommodation and food service activities	-2,067	-3,889	-6,955
Information and communication activities	-84	-69	-484
Financial and insurance activities	-97	-116	-448
Real Estate activities	-59	-73	-368
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	-150	-82	-1,005
Administrative and support service activities	-279	-192	-3,107
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	-53	-66	-353
Education	-101	-129	-580
Human Health And Social Work activities	-91	-132	-803
Arts, entertainment and recreation	-94	-159	-660
Other Sectors	-156	-108	-1,482
Unclassified or unknown	-20	+21	-1,342
Total	-4,403	-5,615	-28,969

Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date 166,348 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 88,972 are female and 77,376 are male.

Some 2,163 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 17 th August	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 10 th August	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 3 rd August
Carlow	2,346	2,334	2,311
Cavan	3,922	3,858	3,830
Clare	3,389	3,352	3,316
Cork	16,909	16,734	16,553
Donegal	5,530	5,366	5,222
Dublin	46,560	45,919	45,386
Galway	9,795	9,594	9,428
Kerry	3,613	3,531	3,488
Kildare	7,267	7,193	7,137
Kilkenny	3,564	3,534	3,503
Laois	3,035	2,981	2,935
Leitrim	769	738	727
Limerick	6,663	6,578	6,491
Longford	1,347	1,333	1,324
Louth	5,141	5,033	4,954
Mayo	4,391	4,268	4,203
Meath	7,186	7,099	7,016
Monaghan	3,402	3,338	3,304
Offaly	2,799	2,767	2,742
Roscommon	2,177	2,131	2,091
Sligo	1,730	1,701	1,661
Tipperary	5,495	5,461	5,422
Waterford	5,309	5,273	5,245
Westmeath	2,746	2,678	2,646
Wexford	5,851	5,786	5,747
Wicklow	4,147	4,084	4,014
County not known	1,265	1,248	1,230
Total	166,348	163,912	161,926

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 (35,778) and Human Health and Social Work (28,477), followed by Manufacturing (22,306).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 17 th August	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 10 th August	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 3 rd August
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	2,240	2,201	2,174
Manufacturing	22,306	22,040	21,887
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	951	953	940
Construction	8,977	8,759	8,602
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	35,778	35,296	34,865
Transportation and storage	6,749	6,654	6,590
Accommodation and food service activities	10,799	10,330	9,934
Information and communication activities	3,055	3,022	2,979
Financial and insurance activities	6,128	6,056	6,028
Real Estate activities	1,297	1,270	1,266
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	6,208	6,105	6,005
Administrative and support service activities	14,184	14,026	13,864
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	6,627	6,538	6,429
Education	4,809	4,741	4,736
Human Health and Social Work activities	28,477	28,322	28,197
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,598	1,532	1,461
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	5,249	5,140	5,056
Unclassified or unknown	916	927	913
Total	166,348	163,912	161,926

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 17 th August	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 10 th August	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 3 rd August
< 25	28,333	27,309	26,528
25-34	42,099	41,457	40,938
35-44	42,858	42,492	42,165
45-54	32,044	31,771	31,549
55+	21,014	20,883	20,746
Total	166,348	163,912	161,926