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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 149,436 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 69,305 are female and 80,131 are male.

County Breakdown

County	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 24 th August	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 17 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 2020 peak in week commencing 4 th May 2020
Carlow	1,312	1,344	5,047	7,114
Cavan	1,888	1,949	7,165	9,941
Clare	3,385	3,449	11,230	14,869
Cork	13,162	13,536	49,195	62,460
Donegal	4,385	4,540	16,421	22,594
Dublin	56,900	58,215	149,534	174,163
Galway	7,900	8,120	25,603	33,132
Kerry	4,633	4,768	18,476	22,217
Kildare	6,575	6,711	21,422	26,720
Kilkenny	2,337	2,409	8,957	11,491
Laois	2,088	2,141	7,420	9,700
Leitrim	809	826	2,982	4,044
Limerick	5,242	5,395	17,533	21,964
Longford	959	989	3,223	4,403
Louth	4,416	4,517	14,351	16,983
Mayo	3,243	3,334	13,150	16,381
Meath	6,618	6,780	20,011	26,614
Monaghan	1,847	1,899	6,735	8,284
Offaly	1,820	1,874	6,687	9,067
Roscommon	1,548	1,592	5,583	7,577
Sligo	1,680	1,735	6,018	7,725
Tipperary	3,508	3,625	13,076	18,515
Waterford	2,895	2,967	10,683	13,662
Westmeath	2,292	2,372	8,415	11,353
Wexford	3,555	3,674	15,906	20,441
Wicklow	4,222	4,329	14,593	18,502
County not included	217	219	1,915	2,184
Total	149,436	153,309	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 (30,346) followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (23,762) and Administrative and support service activities (17,518).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 24 th August	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 17 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	2,087	2,140	7,099	8,704
Manufacturing	8,703	8,908	27,732	39,554
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	604	617	1,619	2,150
Construction	12,366	12,609	62,902	84,169
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	23,762	24,287	76,606	94,240
Transportation and storage	6,245	6,370	13,629	18,130
Accommodation and food service activities	30,346	31,767	111,872	131,230
Information and communication activities	4,043	4,136	8,595	11,304
Financial and insurance activities	3,806	3,879	8,811	11,455
Real Estate activities	2,325	2,385	6,359	7,865
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	7,027	7,177	16,920	24,199
Administrative and support service activities	17,518	17,879	41,565	44,986
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	2,830	2,865	7,977	10,354
Education	6,077	6,183	14,790	21,552
Human Health And Social Work activities	5,631	5,745	15,320	23,668
Arts, entertainment and recreation	4,861	4,945	13,133	14,211
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	7,505	7,657	35,712	39,090
Unclassified or unknown	3,700	3,760	10,690	15,239
Total	149,436	153,309	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 24 th August	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 24 th August	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 24 th August	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 24 th August
Industrial Sector				
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	979	392	336	380
Manufacturing	5,150	1,348	1,092	1,113
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	400	73	64	67
Construction	7,805	1,646	1,447	1,468
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	9,878	4,662	4,699	4,523
Transportation and storage	3,568	994	892	791
Accommodation and food service activities	11,485	6,489	6,252	6,120
Information and communication activities	2,285	546	540	672
Financial and insurance activities	1,940	520	597	749
Real Estate activities	1,039	432	398	456
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	3,868	1,086	971	1,102
Administrative and support service activities	9,052	3,005	2,674	2,787
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	1,173	394	492	771
Education	2,588	1,041	1,111	1,337
Human Health And Social Work activities	2,318	980	1,137	1,196
Arts, entertainment and recreation	2,008	763	899	1,191
Other Sectors	2,586	1,399	1,581	1,939
Unclassified or unknown	750	412	675	1,863
Total	68,872	26,182	25,857	28,525

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 24 th August	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 17 th August
< 25	27,984	29,058
25-34	33,232	34,165
35-44	34,108	34,919
45-54	28,537	29,122
55+	25,575	26,045
Total	149,436	153,309

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 24 th August	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 24 th August	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 24 th August	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 24 th August
Male	42,759	13,237	11,854	12,281
Female	26,113	12,945	14,003	16,244
Total	68,872	26,182	25,857	28,525

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 24 th August	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 24 th August	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 24 th August	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 24 th August
< 25	7,416	6,337	6,874	7,357
25-34	17,784	6,358	4,874	4,216
35-44	18,304	5,295	4,908	5,601
45-54	14,030	4,341	4,660	5,506
55+	11,338	3,851	4,541	5,845
Total	68,872	26,182	25,857	28,525

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 24 th August	Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 17 th August	Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 10 th August
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	-53	-70	-7
Manufacturing	-205	-156	-66
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	-13	-4	+9
Construction	-243	-286	+72
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	-525	-534	-547
Transportation and storage	-125	-102	-82
Accommodation and food service activities	-1,421	-2,067	-3,889
Information and communication activities	-93	-84	-69
Financial and insurance activities	-73	-97	-116
Real Estate activities	-60	-59	-73
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	-150	-150	-82
Administrative and support service activities	-361	-279	-192
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	-35	-53	-66
Education	-106	-101	-129
Human Health And Social Work activities	-114	-91	-132
Arts, entertainment and recreation	-84	-94	-159
Other Sectors	-152	-156	-108
Unclassified or unknown	-60	-20	+21
Total	-3,873	-4,403	-5,615

Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date 169,120 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 90,395 are female and 78,725 are male.

Some 2,494 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 24 th August	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
Carlow	2,373	2,346	2,334
Cavan	4,019	3,922	3,858
Clare	3,439	3,389	3,352
Cork	17,125	16,909	16,734
Donegal	5,684	5,530	5,366
Dublin	47,277	46,560	45,919
Galway	9,995	9,795	9,594
Kerry	3,704	3,613	3,531
Kildare	7,366	7,267	7,193
Kilkenny	3,606	3,564	3,534
Laois	3,085	3,035	2,981
Leitrim	790	769	738
Limerick	6,777	6,663	6,578
Longford	1,362	1,347	1,333
Louth	5,253	5,141	5,033
Mayo	4,513	4,391	4,268
Meath	7,314	7,186	7,099
Monaghan	3,480	3,402	3,338
Offaly	2,854	2,799	2,767
Roscommon	2,207	2,177	2,131
Sligo	1,776	1,730	1,701
Tipperary	5,559	5,495	5,461
Waterford	5,346	5,309	5,273
Westmeath	2,805	2,746	2,678
Wexford	5,899	5,851	5,786
Wicklow	4,228	4,147	4,084
County not known	1,284	1,265	1,248
Total	169,120	166,348	163,912

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 (36,342) and Human Health and Social Work (28,666), followed by Manufacturing (22,693).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 24 th August	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
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	2,277	2,240	2,201
Manufacturing	22,693	22,306	22,040
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	966	951	953
Construction	9,178	8,977	8,759
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	36,342	35,778	35,296
Transportation and storage	6,814	6,749	6,654
Accommodation and food service activities	11,261	10,799	10,330
Information and communication activities	3,107	3,055	3,022
Financial and insurance activities	6,208	6,128	6,056
Real Estate activities	1,336	1,297	1,270
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	6,324	6,208	6,105
Administrative and support service activities	14,427	14,184	14,026
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	6,708	6,627	6,538
Education	4,865	4,809	4,741
Human Health and Social Work activities	28,666	28,477	28,322
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,665	1,598	1,532
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	5,356	5,249	5,140
Unclassified or unknown	927	916	927
Total	169,120	166,348	163,912

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 24 th August	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
< 25	29,407	28,333	27,309
25-34	42,831	42,099	41,457
35-44	43,322	42,858	42,492
45-54	32,357	32,044	31,771
55+	21,203	21,014	20,883
Total	169,120	166,348	163,912