



An Roinn Coimirce Sóisialaí
Department of Social Protection

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

**Published on Wednesday, 1st September 2021 – these statistics are provisional and
are subject to revision.**

Analysis of Pandemic Unemployment Payments

There are 143,606 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 66,539 are female and 77,067 are male.

County Breakdown

County	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 31 st August	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 24 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	1,269	1,312	5,047	7,114
Cavan	1,818	1,888	7,165	9,941
Clare	3,265	3,385	11,230	14,869
Cork	12,689	13,162	49,195	62,460
Donegal	4,216	4,385	16,421	22,594
Dublin	54,607	56,900	149,534	174,163
Galway	7,608	7,900	25,603	33,132
Kerry	4,449	4,633	18,476	22,217
Kildare	6,345	6,575	21,422	26,720
Kilkenny	2,227	2,337	8,957	11,491
Laois	2,016	2,088	7,420	9,700
Leitrim	783	809	2,982	4,044
Limerick	5,027	5,242	17,533	21,964
Longford	920	959	3,223	4,403
Louth	4,252	4,416	14,351	16,983
Mayo	3,124	3,243	13,150	16,381
Meath	6,389	6,618	20,011	26,614
Monaghan	1,774	1,847	6,735	8,284
Offaly	1,744	1,820	6,687	9,067
Roscommon	1,483	1,548	5,583	7,577
Sligo	1,614	1,680	6,018	7,725
Tipperary	3,344	3,508	13,076	18,515
Waterford	2,771	2,895	10,683	13,662
Westmeath	2,190	2,292	8,415	11,353
Wexford	3,404	3,555	15,906	20,441
Wicklow	4,065	4,222	14,593	18,502
County not included	213	217	1,915	2,184
Total	143,606	149,436	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 (28,441) followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (22,938) and Administrative and support service activities (16,838).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 31 st August	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 24 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	2,013	2,087	7,099	8,704
Manufacturing	8,378	8,703	27,732	39,554
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	584	604	1,619	2,150
Construction	11,973	12,366	62,902	84,169
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	22,938	23,762	76,606	94,240
Transportation and storage	6,056	6,245	13,629	18,130
Accommodation and food service activities	28,441	30,346	111,872	131,230
Information and communication activities	3,920	4,043	8,595	11,304
Financial and insurance activities	3,718	3,806	8,811	11,455
Real Estate activities	2,242	2,325	6,359	7,865
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	6,825	7,027	16,920	24,199
Administrative and support service activities	16,838	17,518	41,565	44,986
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	2,708	2,830	7,977	10,354
Education	5,891	6,077	14,790	21,552
Human Health And Social Work activities	5,468	5,631	15,320	23,668
Arts, entertainment and recreation	4,715	4,861	13,133	14,211
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	7,273	7,505	35,712	39,090
Unclassified or unknown	3,625	3,700	10,690	15,239
Total	143,606	149,436	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 31 st August	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 31 st August	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 31 st August	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 31 st August
Industrial Sector				
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	943	381	325	364
Manufacturing	4,941	1,291	1,057	1,089
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	388	68	62	66
Construction	7,522	1,599	1,415	1,437
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	9,528	4,508	4,537	4,365
Transportation and storage	3,448	963	874	771
Accommodation and food service activities	10,754	6,083	5,835	5,769
Information and communication activities	2,207	525	528	660
Financial and insurance activities	1,877	511	590	740
Real Estate activities	998	415	383	446
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	3,748	1,049	952	1,076
Administrative and support service activities	8,690	2,880	2,561	2,707
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	1,116	372	471	749
Education	2,514	1,001	1,072	1,304
Human Health And Social Work activities	2,235	944	1,108	1,181
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,952	743	871	1,149
Other Sectors	2,502	1,342	1,545	1,884
Unclassified or unknown	730	402	669	1,824
Total	66,093	25,077	24,855	27,581

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 31 st August	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 24 th August
< 25	26,264	27,984
25-34	31,757	33,232
35-44	32,904	34,108
45-54	27,648	28,537
55+	25,033	25,575
Total	143,606	149,436

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 31 st August	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 31 st August	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 31 st August	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 31 st August
Male	40,963	12,717	11,446	11,941
Female	25,130	12,360	13,409	15,640
Total	66,093	25,077	24,855	27,581

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 31 st August	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 31 st August	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 31 st August	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 31 st August
< 25	6,950	5,949	6,438	6,927
25-34	17,005	6,046	4,653	4,053
35-44	17,552	5,118	4,770	5,464
45-54	13,524	4,200	4,534	5,390
55+	11,062	3,764	4,460	5,747
Total	66,093	25,077	24,855	27,581

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 31 st August	Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 24 th August	Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 17 th August
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	-74	-53	-70
Manufacturing	-325	-205	-156
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	-20	-13	-4
Construction	-393	-243	-286
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	-824	-525	-534
Transportation and storage	-189	-125	-102
Accommodation and food service activities	-1,905	-1,421	-2,067
Information and communication activities	-123	-93	-84
Financial and insurance activities	-88	-73	-97
Real Estate activities	-83	-60	-59
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	-202	-150	-150
Administrative and support service activities	-680	-361	-279
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	-122	-35	-53
Education	-186	-106	-101
Human Health And Social Work activities	-163	-114	-91
Arts, entertainment and recreation	-146	-84	-94
Other Sectors	-232	-152	-156
Unclassified or unknown	-75	-60	-20
Total	-5,830	-3,873	-4,403

Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date 171,033 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 91,397 are female and 79,636 are male.

Some 2,523 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 31 st August	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
Carlow	2,391	2,373	2,346
Cavan	4,101	4,019	3,922
Clare	3,471	3,439	3,389
Cork	17,295	17,125	16,909
Donegal	5,801	5,684	5,530
Dublin	47,738	47,277	46,560
Galway	10,148	9,995	9,795
Kerry	3,761	3,704	3,613
Kildare	7,430	7,366	7,267
Kilkenny	3,631	3,606	3,564
Laois	3,127	3,085	3,035
Leitrim	801	790	769
Limerick	6,836	6,777	6,663
Longford	1,378	1,362	1,347
Louth	5,319	5,253	5,141
Mayo	4,599	4,513	4,391
Meath	7,393	7,314	7,186
Monaghan	3,537	3,480	3,402
Offaly	2,875	2,854	2,799
Roscommon	2,237	2,207	2,177
Sligo	1,816	1,776	1,730
Tipperary	5,623	5,559	5,495
Waterford	5,378	5,346	5,309
Westmeath	2,838	2,805	2,746
Wexford	5,937	5,899	5,851
Wicklow	4,278	4,228	4,147
County not known	1,294	1,284	1,265
Total	171,033	169,120	166,348

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 (36,716) and Human Health and Social Work (28,841), followed by Manufacturing (22,929).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 31 st August	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
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	2,301	2,277	2,240
Manufacturing	22,929	22,693	22,306
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	974	966	951
Construction	9,342	9,178	8,977
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	36,716	36,342	35,778
Transportation and storage	6,871	6,814	6,749
Accommodation and food service activities	11,561	11,261	10,799
Information and communication activities	3,124	3,107	3,055
Financial and insurance activities	6,264	6,208	6,128
Real Estate activities	1,354	1,336	1,297
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	6,412	6,324	6,208
Administrative and support service activities	14,577	14,427	14,184
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	6,780	6,708	6,627
Education	4,900	4,865	4,809
Human Health and Social Work activities	28,841	28,666	28,477
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,722	1,665	1,598
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	5,440	5,356	5,249
Unclassified or unknown	925	927	916
Total	171,033	169,120	166,348

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 31 st August	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
< 25	30,064	29,407	28,333
25-34	43,312	42,831	42,099
35-44	43,668	43,322	42,858
45-54	32,619	32,357	32,044
55+	21,370	21,203	21,014
Total	171,033	169,120	166,348