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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 140,138 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 64,777 are female and 75,361 are male.

County Breakdown

County	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 7 th September	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 31 st 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	1,225	1,269	5,047	7,114
Cavan	1,769	1,818	7,165	9,941
Clare	3,177	3,265	11,230	14,869
Cork	12,376	12,689	49,195	62,460
Donegal	4,102	4,216	16,421	22,594
Dublin	53,391	54,607	149,534	174,163
Galway	7,399	7,608	25,603	33,132
Kerry	4,320	4,449	18,476	22,217
Kildare	6,208	6,345	21,422	26,720
Kilkenny	2,175	2,227	8,957	11,491
Laois	1,968	2,016	7,420	9,700
Leitrim	764	783	2,982	4,044
Limerick	4,893	5,027	17,533	21,964
Longford	899	920	3,223	4,403
Louth	4,160	4,252	14,351	16,983
Mayo	3,042	3,124	13,150	16,381
Meath	6,241	6,389	20,011	26,614
Monaghan	1,728	1,774	6,735	8,284
Offaly	1,705	1,744	6,687	9,067
Roscommon	1,435	1,483	5,583	7,577
Sligo	1,563	1,614	6,018	7,725
Tipperary	3,242	3,344	13,076	18,515
Waterford	2,710	2,771	10,683	13,662
Westmeath	2,116	2,190	8,415	11,353
Wexford	3,345	3,404	15,906	20,441
Wicklow	3,975	4,065	14,593	18,502
County not included	210	213	1,915	2,184
Total	140,138	143,606	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 (27,545) followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (22,434) and Administrative and support service activities (16,504).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 7 th September	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 31 st 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	1,969	2,013	7,099	8,704
Manufacturing	8,202	8,378	27,732	39,554
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	574	584	1,619	2,150
Construction	11,725	11,973	62,902	84,169
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	22,434	22,938	76,606	94,240
Transportation and storage	5,884	6,056	13,629	18,130
Accommodation and food service activities	27,545	28,441	111,872	131,230
Information and communication activities	3,818	3,920	8,595	11,304
Financial and insurance activities	3,638	3,718	8,811	11,455
Real Estate activities	2,189	2,242	6,359	7,865
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	6,643	6,825	16,920	24,199
Administrative and support service activities	16,504	16,838	41,565	44,986
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	2,653	2,708	7,977	10,354
Education	5,715	5,891	14,790	21,552
Human Health And Social Work activities	5,337	5,468	15,320	23,668
Arts, entertainment and recreation	4,616	4,715	13,133	14,211
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	7,130	7,273	35,712	39,090
Unclassified or unknown	3,562	3,625	10,690	15,239
Total	140,138	143,606	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 7 th September	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 7 th September	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 7 th September	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 7 th September
Industrial Sector				
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	927	375	320	347
Manufacturing	4,836	1,258	1,037	1,071
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	381	67	61	65
Construction	7,352	1,567	1,386	1,420
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	9,344	4,409	4,421	4,260
Transportation and storage	3,339	937	848	760
Accommodation and food service activities	10,429	5,867	5,656	5,593
Information and communication activities	2,147	510	516	645
Financial and insurance activities	1,835	498	578	727
Real Estate activities	973	406	377	433
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	3,641	1,024	928	1,050
Administrative and support service activities	8,523	2,833	2,494	2,654
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	1,093	361	464	735
Education	2,422	971	1,043	1,279
Human Health And Social Work activities	2,180	920	1,077	1,160
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,918	732	856	1,110
Other Sectors	2,455	1,309	1,517	1,849
Unclassified or unknown	709	395	659	1,799
Total	64,504	24,439	24,238	26,957

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 7 th September	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 31 st August
< 25	25,367	26,264
25-34	30,976	31,757
35-44	32,163	32,904
45-54	27,043	27,648
55+	24,589	25,033
Total	140,138	143,606

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 7 th September	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 7 th September	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 7 th September	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 7 th September
Male	40,024	12,421	11,204	11,712
Female	24,480	12,018	13,034	15,245
Total	64,504	24,439	24,238	26,957

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 7 th September	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 7 th September	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 7 th September	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 7 th September
< 25	6,737	5,743	6,210	6,677
25-34	16,569	5,903	4,549	3,955
35-44	17,135	5,004	4,656	5,368
45-54	13,186	4,100	4,439	5,318
55+	10,877	3,689	4,384	5,639
Total	64,504	24,439	24,238	26,957

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 7 th September	Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 31 st August	Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 24 th August
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	-44	-74	-53
Manufacturing	-176	-325	-205
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	-10	-20	-13
Construction	-248	-393	-243
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	-504	-824	-525
Transportation and storage	-172	-189	-125
Accommodation and food service activities	-896	-1,905	-1,421
Information and communication activities	-102	-123	-93
Financial and insurance activities	-80	-88	-73
Real Estate activities	-53	-83	-60
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	-182	-202	-150
Administrative and support service activities	-334	-680	-361
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	-55	-122	-35
Education	-176	-186	-106
Human Health And Social Work activities	-131	-163	-114
Arts, entertainment and recreation	-99	-146	-84
Other Sectors	-143	-232	-152
Unclassified or unknown	-63	-75	-60
Total	-3,468	-5,830	-3,873

Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date 174,460 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 93,178 are female and 81,282 are male.

Some 2,367 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 7 th September	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
Carlow	2,415	2,391	2,373
Cavan	4,224	4,101	4,019
Clare	3,543	3,471	3,439
Cork	17,604	17,295	17,125
Donegal	6,020	5,801	5,684
Dublin	48,597	47,738	47,277
Galway	10,378	10,148	9,995
Kerry	3,857	3,761	3,704
Kildare	7,540	7,430	7,366
Kilkenny	3,700	3,631	3,606
Laois	3,199	3,127	3,085
Leitrim	835	801	790
Limerick	6,955	6,836	6,777
Longford	1,402	1,378	1,362
Louth	5,434	5,319	5,253
Mayo	4,734	4,599	4,513
Meath	7,530	7,393	7,314
Monaghan	3,648	3,537	3,480
Offaly	2,929	2,875	2,854
Roscommon	2,291	2,237	2,207
Sligo	1,875	1,816	1,776
Tipperary	5,734	5,623	5,559
Waterford	5,429	5,378	5,346
Westmeath	2,904	2,838	2,805
Wexford	6,008	5,937	5,899
Wicklow	4,356	4,278	4,228
County not known	1,319	1,294	1,284
Total	174,460	171,033	169,120

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 (37,358) and Human Health and Social Work (29,131), followed by Manufacturing (23,365).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 7 th September	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
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	2,327	2,301	2,277
Manufacturing	23,365	22,929	22,693
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	1,016	974	966
Construction	9,668	9,342	9,178
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	37,358	36,716	36,342
Transportation and storage	6,976	6,871	6,814
Accommodation and food service activities	12,169	11,561	11,261
Information and communication activities	3,183	3,124	3,107
Financial and insurance activities	6,313	6,264	6,208
Real Estate activities	1,387	1,354	1,336
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	6,489	6,412	6,324
Administrative and support service activities	14,880	14,577	14,427
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	6,890	6,780	6,708
Education	5,024	4,900	4,865
Human Health and Social Work activities	29,131	28,841	28,666
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,778	1,722	1,665
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	5,577	5,440	5,356
Unclassified or unknown	929	925	927
Total	174,460	171,033	169,120

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 7 th September	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
< 25	31,356	30,064	29,407
25-34	44,147	43,312	42,831
35-44	44,297	43,668	43,322
45-54	33,036	32,619	32,357
55+	21,624	21,370	21,203
Total	174,460	171,033	169,120