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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 114,612 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 52,569 are female and 62,043 are male.

**County Breakdown**

County	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment at its 2021 peak on 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment at its 2020 peak in week commencing 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
Carlow	1,037	1,225	5,047	7,114
Cavan	1,476	1,769	7,165	9,941
Clare	2,636	3,177	11,230	14,869
Cork	10,124	12,376	49,195	62,460
Donegal	3,420	4,102	16,421	22,594
Dublin	42,810	53,391	149,534	174,163
Galway	5,977	7,399	25,603	33,132
Kerry	3,632	4,320	18,476	22,217
Kildare	5,158	6,208	21,422	26,720
Kilkenny	1,779	2,175	8,957	11,491
Laois	1,623	1,968	7,420	9,700
Leitrim	631	764	2,982	4,044
Limerick	3,950	4,893	17,533	21,964
Longford	783	899	3,223	4,403
Louth	3,512	4,160	14,351	16,983
Mayo	2,479	3,042	13,150	16,381
Meath	5,342	6,241	20,011	26,614
Monaghan	1,414	1,728	6,735	8,284
Offaly	1,396	1,705	6,687	9,067
Roscommon	1,140	1,435	5,583	7,577
Sligo	1,228	1,563	6,018	7,725
Tipperary	2,642	3,242	13,076	18,515
Waterford	2,228	2,710	10,683	13,662
Westmeath	1,763	2,116	8,415	11,353
Wexford	2,845	3,345	15,906	20,441
Wicklow	3,394	3,975	14,593	18,502
County not included	193	210	1,915	2,184
<b>Total</b>	<b>114,612</b>	<b>140,138</b>	<b>481,331</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 (20,302) followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (17,898) and Administrative and support service activities (13,405).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment at its 2021 peak on 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	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	1,638	1,969	7,099	8,704
Manufacturing	6,992	8,202	27,732	39,554
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	516	574	1,619	2,150
Construction	10,456	11,725	62,902	84,169
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	17,898	22,434	76,606	94,240
Transportation and storage	5,062	5,884	13,629	18,130
Accommodation and food service activities	20,302	27,545	111,872	131,230
Information and communication activities	3,357	3,818	8,595	11,304
Financial and insurance activities	3,342	3,638	8,811	11,455
Real Estate activities	1,768	2,189	6,359	7,865
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	5,665	6,643	16,920	24,199
Administrative and support service activities	13,405	16,504	41,565	44,986
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	2,342	2,653	7,977	10,354
Education	4,569	5,715	14,790	21,552
Human Health And Social Work activities	4,345	5,337	15,320	23,668
Arts, entertainment and recreation	3,645	4,616	13,133	14,211
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	6,128	7,130	35,712	39,090
Unclassified or unknown	3,182	3,562	10,690	15,239
<b>Total</b>	<b>114,612</b>	<b>140,138</b>	<b>481,331</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 €300 on 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 14 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>Industrial Sector</b>			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	817	309	512
Manufacturing	4,247	1,021	1,724
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	345	56	115
Construction	6,672	1,354	2,430
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	8,214	3,479	6,205
Transportation and storage	2,897	787	1,378
Accommodation and food service activities	8,821	4,240	7,241
Information and communication activities	1,945	439	973
Financial and insurance activities	1,708	448	1,186
Real Estate activities	850	315	603
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	3,259	823	1,583
Administrative and support service activities	7,329	2,166	3,910
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	954	310	1,078
Education	2,025	742	1,802
Human Health And Social Work activities	1,858	704	1,783
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,752	592	1,301
Other Sectors	2,182	1,078	2,868
Unclassified or unknown	646	366	2,170
<b>Total</b>	<b>56,521</b>	<b>19,229</b>	<b>38,862</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 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 7 <sup>th</sup> September
< 25	12,846	25,367
25-34	24,595	30,976
35-44	28,717	32,163
45-54	25,120	27,043
55+	23,334	24,589
<b>Total</b>	<b>114,612</b>	<b>140,138</b>

## Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 14 <sup>th</sup> September
Male	35,024	9,726	17,293
Female	21,497	9,503	21,569
<b>Total</b>	<b>56,521</b>	<b>19,229</b>	<b>38,862</b>

## Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 14 <sup>th</sup> September
< 25	4,626	3,293	4,927
25-34	13,866	4,330	6,399
35-44	15,479	4,374	8,864
45-54	12,259	3,769	9,092
55+	10,291	3,463	9,580
<b>Total</b>	<b>56,521</b>	<b>19,229</b>	<b>38,862</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 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 31 <sup>st</sup> August
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	-331	-44	-74
Manufacturing	-1,210	-176	-325
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	-58	-10	-20
Construction	-1,269	-248	-393
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	-4,536	-504	-824
Transportation and storage	-822	-172	-189
Accommodation and food service activities	-7,243	-896	-1,905
Information and communication activities	-461	-102	-123
Financial and insurance activities	-296	-80	-88
Real Estate activities	-421	-53	-83
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	-978	-182	-202
Administrative and support service activities	-3,099	-334	-680
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	-311	-55	-122
Education	-1,146	-176	-186
Human Health And Social Work activities	-992	-131	-163
Arts, entertainment and recreation	-971	-99	-146
Other Sectors	-1,002	-143	-232
Unclassified or unknown	-380	-63	-75
<b>Total</b>	<b>-25,526</b>	<b>-3468</b>	<b>-5,830</b>

## Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date 177,572 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 94,743 are female and 82,829 are male.

Some 2,271 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 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 31 <sup>st</sup> August
Carlow	2,452	2,415	2,391
Cavan	4,313	4,224	4,101
Clare	3,611	3,543	3,471
Cork	17,825	17,604	17,295
Donegal	6,189	6,020	5,801
Dublin	49,446	48,597	47,738
Galway	10,592	10,378	10,148
Kerry	3,950	3,857	3,761
Kildare	7,628	7,540	7,430
Kilkenny	3,748	3,700	3,631
Laois	3,257	3,199	3,127
Leitrim	858	835	801
Limerick	7,080	6,955	6,836
Longford	1,429	1,402	1,378
Louth	5,548	5,434	5,319
Mayo	4,845	4,734	4,599
Meath	7,678	7,530	7,393
Monaghan	3,774	3,648	3,537
Offaly	2,976	2,929	2,875
Roscommon	2,328	2,291	2,237
Sligo	1,912	1,875	1,816
Tipperary	5,823	5,734	5,623
Waterford	5,496	5,429	5,378
Westmeath	2,963	2,904	2,838
Wexford	6,078	6,008	5,937
Wicklow	4,431	4,356	4,278
County not known	1,342	1,319	1,294
<b>Total</b>	<b>177,572</b>	<b>174,460</b>	<b>171,033</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 (38,029) and Human Health and Social Work (29,327), followed by Manufacturing (23,740).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 31 <sup>st</sup> August
<b>Industrial Sector</b>			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	2,351	2,327	2,301
Manufacturing	23,740	23,365	22,929
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	1,042	1,016	974
Construction	9,928	9,668	9,342
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	38,029	37,358	36,716
Transportation and storage	7,082	6,976	6,871
Accommodation and food service activities	12,671	12,169	11,561
Information and communication activities	3,222	3,183	3,124
Financial and insurance activities	6,408	6,313	6,264
Real Estate activities	1,421	1,387	1,354
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	6,577	6,489	6,412
Administrative and support service activities	15,161	14,880	14,577
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	7,007	6,890	6,780
Education	5,121	5,024	4,900
Human Health and Social Work activities	29,327	29,131	28,841
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,839	1,778	1,722
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	5,707	5,577	5,440
Unclassified or unknown	939	929	925
<b>Total</b>	<b>177,572</b>	<b>174,460</b>	<b>171,033</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 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 31 <sup>st</sup> August
< 25	32,398	31,356	30,064
25-34	44,940	44,147	43,312
35-44	44,964	44,297	43,668
45-54	33,411	33,036	32,619
55+	21,859	21,624	21,370
<b>Total</b>	<b>177,572</b>	<b>174,460</b>	<b>171,033</b>