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

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are subject to revision.**

**Analysis of Pandemic Unemployment Payments**

There are 110,770 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 50,614 are female and 60,156 are male.

**County Breakdown**

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 21<sup>st</sup> September</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 14<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment at its 2021 peak on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment at its 2020 peak in week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020</b>
Carlow	989	1,037	5,047	7,114
Cavan	1,438	1,476	7,165	9,941
Clare	2,537	2,636	11,230	14,869
Cork	9,754	10,124	49,195	62,460
Donegal	3,295	3,420	16,421	22,594
Dublin	41,617	42,810	149,534	174,163
Galway	5,769	5,977	25,603	33,132
Kerry	3,517	3,632	18,476	22,217
Kildare	4,974	5,158	21,422	26,720
Kilkenny	1,696	1,779	8,957	11,491
Laois	1,563	1,623	7,420	9,700
Leitrim	614	631	2,982	4,044
Limerick	3,804	3,950	17,533	21,964
Longford	764	783	3,223	4,403
Louth	3,380	3,512	14,351	16,983
Mayo	2,369	2,479	13,150	16,381
Meath	5,175	5,342	20,011	26,614
Monaghan	1,359	1,414	6,735	8,284
Offaly	1,343	1,396	6,687	9,067
Roscommon	1,087	1,140	5,583	7,577
Sligo	1,186	1,228	6,018	7,725
Tipperary	2,529	2,642	13,076	18,515
Waterford	2,126	2,228	10,683	13,662
Westmeath	1,707	1,763	8,415	11,353
Wexford	2,726	2,845	15,906	20,441
Wicklow	3,267	3,394	14,593	18,502
County not included	185	193	1,915	2,184
<b>Total</b>	<b>110,770</b>	<b>114,612</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 (19,504) followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (17,346) and Administrative and support service activities (13,036).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 14 <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	1,584	1,638	7,099	8,704
Manufacturing	6,764	6,992	27,732	39,554
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	501	516	1,619	2,150
Construction	10,184	10,456	62,902	84,169
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	17,346	17,898	76,606	94,240
Transportation and storage	4,851	5,062	13,629	18,130
Accommodation and food service activities	19,504	20,302	111,872	131,230
Information and communication activities	3,265	3,357	8,595	11,304
Financial and insurance activities	3,251	3,342	8,811	11,455
Real Estate activities	1,709	1,768	6,359	7,865
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	5,468	5,665	16,920	24,199
Administrative and support service activities	13,036	13,405	41,565	44,986
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	2,259	2,342	7,977	10,354
Education	4,319	4,569	14,790	21,552
Human Health And Social Work activities	4,177	4,345	15,320	23,668
Arts, entertainment and recreation	3,497	3,645	13,133	14,211
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	5,955	6,128	35,712	39,090
Unclassified or unknown	3,100	3,182	10,690	15,239
<b>Total</b>	<b>110,770</b>	<b>114,612</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

<b>Industrial Sector</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €300 on 21<sup>st</sup> September</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €250 on 21<sup>st</sup> September</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €203 on 21<sup>st</sup> September</b>
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	779	307	498
Manufacturing	4,114	983	1,667
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	333	54	114
Construction	6,515	1,308	2,361
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	7,982	3,376	5,988
Transportation and storage	2,790	757	1,304
Accommodation and food service activities	8,476	4,077	6,951
Information and communication activities	1,885	428	952
Financial and insurance activities	1,666	435	1,150
Real Estate activities	815	303	591
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	3,153	788	1,527
Administrative and support service activities	7,121	2,109	3,806
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	921	291	1,047
Education	1,894	708	1,717
Human Health And Social Work activities	1,788	665	1,724
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,688	561	1,248
Other Sectors	2,125	1,051	2,779
Unclassified or unknown	620	361	2,119
<b>Total</b>	<b>54,665</b>	<b>18,562</b>	<b>37,543</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 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 14 <sup>th</sup> September
< 25	12,215	12,846
25-34	23,838	24,595
35-44	27,760	28,717
45-54	24,313	25,120
55+	22,644	23,334
<b>Total</b>	<b>110,770</b>	<b>114,612</b>

## Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 21 <sup>st</sup> September
Male	33,927	9,451	16,778
Female	20,738	9,111	20,765
<b>Total</b>	<b>54,665</b>	<b>18,562</b>	<b>37,543</b>

## Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 21 <sup>st</sup> September
< 25	4,418	3,132	4,665
25-34	13,459	4,194	6,185
35-44	14,987	4,215	8,558
45-54	11,841	3,653	8,819
55+	9,960	3,368	9,316
<b>Total</b>	<b>54,665</b>	<b>18,562</b>	<b>37,543</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 21 <sup>st</sup> September	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
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	-54	-331	-44
Manufacturing	-228	-1,210	-176
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	-15	-58	-10
Construction	-272	-1,269	-248
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	-552	-4,536	-504
Transportation and storage	-211	-822	-172
Accommodation and food service activities	-798	-7,243	-896
Information and communication activities	-92	-461	-102
Financial and insurance activities	-91	-296	-80
Real Estate activities	-59	-421	-53
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	-197	-978	-182
Administrative and support service activities	-369	-3,099	-334
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	-83	-311	-55
Education	-250	-1,146	-176
Human Health And Social Work activities	-168	-992	-131
Arts, entertainment and recreation	-148	-971	-99
Other Sectors	-173	-1,002	-143
Unclassified or unknown	-82	-380	-63
<b>Total</b>	<b>-3,842</b>	<b>-25,526</b>	<b>-3,468</b>

## Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date 180,159 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 96,077 are female and 84,082 are male.

Some 2,213 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 21 <sup>st</sup> September	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
Carlow	2,480	2,452	2,415
Cavan	4,398	4,313	4,224
Clare	3,665	3,611	3,543
Cork	18,015	17,825	17,604
Donegal	6,341	6,189	6,020
Dublin	50,162	49,446	48,597
Galway	10,756	10,592	10,378
Kerry	4,019	3,950	3,857
Kildare	7,715	7,628	7,540
Kilkenny	3,793	3,748	3,700
Laois	3,315	3,257	3,199
Leitrim	880	858	835
Limerick	7,172	7,080	6,955
Longford	1,462	1,429	1,402
Louth	5,633	5,548	5,434
Mayo	4,923	4,845	4,734
Meath	7,802	7,678	7,530
Monaghan	3,894	3,774	3,648
Offaly	3,005	2,976	2,929
Roscommon	2,377	2,328	2,291
Sligo	1,944	1,912	1,875
Tipperary	5,887	5,823	5,734
Waterford	5,539	5,496	5,429
Westmeath	3,014	2,963	2,904
Wexford	6,138	6,078	6,008
Wicklow	4,478	4,431	4,356
County not known	1,352	1,342	1,319
<b>Total</b>	<b>180,159</b>	<b>177,572</b>	<b>174,460</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 (38,511) and Human Health and Social Work (29,547), followed by Manufacturing (24,026).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 21 <sup>st</sup> September	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
<b>Industrial Sector</b>			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	2,380	2,351	2,327
Manufacturing	24,026	23,740	23,365
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	1,056	1,042	1,016
Construction	10,165	9,928	9,668
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	38,511	38,029	37,358
Transportation and storage	7,172	7,082	6,976
Accommodation and food service activities	13,044	12,671	12,169
Information and communication activities	3,281	3,222	3,183
Financial and insurance activities	6,475	6,408	6,313
Real Estate activities	1,453	1,421	1,387
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	6,693	6,577	6,489
Administrative and support service activities	15,361	15,161	14,880
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	7,149	7,007	6,890
Education	5,177	5,121	5,024
Human Health and Social Work activities	29,547	29,327	29,131
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,882	1,839	1,778
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	5,830	5,707	5,577
Unclassified or unknown	957	939	929
<b>Total</b>	<b>180,159</b>	<b>177,572</b>	<b>174,460</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 21 <sup>st</sup> September	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
< 25	33,114	32,398	31,356
25-34	45,682	44,940	44,147
35-44	45,554	44,964	44,297
45-54	33,739	33,411	33,036
55+	22,070	21,859	21,624
<b>Total</b>	<b>180,159</b>	<b>177,572</b>	<b>174,460</b>