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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 106,245 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 48,327 are female and 57,918 are male.

County Breakdown

County	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 28 th September	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 21 st September	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	940	989	5,047	7,114
Cavan	1,388	1,438	7,165	9,941
Clare	2,422	2,537	11,230	14,869
Cork	9,306	9,754	49,195	62,460
Donegal	3,156	3,295	16,421	22,594
Dublin	40,131	41,617	149,534	174,163
Galway	5,440	5,769	25,603	33,132
Kerry	3,394	3,517	18,476	22,217
Kildare	4,787	4,974	21,422	26,720
Kilkenny	1,610	1,696	8,957	11,491
Laois	1,491	1,563	7,420	9,700
Leitrim	595	614	2,982	4,044
Limerick	3,608	3,804	17,533	21,964
Longford	724	764	3,223	4,403
Louth	3,240	3,380	14,351	16,983
Mayo	2,259	2,369	13,150	16,381
Meath	4,988	5,175	20,011	26,614
Monaghan	1,314	1,359	6,735	8,284
Offaly	1,288	1,343	6,687	9,067
Roscommon	1,035	1,087	5,583	7,577
Sligo	1,133	1,186	6,018	7,725
Tipperary	2,405	2,529	13,076	18,515
Waterford	2,015	2,126	10,683	13,662
Westmeath	1,649	1,707	8,415	11,353
Wexford	2,611	2,726	15,906	20,441
Wicklow	3,138	3,267	14,593	18,502
County not included	178	185	1,915	2,184
Total	106,245	110,770	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 (18,407) followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (16,752) and Administrative and support service activities (12,506).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 28 th September	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 21 st September	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	1,516	1,584	7,099	8,704
Manufacturing	6,524	6,764	27,732	39,554
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	484	501	1,619	2,150
Construction	9,838	10,184	62,902	84,169
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	16,752	17,346	76,606	94,240
Transportation and storage	4,629	4,851	13,629	18,130
Accommodation and food service activities	18,407	19,504	111,872	131,230
Information and communication activities	3,155	3,265	8,595	11,304
Financial and insurance activities	3,138	3,251	8,811	11,455
Real Estate activities	1,636	1,709	6,359	7,865
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	5,279	5,468	16,920	24,199
Administrative and support service activities	12,506	13,036	41,565	44,986
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	2,151	2,259	7,977	10,354
Education	4,068	4,319	14,790	21,552
Human Health And Social Work activities	4,013	4,177	15,320	23,668
Arts, entertainment and recreation	3,330	3,497	13,133	14,211
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	5,781	5,955	35,712	39,090
Unclassified or unknown	3,038	3,100	10,690	15,239
Total	106,245	110,770	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

Industrial Sector	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 28th September	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 28th September	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 28th September
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	747	298	471
Manufacturing	3,975	953	1,596
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	322	53	109
Construction	6,303	1,253	2,282
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	7,738	3,266	5,748
Transportation and storage	2,661	723	1,245
Accommodation and food service activities	8,039	3,826	6,542
Information and communication activities	1,826	406	923
Financial and insurance activities	1,608	418	1,112
Real Estate activities	778	290	568
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	3,064	750	1,465
Administrative and support service activities	6,834	2,006	3,666
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	864	272	1,015
Education	1,756	669	1,643
Human Health And Social Work activities	1,712	634	1,667
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,612	522	1,196
Other Sectors	2,055	1,037	2,689
Unclassified or unknown	603	353	2,082
Total	52,497	17,729	36,019

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 28 th September	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 21 st September
< 25	11,344	12,215
25-34	22,813	23,838
35-44	26,731	27,760
45-54	23,429	24,313
55+	21,928	22,644
Total	106,245	110,770

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 28 th September	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 28 th September	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 28 th September
Male	32,659	9,042	16,217
Female	19,838	8,687	19,802
Total	52,497	17,729	36,019

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 28 th September	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 28 th September	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 28 th September
< 25	4,142	2,906	4,296
25-34	12,882	4,020	5,911
35-44	14,461	4,049	8,221
45-54	11,373	3,517	8,539
55+	9,639	3,237	9,052
Total	52,497	17,729	36,019

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 28 th September	Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 21 st September	Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 14 th September
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	-68	-54	-331
Manufacturing	-240	-228	-1,210
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	-17	-15	-58
Construction	-346	-272	-1,269
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	-594	-552	-4,536
Transportation and storage	-222	-211	-822
Accommodation and food service activities	-1097	-798	-7,243
Information and communication activities	-110	-92	-461
Financial and insurance activities	-113	-91	-296
Real Estate activities	-73	-59	-421
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	-189	-197	-978
Administrative and support service activities	-530	-369	-3,099
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	-108	-83	-311
Education	-251	-250	-1,146
Human Health And Social Work activities	-164	-168	-992
Arts, entertainment and recreation	-167	-148	-971
Other Sectors	-174	-173	-1,002
Unclassified or unknown	-62	-82	-380
Total	-4,525	-3,842	-25,526

Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date 182,382 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 97,243 are female and 85,139 are male.

Some 2,012 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 28 th September	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 21 st September	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 14 th September
Carlow	2,510	2,480	2,452
Cavan	4,449	4,398	4,313
Clare	3,695	3,665	3,611
Cork	18,198	18,015	17,825
Donegal	6,474	6,341	6,189
Dublin	50,738	50,162	49,446
Galway	10,906	10,756	10,592
Kerry	4,090	4,019	3,950
Kildare	7,790	7,715	7,628
Kilkenny	3,831	3,793	3,748
Laois	3,374	3,315	3,257
Leitrim	893	880	858
Limerick	7,247	7,172	7,080
Longford	1,480	1,462	1,429
Louth	5,710	5,633	5,548
Mayo	5,006	4,923	4,845
Meath	7,923	7,802	7,678
Monaghan	3,974	3,894	3,774
Offaly	3,031	3,005	2,976
Roscommon	2,403	2,377	2,328
Sligo	1,975	1,944	1,912
Tipperary	5,950	5,887	5,823
Waterford	5,590	5,539	5,496
Westmeath	3,066	3,014	2,963
Wexford	6,193	6,138	6,078
Wicklow	4,513	4,478	4,431
County not known	1,373	1,352	1,342
Total	182,382	180,159	177,572

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 (38,861) and Human Health and Social Work (29,762), followed by Manufacturing (24,276).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 28 th September	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 21 st September	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 14 th September
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	2,402	2,380	2,351
Manufacturing	24,276	24,026	23,740
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	1,079	1,056	1,042
Construction	10,381	10,165	9,928
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	38,861	38,511	38,029
Transportation and storage	7,254	7,172	7,082
Accommodation and food service activities	13,371	13,044	12,671
Information and communication activities	3,305	3,281	3,222
Financial and insurance activities	6,552	6,475	6,408
Real Estate activities	1,472	1,453	1,421
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	6,761	6,693	6,577
Administrative and support service activities	15,567	15,361	15,161
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	7,260	7,149	7,007
Education	5,280	5,177	5,121
Human Health and Social Work activities	29,762	29,547	29,327
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,921	1,882	1,839
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	5,915	5,830	5,707
Unclassified or unknown	963	957	939
Total	182,382	180,159	177,572

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 28 th September	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 21 st September	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 14 th September
< 25	33,741	33,114	32,398
25-34	46,220	45,682	44,940
35-44	46,121	45,554	44,964
45-54	34,076	33,739	33,411
55+	22,224	22,070	21,859
Total	182,382	180,159	177,572