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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 101,470 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 45,824 are female and 55,646 are male.

County Breakdown

County	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 5 th October	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 28 th 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	891	940	5,047	7,114
Cavan	1,336	1,388	7,165	9,941
Clare	2,319	2,422	11,230	14,869
Cork	8,834	9,306	49,195	62,460
Donegal	2,951	3,156	16,421	22,594
Dublin	38,513	40,131	149,534	174,163
Galway	5,178	5,440	25,603	33,132
Kerry	3,250	3,394	18,476	22,217
Kildare	4,587	4,787	21,422	26,720
Kilkenny	1,562	1,610	8,957	11,491
Laois	1,424	1,491	7,420	9,700
Leitrim	556	595	2,982	4,044
Limerick	3,375	3,608	17,533	21,964
Longford	690	724	3,223	4,403
Louth	3,088	3,240	14,351	16,983
Mayo	2,165	2,259	13,150	16,381
Meath	4,809	4,988	20,011	26,614
Monaghan	1,248	1,314	6,735	8,284
Offaly	1,233	1,288	6,687	9,067
Roscommon	984	1,035	5,583	7,577
Sligo	1,056	1,133	6,018	7,725
Tipperary	2,288	2,405	13,076	18,515
Waterford	1,895	2,015	10,683	13,662
Westmeath	1,591	1,649	8,415	11,353
Wexford	2,494	2,611	15,906	20,441
Wicklow	2,978	3,138	14,593	18,502
County not included	175	178	1,915	2,184
Total	101,470	106,245	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 (17,340) followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (16,117) and Administrative and support service activities (11,938).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 5 th October	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 28 th 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	1,449	1,516	7,099	8,704
Manufacturing	6,313	6,524	27,732	39,554
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	461	484	1,619	2,150
Construction	9,479	9,838	62,902	84,169
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	16,117	16,752	76,606	94,240
Transportation and storage	4,511	4,629	13,629	18,130
Accommodation and food service activities	17,340	18,407	111,872	131,230
Information and communication activities	3,042	3,155	8,595	11,304
Financial and insurance activities	3,044	3,138	8,811	11,455
Real Estate activities	1,552	1,636	6,359	7,865
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	5,080	5,279	16,920	24,199
Administrative and support service activities	11,938	12,506	41,565	44,986
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	2,040	2,151	7,977	10,354
Education	3,807	4,068	14,790	21,552
Human Health And Social Work activities	3,867	4,013	15,320	23,668
Arts, entertainment and recreation	2,903	3,330	13,133	14,211
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	5,562	5,781	35,712	39,090
Unclassified or unknown	2,965	3,038	10,690	15,239
Total	101,470	106,245	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 €300 on 5 th October	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 5 th October	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 5 th October
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	715	282	452
Manufacturing	3,845	918	1,550
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	306	51	104
Construction	6,067	1,204	2,208
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	7,467	3,129	5,521
Transportation and storage	2,594	706	1,211
Accommodation and food service activities	7,634	3,587	6,119
Information and communication activities	1,759	384	899
Financial and insurance activities	1,557	410	1,077
Real Estate activities	742	271	539
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	2,949	723	1,408
Administrative and support service activities	6,550	1,909	3,479
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	827	258	955
Education	1,632	614	1,561
Human Health And Social Work activities	1,655	609	1,603
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,352	465	1,086
Other Sectors	1,973	994	2,595
Unclassified or unknown	585	348	2,032
Total	50,209	16,862	34,399

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 5 th October	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 28 th September
< 25	10,369	11,344
25-34	21,642	22,813
35-44	25,638	26,731
45-54	22,569	23,429
55+	21,252	21,928
Total	101,470	106,245

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 5 th October	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 5 th October	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 5 th October
Male	31,347	8,647	15,652
Female	18,862	8,215	18,747
Total	50,209	16,862	34,399

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 5 th October	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 5 th October	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 5 th October
< 25	3,845	2,675	3,849
25-34	12,202	3,825	5,615
35-44	13,874	3,870	7,894
45-54	10,964	3,350	8,255
55+	9,324	3,142	8,786
Total	50,209	16,862	34,399

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 5 th October	Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 28 th September	Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 21 st September
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	-67	-68	-54
Manufacturing	-211	-240	-228
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	-23	-17	-15
Construction	-359	-346	-272
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	-635	-594	-552
Transportation and storage	-118	-222	-211
Accommodation and food service activities	-1,067	-1097	-798
Information and communication activities	-113	-110	-92
Financial and insurance activities	-94	-113	-91
Real Estate activities	-84	-73	-59
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	-199	-189	-197
Administrative and support service activities	-568	-530	-369
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	-111	-108	-83
Education	-261	-251	-250
Human Health And Social Work activities	-146	-164	-168
Arts, entertainment and recreation	-427	-167	-148
Other Sectors	-219	-174	-173
Unclassified or unknown	-73	-62	-82
Total	-4,775	-4,525	-3,842

Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date 184,322 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 98,258 are female and 86,064 are male.

Some 1,843 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 5 th October	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
Carlow	2,526	2,510	2,480
Cavan	4,499	4,449	4,398
Clare	3,742	3,695	3,665
Cork	18,359	18,198	18,015
Donegal	6,587	6,474	6,341
Dublin	51,224	50,738	50,162
Galway	11,022	10,906	10,756
Kerry	4,165	4,090	4,019
Kildare	7,873	7,790	7,715
Kilkenny	3,862	3,831	3,793
Laois	3,427	3,374	3,315
Leitrim	908	893	880
Limerick	7,310	7,247	7,172
Longford	1,506	1,480	1,462
Louth	5,770	5,710	5,633
Mayo	5,066	5,006	4,923
Meath	8,017	7,923	7,802
Monaghan	4,036	3,974	3,894
Offaly	3,052	3,031	3,005
Roscommon	2,426	2,403	2,377
Sligo	1,996	1,975	1,944
Tipperary	6,008	5,950	5,887
Waterford	5,653	5,590	5,539
Westmeath	3,111	3,066	3,014
Wexford	6,250	6,193	6,138
Wicklow	4,541	4,513	4,478
County not known	1,386	1,373	1,352
Total	184,322	182,382	180,159

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 (39,151) and Human Health and Social Work (29,940), followed by Manufacturing (24,502).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 5 th October	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
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	2,415	2,402	2,380
Manufacturing	24,502	24,276	24,026
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	1,090	1,079	1,056
Construction	10,565	10,381	10,165
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	39,151	38,861	38,511
Transportation and storage	7,310	7,254	7,172
Accommodation and food service activities	13,630	13,371	13,044
Information and communication activities	3,341	3,305	3,281
Financial and insurance activities	6,597	6,552	6,475
Real Estate activities	1,487	1,472	1,453
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	6,842	6,761	6,693
Administrative and support service activities	15,766	15,567	15,361
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	7,326	7,260	7,149
Education	5,405	5,280	5,177
Human Health and Social Work activities	29,940	29,762	29,547
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,955	1,921	1,882
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	6,002	5,915	5,830
Unclassified or unknown	998	963	957
Total	184,322	182,382	180,159

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 5 th October	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
< 25	34,114	33,741	33,114
25-34	46,753	46,220	45,682
35-44	46,639	46,121	45,554
45-54	34,397	34,076	33,739
55+	22,419	22,224	22,070
Total	184,322	182,382	180,159