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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 97,130 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 43,694 are female and 53,436 are male

**County Breakdown**

County	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 5 <sup>th</sup> October	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	843	891	5,047	7,114
Cavan	1,279	1,336	7,165	9,941
Clare	2,216	2,319	11,230	14,869
Cork	8,454	8,834	49,195	62,460
Donegal	2,799	2,951	16,421	22,594
Dublin	36,945	38,513	149,534	174,163
Galway	4,895	5,178	25,603	33,132
Kerry	3,112	3,250	18,476	22,217
Kildare	4,392	4,587	21,422	26,720
Kilkenny	1,496	1,562	8,957	11,491
Laois	1,359	1,424	7,420	9,700
Leitrim	527	556	2,982	4,044
Limerick	3,214	3,375	17,533	21,964
Longford	657	690	3,223	4,403
Louth	2,964	3,088	14,351	16,983
Mayo	2,080	2,165	13,150	16,381
Meath	4,625	4,809	20,011	26,614
Monaghan	1,196	1,248	6,735	8,284
Offaly	1,175	1,233	6,687	9,067
Roscommon	948	984	5,583	7,577
Sligo	1,002	1,056	6,018	7,725
Tipperary	2,195	2,288	13,076	18,515
Waterford	1,797	1,895	10,683	13,662
Westmeath	1,518	1,591	8,415	11,353
Wexford	2,414	2,494	15,906	20,441
Wicklow	2,858	2,978	14,593	18,502
County not included	170	175	1,915	2,184
<b>Total</b>	<b>97,130</b>	<b>101,470</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 (16,374) followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (15,543) and Administrative and support service activities (11,383).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 5 <sup>th</sup> October	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	1,405	1,449	7,099	8,704
Manufacturing	6,100	6,313	27,732	39,554
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	449	461	1,619	2,150
Construction	9,075	9,479	62,902	84,169
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	15,543	16,117	76,606	94,240
Transportation and storage	4,364	4,511	13,629	18,130
Accommodation and food service activities	16,374	17,340	111,872	131,230
Information and communication activities	2,920	3,042	8,595	11,304
Financial and insurance activities	2,930	3,044	8,811	11,455
Real Estate activities	1,486	1,552	6,359	7,865
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	4,885	5,080	16,920	24,199
Administrative and support service activities	11,383	11,938	41,565	44,986
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	1,957	2,040	7,977	10,354
Education	3,569	3,807	14,790	21,552
Human Health And Social Work activities	3,741	3,867	15,320	23,668
Arts, entertainment and recreation	2,663	2,903	13,133	14,211
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	5391	5,562	35,712	39,090
Unclassified or unknown	2,895	2,965	10,690	15,239
<b>Total</b>	<b>97,130</b>	<b>101,470</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 12<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €250 on 12<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €203 on 12<sup>th</sup> October</b>
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	695	274	436
Manufacturing	3,725	877	1,498
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	299	50	100
Construction	5,812	1,146	2,117
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	7,228	3,006	5,309
Transportation and storage	2,509	680	1,175
Accommodation and food service activities	7,255	3,364	5,755
Information and communication activities	1,686	362	872
Financial and insurance activities	1,487	400	1,043
Real Estate activities	714	255	517
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	2,839	691	1,355
Administrative and support service activities	6,261	1,815	3,307
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	789	248	920
Education	1,518	574	1,477
Human Health And Social Work activities	1,593	591	1,557
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,212	432	1,019
Other Sectors	1,906	969	2,516
Unclassified or unknown	570	340	1,985
<b>Total</b>	<b>48,098</b>	<b>16,074</b>	<b>32,958</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 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 5 <sup>th</sup> October
< 25	9,540	10,369
25-34	20,453	21,642
35-44	24,674	25,638
45-54	21,838	22,569
55+	20,625	21,252
<b>Total</b>	<b>97,130</b>	<b>101,470</b>

## Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 12 <sup>th</sup> October
Male	30,056	8,283	15,097
Female	18,042	7,791	17,861
<b>Total</b>	<b>48,098</b>	<b>16,074</b>	<b>32,958</b>

## Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 12 <sup>th</sup> October
< 25	3,575	2,470	3,495
25-34	11,573	3,618	5,262
35-44	13,348	3,719	7,607
45-54	10,595	3,235	8,008
55+	9,007	3,032	8,586
<b>Total</b>	<b>48,098</b>	<b>16,074</b>	<b>32,958</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 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 28 <sup>th</sup> September
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	-44	-67	-68
Manufacturing	-213	-211	-240
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	-12	-23	-17
Construction	-404	-359	-346
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	-574	-635	-594
Transportation and storage	-147	-118	-222
Accommodation and food service activities	-966	-1,067	-1097
Information and communication activities	-122	-113	-110
Financial and insurance activities	-114	-94	-113
Real Estate activities	-66	-84	-73
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	-195	-199	-189
Administrative and support service activities	-555	-568	-530
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	-83	-111	-108
Education	-482	-261	-251
Human Health And Social Work activities	-126	-146	-164
Arts, entertainment and recreation	-240	-427	-167
Other Sectors	-171	-219	-174
Unclassified or unknown	-70	-73	-62
<b>Total</b>	<b>-4340</b>	<b>-4,775</b>	<b>-4,525</b>

## Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date 186,050 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 99,146 are female and 86,904 are male.

Some 1,972 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 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 28 <sup>th</sup> September
Carlow	2,565	2,526	2,510
Cavan	4,552	4,499	4,449
Clare	3,770	3,742	3,695
Cork	18,515	18,359	18,198
Donegal	6,692	6,587	6,474
Dublin	51,640	51,224	50,738
Galway	11,133	11,022	10,906
Kerry	4,223	4,165	4,090
Kildare	7,946	7,873	7,790
Kilkenny	3,910	3,862	3,831
Laois	3,473	3,427	3,374
Leitrim	928	908	893
Limerick	7367	7,310	7,247
Longford	1521	1,506	1,480
Louth	5,821	5,770	5,710
Mayo	5,107	5,066	5,006
Meath	8,097	8,017	7,923
Monaghan	4,077	4,036	3,974
Offaly	3,073	3,052	3,031
Roscommon	2,451	2,426	2,403
Sligo	2,016	1,996	1,975
Tipperary	6,060	6,008	5,950
Waterford	5,710	5,653	5,590
Westmeath	3,138	3,111	3,066
Wexford	6,291	6,250	6,193
Wicklow	4,569	4,541	4,513
County not known	1,405	1,386	1,373
<b>Total</b>	<b>186,050</b>	<b>184,322</b>	<b>182,382</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 (39,424) and Human Health and Social Work (30,114), followed by Manufacturing (24,863).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 28 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>Industrial Sector</b>			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	2,431	2,415	2,402
Manufacturing	24,863	24,502	24,276
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	1,100	1,090	1,079
Construction	10,733	10,565	10,381
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	39,424	39,151	38,861
Transportation and storage	7,,369	7,310	7,254
Accommodation and food service activities	13818	13,630	13,371
Information and communication activities	3,376	3,341	3,305
Financial and insurance activities	6,658	6,597	6,552
Real Estate activities	1,482	1,487	1,472
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	6,744	6,842	6,761
Administrative and support service activities	15,930	15,766	15,567
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	7,461	7,326	7,260
Education	5,469	5,405	5,280
Human Health and Social Work activities	30,114	29,940	29,762
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,991	1,955	1,921
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	6,079	6,002	5,915
Unclassified or unknown	1,008	998	963
<b>Total</b>	<b>186,050</b>	<b>184,322</b>	<b>182,382</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 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 28 <sup>th</sup> September
< 25	34,490	34,114	33,741
25-34	47,153	46,753	46,220
35-44	47,118	46,639	46,121
45-54	34,678	34,397	34,076
55+	22,611	22,419	22,224
<b>Total</b>	<b>186,050</b>	<b>184,322</b>	<b>182,382</b>