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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 93,399 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 41,908 are female and 51,491 are male.

County Breakdown

County	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 19 th October	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 12 th October	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	806	843	5,047	7,114
Cavan	1,220	1,279	7,165	9,941
Clare	2,116	2,216	11,230	14,869
Cork	8,102	8,454	49,195	62,460
Donegal	2,675	2,799	16,421	22,594
Dublin	35,628	36,945	149,534	174,163
Galway	4,713	4,895	25,603	33,132
Kerry	2,983	3,112	18,476	22,217
Kildare	4,223	4,392	21,422	26,720
Kilkenny	1,435	1,496	8,957	11,491
Laois	1,297	1,359	7,420	9,700
Leitrim	510	527	2,982	4,044
Limerick	3,078	3,214	17,533	21,964
Longford	637	657	3,223	4,403
Louth	2,873	2,964	14,351	16,983
Mayo	1,991	2,080	13,150	16,381
Meath	4,443	4,625	20,011	26,614
Monaghan	1,159	1,196	6,735	8,284
Offaly	1,116	1,175	6,687	9,067
Roscommon	911	948	5,583	7,577
Sligo	950	1,002	6,018	7,725
Tipperary	2,107	2,195	13,076	18,515
Waterford	1,707	1,797	10,683	13,662
Westmeath	1,447	1,518	8,415	11,353
Wexford	2,332	2,414	15,906	20,441
Wicklow	2,774	2,858	14,593	18,502
County not included	166	170	1,915	2,184
Total	93,399	97,130	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 (15,552) followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (15,011) and Administrative and support service activities (10,937).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 19 th October	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 12 th October	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	1,360	1,405	7,099	8,704
Manufacturing	5,922	6,100	27,732	39,554
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	439	449	1,619	2,150
Construction	8,668	9,075	62,902	84,169
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	15,011	15,543	76,606	94,240
Transportation and storage	4,245	4,364	13,629	18,130
Accommodation and food service activities	15,552	16,374	111,872	131,230
Information and communication activities	2,831	2,920	8,595	11,304
Financial and insurance activities	2,847	2,930	8,811	11,455
Real Estate activities	1,435	1,486	6,359	7,865
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	4,708	4,885	16,920	24,199
Administrative and support service activities	10,937	11,383	41,565	44,986
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	1,879	1,957	7,977	10,354
Education	3,377	3,569	14,790	21,552
Human Health And Social Work activities	3,605	3,741	15,320	23,668
Arts, entertainment and recreation	2,522	2,663	13,133	14,211
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	5,238	5391	35,712	39,090
Unclassified or unknown	2,823	2,895	10,690	15,239
Total	93,399	97,130	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 19th October	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 19th October	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 19th October
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	670	266	424
Manufacturing	3,606	850	1,466
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	293	49	97
Construction	5,548	1,085	2,035
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	7,002	2,895	5,114
Transportation and storage	2,439	657	1,149
Accommodation and food service activities	6,929	3,199	5,424
Information and communication activities	1,632	345	854
Financial and insurance activities	1,451	388	1,008
Real Estate activities	690	245	500
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	2,729	660	1,319
Administrative and support service activities	6,042	1,727	3,168
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	751	240	888
Education	1,419	548	1,410
Human Health And Social Work activities	1,543	564	1,498
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,142	417	963
Other Sectors	1,856	940	2,442
Unclassified or unknown	549	332	1,942
Total	46,291	15,407	31,701

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 19 th October	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 12 th October
< 25	8,868	9,540
25-34	19,468	20,453
35-44	23,812	24,674
45-54	21,189	21,838
55+	20,062	20,625
Total	93,399	97,130

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 19 th October	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 19 th October	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 19 th October
Male	28,943	7,956	14,592
Female	17,348	7,451	17,109
Total	46,291	15,407	31,701

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 19 th October	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 19 th October	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 19 th October
< 25	3,349	2,284	3,235
25-34	11,036	3,445	4,987
35-44	12,903	3,565	7,344
45-54	10,253	3,160	7,776
55+	8,750	2,953	8,359
Total	46,291	15,407	31,701

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 19 th October	Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 12 th October	Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 5 th October
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	-45	-44	-67
Manufacturing	-178	-213	-211
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	-10	-12	-23
Construction	-407	-404	-359
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	-532	-574	-635
Transportation and storage	-119	-147	-118
Accommodation and food service activities	-822	-966	-1,067
Information and communication activities	-89	-122	-113
Financial and insurance activities	-83	-114	-94
Real Estate activities	-51	-66	-84
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	-177	-195	-199
Administrative and support service activities	-446	-555	-568
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	-78	-83	-111
Education	-192	-482	-261
Human Health And Social Work activities	-136	-126	-146
Arts, entertainment and recreation	-141	-240	-427
Other Sectors	-153	-171	-219
Unclassified or unknown	-72	-70	-73
Total	-3,731	-4340	-4,775

Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date 188,066 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 100,198 are female and 87,808 are male.

Some 2,031 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 19 th October	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 12 th October	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 5 th October
Carlow	2,598	2,565	2,526
Cavan	4,611	4,552	4,499
Clare	3,812	3,770	3,742
Cork	18,700	18,515	18,359
Donegal	6,782	6,692	6,587
Dublin	52,114	51,640	51,224
Galway	11,253	11,133	11,022
Kerry	4,292	4,223	4,165
Kildare	8,014	7,946	7,873
Kilkenny	3,955	3,910	3,862
Laois	3,516	3,473	3,427
Leitrim	942	928	908
Limerick	7,433	7367	7,310
Longford	1,566	1521	1,506
Louth	5,884	5,821	5,770
Mayo	5,158	5,107	5,066
Meath	8,179	8,097	8,017
Monaghan	4,117	4,077	4,036
Offaly	3,096	3,073	3,052
Roscommon	2,477	2,451	2,426
Sligo	2,028	2,016	1,996
Tipperary	6,120	6,060	6,008
Waterford	5,808	5,710	5,653
Westmeath	3,180	3,138	3,111
Wexford	6,350	6,291	6,250
Wicklow	4,601	4,569	4,541
County not known	1,420	1,405	1,386
Total	188,006	186,050	184,322

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 (39,696) and Human Health and Social Work (30,357), followed by Manufacturing (25,132).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 19 th October	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 12 th October	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 5 th October
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	2,457	2,431	2,415
Manufacturing	25,132	24,863	24,502
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	1,110	1,100	1,090
Construction	10,822	10,733	10,565
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	39,696	39,424	39,151
Transportation and storage	7,454	7,,369	7,310
Accommodation and food service activities	14,054	13818	13,630
Information and communication activities	3,403	3,376	3,341
Financial and insurance activities	6,726	6,658	6,597
Real Estate activities	1,504	1,482	1,487
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	6,825	6,744	6,842
Administrative and support service activities	16,103	15,930	15,766
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	7,623	7,461	7,326
Education	5,578	5,469	5,405
Human Health and Social Work activities	30,357	30,114	29,940
Arts, entertainment and recreation	2,021	1,991	1,955
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	6,162	6,079	6,002
Unclassified or unknown	979	1,008	998
Total	188,006	186,050	184,322

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 19 th October	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 12 th October	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 5 th October
< 25	34,791	34,490	34,114
25-34	47,627	47,153	46,753
35-44	47,709	47,118	46,639
45-54	35,058	34,678	34,397
55+	22,821	22,611	22,419
Total	188,006	186,050	184,322