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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 90,623 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 40,616 are female and 50,007 are male.

County Breakdown

County	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 26 th October	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 19 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	780	806	5,047	7,114
Cavan	1,181	1,220	7,165	9,941
Clare	2,044	2,116	11,230	14,869
Cork	7,870	8,102	49,195	62,460
Donegal	2,589	2,675	16,421	22,594
Dublin	34,633	35,628	149,534	174,163
Galway	4,565	4,713	25,603	33,132
Kerry	2,890	2,983	18,476	22,217
Kildare	4,104	4,223	21,422	26,720
Kilkenny	1,396	1,435	8,957	11,491
Laois	1,261	1,297	7,420	9,700
Leitrim	493	510	2,982	4,044
Limerick	2,981	3,078	17,533	21,964
Longford	616	637	3,223	4,403
Louth	2,762	2,873	14,351	16,983
Mayo	1,926	1,991	13,150	16,381
Meath	4,319	4,443	20,011	26,614
Monaghan	1,133	1,159	6,735	8,284
Offaly	1,072	1,116	6,687	9,067
Roscommon	889	911	5,583	7,577
Sligo	914	950	6,018	7,725
Tipperary	2,027	2,107	13,076	18,515
Waterford	1,649	1,707	10,683	13,662
Westmeath	1,392	1,447	8,415	11,353
Wexford	2,259	2,332	15,906	20,441
Wicklow	2,715	2,774	14,593	18,502
County not included	163	166	1,915	2,184
Total	90,623	93,399	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 (14,912) followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (14,641) and Administrative and support service activities (10,580).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 26 th October	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 19 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	1,322	1,360	7,099	8,704
Manufacturing	5,781	5,922	27,732	39,554
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	428	439	1,619	2,150
Construction	8,372	8,668	62,902	84,169
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	14,641	15,011	76,606	94,240
Transportation and storage	4,143	4,245	13,629	18,130
Accommodation and food service activities	14,912	15,552	111,872	131,230
Information and communication activities	2,758	2,831	8,595	11,304
Financial and insurance activities	2,776	2,847	8,811	11,455
Real Estate activities	1,405	1,435	6,359	7,865
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	4,575	4,708	16,920	24,199
Administrative and support service activities	10,580	10,937	41,565	44,986
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	1,825	1,879	7,977	10,354
Education	3,276	3,377	14,790	21,552
Human Health And Social Work activities	3,524	3,605	15,320	23,668
Arts, entertainment and recreation	2,433	2,522	13,133	14,211
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	5,120	5,238	35,712	39,090
Unclassified or unknown	2,752	2,823	10,690	15,239
Total	90,623	93,399	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 26th October	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 26th October	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 26th October
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	644	260	418
Manufacturing	3,518	832	1,431
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	286	46	96
Construction	5,372	1,037	1,963
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	6,849	2,818	4,974
Transportation and storage	2,386	644	1,113
Accommodation and food service activities	6,676	3,046	5,190
Information and communication activities	1,596	334	828
Financial and insurance activities	1,415	379	982
Real Estate activities	675	241	489
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	2,652	640	1,283
Administrative and support service activities	5,847	1,675	3,058
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	733	229	863
Education	1,382	536	1,358
Human Health And Social Work activities	1,515	549	1,460
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,113	394	926
Other Sectors	1,818	914	2,388
Unclassified or unknown	535	323	1,894
Total	45,012	14,897	30,714

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 26 th October	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 19 th October
< 25	8,396	8,868
25-34	18,784	19,468
35-44	23,107	23,812
45-54	20,693	21,189
55+	19,643	20,062
Total	90,623	93,399

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 26 th October	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 26 th October	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 26 th October
Male	28,134	7,712	14,161
Female	16,878	7,185	16,553
Total	45,012	14,897	30,714

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 26 th October	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 26 th October	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 26 th October
< 25	3,209	2,150	3,037
25-34	10,642	3,320	4,822
35-44	12,536	3,443	7,128
45-54	10,030	3,085	7,578
55+	8,595	2,899	8,149
Total	45,012	14,897	30,714

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 26 th October	Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 19 th October	Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 12 th October
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	-38	-45	-44
Manufacturing	-141	-178	-213
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	-11	-10	-12
Construction	-296	-407	-404
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	-370	-532	-574
Transportation and storage	-102	-119	-147
Accommodation and food service activities	-640	-822	-966
Information and communication activities	-73	-89	-122
Financial and insurance activities	-71	-83	-114
Real Estate activities	-30	-51	-66
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	-133	-177	-195
Administrative and support service activities	-357	-446	-555
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	-54	-78	-83
Education	-101	-192	-482
Human Health And Social Work activities	-81	-136	-126
Arts, entertainment and recreation	-89	-141	-240
Other Sectors	-118	-153	-171
Unclassified or unknown	-71	-72	-70
Total	-2,776	-3,731	-4340

Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date 189,640 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 101,067 are female and 88,573 are male.

Some 2,182 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 26 th October	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
Carlow	2,639	2,598	2,565
Cavan	4,640	4,611	4,552
Clare	3,841	3,812	3,770
Cork	18,853	18,700	18,515
Donegal	6,858	6,782	6,692
Dublin	52,462	52,114	51,640
Galway	11,335	11,253	11,133
Kerry	4,371	4,292	4,223
Kildare	8,074	8,014	7,946
Kilkenny	3,990	3,955	3,910
Laois	3,562	3,516	3,473
Leitrim	954	942	928
Limerick	7,510	7,433	7367
Longford	1,600	1,566	1521
Louth	5,927	5,884	5,821
Mayo	5,198	5,158	5,107
Meath	8,252	8,179	8,097
Monaghan	4,152	4,117	4,077
Offaly	3,122	3,096	3,073
Roscommon	2,505	2,477	2,451
Sligo	2,045	2,028	2,016
Tipperary	6,170	6,120	6,060
Waterford	5,897	5,808	5,710
Westmeath	3,214	3,180	3,138
Wexford	6,401	6,350	6,291
Wicklow	4,631	4,601	4,569
County not known	1,437	1,420	1,405
Total	189,640	188,006	186,050

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 (39,989) and Human Health and Social Work (30,546), followed by Manufacturing (25,349).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 26 th October	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
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	2,471	2,457	2,431
Manufacturing	25,349	25,132	24,863
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	1,124	1,110	1,100
Construction	10,970	10,822	10,733
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	39,989	39,696	39,424
Transportation and storage	7,504	7,454	7,369
Accommodation and food service activities	14,205	14,054	13,818
Information and communication activities	3,450	3,403	3,376
Financial and insurance activities	6,785	6,726	6,658
Real Estate activities	1,524	1,504	1,482
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	6,869	6,825	6,744
Administrative and support service activities	16,221	16,103	15,930
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	7,718	7,623	7,461
Education	5,629	5,578	5,469
Human Health and Social Work activities	30,546	30,357	30,114
Arts, entertainment and recreation	2,048	2,021	1,991
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	6,237	6,162	6,079
Unclassified or unknown	1,001	979	1,008
Total	189,640	188,006	186,050

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 26 th October	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
< 25	34,999	34,791	34,490
25-34	48,013	47,627	47,153
35-44	48,198	47,709	47,118
45-54	35,411	35,058	34,678
55+	23,019	22,821	22,611
Total	189,640	188,006	186,050