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**Update on Payments Awarded for Covid-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment And  
Enhanced Illness Benefit - Statistics**

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are subject to revision.**

**Analysis of Pandemic Unemployment Payments**

There are 77,806 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 34,382 are female and 43,424 are male.

**County Breakdown**

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 26<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment at its 2021 peak on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment at its 2020 peak in week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020</b>
Carlow	669	780	5,047	7,114
Cavan	972	1,181	7,165	9,941
Clare	1,735	2,044	11,230	14,869
Cork	6,773	7,870	49,195	62,460
Donegal	2,118	2,589	16,421	22,594
Dublin	30,144	34,633	149,534	174,163
Galway	3,906	4,565	25,603	33,132
Kerry	2,450	2,890	18,476	22,217
Kildare	3,556	4,104	21,422	26,720
Kilkenny	1,156	1,396	8,957	11,491
Laois	1,072	1,261	7,420	9,700
Leitrim	400	493	2,982	4,044
Limerick	2,557	2,981	17,533	21,964
Longford	533	616	3,223	4,403
Louth	2,382	2,762	14,351	16,983
Mayo	1,640	1,926	13,150	16,381
Meath	3,718	4,319	20,011	26,614
Monaghan	968	1,133	6,735	8,284
Offaly	917	1,072	6,687	9,067
Roscommon	726	889	5,583	7,577
Sligo	764	914	6,018	7,725
Tipperary	1,719	2,027	13,076	18,515
Waterford	1,402	1,649	10,683	13,662
Westmeath	1,169	1,392	8,415	11,353
Wexford	1,917	2,259	15,906	20,441
Wicklow	2,293	2,715	14,593	18,502
County not included	150	163	1,915	2,184
<b>Total</b>	<b>77,806</b>	<b>90,623</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 (12,890) followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (12,758) and Administrative and support service activities (9,205).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 26 <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	1,141	1,322	7,099	8,704
Manufacturing	5,162	5,781	27,732	39,554
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	382	428	1,619	2,150
Construction	7,403	8,372	62,902	84,169
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	12,758	14,641	76,606	94,240
Transportation and storage	3,725	4,143	13,629	18,130
Accommodation and food service activities	12,890	14,912	111,872	131,230
Information and communication activities	2,387	2,758	8,595	11,304
Financial and insurance activities	2,311	2,776	8,811	11,455
Real Estate activities	1,196	1,405	6,359	7,865
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	3,989	4,575	16,920	24,199
Administrative and support service activities	9,205	10,580	41,565	44,986
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	1,405	1,825	7,977	10,354
Education	2,711	3,276	14,790	21,552
Human Health And Social Work activities	3,043	3,524	15,320	23,668
Arts, entertainment and recreation	2,059	2,433	13,133	14,211
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	4,276	5,120	35,712	39,090
Unclassified or unknown	1,763	2,752	10,690	15,239
<b>Total</b>	<b>77,806</b>	<b>90,623</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 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €250 on 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €203 on 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	625	254	262
Manufacturing	3,415	808	939
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	273	45	64
Construction	5,140	990	1,273
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	6,623	2,708	3,427
Transportation and storage	2,313	623	789
Accommodation and food service activities	6,399	2,878	3,613
Information and communication activities	1,544	319	524
Financial and insurance activities	1,368	360	583
Real Estate activities	657	234	305
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	2,565	619	805
Administrative and support service activities	5,586	1,575	2,044
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	703	221	481
Education	1,340	516	855
Human Health And Social Work activities	1,470	534	1,039
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,077	374	608
Other Sectors	1,746	884	1,646
Unclassified or unknown	524	316	923
<b>Total</b>	<b>43,368</b>	<b>14,258</b>	<b>20,180</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 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 26 <sup>th</sup> October
< 25	6,839	8,396
25-34	16,775	18,784
35-44	20,159	23,107
45-54	17,752	20,693
55+	16,281	19,643
<b>Total</b>	<b>77,806</b>	<b>90,623</b>

## Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 2 <sup>nd</sup> November
Male	27,081	7,380	8,963
Female	16,287	6,878	11,217
<b>Total</b>	<b>43,368</b>	<b>14,258</b>	<b>20,180</b>

## Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 2 <sup>nd</sup> November
< 25	2,996	1,974	1,869
25-34	10,142	3,153	3,480
35-44	12,102	3,311	4,746
45-54	9,740	3,003	5,009
55+	8,388	2,817	5,076
<b>Total</b>	<b>43,368</b>	<b>14,258</b>	<b>20,180</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 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 19 <sup>th</sup> October
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	-219	-38	-45
Manufacturing	-760	-141	-178
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	-57	-11	-10
Construction	-1,265	-296	-407
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	-2,253	-370	-532
Transportation and storage	-520	-102	-119
Accommodation and food service activities	-2,662	-640	-822
Information and communication activities	-444	-73	-89
Financial and insurance activities	-536	-71	-83
Real Estate activities	-239	-30	-51
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	-719	-133	-177
Administrative and support service activities	-1,732	-357	-446
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	-474	-54	-78
Education	-666	-101	-192
Human Health And Social Work activities	-562	-81	-136
Arts, entertainment and recreation	-463	-89	-141
Other Sectors	-962	-118	-153
Unclassified or unknown	-1,060	-71	-72
<b>Total</b>	<b>-15,593</b>	<b>-2,776</b>	<b>-3,731</b>

## Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date 191,894 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 102,283 are female and 89,611 are male

Some 2,443 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 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 19 <sup>th</sup> October
Carlow	2,686	2,639	2,598
Cavan	4,701	4,640	4,611
Clare	3,888	3,841	3,812
Cork	19,096	18,853	18,700
Donegal	6,939	6,858	6,782
Dublin	52,953	52,462	52,114
Galway	11,463	11,335	11,253
Kerry	4,470	4,371	4,292
Kildare	8,148	8,074	8,014
Kilkenny	4,032	3,990	3,955
Laois	3,607	3,562	3,516
Leitrim	968	954	942
Limerick	7,614	7,510	7,433
Longford	1,634	1,600	1,566
Louth	6,005	5,927	5,884
Mayo	5,254	5,198	5,158
Meath	8,353	8,252	8,179
Monaghan	4,187	4,152	4,117
Offaly	3,147	3,122	3,096
Roscommon	2,524	2,505	2,477
Sligo	2,081	2,045	2,028
Tipperary	6,248	6,170	6,120
Waterford	6,019	5,897	5,808
Westmeath	3,264	3,214	3,180
Wexford	6,470	6,401	6,350
Wicklow	4,686	4,631	4,601
County not known	1,457	1,437	1,420
<b>Total</b>	<b>191,894</b>	<b>189,640</b>	<b>188,006</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 (40,473) and Human Health and Social Work (30,829), followed by Manufacturing (25,622).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 19 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Industrial Sector</b>			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	2,500	2,471	2,457
Manufacturing	25,622	25,349	25,132
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	1,138	1,124	1,110
Construction	11,126	10,970	10,822
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	40,473	39,989	39,696
Transportation and storage	7,563	7,504	7,454
Accommodation and food service activities	14,439	14,205	14,054
Information and communication activities	3,482	3,450	3,403
Financial and insurance activities	6,849	6,785	6,726
Real Estate activities	1,526	1,524	1,504
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	6,970	6,869	6,825
Administrative and support service activities	16,383	16,221	16,103
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	7,827	7,718	7,623
Education	5,766	5,629	5,578
Human Health and Social Work activities	30,829	30,546	30,357
Arts, entertainment and recreation	2,074	2,048	2,021
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	6,326	6,237	6,162
Unclassified or unknown	1,001	1,001	979
<b>Total</b>	<b>191,894</b>	<b>189,640</b>	<b>188,006</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 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 19 <sup>th</sup> October
< 25	35,269	34,999	34,791
25-34	48,569	48,013	47,627
35-44	48,852	48,198	47,709
45-54	35,866	35,411	35,058
55+	23,338	23,019	22,821
<b>Total</b>	<b>191,894</b>	<b>189,640</b>	<b>188,006</b>