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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 74,752 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 33,093 are female and 41,659 are male.

County Breakdown

County	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 9 th November	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 2 nd November	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	637	669	5,047	7,114
Cavan	921	972	7,165	9,941
Clare	1,682	1,735	11,230	14,869
Cork	6,530	6,773	49,195	62,460
Donegal	2,029	2,118	16,421	22,594
Dublin	28,917	30,144	149,534	174,163
Galway	3,733	3,906	25,603	33,132
Kerry	2,345	2,450	18,476	22,217
Kildare	3,415	3,556	21,422	26,720
Kilkenny	1,108	1,156	8,957	11,491
Laois	1,026	1,072	7,420	9,700
Leitrim	386	400	2,982	4,044
Limerick	2,446	2,557	17,533	21,964
Longford	510	533	3,223	4,403
Louth	2,301	2,382	14,351	16,983
Mayo	1,599	1,640	13,150	16,381
Meath	3,594	3,718	20,011	26,614
Monaghan	939	968	6,735	8,284
Offaly	886	917	6,687	9,067
Roscommon	704	726	5,583	7,577
Sligo	738	764	6,018	7,725
Tipperary	1,658	1,719	13,076	18,515
Waterford	1,346	1,402	10,683	13,662
Westmeath	1,126	1,169	8,415	11,353
Wexford	1,814	1,917	15,906	20,441
Wicklow	2,216	2,293	14,593	18,502
County not included	146	150	1,915	2,184
Total	74,752	77,806	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 (12,170) followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (12,366) and Administrative and support service activities (8,771).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 9 th November	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 2 nd November	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	1,116	1,141	7,099	8,704
Manufacturing	5,014	5,162	27,732	39,554
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	370	382	1,619	2,150
Construction	7,065	7,403	62,902	84,169
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	12,366	12,758	76,606	94,240
Transportation and storage	3,621	3,725	13,629	18,130
Accommodation and food service activities	12,170	12,890	111,872	131,230
Information and communication activities	2,299	2,387	8,595	11,304
Financial and insurance activities	2,243	2,311	8,811	11,455
Real Estate activities	1,158	1,196	6,359	7,865
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	3,852	3,989	16,920	24,199
Administrative and support service activities	8,771	9,205	41,565	44,986
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	1,351	1,405	7,977	10,354
Education	2,588	2,711	14,790	21,552
Human Health And Social Work activities	2,958	3,043	15,320	23,668
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,951	2,059	13,133	14,211
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	4,141	4,276	35,712	39,090
Unclassified or unknown	1,718	1,763	10,690	15,239
Total	74,752	77,806	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 9th November	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 9th November	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 9th November
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	617	248	251
Manufacturing	3330	786	898
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	265	43	62
Construction	4927	939	1199
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	6463	2612	3291
Transportation and storage	2264	602	755
Accommodation and food service activities	6088	2707	3375
Information and communication activities	1494	307	498
Financial and insurance activities	1341	348	554
Real Estate activities	640	226	292
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	2491	596	765
Administrative and support service activities	5359	1486	1926
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	682	215	454
Education	1289	495	804
Human Health And Social Work activities	1437	521	1000
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1021	351	579
Other Sectors	1693	867	1581
Unclassified or unknown	514	308	896
Total	41,915	13,657	19,180

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 9 th November	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 2 nd November
< 25	6,378	6,839
25-34	15,885	16,775
35-44	19,427	20,159
45-54	17,200	17,752
55+	15,862	16,281
Total	74,752	77,806

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 9 th November	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 9 th November	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 9 th November
Male	26,112	7,048	8,499
Female	15,803	6,609	10,681
Total	41,915	13,657	19,180

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 9 th November	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 9 th November	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 9 th November
< 25	2,844	1,831	1,703
25-34	9,627	2,993	3,265
35-44	11,724	3,188	4,515
45-54	9,471	2,909	4,820
55+	8,249	2,736	4,877
Total	41,915	13,657	19,180

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 9 th November	Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 2 nd November	Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 26 th October
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	-25	-219	-38
Manufacturing	-148	-760	-141
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	-12	-57	-11
Construction	-338	-1,265	-296
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	-392	-2,253	-370
Transportation and storage	-104	-520	-102
Accommodation and food service activities	-720	-2,662	-640
Information and communication activities	-88	-444	-73
Financial and insurance activities	-68	-536	-71
Real Estate activities	-38	-239	-30
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	-137	-719	-133
Administrative and support service activities	-434	-1,732	-357
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	-54	-474	-54
Education	-123	-666	-101
Human Health And Social Work activities	-85	-562	-81
Arts, entertainment and recreation	-108	-463	-89
Other Sectors	-135	-962	-118
Unclassified or unknown	-45	-1,060	-71
Total	-3,054	-15,593	-2,776

Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date 197,142 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 105,155 are female and 91,987 are male

Some 2,842 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 9 th November	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 2 nd November	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 26 th October
Carlow	2,809	2,686	2,639
Cavan	4,780	4,701	4,640
Clare	4,033	3,888	3,841
Cork	19,703	19,096	18,853
Donegal	7,116	6,939	6,858
Dublin	54,092	52,953	52,462
Galway	11,758	11,463	11,335
Kerry	4,708	4,470	4,371
Kildare	8,326	8,148	8,074
Kilkenny	4,138	4,032	3,990
Laois	3,710	3,607	3,562
Leitrim	1,010	968	954
Limerick	7,808	7,614	7,510
Longford	1,705	1,634	1,600
Louth	6,232	6,005	5,927
Mayo	5,388	5,254	5,198
Meath	8,598	8,353	8,252
Monaghan	4,262	4,187	4,152
Offaly	3,221	3,147	3,122
Roscommon	2,603	2,524	2,505
Sligo	2,159	2,081	2,045
Tipperary	6,465	6,248	6,170
Waterford	6,223	6,019	5,897
Westmeath	3,337	3,264	3,214
Wexford	6,645	6,470	6,401
Wicklow	4,827	4,686	4,631
County not known	1,486	1,457	1,437
Total	197,142	191,894	189,640

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 (41,297) and Human Health and Social Work (31,435), followed by Manufacturing (26,419).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 9 th November	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 2 nd November	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 26 th October
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	2,558	2,500	2,471
Manufacturing	26,419	25,622	25,349
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	1,171	1,138	1,124
Construction	11,532	11,126	10,970
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	41,297	40,473	39,989
Transportation and storage	7,786	7,563	7,504
Accommodation and food service activities	14,976	14,439	14,205
Information and communication activities	3,547	3,482	3,450
Financial and insurance activities	7,025	6,849	6,785
Real Estate activities	1,556	1,526	1,524
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	7,156	6,970	6,869
Administrative and support service activities	16,859	16,383	16,221
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	8,140	7,827	7,718
Education	5,930	5,766	5,629
Human Health and Social Work activities	31,435	30,829	30,546
Arts, entertainment and recreation	2,149	2,074	2,048
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	6,575	6,326	6,237
Unclassified or unknown	1,031	1,001	1,001
Total	197,142	191,894	189,640

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 9 th November	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 2 nd November	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 26 th October
< 25	36,154	35,269	34,999
25-34	49,832	48,569	48,013
35-44	50,379	48,852	48,198
45-54	36,852	35,866	35,411
55+	23,925	23,338	23,019
Total	197,142	191,894	189,640