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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 60,413 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 25,597 are female and 34,816 are male.

County Breakdown

County	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 16th November	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 2nd November	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment at its 2021 peak on 9th February 2021	Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment at its 2020 peak in week commencing 4th May 2020
Carlow	520	669	5,084	7,135
Cavan	761	972	7,264	10,013
Clare	1,384	1,735	11,784	14,984
Cork	5,194	6,773	49,700	62,867
Donegal	1,571	2,118	16,578	22,725
Dublin	23,525	30,144	150,981	174,909
Galway	2,987	3,906	25,883	33,342
Kerry	1,845	2,450	18,643	22,350
Kildare	2,805	3,556	21,669	26,896
Kilkenny	895	1,156	9,060	11,573
Laois	851	1,072	7,521	9,796
Leitrim	314	400	3,028	4,064
Limerick	1,916	2,557	17,106	22,072
Longford	398	533	3,284	4,436
Louth	1,864	2,382	13,514	17,121
Mayo	1,268	1,640	13,306	16,496
Meath	3,013	3,718	21,119	26,840
Monaghan	753	968	6,825	8,340
Offaly	697	917	6,765	9,126
Roscommon	560	726	5,750	7,647
Sligo	601	764	6,089	7,787
Tipperary	1,326	1,719	13,226	18,628
Waterford	1,062	1,402	10,786	13,760
Westmeath	920	1,169	8,423	11,417
Wexford	1,455	1,917	16,126	20,621
Wicklow	1,806	2,293	14,744	18,635
County not included	122	150	2,096	2,088
Total	60,413	77,806	*486,354	*605,668

* These figures have been revised to take account of arrears that were paid in respect of the weeks 9th February 2021 and 4th May 2020.

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Sector breakdowns

The sector with the highest number of people in receipt of the Pandemic Unemployment Payment is Wholesale and Retail Trade (10,003) followed by Accommodation and Food Service Activities (9,455) and Administrative and support service activities (7,163).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 16 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	920	1,141	7,192	8,753
Manufacturing	4,348	5,162	28,205	39,787
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	319	382	1,639	2,162
Construction	6,063	7,403	63,700	84,653
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	10,003	12,758	77,371	94,790
Transportation and storage	3,018	3,725	13,789	18,234
Accommodation and food service activities	9,455	12,890	112,375	132,004
Information and communication activities	1,947	2,387	8,696	11,369
Financial and insurance activities	1,851	2,311	8,892	11,529
Real Estate activities	940	1,196	6,423	7,915
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	3,253	3,989	17,131	24,347
Administrative and support service activities	7,163	9,205	42,108	45,259
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	1,036	1,405	8,061	10,418
Education	2,032	2,711	14,947	21,679
Human Health And Social Work activities	2,299	3,043	15,582	23,812
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,499	2,059	13,209	14,295
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	3,066	4,276	35,893	39,324
Unclassified or unknown	1,201	1,763	11,141	15,338
Total	60,413	77,806	486,354	605,668

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 €250 on 16th November	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 16th November
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	606	314
Manufacturing	3,257	1,091
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	257	62
Construction	4,743	1,320
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	6,315	3,688
Transportation and storage	2,194	824
Accommodation and food service activities	5,730	3,725
Information and communication activities	1,446	501
Financial and insurance activities	1,310	541
Real Estate activities	620	320
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	2,406	847
Administrative and support service activities	5,090	2,073
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	653	383
Education	1,239	793
Human Health And Social Work activities	1,387	912
Arts, entertainment and recreation	973	526
Other Sectors	1,636	1,430
Unclassified or unknown	495	706
Total	40,357	20,056

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 16 th November	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 2 nd November
< 25	4,900	6,839
25-34	13,281	16,775
35-44	16,122	20,159
45-54	13,698	17,752
55+	12,412	16,281
Total	60,413	77,806

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 16 th November	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 16 th November
Male	25,075	9,741
Female	15,282	10,315
Total	40,357	20,056

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 16 th November	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 16 th November
< 25	2,668	2,232
25-34	9,134	4,147
35-44	11,298	4,824
45-54	9,214	4,484
55+	8,043	4,369
Total	40,357	20,056

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 16 th November	Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 2 nd November
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	-221	-219
Manufacturing	-814	-760
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	-63	-57
Construction	-1,340	-1,265
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	-2,755	-2,253
Transportation and storage	-707	-520
Accommodation and food service activities	-3,435	-2,662
Information and communication activities	-440	-444
Financial and insurance activities	-460	-536
Real Estate activities	-256	-239
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	-736	-719
Administrative and support service activities	-2,042	-1,732
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	-369	-474
Education	-679	-666
Human Health And Social Work activities	-744	-562
Arts, entertainment and recreation	-560	-463
Other Sectors	-1,210	-962
Unclassified or unknown	-562	-1,060
Total	-17,393	-15,593

Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date 198,480 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 105,874 are female and 92,606 are male.

Some 3,402 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 16 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 19 th October
Carlow	2,837	2,686	2,598
Cavan	4,801	4,701	4,611
Clare	4,058	3,888	3,812
Cork	19,856	19,096	18,700
Donegal	7,161	6,939	6,782
Dublin	54,356	52,953	52,114
Galway	11,846	11,463	11,253
Kerry	4,780	4,470	4,292
Kildare	8,370	8,148	8,014
Kilkenny	4,165	4,032	3,955
Laois	3,740	3,607	3,516
Leitrim	1,025	968	942
Limerick	7,853	7,614	7,433
Longford	1,721	1,634	1,566
Louth	6,282	6,005	5,884
Mayo	5,429	5,254	5,158
Meath	8,667	8,353	8,179
Monaghan	4,277	4,187	4,117
Offaly	3,251	3,147	3,096
Roscommon	2,619	2,524	2,477
Sligo	2,175	2,081	2,028
Tipperary	6,505	6,248	6,120
Waterford	6,272	6,019	5,808
Westmeath	3,379	3,264	3,180
Wexford	6,681	6,470	6,350
Wicklow	4,884	4,686	4,601
County not known	1,490	1,457	1,420
Total	198,480	191,894	188,006

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 (41,547) and Human Health and Social Work (31,551), followed by Manufacturing (26,594).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 16 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 19 th October
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	2,574	2,500	2,457
Manufacturing	26,594	25,622	25,132
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	1,189	1,138	1,110
Construction	11,634	11,126	10,822
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	41,547	40,473	39,696
Transportation and storage	7,853	7,563	7,454
Accommodation and food service activities	15,108	14,439	14,054
Information and communication activities	3,568	3,482	3,403
Financial and insurance activities	7,081	6,849	6,726
Real Estate activities	1,567	1,526	1,504
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	7,203	6,970	6,825
Administrative and support service activities	16,955	16,383	16,103
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	8,214	7,827	7,623
Education	5,994	5,766	5,578
Human Health and Social Work activities	31,551	30,829	30,357
Arts, entertainment and recreation	2,172	2,074	2,021
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	6,648	6,326	6,162
Unclassified or unknown	1,028	1,001	979
Total	198,480	191,894	188,006

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 16 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 19 th October
< 25	36,305	35,269	34,791
25-34	50,190	48,569	47,627
35-44	50,767	48,852	47,709
45-54	37,128	35,866	35,058
55+	24,090	23,338	22,821
Total	198,480	191,894	188,006