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

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Table 1 – Analysis of Pandemic Unemployment Payments

There are 54,824 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 23,137 are female and 31,687 are male.

County Breakdown

County	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 30th November	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 23rd 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	478	495	5,084	7,135
Cavan	705	731	7,264	10,013
Clare	1,266	1,322	11,784	14,984
Cork	4,748	4,939	49,700	62,867
Donegal	1,409	1,469	16,578	22,725
Dublin	21,113	22,048	150,981	174,909
Galway	2,712	2,836	25,883	33,342
Kerry	1,683	1,757	18,643	22,350
Kildare	2,578	2,668	21,669	26,896
Kilkenny	823	855	9,060	11,573
Laois	779	801	7,521	9,796
Leitrim	287	299	3,028	4,064
Limerick	1,730	1,807	17,106	22,072
Longford	360	380	3,284	4,436
Louth	1,722	1,783	13,514	17,121
Mayo	1,145	1,195	13,306	16,496
Meath	2,759	2,862	21,119	26,840
Monaghan	700	726	6,825	8,340
Offaly	626	658	6,765	9,126
Roscommon	500	522	5,750	7,647
Sligo	549	573	6,089	7,787
Tipperary	1,213	1,267	13,226	18,628
Waterford	960	1,004	10,786	13,760
Westmeath	855	876	8,423	11,417
Wexford	1,338	1,380	16,126	20,621
Wicklow	1,672	1,734	14,744	18,635
County not included	114	117	2,096	2,088
Total	54,824	57,104	*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.

Table 2 – 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 (9,229) followed by Accommodation and Food Service Activities (8,227) and Administrative and support service activities (6,375).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 30 th November	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 23 rd 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	867	889	7,192	8,753
Manufacturing	4,019	4,174	28,205	39,787
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	299	313	1,639	2,162
Construction	5,540	5,748	63,700	84,653
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	9,229	9,588	77,371	94,790
Transportation and storage	2,823	2,908	13,789	18,234
Accommodation and food service activities	8,227	8,680	112,375	132,004
Information and communication activities	1,793	1,863	8,696	11,369
Financial and insurance activities	1,728	1,776	8,892	11,529
Real Estate activities	868	894	6,423	7,915
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	3,025	3,113	17,131	24,347
Administrative and support service activities	6,375	6,664	42,108	45,259
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	950	989	8,061	10,418
Education	1,824	1,928	14,947	21,679
Human Health And Social Work activities	2,092	2,180	15,582	23,812
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,325	1,391	13,209	14,295
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	2,792	2,901	35,893	39,324
Unclassified or unknown	1,048	1,105	11,141	15,338
Total	54,824	57,104	486,354	605,668

Note: The sector breakdowns are estimated from the NACE code of the last known employer.

Table 3 – Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by sector

	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 30 th November	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 30 th November
Industrial Sector		
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	581	286
Manufacturing	3,082	937
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	244	55
Construction	4,396	1,144
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	6,026	3,203
Transportation and storage	2,096	727
Accommodation and food service activities	5,192	3,035
Information and communication activities	1,372	421
Financial and insurance activities	1,258	470
Real Estate activities	588	280
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	2,296	729
Administrative and support service activities	4,665	1,710
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	617	333
Education	1,153	671
Human Health And Social Work activities	1,322	770
Arts, entertainment and recreation	898	427
Other Sectors	1,558	1,234
Unclassified or unknown	474	574
Total	37,818	17,006

Note: The sector breakdowns are estimated from the NACE code of the last known employer.

Table 4 – Pandemic Unemployment Payment Age Profile

Age category	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 30th November	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 23rd November
< 25	4,131	4,427
25-34	11,668	12,275
35-44	14,802	15,352
45-54	12,671	13,112
55+	11,552	11,938
Total	54,824	57,104

Table 5 – Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 30th November	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 30th November
Male	23,416	8,271
Female	14,402	8,735
Total	37,818	17,006

Table 6 – Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 30th November	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 30th November
< 25	2,353	1,778
25-34	8,257	3,411
35-44	10,691	4,111
45-54	8,787	3,884
55+	7,730	3,822
Total	37,818	17,006

Table 7 – 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 30th November	Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 23rd November
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	-22	-31
Manufacturing	-155	-174
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	-14	-6
Construction	-208	-315
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	-359	-415
Transportation and storage	-85	-110
Accommodation and food service activities	-453	-775
Information and communication activities	-70	-84
Financial and insurance activities	-48	-75
Real Estate activities	-26	-46
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	-88	-140
Administrative and support service activities	-289	-499
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	-39	-47
Education	-104	-104
Human Health And Social Work activities	-88	-119
Arts, entertainment and recreation	-66	-108
Other Sectors	-109	-165
Unclassified or unknown	-57	-96
Total	-2,280	-3,309

Table 8 – Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date 207,396 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 110,745 are female and 96,651 are male.

Some 4,451 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 30 th November	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 23 rd November	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 16 th November
Carlow	3,004	2,923	2,837
Cavan	4,967	4,883	4,801
Clare	4,283	4,172	4,058
Cork	20,842	20,370	19,856
Donegal	7,383	7,286	7,161
Dublin	56,595	55,447	54,356
Galway	12,361	12,116	11,846
Kerry	5,122	4,970	4,780
Kildare	8,690	8,525	8,370
Kilkenny	4,378	4,256	4,165
Laois	3,915	3,832	3,740
Leitrim	1,098	1,060	1,025
Limerick	8,143	7,999	7,853
Longford	1,839	1,778	1,721
Louth	6,586	6,440	6,282
Mayo	5,699	5,576	5,429
Meath	9,092	8,885	8,667
Monaghan	4,391	4,337	4,277
Offaly	3,388	3,321	3,251
Roscommon	2,745	2,682	2,619
Sligo	2,299	2,248	2,175
Tipperary	6,835	6,656	6,505
Waterford	6,594	6,432	6,272
Westmeath	3,597	3,505	3,379
Wexford	6,933	6,796	6,681
Wicklow	5,108	5,007	4,884
County not known	1,509	1,499	1,490
Total	207,396	203,001	198,480

Table 9 – 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 (43,333) and Human Health and Social Work (32,569), followed by Manufacturing (27,699).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 30th November	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 23rd November	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 16th November
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	2,653	2,623	2,574
Manufacturing	27,699	27,183	26,594
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	1,262	1,222	1,189
Construction	12,288	11,946	11,634
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	43,333	42,428	41,547
Transportation and storage	8,237	8,039	7,853
Accommodation and food service activities	15,950	15,546	15,108
Information and communication activities	3,724	3,654	3,568
Financial and insurance activities	7,382	7,232	7,081
Real Estate activities	1,644	1,605	1,567
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	7,545	7,352	7,203
Administrative and support service activities	17,658	17,310	16,955
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	8,689	8,504	8,214
Education	6,325	6,136	5,994
Human Health and Social Work activities	32,569	32,083	31,551
Arts, entertainment and recreation	2,325	2,248	2,172
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	7,053	6,843	6,648
Unclassified or unknown	1,060	1,047	1,028
Total	207,396	203,001	198,480

Note: The sector breakdowns are estimated from the NACE code of the last known employer.

Table 10 – Enhanced Illness Benefit Age Profile

Age category	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 30th November	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 23rd November	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 16th November
< 25	37,833	37,114	36,305
25-34	52,339	51,287	50,190
35-44	53,319	52,055	50,767
45-54	38,801	37,966	37,128
55+	25,104	24,579	24,090
Total	207,396	203,001	198,480