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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 53,088 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 22,310 are female and 30,778 are male.

County Breakdown

County	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 7th December	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 30th 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	460	478	5,084	7,135
Cavan	683	705	7,264	10,013
Clare	1,234	1,266	11,784	14,984
Cork	4,572	4,748	49,700	62,867
Donegal	1,364	1,409	16,578	22,725
Dublin	20,469	21,113	150,981	174,909
Galway	2,614	2,712	25,883	33,342
Kerry	1,646	1,683	18,643	22,350
Kildare	2,500	2,578	21,669	26,896
Kilkenny	791	823	9,060	11,573
Laois	749	779	7,521	9,796
Leitrim	273	287	3,028	4,064
Limerick	1,679	1,730	17,106	22,072
Longford	343	360	3,284	4,436
Louth	1,685	1,722	13,514	17,121
Mayo	1,113	1,145	13,306	16,496
Meath	2,659	2,759	21,119	26,840
Monaghan	680	700	6,825	8,340
Offaly	611	626	6,765	9,126
Roscommon	480	500	5,750	7,647
Sligo	532	549	6,089	7,787
Tipperary	1,179	1,213	13,226	18,628
Waterford	934	960	10,786	13,760
Westmeath	821	855	8,423	11,417
Wexford	1,285	1,338	16,126	20,621
Wicklow	1,621	1,672	14,744	18,635
County not included	111	114	2,096	2,088
Total	53,088	54,824	*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 (8,961) followed by Accommodation and Food Service Activities (7,905) and Administrative and support service activities (6,141).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 7th December	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 30th 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 peak in week commencing 4th May 2020
Industrial Sector				
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	850	867	7,192	8,753
Manufacturing	3,908	4,019	28,205	39,787
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	295	299	1,639	2,162
Construction	5,411	5,540	63,700	84,653
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	8,961	9,229	77,371	94,790
Transportation and storage	2,746	2,823	13,789	18,234
Accommodation and food service activities	7,905	8,227	112,375	132,004
Information and communication activities	1,732	1,793	8,696	11,369
Financial and insurance activities	1,693	1,728	8,892	11,529
Real Estate activities	844	868	6,423	7,915
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	2,940	3,025	17,131	24,347
Administrative and support service activities	6,141	6,375	42,108	45,259
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	903	950	8,061	10,418
Education	1,741	1,824	14,947	21,679
Human Health And Social Work activities	2,010	2,092	15,582	23,812
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,285	1,325	13,209	14,295
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	2,723	2,792	35,893	39,324
Unclassified or unknown	1,000	1,048	11,141	15,338
Total	53,088	54,824	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 7 th December	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 7 th December
Industrial Sector		
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	572	278
Manufacturing	3,018	890
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	243	52
Construction	4,313	1,098
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	5,892	3,069
Transportation and storage	2,052	694
Accommodation and food service activities	5,050	2,855
Information and communication activities	1,334	398
Financial and insurance activities	1,240	453
Real Estate activities	575	269
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	2,238	702
Administrative and support service activities	4,527	1,614
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	593	310
Education	1,117	624
Human Health And Social Work activities	1,281	729
Arts, entertainment and recreation	875	410
Other Sectors	1,541	1,182
Unclassified or unknown	468	532
Total	36,929	16,159

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 7th December	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 30th November
< 25	3,895	4,131
25-34	11,211	11,668
35-44	14,344	14,802
45-54	12,306	12,671
55+	11,332	11,552
Total	53,088	54,824

Table 5 – Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 7th December	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 7th December
Male	22,878	7,900
Female	14,051	8,259
Total	36,929	16,159

Table 6 – Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 7th December	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 7th December
< 25	2,243	1,652
25-34	7,989	3,222
35-44	10,453	3,891
45-54	8,598	3,708
55+	7,646	3,686
Total	36,929	16,159

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 7th December	Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 30th November
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	-17	-22
Manufacturing	-111	-155
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	-4	-14
Construction	-129	-208
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	-268	-359
Transportation and storage	-77	-85
Accommodation and food service activities	-322	-453
Information and communication activities	-61	-70
Financial and insurance activities	-35	-48
Real Estate activities	-24	-26
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	-85	-88
Administrative and support service activities	-234	-289
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	-47	-39
Education	-83	-104
Human Health And Social Work activities	-82	-88
Arts, entertainment and recreation	-40	-66
Other Sectors	-69	-109
Unclassified or unknown	-48	-57
Total	-1,736	-2,280

Table 8 – Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date 212,930 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 113,656 are female and 99,274 are male.

Some 5,145 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 7 th December	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
Carlow	3,095	3,004	2,923
Cavan	5,035	4,967	4,883
Clare	4,429	4,283	4,172
Cork	21,476	20,842	20,370
Donegal	7,526	7,383	7,286
Dublin	57,952	56,595	55,447
Galway	12,680	12,361	12,116
Kerry	5,303	5,122	4,970
Kildare	8,963	8,690	8,525
Kilkenny	4,551	4,378	4,256
Laois	4,015	3,915	3,832
Leitrim	1,134	1,098	1,060
Limerick	8,310	8,143	7,999
Longford	1,906	1,839	1,778
Louth	6,783	6,586	6,440
Mayo	5,852	5,699	5,576
Meath	9,348	9,092	8,885
Monaghan	4,457	4,391	4,337
Offaly	3,455	3,388	3,321
Roscommon	2,806	2,745	2,682
Sligo	2,372	2,299	2,248
Tipperary	7,036	6,835	6,656
Waterford	6,799	6,594	6,432
Westmeath	3,745	3,597	3,505
Wexford	7,152	6,933	6,796
Wicklow	5,240	5,108	5,007
County not known	1,510	1,509	1,499
Total	212,930	207,396	203,001

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 (44,542) and Human Health and Social Work (33,055), followed by Manufacturing (28,425).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 7th December	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
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	2,706	2,653	2,623
Manufacturing	28,425	27,699	27,183
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	1,289	1,262	1,222
Construction	12,705	12,288	11,946
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	44,542	43,333	42,428
Transportation and storage	8,482	8,237	8,039
Accommodation and food service activities	16,554	15,950	15,546
Information and communication activities	3,802	3,724	3,654
Financial and insurance activities	7,533	7,382	7,232
Real Estate activities	1,683	1,644	1,605
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	7,745	7,545	7,352
Administrative and support service activities	18,141	17,658	17,310
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	8,959	8,689	8,504
Education	6,557	6,325	6,136
Human Health and Social Work activities	33,055	32,569	32,083
Arts, entertainment and recreation	2,390	2,325	2,248
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	7,280	7,053	6,843
Unclassified or unknown	1,082	1,060	1,047
Total	212,930	207,396	203,001

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 7th December	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
< 25	38,832	37,833	37,114
25-34	53,683	52,339	51,287
35-44	54,966	53,319	52,055
45-54	39,814	38,801	37,966
55+	25,635	25,104	24,579
Total	212,930	207,396	203,001