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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 55,336 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 22,825 are female and 32,511 are male.

County Breakdown

County	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 14th December	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 7th December	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	473	460	5,084	7,135
Cavan	707	683	7,264	10,013
Clare	1,294	1,234	11,784	14,984
Cork	4,695	4,572	49,700	62,867
Donegal	1,448	1,364	16,578	22,725
Dublin	21,330	20,469	150,981	174,909
Galway	2,705	2,614	25,883	33,342
Kerry	1,754	1,646	18,643	22,350
Kildare	2,568	2,500	21,669	26,896
Kilkenny	833	791	9,060	11,573
Laois	790	749	7,521	9,796
Leitrim	278	273	3,028	4,064
Limerick	1,754	1,679	17,106	22,072
Longford	356	343	3,284	4,436
Louth	1,758	1,685	13,514	17,121
Mayo	1,151	1,113	13,306	16,496
Meath	2,770	2,659	21,119	26,840
Monaghan	691	680	6,825	8,340
Offaly	672	611	6,765	9,126
Roscommon	511	480	5,750	7,647
Sligo	544	532	6,089	7,787
Tipperary	1,252	1,179	13,226	18,628
Waterford	988	934	10,786	13,760
Westmeath	861	821	8,423	11,417
Wexford	1,361	1,285	16,126	20,621
Wicklow	1,680	1,621	14,744	18,635
County not included	112	111	2,096	2,088
Total	55,336	53,088	*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 (9,281) followed by Accommodation and Food Service Activities (8,423) and Administrative and support service activities (6,486).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 14 th December	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 7 th December	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	884	850	7,192	8,753
Manufacturing	4,003	3,908	28,205	39,787
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	301	295	1,639	2,162
Construction	5,594	5,411	63,700	84,653
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	9,281	8,961	77,371	94,790
Transportation and storage	2,844	2,746	13,789	18,234
Accommodation and food service activities	8,423	7,905	112,375	132,004
Information and communication activities	1,824	1,732	8,696	11,369
Financial and insurance activities	1,749	1,693	8,892	11,529
Real Estate activities	870	844	6,423	7,915
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	2,996	2,940	17,131	24,347
Administrative and support service activities	6,486	6,141	42,108	45,259
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	951	903	8,061	10,418
Education	1,787	1,741	14,947	21,679
Human Health And Social Work activities	2,059	2,010	15,582	23,812
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,377	1,285	13,209	14,295
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	2,805	2,723	35,893	39,324
Unclassified or unknown	1,102	1,000	11,141	15,338
Total	55,336	53,088	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 €350 on 14 th December	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 14 th December	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 14 th December	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 14 th December	Number of people in receipt of €150 on 14 th December
Industrial Sector					
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	18	9	579	274	4
Manufacturing	110	20	2,985	874	14
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	7	0	246	47	1
Construction	190	29	4,279	1,066	30
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	185	95	5,935	2,984	82
Transportation and storage	55	25	2,069	677	18
Accommodation and food service activities	307	156	5,126	2,749	85
Information and communication activities	66	15	1,329	393	21
Financial and insurance activities	19	10	1,255	447	18
Real Estate activities	18	4	579	256	13
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	55	18	2,221	686	16
Administrative and support service activities	193	61	4,582	1,577	73
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	17	15	593	306	20
Education	48	21	1,114	584	20
Human Health And Social Work activities	47	16	1,287	699	10
Arts, entertainment and recreation	42	25	882	406	22
Other Sectors	46	21	1,560	1,155	23
Unclassified or unknown	19	11	525	505	42
Total	1,442	551	37,146	15,685	512

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 14th December	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 7th December
< 25	4,395	3,895
25-34	11,681	11,211
35-44	14,764	14,344
45-54	12,854	12,306
55+	11,642	11,332
Total	55,336	53,088

Table 5 – Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 14th December	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 14th December	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 14th December	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 14th December	Number of people in receipt of €150 on 14th December
Male	1,086	331	23,054	7,737	303
Female	356	220	14,092	7,948	209
Total	1,442	551	37,146	15,685	512

Table 6 – Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 14th December	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 14th December	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 14th December	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 14th December	Number of people in receipt of €150 on 14th December
< 25	203	152	2,333	1,589	118
25-34	431	143	7,937	3,097	73
35-44	400	104	10,418	3,764	78
45-54	277	106	8,726	3,624	121
55+	131	46	7,732	3,611	122
Total	1,442	551	37,146	15,685	512

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 14th December	Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 7th December
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	34	-17
Manufacturing	95	-111
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	6	-4
Construction	183	-129
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	320	-268
Transportation and storage	98	-77
Accommodation and food service activities	518	-322
Information and communication activities	92	-61
Financial and insurance activities	56	-35
Real Estate activities	26	-24
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	56	-85
Administrative and support service activities	345	-234
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	48	-47
Education	46	-83
Human Health And Social Work activities	49	-82
Arts, entertainment and recreation	92	-40
Other Sectors	82	-69
Unclassified or unknown	102	-48
Total	2,248	-1,736

Table 8 – Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date 218,505 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 116,530 are female and 101,975 are male.

Some 4,518 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 14 th December	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
Carlow	3,196	3,095	3,004
Cavan	5,113	5,035	4,967
Clare	4,551	4,429	4,283
Cork	22,040	21,476	20,842
Donegal	7,698	7,526	7,383
Dublin	59,428	57,952	56,595
Galway	13,010	12,680	12,361
Kerry	5,459	5,303	5,122
Kildare	9,247	8,963	8,690
Kilkenny	4,679	4,551	4,378
Laois	4,123	4,015	3,915
Leitrim	1,163	1,134	1,098
Limerick	8,475	8,310	8,143
Longford	1,955	1,906	1,839
Louth	6,946	6,783	6,586
Mayo	5,977	5,852	5,699
Meath	9,629	9,348	9,092
Monaghan	4,510	4,457	4,391
Offaly	3,555	3,455	3,388
Roscommon	2,878	2,806	2,745
Sligo	2,436	2,372	2,299
Tipperary	7,246	7,036	6,835
Waterford	6,992	6,799	6,594
Westmeath	3,896	3,745	3,597
Wexford	7,386	7,152	6,933
Wicklow	5,396	5,240	5,108
County not known	1,521	1,510	1,509
Total	218,505	212,930	207,396

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 (45,788) and Human Health and Social Work (33,561), followed by Manufacturing (29,100).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 14th December	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
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	2,748	2,706	2,653
Manufacturing	29,100	28,425	27,699
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	1,330	1,289	1,262
Construction	13,172	12,705	12,288
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	45,788	44,542	43,333
Transportation and storage	8,762	8,482	8,237
Accommodation and food service activities	17,172	16,554	15,950
Information and communication activities	3,879	3,802	3,724
Financial and insurance activities	7,688	7,533	7,382
Real Estate activities	1,710	1,683	1,644
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	7,976	7,745	7,545
Administrative and support service activities	18,612	18,141	17,658
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	9,160	8,959	8,689
Education	6,758	6,557	6,325
Human Health and Social Work activities	33,561	33,055	32,569
Arts, entertainment and recreation	2,479	2,390	2,325
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	7,513	7,280	7,053
Unclassified or unknown	1,097	1,082	1,060
Total	218,505	212,930	207,396

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 14th December	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
< 25	39851	38,832	37,833
25-34	54983	53,683	52,339
35-44	56628	54,966	53,319
45-54	40846	39,814	38,801
55+	26197	25,635	25,104
Total	218,505	212,930	207,396