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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 57,603 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 23,530 are female and 34,073 are male.

County Breakdown

County	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 21st December	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 14th 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	502	473	5,084	7,135
Cavan	728	707	7,264	10,013
Clare	1,318	1,294	11,784	14,984
Cork	4,901	4,695	49,700	62,867
Donegal	1,523	1,448	16,578	22,725
Dublin	22,196	21,330	150,981	174,909
Galway	2,789	2,705	25,883	33,342
Kerry	1,843	1,754	18,643	22,350
Kildare	2,658	2,568	21,669	26,896
Kilkenny	884	833	9,060	11,573
Laois	826	790	7,521	9,796
Leitrim	297	278	3,028	4,064
Limerick	1,817	1,754	17,106	22,072
Longford	373	356	3,284	4,436
Louth	1,812	1,758	13,514	17,121
Mayo	1,209	1,151	13,306	16,496
Meath	2,868	2,770	21,119	26,840
Monaghan	710	691	6,825	8,340
Offaly	722	672	6,765	9,126
Roscommon	539	511	5,750	7,647
Sligo	566	544	6,089	7,787
Tipperary	1,300	1,252	13,226	18,628
Waterford	1,043	988	10,786	13,760
Westmeath	906	861	8,423	11,417
Wexford	1,419	1,361	16,126	20,621
Wicklow	1,745	1,680	14,744	18,635
County not included	109	112	2,096	2,088
Total	57,603	55,336	*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 (9,604) followed by Accommodation and Food Service Activities (8,969) and Administrative and support service activities (6,738).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 21st December	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 14th 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 peak in week commencing 4th May 2020
Industrial Sector				
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	919	884	7,192	8,753
Manufacturing	4,132	4,003	28,205	39,787
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	313	301	1,639	2,162
Construction	5,914	5,594	63,700	84,653
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	9,604	9,281	77,371	94,790
Transportation and storage	2,968	2,844	13,789	18,234
Accommodation and food service activities	8,969	8,423	112,375	132,004
Information and communication activities	1,868	1,824	8,696	11,369
Financial and insurance activities	1,768	1,749	8,892	11,529
Real Estate activities	894	870	6,423	7,915
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	3,034	2,996	17,131	24,347
Administrative and support service activities	6,738	6,486	42,108	45,259
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	995	951	8,061	10,418
Education	1,840	1,787	14,947	21,679
Human Health And Social Work activities	2,148	2,059	15,582	23,812
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,433	1,377	13,209	14,295
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	2,881	2,805	35,893	39,324
Unclassified or unknown	1,185	1,102	11,141	15,338
Total	57,603	55,336	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 21 st December	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 21 st December	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 21 st December	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 21 st December	Number of people in receipt of €150 on 21 st December
Industrial Sector					
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	40	20	579	274	6
Manufacturing	233	44	2,968	854	33
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	18	4	244	46	1
Construction	456	75	4,280	1,051	52
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	370	173	5,983	2,934	144
Transportation and storage	116	45	2,098	676	33
Accommodation and food service activities	588	282	5,193	2,726	180
Information and communication activities	116	24	1,310	383	35
Financial and insurance activities	35	17	1,247	441	28
Real Estate activities	32	9	578	254	21
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	103	26	2,197	683	25
Administrative and support service activities	349	104	4,600	1,559	126
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	38	22	596	304	35
Education	84	34	1,112	576	34
Human Health And Social Work activities	116	36	1,288	687	21
Arts, entertainment and recreation	79	33	887	403	31
Other Sectors	95	47	1,563	1,131	45
Unclassified or unknown	38	16	543	505	83
Total	2,906	1,011	37,266	15,487	933

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 21st December	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 14th December
< 25	4,965	4,395
25-34	12,164	11,681
35-44	15,201	14,764
45-54	13,313	12,854
55+	11,960	11,642
Total	57,603	55,336

Table 5 – Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 21st December	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 21st December	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 21st December	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 21st December	Number of people in receipt of €150 on 21st December
Male	2,120	602	23,156	7,643	552
Female	786	409	14,110	7,844	381
Total	2,906	1,011	37,266	15,487	933

Table 6 – Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 21st December	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 21st December	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 21st December	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 21st December	Number of people in receipt of €150 on 21st December
< 25	406	297	2,438	1,587	237
25-34	886	255	7,882	3,015	126
35-44	797	190	10,372	3,699	143
45-54	548	173	8,788	3,586	218
55+	269	96	7,786	3,600	209
Total	2,906	1,011	37,266	15,487	933

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 21st December	Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 14th December
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	35	34
Manufacturing	129	95
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	12	6
Construction	320	183
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	323	320
Transportation and storage	124	98
Accommodation and food service activities	546	518
Information and communication activities	44	92
Financial and insurance activities	19	56
Real Estate activities	24	26
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	38	56
Administrative and support service activities	252	345
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	44	48
Education	53	46
Human Health And Social Work activities	89	49
Arts, entertainment and recreation	56	92
Other Sectors	76	82
Unclassified or unknown	83	102
Total	2,267	2,248

Table 8 – Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date 231,699 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 123,016 are female and 108,683 are male.

Some 8,237 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 21st December	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
Carlow	3,408	3,196	3,095
Cavan	5,285	5,113	5,035
Clare	4,875	4,551	4,429
Cork	23,521	22,040	21,476
Donegal	8,018	7,698	7,526
Dublin	63,247	59,428	57,952
Galway	13,695	13,010	12,680
Kerry	5,857	5,459	5,303
Kildare	9,975	9,247	8,963
Kilkenny	4,956	4,679	4,551
Laois	4,376	4,123	4,015
Leitrim	1,244	1,163	1,134
Limerick	8,865	8,475	8,310
Longford	2,084	1,955	1,906
Louth	7,309	6,946	6,783
Mayo	6,255	5,977	5,852
Meath	10,289	9,629	9,348
Monaghan	4,639	4,510	4,457
Offaly	3,787	3,555	3,455
Roscommon	3,042	2,878	2,806
Sligo	2,557	2,436	2,372
Tipperary	7,764	7,246	7,036
Waterford	7,394	6,992	6,799
Westmeath	4,203	3,896	3,745
Wexford	7,795	7,386	7,152
Wicklow	5,714	5,396	5,240
County not known	1,545	1,521	1,510
Total	231,699	218,505	212,930

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 (48,709) and Human Health and Social Work (34,630), followed by Manufacturing (30,618).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 21st December	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
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	2,876	2,748	2,706
Manufacturing	30,618	29,100	28,425
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	1,416	1,330	1,289
Construction	14,358	13,172	12,705
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	48,709	45,788	44,542
Transportation and storage	9,272	8,762	8,482
Accommodation and food service activities	18,918	17,172	16,554
Information and communication activities	4,080	3,879	3,802
Financial and insurance activities	7,989	7,688	7,533
Real Estate activities	1,822	1,710	1,683
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	8,505	7,976	7,745
Administrative and support service activities	19,737	18,612	18,141
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	9,507	9,160	8,959
Education	7,239	6,758	6,557
Human Health and Social Work activities	34,630	33,561	33,055
Arts, entertainment and recreation	2,727	2,479	2,390
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	8,119	7,513	7,280
Unclassified or unknown	1,177	1,097	1,082
Total	231,699	218,505	212,930

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 21st December	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
< 25	42,876	39,851	38,832
25-34	58,228	54,983	53,683
35-44	60,295	56,628	54,966
45-54	43,042	40,846	39,814
55+	27,258	26,197	25,635
Total	231,699	218,505	212,930