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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 66,905 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 27,451 are female and 39,454 are male.

County Breakdown

County	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 4th January 2022	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 21st December 2021	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	578	502	5,084	7,135
Cavan	820	728	7,264	10,013
Clare	1,516	1,318	11,784	14,984
Cork	5,859	4,901	49,700	62,867
Donegal	1,936	1,523	16,578	22,725
Dublin	25,263	22,196	150,981	174,909
Galway	3,285	2,789	25,883	33,342
Kerry	2,139	1,843	18,643	22,350
Kildare	3,024	2,658	21,669	26,896
Kilkenny	1,066	884	9,060	11,573
Laois	987	826	7,521	9,796
Leitrim	370	297	3,028	4,064
Limerick	2,105	1,817	17,106	22,072
Longford	434	373	3,284	4,436
Louth	2,106	1,812	13,514	17,121
Mayo	1,445	1,209	13,306	16,496
Meath	3,238	2,868	21,119	26,840
Monaghan	781	710	6,825	8,340
Offaly	875	722	6,765	9,126
Roscommon	641	539	5,750	7,647
Sligo	690	566	6,089	7,787
Tipperary	1,510	1,300	13,226	18,628
Waterford	1,250	1,043	10,786	13,760
Westmeath	1,130	906	8,423	11,417
Wexford	1,727	1,419	16,126	20,621
Wicklow	2,010	1,745	14,744	18,635
County not included	120	109	2,096	2,088
Total	66,905	57,603	*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 Accommodation and Food Service Activities (12,717), followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (10,832) and Administrative and support service activities (7,520).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 4th January 2022	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 21st December 2021	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	1,007	919	7,192	8,753
Manufacturing	4,506	4,132	28,205	39,787
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	334	313	1,639	2,162
Construction	6,417	5,914	63,700	84,653
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	10,832	9,604	77,371	94,790
Transportation and storage	3,323	2,968	13,789	18,234
Accommodation and food service activities	12,717	8,969	112,375	132,004
Information and communication activities	2,049	1,868	8,696	11,369
Financial and insurance activities	1,913	1,768	8,892	11,529
Real Estate activities	994	894	6,423	7,915
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	3,246	3,034	17,131	24,347
Administrative and support service activities	7,520	6,738	42,108	45,259
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	1,125	995	8,061	10,418
Education	2,025	1,840	14,947	21,679
Human Health And Social Work activities	2,436	2,148	15,582	23,812
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,769	1,433	13,209	14,295
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	3,321	2,881	35,893	39,324
Unclassified or unknown	1,371	1,185	11,141	15,338
Total	66,905	57,603	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 4 th January 2022	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 4 th January 2022	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 4 th January 2022	Number of people in receipt of €208 on 4 th January 2022	Number of people in receipt of €150 on 4 th January 2022
Industrial Sector					
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	82	41	587	280	17
Manufacturing	433	109	3,007	872	85
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	34	6	246	46	2
Construction	802	151	4,326	1062	76
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	795	479	6,234	3037	287
Transportation and storage	257	110	2,184	690	82
Accommodation and food service activities	2,058	999	5,937	3025	698
Information and communication activities	226	47	1,327	392	57
Financial and insurance activities	89	42	1,268	457	57
Real Estate activities	76	25	603	257	33
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	223	70	2,210	693	50
Administrative and support service activities	740	245	4727	1586	222
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	94	39	614	316	62
Education	161	74	1,141	584	65
Human Health And Social Work activities	279	67	1,331	701	58
Arts, entertainment and recreation	227	86	935	425	96
Other Sectors	276	122	1,648	1172	103
Unclassified or unknown	75	47	598	516	135
Total	6,927	2,759	38,923	16,111	2,185

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 4th January 2022	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 21st December 2021
< 25	7,970	4,965
25-34	14,135	12,164
35-44	16,826	15,201
45-54	14,850	13,313
55+	13,124	11,960
Total	66,905	57,603

Table 5 – Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 4th January 2022	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 4th January 2022	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 4th January 2022	Number of people in receipt of €208 on 4th January 2022	Number of people in receipt of €150 on 4th January 2022
Male	4,847	1,550	23,995	7,919	1,143
Female	2,080	1,209	14,928	8,192	1,042
Total	6,927	2,759	38,923	16,111	2,185

Table 6 – Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 4th January 2022	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 4th January 2022	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 4th January 2022	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 4th January 2022	Number of people in receipt of €150 on 4th January 2022
< 25	1,011	960	3,246	1,938	815
25-34	2,111	660	8,030	3,064	270
35-44	1,859	450	10,492	3,743	282
45-54	1,272	425	9,066	3,676	411
55+	674	264	8,089	3,690	407
Total	6,927	2,759	38,923	16,111	2,185

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 4th January 2022	Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 21st December 2021
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	88	35
Manufacturing	374	129
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	21	12
Construction	503	320
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	1,228	323
Transportation and storage	355	124
Accommodation and food service activities	3748	546
Information and communication activities	181	44
Financial and insurance activities	145	19
Real Estate activities	100	24
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	212	38
Administrative and support service activities	782	252
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	130	44
Education	185	53
Human Health And Social Work activities	288	89
Arts, entertainment and recreation	336	56
Other Sectors	440	76
Unclassified or unknown	186	83
Total	9,302	2,267

Table 8 – Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date 254,085 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 135,448 are female and 118,637 are male.

Some 14,439 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 4 th January 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 21 st December 2021	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 14 th December 2021
Carlow	3,634	3,408	3,196
Cavan	5,569	5,285	5,113
Clare	5,358	4,875	4,551
Cork	25,628	23,521	22,040
Donegal	8,926	8,018	7,698
Dublin	70,247	63,247	59,428
Galway	15,048	13,695	13,010
Kerry	6,469	5,857	5,459
Kildare	11,051	9,975	9,247
Kilkenny	5,624	4,956	4,679
Laois	4,788	4,376	4,123
Leitrim	1,383	1,244	1,163
Limerick	9,572	8,865	8,475
Longford	2,205	2,084	1,955
Louth	7,945	7,309	6,946
Mayo	6,794	6,255	5,977
Meath	11,344	10,289	9,629
Monaghan	4,868	4,639	4,510
Offaly	4,147	3,787	3,555
Roscommon	3,274	3,042	2,878
Sligo	2,818	2,557	2,436
Tipperary	8,608	7,764	7,246
Waterford	7,885	7,394	6,992
Westmeath	4,654	4,203	3,896
Wexford	8,332	7,795	7,386
Wicklow	6,327	5,714	5,396
County not known	1,587	1,545	1,521
Total	254,085	231,699	218,505

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 (54,442) and Human Health and Social Work (36,266), followed by Manufacturing (32,324).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 4th January 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 21st December 2021	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 14th December 2021
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	3,102	2,876	2,748
Manufacturing	32,324	30,618	29,100
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	1,511	1,416	1,330
Construction	15,534	14,358	13,172
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	54,442	48,709	45,788
Transportation and storage	10,092	9,272	8,762
Accommodation and food service activities	23,592	18,918	17,172
Information and communication activities	4,421	4,080	3,879
Financial and insurance activities	8,420	7,989	7,688
Real Estate activities	2,057	1,822	1,710
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	9,214	8,505	7,976
Administrative and support service activities	21,802	19,737	18,612
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	9,965	9,507	9,160
Education	7,944	7,239	6,758
Human Health and Social Work activities	36,266	34,630	33,561
Arts, entertainment and recreation	3,284	2,727	2,479
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	8,863	8,119	7,513
Unclassified or unknown	1,252	1,177	1,097
Total	254,085	231,699	218,505

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 4th January 2022	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
< 25	50,935	42,876	39,851
25-34	63,894	58,228	54,983
35-44	64,838	60,295	56,628
45-54	45,811	43,042	40,846
55+	28,607	27,258	26,197
Total	254,085	231,699	218,505