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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 75,648 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 31,489 are female and 44,159 are male.

County Breakdown

County	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 11th January 2022	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 4th January 2022	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	674	578	5,084	7,135
Cavan	1,005	820	7,264	10,013
Clare	1,754	1,516	11,784	14,984
Cork	6,873	5,859	49,700	62,867
Donegal	2,381	1,936	16,578	22,725
Dublin	26,949	25,263	150,981	174,909
Galway	3,836	3,285	25,883	33,342
Kerry	2,526	2,139	18,643	22,350
Kildare	3,355	3,024	21,669	26,896
Kilkenny	1,279	1,066	9,060	11,573
Laois	1,117	987	7,521	9,796
Leitrim	426	370	3,028	4,064
Limerick	2,419	2,105	17,106	22,072
Longford	505	434	3,284	4,436
Louth	2,375	2,106	13,514	17,121
Mayo	1,827	1,445	13,306	16,496
Meath	3,539	3,238	21,119	26,840
Monaghan	922	781	6,825	8,340
Offaly	1,064	875	6,765	9,126
Roscommon	760	641	5,750	7,647
Sligo	890	690	6,089	7,787
Tipperary	1,827	1,510	13,226	18,628
Waterford	1,503	1,250	10,786	13,760
Westmeath	1,355	1,130	8,423	11,417
Wexford	2,173	1,727	16,126	20,621
Wicklow	2,190	2,010	14,744	18,635
County not included	124	120	2,096	2,088
Total	75,648	66,905	*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 (16,098), followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (12,207) and Administrative and support service activities (8,070).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 11th January 2022	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 4th January 2022	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	1,136	1,007	7,192	8,753
Manufacturing	5,111	4,506	28,205	39,787
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	364	334	1,639	2,162
Construction	7,221	6,417	63,700	84,653
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	12,207	10,832	77,371	94,790
Transportation and storage	3,513	3,323	13,789	18,234
Accommodation and food service activities	16,098	12,717	112,375	132,004
Information and communication activities	2,146	2,049	8,696	11,369
Financial and insurance activities	1,998	1,913	8,892	11,529
Real Estate activities	1,083	994	6,423	7,915
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	3,378	3,246	17,131	24,347
Administrative and support service activities	8,070	7,520	42,108	45,259
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	1,232	1,125	8,061	10,418
Education	2,149	2,025	14,947	21,679
Human Health And Social Work activities	2,790	2,436	15,582	23,812
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,937	1,769	13,209	14,295
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	3,784	3,321	35,893	39,324
Unclassified or unknown	1,431	1,371	11,141	15,338
Total	75,648	66,905	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 11 th January 2022	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 11 th January 2022	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 11 th January 2022	Number of people in receipt of €208 on 11 th January 2022	Number of people in receipt of €150 on 11 th January 2022
Industrial Sector					
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	147	63	614	281	31
Manufacturing	915	181	3,045	858	112
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	64	7	244	47	2
Construction	1,439	250	4,374	1,042	116
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	1,486	766	6,474	3,054	427
Transportation and storage	402	136	2,208	673	94
Accommodation and food service activities	3,398	1,654	6,645	3,280	1,121
Information and communication activities	297	62	1,337	378	72
Financial and insurance activities	150	59	1,272	450	67
Real Estate activities	115	40	620	261	47
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	330	96	2,211	672	69
Administrative and support service activities	1,093	339	4,789	1,573	276
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	171	53	627	309	72
Education	226	109	1,152	582	80
Human Health And Social Work activities	508	143	1,358	701	80
Arts, entertainment and recreation	294	121	962	426	134
Other Sectors	474	242	1,717	1,177	174
Unclassified or unknown	98	57	619	493	164
Total	11,607	4,378	40,268	16,257	3,138

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 11th January 2022	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 4th January 2022
< 25	11,101	7,970
25-34	16,049	14,135
35-44	18,596	16,826
45-54	16,121	14,850
55+	13,781	13,124
Total	75,648	66,905

Table 5 – Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 11th January 2022	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 11th January 2022	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 11th January 2022	Number of people in receipt of €208 on 11th January 2022	Number of people in receipt of €150 on 11th January 2022
Male	7,919	2,307	24,527	7,892	1,513
Female	3,688	2,071	15,741	8,365	1,625
Total	11,607	4,378	40,268	16,257	3,138

Table 6 – Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 11th January 2022	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 11th January 2022	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 11th January 2022	Number of people in receipt of €208 on 11th January 2022	Number of people in receipt of €150 on 11th January 2022
< 25	1,793	1,631	4,053	2,268	1,356
25-34	3,435	1,017	8,170	3,044	383
35-44	3,149	727	10,611	3,711	398
45-54	2,159	628	9,219	3,603	512
55+	1,071	375	8,215	3,631	489
Total	11,607	4,378	40,268	16,257	3,138

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 11th January 2022	Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 4th January 2022
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	129	88
Manufacturing	605	374
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	30	21
Construction	804	503
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	1,375	1,228
Transportation and storage	190	355
Accommodation and food service activities	3,381	3748
Information and communication activities	97	181
Financial and insurance activities	85	145
Real Estate activities	89	100
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	132	212
Administrative and support service activities	550	782
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	107	130
Education	124	185
Human Health And Social Work activities	354	288
Arts, entertainment and recreation	168	336
Other Sectors	463	440
Unclassified or unknown	60	186
Total	8,743	9,302

Table 8 – Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date 324,263 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 172,724 are female and 151,539 are male.

Some 52,389 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 11th January 2022	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
Carlow	4,485	3,634	3,408
Cavan	6,870	5,569	5,285
Clare	7,354	5,358	4,875
Cork	32,979	25,628	23,521
Donegal	11,331	8,926	8,018
Dublin	87,097	70,247	63,247
Galway	19,418	15,048	13,695
Kerry	9,089	6,469	5,857
Kildare	14,146	11,051	9,975
Kilkenny	7,183	5,624	4,956
Laois	6,008	4,788	4,376
Leitrim	1,871	1,383	1,244
Limerick	12,476	9,572	8,865
Longford	2,908	2,205	2,084
Louth	9,837	7,945	7,309
Mayo	9,043	6,794	6,255
Meath	14,617	11,344	10,289
Monaghan	5,666	4,868	4,639
Offaly	5,567	4,147	3,787
Roscommon	4,343	3,274	3,042
Sligo	3,848	2,818	2,557
Tipperary	11,346	8,608	7,764
Waterford	9,741	7,885	7,394
Westmeath	6,190	4,654	4,203
Wexford	10,933	8,332	7,795
Wicklow	8,199	6,327	5,714
County not known	1,718	1,587	1,545
Total	324,263	254,085	231,699

Table 8a – Analysis of Enhanced Illness Benefit for week 31/12/21 to 6/01/22

In the week from Friday, 31st December 2021 to Thursday, 6th January 2022, 25,073 people were medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 14,627 are female and 10,446 are male.

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 in the week of 31st December 2021 to 6th January 2022
Carlow	254
Cavan	381
Clare	600
Cork	2,218
Donegal	1,188
Dublin	7,233
Galway	1,596
Kerry	735
Kildare	1,192
Kilkenny	697
Laois	457
Leitrim	162
Limerick	856
Longford	152
Louth	719
Mayo	731
Meath	1,217
Monaghan	260
Offaly	467
Roscommon	285
Sligo	342
Tipperary	854
Waterford	539
Westmeath	548
Wexford	704
Wicklow	664
County not included	22
Total	25,073

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 (72,035) and Human Health and Social Work (41,739), followed by Manufacturing (39,308).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 11th January 2022	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
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	3,953	3,102	2,876
Manufacturing	39,308	32,324	30,618
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	1,847	1,511	1,416
Construction	21,017	15,534	14,358
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	72,035	54,442	48,709
Transportation and storage	12,503	10,092	9,272
Accommodation and food service activities	34,933	23,592	18,918
Information and communication activities	5,398	4,421	4,080
Financial and insurance activities	9,864	8,420	7,989
Real Estate activities	2,670	2,057	1,822
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	11,529	9,214	8,505
Administrative and support service activities	27,149	21,802	19,737
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	11,749	9,965	9,507
Education	9,892	7,944	7,239
Human Health and Social Work activities	41,739	36,266	34,630
Arts, entertainment and recreation	4,775	3,284	2,727
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	12,327	8,863	8,119
Unclassified or unknown	1,575	1,252	1,177
Total	324,263	254,085	231,699

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

Table 9a Enhanced Illness Benefit - Sector Breakdown for week 31/12/21 to 6/1/22

The sectors with the highest number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of the Enhanced Illness Benefit payment in the week of 31st December 2021 to 6th January 2022 are Wholesale and Retail Trade (6,803) and Accommodation and food service activities (5,559), followed by Human Health And Social Work activities (1,844).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 31st December 2021 to 6th January 2022
Industrial Sector	
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	268
Manufacturing	1,662
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	101
Construction	1,269
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	6,803
Transportation and storage	844
Accommodation and food service activities	5,559
Information and communication activities	335
Financial and insurance activities	416
Real Estate activities	243
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	723
Administrative and support service activities	1,838
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	434
Education	692
Human Health and Social Work activities	1,844
Arts, entertainment and recreation	612
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	1,358
Unclassified or unknown	72
Total	25,073

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 11th January 2022	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
< 25	74,494	50,935	42,876
25-34	82,295	63,894	58,228
35-44	79,295	64,838	60,295
45-54	55,277	45,811	43,042
55+	32,902	28,607	27,258
Total	324,623	254,085	231,699

Table 10a – Enhanced Illness Benefit Age Profile for week 31/12/21 to 6/1/22

Age category	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 31st December 2021 to 6th January 2022
< 25	10,534
25-34	6,381
35-44	4,512
45-54	2,607
55+	1,039
Total	25,073