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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 80,466 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 33,566 are female and 46,900 are male.

**County Breakdown**

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment at its 2021 peak on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment at its 2020 peak in week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020</b>
Carlow	728	674	5,084	7,135
Cavan	1,055	1,005	7,264	10,013
Clare	1,918	1,754	11,784	14,984
Cork	7,352	6,873	49,700	62,867
Donegal	2,667	2,381	16,578	22,725
Dublin	27,875	26,949	150,981	174,909
Galway	4,183	3,836	25,883	33,342
Kerry	2,815	2,526	18,643	22,350
Kildare	3,527	3,355	21,669	26,896
Kilkenny	1,358	1,279	9,060	11,573
Laois	1,196	1,117	7,521	9,796
Leitrim	457	426	3,028	4,064
Limerick	2,591	2,419	17,106	22,072
Longford	545	505	3,284	4,436
Louth	2,541	2,375	13,514	17,121
Mayo	2,040	1,827	13,306	16,496
Meath	3,764	3,539	21,119	26,840
Monaghan	983	922	6,825	8,340
Offaly	1,127	1,064	6,765	9,126
Roscommon	859	760	5,750	7,647
Sligo	990	890	6,089	7,787
Tipperary	1,996	1,827	13,226	18,628
Waterford	1,679	1,503	10,786	13,760
Westmeath	1,509	1,355	8,423	11,417
Wexford	2,337	2,173	16,126	20,621
Wicklow	2,244	2,190	14,744	18,635
County not included	130	124	2,096	2,088
<b>Total</b>	<b>80,466</b>	<b>75,648</b>	<b>*486,354</b>	<b>*605,668</b>

\* These figures have been revised to take account of arrears that were paid in respect of the weeks 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021 and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 (18,008), followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (12,842) and Administrative and support service activities (8,420).

<b>Sector Breakdown</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment at its 2021 peak on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment at its peak in week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020</b>
<b>Industrial Sector</b>				
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	1,203	1,136	7,192	8,753
Manufacturing	5,459	5,111	28,205	39,787
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	384	364	1,639	2,162
Construction	7,724	7,221	63,700	84,653
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	12,842	12,207	77,371	94,790
Transportation and storage	3,611	3,513	13,789	18,234
Accommodation and food service activities	18,008	16,098	112,375	132,004
Information and communication activities	2,197	2,146	8,696	11,369
Financial and insurance activities	2,030	1,998	8,892	11,529
Real Estate activities	1,144	1,083	6,423	7,915
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	3,444	3,378	17,131	24,347
Administrative and support service activities	8,420	8,070	42,108	45,259
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	1,274	1,232	8,061	10,418
Education	2,213	2,149	14,947	21,679
Human Health And Social Work activities	2,995	2,790	15,582	23,812
Arts, entertainment and recreation	2,025	1,937	13,209	14,295
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	4,007	3,784	35,893	39,324
Unclassified or unknown	1,486	1,431	11,141	15,338
<b>Total</b>	<b>80,466</b>	<b>75,648</b>	<b>486,354</b>	<b>605,668</b>

**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 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Number of people in receipt of €208 on 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Number of people in receipt of €150 on 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
<b>Industrial Sector</b>					
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	196	67	621	279	40
Manufacturing	1,211	237	3,022	860	129
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	77	11	245	48	3
Construction	1,883	295	4,365	1,040	141
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	1,840	898	6,557	3,047	500
Transportation and storage	496	159	2,189	665	102
Accommodation and food service activities	4,078	1,990	6,927	3,420	1,593
Information and communication activities	338	73	1,329	377	80
Financial and insurance activities	180	66	1,265	445	74
Real Estate activities	142	48	631	269	54
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	406	110	2,185	668	75
Administrative and support service activities	1,333	408	4,784	1,565	330
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	210	58	630	299	77
Education	266	128	1,149	570	100
Human Health And Social Work activities	636	182	1,386	702	89
Arts, entertainment and recreation	337	133	969	427	159
Other Sectors	587	294	1,755	1,168	203
Unclassified or unknown	109	66	627	492	192
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,325</b>	<b>5,223</b>	<b>40,636</b>	<b>16,341</b>	<b>3,941</b>

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

**Table 4 – Pandemic Unemployment Payment Age Profile**

<b>Age category</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>
< 25	12,759	11,101
25-34	17,157	16,049
35-44	19,570	18,596
45-54	16,803	16,121
55+	14,177	13,781
<b>Total</b>	<b>80,466</b>	<b>75,648</b>

**Table 5 – Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender**

<b>Gender</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €350 on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €300 on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €250 on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €208 on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €150 on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>
Male	9,783	2,718	24,643	7,908	1,847
Female	4,542	2,505	15,993	8,433	2,094
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,325</b>	<b>5,223</b>	<b>40,636</b>	<b>16,341</b>	<b>3,941</b>

**Table 6 – Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age**

<b>Age category</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €350 on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €300 on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €250 on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €208 on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €150 on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>
< 25	2,194	1,967	4,375	2,437	1,786
25-34	4,213	1,220	8,192	3,026	506
35-44	3,881	844	10,644	3,702	499
45-54	2,688	728	9,200	3,576	611
55+	1,349	464	8,225	3,600	539
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,325</b>	<b>5,223</b>	<b>40,636</b>	<b>16,341</b>	<b>3,941</b>

**Table 7 – Changes in Number of People Receiving the Pandemic Unemployment Payment by Sector**

<b>Sector Breakdown Industrial Sector</b>	<b>Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>	<b>Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>	<b>Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	67	129	88
Manufacturing	348	605	374
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	20	30	21
Construction	503	804	503
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	635	1,375	1,228
Transportation and storage	98	190	355
Accommodation and food service activities	1,910	3,381	3748
Information and communication activities	51	97	181
Financial and insurance activities	32	85	145
Real Estate activities	61	89	100
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	66	132	212
Administrative and support service activities	350	550	782
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	42	107	130
Education	64	124	185
Human Health And Social Work activities	205	354	288
Arts, entertainment and recreation	88	168	336
Other Sectors	223	463	440
Unclassified or unknown	55	60	186
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,818</b>	<b>8,743</b>	<b>9,302</b>

**Table 8 – Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit**

To date 340,108 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 180,652 are female and 159,456 are male.

Some 37,703 people are currently in receipt of an Enhanced Illness Benefit payment.

**County Breakdown** (based on the county recorded on the Illness Benefit certificate)

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>
Carlow	4,692	4,485	3,634
Cavan	7,198	6,870	5,569
Clare	7,804	7,354	5,358
Cork	34,688	32,979	25,628
Donegal	11,739	11,331	8,926
Dublin	91,128	87,097	70,247
Galway	20,502	19,418	15,048
Kerry	9,558	9,089	6,469
Kildare	14,914	14,146	11,051
Kilkenny	7,486	7,183	5,624
Laois	6,329	6,008	4,788
Leitrim	1,984	1,871	1,383
Limerick	13,187	12,476	9,572
Longford	3,065	2,908	2,205
Louth	10,282	9,837	7,945
Mayo	9,557	9,043	6,794
Meath	15,385	14,617	11,344
Monaghan	5,877	5,666	4,868
Offaly	5,809	5,567	4,147
Roscommon	4,590	4,343	3,274
Sligo	4,037	3,848	2,818
Tipperary	11,936	11,346	8,608
Waterford	10,132	9,741	7,885
Westmeath	6,531	6,190	4,654
Wexford	11,425	10,933	8,332
Wicklow	8,547	8,199	6,327
County not known	1,726	1,718	1,587
<b>Total</b>	<b>340,108</b>	<b>324,263</b>	<b>254,085</b>

**Table 8 a – Analysis of Enhanced Illness Benefit for week 7/1/22 to 13/01/22**

In the week from Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022 to Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022, 72,617 people were medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 38,690 are female and 33,927 are male.

**County Breakdown** (based on the county recorded on the Illness Benefit certificate)

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 7<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 to 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>
Carlow	860	254
Cavan	1,418	381
Clare	2,000	600
Cork	7,480	2,218
Donegal	2,707	1,188
Dublin	18,098	7,233
Galway	4,802	1,596
Kerry	2,492	735
Kildare	3,220	1,192
Kilkenny	1,592	697
Laois	1,309	457
Leitrim	485	162
Limerick	2,887	856
Longford	686	152
Louth	1,999	719
Mayo	2,255	731
Meath	3,419	1,217
Monaghan	824	260
Offaly	1,453	467
Roscommon	1,092	285
Sligo	1,038	342
Tipperary	2,672	854
Waterford	1,818	539
Westmeath	1,532	548
Wexford	2,479	704
Wicklow	1,898	664
County not included	102	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>72,617</b>	<b>25,073</b>



**Table 9 – Covid-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit - Sector Breakdown**

The 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 (75,341) and Human Health and Social Work (43,191), followed by Manufacturing (41,415).

<b>Sector Breakdown</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>
<b>Industrial Sector</b>			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	4,191	3,953	3,102
Manufacturing	41,415	39,308	32,324
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	1,940	1,847	1,511
Construction	22,081	21,017	15,534
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	75,431	72,035	54,442
Transportation and storage	13,109	12,503	10,092
Accommodation and food service activities	36,868	34,933	23,592
Information and communication activities	5,600	5,398	4,421
Financial and insurance activities	10,295	9,864	8,420
Real Estate activities	2,800	2,670	2,057
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	12,198	11,529	9,214
Administrative and support service activities	28,385	27,149	21,802
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	12,502	11,749	9,965
Education	10,443	9,892	7,944
Human Health and Social Work activities	43,191	41,739	36,266
Arts, entertainment and recreation	5,040	4,775	3,284
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	12,999	12,327	8,863
Unclassified or unknown	1,620	1,575	1,252
<b>Total</b>	<b>340,108</b>	<b>324,263</b>	<b>254,085</b>

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

**Table 9 a Enhanced Illness Benefit - Sector Breakdown for week 7/1/22 to 13/1/22**

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 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022 to 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022 are Wholesale and Retail Trade (19,378) and Accommodation and food service activities (11,493), followed by Manufacturing (7,515).

<b>Sector Breakdown</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022 to 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 to 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>
<b>Industrial Sector</b>		
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	827	268
Manufacturing	7,515	1,662
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	356	101
Construction	5,388	1,269
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	19,378	6,803
Transportation and storage	2,539	844
Accommodation and food service activities	11,493	5,559
Information and communication activities	911	335
Financial and insurance activities	1,346	416
Real Estate activities	599	243
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	2,361	723
Administrative and support service activities	5,389	1,838
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	1,685	434
Education	1,854	692
Human Health and Social Work activities	5,922	1,844
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,540	612
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	3,295	1,358
Unclassified or unknown	219	72
<b>Total</b>	<b>72,617</b>	<b>25,073</b>

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

**Table 10 – Enhanced Illness Benefit Age Profile**

<b>Age category</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>
< 25	78,502	74,494	50,935
25-34	86,427	82,295	63,894
35-44	83,050	79,295	64,838
45-54	57,926	55,277	45,811
55+	34,203	32,902	28,607
<b>Total</b>	<b>340,108</b>	<b>324,623</b>	<b>254,085</b>

**Table 10 a – Enhanced Illness Benefit Age Profile for week 7/1/22 to 13/1/22**

<b>Age category</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022 to 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 to 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>
< 25	26,365	10,534
25-34	19,288	6,381
35-44	14,313	4,512
45-54	8,964	2,607
55+	3,687	1,039
<b>Total</b>	<b>72,617</b>	<b>25,073</b>