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**Update on Payments Awarded for Covid-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment  
and Enhanced Illness Benefit – Statistics – 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

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**Table 1 – Analysis of Pandemic Unemployment Payments**

There are 80,525 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 33,592 are female and 46,933 are male.

**County Breakdown**

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022</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 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	725	728	5,084	7,135
Cavan	1,059	1,055	7,264	10,013
Clare	1,932	1,918	11,784	14,984
Cork	7,277	7,352	49,700	62,867
Donegal	2,642	2,667	16,578	22,725
Dublin	27,977	27,875	150,981	174,909
Galway	4,179	4,183	25,883	33,342
Kerry	2,876	2,815	18,643	22,350
Kildare	3,518	3,527	21,669	26,896
Kilkenny	1,370	1,358	9,060	11,573
Laois	1,187	1,196	7,521	9,796
Leitrim	463	457	3,028	4,064
Limerick	2,601	2,591	17,106	22,072
Longford	547	545	3,284	4,436
Louth	2,571	2,541	13,514	17,121
Mayo	2,052	2,040	13,306	16,496
Meath	3,719	3,764	21,119	26,840
Monaghan	971	983	6,825	8,340
Offaly	1,103	1,127	6,765	9,126
Roscommon	846	859	5,750	7,647
Sligo	1,025	990	6,089	7,787
Tipperary	2,008	1,996	13,226	18,628
Waterford	1,710	1,679	10,786	13,760
Westmeath	1,485	1,509	8,423	11,417
Wexford	2,312	2,337	16,126	20,621
Wicklow	2,238	2,244	14,744	18,635
County not included	132	130	2,096	2,088
<b>Total</b>	<b>80,525</b>	<b>80,466</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 (18,399), followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (12,745) and Administrative and support service activities (8,424).

<b>Sector Breakdown</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022</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 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	1,185	1,203	7,192	8,753
Manufacturing	5,419	5,459	28,205	39,787
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	379	384	1,639	2,162
Construction	7,577	7,724	63,700	84,653
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	12,745	12,842	77,371	94,790
Transportation and storage	3,560	3,611	13,789	18,234
Accommodation and food service activities	18,399	18,008	112,375	132,004
Information and communication activities	2,187	2,197	8,696	11,369
Financial and insurance activities	2,013	2,030	8,892	11,529
Real Estate activities	1,135	1,144	6,423	7,915
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	3,444	3,444	17,131	24,347
Administrative and support service activities	8,424	8,420	42,108	45,259
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	1,255	1,274	8,061	10,418
Education	2,205	2,213	14,947	21,679
Human Health And Social Work activities	3,036	2,995	15,582	23,812
Arts, entertainment and recreation	2,039	2,025	13,209	14,295
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	4,023	4,007	35,893	39,324
Unclassified or unknown	1,500	1,486	11,141	15,338
<b>Total</b>	<b>80,525</b>	<b>80,466</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 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Number of people in receipt of €208 on 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Number of people in receipt of €150 on 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
<b>Industrial Sector</b>					
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	193	66	613	274	39
Manufacturing	1,219	239	2,991	844	126
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	76	13	241	46	3
Construction	1,804	289	4,311	1,024	149
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	1,837	894	6,506	2,993	515
Transportation and storage	482	160	2,153	663	102
Accommodation and food service activities	4,156	2,019	6,960	3,414	1,850
Information and communication activities	341	77	1,314	369	86
Financial and insurance activities	186	66	1,246	435	80
Real Estate activities	141	54	618	264	58
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	414	120	2,161	669	80
Administrative and support service activities	1,365	430	4,735	1,557	337
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	204	61	620	293	77
Education	260	130	1,131	574	110
Human Health And Social Work activities	656	199	1,380	705	96
Arts, entertainment and recreation	338	131	971	428	171
Other Sectors	595	301	1,749	1,156	222
Unclassified or unknown	110	67	625	486	212
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,377</b>	<b>5,316</b>	<b>40,325</b>	<b>16,194</b>	<b>4,313</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 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>
< 25	13,085	12,759
25-34	17,141	17,157
35-44	19,525	19,570
45-54	16,682	16,803
55+	14,092	14,177
<b>Total</b>	<b>80,525</b>	<b>80,466</b>

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

<b>Gender</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €350 on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €300 on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €250 on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €208 on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €150 on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>
Male	9,833	2,771	24,480	7,834	2,014
Female	4,544	2,545	15,845	8,360	2,299
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,377</b>	<b>5,316</b>	<b>40,325</b>	<b>16,194</b>	<b>4,313</b>

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

<b>Age category</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €350 on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €300 on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €250 on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €208 on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €150 on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>
< 25	2,198	2,014	4,422	2,425	2,026
25-34	4,255	1,252	8,077	2,994	563
35-44	3,930	842	10,543	3,668	542
45-54	2,666	737	9,125	3,530	624
55+	1,328	471	8,158	3,577	558
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,377</b>	<b>5,316</b>	<b>40,325</b>	<b>16,194</b>	<b>4,313</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 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022</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>
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	-18	67	129
Manufacturing	-40	348	605
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	-5	20	30
Construction	-147	503	804
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	-97	635	1,375
Transportation and storage	-51	98	190
Accommodation and food service activities	391	1,910	3,381
Information and communication activities	-10	51	97
Financial and insurance activities	-17	32	85
Real Estate activities	-9	61	89
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	0	66	132
Administrative and support service activities	4	350	550
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	-19	42	107
Education	-8	64	124
Human Health And Social Work activities	41	205	354
Arts, entertainment and recreation	14	88	168
Other Sectors	16	223	463
Unclassified or unknown	14	55	60
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>4,818</b>	<b>8,743</b>

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

To date 360,143 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 190,679 are female and 169,464 are male.

Some 18,777 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 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022</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>
Carlow	4,933	4,692	4,485
Cavan	7,545	7,198	6,870
Clare	8,337	7,804	7,354
Cork	37,064	34,688	32,979
Donegal	12,125	11,739	11,331
Dublin	96,547	91,128	87,097
Galway	21,768	20,502	19,418
Kerry	10,161	9,558	9,089
Kildare	15,868	14,914	14,146
Kilkenny	7,853	7,486	7,183
Laois	6,671	6,329	6,008
Leitrim	2,096	1,984	1,871
Limerick	14,040	13,187	12,476
Longford	3,282	3,065	2,908
Louth	10,841	10,282	9,837
Mayo	10,125	9,557	9,043
Meath	16,405	15,385	14,617
Monaghan	6,125	5,877	5,666
Offaly	6,102	5,809	5,567
Roscommon	4,838	4,590	4,343
Sligo	4,298	4,037	3,848
Tipperary	12,641	11,936	11,346
Waterford	10,688	10,132	9,741
Westmeath	6,919	6,531	6,190
Wexford	12,065	11,425	10,933
Wicklow	9,022	8,547	8,199
County not known	1,784	1,726	1,718
<b>Total</b>	<b>360,143</b>	<b>340,108</b>	<b>324,263</b>

**Table 8 a – Analysis of Enhanced Illness Benefit for week 14/1/22 to 20/01/22**

In the week from Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022 to Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022, 59,965 people were medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 30,140 are female and 29,825 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 14<sup>th</sup> to 20<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 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	765	860	254
Cavan	1,295	1,418	381
Clare	1,646	2,000	600
Cork	6,335	7,480	2,218
Donegal	1,882	2,707	1,188
Dublin	15,187	18,098	7,233
Galway	4,006	4,802	1,596
Kerry	1,850	2,492	735
Kildare	2,662	3,220	1,192
Kilkenny	1,124	1,592	697
Laois	1,070	1,309	457
Leitrim	385	485	162
Limerick	2,596	2,887	856
Longford	671	686	152
Louth	1,752	1,999	719
Mayo	1,784	2,255	731
Meath	2,798	3,419	1,217
Monaghan	798	824	260
Offaly	1,051	1,453	467
Roscommon	866	1,092	285
Sligo	833	1,038	342
Tipperary	2,093	2,672	854
Waterford	1,688	1,818	539
Westmeath	1,261	1,532	548
Wexford	2,059	2,479	704
Wicklow	1,401	1,898	664
County not included	107	102	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>59,965</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 (79,804) and Human Health and Social Work (45,258), followed by Manufacturing (43,936).

<b>Sector Breakdown</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022</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>Industrial Sector</b>			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	4,425	4,191	3,953
Manufacturing	43,936	41,415	39,308
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	2,066	1,940	1,847
Construction	23,682	22,081	21,017
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	79,804	75,431	72,035
Transportation and storage	13,869	13,109	12,503
Accommodation and food service activities	39,132	36,868	34,933
Information and communication activities	5,957	5,600	5,398
Financial and insurance activities	10,861	10,295	9,864
Real Estate activities	2,957	2,800	2,670
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	12,973	12,198	11,529
Administrative and support service activities	30,023	28,385	27,149
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	13,080	12,502	11,749
Education	11,162	10,443	9,892
Human Health and Social Work activities	45,258	43,191	41,739
Arts, entertainment and recreation	5,403	5,040	4,775
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	13,832	12,999	12,327
Unclassified or unknown	1,723	1,620	1,575
<b>Total</b>	<b>360,143</b>	<b>340,108</b>	<b>324,263</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 14/1/22 to 20/1/22**

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 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022 to 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022 are Wholesale and Retail Trade (14,789) and Accommodation and food service activities (7,877), followed by Manufacturing (7,778).

<b>Sector Breakdown</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022 to 20<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 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	678	827	268
Manufacturing	7,778	7,515	1,662
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	345	356	101
Construction	5,094	5,388	1,269
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	14,789	19,378	6,803
Transportation and storage	2,168	2,539	844
Accommodation and food service activities	7,877	11,493	5,559
Information and communication activities	742	911	335
Financial and insurance activities	1,198	1,346	416
Real Estate activities	475	599	243
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	2,033	2,361	723
Administrative and support service activities	4,777	5,389	1,838
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	1,407	1,685	434
Education	1,567	1,854	692
Human Health and Social Work activities	5,170	5,922	1,844
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,099	1,540	612
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	2,545	3,295	1,358
Unclassified or unknown	223	219	72
<b>Total</b>	<b>59,965</b>	<b>72,617</b>	<b>25,073</b>

**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 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022</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>
< 25	83,388	78,502	74,494
25-34	91,739	86,427	82,295
35-44	88,270	83,050	79,295
45-54	61,110	57,926	55,277
55+	35,636	34,203	32,902
<b>Total</b>	<b>360,143</b>	<b>340,108</b>	<b>324,623</b>

**Table 10 a – Enhanced Illness Benefit Age Profile for week 14/1/22 to 20/1/22**

<b>Age category</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022 to 20<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 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	18,488	26,365	10,534
25-34	16,250	19,288	6,381
35-44	13,560	14,313	4,512
45-54	8,299	8,964	2,607
55+	3,368	3,687	1,039
<b>Total</b>	<b>59,965</b>	<b>72,617</b>	<b>25,073</b>