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**Update on Payments Awarded for Covid-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment  
and Enhanced Illness Benefit – Statistics – 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022**

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

There are 75,413 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 31,714 are female and 43,699 are male.

**County Breakdown**

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022</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 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	677	725	5,084	7,135
Cavan	951	1,059	7,264	10,013
Clare	1,810	1,932	11,784	14,984
Cork	6,738	7,277	49,700	62,867
Donegal	2,420	2,642	16,578	22,725
Dublin	26,580	27,977	150,981	174,909
Galway	3,906	4,179	25,883	33,342
Kerry	2,743	2,876	18,643	22,350
Kildare	3,294	3,518	21,669	26,896
Kilkenny	1,255	1,370	9,060	11,573
Laois	1,082	1,187	7,521	9,796
Leitrim	429	463	3,028	4,064
Limerick	2,434	2,601	17,106	22,072
Longford	492	547	3,284	4,436
Louth	2,410	2,571	13,514	17,121
Mayo	1,943	2,052	13,306	16,496
Meath	3,483	3,719	21,119	26,840
Monaghan	900	971	6,825	8,340
Offaly	989	1,103	6,765	9,126
Roscommon	786	846	5,750	7,647
Sligo	952	1,025	6,089	7,787
Tipperary	1,822	2,008	13,226	18,628
Waterford	1,590	1,710	10,786	13,760
Westmeath	1,375	1,485	8,423	11,417
Wexford	2,099	2,312	16,126	20,621
Wicklow	2,126	2,238	14,744	18,635
County not included	127	132	2,096	2,088
<b>Total</b>	<b>75,413</b>	<b>80,525</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 (17,355), followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (12,068) and Administrative and support service activities (7,999).

<b>Sector Breakdown</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022</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 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	1,113	1,185	7,192	8,753
Manufacturing	5,030	5,419	28,205	39,787
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	341	379	1,639	2,162
Construction	6,413	7,577	63,700	84,653
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	12,068	12,745	77,371	94,790
Transportation and storage	3,389	3,560	13,789	18,234
Accommodation and food service activities	17,355	18,399	112,375	132,004
Information and communication activities	2,108	2,187	8,696	11,369
Financial and insurance activities	1,964	2,013	8,892	11,529
Real Estate activities	1,072	1,135	6,423	7,915
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	3,306	3,444	17,131	24,347
Administrative and support service activities	7,999	8,424	42,108	45,259
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	1,166	1,255	8,061	10,418
Education	2,086	2,205	14,947	21,679
Human Health And Social Work activities	2,836	3,036	15,582	23,812
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,946	2,039	13,209	14,295
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	3,776	4,023	35,893	39,324
Unclassified or unknown	1,445	1,500	11,141	15,338
<b>Total</b>	<b>75,413</b>	<b>80,525</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 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2022	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2022	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2022	Number of people in receipt of €208 on 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2022	Number of people in receipt of €150 on 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2022
<b>Industrial Sector</b>					
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	158	54	597	265	39
Manufacturing	948	221	2,917	820	124
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	57	10	230	41	3
Construction	1,095	176	4,081	960	101
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	1,553	800	6,313	2,909	493
Transportation and storage	403	152	2,091	644	99
Accommodation and food service activities	3,752	1,816	6,660	3,285	1,842
Information and communication activities	317	74	1,281	351	85
Financial and insurance activities	168	67	1,227	423	79
Real Estate activities	118	49	590	250	65
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	352	109	2,110	659	76
Administrative and support service activities	1,186	382	4,604	1,503	324
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	149	53	600	286	78
Education	230	110	1,090	552	104
Human Health And Social Work activities	546	173	1,330	691	96
Arts, entertainment and recreation	312	114	946	410	164
Other Sectors	490	263	1,691	1,108	224
Unclassified or unknown	102	63	613	460	207
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,936</b>	<b>4,686</b>	<b>38,971</b>	<b>15,617</b>	<b>4,203</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 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>
< 25	11,884	13,085
25-34	15,828	17,141
35-44	18,294	19,525
45-54	15,804	16,682
55+	13,603	14,092
<b>Total</b>	<b>75,413</b>	<b>80,525</b>

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

<b>Gender</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €350 on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €300 on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €250 on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €208 on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €150 on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022</b>
Male	8,001	2,460	23,728	7,552	1,957
Female	3,935	2,226	15,243	8,065	2,246
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,936</b>	<b>4,686</b>	<b>38,971</b>	<b>15,617</b>	<b>4,203</b>

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

<b>Age category</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €350 on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €300 on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €250 on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €208 on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €150 on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022</b>
< 25	1,805	1,751	4,093	2,255	1,980
25-34	3,527	1,098	7,747	2,892	564
35-44	3,243	734	10,244	3,550	523
45-54	2,218	665	8,897	3,427	597
55+	1,143	438	7,990	3,493	539
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,936</b>	<b>4,686</b>	<b>38,971</b>	<b>15,617</b>	<b>4,203</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 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022</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>
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	-72	-18	67
Manufacturing	-389	-40	348
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	-38	-5	20
Construction	-1,164	-147	503
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	-677	-97	635
Transportation and storage	-171	-51	98
Accommodation and food service activities	-1,044	391	1,910
Information and communication activities	-79	-10	51
Financial and insurance activities	-49	-17	32
Real Estate activities	-63	-9	61
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	-138	0	66
Administrative and support service activities	-425	4	350
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	-89	-19	42
Education	-119	-8	64
Human Health And Social Work activities	-200	41	205
Arts, entertainment and recreation	-93	14	88
Other Sectors	-247	16	223
Unclassified or unknown	-55	14	55
<b>Total</b>	<b>-5,112</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>4,818</b>

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

To date 374,666 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 197,924 are female and 176,742 are male.

Some 11,680 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 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022</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>
Carlow	5,120	4,933	4,692
Cavan	7,796	7,545	7,198
Clare	8,645	8,337	7,804
Cork	38,755	37,064	34,688
Donegal	12,402	12,125	11,739
Dublin	100,670	96,547	91,128
Galway	22,618	21,768	20,502
Kerry	10,538	10,161	9,558
Kildare	16,644	15,868	14,914
Kilkenny	8,125	7,853	7,486
Laois	6,929	6,671	6,329
Leitrim	2,181	2,096	1,984
Limerick	14,646	14,040	13,187
Longford	3,439	3,282	3,065
Louth	11,221	10,841	10,282
Mayo	10,491	10,125	9,557
Meath	17,093	16,405	15,385
Monaghan	6,363	6,125	5,877
Offaly	6,350	6,102	5,809
Roscommon	5,032	4,838	4,590
Sligo	4,473	4,298	4,037
Tipperary	13,145	12,641	11,936
Waterford	11,051	10,688	10,132
Westmeath	7,197	6,919	6,531
Wexford	12,535	12,065	11,425
Wicklow	9,369	9,022	8,547
County not known	1,838	1,784	1,726
<b>Total</b>	<b>374,666</b>	<b>360,143</b>	<b>340,108</b>

**Table 8 a – Analysis of Enhanced Illness Benefit for week 21/1/22 to 27/01/22**

In the week from Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022, 31,190 people were medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 15,897 are female and 15,293 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 21<sup>st</sup> to 27<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 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>
Carlow	407	765	860
Cavan	589	1,295	1,418
Clare	761	1,646	2,000
Cork	3,296	6,335	7,480
Donegal	744	1,882	2,707
Dublin	8,512	15,187	18,098
Galway	1,980	4,006	4,802
Kerry	861	1,850	2,492
Kildare	1,508	2,662	3,220
Kilkenny	550	1,124	1,592
Laois	588	1,070	1,309
Leitrim	169	385	485
Limerick	1,361	2,596	2,887
Longford	346	671	686
Louth	841	1,752	1,999
Mayo	864	1,784	2,255
Meath	1,533	2,798	3,419
Monaghan	479	798	824
Offaly	549	1,051	1,453
Roscommon	416	866	1,092
Sligo	448	833	1,038
Tipperary	1,093	2,093	2,672
Waterford	838	1,688	1,818
Westmeath	639	1,261	1,532
Wexford	1,006	2,059	2,479
Wicklow	723	1,401	1,898
County not included	89	107	102
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,190</b>	<b>59,965</b>	<b>72,617</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 (82,761) and Human Health and Social Work (46,580), followed by Manufacturing (45,746).

<b>Sector Breakdown</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022</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>Industrial Sector</b>			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	4,656	4,425	4,191
Manufacturing	45,746	43,936	41,415
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	2,201	2,066	1,940
Construction	24,885	23,682	22,081
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	82,761	79,804	75,431
Transportation and storage	14,453	13,869	13,109
Accommodation and food service activities	40,839	39,132	36,868
Information and communication activities	6,205	5,957	5,600
Financial and insurance activities	11,205	10,861	10,295
Real Estate activities	3,082	2,957	2,800
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	13,605	12,973	12,198
Administrative and support service activities	31,444	30,023	28,385
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	13,455	13,080	12,502
Education	11,721	11,162	10,443
Human Health and Social Work activities	46,580	45,258	43,191
Arts, entertainment and recreation	5,645	5,403	5,040
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	14,388	13,832	12,999
Unclassified or unknown	1,795	1,723	1,620
<b>Total</b>	<b>374,666</b>	<b>360,143</b>	<b>340,108</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 21/1/22 to 27/1/22**

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 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022 are Wholesale and Retail Trade (7,214) and Manufacturing (4,187), followed by Accommodation and food service activities (3,834).

<b>Sector Breakdown</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 21<sup>st</sup> to 27<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 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>Industrial Sector</b>			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	357	678	827
Manufacturing	4,187	7,778	7,515
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	202	345	356
Construction	2,379	5,094	5,388
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	7,214	14,789	19,378
Transportation and storage	1,227	2,168	2,539
Accommodation and food service activities	3,834	7,877	11,493
Information and communication activities	402	742	911
Financial and insurance activities	639	1,198	1,346
Real Estate activities	250	475	599
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	1,076	2,033	2,361
Administrative and support service activities	2,846	4,777	5,389
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	618	1,407	1,685
Education	873	1,567	1,854
Human Health and Social Work activities	3,177	5,170	5,922
Arts, entertainment and recreation	507	1,099	1,540
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	1,246	2,545	3,295
Unclassified or unknown	156	223	219
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,190</b>	<b>59,965</b>	<b>72,617</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 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022</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>
< 25	86,637	83,388	78,502
25-34	95,467	91,739	86,427
35-44	92,524	88,270	83,050
45-54	63,394	61,110	57,926
55+	36,644	35,636	34,203
<b>Total</b>	<b>374,666</b>	<b>360,143</b>	<b>340,108</b>

**Table 10 a – Enhanced Illness Benefit Age Profile for week 21/1/22 to 27/1/22**

<b>Age category</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 21<sup>st</sup> to 27<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 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>
< 25	8,017	18,488	26,365
25-34	8,230	16,250	19,288
35-44	8,268	13,560	14,313
45-54	4,860	8,299	8,964
55+	1,815	3,368	3,687
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,190</b>	<b>59,965</b>	<b>72,617</b>