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**Update on Payments Awarded for Covid-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment
and Enhanced Illness Benefit – Statistics – 8th February 2022**

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Table 1 – Analysis of Pandemic Unemployment Payments

There are 67,434 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 28,090 are female and 39,344 are male.

County Breakdown

County	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 8th February 2022	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 1st February 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	584	677	5,084	7,135
Cavan	808	951	7,264	10,013
Clare	1,608	1,810	11,784	14,984
Cork	5,955	6,738	49,700	62,867
Donegal	2,159	2,420	16,578	22,725
Dublin	24,277	26,580	150,981	174,909
Galway	3,453	3,906	25,883	33,342
Kerry	2,502	2,743	18,643	22,350
Kildare	2,971	3,294	21,669	26,896
Kilkenny	1,113	1,255	9,060	11,573
Laois	964	1,082	7,521	9,796
Leitrim	376	429	3,028	4,064
Limerick	2,117	2,434	17,106	22,072
Longford	414	492	3,284	4,436
Louth	2,166	2,410	13,514	17,121
Mayo	1,701	1,943	13,306	16,496
Meath	3,140	3,483	21,119	26,840
Monaghan	793	900	6,825	8,340
Offaly	834	989	6,765	9,126
Roscommon	671	786	5,750	7,647
Sligo	827	952	6,089	7,787
Tipperary	1,560	1,822	13,226	18,628
Waterford	1,383	1,590	10,786	13,760
Westmeath	1,181	1,375	8,423	11,417
Wexford	1,813	2,099	16,126	20,621
Wicklow	1,948	2,126	14,744	18,635
County not included	116	127	2,096	2,088
Total	67,434	75,413	*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 (14,765), followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (10,741) and Administrative and support service activities (7,347).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 8th February 2022	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 1st February 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	1,022	1,113	7,192	8,753
Manufacturing	4,499	5,030	28,205	39,787
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	317	341	1,639	2,162
Construction	5,758	6,413	63,700	84,653
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	10,741	12,068	77,371	94,790
Transportation and storage	3,175	3,389	13,789	18,234
Accommodation and food service activities	14,765	17,355	112,375	132,004
Information and communication activities	1,962	2,108	8,696	11,369
Financial and insurance activities	1,859	1,964	8,892	11,529
Real Estate activities	986	1,072	6,423	7,915
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	3,093	3,306	17,131	24,347
Administrative and support service activities	7,347	7,999	42,108	45,259
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	1,083	1,166	8,061	10,418
Education	1,915	2,086	14,947	21,679
Human Health And Social Work activities	2,460	2,836	15,582	23,812
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,722	1,946	13,209	14,295
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	3,375	3,776	35,893	39,324
Unclassified or unknown	1,355	1,445	11,141	15,338
Total	67,434	75,413	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 8 th February 2022	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 8 th February 2022	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 8 th February 2022	Number of people in receipt of €208 on 8 th February 2022	Number of people in receipt of €150 on 8 th February 2022
Industrial Sector					
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	124	38	579	251	30
Manufacturing	638	175	2,811	776	99
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	42	9	224	38	4
Construction	712	127	3,934	908	77
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	1,070	568	5,958	2,744	401
Transportation and storage	310	116	2,037	619	93
Accommodation and food service activities	2,922	1,380	6,081	2,985	1,397
Information and communication activities	266	65	1,225	329	77
Financial and insurance activities	139	57	1,189	399	75
Real Estate activities	88	36	566	238	58
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	264	86	2,043	635	65
Administrative and support service activities	886	302	4,443	1,437	279
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	112	45	578	275	73
Education	177	90	1,038	521	89
Human Health And Social Work activities	359	120	1,255	652	74
Arts, entertainment and recreation	240	88	900	378	116
Other Sectors	330	196	1,612	1,055	182
Unclassified or unknown	89	50	597	432	187
Total	8,768	3,548	37,070	14,672	3,376

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 8th February 2022	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 1st February 2022
< 25	9,338	11,884
25-34	14,039	15,828
35-44	16,589	18,294
45-54	14,605	15,804
55+	12,863	13,603
Total	67,434	75,413

Table 5 – Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 8th February 2022	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 8th February 2022	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 8th February 2022	Number of people in receipt of €208 on 8th February 2022	Number of people in receipt of €150 on 8th February 2022
Male	5,924	1,916	22,753	7,130	1,620
Female	2,844	1,632	14,317	7,542	1,756
Total	8,768	3,548	37,070	14,672	3,376

Table 6 – Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 8th February 2022	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 8th February 2022	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 8th February 2022	Number of people in receipt of €208 on 8th February 2022	Number of people in receipt of €150 on 8th February 2022
< 25	1,274	1,260	3,408	1,934	1,462
25-34	2,588	857	7,388	2,748	458
35-44	2,344	564	9,861	3,383	437
45-54	1,664	509	8,633	3,270	529
55+	898	358	7,780	3,337	490
Total	8,768	3,548	37,070	14,672	3,376

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 8th February 2022	Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 1st February 2022	Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 25th January 2022
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	-91	-72	-18
Manufacturing	-531	-389	-40
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	-24	-38	-5
Construction	-655	-1,164	-147
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	-1,327	-677	-97
Transportation and storage	-214	-171	-51
Accommodation and food service activities	-2,590	-1,044	391
Information and communication activities	-146	-79	-10
Financial and insurance activities	-105	-49	-17
Real Estate activities	-86	-63	-9
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	-213	-138	0
Administrative and support service activities	-652	-425	4
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	-83	-89	-19
Education	-171	-119	-8
Human Health And Social Work activities	-376	-200	41
Arts, entertainment and recreation	-224	-93	14
Other Sectors	-401	-247	16
Unclassified or unknown	-90	-55	14
Total	-7,979	-5,112	59

Table 8 – Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date 388,612 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 205,388 are female and 183,224 are male.

Some 13,918 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 8th February 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 1st February 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 25th January 2022
Carlow	5,338	5,120	4,933
Cavan	7,987	7,796	7,545
Clare	9,020	8,645	8,337
Cork	40,365	38,755	37,064
Donegal	12,615	12,402	12,125
Dublin	104,538	100,670	96,547
Galway	23,458	22,618	21,768
Kerry	10,916	10,538	10,161
Kildare	17,458	16,644	15,868
Kilkenny	8,435	8,125	7,853
Laois	7,197	6,929	6,671
Leitrim	2,252	2,181	2,096
Limerick	15,256	14,646	14,040
Longford	3,573	3,439	3,282
Louth	11,625	11,221	10,841
Mayo	10,805	10,491	10,125
Meath	17,711	17,093	16,405
Monaghan	6,563	6,363	6,125
Offaly	6,541	6,350	6,102
Roscommon	5,163	5,032	4,838
Sligo	4,668	4,473	4,298
Tipperary	13,602	13,145	12,641
Waterford	11,507	11,051	10,688
Westmeath	7,502	7,197	6,919
Wexford	12,941	12,535	12,065
Wicklow	9,700	9,369	9,022
County not known	1,876	1,838	1,784
Total	388,612	374,666	360,143

Table 8 a – Analysis of Enhanced Illness Benefit for week 28/1/22 to 03/02/22

In the week from Friday, 28th January 2022 to Thursday, 3rd February 2022, 18,254 people were medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 9,681 are female and 8,573 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 28th January to 3rd February 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 21st to 27th January 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 14th to 20th January 2022
Carlow	278	407	765
Cavan	318	589	1,295
Clare	428	761	1,646
Cork	2,027	3,296	6,335
Donegal	407	744	1,882
Dublin	5,000	8,512	15,187
Galway	1,072	1,980	4,006
Kerry	459	861	1,850
Kildare	897	1,508	2,662
Kilkenny	379	550	1,124
Laois	341	588	1,070
Leitrim	118	169	385
Limerick	745	1,361	2,596
Longford	200	346	671
Louth	536	841	1,752
Mayo	482	864	1,784
Meath	904	1,533	2,798
Monaghan	307	479	798
Offaly	297	549	1,051
Roscommon	230	416	866
Sligo	238	448	833
Tipperary	636	1,093	2,093
Waterford	555	838	1,688
Westmeath	352	639	1,261
Wexford	607	1,006	2,059
Wicklow	395	723	1,401
County not included	46	89	107
Total	18,254	31,190	59,965

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 (85,853) and Human Health and Social Work (48,050), followed by Manufacturing (47,231).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 8th February 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 1st February 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 25th January 2022
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	4,822	4,656	4,425
Manufacturing	47,231	45,746	43,936
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	2,276	2,201	2,066
Construction	25,997	24,885	23,682
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	85,853	82,761	79,804
Transportation and storage	14,910	14,453	13,869
Accommodation and food service activities	42,679	40,839	39,132
Information and communication activities	6,428	6,205	5,957
Financial and insurance activities	11,558	11,205	10,861
Real Estate activities	3,211	3,082	2,957
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	14,114	13,605	12,973
Administrative and support service activities	32,550	31,444	30,023
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	13,897	13,455	13,080
Education	12,253	11,721	11,162
Human Health and Social Work activities	48,050	46,580	45,258
Arts, entertainment and recreation	5,876	5,645	5,403
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	15,051	14,388	13,832
Unclassified or unknown	1,856	1,795	1,723
Total	388,612	374,666	360,143

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 28/1/22 to 03/02/22

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 28th January 2022 to 3rd February 2022 are Wholesale and Retail Trade (4,155) and Manufacturing (2,477), followed by Human Health and Social Work activities (2,025).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 28th January to 3rd February 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 21st to 27th January 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 14th to 20th January 2022
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	225	357	678
Manufacturing	2,477	4,187	7,778
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	128	202	345
Construction	1,331	2,379	5,094
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	4,155	7,214	14,789
Transportation and storage	784	1,227	2,168
Accommodation and food service activities	2,003	3,834	7,877
Information and communication activities	255	402	742
Financial and insurance activities	454	639	1,198
Real Estate activities	148	250	475
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	662	1,076	2,033
Administrative and support service activities	1,504	2,846	4,777
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	414	618	1,407
Education	546	873	1,567
Human Health and Social Work activities	2,025	3,177	5,170
Arts, entertainment and recreation	250	507	1,099
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	802	1,246	2,545
Unclassified or unknown	91	156	223
Total	18,254	31,190	59,965

Table 10 – Enhanced Illness Benefit Age Profile

Age category	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 8th February 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 1st February 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 25th January 2022
< 25	91,192	86,637	83,388
25-34	98,649	95,467	91,739
35-44	96,135	92,524	88,270
45-54	65,257	63,394	61,110
55+	37,379	36,644	35,636
Total	388,612	374,666	360,143

Table 10 a – Enhanced Illness Benefit Age Profile for week 28/1/22 to 3/2/22

Age category	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 28th January to 3rd February 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 21st to 27th January 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 14th to 20th January 2022
< 25	4,246	8,017	18,488
25-34	4,419	8,230	16,250
35-44	5,470	8,268	13,560
45-54	2,987	4,860	8,299
55+	1,132	1,815	3,368
Total	18,254	31,190	59,965