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**Update on Payments Awarded for Covid-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment  
and Enhanced Illness Benefit – Statistics – 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

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

There are 60,196 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 24,951 are female and 35,245 are male.

**County Breakdown**

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 8<sup>th</sup> February 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	521	584	5,084	7,135
Cavan	713	808	7,264	10,013
Clare	1,438	1,608	11,784	14,984
Cork	5,275	5,955	49,700	62,867
Donegal	1,884	2,159	16,578	22,725
Dublin	22,240	24,277	150,981	174,909
Galway	2,985	3,453	25,883	33,342
Kerry	2,274	2,502	18,643	22,350
Kildare	2,655	2,971	21,669	26,896
Kilkenny	969	1,113	9,060	11,573
Laois	852	964	7,521	9,796
Leitrim	324	376	3,028	4,064
Limerick	1,830	2,117	17,106	22,072
Longford	365	414	3,284	4,436
Louth	1,884	2,166	13,514	17,121
Mayo	1,479	1,701	13,306	16,496
Meath	2,838	3,140	21,119	26,840
Monaghan	682	793	6,825	8,340
Offaly	718	834	6,765	9,126
Roscommon	568	671	5,750	7,647
Sligo	715	827	6,089	7,787
Tipperary	1,324	1,560	13,226	18,628
Waterford	1,216	1,383	10,786	13,760
Westmeath	991	1,181	8,423	11,417
Wexford	1,557	1,813	16,126	20,621
Wicklow	1,786	1,948	14,744	18,635
County not included	113	116	2,096	2,088
<b>Total</b>	<b>60,196</b>	<b>67,434</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 (12,326), followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (9,647) and Administrative and support service activities (6,776).

<b>Sector Breakdown</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 8<sup>th</sup> February 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	920	1,022	7,192	8,753
Manufacturing	3,990	4,499	28,205	39,787
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	290	317	1,639	2,162
Construction	5,204	5,758	63,700	84,653
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	9,647	10,741	77,371	94,790
Transportation and storage	2,958	3,175	13,789	18,234
Accommodation and food service activities	12,326	14,765	112,375	132,004
Information and communication activities	1,837	1,962	8,696	11,369
Financial and insurance activities	1,740	1,859	8,892	11,529
Real Estate activities	906	986	6,423	7,915
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	2,897	3,093	17,131	24,347
Administrative and support service activities	6,776	7,347	42,108	45,259
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	994	1,083	8,061	10,418
Education	1,757	1,915	14,947	21,679
Human Health And Social Work activities	2,151	2,460	15,582	23,812
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,513	1,722	13,209	14,295
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	3,040	3,375	35,893	39,324
Unclassified or unknown	1,250	1,355	11,141	15,338
<b>Total</b>	<b>60,196</b>	<b>67,434</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 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Number of people in receipt of €208 on 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Number of people in receipt of €150 on 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
<b>Industrial Sector</b>					
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	104	29	546	229	12
Manufacturing	408	122	2,660	726	74
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	33	6	212	37	2
Construction	475	70	3,768	848	43
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	837	455	5,608	2,538	209
Transportation and storage	258	88	1,956	584	72
Accommodation and food service activities	2,535	1,149	5,518	2,533	591
Information and communication activities	235	53	1,176	315	58
Financial and insurance activities	127	41	1,147	366	59
Real Estate activities	82	32	536	220	36
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	239	77	1,943	593	45
Administrative and support service activities	783	229	4,249	1,318	197
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	91	34	553	256	60
Education	160	71	979	490	57
Human Health And Social Work activities	251	68	1,182	597	53
Arts, entertainment and recreation	210	72	841	332	58
Other Sectors	269	146	1,524	999	102
Unclassified or unknown	79	45	564	404	158
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,176</b>	<b>2,787</b>	<b>34,962</b>	<b>13,385</b>	<b>1,886</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 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b>
< 25	7,189	9,338
25-34	12,466	14,039
35-44	15,079	16,589
45-54	13,389	14,605
55+	12,073	12,863
<b>Total</b>	<b>60,196</b>	<b>67,434</b>

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

<b>Gender</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €350 on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €300 on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €250 on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €208 on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €150 on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b>
Male	4,762	1,443	21,477	6,534	1,028
Female	2,414	1,344	13,485	6,851	858
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,176</b>	<b>2,787</b>	<b>34,962</b>	<b>13,385</b>	<b>1,886</b>

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

<b>Age category</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €350 on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €300 on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €250 on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €208 on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €150 on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b>
< 25	1,235	1,172	2,862	1,398	522
25-34	2,159	534	6,907	2,605	261
35-44	1,777	414	9,405	3,183	300
45-54	1,272	382	8,261	3,067	407
55+	733	285	7,527	3,132	396
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,176</b>	<b>2,787</b>	<b>34,962</b>	<b>13,385</b>	<b>1,886</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 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b>	<b>Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b>	<b>Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022</b>
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	-102	-91	-72
Manufacturing	-509	-531	-389
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	-27	-24	-38
Construction	-554	-655	-1,164
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	-1,094	-1,327	-677
Transportation and storage	-217	-214	-171
Accommodation and food service activities	-2,439	-2,590	-1,044
Information and communication activities	-125	-146	-79
Financial and insurance activities	-119	-105	-49
Real Estate activities	-80	-86	-63
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	-196	-213	-138
Administrative and support service activities	-571	-652	-425
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	-89	-83	-89
Education	-158	-171	-119
Human Health And Social Work activities	-309	-376	-200
Arts, entertainment and recreation	-209	-224	-93
Other Sectors	-335	-401	-247
Unclassified or unknown	-105	-90	-55
<b>Total</b>	<b>-7,238</b>	<b>-7,979</b>	<b>-5,112</b>

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

To date 402,766 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 212,903 are female and 189,863 are male.

Some 14,864 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 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022</b>
Carlow	5,579	5,338	5,120
Cavan	8,169	7,987	7,796
Clare	9,377	9,020	8,645
Cork	42,096	40,365	38,755
Donegal	12,943	12,615	12,402
Dublin	108,419	104,538	100,670
Galway	24,399	23,458	22,618
Kerry	11,260	10,916	10,538
Kildare	18,275	17,458	16,644
Kilkenny	8,734	8,435	8,125
Laois	7,463	7,197	6,929
Leitrim	2,315	2,252	2,181
Limerick	15,833	15,256	14,646
Longford	3,689	3,573	3,439
Louth	12,029	11,625	11,221
Mayo	11,114	10,805	10,491
Meath	18,350	17,711	17,093
Monaghan	6,778	6,563	6,363
Offaly	6,761	6,541	6,350
Roscommon	5,316	5,163	5,032
Sligo	4,870	4,668	4,473
Tipperary	14,006	13,602	13,145
Waterford	11,949	11,507	11,051
Westmeath	7,804	7,502	7,197
Wexford	13,300	12,941	12,535
Wicklow	10,036	9,700	9,369
County not known	1,902	1,876	1,838
<b>Total</b>	<b>402,766</b>	<b>388,612</b>	<b>374,666</b>

**Table 8 a – Analysis of Enhanced Illness Benefit for week 4/2/22 to 10/02/22**

In the week from Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022 to Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022, 22,733 people were medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 12,404 are female and 10,329 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 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 28<sup>th</sup> January to 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022</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>
Carlow	345	278	407
Cavan	322	318	589
Clare	570	428	761
Cork	2,595	2,027	3,296
Donegal	439	407	744
Dublin	6,019	5,000	8,512
Galway	1,572	1,072	1,980
Kerry	570	459	861
Kildare	1,211	897	1,508
Kilkenny	490	379	550
Laois	416	341	588
Leitrim	106	118	169
Limerick	1,037	745	1,361
Longford	225	200	346
Louth	699	536	841
Mayo	576	482	864
Meath	1,042	904	1,533
Monaghan	357	307	479
Offaly	344	297	549
Roscommon	230	230	416
Sligo	294	238	448
Tipperary	779	636	1,093
Waterford	770	555	838
Westmeath	495	352	639
Wexford	691	607	1,006
Wicklow	490	395	723
County not included	49	46	89
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,733</b>	<b>18,254</b>	<b>31,190</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 (88,928) and Human Health and Social Work (49,511), followed by Manufacturing (48,797).

<b>Sector Breakdown</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022</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>Industrial Sector</b>			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	4,991	4,822	4,656
Manufacturing	48,797	47,231	45,746
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	2,360	2,276	2,201
Construction	27,042	25,997	24,885
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	88,928	85,853	82,761
Transportation and storage	15,352	14,910	14,453
Accommodation and food service activities	44,634	42,679	40,839
Information and communication activities	6,741	6,428	6,205
Financial and insurance activities	11,903	11,558	11,205
Real Estate activities	3,348	3,211	3,082
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	14,694	14,114	13,605
Administrative and support service activities	33,683	32,550	31,444
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	14,326	13,897	13,455
Education	12,809	12,253	11,721
Human Health and Social Work activities	49,511	48,050	46,580
Arts, entertainment and recreation	6,131	5,876	5,645
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	15,606	15,051	14,388
Unclassified or unknown	1,910	1,856	1,795
<b>Total</b>	<b>402,766</b>	<b>388,612</b>	<b>374,666</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 04/02/22 to 10/02/22**

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 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022 to 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022 are Wholesale and Retail Trade (5,835) and Accommodation and food service activities (3,054), followed by Manufacturing (2,641).

<b>Sector Breakdown</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 28<sup>th</sup> January to 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022</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>Industrial Sector</b>			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	267	225	357
Manufacturing	2,641	2,477	4,187
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	135	128	202
Construction	1,527	1,331	2,379
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	5,835	4,155	7,214
Transportation and storage	833	784	1,227
Accommodation and food service activities	3,054	2,003	3,834
Information and communication activities	322	255	402
Financial and insurance activities	454	454	639
Real Estate activities	201	148	250
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	723	662	1,076
Administrative and support service activities	1,857	1,504	2,846
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	512	414	618
Education	758	546	873
Human Health and Social Work activities	2,273	2,025	3,177
Arts, entertainment and recreation	390	250	507
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	876	802	1,246
Unclassified or unknown	75	91	156
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,733</b>	<b>18,254</b>	<b>31,190</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 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022</b>
< 25	95,427	91,192	86,637
25-34	102,145	98,649	95,467
35-44	99,735	96,135	92,524
45-54	67,196	65,257	63,394
55+	38,263	37,379	36,644
<b>Total</b>	<b>402,766</b>	<b>388,612</b>	<b>374,666</b>

**Table 10 a – Enhanced Illness Benefit Age Profile for week 04/02/22 to 10/2/22**

<b>Age category</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 28<sup>th</sup> January to 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022</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>
< 25	7,937	4,246	8,017
25-34	5,149	4,419	8,230
35-44	5,582	5,470	8,268
45-54	2,921	2,987	4,860
55+	1,144	1,132	1,815
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,733</b>	<b>18,254</b>	<b>31,190</b>