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**Update on Payments Awarded for Covid-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment
and Enhanced Illness Benefit – Statistics – 1st March 2022**

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Table 1 – Analysis of Pandemic Unemployment Payments

There are 53,706 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 22,090 are female and 31,616 are male.

County Breakdown

County	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 1st March 2022	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 22nd 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	459	482	5,084	7,135
Cavan	637	677	7,264	10,013
Clare	1,259	1,347	11,784	14,984
Cork	4,697	4,977	49,700	62,867
Donegal	1,593	1,716	16,578	22,725
Dublin	20,200	21,154	150,981	174,909
Galway	2,638	2,803	25,883	33,342
Kerry	1,991	2,146	18,643	22,350
Kildare	2,408	2,527	21,669	26,896
Kilkenny	846	913	9,060	11,573
Laois	778	805	7,521	9,796
Leitrim	288	305	3,028	4,064
Limerick	1,643	1,730	17,106	22,072
Longford	318	336	3,284	4,436
Louth	1,700	1,788	13,514	17,121
Mayo	1,247	1,348	13,306	16,496
Meath	2,551	2,670	21,119	26,840
Monaghan	612	637	6,825	8,340
Offaly	636	671	6,765	9,126
Roscommon	503	541	5,750	7,647
Sligo	603	659	6,089	7,787
Tipperary	1,166	1,228	13,226	18,628
Waterford	1,016	1,103	10,786	13,760
Westmeath	853	921	8,423	11,417
Wexford	1,338	1,432	16,126	20,621
Wicklow	1,622	1,708	14,744	18,635
County not included	104	109	2,096	2,088
Total	53,706	56,733	*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 (10,256), followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (8,720) and Administrative and support service activities (6,136).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 1st March 2022	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 22nd 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	845	871	7,192	8,753
Manufacturing	3,608	3,801	28,205	39,787
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	270	280	1,639	2,162
Construction	4,784	4,975	63,700	84,653
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	8,720	9,169	77,371	94,790
Transportation and storage	2,709	2,840	13,789	18,234
Accommodation and food service activities	10,256	11,160	112,375	132,004
Information and communication activities	1,709	1,783	8,696	11,369
Financial and insurance activities	1,603	1,665	8,892	11,529
Real Estate activities	818	861	6,423	7,915
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	2,675	2,797	17,131	24,347
Administrative and support service activities	6,136	6,433	42,108	45,259
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	873	925	8,061	10,418
Education	1,577	1,656	14,947	21,679
Human Health And Social Work activities	1,891	2,010	15,582	23,812
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,359	1,442	13,209	14,295
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	2,748	2,881	35,893	39,324
Unclassified or unknown	1,125	1,184	11,141	15,338
Total	53,706	56,733	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 1 st March 2022	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 1 st March 2022	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 1 st March 2022	Number of people in receipt of €208 on 1 st March 2022	Number of people in receipt of €150 on 1 st March 2022
Industrial Sector					
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	80	25	520	211	9
Manufacturing	279	97	2,498	672	62
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	24	6	202	36	2
Construction	301	48	3,610	791	34
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	606	321	5,259	2,365	169
Transportation and storage	182	64	1,856	541	66
Accommodation and food service activities	1,717	781	4,976	2,336	446
Information and communication activities	207	43	1,113	290	56
Financial and insurance activities	93	31	1,082	343	54
Real Estate activities	59	22	504	202	31
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	176	57	1,848	554	40
Administrative and support service activities	594	173	3,992	1,215	162
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	61	23	513	220	56
Education	115	52	911	452	47
Human Health And Social Work activities	132	47	1,116	551	45
Arts, entertainment and recreation	175	48	791	307	38
Other Sectors	197	120	1,431	917	83
Unclassified or unknown	67	39	527	350	142
Total	5,065	1,997	32,749	12,353	1,542

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 1st March 2022	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 22nd February 2022
< 25	5,612	6,345
25-34	11,058	11,677
35-44	13,732	14,334
45-54	12,198	12,800
55+	11,106	11,577
Total	53,706	56,733

Table 5 – Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 1st March 2022	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 1st March 2022	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 1st March 2022	Number of people in receipt of €208 on 1st March 2022	Number of people in receipt of €150 on 1st March 2022
Male	3,373	1,082	20,256	6,040	864
Female	1,692	915	12,493	6,313	678
Total	5,065	1,997	32,749	12,353	1,542

Table 6 – Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 1st March 2022	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 1st March 2022	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 1st March 2022	Number of people in receipt of €208 on 1st March 2022	Number of people in receipt of €150 on 1st March 2022
< 25	844	809	2,373	1,240	346
25-34	1,502	406	6,490	2,446	214
35-44	1,278	304	8,946	2,957	247
45-54	897	282	7,817	2,836	366
55+	544	196	7,123	2,874	369
Total	5,065	1,997	32,749	12,353	1,542

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 1st March 2022	Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 22nd February 2022	Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 15th February 2022
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	-26	-49	-102
Manufacturing	-193	-189	-509
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	-10	-10	-27
Construction	-191	-229	-554
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	-449	-478	-1,094
Transportation and storage	-131	-118	-217
Accommodation and food service activities	-904	-1,166	-2,439
Information and communication activities	-74	-54	-125
Financial and insurance activities	-62	-75	-119
Real Estate activities	-43	-45	-80
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	-122	-100	-196
Administrative and support service activities	-297	-343	-571
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	-52	-69	-89
Education	-79	-101	-158
Human Health And Social Work activities	-119	-141	-309
Arts, entertainment and recreation	-83	-71	-209
Other Sectors	-133	-159	-335
Unclassified or unknown	-59	-66	-105
Total	-3,027	-3,463	-7,238

Table 8 – Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date 423,292 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 223,739 are female and 199,553 are male.

Some 9,708 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 1st March 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 22nd February 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 15th February 2022
Carlow	5,862	5,717	5,579
Cavan	8,452	8,313	8,169
Clare	9,832	9,636	9,377
Cork	44,218	43,297	42,096
Donegal	13,696	13,321	12,943
Dublin	113,967	111,487	108,419
Galway	25,754	25,109	24,399
Kerry	11,684	11,483	11,260
Kildare	19,370	18,880	18,275
Kilkenny	9,126	8,943	8,734
Laois	7,809	7,636	7,463
Leitrim	2,422	2,369	2,315
Limerick	16,646	16,291	15,833
Longford	3,869	3,785	3,689
Louth	12,794	12,462	12,029
Mayo	11,633	11,377	11,114
Meath	19,290	18,875	18,350
Monaghan	7,128	6,957	6,778
Offaly	7,060	6,925	6,761
Roscommon	5,535	5,431	5,316
Sligo	5,170	5,015	4,870
Tipperary	14,616	14,342	14,006
Waterford	12,595	12,288	11,949
Westmeath	8,173	8,014	7,804
Wexford	13,935	13,645	13,300
Wicklow	10,656	10,381	10,036
County not known	2,000	1,957	1,902
Total	423,292	413,936	402,766

Table 8 a – Analysis of Enhanced Illness Benefit for week 18/2/22 to 24/02/22

In the week from Friday, 18th February 2022 to Thursday, 24th February 2022, 16,278 people were medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 8,839 are female and 7,439 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 18th to 24th February 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 11th to 17th February 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 4th to 10th February 2022
Carlow	203	329	345
Cavan	261	304	322
Clare	384	425	570
Cork	1,719	2,124	2,595
Donegal	575	509	439
Dublin	4,317	5,024	6,019
Galway	1,130	1,282	1,572
Kerry	391	432	570
Kildare	825	1,044	1,211
Kilkenny	342	374	490
Laois	252	346	416
Leitrim	74	81	106
Limerick	684	746	1,037
Longford	144	165	225
Louth	595	607	699
Mayo	383	443	576
Meath	733	818	1,042
Monaghan	274	282	357
Offaly	261	287	344
Roscommon	198	216	230
Sligo	218	258	294
Tipperary	499	555	779
Waterford	488	587	770
Westmeath	341	384	495
Wexford	521	536	691
Wicklow	425	472	490
County not included	41	30	49
Total	16,278	18,660	22,733

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 (92,867) and Human Health and Social Work (51,836), followed by Manufacturing (51,257).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 1st March 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 22nd February 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 15th February 2022
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	5,245	5,120	4,991
Manufacturing	51,257	50,186	48,797
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	2,484	2,422	2,360
Construction	28,544	27,823	27,042
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	92,867	91,134	88,928
Transportation and storage	16,070	15,770	15,352
Accommodation and food service activities	47,203	46,221	44,634
Information and communication activities	7,175	6,985	6,741
Financial and insurance activities	12,478	12,250	11,903
Real Estate activities	3,555	3,420	3,348
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	15,445	15,020	14,694
Administrative and support service activities	35,266	34,494	33,683
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	15,323	14,654	14,326
Education	13,630	13,273	12,809
Human Health and Social Work activities	51,836	50,794	49,511
Arts, entertainment and recreation	6,496	6,348	6,131
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	16,399	16,042	15,606
Unclassified or unknown	2,019	1,980	1,910
Total	423,292	413,936	402,766

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 18/02/22 to 24/02/22

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 18th February 2022 to 24th February 2022 are Wholesale and Retail Trade (3,702) and Manufacturing (2,088), followed by Human Health and Social Work activities (2,027).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 18th to 24th February 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 11th to 17th February 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 4th to 10th February 2022
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	175	202	267
Manufacturing	2,088	2,228	2,641
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	90	95	135
Construction	1,073	1,236	1,527
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	3,702	4,555	5,835
Transportation and storage	655	661	833
Accommodation and food service activities	1,884	2,344	3,054
Information and communication activities	258	303	322
Financial and insurance activities	369	387	454
Real Estate activities	130	166	201
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	605	689	723
Administrative and support service activities	1,388	1,569	1,857
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	356	410	512
Education	517	609	758
Human Health and Social Work activities	2,027	2,070	2,273
Arts, entertainment and recreation	238	328	390
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	643	720	876
Unclassified or unknown	80	88	75
Total	16,278	18,660	22,733

Table 10 – Enhanced Illness Benefit Age Profile

Age category	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 1st March 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 22nd February 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 15th February 2022
< 25	99,552	97,747	95,427
25-34	107,592	105,179	102,145
35-44	105,472	102,850	99,735
45-54	70,781	69,002	67,196
55+	39,895	39,158	38,263
Total	423,292	413,936	402,766

Table 10 a – Enhanced Illness Benefit Age Profile for week 18/02/22 to 24/2/22

Age category	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 18th to 24th February 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 11th to 17th February 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 4th to 10th February 2022
< 25	3,784	5,262	7,937
25-34	4,236	4,789	5,149
35-44	4,592	4,857	5,582
45-54	2,565	2,724	2,921
55+	1,101	1,028	1,144
Total	16,278	18,660	22,733