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

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Table 1 – Analysis of Pandemic Unemployment Payments

There are 49,864 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 19,956 are female and 29,908 are male.

County Breakdown

County	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 8 th March 2022	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 1 st March 2022	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment at its 2021 peak on 9 th February 2021	Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment at its 2020 peak in week commencing 4 th May 2020
Carlow	421	459	5,084	7,135
Cavan	597	637	7,264	10,013
Clare	1,166	1,259	11,784	14,984
Cork	4,309	4,697	49,700	62,867
Donegal	1,478	1,593	16,578	22,725
Dublin	18,852	20,200	150,981	174,909
Galway	2,450	2,638	25,883	33,342
Kerry	1,828	1,991	18,643	22,350
Kildare	2,262	2,408	21,669	26,896
Kilkenny	786	846	9,060	11,573
Laois	724	778	7,521	9,796
Leitrim	265	288	3,028	4,064
Limerick	1,530	1,643	17,106	22,072
Longford	292	318	3,284	4,436
Louth	1,578	1,700	13,514	17,121
Mayo	1,143	1,247	13,306	16,496
Meath	2,413	2,551	21,119	26,840
Monaghan	571	612	6,825	8,340
Offaly	579	636	6,765	9,126
Roscommon	462	503	5,750	7,647
Sligo	546	603	6,089	7,787
Tipperary	1,071	1,166	13,226	18,628
Waterford	929	1,016	10,786	13,760
Westmeath	791	853	8,423	11,417
Wexford	1,214	1,338	16,126	20,621
Wicklow	1,509	1,622	14,744	18,635
County not included	98	104	2,096	2,088
Total	49,864	53,706	*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 (9,315), followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (8,079) and Administrative and support service activities (5,757).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 8th March 2022	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 1st March 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	798	845	7,192	8,753
Manufacturing	3,417	3,608	28,205	39,787
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	259	270	1,639	2,162
Construction	4,585	4,784	63,700	84,653
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	8,079	8,720	77,371	94,790
Transportation and storage	2,558	2,709	13,789	18,234
Accommodation and food service activities	9,315	10,256	112,375	132,004
Information and communication activities	1,607	1,709	8,696	11,369
Financial and insurance activities	1,492	1,603	8,892	11,529
Real Estate activities	749	818	6,423	7,915
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	2,505	2,675	17,131	24,347
Administrative and support service activities	5,757	6,136	42,108	45,259
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	806	873	8,061	10,418
Education	1,436	1,577	14,947	21,679
Human Health And Social Work activities	1,695	1,891	15,582	23,812
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,250	1,359	13,209	14,295
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	2,488	2,748	35,893	39,324
Unclassified or unknown	1,068	1,125	11,141	15,338
Total	49,864	53,706	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 €208 on 8 th March 2022	Number of people in receipt of €150 on 8 th March 2022
Industrial Sector		
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	789	9
Manufacturing	3,358	59
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	257	2
Construction	4,552	33
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	7,921	158
Transportation and storage	2,497	61
Accommodation and food service activities	8,920	395
Information and communication activities	1,553	54
Financial and insurance activities	1,441	51
Real Estate activities	720	29
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	2,472	33
Administrative and support service activities	5,603	154
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	753	53
Education	1,393	43
Human Health And Social Work activities	1,653	42
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,217	33
Other Sectors	2,409	79
Unclassified or unknown	931	137
Total	48,439	1,425

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 March 2022	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 1st March 2022
< 25	5,119	5,612
25-34	10,201	11,058
35-44	12,743	13,732
45-54	11,379	12,198
55+	10,422	11,106
Total	49,864	53,706

Table 5 – Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €208 on 8th March 2022	Number of people in receipt of €150 on 8th March 2022
Male	29,100	807
Female	19,339	618
Total	48,439	1,425

Table 6 – Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €208 on 8th March 2022	Number of people in receipt of €150 on 8th March 2022
< 25	4,820	299
25-34	10,005	196
35-44	12,511	232
45-54	11,031	348
55+	10,072	350
Total	48,439	1,425

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 March 2022	Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 1st March 2022	Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 22nd February 2022
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	-47	-26	-49
Manufacturing	-191	-193	-189
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	-11	-10	-10
Construction	-199	-191	-229
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	-641	-449	-478
Transportation and storage	-151	-131	-118
Accommodation and food service activities	-941	-904	-1,166
Information and communication activities	-102	-74	-54
Financial and insurance activities	-111	-62	-75
Real Estate activities	-69	-43	-45
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	-170	-122	-100
Administrative and support service activities	-379	-297	-343
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	-67	-52	-69
Education	-141	-79	-101
Human Health And Social Work activities	-196	-119	-141
Arts, entertainment and recreation	-109	-83	-71
Other Sectors	-260	-133	-159
Unclassified or unknown	-57	-59	-66
Total	-3,842	-3,027	-3,463

Table 8 – Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date 431,529 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 228,299 are female and 203,230 are male.

Some 8,440 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 8 th March 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 1 st March 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 22 nd February 2022
Carlow	5,979	5,862	5,717
Cavan	8,603	8,452	8,313
Clare	10,049	9,832	9,636
Cork	44,986	44,218	43,297
Donegal	14,061	13,696	13,321
Dublin	116,011	113,967	111,487
Galway	26,271	25,754	25,109
Kerry	11,848	11,684	11,483
Kildare	19,736	19,370	18,880
Kilkenny	9,292	9,126	8,943
Laois	7,989	7,809	7,636
Leitrim	2,515	2,422	2,369
Limerick	16,940	16,646	16,291
Longford	3,965	3,869	3,785
Louth	13,033	12,794	12,462
Mayo	11,952	11,633	11,377
Meath	19,652	19,290	18,875
Monaghan	7,275	7,128	6,957
Offaly	7,193	7,060	6,925
Roscommon	5,643	5,535	5,431
Sligo	5,347	5,170	5,015
Tipperary	14,865	14,616	14,342
Waterford	12,810	12,595	12,288
Westmeath	8,324	8,173	8,014
Wexford	14,246	13,935	13,645
Wicklow	10,919	10,656	10,381
County not known	2,025	2,000	1,957
Total	431,529	423,292	413,936

Table 8 a – Analysis of Enhanced Illness Benefit for week 25/2/22 to 03/03/22

In the week from Friday, 25th February 2022 to Thursday, 3rd March 2022, 14,026 people were medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 7,691 are female and 6,335 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 25th February to 3rd March 2022	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
Carlow	215	203	329
Cavan	243	261	304
Clare	319	384	425
Cork	1,369	1,719	2,124
Donegal	630	575	509
Dublin	3,499	4,317	5,024
Galway	1,012	1,130	1,282
Kerry	286	391	432
Kildare	714	825	1,044
Kilkenny	270	342	374
Laois	279	252	346
Leitrim	87	74	81
Limerick	581	684	746
Longford	127	144	165
Louth	491	595	607
Mayo	432	383	443
Meath	629	733	818
Monaghan	282	274	282
Offaly	215	261	287
Roscommon	160	198	216
Sligo	193	218	258
Tipperary	390	499	555
Waterford	444	488	587
Westmeath	271	341	384
Wexford	443	521	536
Wicklow	404	425	472
County not included	41	41	30
Total	14,026	16,278	18,660

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 (94,395) and Human Health and Social Work (52,994), followed by Manufacturing (52,267).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 8th March 2022	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
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	5,344	5,245	5,120
Manufacturing	52,267	51,257	50,186
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	2,539	2,484	2,422
Construction	29,109	28,544	27,823
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	94,395	92,867	91,134
Transportation and storage	16,373	16,070	15,770
Accommodation and food service activities	48,058	47,203	46,221
Information and communication activities	7,349	7,175	6,985
Financial and insurance activities	12,732	12,478	12,250
Real Estate activities	3,624	3,555	3,420
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	15,820	15,445	15,020
Administrative and support service activities	35,868	35,266	34,494
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	15,679	15,323	14,654
Education	13,989	13,630	13,273
Human Health and Social Work activities	52,994	51,836	50,794
Arts, entertainment and recreation	6,665	6,496	6,348
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	16,737	16,399	16,042
Unclassified or unknown	1,987	2,019	1,980
Total	431,529	423,292	413,936

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 25/02/22 to 03/03/22

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 25th February 2022 to 3rd March 2022 are Wholesale and Retail Trade (3,103) and Human Health and Social Work activities (1,868), followed by Manufacturing (1,782).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 25th February to 3rd March 2022	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
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	166	175	202
Manufacturing	1,782	2,088	2,228
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	73	90	95
Construction	945	1,073	1,236
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	3,103	3,702	4,555
Transportation and storage	556	655	661
Accommodation and food service activities	1,526	1,884	2,344
Information and communication activities	192	258	303
Financial and insurance activities	367	369	387
Real Estate activities	141	130	166
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	534	605	689
Administrative and support service activities	1,127	1,388	1,569
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	369	356	410
Education	414	517	609
Human Health and Social Work activities	1,868	2,027	2,070
Arts, entertainment and recreation	214	238	328
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	571	643	720
Unclassified or unknown	78	80	88
Total	14,026	16,278	18,660

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 March 2022	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
< 25	100,826	99,552	97,747
25-34	109,685	107,592	105,179
35-44	107,825	105,472	102,850
45-54	72,502	70,781	69,002
55+	40,691	39,895	39,158
Total	431,529	423,292	413,936

Table 10 a – Enhanced Illness Benefit Age Profile for week 25/02/22 to 03/03/22

Age category	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 25th February to 3rd March 2022	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
< 25	2,889	3,784	5,262
25-34	3,621	4,236	4,789
35-44	4,019	4,592	4,857
45-54	2,487	2,565	2,724
55+	1,010	1,101	1,028
Total	14,026	16,278	18,660