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

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

There are 47,735 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 19,084 are female and 28,651 are male.

**County Breakdown**

| <b>County</b>       | <b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022</b> | <b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 8<sup>th</sup> March 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              | 398   | 421  | 5,084  | 7,135   |
| Cavan               | 578   | 597  | 7,264  | 10,013  |
| Clare               | 1,110   | 1,166  | 11,784   | 14,984  |
| Cork                | 4,095   | 4,309  | 49,700   | 62,867  |
| Donegal             | 1,414   | 1,478  | 16,578   | 22,725  |
| Dublin              | 18,107  | 18,852   | 150,981  | 174,909   |
| Galway              | 2,348   | 2,450  | 25,883   | 33,342  |
| Kerry               | 1,726   | 1,828  | 18,643   | 22,350  |
| Kildare             | 2,174   | 2,262  | 21,669   | 26,896  |
| Kilkenny            | 741   | 786  | 9,060  | 11,573  |
| Laois               | 677   | 724  | 7,521  | 9,796   |
| Leitrim             | 251   | 265  | 3,028  | 4,064   |
| Limerick            | 1,467   | 1,530  | 17,106   | 22,072  |
| Longford            | 283   | 292  | 3,284  | 4,436   |
| Louth               | 1,511   | 1,578  | 13,514   | 17,121  |
| Mayo                | 1,105   | 1,143  | 13,306   | 16,496  |
| Meath               | 2,316   | 2,413  | 21,119   | 26,840  |
| Monaghan            | 544   | 571  | 6,825  | 8,340   |
| Offaly              | 551   | 579  | 6,765  | 9,126   |
| Roscommon           | 457   | 462  | 5,750  | 7,647   |
| Sligo               | 514   | 546  | 6,089  | 7,787   |
| Tipperary           | 1,015   | 1,071  | 13,226   | 18,628  |
| Waterford           | 866   | 929  | 10,786   | 13,760  |
| Westmeath           | 759   | 791  | 8,423  | 11,417  |
| Wexford             | 1,164   | 1,214  | 16,126   | 20,621  |
| Wicklow             | 1,467   | 1,509  | 14,744   | 18,635  |
| County not included | 97  | 98   | 2,096  | 2,088   |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>47,735</b>   | <b>49,864</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 (8,791), followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (7,780) and Administrative and support service activities (5,559).

| <b>Sector Breakdown</b>  | <b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022</b> | <b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 8<sup>th</sup> March 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              | 769   | 798  | 7,192  | 8,753  |
| Manufacturing  | 3,278   | 3,417  | 28,205   | 39,787   |
| Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management | 250   | 259  | 1,639  | 2,162  |
| Construction   | 4,437   | 4,585  | 63,700   | 84,653   |
| Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles | 7,780   | 8,079  | 77,371   | 94,790   |
| Transportation and storage   | 2,455   | 2,558  | 13,789   | 18,234   |
| Accommodation and food service activities                            | 8,791   | 9,315  | 112,375  | 132,004  |
| Information and communication activities                             | 1,542   | 1,607  | 8,696  | 11,369   |
| Financial and insurance activities                                   | 1,413   | 1,492  | 8,892  | 11,529   |
| Real Estate activities   | 721   | 749  | 6,423  | 7,915  |
| Professional, Scientific and Technical activities                    | 2,404   | 2,505  | 17,131   | 24,347   |
| Administrative and support service activities                        | 5,559   | 5,757  | 42,108   | 45,259   |
| Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security        | 778   | 806  | 8,061  | 10,418   |
| Education  | 1,360   | 1,436  | 14,947   | 21,679   |
| Human Health And Social Work activities                              | 1,627   | 1,695  | 15,582   | 23,812   |
| Arts, entertainment and recreation                                   | 1,183   | 1,250  | 13,209   | 14,295   |
| Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons                    | 2,378   | 2,488  | 35,893   | 39,324   |
| Unclassified or unknown  | 1,010   | 1,068  | 11,141   | 15,338   |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>47,735</b>   | <b>49,864</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 €208 on 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2022 | Number of people in receipt of €150 on 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2022 |
|--|--|--|
| <b>Industrial Sector</b>   |  |  |
| Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying              | 761  | 8  |
| Manufacturing  | 3,222  | 56   |
| Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management | 249  | 1  |
| Construction   | 4,405  | 32   |
| Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles | 7,633  | 147  |
| Transportation and storage   | 2,393  | 62   |
| Accommodation and food service activities                            | 8,427  | 364  |
| Information and communication activities                             | 1,491  | 51   |
| Financial and insurance activities                                   | 1,365  | 48   |
| Real Estate activities   | 696  | 25   |
| Professional, Scientific and Technical activities                    | 2,372  | 32   |
| Administrative and support service activities                        | 5,409  | 150  |
| Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security        | 725  | 53   |
| Education  | 1,321  | 39   |
| Human Health And Social Work activities                              | 1,585  | 42   |
| Arts, entertainment and recreation                                   | 1,155  | 28   |
| Other Sectors  | 2,304  | 74   |
| Unclassified or unknown  | 883  | 127  |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>46,396</b>  | <b>1,339</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> March 2022</b> | <b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022</b> |
|---------------------|---|--|
| < 25                | 4,809   | 5,119  |
| 25-34               | 9,803   | 10,201   |
| 35-44               | 12,233  | 12,743   |
| 45-54               | 10,869  | 11,379   |
| 55+                 | 10,021  | 10,422   |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>47,735</b>   | <b>49,864</b>  |

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

| <b>Gender</b> | <b>Number of people in receipt of €208 on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022</b> | <b>Number of people in receipt of €150 on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022</b> |
|---------------|--|--|
| Male          | 27,881   | 770  |
| Female        | 18,515   | 569  |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>46,396</b>  | <b>1,339</b>   |

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

| <b>Age category</b> | <b>Number of people in receipt of €208 on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022</b> | <b>Number of people in receipt of €150 on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022</b> |
|---------------------|--|--|
| < 25                | 4,541  | 268  |
| 25-34               | 9,623  | 180  |
| 35-44               | 12,011   | 222  |
| 45-54               | 10,535   | 334  |
| 55+                 | 9,686  | 335  |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>46,396</b>  | <b>1,339</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> March 2022</b> | <b>Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022</b> | <b>Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022</b> |
|--|---|--|--|
| Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying              | -29   | -47  | -26  |
| Manufacturing  | -139  | -191   | -193   |
| Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management | -9  | -11  | -10  |
| Construction   | -148  | -199   | -191   |
| Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles | -299  | -641   | -449   |
| Transportation and storage   | -103  | -151   | -131   |
| Accommodation and food service activities                            | -524  | -941   | -904   |
| Information and communication activities                             | -65   | -102   | -74  |
| Financial and insurance activities                                   | -79   | -111   | -62  |
| Real Estate activities   | -28   | -69  | -43  |
| Professional, Scientific and Technical activities                    | -101  | -170   | -122   |
| Administrative and support service activities                        | -198  | -379   | -297   |
| Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security        | -28   | -67  | -52  |
| Education  | -76   | -141   | -79  |
| Human Health And Social Work activities                              | -68   | -196   | -119   |
| Arts, entertainment and recreation                                   | -67   | -109   | -83  |
| Other Sectors  | -110  | -260   | -133   |
| Unclassified or unknown  | -58   | -57  | -59  |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>-2,129</b>   | <b>-3,842</b>  | <b>-3,027</b>  |

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

To date 438,567 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 232,274 are female and 206,293 are male.

Some 9,115 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> March 2022</b> | <b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022</b> | <b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022</b> |
|------------------|---|--|--|
| Carlow           | 6,081   | 5,979  | 5,862  |
| Cavan            | 8,713   | 8,603  | 8,452  |
| Clare            | 10,230  | 10,049   | 9,832  |
| Cork             | 45,727  | 44,986   | 44,218   |
| Donegal          | 14,326  | 14,061   | 13,696   |
| Dublin           | 117,604   | 116,011  | 113,967  |
| Galway           | 26,745  | 26,271   | 25,754   |
| Kerry            | 12,031  | 11,848   | 11,684   |
| Kildare          | 20,074  | 19,736   | 19,370   |
| Kilkenny         | 9,460   | 9,292  | 9,126  |
| Laois            | 8,135   | 7,989  | 7,809  |
| Leitrim          | 2,582   | 2,515  | 2,422  |
| Limerick         | 17,172  | 16,940   | 16,646   |
| Longford         | 4,033   | 3,965  | 3,869  |
| Louth            | 13,207  | 13,033   | 12,794   |
| Mayo             | 12,229  | 11,952   | 11,633   |
| Meath            | 19,940  | 19,652   | 19,290   |
| Monaghan         | 7,389   | 7,275  | 7,128  |
| Offaly           | 7,320   | 7,193  | 7,060  |
| Roscommon        | 5,729   | 5,643  | 5,535  |
| Sligo            | 5,521   | 5,347  | 5,170  |
| Tipperary        | 15,107  | 14,865   | 14,616   |
| Waterford        | 12,991  | 12,810   | 12,595   |
| Westmeath        | 8,483   | 8,324  | 8,173  |
| Wexford          | 14,540  | 14,246   | 13,935   |
| Wicklow          | 11,130  | 10,919   | 10,656   |
| County not known | 2,068   | 2,025  | 2,000  |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>438,567</b>  | <b>431,529</b>   | <b>423,292</b>   |

**Table 8 a – Analysis of Enhanced Illness Benefit for week 04/03/22 to 10/03/22**

In the week from Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022 to Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022, 11,121 people were medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 4,794 are female and 6,327 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> March to 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022</b> | <b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 25<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022</b> | <b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 18<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b> |
|---------------------|---|---|---|
| Carlow              | 190   | 215   | 203   |
| Cavan               | 225   | 243   | 261   |
| Clare               | 274   | 319   | 384   |
| Cork                | 1,074   | 1,369   | 1,719   |
| Donegal             | 489   | 630   | 575   |
| Dublin              | 2,663   | 3,499   | 4,317   |
| Galway              | 740   | 1,012   | 1,130   |
| Kerry               | 222   | 286   | 391   |
| Kildare             | 507   | 714   | 825   |
| Kilkenny            | 216   | 270   | 342   |
| Laois               | 225   | 279   | 252   |
| Leitrim             | 103   | 87  | 74  |
| Limerick            | 441   | 581   | 684   |
| Longford            | 125   | 127   | 144   |
| Louth               | 342   | 491   | 595   |
| Mayo                | 387   | 432   | 383   |
| Meath               | 505   | 629   | 733   |
| Monaghan            | 219   | 282   | 274   |
| Offaly              | 174   | 215   | 261   |
| Roscommon           | 133   | 160   | 198   |
| Sligo               | 225   | 193   | 218   |
| Tipperary           | 326   | 390   | 499   |
| Waterford           | 330   | 444   | 488   |
| Westmeath           | 212   | 271   | 341   |
| Wexford             | 432   | 443   | 521   |
| Wicklow             | 302   | 404   | 425   |
| County not included | 40  | 41  | 41  |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>11,121</b>   | <b>14,026</b>   | <b>16,278</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 (95,695) and Human Health and Social Work (53,881), followed by Manufacturing (53,184).

| <b>Sector Breakdown</b>  | <b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022</b> | <b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022</b> | <b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022</b> |
|--|---|--|--|
| <b>Industrial Sector</b>   |   |  |  |
| Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying                  | 5,401   | 5,344  | 5,245  |
| Manufacturing  | 53,184  | 52,267   | 51,257   |
| Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management | 2,592   | 2,539  | 2,484  |
| Construction   | 29,480  | 29,109   | 28,544   |
| Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles     | 95,695  | 94,395   | 92,867   |
| Transportation and storage   | 16,667  | 16,373   | 16,070   |
| Accommodation and food service activities                                | 48,733  | 48,058   | 47,203   |
| Information and communication activities                                 | 7,502   | 7,349  | 7,175  |
| Financial and insurance activities                                       | 13,022  | 12,732   | 12,478   |
| Real Estate activities   | 3,677   | 3,624  | 3,555  |
| Professional, Scientific and Technical activities                        | 16,185  | 15,820   | 15,445   |
| Administrative and support service activities                            | 36,342  | 35,868   | 35,266   |
| Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security            | 16,066  | 15,679   | 15,323   |
| Education  | 14,355  | 13,989   | 13,630   |
| Human Health and Social Work activities                                  | 53,881  | 52,994   | 51,836   |
| Arts, entertainment and recreation                                       | 6,776   | 6,665  | 6,496  |
| Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons                        | 17,018  | 16,737   | 16,399   |
| Unclassified or unknown  | 1,991   | 1,987  | 2,019  |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>438,567</b>  | <b>431,529</b>   | <b>423,292</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 04/03/22 to 10/03/22**

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 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022 to 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022 are Wholesale and Retail Trade (2,424) and Human Health and Social Work activities (1,594), followed by Manufacturing (1,443).

| <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> March to 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022</b> | <b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 25<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022</b> | <b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 18<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b> |
|--|---|---|---|
| <b>Industrial Sector</b>   |   |   |   |
| Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying                  | 123   | 166   | 175   |
| Manufacturing  | 1,443   | 1,782   | 2,088   |
| Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management | 59  | 73  | 90  |
| Construction   | 678   | 945   | 1,073   |
| Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles     | 2,424   | 3,103   | 3,702   |
| Transportation and storage   | 442   | 556   | 655   |
| Accommodation and food service activities                                | 1,167   | 1,526   | 1,884   |
| Information and communication activities                                 | 190   | 192   | 258   |
| Financial and insurance activities                                       | 303   | 367   | 369   |
| Real Estate activities   | 89  | 141   | 130   |
| Professional, Scientific and Technical activities                        | 396   | 534   | 605   |
| Administrative and support service activities                            | 882   | 1,127   | 1,388   |
| Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security            | 308   | 369   | 356   |
| Education  | 370   | 414   | 517   |
| Human Health and Social Work activities                                  | 1,594   | 1,868   | 2,027   |
| Arts, entertainment and recreation                                       | 154   | 214   | 238   |
| Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons                        | 456   | 571   | 643   |
| Unclassified or unknown  | 43  | 78  | 80  |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>11,121</b>   | <b>14,026</b>   | <b>16,278</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> March 2022</b> | <b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022</b> | <b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022</b> |
|---------------------|---|--|--|
| < 25                | 101,690   | 100,826  | 99,552   |
| 25-34               | 111,505   | 109,685  | 107,592  |
| 35-44               | 109,964   | 107,825  | 105,472  |
| 45-54               | 73,960  | 72,502   | 70,781   |
| 55+                 | 41,448  | 40,691   | 39,895   |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>438,567</b>  | <b>431,529</b>   | <b>423,292</b>   |

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

| <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> March to 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022</b> | <b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 25<sup>th</sup> February to 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022</b> | <b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 18<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b> |
|---------------------|---|--|---|
| < 25                | 2,076   | 2,889  | 3,784   |
| 25-34               | 2,723   | 3,621  | 4,236   |
| 35-44               | 3,294   | 4,019  | 4,592   |
| 45-54               | 2,164   | 2,487  | 2,565   |
| 55+                 | 864   | 1,010  | 1,101   |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>11,121</b>   | <b>14,026</b>  | <b>16,278</b>   |