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**Update on Payments Awarded for Covid-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment  
and Enhanced Illness Benefit – Statistics – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022**

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

There are 46,407 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 18,511 are female and 27,896 are male.

**County Breakdown**

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022</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 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	385	398	5,084	7,135
Cavan	565	578	7,264	10,013
Clare	1,065	1,110	11,784	14,984
Cork	3,964	4,095	49,700	62,867
Donegal	1,359	1,414	16,578	22,725
Dublin	17,708	18,107	150,981	174,909
Galway	2,268	2,348	25,883	33,342
Kerry	1,615	1,726	18,643	22,350
Kildare	2,126	2,174	21,669	26,896
Kilkenny	713	741	9,060	11,573
Laois	666	677	7,521	9,796
Leitrim	245	251	3,028	4,064
Limerick	1,438	1,467	17,106	22,072
Longford	273	283	3,284	4,436
Louth	1,470	1,511	13,514	17,121
Mayo	1,069	1,105	13,306	16,496
Meath	2,247	2,316	21,119	26,840
Monaghan	534	544	6,825	8,340
Offaly	539	551	6,765	9,126
Roscommon	446	457	5,750	7,647
Sligo	493	514	6,089	7,787
Tipperary	995	1,015	13,226	18,628
Waterford	839	866	10,786	13,760
Westmeath	742	759	8,423	11,417
Wexford	1,122	1,164	16,126	20,621
Wicklow	1,426	1,467	14,744	18,635
County not included	95	97	2,096	2,088
<b>Total</b>	<b>46,407</b>	<b>47,735</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 (8,409), followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (7,590) and Administrative and support service activities (5,426).

<b>Sector Breakdown</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022</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 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	752	769	7,192	8,753
Manufacturing	3,197	3,278	28,205	39,787
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	249	250	1,639	2,162
Construction	4,343	4,437	63,700	84,653
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	7,590	7,780	77,371	94,790
Transportation and storage	2,384	2,455	13,789	18,234
Accommodation and food service activities	8,409	8,791	112,375	132,004
Information and communication activities	1,507	1,542	8,696	11,369
Financial and insurance activities	1,379	1,413	8,892	11,529
Real Estate activities	704	721	6,423	7,915
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	2,355	2,404	17,131	24,347
Administrative and support service activities	5,426	5,559	42,108	45,259
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	751	778	8,061	10,418
Education	1,331	1,360	14,947	21,679
Human Health And Social Work activities	1,593	1,627	15,582	23,812
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,136	1,183	13,209	14,295
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	2,318	2,378	35,893	39,324
Unclassified or unknown	983	1,010	11,141	15,338
<b>Total</b>	<b>46,407</b>	<b>47,735</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 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2022	Number of people in receipt of €150 on 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2022
<b>Industrial Sector</b>		
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	744	8
Manufacturing	3,143	54
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	248	1
Construction	4,312	31
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	7,449	141
Transportation and storage	2,323	61
Accommodation and food service activities	8,068	341
Information and communication activities	1,456	51
Financial and insurance activities	1,331	48
Real Estate activities	679	25
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	2,324	31
Administrative and support service activities	5,277	149
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	700	51
Education	1,294	37
Human Health And Social Work activities	1,552	41
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,109	27
Other Sectors	2,247	71
Unclassified or unknown	862	121
<b>Total</b>	<b>45,118</b>	<b>1,289</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 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022</b>
< 25	4,603	4,809
25-34	9,528	9,803
35-44	11,903	12,233
45-54	10,578	10,869
55+	9,795	10,021
<b>Total</b>	<b>46,407</b>	<b>47,735</b>

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

<b>Gender</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €208 on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €150 on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022</b>
Male	27,149	746
Female	17,969	543
<b>Total</b>	<b>45,118</b>	<b>1,289</b>

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

<b>Age category</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €208 on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €150 on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022</b>
< 25	4,347	256
25-34	9,357	171
35-44	11,687	216
45-54	10,257	321
55+	9,470	325
<b>Total</b>	<b>45,118</b>	<b>1,289</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 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022</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>
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	-17	-29	-47
Manufacturing	-81	-139	-191
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	-1	-9	-11
Construction	-94	-148	-199
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	-190	-299	-641
Transportation and storage	-71	-103	-151
Accommodation and food service activities	-382	-524	-941
Information and communication activities	-35	-65	-102
Financial and insurance activities	-34	-79	-111
Real Estate activities	-17	-28	-69
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	-49	-101	-170
Administrative and support service activities	-133	-198	-379
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	-27	-28	-67
Education	-29	-76	-141
Human Health And Social Work activities	-34	-68	-196
Arts, entertainment and recreation	-47	-67	-109
Other Sectors	-60	-110	-260
Unclassified or unknown	-27	-58	-57
<b>Total</b>	<b>-1,328</b>	<b>-2,129</b>	<b>-3,842</b>

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

To date 445,451 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 236,326 are female and 209,125 are male.

Some 7,405 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 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022</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>
Carlow	6,187	6,081	5,979
Cavan	8,854	8,713	8,603
Clare	10,425	10,230	10,049
Cork	46,478	45,727	44,986
Donegal	14,543	14,326	14,061
Dublin	119,075	117,604	116,011
Galway	27,218	26,745	26,271
Kerry	12,269	12,031	11,848
Kildare	20,402	20,074	19,736
Kilkenny	9,604	9,460	9,292
Laois	8,254	8,135	7,989
Leitrim	2,636	2,582	2,515
Limerick	17,439	17,172	16,940
Longford	4,085	4,033	3,965
Louth	13,396	13,207	13,033
Mayo	12,483	12,229	11,952
Meath	20,223	19,940	19,652
Monaghan	7,469	7,389	7,275
Offaly	7,446	7,320	7,193
Roscommon	5,843	5,729	5,643
Sligo	5,667	5,521	5,347
Tipperary	15,349	15,107	14,865
Waterford	13,188	12,991	12,810
Westmeath	8,600	8,483	8,324
Wexford	14,864	14,540	14,246
Wicklow	11,374	11,130	10,919
County not known	2,080	2,068	2,025
<b>Total</b>	<b>445,451</b>	<b>438,567</b>	<b>431,529</b>

**Table 8 a – Analysis of Enhanced Illness Benefit for week 11/03/22 to 17/03/22**

In the week from Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022 to Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022, 11,346 people were medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 6,606 are female and 4,740 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 11<sup>th</sup> to 17<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 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>
Carlow	176	190	215
Cavan	213	225	243
Clare	303	274	319
Cork	1,170	1,074	1,369
Donegal	463	489	630
Dublin	2,570	2,663	3,499
Galway	810	740	1,012
Kerry	279	222	286
Kildare	497	507	714
Kilkenny	229	216	270
Laois	244	225	279
Leitrim	96	103	87
Limerick	391	441	581
Longford	108	125	127
Louth	321	342	491
Mayo	410	387	432
Meath	483	505	629
Monaghan	184	219	282
Offaly	220	174	215
Roscommon	146	133	160
Sligo	263	225	193
Tipperary	378	326	390
Waterford	319	330	444
Westmeath	249	212	271
Wexford	479	432	443
Wicklow	314	302	404
County not included	31	40	41
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,346</b>	<b>11,121</b>	<b>14,026</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 (97,011) and Human Health and Social Work (54,910), followed by Manufacturing (53,978).

<b>Sector Breakdown</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022</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>Industrial Sector</b>			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	5,463	5,401	5,344
Manufacturing	53,978	53,184	52,267
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	2,632	2,592	2,539
Construction	29,815	29,480	29,109
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	97,011	95,695	94,395
Transportation and storage	16,934	16,667	16,373
Accommodation and food service activities	49,490	48,733	48,058
Information and communication activities	7,659	7,502	7,349
Financial and insurance activities	13,299	13,022	12,732
Real Estate activities	3,726	3,677	3,624
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	16,518	16,185	15,820
Administrative and support service activities	36,810	36,342	35,868
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	16,320	16,066	15,679
Education	14,691	14,355	13,989
Human Health and Social Work activities	54,910	53,881	52,994
Arts, entertainment and recreation	6,856	6,776	6,665
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	17,303	17,018	16,737
Unclassified or unknown	2,036	1,991	1,987
<b>Total</b>	<b>445,451</b>	<b>438,567</b>	<b>431,529</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 11/03/22 to 17/03/22**

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 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022 to 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022 are Wholesale and Retail Trade (2,659) and Human Health and Social Work activities (1,639), followed by Manufacturing (1,467).

<b>Sector Breakdown</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 11<sup>th</sup> to 17<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 4<sup>th</sup> 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>Industrial Sector</b>			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	100	123	166
Manufacturing	1,467	1,443	1,782
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	57	59	73
Construction	609	678	945
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	2,659	2,424	3,103
Transportation and storage	451	442	556
Accommodation and food service activities	1,141	1,167	1,526
Information and communication activities	178	190	192
Financial and insurance activities	313	303	367
Real Estate activities	91	89	141
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	424	396	534
Administrative and support service activities	890	882	1,127
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	279	308	369
Education	403	370	414
Human Health and Social Work activities	1,639	1,594	1,868
Arts, entertainment and recreation	158	154	214
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	469	456	571
Unclassified or unknown	18	43	78
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,346</b>	<b>11,121</b>	<b>14,026</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 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022</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>
< 25	102,343	101,690	100,826
25-34	113,288	111,505	109,685
35-44	112,126	109,964	107,825
45-54	75,427	73,960	72,502
55+	42,267	41,448	40,691
<b>Total</b>	<b>445,451</b>	<b>438,567</b>	<b>431,529</b>

**Table 10 a – Enhanced Illness Benefit Age Profile for week 11/03/22 to 17/03/22**

<b>Age category</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 11<sup>th</sup> to 17<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 4<sup>th</sup> 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>
< 25	1,997	2,076	2,889
25-34	2,906	2,723	3,621
35-44	3,412	3,294	4,019
45-54	2,115	2,164	2,487
55+	916	864	1,010
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,346</b>	<b>11,121</b>	<b>14,026</b>