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**Update on Payments Awarded for Covid-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment
and Enhanced Illness Benefit – Statistics – 29th March 2022**

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Table 1 – Analysis of Pandemic Unemployment Payments

There are 44,747 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 17,758 are female and 26,989 are male.

County Breakdown

County	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 29th March 2022	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 22nd 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 2020 peak in week commencing 4th May 2020
Carlow	372	385	5,084	7,135
Cavan	548	565	7,264	10,013
Clare	1,018	1,065	11,784	14,984
Cork	3,803	3,964	49,700	62,867
Donegal	1,286	1,359	16,578	22,725
Dublin	17,183	17,708	150,981	174,909
Galway	2,159	2,268	25,883	33,342
Kerry	1,518	1,615	18,643	22,350
Kildare	2,065	2,126	21,669	26,896
Kilkenny	677	713	9,060	11,573
Laois	628	666	7,521	9,796
Leitrim	237	245	3,028	4,064
Limerick	1,382	1,438	17,106	22,072
Longford	263	273	3,284	4,436
Louth	1,424	1,470	13,514	17,121
Mayo	1,024	1,069	13,306	16,496
Meath	2,192	2,247	21,119	26,840
Monaghan	518	534	6,825	8,340
Offaly	519	539	6,765	9,126
Roscommon	431	446	5,750	7,647
Sligo	464	493	6,089	7,787
Tipperary	968	995	13,226	18,628
Waterford	805	839	10,786	13,760
Westmeath	716	742	8,423	11,417
Wexford	1,077	1,122	16,126	20,621
Wicklow	1,378	1,426	14,744	18,635
County not included	92	95	2,096	2,088
Total	44,747	46,407	*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 (7,935), followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (7,346) and Administrative and support service activities (5,264).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 29th March 2022	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 22nd 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	725	752	7,192	8,753
Manufacturing	3,088	3,197	28,205	39,787
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	246	249	1,639	2,162
Construction	4,254	4,343	63,700	84,653
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	7,346	7,590	77,371	94,790
Transportation and storage	2,304	2,384	13,789	18,234
Accommodation and food service activities	7,935	8,409	112,375	132,004
Information and communication activities	1,460	1,507	8,696	11,369
Financial and insurance activities	1,330	1,379	8,892	11,529
Real Estate activities	674	704	6,423	7,915
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	2,290	2,355	17,131	24,347
Administrative and support service activities	5,264	5,426	42,108	45,259
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	719	751	8,061	10,418
Education	1,277	1,331	14,947	21,679
Human Health And Social Work activities	1,536	1,593	15,582	23,812
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,089	1,136	13,209	14,295
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	2,255	2,318	35,893	39,324
Unclassified or unknown	955	983	11,141	15,338
Total	44,747	46,407	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 29 th March 2022	Number of people in receipt of €150 on 29 th March 2022
Industrial Sector		
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	717	8
Manufacturing	3,034	54
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	245	1
Construction	4,226	28
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	7,210	136
Transportation and storage	2,244	60
Accommodation and food service activities	7,620	315
Information and communication activities	1,411	49
Financial and insurance activities	1,284	46
Real Estate activities	649	25
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	2,261	29
Administrative and support service activities	5,119	145
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	671	48
Education	1,241	36
Human Health And Social Work activities	1,498	38
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,062	27
Other Sectors	2,187	68
Unclassified or unknown	839	116
Total	43,518	1,229

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 29th March 2022	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 22nd March 2022
< 25	4,311	4,603
25-34	9,209	9,528
35-44	11,518	11,903
45-54	10,232	10,578
55+	9,477	9,795
Total	44,747	46,407

Table 5 – Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €208 on 29th March 2022	Number of people in receipt of €150 on 29th March 2022
Male	26,270	719
Female	17,248	510
Total	43,518	1,229

Table 6 – Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €208 on 29th March 2022	Number of people in receipt of €150 on 29th March 2022
< 25	4,076	235
25-34	9,050	159
35-44	11,307	211
45-54	9,922	310
55+	9,163	314
Total	43,518	1,229

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 29th March 2022	Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 22nd March 2022	Change in Number of People Receiving PUP Payment Week 15th March 2022
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	-27	-17	-29
Manufacturing	-109	-81	-139
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	-3	-1	-9
Construction	-89	-94	-148
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	-244	-190	-299
Transportation and storage	-80	-71	-103
Accommodation and food service activities	-474	-382	-524
Information and communication activities	-47	-35	-65
Financial and insurance activities	-49	-34	-79
Real Estate activities	-30	-17	-28
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	-65	-49	-101
Administrative and support service activities	-162	-133	-198
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	-32	-27	-28
Education	-54	-29	-76
Human Health And Social Work activities	-57	-34	-68
Arts, entertainment and recreation	-47	-47	-67
Other Sectors	-63	-60	-110
Unclassified or unknown	-28	-27	-58
Total	-1,660	-1,328	-2,129

Table 8 – Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date 459,417 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 244,274 are female and 215,143 are male.

Some 10,679 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 29th March 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 22nd March 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 15th March 2022
Carlow	6,381	6,187	6,081
Cavan	9,107	8,854	8,713
Clare	10,818	10,425	10,230
Cork	48,286	46,478	45,727
Donegal	14,942	14,543	14,326
Dublin	121,917	119,075	117,604
Galway	28,209	27,218	26,745
Kerry	12,800	12,269	12,031
Kildare	20,971	20,402	20,074
Kilkenny	9,991	9,604	9,460
Laois	8,547	8,254	8,135
Leitrim	2,735	2,636	2,582
Limerick	18,017	17,439	17,172
Longford	4,210	4,085	4,033
Louth	13,696	13,396	13,207
Mayo	12,979	12,483	12,229
Meath	20,765	20,223	19,940
Monaghan	7,637	7,469	7,389
Offaly	7,748	7,446	7,320
Roscommon	6,069	5,843	5,729
Sligo	5,897	5,667	5,521
Tipperary	15,819	15,349	15,107
Waterford	13,568	13,188	12,991
Westmeath	8,880	8,600	8,483
Wexford	15,520	14,864	14,540
Wicklow	11,819	11,374	11,130
County not known	2,089	2,080	2,068
Total	459,417	445,451	438,567

Table 8 a – Analysis of Enhanced Illness Benefit for week 18/03/22 to 24/03/22

In the week from Friday, 18th March 2022 to Thursday, 24th March 2022, 9,559 people were medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 5,714 are female and 3,845 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 March 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 11th to 17th March 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 4th March to 10th March 2022
Carlow	163	176	190
Cavan	203	213	225
Clare	245	303	274
Cork	976	1,170	1,074
Donegal	349	463	489
Dublin	2,028	2,570	2,663
Galway	673	810	740
Kerry	294	279	222
Kildare	419	497	507
Kilkenny	226	229	216
Laois	159	244	225
Leitrim	75	96	103
Limerick	400	391	441
Longford	89	108	125
Louth	302	321	342
Mayo	385	410	387
Meath	392	483	505
Monaghan	150	184	219
Offaly	147	220	174
Roscommon	149	146	133
Sligo	189	263	225
Tipperary	331	378	326
Waterford	298	319	330
Westmeath	189	249	212
Wexford	414	479	432
Wicklow	290	314	302
County not included	24	31	40
Total	9,559	11,346	11,121

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 (99,699) and Human Health and Social Work (56,769), followed by Manufacturing (55,852).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 29th March 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 22nd March 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 15th March 2022
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	5,581	5,463	5,401
Manufacturing	55,852	53,978	53,184
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	2,719	2,632	2,592
Construction	30,663	29,815	29,480
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	99,699	97,011	95,695
Transportation and storage	17,495	16,934	16,667
Accommodation and food service activities	50,780	49,490	48,733
Information and communication activities	7,966	7,659	7,502
Financial and insurance activities	13,807	13,299	13,022
Real Estate activities	3,839	3,726	3,677
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	17,171	16,518	16,185
Administrative and support service activities	37,852	36,810	36,342
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	16,941	16,320	16,066
Education	15,313	14,691	14,355
Human Health and Social Work activities	56,769	54,910	53,881
Arts, entertainment and recreation	7,079	6,856	6,776
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	17,865	17,303	17,018
Unclassified or unknown	2,026	2,036	1,991
Total	459,417	445,451	438,567

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 18/03/22 to 24/03/22

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 18th March 2022 to 24th March 2022 are Wholesale and Retail Trade (2,133) and Human Health and Social Work activities (1,452), followed by Manufacturing (1,192).

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Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	82	100	123
Manufacturing	1,192	1,467	1,443
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	43	57	59
Construction	452	609	678
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	2,133	2,659	2,424
Transportation and storage	437	451	442
Accommodation and food service activities	1,041	1,141	1,167
Information and communication activities	155	178	190
Financial and insurance activities	237	313	303
Real Estate activities	78	91	89
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	349	424	396
Administrative and support service activities	740	890	882
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	302	279	308
Education	331	403	370
Human Health and Social Work activities	1,452	1,639	1,594
Arts, entertainment and recreation	118	158	154
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	401	469	456
Unclassified or unknown	16	18	43
Total	9,559	11,346	11,121

Table 10 – Enhanced Illness Benefit Age Profile

Age category	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 29th March 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 22nd March 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 15th March 2022
< 25	104,058	102,343	101,690
25-34	116,707	113,288	111,505
35-44	116,241	112,126	109,964
45-54	78,512	75,427	73,960
55+	43,899	42,267	41,448
Total	459,417	445,451	438,567

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< 25	1,398	1,997	2,076
25-34	2,281	2,906	2,723
35-44	3,051	3,412	3,294
45-54	1,963	2,115	2,164
55+	866	916	864
Total	9,559	11,346	11,121