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**Department of Social Protection**

**Update on Payments Awarded for Covid-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit –  
Statistics – 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

**These statistics are provisional and are subject to revision.**

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To date 482,286 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 256,765 are female and 225,521 are male.

Some 15,445 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 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022</b>
Carlow	6,707	6,381	6,187
Cavan	9,445	9,107	8,854
Clare	11,439	10,818	10,425
Cork	51,209	48,286	46,478
Donegal	15,566	14,942	14,543
Dublin	126,863	121,917	119,075
Galway	29,765	28,209	27,218
Kerry	13,641	12,800	12,269
Kildare	22,074	20,971	20,402
Kilkenny	10,563	9,991	9,604
Laois	9,039	8,547	8,254
Leitrim	2,923	2,735	2,636
Limerick	18,908	18,017	17,439
Longford	4,417	4,210	4,085
Louth	14,196	13,696	13,396
Mayo	13,777	12,979	12,483
Meath	21,720	20,765	20,223
Monaghan	7,883	7,637	7,469
Offaly	8,152	7,748	7,446
Roscommon	6,362	6,069	5,843
Sligo	6,292	5,897	5,667
Tipperary	16,591	15,819	15,349
Waterford	14,224	13,568	13,188
Westmeath	9,334	8,880	8,600
Wexford	16,518	15,520	14,864
Wicklow	12,542	11,819	11,374
County not known	2,136	2,089	2,080
<b>Total</b>	<b>482,286</b>	<b>459,417</b>	<b>445,451</b>

**Table 8 a – Analysis of Enhanced Illness Benefit for week 25/03/22 to 31/03/22**

In the week from Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022 to Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022, some 25,714 people were medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 14,324 are female and 11,390 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 25<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</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> March 2022</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 11<sup>th</sup> March to 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022</b>
Carlow	370	163	176
Cavan	493	203	213
Clare	684	245	303
Cork	3,163	976	1,170
Donegal	762	349	463
Dublin	5,306	2,028	2,570
Galway	1,897	673	810
Kerry	882	294	279
Kildare	1,118	419	497
Kilkenny	623	226	229
Laois	509	159	244
Leitrim	226	75	96
Limerick	995	400	391
Longford	221	89	108
Louth	639	302	321
Mayo	906	385	410
Meath	1,108	392	483
Monaghan	330	150	184
Offaly	477	147	220
Roscommon	351	149	146
Sligo	426	189	263
Tipperary	871	331	378
Waterford	771	298	319
Westmeath	513	189	249
Wexford	1,203	414	479
Wicklow	829	290	314
County not included	41	24	31
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,714</b>	<b>9,559</b>	<b>11,346</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 (104,487) and Human Health and Social Work (59,941), followed by Manufacturing (58,494).

<b>Sector Breakdown</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022</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>Industrial Sector</b>			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	5,839	5,581	5,463
Manufacturing	58,494	55,852	53,978
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	2,841	2,719	2,632
Construction	32,271	30,663	29,815
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	104,487	99,699	97,011
Transportation and storage	18,366	17,495	16,934
Accommodation and food service activities	53,103	50,780	49,490
Information and communication activities	8,409	7,966	7,659
Financial and insurance activities	14,427	13,807	13,299
Real Estate activities	4,043	3,839	3,726
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	18,105	17,171	16,518
Administrative and support service activities	40,087	37,852	36,810
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	17,667	16,941	16,320
Education	16,306	15,313	14,691
Human Health and Social Work activities	59,941	56,769	54,910
Arts, entertainment and recreation	7,401	7,079	6,856
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	18,361	17,865	17,303
Unclassified or unknown	2,138	2,026	2,036
<b>Total</b>	<b>482,286</b>	<b>459,417</b>	<b>445,451</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 25/03/22 to 31/03/22**

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 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 are Wholesale and Retail Trade (5,883) and Human Health and Social Work activities (3,407), followed by Manufacturing (3,261).

<b>Sector Breakdown</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 31<sup>st</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> March 2022</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>Industrial Sector</b>			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	240	82	100
Manufacturing	3,261	1,192	1,467
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	136	43	57
Construction	1,788	452	609
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	5,883	2,133	2,659
Transportation and storage	1,000	437	451
Accommodation and food service activities	2,622	1,041	1,141
Information and communication activities	397	155	178
Financial and insurance activities	628	237	313
Real Estate activities	202	78	91
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	955	349	424
Administrative and support service activities	2,036	740	890
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	678	302	279
Education	878	331	403
Human Health and Social Work activities	3,407	1,452	1,639
Arts, entertainment and recreation	392	118	158
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	1,118	401	469
Unclassified or unknown	93	16	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,714</b>	<b>9,559</b>	<b>11,346</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 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022</b>
< 25	107,149	104,058	102,343
25-34	122,170	116,707	113,288
35-44	122,957	116,241	112,126
45-54	83,328	78,512	75,427
55+	46,682	43,899	42,267
<b>Total</b>	<b>482,286</b>	<b>459,417</b>	<b>445,451</b>

**Table 10 a – Enhanced Illness Benefit Age Profile for week 25/03/22 to 31/03/22**

<b>Age category</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 1<sup>st</sup> April to 7<sup>th</sup> April 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 31<sup>st</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> March 2022</b>
< 25	4,448	1,398	1,997
25-34	6,549	2,281	2,906
35-44	7,457	3,051	3,412
45-54	4,994	1,963	2,115
55+	2,266	866	916
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,714</b>	<b>9,559</b>	<b>11,346</b>