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Department of Social Protection

**Update on Payments Awarded for Covid-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit –
Statistics – 12th April 2022**

These statistics are provisional and are subject to revision.

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To date 490,668 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 261,358 are female and 229,310 are male.

Some 9,415 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 12th April 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 5th April 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 29th March 2022
Carlow	6,837	6,707	6,381
Cavan	9,555	9,445	9,107
Clare	11,644	11,439	10,818
Cork	52,240	51,209	48,286
Donegal	15,781	15,566	14,942
Dublin	128,830	126,863	121,917
Galway	30,338	29,765	28,209
Kerry	13,995	13,641	12,800
Kildare	22,467	22,074	20,971
Kilkenny	10,780	10,563	9,991
Laois	9,193	9,039	8,547
Leitrim	2,977	2,923	2,735
Limerick	19,254	18,908	18,017
Longford	4,500	4,417	4,210
Louth	14,370	14,196	13,696
Mayo	14,031	13,777	12,979
Meath	22,061	21,720	20,765
Monaghan	7,985	7,883	7,637
Offaly	8,286	8,152	7,748
Roscommon	6,440	6,362	6,069
Sligo	6,402	6,292	5,897
Tipperary	16,895	16,591	15,819
Waterford	14,488	14,224	13,568
Westmeath	9,505	9,334	8,880
Wexford	16,847	16,518	15,520
Wicklow	12,809	12,542	11,819
County not known	2,158	2,136	2,089
Total	490,668	482,286	459,417

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

In the week from Friday, 1st April 2022 to Thursday, 7th April 2022, some 19,038 people were medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 10,760 are female and 8,278 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 1st April to 7th April 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 25th to 31st March 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 18th March to 24th March 2022
Carlow	262	370	163
Cavan	334	493	203
Clare	476	684	245
Cork	2,324	3,163	976
Donegal	532	762	349
Dublin	4,037	5,306	2,028
Galway	1,380	1,897	673
Kerry	729	882	294
Kildare	834	1,118	419
Kilkenny	499	623	226
Laois	421	509	159
Leitrim	116	226	75
Limerick	774	995	400
Longford	194	221	89
Louth	409	639	302
Mayo	663	906	385
Meath	767	1,108	392
Monaghan	226	330	150
Offaly	347	477	147
Roscommon	246	351	149
Sligo	284	426	189
Tipperary	702	871	331
Waterford	667	771	298
Westmeath	423	513	189
Wexford	822	1,203	414
Wicklow	535	829	290
County not included	35	41	24
Total	19,038	25,714	9,559

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 (106,065) and Human Health and Social Work (61,207), followed by Manufacturing (59,563).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 12th April 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 5th April 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 29th March 2022
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	5,943	5,839	5,581
Manufacturing	59,563	58,494	55,852
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	2,899	2,841	2,719
Construction	32,673	32,271	30,663
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	106,065	104,487	99,699
Transportation and storage	18,699	18,366	17,495
Accommodation and food service activities	53,789	53,103	50,780
Information and communication activities	8,622	8,409	7,966
Financial and insurance activities	15,089	14,427	13,807
Real Estate activities	4,113	4,043	3,839
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	18,216	18,105	17,171
Administrative and support service activities	40,734	40,087	37,852
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	18,146	17,667	16,941
Education	16,601	16,306	15,313
Human Health and Social Work activities	61,207	59,941	56,769
Arts, entertainment and recreation	7,529	7,401	7,079
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	18,671	18,361	17,865
Unclassified or unknown	2,109	2,138	2,026
Total	490,668	482,286	459,417

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 01/04/22 to 07/04/22

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 1st April 2022 to 7th April 2022 are Wholesale and Retail Trade (4,338) and Human Health and Social Work activities (2,681), followed by Manufacturing (2,507).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 1st April to 7th April 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 25th to 31st March 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 18th to 24th March 2022
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	177	240	82
Manufacturing	2,507	3,261	1,192
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	97	136	43
Construction	1,133	1,788	452
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	4,338	5,883	2,133
Transportation and storage	760	1,000	437
Accommodation and food service activities	1,815	2,622	1,041
Information and communication activities	280	397	155
Financial and insurance activities	571	628	237
Real Estate activities	157	202	78
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	653	955	349
Administrative and support service activities	1,561	2,036	740
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	577	678	302
Education	629	878	331
Human Health and Social Work activities	2,681	3,407	1,452
Arts, entertainment and recreation	268	392	118
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	789	1,118	401
Unclassified or unknown	45	93	16
Total	19,038	25,714	9,559

Table 10 – Enhanced Illness Benefit Age Profile

Age category	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 12th April 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 5th April 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 29th March 2022
< 25	108,129	107,149	104,058
25-34	124,151	122,170	116,707
35-44	125,463	122,957	116,241
45-54	85,111	83,328	78,512
55+	47,814	46,682	43,899
Total	490,668	482,286	459,417

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Age category	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 1st April to 7th April 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 25th to 31st March 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 18th to 24th March 2022
< 25	2,799	4,448	1,398
25-34	4,551	6,549	2,281
35-44	5,515	7,457	3,051
45-54	4,047	4,994	1,963
55+	2,126	2,266	866
Total	19,038	25,714	9,559