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Department of Social Protection

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

These statistics are provisional and are subject to revision.

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To date 496,536 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 264,664 are female and 231,872 are male.

Some 5,994 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 19th April 2022	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
Carlow	6,914	6,837	6,707
Cavan	9,626	9,555	9,445
Clare	11,797	11,644	11,439
Cork	52,940	52,240	51,209
Donegal	15,914	15,781	15,566
Dublin	130,219	128,830	126,863
Galway	30,752	30,338	29,765
Kerry	14,238	13,995	13,641
Kildare	22,760	22,467	22,074
Kilkenny	10,935	10,780	10,563
Laois	9,313	9,193	9,039
Leitrim	3,001	2,977	2,923
Limerick	19,519	19,254	18,908
Longford	4,546	4,500	4,417
Louth	14,497	14,370	14,196
Mayo	14,194	14,031	13,777
Meath	22,300	22,061	21,720
Monaghan	8,042	7,985	7,883
Offaly	8,378	8,286	8,152
Roscommon	6,507	6,440	6,362
Sligo	6,494	6,402	6,292
Tipperary	17,131	16,895	16,591
Waterford	14,664	14,488	14,224
Westmeath	9,618	9,505	9,334
Wexford	17,098	16,847	16,518
Wicklow	12,964	12,809	12,542
County not known	2,175	2,158	2,136
Total	496,536	490,668	482,286

Table 8 a – Analysis of Enhanced Illness Benefit for week 08/04/22 to 14/04/22

In the week from Friday, 8th April 2022 to Thursday, 14th April 2022, some 17,283 people were medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 10,046 are female and 7,237 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 8th April to 14th April 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 1st April to 7th 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 25th March to 31st March 2022
Carlow	253	262	370
Cavan	270	334	493
Clare	463	476	684
Cork	2,055	2,324	3,163
Donegal	467	532	762
Dublin	4,000	4,037	5,306
Galway	1,232	1,380	1,897
Kerry	620	729	882
Kildare	768	834	1,118
Kilkenny	457	499	623
Laois	335	421	509
Leitrim	114	116	226
Limerick	698	774	995
Longford	157	194	221
Louth	407	409	639
Mayo	541	663	906
Meath	695	767	1,108
Monaghan	206	226	330
Offaly	316	347	477
Roscommon	223	246	351
Sligo	263	284	426
Tipperary	601	702	871
Waterford	599	667	771
Westmeath	332	423	513
Wexford	710	822	1,203
Wicklow	469	535	829
County not included	32	35	41
Total	17,283	19,038	25,714

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 (107,045) and Human Health and Social Work (62,174), followed by Manufacturing (60,252).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 19th April 2022	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
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	6,006	5,943	5,839
Manufacturing	60,252	59,563	58,494
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	2,942	2,899	2,841
Construction	32,810	32,673	32,271
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	107,045	106,065	104,487
Transportation and storage	18,982	18,699	18,366
Accommodation and food service activities	54,097	53,789	53,103
Information and communication activities	8,820	8,622	8,409
Financial and insurance activities	15,411	15,089	14,427
Real Estate activities	4,146	4,113	4,043
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	18,494	18,216	18,105
Administrative and support service activities	41,158	40,734	40,087
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	18,705	18,146	17,667
Education	16,900	16,601	16,306
Human Health and Social Work activities	62,174	61,207	59,941
Arts, entertainment and recreation	7,641	7,529	7,401
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	18,836	18,671	18,361
Unclassified or unknown	2,117	2,109	2,138
Total	496,536	490,668	482,286

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 08/04/22 to 14/04/22

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 (3,943) and Human Health and Social Work activities (2,738), followed by Manufacturing (2,241).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 8th April to 14th April 2022	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
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	174	177	240
Manufacturing	2,241	2,507	3,261
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	99	97	136
Construction	891	1,133	1,788
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	3,943	4,338	5,883
Transportation and storage	680	760	1,000
Accommodation and food service activities	1,505	1,815	2,622
Information and communication activities	315	280	397
Financial and insurance activities	501	571	628
Real Estate activities	134	157	202
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	631	653	955
Administrative and support service activities	1,450	1,561	2,036
Public Administration and Defence; Compulsory Social Security	533	577	678
Education	558	629	878
Human Health and Social Work activities	2,738	2,681	3,407
Arts, entertainment and recreation	229	268	392
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	630	789	1,118
Unclassified or unknown	31	45	93
Total	17,283	19,038	25,714

Table 10 – Enhanced Illness Benefit Age Profile

Age category	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 19th April 2022	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
< 25	108,819	108,129	107,149
25-34	125,600	124,151	122,170
35-44	127,136	125,463	122,957
45-54	86,392	85,111	83,328
55+	48,589	47,814	46,682
Total	496,536	490,668	482,286

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< 25	2,355	2,799	4,448
25-34	4,301	4,551	6,549
35-44	5,226	5,515	7,457
45-54	3,544	4,047	4,994
55+	1,857	2,126	2,266
Total	17,283	19,038	25,714