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

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subject to revision.**

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To date 501,019 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 267,171 are female and 233,848 are male.

Some 4,327 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 26th April 2022	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
Carlow	6,996	6,914	6,837
Cavan	9,683	9,626	9,555
Clare	11,922	11,797	11,644
Cork	53,491	52,940	52,240
Donegal	16,046	15,914	15,781
Dublin	131,213	130,219	128,830
Galway	31,059	30,752	30,338
Kerry	14,429	14,238	13,995
Kildare	22,959	22,760	22,467
Kilkenny	11,035	10,935	10,780
Laois	9,385	9,313	9,193
Leitrim	3,030	3,001	2,977
Limerick	19,730	19,519	19,254
Longford	4,592	4,546	4,500
Louth	14,586	14,497	14,370
Mayo	14,317	14,194	14,031
Meath	22,454	22,300	22,061
Monaghan	8,076	8,042	7,985
Offaly	8,442	8,378	8,286
Roscommon	6,578	6,507	6,440
Sligo	6,581	6,494	6,402
Tipperary	17,321	17,131	16,895
Waterford	14,800	14,664	14,488
Westmeath	9,710	9,618	9,505
Wexford	17,290	17,098	16,847
Wicklow	13,104	12,964	12,809
County not known	2,190	2,175	2,158
Total	501,019	496,536	490,668

Table 8 a – Analysis of Enhanced Illness Benefit for week 15/04/22 to 21/04/22

In the week from Friday, 15th April 2022 to Thursday, 21st April 2022, some 7,121 people were medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 4,093 are female and 3,028 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 15th April to 21st April 2022	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
Carlow	114	253	262
Cavan	101	270	334
Clare	169	463	476
Cork	836	2055	2,324
Donegal	204	467	532
Dublin	1,599	4000	4,037
Galway	525	1232	1,380
Kerry	245	620	729
Kildare	332	768	834
Kilkenny	207	457	499
Laois	136	335	421
Leitrim	50	114	116
Limerick	313	698	774
Longford	61	157	194
Louth	169	407	409
Mayo	248	541	663
Meath	313	695	767
Monaghan	76	206	226
Offaly	117	316	347
Roscommon	73	223	246
Sligo	110	263	284
Tipperary	281	601	702
Waterford	202	599	667
Westmeath	151	332	423
Wexford	290	710	822
Wicklow	180	469	535
County not included	19	32	35
Total	7,121	17,283	19,038

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 (107,761) and Human Health and Social Work (62,906), followed by Manufacturing (60,854).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 26th April 2022	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
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	6,043	6,006	5,943
Manufacturing	60,854	60,252	59,563
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	2,985	2,942	2,899
Construction	33,041	32,810	32,673
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	107,761	107,045	106,065
Transportation and storage	19,196	18,982	18,699
Accommodation and food service activities	54,347	54,097	53,789
Information and communication activities	8,998	8,820	8,622
Financial and insurance activities	15,629	15,411	15,089
Real Estate activities	4,198	4,146	4,113
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	18,741	18,494	18,216
Administrative and support service activities	41,462	41,158	40,734
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	18,953	18,705	18,146
Education	17,015	16,900	16,601
Human Health and Social Work activities	62,906	62,174	61,207
Arts, entertainment and recreation	7,743	7,641	7,529
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	19,019	18,836	18,671
Unclassified or unknown	2,128	2,117	2,109
Total	501,019	496,536	490,668

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 15/04/22 to 21/04/22

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 15th April 2022 to 21st April 2022 are Wholesale and Retail Trade (1,530) and Human Health and Social Work activities (1,173), followed by Manufacturing (882).

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Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	73	174	177
Manufacturing	882	2,241	2,507
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	32	99	97
Construction	361	891	1,133
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	1,530	3,943	4,338
Transportation and storage	307	680	760
Accommodation and food service activities	620	1,505	1,815
Information and communication activities	145	315	280
Financial and insurance activities	236	501	571
Real Estate activities	61	134	157
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	248	631	653
Administrative and support service activities	600	1,450	1,561
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	215	533	577
Education	232	558	629
Human Health and Social Work activities	1,173	2,738	2,681
Arts, entertainment and recreation	97	229	268
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	296	630	789
Unclassified or unknown	13	31	45
Total	7,121	17,283	19,038

Table 10 – Enhanced Illness Benefit Age Profile

Age category	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 26th April 2022	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
< 25	109,337	108,819	108,129
25-34	126,610	125,600	124,151
35-44	128,459	127,136	125,463
45-54	87,381	86,392	85,111
55+	49,232	48,589	47,814
Total	501,019	496,536	490,668

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< 25	851	2,355	2,799
25-34	1,773	4,301	4,551
35-44	2,119	5,226	5,515
45-54	1,505	3,544	4,047
55+	873	1,857	2,126
Total	7,121	17,283	19,038