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Department of Social Protection

**Update on Payments Awarded for Covid-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit –
Statistics – 3rd May 2022**

These statistics are provisional and are subject to revision.

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Table 1 – Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date 503,434 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 268,513 are female and 234,921 are male.

Some 3,706 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 3 rd May 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 26 th April 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 19 th April 2022
Carlow	7,019	6,996	6,914
Cavan	9,717	9,683	9,626
Clare	11,988	11,922	11,797
Cork	53,809	53,491	52,940
Donegal	16,119	16,046	15,914
Dublin	131,747	131,213	130,219
Galway	31,209	31,059	30,752
Kerry	14,510	14,429	14,238
Kildare	23,084	22,959	22,760
Kilkenny	11,106	11,035	10,935
Laois	9,435	9,385	9,313
Leitrim	3,050	3,030	3,001
Limerick	19,811	19,730	19,519
Longford	4,625	4,592	4,546
Louth	14,650	14,586	14,497
Mayo	14,398	14,317	14,194
Meath	22,545	22,454	22,300
Monaghan	8,096	8,076	8,042
Offaly	8,476	8,442	8,378
Roscommon	6,622	6,578	6,507
Sligo	6,614	6,581	6,494
Tipperary	17,410	17,321	17,131
Waterford	14,914	14,800	14,664
Westmeath	9,734	9,710	9,618
Wexford	17,385	17,290	17,098
Wicklow	13,169	13,104	12,964
County not known	2,192	2,190	2,175
Total	503,434	501,019	496,536

Table 1 a – Analysis of Enhanced Illness Benefit for week 22/04/22 to 28/04/22

In the week from Friday, 22nd April 2022 to Thursday, 28th April 2022, some 10,504 people were medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 6,211 are female and 4,293 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 22nd April to 28th April 2022	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
Carlow	176	114	253
Cavan	179	101	270
Clare	254	169	463
Cork	1,189	836	2055
Donegal	352	204	467
Dublin	2,355	1,599	4000
Galway	742	525	1232
Kerry	396	245	620
Kildare	459	332	768
Kilkenny	237	207	457
Laois	201	136	335
Leitrim	69	50	114
Limerick	516	313	698
Longford	91	61	157
Louth	256	169	407
Mayo	356	248	541
Meath	363	313	695
Monaghan	89	76	206
Offaly	159	117	316
Roscommon	141	73	223
Sligo	170	110	263
Tipperary	415	281	601
Waterford	369	202	599
Westmeath	223	151	332
Wexford	423	290	710
Wicklow	302	180	469
County not included	22	19	32
Total	10,504	7,121	17,283

Table 2 – 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 (107,932) and Human Health and Social Work (63,351), followed by Manufacturing (61,184).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 3rd May 2022	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
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	6,084	6,043	6,006
Manufacturing	61,184	60,854	60,252
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	3,008	2,985	2,942
Construction	33,175	33,041	32,810
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	107,932	107,761	107,045
Transportation and storage	19,291	19,196	18,982
Accommodation and food service activities	54,420	54,347	54,097
Information and communication activities	9,136	8,998	8,820
Financial and insurance activities	15,751	15,629	15,411
Real Estate activities	4,212	4,198	4,146
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	18,885	18,741	18,494
Administrative and support service activities	41,690	41,462	41,158
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	19,148	18,953	18,705
Education	17,153	17,015	16,900
Human Health and Social Work activities	63,351	62,906	62,174
Arts, entertainment and recreation	7,789	7,743	7,641
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	19,095	19,019	18,836
Unclassified or unknown	2,130	2,128	2,117
Total	503,434	501,019	496,536

Note: The sector breakdowns are estimated from the NACE code of the last known employer.

Table 2 a Enhanced Illness Benefit - Sector Breakdown for week 22/04/22 to 28/04/22

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 22nd April 2022 to 28th April 2022 are Wholesale and Retail Trade (2,230) and Human Health and Social Work activities (1,812), followed by Manufacturing (1,306).

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Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	83	73	174
Manufacturing	1,306	882	2,241
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	76	32	99
Construction	537	361	891
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	2,230	1,530	3,943
Transportation and storage	410	307	680
Accommodation and food service activities	844	620	1,505
Information and communication activities	180	145	315
Financial and insurance activities	387	236	501
Real Estate activities	76	61	134
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	394	248	631
Administrative and support service activities	857	600	1,450
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	396	215	533
Education	324	232	558
Human Health and Social Work activities	1,812	1,173	2,738
Arts, entertainment and recreation	135	97	229
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	431	296	630
Unclassified or unknown	26	13	31
Total	10,504	7,121	17,283

Table 3 – Enhanced Illness Benefit Age Profile

Age category	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 3rd May 2022	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
< 25	108,592	109,337	108,819
25-34	127,300	126,610	125,600
35-44	129,296	128,459	127,136
45-54	88,145	87,381	86,392
55+	50,101	49,232	48,589
Total	503,434	501,019	496,536

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< 25	1,253	851	2,355
25-34	2,414	1,773	4,301
35-44	3,157	2,119	5,226
45-54	2,322	1,505	3,544
55+	1,358	873	1,857
Total	10,504	7,121	17,283