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**Update on Payments Awarded for Covid-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit –
Statistics – 10th May 2022**

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To date 504,958 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 269,360 are female and 235,598 are male.

Some 2,178 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 10th May 2022	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
Carlow	7,046	7,019	6,996
Cavan	9,741	9,717	9,683
Clare	12,036	11,988	11,922
Cork	54,010	53,809	53,491
Donegal	16,167	16,119	16,046
Dublin	132,069	131,747	131,213
Galway	31,326	31,209	31,059
Kerry	14,580	14,510	14,429
Kildare	23,137	23,084	22,959
Kilkenny	11,135	11,106	11,035
Laois	9,455	9,435	9,385
Leitrim	3,059	3,050	3,030
Limerick	19,883	19,811	19,730
Longford	4,642	4,625	4,592
Louth	14,692	14,650	14,586
Mayo	14,439	14,398	14,317
Meath	22,597	22,545	22,454
Monaghan	8,108	8,096	8,076
Offaly	8,505	8,476	8,442
Roscommon	6,640	6,622	6,578
Sligo	6,637	6,614	6,581
Tipperary	17,462	17,410	17,321
Waterford	14,970	14,914	14,800
Westmeath	9,761	9,734	9,710
Wexford	17,450	17,385	17,290
Wicklow	13,214	13,169	13,104
County not known	2,197	2,192	2,190
Total	504,958	503,434	501,019

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

In the week from Friday, 29th April 2022 to Thursday, 5th May 2022, some 5,729 people were medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 3,433 are female and 2,296 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 29th April to 5th May 2022	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
Carlow	84	176	114
Cavan	97	179	101
Clare	157	254	169
Cork	679	1,189	836
Donegal	194	352	204
Dublin	1,225	2,355	1,599
Galway	381	742	525
Kerry	219	396	245
Kildare	224	459	332
Kilkenny	149	237	207
Laois	114	201	136
Leitrim	41	69	50
Limerick	252	516	313
Longford	63	91	61
Louth	163	256	169
Mayo	211	356	248
Meath	189	363	313
Monaghan	67	89	76
Offaly	106	159	117
Roscommon	77	141	73
Sligo	90	170	110
Tipperary	224	415	281
Waterford	205	369	202
Westmeath	104	223	151
Wexford	238	423	290
Wicklow	157	302	180
County not included	19	22	19
Total	5,729	10,504	7,121

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 (107,985) and Human Health and Social Work (63,578), followed by Manufacturing (61,421).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 10th May 2022	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
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	6,127	6,084	6,043
Manufacturing	61,421	61,184	60,854
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	3,030	3,008	2,985
Construction	33,231	33,175	33,041
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	107,985	107,932	107,761
Transportation and storage	19,353	19,291	19,196
Accommodation and food service activities	54,533	54,420	54,347
Information and communication activities	9,201	9,136	8,998
Financial and insurance activities	15,849	15,751	15,629
Real Estate activities	4,206	4,212	4,198
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	18,999	18,885	18,741
Administrative and support service activities	41,812	41,690	41,462
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	19,236	19,148	18,953
Education	17,289	17,153	17,015
Human Health and Social Work activities	63,578	63,351	62,906
Arts, entertainment and recreation	7832	7,789	7,743
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	19,142	19,095	19,019
Unclassified or unknown	2,134	2,130	2,128
Total	504,958	503,434	501,019

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 29/04/22 to 05/05/22

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 29th April 2022 to 5th May 2022 are Wholesale and Retail Trade (1,183) and Human Health and Social Work activities (995), followed by Manufacturing (669).

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Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	61	83	73
Manufacturing	669	1,306	882
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	39	76	32
Construction	308	537	361
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	1,183	2,230	1,530
Transportation and storage	203	410	307
Accommodation and food service activities	483	844	620
Information and communication activities	102	180	145
Financial and insurance activities	212	387	236
Real Estate activities	49	76	61
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	198	394	248
Administrative and support service activities	468	857	600
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	209	396	215
Education	206	324	232
Human Health and Social Work activities	995	1,812	1,173
Arts, entertainment and recreation	83	135	97
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	235	431	296
Unclassified or unknown	26	26	13
Total	5,729	10,504	7,121

Table 3 – Enhanced Illness Benefit Age Profile

Age category	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 10th May 2022	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
< 25	108,719	108,592	109,337
25-34	127,640	127,300	126,610
35-44	129,715	129,296	128,459
45-54	88,510	88,145	87,381
55+	50,374	50,101	49,232
Total	504,958	503,434	501,019

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< 25	678	1,253	851
25-34	1,320	2,414	1,773
35-44	1,648	3,157	2,119
45-54	1,313	2,322	1,505
55+	770	1,358	873
Total	5,729	10,504	7,121