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**Department of Social Protection**

**Update on Payments Awarded for Covid-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit –  
Statistics – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

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**Table 1 – Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit**

To date 506,590 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 270,286 are female and 236,304 are male.

Some 2,167 people are currently in receipt of an Enhanced Illness Benefit payment.

**County Breakdown** (based on the county recorded on the Illness Benefit certificate)

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022</b>
Carlow	7,069	7,046	7,019
Cavan	9,767	9,741	9,717
Clare	12,089	12,036	11,988
Cork	54,183	54,010	53,809
Donegal	16,203	16,167	16,119
Dublin	132,415	132,069	131,747
Galway	31,458	31,326	31,209
Kerry	14,656	14,580	14,510
Kildare	23,223	23,137	23,084
Kilkenny	11,188	11,135	11,106
Laois	9,473	9,455	9,435
Leitrim	3,065	3,059	3,050
Limerick	19,958	19,883	19,811
Longford	4,650	4,642	4,625
Louth	14,730	14,692	14,650
Mayo	14,502	14,439	14,398
Meath	22,653	22,597	22,545
Monaghan	8,126	8,108	8,096
Offaly	8,527	8,505	8,476
Roscommon	6,656	6,640	6,622
Sligo	6,661	6,637	6,614
Tipperary	17,518	17,462	17,410
Waterford	15,034	14,970	14,914
Westmeath	9,798	9,761	9,734
Wexford	17,526	17,450	17,385
Wicklow	13,262	13,214	13,169
County not known	2200	2,197	2,192
<b>Total</b>	<b>506,590</b>	<b>504,958</b>	<b>503,434</b>

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

In the week from Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022 to Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022, some 4,497 people were medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 2,723 are female and 1,774 are male.

**County Breakdown** (based on the county recorded on the Illness Benefit certificate)

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 6<sup>th</sup> May to 12<sup>th</sup> 2022</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 29<sup>th</sup> April to 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 22<sup>nd</sup> April to 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b>
Carlow	90	84	176
Cavan	73	97	179
Clare	156	157	254
Cork	483	679	1,189
Donegal	150	194	352
Dublin	962	1,225	2,355
Galway	329	381	742
Kerry	182	219	396
Kildare	163	224	459
Kilkenny	116	149	237
Laois	78	114	201
Leitrim	31	41	69
Limerick	209	252	516
Longford	35	63	91
Louth	126	163	256
Mayo	167	211	356
Meath	151	189	363
Monaghan	54	67	89
Offaly	75	106	159
Roscommon	60	77	141
Sligo	64	90	170
Tipperary	184	224	415
Waterford	154	205	369
Westmeath	81	104	223
Wexford	195	238	423
Wicklow	117	157	302
County not included	12	19	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,497</b>	<b>5,729</b>	<b>10,504</b>

**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 (108,078) and Human Health and Social Work (63,812), followed by Manufacturing (61,693).

<b>Sector Breakdown</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022</b>
<b>Industrial Sector</b>			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	6,139	6,127	6,084
Manufacturing	61,693	61,421	61,184
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	3,046	3,030	3,008
Construction	33,337	33,231	33,175
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	108,078	107,985	107,932
Transportation and storage	19,429	19,353	19,291
Accommodation and food service activities	54,560	54,533	54,420
Information and communication activities	9,260	9,201	9,136
Financial and insurance activities	16,018	15,849	15,751
Real Estate activities	4,199	4,206	4,212
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	19,069	18,999	18,885
Administrative and support service activities	41,948	41,812	41,690
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	19,349	19,236	19,148
Education	17,440	17,289	17,153
Human Health and Social Work activities	63,812	63,578	63,351
Arts, entertainment and recreation	7,856	7832	7,789
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	19,214	19,142	19,095
Unclassified or unknown	2,143	2,134	2,130
<b>Total</b>	<b>506,590</b>	<b>504,958</b>	<b>503,434</b>

**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 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022 to 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022 are Wholesale and Retail Trade (927) and Human Health and Social Work activities (753), followed by Manufacturing (573).

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<b>Industrial Sector</b>			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	37	61	83
Manufacturing	573	669	1,306
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	24	39	76
Construction	230	308	537
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	927	1,183	2,230
Transportation and storage	172	203	410
Accommodation and food service activities	413	483	844
Information and communication activities	72	102	180
Financial and insurance activities	156	212	387
Real Estate activities	35	49	76
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	140	198	394
Administrative and support service activities	380	468	857
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	175	209	396
Education	149	206	324
Human Health and Social Work activities	753	995	1,812
Arts, entertainment and recreation	60	83	135
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	183	235	431
Unclassified or unknown	18	26	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,497</b>	<b>5,729</b>	<b>10,504</b>

**Table 3 – Enhanced Illness Benefit Age Profile**

<b>Age category</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022</b>
< 25	108,851	108,719	108,592
25-34	127,965	127,640	127,300
35-44	130,192	129,715	129,296
45-54	88,916	88,510	88,145
55+	50,666	50,374	50,101
<b>Total</b>	<b>506,590</b>	<b>504,958</b>	<b>503,434</b>

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< 25	419	678	1,253
25-34	998	1,320	2,414
35-44	1,377	1,648	3,157
45-54	1,050	1,313	2,322
55+	653	770	1,358
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,497</b>	<b>5,729</b>	<b>10,504</b>