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**Department of Social Protection**

**Update on Payments Awarded for Covid-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit –  
Statistics – 24<sup>th</sup> 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 508,241 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 271,214 are female and 237,027 are male.

Some 2,361 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 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
Carlow	7,095	7,069	7,046
Cavan	9,786	9,767	9,741
Clare	12,143	12,089	12,036
Cork	54,379	54,183	54,010
Donegal	16,243	16,203	16,167
Dublin	132,747	132,415	132,069
Galway	31,565	31,458	31,326
Kerry	14,742	14,656	14,580
Kildare	23,294	23,223	23,137
Kilkenny	11,237	11,188	11,135
Laois	9,510	9,473	9,455
Leitrim	3,079	3,065	3,059
Limerick	20,054	19,958	19,883
Longford	4,670	4,650	4,642
Louth	14,765	14,730	14,692
Mayo	14,539	14,502	14,439
Meath	22,722	22,653	22,597
Monaghan	8,140	8,126	8,108
Offaly	8,552	8,527	8,505
Roscommon	6,673	6,656	6,640
Sligo	6,684	6,661	6,637
Tipperary	17,568	17,518	17,462
Waterford	15,093	15,034	14,970
Westmeath	9,843	9,798	9,761
Wexford	17,597	17,526	17,450
Wicklow	13,315	13,262	13,214
County not known	2,206	2,200	2,197
<b>Total</b>	<b>508,241</b>	<b>506,590</b>	<b>504,958</b>

**Table 1 a – Analysis of Enhanced Illness Benefit for week 13/05/22 to 19/05/22**

In the week from Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022 to Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022, some 4,591 people were medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 2,855 are female and 1,736 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 13<sup>th</sup> May to 19<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 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022 to 12<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 29<sup>th</sup> April to 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b>
Carlow	65	90	84
Cavan	83	73	97
Clare	132	156	157
Cork	540	483	679
Donegal	149	150	194
Dublin	983	962	1,225
Galway	319	329	381
Kerry	177	182	219
Kildare	198	163	224
Kilkenny	128	116	149
Laois	88	78	114
Leitrim	26	31	41
Limerick	209	209	252
Longford	50	35	63
Louth	110	126	163
Mayo	171	167	211
Meath	195	151	189
Monaghan	44	54	67
Offaly	86	75	106
Roscommon	56	60	77
Sligo	89	64	90
Tipperary	160	184	224
Waterford	155	154	205
Westmeath	98	81	104
Wexford	159	195	238
Wicklow	110	117	157
County not included	11	12	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,591</b>	<b>4,497</b>	<b>5,729</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 (108,158) and Human Health and Social Work (64,126), followed by Manufacturing (61,893).

<b>Sector Breakdown</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022</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>Industrial Sector</b>			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	6,164	6,139	6,127
Manufacturing	61,893	61,693	61,421
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	3,074	3,046	3,030
Construction	33,445	33,337	33,231
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	108,158	108,078	107,985
Transportation and storage	19,513	19,429	19,353
Accommodation and food service activities	54,573	54,560	54,533
Information and communication activities	9,378	9,260	9,201
Financial and insurance activities	16,139	16,018	15,849
Real Estate activities	4,211	4,199	4,206
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	19,211	19,069	18,999
Administrative and support service activities	42,048	41,948	41,812
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	19,499	19,349	19,236
Education	17,511	17,440	17,289
Human Health and Social Work activities	64,126	63,812	63,578
Arts, entertainment and recreation	7,887	7,856	7832
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	19,269	19,214	19,142
Unclassified or unknown	2,142	2,143	2,134
<b>Total</b>	<b>508,241</b>	<b>506,590</b>	<b>504,958</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 13/05/22 to 19/05/22**

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 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022 to 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022 are Wholesale and Retail Trade (956) and Human Health and Social Work activities (754), followed by Manufacturing (564).

<b>Sector Breakdown</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 13<sup>th</sup> May to 19<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 6<sup>th</sup> May to 12<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 29<sup>th</sup> April to 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b>
<b>Industrial Sector</b>			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	43	37	61
Manufacturing	564	573	669
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	23	24	39
Construction	216	230	308
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	956	927	1,183
Transportation and storage	170	172	203
Accommodation and food service activities	447	413	483
Information and communication activities	71	72	102
Financial and insurance activities	145	156	212
Real Estate activities	37	35	49
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	129	140	198
Administrative and support service activities	404	380	468
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	171	175	209
Education	163	149	206
Human Health and Social Work activities	754	753	995
Arts, entertainment and recreation	62	60	83
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	212	183	235
Unclassified or unknown	24	18	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,591</b>	<b>4,497</b>	<b>5,729</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 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022</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>
< 25	108,990	108,851	108,719
25-34	128,292	127,965	127,640
35-44	130,686	130,192	129,715
45-54	89,337	88,916	88,510
55+	50,936	50,666	50,374
<b>Total</b>	<b>508,241</b>	<b>506,590</b>	<b>504,958</b>

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< 25	439	419	678
25-34	1001	998	1,320
35-44	1411	1,377	1,648
45-54	1057	1,050	1,313
55+	683	653	770
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,591</b>	<b>4,497</b>	<b>5,729</b>