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Department of Social Protection

**Update on Payments Awarded for Covid-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit –
Statistics – 31st 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 509,707 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 272,059 are female and 237,648 are male.

Some 1,925 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 31 st May 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 24 th May 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 17 th May 2022
Carlow	7,112	7,095	7,069
Cavan	9,793	9,786	9,767
Clare	12,196	12,143	12,089
Cork	54,576	54,379	54,183
Donegal	16,293	16,243	16,203
Dublin	133,084	132,747	132,415
Galway	31,670	31,565	31,458
Kerry	14,820	14,742	14,656
Kildare	23,352	23,294	23,223
Kilkenny	11,263	11,237	11,188
Laois	9,529	9,510	9,473
Leitrim	3,086	3,079	3,065
Limerick	20,120	20,054	19,958
Longford	4,677	4,670	4,650
Louth	14,804	14,765	14,730
Mayo	14,577	14,539	14,502
Meath	22,781	22,722	22,653
Monaghan	8,152	8,140	8,126
Offaly	8,585	8,552	8,527
Roscommon	6,690	6,673	6,656
Sligo	6,707	6,684	6,661
Tipperary	17,615	17,568	17,518
Waterford	15,140	15,093	15,034
Westmeath	9,863	9,843	9,798
Wexford	17,653	17,597	17,526
Wicklow	13,354	13,315	13,262
County not known	2,215	2,206	2,200
Total	509,707	508,241	506,590

Table 1 a – Analysis of Enhanced Illness Benefit for week 20/05/22 to 26/05/22

In the week from Friday, 20th May 2022 to Thursday, 26th May 2022, some 2,750 people were medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 1,738 are female and 1,012 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 20th May to 26th May 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 13th May to 19th May 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 6th May 2022 to 12th May 2022
Carlow	36	65	90
Cavan	41	83	73
Clare	70	132	156
Cork	322	540	483
Donegal	83	149	150
Dublin	551	983	962
Galway	196	319	329
Kerry	112	177	182
Kildare	112	198	163
Kilkenny	76	128	116
Laois	57	88	78
Leitrim	24	26	31
Limerick	149	209	209
Longford	40	50	35
Louth	74	110	126
Mayo	91	171	167
Meath	112	195	151
Monaghan	37	44	54
Offaly	51	86	75
Roscommon	31	56	60
Sligo	37	89	64
Tipperary	98	160	184
Waterford	94	155	154
Westmeath	74	98	81
Wexford	105	159	195
Wicklow	66	110	117
County not included	11	11	12
Total	2,750	4,591	4,497

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 (108,100) and Human Health and Social Work (64,314), followed by Manufacturing (62,140).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 31st May 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 24th May 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 17th May 2022
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	6,180	6,164	6,139
Manufacturing	62,140	61,893	61,693
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	3,083	3,074	3,046
Construction	33,567	33,445	33,337
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	108,100	108,158	108,078
Transportation and storage	19,601	19,513	19,429
Accommodation and food service activities	54,449	54,573	54,560
Information and communication activities	9,460	9,378	9,260
Financial and insurance activities	16,275	16,139	16,018
Real Estate activities	4,247	4,211	4,199
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	19,400	19,211	19,069
Administrative and support service activities	42,220	42,048	41,948
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	19,635	19,499	19,349
Education	17,639	17,511	17,440
Human Health and Social Work activities	64,314	64,126	63,812
Arts, entertainment and recreation	7,905	7,887	7,856
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	19,349	19,269	19,214
Unclassified or unknown	2,143	2,142	2,143
Total	509,707	508,241	506,590

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 20/05/22 to 26/05/22

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 20th May 2022 to 26th May 2022 are Wholesale and Retail Trade (553) and Human Health and Social Work activities (464), followed by Manufacturing (327).

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Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	24	43	37
Manufacturing	327	564	573
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	15	23	24
Construction	130	216	230
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	553	956	927
Transportation and storage	118	170	172
Accommodation and food service activities	274	447	413
Information and communication activities	41	71	72
Financial and insurance activities	99	145	156
Real Estate activities	23	37	35
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	67	129	140
Administrative and support service activities	253	404	380
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	96	171	175
Education	97	163	149
Human Health and Social Work activities	464	754	753
Arts, entertainment and recreation	30	62	60
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	123	212	183
Unclassified or unknown	16	24	18
Total	2,750	4,591	4,497

Table 3 – Enhanced Illness Benefit Age Profile

Age category	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 31st May 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 24th May 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 17th May 2022
< 25	109,118	108,990	108,851
25-34	128,611	128,292	127,965
35-44	131,093	130,686	130,192
45-54	89,670	89,337	88,916
55+	51,215	50,936	50,666
Total	509,707	508,241	506,590

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< 25	280	439	419
25-34	576	1001	998
35-44	836	1411	1,377
45-54	603	1057	1,050
55+	455	683	653
Total	2,750	4,591	4,497