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Department of Social Protection

**Update on Payments Awarded for Covid-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit –
Statistics – 5th July 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 527,050 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 282,099 are female and 244,951 are male.

Some 8,070 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 5 th July 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 28 th June 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 21 st June
Carlow	7,316	7,266	7212
Cavan	10,018	9,926	9876
Clare	12,703	12,557	12,423
Cork	56,714	55,892	55,341
Donegal	16,774	16,606	16,488
Dublin	136,596	135,560	134,543
Galway	32,937	32,464	32,141
Kerry	15,700	15,386	15,147
Kildare	24,169	23,819	23,633
Kilkenny	11,649	11,535	11,440
Laois	9,864	9,735	9,657
Leitrim	3,174	3,141	3,120
Limerick	20,961	20,688	20,481
Longford	4,818	4,763	4,727
Louth	15,256	15,094	14,978
Mayo	15,233	14,958	14,803
Meath	23,437	23,182	23,015
Monaghan	8,300	8,247	8,208
Offaly	8,953	8,804	8,700
Roscommon	6,909	6,819	6,767
Sligo	6,963	6,857	6,795
Tipperary	18,208	17,955	17,815
Waterford	15,657	15,484	15,361
Westmeath	10,137	10,062	9,992
Wexford	18,366	18,124	17,934
Wicklow	13,915	13,762	13,599
County not known	2,323	2,248	2,237
Total	527,050	520,934	516,433

Table 1 a – Analysis of Enhanced Illness Benefit for week 24/06/22 to 30/06/22

In the week from Friday, 24th June 2022 to Thursday, 30th June 2022, some 8,732 people were medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 5,368 are female and 3,364 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 24th June to 30th June 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 17th June to 23rd June 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 10th June to 16th June 2022
Carlow	126	106	63
Cavan	129	118	73
Clare	249	213	129
Cork	1,034	744	494
Donegal	261	214	174
Dublin	1,845	1,310	957
Galway	649	456	333
Kerry	423	306	155
Kildare	354	270	198
Kilkenny	199	157	105
Laois	155	135	86
Leitrim	57	31	27
Limerick	384	295	234
Longford	80	57	33
Louth	262	186	137
Mayo	305	246	179
Meath	330	256	187
Monaghan	89	60	45
Offaly	229	113	86
Roscommon	98	77	57
Sligo	134	97	68
Tipperary	294	210	144
Waterford	295	223	166
Westmeath	150	122	94
Wexford	335	288	187
Wicklow	253	192	124
County not included	13	15	11
Total	8,732	6,497	4,546

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 (109,885) and Human Health and Social Work (66,665), followed by Manufacturing (64,726).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 5th July 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 28th June 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 21st June 2022
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	6,347	6,278	6,237
Manufacturing	64,726	63,857	63,219
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	3,267	3,212	3,139
Construction	34,526	34,113	33,890
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	109,885	108,889	108,364
Transportation and storage	20,465	20,202	19,953
Accommodation and food service activities	54,812	54,468	54,331
Information and communication activities	10,101	9,935	9,748
Financial and insurance activities	17,586	17,261	16,928
Real Estate activities	4,458	4,389	4,333
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	20,672	20,365	20,066
Administrative and support service activities	43,918	43,390	42,949
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	20,830	20,533	20,370
Education	18,306	18,060	17,807
Human Health and Social Work activities	66,665	65,889	65,266
Arts, entertainment and recreation	8,134	8,057	8,003
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	20,143	19,864	19,678
Unclassified or unknown	2,209	2,172	2,152
Total	527,050	520,934	516,433

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 24/06/22 to 30/06/22

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 24th June 2022 to 30th June 2022 are Wholesale and Retail Trade (1,865) and Human Health and Social Work activities (1,232), followed by Manufacturing (1,177).

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Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	76	46	49
Manufacturing	1,177	833	534
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	45	33	26
Construction	423	277	206
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	1,865	1,436	978
Transportation and storage	361	251	161
Accommodation and food service activities	888	660	461
Information and communication activities	131	95	81
Financial and insurance activities	312	199	185
Real Estate activities	81	53	44
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	295	242	156
Administrative and support service activities	731	527	380
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	259	198	144
Education	318	269	179
Human Health and Social Work activities	1,232	944	654
Arts, entertainment and recreation	142	110	64
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	368	303	228
Unclassified or unknown	28	21	16
Total	8,732	6,497	4,546

Table 3 – Enhanced Illness Benefit Age Profile

Age category	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 5th July 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 28th June 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 21st June 2022
< 25	108,363	110,461	109,916
25-34	132,692	131,012	130,079
35-44	136,043	134,078	132,905
45-54	94,492	92,290	91,216
55+	55,460	53,093	52,317
Total	527,050	520,934	516,433

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< 25	1,159	832	563
25-34	2,030	1,511	1,065
35-44	2,433	1,859	1,338
45-54	1,875	1,413	965
55+	1,235	882	615
Total	8,732	6,497	4,546