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**Department of Social Protection**

**Update on Payments Awarded for Covid-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit –  
Statistics – 19<sup>th</sup> 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 541,451 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 290,135 are female and 251,316 are male.

Some 8,075 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 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022</b>
Carlow	7,496	7,417	7,316
Cavan	10,250	10,123	10,018
Clare	13,103	12,883	12,703
Cork	58,612	57,710	56,714
Donegal	17,162	16,958	16,774
Dublin	139,640	138,074	136,596
Galway	33,928	33,413	32,937
Kerry	16,279	16,001	15,700
Kildare	24,764	24,469	24,169
Kilkenny	11,941	1,1787	11,649
Laois	10,154	10,003	9,864
Leitrim	3,281	3,215	3,174
Limerick	21,585	21,246	20,961
Longford	4,945	4,889	4,818
Louth	15,612	15,405	15,256
Mayo	15,752	15,497	15,233
Meath	23,989	23,696	23,437
Monaghan	8,441	8,357	8,300
Offaly	9,175	9,052	8,953
Roscommon	7,102	7,009	6,909
Sligo	7,214	7,084	6,963
Tipperary	18,811	18,484	18,208
Waterford	16,125	15,861	15,657
Westmeath	10,445	10,268	10,137
Wexford	18,920	18,630	18,366
Wicklow	14,364	14,160	13,915
County not known	2,361	2,340	2,323
<b>Total</b>	<b>541,451</b>	<b>534,031</b>	<b>527,050</b>

**Table 1 a – Analysis of Enhanced Illness Benefit for week 08/07/22 to 14/07/22**

In the week from Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022 to Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022, some 11,820 people were medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 6,967 are female and 4,853 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 8<sup>th</sup> July to 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 1<sup>st</sup> July to 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 24<sup>th</sup> June to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022</b>
Carlow	146	128	126
Cavan	183	173	129
Clare	330	330	249
Cork	1,524	1,377	1,034
Donegal	351	333	261
Dublin	2,378	2,193	1,845
Galway	906	860	649
Kerry	445	449	423
Kildare	504	499	354
Kilkenny	264	230	199
Laois	259	234	155
Leitrim	78	68	57
Limerick	513	484	384
Longford	122	102	80
Louth	288	280	262
Mayo	475	416	305
Meath	443	402	330
Monaghan	115	114	89
Offaly	232	207	229
Roscommon	150	125	98
Sligo	205	220	134
Tipperary	476	369	294
Waterford	405	316	295
Westmeath	223	205	150
Wexford	448	420	335
Wicklow	336	292	253
County not included	21	20	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,820</b>	<b>10,846</b>	<b>8,732</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 (112,290) and Human Health and Social Work (68,741), followed by Manufacturing (66,635).

<b>Sector Breakdown</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022</b>
<b>Industrial Sector</b>			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	6,504	6,417	6,347
Manufacturing	66,635	65,650	64,726
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	3,363	3,312	3,267
Construction	35,331	34,913	34,526
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	112,290	111,100	109,885
Transportation and storage	21,085	20,760	20,465
Accommodation and food service activities	55,668	55,224	54,812
Information and communication activities	10,508	10,278	10,101
Financial and insurance activities	18,396	17,981	17,586
Real Estate activities	4,568	4,503	4,458
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	21,414	21,040	20,672
Administrative and support service activities	45,293	44,618	43,918
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	21,590	21,140	20,830
Education	18,640	18,545	18,306
Human Health and Social Work activities	68,741	67,599	66,665
Arts, entertainment and recreation	8,505	8,302	8,134
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	20,656	20,399	20,143
Unclassified or unknown	2,264	2,250	2,209
<b>Total</b>	<b>541,451</b>	<b>534,031</b>	<b>527,050</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 08/07/22 to 14/07/22**

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 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022 to 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022 are Wholesale and Retail Trade (2,755) and Human Health and Social Work activities (1,645), followed by Manufacturing (1,614).

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<b>Industrial Sector</b>			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	102	96	76
Manufacturing	1,614	1,442	1,177
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	52	68	45
Construction	580	562	423
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	2,755	2,422	1,865
Transportation and storage	476	426	361
Accommodation and food service activities	1,114	1,066	888
Information and communication activities	185	184	131
Financial and insurance activities	411	357	312
Real Estate activities	88	73	81
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	448	411	295
Administrative and support service activities	1,027	868	731
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	348	334	259
Education	333	360	318
Human Health and Social Work activities	1,645	1,509	1,232
Arts, entertainment and recreation	161	163	142
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	450	471	368
Unclassified or unknown	31	34	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,820</b>	<b>10,846</b>	<b>8,732</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 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022</b>
< 25	110,290	109,325	108,363
25-34	135,701	134,150	132,692
35-44	139,621	137,832	136,043
45-54	97,908	96,094	94,492
55+	57,931	56,630	55,460
<b>Total</b>	<b>541,451</b>	<b>534,031</b>	<b>527,050</b>

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< 25	1,849	1,777	1,159
25-34	2,756	2,546	2,030
35-44	3,100	2,782	2,433
45-54	2,521	2,299	1,875
55+	1,594	1,442	1,235
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,820</b>	<b>10,846</b>	<b>8,732</b>