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**Update on Payments Awarded for Covid-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit –
Statistics – 26th 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 544,829 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 291,963 are female and 252,866 are male.

Some 6,249 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 26 th July 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 19 th July 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 12 th July 2022
Carlow	7,534	7,496	7,417
Cavan	10,309	10,250	10,123
Clare	13,219	13,103	12,883
Cork	59,052	58,612	57,710
Donegal	17,281	17,162	16,958
Dublin	140,394	139,640	138,074
Galway	34,147	33,928	33,413
Kerry	16,411	16,279	16,001
Kildare	24,926	24,764	24,469
Kilkenny	12,015	11,941	1,1787
Laois	10,204	10,154	10,003
Leitrim	3,312	3,281	3,215
Limerick	21,713	21,585	21,246
Longford	4,981	4,945	4,889
Louth	15,691	15,612	15,405
Mayo	15,877	15,752	15,497
Meath	24,119	23,989	23,696
Monaghan	8,474	8,441	8,357
Offaly	9,233	9,175	9,052
Roscommon	7,141	7,102	7,009
Sligo	7,263	7,214	7,084
Tipperary	18,945	18,811	18,484
Waterford	16,205	16,125	15,861
Westmeath	10,500	10,445	10,268
Wexford	19,044	18,920	18,630
Wicklow	14,464	14,364	14,160
County not known	2,375	2,361	2,340
Total	544,829	541,451	534,031

Table 1 a – Analysis of Enhanced Illness Benefit for week 15/07/22 to 21/07/22

In the week from Friday, 15th July 2022 to Thursday, 21st July 2022, some 11,127 people were medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 6,596 are female and 4,531 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 15th July to 21st July 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 8th July to 14th July 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 1st July to 7th July 2022
Carlow	149	146	128
Cavan	185	183	173
Clare	314	330	330
Cork	1,310	1,524	1,377
Donegal	321	351	333
Dublin	2,343	2,378	2,193
Galway	862	906	860
Kerry	411	445	449
Kildare	440	504	499
Kilkenny	262	264	230
Laois	215	259	234
Leitrim	94	78	68
Limerick	506	513	484
Longford	94	122	102
Louth	277	288	280
Mayo	443	475	416
Meath	410	443	402
Monaghan	118	115	114
Offaly	218	232	207
Roscommon	135	150	125
Sligo	192	205	220
Tipperary	461	476	369
Waterford	410	405	316
Westmeath	220	223	205
Wexford	413	448	420
Wicklow	298	336	292
County not included	26	21	20
Total	11,127	11,820	10,846

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 (112,758) and Human Health and Social Work (69,250), followed by Manufacturing (67,129).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 26th July 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 19th July 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 12th July 2022
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	6,526	6,504	6,417
Manufacturing	67,129	66,635	65,650
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	3,400	3,363	3,312
Construction	35,455	35,331	34,913
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	112,758	112,290	111,100
Transportation and storage	21,264	21,085	20,760
Accommodation and food service activities	55,712	55,668	55,224
Information and communication activities	10,690	10,508	10,278
Financial and insurance activities	18,616	18,396	17,981
Real Estate activities	4,608	4,568	4,503
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	21,561	21,414	21,040
Administrative and support service activities	45,587	45,293	44,618
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	21,905	21,590	21,140
Education	18,725	18,640	18,545
Human Health and Social Work activities	69,250	68,741	67,599
Arts, entertainment and recreation	8,582	8,505	8,302
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	20,790	20,656	20,399
Unclassified or unknown	2,271	2,264	2,250
Total	544,829	541,451	534,031

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 15/07/22 to 21/07/22

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 15th July 2022 to 21st July 2022 are Wholesale and Retail Trade (2,496) and Human Health and Social Work activities (1,641), followed by Manufacturing (1,521).

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Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	97	102	96
Manufacturing	1,521	1,614	1,442
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	57	52	68
Construction	537	580	562
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	2,496	2,755	2,422
Transportation and storage	467	476	426
Accommodation and food service activities	966	1,114	1,066
Information and communication activities	186	185	184
Financial and insurance activities	410	411	357
Real Estate activities	77	88	73
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	402	448	411
Administrative and support service activities	972	1,027	868
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	358	348	334
Education	265	333	360
Human Health and Social Work activities	1,641	1,645	1,509
Arts, entertainment and recreation	184	161	163
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	459	450	471
Unclassified or unknown	32	31	34
Total	11,127	11,820	10,846

Table 3 – Enhanced Illness Benefit Age Profile

Age category	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 26th July 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 19th July 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 12th July 2022
< 25	110,786	110,290	109,325
25-34	136,412	135,701	134,150
35-44	140,465	139,621	137,832
45-54	98,689	97,908	96,094
55+	58,477	57,931	56,630
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< 25	1,714	1,849	1,777
25-34	2,481	2,756	2,546
35-44	2,805	3,100	2,782
45-54	2,512	2,521	2,299
55+	1,615	1,594	1,442
Total	11,127	11,820	10,846