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**Department of Social Protection**

**Update on Payments Awarded for Covid-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit –  
Statistics – 2<sup>nd</sup> August 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 547,984 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 293,668 are female and 254,316 are male.

Some 6,481 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 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2022</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022</b>
Carlow	7,571	7,534	7,496
Cavan	10,377	10,309	10,250
Clare	13,313	13,219	13,103
Cork	59,418	59,052	58,612
Donegal	17,374	17,281	17,162
Dublin	141,128	140,394	139,640
Galway	34,346	34,147	33,928
Kerry	16,534	16,411	16,279
Kildare	25,041	24,926	24,764
Kilkenny	12,083	12,015	11,941
Laois	10,245	10,204	10,154
Leitrim	3,345	3,312	3,281
Limerick	21,872	21,713	21,585
Longford	5,011	4,981	4,945
Louth	15,775	15,691	15,612
Mayo	16,005	15,877	15,752
Meath	24,251	24,119	23,989
Monaghan	8,500	8,474	8,441
Offaly	9,281	9,233	9,175
Roscommon	7,182	7,141	7,102
Sligo	7,319	7,263	7,214
Tipperary	19,088	18,945	18,811
Waterford	16,298	16,205	16,125
Westmeath	10,545	10,500	10,445
Wexford	19,147	19,044	18,920
Wicklow	14,548	14,464	14,364
County not known	2,387	2,375	2,361
<b>Total</b>	<b>547,984</b>	<b>544,829</b>	<b>541,451</b>

**Table 1 a – Analysis of Enhanced Illness Benefit for week 22/07/22 to 28/07/22**

In the week from Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022 to Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022, some 9,133 people were medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 5,380 are female and 3,753 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 22<sup>nd</sup> July to 28<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 15<sup>th</sup> July to 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022</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>
Carlow	131	149	146
Cavan	159	185	183
Clare	292	314	330
Cork	1,039	1,310	1,524
Donegal	292	321	351
Dublin	1,955	2,343	2,378
Galway	685	862	906
Kerry	326	411	445
Kildare	380	440	504
Kilkenny	190	262	264
Laois	174	215	259
Leitrim	66	94	78
Limerick	399	506	513
Longford	85	94	122
Louth	239	277	288
Mayo	352	443	475
Meath	365	410	443
Monaghan	93	118	115
Offaly	154	218	232
Roscommon	104	135	150
Sligo	151	192	205
Tipperary	367	461	476
Waterford	312	410	405
Westmeath	190	220	223
Wexford	371	413	448
Wicklow	237	298	336
County not included	25	26	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,133</b>	<b>11,127</b>	<b>11,820</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 (113,191) and Human Health and Social Work (69,751), followed by Manufacturing (67,476).

<b>Sector Breakdown</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2022</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022</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>Industrial Sector</b>			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	6,537	6,526	6,504
Manufacturing	67,476	67,129	66,635
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	3,421	3,400	3,363
Construction	35,613	35,455	35,331
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	113,191	112,758	112,290
Transportation and storage	21,433	21,264	21,085
Accommodation and food service activities	55,844	55,712	55,668
Information and communication activities	10,825	10,690	10,508
Financial and insurance activities	18,782	18,616	18,396
Real Estate activities	4,649	4,608	4,568
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	21,759	21,561	21,414
Administrative and support service activities	45,868	45,587	45,293
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	22,259	21,905	21,590
Education	18,768	18,725	18,640
Human Health and Social Work activities	69,751	69,250	68,741
Arts, entertainment and recreation	8,637	8,582	8,505
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	20,892	20,790	20,656
Unclassified or unknown	2,279	2,271	2,264
<b>Total</b>	<b>547,984</b>	<b>544,829</b>	<b>541,451</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 22/07/22 to 28/07/22**

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 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022 to 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022 are Wholesale and Retail Trade (2,078) and Human Health and Social Work activities (1,360), followed by Manufacturing (1,228).

<b>Sector Breakdown</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 22<sup>nd</sup> July to 28<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 15<sup>th</sup> July to 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022</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>Industrial Sector</b>			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	99	97	102
Manufacturing	1,228	1,521	1,614
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	45	57	52
Construction	426	537	580
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	2,078	2,496	2,755
Transportation and storage	384	467	476
Accommodation and food service activities	785	966	1,114
Information and communication activities	160	186	185
Financial and insurance activities	345	410	411
Real Estate activities	71	77	88
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	334	402	448
Administrative and support service activities	789	972	1,027
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	319	358	348
Education	227	265	333
Human Health and Social Work activities	1,360	1,641	1,645
Arts, entertainment and recreation	131	184	161
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	327	459	450
Unclassified or unknown	25	32	31
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,133</b>	<b>11,127</b>	<b>11,820</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 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2022</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022</b>
< 25	111,221	110,786	110,290
25-34	137,103	136,412	135,701
35-44	141,246	140,465	139,621
45-54	99,413	98,689	97,908
55+	59,001	58,477	57,931
<b>Total</b>	<b>547,984</b>	<b>544,829</b>	<b>541,451</b>

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< 25	1,330	1,714	1,849
25-34	2,063	2,481	2,756
35-44	2,382	2,805	3,100
45-54	2,045	2,512	2,521
55+	1,313	1,615	1,594
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,133</b>	<b>11,127</b>	<b>11,820</b>