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**Update on Payments Awarded for Covid-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit –
Statistics – 9th August 2022**

These statistics are provisional and are subject to revision.

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To date 550,312 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 294,981 are female and 255,331 are male.

Some 3,292 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 9th August 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 2nd August 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 26th July 2022
Carlow	7,598	7,571	7,534
Cavan	10,419	10,377	10,309
Clare	13,374	13,313	13,219
Cork	59,734	59,418	59,052
Donegal	17,441	17,374	17,281
Dublin	141,605	141,128	140,394
Galway	34,508	34,346	34,147
Kerry	16,642	16,534	16,411
Kildare	25,142	25,041	24,926
Kilkenny	12,155	12,083	12,015
Laois	10,302	10,245	10,204
Leitrim	3,356	3,345	3,312
Limerick	21,972	21,872	21,713
Longford	5,033	5,011	4,981
Louth	15,841	15,775	15,691
Mayo	16,092	16,005	15,877
Meath	24,328	24,251	24,119
Monaghan	8,525	8,500	8,474
Offaly	9,322	9,281	9,233
Roscommon	7,218	7,182	7,141
Sligo	7,366	7,319	7,263
Tipperary	19,165	19,088	18,945
Waterford	16,362	16,298	16,205
Westmeath	10,581	10,545	10,500
Wexford	19,224	19,147	19,044
Wicklow	14,606	14,548	14,464
County not known	2,401	2,387	2,375
Total	550,312	547,984	544,829

Table 1 a – Analysis of Enhanced Illness Benefit for week 29/07/22 to 04/08/22

In the week from Friday, 29th July 2022 to Thursday, 4th August 2022, some 5,745 people were medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 3,439 are female and 2,306 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 29th July to 4th August 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 22nd July to 28th July 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 15th July to 21st July 2022
Carlow	86	131	149
Cavan	120	159	185
Clare	154	292	314
Cork	662	1,039	1,310
Donegal	200	292	321
Dublin	1,188	1,955	2,343
Galway	382	685	862
Kerry	231	326	411
Kildare	206	380	440
Kilkenny	144	190	262
Laois	119	174	215
Leitrim	68	66	94
Limerick	266	399	506
Longford	64	85	94
Louth	166	239	277
Mayo	267	352	443
Meath	222	365	410
Monaghan	48	93	118
Offaly	94	154	218
Roscommon	67	104	135
Sligo	105	151	192
Tipperary	242	367	461
Waterford	208	312	410
Westmeath	96	190	220
Wexford	183	371	413
Wicklow	139	237	298
County not included	18	25	26
Total	5,745	9,133	11,127

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 (113,516) and Human Health and Social Work (70,139), followed by Manufacturing (67,774).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 9th August 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 2nd August 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 26th July 2022
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	6,546	6,537	6,526
Manufacturing	67,774	67,476	67,129
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	3,436	3,421	3,400
Construction	35,718	35,613	35,455
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	113,516	113,191	112,758
Transportation and storage	21,861	21,433	21,264
Accommodation and food service activities	55,930	55,844	55,712
Information and communication activities	10,900	10,825	10,690
Financial and insurance activities	18,934	18,782	18,616
Real Estate activities	4,661	4,649	4,608
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	21,902	21,759	21,561
Administrative and support service activities	46,112	45,868	45,587
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	22,164	22,259	21,905
Education	18,802	18,768	18,725
Human Health and Social Work activities	70,139	69,751	69,250
Arts, entertainment and recreation	8,680	8,637	8,582
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	20,951	20,892	20,790
Unclassified or unknown	2,286	2,279	2,271
Total	550,312	547,984	544,829

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 29/07/22 to 04/08/22

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 29th July 2022 to 4th August 2022 are Wholesale and Retail Trade (1,251) and Human Health and Social Work activities (908), followed by Manufacturing (707).

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Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	64	99	97
Manufacturing	707	1,228	1,521
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	35	45	57
Construction	286	426	537
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	1,251	2,078	2,496
Transportation and storage	257	384	467
Accommodation and food service activities	490	785	966
Information and communication activities	104	160	186
Financial and insurance activities	236	345	410
Real Estate activities	40	71	77
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	185	334	402
Administrative and support service activities	514	789	972
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	210	319	358
Education	164	227	265
Human Health and Social Work activities	908	1,360	1,641
Arts, entertainment and recreation	68	131	184
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	207	327	459
Unclassified or unknown	19	25	32
Total	5,745	9,133	11,127

Table 3 – Enhanced Illness Benefit Age Profile

Age category	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 9th August 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 2nd August 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 26th July 2022
< 25	111,539	111,221	110,786
25-34	137,602	137,103	136,412
35-44	141,840	141,246	140,465
45-54	99,943	99,413	98,689
55+	59,388	59,001	58,477
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< 25	766	1,330	1,714
25-34	1,237	2,063	2,481
35-44	1,514	2,382	2,805
45-54	1,301	2,045	2,512
55+	927	1,313	1,615
Total	5,745	9,133	11,127