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**Update on Payments Awarded for Covid-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit –
Statistics – 16th 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 552,656 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 296,259 are female and 256,397 are male.

Some 3,167 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 16th August 2022	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
Carlow	7,639	7,598	7,571
Cavan	10,456	10,419	10,377
Clare	13,433	13,374	13,313
Cork	60,042	59,734	59,418
Donegal	17,525	17,441	17,374
Dublin	142,059	141,605	141,128
Galway	34,683	34,508	34,346
Kerry	16,743	16,642	16,534
Kildare	25,245	25,142	25,041
Kilkenny	12,209	12,155	12,083
Laois	10,353	10,302	10,245
Leitrim	3,375	3,356	3,345
Limerick	22,057	21,972	21,872
Longford	5,057	5,033	5,011
Louth	15,898	15,841	15,775
Mayo	16,164	16,092	16,005
Meath	24,403	24,328	24,251
Monaghan	8,558	8,525	8,500
Offaly	9,368	9,322	9,281
Roscommon	7,265	7,218	7,182
Sligo	7,418	7,366	7,319
Tipperary	19,242	19,165	19,088
Waterford	16,432	16,362	16,298
Westmeath	10,647	10,581	10,545
Wexford	19,308	19,224	19,147
Wicklow	14,670	14,606	14,548
County not known	2,407	2,401	2,387
Total	552,656	550,312	547,984

Table 1 a – Analysis of Enhanced Illness Benefit for week 05/08/22 to 11/08/22

In the week from Friday, 5th August 2022 to Thursday, 11th August 2022, some 5,271 people were medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 3,137 are female and 2,134 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 5th August to 11th August 2022	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
Carlow	80	86	131
Cavan	95	120	159
Clare	136	154	292
Cork	682	662	1,039
Donegal	166	200	292
Dublin	1,061	1,188	1,955
Galway	388	382	685
Kerry	200	231	326
Kildare	220	206	380
Kilkenny	146	144	190
Laois	108	119	174
Leitrim	51	68	66
Limerick	253	266	399
Longford	65	64	85
Louth	137	166	239
Mayo	201	267	352
Meath	201	222	365
Monaghan	43	48	93
Offaly	98	94	154
Roscommon	76	67	104
Sligo	83	105	151
Tipperary	204	242	367
Waterford	161	208	312
Westmeath	83	96	190
Wexford	181	183	371
Wicklow	135	139	237
County not included	17	18	25
Total	5,271	5,745	9,133

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 (113,860) and Human Health and Social Work (70,371), followed by Manufacturing (68,220).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 16th August 2022	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
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	6,563	6,546	6,537
Manufacturing	68,220	67,774	67,476
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	3,474	3,436	3,421
Construction	35,876	35,718	35,613
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	113,860	113,516	113,191
Transportation and storage	21,948	21,861	21,433
Accommodation and food service activities	55,992	55,930	55,844
Information and communication activities	11,010	10,900	10,825
Financial and insurance activities	19,150	18,934	18,782
Real Estate activities	4,698	4,661	4,649
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	22,055	21,902	21,759
Administrative and support service activities	46,277	46,112	45,868
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	22,334	22,164	22,259
Education	18,807	18,802	18,768
Human Health and Social Work activities	70,371	70,139	69,751
Arts, entertainment and recreation	8,706	8,680	8,637
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	21,021	20,951	20,892
Unclassified or unknown	2,294	2,286	2,279
Total	552,656	550,312	547,984

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 05/08/22 to 11/08/22

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 5th August 2022 to 11th August 2022 are Wholesale and Retail Trade (1,147) and Human Health and Social Work activities (848), followed by Manufacturing (686).

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Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	63	64	99
Manufacturing	686	707	1,228
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	29	35	45
Construction	243	286	426
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	1,147	1,251	2,078
Transportation and storage	189	257	384
Accommodation and food service activities	445	490	785
Information and communication activities	91	104	160
Financial and insurance activities	185	236	345
Real Estate activities	46	40	71
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	185	185	334
Administrative and support service activities	460	514	789
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	205	210	319
Education	150	164	227
Human Health and Social Work activities	848	908	1,360
Arts, entertainment and recreation	75	68	131
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	206	207	327
Unclassified or unknown	18	19	25
Total	5,271	5,745	9,133

Table 3 – Enhanced Illness Benefit Age Profile

Age category	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 16th August 2022	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
< 25	111,883	111,539	111,221
25-34	138,110	137,602	137,103
35-44	142,451	141,840	141,246
45-54	100,449	99,943	99,413
55+	59,763	59,388	59,001
Total	552,656	550,312	547,984

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< 25	736	766	1,330
25-34	1,221	1,237	2,063
35-44	1,365	1,514	2,382
45-54	1,171	1,301	2,045
55+	778	927	1,313
Total	5,271	5,745	9,133