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Department of Social Protection

**Update on Payments Awarded for Covid-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit –
Statistics – 23rd 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 554,538 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 297,289 are female and 257,249 are male.

Some 2,665 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 23rd August 2022	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
Carlow	7,666	7,639	7,598
Cavan	10,487	10,456	10,419
Clare	13,503	13,433	13,374
Cork	60,290	60,042	59,734
Donegal	17,595	17,525	17,441
Dublin	142,426	142,059	141,605
Galway	34,801	34,683	34,508
Kerry	16,822	16,743	16,642
Kildare	25,333	25,245	25,142
Kilkenny	12,251	12,209	12,155
Laois	10,383	10,353	10,302
Leitrim	3,395	3,375	3,356
Limerick	22,137	22,057	21,972
Longford	5,082	5,057	5,033
Louth	15,950	15,898	15,841
Mayo	16,238	16,164	16,092
Meath	24,460	24,403	24,328
Monaghan	8,574	8,558	8,525
Offaly	9,407	9,368	9,322
Roscommon	7,293	7,265	7,218
Sligo	7,470	7,418	7,366
Tipperary	19,309	19,242	19,165
Waterford	16,476	16,432	16,362
Westmeath	10,706	10,647	10,581
Wexford	19,362	19,308	19,224
Wicklow	14,707	14,670	14,606
County not known	2,415	2,407	2,401
Total	554,538	552,656	550,312

Table 1 a – Analysis of Enhanced Illness Benefit for week 12/08/22 to 18/08/22

In the week from Friday, 12th August 2022 to Thursday, 18th August 2022, some 5,105 people were medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 3,059 are female and 2,046 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 12th August to 18th August 2022	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
Carlow	76	80	86
Cavan	81	95	120
Clare	157	136	154
Cork	605	682	662
Donegal	192	166	200
Dublin	990	1,061	1,188
Galway	406	388	382
Kerry	197	200	231
Kildare	211	220	206
Kilkenny	146	146	144
Laois	112	108	119
Leitrim	35	51	68
Limerick	228	253	266
Longford	71	65	64
Louth	140	137	166
Mayo	168	201	267
Meath	175	201	222
Monaghan	66	43	48
Offaly	105	98	94
Roscommon	84	76	67
Sligo	101	83	105
Tipperary	188	204	242
Waterford	165	161	208
Westmeath	124	83	96
Wexford	161	181	183
Wicklow	105	135	139
County not included	16	17	18
Total	5,105	5,271	5,745

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 (114,071) and Human Health and Social Work (70,617), followed by Manufacturing (68,536).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 23rd August 2022	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
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	6,578	6,563	6,546
Manufacturing	68,536	68,220	67,774
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	3,492	3,474	3,436
Construction	36,002	35,876	35,718
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	114,071	113,860	113,516
Transportation and storage	22,045	21,948	21,861
Accommodation and food service activities	56,005	55,992	55,930
Information and communication activities	11,142	11,010	10,900
Financial and insurance activities	19,365	19,150	18,934
Real Estate activities	4,710	4,698	4,661
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	22,162	22,055	21,902
Administrative and support service activities	46,403	46,277	46,112
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	22,449	22,334	22,164
Education	18,840	18,807	18,802
Human Health and Social Work activities	70,617	70,371	70,139
Arts, entertainment and recreation	8,722	8,706	8,680
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	21,103	21,021	20,951
Unclassified or unknown	2,296	2,294	2,286
Total	554,538	552,656	550,312

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 12/08/22 to 18/08/22

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 12th August 2022 to 18th August 2022 are Wholesale and Retail Trade (1,124) and Human Health and Social Work activities (807), followed by Manufacturing (638).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 12th August to 18th August 2022	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
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	38	63	64
Manufacturing	638	686	707
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	35	29	35
Construction	234	243	286
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	1,124	1,147	1,251
Transportation and storage	194	189	257
Accommodation and food service activities	433	445	490
Information and communication activities	105	91	104
Financial and insurance activities	190	185	236
Real Estate activities	30	46	40
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	179	185	185
Administrative and support service activities	461	460	514
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	195	205	210
Education	138	150	164
Human Health and Social Work activities	807	848	908
Arts, entertainment and recreation	66	75	68
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	215	206	207
Unclassified or unknown	23	18	19
Total	5,105	5,271	5,745

Table 3 – Enhanced Illness Benefit Age Profile

Age category	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 23rd August 2022	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
< 25	112,159	111,883	111,539
25-34	138,490	138,110	137,602
35-44	142,940	142,451	141,840
45-54	100,873	100,449	99,943
55+	60,076	59,763	59,388
Total	554,538	552,656	550,312

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< 25	745	736	766
25-34	1,224	1,221	1,237
35-44	1,316	1,365	1,514
45-54	1,064	1,171	1,301
55+	756	778	927
Total	5,105	5,271	5,745