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Department of Social Protection

**Update on Payments Awarded for Covid-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit –
Statistics – 30th 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 556,065 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 298,136 are female and 257,929 are male.

Some 2,515 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 30th August 2022	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
Carlow	7,698	7,666	7,639
Cavan	10,512	10,487	10,456
Clare	13,552	13,503	13,433
Cork	60,462	60,290	60,042
Donegal	17,649	17,595	17,525
Dublin	142,724	142,426	142,059
Galway	34,890	34,801	34,683
Kerry	16,879	16,822	16,743
Kildare	25,394	25,333	25,245
Kilkenny	12,288	12,251	12,209
Laois	10,404	10,383	10,353
Leitrim	3,403	3,395	3,375
Limerick	22,210	22,137	22,057
Longford	5,093	5,082	5,057
Louth	15,997	15,950	15,898
Mayo	16,306	16,238	16,164
Meath	24,531	24,460	24,403
Monaghan	8,590	8,574	8,558
Offaly	9,435	9,407	9,368
Roscommon	7,326	7,293	7,265
Sligo	7,504	7,470	7,418
Tipperary	19,367	19,309	19,242
Waterford	16,517	16,476	16,432
Westmeath	10,742	10,706	10,647
Wexford	19,418	19,362	19,308
Wicklow	14,751	14,707	14,670
County not known	2,423	2,415	2,407
Total	556,065	554,538	552,656

Table 1 a – Analysis of Enhanced Illness Benefit for week 19/08/22 to 25/08/22

In the week from Friday, 19th August 2022 to Thursday, 25th August 2022, some 4,275 people were medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 2,549 are female and 1,726 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 19th August to 25th August 2022	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
Carlow	78	76	80
Cavan	71	81	95
Clare	125	157	136
Cork	458	605	682
Donegal	147	192	166
Dublin	870	990	1,061
Galway	298	406	388
Kerry	181	197	200
Kildare	180	211	220
Kilkenny	119	146	146
Laois	95	112	108
Leitrim	41	35	51
Limerick	223	228	253
Longford	51	71	65
Louth	118	140	137
Mayo	154	168	201
Meath	141	175	201
Monaghan	42	66	43
Offaly	74	105	98
Roscommon	64	84	76
Sligo	96	101	83
Tipperary	165	188	204
Waterford	125	165	161
Westmeath	123	124	83
Wexford	143	161	181
Wicklow	83	105	135
County not included	10	16	17
Total	4,275	5,105	5,271

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 (114,277) and Human Health and Social Work (70,946), followed by Manufacturing (68,751).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 30th August 2022	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
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	6,583	6,578	6,563
Manufacturing	68,751	68,536	68,220
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	3,516	3,492	3,474
Construction	36,095	36,002	35,876
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	114,277	114,071	113,860
Transportation and storage	22,137	22,045	21,948
Accommodation and food service activities	55,954	56,005	55,992
Information and communication activities	11,229	11,142	11,010
Financial and insurance activities	19,493	19,365	19,150
Real Estate activities	4,748	4,710	4,698
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	22,309	22,162	22,055
Administrative and support service activities	46,464	46,403	46,277
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	22,533	22,449	22,334
Education	18,865	18,840	18,807
Human Health and Social Work activities	70,946	70,617	70,371
Arts, entertainment and recreation	8,731	8,722	8,706
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	21,132	21,103	21,021
Unclassified or unknown	2,302	2,296	2,294
Total	556,065	554,538	552,656

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 19/08/22 to 25/08/22

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 19th August 2022 to 25th August 2022 are Wholesale and Retail Trade (897) and Human Health and Social Work activities (667), followed by Manufacturing (561).

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Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	41	38	63
Manufacturing	561	638	686
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	27	35	29
Construction	215	234	243
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	897	1,124	1,147
Transportation and storage	166	194	189
Accommodation and food service activities	357	433	445
Information and communication activities	95	105	91
Financial and insurance activities	155	190	185
Real Estate activities	40	30	46
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	147	179	185
Administrative and support service activities	360	461	460
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	189	195	205
Education	107	138	150
Human Health and Social Work activities	667	807	848
Arts, entertainment and recreation	62	66	75
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	172	215	206
Unclassified or unknown	17	23	18
Total	4,275	5,105	5,271

Table 3 – Enhanced Illness Benefit Age Profile

Age category	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 30th August 2022	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
< 25	112,360	112,159	111,883
25-34	138,804	138,490	138,110
35-44	143,348	142,940	142,451
45-54	101,223	100,873	100,449
55+	60,330	60,076	59,763
Total	556,065	554,538	552,656

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< 25	602	745	736
25-34	952	1,224	1,221
35-44	1,124	1,316	1,365
45-54	945	1,064	1,171
55+	652	756	778
Total	4,275	5,105	5,271