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Department of Social Protection

**Update on Payments Awarded for Covid-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit –
Statistics – 6th September 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 557,442 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 298,900 are female and 258,542 are male.

Some 2,363 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 6th September 2022	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
Carlow	7,717	7,698	7,666
Cavan	10,544	10,512	10,487
Clare	13,591	13,552	13,503
Cork	60,629	60,462	60,290
Donegal	17,697	17,649	17,595
Dublin	143,023	142,724	142,426
Galway	34,961	34,890	34,801
Kerry	16,934	16,879	16,822
Kildare	25,453	25,394	25,333
Kilkenny	12,321	12,288	12,251
Laois	10,423	10,404	10,383
Leitrim	3,414	3,403	3,395
Limerick	22,281	22,210	22,137
Longford	5,105	5,093	5,082
Louth	16,032	15,997	15,950
Mayo	16,361	16,306	16,238
Meath	24,583	24,531	24,460
Monaghan	8,603	8,590	8,574
Offaly	9,455	9,435	9,407
Roscommon	7,352	7,326	7,293
Sligo	7,536	7,504	7,470
Tipperary	19,421	19,367	19,309
Waterford	16,553	16,517	16,476
Westmeath	10,781	10,742	10,706
Wexford	19,461	19,418	19,362
Wicklow	14,779	14,751	14,707
County not known	2,432	2,423	2,415
Total	557,442	556,065	554,538

Table 1 a – Analysis of Enhanced Illness Benefit for week 26/08/22 to 01/09/22

In the week from Friday, 26th August 2022 to Thursday, 1st September 2022, some 3,745 people were medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 2,285 are female and 1,460 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 26th August to 1st September 2022	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
Carlow	68	78	76
Cavan	67	71	81
Clare	107	125	157
Cork	402	458	605
Donegal	137	147	192
Dublin	796	870	990
Galway	247	298	406
Kerry	135	181	197
Kildare	133	180	211
Kilkenny	104	119	146
Laois	67	95	112
Leitrim	28	41	35
Limerick	165	223	228
Longford	34	51	71
Louth	115	118	140
Mayo	151	154	168
Meath	139	141	175
Monaghan	51	42	66
Offaly	83	74	105
Roscommon	58	64	84
Sligo	78	96	101
Tipperary	148	165	188
Waterford	126	125	165
Westmeath	85	123	124
Wexford	118	143	161
Wicklow	83	83	105
County not included	20	10	16
Total	3,745	4,275	5,105

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 (114,412) and Human Health and Social Work (71,135), followed by Manufacturing (68,957).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 6th September 2022	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
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	6,578	6,583	6,578
Manufacturing	68,957	68,751	68,536
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	3,525	3,516	3,492
Construction	36,195	36,095	36,002
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	114,412	114,277	114,071
Transportation and storage	22,202	22,137	22,045
Accommodation and food service activities	55,971	55,954	56,005
Information and communication activities	11,270	11,229	11,142
Financial and insurance activities	19,578	19,493	19,365
Real Estate activities	4,769	4,748	4,710
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	22,421	22,309	22,162
Administrative and support service activities	46,592	46,464	46,403
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	22,634	22,533	22,449
Education	19,012	18,865	18,840
Human Health and Social Work activities	71,135	70,946	70,617
Arts, entertainment and recreation	8,733	8,731	8,722
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	21,158	21,132	21,103
Unclassified or unknown	2,300	2,302	2,296
Total	557,442	556,065	554,538

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 26/08/22 to 01/09/22

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 26th August 2022 to 1st September 2022 are Wholesale and Retail Trade (727) and Human Health and Social Work activities (623), followed by Manufacturing (473).

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Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	43	41	38
Manufacturing	473	561	638
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	17	27	35
Construction	158	215	234
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	727	897	1,124
Transportation and storage	152	166	194
Accommodation and food service activities	339	357	433
Information and communication activities	77	95	105
Financial and insurance activities	153	155	190
Real Estate activities	31	40	30
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	142	147	179
Administrative and support service activities	334	360	461
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	149	189	195
Education	89	107	138
Human Health and Social Work activities	623	667	807
Arts, entertainment and recreation	65	62	66
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	162	172	215
Unclassified or unknown	11	17	23
Total	3,745	4,275	5,105

Table 3 – Enhanced Illness Benefit Age Profile

Age category	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 6th September 2022	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
< 25	112,539	112,360	112,159
25-34	139,096	138,804	138,490
35-44	143,728	143,348	142,940
45-54	101,535	101,223	100,873
55+	60,544	60,330	60,076
Total	557,442	556,065	554,538

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< 25	507	602	745
25-34	822	952	1,224
35-44	1,035	1,124	1,316
45-54	827	945	1,064
55+	554	652	756
Total	3,745	4,275	5,105