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Department of Social Protection

**Update on Payments Awarded for Covid-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit –
Statistics – 13th 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 558,683 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 299,628 are female and 259,055 are male.

Some 2,123 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 13 th September 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 6 th September 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 30 th August 2022
Carlow	7,736	7,717	7,698
Cavan	10,565	10,544	10,512
Clare	13,615	13,591	13,552
Cork	60,769	60,629	60,462
Donegal	17,746	17,697	17,649
Dublin	143,289	143,023	142,724
Galway	35,031	34,961	34,890
Kerry	16,978	16,934	16,879
Kildare	25,501	25,453	25,394
Kilkenny	12,358	12,321	12,288
Laois	10,449	10,423	10,404
Leitrim	3,426	3,414	3,403
Limerick	22,339	22,281	22,210
Longford	5,114	5,105	5,093
Louth	16,057	16,032	15,997
Mayo	16,403	16,361	16,306
Meath	24,635	24,583	24,531
Monaghan	8,611	8,603	8,590
Offaly	9,478	9,455	9,435
Roscommon	7,373	7,352	7,326
Sligo	7,554	7,536	7,504
Tipperary	19,477	19,421	19,367
Waterford	16,595	16,553	16,517
Westmeath	10,810	10,781	10,742
Wexford	19,513	19,461	19,418
Wicklow	14,822	14,779	14,751
County not known	2,439	2,432	2,423
Total	558,683	557,442	556,065

Table 1 a – Analysis of Enhanced Illness Benefit for week 02/09/22 to 08/09/22

In the week from Friday, 2nd September 2022 to Thursday, 8th September 2022, some 3,228 people were medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 1,948 are female and 1,280 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 2nd September to 8th September 2022	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
Carlow	61	68	78
Cavan	61	67	71
Clare	88	107	125
Cork	354	402	458
Donegal	129	137	147
Dublin	669	796	870
Galway	219	247	298
Kerry	125	135	181
Kildare	119	133	180
Kilkenny	88	104	119
Laois	61	67	95
Leitrim	29	28	41
Limerick	144	165	223
Longford	35	34	51
Louth	87	115	118
Mayo	122	151	154
Meath	130	139	141
Monaghan	28	51	42
Offaly	65	83	74
Roscommon	51	58	64
Sligo	69	78	96
Tipperary	137	148	165
Waterford	98	126	125
Westmeath	63	85	123
Wexford	101	118	143
Wicklow	85	83	83
County not included	10	20	10
Total	3,228	3,745	4,275

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 (114,404) and Human Health and Social Work (71,302), followed by Manufacturing (69,099).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 13th September 2022	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
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	6,565	6,578	6,583
Manufacturing	69,099	68,957	68,751
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	3,548	3,525	3,516
Construction	36,273	36,195	36,095
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	114,404	114,412	114,277
Transportation and storage	22,253	22,202	22,137
Accommodation and food service activities	55,910	55,971	55,954
Information and communication activities	11,332	11,270	11,229
Financial and insurance activities	19,812	19,578	19,493
Real Estate activities	4,771	4,769	4,748
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	22,532	22,421	22,309
Administrative and support service activities	46,723	46,592	46,464
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	22,806	22,634	22,533
Education	19,096	19,012	18,865
Human Health and Social Work activities	71,302	71,135	70,946
Arts, entertainment and recreation	8,750	8,733	8,731
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	21,207	21,158	21,132
Unclassified or unknown	2,300	2,300	2,302
Total	558,683	557,442	556,065

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 02/09/22 to 08/09/22

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 2nd September 2022 to 8th September 2022 are Wholesale and Retail Trade (625) and Human Health and Social Work activities (562), followed by Manufacturing (444).

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Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	26	43	41
Manufacturing	444	473	561
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	21	17	27
Construction	161	158	215
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	625	727	897
Transportation and storage	128	152	166
Accommodation and food service activities	248	339	357
Information and communication activities	59	77	95
Financial and insurance activities	118	153	155
Real Estate activities	31	31	40
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	114	142	147
Administrative and support service activities	291	334	360
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	114	149	189
Education	78	89	107
Human Health and Social Work activities	562	623	667
Arts, entertainment and recreation	51	65	62
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	138	162	172
Unclassified or unknown	19	11	17
Total	3,228	3,745	4,275

Table 3 – Enhanced Illness Benefit Age Profile

Age category	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 13th September 2022	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
< 25	112,692	112,539	112,360
25-34	139,373	139,096	138,804
35-44	144,066	143,728	143,348
45-54	101,815	101,535	101,223
55+	60,737	60,544	60,330
Total	558,683	557,442	556,065

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< 25	405	507	602
25-34	732	822	952
35-44	884	1,035	1,124
45-54	735	827	945
55+	472	554	652
Total	3,228	3,745	4,275