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**Update on Payments Awarded for Covid-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit –
Statistics – 20th September 2022**

These statistics are provisional and are subject to revision.

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To date 559,958 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 300,379 are female and 259,579 are male.

Some 2,114 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 20th September 2022	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
Carlow	7,754	7,736	7,717
Cavan	10,588	10,565	10,544
Clare	13,649	13,615	13,591
Cork	60,935	60,769	60,629
Donegal	17,780	17,746	17,697
Dublin	143,530	143,289	143,023
Galway	35,110	35,031	34,961
Kerry	17,038	16,978	16,934
Kildare	25,562	25,501	25,453
Kilkenny	12,389	12,358	12,321
Laois	10,479	10,449	10,423
Leitrim	3,436	3,426	3,414
Limerick	22,394	22,339	22,281
Longford	5,126	5,114	5,105
Louth	16,088	16,057	16,032
Mayo	16,446	16,403	16,361
Meath	24,682	24,635	24,583
Monaghan	8,632	8,611	8,603
Offaly	9,495	9,478	9,455
Roscommon	7,393	7,373	7,352
Sligo	7,569	7,554	7,536
Tipperary	19,534	19,477	19,421
Waterford	16,640	16,595	16,553
Westmeath	10,840	10,810	10,781
Wexford	19,554	19,513	19,461
Wicklow	14,862	14,822	14,779
County not known	2,453	2,439	2,432
Total	559,958	558,683	557,442

Table 1 a – Analysis of Enhanced Illness Benefit for week 09/09/22 to 15/09/22

In the week from Friday, 9th September 2022 to Thursday, 15th September 2022, some 3,108 people were medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 1,921 are female and 1,187 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 9th September to 15th September 2022	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
Carlow	57	61	68
Cavan	57	61	67
Clare	93	88	107
Cork	339	354	402
Donegal	131	129	137
Dublin	669	669	796
Galway	190	219	247
Kerry	111	125	135
Kildare	114	119	133
Kilkenny	92	88	104
Laois	62	61	67
Leitrim	29	29	28
Limerick	163	144	165
Longford	27	35	34
Louth	71	87	115
Mayo	103	122	151
Meath	123	130	139
Monaghan	34	28	51
Offaly	57	65	83
Roscommon	47	51	58
Sligo	47	69	78
Tipperary	120	137	148
Waterford	105	98	126
Westmeath	65	63	85
Wexford	97	101	118
Wicklow	86	85	83
County not included	19	10	20
Total	3,108	3,228	3,745

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 (114,494) and Human Health and Social Work (71,527), followed by Manufacturing (69,314).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 20th September 2022	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
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	6,559	6,565	6,578
Manufacturing	69,314	69,099	68,957
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	3,567	3,548	3,525
Construction	36,338	36,273	36,195
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	114,494	114,404	114,412
Transportation and storage	22,350	22,253	22,202
Accommodation and food service activities	55,796	55,910	55,971
Information and communication activities	11,378	11,332	11,270
Financial and insurance activities	19,980	19,812	19,578
Real Estate activities	4,764	4,771	4,769
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	22,739	22,532	22,421
Administrative and support service activities	46,751	46,723	46,592
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	22,892	22,806	22,634
Education	19,227	19,096	19,012
Human Health and Social Work activities	71,527	71,302	71,135
Arts, entertainment and recreation	8,732	8,750	8,733
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	21,243	21,207	21,158
Unclassified or unknown	2,307	2,300	2,300
Total	559,958	558,683	557,442

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 09/09/22 to 15/09/22

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 9th September 2022 to 15th September 2022 are Wholesale and Retail Trade (610) and Human Health and Social Work activities (554), followed by Manufacturing (408).

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Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	25	26	43
Manufacturing	408	444	473
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	18	21	17
Construction	145	161	158
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	610	625	727
Transportation and storage	124	128	152
Accommodation and food service activities	269	248	339
Information and communication activities	55	59	77
Financial and insurance activities	115	118	153
Real Estate activities	26	31	31
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	119	114	142
Administrative and support service activities	252	291	334
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	112	114	149
Education	89	78	89
Human Health and Social Work activities	554	562	623
Arts, entertainment and recreation	37	51	65
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	137	138	162
Unclassified or unknown	13	19	11
Total	3,108	3,228	3,745

Table 3 – Enhanced Illness Benefit Age Profile

Age category	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 20th September 2022	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
< 25	112,838	112,692	112,539
25-34	139,618	139,373	139,096
35-44	144,430	144,066	143,728
45-54	102,140	101,815	101,535
55+	60,932	60,737	60,544
Total	559,958	558,683	557,442

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< 25	409	405	507
25-34	737	732	822
35-44	861	884	1,035
45-54	690	735	827
55+	411	472	554
Total	3,108	3,228	3,745