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**Update on Payments Awarded for Covid-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit –
Statistics – 27th 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 561,275 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 301,150 are female and 260,125 are male.

Some 2,160 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 27 th September 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 20 th September 2022	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 13 th September 2022
Carlow	7,783	7,754	7,736
Cavan	10,606	10,588	10,565
Clare	13,690	13,649	13,615
Cork	61,095	60,935	60,769
Donegal	17,816	17,780	17,746
Dublin	143,824	143,530	143,289
Galway	35,199	35,110	35,031
Kerry	17,093	17,038	16,978
Kildare	25,615	25,562	25,501
Kilkenny	12,421	12,389	12,358
Laois	10,506	10,479	10,449
Leitrim	3,445	3,436	3,426
Limerick	22,458	22,394	22,339
Longford	5,138	5,126	5,114
Louth	16,110	16,088	16,057
Mayo	16,483	16,446	16,403
Meath	24,745	24,682	24,635
Monaghan	8,638	8,632	8,611
Offaly	9,509	9,495	9,478
Roscommon	7,405	7,393	7,373
Sligo	7,598	7,569	7,554
Tipperary	19,583	19,534	19,477
Waterford	16,695	16,640	16,595
Westmeath	10,866	10,840	10,810
Wexford	19,601	19,554	19,513
Wicklow	14,895	14,862	14,822
County not known	2,458	2,453	2,439
Total	561,275	559,958	558,683

Table 1 a – Analysis of Enhanced Illness Benefit for week 16/09/22 to 22/09/22

In the week from Friday, 16th September 2022 to Thursday, 22nd September 2022, some 3,005 people were medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 1,814 are female and 1,191 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 16th September to 22nd September 2022	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
Carlow	54	57	61
Cavan	55	57	61
Clare	89	93	88
Cork	304	339	354
Donegal	104	131	129
Dublin	601	669	669
Galway	223	190	219
Kerry	126	111	125
Kildare	130	114	119
Kilkenny	73	92	88
Laois	61	62	61
Leitrim	25	29	29
Limerick	148	163	144
Longford	37	27	35
Louth	71	71	87
Mayo	108	103	122
Meath	126	123	130
Monaghan	28	34	28
Offaly	48	57	65
Roscommon	40	47	51
Sligo	57	47	69
Tipperary	116	120	137
Waterford	122	105	98
Westmeath	58	65	63
Wexford	103	97	101
Wicklow	83	86	85
County not included	15	19	10
Total	3,005	3,108	3,228

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 (114,613) and Human Health and Social Work (71,707), followed by Manufacturing (69,390).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 27th September 2022	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
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	6,553	6,559	6,565
Manufacturing	69,390	69,314	69,099
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	3,607	3,567	3,548
Construction	36,267	36,338	36,273
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	114,613	114,494	114,404
Transportation and storage	22,402	22,350	22,253
Accommodation and food service activities	55,687	55,796	55,910
Information and communication activities	11,435	11,378	11,332
Financial and insurance activities	20,119	19,980	19,812
Real Estate activities	4,780	4,764	4,771
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	22,855	22,739	22,532
Administrative and support service activities	46,898	46,751	46,723
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	23,379	22,892	22,806
Education	19,301	19,227	19,096
Human Health and Social Work activities	71,707	71,527	71,302
Arts, entertainment and recreation	8,707	8,732	8,750
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	21,270	21,243	21,207
Unclassified or unknown	2,305	2,307	2,300
Total	561,275	559,958	558,683

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 16/09/22 to 22/09/22

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 (603) and Human Health and Social Work activities (505), followed by Manufacturing (392).

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Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	22	25	26
Manufacturing	392	408	444
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	19	18	21
Construction	126	145	161
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	603	610	625
Transportation and storage	123	124	128
Accommodation and food service activities	252	269	248
Information and communication activities	63	55	59
Financial and insurance activities	112	115	118
Real Estate activities	22	26	31
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	108	119	114
Administrative and support service activities	258	252	291
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	119	112	114
Education	99	89	78
Human Health and Social Work activities	505	554	562
Arts, entertainment and recreation	54	37	51
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	116	137	138
Unclassified or unknown	12	13	19
Total	3,005	3,108	3,228

Table 3 – Enhanced Illness Benefit Age Profile

Age category	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 27th September 2022	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
< 25	112,979	112,838	112,692
25-34	139,905	139,618	139,373
35-44	144,776	144,430	144,066
45-54	102,464	102,140	101,815
55+	61,151	60,932	60,737
Total	561,275	559,958	558,683

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< 25	374	409	405
25-34	674	737	732
35-44	877	861	884
45-54	673	690	735
55+	407	411	472
Total	3,005	3,108	3,228