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Department of Social Protection

**Update on Payments Awarded for Covid-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit –
Statistics – 4th October 2022**

***The Enhanced Illness Benefit scheme came to an end on 30 September 2022.
Applications continue to be received for dates preceding 30 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 562,835 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 302,063 are female and 260,772 are male.

Some 2,414 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 September 2022	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
Carlow	7,783	7,783	7,754
Cavan	10,639	10,606	10,588
Clare	13,754	13,690	13,649
Cork	61,330	61,095	60,935
Donegal	17,867	17,816	17,780
Dublin	143,700	143,824	143,530
Galway	35,312	35,199	35,110
Kerry	17,160	17,093	17,038
Kildare	25,696	25,615	25,562
Kilkenny	12,488	12,421	12,389
Laois	10,582	10,506	10,479
Leitrim	3,434	3,445	3,436
Limerick	22,522	22,458	22,394
Longford	5,164	5,138	5,126
Louth	16,214	16,110	16,088
Mayo	16,529	16,483	16,446
Meath	24,876	24,745	24,682
Monaghan	8,641	8,638	8,632
Offaly	9,551	9,509	9,495
Roscommon	7,423	7,405	7,393
Sligo	7,612	7,598	7,569
Tipperary	19,650	19,583	19,534
Waterford	16,747	16,695	16,640
Westmeath	10,888	10,866	10,840
Wexford	19,700	19,601	19,554
Wicklow	14,967	14,895	14,862
County not known	2,606	2,458	2,453
Total	562,835	561,275	559,958

Table 1 a – Analysis of Enhanced Illness Benefit for week 23/09/22 to 29/09/22

In the week from Friday, 23rd September 2022 to Thursday, 29th September 2022, some 3,017 people were medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 1,849 are female and 1,168 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 23rd September to 29th September 2022	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
Carlow	69	54	57
Cavan	53	55	57
Clare	80	89	93
Cork	363	304	339
Donegal	119	104	131
Dublin	599	601	669
Galway	208	223	190
Kerry	132	126	111
Kildare	118	130	114
Kilkenny	79	73	92
Laois	61	61	62
Leitrim	25	25	29
Limerick	126	148	163
Longford	27	37	27
Louth	79	71	71
Mayo	73	108	103
Meath	121	126	123
Monaghan	24	28	34
Offaly	53	48	57
Roscommon	36	40	47
Sligo	53	57	47
Tipperary	145	116	120
Waterford	121	122	105
Westmeath	57	58	65
Wexford	99	103	97
Wicklow	89	83	86
County not included	8	15	19
Total	3,017	3,005	3,108

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 (114,680) and Human Health and Social Work (71,930), followed by Manufacturing (69,560).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 30th September 2022	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
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	6,577	6,553	6,559
Manufacturing	69,560	69,390	69,314
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	3,619	3,607	3,567
Construction	36,175	36,267	36,338
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	114,680	114,613	114,494
Transportation and storage	22,477	22,402	22,350
Accommodation and food service activities	55,741	55,687	55,796
Information and communication activities	11,491	11,435	11,378
Financial and insurance activities	20,240	20,119	19,980
Real Estate activities	4,792	4,780	4,764
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	22,997	22,855	22,739
Administrative and support service activities	47,025	46,898	46,751
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	23,707	23,379	22,892
Education	19,493	19,301	19,227
Human Health and Social Work activities	71,930	71,707	71,527
Arts, entertainment and recreation	8,684	8,707	8,732
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	21,336	21,270	21,243
Unclassified or unknown	2,311	2,305	2,307
Total	562,835	561,275	559,958

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 23/09/22 to 29/09/22

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 23rd September 2022 to 29th September 2022 are Wholesale and Retail Trade (625) and Human Health and Social Work activities (478), followed by Manufacturing (396).

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Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	31	22	25
Manufacturing	396	392	408
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	28	19	18
Construction	145	126	145
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	625	603	610
Transportation and storage	111	123	124
Accommodation and food service activities	209	252	269
Information and communication activities	43	63	55
Financial and insurance activities	118	112	115
Real Estate activities	26	22	26
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	117	108	119
Administrative and support service activities	256	258	252
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	120	119	112
Education	124	99	89
Human Health and Social Work activities	478	505	554
Arts, entertainment and recreation	50	54	37
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	125	116	137
Unclassified or unknown	15	12	13
Total	3,017	3,005	3,108

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 September 2022	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
< 25	108,785	112,979	112,838
25-34	141,042	139,905	139,618
35-44	145,509	144,776	144,430
45-54	104,092	102,464	102,140
55+	63,407	61,151	60,932
Total	562,835	561,275	559,958

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< 25	347	374	409
25-34	688	674	737
35-44	860	877	861
45-54	691	673	690
55+	431	407	411
Total	3,017	3,005	3,108