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Department of Social Protection

**Update on Payments Awarded for Covid-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit –
Statistics – 11th 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 564,147 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 302,831 are female and 261,316 are male.

Some 1,836 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 30 th September 2022
Carlow	7,802
Cavan	10,660
Clare	13,796
Cork	61,505
Donegal	17,893
Dublin	143,983
Galway	35,392
Kerry	17,210
Kildare	25,762
Kilkenny	12,522
Laois	10,622
Leitrim	3,441
Limerick	22,593
Longford	5,168
Louth	16,253
Mayo	16,562
Meath	24,919
Monaghan	8,648
Offaly	9,581
Roscommon	7,434
Sligo	7,627
Tipperary	19,703
Waterford	16,799
Westmeath	10,913
Wexford	19,749
Wicklow	15,001
County not known	2,609
Total	564,147

Table 1 a – Analysis of Enhanced Illness Benefit for week 30/09/22 to 06/10/22

In the week from Friday, 30th September 2022 to Thursday, 6th October 2022, some 3,213 people were medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment (for dates preceding 30th September 2022), of whom 1,915 are female and 1,298 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 30th September to 6th October 2022	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
Carlow	64	69	54
Cavan	57	53	55
Clare	86	80	89
Cork	398	363	304
Donegal	89	119	104
Dublin	641	599	601
Galway	208	208	223
Kerry	132	132	126
Kildare	132	118	130
Kilkenny	105	79	73
Laois	70	61	61
Leitrim	22	25	25
Limerick	143	126	148
Longford	36	27	37
Louth	90	79	71
Mayo	98	73	108
Meath	130	121	126
Monaghan	31	24	28
Offaly	58	53	48
Roscommon	40	36	40
Sligo	57	53	57
Tipperary	140	145	116
Waterford	122	121	122
Westmeath	48	57	58
Wexford	131	99	103
Wicklow	81	89	83
County not included	4	8	15
Total	3,213	3,017	3,005

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 (114,841) and Human Health and Social Work (72,155), followed by Manufacturing (69,734).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 30th September 2022
Industrial Sector	
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	6,568
Manufacturing	69,734
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	3,630
Construction	36,195
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	114,841
Transportation and storage	22,536
Accommodation and food service activities	55,701
Information and communication activities	11,528
Financial and insurance activities	20,386
Real Estate activities	4,797
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	23,039
Administrative and support service activities	47,151
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	23,899
Education	19,624
Human Health and Social Work activities	72,155
Arts, entertainment and recreation	8,689
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	21,388
Unclassified or unknown	2,286
Total	564,147

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 30/09/22 to 06/10/22

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 30th September 2022 to 6th October 2022 (for dates preceding 30th September 2022) are Wholesale and Retail Trade (671) and Human Health and Social Work activities (506), followed by Manufacturing (426).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 30th September to 6th October 2022	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
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	34	31	22
Manufacturing	426	396	392
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	20	28	19
Construction	137	145	126
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	671	625	603
Transportation and storage	145	111	123
Accommodation and food service activities	225	209	252
Information and communication activities	56	43	63
Financial and insurance activities	145	118	112
Real Estate activities	28	26	22
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	134	117	108
Administrative and support service activities	274	256	258
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	120	120	119
Education	100	124	99
Human Health and Social Work activities	506	478	505
Arts, entertainment and recreation	45	50	54
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	134	125	116
Unclassified or unknown	13	15	12
Total	3,213	3,017	3,005

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
< 25	108,884
25-34	141,317
35-44	145,833
45-54	104,461
55+	63,652
Total	564,147

Table 3 a – Enhanced Illness Benefit Age Profile for week 30/09/22 to 06/10/22

Age category	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 30th September to 6th October 2022	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
< 25	367	347	374
25-34	778	688	674
35-44	892	860	877
45-54	698	691	673
55+	478	431	407
Total	3,213	3,017	3,005