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Department of Social Protection

**Update on Payments Awarded for Covid-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit –
Statistics – 18th 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 565,366 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 303,569 are female and 261,797 are male.

Some 1,684 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	7,824
Cavan	10,674
Clare	13,830
Cork	61,664
Donegal	17,920
Dublin	144,279
Galway	35,471
Kerry	17,244
Kildare	25,816
Kilkenny	12,553
Laois	10,637
Leitrim	3,445
Limerick	22,643
Longford	5,179
Louth	16,286
Mayo	16,595
Meath	24,967
Monaghan	8,659
Offaly	9,606
Roscommon	7,447
Sligo	7,646
Tipperary	19,768
Waterford	16,835
Westmeath	10,936
Wexford	19,803
Wicklow	15,027
County not known	2,612
Total	565,366

Table 1 a – Analysis of Enhanced Illness Benefit for week 07/10/22 to 13/10/22

In the week from Friday, 7th October 2022 to Thursday, 13th October 2022, some 1,233 people were medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment (for dates preceding 30th September 2022), of whom 758 are female and 475 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 7th October to 13th October 2022	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
Carlow	17	64	69
Cavan	19	57	53
Clare	27	86	80
Cork	136	398	363
Donegal	30	89	119
Dublin	289	641	599
Galway	77	208	208
Kerry	52	132	132
Kildare	64	132	118
Kilkenny	38	105	79
Laois	24	70	61
Leitrim	5	22	25
Limerick	61	143	126
Longford	14	36	27
Louth	32	90	79
Mayo	41	98	73
Meath	44	130	121
Monaghan	10	31	24
Offaly	25	58	53
Roscommon	16	40	36
Sligo	23	57	53
Tipperary	43	140	145
Waterford	38	122	121
Westmeath	23	48	57
Wexford	57	131	99
Wicklow	22	81	89
County not included	6	4	8
Total	1,233	3,213	3,017

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 (114,906) and Human Health and Social Work (72,337), followed by Manufacturing (69,901).

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	6,569
Manufacturing	69,901
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	3,641
Construction	36,267
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	114,906
Transportation and storage	22,607
Accommodation and food service activities	55,594
Information and communication activities	11,586
Financial and insurance activities	20,542
Real Estate activities	4,840
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	23,207
Administrative and support service activities	47,205
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	24,046
Education	19,748
Human Health and Social Work activities	72,337
Arts, entertainment and recreation	8,692
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	21,397
Unclassified or unknown	2,281
Total	565,366

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 07/10/22 to 13/10/22

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 7th October 2022 to 13th October 2022 (for dates preceding 30th September 2022) are Wholesale and Retail Trade (232) and Human Health and Social Work activities (204), followed by Manufacturing (159).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 7th October to 13th October 2022	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
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	11	34	31
Manufacturing	159	426	396
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	6	20	28
Construction	44	137	145
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	232	671	625
Transportation and storage	57	145	111
Accommodation and food service activities	82	225	209
Information and communication activities	32	56	43
Financial and insurance activities	49	145	118
Real Estate activities	16	28	26
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	60	134	117
Administrative and support service activities	96	274	256
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	68	120	120
Education	44	100	124
Human Health and Social Work activities	204	506	478
Arts, entertainment and recreation	21	45	50
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	52	134	125
Unclassified or unknown	0	13	15
Total	1,233	3,213	3,017

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	108,976
25-34	141,536
35-44	146,176
45-54	104,795
55+	63,883
Total	565,366

Table 3 a – Enhanced Illness Benefit Age Profile for week 07/10/22 to 13/10/22

Age category	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 7th October to 13th October 2022	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
< 25	132	367	347
25-34	295	778	688
35-44	332	892	860
45-54	285	698	691
55+	189	478	431
Total	1,233	3,213	3,017