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**Department of Social Protection**

**Update on Payments Awarded for Covid-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit –  
Statistics – 25<sup>th</sup> 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 566,776 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 304,416 are female and 262,360 are male.

Some 1,512 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 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
Carlow	7,861
Cavan	10,704
Clare	13,870
Cork	61,831
Donegal	17,950
Dublin	144,517
Galway	35,559
Kerry	17,290
Kildare	25,886
Kilkenny	12,598
Laois	10,669
Leitrim	3,466
Limerick	22,715
Longford	5,186
Louth	16,327
Mayo	16,632
Meath	25,045
Monaghan	8,668
Offaly	9,625
Roscommon	7,478
Sligo	7,668
Tipperary	19,832
Waterford	16,881
Westmeath	10,972
Wexford	19,838
Wicklow	15,068
County not known	2,640
<b>Total</b>	<b>566,776</b>

**Table 1 a – Analysis of Enhanced Illness Benefit for week 14/10/22 to 20/10/22**

In the week from Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022 to Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022, some 888 people were medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment (for dates preceding 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022), of whom 553 are female and 335 are male.

**County Breakdown** (based on the county recorded on the Illness Benefit certificate)

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 14<sup>th</sup> October to 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 7<sup>th</sup> October to 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 30<sup>th</sup> September to 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022</b>
Carlow	9	17	64
Cavan	13	19	57
Clare	31	27	86
Cork	113	136	398
Donegal	31	30	89
Dublin	208	289	641
Galway	54	77	208
Kerry	36	52	132
Kildare	43	64	132
Kilkenny	17	38	105
Laois	18	24	70
Leitrim	4	5	22
Limerick	40	61	143
Longford	5	14	36
Louth	12	32	90
Mayo	37	41	98
Meath	37	44	130
Monaghan	10	10	31
Offaly	13	25	58
Roscommon	9	16	40
Sligo	14	23	57
Tipperary	36	43	140
Waterford	29	38	122
Westmeath	16	23	48
Wexford	25	57	131
Wicklow	24	22	81
County not included	4	6	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>1,233</b>	<b>3,213</b>

**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 (115,162) and Human Health and Social Work (72,519), followed by Manufacturing (70,035).

<b>Sector Breakdown</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022</b>
<b>Industrial Sector</b>	
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	6,581
Manufacturing	70,035
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	3,657
Construction	36,337
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	115,162
Transportation and storage	22,701
Accommodation and food service activities	55,463
Information and communication activities	11,705
Financial and insurance activities	20,690
Real Estate activities	4,829
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	23,332
Administrative and support service activities	47,214
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	24,411
Education	19,778
Human Health and Social Work activities	72,519
Arts, entertainment and recreation	8,646
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	21,427
Unclassified or unknown	2,289
<b>Total</b>	<b>566,776</b>

**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 14/10/22 to 20/10/22**

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 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022 to 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022 (for dates preceding 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022) are Wholesale and Retail Trade (175) and Human Health and Social Work activities (155), followed by Manufacturing (116).

<b>Sector Breakdown</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 14<sup>th</sup> October to 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 7<sup>th</sup> October to 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 30<sup>th</sup> September to 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022</b>
<b>Industrial Sector</b>			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	6	11	34
Manufacturing	116	159	426
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	5	6	20
Construction	35	44	137
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	175	232	671
Transportation and storage	36	57	145
Accommodation and food service activities	79	82	225
Information and communication activities	17	32	56
Financial and insurance activities	46	49	145
Real Estate activities	8	16	28
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	38	60	134
Administrative and support service activities	60	96	274
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	36	68	120
Education	32	44	100
Human Health and Social Work activities	155	204	506
Arts, entertainment and recreation	7	21	45
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	34	52	134
Unclassified or unknown	3	0	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>1,233</b>	<b>3,213</b>

**Table 3 – Enhanced Illness Benefit Age Profile**

<b>Age category</b>	<b>Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022</b>
< 25	108,353
25-34	141,981
35-44	146,582
45-54	105,356
55+	64,504
<b>Total</b>	<b>566,776</b>

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< 25	85	132	367
25-34	207	295	778
35-44	260	332	892
45-54	205	285	698
55+	131	189	478
<b>Total</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>1,233</b>	<b>3,213</b>