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Department of Social Protection

**Update on Payments Awarded for Covid-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit –
Statistics – 1st November 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 567,553 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 304,867 are female and 262,686 are male.

Some 1,579 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 | 7,870 |
| Cavan | 10,716 |
| Clare | 13,892 |
| Cork | 61,943 |
| Donegal | 17,963 |
| Dublin | 144,680 |
| Galway | 35,604 |
| Kerry | 17,330 |
| Kildare | 25,927 |
| Kilkenny | 12,612 |
| Laois | 10,685 |
| Leitrim | 3,468 |
| Limerick | 22,740 |
| Longford | 5,195 |
| Louth | 16,345 |
| Mayo | 16,656 |
| Meath | 25,074 |
| Monaghan | 8,680 |
| Offaly | 9,641 |
| Roscommon | 7,489 |
| Sligo | 7,673 |
| Tipperary | 19,873 |
| Waterford | 16,907 |
| Westmeath | 10,979 |
| Wexford | 19,878 |
| Wicklow | 15,090 |
| County not known | 2,643 |
| Total | 567,553 |

Table 1 a – Analysis of Enhanced Illness Benefit for week 21/10/22 to 27/10/22

In the week from Friday, 21st October 2022 to Thursday, 27th October 2022, some 814 people were medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment (for dates preceding 30th September 2022), of whom 478 are female and 336 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 21st October to 27th October 2022 | Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 14th October to 20th October 2022 | Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 7th October to 13th October 2022 |
|---------------------|--|--|---|
| Carlow | 7 | 9 | 17 |
| Cavan | 11 | 13 | 19 |
| Clare | 23 | 31 | 27 |
| Cork | 104 | 113 | 136 |
| Donegal | 31 | 31 | 30 |
| Dublin | 198 | 208 | 289 |
| Galway | 45 | 54 | 77 |
| Kerry | 33 | 36 | 52 |
| Kildare | 31 | 43 | 64 |
| Kilkenny | 24 | 17 | 38 |
| Laois | 11 | 18 | 24 |
| Leitrim | 2 | 4 | 5 |
| Limerick | 37 | 40 | 61 |
| Longford | 7 | 5 | 14 |
| Louth | 26 | 12 | 32 |
| Mayo | 23 | 37 | 41 |
| Meath | 23 | 37 | 44 |
| Monaghan | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Offaly | 12 | 13 | 25 |
| Roscommon | 13 | 9 | 16 |
| Sligo | 14 | 14 | 23 |
| Tipperary | 42 | 36 | 43 |
| Waterford | 20 | 29 | 38 |
| Westmeath | 20 | 16 | 23 |
| Wexford | 17 | 25 | 57 |
| Wicklow | 22 | 24 | 22 |
| County not included | 8 | 4 | 6 |
| Total | 814 | 888 | 1,233 |

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 (115,208) and Human Health and Social Work (72,705), followed by Manufacturing (70,156).

| 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 | 6,581 |
| Manufacturing | 70,156 |
| Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management | 3,677 |
| Construction | 36,407 |
| Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles | 115,208 |
| Transportation and storage | 22,732 |
| Accommodation and food service activities | 55,305 |
| Information and communication activities | 11,774 |
| Financial and insurance activities | 20,785 |
| Real Estate activities | 4,826 |
| Professional, Scientific and Technical activities | 23,451 |
| Administrative and support service activities | 47,228 |
| Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security | 24,436 |
| Education | 19,866 |
| Human Health and Social Work activities | 72,705 |
| Arts, entertainment and recreation | 8,638 |
| Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons | 21,464 |
| Unclassified or unknown | 2,314 |
| Total | 567,553 |

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 21/10/22 to 27/10/22

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 21st October 2022 to 27th October 2022 (for dates preceding 30th September 2022) are Wholesale and Retail Trade (155) and Human Health and Social Work activities (150), followed by Manufacturing (99).

| Sector Breakdown | Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 21st October to 27th October 2022 | Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 14th October to 20th October 2022 | Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit in the week of 7th October to 13th October 2022 |
|--|--|--|---|
| Industrial Sector | | | |
| Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying | 15 | 6 | 11 |
| Manufacturing | 99 | 116 | 159 |
| Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| Construction | 32 | 35 | 44 |
| Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles | 155 | 175 | 232 |
| Transportation and storage | 35 | 36 | 57 |
| Accommodation and food service activities | 58 | 79 | 82 |
| Information and communication activities | 18 | 17 | 32 |
| Financial and insurance activities | 46 | 46 | 49 |
| Real Estate activities | 8 | 8 | 16 |
| Professional, Scientific and Technical activities | 29 | 38 | 60 |
| Administrative and support service activities | 60 | 60 | 96 |
| Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security | 46 | 36 | 68 |
| Education | 26 | 32 | 44 |
| Human Health and Social Work activities | 150 | 155 | 204 |
| Arts, entertainment and recreation | 10 | 7 | 21 |
| Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons | 26 | 34 | 52 |
| Unclassified or unknown | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Total | 814 | 888 | 1,233 |

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 | 108,414 |
| 25-34 | 142,154 |
| 35-44 | 146,797 |
| 45-54 | 105,544 |
| 55+ | 64,644 |
| Total | 567,553 |

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|---------------------|--|--|---|
| < 25 | 55 | 85 | 132 |
| 25-34 | 219 | 207 | 295 |
| 35-44 | 252 | 260 | 332 |
| 45-54 | 183 | 205 | 285 |
| 55+ | 105 | 131 | 189 |
| Total | 814 | 888 | 1,233 |