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**Update on Payments Awarded for Covid-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment And
Enhanced Illness Benefit - Statistics**

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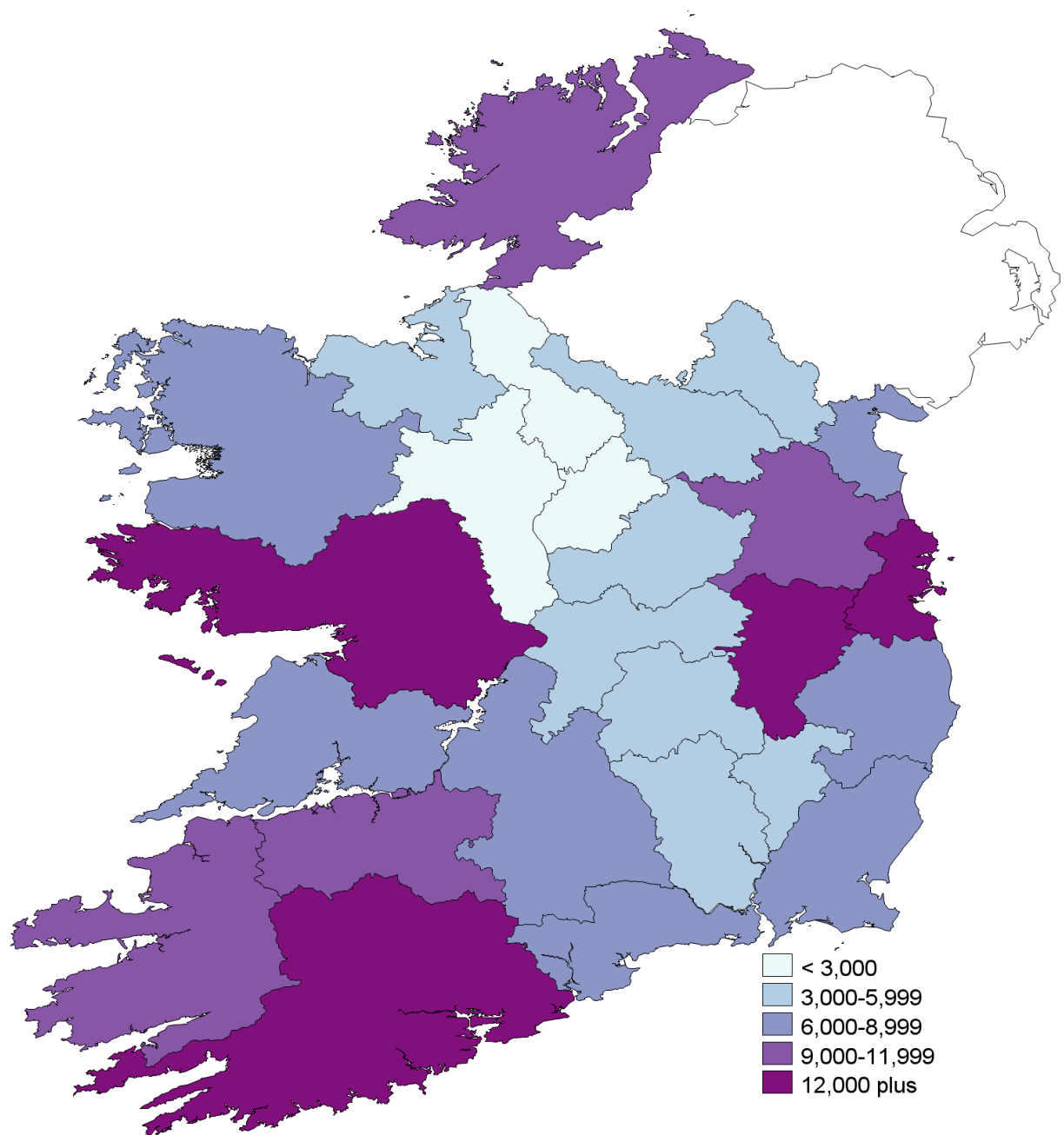
Analysis of Pandemic Unemployment Payments

There are 295,860 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 147,761 are female and 148,099 are male.

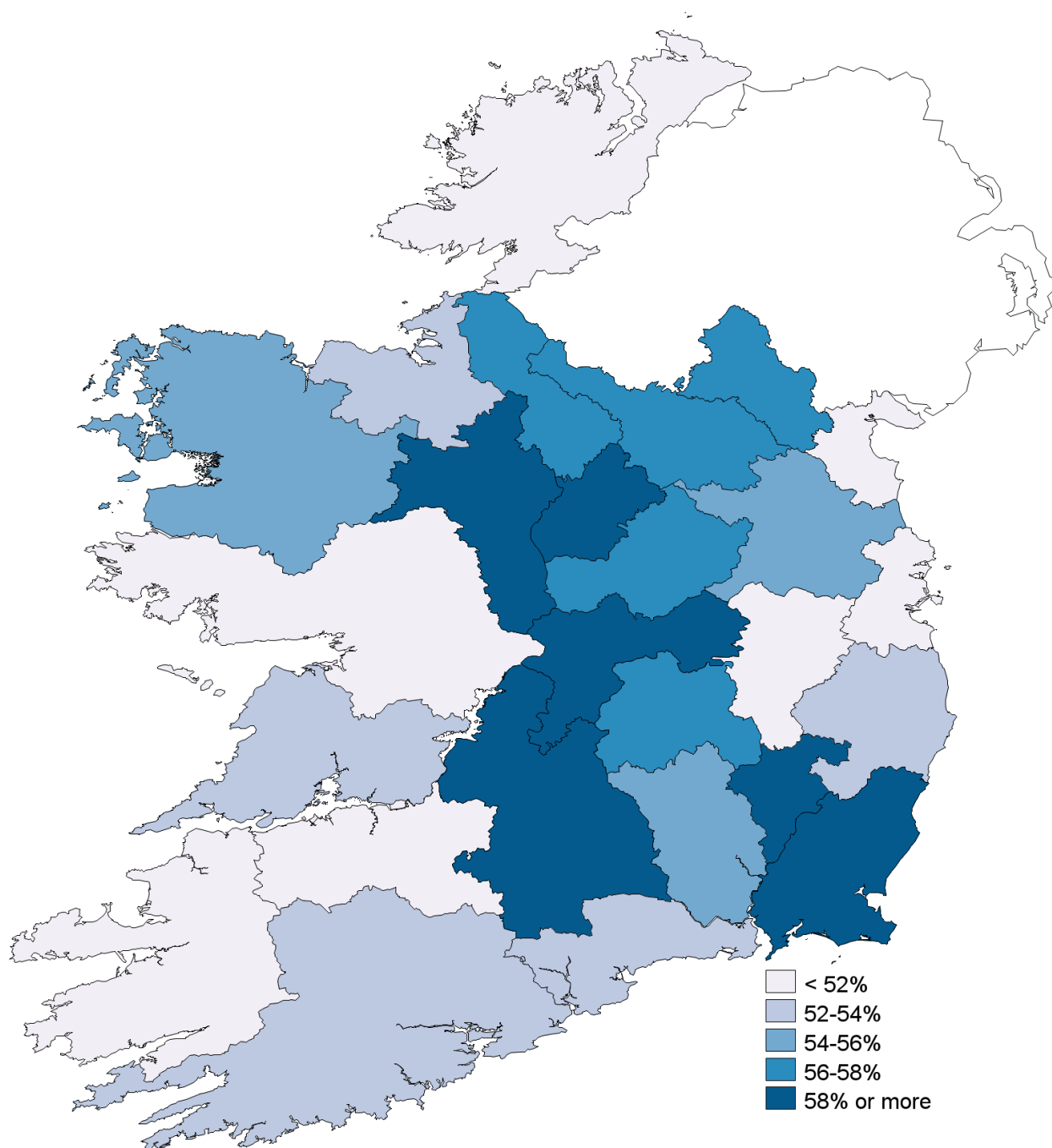
County Breakdown

County	Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 27th October	Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 20th October	Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 5th May
Carlow	3,082	2,398	7,800
Cavan	4,135	3,226	9,700
Clare	6,563	5,493	14,600
Cork	28,962	22,513	61,900
Donegal	10,950	9,119	22,700
Dublin	99,157	85,950	174,200
Galway	16,005	13,035	32,300
Kerry	11,426	9,028	22,200
Kildare	12,903	10,474	26,100
Kilkenny	4,653	3,749	10,600
Laois	3,751	3,014	8,600
Leitrim	1,703	1,447	4,100
Limerick	11,308	9,077	22,300
Longford	1,896	1,513	4,500
Louth	8,892	7,218	17,300
Mayo	7,474	5,977	16,400
Meath	11,225	9,234	25,000
Monaghan	3,577	2,912	8,200
Offaly	3,718	3,081	8,900
Roscommon	2,898	2,417	7,100
Sligo	3,590	2,974	7,700
Tipperary	7,772	6,225	18,800
Waterford	6,704	5,327	14,100
Westmeath	5,245	4,198	11,700
Wexford	8,575	6,540	20,500
Wicklow	8,895	7,195	18,700
County not included	801	819	2,000
Total	295,860	244,153	598,000

Total pandemic unemployment payments by county



% decrease in number of recipients of PUP payments since peak, by county



Pandemic Unemployment Payment Sector breakdowns

The sector with the highest number of people in receipt of the Pandemic Unemployment Payment is Accommodation and Food Service Activities (90,051) followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (43,432) and Administrative and Support Service activities (25,656).

Sector Breakdown

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 27 th October	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 20 th October	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 5 th May
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	3,474	2,998	8,600
Manufacturing	13,487	11,799	37,400
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	955	861	2,100
Construction	18,193	16,209	79,300
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	43,432	31,834	90,300
Transportation and storage	8,182	7,650	17,900
Accommodation and food service activities	90,051	79,369	128,500
Information and communication activities	7,047	6,552	11,800
Financial and insurance activities	6,260	5,538	12,500
Real Estate activities	4,598	3,802	8,100
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	11,858	10,804	24,800
Administrative and support service activities	25,656	23,273	45,800
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	4,728	4,116	14,400
Education	9,464	8,549	22,000
Human Health And Social Work activities	9,061	8,069	22,500
Arts, entertainment and recreation	10,069	7,740	14,200
Other Sectors	23,537	9,867	39,200
Unclassified or unknown	5,808	5,123	18,600
Total	295,860	244,153	598,000

Note: The sector breakdowns are estimated from the NACE code of the last known employer.

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by sector

	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 27 th October	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 27 th October	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 27 th October	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 27 th October
Industrial Sector				
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	1,345	632	598	899
Manufacturing	7,346	2,111	1,835	2,195
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	597	122	104	132
Construction	10,521	2,493	2,330	2,849
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	15,984	8,398	9,177	9,873
Transportation and storage	4,287	1,311	1,251	1,333
Accommodation and food service activities	34,256	17,511	18,101	20,183
Information and communication activities	3,456	970	1,139	1,482
Financial and insurance activities	2,858	841	1,056	1,505
Real Estate activities	1,918	819	818	1,043
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	6,150	1,774	1,679	2,255
Administrative and support service activities	12,416	4,043	4,203	4,994
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	1,785	647	840	1,456
Education	3,399	1,464	1,874	2,727
Human Health And Social Work activities	3,275	1,467	1,924	2,395
Arts, entertainment and recreation	3,557	1,530	2,017	2,965
Other Sectors	8,122	5,185	4,932	5,298
Unclassified or unknown	921	538	907	3,442
Total	122,193	51,856	54,785	67,026

Note: The sector breakdowns are estimated from the NACE code of the last known employer.

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Age Profile

Age category	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 27 th October	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 20 th October
< 25	74,479	60,873
25-34	68,111	55,636
35-44	64,109	52,334
45-54	50,802	42,285
55+	38,359	33,025
Total	295,860	244,153

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 27 th October	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 27 th October	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 27 th October	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 27 th October
Male	73,810	23,918	22,792	27,579
Female	48,383	27,938	31,993	39,447
Total	122,193	51,856	54,785	67,026

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 27 th October	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 27 th October	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 27 th October	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 27 th October
< 25	13,878	14,396	20,309	25,896
25-34	34,309	13,702	10,402	9,698
35-44	33,083	10,269	9,477	11,280
45-54	24,686	7,776	7,923	10,417
55+	16,237	5,713	6,674	9,735
Total	122,193	51,856	54,785	67,026

Analysis of People who Closed their PUP Claim to Return to Work

Around 1,787 people who have closed their account to return to work since 18th October will receive a Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 27th October. Of these 948 are male and 839 are female.

County	Number of people who closed their PUP payment from 27 th October to return to work	Number of people who closed their PUP payment from 20 th October to return to work	Number of people who closed their PUP payment from 13 th October to return to work
Carlow	22	26	47
Cavan	33	40	36
Clare	29	59	64
Cork	212	257	339
Donegal	60	88	76
Dublin	569	766	939
Galway	92	141	189
Kerry	49	60	99
Kildare	74	102	175
Kilkenny	35	44	53
Laois	21	37	48
Leitrim	11	21	17
Limerick	88	121	138
Longford	19	21	16
Louth	59	92	118
Mayo	33	58	73
Meath	53	96	108
Monaghan	28	37	49
Offaly	34	49	58
Roscommon	18	31	37
Sligo	26	40	46
Tipperary	59	73	110
Waterford	40	62	69
Westmeath	47	47	56
Wexford	32	74	87
Wicklow	41	76	85
County not included	3	8	7
Total	1,787	2,526	3,139

Closed Pandemic Unemployment Payments - Sector Breakdown

The top three sectors from which employees closed their Pandemic Unemployment Payment in the week ending 27th October to return to work are Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles (295); Accommodation and Food Service Activities (260), and Administrative and Support Service activities (205).

Sector Breakdown

Industrial Sector	Number of people who closed their PUP payment from 27th October to return to work	Number of people who closed their PUP payment from 20th October to return to work
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	31	21
Manufacturing	145	220
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	9	19
Construction	137	215
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	295	367
Transportation and storage	98	106
Accommodation and food service activities	260	391
Information and communication activities	86	96
Financial and insurance activities	38	59
Real Estate activities	20	27
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	115	177
Administrative and support service activities	205	267
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	43	80
Education	102	206
Human Health And Social Work activities	104	129
Arts, entertainment and recreation	47	51
Other Sectors	34	76
Unclassified or unknown	18	19
Total	1,787	2,526

Note: The sector breakdowns are estimated from the NACE code of the last known employer.

Closed Pandemic Unemployment Payments – Age Profile

Age category	Number of people who closed their PUP payment from 27th October to return to work	Number of people who closed their PUP payment from 20th October to return to work
< 25	419	544
25-34	491	679
35-44	409	588
45-54	307	464
55+	161	251
Total	1,787	2,526

Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date, 79,256 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 43,818 are female and 35,438 are male.

Some 4,495 people are currently in receipt of an Enhanced Illness Benefit payment.

For 7,819 people the date of their first certificate was issued in October 2020, of which 1,100 have been certified for Covid-19.

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 27 th October	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 20 th October	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 13 th October
Carlow	1,108	1,042	1,010
Cavan	2,054	1,876	1,713
Clare	1,417	1,346	1,280
Cork	8,530	8,015	7,637
Donegal	2,205	2,031	1,858
Dublin	22,352	21,431	20,699
Galway	4,784	4,494	4,300
Kerry	1,857	1,749	1,657
Kildare	3,964	3,818	3,691
Kilkenny	1,622	1,546	1,462
Laois	1,336	1,288	1,228
Leitrim	351	328	315
Limerick	2,688	2,531	2,432
Longford	652	615	593
Louth	2,282	2,174	2,109
Mayo	1,783	1,701	1,628
Meath	3,092	2,831	2,662
Monaghan	1,466	1,376	1,279
Offaly	1,280	1,238	1,208
Roscommon	1,153	1,102	1,060
Sligo	715	642	576
Tipperary	2,864	2,730	2,647
Waterford	2,791	2,643	2,461
Westmeath	1,413	1,319	1,263
Wexford	2,684	2,464	2,276
Wicklow	2,400	2,307	2,229
Other (NI & Foreign Address)	413	378	368
Total	79,256	75,015	71,641

Covid-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit - Sector Breakdown

The two 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 (16,934) and Human Health and Social Work (15,034), followed by Manufacturing (10,941).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 27 th October	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 20 th October	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 13 th October
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	752	708	664
Manufacturing	10,941	10,413	9,988
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	392	370	351
Construction	3,443	3,168	2,973
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	16,934	15,988	15,205
Transportation and storage	2,877	2,752	2,657
Accommodation and food service activities	4,697	4,316	3,966
Information and communication activities	1,308	1,247	1,198
Financial and insurance activities	2,942	2,812	2,718
Real Estate activities	635	599	580
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	2,486	2,372	2,275
Administrative and support service activities	7,138	6,863	6,620
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	3,191	3,010	2,884
Education	2,012	1,811	1,659
Human Health And Social Work activities	15,034	14,460	14,063
Arts, entertainment and recreation	733	667	613
Other Sectors	2,751	2,572	2,416
Unclassified or unknown	990	887	811
Total	79,256	75,015	71,641

Note: The sector breakdowns are estimated from the NACE code of the last known employer.

Enhanced Illness Benefit Age Profile

Age category	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 27 th October	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 20 th October	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 13 th October
< 25	11,363	10,333	9,536
25-34	19,639	18,604	17,728
35-44	22,059	21,085	20,325
45-54	15,882	15,108	14,520
55+	10,313	9,885	9,532
Total	79,256	75,015	71,641