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

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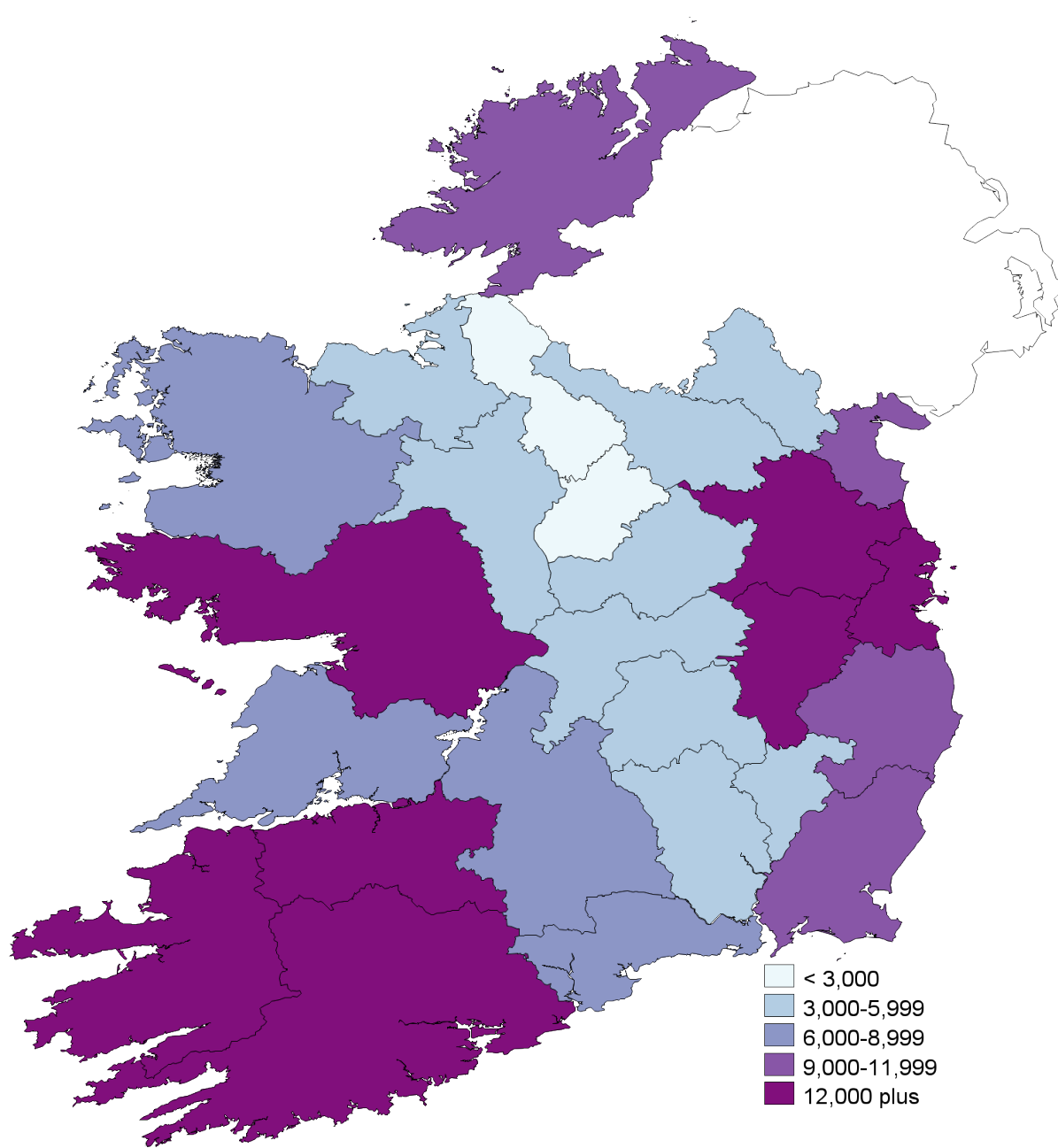
**Analysis of Pandemic Unemployment Payments**

There are 329,991 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 166,280 are female and 163,711 are male.

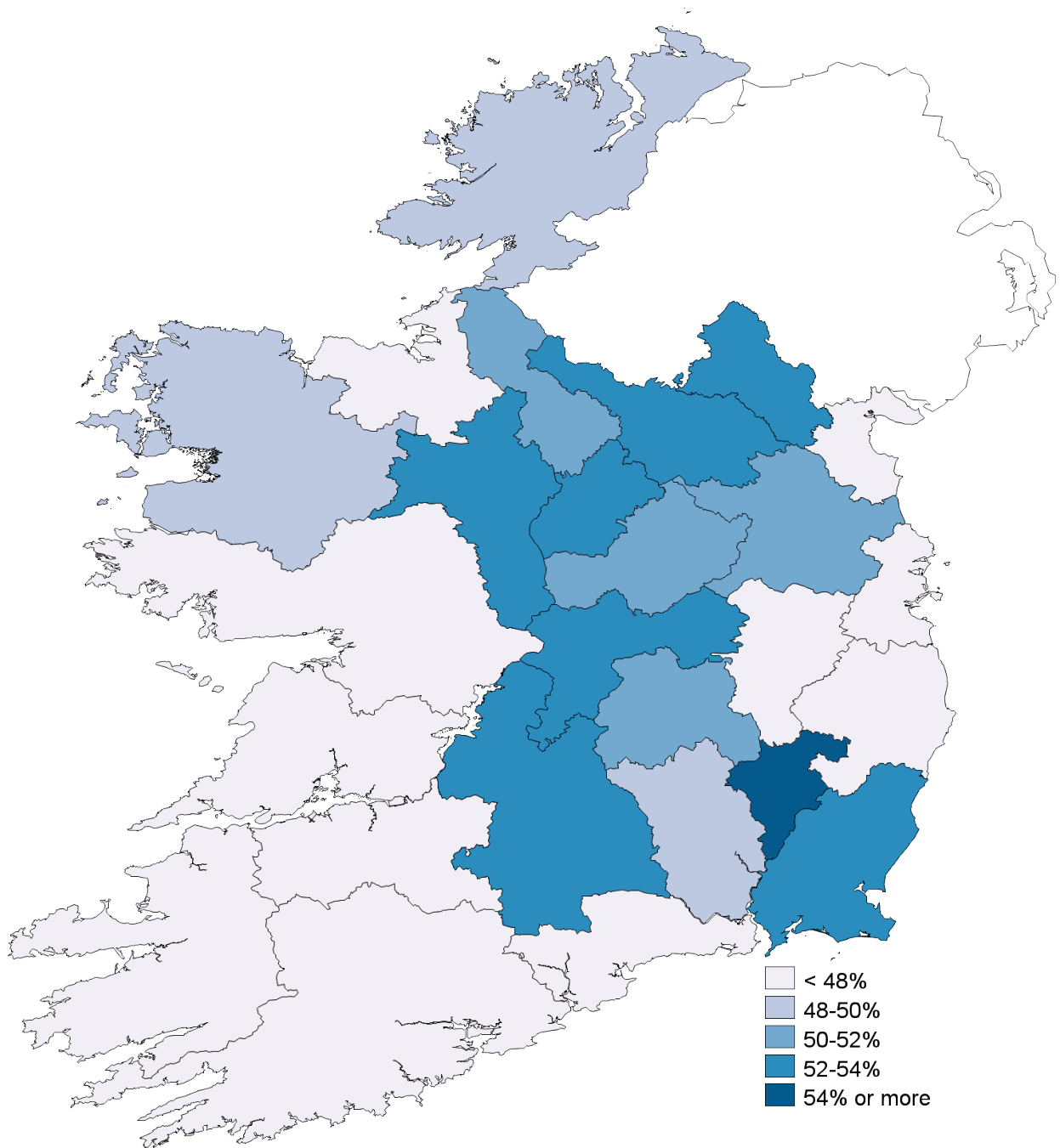
**County Breakdown**

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 27<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>
Carlow	3,481	3,082	7,800
Cavan	4,540	4,135	9,700
Clare	7,255	6,563	14,600
Cork	33,062	28,962	61,900
Donegal	11,673	10,950	22,700
Dublin	108,292	99,157	174,200
Galway	18,214	16,005	32,300
Kerry	12,965	11,426	22,200
Kildare	14,444	12,903	26,100
Kilkenny	5,272	4,653	10,600
Laois	4,334	3,751	8,600
Leitrim	1,939	1,703	4,100
Limerick	12,832	11,308	22,300
Longford	2,119	1,896	4,500
Louth	9,968	8,892	17,300
Mayo	8,642	7,474	16,400
Meath	12,439	11,225	25,000
Monaghan	3,832	3,577	8,200
Offaly	4,133	3,718	8,900
Roscommon	3,274	2,898	7,100
Sligo	4,038	3,590	7,700
Tipperary	8,832	7,772	18,800
Waterford	7,623	6,704	14,100
Westmeath	6,022	5,245	11,700
Wexford	9,932	8,575	20,500
Wicklow	10,022	8,895	18,700
County not included	812	801	2,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>329,991</b>	<b>295,860</b>	<b>598,000</b>

# 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 (98,233) followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (51,921) and Other Sectors e.g. hairdressers and beauty salons (28,799).

### Sector Breakdown

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 5 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Industrial Sector</b>			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	3,911	3,474	8,600
Manufacturing	14,764	13,487	37,400
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	1,065	955	2,100
Construction	19,823	18,193	79,300
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	51,921	43,432	90,300
Transportation and storage	8,759	8,182	17,900
Accommodation and food service activities	98,233	90,051	128,500
Information and communication activities	7,288	7,047	11,800
Financial and insurance activities	6,815	6,260	12,500
Real Estate activities	5,160	4,598	8,100
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	12,745	11,858	24,800
Administrative and support service activities	27,714	25,656	45,800
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	5,174	4,728	14,400
Education	10,146	9,464	22,000
Human Health And Social Work activities	9,853	9,061	22,500
Arts, entertainment and recreation	11,376	10,069	14,200
Other Sectors (e.g. hairdressers and beauty salons)	28,799	23,537	39,200
Unclassified or unknown	6,445	5,808	18,600
<b>Total</b>	<b>329,991</b>	<b>295,860</b>	<b>598,000</b>

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

## Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by sector

Industrial Sector	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 3 <sup>rd</sup> November
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	1523	702	684	1,002
Manufacturing	7,994	2,316	2,021	2,433
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	656	137	120	152
Construction	11,421	2,723	2,580	3,099
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	19,290	9,921	10,953	11,757
Transportation and storage	4,558	1,404	1,360	1,437
Accommodation and food service activities	37,577	18,806	19,211	22,639
Information and communication activities	3,551	1,001	1,187	1,549
Financial and insurance activities	3,120	935	1,149	1,611
Real Estate activities	2,192	895	908	1,165
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	6,585	1,919	1,805	2,436
Administrative and support service activities	13,195	4,373	4,564	5,582
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	1,946	709	932	1,587
Education	3,663	1,564	2,013	2,906
Human Health And Social Work activities	3,585	1,578	2,084	2,606
Arts, entertainment and recreation	4,078	1,742	2,219	3,337
Other Sectors	10,292	6,209	5,832	6,466
Unclassified or unknown	1,103	639	1,064	3,639
<b>Total</b>	<b>136,329</b>	<b>57,573</b>	<b>60,686</b>	<b>75,403</b>

**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 3rd November	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 27 <sup>th</sup> October
< 25	83,500	74,479
25-34	75,646	68,111
35-44	71,489	64,109
45-54	56,723	50,802
55+	42,633	38,359
<b>Total</b>	<b>329,991</b>	<b>295,860</b>

## Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 3rd November	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 3rd November	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 3rd November	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 3rd November
Male	81,459	26,426	25,150	30,676
Female	54,870	31,147	35,536	44,727
<b>Total</b>	<b>136,329</b>	<b>57,573</b>	<b>60,686</b>	<b>75,403</b>

## Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 3rd November	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 3rd November	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 3rd November	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 3rd November
< 25	15,392	15,915	22,483	29,710
25-34	37,998	15,085	11,349	11,214
35-44	36,903	11,450	10,548	12,588
45-54	27,781	8,703	8,861	11,378
55+	18,255	6,420	7,445	10,513
<b>Total</b>	<b>136,329</b>	<b>57,573</b>	<b>60,686</b>	<b>75,403</b>

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

Around 2,460 people who have closed their account for return to work since 25<sup>th</sup> October will receive a Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Of these 1,453 are male and 1,007 are female.

County	Number of people who closed their PUP payment from 3 <sup>rd</sup> November to return to work	Number of people who closed their PUP payment from 27 <sup>th</sup> October to return to work	Number of people who closed their PUP payment from 20 <sup>th</sup> October to return to work
Carlow	31	22	26
Cavan	49	33	40
Clare	52	29	59
Cork	273	212	257
Donegal	73	60	88
Dublin	761	569	766
Galway	141	92	141
Kerry	74	49	60
Kildare	128	74	102
Kilkenny	24	35	44
Laois	42	21	37
Leitrim	11	11	21
Limerick	81	88	121
Longford	22	19	21
Louth	68	59	92
Mayo	55	33	58
Meath	111	53	96
Monaghan	37	28	37
Offaly	37	34	49
Roscommon	32	18	31
Sligo	25	26	40
Tipperary	76	59	73
Waterford	55	40	62
Westmeath	45	47	47
Wexford	81	32	74
Wicklow	64	41	76
County not included	12	3	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,460</b>	<b>1,787</b>	<b>2,526</b>

## **Closed Pandemic Unemployment Payments - Sector Breakdown**

The top three sectors from which employees closed their Pandemic Unemployment Payment in the week ending 3<sup>rd</sup> November to return to work are Accommodation and Food Service Activities (491), Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles (362) and Construction (279).

### **Sector Breakdown**

	Number of people who closed their PUP payment from 3 <sup>rd</sup> November to return to work	Number of people who closed their PUP payment from 27 <sup>th</sup> October to return to work
<b>Industrial Sector</b>		
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	25	31
Manufacturing	234	145
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	4	9
Construction	279	137
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	362	295
Transportation and storage	91	98
Accommodation and food service activities	491	260
Information and communication activities	75	86
Financial and insurance activities	41	38
Real Estate activities	27	20
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	143	115
Administrative and support service activities	276	205
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	45	43
Education	93	102
Human Health And Social Work activities	124	104
Arts, entertainment and recreation	42	47
Other Sectors	82	34
Unclassified or unknown	26	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,460</b>	<b>1,787</b>

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



### **Closed Pandemic Unemployment Payments – Age Profile**

<b>Age category</b>	<b>Number of people who closed their PUP payment from 3<sup>rd</sup> November to return to work</b>	<b>Number of people who closed their PUP payment from 27<sup>th</sup> October to return to work</b>
< 25	513	419
25-34	649	491
35-44	603	409
45-54	440	307
55+	255	161
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,460</b>	<b>1,787</b>

## Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date, 81,999 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 45,238 are female and 36,761 are male.

Some 3,770 people are currently in receipt of an Enhanced Illness Benefit payment.

For 10,340 people the date of their first certificate was issued in October 2020, of which 1,556 have been certified for Covid-19.

The following Table shows the number of people medically certified for meeting the conditions for receipt of a Covid-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit payment, by start date entered on the medical certificate.

The number of people medically certified with having Coronavirus is given in brackets and is included in the weekly overall figure shown.

<b>Certificate start date</b>	<b>Number of people medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit</b>
Before March 2020	151 (7)
March 2020	31,139 (1,008)
April 2020	14,469 (2,037)
May 2020	5,009 (772)
June 2020	1,472 (128)
July 2020	2,294 (155)
August 2020	5,718 (554)
September 2020	11,407 (1,076)
October 2020	10,340 (1,556)
<b>Total</b>	<b>81,999 (7,293)</b>

## 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 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 20 <sup>th</sup> October
Carlow	1,144	1,108	1,042
Cavan	2,139	2,054	1,876
Clare	1,479	1,417	1,346
Cork	8,885	8,530	8,015
Donegal	2,315	2,205	2,031
Dublin	22,906	22,352	21,431
Galway	4,987	4,784	4,494
Kerry	1,929	1,857	1,749
Kildare	4,052	3,964	3,818
Kilkenny	1,669	1,622	1,546
Laois	1,375	1,336	1,288
Leitrim	365	351	328
Limerick	2,786	2,688	2,531
Longford	674	652	615
Louth	2,360	2,282	2,174
Mayo	1,860	1,783	1,701
Meath	3,252	3,092	2,831
Monaghan	1,525	1,466	1,376
Offaly	1,311	1,280	1,238
Roscommon	1,190	1,153	1,102
Sligo	760	715	642
Tipperary	2,953	2,864	2,730
Waterford	2,865	2,791	2,643
Westmeath	1,489	1,413	1,319
Wexford	2,812	2,684	2,464
Wicklow	2,467	2,400	2,307
Other (NI & Foreign Address)	450	413	378
<b>Total</b>	<b>81,999</b>	<b>79,256</b>	<b>75,015</b>

## 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 (17,551) and Human Health and Social Work (15,397), followed by Manufacturing (11,301).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 20 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Industrial Sector</b>			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	787	752	708
Manufacturing	11,301	10,941	10,413
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	405	392	370
Construction	3,616	3,443	3,168
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	17,551	16,934	15,988
Transportation and storage	2,983	2,877	2,752
Accommodation and food service activities	4,942	4,697	4,316
Information and communication activities	1,348	1,308	1,247
Financial and insurance activities	3,011	2,942	2,812
Real Estate activities	661	635	599
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	2,572	2,486	2,372
Administrative and support service activities	7,329	7,138	6,863
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	3,296	3,191	3,010
Education	2,117	2,012	1,811
Human Health And Social Work activities	15,397	15,034	14,460
Arts, entertainment and recreation	780	733	667
Other Sectors	2,834	2,751	2,572
Unclassified or unknown	1,069	990	887
<b>Total</b>	<b>81,999</b>	<b>79,256</b>	<b>75,015</b>

**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 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 20 <sup>th</sup> October
< 25	12,060	11,363	10,333
25-34	20,282	19,639	18,604
35-44	22,717	22,059	21,085
45-54	16,366	15,882	15,108
55+	10,574	10,313	9,885
<b>Total</b>	<b>81,999</b>	<b>79,256</b>	<b>75,015</b>