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

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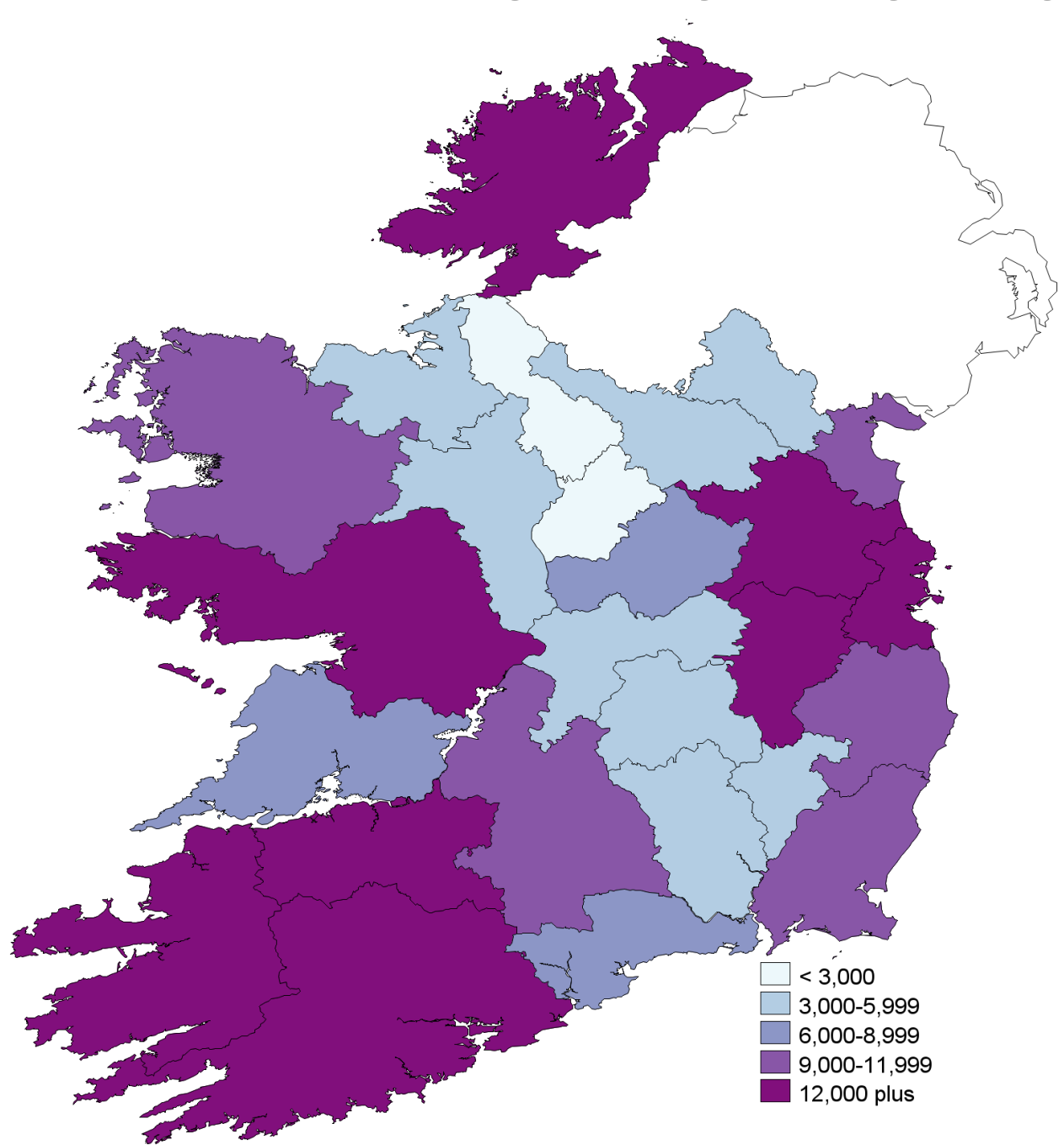
**Analysis of Pandemic Unemployment Payments**

There are 350,072 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 176,636 are female and 173,436 are male.

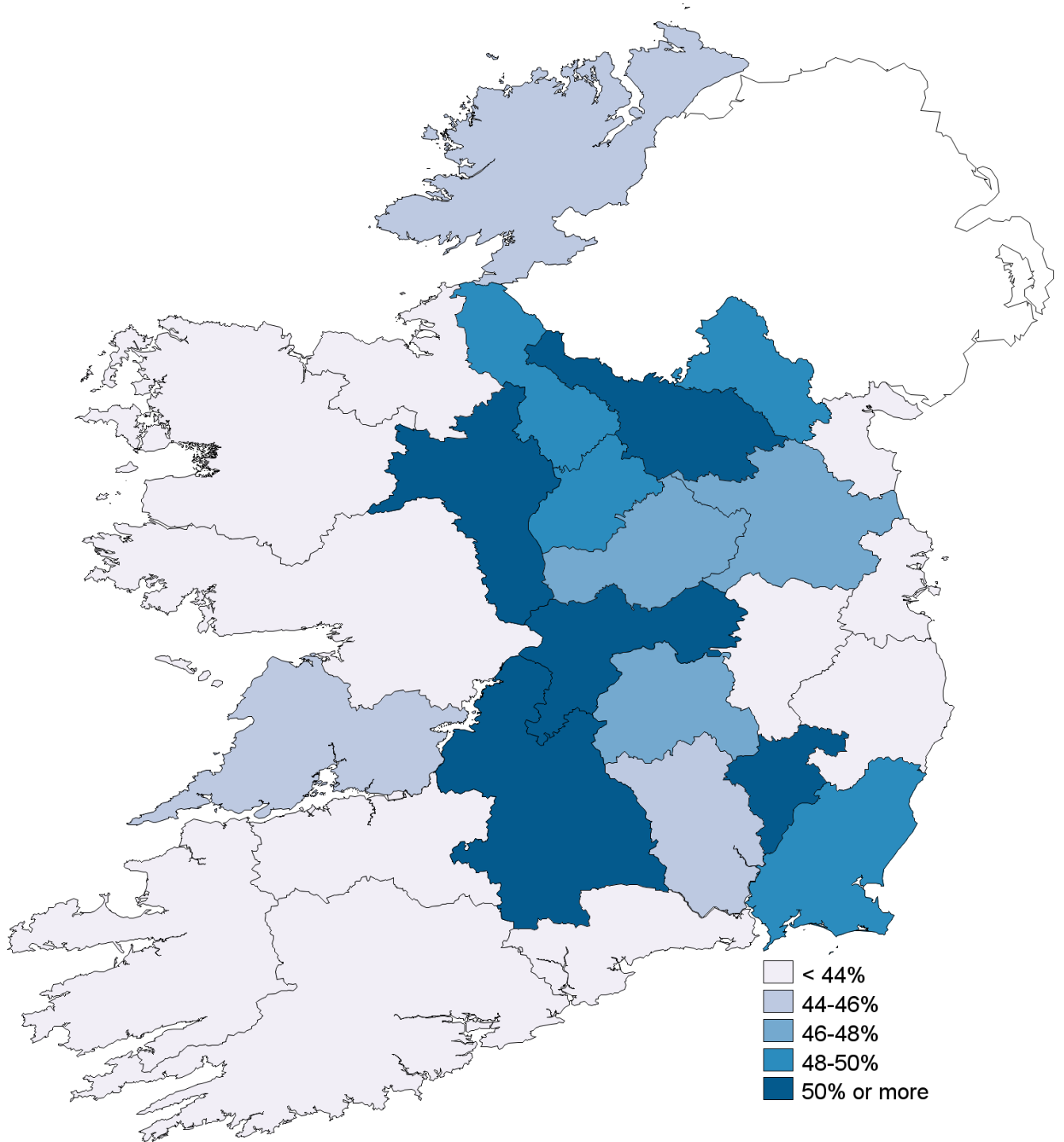
**County Breakdown**

County	Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 5 <sup>th</sup> May
Carlow	3,676	3,606	7,800
Cavan	4,719	4,659	9,700
Clare	7,494	7,362	14,600
Cork	35,193	34,529	61,900
Donegal	12,360	12,060	22,700
Dublin	113,902	111,588	174,200
Galway	19,498	19,158	32,300
Kerry	13,864	13,547	22,200
Kildare	15,381	15,033	26,100
Kilkenny	5,546	5,449	10,600
Laois	4,637	4,497	8,600
Leitrim	2,027	1,968	4,100
Limerick	13,782	13,475	22,300
Longford	2,325	2,228	4,500
Louth	10,745	10,443	17,300
Mayo	9,356	9,071	16,400
Meath	13,111	12,862	25,000
Monaghan	4,164	4,036	8,200
Offaly	4,357	4,263	8,900
Roscommon	3,462	3,363	7,100
Sligo	4,355	4,263	7,700
Tipperary	9,379	9,171	18,800
Waterford	8,214	8,009	14,100
Westmeath	6,543	6,368	11,700
Wexford	10,679	10,384	20,500
Wicklow	10,663	10,467	18,700
County not included	640	646	2,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>350,072</b>	<b>342,505</b>	<b>598,000</b>

# Total pandemic unemployment payments by county



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



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### 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 (102,682) followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (57,015) and Other Sectors e.g. hairdressers and beauty salons (31,048).

### Sector Breakdown

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 10 <sup>th</sup> November	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	4,321	4,105	8,600
Manufacturing	15,465	15,263	37,400
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	1,134	1,108	2,100
Construction	21,061	20,439	79,300
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	57,015	55,516	90,300
Transportation and storage	9,127	8,959	17,900
Accommodation and food service activities	102,682	100,994	128,500
Information and communication activities	7,526	7,449	11,800
Financial and insurance activities	7,119	7,030	12,500
Real Estate activities	5,442	5,348	8,100
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	13,294	13,095	24,800
Administrative and support service activities	29,674	28,664	45,800
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	5,354	5,307	14,400
Education	10,340	10,353	22,000
Human Health And Social Work activities	10,271	10,144	22,500
Arts, entertainment and recreation	11,973	11,781	14,200
Other Sectors	31,048	30,141	39,200
Unclassified or unknown	7,226	6,809	18,600
<b>Total</b>	<b>350,072</b>	<b>342,505</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

<b>Industrial Sector</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €350 on 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €300 on 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €250 on 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Number of people in receipt of €203 on 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	1,919	823	729	850
Manufacturing	9,042	2,378	1,994	2,051
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	762	140	112	120
Construction	12,955	2,822	2,547	2,737
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	23,947	11,189	11,884	9,995
Transportation and storage	5,106	1,381	1,332	1,308
Accommodation and food service activities	43,746	21,813	20,697	16,426
Information and communication activities	3,999	989	1,161	1,377
Financial and insurance activities	3,576	955	1,120	1,468
Real Estate activities	2,527	965	970	980
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	7,374	2,013	1,790	2,117
Administrative and support service activities	15,355	4,890	4,734	4,695
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	2,266	760	934	1,394
Education	4,086	1,701	2,055	2,498
Human Health And Social Work activities	4,314	1,827	2,012	2,118
Arts, entertainment and recreation	4,787	2,051	2,330	2,805
Other Sectors	12,790	6,412	5,999	5,847
Unclassified or unknown	1,564	722	1,150	3,790
<b>Total</b>	<b>160,115</b>	<b>63,831</b>	<b>63,550</b>	<b>62,576</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 17th November	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 10th November
< 25	89,406	86,944
25-34	80,079	78,337
35-44	75,788	74,227
45-54	59,827	58,820
55+	44,972	44,177
<b>Total</b>	<b>350,072</b>	<b>342,505</b>

## Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 17 <sup>th</sup> November
Male	93,670	28,432	25,666	25,668
Female	66,445	35,399	37,884	36,908
<b>Total</b>	<b>160,115</b>	<b>63,831</b>	<b>63,550</b>	<b>62,576</b>

## Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 17 <sup>th</sup> November
< 25	22,175	21,134	25,227	20,870
25-34	44,243	15,336	11,202	9,298
35-44	41,950	11,640	10,633	11,565
45-54	31,127	9,000	9,006	10,694
55+	20,620	6,721	7,482	10,149
<b>Total</b>	<b>160,115</b>	<b>63,831</b>	<b>63,550</b>	<b>62,576</b>

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

Around 2,868 people who have closed their account for return to work since 8<sup>th</sup> November will receive a Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 17<sup>th</sup> November. Of these 1,630 are male and 1,238 are female.

County	Number of people who closed their PUP payment from 17 <sup>th</sup> November to return to work	Number of people who closed their PUP payment from 10 <sup>th</sup> November to return to work	Number of people who closed their PUP payment from 3 <sup>rd</sup> November to return to work
Carlow	40	25	31
Cavan	67	57	49
Clare	67	51	52
Cork	316	288	273
Donegal	98	75	73
Dublin	837	675	761
Galway	165	154	141
Kerry	80	79	74
Kildare	153	108	128
Kilkenny	46	27	24
Laois	30	26	42
Leitrim	17	12	11
Limerick	106	81	81
Longford	17	15	22
Louth	79	76	68
Mayo	61	47	55
Meath	119	80	111
Monaghan	38	32	37
Offaly	53	40	37
Roscommon	26	16	32
Sligo	34	22	25
Tipperary	88	71	76
Waterford	66	51	55
Westmeath	69	44	45
Wexford	98	68	81
Wicklow	90	92	64
County not included	8	7	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,868</b>	<b>2,319</b>	<b>2,460</b>

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

The top three sectors from which employees closed their Pandemic Unemployment Payment in the week ending 17<sup>th</sup> November to return to work are Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles (532), Accommodation and Food Service Activities (482) and Construction (322).

### **Sector Breakdown**

<b>Industrial Sector</b>	<b>Number of people who closed their PUP payment from 17<sup>th</sup> November to return to work</b>	<b>Number of people who closed their PUP payment from 10<sup>th</sup> November to return to work</b>
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	36	26
Manufacturing	296	242
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	7	10
Construction	322	239
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	532	359
Transportation and storage	96	101
Accommodation and food service activities	482	405
Information and communication activities	62	69
Financial and insurance activities	59	47
Real Estate activities	25	28
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	140	123
Administrative and support service activities	242	206
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	69	68
Education	121	121
Human Health And Social Work activities	187	140
Arts, entertainment and recreation	65	57
Other Sectors (e.g. hairdressers and beauty salons)	102	63
Unclassified or unknown	25	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,868</b>	<b>2,319</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 17<sup>th</sup> November to return to work</b>	<b>Number of people who closed their PUP payment from 10<sup>th</sup> November to return to work</b>
< 25	629	458
25-34	792	620
35-44	663	534
45-54	488	419
55+	296	288
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,868</b>	<b>2,319</b>

## Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date, 87,146 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 47,848 are female and 39,298 are male.

Some 2,500 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 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 3 <sup>rd</sup> November
Carlow	1,211	1,182	1,144
Cavan	2,272	2,228	2,139
Clare	1,588	1,544	1,479
Cork	9,466	9,220	8,885
Donegal	2,541	2,437	2,315
Dublin	24,072	23,495	22,906
Galway	5,345	5,197	4,987
Kerry	2,070	2,002	1,929
Kildare	4,249	4,173	4,052
Kilkenny	1,772	1,713	1,669
Laois	1,467	1,416	1,375
Leitrim	389	379	365
Limerick	2,960	2,883	2,786
Longford	734	697	674
Louth	2,523	2,465	2,360
Mayo	2,017	1,928	1,860
Meath	3,514	3,386	3,252
Monaghan	1,609	1,573	1,525
Offaly	1,377	1,349	1,311
Roscommon	1,243	1,217	1,190
Sligo	828	795	760
Tipperary	3,139	3,072	2,953
Waterford	3,079	2,982	2,865
Westmeath	1,584	1,540	1,489
Wexford	2,997	2,907	2,812
Wicklow	2,572	2,527	2,467
Other (NI & Foreign Address)	528	496	450
<b>Total</b>	<b>87,146</b>	<b>84,803</b>	<b>81,999</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 (18,689), Human Health and Social Work (16,104) and Manufacturing (12,018).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 3 <sup>rd</sup> November
<b>Industrial Sector</b>			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	852	819	787
Manufacturing	12,018	11,707	11,301
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	433	424	405
Construction	3,921	3,785	3,616
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	18,689	18,178	17,551
Transportation and storage	3,177	3,093	2,983
Accommodation and food service activities	5,369	5,177	4,942
Information and communication activities	1,427	1,384	1,348
Financial and insurance activities	3,144	3,085	3,011
Real Estate activities	717	679	661
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	2,720	2,651	2,572
Administrative and support service activities	7,692	7,528	7,329
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	3,514	3,412	3,296
Education	2,313	2,221	2,117
Human Health And Social Work activities	16,104	15,772	15,397
Arts, entertainment and recreation	848	825	780
Other Sectors	2,997	2,921	2,834
Unclassified or unknown	1,211	1,142	1,069
<b>Total</b>	<b>87,146</b>	<b>84,803</b>	<b>81,999</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 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 3 <sup>rd</sup> November
< 25	13,195	12,648	12,060
25-34	21,563	20,976	20,282
35-44	23,971	23,392	22,717
45-54	17,308	16,893	16,366
55+	11,109	10,894	10,574
<b>Total</b>	<b>87,146</b>	<b>84,803</b>	<b>81,999</b>