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

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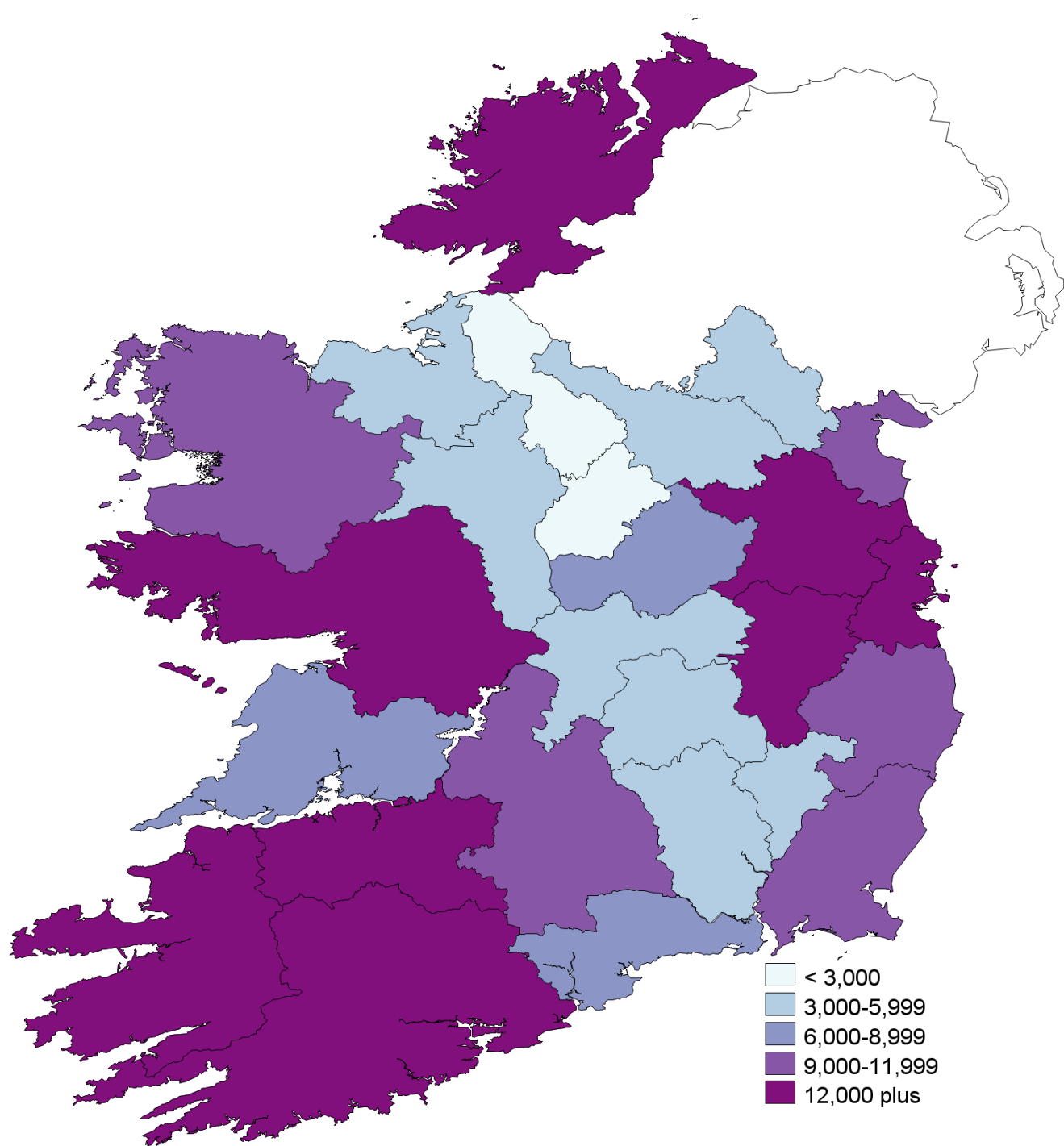
Analysis of Pandemic Unemployment Payments

There are 352,078 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 177,380 are female and 174,698 are male.

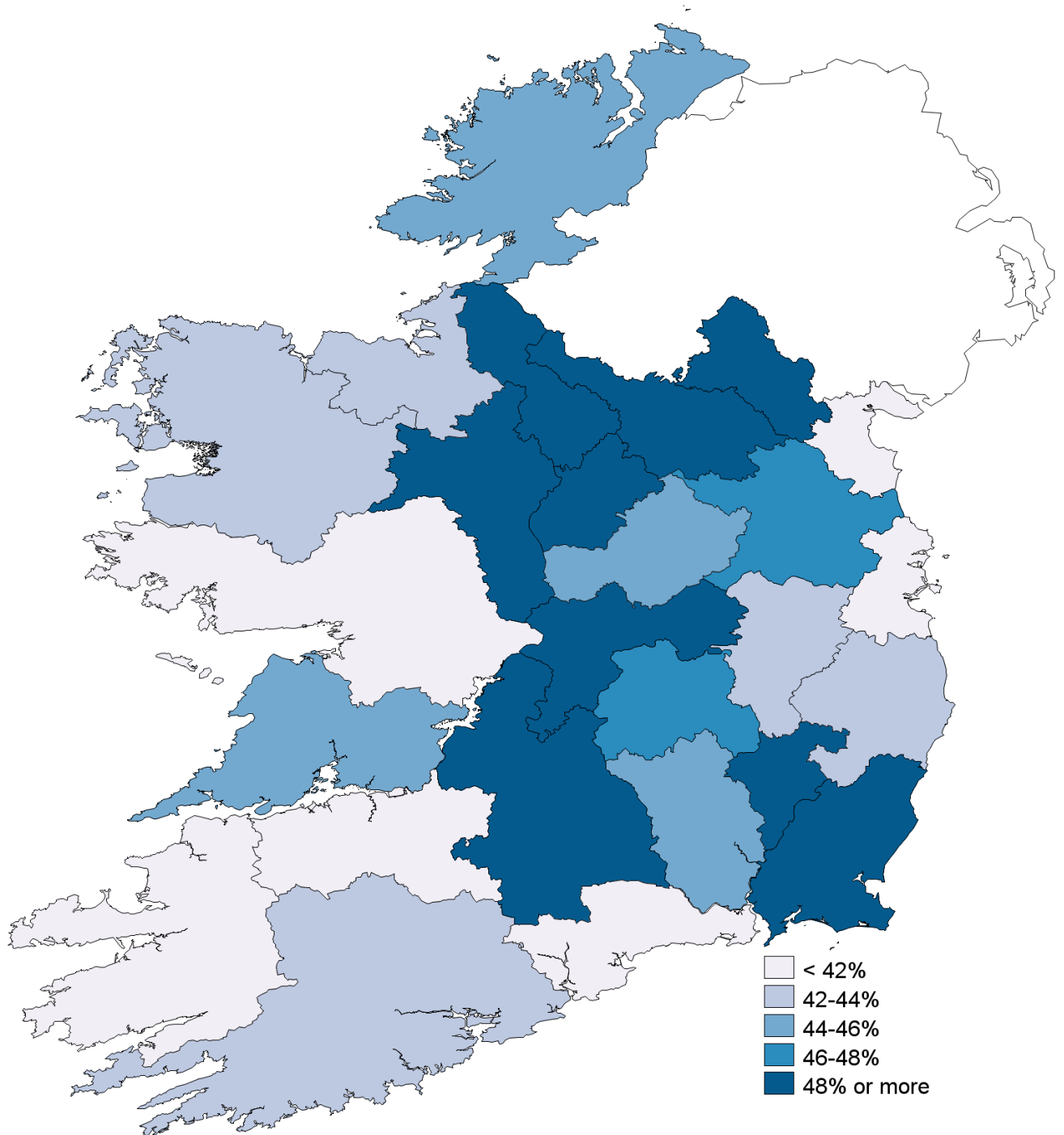
County Breakdown

County	Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 24th November	Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 17th November	Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 5th May
Carlow	3,682	3,676	7,800
Cavan	4,736	4,719	9,700
Clare	7,513	7,494	14,600
Cork	35,341	35,193	61,900
Donegal	12,444	12,360	22,700
Dublin	114,613	113,902	174,200
Galway	19,590	19,498	32,300
Kerry	13,970	13,864	22,200
Kildare	15,458	15,381	26,100
Kilkenny	5,550	5,546	10,600
Laois	4,642	4,637	8,600
Leitrim	2,035	2,027	4,100
Limerick	13,873	13,782	22,300
Longford	2,330	2,325	4,500
Louth	10,845	10,745	17,300
Mayo	9,507	9,356	16,400
Meath	13,138	13,111	25,000
Monaghan	4,207	4,164	8,200
Offaly	4,364	4,357	8,900
Roscommon	3,500	3,462	7,100
Sligo	4,363	4,355	7,700
Tipperary	9,423	9,379	18,800
Waterford	8,329	8,214	14,100
Westmeath	6,588	6,543	11,700
Wexford	10,721	10,679	20,500
Wicklow	10,691	10,663	18,700
County not included	625	640	2,000
Total	352,078	350,072	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 (102,777) followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (57,292) and Other Sectors e.g. hairdressers and beauty salons (31,273).

Sector Breakdown

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 24 th November	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 17 th November	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 5 th May
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	4,412	4,321	8,600
Manufacturing	15,593	15,465	37,400
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	1,139	1,134	2,100
Construction	21,267	21,061	79,300
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	57,292	57,015	90,300
Transportation and storage	9,207	9,127	17,900
Accommodation and food service activities	102,777	102,682	128,500
Information and communication activities	7,602	7,526	11,800
Financial and insurance activities	7,156	7,119	12,500
Real Estate activities	5,472	5,442	8,100
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	13,323	13,294	24,800
Administrative and support service activities	29,953	29,674	45,800
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	5,372	5,354	14,400
Education	10,312	10,340	22,000
Human Health And Social Work activities	10,285	10,271	22,500
Arts, entertainment and recreation	12,027	11,973	14,200
Other Sectors	31,273	31,048	39,200
Unclassified or unknown	7,616	7,226	18,600
Total	352,078	350,072	598,000

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 24th November	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 24th November	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 24th November	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 24th November
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	1,931	845	756	880
Manufacturing	8,984	2,424	2,030	2,155
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	759	143	110	127
Construction	12,903	2,861	2,593	2,910
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	23,673	11,253	11,951	10,415
Transportation and storage	5,122	1,394	1,332	1,359
Accommodation and food service activities	43,255	21,913	20,807	16,802
Information and communication activities	4,003	1,001	1,169	1,429
Financial and insurance activities	3,507	978	1,138	1,533
Real Estate activities	2,505	983	978	1,006
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	7,307	2,028	1,810	2,178
Administrative and support service activities	15,301	4,978	4,804	4,870
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	2,213	771	940	1,448
Education	3,992	1,701	2,066	2,553
Human Health And Social Work activities	4,226	1,845	2,020	2,194
Arts, entertainment and recreation	4,736	2,076	2,358	2,857
Other Sectors	12,428	6,511	6,095	6,239
Unclassified or unknown	1,307	752	1,195	4,362
Total	158,152	64,457	64,152	65,317

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 24th November	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 17th November
< 25	89,658	89,406
25-34	80,441	80,079
35-44	76,408	75,788
45-54	60,200	59,827
55+	45,371	44,972
Total	352,078	350,072

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 24th November	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 24th November	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 24th November	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 24th November
Male	92,990	28,794	25,991	26,923
Female	65,162	35,663	38,161	38,394
Total	158,152	64,457	64,152	65,317

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 24th November	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 24th November	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 24th November	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 24th November
< 25	21,725	21,211	25,319	21,403
25-34	43,763	15,471	11,354	9,853
35-44	41,548	11,848	10,789	12,223
45-54	30,731	9,071	9,118	11,280
55+	20,385	6,856	7,572	10,558
Total	158,152	64,457	64,152	65,317

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

Around 3,251 people who have closed their account for return to work since 15th November will receive a Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 24th November. Of these 1,866 are male and 1,385 are female.

County	Number of people who closed their PUP payment from 24 th November to return to work	Number of people who closed their PUP payment from 17 th November to return to work	Number of people who closed their PUP payment from 10 th November to return to work
Carlow	40	40	25
Cavan	79	67	57
Clare	69	67	51
Cork	383	316	288
Donegal	110	98	75
Dublin	897	837	675
Galway	166	165	154
Kerry	93	80	79
Kildare	182	153	108
Kilkenny	49	46	27
Laois	48	30	26
Leitrim	12	17	12
Limerick	147	106	81
Longford	27	17	15
Louth	99	79	76
Mayo	76	61	47
Meath	154	119	80
Monaghan	39	38	32
Offaly	50	53	40
Roscommon	35	26	16
Sligo	46	34	22
Tipperary	98	88	71
Waterford	80	66	51
Westmeath	67	69	44
Wexford	110	98	68
Wicklow	88	90	92
County not included	7	8	7
Total	3,251	2,868	2,319

Closed Pandemic Unemployment Payments - Sector Breakdown

The top three sectors from which employees closed their Pandemic Unemployment Payment in the week ending 24th November to return to work are Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles (690); Accommodation and Food Service Activities (610) and Construction (339).

Sector Breakdown

Industrial Sector	Number of people who closed their PUP payment from 24th November to return to work	Number of people who closed their PUP payment from 17th November to return to work
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	45	36
Manufacturing	292	296
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	17	7
Construction	339	322
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	690	532
Transportation and storage	81	96
Accommodation and food service activities	610	482
Information and communication activities	69	62
Financial and insurance activities	54	59
Real Estate activities	33	25
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	147	140
Administrative and support service activities	316	242
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	70	69
Education	127	121
Human Health And Social Work activities	159	187
Arts, entertainment and recreation	57	65
Other Sectors (e.g. hairdressers and beauty salons)	117	102
Unclassified or unknown	28	25
Total	3,251	2,868

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 24th November to return to work	Number of people who closed their PUP payment from 17th November to return to work
< 25	712	629
25-34	858	792
35-44	773	663
45-54	606	488
55+	302	296
Total	3,251	2,868

Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date, 89,399 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 48,998 are female and 40,401 are male.

Some 2,363 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 24 th November	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 17 th November	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 10 th November
Carlow	1,244	1,211	1,182
Cavan	2,310	2,272	2,228
Clare	1,633	1,588	1,544
Cork	9,724	9,466	9,220
Donegal	2,628	2,541	2,437
Dublin	24,607	24,072	23,495
Galway	5,464	5,345	5,197
Kerry	2,115	2,070	2,002
Kildare	4,320	4,249	4,173
Kilkenny	1,826	1,772	1,713
Laois	1,507	1,467	1,416
Leitrim	397	389	379
Limerick	3,077	2,960	2,883
Longford	746	734	697
Louth	2,581	2,523	2,465
Mayo	2,082	2,017	1,928
Meath	3,609	3,514	3,386
Monaghan	1,644	1,609	1,573
Offaly	1,407	1,377	1,349
Roscommon	1,278	1,243	1,217
Sligo	866	828	795
Tipperary	3,230	3,139	3,072
Waterford	3,212	3,079	2,982
Westmeath	1,635	1,584	1,540
Wexford	3,064	2,997	2,907
Wicklow	2,617	2,572	2,527
Other (NI & Foreign Address)	576	528	496
Total	89,399	87,146	84,803

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 (19,163) and Human Health and Social Work (16,381), followed by Manufacturing (12,356).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 24 th November	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 17 th November	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 10 th November
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	880	852	819
Manufacturing	12,356	12,018	11,707
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	451	433	424
Construction	4,048	3,921	3,785
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	19,163	18,689	18,178
Transportation and storage	3,263	3,177	3,093
Accommodation and food service activities	5,553	5,369	5,177
Information and communication activities	1,469	1,427	1,384
Financial and insurance activities	3,205	3,144	3,085
Real Estate activities	747	717	679
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	2,798	2,720	2,651
Administrative and support service activities	7,860	7,692	7,528
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	3,594	3,514	3,412
Education	2,410	2,313	2,221
Human Health And Social Work activities	16,381	16,104	15,772
Arts, entertainment and recreation	867	848	825
Other Sectors	3,070	2,997	2,921
Unclassified or unknown	1,284	1,211	1,142
Total	89,399	87,146	84,803

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 24 th November	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 17 th November	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 10 th November
< 25	13,611	13,195	12,648
25-34	22,202	21,563	20,976
35-44	24,483	23,971	23,392
45-54	17,720	17,308	16,893
55+	11,383	11,109	10,894
Total	89,399	87,146	84,803