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

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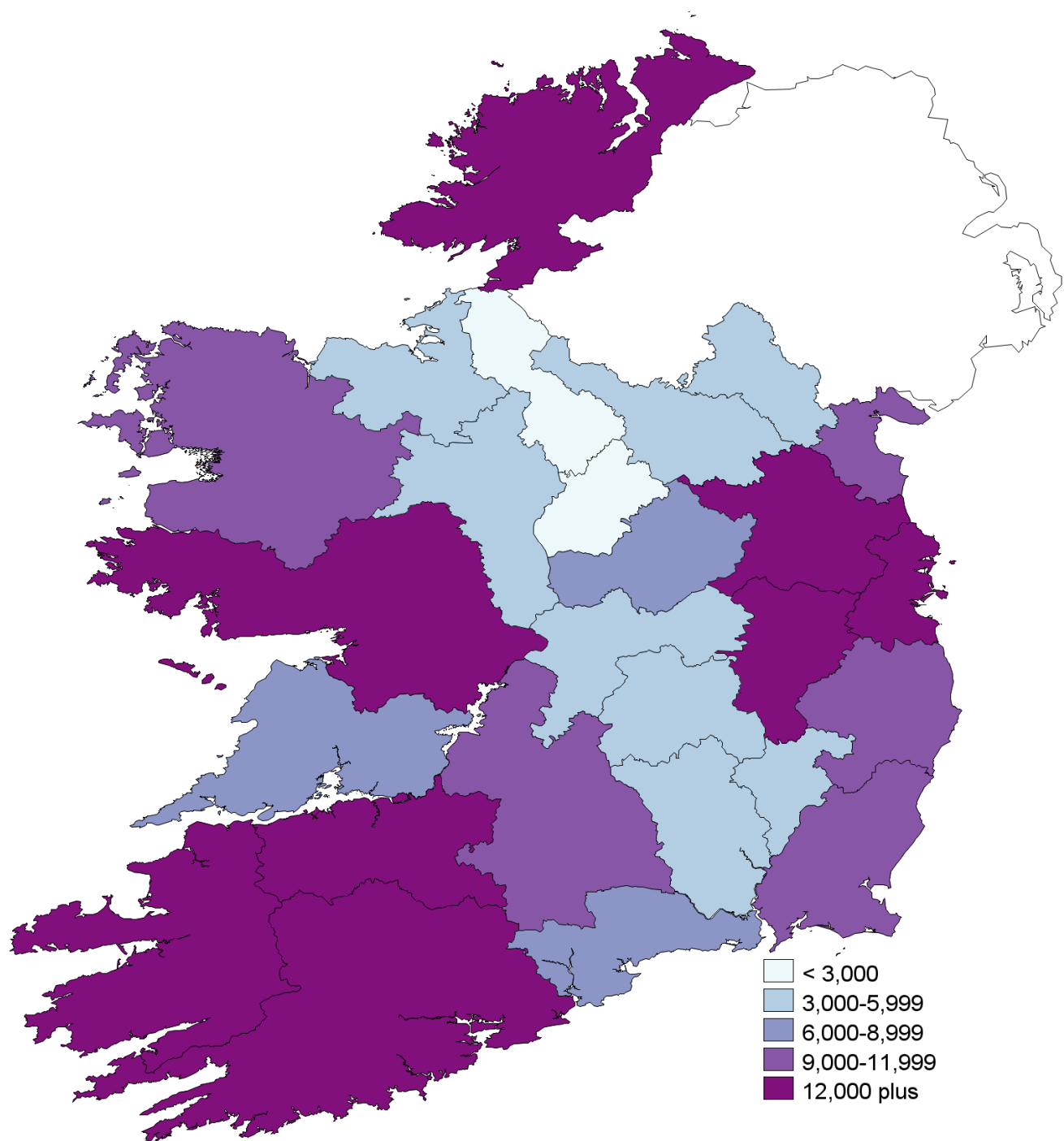
Analysis of Pandemic Unemployment Payments

There are 351,424 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 176,881 are female and 174,543 are male.

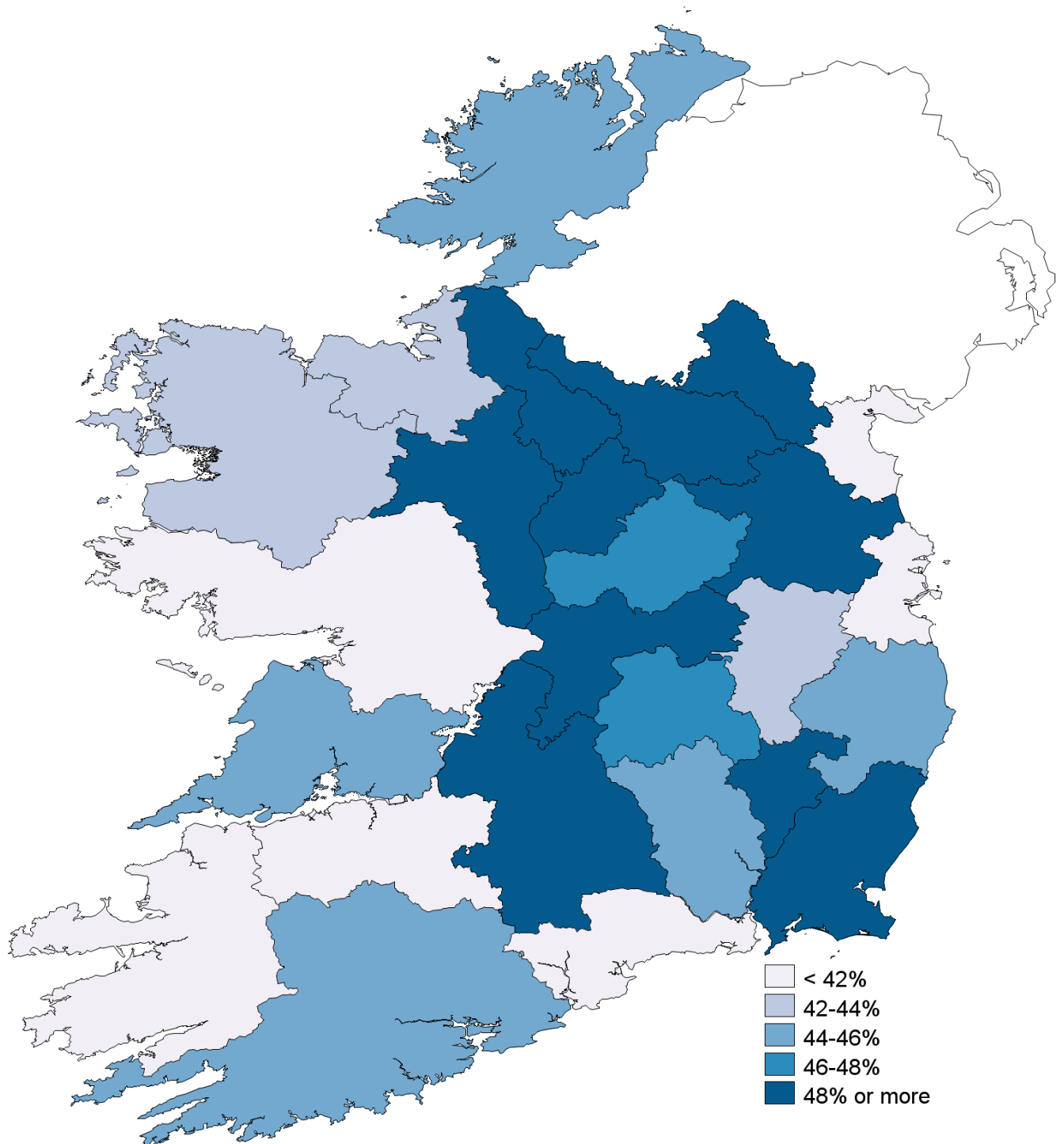
County Breakdown

County	Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 1st December	Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 24th November	Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 5th May
Carlow	3,676	3,682	7,800
Cavan	4,702	4,736	9,700
Clare	7,495	7,513	14,600
Cork	35,141	35,341	61,900
Donegal	12,440	12,444	22,700
Dublin	114,530	114,613	174,200
Galway	19,500	19,590	32,300
Kerry	14,000	13,970	22,200
Kildare	15,360	15,458	26,100
Kilkenny	5,556	5,550	10,600
Laois	4,622	4,642	8,600
Leitrim	2,043	2,035	4,100
Limerick	13,803	13,873	22,300
Longford	2,342	2,330	4,500
Louth	10,879	10,845	17,300
Mayo	9,538	9,507	16,400
Meath	13,081	13,138	25,000
Monaghan	4,211	4,207	8,200
Offaly	4,379	4,364	8,900
Roscommon	3,513	3,500	7,100
Sligo	4,355	4,363	7,700
Tipperary	9,383	9,423	18,800
Waterford	8,354	8,329	14,100
Westmeath	6,583	6,588	11,700
Wexford	10,698	10,721	20,500
Wicklow	10,637	10,691	18,700
County not included	603	625	2,000
Total	351,424	352,078	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 (102,321) followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (56,893) and Other sectors (31,361).

Sector Breakdown

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 1 st December	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 24 th November	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 5 th May
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	4,502	4,412	8,600
Manufacturing	15,555	15,593	37,400
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	1,130	1,139	2,100
Construction	21,368	21,267	79,300
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	56,893	57,292	90,300
Transportation and storage	9,249	9,207	17,900
Accommodation and food service activities	102,321	102,777	128,500
Information and communication activities	7,609	7,602	11,800
Financial and insurance activities	7,143	7,156	12,500
Real Estate activities	5,437	5,472	8,100
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	13,241	13,323	24,800
Administrative and support service activities	29,917	29,953	45,800
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	5,331	5,372	14,400
Education	10,187	10,312	22,000
Human Health And Social Work activities	10,215	10,285	22,500
Arts, entertainment and recreation	12,036	12,027	14,200
Other Sectors (e.g. hairdressers and beauty salons)	31,361	31,273	39,200
Unclassified or unknown	7,929	7,616	18,600
Total	351,424	352,078	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 1st December	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 1st December	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 1st December	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 1st December
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	1,964	867	763	908
Manufacturing	8,918	2,411	2,027	2,199
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	744	142	110	134
Construction	12,882	2,864	2,586	3,036
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	23,361	11,154	11,863	10,515
Transportation and storage	5,148	1,397	1,315	1,389
Accommodation and food service activities	42,950	21,777	20,733	16,861
Information and communication activities	3,980	1,004	1,166	1,459
Financial and insurance activities	3,491	980	1,134	1,538
Real Estate activities	2,470	978	972	1,017
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	7,241	1,999	1,804	2,197
Administrative and support service activities	15,219	4,975	4,778	4,945
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	2,174	758	931	1,468
Education	3,914	1,683	2,028	2,562
Human Health And Social Work activities	4,155	1,839	2,015	2,206
Arts, entertainment and recreation	4,742	2,074	2,352	2,868
Other Sectors	12,425	6,502	6,080	6,354
Unclassified or unknown	1,336	756	1,203	4,634
Total	157,114	64,160	63,860	66,290

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 1 st December	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 24 th November
< 25	89,254	89,658
25-34	80,165	80,441
35-44	76,356	76,408
45-54	60,091	60,200
55+	45,558	45,371
Total	351,424	352,078

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 1 st December	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 1 st December	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 1 st December	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 1 st December
Male	92,436	28,707	25,851	27,549
Female	64,678	35,453	38,009	38,741
Total	157,114	64,160	63,860	66,290

Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 1 st December	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 1 st December	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 1 st December	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 1 st December
< 25	21,588	21,010	25,163	21,493
25-34	43,346	15,428	11,301	10,090
35-44	41,293	11,833	10,745	12,485
45-54	30,507	9,017	9,092	11,475
55+	20,380	6,872	7,559	10,747
Total	157,114	64,160	63,860	66,290

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

Around 4,527 people who have closed their account for return to work since 22nd November will receive a Pandemic Unemployment Payment today, 1st December. Of these 2,232 are male and 2,295 are female.

County	Number of people who closed their PUP payment from 1 st December to return to work	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
Carlow	52	40	40
Cavan	84	79	67
Clare	89	69	67
Cork	485	383	316
Donegal	145	110	98
Dublin	1,317	897	837
Galway	266	166	165
Kerry	155	93	80
Kildare	242	182	153
Kilkenny	70	49	46
Laois	78	48	30
Leitrim	10	12	17
Limerick	225	147	106
Longford	29	27	17
Louth	112	99	79
Mayo	108	76	61
Meath	188	154	119
Monaghan	46	39	38
Offaly	72	50	53
Roscommon	40	35	26
Sligo	43	46	34
Tipperary	133	98	88
Waterford	119	80	66
Westmeath	97	67	69
Wexford	174	110	98
Wicklow	138	88	90
County not included	10	7	8
Total	4,527	3,251	2,868

Closed Pandemic Unemployment Payments - Sector Breakdown

The top three sectors from which employees closed their Pandemic Unemployment Payment to return to work are Wholesale and Retail Trade (1,423), Accommodation and Food Service Activities (847), and Administrative and support service activities (379).

Sector Breakdown

	Number of people who closed their PUP payment from 1st December to return to work	Number of people who closed their PUP payment from 24th November to return to work
Industrial Sector		
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	36	45
Manufacturing	287	292
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	13	17
Construction	358	339
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	1,423	690
Transportation and storage	96	81
Accommodation and food service activities	847	610
Information and communication activities	86	69
Financial and insurance activities	69	54
Real Estate activities	62	33
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	201	147
Administrative and support service activities	379	316
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	74	70
Education	140	127
Human Health And Social Work activities	193	159
Arts, entertainment and recreation	85	57
Other Sectors (e.g. hairdressers and beauty salons)	144	117
Unclassified or unknown	34	28
Total	4,527	3,251

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 1st December to return to work	Number of people who closed their PUP payment from 24th November to return to work
< 25	1,095	712
25-34	1,203	858
35-44	1,024	773
45-54	765	606
55+	440	302
Total	4,527	3,251

Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date, 91,175 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 49,883 are female and 41,292 are male.

Some 1,986 people are currently in receipt of an Enhanced Illness Benefit payment.

For 4,083 people the date of their first certificate was issued in November 2020, of which 841 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.

Certificate start date	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 1st December
Before March 2020	151 (7)
March 2020	31,091 (1,011)
April 2020	14,435 (2,038)
May 2020	5,007 (774)
June 2020	1,472 (128)
July 2020	2,299 (157)
August 2020	5,769(562)
September 2020	11,916(1,149)
October 2020	14,952(2,667)
November 2020	4,083(841)
Total	91,175 (9,334)

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 1 st December	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
Carlow	1,269	1,244	1,211
Cavan	2,339	2,310	2,272
Clare	1,661	1,633	1,588
Cork	9,908	9,724	9,466
Donegal	2,718	2,628	2,541
Dublin	24,994	24,607	24,072
Galway	5,560	5,464	5,345
Kerry	2,167	2,115	2,070
Kildare	4,369	4,320	4,249
Kilkenny	1,858	1,826	1,772
Laois	1,528	1,507	1,467
Leitrim	402	397	389
Limerick	3,184	3,077	2,960
Longford	759	746	734
Louth	2,635	2,581	2,523
Mayo	2,156	2,082	2,017
Meath	3,695	3,609	3,514
Monaghan	1,677	1,644	1,609
Offaly	1,434	1,407	1,377
Roscommon	1,301	1,278	1,243
Sligo	891	866	828
Tipperary	3,327	3,230	3,139
Waterford	3,319	3,212	3,079
Westmeath	1,658	1,635	1,584
Wexford	3,103	3,064	2,997
Wicklow	2,649	2,617	2,572
Other (NI & Foreign Address)	614	576	528
Total	91,175	89,399	87,146

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 (19,521), Human Health and Social Work (16,591) and Manufacturing (12,654).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 1 st December	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
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	911	880	852
Manufacturing	12,654	12,356	12,018
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	464	451	433
Construction	4,143	4,048	3,921
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	19,521	19,163	18,689
Transportation and storage	3,313	3,263	3,177
Accommodation and food service activities	5,682	5,553	5,369
Information and communication activities	1,483	1,469	1,427
Financial and insurance activities	3,248	3,205	3,144
Real Estate activities	751	747	717
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	2,859	2,798	2,720
Administrative and support service activities	8,012	7,860	7,692
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	3,670	3,594	3,514
Education	2,483	2,410	2,313
Human Health And Social Work activities	16,591	16,381	16,104
Arts, entertainment and recreation	877	867	848
Other Sectors (e.g. hairdressers and beauty salons)	3,127	3,070	2,997
Unclassified or unknown	1,386	1,284	1,211
Total	91,175	89,399	87,146

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 1 st December	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
< 25	13,969	13,611	13,195
25-34	22,676	22,202	21,563
35-44	24,888	24,483	23,971
45-54	18,037	17,720	17,308
55+	11,605	11,383	11,109
Total	91,175	89,399	87,146

Pandemic Unemployment Payment - Arrears by County Breakdown

County	Number of people receiving arrears in respect of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 1 st December	Amount paid in Arrears in respect of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 1 st December
Carlow	3,230	€1,403,379
Cavan	4,464	€2,054,671
Clare	6,286	€2,828,623
Cork	30,446	€13,557,293
Donegal	10,679	€4,755,379
Dublin	84,136	€38,717,161
Galway	16,346	€7,328,592
Kerry	11,227	€5,146,710
Kildare	13,052	€5,921,310
Kilkenny	4,805	€2,039,601
Laois	4,128	€1,861,413
Leitrim	1,933	€899,980
Limerick	10,813	€4,849,929
Longford	2,139	€1,022,576
Louth	8,640	€3,923,043
Mayo	8,153	€3,638,007
Meath	11,179	€4,957,513
Monaghan	3,773	€1,768,716
Offaly	3,954	€1,762,617
Roscommon	3,397	€1,573,806
Sligo	3,771	€1,623,026
Tipperary	8,014	€3,498,878
Waterford	6,615	€2,865,600
Westmeath	5,736	€2,586,819
Wexford	9,226	€4,028,508
Wicklow	9,139	€4,123,888
County not included	787	€471,129
Total	286,068	€129,208,167

Pandemic Unemployment Payment - Arrears by Age Profile

Age category	Number of people receiving Arrears in respect of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 1 st December	Amount receiving Arrears in respect of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 1 st December
< 25	68,382	€30,385,008
25-34	60,268	€26,770,902
35-44	62,723	€27,572,731
45-54	52,214	€23,871,809
55+	42,481	€20,607,717
Total	286,068	€129,208,167