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The Pandemic Unemployment Payment in numbers

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Pandemic Unemployment Payment

Analysis of Expenditure, March 2020 to March 2022

€9.2 Billion

Total expenditure

€3 Billion

Expenditure in Dublin

29.7 Million

Total number of payments issued

€10,500

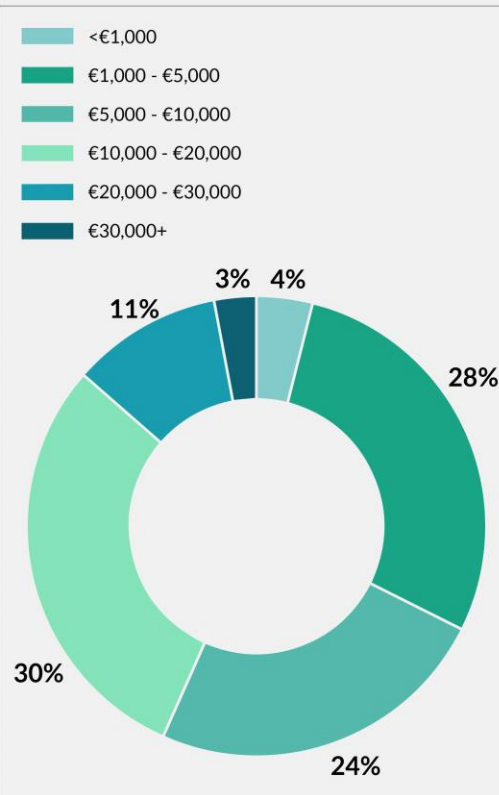
Average payment per recipient

26,115

Number of people who received more than €30,000

Breakdown of total income supports given to recipients of PUP

Total PUP Expenditure by Month and Rate



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Analysis of Recipients, March 2020 to March 2022



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879,772
Recipients of the PUP



44% Female
56% Male



643,716
Peak number of recipients recorded



53,824
Recipients recorded in March 2022



258,967
Recipients recorded in Dublin



174,870
Recipients recorded in hospitality

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Analysis of Operational Stats, March 2020 to March 2022



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1.82 Million

Total number of applications received



73%

Online applications

27%

Paper applications



528,299

Highest number of applications



5,272

Lowest number of applications



29.7 Million

Total number of payments made

Introduction

The Pandemic Unemployment Payment (PUP) was introduced on March 16th 2020 as a social welfare payment for employees and self-employed people who lost all their employment as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The first payments were issued on March 24th 2020 in respect of 240,344 recipients and the final payments were paid to 44,747 recipients on 29th March 2022. Weekly breakdowns of PUP recipients and expenditure are available on the National Open Data website.

The level of income supports provided by the Department of Social Protection was unprecedented in terms of volume and speed of response, and the intention of this report is to capture some of the key statistics regarding operational activity, recipients, payments issued and expenditure associated with the scheme.

Other Statistics issued by the Department of Social Protection

The Department also produces additional statistical reports which can be viewed at www.gov.ie/dsp/statistics

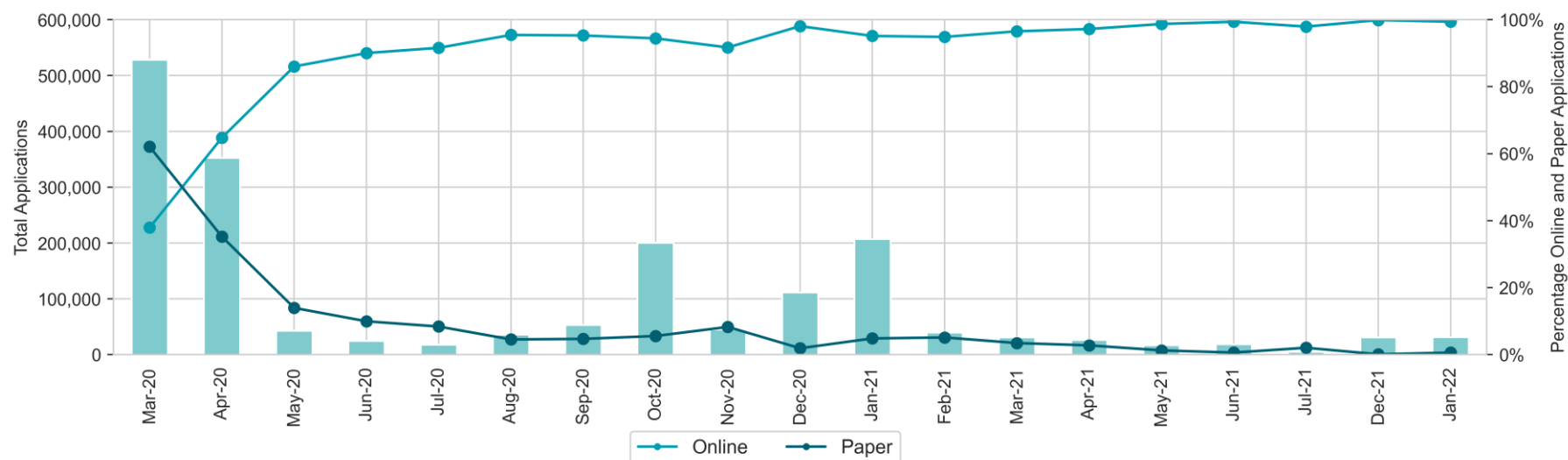
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Operational Activity

- Overall, there were over 4.4 million transactions associated with the PUP scheme, comprising 1.82 million applications, 1.35 awarded claims and 1.3 million closed claims.
- Of the 1.8 million applications 77.6% (1.4 million) of these were received in 2020, 20.7% (377,000) applications received in 2021 and 1.7% (32,000) applications were processed in 2022.
- The months with the highest number of applications were March 2020 (528,299), April 2020 (352,753) followed by January 2021 (207,062).
- Overall, 73% of applications were online applications, while the remaining 27% of applications were paper based.
- In total, 941,861 individuals applied for the PUP
- 93% (879,772) of individuals that applied for PUP received at least one payment, while 7% (62,089) had their claim rejected or else withdrawn
- June 2020 had the highest number of closed PUP claims (149,266), followed by July 2020 (144,695) and May 2020 (115,067)
- Around 75% of all claims received were awarded payment by the Department

Figure 1 - Total applications received (LHS) and percentage of online and paper applications (RHS), by month

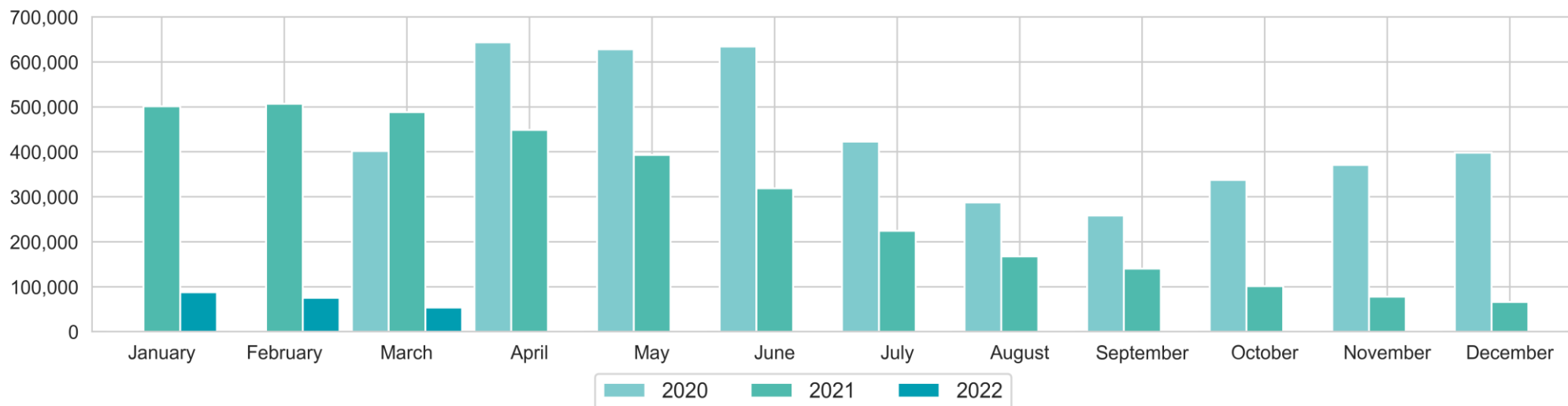


Note: applications for PUP were closed from August to November 2021 inclusive

Recipients

- In total, 879,772 received at least one Pandemic Unemployment Payment (PUP) throughout the lifetime of the scheme.
- When recipients by year are examined 796,946 received at least one payment in 2020, 572,269 in 2021 and 87,595 in 2022.
- The months with the highest number of PUP recipients were all in 2020 – April (643,716) followed by June (634,273) and May (628,272).
- Overall, males accounted for 56% (492,912) of those that received at least one payment.
- Dublin had the highest number of recipients (258,967), followed by Cork (90,949) and Galway (47,343).
- Those aged 25 years or less accounted for almost 19% (162,432) of all recipients while 15% (127,741) of persons were aged 55 years or over.
- The sector with the highest number of PUP recipients was the Accommodation and food service activities sector (174,870), followed by the Wholesale and Retail Trade sector (149,020) and the Construction sector (109,932).
- 60% of recipients (529,677) only had one continuous claim period only, while 40% (350,095) had more than one claim period.
- At sector level, people working in the Human Health And Social Work activities were most likely to only have one continuous claim (74%), while the Other Service activities sector, which included hairdressers and beauty salons, was the least likely (40%).

Figure 2 - Total PUP recipients by month



Number of payments

- A total of 29.7 million payments were issued throughout the scheme duration.
- There were four months when over 2 million PUP payments were made by the Department – June 2020 (2.5 million), May 2020 (2.4 million), April 2020 and March 2021 (both 2.3 million).
- The median number of payments received by an individual was 26.
- On average, people from Other Service activities sector claimed the most PUPs (43) followed by Arts (42) and Accommodation and Food (41)
- The sectors with the lowest average number of payments were Human Health (14) and Manufacturing (15)
- There were 106 weeks of PUP payments. A total of 22,374 received more than 100 payments from the scheme, representing 3% of all recipients
- 6,575 people received the full number of payments, while at the other end of the spectrum a total of 11,140 received one payment only.

Figure 3 - Total PUP payments for the largest sectors, by quarter

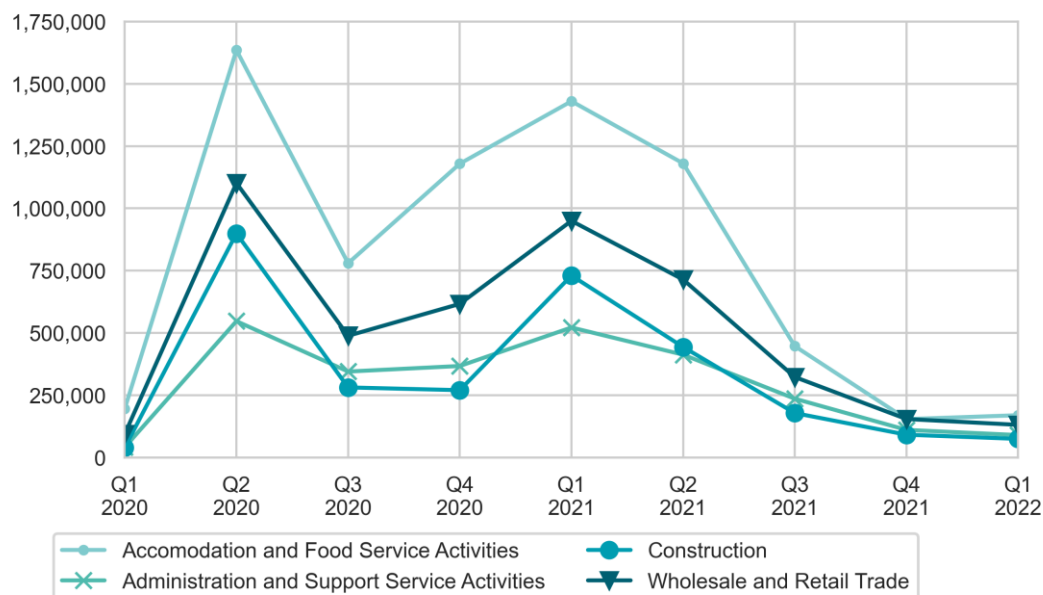
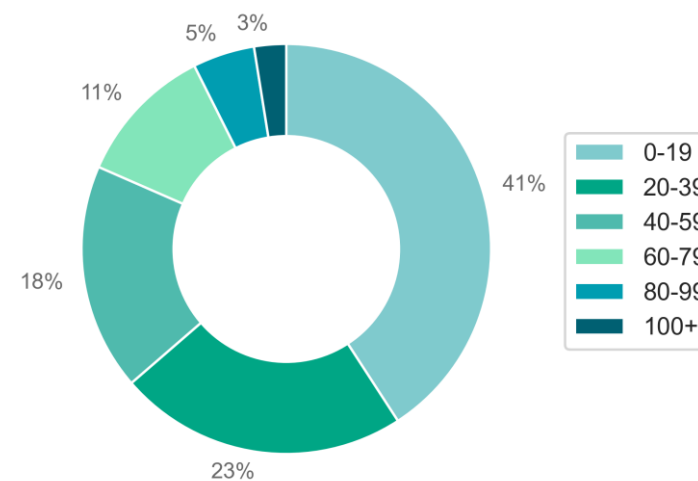


Figure 4 - Total number of PUPs received



Expenditure

- Expenditure on the PUP totalled €9.2 billion with €5.1 billion issued in 2020, €4 billion in 2021 and €199 million in 2022.
- €7.9 billion or 86% of all PUP expenditure was paid through the Social Insurance Fund.
- On average, the PUP scheme paid €10,500 per person.
- The median amount a person claiming PUP received was €8,316.
- Over half (54%) of all PUP recipients received between €5,000 and €20,000. A total of 26,115 people received €30,000 or more.
- The county with the highest average PUP amount received was Dublin (€11,600), with Monaghan having the lowest average amount (€9,100).

Figure 5 - Breakdown of total income supports given to recipients of PUP

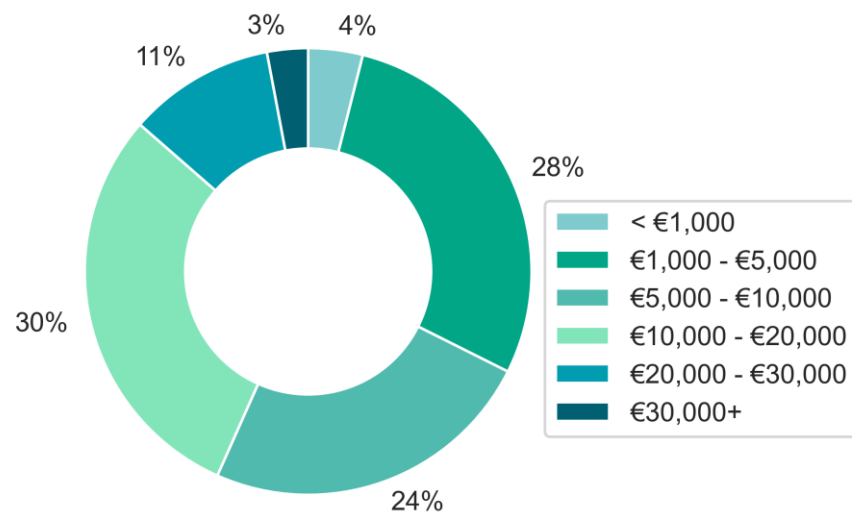
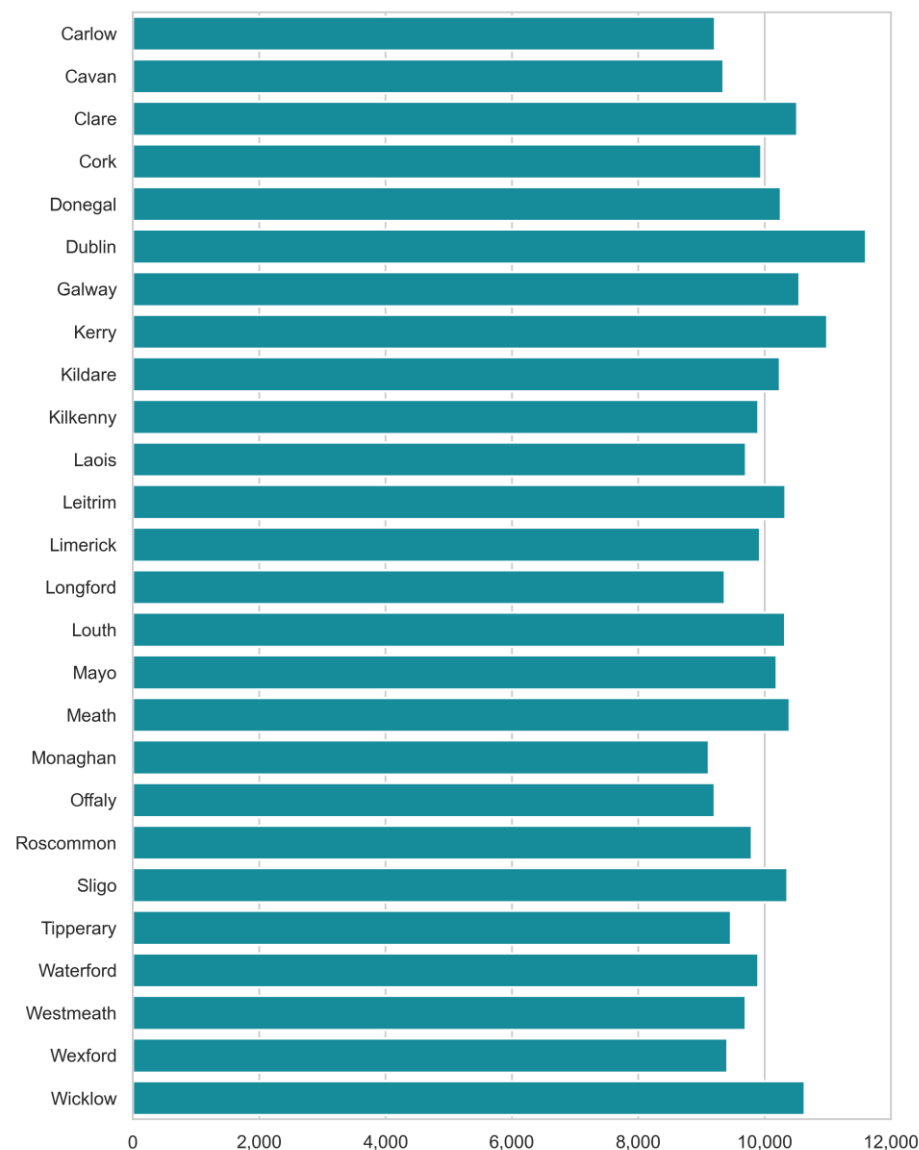


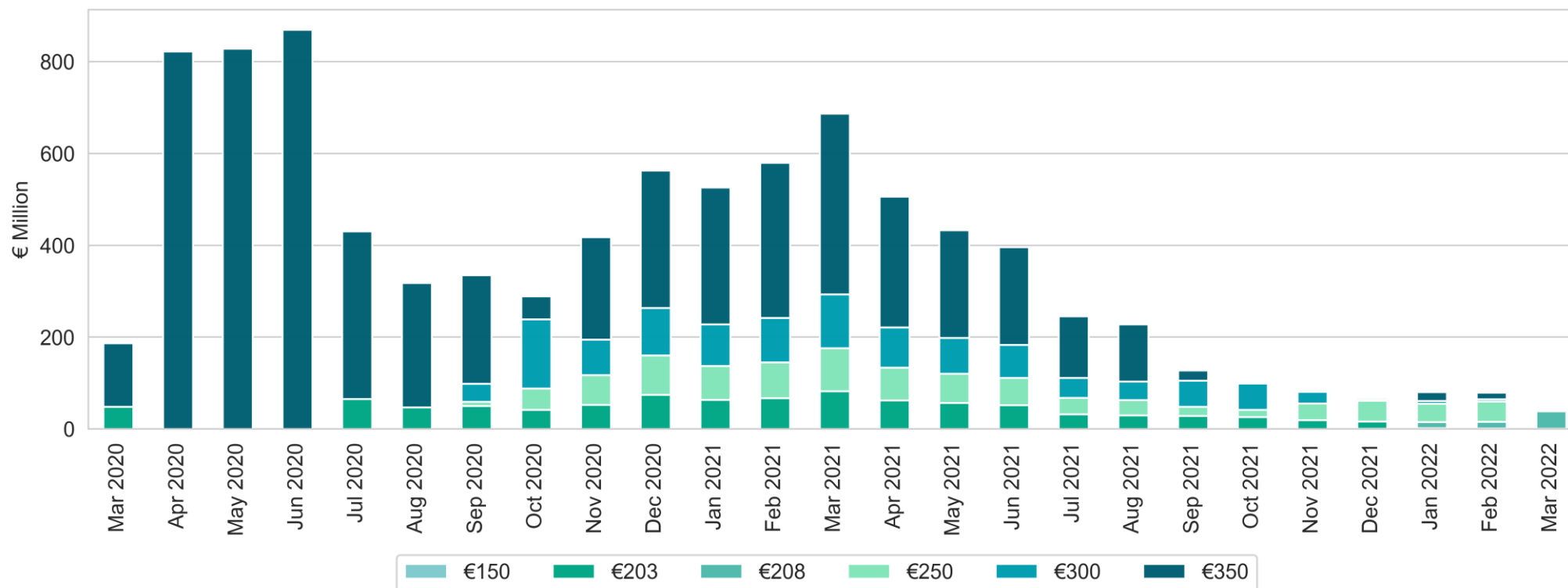
Figure 6 - Average PUP income support per person by county



Expenditure

- The sector with the highest spend on PUP was the Accommodation and Food sector (€2.2 billion), followed by Retail (€1.4 billion). Combined, these sectors accounted for almost 40% of all PUP expenditure.
- The sector with the highest average PUP amount paid to a recipient was Arts (€12,900), followed by Accommodation and Food (€12,700) and Other Service Activities (€12,600)
- On average, individuals from the Human Health sector received the lowest amount from PUP (€7,500), followed by Manufacturing (€8,000) and Construction (€9,000)
- Over two thirds (€6.2 billion) of all expenditure was accounted for by the highest rate of PUP, €350.
- Dublin received one third (€3 billion) of all expenditure, followed by Cork (10% or €905 million) and Galway (5% or €500 million)
- Those aged 25 years or less accounted for 21% (€1.9 billion) of all expenditure, while expenditure on those aged 55+ was 14% (€1.3 billion)
- Expenditure on males was €924 million higher than expenditure on females (€5.1 billion versus €4.1 billion)

Figure 7 - Total PUP expenditure by month and rate



Tables

Table 1 - Online and paper applications for the PUP, by month

Month	Online applications	Paper applications	Total
Mar-20	200,336	327,963	528,299
Apr-20	228,427	124,326	352,753
May-20	36,820	5,976	42,796
Jun-20	22,290	2,467	24,757
Jul-20	16,480	1,511	17,991
Aug-20	34,302	1,635	35,937
Sep-20	50,787	2,513	53,300
Oct-20	189,251	11,167	200,418
Nov-20	41,400	3,741	45,141
Dec-20	109,176	2,143	111,319
Jan-21	197,014	10,048	207,062
Feb-21	37,568	2,035	39,603
Mar-21	29,835	1,072	30,907
Apr-21	25,815	737	26,552
May-21	16,959	220	17,179
Jun-21	18,614	117	18,731
Jul-21	5,163	109	5,272
Aug-21	0	0	0
Sep-21	0	0	0
Oct-21	0	0	0
Nov-21	0	0	0
Dec-21	31,193	36	31,229
Jan-22	31,530	196	31,726
Total	1,322,960	498,012	1,820,972

Table 2 - PUP applications, claims awarded, claims closed, PUP payments and PUP recipients, by month

Month	PUP Applications	Awarded PUP Claims	Closed PUP Claims	PUP Payments
Mar-20	528,299	401,972	13,585	635,276
Apr-20	352,753	257,178	68,399	2,345,544
May-20	42,796	39,913	115,067	2,365,855
Jun-20	24,757	30,215	149,266	2,482,553
Jul-20	17,991	12,834	144,695	1,364,940
Aug-20	35,937	17,101	44,744	1,007,513
Sep-20	53,300	36,518	49,273	1,090,342
Oct-20	200,418	131,995	27,613	1,037,756
Nov-20	45,141	52,526	31,127	1,410,673
Dec-20	111,319	60,393	105,484	1,625,111
Jan-21	207,062	173,536	39,604	1,761,151
Feb-21	39,603	30,907	48,849	1,930,204
Mar-21	30,907	21,986	53,828	2,294,530
Apr-21	26,552	12,656	64,361	1,698,876
May-21	17,179	9,668	100,275	1,463,887
Jun-21	18,731	11,438	82,036	1,341,427
Jul-21	5,272	5,715	43,389	829,936
Aug-21	0	254	21,866	769,740
Sep-21	0	93	20,563	473,736
Oct-21	0	32	13,148	383,282
Nov-21	0	39	8,374	326,173
Dec-21	31,229	13,032	5,739	235,140
Jan-22	31,726	26,011	23,296	311,906
Feb-22	0	645	19,316	314,727
Mar-22	0	0	8,700	189,121
Total	1,820,972	1,346,657	1,302,597	29,689,399

Table 3 - Total claims registered, claims awarded, claims rejected or withdrawn, and claims closed for the PUP, by year

Year	Registered	Awarded	Rejected or withdrawn	Closed
2020	1,412,718	1,040,645	372,073	749,253
2021	376,534	279,356	97,178	502,032
2022	31,726	26,656	5,070	51,312
Total	1,820,978	1,346,657	474,321	1,302,597

Table 4 – Total distinct claimants with registered claims, awarded claims, rejected or withdrawn claims, and closed claims for the PUP, by year of first claim

Year	Registered	Awarded	Rejected or withdrawn	Closed
2020	834,886	788,854	46,032	569,758
2021	98,979	84,496	14,483	185,462
2022	7,996	6,422	1,574	19,646
Total	941,861	879,772	62,089	774,866

Table 5 - Total registered claims per claimant received for the PUP

Claims per claimant received	Number of claimants	Claims registered
1	458,062	458,062
2	257,789	515,578
3	135,465	406,395
4	53,262	213,048
5	20,454	102,270
6+	16,829	125,445
Total	941,861	1,820,978

Table 6 - Recipients of PUP by year and cumulative total of unique recipients by sex

	2020		2021		2022		Cumulative total of unique recipients	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Under 20	3,984	3,030	5,920	5,140	1,492	1,047	6,886	5,880
20-24	67,225	66,738	54,478	55,092	5,587	6,404	74,515	76,151
25-29	47,524	56,314	30,627	40,135	3,698	5,637	51,751	62,987
30-34	41,565	50,554	28,142	35,499	4,158	5,286	45,155	56,497
35-39	42,783	54,092	30,188	37,530	4,668	5,881	46,498	60,005
40-44	39,728	54,651	27,791	37,329	4,494	6,127	43,228	60,195
45-49	33,665	45,856	23,337	31,433	3,739	5,579	36,546	50,284
50-54	29,383	40,166	20,378	27,797	3,381	5,266	31,714	43,739
55-59	23,949	34,111	16,744	23,981	2,914	4,643	25,662	36,891
60 and over	23,583	38,045	15,636	25,092	2,662	4,932	24,905	40,283
Total by sex	353,389	443,557	253,241	319,028	36,793	50,802	386,860	492,912
Overall total	796,946		572,269		87,595		879,772	

Table 7 - Recipients of PUP by year and cumulative total of unique recipients by county

	2020	2021	2022	Cumulative total of unique recipients
Carlow	9,379	6,062	792	10,311
Cavan	13,049	8,698	1,178	14,366
Clare	19,764	13,713	2,116	21,481
Cork	82,440	58,060	8,044	90,949
Donegal	28,208	19,169	2,942	30,294
Dublin	233,709	177,219	29,815	258,967
Galway	43,208	30,224	4,577	47,343
Kerry	28,611	21,070	3,106	31,090
Kildare	35,964	25,867	3,842	40,123
Kilkenny	15,321	10,570	1,523	16,794
Laois	12,935	8,990	1,324	14,383
Leitrim	5,142	3,453	520	5,519
Limerick	29,311	20,347	2,841	32,475
Longford	5,936	4,014	594	6,645
Louth	22,533	16,248	2,782	25,025
Mayo	21,125	15,369	2,295	23,338
Meath	34,671	25,032	4,043	38,522
Monaghan	11,467	8,392	1,068	13,088
Offaly	12,189	8,415	1,243	13,694
Roscommon	9,876	6,727	930	10,794
Sligo	10,090	6,941	1,112	10,950
Tipperary	23,707	15,746	2,224	26,163
Waterford	18,180	12,636	1,858	19,996
Westmeath	14,827	10,117	1,673	16,476
Wexford	26,833	18,930	2,589	29,730
Wicklow	23,621	16,808	2,436	25,806
Other or county unknown	4,850	3,452	128	5,450
Total	796,946	572,269	87,595	879,772

Table 8 - Recipients of PUP by year and cumulative total of unique recipients by sector

	2020	2021	2022	Cumulative total of unique recipients
Accommodation and food service activities	166,474	124,998	20,287	174,870
Administrative and support service activities	64,855	51,440	9,010	74,285
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	12,213	8,670	1,265	13,915
Arts, entertainment and recreation	18,857	14,688	2,180	19,989
Construction	97,556	73,779	8,310	109,932
Education	30,006	17,908	2,392	32,180
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	3,080	2,219	406	3,647
Financial and insurance activities	14,589	10,321	2,133	15,998
Human Health And Social Work activities	37,918	21,079	3,353	43,371
Information and communication activities	16,102	10,788	2,326	17,719
Manufacturing	56,705	37,357	5,982	66,255
Other Service activities	46,876	38,784	4,369	48,987
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	32,976	20,892	3,664	36,135
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	13,573	9,556	1,367	15,104
Real Estate activities	10,175	7,265	1,208	10,820
Transportation and storage	23,803	16,755	3,840	26,593
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	131,235	93,460	13,926	149,020
Sector Unclassified or unknown	19,953	12,310	1,577	20,952
Total	796,946	572,269	87,595	879,772

Table 9 - Number of Recipients of PUP, by month

	2020	2021	2022
January	-	501,495	88,438
February	-	507,395	75,889
March	401,990	488,396	53,824
April	643,716	448,732	-
May	628,272	393,468	-
June	634,273	319,227	-
July	422,773	224,549	-
August	287,721	167,655	-
September	258,409	140,460	-
October	337,528	101,732	-
November	371,131	78,026	-
December	398,351	68,316	-

Table 10 - The number of self-certified self-employed recipients of the PUP, by month

	2020	2021	2022
January	-	99,137	19,465
February	-	100,354	17,455
March	80,707	98,248	13,412
April	121,865	91,952	-
May	124,116	80,414	-
June	120,405	63,016	-
July	92,068	48,279	-
August	66,948	37,278	-
September	57,523	33,401	-
October	69,006	28,228	-
November	74,345	19,902	-
December	82,701	17,359	-

Note: Based on the self-certified status of the recipient as recorded on the online application form for PUP

Table 11 - Number of distinct claim periods by sector

	1	2	3	4	5+	Total
Accommodation and food service activities	89,658	56,619	24,318	3,691	584	174,870
Administrative and support service activities	48,626	19,714	4,868	816	261	74,285
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	9,636	3,535	660	69	15	13,915
Arts, entertainment and recreation	10,980	6,155	2,529	276	49	19,989
Construction	58,228	43,576	6,799	1,090	239	109,932
Education	22,066	7,636	1,974	365	139	32,180
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	2,546	859	183	46	13	3,647
Financial and insurance activities	11,002	3,808	1,065	104	19	15,998
Human Health And Social Work activities	32,073	8,682	2,131	397	88	43,371
Information and communication activities	12,502	3,990	1,048	150	29	17,719
Manufacturing	44,889	16,716	3,850	655	145	66,255
Other Service activities	19,731	14,748	13,508	925	75	48,987
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	25,779	7,936	1,926	426	68	36,135
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	10,091	3,918	949	117	29	15,104
Real Estate activities	6,517	3,075	1,088	124	16	10,820
Transportation and storage	17,740	6,778	1,627	326	122	26,593
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	93,407	36,840	16,485	1,919	369	149,020
Sector Unclassified or unknown	14,206	5,422	1,217	91	16	20,952
Total	529,677	250,007	86,225	11,587	2,276	879,772

Table 12 - Total and median number of PUP payments by sector

	1-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90-99	100+	Median
Accommodation and food service activities	18,283	28,922	18,674	19,362	22,360	25,274	17,798	12,072	6,211	2,129	3,785	41
Administrative and support service activities	14,172	14,923	9,660	7,089	6,118	5,539	5,110	4,467	3,273	1,465	2,469	28
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	3,217	3,588	1,879	1,305	991	831	686	540	385	156	337	20
Arts, entertainment and recreation	2,087	3,113	2,178	2,210	2,607	2,305	2,052	1,439	1,000	364	634	42
Construction	24,857	29,526	20,409	10,669	6,796	5,031	4,300	2,847	2,292	1,044	2,161	20
Education	5,574	6,680	6,359	3,020	2,492	2,125	1,781	1,462	1,394	490	803	25
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	1,056	846	411	298	241	205	190	118	109	60	113	18
Financial and insurance activities	2,451	3,326	1,833	1,406	1,532	1,266	1,168	862	933	433	788	32
Human Health And Social Work activities	15,546	10,988	4,954	2,703	2,175	1,758	1,540	1,266	1,238	466	737	14
Information and communication activities	3,046	3,510	2,524	1,736	1,481	1,297	1,224	907	873	445	676	28
Manufacturing	22,829	16,505	7,816	4,627	3,624	2,748	2,468	1,911	1,565	756	1,406	15
Other Service activities	3,838	6,884	5,239	4,629	15,489	4,256	2,911	2,060	1,845	689	1,147	43
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	7,550	8,621	4,620	3,099	2,568	2,473	2,118	1,773	1,469	629	1,215	23
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	2,723	3,333	2,363	1,439	1,202	1,008	874	673	756	291	442	25
Real Estate activities	1,329	2,153	1,353	1,105	1,212	1,086	852	684	477	196	373	35
Transportation and storage	5,875	5,132	3,543	2,505	1,816	1,647	1,623	1,416	1,201	625	1,210	26
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	34,820	33,389	19,593	15,900	13,656	8,461	7,547	5,697	4,528	1,841	3,588	22
Sector Unclassified or unknown	3,409	4,974	2,425	1,927	1,980	1,739	1,793	873	965	377	490	28
Total	172,662	186,413	115,833	85,029	88,340	69,049	56,035	41,067	30,514	12,456	22,374	26

Table 13 - Expenditure by county and year (€ million)

	2020	2021	2022	Total
Carlow	54.5	38.6	1.7	94.9
Cavan	76.1	55.7	2.5	134.2
Clare	125.5	95.6	4.7	225.8
Cork	503.6	383.3	17.7	904.6
Donegal	176.2	128.3	6.3	310.8
Dublin	1,599.6	1,333.1	71.9	3,004.6
Galway	277.3	212.2	10.1	499.6
Kerry	185.2	149.3	7.3	341.8
Kildare	225.5	176.6	8.8	410.9
Kilkenny	92.8	70.2	3.3	166.3
Laois	78.0	58.7	2.9	139.6
Leitrim	32.5	23.5	1.1	57.0
Limerick	180.0	136.1	6.2	322.4
Longford	34.9	26.1	1.2	62.3
Louth	140.6	111.6	6.3	258.5
Mayo	131.0	101.9	4.9	237.8
Meath	217.4	173.8	9.3	400.5
Monaghan	65.3	51.7	2.3	119.3
Offaly	71.3	52.2	2.6	126.1
Roscommon	59.7	44.0	2.0	105.7
Sligo	64.1	47.0	2.4	113.5
Tipperary	141.5	101.7	4.6	247.8
Waterford	110.8	83.3	4.0	198.1
Westmeath	89.4	67.0	3.5	159.9
Wexford	155.7	118.7	5.4	279.8
Wicklow	151.2	117.5	5.8	274.5
Other or county unknown	20.8	18.7	0.3	39.8
Total	5,060.3	3,976.5	199.2	9,236.0

Table 14 - Total expenditure by year and sector (€ million)

	2020	2021	2022	Total
Accommodation and food service activities	1,239.8	934.4	42.6	2,216.8
Administrative and support service activities	429.2	383.2	21.9	834.3
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	69.1	56.4	3.0	128.5
Arts, entertainment and recreation	139.3	113.1	5.0	257.5
Construction	506.4	456.3	18.5	981.2
Education	203.7	122.0	5.5	331.2
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	18.0	15.5	1.0	34.5
Financial and insurance activities	107.8	82.1	5.3	195.2
Human Health And Social Work activities	191.8	124.3	7.2	323.3
Information and communication activities	114.2	84.8	5.9	204.9
Manufacturing	285.9	230.4	13.6	529.8
Other Service activities	337.6	267.5	9.8	614.8
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	214.6	157.6	9.2	381.4
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	92.7	63.5	3.1	159.3
Real Estate activities	72.6	55.8	2.9	131.2
Transportation and storage	160.6	128.1	9.4	298.0
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	757.2	619.0	31.6	1,407.8
Sector Unclassified or unknown	119.7	82.8	3.7	206.2
Total	5,060.3	3,976.5	199.2	9,236.0

Table 15 - Total PUP support administered, by sector

	< €1,000	€1,000 - €5,000	€5,000 - €10,000	€10,000 - €20,000	€20,000 - €30,000	€30,000+	Mean (€)	Median (€)
Accommodation and food service activities	4,877	28,278	39,959	71,176	26,030	4,550	12,677	12,432
Administrative and support service activities	2,596	20,519	17,429	20,593	10,186	2,962	11,231	8,750
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	483	4,930	3,647	3,321	1,158	376	9,235	6,503
Arts, entertainment and recreation	606	3,130	4,576	8,072	2,826	779	12,880	12,350
Construction	2,637	39,769	33,075	23,836	7,956	2,659	8,925	6,650
Education	1,526	7,811	10,192	8,547	3,151	953	10,293	8,050
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	193	1,386	760	809	365	134	9,450	6,000
Financial and insurance activities	428	3,877	3,608	4,920	2,296	869	12,201	10,150
Human Health And Social Work activities	3,643	18,804	9,844	7,612	2,630	838	7,454	4,800
Information and communication activities	628	4,369	4,444	5,104	2,319	855	11,565	9,100
Manufacturing	4,909	28,343	14,563	11,927	4,820	1,693	7,997	4,900
Other Service activities	856	6,922	9,692	25,775	4,520	1,222	12,551	12,817
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	1,358	11,518	8,475	9,124	4,178	1,482	10,554	7,700
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	495	4,143	4,110	4,328	1,538	490	10,550	8,351
Real Estate activities	306	2,341	2,524	3,747	1,475	427	12,125	10,650
Transportation and storage	1,092	7,753	6,004	6,678	3,728	1,338	11,207	8,550
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	485	6,563	5,245	6,634	1,580	445	9,842	7,511
Sector Unclassified or unknown	7,290	50,016	35,407	39,615	12,649	4,043	9,447	6,953
Total/Average	34,408	250,472	213,554	261,818	93,405	26,115	10,498	8,316

Table 16 - Total PUP support administered, by county

	< €1,000	€1,000 - €5,000	€5,000 - €10,000	€10,000 - €20,000	€20,000 - €30,000	€30,000+	Mean (€)	Median (€)
Carlow	576	3,488	2,476	2,737	788	246	9,204	6,650
Cavan	669	4,857	3,442	3,913	1,144	341	9,344	6,902
Clare	857	6,010	5,191	6,624	2,169	630	10,513	8,400
Cork	3,635	26,814	23,464	26,870	8,007	2,159	9,946	7,850
Donegal	1,027	8,866	7,354	9,532	2,784	731	10,259	8,120
Dublin	8,900	63,793	60,777	79,210	36,393	9,894	11,602	9,553
Galway	1,732	13,183	11,619	14,619	4,887	1,303	10,552	8,400
Kerry	914	8,106	7,223	10,768	3,225	854	10,993	9,352
Kildare	1,594	12,005	9,908	11,303	4,060	1,253	10,240	7,903
Kilkenny	767	5,076	4,096	4,986	1,448	421	9,904	7,700
Laois	578	4,660	3,487	4,032	1,249	377	9,702	7,350
Leitrim	176	1,632	1,317	1,738	518	138	10,333	8,400
Limerick	1,409	10,097	7,776	9,281	3,110	802	9,926	7,700
Longford	299	2,256	1,605	1,776	559	150	9,377	6,900
Louth	1,097	7,403	5,910	7,248	2,559	808	10,331	7,950
Mayo	841	6,746	5,818	7,267	2,098	568	10,190	8,100
Meath	1,556	11,388	9,449	10,769	4,041	1,319	10,397	8,000
Monaghan	633	4,768	3,008	3,346	1,012	321	9,118	6,300
Offaly	612	4,865	3,246	3,549	1,134	288	9,211	6,650
Roscommon	382	3,434	2,676	3,101	947	254	9,792	7,500
Sligo	445	2,983	2,716	3,519	1,015	272	10,361	8,400
Tipperary	1,116	8,625	6,457	7,231	2,159	575	9,470	7,133
Waterford	880	6,037	4,848	6,043	1,718	470	9,905	7,750
Westmeath	685	5,396	3,917	4,639	1,418	421	9,703	7,336
Wexford	1,659	9,274	7,460	8,411	2,250	676	9,411	7,105
Wicklow	850	6,989	6,560	8,043	2,548	816	10,637	8,526
Other including those abroad or county unknown	519	1,721	1,754	1,263	165	28	7,299	6,174
Total	34,408	250,472	213,554	261,818	93,405	26,115	10,498	8,316

Table 17 - PUP expenditure (€ million) per year, by age at time of payment and sex

Age group	2020		2021		2022		Total	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Under 20	122.9	113.0	83.4	76.7	2.4	1.7	208.8	191.4
20-24	416.6	432.0	316.5	353.8	10.0	12.7	743.0	798.5
25-29	275.4	328.1	195.5	265.7	8.0	12.9	478.9	606.7
30-34	272.8	305.0	202.6	249.1	9.5	12.4	484.9	566.5
35-39	286.3	327.5	218.5	264.6	10.7	14.1	515.4	606.2
40-44	255.8	303.7	195.5	253.9	10.2	14.8	461.6	572.4
45-49	223.3	274.2	166.6	221.2	8.6	13.5	398.4	508.9
50-54	191.8	242.4	146.2	198.8	7.9	12.9	345.8	454.1
55-59	155.1	212.0	122.6	174.2	7.0	11.4	284.7	397.6
60 and over	124.2	198.3	104.0	167.2	6.5	11.9	234.7	377.4
Total by sex	2,324.2	2,736.1	1,751.3	2,225.2	80.7	118.4	4,156.2	5,079.8
Overall total	5,060.3		3,976.5		199.2		9,236.0	

Table 18 - PUP expenditure (€ million), by year and PUP rate

PUP rate	2020	2021	2022	Total
€150	0	0.6	4.5	5.1
€203	381.5	537.6	0	919.1
€208	0	0	65.7	65.7
€250	206.7	626.5	84.4	917.6
€300	370.3	766.8	10.6	1,147.7
€350	4,101.8	2,045.0	34.0	6,180.8
Total	5,060.3	3,976.5	199.2	9,236.0

Table 19 - PUP rate as a proportion of mean earnings of the recipient, by quarter period

PUP rate	Mar-20	Jun-20	Sep-20	Dec-20	Mar-21	Jun-21	Sep-21	Dec-21	Mar-22
€150	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	156%	189%
€203	-	-	153%	166%	166%	169%	128%	71%	-
€208	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48%
€250	-	-	98%	101%	101%	101%	72%	50%	-
€300	-	-	63%	86%	86%	86%	54%	89%	-
€350	114%	117%	-	64%	64%	64%	-	65%	-

Appendix 1 – Other Publications

- The “Survey on Income and Living Conditions (SILC) 2021” was published by the Central Statistics Office on 6th May 2022. This release includes a chapter on the impact of COVID-19 income supports, including PUP, on poverty rates and income in the 2020 calendar year.

The full release is available at <https://www.cso.ie/en/releasesandpublications/ep/p-silc/surveyonincomeandlivingconditionssilc2021/>

- “Working Paper: Trends in Post-PUP Employment” was published by the Department of Social Protection in April 2022. The objective of this working paper was to highlight employment transitions PUP recipients who have closed their claim and returned to work. This analysis shows whether former PUP recipients returned to their former employer or changed employer. The paper gives breakdowns and comparisons of those shown to have returned to work post-PUP and also considers their interaction with the Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme (EWSS).

The full release is available at <https://www.gov.ie/en/organisation-information/0f390-social-protection-statistics/#covid-19-statistics>

- The “Statistical Information On Social Welfare Services Annual Report” provides annual information on supports, including PUP offered by the Department of Social Protection throughout the duration of the on the COVID-19 public health emergency.

The full release is available at <https://www.gov.ie/en/organisation-information/0f390-social-protection-statistics/#annual-statistical-report-on-social-welfare-services>

- The Department of Public Expenditure and Reform has published spending reviews of the Pandemic Unemployment Payment and the Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme, which also consider policy implications deriving from these insights which may inform responses to future crises.

These papers can be found at <https://www.gov.ie/en/policy-information/7dc2b1-spending-review/>

- “Impact of Selected COVID-19 Income Supports on Employees” is a frontier series output by the CSO providing earnings insights from real time administrative data sources.

The full series is available at <https://www.cso.ie/en/statistics/earnings/impactofselectedcovid-19incomesupportsonemployees/>

- Further publications, information and technical notes are available on the CSO COVID-19 Information Hub

The COVID-19 Information Hub is available here <https://www.cso.ie/en/releasesandpublications/ep/p-covid19/covid-19informationhub/labourmarket/>

Notes

Methodology and quality considerations

The expenditure details in this report are based on estimates. The finalised expenditure information can be viewed in the latest Appropriation Accounts for Vote 37¹, or the latest Annual Statistics Report². Note that the estimated expenditure figures in this report may not add up exactly due to rounding. In August 2020 funding of the Pandemic Unemployment Payment moved from Social Assistance (Vote 37) to the Social Insurance (SIF).

When comparing months, quarters or years, the comparison can sometimes be impacted by the number of pay days that fall in a particular period. This may account for skews in expenditure and/or recipient totals in certain periods.

The recipient totals were extracted from the Department's administrative systems and include people who were issued at least one PUP payment. The figures produced in this report are calculated with reference to the entitlement date of the PUP, and not the issued date of the PUP.

The recipient figures for the Pandemic Unemployment Payment quoted in the Annual Statistics reports are not directly comparable to the numbers shown in this publication. The Annual Statistics report counts only those awarded and in receipt of payment at a point in time (December 31st) to ensure comparability with a series of statistical reports dating back to 1983.

The age breakdowns provided for in this part of the report are determined by the date of birth recorded for each customer on the Department's administrative systems as March 29th 2022 unless otherwise stated.

Sectors are determined according to the EU's NACE statistical classifications of economic activities. See https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php?title=NACE_background. The sector breakdowns provided for in this report are based on the sector of the last known employer on the Department's administrative records and may not reflect the current sector of self-employed workers.

The county breakdowns provided for in this part of the report are determined by the Eircode or address recorded for each customer on the Department's administrative systems as of March 29th 2022. It should be noted that the recipient may have changed county location between the time of receiving the payment, and when their address information was extracted from the Department's administrative systems. Note also that in certain cases, it was not possible to determine the county from the address provided by the customer.

Glossary of Terms

Applicant: A person that applied to receive a PUP payment.

Claim period: A number of consecutive weeks in which a person was in receipt of PUP.

Online applications: An online application form submitted to the Department through www.mywelfare.ie.

Paper applications: A paper application form submitted to the Department.

1. Published by the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General at: <https://www.audit.gov.ie/en/find-report/publications/appropriation%20accounts/>
2. Available at: <https://www.gov.ie/dsp/statistics>
3. Available at: <https://data.gov.ie/pages/opendatatechnicalframework>