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

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subject to revision.**

**Analysis of Pandemic Unemployment Payments**

There are 342,505 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 172,923 are female and 169,582 are male.

**County Breakdown**

County	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 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 5 <sup>th</sup> May
Carlow	3,606	3,481	7,800
Cavan	4,659	4,540	9,700
Clare	7,362	7,255	14,600
Cork	34,529	33,062	61,900
Donegal	12,060	11,673	22,700
Dublin	111,588	108,292	174,200
Galway	19,158	18,214	32,300
Kerry	13,547	12,965	22,200
Kildare	15,033	14,444	26,100
Kilkenny	5,449	5,272	10,600
Laois	4,497	4,334	8,600
Leitrim	1,968	1,939	4,100
Limerick	13,475	12,832	22,300
Longford	2,228	2,119	4,500
Louth	10,443	9,968	17,300
Mayo	9,071	8,642	16,400
Meath	12,862	12,439	25,000
Monaghan	4,036	3,832	8,200
Offaly	4,263	4,133	8,900
Roscommon	3,363	3,274	7,100
Sligo	4,263	4,038	7,700
Tipperary	9,171	8,832	18,800
Waterford	8,009	7,623	14,100
Westmeath	6,368	6,022	11,700
Wexford	10,384	9,932	20,500
Wicklow	10,467	10,022	18,700
County not included	646	812	2,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>342,505</b>	<b>329,991</b>	<b>598,000</b>





## 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 (100,994) followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (55,516) and Other Sectors e.g. hairdressers and beauty salons (30,141).

### Sector Breakdown

Sector Breakdown	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 3 <sup>rd</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	4,105	3,911	8,600
Manufacturing	15,263	14,764	37,400
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	1,108	1,065	2,100
Construction	20,439	19,823	79,300
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	55,516	51,921	90,300
Transportation and storage	8,959	8,759	17,900
Accommodation and food service activities	100,994	98,233	128,500
Information and communication activities	7,449	7,288	11,800
Financial and insurance activities	7,030	6,815	12,500
Real Estate activities	5,348	5,160	8,100
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	13,095	12,745	24,800
Administrative and support service activities	28,664	27,714	45,800
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	5,307	5,174	14,400
Education	10,353	10,146	22,000
Human Health And Social Work activities	10,144	9,853	22,500
Arts, entertainment and recreation	11,781	11,376	14,200
Other Sectors (e.g. hairdressers and beauty salons)	30,141	28,799	39,200
Unclassified or unknown	6,809	6,445	18,600
<b>Total</b>	<b>342,505</b>	<b>329,991</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

	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 10 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Industrial Sector</b>				
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	1,604	737	712	1,052
Manufacturing	8,225	2,390	2,074	2,574
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	679	139	123	167
Construction	11,768	2,809	2,636	3,226
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	20,871	10,472	11,542	12,631
Transportation and storage	4,682	1,424	1,379	1,474
Accommodation and food service activities	38,468	19,115	19,496	23,915
Information and communication activities	3,653	1,008	1,207	1,581
Financial and insurance activities	3,249	966	1,172	1,643
Real Estate activities	2,277	925	931	1,215
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	6,799	1,955	1,831	2,510
Administrative and support service activities	13,626	4,501	4,678	5,859
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	2,000	726	954	1,627
Education	3,738	1,589	2,056	2,970
Human Health And Social Work activities	3,689	1,624	2,138	2,693
Arts, entertainment and recreation	4,235	1,796	2,270	3,480
Other Sectors	10,760	6,376	6,007	6,998
Unclassified or unknown	1,182	672	1,106	3,849
<b>Total</b>	<b>141,505</b>	<b>59,224</b>	<b>62,312</b>	<b>79,464</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 10th November	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 3rd November
< 25	86,944	83,500
25-34	78,337	75,646
35-44	74,227	71,489
45-54	58,820	56,723
55+	44,177	42,633
<b>Total</b>	<b>342,505</b>	<b>329,991</b>

## Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 10 <sup>th</sup> November
Male	84,327	27,193	25,805	32,257
Female	57,178	32,031	36,507	47,207
<b>Total</b>	<b>141,505</b>	<b>59,224</b>	<b>62,312</b>	<b>79,464</b>

## Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 10 <sup>th</sup> November
< 25	15,911	16,299	23,112	31,622
25-34	39,342	15,513	11,593	11,889
35-44	38,319	11,754	10,843	13,311
45-54	28,864	9,029	9,116	11,811
55+	19,069	6,629	7,648	10,831
<b>Total</b>	<b>141,505</b>	<b>59,224</b>	<b>62,312</b>	<b>79,464</b>

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

Around 2,319 people who have closed their account for return to work since 1<sup>st</sup> November will receive a Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 10<sup>th</sup> November. Of these 1,291 are male and 1,028 are female.

County	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	Number of people who closed their PUP payment from 27 <sup>th</sup> October to return to work
Carlow	25	31	22
Cavan	57	49	33
Clare	51	52	29
Cork	288	273	212
Donegal	75	73	60
Dublin	675	761	569
Galway	154	141	92
Kerry	79	74	49
Kildare	108	128	74
Kilkenny	27	24	35
Laois	26	42	21
Leitrim	12	11	11
Limerick	81	81	88
Longford	15	22	19
Louth	76	68	59
Mayo	47	55	33
Meath	80	111	53
Monaghan	32	37	28
Offaly	40	37	34
Roscommon	16	32	18
Sligo	22	25	26
Tipperary	71	76	59
Waterford	51	55	40
Westmeath	44	45	47
Wexford	68	81	32
Wicklow	92	64	41
County not included	7	12	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,319</b>	<b>2,460</b>	<b>1,787</b>

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

The top three sectors from which employees closed their Pandemic Unemployment Payment in the week ending 10<sup>th</sup> November to return to work are Accommodation and Food Service Activities (405), Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles (359) and Manufacturing (242).

### **Sector Breakdown**

<b>Industrial Sector</b>	<b>Number of people who closed their PUP payment from 10<sup>th</sup> November to return to work</b>	<b>Number of people who closed their PUP payment from 3<sup>rd</sup> November to return to work</b>
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	26	25
Manufacturing	242	234
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	10	4
Construction	239	279
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	359	362
Transportation and storage	101	91
Accommodation and food service activities	405	491
Information and communication activities	69	75
Financial and insurance activities	47	41
Real Estate activities	28	27
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	123	143
Administrative and support service activities	206	276
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	68	45
Education	121	93
Human Health And Social Work activities	140	124
Arts, entertainment and recreation	57	42
Other Sectors	63	82
Unclassified or unknown	15	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,319</b>	<b>2,460</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 10<sup>th</sup> November to return to work</b>	<b>Number of people who closed their PUP payment from 3<sup>rd</sup> November to return to work</b>
< 25	458	513
25-34	620	649
35-44	534	603
45-54	419	440
55+	288	255
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,319</b>	<b>2,460</b>

## Analysis of COVID-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date, 84,803 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 46,667 are female and 38,136 are male.

Some 3,032 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 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	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 27 <sup>th</sup> October
Carlow	1,182	1,144	1,108
Cavan	2,228	2,139	2,054
Clare	1,544	1,479	1,417
Cork	9,220	8,885	8,530
Donegal	2,437	2,315	2,205
Dublin	23,495	22,906	22,352
Galway	5,197	4,987	4,784
Kerry	2,002	1,929	1,857
Kildare	4,173	4,052	3,964
Kilkenny	1,713	1,669	1,622
Laois	1,416	1,375	1,336
Leitrim	379	365	351
Limerick	2,883	2,786	2,688
Longford	697	674	652
Louth	2,465	2,360	2,282
Mayo	1,928	1,860	1,783
Meath	3,386	3,252	3,092
Monaghan	1,573	1,525	1,466
Offaly	1,349	1,311	1,280
Roscommon	1,217	1,190	1,153
Sligo	795	760	715
Tipperary	3,072	2,953	2,864
Waterford	2,982	2,865	2,791
Westmeath	1,540	1,489	1,413
Wexford	2,907	2,812	2,684
Wicklow	2,527	2,467	2,400
Other (NI & Foreign Address)	496	450	413
<b>Total</b>	<b>84,803</b>	<b>81,999</b>	<b>79,256</b>

## 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 (18,178) and Human Health and Social Work (15,772), followed by Manufacturing (11,707).

Sector Breakdown	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	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 27 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Industrial Sector</b>			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	819	787	752
Manufacturing	11,707	11,301	10,941
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	424	405	392
Construction	3,785	3,616	3,443
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	18,178	17,551	16,934
Transportation and storage	3,093	2,983	2,877
Accommodation and food service activities	5,177	4,942	4,697
Information and communication activities	1,384	1,348	1,308
Financial and insurance activities	3,085	3,011	2,942
Real Estate activities	679	661	635
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	2,651	2,572	2,486
Administrative and support service activities	7,528	7,329	7,138
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	3,412	3,296	3,191
Education	2,221	2,117	2,012
Human Health And Social Work activities	15,772	15,397	15,034
Arts, entertainment and recreation	825	780	733
Other Sectors	2,921	2,834	2,751
Unclassified or unknown	1,142	1,069	990
<b>Total</b>	<b>84,803</b>	<b>81,999</b>	<b>79,256</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 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	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 27 <sup>th</sup> October
< 25	12,648	12,060	11,363
25-34	20,976	20,282	19,639
35-44	23,392	22,717	22,059
45-54	16,893	16,366	15,882
55+	10,894	10,574	10,313
<b>Total</b>	<b>84,803</b>	<b>81,999</b>	<b>79,256</b>