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Update on Payments Awarded for Covid-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment and Enhanced Illness Benefit

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Appendix 1 - Analysis of Pandemic Unemployment Payments

There are 468,847 people in receipt a Pandemic Unemployment Payment of which 211,106 are female and 257,741 are male.

County Breakdown

County	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 2nd March	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 23rd February	Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 5th May 2020
Carlow	4,811	4,871	7,800
Cavan	6,846	6,960	9,700
Clare	11,185	11,202	14,600
Cork	47,535	48,101	61,900
Donegal	16,050	16,178	22,700
Dublin	147,241	148,028	174,200
Galway	25,082	25,304	32,300
Kerry	18,064	18,243	22,200
Kildare	20,864	21,057	26,100
Kilkenny	8,662	8,736	10,600
Laois	7,125	7,194	8,600
Leitrim	2,916	2,949	4,100
Limerick	16,433	16,602	22,300
Longford	3,191	3,197	4,500
Louth	12,972	13,304	17,300
Mayo	12,693	12,844	16,400
Meath	19,921	19,998	25,000
Monaghan	6,272	6,458	8,200
Offaly	6,524	6,592	8,900
Roscommon	5,463	5,559	7,100
Sligo	5,834	5,891	7,700
Tipperary	12,743	12,867	18,800
Waterford	10,399	10,503	14,100
Westmeath	8,143	8,221	11,700
Wexford	15,053	15,486	20,500
Wicklow	14,173	14,359	18,700
County not included	2,652	2,709	2,000
Total	468,847	473,413	598,000

Appendix 2 – Pandemic Unemployment Payments - Sector Breakdown

The sector with the highest number of people in receipt of the Pandemic Unemployment Payment is Accommodation and Food Service Activities (110,216) followed by Wholesale and Retail Trade (74,589) and Construction (59,867).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 2nd March	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 23rd February	Number of people in receipt of a Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 5th May 2020
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	6,770	6,918	8,600
Manufacturing	25,862	26,618	37,400
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	1,657	1,631	2,100
Construction	59,867	61,077	79,300
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	74,589	75,196	90,300
Transportation and storage	13,154	13,350	17,900
Accommodation and food service activities	110,216	110,697	128,500
Information and communication activities	8,446	8,513	11,800
Financial and insurance activities	8,675	8,731	12,500
Real Estate activities	6,275	6,320	8,100
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	16,374	16,558	24,800
Administrative and support service activities	40,923	41,210	45,800
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	7,713	7,824	14,400
Education	14,613	14,662	22,000
Human Health And Social Work activities	14,179	14,488	22,500
Arts, entertainment and recreation	12,984	13,005	14,200
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	35,510	35,618	39,200
Unclassified or unknown	11,040	10,997	18,600
Total	468,847	473,413	598,000

Appendix 3 – Pandemic Unemployment Payment - Age Profile

Age category	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 2 nd March	Number of people in receipt of Pandemic Unemployment Payment on 23 rd February
< 25	111,111	111,938
25-34	103,627	104,802
35-44	107,116	108,236
45-54	83,864	84,808
55+	63,129	63,629
Total	468,847	473,413

Appendix 4 – Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by gender

Gender	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 2 nd March	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 2 nd March	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 2 nd March	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 2 nd March
Male	151,613	37,805	32,382	35,941
Female	78,922	41,471	43,870	46,843
Total	230,535	79,276	76,252	82,784

Appendix 5 – Pandemic Unemployment Payment Rates breakdown by age

Age category	Number of people in receipt of €350 on 2 nd March	Number of people in receipt of €300 on 2 nd March	Number of people in receipt of €250 on 2 nd March	Number of people in receipt of €203 on 2 nd March
< 25	29,281	25,197	29,168	27,465
25-34	60,115	18,140	12,812	12,560
35-44	63,358	14,969	13,153	15,636
45-54	46,612	11,797	11,382	14,073
55+	31,169	9,173	9,737	13,050
Total	230,535	79,276	76,252	82,784

Appendix 6 – Analysis of Closed PUP payments to return to Work

Around 9,078 people have closed their account to return to work since 19th February. Of these 6,286 are male and 2,792 are female.

County Breakdown

County	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 2 nd March	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 23 rd February	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 16 th February
Carlow	138	131	147
Cavan	209	199	229
Clare	198	238	248
Cork	992	1,060	1,047
Donegal	299	313	351
Dublin	2,372	2,378	2,526
Galway	450	510	493
Kerry	260	324	281
Kildare	493	429	510
Kilkenny	160	203	244
Laois	160	196	221
Leitrim	61	47	62
Limerick	325	363	404
Longford	77	66	88
Louth	263	303	351
Mayo	252	268	307
Meath	444	476	480
Monaghan	156	230	259
Offaly	172	198	183
Roscommon	112	130	130
Sligo	104	105	114
Tipperary	240	315	319
Waterford	194	212	229
Westmeath	191	144	204
Wexford	415	619	430
Wicklow	245	317	261
County not included	96	88	83
Total	9,078	9,862	10,201

Appendix 7 – Closed Pandemic Unemployment Payments - Sector Breakdown

The top three sectors from which employees closed their Pandemic Unemployment Payment to return to work are Construction (2,078), Wholesale and Retail Trade (1,295), and Manufacturing (1,015).

	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 2 nd March	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 23 rd February	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 16 th February
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	192	211	207
Manufacturing	1,015	1,388	1,308
Electricity, gas supply; Water supply, sewerage and waste management	56	46	40
Construction	2,078	2,369	2,167
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	1,295	1,461	1,785
Transportation and storage	528	374	317
Accommodation and food service activities	870	1,050	1,148
Information and communication activities	151	172	131
Financial and insurance activities	146	107	122
Real Estate activities	84	69	74
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	344	391	428
Administrative and support service activities	887	875	922
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	272	192	191
Education	293	190	215
Human Health And Social Work activities	469	554	709
Arts, entertainment and recreation	78	112	101
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	229	229	256
Unclassified or unknown	91	72	80
Total	9,078	9,862	10,201

Appendix 8 – Closed Pandemic Unemployment Payments – Age Profile

Age category	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 2nd March	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 23rd February	Number of people who closed their PUP payment to return to work in week up to 16th February
< 25	1,603	1,849	2,053
25-34	2,194	2,438	2,535
35-44	2,288	2,514	2,666
45-54	1,769	1,898	1,938
55+	1,224	1,163	1,009
Total	9,078	9,862	10,201

Appendix 9 - Analysis of Covid-19 Enhanced Illness Benefit

To date, 138,456 people have been medically certified for receipt of a Covid-19 related Illness Benefit payment, of whom 74,725 are female and 63,731 are male.

Some 2,846 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 2 nd March	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 23 rd February	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 16 th February
Carlow	1,967	1,944	1,881
Cavan	3,382	3,339	3,297
Clare	2,822	2,767	2,732
Cork	14,937	14,733	14,481
Donegal	4,159	4,106	4,054
Dublin	38,057	37,397	36,541
Galway	8,136	7,981	7,833
Kerry	3,189	3,156	3,102
Kildare	6,016	5,910	5,795
Kilkenny	3,114	3,051	3,046
Laois	2,428	2,363	2,341
Leitrim	591	588	579
Limerick	5,312	5,228	5,133
Longford	1,128	1,113	1,078
Louth	4,275	4,187	4,073
Mayo	3,629	3,563	3,484
Meath	5,709	5,575	5,453
Monaghan	2,990	2,925	2,859
Offaly	2,107	2,043	2,019
Roscommon	1,765	1,746	1,722
Sligo	1,443	1,423	1,391
Tipperary	4,657	4,603	4,504
Waterford	4,775	4,716	4,609
Westmeath	2,146	2,120	2,057
Wexford	5,152	5,111	4,999
Wicklow	3,570	3,522	3,470
Other (NI & Foreign Address)	1,000	1,073	952
Total	138,456	136,283	133,485

Appendix 10 – 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 (30,309) and Human Health and Social Work (25,609), followed by Manufacturing (18,944).

Sector Breakdown	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 2nd March	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 23rd February	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 16th February
Industrial Sector			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Mining and Quarrying	1,759	1,715	1,648
Manufacturing	18,944	18,665	18,289
Electricity, gas, steam supply; Water supply; Sewerage, waste management	756	740	722
Construction	6,929	6,809	6,659
Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and motorcycles	30,309	29,861	29,282
Transportation and storage	5,414	5,322	5,198
Accommodation and food service activities	7,934	7,847	7,718
Information and communication activities	2,393	2,358	2,297
Financial and insurance activities	5,086	5,009	4,900
Real Estate activities	1,086	1,071	1,039
Professional, Scientific and Technical activities	4,816	4,722	4,584
Administrative and support service activities	11,884	11,648	11,382
Public Administration And Defence; Compulsory Social Security	5,452	5,381	5,280
Education	3,837	3,785	3,735
Human Health And Social Work activities	25,609	25,166	24,639
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,166	1,163	1,154
Other Sectors e.g. hairdressing and beauty salons	4,240	4,195	4,137
Unclassified or unknown	842	826	822
Total	138,456	136,283	133,485

Appendix 11 – Enhanced Illness Benefit - Age Profile

Age category	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 2nd March	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 23rd February	Number of people who have been medically certified for receipt of Enhanced Illness Benefit to 16th February
< 25	22,555	22,234	21,779
25-34	35,142	34,562	33,843
35-44	35,985	35,451	34,743
45-54	27,188	26,764	26,183
55+	17,586	17,272	16,937
Total	138,456	136,283	133,485