COVID-19 Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme

Preliminary Statistics

(as at 11 June 2020)

These statistics are provisional and will be revised



Overview

The COVID-19 Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme (TWSS) is available to employers who keep employees on payroll throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, meaning employers can retain links with their employees for when business picks up after the crisis.

The TWSS is operated by Revenue through the payroll system. In the initial phase from 26 March, eligible employers were reimbursed a maximum subsidy of €410 in respect of each eligible employee, regardless of the employee's income. From 5 May onwards, TWSS is based on each eligible employee's average net weekly pay for January and February 2020, calculated from the payroll submissions made (to Revenue) by the employer for that period.

There are now over 60,000 employers registered with Revenue for the TWSS. **Over 54,000** employers have already received subsidy payments under TWSS.

Over 527,300 employees have received a subsidy since the start of the Scheme, 264,200 employees received a subsidy in the last week and an estimated **400,000 employees are currently being** supported by the Scheme having received a subsidy in their most recent pay period.

On 11 June, Revenue has generated further subsidy payments under the scheme worth over €26 million. These payments will be in the bank accounts of the majority of the respective employers by the next banking day. The cumulative value of payments made under the Scheme is now €1,485 million. This includes €136 million in Income Tax paid that has been refunded over the same time.

The tables on the following pages present statistics on employers and employees. These are initial and preliminary information on employers and employees in receipt of subsidy payments made under the TWSS from March 2020 onwards, as well as movements into and out of TWSS. The Central Statistics Office are publishing information on TWSS recipients by age, gender and sector.¹

Further information on the operation of TWSS is available on www.revenue.ie. Queries of a statistical nature in relation to TWSS can be sent to statistics@revenue.ie.



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Table 1: Employee Flows Into and Out of TWSS by Week

	Week to 27 March		Week to 10 April	Week to 17 April	Week to 24 April	Week to 1 May	Week to 8 May	Week to 15 May
First-time recipients	48,900	115,200	93,000	43,300	67,900	85,000	14,400	11,800
Employees receiving subsidy in week	48,900	148,700	208,600	235,200	284,600	326,500	251,400	247,500
TWSS outflows	7,600	10,300	6,600	8,100	12,000	20,300	11,600	12,100
	Week to 22 May	Week to 29 May						
First-time recipients	16,300	25,500	12,400					
Employees receiving subsidy in week	268,000	333,300	264,200					
TWSS outflows	17,000	22,900	n/a					

The number of employees in receipt of a TWSS refund in a given week depends on their pay frequency.



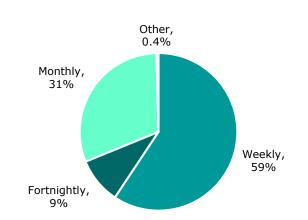
Table 2: Exchequer Cost of the TWSS

The Exchequer cost of TWSS (Table 2A) in any given week is a factor of the number of employees on the Scheme (Table 1), their duration on the Scheme (Table 2C), the instance of pay frequencies that fall within the week (Table 2B) and the amounts of subsidy being paid (Table 6).

2A: Exchequer Cost of TWSS by Week

Date	Cumulative Cost € million	Weekly Cost € million
To 9 April	155	155
Week to 17 April	300	145
Week to 23 April	430	130
Week to 30 April	712	282
Week to 7 May	838	126
Week to 14 May	936	98
Week to 21 May	1,048	112
Week to 28 May	1,244	196
Week to 4 June	1,370	126
Week to 11 June	1,485	115

2B: Pay Frequencies of TWSS Employees

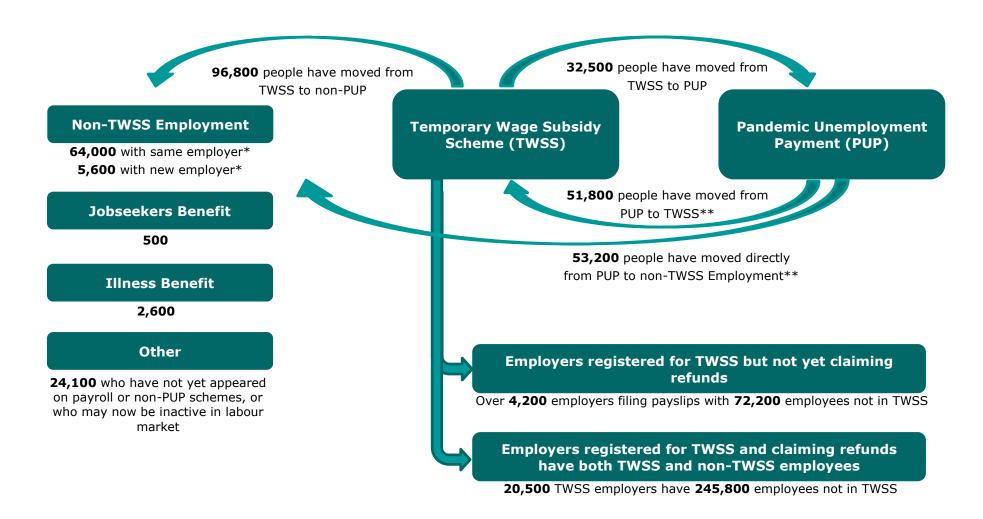


2C: Employee Duration on TWSS

Number of Weeks in TWSS	Share of Current TWSS Employees	
12	7%	
11	21%	
10	16%	
9	7%	
8	14%	
7	17%	
6	3%	
5	2%	
4	3%	
3	6%	
2	3%	
1	1%	
All Employees	100%	



Table 3: Movement between Schemes and to Employment



^{*}Sectoral detail provided in Table 4; **Sectoral detail provided in Table 5.



Table 4: Number of Employees ('000s) Moving from TWSS to Non-TWSS Employment

Remain with Same Employer

Hired by New Employer

Sector	Cumulative	Since 18 May (Phase 1 Reopening)	Cumulative	Since 18 May (Phase 1 Reopening)
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	0.9	0.4	0.1	0.1
Mining & quarrying	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.0
Manufacturing	16.3	8.3	0.4	0.1
Construction	12.4	9.3	0.3	0.1
Wholesale & retail	12.8	5.6	0.7	0.2
Transportation & storage	8.0	2.0	0.2	0.1
Accommodation & food services	2.0	0.7	0.2	0.0
Information & communication	1.8	0.1	0.2	0.0
Financial & insurance	0.6	0.1	0.8	0.3
Real estate	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.0
Professional, scientific & technical	2.5	0.8	0.3	0.1
Administrative & support services	3.0	1.5	0.5	0.1
Public administration & defence	0.1	0.0	0.7	0.2
Education	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.1
Health & social work	1.0	0.3	0.6	0.1
All other activities	1.5	0.7	0.3	0.1
All Sectors	64.0	30.1	5.6	1.7



Table 5: Number of Employees ('000s) Moving from PUP to TWSS Employment ("Rehires") and from PUP to Non-TWSS Employment ("New Hires")

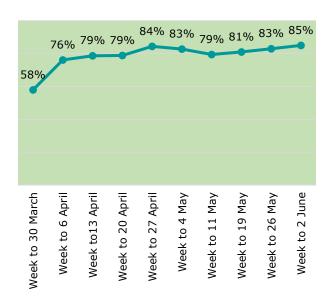
Rehires New Hires

Sector	Cumulative	Since 18 May (Phase 1 Reopening)	Cumulative	Since 18 May (Phase 1 Reopening)
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	0.3	0.1	0.9	0.5
Mining & quarrying	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.2
Manufacturing	5.8	2.6	7.3	3.7
Construction	7.9	5.9	14.3	11.5
Wholesale & retail	12.3	5.2	8.5	4.1
Transportation & storage	1.7	0.4	1.6	0.8
Accommodation & food services	8.5	2.0	3.2	1.1
Information & communication	0.5	0.1	0.7	0.2
Financial & insurance	0.2	0.0	0.8	0.3
Real estate	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.2
Professional, scientific & technical	2.1	0.6	2.2	1.1
Administrative & support services	2.7	1.1	5.7	3.0
Public administration & defence	0.1	0.0	0.9	0.3
Education	2.0	0.1	1.3	0.4
Health & social work	5.1	0.6	3.3	1.3
All other activities	2.0	0.5	1.9	1.0
All Sectors	51.8	19.4	53.2	29.7



Table 6: Additional Pay by TWSS Employers, Subsidy Amounts and Tapering

Share of TWSS Employees Being Paid Wages from Employers in Addition to the Subsidy



Top Up Amount*	Share of Employees
€1 - €100	51.9%
€101 - €200	27.3%
€201 - €300	10.0%
€300+	11.3%
All Top Ups	100%

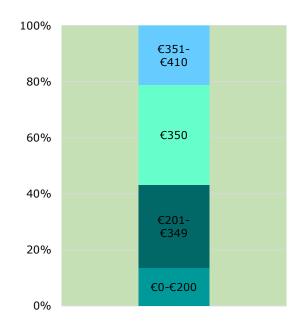
^{*}Weekly paid employees in most recent week.

Distribution of TWSS Subsidy Amounts to Employees*

Weekly Subsidy Amount	Share of Employees
€0 - €200	13.6%
€201 - €349	29.6%
€350	35.7%
€351 - €410	21.2%

100%

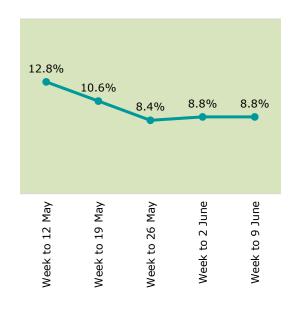
All Refunds



^{*}In Operational Phase (from 5 May onwards).

Share of Employees where TWSS Subsidy is Tapered*

Subject to certain rules, tapering of the TWSS subsidy applies where the gross pay paid by the employer plus the subsidy amount exceeds the previous average net weekly pay. This ensures that no employee would be better off under the Scheme.



^{*}In Operational Phase (from 5 May onwards).



Table 7: Employers in TWSS

Sector	Number of Employers in TWSS	TWSS Employers as % of All Employers*
Accommodation & food services	4,300	35%
Activities of households as employers	<100	6%
Administrative & support services	2,600	40%
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	1,000	7%
Arts, entertainment & recreation	1,400	47%
Construction	9,000	40%
Education	1,800	33%
Utilities	300	35%
Financial & insurance	800	15%
Human health & social work	3,800	43%
IT & other information services	1,200	19%
Manufacturing	4,300	49%
Professional & technical services	7,500	34%
Public administration & defence	400	14%
Real estate	1,100	27%
Transportation & storage	2,200	39%
Wholesale & retail trade	10,600	44%
Other services	1,700	21%
All Sectors	54,000	34%

^{*}Calculated against the total number of employers registered with Revenue and active in January/February 2020, excluding public sector and pension providers.

Share of TWSS Employers Receiving Refunds

