## **COVID-19 Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme**

## **Preliminary Statistics**

(as at 14 May 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 and is expected to last 12 weeks from 26 March 2020. 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.

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#### To 14 May:

- There are over 53,900 employers registered with Revenue for the TWSS.
- Over **47,300 employers** have already received subsidy payments under TWSS.
- Over **464,400 employees** have already received at least one payment under TWSS.

On 14 May, Revenue has generated further subsidy payments under the scheme worth over €28 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 €936 million. This includes €86 million in Income Tax paid that has been refunded over the same time.

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The tables on the following pages present statistics on employers and employees. Included is information on employment trends in January and February 2020. For an employee to be eligible for TWSS, they must have been on the employer's payroll in these months. Also shown are initial and preliminary information on employers and employees in receipt of subsidy payments made to date under the TWSS from March 2020 onwards.

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



Table 1: Employee Flows Into and Out of TWSS – Weekly Summary

First-time TWSS Recipients	Week to March 24th <b>11,500</b>	Week to March 31st <b>60,300</b>	Week to April 7th 106,400	Week to April 14th <b>84,100</b>	Week to April 21st <b>47,600</b>	Week to April 28th <b>87,000</b>	Week to May 5th <b>56,400</b>	
Employees receiving subsidy in each week	Week to March 24th 11,500	Week to March 31st <b>68,100</b>	Week to April 7th <b>149,100</b>	Week to April 14th <b>210,100</b>	Week to April 21st <b>243,100</b>	Week to April 28th <b>304,900</b>	Week to May 5th <b>296,300</b>	
TWSS Outflows	Week to March 24th <b>2,500</b>	Week to March 31st <b>9,700</b>	Week to April 7th 11,500	Week to April 14th <b>7,000</b>	Week to April 21st <b>9,600</b>	Week to April 28th 13,200	Week to May 5th <b>n/a</b>	



Table 2: Employee Flows Into and Out of TWSS - Overall

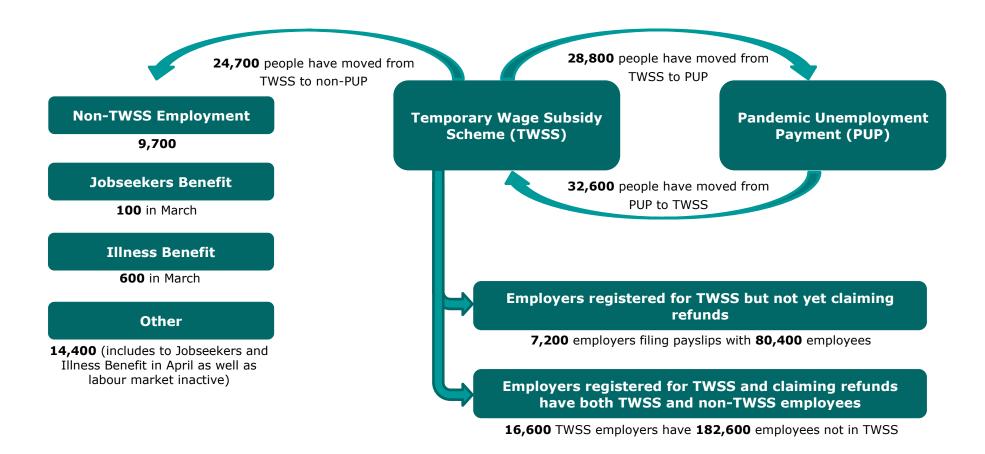




Table 3: Employment, Pay and Tax/PRSI

#### **All Employees**

Month	Number of Employees	Gross Pay	Average Gross Pay	Income Tax Paid	USC Paid	Employee PRSI	Employer PRSI	Number of Employers
January	1.90m	€6,187m	€3,249	€1,077m	€211m	€220m	€595m	153,700
February	1.88m	€5,889m	€3,136	€1,073m	€209m	€212m	€563m	150,400
March	1.87m	€6,463m	€3,460	€1,272m	€252m	€233m	€608m	148,700
April*	1.60m	€4,715m	€2,942	€836m	€168m	€165m	€421m	118,200

#### **Employees Currently in TWSS Only**

Month	Number of Employees	Gross Pay	Average Gross Pay	Income Tax Paid	USC Paid	Employee PRSI	Employer PRSI	Number of Employers
January	0.45m	€1,260m	€2,819	€157m	€32m	€45m	€123m	55,200
February	0.45m	€1,139m	€2,536	€143m	€29m	€41m	€111m	53,500
March	0.45m	€1,118m	€2,481	€136m	€27m	€39m	€107m	53,100
April*	0.45m	€462m	€1,030	€-31m	€1m	€7m	€19m	51,200

\*Preliminary data, based on April payslips submitted by 12 May.

Employments in the public sector and for persons in receipt of occupational pensions are excluded.



**Table 4: Pay Frequencies** 

**All Employees** 

#### **Employees Currently in TWSS Only**

	Janı	Jary	Febr	uary	Ма	rch	Ар	ril*	Ma	irch	Ар	ril*
Pay Frequency	Share of Employees	Share of Gross Pay										
Weekly	49.6%	34.6%	49.2%	30.7%	50.0%	28.2%	46.3%	24.4%	58.5%	53.3%	58.4%	56.1%
Monthly	39.2%	55.1%	39.3%	59.7%	38.8%	62.6%	41.9%	64.3%	30.5%	37.3%	30.5%	31.8%
Fortnightly	9.5%	8.7%	9.5%	7.9%	9.3%	7.8%	10.0%	9.2%	10.0%	8.6%	9.9%	10.7%
Four Weekly	1.3%	1.0%	1.3%	1.1%	1.2%	0.9%	1.3%	1.7%	0.9%	0.6%	1.1%	1.2%
Other	0.5%	0.6%	0.8%	0.5%	0.8%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%
All Frequencies	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

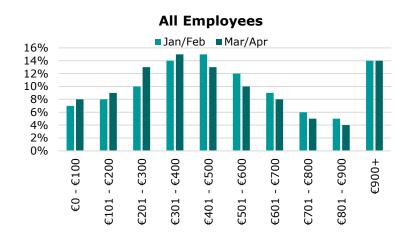
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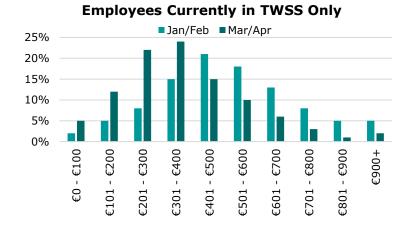
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Table 5: Income Distribution of Employees by Average Weekly Net Pay Range

	All Emp	oloyees	<b>Employees Currently in TWSS</b>		
Average Weekly Net Pay	January/ February	March/ April	January/ February	March/ April	
€0 - €100	7%	8%	2%	5%	
€101 - €200	8%	9%	5%	12%	
€201 - €300	10%	13%	8%	22%	
€301 - €400	14%	15%	15%	24%	
€401 - €500	15%	13%	21%	15%	
€501 - €600	12%	10%	18%	10%	
€601 - €700	9%	8%	13%	6%	
€701 - €800	6%	5%	8%	3%	
€801 - €900	5%	4%	5%	1%	
€900+	14%	14%	5%	2%	
€0 - €412	40%	48%	33%	64%	
€413 - €500	13%	12%	18%	13%	
€501 - €586	11%	9%	16%	9%	
€586+	36%	32%	33%	14%	
All Pay Ranges	100%	100%	100%	100%	





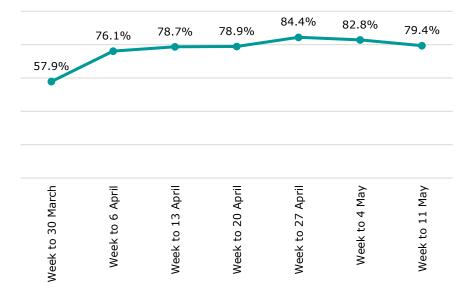
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**Table 6: Sectoral Analysis of Employer Top Ups for TWSS Employees** 

Sector of Employer	TWSS Employees without Top Up	TWSS Employees with Top Up*
Accommodation & food services	31.9%	68.1%
Activities of households as employers	17.6%	82.4%
Administrative & support services	15.1%	84.9%
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	6.8%	93.2%
Arts, entertainment & recreation	15.0%	85.0%
Construction	19.5%	80.5%
Education	8.0%	92.0%
Utilities	4.1%	95.9%
Financial & insurance	6.5%	93.5%
Human health & social work	22.4%	77.6%
IT & other information services	12.3%	87.7%
Manufacturing	7.6%	92.4%
Professional & technical services	14.0%	86.0%
Public administration & defence	10.8%	89.2%
Real estate	23.5%	76.5%
Transportation & storage	6.7%	93.3%
Wholesale & retail trade	10.6%	89.4%
Other services	23.1%	76.9%
All Sectors	14%	86%

#### **Share of Employees with Top Up**





<sup>\*</sup>Analysis based on gross pay as reported by employers, for weekly-paid employees in receipt of at least one top up.

**Table 7: Distribution of TWSS Refund Amounts\*** 

# Initial Phase (26 March to 5 May)

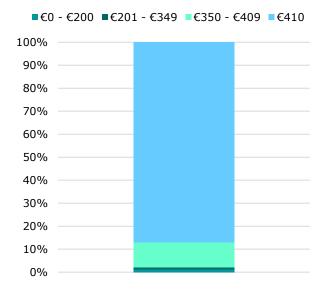
# Weekly Refund Amount Share of Refunds €0 - €200 1.2% €201 - €349 0.9% €350 - €409 10.8% €410 87.1%

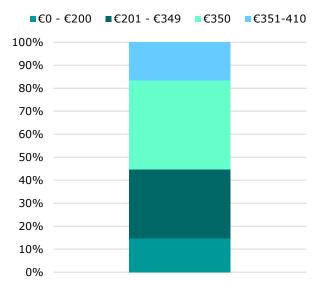
100%

**All Refunds** 

# Operational Phase (5 May Onwards)

Weekly Refund Amount	Share of Refunds
€0 - €200	14.7%
€201 - €349	30.0%
€350	38.7%
€351-410	16.6%
All Refunds	100%





<sup>\*</sup>Adjusted to reflect weekly equivalent amounts for employees on non-weekly pay frequencies.



**Table 8: Distribution of TWSS Employers and Employees by Revenue Division** 

Revenue Division	Share of Employers	Share of Employees
Large Cases	0.7%	14.6%
Medium Enterprises	12.8%	41.8%
Business	80.5%	39.0%
Personal	6.0%	4.6%
All Divisions	100%	100%

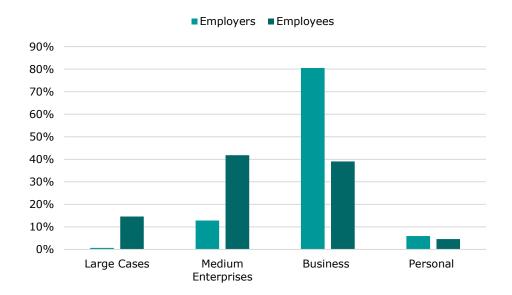
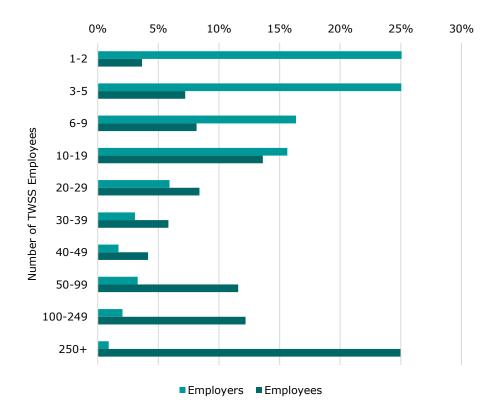




Table 9: Distribution of TWSS Employers by Number of TWSS Employees\*

Number of TWSS Employees	Share of Employers	Share of Employees
1-2	25.1%	3.6%
3-5	25.0%	7.2%
6-9	16.4%	8.2%
10-19	15.6%	13.6%
20-29	5.9%	8.4%
30-39	3.1%	5.8%
40-49	1.7%	4.2%
50-99	3.3%	11.6%
100-249	2.0%	12.2%
250+	0.9%	25.0%
All Employers	100%	100%



<sup>\*</sup>Based on the number of employees being paid through TWSS by the employer.



Table 10: Distribution of TWSS Employers by Number of All Employees

Number of Employees	Employees in TWSS	Employees Not in TWSS	All Employees
1-2	100%	0%	100%
3-9	92%	8%	100%
10-49	81%	19%	100%
50-249	66%	34%	100%
250+	54%	46%	100%
All Employers	71%	29%	100%

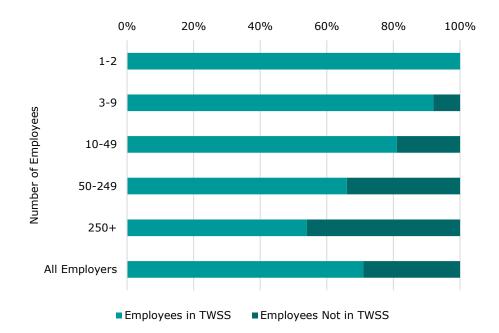




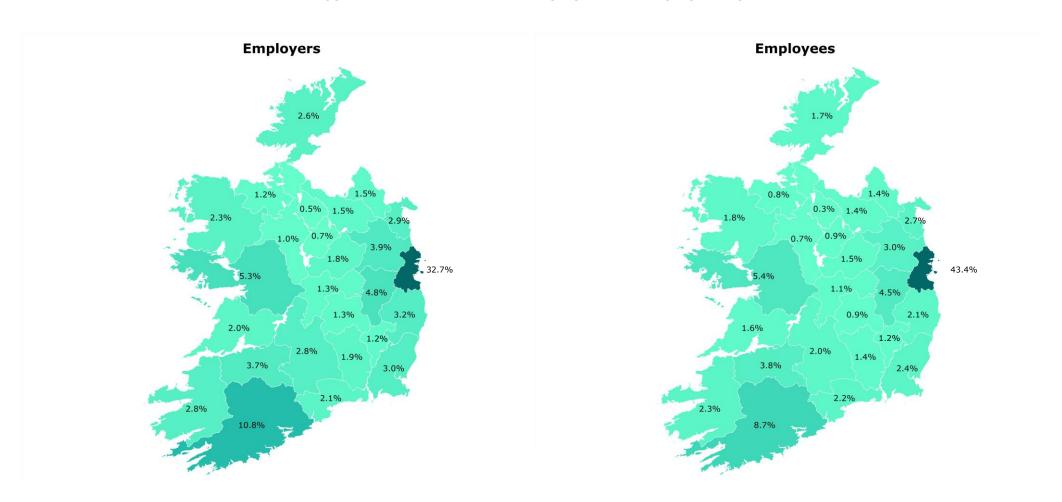
Table 11: Distribution of TWSS Employers and Employees by Location\*

Location of Employer	Share of Employers	Share of Employees
Carlow	1.2%	1.2%
Cavan	1.5%	1.4%
Clare	2.0%	1.6%
Cork City	2.7%	2.6%
Cork County	8.2%	6.1%
Donegal	2.6%	1.7%
Dublin City	17.2%	24.9%
Dublin County	15.5%	18.5%
Galway	5.3%	5.4%
Kerry	2.8%	2.3%
Kildare	4.8%	4.5%
Kilkenny	1.9%	1.4%
Laois	1.3%	0.9%
Leitrim	0.5%	0.3%
Limerick	3.7%	3.8%
Longford	0.7%	0.9%
Louth	2.9%	2.7%
Mayo	2.3%	1.8%
Meath	3.9%	3.0%
Monaghan	1.5%	1.4%
Offaly	1.3%	1.1%
Roscommon	1.0%	0.7%
Sligo	1.2%	0.8%
Tipperary	2.8%	2.0%
Waterford	2.1%	2.2%
Westmeath	1.8%	1.5%
Wexford	3.0%	2.4%
Wicklow	3.2%	2.1%
All Locations	100%	100%

<sup>\*</sup>Based on the main location of the employer.



Table 12: Mapped Distribution of TWSS Employers and Employees by Location\*

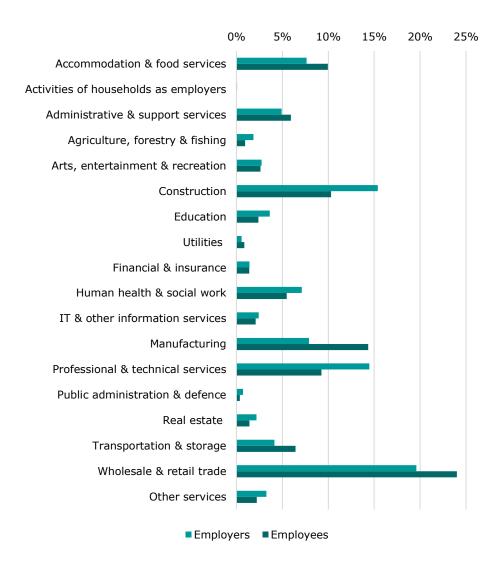


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Table 13: Distribution of TWSS Employers and Employees by Economic Sector\*

Sector of Employer	Share of Employers	Share of Employees
Accommodation & food services	7.6%	10.0%
Activities of households as employers	0.1%	0.0%
Administrative & support services	4.9%	5.9%
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	1.8%	0.9%
Arts, entertainment & recreation	2.7%	2.6%
Construction	15.4%	10.3%
Education	3.6%	2.4%
Utilities	0.6%	0.9%
Financial & insurance	1.4%	1.4%
Human health & social work	7.1%	5.5%
IT & other information services	2.4%	2.1%
Manufacturing	7.9%	14.3%
Professional & technical services	14.5%	9.3%
Public administration & defence	0.7%	0.4%
Real estate	2.2%	1.4%
Transportation & storage	4.1%	6.4%
Wholesale & retail trade	19.6%	24.0%
Other services	3.3%	2.2%
All Sectors	100%	100%

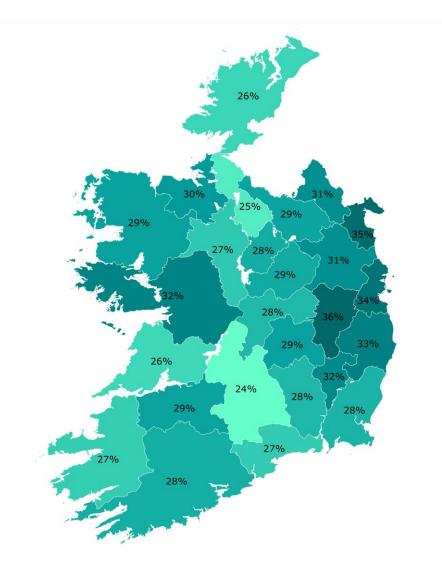


<sup>\*</sup>Based on the sector of main activity of the employer.



Table 14: Share of Potentially Eligible Employers in TWSS by Sector and by County\*

Sector	Share of All Employers in TWSS
Accommodation & food services	29.2%
Activities of households as employers	5.0%
Administrative & support services	34.9%
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	6.6%
Arts, entertainment & recreation	43.5%
Construction	32.5%
Education	30.5%
Utilities	32.7%
Financial & insurance	13.6%
Human health & social work	38.3%
IT & other information services	16.5%
Manufacturing	42.9%
Professional & technical services	31.4%
Public administration & defence	12.3%
Real estate	25.0%
Transportation & storage	35.4%
Wholesale & retail trade	38.4%
Other services	18.3%
All Sectors	29%



<sup>\*</sup>Based on the total number of employers registered with Revenue and active in January/February 2020.

