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

## **Preliminary Statistics**

(as at 23 April 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.

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## Based on data to date:

- There are over 48,100 employers registered with Revenue for the TWSS.
- Over 35,200 employers have already received subsidy payments under TWSS.
- Over 337,400 employees have already received at least one payment under TWSS.

On 23 April, Revenue has generated further subsidy payments under the scheme worth over €53 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 €430 million. This includes €36 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.

Tables 1 to 3 show 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.

Tables 4 through 12 show initial and preliminary information on employers and employees in receipt of subsidy payments made to date under the TWSS from March 2020 onwards.



Table 1: Employment, Pay and Tax/PRSI in January and February 2020\*

Month	Number of Employees	Gross Pay	Average Gross Pay	Income Tax Paid	USC Paid	Employee PRSI	Employer PRSI	Number of Employers
January	1,894,403	€6,157m	€1,088	€1,070m	€210m	€219m	€592m	153,137
February	1,872,149	€5,873m	€1,206	€1,069m	€211m	€209m	€562m	149,918

<sup>\*</sup>Employees in the public sector and persons in receipt of occupational pensions are excluded.

Table 2: Pay Frequencies in January and February 2020\*

Day Everyoney	Janı	ıary	February			
Pay Frequency	Share of Employees	Share of Gross Pay	Share of Employees	Share of Gross Pay		
Weekly	49.6%	34.6%	49.2%	30.7%		
Monthly	39.2%	55.1%	39.3%	59.7%		
Fortnightly	9.5%	8.7%	9.5%	7.9%		
Four Weekly	1.3%	1.0%	1.3%	1.1%		
Other	0.5%	0.6%	0.8%	0.5%		
All Frequencies	100%	100%	100%	100%		

<sup>\*</sup>Employees in the public sector and persons in receipt of occupational pensions are excluded.



Table 3: Gross Pay Ranges of Individuals\*\* in January and February 2020\*

Monthly	Estimated	Janı	ıary	February			
Gross Pay	Annual Income***	Share of Employees	Share of Gross Pay	Share of Employees	Share of Gross Pay		
€1 - €3,170	€1 - €38k	63.9%	33.0%	68.4%	35.1%		
€3,171 - €4,000	€38k - €48k	11.6%	12.4%	10.0%	11.0%		
€4,001 - €4,835	€48k - €58k	7.3%	9.7%	6.0%	8.2%		
€4,836 - €5,670	€58k - €68k	4.8%	7.6%	4.1%	6.7%		
€5,671 - €6,350	€68k - €76k	2.8%	5.1%	2.5%	4.7%		
€6,351 - €7,200	€76k - €86k	2.5%	5.0%	2.2%	4.7%		
€7,200 - €8,350	€86k - €100k	2.2%	5.2%	2.0%	4.9%		
>€8,350	>€100k	4.7%	22.0%	4.8%	24.8%		
All Ra	inges	100%	100%	100%	100%		

 $<sup>*</sup>Employees \ in \ the \ public \ sector \ and \ persons \ in \ receipt \ of \ occupational \ pensions \ are \ excluded.$ 



<sup>\*\*</sup>An individual may hold more than one employment.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Assuming individual's January/February working pattern continued for the entire year.

**Table 4: Distribution of TWSS Employers and Employees by Revenue Division** 

Revenue Division	Share of Employers	Share of Employees
Large Cases	0.6%	13.7%
Medium Enterprises	13.3%	41.4%
Business	80.3%	40.4%
Personal	5.7%	4.5%
All Divisions	100%	100%

**Table 5: Distribution of TWSS Employers and Employees by Number of Employees** 

Number of Employees*	Share of Employers	Share of Employees
1-2	22.7%	3.7%
3-5	25.2%	7.6%
6-9	16.8%	8.5%
10-19	16.3%	14.3%
20-29	6.3%	9.0%
30-39	3.2%	6.0%
40-49	1.8%	4.2%
50-99	3.5%	11.7%
100-249	2.1%	11.4%
250+	0.9%	23.2%
All Employers	100%	100%

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



**Table 6: Distribution of TWSS Employers and Employees by Location** 

Location of Employer*	Share of Employers	Share of Employees
Carlow	1.3%	1.5%
Cavan	1.6%	1.6%
Clare	2.2%	1.6%
Cork City	2.7%	2.5%
Cork County	8.5%	6.5%
Donegal	3.0%	2.1%
Dublin City	14.6%	20.8%
Dublin County	14.2%	17.3%
Galway	5.5%	5.6%
Kerry	3.0%	2.7%
Kildare	5.1%	5.2%
Kilkenny	2.0%	1.5%
Laois	1.5%	1.0%
Leitrim	0.5%	0.3%
Limerick	3.8%	4.0%
Longford	0.8%	0.9%
Louth	3.1%	3.2%
Mayo	2.6%	2.1%
Meath	4.0%	3.1%
Monaghan	1.6%	1.6%
Offaly	1.5%	1.3%
Roscommon	1.1%	0.8%
Sligo	1.2%	0.9%
Tipperary	3.1%	2.2%
Waterford	2.3%	2.6%
Westmeath	1.9%	1.6%
Wexford	3.3%	2.7%
Wicklow	3.2%	2.2%
All Locations	100%	100%

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



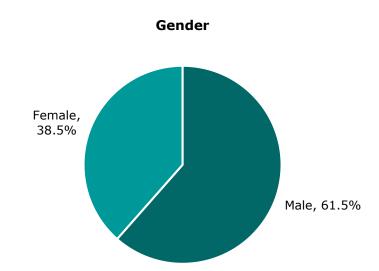
**Table 7: Distribution of TWSS Employers and Employees by Economic Sector** 

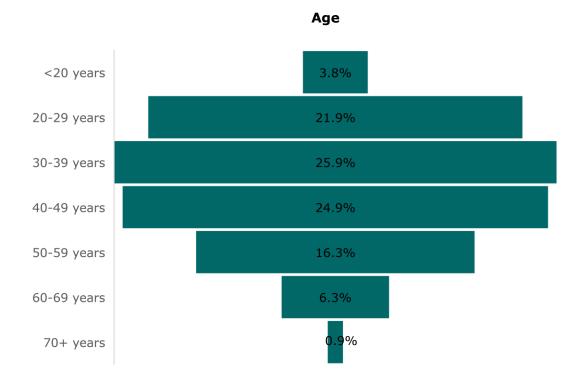
Sector of Employer*	Share of Employers	Share of Employees
Accommodation & food services	8.8%	12.2%
Activities of households as employers	0.0%	0.0%
Administrative & support services	4.6%	4.6%
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	1.9%	1.0%
Arts, entertainment & recreation	3.0%	3.1%
Construction	18.0%	11.8%
Education	3.1%	2.0%
Utilities	0.6%	1.1%
Financial & insurance	1.0%	0.9%
Human health services	2.8%	1.0%
IT & other information services	1.4%	1.2%
Manufacturing	8.6%	15.5%
Legal, accounting, management, architecture	8.6%	5.0%
Other professional, scientific & technical	1.9%	1.0%
Public administration & defence	0.7%	0.3%
Publishing, audiovisual & broadcasting	0.9%	0.7%
Real estate	2.0%	1.2%
Residential care & social work	3.3%	4.0%
Scientific research & development	0.1%	0.1%
Telecommunications	0.1%	0.0%
Transportation & storage	4.6%	6.3%
Wholesale & retail trade	20.9%	24.5%
Other services	3.3%	2.5%
All Sectors	100%	100%

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



**Table 8: Demographics of TWSS Employees** 







**Table 9: Income Distribution of TWSS Employees by Average Pay Range** 

Average Weekly Net Pay in January / February	Share of TWSS Employees
€0 to €100	1.9%
€101 to €200	5.7%
€201 to €300	9.0%
€301 to €400	17.5%
€401 to €500	21.9%
€501 to €600	18.9%
€601 to €700	12.2%
€701 to €800	6.8%
€801 to €900	3.6%
€900+	2.5%
€0 to €412	36.7%
€413 to €500	19.3%
€501 to €586	16.5%
€586+	27.5%
All Pay Ranges	100%



**Table 10: Average Pay of TWSS Employees by Sector** 

Sector of Employer	Average Weekly Net Pay in January / February
Accommodation & food services	€394
Activities of households as employers	€340
Administrative & support services	€508
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	€429
Arts, entertainment & recreation	€438
Construction	€578
Education	€377
Utilities	€542
Financial & insurance	€544
Human health & social work	€392
IT & other information services	€520
Manufacturing	€536
Professional services	€535
Public administration & defence	€523
Real estate	€456
Transportation & storage	€547
Wholesale & retail trade	€450
Other services	€418
All Sectors	€485



Table 11: Employer Top Ups for TWSS Employees\*

	TWSS Employees	TWSS Employees	Of sl	hare with t	op ups, th	e amount	s are:		Average
Sector of Employer		with Top Up*	€1- €100	€101- €200	€201- €300	€301- €400	€400+	All	Top Up
Accommodation & food services	30.2%	69.8%	26.9%	26.1%	7.3%	4.4%	5.1%	100%	€164
Activities of households as employers	35.3%	64.7%	47.1%	17.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100%	€88
Administrative & support services	19.1%	80.9%	20.0%	32.5%	11.0%	7.6%	9.9%	100%	€187
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	8.8%	91.2%	26.6%	41.4%	12.3%	6.4%	4.5%	100%	€155
Arts, entertainment & recreation	12.5%	87.5%	30.8%	40.5%	8.7%	3.4%	4.0%	100%	€143
Construction	24.8%	75.2%	17.8%	27.0%	11.8%	8.4%	10.0%	100%	€217
Education	18.0%	82.0%	33.0%	35.8%	7.1%	3.2%	2.8%	100%	€130
Utilities	6.6%	93.4%	18.1%	30.1%	12.2%	7.9%	25.0%	100%	€270
Financial & insurance	7.0%	93.0%	21.6%	38.2%	8.6%	10.9%	13.6%	100%	€201
Human health & social work	23.2%	76.8%	26.1%	34.0%	7.9%	3.6%	5.2%	100%	€136
IT & other information services	14.4%	85.6%	22.4%	37.2%	11.0%	7.6%	7.5%	100%	€193
Manufacturing	10.8%	89.2%	23.6%	33.5%	12.5%	7.5%	12.2%	100%	€211
Professional services	13.1%	86.9%	23.7%	38.1%	10.5%	7.1%	7.5%	100%	€180
Public administration & defence	16.1%	83.9%	31.9%	34.0%	9.8%	4.3%	3.9%	100%	€145
Real estate	21.2%	78.8%	29.0%	33.2%	6.9%	5.1%	4.6%	100%	€157
Transportation & storage	10.0%	90.0%	16.4%	32.0%	11.6%	7.0%	22.9%	100%	€231
Wholesale & retail trade	11.8%	88.2%	31.9%	36.2%	9.1%	5.3%	5.6%	100%	€154
Other services	17.9%	82.1%	33.9%	36.7%	5.1%	3.1%	3.3%	100%	€131
All Sectors	16%	84%	26%	33%	10%	6%	8.9%	100%	€181

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



**Table 12: Share of Employers in TWSS by Sector** 

Sector	Share of Employers in TWSS*
Accommodation & food services	25.4%
Activities of households as employers	3.3%
Administrative & support services	25.0%
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	5.2%
Arts, entertainment & recreation	35.8%
Construction	28.8%
Education	20.0%
Utilities	25.9%
Financial & insurance	7.3%
Human health services	19.5%
IT & other information services	8.0%
Manufacturing	35.2%
Legal, accounting, management, architecture	20.0%
Other professional, scientific & technical	18.3%
Public administration & defence	8.8%
Publishing, audiovisual & broadcasting	17.9%
Real estate	17.3%
Residential care & social work	33.6%
Scientific research & development	9.3%
Telecommunications	7.3%
Transportation & storage	29.6%
Wholesale & retail trade	30.9%
Other services	14.1%
All Sectors	22.4%

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

