

COVID-19 Support Schemes

Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme (EWSS)

COVID Restrictions Support Scheme (CRSS)

Preliminary Statistics

(as at 1 July 2021)

These statistics are provisional and will be revised

Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme (EWSS)

The EWSS is an economy-wide enterprise support. The Scheme provides a subsidy to qualifying employers based on the numbers of eligible employees on the employer's payroll. EWSS replaced the Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme (TWSS) from 1 September 2020 and was expected to continue until 31 March 2021 (both Schemes ran in parallel from 1 July 2020 until the TWSS ceased at the end of August 2020). On 23 February 2021 it was announced that the EWSS would be extended to 30 June 2021 and on 1 June the Scheme was further extended to 31 December 2021. The TWSS and the EWSS are operated by Revenue through the payroll system.

There are **48,800 employers currently registered with Revenue for EWSS** (including 1,600 re-registrations). This excludes 5,500 employers who were previously registered.

On 21 October 2020, Revenue advised of changes to the EWSS, involving a new payment schedule and reflecting a Government decision to revise the rates of subsidy payable under the EWSS.

The revised Scheme operates in respect of payroll submissions with pay dates on or after 20 October 2020. October EWSS payments were paid starting 5 November 2020. The first EWSS payments in respect of November payrolls were paid from 10 November. Thereafter, subsequent payments are being paid following the receipt of a payroll submission containing an EWSS claim. This means EWSS is now paid on a similar basis to the TWSS, providing a significant positive cashflow boost for businesses.

EWSS Table 1: Payments Processed by Revenue

Claim Month	EWSS Payments	PRSI Forgone**	Employers	Employees
July/August 2020*	€33.6m	€7.1m	6,400	31,600
September 2020	€257.5m	€61.3m	33,900	345,100
October 2020	€357.4m	€65.2m	36,000	344,100
November 2020	€337.9m	€52.1m	31,200	269,400
December 2020	€409.6m	€62.7m	32,900	319,300
January 2021	€400.8m	€61.3m	37,000	347,000
February 2021	€384.8m	€59.4m	36,100	306,900
March 2021	€395.1m	€61.3m	35,900	304,700
April 2021	€411.2m	€63.6m	34,900	299,100
May 2021	€364.8m	€55.9m	35,100	302,500
June 2021	€385.3m	€58.3m	31,900	328,800
July (to date)	€18.5m	€2.8m	3,900	50,900
All Months	€3,757m	€611m	50,300	600,400

*EWSS claims for July/August 2020 in respect of newly or seasonally hired employees who were ineligible for the TWSS;

**Employer PRSI forgone due to the reduced rate of PRSI on wages paid which are eligible for EWSS.

COVID Restrictions Support Scheme (CRSS)

The CRSS is aimed at businesses that are impacted by COVID-19 restrictions. Under the CRSS, a qualifying person who carries on a business activity that is impacted by COVID-19 related restrictions, such that the business is required to prohibit or considerably restrict customers from accessing its premises, can make a claim to Revenue for a payment, subject to a maximum of €5,000, for each week that it is affected by the restrictions. Payment will be made generally within 3 days of the submission of a qualifying claim.

Registration for the Scheme is available to eligible businesses, or the tax agent acting on their behalf, via the e-Registration facility in ROS. **There are currently 22,800 businesses with 26,800 premises registered for CRSS** with Revenue. This includes those at applicant stage.

On 4 December 2020, Government announced an additional CRSS payment for businesses unable to reopen during the Christmas and New Year period. The additional support was available for the weeks beginning 21 December 2020, 28 December 2020 and 4 January 2021, and provided double the amount of the weekly CRSS support payment, subject to the statutory maximum payment of €5,000 per week. On 23 February 2021 it was announced that the CRSS would be extended to 30 June 2021. Revenue confirmed that from 10 May 2021 eligible businesses resuming trading activities can claim a 'Restart Week' payment (in effect double the normal weekly CRSS payment rate) for a period of two weeks. A further extension and enhancement of the CRSS was announced on 1 June 2021 to provide additional support to businesses upon reopening and to give certainty to businesses still directly affected by public health restrictions. Eligible businesses resuming trading activities from 2 June can claim an enhanced restart payment to assist them with the additional costs of reopening. This provides a single payment in respect of a 3-week period, with the weekly entitlement calculated at double the normal weekly CRSS rate. The maximum amount that may be claimed in respect of each of the weeks covered has been increased from €5,000 to €10,000 (total maximum payment is €30,000). On 29 June it was confirmed that for the weeks commencing 5 July and 12 July, the rate of CRSS will be doubled for eligible businesses (up to the weekly maximum payment of €5,000).

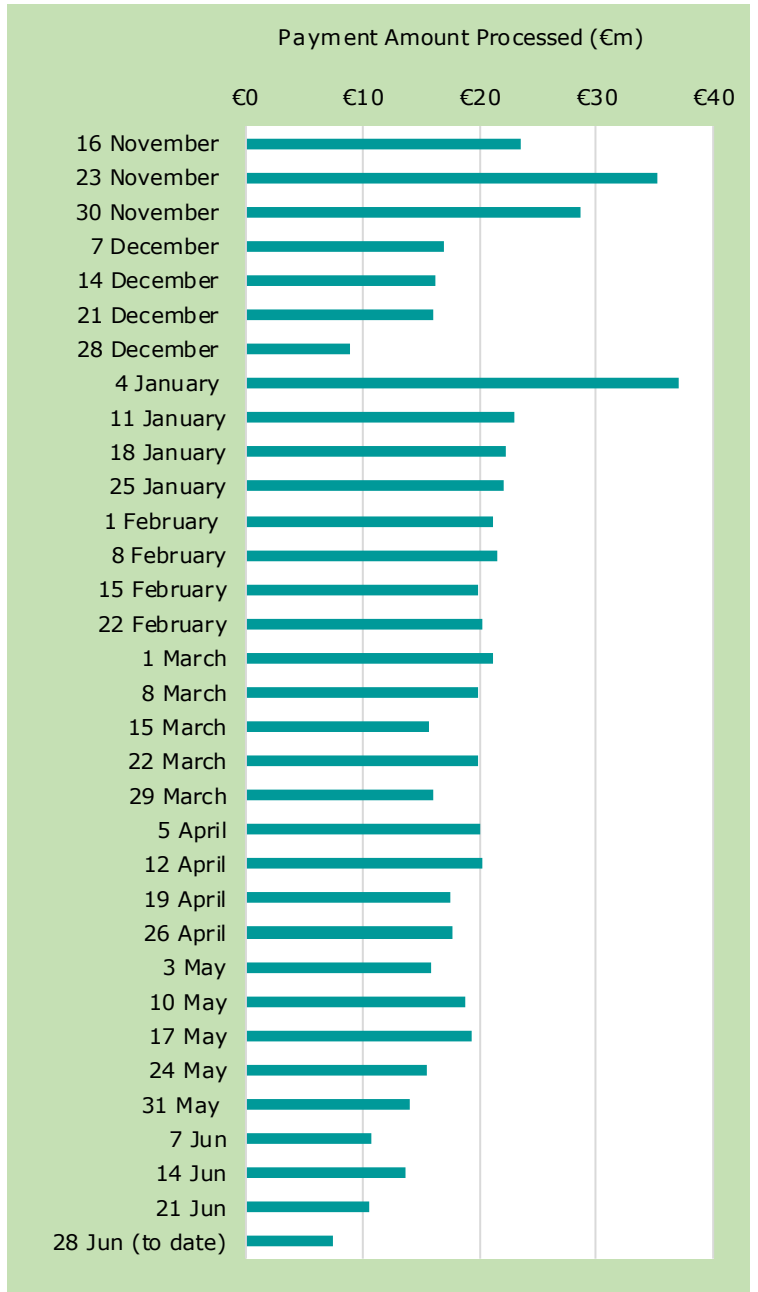
CRSS Table 1: Payment Claims by Period

Claim Week Start Date*	Claimed Amount	Premises Claiming
Up to 21 December	€155.5m	19,800
21 December / 28 December / 4 January	€101.3m	19,200
11 January to 3 May	€294.4m	24,100
10 May to 24 May	€43.5m	15,600**
From 31 May onward	€41.7m	7,600***
All Claim Periods	€636m	25,400

*Payments are 85% to Corporation Tax registered businesses and 15% Income Tax to registered businesses; *A claim period can be up to a maximum of 3 weeks; **7,500 of these premises have claimed for 'Restart Week' payments; ***3,900 of these premises have claimed for enhanced restart payments;*

CRSS Table 2: Payments Processed by Week

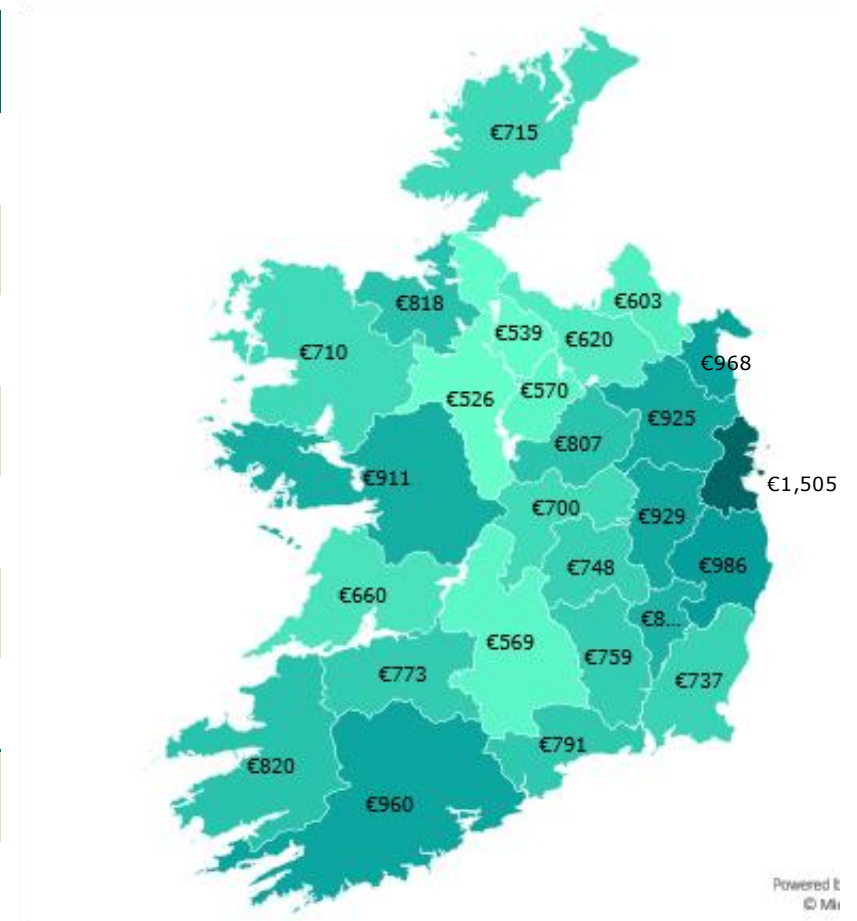
Week Commencing	Payment Amount Processed
16 November	€23.5m
23 November	€35.2m
30 November	€28.7m
7 December	€17.0m
14 December	€16.3m
21 December	€16.1m
28 December	€9.0m
4 January	€37.0m
11 January	€22.9m
18 January	€22.2m
25 January	€22.0m
1 February	€21.2m
8 February	€21.5m
15 February	€19.8m
22 February	€20.3m
1 March	€21.2m
8 March	€19.8m
15 March	€15.7m
22 March	€19.9m
29 March	€16.1m
5 April	€20.0m
12 April	€20.3m
19 April	€17.5m
26 April	€17.7m
3 May	€15.9m
10 May	€18.8m
17 May	€19.4m
24 May	€15.4m
31 May	€14.1m
7 Jun	€10.7m
14 Jun	€13.6m
21 Jun	€10.5m
28 Jun (to date)	€7.5m
All Weeks	€627m



CRSS Table 3: Average Weekly Payments by Sector and by County

Sector	Average Weekly Payment per Premises						Share of Premises with Max Payment*
	Up to 21 Dec	21 Dec to 4 Jan	11 Jan to 3 May	10 May to 24 May	From 31 May onward	All Periods	
Bar (Serving Food)	€1,666	€2,401	€1,621	€1,722	€3,512	€1,826	32%
Bar (Wet Pub)	€565	€876	€542	€564	€889	€601	6%
Café, Restaurant	€1,124	€1,519	€1,074	€1,225	€1,796	€1,189	11%
Hotels & Accommodation (B&Bs etc)	€1,658	€2,054	€1,730	€1,747	€4,554	€1,848	32%
Other	€1,072	€1,141	€974	€1,725	€1,502	€1,062	11%
Personal Services (Hairdressers, Beauticians, etc)	€259	€383	€235	€791	€532	€288	2%
Retail Specialist Store (Clothes, Toys, Florist, etc)	€911	€1,164	€950	€2,236	€2,019	€1,039	14%
All Sectors	€900	€1,103	€851	€1,255	€2,014	€955	12%

*CRSS is subject to a weekly maximum payment of €5,000 with exception of restart periods, share reflects the number of premises having received a payment of €5,000 or more at any time.



Further Information

Information on the operation of TWSS, EWSS and CRSS are available on www.revenue.ie.

Queries of a statistical nature in relation to the Schemes can be sent to statistics@revenue.ie. Media queries should be directed to revpress@revenue.ie in the first instance.

Weekly statistics updates on COVID-19 support schemes are available [here](#).

Revenue published weekly statistics on TWSS employers and employees for the duration of the Scheme as well as a comprehensive statistical overview of the TWSS now that payslips for the relevant period are finalised ([here](#), excel version [here](#)). The Central Statistics Office (CSO) also published information on TWSS recipients by age, gender, location and sector ([here](#)).

The CSO is publishing monthly estimates of the number of persons being directly supported by the EWSS, included in the Live Register release ([here](#)).