

## **COVID-19 Support Schemes**

Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme (EWSS)

COVID Restrictions Support Scheme (CRSS)

## **Preliminary Statistics**

(as at 24 February 2022)

**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. The TWSS and the EWSS are operated by Revenue through the payroll system. EWSS payments are paid following the receipt of a payroll submission containing an EWSS claim and provide a significant positive cashflow boost for businesses.

There are **22,500** employers currently registered with Revenue for EWSS.

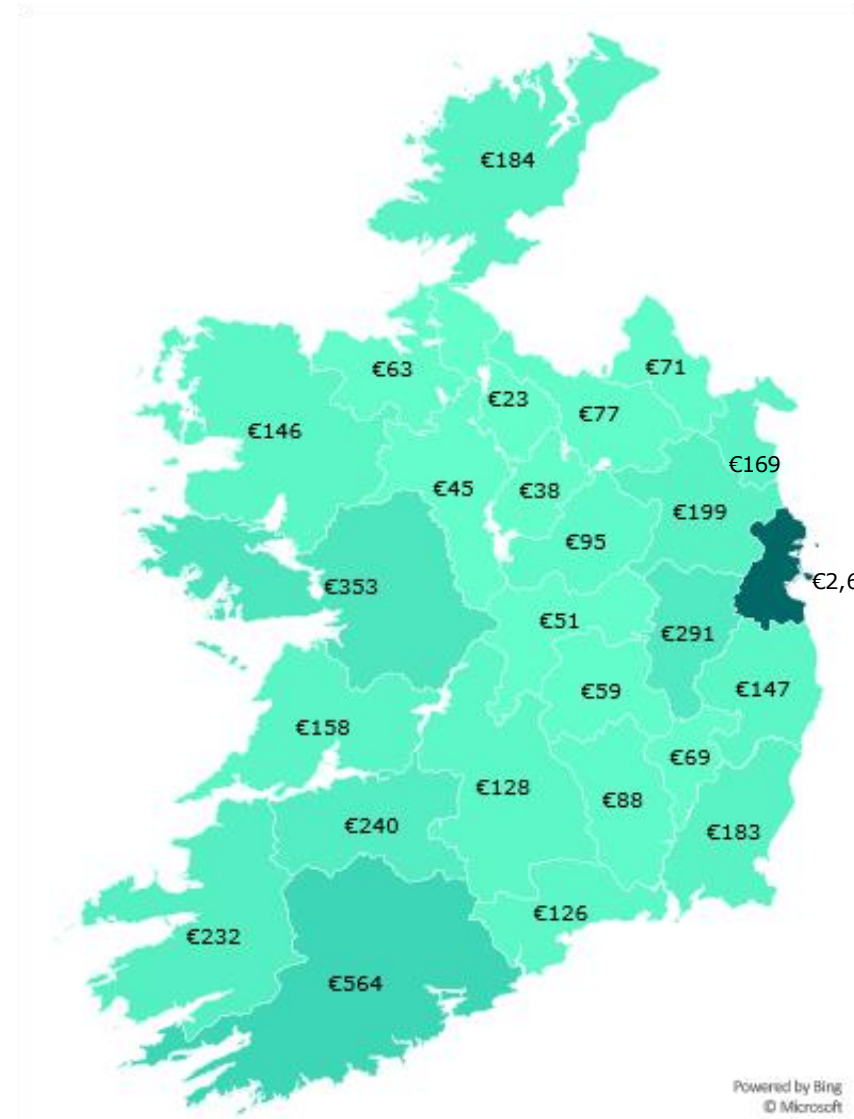
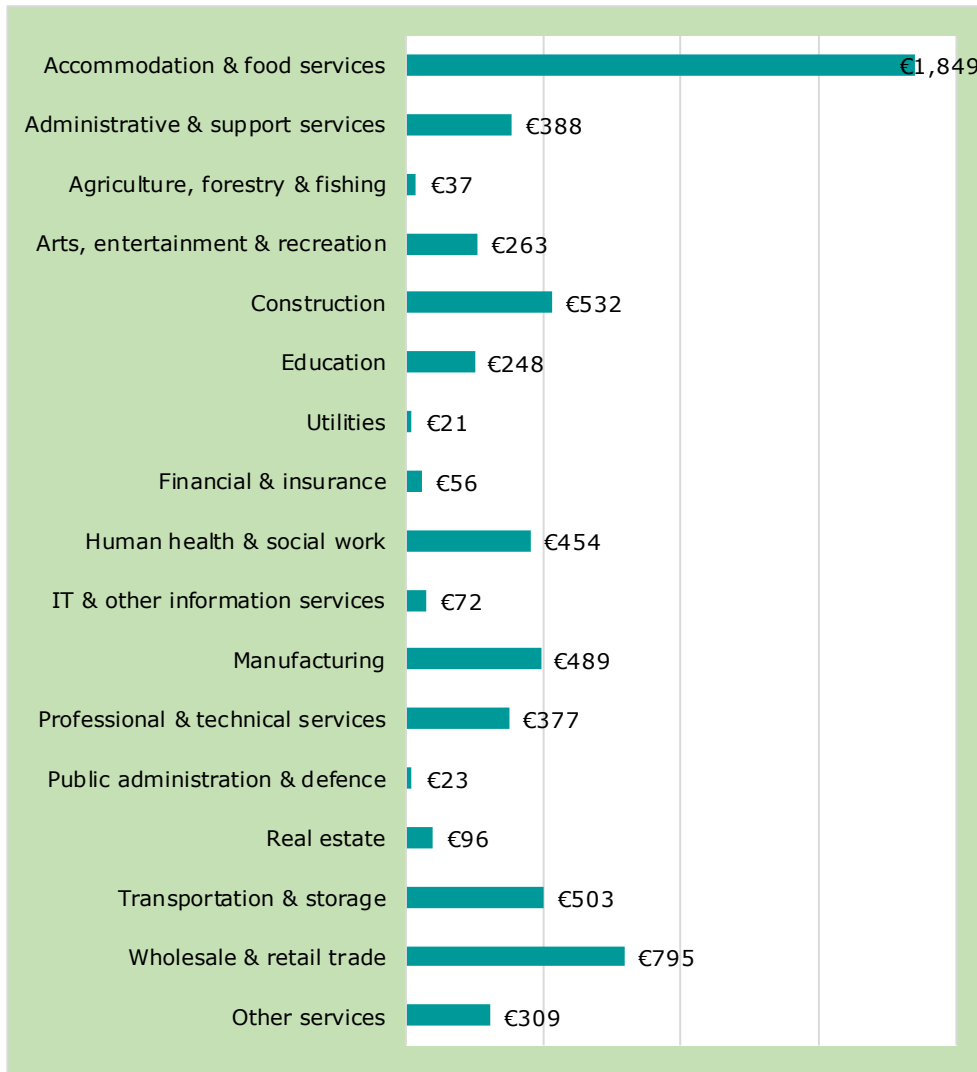
**EWSS Table 1: Payments Processed by Revenue**

Claim Month	EWSS Payments	PRSI Forgone**	Employers	Employees
July/August 2020*	€34.7m	€7.3m	6,500	32,300
September	€256.1m	€61.0m	33,600	343,200
October	€353.9m	€64.6m	35,700	341,100
November	€334.7m	€51.6m	30,900	266,800
December	€407.0m	€62.3m	32,600	317,400
January 2021	€397.7m	€60.8m	36,700	344,400
February	€381.3m	€58.9m	35,900	304,000
March	€391.0m	€60.6m	35,600	301,800
April	€408.5m	€63.1m	34,700	297,100
May	€363.1m	€55.5m	35,200	301,200
June	€414.0m	€62.1m	34,600	344,700
July	€451.4m	€65.7m	31,900	342,525
August	€389.1m	€56.8m	28,800	321,200
September	€391.5m	€57.3m	27,600	312,400
October	€364.1m	€52.8m	26,100	291,900
November	€336.3m	€49.2m	24,800	283,900
December	€375.0m	€55.1m	24,100	280,700
January 2022	€305.6m	€44.4m	23,000	266,000
February (to date)	€156.2m	€30.7m	18,300	219,600
<b>All Months</b>	<b>€6,511m</b>	<b>€1,020m</b>	<b>51,900</b>	<b>717,300</b>

\*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.

**EWSS Table 2: Subsidy Payments by County and by Sector All Months (all amounts in € millions)**



Amounts cover all EWSS months including February to date.

## COVID Restrictions Support Scheme (CRSS)

The CRSS is aimed at businesses impacted by COVID-19 restrictions. Under the CRSS, a qualifying person who carries on a business activity that is significantly restricted from operating by COVID-19 related restrictions 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.

Additional CRSS payment for businesses applied during the Christmas 2020 period 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.

From 10 May 2021 businesses resuming trading activities could claim enhanced "restart" payments to assist them with the additional costs of reopening. 17,400 premises claimed for restart payments totalling €73 million in this period.

Businesses impacted by public health restrictions that came into effect on 20 December 2021 are regarded as being significantly restricted from operating for the purposes of the CRSS and a qualifying person who carries on such a business is eligible to make a claim for payment under the Scheme. So far in this period, 1,000 premises have claimed for restart payments totalling €1.8 million.

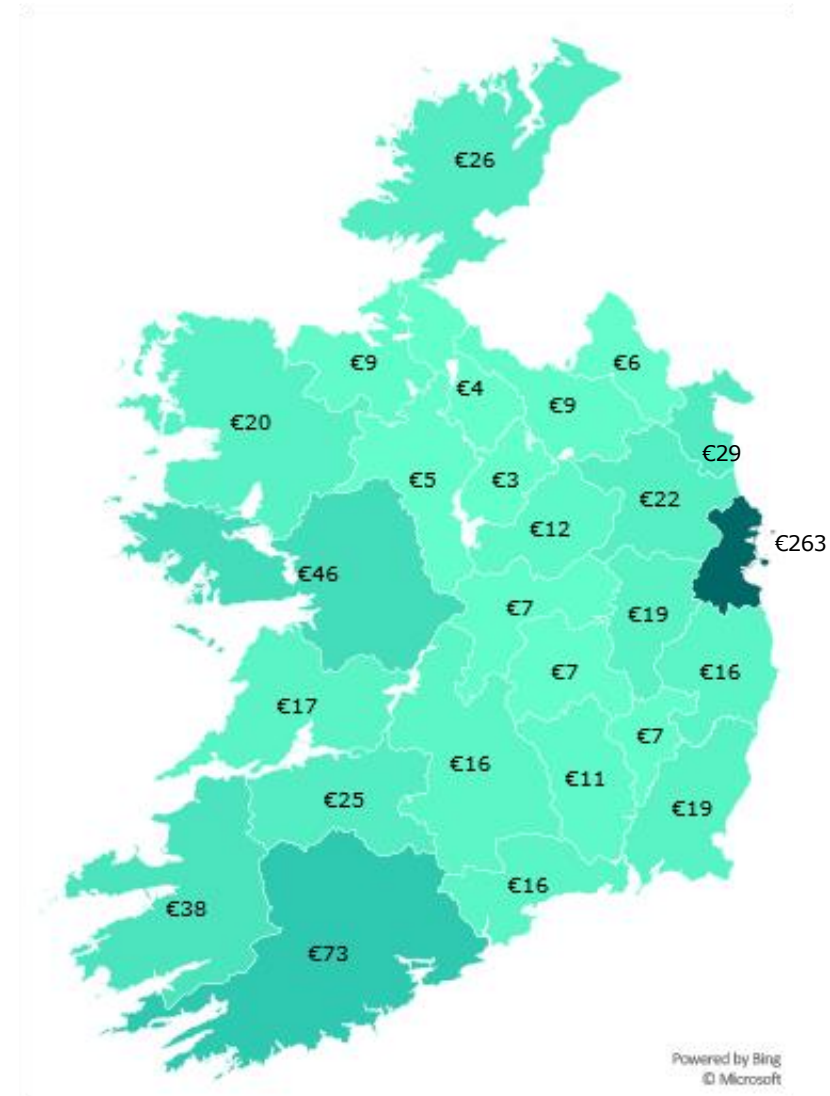
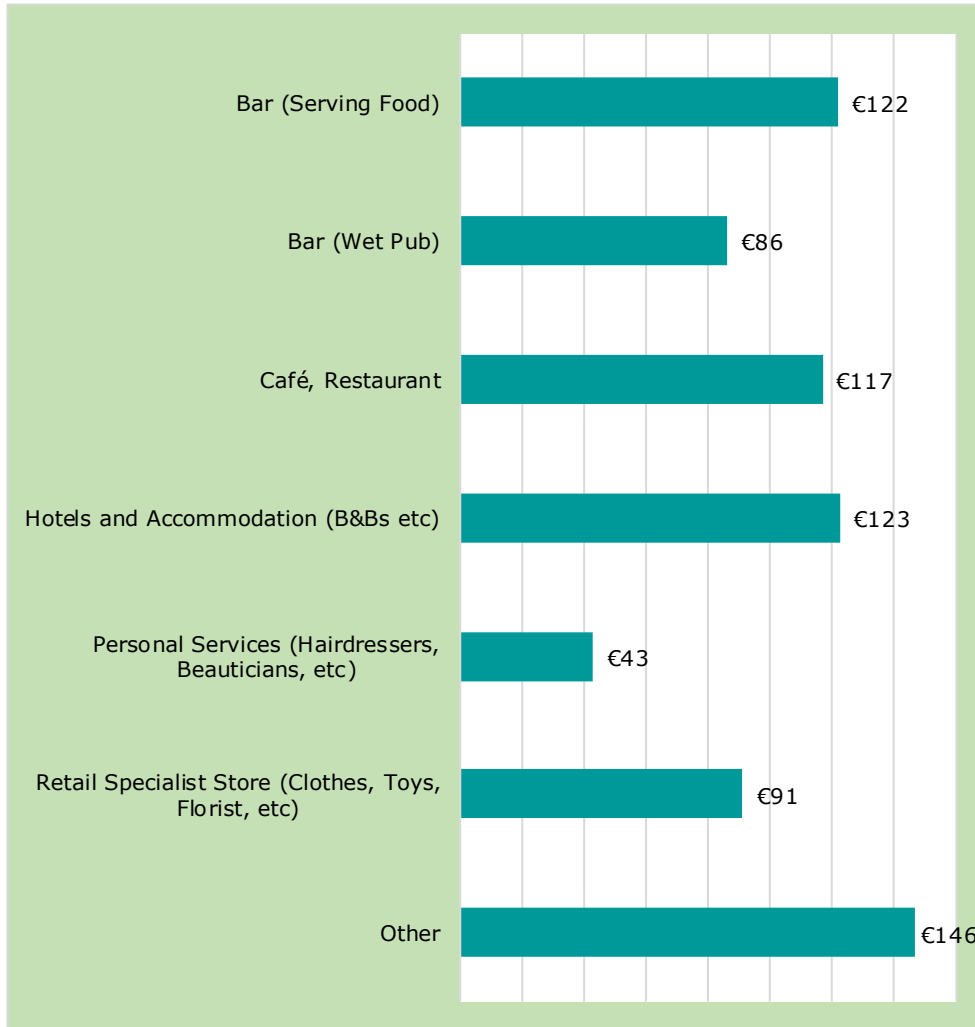
**CRSS Table 1: Payment Claims by Period**

Claim Week Start Date*	Claimed Amount**	Premises Claiming
Up to 21 December 2020	€155.9m	19,800
21 December / 28 December / 4 January 2021	€101.7m	19,300
11 January to 3 May 2021	€294.9m	24,200
10 May to 13 December 2021	€151.6m	19,900
20 December 2021 onwards	€22.8m	3,600
<b>All Claim Periods</b>	<b>€727m</b>	<b>25,600</b>

*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; \*\*Claimed Amounts include "restart" payments.*



**CRSS Table 3: Payment Claims by County and by Sector (all amounts in € millions) – All Claim Periods**



Amounts cover all CRSS months including February to date.

## Further Information

Information on the operation of the COVID-19 support schemes are available on [www.revenue.ie](http://www.revenue.ie).

Queries of a statistical nature in relation to the Schemes can be sent to [statistics@revenue.ie](mailto:statistics@revenue.ie). Media queries should be directed to [revpress@revenue.ie](mailto: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](#)).