

## **COVID-19 Support Schemes**

Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme (EWSS)

COVID Restrictions Support Scheme (CRSS)

## **Preliminary Statistics**

(as at 26 August 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 **40,900 employers currently registered with Revenue for EWSS** (including 1,200 re-registrations). This excludes 14,100 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*	€34.2m	€7.2m	6,500	32,300
September 2020	€256.9m	€61.1m	33,800	344,400
October 2020	€356.5m	€65.0m	35,900	343,300
November 2020	€337.0m	€52.0m	31,100	268,700
December 2020	€409.0m	€62.6m	32,900	318,800
January 2021	€400.1m	€61.2m	36,900	346,400
February 2021	€383.7m	€59.3m	36,100	306,000
March 2021	€394.0m	€61.1m	35,800	303,900
April 2021	€410.8m	€63.5m	34,900	298,900
May 2021	€365.1m	€55.9m	35,300	302,900
June 2021	€415.4m	€62.4m	34,700	345,700
July 2021	€452.7m	€66.0m	31,800	343,500
August (to date)	€278.8m	€41.2m	23,800	277,700
<b>All Months</b>	<b>€4,495m</b>	<b>€719m</b>	<b>51,200</b>	<b>645,700</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.

## 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 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.

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.

From 10 May 2021 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 enhancement of the CRSS was announced on 1 June 2021, 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 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 CRSS rate would be doubled for eligible businesses (up to the weekly maximum of €5,000). Eligible businesses resuming trading activities, such as those in the indoor hospitality sector, can claim the enhanced restart payment to assist them with the additional costs of reopening (a single payment in respect of a 3-week period, with the weekly entitlement calculated at double the normal weekly CRSS rate with the total maximum payment of €30,000).

Once a business makes a claim for the enhanced restart payment, it no longer qualifies for CRSS. **There are currently 3,600 businesses with 4,300 premises registered for CRSS with Revenue. 16,900 premises have claimed "Restart Weeks" and are now trading without the support of CRSS.**

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

Claim Week Start Date*	Claimed Amount	Premises Claiming
Up to 21 December	€155.9m	19,800
21 December / 28 December / 4 January	€101.7m	19,300
11 January to 3 May	€294.9m	24,200
10 May onwards	€143.3m	19,900**
<b>All Claim Periods</b>	<b>€696m</b>	<b>25,500</b>

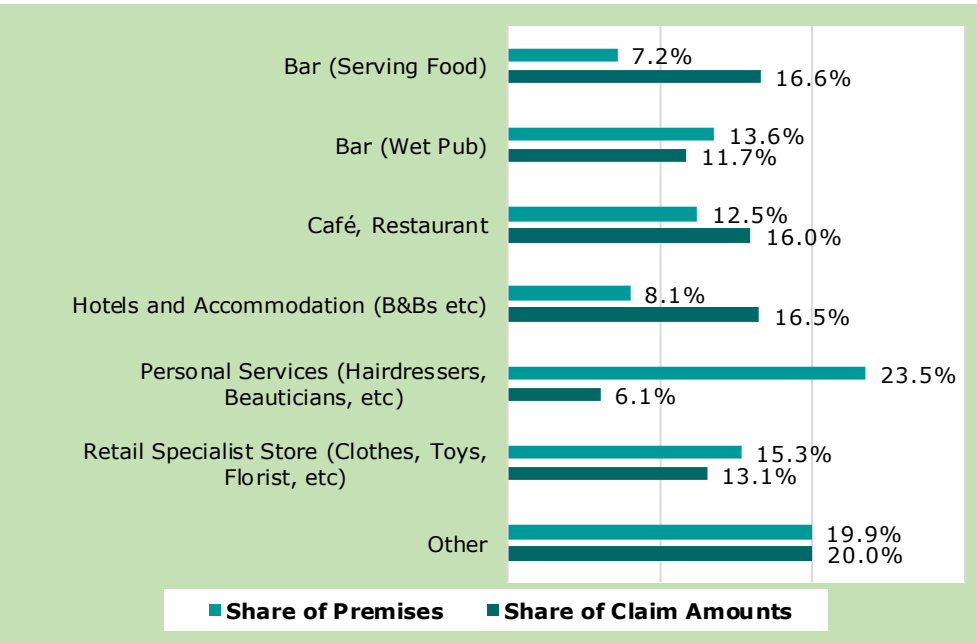
Payments are 85% to Corporation Tax registered businesses and 15% Income Tax to registered businesses; \*A claim period can be up to a maximum of 3 weeks; \*\*16,900 of these premises have claimed for 'Restart Week' payments in this period.

### CRSS Table 2: Payments and Claims by Sector

#### CRSS Claimants by Sector Since December 2020

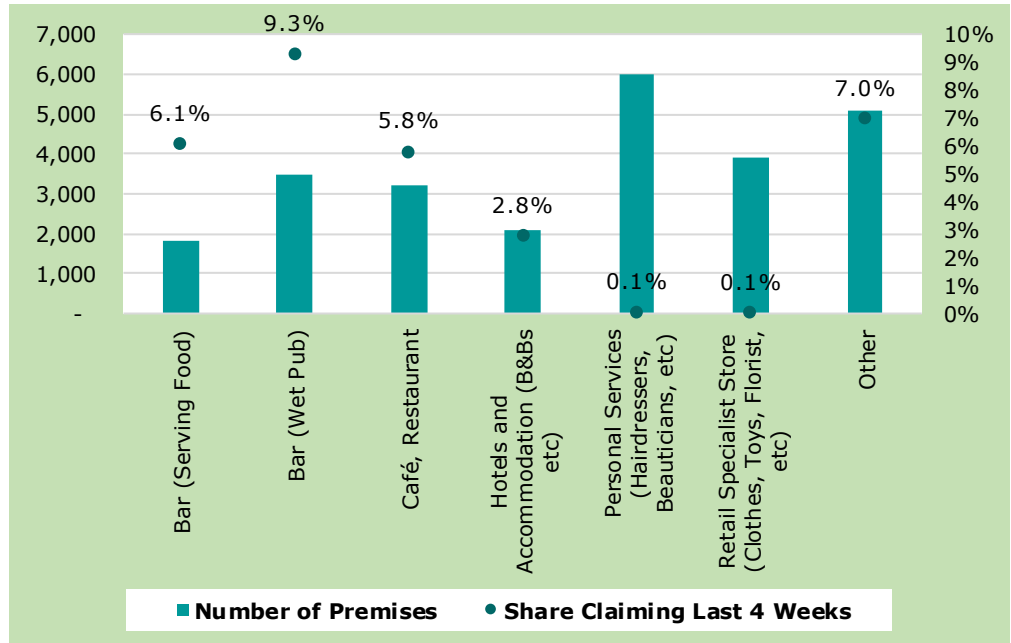
Sector of Business	Share of Premises	Share of Claim Amounts
Bar (Serving Food)	7.2%	16.6%
Bar (Wet Pub)	13.6%	11.7%
Café, Restaurant	12.5%	16.0%
Hotels and Accommodation (B&Bs etc)	8.1%	16.5%
Personal Services (Hairdressers, Beauticians, etc)	23.5%	6.1%
Retail Specialist Store (Clothes, Toys, Florist, etc)	15.3%	13.1%
Other	19.9%	20.0%
<b>All Sectors</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

**25,500 premises €696m claimed**



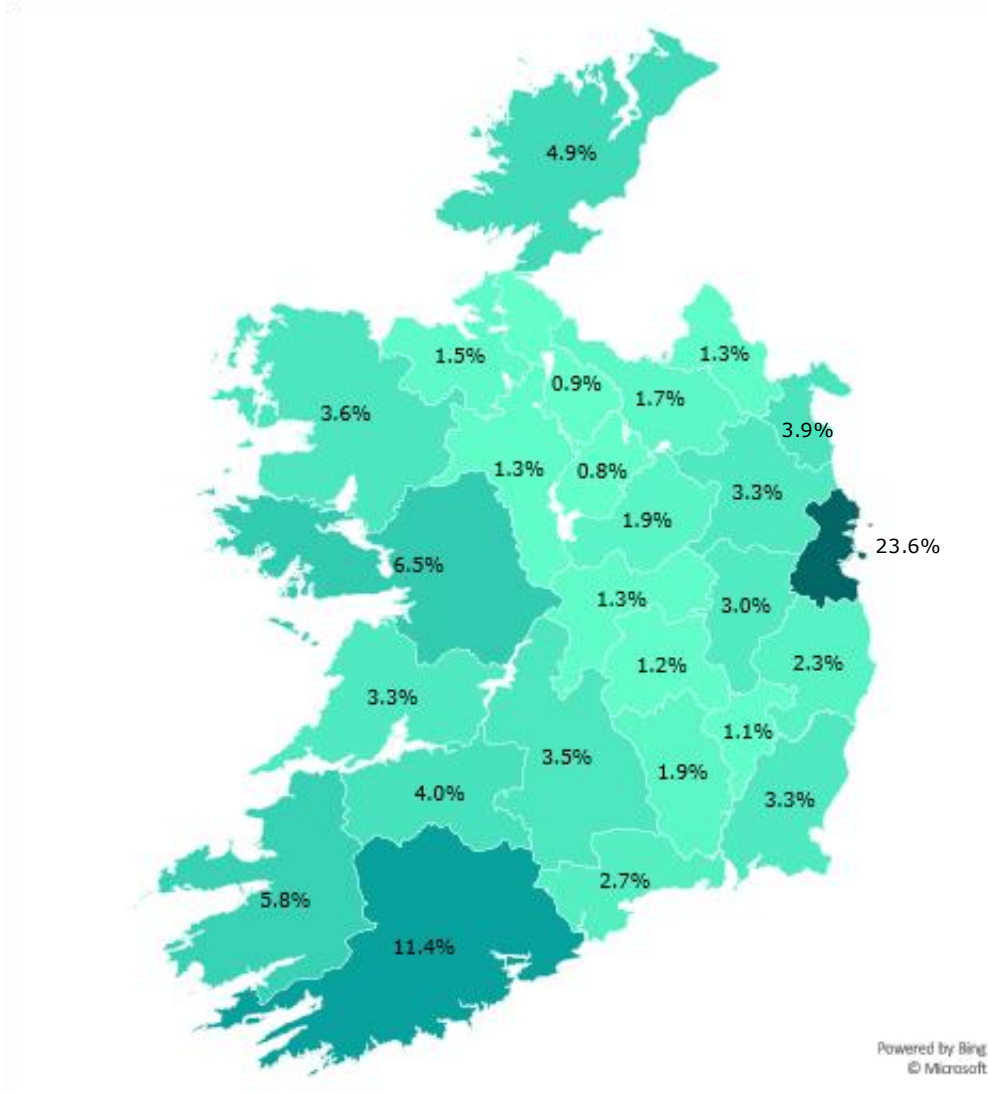
#### Share of Premises with Claims in Last Four Weeks

Sector of Business	Number of Premises	Share Claiming in Last 4 Weeks
Bar (Serving Food)	1,800	6%
Bar (Wet Pub)	3,500	9%
Café, Restaurant	3,200	6%
Hotels and Accommodation (B&Bs etc)	2,100	3%
Personal Services (Hairdressers, Beauticians, etc)	6,000	0.1%
Retail Specialist Store (Clothes, Toys, Florist, etc)	3,900	0.1%
Other	5,100	7%
<b>All Sectors</b>	<b>25,500 premises</b>	<b>4%</b>

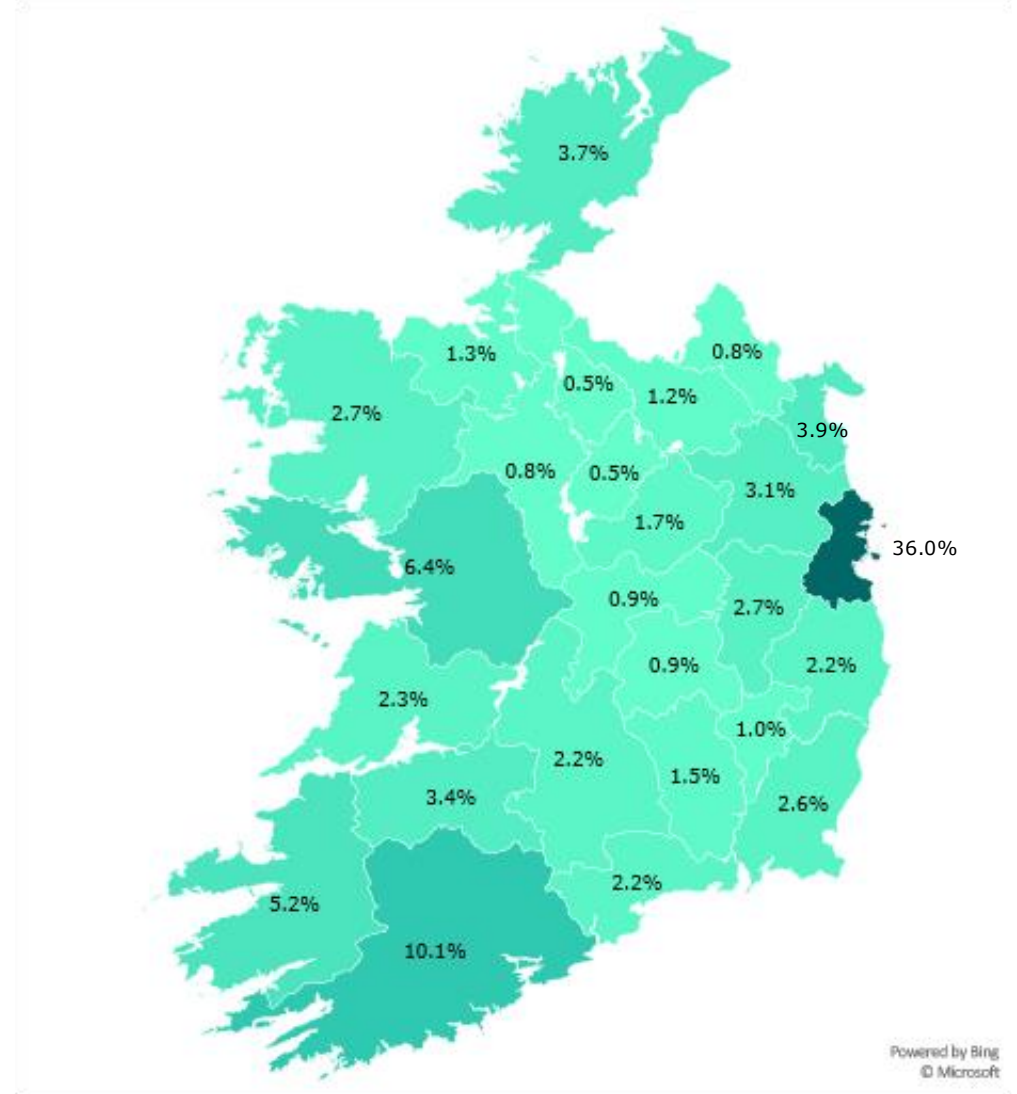


**CRSS Table 3: Payments and Claims by County**

**Premises Making Claims (total of 25,500)**



**Claim Amounts in € million (total of €696m)**



## 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](#)).