

## **COVID-19 Support Schemes**

Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme (EWSS)

COVID Restrictions Support Scheme (CRSS)

## **Preliminary Statistics**

(as at 27 May 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. The TWSS and the EWSS are operated by Revenue through the payroll system.

There are **48,900 employers currently registered with Revenue** for EWSS (including 1,600 re-registrations). This excludes 4,700 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*	€33.6m	€7.1m	6,400	31,600
September	€257.8m	€61.4m	33,900	345,500
October	€357.8m	€65.3m	36,000	344,500
November	€338.3m	€52.2m	31,200	269,700
December	€409.9m	€62.7m	33,000	319,500
January	€404.9m	€61.9m	37,000	351,600
February	€390.5m	€60.3m	36,100	311,700
March	€400.7m	€62.2m	35,900	309,700
April	€413.5m	€64.2m	34,800	301,400
May (to date)	€285.8m	€44.4m	29,800	264,000
<b>All Months</b>	<b>€3,293m</b>	<b>€542m</b>	<b>49,500</b>	<b>570,500</b>

\*EWSS claims for July/August 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.

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 22,600 businesses with 26,600 premises registered** for CRSS with Revenue. This includes those at applicant stage.

Starting from 17 November 2020, an eligible business, if registered with Revenue for CRSS and who carries on a business activity from a premises located in a region subject to COVID-19 related restrictions, can make a claim for payment under the CRSS. Payment will be made generally within 3 days of the submission of a qualifying claim.

186,400 claims for CRSS **payments of €570 million in respect of 25,100 premises** have been made to date and €563 million of this has been processed for payment. The value of the payments are 84% to Corporation Tax registered businesses and 16% Income Tax to registered businesses.

On 4 December 2020, Government announced an additional CRSS payment for businesses who cannot reopen during the Christmas and New Year period. The additional support is available for the three weeks beginning 21 December 2020, 28 December 2020 and 4 January 2021, and provides up to double the amount of the weekly CRSS support payment due, 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. As public health restrictions ease, 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.

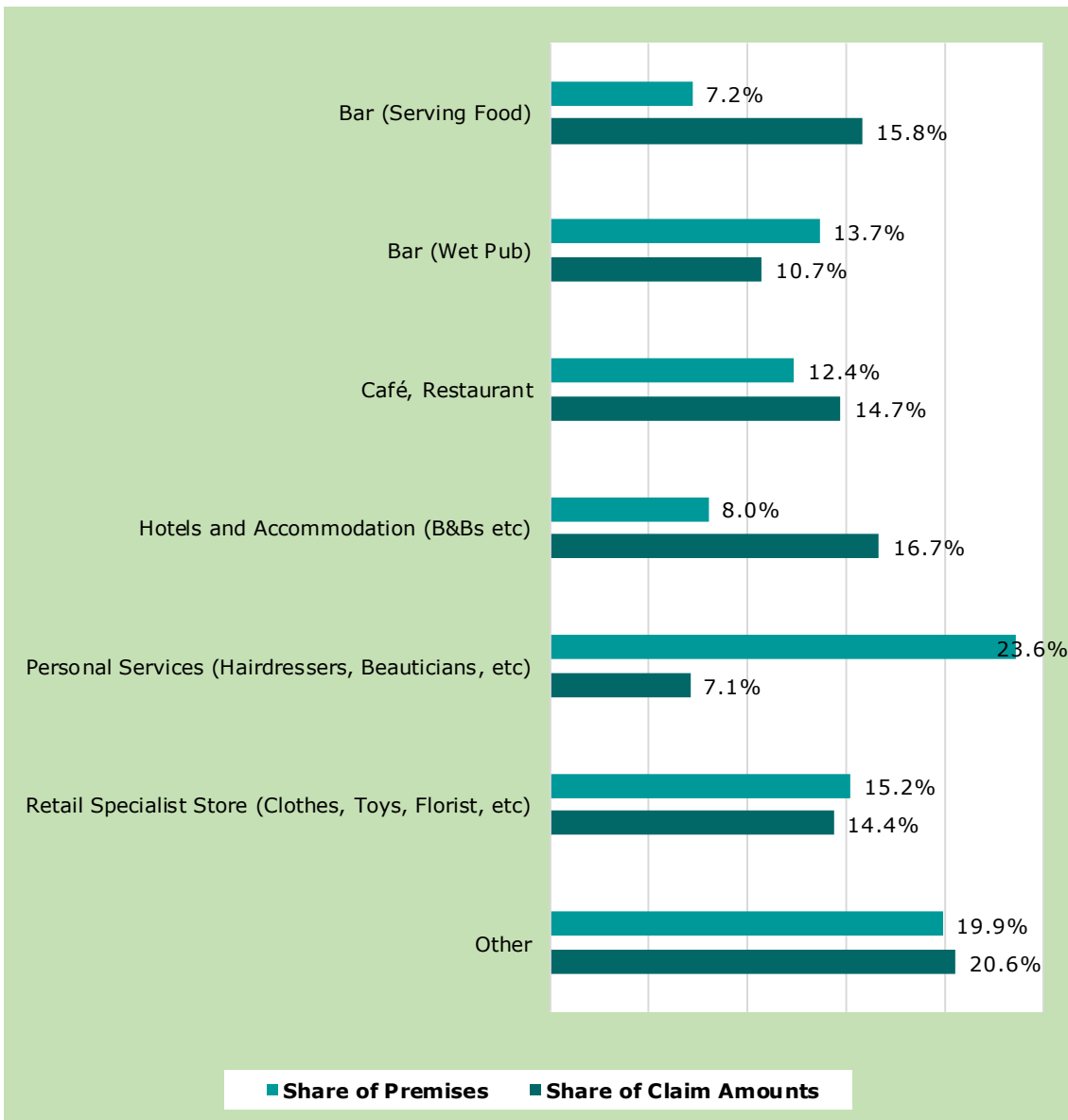
**CRSS Table 1: Payment Claims by Period**

Claim Week Start Date*	Claimed Amount	Premises Claiming
Up to 21 December	€155.3m	19,700
21 December / 28 December / 4 January	€100.8m	19,200
11 January to 3 May	€284.5m	23,800
From 10 May onward	€29.6m	10,800**
<b>All Claim Periods</b>	<b>€570m</b>	<b>25,100</b>

\*A claim period can be up to a maximum of 3 weeks; \*\*5,200 of these premises have claimed for 'Restart Week' payments.

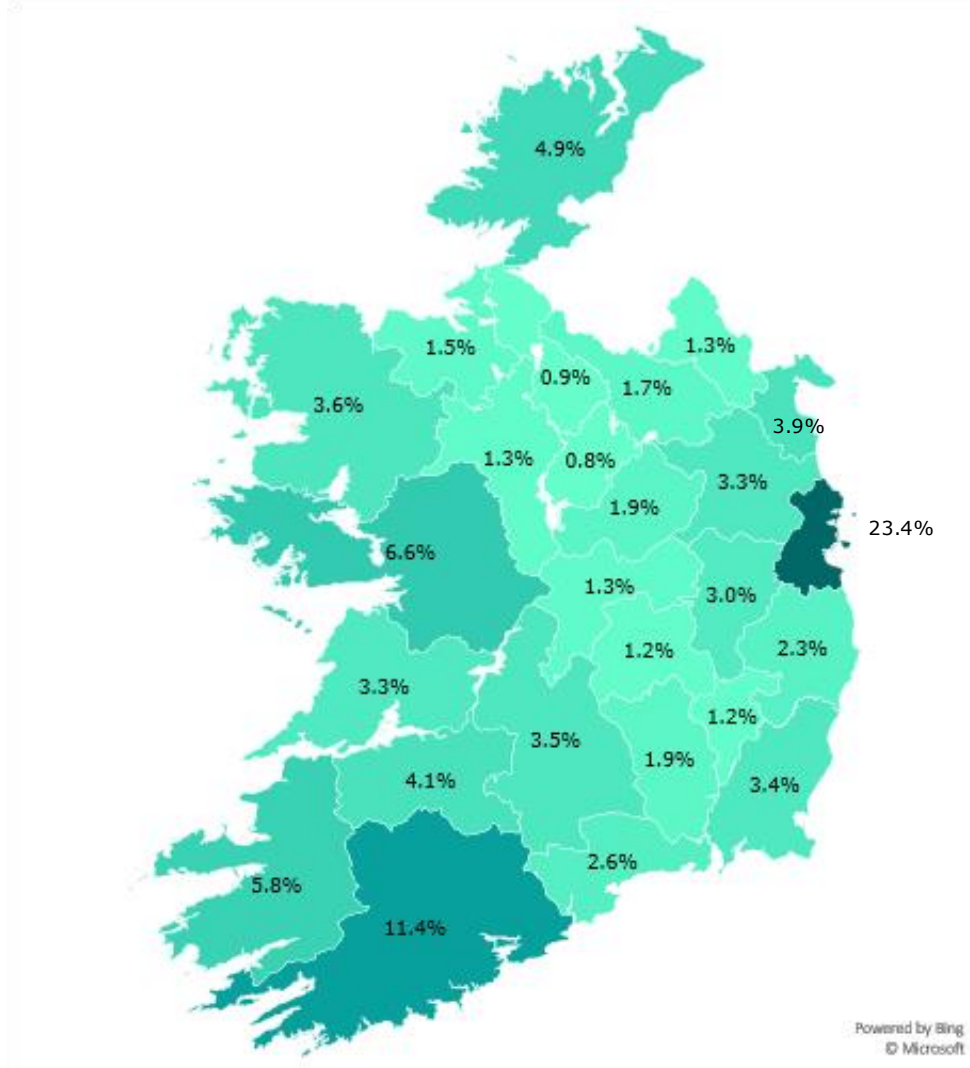
**CRSS Table 2: Payments and Claims by Sector**

Sector of Business	Share of Premises	Share of Claim Amounts
Bar (Serving Food)	7.2%	15.8%
Bar (Wet Pub)	13.7%	10.7%
Café, Restaurant	12.4%	14.7%
Hotels and Accommodation (B&Bs etc)	8.0%	16.7%
Personal Services (Hairdressers, Beauticians, etc)	23.6%	7.1%
Retail Specialist Store (Clothes, Toys, Florist, etc)	15.2%	14.4%
Other	19.9%	20.6%
<b>All Sectors</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
	<b>25,100 premises</b>	<b>€570m claimed</b>

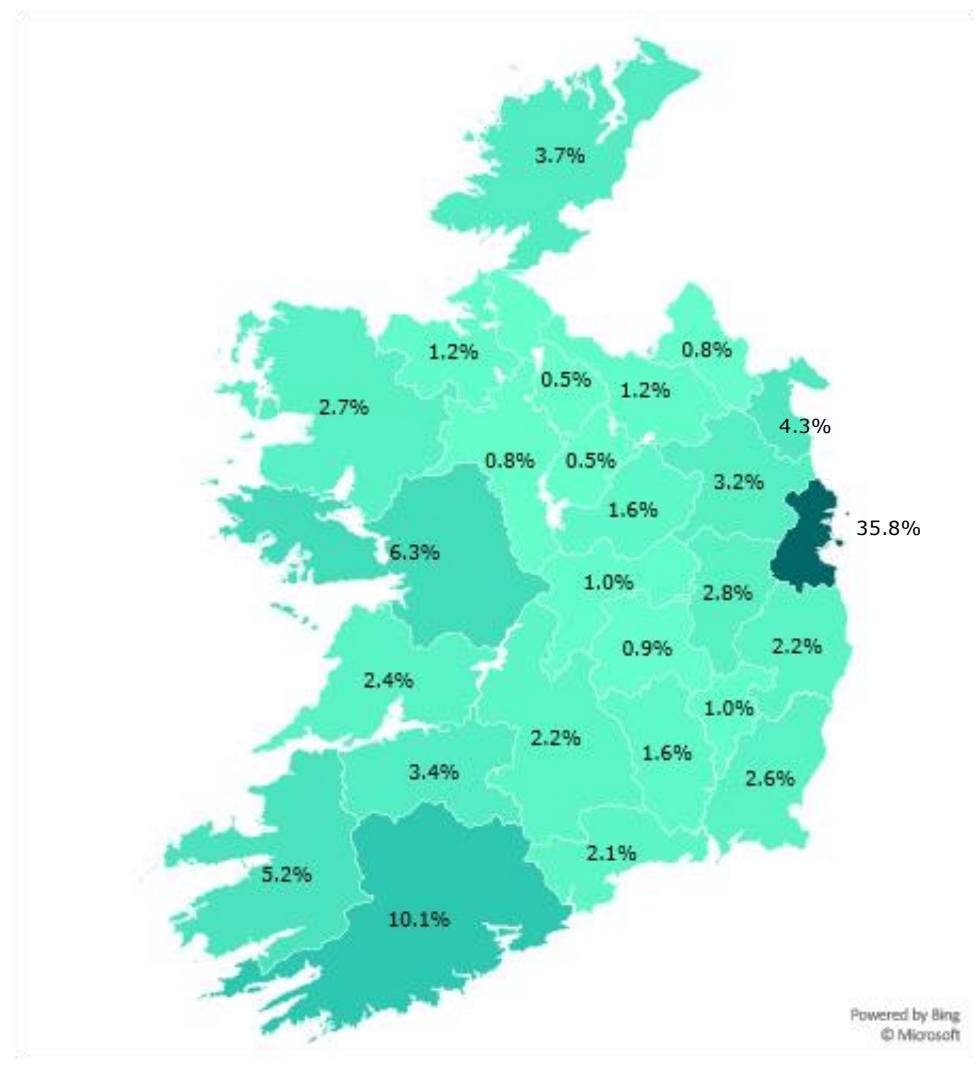


### CRSS Table 3: Payments and Claims by County

Premises Making Claims (total of 25,100)



Claim Amounts in € million (total of €570m)



## Further Information

Information on the operation of TWSS, EWSS and CRSS 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](#)).