

COVID-19 Support Schemes

Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme (EWSS)

Business Resumption Support Scheme (BRSS)

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Preliminary Statistics

(as at 6 January 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 **24,900** 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	€256.3m	€61.0m	33,700	343,600
October	€354.4m	€64.6m	35,700	341,700
November	€335.2m	€51.7m	31,000	267,200
December	€407.5m	€62.4m	32,700	317,700
January 2021	€398.0m	€60.9m	36,700	344,600
February	€382.3m	€59.1m	35,900	304,900
March	€392.5m	€60.9m	35,700	302,700
April	€409.6m	€63.3m	34,800	298,000
May	€364.4m	€55.7m	35,200	302,300
June	€414.6m	€62.2m	34,600	345,400
July	€452.4m	€65.9m	32,000	343,100
August	€389.9m	€56.9m	28,900	321,600
September	€391.7m	€57.4m	27,600	312,400
October	€364.4m	€52.9m	26,100	292,300
November	€336.3m	€49.2m	24,800	283,500
December (prov.)	€363.7m	€53.6m	23,400	275,300
January 2022 (to date)	€7.2m	€1.03m	1,900	19,300
All Months	€6,055m	€946m	51,900	705,100

*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 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.

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 29 November 2021	€151.4m	19,900
6 December 2021 onwards	€4.0m	1,100
All Claim Periods	€708m	25,500

*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.*

Business Resumption Support Scheme (BRSS)

The Business Resumption Support Scheme (BRSS) is an additional support for businesses impacted by COVID-19.

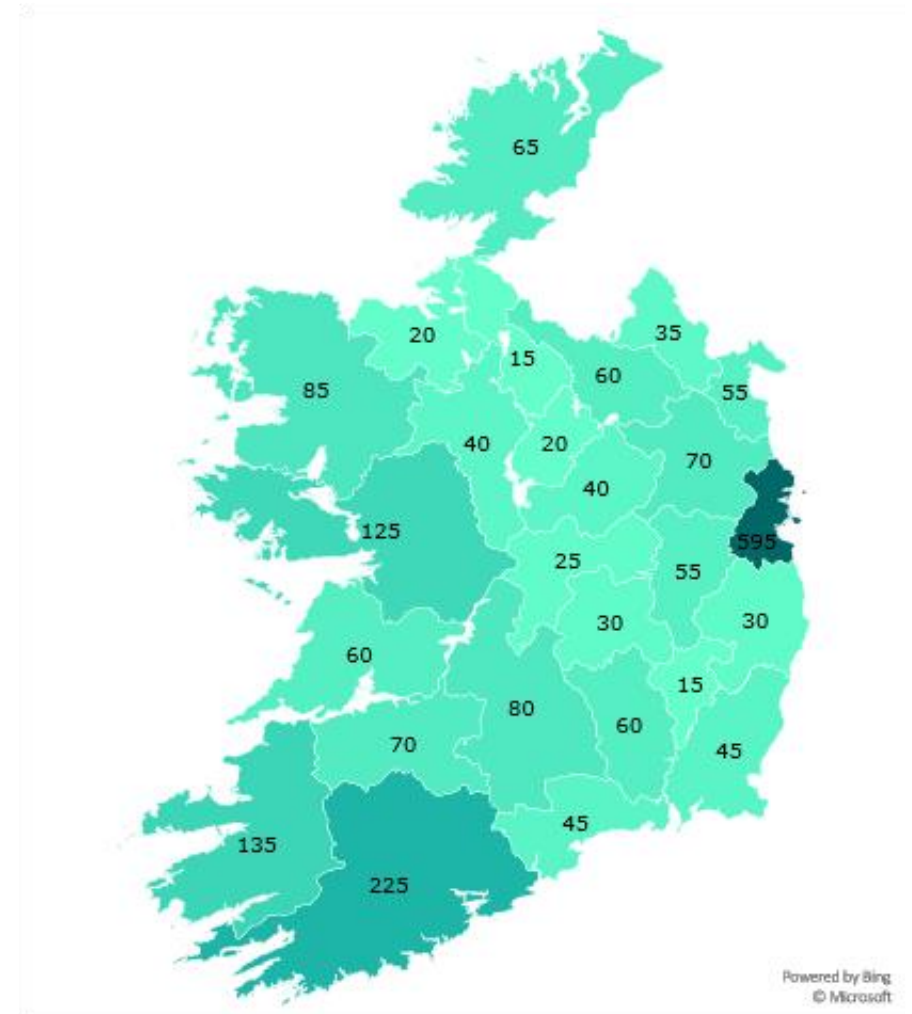
The BRSS is a targeted support for companies, self-employed individuals and partnerships, as well as certain charities and sporting bodies that carry on a trade that was significantly impacted by COVID-19 public health restrictions, including where the impact has continued after the easing of the restrictions. The Scheme was available to businesses that were actively trading on 1 September 2021 and intend to continue doing so. The Scheme concluded on 30 November for new applicants.

A qualifying person could make a claim under BRSS for a single payment equal to three times the average weekly turnover of the relevant business activity for the applicable reference period. Eligible businesses could claim for support under BRSS irrespective of whether they have previously qualified for other COVID-19 related Government schemes.

2,120 businesses with 2,250 trades have availed of BRSS and claims of **€7.7 million** have been made under the Scheme.

BRSS Table 1: Number of Registrations by Sector and by County

Sector	
Bar (Wet pub)	785
Travel agency, tour operator and other reservation service and related activities	195
Bar (Serving Food)	210
Café, Restaurant	215
Hotels and Accommodation (B&Bs etc)	155
Personal Services (Hairdressers, Beauticians, etc)	35
Passenger transport (Land, Water or Air)	40
Gym, Leisure Centre, Swimming Pool	30
Retail Specialist Store (Clothes, Toys, Florist, etc)	55
Performing Arts and supporting activities	40
Event catering activities	25
Construction and Maintenance	30
Other	435
Number of Trades	2,250



Further Information

Information on the operation of the COVID-19 support schemes 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](#)).