

# **COVID-19 Support Schemes**

Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme (EWSS)

## **Preliminary Statistics**

(as at 21 April 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.

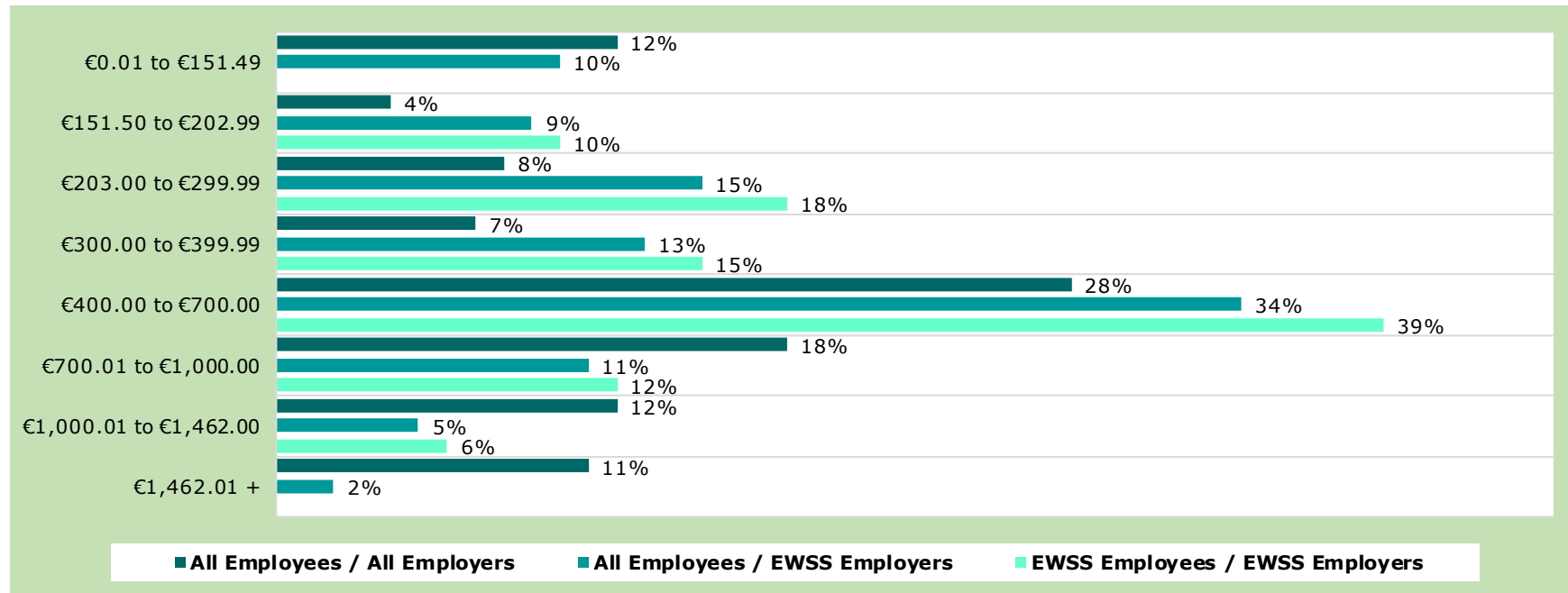
**EWSS Table 1: Payments Processed by Revenue**

Claim Month	EWSS Payments	PRSI Forgone**	Employers	Employees
July/August 2020*	€34.7	€7.3	6,500	32,300
September	€255.8	€60.9	33,600	342,800
October	€353.6	€64.5	35,600	340,800
November	€334.2	€51.6	30,800	266,400
December	€406.5	€62.2	32,600	316,900
January 2021	€396.9	€60.7	36,600	343,800
February	€380.5	€58.8	35,800	303,400
March	€390.1	€60.5	35,600	301,100
April	€407.7	€63.0	34,700	296,400
May	€362.1	€55.4	35,100	300,500
June	€412.9	€62.0	34,500	343,800
July	€449.9	€65.5	31,800	341,300
August	€388.1	€56.7	28,700	320,200
September	€390.7	€57.2	27,500	311,600
October	€363.6	€52.8	26,000	291,400
November	€335.7	€49.1	24,700	283,500
December	€374.8	€55.1	24,100	280,800
January 2022	€306.5	€44.5	23,200	267,300
February	€224.4	€44.3	22,200	259,000
March	€142.0	€0.0	21,300	261,700
April (to date)	€47.2	€0.0	16,200	203,300
<b>All Months</b>	<b>€6,758</b>	<b>€1,032</b>	<b>51,900</b>	<b>734,200</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 (until 1 March 2022).

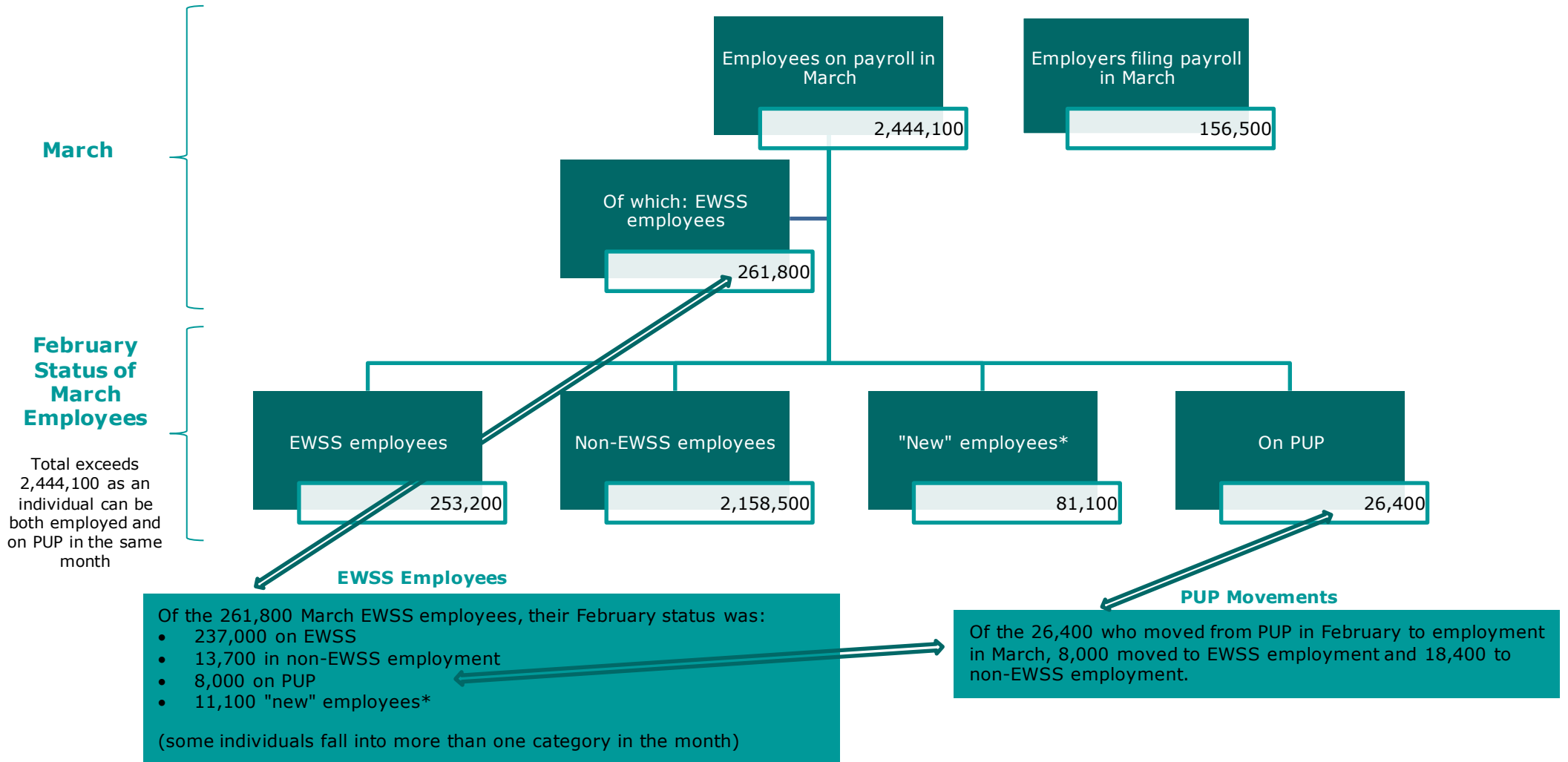
### EWSS Table 2: Employee Incomes in March



Note: Employees include persons in receipts of occupational pensions.

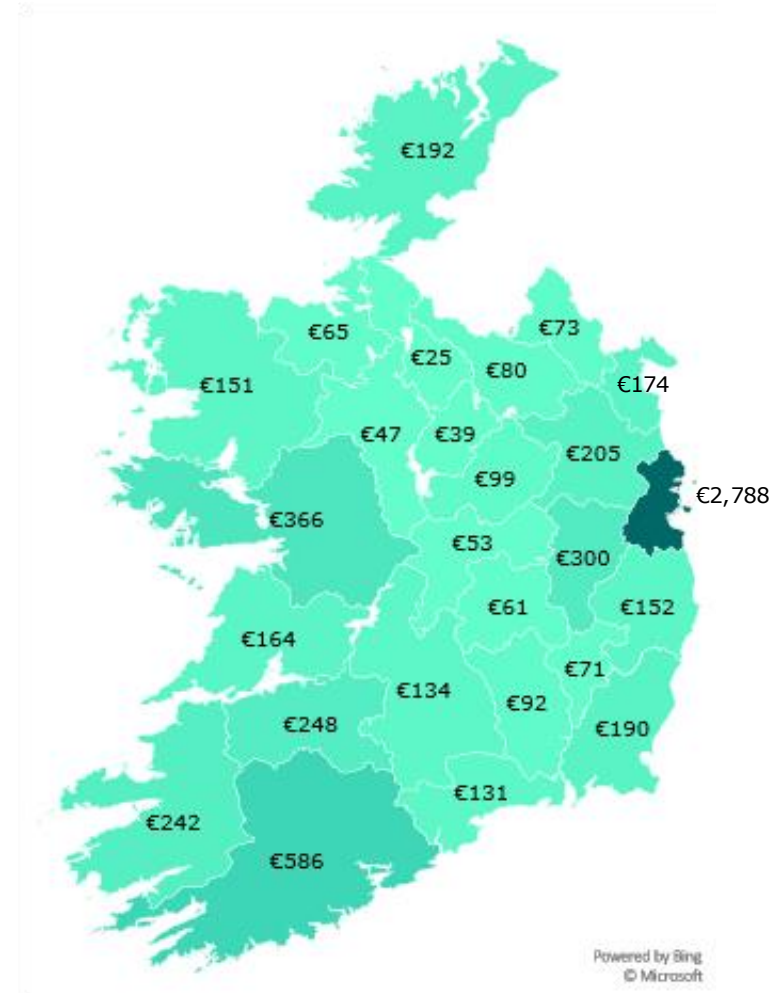
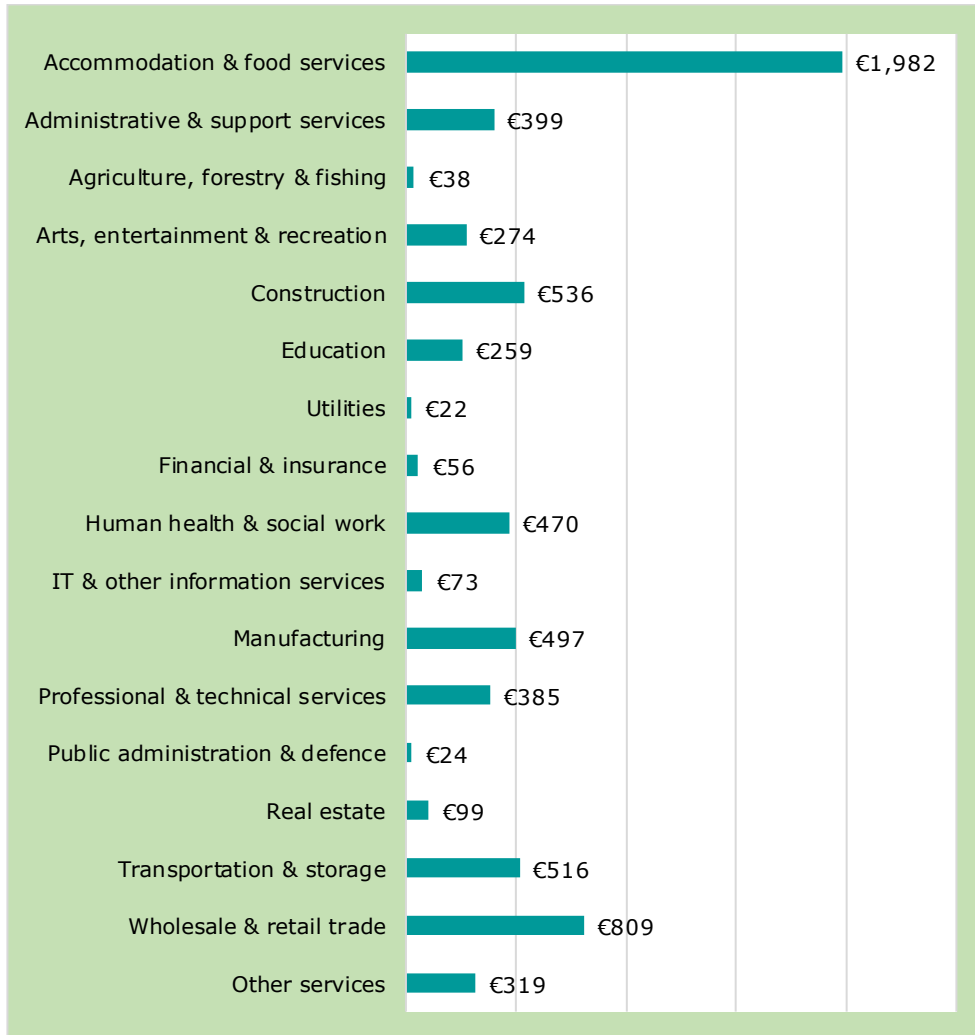
Around 51% of EWSS employees in March 2022 received the weekly flat rate subsidy of €100 per employee. These employees accounted for €53m of the cost of the scheme (total €142m) in the month.

### EWSS Table 3: Employee Movements\*\*



\*Employee did not appear on payslips in February; \*\*Employee numbers in this table exclude persons in receipts of occupational pensions.

**EWSS Table 4: Subsidy Payments by County and by Sector All Months (all amounts in € millions)**



Amounts cover all EWSS months including April 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](#)).