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**Unpaid wages recovered by the WRC by sector in the period 2011 to 2020[[1]](#footnote-1)**

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| **Sector** | **Unpaid Wages Recovered in 2011 €** |
| AERATED WATERS | 1,085 |
| AGRICULTURE | 89,420 |
| CATERING COUNTRY | 246,582 |
| CATERING DUBLIN | 69,226 |
| CLEANING COUNTRY | 30,580 |
| CLEANING DUBLIN | 309 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 269,910 |
| DRAPERY FOOTWEAR | 42,572 |
| ELECTRICAL | 21,596 |
| HAIRDRESSING CORK | 0 |
| HAIRDRESSING DUBLIN | 21,039 |
| HOTELS | 387,705 |
| LAW CLERKS | 979 |
| MUSHROOM | 3,149 |
| NATIONAL MINIMUM WAGE[[2]](#footnote-2) | 268,234 |
| PROVENDER MILLING | 271 |
| RETAIL GROCERY | 392,088 |
| SECURITY | 60,518 |
| **TOTAL 2011** | **1,905,262** |

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| **Sector** | **Unpaid Wages Recovered in 2012 €** |
| AERATED WATERS | 0 |
| AGRICULTURE | 15,087 |
| CATERING COUNTRY | 107,275 |
| CATERING DUBLIN | 24,730 |
| CLEANING COUNTRY | 2,918 |
| CLEANING DUBLIN | 12,116 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 102,821 |
| DRAPERY FOOTWEAR | 78,052 |
| ELECTRICAL | 40,047 |
| HAIRDRESSING DUBLIN | 3,174 |
| HOTELS | 105,847 |
| MUSHROOM | 8,425 |
| NATIONAL MINIMUM WAGE | 323,176 |
| PRINTING | 0 |
| RETAIL GROCERY | 30,765 |
| SECURITY | 1,504 |
| **TOTAL 2012**  | **855,935** |

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| **Sector** | **Unpaid Wages Recovered in 2013 €** |
| AGRICULTURE | 39,252 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 103,579 |
| CONTRACT CLEANING | 31,336 |
| ELECTRICAL | 37 |
| FOOD & DRINK | 252,109 |
| HOTEL | 55,487 |
| MANUFACTURING | 14,275 |
| OTHER | 176,590 |
| SECURITY | 7,554 |
| TRANSPORT | 9,871 |
| WHOLESALE AND RETAIL | 133,962 |
| **TOTAL 2013** | **824,052** |
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| **Sector** | **Unpaid Wages Recovered in 2014 €** |
| AGRICULTURE | 17,965 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 4,576 |
| CONTRACT CLEANING | 108 |
| DOMESTIC WORKER | 0 |
| ELECTRICAL | 0 |
| FOOD & DRINK | 289,747 |
| HAIR AND BEAUTY | 18,413 |
| HEALTH NURSING AND CHILDCARE | 32,250 |
| HOTEL | 143,223 |
| MANUFACTURING | 3,885 |
| OTHER | 78,162 |
| PROFESSIONAL SERVICES | 39,295 |
| SECURITY | 302 |
| TRANSPORT | 44,858 |
| WHOLESALE AND RETAIL | 188,630 |
| **TOTAL 2014** | **861,416** |
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| **Sector** | **Unpaid Wages Recovered in 2015 €** |
| AGRICULTURE | 17,395 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 12,452 |
| CONTRACT CLEANING | 6,808 |
| DOMESTIC WORKER | 2,227 |
| ELECTRICAL | 10,141 |
| FOOD & DRINK | 404,396 |
| HAIR AND BEAUTY | 17,562 |
| HEALTH NURSING AND CHILDCARE | 67,043 |
| HOTEL | 51,961 |
| MANUFACTURING | 95,132 |
| OTHER | 145,936 |
| PROFESSIONAL SERVICES | 77,943 |
| SECURITY | 4,593 |
| TRANSPORT | 30,287 |
| WHOLESALE AND RETAIL | 467,693 |
| **TOTAL 2015** | **1,411,569** |

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| **Sector** | **Unpaid Wages recovered in 2016 €** |
| AGRICULTURE | 30,137 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 127,100 |
| CONTRACT CLEANING | 9,480 |
| DOMESTIC WORKER | 4,728 |
| ELECTRICAL | 6,363 |
| FISHERIES | 0 |
| FOOD & DRINK | 332,903 |
| HAIR AND BEAUTY | 23,393 |
| HEALTH NURSING AND CHILDCARE | 156,071 |
| HOTEL | 73,506 |
| MANUFACTURING | 25,385 |
| OTHER | 311,260 |
| PROFESSIONAL SERVICES | 3,872 |
| SECURITY | 52,779 |
| TRANSPORT | 16,072 |
| WHOLESALE AND RETAIL | 348,550 |
| **TOTAL 2016** | **1,521,600** |

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| **Sector** | **Unpaid Wages recovered in 2017 €** |
| AGRICULTURE | 56,229 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 44,497 |
| CONTRACT CLEANING | 29,395 |
| DOMESTIC WORKER | 30,190 |
| ELECTRICAL | 2,933 |
| EQUINE | 7,759 |
| FISHERIES | 6,252 |
| FOOD & DRINK | 444,634 |
| HAIR AND BEAUTY | 19,955 |
| HEALTH NURSING AND CHILDCARE | 200,198 |
| HOTEL | 109,227 |
| MANUFACTURING | 33,576 |
| OTHER | 224,462 |
| PROFESSIONAL SERVICES | 46,959 |
| SECURITY | 13,167 |
| TRANSPORT | 168,125 |
| WHOLESALE AND RETAIL | 331,927 |
| **TOTAL 2017** | **1,769,484** |

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| **Sector** | **Unpaid Wages recovered in 2018 €** |
| AGRICULTURE | 188,597 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 109,562 |
| CONTRACT CLEANING | 4,119 |
| DOMESTIC WORKER | 1,207 |
| ELECTRICAL | 2,538 |
| EQUINE | 73,469 |
| FISHERIES | 433 |
| FOOD & DRINK | 472,824 |
| HAIR AND BEAUTY | 45,941 |
| HEALTH NURSING AND CHILDCARE | 824,216 |
| HOTEL | 129,453 |
| MANUFACTURING | 51,584 |
| OTHER | 142,686 |
| PROFESSIONAL SERVICES | 189,612 |
| SECURITY | 29,286 |
| TRANSPORT | 141,040 |
| WHOLESALE AND RETAIL | 731,351 |
| **TOTAL 2018** | **3,137,916** |

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| **Sector** | **Unpaid Wages recovered in 2019 (cases finalised on the old Case Management System (OCMS)). €** |
| AGRICULTURE | 84,656 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 127,444 |
| CONTRACT CLEANING | 19,613 |
| DOMESTIC WORKER | 7,877 |
| ELECTRICAL | 20,035 |
| EQUINE | 29,009 |
| FISHERIES | 1,907 |
| FOOD & DRINK | 435,936 |
| HAIR AND BEAUTY | 31,452 |
| HEALTH NURSING AND CHILDCARE | 371,558 |
| HOTEL | 53,643 |
| MANUFACTURING | 6,059 |
| OTHER | 843,958 |
| PROFESSIONAL SERVICES | 830,487 |
| SECURITY | 30,255 |
| TRANSPORT | 166,461 |
| WHOLESALE AND RETAIL | 205,595 |
| **TOTAL 2019 (OCMS)** | **3,265,946** |

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| Sector | Unpaid Wages recovered in 2019 (Cases finalised under new Case Management System (NCMS)). € |
| Accounting & Financial Services | 0 |
| Activities of Households as Employers | 0 |
| Administration & Support | 8,253 |
| Advertising & Marketing | 1,577 |
| Agriculture | 2,481 |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | 10,758 |
| Beverage Service Activities | 17,591 |
| Construction | 75,385 |
| Contract Cleaning | 12,792 |
| Education | 14,908 |
| Electrical Contracting | 0 |
| Equine Activities | 0 |
| Fishing | 0 |
| Food Service Activities | 182,447 |
| Hair & Beauty | 41,557 |
| Hotels | 17,708 |
| Human Health & Social Work | 65,154 |
| Information & Communications | 5,485 |
| Legal Services | 5,394 |
| Manufacturing | 13,933 |
| Meat Processing | 0 |
| Mechanical Eng. Building Services | 0 |
| Mining & Quarrying | 0 |
| Not Classified | 0 |
| Other Accommodation | 0 |
| Other Service Activities | 270 |
| Postal & Courier Services | 0 |
| Professional Services | 641 |
| Public Administration | 0 |
| Real Estate Activities | 7,644 |
| Security | 16,041 |
| Transport | 35,477 |
| Travel & Tour Operators | 10,996 |
| Veterinary & Animal Health Services | 26,774 |
| Warehousing & Support Activities | 735 |
| Water Supply, Sewerage & Waste Remediation | 0 |
| Wholesale & Retail | 92,015 |
| TOTAL 2019 (NCMS) | 666,015 |

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| Sector | Unpaid Wages recovered in 2020  |
| Accounting & Financial Services | €3,359 |
| Activities of Households as Employers | €0 |
| Administration & Support | €158,977 |
| Advertising & Marketing | €0 |
| Agriculture | €26,396 |
| Arts, Entertainment & Recreation | €85,806 |
| Beverage Service Activities | €43,457 |
| Construction | €31,501 |
| Contract Cleaning | €55,316 |
| Education | €1,966 |
| Electrical Contracting | €2,196 |
| Equine Activities | €91,456 |
| Fishing | €9,846 |
| Food Service Activities | €327,067 |
| Hair & Beauty | €30,564 |
| Hotels | €69,377 |
| Human Health & Social Work | €91,978 |
| Information & Communications | €144 |
| Legal Services | €0 |
| Manufacturing | €6,665 |
| Meat Processing | €876 |
| Mechanical Eng. Building Services | €0 |
| Mining & Quarrying | €0 |
| Not Classified | €0 |
| Other Accommodation | €0 |
| Other Service Activities | €4,066 |
| Postal & Courier Services  | €0 |
| Professional Services | €179,309 |
| Public Administration | €295 |
| Real Estate Activities | €90 |
| Security | €74,447 |
| Transport | €23,314 |
| Travel & Tour Operators | €5,720 |
| Veterinary & Animal Health Services | €0 |
| Warehousing & Support Activities | €0 |
| Water Supply, Sewerage & Waste Remediation | €455 |
| Wholesale & Retail | €334,633 |
| TOTAL 2020  | €1,659,277 |

1. With the establishment of the Workplace Relations Commission (WRC) on the 1 October 2015, the Inspectorate Division of the WRC subsumed the functions of the former National Employment Rights Authority (NERA). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. In the years 2011 to 2012, the sectoral breakdown used by NERA for the collection of statistics was guided by Registered Employment Agreements (principally in the Construction and Electrical Sectors) and Employment Regulation Orders in place in various sectors. Employees not falling within the scope of REA’s or ERO’s were within the scope of the National Minimum Wage Sector. For the year 2013 to 2019, the sectoral description “National Minimum Wage” was amended to “other” as all employees within all sectors fell within the scope of National Minimum Wage Act when the REA’s were struck down by the Supreme Court in June 2013. The overall sectoral breakdown was maintained for consistency of data /stats returns and for year on year comparison purposes. With the introduction of the new Case Management Systemin 2019, statistics are now collated under the appropriate NACE Sector. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)