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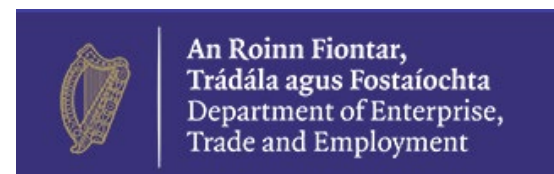
An analysis of the distribution of enterprise supports

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What are we trying to find out and why is this important?



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Objectives of the paper



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Conduct a literature review

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Overview of the enterprise agencies and supports provided

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What is the distribution of the enterprise base?

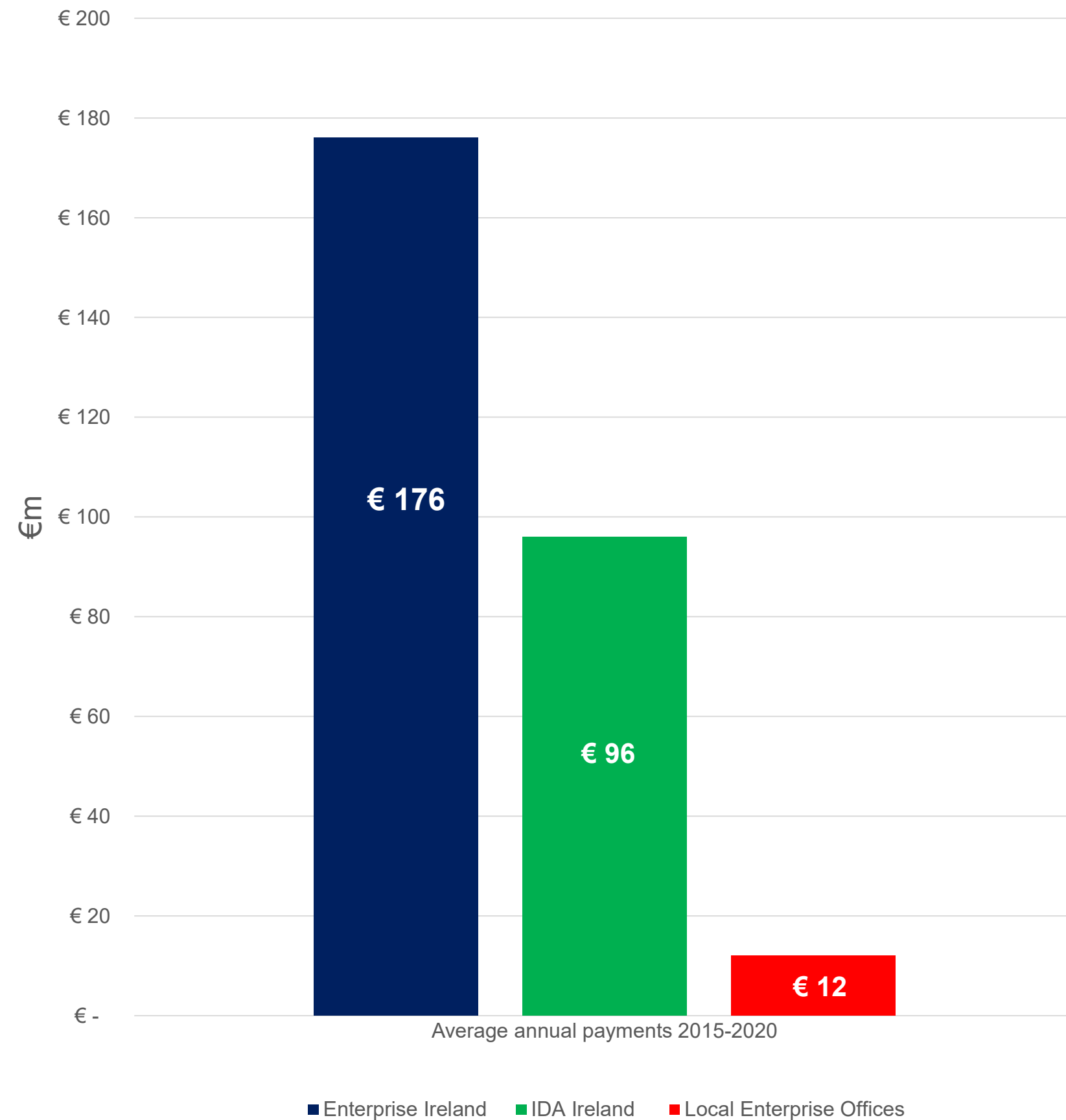
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What is the distribution of enterprise supports?

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Key findings

Supports from enterprise agencies



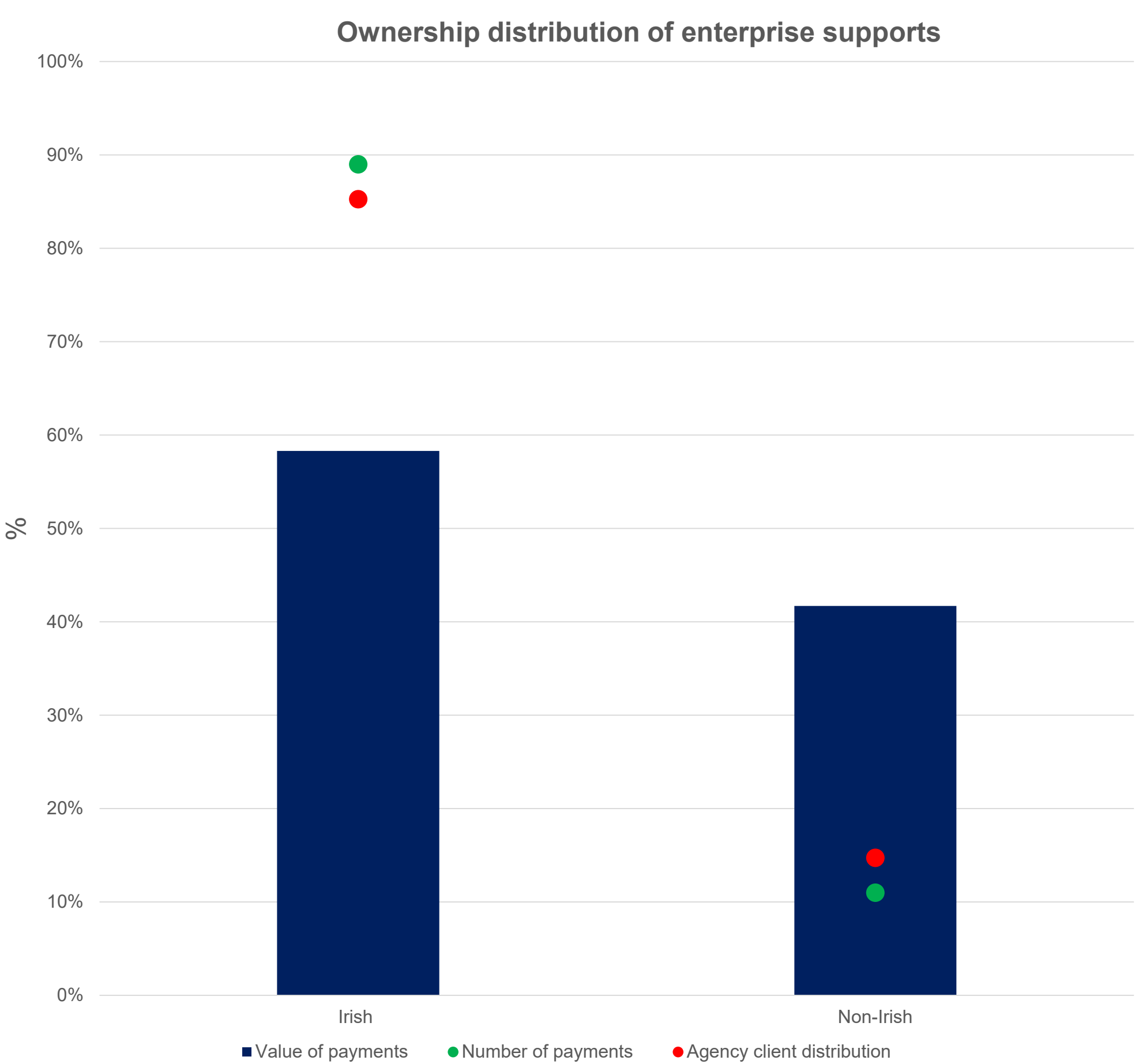
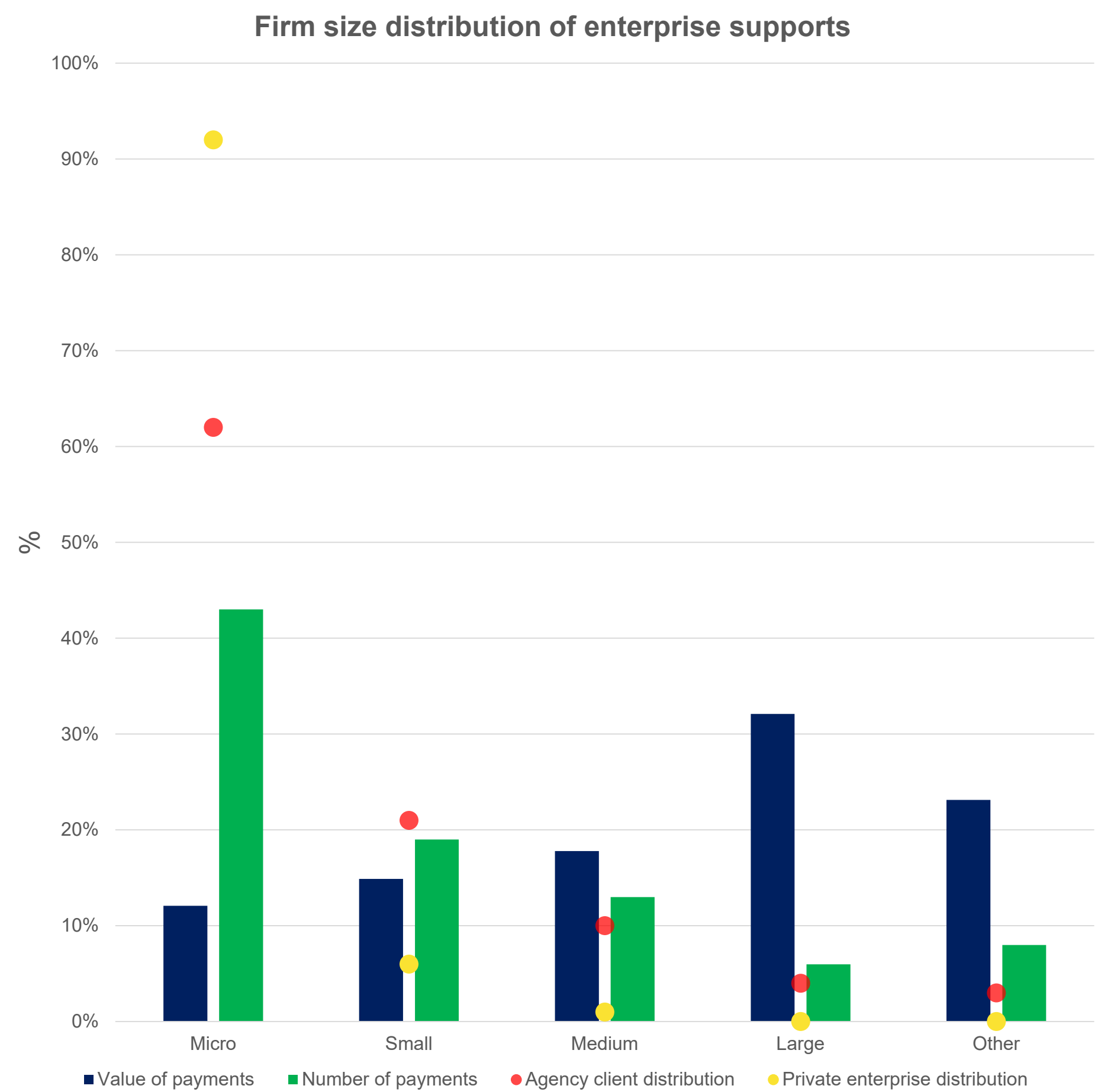
- The main supports provided by IDA Ireland are RD&I Support (39%) and the Property Programme (33%).
- The main supports provided by Enterprise Ireland include the Seed and Venture Capital Fund and Company Development.
- The main supports provided by Local Enterprise Offices are Business Expansion Grant (48%) and Priming Grant (41%).

The agency clients

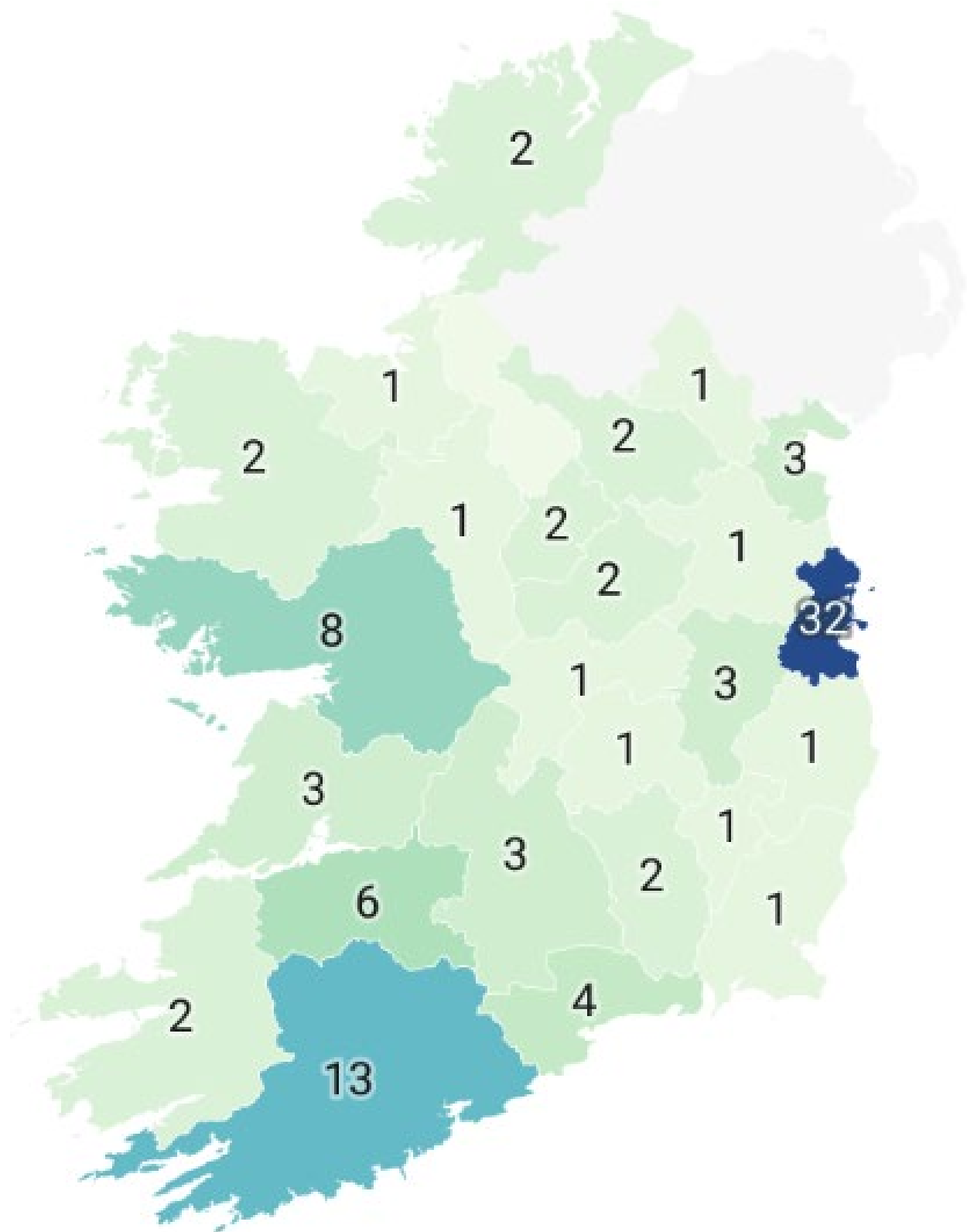


- Over 11,000 firms have been a client of the selected enterprise agencies over the years 2015-2020.
- Overall, client enterprises are bigger in size relative to the overall enterprise base. 14% are either a medium or large vs 1% of private enterprise base.
- The overall regional distribution of agency clients mirrors the distribution of the overall private enterprise base. However this differs across agencies.
- Manufacturing is the main sector that agency clients are in (40%). Other sectors prominent are information and communication (30%), and finance and insurance (7%).
- Within manufacturing the main sectors for Enterprise Ireland are food and drink (27%) and metals (13%). For IDA Ireland the main sectors clients are in are other manufacturing (40%) and pharma (25%).

The firm level distribution of supports



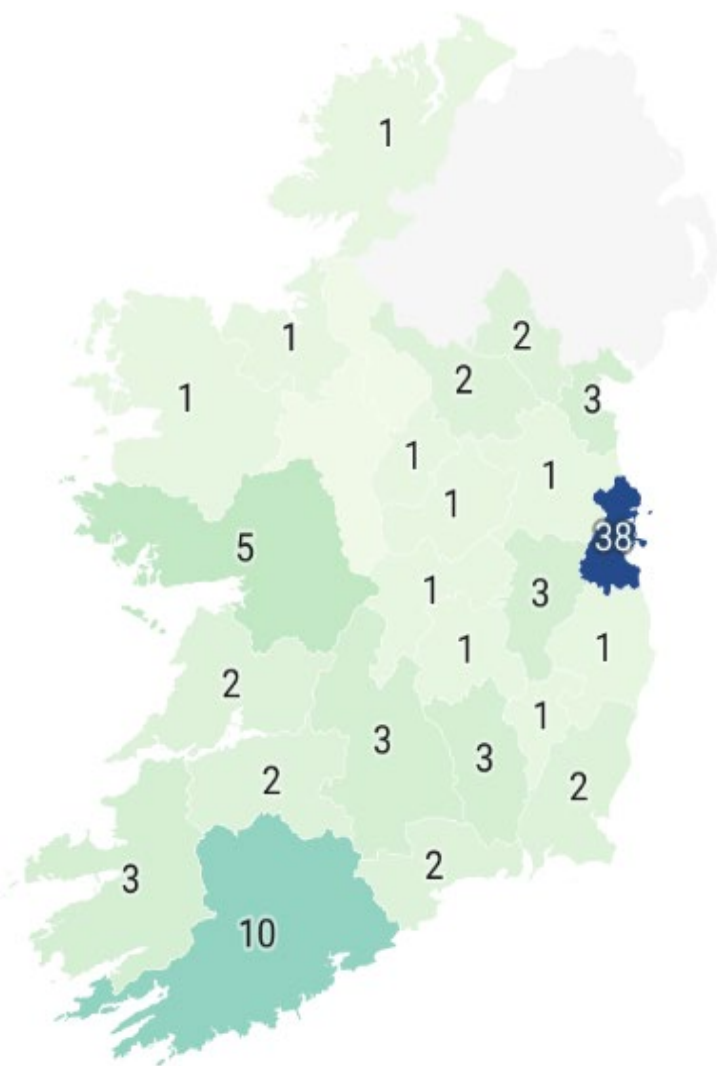
The regional level distribution of supports



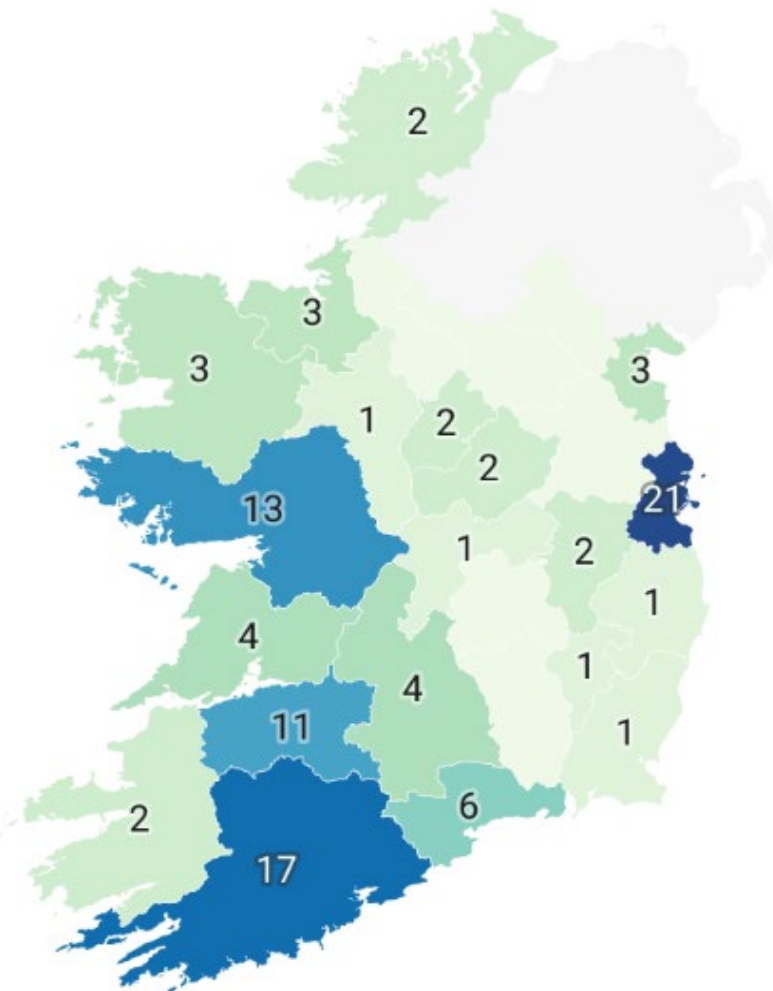
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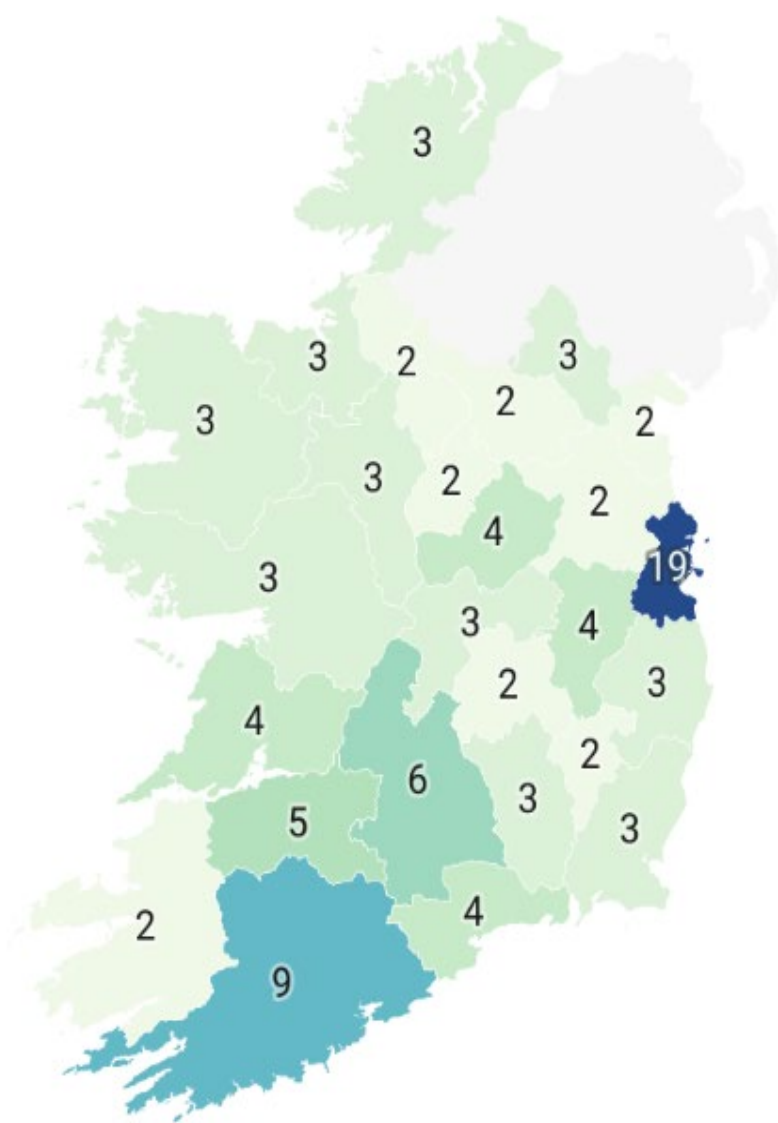
Enterprise Ireland



IDA Ireland



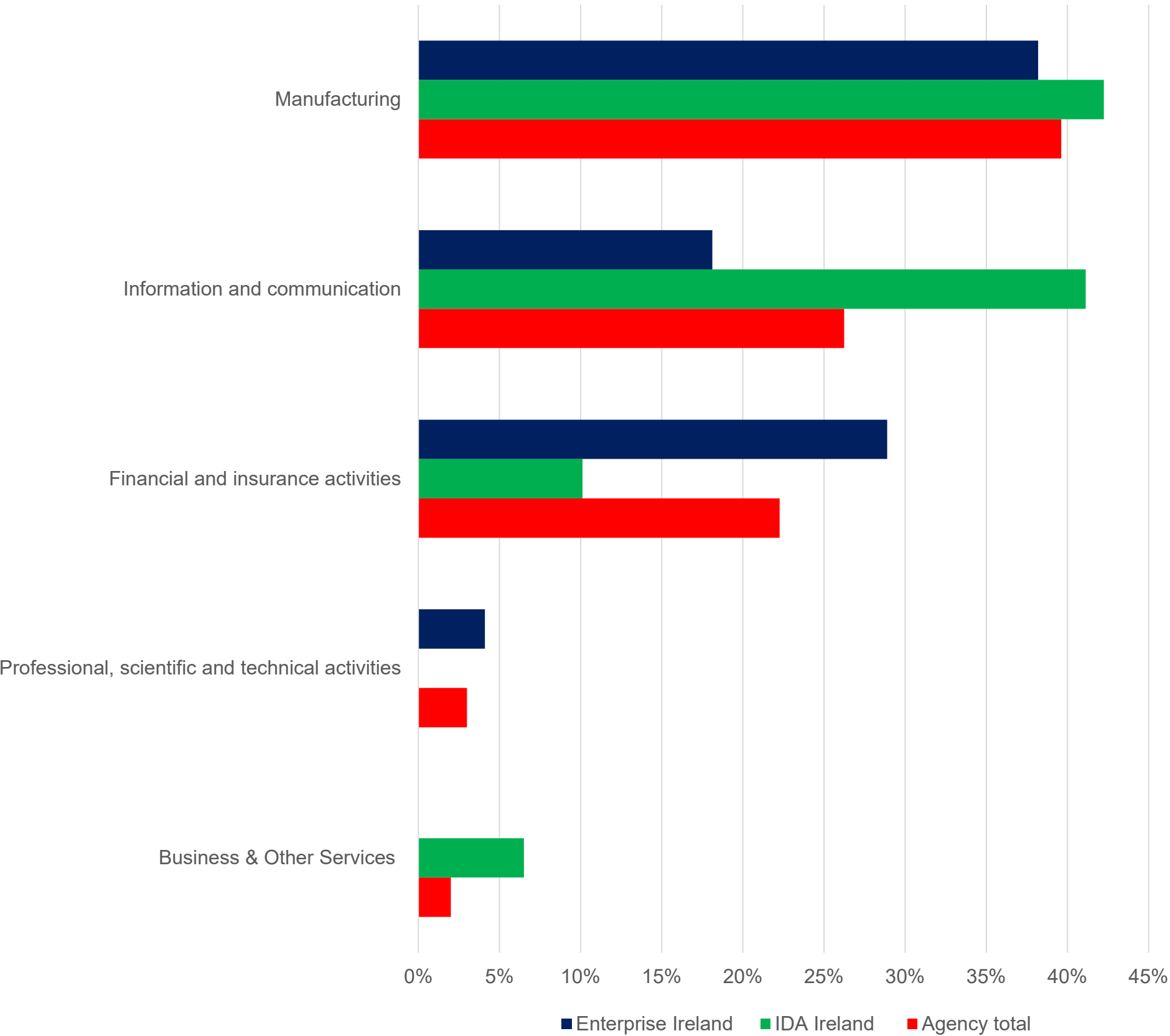
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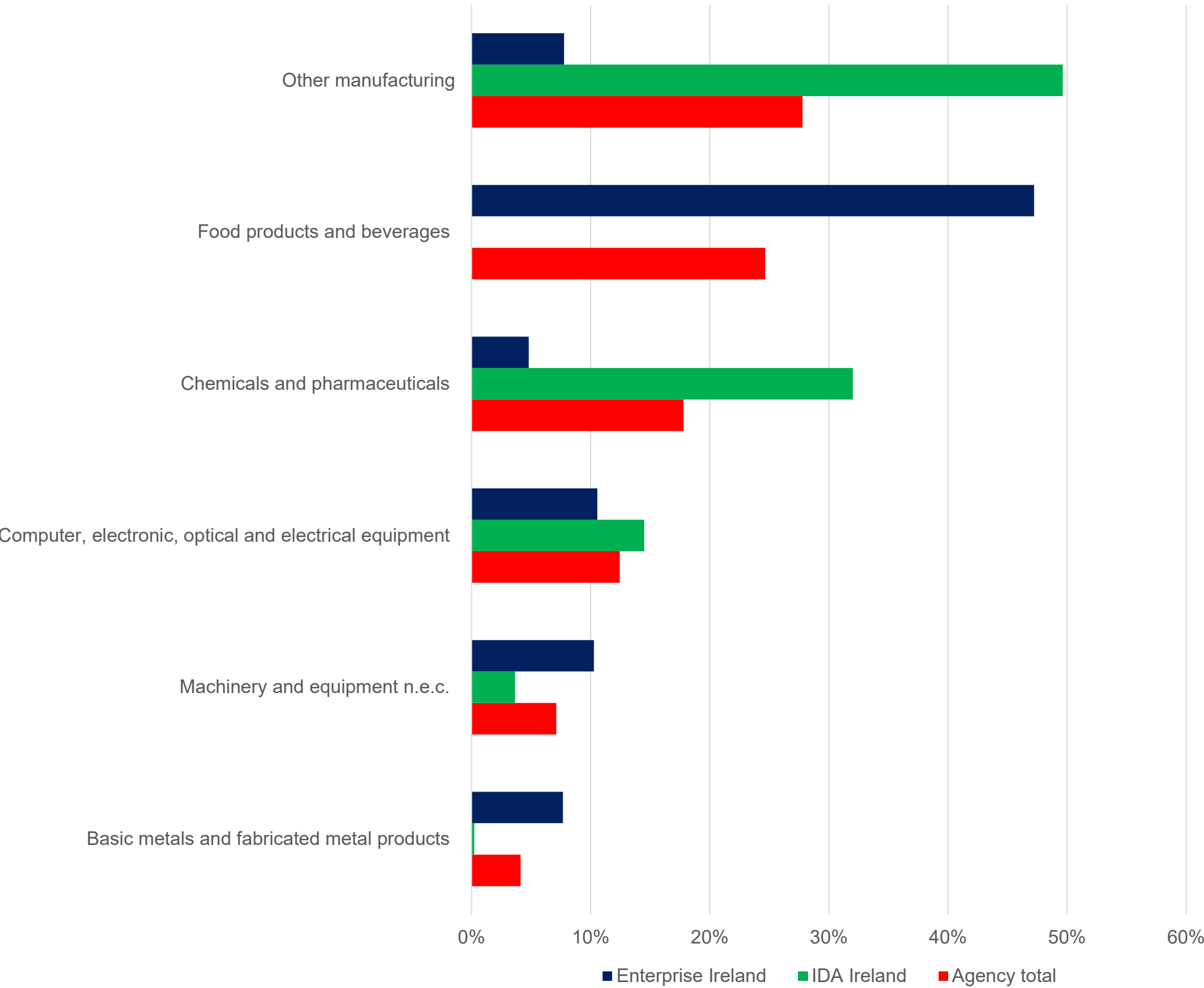
The sectoral level distribution of supports



The sectoral distribution of payments



The sectoral distribution of manufacturing payments



Recap



- This paper analyses the distribution of enterprise supports from Enterprise Ireland, IDA Ireland and Local Enterprise Offices. It focuses on how these supports were distributed at a firm, regional and sectoral level.
- At the firm level, micro and Irish owned firms receive the greatest percentage of supports in terms of the number of firms who receive a payment. However, medium and large firms receive a greater level of support in value terms, as do firms which are non-Irish on a proportionate basis.
- At a regional level, the distribution of enterprise supports for most counties is similar to how the overall enterprise base is distributed and how the overall agency client base is distributed. This differs across agencies.
- At a sectoral level, manufacturing receives the greatest level of support. Enterprise Ireland has a strong focus on food products and beverages. IDA Ireland focuses support on medical devices and pharmaceuticals. Other sectors of focus include information and communication, and finance and insurance.