

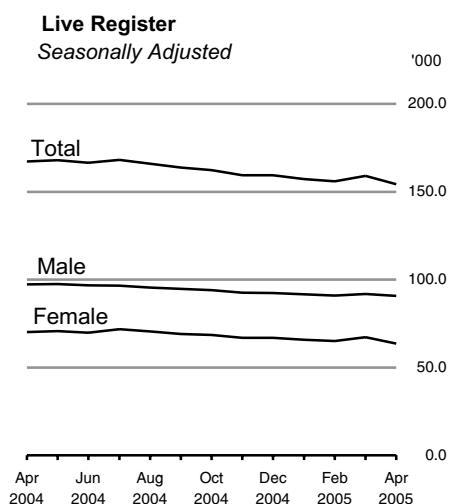


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Live Register Analysis

April 2005



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
April 2004	164,660	167,200
March 2005	157,675	159,000
April 2005	151,619	154,200
Change in month	-6,056	-4,800
Change in year	-13,041	-13,000

Decline in seasonally adjusted Live Register continues in April

The seasonally adjusted Live Register total decreased from 159,000 in March to 154,200 in April, a decrease of 4,800. This compares with an increase of 3,100 in March. The timing of Easter this year has had an influence on these contrasting trends. Overall between February and April the seasonally adjusted Live Register fell by 1,700. *See table 2a and graph opposite.*

In the year to April 2005, there was an unadjusted decrease of 13,041 (-7.9%). This compares with an unadjusted decrease of 11,205 (-6.6%) in the year to March 2005.

Other features include:

- ◆ The monthly decrease in the Seasonally Adjusted series was made up of a decrease of 3,700 females and 1,100 males. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in April was 4.2%. This compares with 4.4% in October 2004, based on the Quarterly National Household Survey. *See table 3 and background notes.*
- ◆ In the month, the estimated number of casual and part-time workers on the Live Register was 8,269 males and 13,127 females. *See background notes.*

The Live Register is not designed to measure unemployment. It includes part-time workers (those who work up to three days a week), seasonal and casual workers entitled to Unemployment Assistance or Benefit. Unemployment is measured by the Quarterly National Household Survey and the latest seasonally adjusted figure, for September to November 2004, is 86,900 persons unemployed.

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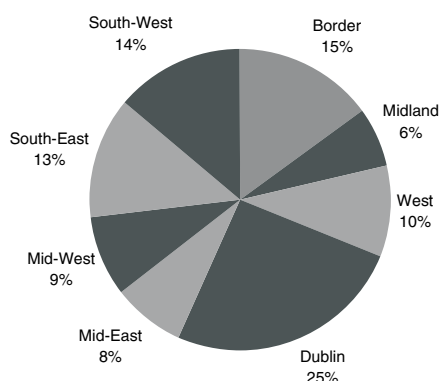
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Live Register by Regional Authority



	April 2005	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and Western	47,110	- 1,840	- 4,008
Border	22,684	- 764	- 2,297
Midland	9,696	- 383	- 477
West	14,730	- 693	- 1,234
Southern and Eastern	104,509	- 4,216	- 9,033
Dublin	38,898	- 904	- 4,198
Mid-East	11,785	- 303	- 796
Mid-West	12,958	- 637	- 1,411
South-East	19,887	- 1,093	- 1,269
South-West	20,981	- 1,279	- 1,359
Total	151,619	- 6,056	-13,041

Monthly decreases in all regions

There was an unadjusted monthly decrease of 6,056 (-3.8%) on the Live Register, which reflected decreases in all regions. The largest percentage decreases were in the South-West (-5.7%) and South-East regions (-5.2%).

Other features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males decreased in all regions. The largest percentage decreases were in the South-West (-4.1%) and in the Mid-West and South-East regions (both -3.7%).
- ◆ The number of females also decreased in all regions. The largest percentage decreases were in the South-West (-8.0%) and South-East regions (-7.3%).
- ◆ Amongst counties, the largest percentage decreases were in Kerry (-9.0%) and in Carlow (-8.4%). There was an increase in Leitrim (+0.4%). See tables 4 and 6.

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	April 2004	March 2005	April 2005	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	35,478	30,686	29,080	- 1,606	- 6,398
UA Applications	58,918	59,385	58,922	- 463	+ 4
Other Registrants	2,693	2,715	2,621	- 94	- 72
Total	97,089	92,786	90,623	- 2,163	- 6,466
Females					
UB Claims	36,596	34,217	30,872	- 3,345	- 5,724
UA Applications	22,423	22,868	22,520	- 348	+ 97
Other Registrants	8,552	7,804	7,604	- 200	- 948
Total	67,571	64,889	60,996	- 3,893	- 6,575
All Persons					
UB Claims	72,074	64,903	59,952	- 4,951	- 12,122
UA Applications	81,341	82,253	81,442	- 811	+ 101
Other Registrants	11,245	10,519	10,225	- 294	- 1,020
Total	164,660	157,675	151,619	- 6,056	- 13,041

Table 1b Persons under 25 years of age on the Live Register

Category	April 2004	March 2005	April 2005	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	6,211	5,013	4,766	- 247	- 1,445
UA Applications	11,848	12,605	12,374	- 231	+ 526
Other Registrants	35	41	32	- 9	- 3
Total	18,094	17,659	17,172	- 487	- 922
Females					
UB Claims	4,798	3,903	3,580	- 323	- 1,218
UA Applications	8,333	8,740	8,444	- 296	+ 111
Other Registrants	92	91	92	+ 1	0
Total	13,223	12,734	12,116	- 618	- 1,107
All Persons					
UB Claims	11,009	8,916	8,346	- 570	- 2,663
UA Applications	20,181	21,345	20,818	- 527	+ 637
Other Registrants	127	132	124	- 8	- 3
Total	31,317	30,393	29,288	- 1,105	- 2,029

Table 1c Persons 25 years of age and over on the Live Register

Category	April 2004	March 2005	April 2005	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	29,267	25,673	24,314	- 1,359	- 4,953
UA Applications	47,070	46,780	46,548	- 232	- 522
Other Registrants	2,658	2,674	2,589	- 85	- 69
Total	78,995	75,127	73,451	- 1,676	- 5,544
Females					
UB Claims	31,798	30,314	27,292	- 3,022	- 4,506
UA Applications	14,090	14,128	14,076	- 52	- 14
Other Registrants	8,460	7,713	7,512	- 201	- 948
Total	54,348	52,155	48,880	- 3,275	- 5,468
All Persons					
UB Claims	61,065	55,987	51,606	- 4,381	- 9,459
UA Applications	61,160	60,908	60,624	- 284	- 536
Other Registrants	11,118	10,387	10,101	- 286	- 1,017
Total	133,343	127,282	122,331	- 4,951	- 11,012

Table 2a Total persons on the Live Register - Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted

	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series ¹		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2003	April	100,300	70,600	170,900	100,400	73,000	173,500
	May	98,300	67,800	166,100	100,500	71,500	172,000
	June	101,600	76,300	177,900	101,800	73,700	175,500
	July	103,600	81,900	185,400	102,000	74,300	176,300
	August	103,800	82,200	186,000	102,000	74,200	176,200
	September	98,800	72,100	170,800	100,800	73,200	174,000
	October	96,300	70,300	166,600	100,000	73,300	173,200
	November	96,100	68,400	164,500	99,300	72,600	171,800
	December	99,200	71,500	170,600	98,700	72,200	170,900
2004	January	102,500	72,000	174,500	98,900	72,300	171,200
	February	101,600	71,600	173,100	98,600	71,800	170,400
	March	99,700	69,200	168,900	98,800	71,500	170,300
	April	97,100	67,600	164,700	97,200	70,100	167,200
	May	95,100	66,900	162,000	97,400	70,600	167,900
	June	96,600	72,300	169,000	96,800	69,700	166,500
	July	98,100	79,400	177,500	96,500	71,700	168,200
	August	97,200	78,600	175,800	95,400	70,500	165,900
	September	92,600	67,800	160,500	94,700	69,100	163,800
	October	90,100	65,300	155,500	93,900	68,400	162,300
	November	89,300	62,700	152,000	92,500	66,900	159,400
	December	92,700	66,100	158,800	92,300	66,900	159,300
2005	January	95,200	65,300	160,500	91,600	65,700	157,200
	February	93,900	64,800	158,600	90,900	65,000	155,900
	March	92,800	64,900	157,700	91,800	67,200	159,000
	April	90,600	61,000	151,600	90,700	63,500	154,200

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2004 (See Background Notes).

Table 2b Persons under 25 years of age on the Live Register - Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted

	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series ¹		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2003	April	18,700	13,400	32,000	18,900	14,200	33,000
	May	18,400	13,300	31,700	19,000	14,100	33,200
	June	19,600	15,600	35,200	19,400	14,800	34,300
	July	20,500	16,800	37,300	19,600	15,000	34,500
	August	20,500	16,900	37,300	19,500	15,000	34,500
	September	19,100	15,000	34,100	19,300	14,700	33,900
	October	17,800	13,800	31,600	18,900	14,500	33,400
	November	17,700	13,500	31,100	18,800	14,400	33,200
	December	18,100	13,400	31,400	18,500	14,300	32,800
2004	January	19,500	14,200	33,800	18,700	14,400	33,000
	February	19,300	14,200	33,600	18,600	14,300	32,900
	March	19,000	13,800	32,800	18,800	14,300	33,100
	April	18,100	13,200	31,300	18,300	14,000	32,300
	May	17,700	13,300	30,900	18,300	14,100	32,400
	June	18,300	14,800	33,100	18,200	14,000	32,200
	July	18,800	16,000	34,900	17,900	14,200	32,100
	August	18,700	15,900	34,600	17,800	14,000	31,800
	September	17,600	14,200	31,800	17,800	13,800	31,600
	October	16,400	12,800	29,200	17,500	13,500	31,000
	November	16,200	12,300	28,500	17,300	13,300	30,600
	December	16,700	12,200	28,900	17,200	13,200	30,400
2005	January	17,900	13,100	31,000	17,100	13,200	30,300
	February	17,900	13,100	31,000	17,100	13,100	30,300
	March	17,700	12,700	30,400	17,500	13,200	30,700
	April	17,200	12,100	29,300	17,400	13,000	30,300

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2004 (See Background Notes).

Table 2c Persons 25 years of age and over on the Live Register - Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted

	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series ¹		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2003	April	81,600	57,300	138,900	81,500	58,900	140,400
	May	79,900	54,500	134,400	81,500	57,400	138,900
	June	82,000	60,700	142,700	82,300	58,900	141,200
	July	83,100	65,000	148,200	82,500	59,300	141,800
	August	83,300	65,300	148,600	82,400	59,300	141,700
	September	79,700	57,000	136,700	81,500	58,500	140,100
	October	78,500	56,500	134,900	81,000	58,800	139,800
	November	78,500	55,000	133,400	80,500	58,100	138,600
	December	81,100	58,100	139,200	80,200	57,900	138,100
2004	January	83,000	57,800	140,800	80,200	58,000	138,200
	February	82,200	57,300	139,500	80,000	57,500	137,500
	March	80,700	55,400	136,100	79,900	57,200	137,200
	April	79,000	54,300	133,300	78,900	56,000	134,900
	May	77,500	53,600	131,000	79,100	56,500	135,500
	June	78,300	57,500	135,800	78,600	55,600	134,300
	July	79,300	63,300	142,600	78,600	57,500	136,100
	August	78,500	62,700	141,200	77,600	56,500	134,100
	September	75,000	53,600	128,700	76,900	55,200	132,100
	October	73,800	52,600	126,300	76,400	54,900	131,200
	November	73,100	50,400	123,500	75,200	53,600	128,800
	December	76,000	53,900	129,900	75,100	53,700	128,900
2005	January	77,300	52,200	129,500	74,500	52,500	127,000
	February	76,000	51,700	127,700	73,700	51,900	125,600
	March	75,100	52,200	127,300	74,300	54,000	128,300
	April	73,500	48,900	122,300	73,300	50,600	123,900

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2004 (See Background Notes).

Table 3 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates (SUR)

Month	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
January ¹	5.9	4.8	3.7	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.2
February	5.9	4.7	3.7	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.2
March	5.9	4.5	3.7	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.3
April ¹	5.9	4.4	3.8	4.3	4.5	4.6	4.2
May	5.8	4.2	3.9	4.3	4.6	4.5	
June	5.5	4.1	3.9	4.3	4.7	4.4	
July ¹	5.4	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.8	4.4	
August	5.3	4.0	3.9	4.4	4.7	4.4	
September	5.2	3.9	3.9	4.5	4.6	4.4	
October ¹	5.1	3.9	4.0	4.6	4.6	4.4 ²	
November	5.0	3.9	4.2	4.6	4.5	4.3	
December	4.9	3.8	4.3	4.6	4.4	4.3	
Annual average	5.5	4.2	3.9	4.4	4.6	4.4	

¹ Benchmark Labour Force Survey/Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) estimates.

² The latest QNHS estimate of the unemployment rate (adjusted for seasonality) is: September - November 2004, 4.4%.

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register classified by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	April 2004	March 2005	April 2005	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland & Western	29,637	28,067	27,379	- 688	- 2,258	5,153	22,226
Border	14,822	13,731	13,474	- 257	- 1,348	2,541	10,933
Midland	5,518	5,477	5,326	- 151	- 192	1,130	4,196
West	9,297	8,859	8,579	- 280	- 718	1,482	7,097
Southern & Eastern	67,452	64,719	63,244	- 1,475	- 4,208	12,019	51,225
Dublin	27,151	25,188	25,012	- 176	- 2,139	4,964	20,048
Mid-East	7,017	6,742	6,709	- 33	- 308	1,235	5,474
Mid-West	8,229	7,754	7,466	- 288	- 763	1,434	6,032
South-East	12,098	12,108	11,661	- 447	- 437	2,341	9,320
South-West	12,957	12,927	12,396	- 531	- 561	2,045	10,351
Total	97,089	92,786	90,623	- 2,163	- 6,466	17,172	73,451
Females							
Border, Midland & Western	21,481	20,883	19,731	- 1,152	- 1,750	4,017	15,714
Border	10,159	9,717	9,210	- 507	- 949	1,963	7,247
Midland	4,655	4,602	4,370	- 232	- 285	951	3,419
West	6,667	6,564	6,151	- 413	- 516	1,103	5,048
Southern & Eastern	46,090	44,006	41,265	- 2,741	- 4,825	8,099	33,166
Dublin	15,945	14,614	13,886	- 728	- 2,059	2,845	11,041
Mid-East	5,564	5,346	5,076	- 270	- 488	900	4,176
Mid-West	6,140	5,841	5,492	- 349	- 648	1,131	4,361
South-East	9,058	8,872	8,226	- 646	- 832	1,776	6,450
South-West	9,383	9,333	8,585	- 748	- 798	1,447	7,138
Total	67,571	64,889	60,996	- 3,893	- 6,575	12,116	48,880
All Persons							
Border, Midland & Western	51,118	48,950	47,110	- 1,840	- 4,008	9,170	37,940
Border	24,981	23,448	22,684	- 764	- 2,297	4,504	18,180
Midland	10,173	10,079	9,696	- 383	- 477	2,081	7,615
West	15,964	15,423	14,730	- 693	- 1,234	2,585	12,145
Southern & Eastern	113,542	108,725	104,509	- 4,216	- 9,033	20,118	84,391
Dublin	43,096	39,802	38,898	- 904	- 4,198	7,809	31,089
Mid-East	12,581	12,088	11,785	- 303	- 796	2,135	9,650
Mid-West	14,369	13,595	12,958	- 637	- 1,411	2,565	10,393
South-East	21,156	20,980	19,887	- 1,093	- 1,269	4,117	15,770
South-West	22,340	22,260	20,981	- 1,279	- 1,359	3,492	17,489
Total	164,660	157,675	151,619	- 6,056	- 13,041	29,288	122,331

¹ The composition of the regions is described in the Background Notes.

Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	April 2004	March 2005	April 2005	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	84,994	80,329	77,811	- 2,518	- 7,183	15,526	62,285
Munster	46,204	45,441	42,981	- 2,460	- 3,223	7,995	34,986
Connacht	19,231	18,435	17,692	- 743	- 1,539	3,147	14,545
Ulster	14,231	13,470	13,135	- 335	- 1,096	2,620	10,515
Total	164,660	157,675	151,619	- 6,056	- 13,041	29,288	122,331

Table 6 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age Group and Local Office of Registration

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	April 2004	March 2005	April 2005	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	51,118	48,950	47,110	5,153	22,226	27,379	4,017	15,714	19,731
Border	24,981	23,448	22,684	2,541	10,933	13,474	1,963	7,247	9,210
Cavan	2,110	2,154	2,119	207	972	1,179	168	772	940
Belturbet	443	417	397	32	218	250	16	131	147
Cavan	1,667	1,737	1,722	175	754	929	152	641	793
Donegal	9,662	9,073	8,846	1,016	4,384	5,400	814	2,632	3,446
Ballybofey	812	775	718	92	323	415	103	200	303
Ballyshannon	501	499	479	56	215	271	54	154	208
Buncrana	1,708	1,696	1,613	151	737	888	192	533	725
Donegal	468	433	428	56	199	255	36	137	173
Dunfanaghy	964	878	836	106	427	533	49	254	303
Dungloe	1,498	1,432	1,416	150	744	894	53	469	522
Killybegs	1,030	870	941	69	542	611	57	273	330
Letterkenny	2,681	2,490	2,415	336	1,197	1,533	270	612	882
Leitrim	1,152	1,017	1,021	82	470	552	64	405	469
Carrick-on-Shannon	884	779	776	64	350	414	42	320	362
Manorhamilton	268	238	245	18	120	138	22	85	107
Louth	7,483	6,966	6,587	770	3,152	3,922	552	2,113	2,665
Ardee	918	884	824	102	333	435	76	313	389
Drogheda	3,428	3,244	3,104	346	1,442	1,788	242	1,074	1,316
Dundalk	3,137	2,838	2,659	322	1,377	1,699	234	726	960
Monaghan	2,459	2,243	2,170	220	1,009	1,229	195	746	941
Carrickmacross	653	599	564	35	241	276	38	250	288
Castleblayney	751	673	647	59	313	372	58	217	275
Clones	315	284	267	42	133	175	27	65	92
Monaghan	740	687	692	84	322	406	72	214	286
Sligo	2,115	1,995	1,941	246	946	1,192	170	579	749
Sligo	1,763	1,670	1,619	219	786	1,005	144	470	614
Tubbercurry	352	325	322	27	160	187	26	109	135
Midland	10,173	10,079	9,696	1,130	4,196	5,326	951	3,419	4,370
Laoighis	2,078	2,025	1,965	233	858	1,091	203	671	874
Portarlinton	770	773	749	82	290	372	84	293	377
Portlaoise	933	913	891	115	405	520	93	278	371
Rathdowney	375	339	325	36	163	199	26	100	126
Longford	1,725	1,770	1,720	204	758	962	171	587	758
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Offaly	2,711	2,619	2,520	292	1,131	1,423	243	854	1,097
Birr	862	818	780	93	335	428	90	262	352
Edenderry	686	634	629	62	276	338	49	242	291
Tullamore	1,163	1,167	1,111	137	520	657	104	350	454
Westmeath	3,659	3,665	3,491	401	1,449	1,850	334	1,307	1,641
Athlone	1,506	1,548	1,422	170	616	786	129	507	636
Castlepollard	349	363	361	38	154	192	29	140	169
Mullingar	1,804	1,754	1,708	193	679	872	176	660	836
West	15,964	15,423	14,730	1,482	7,097	8,579	1,103	5,048	6,151
Galway	8,957	8,842	8,496	897	4,103	5,000	686	2,810	3,496
Ballinasloe	1,047	957	892	108	441	549	67	276	343
Clifden	789	767	730	71	373	444	50	236	286
Galway	4,878	4,918	4,734	553	2,323	2,876	451	1,407	1,858
Gort	439	443	424	20	169	189	21	214	235
Loughrea	651	677	653	56	278	334	39	280	319
Tuam	1,153	1,080	1,063	89	519	608	58	397	455

Table 6 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age Group and Local Office of Registration

-continued				Males			Females		
NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	April 2004	March 2005	April 2005	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	5,693	5,297	5,037	457	2,405	2,862	344	1,831	2,175
Achill	302	274	253	29	142	171	14	68	82
Ballina	1,680	1,540	1,489	149	768	917	118	454	572
Ballinrobe	390	386	364	25	153	178	20	166	186
Belmullet	594	553	561	51	308	359	29	173	202
Castlebar	936	865	821	81	332	413	63	345	408
Claremorris	476	424	389	28	158	186	19	184	203
Swinford	727	683	617	65	259	324	49	244	293
Westport	588	572	543	29	285	314	32	197	229
Roscommon	1,314	1,284	1,197	128	589	717	73	407	480
Boyle	354	326	315	27	158	185	10	120	130
Castlerea	629	619	550	49	296	345	38	167	205
Roscommon	331	339	332	52	135	187	25	120	145
Southern and Eastern	113,542	108,725	104,509	12,019	51,225	63,244	8,099	33,166	41,265
Dublin	43,096	39,802	38,898	4,964	20,048	25,012	2,845	11,041	13,886
Dublin	43,096	39,802	38,898	4,964	20,048	25,012	2,845	11,041	13,886
Bishop Square	4,074	3,682	3,550	390	1,986	2,376	198	976	1,174
Cumberland Street	5,654	5,157	5,122	662	2,650	3,312	370	1,440	1,810
Navan Road	2,773	2,595	2,485	307	1,454	1,761	173	551	724
Blanchardstown	3,378	3,179	3,146	375	1,429	1,804	285	1,057	1,342
Thomas Street	2,434	2,270	2,222	254	1,309	1,563	160	499	659
Tara Street	1,352	1,168	1,125	105	662	767	40	318	358
Tallaght	3,513	3,273	3,279	594	1,577	2,171	335	773	1,108
Ballymun	1,488	1,474	1,423	257	725	982	125	316	441
Clondalkin	3,059	3,056	3,062	451	1,452	1,903	298	861	1,159
Rathfarnham	2,046	1,883	1,735	148	836	984	74	677	751
Kilbarrack	2,805	2,416	2,337	219	1,264	1,483	114	740	854
Dun Laoghaire	2,949	2,576	2,501	193	1,263	1,456	94	951	1,045
Balbriggan	1,249	1,204	1,167	118	553	671	77	419	496
Ballyfermot	1,256	1,272	1,239	206	611	817	158	264	422
Finglas	2,299	2,174	2,175	351	1,087	1,438	164	573	737
Coolock	2,767	2,423	2,330	334	1,190	1,524	180	626	806
Mid-East	12,581	12,088	11,785	1,235	5,474	6,709	900	4,176	5,076
Kildare	4,788	4,432	4,365	445	1,923	2,368	389	1,608	1,997
Athy	868	837	834	83	380	463	94	277	371
Maynooth	1,610	1,358	1,300	124	535	659	104	537	641
Newbridge	2,310	2,237	2,231	238	1,008	1,246	191	794	985
Meath	3,253	3,120	2,988	274	1,359	1,633	221	1,134	1,355
Kells	600	591	528	44	241	285	49	194	243
Navan	1,866	1,786	1,742	171	822	993	120	629	749
Trim	787	743	718	59	296	355	52	311	363
Wicklow	4,540	4,536	4,432	516	2,192	2,708	290	1,434	1,724
Arklow	1,301	1,268	1,248	150	636	786	92	370	462
Baltinglass	448	471	437	54	180	234	44	159	203
Bray	1,927	1,936	1,855	186	931	1,117	102	636	738
Wicklow	864	861	892	126	445	571	52	269	321
Mid-West	14,369	13,595	12,958	1,434	6,032	7,466	1,131	4,361	5,492
Clare	4,029	3,914	3,679	338	1,675	2,013	262	1,404	1,666
Ennis	2,375	2,315	2,169	220	965	1,185	154	830	984
Ennistymon	633	626	564	38	265	303	34	227	261
Kilrush	625	571	571	48	274	322	52	197	249
Tulla	396	402	375	32	171	203	22	150	172
Limerick	7,800	7,195	6,834	845	3,348	4,193	651	1,990	2,641
Kilmallock	854	765	723	84	372	456	61	206	267
Limerick	6,052	5,479	5,188	689	2,528	3,217	486	1,485	1,971
Newcastle West	894	951	923	72	448	520	104	299	403

Table 6 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age Group and Local Office of Registration

-continued NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	Males						Females		
	April 2004	March 2005	April 2005	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,540	2,486	2,445	251	1,009	1,260	218	967	1,185
Nenagh	929	944	938	77	381	458	67	413	480
Roscrea	507	516	520	51	195	246	52	222	274
Thurles	1,104	1,026	987	123	433	556	99	332	431
South-East	21,156	20,980	19,887	2,341	9,320	11,661	1,776	6,450	8,226
Carlow	2,305	2,324	2,128	259	927	1,186	223	719	942
Bagenalstown	576	569	518	55	240	295	51	172	223
Carlow	1,272	1,271	1,158	147	514	661	121	376	497
Tullow	457	484	452	57	173	230	51	171	222
Kilkenny	2,564	2,478	2,369	268	1,146	1,414	218	737	955
Callan ¹	367	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kilkenny	1,802	2,064	1,980	232	944	1,176	185	619	804
Thomastown	395	414	389	36	202	238	33	118	151
South Tipperary	3,733	3,464	3,275	408	1,573	1,981	299	995	1,294
Cahir	523	437	432	39	229	268	34	130	164
Carrick-on-Suir	942	945	914	85	491	576	83	255	338
Cashel	394	381	363	54	161	215	23	125	148
Clonmel	1,181	1,055	956	132	443	575	94	287	381
Tipperary	693	646	610	98	249	347	65	198	263
Waterford	5,762	6,122	5,767	773	2,787	3,560	458	1,749	2,207
Dungarvan	965	882	843	89	411	500	60	283	343
Waterford	4,797	5,240	4,924	684	2,376	3,060	398	1,466	1,864
Wexford	6,792	6,592	6,348	633	2,887	3,520	578	2,250	2,828
Enniscorthy	1,701	1,696	1,677	214	766	980	190	507	697
Gorey	1,220	1,190	1,180	110	544	654	101	425	526
New Ross	1,118	1,112	1,084	106	509	615	99	370	469
Wexford	2,753	2,594	2,407	203	1,068	1,271	188	948	1,136
South-West	22,340	22,260	20,981	2,045	10,351	12,396	1,447	7,138	8,585
Cork	16,218	15,748	15,053	1,490	7,551	9,041	1,028	4,984	6,012
Bandon	500	514	496	48	248	296	28	172	200
Bantry	370	388	367	22	146	168	19	180	199
Bantry (SWLO)	202	185	176	5	77	82	3	91	94
Clonakilty	451	441	436	22	204	226	20	190	210
Cobh	364	428	396	51	201	252	25	119	144
Cork	8,066	7,585	7,259	915	3,941	4,856	559	1,844	2,403
Dunmanway	180	195	199	15	72	87	21	91	112
Fermoy	795	882	856	67	423	490	54	312	366
Kinsale	652	628	600	28	254	282	28	290	318
Macroom	477	445	399	21	186	207	18	174	192
Mallow	782	734	702	73	372	445	59	198	257
Midleton	1,021	1,060	1,021	72	466	538	67	416	483
Newmarket	495	477	437	37	208	245	27	165	192
Passage West	780	755	705	53	323	376	43	286	329
Skibbereen	389	372	369	22	139	161	11	197	208
Youghal	694	659	635	39	291	330	46	259	305
Kerry	6,122	6,512	5,928	555	2,800	3,355	419	2,154	2,573
Cahirciveen	396	408	382	14	151	165	21	196	217
Dingle	279	348	284	9	130	139	15	130	145
Kenmare	138	196	158	7	61	68	9	81	90
Killarney	999	1,193	984	83	415	498	68	418	486
Killorglin	421	436	391	26	151	177	23	191	214
Listowel	982	999	903	108	456	564	72	267	339
Tralee	2,907	2,932	2,826	308	1,436	1,744	211	871	1,082
State	164,660	157,675	151,619	17,172	73,451	90,623	12,116	48,880	60,996

¹ The register of the Callan Branch Office is included with the Kilkenny Local Office register with effect from February 2005.

Table 7 Summary of average net weekly changes on the Live Register classified by sex

		Number of weeks	Males		Females		Total	
			Live Register	Average net weekly change	Live Register	Average net weekly change	Live Register	Average net weekly change
2003	April	4	100,328	- 33	70,612	+ 753	170,940	+ 720
	May	5	98,261	- 413	67,844	- 554	166,105	- 967
	June	4	101,574	+ 828	76,278	+ 2,109	177,852	+ 2,937
	July	4	103,590	+ 504	81,857	+ 1,395	185,447	+ 1,899
	August	5	103,766	+ 35	82,187	+ 66	185,953	+ 101
	September	4	98,759	- 1,252	72,063	- 2,531	170,822	- 3,783
	October	5	96,261	- 500	70,291	- 354	166,552	- 854
	November	4	96,119	- 36	68,422	- 467	164,541	- 503
	December	4	99,153	+ 759	71,451	+ 757	170,604	+ 1,516
2004	January	5	102,527	+ 675	72,002	+ 110	174,529	+ 785
	February	4	101,561	- 242	71,566	- 109	173,127	- 351
	March	4	99,692	- 467	69,188	- 595	168,880	- 1,062
	April	5	97,089	- 521	67,571	- 323	164,660	- 844
	May	4	95,122	- 492	66,850	- 180	161,972	- 672
	June	4	96,646	+ 381	72,306	+ 1,364	168,952	+ 1,745
	July	5	98,134	+ 298	79,367	+ 1,412	177,501	+ 1,710
	August	4	97,216	- 230	78,600	- 192	175,816	- 421
	September	4	92,629	- 1,147	67,837	- 2,691	160,466	- 3,838
	October	5	90,133	- 499	65,343	- 499	155,476	- 998
	November	4	89,303	- 208	62,663	- 670	151,966	- 878
	December	5	92,707	+ 681	66,109	+ 689	158,816	+ 1,370
2005	January	4	95,207	+ 625	65,336	- 193	160,543	+ 432
	February	4	93,883	- 331	64,766	- 143	158,649	- 474
	March	4	92,786	- 274	64,889	+ 31	157,675	- 244
	April	5	90,623	- 433	60,996	- 779	151,619	- 1,211

Background Notes

Source and scope of the Live Register The Live Register is compiled from returns made directly to the Central Statistics Office by each local office of the Department of Social and Family Affairs. It comprises persons under 65 years of age in the following classes:

- ◆ All Claimants for Unemployment Benefit (UB) excluding systematic short-time workers
- ◆ Applicants for Unemployment Assistance (UA) excluding smallholders/farm assists and other self-employed persons
- ◆ Other registrants including applicants for credited Social Welfare contributions but excluding those directly involved in an industrial dispute.

Descriptive articles The compilation basis for the Live Register statistics from May 1992 onwards is described in the September 1992 issue of the *Statistical Bulletin*. The March 1980 issue contained a description of the basis used up to April 1992 while a more comprehensive treatment of Live Register statistics appeared in the "Report of the Inter-Departmental Study Group on Unemployment Statistics" (Stationery Office Dublin, Prl.7925, April 1979). The results of a special study of the differences between the Labour Force Survey (LFS) Estimates of Unemployment and the Live Register are contained in the December 1996 issue of the *Statistical Bulletin*.

Unemployment statistics The Live Register is not designed to measure unemployment. It includes part-time (those who work up to three days a week), seasonal and casual workers entitled to Unemployment Assistance or Unemployment Benefit. **Unemployment is measured by the Quarterly National Household Survey** (formerly the Annual Labour Force Survey).

Standardised unemployment rates The Standardised Unemployment Rate (SUR) series in Table 3 is based on the estimated number of persons unemployed expressed as a percentage of the total economically active population (i.e. the Labour Force), using internationally comparable definitions of employment and unemployment, as recommended by the International Labour Office. Benchmark estimates of the SUR for January, April, July and October of each year are calculated using seasonally adjusted data from the Quarterly National Household Survey. The monthly trend in the seasonally adjusted Live Register is then used to estimate the monthly SUR between successive surveys.

This approach was temporarily suspended following the rapid decline in the Live Register after September 1996. A linear interpolation estimation approach was used between April 1996 and April 1997, as the Live Register series could not be used as an indicator of monthly trends in unemployment during that period. The traditional estimation approach has been used from April 1997 onwards.

QNHS The Quarterly National Household Survey, which began in September 1997, has now replaced the Labour Force Survey and provides quarterly estimates of the unemployment rate. The estimates (adjusted for seasonality) are:

	Q1 %	Q2 %	Q3 %	Q4 %
1998	8.7	8.0	7.2	6.5
1999	5.9	5.9	5.4	5.1
2000	4.8	4.4	4.0	3.9
2001	3.7	3.8	4.0	4.0
2002	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.6
2003	4.6	4.5	4.8	4.6
2004	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.4

Seasonal adjustment The seasonal adjustment of the Live Register is completed using the X-11 Variant of the US Bureau of Census Method 2 (Additive Option). The seasonally adjusted series are updated twice yearly, in January and July; pending the next updating, seasonal adjustment for intervening months is carried out using projected seasonal factors. In Tables 2a, b and c, the seasonally adjusted totals are the sum of the relevant seasonally adjusted series for males and females, under and over 25 years.

Casual and part-time workers The casual and part-time workers' figure is based on an estimate supplied by the Department of Social and Family Affairs. People may apply for Unemployment Benefit / Assistance if they only work for part of a week and be included on the Live Register.

Live Register Area Analysis The basis of the area classification used in this release is the Department of Social and Family Affairs local office of registration. The areas served by Local Employment Offices do not correspond to specific geographic boundaries. Therefore, registrants at a given local office do not necessarily come from a particular region or area which can be precisely delineated. A classification by area of residence of persons on the Live Register was published until January 1989 but was then discontinued.

NUTS2 and NUTS3 regions The regional classifications in this release are based on the NUTS (Nomenclature of Territorial Units) classification used by Eurostat. The NUTS3 regions correspond to the eight Regional Authorities established under the Local Government Act, 1991 (Regional Authorities) (Establishment) Order, 1993, which came into operation on 1 January 1994. The NUTS2 regions, which were proposed by Government and agreed by Eurostat in 1999, are groupings of the NUTS3 regions.

Border, Midland and Western NUTS2 Region

Border	Cavan
	Donegal
	Leitrim
	Louth
	Monaghan
	Sligo
Midland	Laoighis
	Longford
	Offaly
	Westmeath
West	Galway City
	Galway County
	Mayo
	Roscommon

Southern and Eastern NUTS2 Region

Dublin	Dublin
	Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown
	Fingal
	South Dublin
Mid-East	Kildare
	Meath
	Wicklow
Mid-West	Clare
	Limerick City
	Limerick County
	North Tipperary
South-East	Carlow
	Kilkenny
	South Tipperary
	Waterford City
	Waterford County
	Wexford
South-West	Cork City
	Cork County
	Kerry