

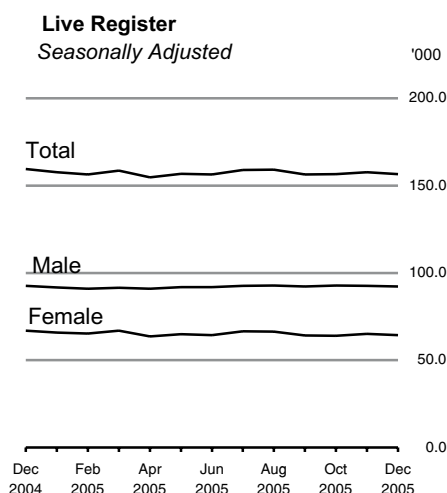


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Live Register Analysis

December 2005



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
December 2004	158,816	159,500
November 2005	150,073	157,700
December 2005	155,833	156,600
Change in month	+5,760	-1,100
Change in year	-2,983	-2,900

Seasonally Adjusted Live Register falls by 1,100 in December

The seasonally adjusted Live Register total fell from 157,700 in November to 156,600 in December, a decrease of 1,100. This compares with an increase of 1,100 in November. *See table 2a and graph opposite.*

In the year to December 2005, there was an unadjusted decrease of 2,983 (-1.9%). This compares with an unadjusted decrease of 1,893 (-1.2%) in the year to November 2005.

Other features include:

- ◆ The monthly increase in the Seasonally Adjusted series was made up of a decrease of 300 males and 800 females. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in December was 4.3%, the same rate as recorded in July 2005, 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 7,499 males and 12,286 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 June to August 2005, is 88,600 persons unemployed.

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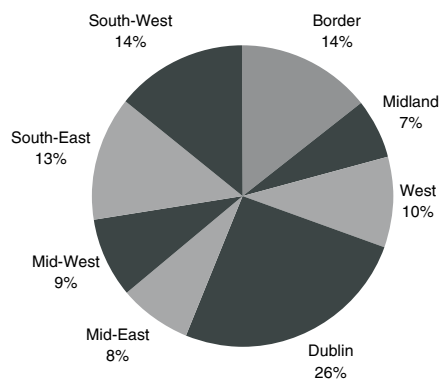
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Live Register by Regional Authority



	December 2005	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and Western	47,539	+ 1,706	- 1,576
Border	22,413	+ 865	- 1,248
Midland	10,150	+ 394	+ 179
West	14,976	+ 447	- 507
Southern and Eastern	108,294	+ 4,054	- 1,407
Dublin	39,933	+ 974	+ 572
Mid-East	12,092	+ 438	+ 51
Mid-West	13,436	+ 723	+ 151
South-East	20,650	+ 1,016	- 1,410
South-West	22,183	+ 903	- 469
Total	155,833	+ 5,760	- 2,983

Unadjusted monthly increases in all regions

There was an unadjusted monthly increase of 5,760 (+3.8%) on the Live Register, which reflected increases all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Mid-West region (+5.7%).

Other features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males increased in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the South-West region (+4.9%). The smallest increase was in the Dublin region (+1.5%).
- ◆ The number of females increased in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Mid-West region (+7.1%). The smallest increase was in the South-West region (+3.3%).
- ◆ Amongst counties, the largest percentage increases were in Tipperary North (+9.0%) and in Kilkenny (+6.7%), while the smallest increases were in Cavan (+1.2%) and in Monaghan (+2.4%). See tables 4 and 6.

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	December 2004	November 2005	December 2005	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	31,324	26,962	28,949	+ 1,987	- 2,375
UA Applications	58,452	59,734	60,665	+ 931	+ 2,213
Other Registrants	2,931	2,681	2,778	+ 97	- 153
Total	92,707	89,377	92,392	+ 3,015	- 315
Females					
UB Claims	34,925	30,166	32,779	+ 2,613	- 2,146
UA Applications	22,615	23,351	23,261	- 90	+ 646
Other Registrants	8,569	7,179	7,401	+ 222	- 1,168
Total	66,109	60,696	63,441	+ 2,745	- 2,668
All Persons					
UB Claims	66,249	57,128	61,728	+ 4,600	- 4,521
UA Applications	81,067	83,085	83,926	+ 841	+ 2,859
Other Registrants	11,500	9,860	10,179	+ 319	- 1,321
Total	158,816	150,073	155,833	+ 5,760	- 2,983

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

Category	December 2004	November 2005	December 2005	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	4,585	4,344	4,467	+ 123	- 118
UA Applications	12,051	12,687	12,822	+ 135	+ 771
Other Registrants	65	28	33	+ 5	- 32
Total	16,701	17,059	17,322	+ 263	+ 621
Females					
UB Claims	3,607	3,151	3,116	- 35	- 491
UA Applications	8,508	8,648	8,476	- 172	- 32
Other Registrants	111	79	80	+ 1	- 31
Total	12,226	11,878	11,672	- 206	- 554
All Persons					
UB Claims	8,192	7,495	7,583	+ 88	- 609
UA Applications	20,559	21,335	21,298	- 37	+ 739
Other Registrants	176	107	113	+ 6	- 63
Total	28,927	28,937	28,994	+ 57	+ 67

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

Category	December 2004	November 2005	December 2005	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	26,739	22,618	24,482	+ 1,864	- 2,257
UA Applications	46,401	47,047	47,843	+ 796	+ 1,442
Other Registrants	2,866	2,653	2,745	+ 92	- 121
Total	76,006	72,318	75,070	+ 2,752	- 936
Females					
UB Claims	31,318	27,015	29,663	+ 2,648	- 1,655
UA Applications	14,107	14,703	14,785	+ 82	+ 678
Other Registrants	8,458	7,100	7,321	+ 221	- 1,137
Total	53,883	48,818	51,769	+ 2,951	- 2,114
All Persons					
UB Claims	58,057	49,633	54,145	+ 4,512	- 3,912
UA Applications	60,508	61,750	62,628	+ 878	+ 2,120
Other Registrants	11,324	9,753	10,066	+ 313	- 1,258
Total	129,889	121,136	126,839	+ 5,703	- 3,050

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	December	99,200	71,500	170,600	98,800	72,300	171,100
2004	January	102,500	72,000	174,500	99,000	72,500	171,500
	February	101,600	71,600	173,100	98,700	72,000	170,800
	March	99,700	69,200	168,900	98,500	71,400	169,800
	April	97,100	67,600	164,700	97,500	70,200	167,600
	May	95,100	66,900	162,000	97,200	70,600	167,900
	June	96,600	72,300	169,000	96,500	69,600	166,100
	July	98,100	79,400	177,500	96,500	71,500	168,000
	August	97,200	78,600	175,800	95,200	70,300	165,600
	September	92,600	67,800	160,500	94,700	68,900	163,500
	October	90,100	65,300	155,500	94,000	68,300	162,300
	November	89,300	62,700	152,000	92,500	67,000	159,500
	December	92,700	66,100	158,800	92,500	67,000	159,500
2005	January	95,200	65,300	160,500	91,700	65,900	157,600
	February	93,900	64,800	158,600	91,000	65,300	156,300
	March	92,800	64,900	157,700	91,500	67,000	158,500
	April	90,600	61,000	151,600	91,000	63,600	154,700
	May	89,800	61,000	150,800	91,900	64,900	156,700
	June	92,100	67,200	159,300	91,900	64,400	156,300
	July	94,100	74,400	168,500	92,500	66,500	158,900
	August	94,700	74,700	169,400	92,700	66,400	159,100
	September	90,200	63,200	153,300	92,200	64,200	156,400
	October	88,700	60,900	149,600	92,700	63,900	156,600
	November	89,400	60,700	150,100	92,600	65,100	157,700
	December	92,400	63,400	155,800	92,300	64,300	156,600

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2005 (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	December	18,100	13,400	31,400	18,600	14,400	32,900
2004	January	19,500	14,200	33,800	18,700	14,400	33,100
	February	19,300	14,200	33,600	18,600	14,300	33,000
	March	19,000	13,800	32,800	18,700	14,200	32,900
	April	18,100	13,200	31,300	18,300	14,100	32,400
	May	17,700	13,300	30,900	18,300	14,100	32,400
	June	18,300	14,800	33,100	18,100	14,000	32,100
	July	18,800	16,000	34,900	17,900	14,100	32,000
	August	18,700	15,900	34,600	17,800	13,900	31,700
	September	17,600	14,200	31,800	17,800	13,800	31,600
	October	16,400	12,800	29,200	17,600	13,500	31,100
	November	16,200	12,300	28,500	17,400	13,400	30,700
	December	16,700	12,200	28,900	17,300	13,200	30,500
2005	January	17,900	13,100	31,000	17,100	13,200	30,400
	February	17,900	13,100	31,000	17,200	13,200	30,300
	March	17,700	12,700	30,400	17,300	13,200	30,500
	April	17,200	12,100	29,300	17,400	13,000	30,400
	May	16,900	12,200	29,100	17,500	13,000	30,600
	June	17,900	13,800	31,700	17,600	13,000	30,600
	July	18,400	14,800	33,200	17,400	12,900	30,300
	August	18,500	15,000	33,500	17,600	12,900	30,500
	September	17,500	13,100	30,600	17,700	12,700	30,400
	October	17,000	12,100	29,100	18,200	12,900	31,100
	November	17,100	11,900	28,900	18,300	13,000	31,200
	December	17,300	11,700	29,000	17,900	12,700	30,600

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2005 (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	December	81,100	58,100	139,200	80,300	57,900	138,200
2004	January	83,000	57,800	140,800	80,300	58,100	138,400
	February	82,200	57,300	139,500	80,100	57,700	137,800
	March	80,700	55,400	136,100	79,800	57,100	136,900
	April	79,000	54,300	133,300	79,200	56,100	135,200
	May	77,500	53,600	131,000	78,900	56,600	135,500
	June	78,300	57,500	135,800	78,400	55,600	134,000
	July	79,300	63,300	142,600	78,600	57,400	136,000
	August	78,500	62,700	141,200	77,500	56,500	133,900
	September	75,000	53,600	128,700	76,900	55,100	131,900
	October	73,800	52,600	126,300	76,400	54,800	131,300
	November	73,100	50,400	123,500	75,200	53,600	128,800
	December	76,000	53,900	129,900	75,200	53,800	129,000
2005	January	77,300	52,200	129,500	74,600	52,600	127,200
	February	76,000	51,700	127,700	73,900	52,100	125,900
	March	75,100	52,200	127,300	74,200	53,800	128,000
	April	73,500	48,900	122,300	73,600	50,600	124,300
	May	72,900	48,800	121,700	74,300	51,800	126,200
	June	74,300	53,300	127,600	74,300	51,400	125,700
	July	75,800	59,600	135,400	75,100	53,600	128,700
	August	76,100	59,800	135,900	75,100	53,500	128,600
	September	72,700	50,100	122,700	74,500	51,500	126,000
	October	71,800	48,700	120,500	74,500	51,000	125,500
	November	72,300	48,800	121,100	74,400	52,100	126,500
	December	75,100	51,800	126,800	74,400	51,600	126,000

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2005 (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	4.7	4.5	4.2
February	5.9	4.7	3.7	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.3
March	5.9	4.5	3.7	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.4
April ¹	5.9	4.4	3.8	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.3
May	5.8	4.2	3.9	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.4
June	5.5	4.1	3.9	4.3	4.7	4.4	4.3
July ¹	5.4	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.8	4.4	4.3 ²
August	5.3	4.0	3.9	4.4	4.7	4.4	4.3
September	5.2	3.9	3.9	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.2
October ¹	5.1	3.9	4.0	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.3
November	5.0	3.9	4.2	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.3
December	4.9	3.8	4.3	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.3
Annual average	5.5	4.2	3.9	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.3

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

² The latest QNHS estimate of the unemployment rate (adjusted for seasonality) is: June - August 2005, 4.3%.

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register classified by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	December 2004	November 2005	December 2005	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland & Western	28,148	26,430	27,411	+ 981	- 737	5,157	22,254
Border	13,888	12,694	13,214	+	- 674	2,455	10,759
Midland	5,373	5,396	5,635	+	+ 262	1,181	4,454
West	8,887	8,340	8,562	+	- 325	1,521	7,041
Southern & Eastern	64,559	62,947	64,981	+ 2,034	+ 422	12,165	52,816
Dublin	24,494	25,057	25,425	+	+ 931	4,933	20,492
Mid-East	6,617	6,573	6,778	+	+ 161	1,224	5,554
Mid-West	7,712	7,386	7,732	+	+ 20	1,468	6,264
South-East	12,798	11,464	11,963	+	- 835	2,395	9,568
South-West	12,938	12,467	13,083	+	+ 145	2,145	10,938
Total	92,707	89,377	92,392	+ 3,015	- 315	17,322	75,070
Females							
Border, Midland & Western	20,967	19,403	20,128	+ 725	- 839	3,830	16,298
Border	9,773	8,854	9,199	+	- 574	1,757	7,442
Midland	4,598	4,360	4,515	+	- 83	933	3,582
West	6,596	6,189	6,414	+	- 182	1,140	5,274
Southern & Eastern	45,142	41,293	43,313	+ 2,020	- 1,829	7,842	35,471
Dublin	14,867	13,902	14,508	+	- 359	2,768	11,740
Mid-East	5,424	5,081	5,314	+	- 110	883	4,431
Mid-West	5,875	5,327	5,704	+	- 171	1,032	4,672
South-East	9,262	8,170	8,687	+	- 575	1,671	7,016
South-West	9,714	8,813	9,100	+	- 614	1,488	7,612
Total	66,109	60,696	63,441	+ 2,745	- 2,668	11,672	51,769
All Persons							
Border, Midland & Western	49,115	45,833	47,539	+ 1,706	- 1,576	8,987	38,552
Border	23,661	21,548	22,413	+	- 1,248	4,212	18,201
Midland	9,971	9,756	10,150	+	+ 179	2,114	8,036
West	15,483	14,529	14,976	+	- 507	2,661	12,315
Southern & Eastern	109,701	104,240	108,294	+ 4,054	- 1,407	20,007	88,287
Dublin	39,361	38,959	39,933	+	+ 572	7,701	32,232
Mid-East	12,041	11,654	12,092	+	+ 51	2,107	9,985
Mid-West	13,587	12,713	13,436	+	- 151	2,500	10,936
South-East	22,060	19,634	20,650	+	- 1,410	4,066	16,584
South-West	22,652	21,280	22,183	+	- 469	3,633	18,550
Total	158,816	150,073	155,833	+ 5,760	- 2,983	28,994	126,839

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

Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	December 2004	November 2005	December 2005	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	79,601	77,329	79,819	+	+ 218	15,258	64,561
Munster	46,814	42,941	45,105	+	- 1,709	8,025	37,080
Connacht	18,554	17,427	18,023	+	- 531	3,225	14,798
Ulster	13,847	12,376	12,886	+	- 961	2,486	10,400
Total	158,816	150,073	155,833	+ 5,760	- 2,983	28,994	126,839

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	December 2004	November 2005	December 2005	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	49,115	45,833	47,539	5,157	22,254	27,411	3,830	16,298	20,128
Border	23,661	21,548	22,413	2,455	10,759	13,214	1,757	7,442	9,199
Cavan	2,072	2,184	2,211	197	995	1,192	161	858	1,019
Belturbet	418	430	458	37	231	268	24	166	190
Cavan	1,654	1,754	1,753	160	764	924	137	692	829
Donegal	9,440	8,202	8,637	1,045	4,206	5,251	749	2,637	3,386
Ballybofey	789	698	729	115	304	419	105	205	310
Ballyshannon	534	464	487	60	215	275	49	163	212
Buncrana	1,713	1,479	1,555	161	694	855	179	521	700
Donegal	448	390	421	51	199	250	28	143	171
Dunfanaghy	990	794	836	110	415	525	55	256	311
Dungloe	1,479	1,309	1,368	154	716	870	56	442	498
Killybegs	954	825	895	69	490	559	57	279	336
Letterkenny	2,533	2,243	2,346	325	1,173	1,498	220	628	848
Leitrim	1,028	1,040	1,109	97	494	591	77	441	518
Carrick-on-Shannon	776	758	810	80	334	414	55	341	396
Manorhamilton	252	282	299	17	160	177	22	100	122
Louth	6,743	6,274	6,480	702	3,144	3,846	460	2,174	2,634
Ardee	823	752	783	95	324	419	68	296	364
Drogheda	3,128	3,012	3,116	319	1,468	1,787	212	1,117	1,329
Dundalk	2,792	2,510	2,581	288	1,352	1,640	180	761	941
Monaghan	2,335	1,990	2,038	170	972	1,142	164	732	896
Carrickmacross	634	533	546	23	235	258	33	255	288
Castleblayney	709	600	605	54	293	347	56	202	258
Clones	291	230	233	33	108	141	21	71	92
Monaghan	701	627	654	60	336	396	54	204	258
Sligo	2,043	1,858	1,938	244	948	1,192	146	600	746
Sligo	1,698	1,526	1,600	210	783	993	117	490	607
Tubbercurry	345	332	338	34	165	199	29	110	139
Midland	9,971	9,756	10,150	1,181	4,454	5,635	933	3,582	4,515
Laoighis	2,014	1,894	1,980	233	859	1,092	195	693	888
Portarlinton	742	717	748	90	294	384	78	286	364
Portlaoise	911	878	921	115	402	517	87	317	404
Rathdowney	361	299	311	28	163	191	30	90	120
Longford	1,736	1,741	1,800	203	825	1,028	172	600	772
Longford	1,736	1,741	1,800	203	825	1,028	172	600	772
Offaly	2,563	2,634	2,771	341	1,257	1,598	253	920	1,173
Birr	835	831	882	97	405	502	95	285	380
Edenderry	637	646	678	74	300	374	48	256	304
Tullamore	1,091	1,157	1,211	170	552	722	110	379	489
Westmeath	3,658	3,487	3,599	404	1,513	1,917	313	1,369	1,682
Athlone	1,597	1,391	1,465	164	621	785	116	564	680
Castlepollard	354	350	358	34	164	198	32	128	160
Mullingar	1,707	1,746	1,776	206	728	934	165	677	842
West	15,483	14,529	14,976	1,521	7,041	8,562	1,140	5,274	6,414
Galway	8,797	8,431	8,645	923	4,085	5,008	718	2,919	3,637
Ballinasloe	997	878	893	112	449	561	71	261	332
Clifden	840	735	756	67	384	451	63	242	305
Galway	4,743	4,730	4,871	574	2,320	2,894	433	1,544	1,977
Gort	429	441	438	29	161	190	19	229	248
Loughrea	666	635	645	61	291	352	47	246	293
Tuam	1,122	1,012	1,042	80	480	560	85	397	482

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	December 2004	November 2005	December 2005	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	5,420	4,947	5,141	471	2,402	2,873	335	1,933	2,268
Achill	302	254	259	23	139	162	18	79	97
Ballina	1,585	1,373	1,409	158	726	884	94	431	525
Ballinrobe	393	326	366	36	147	183	22	161	183
Belmullet	545	532	539	49	293	342	34	163	197
Castlebar	883	827	834	70	339	409	49	376	425
Claremorris	404	413	435	32	174	206	22	207	229
Swinford	683	575	613	65	247	312	59	242	301
Westport	625	647	686	38	337	375	37	274	311
Roscommon	1,266	1,151	1,190	127	554	681	87	422	509
Boyle	345	320	339	33	162	195	19	125	144
Castlerea	586	509	532	52	248	300	51	181	232
Roscommon	335	322	319	42	144	186	17	116	133
Southern and Eastern	109,701	104,240	108,294	12,165	52,816	64,981	7,842	35,471	43,313
Dublin	39,361	38,959	39,933	4,933	20,492	25,425	2,768	11,740	14,508
Dublin	39,361	38,959	39,933	4,933	20,492	25,425	2,768	11,740	14,508
Bishop Square	3,642	3,308	3,452	368	1,906	2,274	199	979	1,178
Cumberland Street	5,097	5,126	5,155	662	2,653	3,315	347	1,493	1,840
Navan Road	2,543	2,559	2,616	306	1,500	1,806	180	630	810
Blanchardstown	3,141	3,419	3,489	408	1,632	2,040	285	1,164	1,449
Thomas Street	2,157	2,166	2,141	241	1,259	1,500	141	500	641
Tara Street	1,151	1,142	1,157	112	656	768	50	339	389
Tallaght	3,126	3,176	3,302	549	1,604	2,153	306	843	1,149
Ballymun	1,374	1,498	1,502	273	759	1,032	131	339	470
Clondalkin	2,921	3,416	3,440	498	1,604	2,102	334	1,004	1,338
Rathfarnham	1,980	1,704	1,904	160	885	1,045	73	786	859
Kilbarrack	2,484	2,197	2,250	208	1,184	1,392	100	758	858
Dun Laoghaire	2,788	2,316	2,398	193	1,265	1,458	67	873	940
Balbriggan	1,226	1,251	1,324	100	653	753	67	504	571
Ballyfermot	1,171	1,258	1,242	206	627	833	134	275	409
Finglas	2,121	2,184	2,255	336	1,138	1,474	170	611	781
Coolock	2,439	2,239	2,306	313	1,167	1,480	184	642	826
Mid-East	12,041	11,654	12,092	1,224	5,554	6,778	883	4,431	5,314
Kildare	4,350	4,459	4,662	481	2,015	2,496	385	1,781	2,166
Athy	821	830	855	101	405	506	78	271	349
Maynooth	1,409	1,324	1,370	133	559	692	93	585	678
Newbridge	2,120	2,305	2,437	247	1,051	1,298	214	925	1,139
Meath	3,137	2,900	3,001	268	1,336	1,604	204	1,193	1,397
Kells	604	535	560	43	253	296	42	222	264
Navan	1,797	1,631	1,686	177	794	971	103	612	715
Trim	736	734	755	48	289	337	59	359	418
Wicklow	4,554	4,295	4,429	475	2,203	2,678	294	1,457	1,751
Arklow	1,315	1,222	1,273	167	628	795	87	391	478
Baltinglass	412	408	442	48	178	226	51	165	216
Bray	1,980	1,811	1,834	164	923	1,087	109	638	747
Wicklow	847	854	880	96	474	570	47	263	310
Mid-West	13,587	12,713	13,436	1,468	6,264	7,732	1,032	4,672	5,704
Clare	3,851	3,771	3,945	344	1,760	2,104	264	1,577	1,841
Ennis	2,244	2,216	2,283	224	1,000	1,224	140	919	1,059
Ennistymon	629	589	637	37	277	314	55	268	323
Kilrush	600	572	604	51	288	339	54	211	265
Tulla	378	394	421	32	195	227	15	179	194
Limerick	7,245	6,753	7,106	855	3,460	4,315	612	2,179	2,791
Kilmallock	827	757	815	89	394	483	79	253	332
Limerick	5,538	5,113	5,356	692	2,624	3,316	440	1,600	2,040
Newcastle West	880	883	935	74	442	516	93	326	419

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			
	December 2004	November 2005	December 2005	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,491	2,189	2,385	269	1,044	1,313	156	916	1,072
Nenagh	966	835	895	67	409	476	44	375	419
Roscrea	515	462	511	62	209	271	39	201	240
Thurles	1,010	892	979	140	426	566	73	340	413
South-East	22,060	19,634	20,650	2,395	9,568	11,963	1,671	7,016	8,687
Carlow	2,223	1,973	2,065	258	907	1,165	176	724	900
Bagenalstown	566	463	484	51	219	270	41	173	214
Carlow	1,188	1,068	1,123	150	510	660	95	368	463
Tullow	469	442	458	57	178	235	40	183	223
Kilkenny	2,489	2,329	2,484	302	1,175	1,477	198	809	1,007
Callan ¹	326	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kilkenny	1,748	1,935	2,066	242	999	1,241	168	657	825
Thomastown	415	394	418	60	176	236	30	152	182
South Tipperary	3,411	3,056	3,238	423	1,555	1,978	240	1,020	1,260
Cahir	458	400	411	38	203	241	31	139	170
Carrick-on-Suir	893	860	890	91	469	560	53	277	330
Cashel	360	309	329	48	143	191	26	112	138
Clonmel	1,056	869	941	134	454	588	69	284	353
Tipperary	644	618	667	112	286	398	61	208	269
Waterford	7,164	5,892	6,248	746	2,990	3,736	483	2,029	2,512
Dungarvan	1,223	965	1,005	86	490	576	66	363	429
Waterford	5,941	4,927	5,243	660	2,500	3,160	417	1,666	2,083
Wexford	6,773	6,384	6,615	666	2,941	3,607	574	2,434	3,008
Enniscorthy	1,691	1,680	1,698	215	753	968	186	544	730
Gorey	1,143	1,122	1,166	106	534	640	97	429	526
New Ross	1,141	1,164	1,210	122	541	663	98	449	547
Wexford	2,798	2,418	2,541	223	1,113	1,336	193	1,012	1,205
South-West	22,652	21,280	22,183	2,145	10,938	13,083	1,488	7,612	9,100
Cork	15,920	14,990	15,533	1,562	7,820	9,382	1,017	5,134	6,151
Bandon	538	486	520	56	253	309	32	179	211
Bantry	350	320	322	17	132	149	16	157	173
Bantry (SWLO)	191	145	140	6	56	62	5	73	78
Clonakilty	472	433	465	26	196	222	25	218	243
Cobh	409	391	388	60	190	250	25	113	138
Cork	7,666	7,194	7,408	893	4,026	4,919	552	1,937	2,489
Dunmanway	216	202	226	19	93	112	19	95	114
Fermoy	868	863	886	82	432	514	55	317	372
Kinsale	629	633	640	39	264	303	31	306	337
Macroom	476	401	434	21	212	233	25	176	201
Mallow	742	695	737	82	376	458	62	217	279
Midleton	1,075	1,099	1,108	83	522	605	53	450	503
Newmarket	485	415	432	48	212	260	20	152	172
Passage West	710	693	712	60	355	415	40	257	297
Skibbereen	395	382	403	30	159	189	12	202	214
Youghal	698	638	712	40	342	382	45	285	330
Kerry	6,732	6,290	6,650	583	3,118	3,701	471	2,478	2,949
Cahirciveen	422	373	388	18	152	170	20	198	218
Dingle	375	309	347	11	136	147	17	183	200
Kenmare	187	208	223	8	87	95	17	111	128
Killarney	1,265	1,170	1,268	87	507	594	94	580	674
Killorglin	478	418	447	28	171	199	28	220	248
Listowel	1,063	942	1,027	125	561	686	77	264	341
Tralee	2,942	2,870	2,950	306	1,504	1,810	218	922	1,140
State	158,816	150,073	155,833	17,322	75,070	92,392	11,672	51,769	63,441

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

		Males		Females		Total	
	Number of weeks	Live Register	Average net weekly change	Live Register	Average net weekly change	Live Register	Average net weekly change
2003 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
May	4	89,780	- 211	61,046	+ 13	150,826	- 198
June	4	92,145	+ 591	67,155	+ 1,527	159,300	+ 2,119
July	5	94,124	+ 396	74,385	+ 1,446	168,509	+ 1,842
August	4	94,672	+ 137	74,721	+ 84	169,393	+ 221
September	5	90,179	- 899	63,156	- 2,313	153,335	- 3,212
October	4	88,749	- 358	60,895	- 565	149,644	- 923
November	4	89,377	+ 157	60,696	- 50	150,073	+ 107
December	5	92,392	+ 603	63,441	+ 549	155,833	+ 1,152

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	4.7	4.5	4.8	4.6
2004	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.4
2005	4.2	4.3	4.3	

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