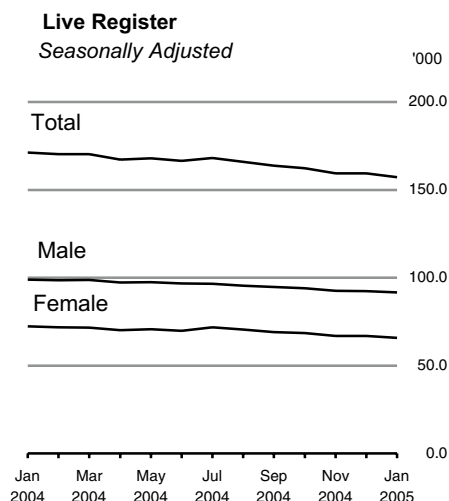




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Live Register Analysis January 2005



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
January 2004	174,529	171,200
December 2004	158,816	159,300
January 2005	160,543	157,200
Change in month	+1,727	-2,100
Change in year	-13,986	-14,000

Seasonally adjusted Live Register falls by 2,100 in January

The seasonally adjusted Live Register total decreased from 159,300 in December to 157,200 in January, a decrease of 2,100. This compares with an increase of 300 in January last year. *See table 2a and graph opposite.*

In the year to January 2005 there was an unadjusted decrease of 13,986 (-8.0%). This compares with an unadjusted decrease of 11,788 (-6.9%) recorded in the year to December 2004.

Other features include:

- ◆ The monthly decrease in the Seasonally Adjusted series was made up of a decrease of 1,200 females and 700 males. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in January was 4.2%. This compares with 4.4% in July 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 8,569 males and 13,163 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 2004, is 86,600 persons unemployed.

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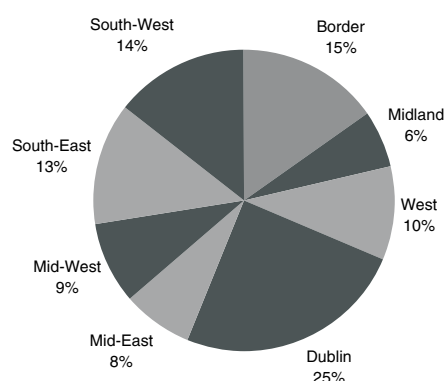
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Live Register by Regional Authority



	January 2005	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and Western	50,261	+ 1,146	- 3,771
Border	24,362	+ 701	- 1,848
Midland	10,155	+ 184	- 588
West	15,744	+ 261	- 1,335
Southern and Eastern	110,282	+ 581	- 10,215
Dublin	39,873	+ 512	- 5,231
Mid-East	12,146	+ 105	- 848
Mid-West	13,960	+ 373	- 1,318
South-East	21,198	- 862	- 1,301
South-West	23,105	+ 453	- 1,517
Total	160,543	+ 1,727	- 13,986

Monthly increases in seven regions

There was an unadjusted monthly increase of 1,727 (+1.1%) on the Live Register, which reflected increases in seven regions and a decrease of 3.9% in the South-East. The largest percentage increase was in the Border region (+3.0%).

Other features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males increased in seven regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Mid-West region (+5.1%). There was a decrease in the South-East region (-3.1%).
- ◆ The number of females decreased in six regions. The largest percentage decrease was in the South-East region (-5.1%). There were increases in the Border (+2.3%) and the West (+0.2%).
- ◆ Amongst counties, the largest percentage increases were in Tipperary North (+8.1%) and in Louth (+5.6%), while there was a decrease in Waterford (-16.4%). *See tables 4 and 6.*

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	January 2004	December 2004	January 2005	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	39,359	31,324	32,482	+ 1,158	- 6,877
UA Applications	60,268	58,452	59,866	+ 1,414	- 402
Other Registrants	2,900	2,931	2,859	- 72	- 41
Total	102,527	92,707	95,207	+ 2,500	- 7,320
Females					
UB Claims	40,319	34,925	33,894	- 1,031	- 6,425
UA Applications	22,804	22,615	23,186	+ 571	+ 382
Other Registrants	8,879	8,569	8,256	- 313	- 623
Total	72,002	66,109	65,336	- 773	- 6,666
All Persons					
UB Claims	79,678	66,249	66,376	+ 127	- 13,302
UA Applications	83,072	81,067	83,052	+ 1,985	- 20
Other Registrants	11,779	11,500	11,115	- 385	- 664
Total	174,529	158,816	160,543	+ 1,727	- 13,986

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

Category	January 2004	December 2004	January 2005	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	7,221	4,585	5,274	+ 689	- 1,947
UA Applications	12,257	12,051	12,620	+ 569	+ 363
Other Registrants	49	65	52	- 13	+ 3
Total	19,527	16,701	17,946	+ 1,245	- 1,581
Females					
UB Claims	5,582	3,607	4,082	+ 475	- 1,500
UA Applications	8,562	8,508	8,909	+ 401	+ 347
Other Registrants	103	111	109	- 2	+ 6
Total	14,247	12,226	13,100	+ 874	- 1,147
All Persons					
UB Claims	12,803	8,192	9,356	+ 1,164	- 3,447
UA Applications	20,819	20,559	21,529	+ 970	+ 710
Other Registrants	152	176	161	- 15	+ 9
Total	33,774	28,927	31,046	+ 2,119	- 2,728

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

Category	January 2004	December 2004	January 2005	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	32,138	26,739	27,208	+ 469	- 4,930
UA Applications	48,011	46,401	47,246	+ 845	- 765
Other Registrants	2,851	2,866	2,807	- 59	- 44
Total	83,000	76,006	77,261	+ 1,255	- 5,739
Females					
UB Claims	34,737	31,318	29,812	- 1,506	- 4,925
UA Applications	14,242	14,107	14,277	+ 170	+ 35
Other Registrants	8,776	8,458	8,147	- 311	- 629
Total	57,755	53,883	52,236	- 1,647	- 5,519
All Persons					
UB Claims	66,875	58,057	57,020	- 1,037	- 9,855
UA Applications	62,253	60,508	61,523	+ 1,015	- 730
Other Registrants	11,627	11,324	10,954	- 370	- 673
Total	140,755	129,889	129,497	- 392	- 11,258

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	January	102,300	68,400	170,700	98,700	68,700	167,400
	February	102,000	69,400	171,400	99,100	69,600	168,700
	March	100,500	67,600	168,100	99,600	70,000	169,600
	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

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	January	19,400	13,400	32,800	18,600	13,500	32,100
	February	19,300	13,600	32,900	18,600	13,700	32,300
	March	18,900	13,400	32,200	18,800	13,900	32,600
	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

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	January	82,900	55,000	137,900	80,100	55,200	135,300
	February	82,700	55,700	138,400	80,500	56,000	136,400
	March	81,600	54,200	135,800	80,900	56,100	137,000
	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

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

Table 3 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates (SUR)¹

Month	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
January ²	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	
March	5.9	4.5	3.7	4.5	4.5	4.6	
April ²	5.9	4.4	3.8	4.3	4.5	4.6	
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 ²	5.4	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.8	4.4 ³	
August	5.3	4.0	3.9	4.4	4.7	4.4	
September	5.2	3.9	3.9	4.5	4.6	4.3	
October ²	5.1	3.9	4.0	4.6	4.5	4.3	
November	5.0	3.9	4.2	4.6	4.5	4.2	
December	4.9	3.8	4.3	4.6	4.4	4.2	
Annual average	5.5	4.2	3.9	4.4	4.6	4.4	

¹ Table contains revised figures.

² Benchmark Labour Force Survey/Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) estimates.

³ The latest QNHS estimate of the unemployment rate (adjusted for seasonality) is: June - August 2004, 4.4%.

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register classified by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	January 2004	December 2004	January 2005	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland & Western	31,285	28,148	29,103	+ 955	- 2,182	5,460	23,643
Border	15,527	13,888	14,360	+ 472	- 1,167	2,739	11,621
Midland	5,891	5,373	5,610	+ 237	- 281	1,139	4,471
West	9,867	8,887	9,133	+ 246	- 734	1,582	7,551
Southern & Eastern	71,242	64,559	66,104	+ 1,545	- 5,138	12,486	53,618
Dublin	28,199	24,494	25,346	+ 852	- 2,853	5,060	20,286
Mid-East	7,213	6,617	6,834	+ 217	- 379	1,226	5,608
Mid-West	8,626	7,712	8,108	+ 396	- 518	1,549	6,559
South-East	12,907	12,798	12,405	- 393	- 502	2,462	9,943
South-West	14,297	12,938	13,411	+ 473	- 886	2,189	11,222
Total	102,527	92,707	95,207	+ 2,500	- 7,320	17,946	77,261
Females							
Border, Midland & Western	22,747	20,967	21,158	+ 191	- 1,589	4,450	16,708
Border	10,683	9,773	10,002	+ 229	- 681	2,216	7,786
Midland	4,852	4,598	4,545	- 53	- 307	1,013	3,532
West	7,212	6,596	6,611	+ 15	- 601	1,221	5,390
Southern & Eastern	49,255	45,142	44,178	- 964	- 5,077	8,650	35,528
Dublin	16,905	14,867	14,527	- 340	- 2,378	2,974	11,553
Mid-East	5,781	5,424	5,312	- 112	- 469	951	4,361
Mid-West	6,652	5,875	5,852	- 23	- 800	1,148	4,704
South-East	9,592	9,262	8,793	- 469	- 799	1,868	6,925
South-West	10,325	9,714	9,694	- 20	- 631	1,709	7,985
Total	72,002	66,109	65,336	- 773	- 6,666	13,100	52,236
All Persons							
Border, Midland & Western	54,032	49,115	50,261	+ 1,146	- 3,771	9,910	40,351
Border	26,210	23,661	24,362	+ 701	- 1,848	4,955	19,407
Midland	10,743	9,971	10,155	+ 184	- 588	2,152	8,003
West	17,079	15,483	15,744	+ 261	- 1,335	2,803	12,941
Southern & Eastern	120,497	109,701	110,282	+ 581	- 10,215	21,136	89,146
Dublin	45,104	39,361	39,873	+ 512	- 5,231	8,034	31,839
Mid-East	12,994	12,041	12,146	+ 105	- 848	2,177	9,969
Mid-West	15,278	13,587	13,960	+ 373	- 1,318	2,697	11,263
South-East	22,499	22,060	21,198	- 862	- 1,301	4,330	16,868
South-West	24,622	22,652	23,105	+ 453	- 1,517	3,898	19,207
Total	174,529	158,816	160,543	+ 1,727	- 13,986	31,046	129,497

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

Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	January 2004	December 2004	January 2005	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	89,055	79,601	80,969	+ 1,368	- 8,086	16,202	64,767
Munster	49,926	46,814	46,587	- 227	- 3,339	8,566	38,021
Connacht	20,536	18,554	18,891	+ 337	- 1,645	3,409	15,482
Ulster	15,012	13,847	14,096	+ 249	- 916	2,869	11,227
Total	174,529	158,816	160,543	+ 1,727	- 13,986	31,046	129,497

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	January 2004	December 2004	January 2005	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	54,032	49,115	50,261	5,460	23,643	29,103	4,450	16,708	21,158
Border	26,210	23,661	24,362	2,739	11,621	14,360	2,216	7,786	10,002
Cavan	2,175	2,072	2,154	186	1,040	1,226	170	758	928
Belturbet	449	418	429	29	237	266	20	143	163
Cavan	1,726	1,654	1,725	157	803	960	150	615	765
Donegal	10,331	9,440	9,590	1,097	4,716	5,813	930	2,847	3,777
Ballybofey	890	789	801	109	371	480	112	209	321
Ballyshannon	588	534	559	64	256	320	63	176	239
Buncrana	1,821	1,713	1,754	166	777	943	222	589	811
Donegal	519	448	476	60	219	279	40	157	197
Dunfanaghy	1,091	990	954	119	475	594	59	301	360
Dungloe	1,633	1,479	1,455	148	784	932	59	464	523
Killybegs	900	954	1,009	76	572	648	71	290	361
Letterkenny	2,889	2,533	2,582	355	1,262	1,617	304	661	965
Leitrim	1,205	1,028	1,062	99	476	575	73	414	487
Carrick-on-Shannon	902	776	801	76	345	421	51	329	380
Manorhamilton	303	252	261	23	131	154	22	85	107
Louth	7,741	6,743	7,119	841	3,309	4,150	639	2,330	2,969
Ardee	931	823	881	126	350	476	79	326	405
Drogheda	3,582	3,128	3,330	350	1,487	1,837	297	1,196	1,493
Dundalk	3,228	2,792	2,908	365	1,472	1,837	263	808	1,071
Monaghan	2,506	2,335	2,352	261	1,069	1,330	225	797	1,022
Carrickmacross	692	634	633	45	270	315	60	258	318
Castleblayney	747	709	716	83	320	403	66	247	313
Clones	317	291	292	44	161	205	21	66	87
Monaghan	750	701	711	89	318	407	78	226	304
Sligo	2,252	2,043	2,085	255	1,011	1,266	179	640	819
Sligo	1,890	1,698	1,744	223	840	1,063	157	524	681
Tubbercurry	362	345	341	32	171	203	22	116	138
Midland	10,743	9,971	10,155	1,139	4,471	5,610	1,013	3,532	4,545
Laoighis	2,231	2,014	2,052	230	924	1,154	211	687	898
Portarlington	842	742	781	71	318	389	93	299	392
Portlaoise	995	911	914	123	428	551	83	280	363
Rathdowney	394	361	357	36	178	214	35	108	143
Longford	1,875	1,736	1,769	198	799	997	183	589	772
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Offaly	2,877	2,563	2,675	306	1,232	1,538	263	874	1,137
Birr	907	835	887	102	399	501	110	276	386
Edenderry	692	637	638	59	280	339	51	248	299
Tullamore	1,278	1,091	1,150	145	553	698	102	350	452
Westmeath	3,760	3,658	3,659	405	1,516	1,921	356	1,382	1,738
Athlone	1,596	1,597	1,556	187	659	846	150	560	710
Castlepollard	325	354	377	36	160	196	35	146	181
Mullingar	1,839	1,707	1,726	182	697	879	171	676	847
West	17,079	15,483	15,744	1,582	7,551	9,133	1,221	5,390	6,611
Galway	9,602	8,797	8,922	941	4,286	5,227	756	2,939	3,695
Ballinasloe	1,131	997	1,022	111	502	613	77	332	409
Clifden	946	840	844	76	416	492	63	289	352
Galway	5,128	4,743	4,813	591	2,337	2,928	469	1,416	1,885
Gort	483	429	435	19	175	194	22	219	241
Loughrea	728	666	701	58	298	356	60	285	345
Tuam	1,186	1,122	1,107	86	558	644	65	398	463

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	January 2004	December 2004	January 2005	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	6,074	5,420	5,495	504	2,616	3,120	384	1,991	2,375
Achill	343	302	303	30	167	197	14	92	106
Ballina	1,739	1,585	1,632	165	830	995	136	501	637
Ballinrobe	439	393	402	31	176	207	22	173	195
Belmullet	624	545	545	52	294	346	29	170	199
Castlebar	979	883	892	87	372	459	69	364	433
Claremorris	516	404	412	30	181	211	17	184	201
Swinford	786	683	673	68	282	350	57	266	323
Westport	648	625	636	41	314	355	40	241	281
Roscommon	1,403	1,266	1,327	137	649	786	81	460	541
Boyle	382	345	352	32	168	200	12	140	152
Castlerea	662	586	614	55	329	384	41	189	230
Roscommon	359	335	361	50	152	202	28	131	159
Southern and Eastern	120,497	109,701	110,282	12,486	53,618	66,104	8,650	35,528	44,178
Dublin	45,104	39,361	39,873	5,060	20,286	25,346	2,974	11,553	14,527
Dublin	45,104	39,361	39,873	5,060	20,286	25,346	2,974	11,553	14,527
Bishop Square	4,367	3,642	3,681	405	2,029	2,434	244	1,003	1,247
Cumberland Street	5,877	5,097	5,150	641	2,646	3,287	364	1,499	1,863
Navan Road	2,697	2,543	2,605	322	1,509	1,831	192	582	774
Blanchardstown	3,560	3,141	3,290	396	1,450	1,846	290	1,154	1,444
Thomas Street	2,478	2,157	2,189	234	1,277	1,511	168	510	678
Tara Street	1,443	1,151	1,174	95	686	781	45	348	393
Tallaght	3,631	3,126	3,214	590	1,548	2,138	363	713	1,076
Ballymun	1,521	1,374	1,473	261	739	1,000	145	328	473
Clondalkin	3,187	2,921	2,987	440	1,399	1,839	277	871	1,148
Rathfarnham	2,237	1,980	1,868	171	881	1,052	90	726	816
Kilbarrack	3,024	2,484	2,479	224	1,291	1,515	141	823	964
Dun Laoghaire	3,248	2,788	2,611	208	1,270	1,478	94	1,039	1,133
Balbriggan	1,341	1,226	1,238	145	553	698	74	466	540
Ballyfermot	1,261	1,171	1,256	216	640	856	143	257	400
Finglas	2,349	2,121	2,165	356	1,087	1,443	152	570	722
Coolock	2,883	2,439	2,493	356	1,281	1,637	192	664	856
Mid-East	12,994	12,041	12,146	1,226	5,608	6,834	951	4,361	5,312
Kildare	4,921	4,350	4,430	423	1,962	2,385	397	1,648	2,045
Athy	887	821	835	92	377	469	93	273	366
Maynooth	1,548	1,409	1,409	123	570	693	119	597	716
Newbridge	2,486	2,120	2,186	208	1,015	1,223	185	778	963
Meath	3,359	3,137	3,141	290	1,402	1,692	231	1,218	1,449
Kells	597	604	602	50	285	335	49	218	267
Navan	1,930	1,797	1,792	182	814	996	122	674	796
Trim	832	736	747	58	303	361	60	326	386
Wicklow	4,714	4,554	4,575	513	2,244	2,757	323	1,495	1,818
Arklow	1,340	1,315	1,335	159	679	838	104	393	497
Baltinglass	457	412	453	49	188	237	43	173	216
Bray	2,023	1,980	1,948	193	976	1,169	117	662	779
Wicklow	894	847	839	112	401	513	59	267	326
Mid-West	15,278	13,587	13,960	1,549	6,559	8,108	1,148	4,704	5,852
Clare	4,349	3,851	3,993	363	1,810	2,173	291	1,529	1,820
Ennis	2,529	2,244	2,360	246	1,045	1,291	168	901	1,069
Ennistymon	731	629	641	37	303	340	48	253	301
Kilrush	649	600	600	52	285	337	53	210	263
Tulla	440	378	392	28	177	205	22	165	187
Limerick	8,166	7,245	7,273	908	3,555	4,463	612	2,198	2,810
Kilmallock	962	827	838	100	425	525	71	242	313
Limerick	6,264	5,538	5,516	731	2,660	3,391	450	1,675	2,125
Newcastle West	940	880	919	77	470	547	91	281	372

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	January 2004	December 2004	January 2005	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,763	2,491	2,694	278	1,194	1,472	245	977	1,222
Nenagh	1,002	966	1,078	80	502	582	75	421	496
Roscrea	531	515	557	59	209	268	62	227	289
Thurles	1,230	1,010	1,059	139	483	622	108	329	437
South-East	22,499	22,060	21,198	2,462	9,943	12,405	1,868	6,925	8,793
Carlow	2,314	2,223	2,272	297	1,013	1,310	225	737	962
Bagenalstown	580	566	584	66	284	350	56	178	234
Carlow	1,276	1,188	1,202	166	537	703	121	378	499
Tullow	458	469	486	65	192	257	48	181	229
Kilkenny	2,767	2,489	2,548	263	1,254	1,517	229	802	1,031
Callan	399	326	245	22	145	167	16	62	78
Kilkenny	1,927	1,748	1,894	205	908	1,113	177	604	781
Thomastown	441	415	409	36	201	237	36	136	172
South Tipperary	3,901	3,411	3,532	445	1,741	2,186	300	1,046	1,346
Cahir	534	458	491	51	265	316	42	133	175
Carrick-on-Suir	970	893	914	87	508	595	68	251	319
Cashel	444	360	369	53	162	215	26	128	154
Clonmel	1,196	1,056	1,107	152	530	682	102	323	425
Tipperary	757	644	651	102	276	378	62	211	273
Waterford	6,125	7,164	5,990	759	2,905	3,664	467	1,859	2,326
Dungarvan	1,028	1,223	886	89	430	519	66	301	367
Waterford	5,097	5,941	5,104	670	2,475	3,145	401	1,558	1,959
Wexford	7,392	6,773	6,856	698	3,030	3,728	647	2,481	3,128
Enniscorthy	1,826	1,691	1,760	210	789	999	214	547	761
Gorey	1,258	1,143	1,176	125	504	629	114	433	547
New Ross	1,243	1,141	1,117	110	512	622	102	393	495
Wexford	3,065	2,798	2,803	253	1,225	1,478	217	1,108	1,325
South-West	24,622	22,652	23,105	2,189	11,222	13,411	1,709	7,985	9,694
Cork	17,474	15,920	16,134	1,597	7,996	9,593	1,174	5,367	6,541
Bandon	512	538	532	46	257	303	32	197	229
Bantry	419	350	387	29	150	179	15	193	208
Bantry (SWLO)	234	191	201	7	89	96	8	97	105
Clonakilty	485	472	466	22	215	237	28	201	229
Cobh	452	409	436	59	213	272	45	119	164
Cork	8,536	7,666	7,748	965	4,130	5,095	637	2,016	2,653
Dunmanway	221	216	204	20	78	98	12	94	106
Fermoy	890	868	865	73	438	511	53	301	354
Kinsale	682	629	626	30	269	299	33	294	327
Macroom	535	476	429	18	193	211	21	197	218
Mallow	883	742	783	87	411	498	79	206	285
Midleton	1,070	1,075	1,121	75	508	583	73	465	538
Newmarket	544	485	495	47	239	286	26	183	209
Passage West	845	710	740	48	346	394	47	299	346
Skibbereen	410	395	411	21	159	180	13	218	231
Youghal	756	698	690	50	301	351	52	287	339
Kerry	7,148	6,732	6,971	592	3,226	3,818	535	2,618	3,153
Cahirciveen	464	422	430	17	167	184	28	218	246
Dingle	377	375	399	19	164	183	25	191	216
Kenmare	224	187	244	11	99	110	14	120	134
Killarney	1,399	1,265	1,284	95	501	596	97	591	688
Killorglin	498	478	489	23	208	231	25	233	258
Listowel	1,095	1,063	1,074	124	547	671	88	315	403
Tralee	3,091	2,942	3,051	303	1,540	1,843	258	950	1,208
State	174,529	158,816	160,543	17,946	77,261	95,207	13,100	52,236	65,336

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

		Males		Females		Total	
		Live Register	Average net weekly change	Live Register	Average net weekly change	Live Register	Average net weekly change
Number of weeks							
2003	January	5	102,335 + 733	68,366 + 179	170,701 + 912		
	February	4	102,026 - 77	69,368 + 251	171,394 + 173		
	March	4	100,459 - 392	67,600 - 442	168,059 - 834		
	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		

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	4.5
2004	4.4	4.6	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