



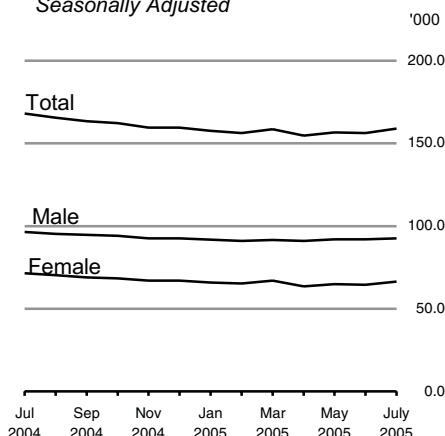
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Live Register Analysis July 2005

Live Register

Seasonally Adjusted



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
July 2004	177,501	168,000
June 2005	159,300	156,300
July 2005	168,509	158,900
Change in month	+9,209	+2,600
Change in year	-8,992	-9,100

Increase in Seasonally Adjusted Live Register in July

The seasonally adjusted Live Register total increased from 156,300 in June to 158,900 in July, an increase of 2,600. This compares with a decrease of 400 in June. *See table 2a and graph opposite.*

In the year to July 2005, there was an unadjusted decrease of 8,992 (-5.1%). This compares with an unadjusted decrease of 9,652 (-5.7%) in the year to June 2005.

Other features include:

- ◆ The monthly increase in the Seasonally Adjusted series was made up of an increase of 600 males and an increase of 2,100 females. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in July was 4.3%. This compares with 4.2% in January 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 7,735 males and 12,193 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 December to February 2005, is 84,700 persons unemployed.

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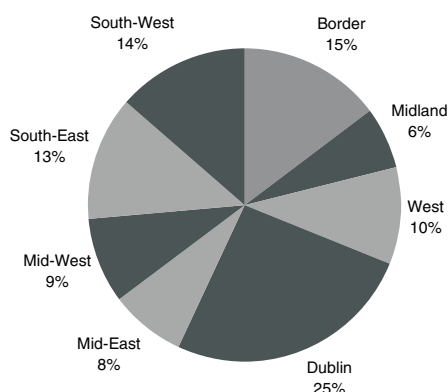
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Live Register by Regional Authority



	July 2005	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and Western	52,526	+ 3,061	- 3,365
Border	24,853	+ 1,266	- 1,963
Midland	10,946	+ 713	- 344
West	16,727	+ 1,082	- 1,058
Southern and Eastern	115,983	+ 6,148	- 5,627
Dublin	43,620	+ 2,418	- 1,998
Mid-East	13,126	+ 778	- 712
Mid-West	14,577	+ 845	- 910
South-East	21,743	+ 999	- 860
South-West	22,917	+ 1,108	- 1,147
Total	168,509	+ 9,209	- 8,992

Unadjusted monthly increases in all regions

There was an unadjusted monthly increase of 9,209 (+5.8%) on the Live Register, which reflected increases in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Midland region (+7.0%) and the smallest percentage increase was in the South-East region (+4.8%).

Other features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males increased in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the West (+4.3%) and the smallest percentage increase was in the South-West (+1.0%).
- ◆ The number of females also increased in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Dublin region (+11.7%), while the smallest percentage increase was in the South-East region (+9.6%).
- ◆ Amongst counties, the largest percentage increases were in Offaly (+9.0%) and in Cavan (+7.6%). The smallest percentage increases were in Tipperary South (+2.2%) and in Kerry (+4.1%). See tables 4 and 6.

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	July 2004	June 2005	July 2005	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	34,627	28,904	29,584	+ 680	- 5,043
UA Applications	60,650	60,627	61,856	+ 1,229	+ 1,206
Other Registrants	2,857	2,614	2,684	+ 70	- 173
Total	98,134	92,145	94,124	+ 1,979	- 4,010
Females					
UB Claims	44,352	34,403	39,583	+ 5,180	- 4,769
UA Applications	25,744	25,003	26,409	+ 1,406	+ 665
Other Registrants	9,271	7,749	8,393	+ 644	- 878
Total	79,367	67,155	74,385	+ 7,230	- 4,982
All Persons					
UB Claims	78,979	63,307	69,167	+ 5,860	- 9,812
UA Applications	86,394	85,630	88,265	+ 2,635	+ 1,871
Other Registrants	12,128	10,363	11,077	+ 714	- 1,051
Total	177,501	159,300	168,509	+ 9,209	- 8,992

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

Category	July 2004	June 2005	July 2005	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	6,026	4,896	4,954	+ 58	- 1,072
UA Applications	12,743	12,924	13,358	+ 434	+ 615
Other Registrants	56	40	41	+ 1	- 15
Total	18,825	17,860	18,353	+ 493	- 472
Females					
UB Claims	5,691	4,072	4,442	+ 370	- 1,249
UA Applications	10,210	9,675	10,243	+ 568	+ 33
Other Registrants	132	101	117	+ 16	- 15
Total	16,033	13,848	14,802	+ 954	- 1,231
All Persons					
UB Claims	11,717	8,968	9,396	+ 428	- 2,321
UA Applications	22,953	22,599	23,601	+ 1,002	+ 648
Other Registrants	188	141	158	+ 17	- 30
Total	34,858	31,708	33,155	+ 1,447	- 1,703

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

Category	July 2004	June 2005	July 2005	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	28,601	24,008	24,630	+ 622	- 3,971
UA Applications	47,907	47,703	48,498	+ 795	+ 591
Other Registrants	2,801	2,574	2,643	+ 69	- 158
Total	79,309	74,285	75,771	+ 1,486	- 3,538
Females					
UB Claims	38,661	30,331	35,141	+ 4,810	- 3,520
UA Applications	15,534	15,328	16,166	+ 838	+ 632
Other Registrants	9,139	7,648	8,276	+ 628	- 863
Total	63,334	53,307	59,583	+ 6,276	- 3,751
All Persons					
UB Claims	67,262	54,339	59,771	+ 5,432	- 7,491
UA Applications	63,441	63,031	64,664	+ 1,633	+ 1,223
Other Registrants	11,940	10,222	10,919	+ 697	- 1,021
Total	142,643	127,592	135,354	+ 7,762	- 7,289

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	July	103,600	81,900	185,400	102,000	74,200	176,200
	August	103,800	82,200	186,000	101,800	74,100	175,900
	September	98,800	72,100	170,800	100,700	73,100	173,800
	October	96,300	70,300	166,600	100,000	73,200	173,300
	November	96,100	68,400	164,500	99,300	72,600	171,900
	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

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	July	20,500	16,800	37,300	19,500	14,900	34,500
	August	20,500	16,900	37,300	19,500	14,900	34,400
	September	19,100	15,000	34,100	19,300	14,700	33,900
	October	17,800	13,800	31,600	19,000	14,500	33,500
	November	17,700	13,500	31,100	18,800	14,500	33,300
	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

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	July	83,100	65,000	148,200	82,500	59,300	141,800
	August	83,300	65,300	148,600	82,300	59,200	141,500
	September	79,700	57,000	136,700	81,500	58,400	139,900
	October	78,500	56,500	134,900	81,100	58,800	139,800
	November	78,500	55,000	133,400	80,500	58,100	138,600
	December	81,100	58,100	139,200	80,300	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

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2005 (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	4.5	4.2 ³
February	5.9	4.7	3.7	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.2
March	5.9	4.5	3.7	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.3
April ²	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	4.2
June	5.5	4.1	3.9	4.3	4.7	4.4	4.2
July ²	5.4	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.8	4.4	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	4.4	
October ²	5.1	3.9	4.0	4.6	4.5	4.4	
November	5.0	3.9	4.2	4.6	4.5	4.3	
December	4.9	3.8	4.3	4.6	4.5	4.3	
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: December - February 2005, 4.2%.

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register classified by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	July 2004	June 2005	July 2005	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland & Western	30,423	27,775	28,564	+ 789	- 1,859	5,651	22,913
Border	15,048	13,636	13,884	+ 248	- 1,164	2,741	11,143
Midland	5,691	5,403	5,567	+ 164	- 124	1,239	4,328
West	9,684	8,736	9,113	+ 377	- 571	1,671	7,442
Southern & Eastern	67,711	64,370	65,560	+ 1,190	- 2,151	12,702	52,858
Dublin	27,065	25,720	26,320	+ 600	- 745	5,262	21,058
Mid-East	7,199	6,772	6,923	+ 151	- 276	1,266	5,657
Mid-West	8,170	7,571	7,756	+ 185	- 414	1,563	6,193
South-East	12,141	11,716	11,849	+ 133	- 292	2,400	9,449
South-West	13,136	12,591	12,712	+ 121	- 424	2,211	10,501
Total	98,134	92,145	94,124	+ 1,979	- 4,010	18,353	75,771
Females							
Border, Midland & Western	25,468	21,690	23,962	+ 2,272	- 1,506	4,991	18,971
Border	11,768	9,951	10,969	+ 1,018	- 799	2,376	8,593
Midland	5,599	4,830	5,379	+ 549	- 220	1,174	4,205
West	8,101	6,909	7,614	+ 705	- 487	1,441	6,173
Southern & Eastern	53,899	45,465	50,423	+ 4,958	- 3,476	9,811	40,612
Dublin	18,553	15,482	17,300	+ 1,818	- 1,253	3,414	13,886
Mid-East	6,639	5,576	6,203	+ 627	- 436	1,076	5,127
Mid-West	7,317	6,161	6,821	+ 660	- 496	1,356	5,465
South-East	10,462	9,028	9,894	+ 866	- 568	2,111	7,783
South-West	10,928	9,218	10,205	+ 987	- 723	1,854	8,351
Total	79,367	67,155	74,385	+ 7,230	- 4,982	14,802	59,583
All Persons							
Border, Midland & Western	55,891	49,465	52,526	+ 3,061	- 3,365	10,642	41,884
Border	26,816	23,587	24,853	+ 1,266	- 1,963	5,117	19,736
Midland	11,290	10,233	10,946	+ 713	- 344	2,413	8,533
West	17,785	15,645	16,727	+ 1,082	- 1,058	3,112	13,615
Southern & Eastern	121,610	109,835	115,983	+ 6,148	- 5,627	22,513	93,470
Dublin	45,618	41,202	43,620	+ 2,418	- 1,998	8,676	34,944
Mid-East	13,838	12,348	13,126	+ 778	- 712	2,342	10,784
Mid-West	15,487	13,732	14,577	+ 845	- 910	2,919	11,658
South-East	22,603	20,744	21,743	+ 999	- 860	4,511	17,232
South-West	24,064	21,809	22,917	+ 1,108	- 1,147	4,065	18,852
Total	177,501	159,300	168,509	+ 9,209	- 8,992	33,155	135,354

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

Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	July 2004	June 2005	July 2005	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	90,947	81,737	86,562	+ 4,825	- 4,385	17,281	69,281
Munster	49,738	45,143	47,545	+ 2,402	- 2,193	9,116	38,429
Connacht	21,348	18,825	20,099	+ 1,274	- 1,249	3,789	16,310
Ulster	15,468	13,595	14,303	+ 708	- 1,165	2,969	11,334
Total	177,501	159,300	168,509	+ 9,209	- 8,992	33,155	135,354

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	July 2,004	June 2,005	July 2,005	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	55,891	49,465	52,526	5,651	22,913	28,564	4,991	18,971	23,962
Border	26,816	23,587	24,853	2,741	11,143	13,884	2,376	8,593	10,969
Cavan	2,348	2,234	2,404	207	1,025	1,232	217	955	1,172
Belturbet	489	431	471	31	237	268	28	175	203
Cavan	1,859	1,803	1,933	176	788	964	189	780	969
Donegal	10,473	9,103	9,516	1,071	4,475	5,546	970	3,000	3,970
Ballybofey	924	710	756	87	326	413	119	224	343
Ballyshannon	487	453	443	49	194	243	47	153	200
Buncrana	1,964	1,717	1,810	183	755	938	273	599	872
Donegal	487	445	462	59	188	247	37	178	215
Dunfanaghy	965	840	858	121	425	546	55	257	312
Dungloe	1,589	1,458	1,521	146	785	931	74	516	590
Killybegs	1,109	985	1,026	79	592	671	66	289	355
Letterkenny	2,948	2,495	2,640	347	1,210	1,557	299	784	1,083
Leitrim	1,244	1,074	1,150	88	496	584	92	474	566
Carrick-on-Shannon	943	814	862	72	369	441	57	364	421
Manorhamilton	301	260	288	16	127	143	35	110	145
Louth	7,785	6,812	7,178	836	3,186	4,022	635	2,521	3,156
Ardee	952	818	870	105	311	416	93	361	454
Drogheda	3,564	3,137	3,332	374	1,460	1,834	271	1,227	1,498
Dundalk	3,269	2,857	2,976	357	1,415	1,772	271	933	1,204
Monaghan	2,647	2,258	2,383	238	995	1,233	266	884	1,150
Carrickmacross	697	577	615	36	228	264	56	295	351
Castleblayney	792	700	729	73	309	382	92	255	347
Clones	336	268	286	38	125	163	37	86	123
Monaghan	822	713	753	91	333	424	81	248	329
Sligo	2,319	2,106	2,222	301	966	1,267	196	759	955
Sligo	1,942	1,738	1,843	264	800	1,064	169	610	779
Tubbercurry	377	368	379	37	166	203	27	149	176
Midland	11,290	10,233	10,946	1,239	4,328	5,567	1,174	4,205	5,379
Laoighis	2,288	2,048	2,168	239	854	1,093	251	824	1,075
Portllington	871	792	845	86	289	375	107	363	470
Portlaoise	1,017	926	963	116	405	521	104	338	442
Rathdowney	400	330	360	37	160	197	40	123	163
Longford	1,949	1,813	1,919	228	794	1,022	206	691	897
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Offaly	2,995	2,669	2,909	322	1,200	1,522	302	1,085	1,387
Birr	946	793	892	108	332	440	112	340	452
Edenderry	793	666	692	67	289	356	49	287	336
Tullamore	1,256	1,210	1,325	147	579	726	141	458	599
Westmeath	4,058	3,703	3,950	450	1,480	1,930	415	1,605	2,020
Athlone	1,762	1,564	1,707	209	640	849	169	689	858
Castlepollard	379	355	355	32	142	174	33	148	181
Mullingar	1,917	1,784	1,888	209	698	907	213	768	981
West	17,785	15,645	16,727	1,671	7,442	9,113	1,441	6,173	7,614
Galway	10,240	9,064	9,687	1,042	4,358	5,400	842	3,445	4,287
Ballinasloe	1,084	911	988	112	442	554	86	348	434
Clifden	750	664	641	65	360	425	41	175	216
Galway	5,943	5,285	5,644	670	2,538	3,208	555	1,881	2,436
Gort	461	433	481	21	183	204	20	257	277
Loughrea	718	659	761	70	330	400	55	306	361
Tuam	1,284	1,112	1,172	104	505	609	85	478	563

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	July 2004	June 2005	July 2005	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	6,092	5,317	5,712	501	2,519	3,020	482	2,210	2,692
Achill	298	250	261	25	142	167	15	79	94
Ballina	1,762	1,471	1,606	168	773	941	154	511	665
Ballinrobe	434	375	392	28	153	181	24	187	211
Belmullet	639	563	586	58	305	363	37	186	223
Castlebar	1,080	943	1,023	83	379	462	103	458	561
Claremorris	466	409	440	32	163	195	34	211	245
Swinford	795	646	709	70	279	349	76	284	360
Westport	618	660	695	37	325	362	39	294	333
Roscommon	1,453	1,264	1,328	128	565	693	117	518	635
Boyle	420	346	368	29	160	189	24	155	179
Castlerea	671	540	578	52	251	303	58	217	275
Roscommon	362	378	382	47	154	201	35	146	181
Southern and Eastern	121,610	109,835	115,983	12,702	52,858	65,560	9,811	40,612	50,423
Dublin	45,618	41,202	43,620	5,262	21,058	26,320	3,414	13,886	17,300
Dublin	45,618	41,202	43,620	5,262	21,058	26,320	3,414	13,886	17,300
Bishop Square	4,451	3,920	4,021	408	2,098	2,506	252	1,263	1,515
Cumberland Street	5,768	5,348	5,620	678	2,795	3,473	419	1,728	2,147
Navan Road	2,850	2,672	2,854	343	1,572	1,915	225	714	939
Blanchardstown	3,558	3,296	3,521	404	1,527	1,931	329	1,261	1,590
Thomas Street	2,514	2,318	2,360	270	1,329	1,599	187	574	761
Tara Street	1,437	1,194	1,265	112	679	791	68	406	474
Tallaght	3,702	3,456	3,649	608	1,610	2,218	399	1,032	1,431
Ballymun	1,529	1,463	1,569	285	773	1,058	158	353	511
Clondalkin	3,287	3,249	3,519	485	1,590	2,075	345	1,099	1,444
Rathfarnham	2,492	1,936	2,176	162	923	1,085	112	979	1,091
Kilbarrack	2,950	2,436	2,593	233	1,250	1,483	160	950	1,110
Dun Laoghaire	3,329	2,802	2,932	221	1,343	1,564	123	1,245	1,368
Balbriggan	1,306	1,229	1,329	104	594	698	84	547	631
Ballyfermot	1,260	1,259	1,351	231	641	872	166	313	479
Finglas	2,346	2,256	2,365	370	1,123	1,493	184	688	872
Coolock	2,839	2,368	2,496	348	1,211	1,559	203	734	937
Mid-East	13,838	12,348	13,126	1,266	5,657	6,923	1,076	5,127	6,203
Kildare	5,294	4,684	5,002	491	2,077	2,568	469	1,965	2,434
Athy	948	863	888	97	414	511	98	279	377
Maynooth	1,827	1,469	1,587	136	597	733	148	706	854
Newbridge	2,519	2,352	2,527	258	1,066	1,324	223	980	1,203
Meath	3,553	3,099	3,324	280	1,334	1,614	267	1,443	1,710
Kells	660	543	600	38	239	277	60	263	323
Navan	2,055	1,805	1,888	184	804	988	136	764	900
Trim	838	751	836	58	291	349	71	416	487
Wicklow	4,991	4,565	4,800	495	2,246	2,741	340	1,719	2,059
Arklow	1,404	1,223	1,255	143	601	744	100	411	511
Baltinglass	465	437	462	43	178	221	51	190	241
Bray	2,178	2,021	2,158	205	1,020	1,225	127	806	933
Wicklow	944	884	925	104	447	551	62	312	374
Mid-West	15,487	13,732	14,577	1,563	6,193	7,756	1,356	5,465	6,821
Clare	4,028	3,719	3,922	322	1,674	1,996	325	1,601	1,926
Ennis	2,446	2,264	2,374	196	986	1,182	199	993	1,192
Ennistymon	597	519	549	35	248	283	36	230	266
Kilrush	599	560	594	63	257	320	62	212	274
Tulla	386	376	405	28	183	211	28	166	194
Limerick	8,674	7,488	7,977	966	3,489	4,455	773	2,749	3,522
Kilmallock	939	763	818	89	363	452	76	290	366
Limerick	6,776	5,781	6,146	805	2,696	3,501	576	2,069	2,645
Newcastle West	959	944	1,013	72	430	502	121	390	511

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			
	July 2004	June 2005	July 2005	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,785	2,525	2,678	275	1,030	1,305	258	1,115	1,373
Nenagh	1,055	966	982	66	377	443	74	465	539
Roscrea	562	510	559	60	201	261	57	241	298
Thurles	1,168	1,049	1,137	149	452	601	127	409	536
South-East	22,603	20,744	21,743	2,400	9,449	11,849	2,111	7,783	9,894
Carlow	2,516	2,305	2,414	279	961	1,240	263	911	1,174
Bagenalstown	631	543	587	60	246	306	61	220	281
Carlow	1,342	1,263	1,311	162	527	689	143	479	622
Tullow	543	499	516	57	188	245	59	212	271
Kilkenny	2,805	2,471	2,606	285	1,182	1,467	260	879	1,139
Callan ¹	394	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kilkenny	1,981	2,050	2,163	242	977	1,219	221	723	944
Thomastown	430	421	443	43	205	248	39	156	195
South Tipperary	3,926	3,498	3,576	405	1,568	1,973	364	1,239	1,603
Cahir	552	471	488	37	225	262	51	175	226
Carrick-on-Suir	976	969	977	84	481	565	94	318	412
Cashel	412	359	378	45	153	198	35	145	180
Clonmel	1,261	1,052	1,049	133	458	591	112	346	458
Tipperary	725	647	684	106	251	357	72	255	327
Waterford	6,261	6,104	6,475	801	2,875	3,676	562	2,237	2,799
Dungarvan	1,030	896	982	88	427	515	72	395	467
Waterford	5,231	5,208	5,493	713	2,448	3,161	490	1,842	2,332
Wexford	7,095	6,366	6,672	630	2,863	3,493	662	2,517	3,179
Enniscorthy	1,830	1,704	1,769	212	759	971	230	568	798
Gorey	1,263	1,158	1,220	102	499	601	118	501	619
New Ross	1,247	1,146	1,226	112	544	656	114	456	570
Wexford	2,755	2,358	2,457	204	1,061	1,265	200	992	1,192
South-West	24,064	21,809	22,917	2,211	10,501	12,712	1,854	8,351	10,205
Cork	17,943	16,045	16,919	1,634	7,766	9,400	1,359	6,160	7,519
Bandon	566	495	547	54	252	306	34	207	241
Bantry	379	307	358	19	137	156	26	176	202
Bantry (SWLO)	227	165	164	5	58	63	8	93	101
Clonakilty	476	449	467	19	198	217	23	227	250
Cobh	414	383	386	44	178	222	39	125	164
Cork	9,230	8,117	8,486	1,038	4,192	5,230	756	2,500	3,256
Dunmanway	210	223	241	17	82	99	20	122	142
Fermoy	882	888	939	71	412	483	70	386	456
Kinsale	662	622	622	28	255	283	33	306	339
Macroom	529	428	459	22	200	222	24	213	237
Mallow	846	709	772	72	353	425	84	263	347
Midleton	1,100	1,077	1,152	64	501	565	83	504	587
Newmarket	521	429	478	51	199	250	35	193	228
Passage West	787	712	748	51	319	370	46	332	378
Skibbereen	425	371	416	31	142	173	19	224	243
Youghal	689	670	684	48	288	336	59	289	348
Kerry	6,121	5,764	5,998	577	2,735	3,312	495	2,191	2,686
Cahiriveen	388	313	327	15	144	159	24	144	168
Dingle	244	243	254	10	119	129	10	115	125
Kenmare	123	125	138	10	67	77	6	55	61
Killarney	907	871	896	82	368	450	78	368	446
Killorglin	411	344	366	31	134	165	33	168	201
Listowel	1,004	926	977	112	457	569	84	324	408
Tralee	3,044	2,942	3,040	317	1,446	1,763	260	1,017	1,277
State	177,501	159,300	168,509	18,353	75,771	94,124	14,802	59,583	74,385

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	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		
	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		

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	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.4
2005	4.2			

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