



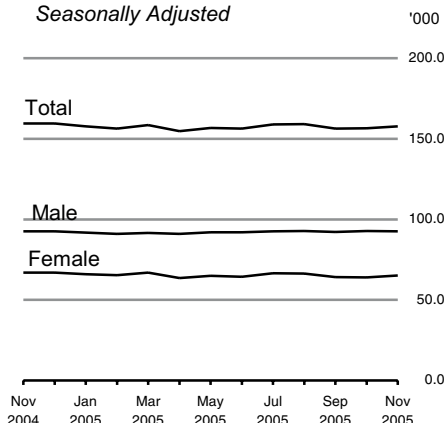
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Live Register Analysis November 2005

Live Register

Seasonally Adjusted



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
November 2004	151,966	159,500
October 2005	149,644	156,600
November 2005	150,073	157,700
Change in month	+429	+1,100
Change in year	-1,893	-1,800

Slight increase in Seasonally Adjusted Live Register in November

The seasonally adjusted Live Register total increased from 156,600 in October to 157,700 in November, an increase of 1,100. This compares with an increase of 200 in October. *See table 2a and graph opposite.*

In the year to November 2005, there was an unadjusted decrease of 1,893 (-1.2%). This compares with an unadjusted decrease of 5,832 (-3.8%) in the year to October 2005.

Other features include:

- ◆ The monthly increase in the Seasonally Adjusted series was made up of an increase of 1,200 females and a slight decrease of 100 males. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in November was 4.3%. This compares with 4.3% 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 7,529 males and 12,573 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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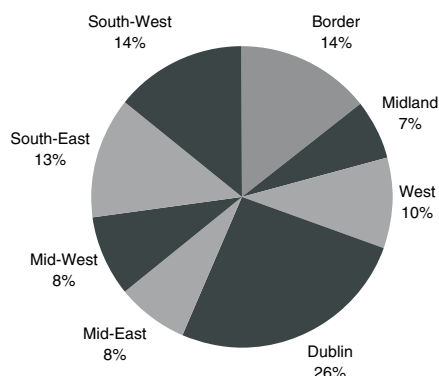
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Live Register by Regional Authority



	November 2005	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and Western	45,833	- 111	- 1,504
Border	21,548	- 163	- 1,349
Midland	9,756	+ 48	+ 306
West	14,529	+ 4	- 461
Southern and Eastern	104,240	+ 540	- 389
Dublin	38,959	- 328	+ 1,079
Mid-East	11,654	+ 33	- 31
Mid-West	12,713	- 5	- 261
South-East	19,634	+ 164	- 921
South-West	21,280	+ 676	- 255
Total	150,073	+ 429	- 1,893

Unadjusted monthly increase in five regions

There was an unadjusted monthly increase of 429 (+0.3%) on the Live Register, which reflected increases in five regions. The largest percentage increase was in the South-West region (+3.3%) and the largest decreases were in the Border and Dublin regions (both -0.8%).

Other features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males increased in six regions. The largest percentage increase was in the South-West region (-3.2%) with decreases in the Border (-0.6%) and West (-0.2%) regions.
- ◆ The number of females decreased in five regions. The largest percentage decrease was in the Dublin region (-2.4%), while the largest percentage increase was in the South-West region (+3.4%).
- ◆ Amongst counties, there were increases in 16 and decreases in the remaining 11. The largest percentage increases were in Kerry (+9.8%) and in Clare (+2.8%). The largest percentage decreases were in Tipperary North (-1.6%), Monaghan (-1.5%) and in Donegal (-1.4%). See tables 4 and 6.

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	November 2004	October 2005	November 2005	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	29,304	26,532	26,962	+ 430	- 2,342
UA Applications	57,213	59,565	59,734	+ 169	+ 2,521
Other Registrants	2,786	2,652	2,681	+ 29	- 105
Total	89,303	88,749	89,377	+ 628	+ 74
Females					
UB Claims	32,080	30,054	30,166	+ 112	- 1,914
UA Applications	22,438	23,611	23,351	- 260	+ 913
Other Registrants	8,145	7,230	7,179	- 51	- 966
Total	62,663	60,895	60,696	- 199	- 1,967
All Persons					
UB Claims	61,384	56,586	57,128	+ 542	- 4,256
UA Applications	79,651	83,176	83,085	- 91	+ 3,434
Other Registrants	10,931	9,882	9,860	- 22	- 1,071
Total	151,966	149,644	150,073	+ 429	- 1,893

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

Category	November 2004	October 2005	November 2005	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	4,394	4,280	4,344	+ 64	- 50
UA Applications	11,740	12,666	12,687	+ 21	+ 947
Other Registrants	52	33	28	- 5	- 24
Total	16,186	16,979	17,059	+ 80	+ 873
Females					
UB Claims	3,639	3,293	3,151	- 142	- 488
UA Applications	8,557	8,774	8,648	- 126	+ 91
Other Registrants	98	80	79	- 1	- 19
Total	12,294	12,147	11,878	- 269	- 416
All Persons					
UB Claims	8,033	7,573	7,495	- 78	- 538
UA Applications	20,297	21,440	21,335	- 105	+ 1,038
Other Registrants	150	113	107	- 6	- 43
Total	28,480	29,126	28,937	- 189	+ 457

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

Category	November 2004	October 2005	November 2005	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	24,910	22,252	22,618	+ 366	- 2,292
UA Applications	45,473	46,899	47,047	+ 148	+ 1,574
Other Registrants	2,734	2,619	2,653	+ 34	- 81
Total	73,117	71,770	72,318	+ 548	- 799
Females					
UB Claims	28,441	26,761	27,015	+ 254	- 1,426
UA Applications	13,881	14,837	14,703	- 134	+ 822
Other Registrants	8,047	7,150	7,100	- 50	- 947
Total	50,369	48,748	48,818	+ 70	- 1,551
All Persons					
UB Claims	53,351	49,013	49,633	+ 620	- 3,718
UA Applications	59,354	61,736	61,750	+ 14	+ 2,396
Other Registrants	10,781	9,769	9,753	- 16	- 1,028
Total	123,486	120,518	121,136	+ 618	- 2,350

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	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
	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

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	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
	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

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	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
	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

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	4.7	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 ²	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 ²	5.4	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.8	4.4	4.3 ³
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 ²	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	
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 2005, 4.3%.

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register classified by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	November 2004	October 2005	November 2005	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland & Western	27,258	26,454	26,430	- 24	- 828	5,028	21,402
Border	13,444	12,773	12,694	- 79	- 750	2,394	10,300
Midland	5,141	5,323	5,396	+ 73	+ 255	1,122	4,274
West	8,673	8,358	8,340	- 18	- 333	1,512	6,828
Southern & Eastern	62,045	62,295	62,947	+ 652	+ 902	12,031	50,916
Dublin	23,965	25,050	25,057	+ 7	+ 1,092	4,959	20,098
Mid-East	6,484	6,566	6,573	+ 7	+ 89	1,224	5,349
Mid-West	7,387	7,314	7,386	+ 72	- 1	1,450	5,936
South-East	11,962	11,288	11,464	+ 176	- 498	2,279	9,185
South-West	12,247	12,077	12,467	+ 390	+ 220	2,119	10,348
Total	89,303	88,749	89,377	+ 628	+ 74	17,059	72,318
Females							
Border, Midland & Western	20,079	19,490	19,403	- 87	- 676	3,894	15,509
Border	9,453	8,938	8,854	- 84	- 599	1,769	7,085
Midland	4,309	4,385	4,360	- 25	+ 51	970	3,390
West	6,317	6,167	6,189	+ 22	- 128	1,155	5,034
Southern & Eastern	42,584	41,405	41,293	- 112	- 1,291	7,984	33,309
Dublin	13,915	14,237	13,902	- 335	- 13	2,859	11,043
Mid-East	5,201	5,055	5,081	+ 26	- 120	880	4,201
Mid-West	5,587	5,404	5,327	- 77	- 260	1,034	4,293
South-East	8,593	8,182	8,170	- 12	- 423	1,680	6,490
South-West	9,288	8,527	8,813	+ 286	- 475	1,531	7,282
Total	62,663	60,895	60,696	- 199	- 1,967	11,878	48,818
All Persons							
Border, Midland & Western	47,337	45,944	45,833	- 111	- 1,504	8,922	36,911
Border	22,897	21,711	21,548	- 163	- 1,349	4,163	17,385
Midland	9,450	9,708	9,756	+ 48	+ 306	2,092	7,664
West	14,990	14,525	14,529	+ 4	- 461	2,667	11,862
Southern & Eastern	104,629	103,700	104,240	+ 540	- 389	20,015	84,225
Dublin	37,880	39,287	38,959	- 328	+ 1,079	7,818	31,141
Mid-East	11,685	11,621	11,654	+ 33	- 31	2,104	9,550
Mid-West	12,974	12,718	12,713	- 5	- 261	2,484	10,229
South-East	20,555	19,470	19,634	+ 164	- 921	3,959	15,675
South-West	21,535	20,604	21,280	+ 676	- 255	3,650	17,630
Total	151,966	149,644	150,073	+ 429	- 1,893	28,937	121,136

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

Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	November 2004	October 2005	November 2005	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	76,402	77,465	77,329	- 136	+ 927	15,309	62,020
Munster	44,226	42,260	42,941	+ 681	- 1,285	7,960	34,981
Connacht	17,946	17,405	17,427	+ 22	- 519	3,217	14,210
Ulster	13,392	12,514	12,376	- 138	- 1,016	2,451	9,925
Total	151,966	149,644	150,073	+ 429	- 1,893	28,937	121,136

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	November 2004	October 2005	November 2005	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	47,337	45,944	45,833	5,028	21,402	26,430	3,894	15,509	19,403
Border	22,897	21,711	21,548	2,394	10,300	12,694	1,769	7,085	8,854
Cavan	2,049	2,172	2,184	207	972	1,179	165	840	1,005
Belturbet	414	423	430	33	219	252	23	155	178
Cavan	1,635	1,749	1,754	174	753	927	142	685	827
Donegal	9,088	8,322	8,202	988	3,997	4,985	737	2,480	3,217
Ballybofey	763	687	698	105	292	397	112	189	301
Ballyshannon	505	441	464	62	205	267	48	149	197
Buncrana	1,649	1,520	1,479	137	670	807	177	495	672
Donegal	434	383	390	50	175	225	24	141	165
Dunfanaghy	975	764	794	108	379	487	54	253	307
Dungloe	1,457	1,322	1,309	141	694	835	44	430	474
Killybegs	839	885	825	64	458	522	53	250	303
Letterkenny	2,466	2,320	2,243	321	1,124	1,445	225	573	798
Leitrim	976	1,016	1,040	88	459	547	78	415	493
Carrick-on-Shannon	731	755	758	72	311	383	55	320	375
Manorhamilton	245	261	282	16	148	164	23	95	118
Louth	6,549	6,317	6,274	684	3,031	3,715	478	2,081	2,559
Ardee	806	739	752	93	299	392	72	288	360
Drogheda	3,081	3,030	3,012	315	1,411	1,726	223	1,063	1,286
Dundalk	2,662	2,548	2,510	276	1,321	1,597	183	730	913
Monaghan	2,255	2,020	1,990	187	925	1,112	167	711	878
Carrickmacross	605	537	533	30	228	258	27	248	275
Castleblayney	683	607	600	54	284	338	56	206	262
Clones	268	231	230	35	104	139	28	63	91
Monaghan	699	645	627	68	309	377	56	194	250
Sligo	1,980	1,864	1,858	240	916	1,156	144	558	702
Sligo	1,647	1,523	1,526	209	750	959	116	451	567
Tubbercurry	333	341	332	31	166	197	28	107	135
Midland	9,450	9,708	9,756	1,122	4,274	5,396	970	3,390	4,360
Laoighis	1,888	1,916	1,894	213	827	1,040	206	648	854
Portarlinton	698	748	717	81	276	357	80	280	360
Portlaoise	855	869	878	110	397	507	94	277	371
Rathdowney	335	299	299	22	154	176	32	91	123
Longford	1,662	1,706	1,741	210	781	991	166	584	750
Longford	1,662	1,706	1,741	210	781	991	166	584	750
Offaly	2,422	2,615	2,634	301	1,206	1,507	260	867	1,127
Birr	770	826	831	90	385	475	104	252	356
Edenderry	621	632	646	65	286	351	46	249	295
Tullamore	1,031	1,157	1,157	146	535	681	110	366	476
Westmeath	3,478	3,471	3,487	398	1,460	1,858	338	1,291	1,629
Athlone	1,480	1,421	1,391	170	592	762	132	497	629
Castlepollard	351	343	350	31	160	191	34	125	159
Mullingar	1,647	1,707	1,746	197	708	905	172	669	841
West	14,990	14,525	14,529	1,512	6,828	8,340	1,155	5,034	6,189
Galway	8,559	8,413	8,431	940	3,987	4,927	720	2,784	3,504
Ballinasloe	949	880	878	108	433	541	71	266	337
Clifden	809	669	735	68	373	441	58	236	294
Galway	4,627	4,798	4,730	599	2,261	2,860	444	1,426	1,870
Gort	405	433	441	26	169	195	21	225	246
Loughrea	666	634	635	52	286	338	45	252	297
Tuam	1,103	999	1,012	87	465	552	81	379	460

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	November 2004	October 2005	November 2005	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	5,240	4,974	4,947	443	2,309	2,752	349	1,846	2,195
Achill	286	254	254	21	137	158	19	77	96
Ballina	1,543	1,396	1,373	146	703	849	104	420	524
Ballinrobe	389	319	326	29	143	172	18	136	154
Belmullet	546	527	532	45	287	332	34	166	200
Castlebar	847	867	827	75	330	405	55	367	422
Claremorris	373	396	413	36	153	189	30	194	224
Swinford	663	574	575	61	232	293	60	222	282
Westport	593	641	647	30	324	354	29	264	293
Roscommon	1,191	1,138	1,151	129	532	661	86	404	490
Boyle	334	309	320	28	158	186	18	116	134
Castlerea	539	498	509	54	234	288	50	171	221
Roscommon	318	331	322	47	140	187	18	117	135
Southern and Eastern	104,629	103,700	104,240	12,031	50,916	62,947	7,984	33,309	41,293
Dublin	37,880	39,287	38,959	4,959	20,098	25,057	2,859	11,043	13,902
Dublin	37,880	39,287	38,959	4,959	20,098	25,057	2,859	11,043	13,902
Bishop Square	3,537	3,398	3,308	350	1,863	2,213	201	894	1,095
Cumberland Street	4,957	5,130	5,126	669	2,640	3,309	361	1,456	1,817
Navan Road	2,460	2,619	2,559	310	1,473	1,783	178	598	776
Blanchardstown	3,035	3,390	3,419	414	1,610	2,024	283	1,112	1,395
Thomas Street	2,117	2,178	2,166	249	1,277	1,526	146	494	640
Tara Street	1,162	1,166	1,142	113	658	771	50	321	371
Tallaght	3,021	3,146	3,176	552	1,553	2,105	316	755	1,071
Ballymun	1,354	1,481	1,498	263	746	1,009	146	343	489
Clondalkin	2,791	3,368	3,416	491	1,596	2,087	361	968	1,329
Rathfarnham	1,783	1,771	1,704	152	843	995	60	649	709
Kilbarrack	2,399	2,259	2,197	219	1,156	1,375	100	722	822
Dun Laoghaire	2,539	2,391	2,316	180	1,231	1,411	69	836	905
Balbriggan	1,179	1,238	1,251	101	630	731	70	450	520
Ballyfermot	1,135	1,268	1,258	226	598	824	160	274	434
Finglas	2,042	2,225	2,184	343	1,080	1,423	168	593	761
Coolock	2,369	2,259	2,239	327	1,144	1,471	190	578	768
Mid-East	11,685	11,621	11,654	1,224	5,349	6,573	880	4,201	5,081
Kildare	4,216	4,440	4,459	487	1,914	2,401	394	1,664	2,058
Athy	804	850	830	100	392	492	75	263	338
Maynooth	1,338	1,311	1,324	142	537	679	98	547	645
Newbridge	2,074	2,279	2,305	245	985	1,230	221	854	1,075
Meath	3,070	2,937	2,900	260	1,288	1,548	211	1,141	1,352
Kells	588	519	535	38	246	284	44	207	251
Navan	1,759	1,691	1,631	173	761	934	108	589	697
Trim	723	727	734	49	281	330	59	345	404
Wicklow	4,399	4,244	4,295	477	2,147	2,624	275	1,396	1,671
Arklow	1,296	1,217	1,222	159	599	758	83	381	464
Baltinglass	382	398	408	48	168	216	46	146	192
Bray	1,906	1,783	1,811	175	924	1,099	97	615	712
Wicklow	815	846	854	95	456	551	49	254	303
Mid-West	12,974	12,718	12,713	1,450	5,936	7,386	1,034	4,293	5,327
Clare	3,714	3,670	3,771	326	1,683	2,009	265	1,497	1,762
Ennis	2,190	2,189	2,216	213	979	1,192	144	880	1,024
Ennistymon	596	549	589	34	249	283	54	252	306
Kilrush	569	558	572	52	275	327	53	192	245
Tulla	359	374	394	27	180	207	14	173	187
Limerick	6,938	6,823	6,753	866	3,302	4,168	616	1,969	2,585
Kilmallock	788	719	757	85	371	456	66	235	301
Limerick	5,308	5,203	5,113	715	2,520	3,235	455	1,423	1,878
Newcastle West	842	901	883	66	411	477	95	311	406

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			
	November 2004	October 2005	November 2005	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,322	2,225	2,189	258	951	1,209	153	827	980
Nenagh	866	818	835	65	367	432	43	360	403
Roscrea	497	473	462	59	194	253	37	172	209
Thurles	959	934	892	134	390	524	73	295	368
South-East	20,555	19,470	19,634	2,279	9,185	11,464	1,680	6,490	8,170
Carlow	2,048	1,927	1,973	251	874	1,125	183	665	848
Bagenalstown	519	451	463	47	212	259	45	159	204
Carlow	1,082	1,059	1,068	150	484	634	97	337	434
Tullow	447	417	442	54	178	232	41	169	210
Kilkenny	2,376	2,322	2,329	279	1,104	1,383	199	747	946
Callan ¹	320	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kilkenny	1,679	1,918	1,935	224	930	1,154	170	611	781
Thomastown	377	404	394	55	174	229	29	136	165
South Tipperary	3,237	3,068	3,056	396	1,453	1,849	248	959	1,207
Cahir	419	402	400	30	202	232	35	133	168
Carrick-on-Suir	866	878	860	86	458	544	55	261	316
Cashel	351	314	309	47	136	183	25	101	126
Clonmel	977	863	869	126	389	515	76	278	354
Tipperary	624	611	618	107	268	375	57	186	243
Waterford	6,480	5,870	5,892	708	2,874	3,582	474	1,836	2,310
Dungarvan	1,175	906	965	79	490	569	68	328	396
Waterford	5,305	4,964	4,927	629	2,384	3,013	406	1,508	1,914
Wexford	6,414	6,283	6,384	645	2,880	3,525	576	2,283	2,859
Enniscorthy	1,632	1,663	1,680	208	744	952	197	531	728
Gorey	1,098	1,142	1,122	104	515	619	91	412	503
New Ross	1,087	1,176	1,164	118	528	646	107	411	518
Wexford	2,597	2,302	2,418	215	1,093	1,308	181	929	1,110
South-West	21,535	20,604	21,280	2,119	10,348	12,467	1,531	7,282	8,813
Cork	15,200	14,877	14,990	1,535	7,447	8,982	1,060	4,948	6,008
Bandon	520	493	486	52	239	291	28	167	195
Bantry	340	308	320	17	132	149	21	150	171
Bantry (SWLO)	183	140	145	7	58	65	7	73	80
Clonakilty	457	438	433	26	180	206	23	204	227
Cobh	350	393	391	59	185	244	34	113	147
Cork	7,413	7,254	7,194	872	3,887	4,759	562	1,873	2,435
Dunmanway	197	204	202	18	81	99	20	83	103
Fermoy	809	868	863	85	414	499	55	309	364
Kinsale	604	608	633	39	254	293	31	309	340
Macroom	434	382	401	20	184	204	29	168	197
Mallow	713	685	695	85	341	426	65	204	269
Midleton	1,025	1,054	1,099	89	514	603	63	433	496
Newmarket	438	395	415	41	194	235	26	154	180
Passage West	684	661	693	65	332	397	40	256	296
Skibbereen	383	359	382	22	161	183	10	189	199
Youghal	650	635	638	38	291	329	46	263	309
Kerry	6,335	5,727	6,290	584	2,901	3,485	471	2,334	2,805
Cahirciveen	395	355	373	17	146	163	23	187	210
Dingle	347	273	309	11	126	137	14	158	172
Kenmare	177	154	208	7	85	92	16	100	116
Killarney	1,171	884	1,170	87	459	546	90	534	624
Killorglin	457	354	418	31	150	181	31	206	237
Listowel	954	885	942	117	490	607	76	259	335
Tralee	2,834	2,822	2,870	314	1,445	1,759	221	890	1,111
State	151,966	149,644	150,073	17,059	72,318	89,377	11,878	48,818	60,696

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	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
	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

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