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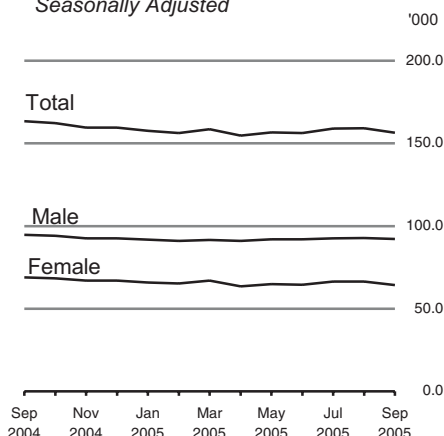
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Live Register Analysis

September 2005

Live Register

Seasonally Adjusted



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
September 2004	160,466	163,500
August 2005	169,393	159,100
September 2005	153,335	156,400
Change in month	-16,058	-2,700
Change in year	-7,131	-7,100

Seasonally Adjusted Live Register falls in September

The seasonally adjusted Live Register total decreased from 159,100 in August to 156,400 in September, a decrease of 2,700. This compares with an increase of 200 in August. *See table 2a and graph opposite.*

In the year to September 2005, there was an unadjusted decrease of 7,131 (-4.4%). This compares with an unadjusted decrease of 6,423 (-3.7%) in the year to August 2005.

Other features include:

- ◆ The monthly decrease in the Seasonally Adjusted series was made up of a decrease of 500 males and a decrease of 2,200 females. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in September was 4.4%. This compares with 4.3% in April 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 7,466 males and 11,934 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 March to May 2005, is 88,900 persons unemployed.

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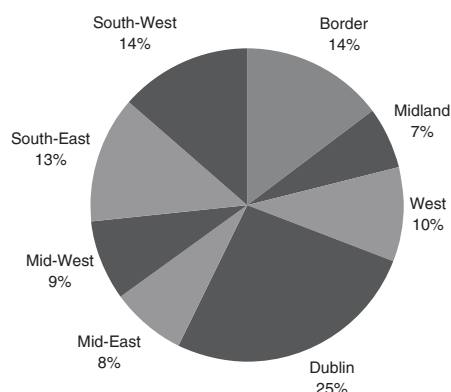
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Live Register by Regional Authority



	September 2005	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and Western	47,235	- 5,562	- 2,932
Border	22,369	- 2,545	- 1,764
Midland	9,993	- 1,017	- 105
West	14,873	- 2,000	- 1,063
Southern and Eastern	106,100	- 10,496	- 4,199
Dublin	40,435	- 3,476	- 1,150
Mid-East	11,883	- 1,414	- 520
Mid-West	13,080	- 1,525	- 845
South-East	19,805	- 1,965	- 659
South-West	20,897	- 2,116	- 1,025
Total	153,335	- 16,058	- 7,131

Unadjusted monthly decreases in all regions

There was an unadjusted monthly decrease of 16,058 (-9.5%) on the Live Register, which reflected decreases in all regions. The largest percentage decrease was in the West (-11.9%) and the smallest percentage decrease was in the Dublin region (-7.9%).

Other features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males decreased in all regions. The largest percentage decrease was in the West (-7.0%) and the smallest percentage decreases were in the Midland, Dublin and Mid-West regions (all -3.7%).
- ◆ The number of females decreased in all regions. The largest percentage decrease was in the Mid-West region (-18.1%), while the smallest percentage decrease was in the Dublin region (-14.3%).
- ◆ Amongst counties, the largest percentage decreases were in Roscommon (-14.5%) and in Sligo (-13.5%). The smallest percentage decreases were in Wexford (-6.7%) and in Clare (-7.7%). *See tables 4 and 6.*

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	September 2004	August 2005	September 2005	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	30,733	29,468	27,051	- 2,417	- 3,682
UA Applications	59,029	62,445	60,458	- 1,987	+ 1,429
Other Registrants	2,867	2,759	2,670	- 89	- 197
Total	92,629	94,672	90,179	- 4,493	- 2,450
Females					
UB Claims	35,002	39,535	30,977	- 8,558	- 4,025
UA Applications	24,331	26,783	24,699	- 2,084	+ 368
Other Registrants	8,504	8,403	7,480	- 923	- 1,024
Total	67,837	74,721	63,156	- 11,565	- 4,681
All Persons					
UB Claims	65,735	69,003	58,028	- 10,975	- 7,707
UA Applications	83,360	89,228	85,157	- 4,071	+ 1,797
Other Registrants	11,371	11,162	10,150	- 1,012	- 1,221
Total	160,466	169,393	153,335	- 16,058	- 7,131

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

Category	September 2004	August 2005	September 2005	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	5,281	5,013	4,603	- 410	- 678
UA Applications	12,241	13,479	12,867	- 612	+ 626
Other Registrants	67	48	40	- 8	- 27
Total	17,589	18,540	17,510	- 1,030	- 79
Females					
UB Claims	4,627	4,567	3,697	- 870	- 930
UA Applications	9,455	10,279	9,325	- 954	- 130
Other Registrants	121	105	82	- 23	- 39
Total	14,203	14,951	13,104	- 1,847	- 1,099
All Persons					
UB Claims	9,908	9,580	8,300	- 1,280	- 1,608
UA Applications	21,696	23,758	22,192	- 1,566	+ 496
Other Registrants	188	153	122	- 31	- 66
Total	31,792	33,491	30,614	- 2,877	- 1,178

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

Category	September 2004	August 2005	September 2005	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	25,452	24,455	22,448	- 2,007	- 3,004
UA Applications	46,788	48,966	47,591	- 1,375	+ 803
Other Registrants	2,800	2,711	2,630	- 81	- 170
Total	75,040	76,132	72,669	- 3,463	- 2,371
Females					
UB Claims	30,375	34,968	27,280	- 7,688	- 3,095
UA Applications	14,876	16,504	15,374	- 1,130	+ 498
Other Registrants	8,383	8,298	7,398	- 900	- 985
Total	53,634	59,770	50,052	- 9,718	- 3,582
All Persons					
UB Claims	55,827	59,423	49,728	- 9,695	- 6,099
UA Applications	61,664	65,470	62,965	- 2,505	+ 1,301
Other Registrants	11,183	11,009	10,028	- 981	- 1,155
Total	128,674	135,902	122,721	- 13,181	- 5,953

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	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
	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

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	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
	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

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	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
	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

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 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	4.4
July ²	5.4	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.8	4.4	4.5
August	5.3	4.0	3.9	4.4	4.7	4.4	4.5
September	5.2	3.9	3.9	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.4
October ²	5.1	3.9	4.0	4.6	4.6	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: March - May 2005, 4.3%.

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register classified by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	September 2004	August 2005	September 2005	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland & Western	28,501	28,756	27,047	- 1,709	- 1,454	5,248	21,799
Border	14,026	13,944	13,089	- 855	- 937	2,514	10,575
Midland	5,313	5,636	5,427	- 209	+ 114	1,194	4,233
West	9,162	9,176	8,531	- 645	- 631	1,540	6,991
Southern & Eastern	64,128	65,916	63,132	- 2,784	- 996	12,262	50,870
Dublin	25,738	26,512	25,519	- 993	- 219	5,148	20,371
Mid-East	6,781	7,011	6,594	- 417	- 187	1,202	5,392
Mid-West	7,732	7,777	7,491	- 286	- 241	1,527	5,964
South-East	11,483	11,857	11,384	- 473	- 99	2,308	9,076
South-West	12,394	12,759	12,144	- 615	- 250	2,077	10,067
Total	92,629	94,672	90,179	- 4,493	- 2,450	17,510	72,669
Females							
Border, Midland & Western	21,666	24,041	20,188	- 3,853	- 1,478	4,292	15,896
Border	10,107	10,970	9,280	- 1,690	- 827	2,014	7,266
Midland	4,785	5,374	4,566	- 808	- 219	1,039	3,527
West	6,774	7,697	6,342	- 1,355	- 432	1,239	5,103
Southern & Eastern	46,171	50,680	42,968	- 7,712	- 3,203	8,812	34,156
Dublin	15,847	17,399	14,916	- 2,483	- 931	3,177	11,739
Mid-East	5,622	6,286	5,289	- 997	- 333	950	4,339
Mid-West	6,193	6,828	5,589	- 1,239	- 604	1,179	4,410
South-East	8,981	9,913	8,421	- 1,492	- 560	1,820	6,601
South-West	9,528	10,254	8,753	- 1,501	- 775	1,686	7,067
Total	67,837	74,721	63,156	- 11,565	- 4,681	13,104	50,052
All Persons							
Border, Midland & Western	50,167	52,797	47,235	- 5,562	- 2,932	9,540	37,695
Border	24,133	24,914	22,369	- 2,545	- 1,764	4,528	17,841
Midland	10,098	11,010	9,993	- 1,017	- 105	2,233	7,760
West	15,936	16,873	14,873	- 2,000	- 1,063	2,779	12,094
Southern & Eastern	110,299	116,596	106,100	- 10,496	- 4,199	21,074	85,026
Dublin	41,585	43,911	40,435	- 3,476	- 1,150	8,325	32,110
Mid-East	12,403	13,297	11,883	- 1,414	- 520	2,152	9,731
Mid-West	13,925	14,605	13,080	- 1,525	- 845	2,706	10,374
South-East	20,464	21,770	19,805	- 1,965	- 659	4,128	15,677
South-West	21,922	23,013	20,897	- 2,116	- 1,025	3,763	17,134
Total	160,466	169,393	153,335	- 16,058	- 7,131	30,614	122,721

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

Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	September 2004	August 2005	September 2005	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	82,543	87,132	79,578	- 7,554	- 2,965	16,182	63,396
Munster	44,973	47,660	43,072	- 4,588	- 1,901	8,407	34,665
Connacht	19,094	20,249	17,819	- 2,430	- 1,275	3,330	14,489
Ulster	13,856	14,352	12,866	- 1,486	- 990	2,695	10,171
Total	160,466	169,393	153,335	- 16,058	- 7,131	30,614	122,721

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	September 2004	August 2005	September 2005	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	50,167	52,797	47,235	5,248	21,799	27,047	4,292	15,896	20,188
Border	24,133	24,914	22,369	2,514	10,575	13,089	2,014	7,266	9,280
Cavan	2,113	2,436	2,185	198	974	1,172	180	833	1,013
Belturbet	447	477	427	28	226	254	21	152	173
Cavan	1,666	1,959	1,758	170	748	918	159	681	840
Donegal	9,432	9,508	8,586	1,018	4,198	5,216	854	2,516	3,370
Ballybofey	807	770	708	101	309	410	111	187	298
Ballyshannon	439	442	434	51	196	247	45	142	187
Buncrana	1,743	1,814	1,617	160	702	862	229	526	755
Donegal	438	468	399	58	175	233	30	136	166
Dunfanaghy	936	838	775	109	387	496	55	224	279
Dungloe	1,476	1,506	1,348	136	722	858	61	429	490
Killybegs	1,001	1,004	936	66	542	608	69	259	328
Letterkenny	2,592	2,666	2,369	337	1,165	1,502	254	613	867
Leitrim	1,095	1,163	1,032	90	450	540	77	415	492
Carrick-on-Shannon	832	863	759	70	318	388	52	319	371
Manorhamilton	263	300	273	20	132	152	25	96	121
Louth	7,119	7,186	6,557	750	3,077	3,827	532	2,198	2,730
Ardee	878	859	760	90	301	391	70	299	369
Drogheda	3,273	3,366	3,100	346	1,407	1,753	245	1,102	1,347
Dundalk	2,968	2,961	2,697	314	1,369	1,683	217	797	1,014
Monaghan	2,311	2,408	2,095	215	937	1,152	230	713	943
Carrickmacross	616	616	562	36	225	261	46	255	301
Castleblayney	672	738	618	61	277	338	72	208	280
Clones	283	276	249	39	117	156	35	58	93
Monaghan	740	778	666	79	318	397	77	192	269
Sligo	2,063	2,213	1,914	243	939	1,182	141	591	732
Sligo	1,709	1,829	1,556	210	766	976	112	468	580
Tubbercurry	354	384	358	33	173	206	29	123	152
Midland	10,098	11,010	9,993	1,194	4,233	5,427	1,039	3,527	4,566
Laoighis	2,080	2,196	2,007	241	841	1,082	222	703	925
Portlarington	799	846	783	89	297	386	91	306	397
Portlaoise	917	990	901	120	390	510	99	292	391
Rathdowney	364	360	323	32	154	186	32	105	137
Longford	1,763	1,912	1,747	215	765	980	178	589	767
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Offaly	2,542	2,914	2,647	301	1,170	1,471	279	897	1,176
Birr	812	874	806	94	343	437	107	262	369
Edenderry	667	695	634	60	284	344	47	243	290
Tullamore	1,063	1,345	1,207	147	543	690	125	392	517
Westmeath	3,713	3,988	3,592	437	1,457	1,894	360	1,338	1,698
Athlone	1,558	1,691	1,518	197	639	836	147	535	682
Castlepollard	367	351	349	35	140	175	33	141	174
Mullingar	1,788	1,946	1,725	205	678	883	180	662	842
West	15,936	16,873	14,873	1,540	6,991	8,531	1,239	5,103	6,342
Galway	9,134	9,781	8,650	956	4,129	5,085	751	2,814	3,565
Ballinasloe	974	984	891	114	436	550	63	278	341
Clifden	732	638	621	51	352	403	43	175	218
Galway	5,130	5,737	4,995	622	2,403	3,025	494	1,476	1,970
Gort	418	471	438	25	163	188	27	223	250
Loughrea	659	769	682	53	311	364	48	270	318
Tuam	1,221	1,182	1,023	91	464	555	76	392	468

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	September 2004	August 2005	September 2005	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	5,528	5,738	5,065	467	2,334	2,801	395	1,869	2,264
Achill	286	268	263	23	147	170	18	75	93
Ballina	1,581	1,605	1,425	154	716	870	127	428	555
Ballinrobe	404	377	329	27	139	166	23	140	163
Belmullet	579	592	529	47	275	322	36	171	207
Castlebar	946	1,030	897	85	353	438	71	388	459
Claremorris	402	450	373	30	145	175	23	175	198
Swinford	716	701	602	69	237	306	67	229	296
Westport	614	715	647	32	322	354	30	263	293
Roscommon	1,274	1,354	1,158	117	528	645	93	420	513
Boyle	367	369	300	26	149	175	15	110	125
Castlerea	588	582	501	44	228	272	54	175	229
Roscommon	319	403	357	47	151	198	24	135	159
Southern and Eastern	110,299	116,596	106,100	12,262	50,870	63,132	8,812	34,156	42,968
Dublin	41,585	43,911	40,435	5,148	20,371	25,519	3,177	11,739	14,916
Dublin	41,585	43,911	40,435	5,148	20,371	25,519	3,177	11,739	14,916
Bishop Square	3,965	4,019	3,612	388	1,986	2,374	239	999	1,238
Cumberland Street	5,422	5,673	5,222	629	2,651	3,280	383	1,559	1,942
Navan Road	2,669	2,865	2,656	321	1,486	1,807	201	648	849
Blanchardstown	3,286	3,598	3,510	439	1,601	2,040	311	1,159	1,470
Thomas Street	2,329	2,399	2,228	258	1,277	1,535	174	519	693
Tara Street	1,257	1,280	1,191	117	674	791	57	343	400
Tallaght	3,380	3,558	3,291	572	1,549	2,121	380	790	1,170
Ballymun	1,430	1,557	1,529	283	746	1,029	156	344	500
Clondalkin	3,026	3,630	3,498	518	1,600	2,118	374	1,006	1,380
Rathfarnham	2,035	2,219	1,788	149	855	1,004	87	697	784
Kilbarrack	2,692	2,572	2,278	229	1,194	1,423	121	734	855
Dun Laoghaire	2,802	2,951	2,539	208	1,278	1,486	104	949	1,053
Balbriggan	1,213	1,375	1,278	102	619	721	71	486	557
Ballyfermot	1,184	1,330	1,255	229	605	834	144	277	421
Finglas	2,245	2,380	2,270	373	1,103	1,476	175	619	794
Coolock	2,650	2,505	2,290	333	1,147	1,480	200	610	810
Mid-East	12,403	13,297	11,883	1,202	5,392	6,594	950	4,339	5,289
Kildare	4,605	5,076	4,543	476	1,950	2,426	415	1,702	2,117
Athy	822	906	836	89	395	484	83	269	352
Maynooth	1,559	1,603	1,378	136	545	681	110	587	697
Newbridge	2,224	2,567	2,329	251	1,010	1,261	222	846	1,068
Meath	3,279	3,389	2,991	255	1,280	1,535	239	1,217	1,456
Kells	613	606	510	34	229	263	44	203	247
Navan	1,909	1,916	1,728	167	769	936	129	663	792
Trim	757	867	753	54	282	336	66	351	417
Wicklow	4,519	4,832	4,349	471	2,162	2,633	296	1,420	1,716
Arklow	1,274	1,267	1,203	149	603	752	85	366	451
Baltinglass	414	468	413	35	172	207	46	160	206
Bray	1,973	2,156	1,885	191	941	1,132	112	641	753
Wicklow	858	941	848	96	446	542	53	253	306
Mid-West	13,925	14,605	13,080	1,527	5,964	7,491	1,179	4,410	5,589
Clare	3,689	3,901	3,600	308	1,605	1,913	274	1,413	1,687
Ennis	2,237	2,365	2,212	204	950	1,154	168	890	1,058
Ennistymon	544	542	494	28	227	255	37	202	239
Kilrush	547	591	525	50	258	308	47	170	217
Tulla	361	403	369	26	170	196	22	151	173
Limerick	7,772	8,019	7,152	951	3,385	4,336	711	2,105	2,816
Kilmallock	841	813	762	84	354	438	82	242	324
Limerick	6,063	6,163	5,479	786	2,607	3,393	522	1,564	2,086
Newcastle West	868	1,043	911	81	424	505	107	299	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			
	September 2004	August 2005	September 2005	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,464	2,685	2,328	268	974	1,242	194	892	1,086
Nenagh	958	997	888	61	377	438	57	393	450
Roscrea	475	560	490	63	193	256	46	188	234
Thurles	1,031	1,128	950	144	404	548	91	311	402
South-East	20,464	21,770	19,805	2,308	9,076	11,384	1,820	6,601	8,421
Carlow	2,187	2,364	2,064	261	878	1,139	213	712	925
Bagenalstown	552	558	461	45	212	257	43	161	204
Carlow	1,161	1,300	1,149	164	485	649	124	376	500
Tullow	474	506	454	52	181	233	46	175	221
Kilkenny	2,537	2,639	2,370	289	1,115	1,404	212	754	966
Callan ¹	357	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kilkenny	1,780	2,191	1,973	240	930	1,170	174	629	803
Thomastown	400	448	397	49	185	234	38	125	163
South Tipperary	3,432	3,510	3,172	395	1,455	1,850	291	1,031	1,322
Cahir	461	480	424	35	200	235	43	146	189
Carrick-on-Suir	891	960	888	89	460	549	65	274	339
Cashel	366	361	329	38	145	183	29	117	146
Clonmel	1,074	1,032	921	122	410	532	87	302	389
Tipperary	640	677	610	111	240	351	67	192	259
Waterford	5,694	6,532	5,923	744	2,821	3,565	508	1,850	2,358
Dungarvan	877	999	865	86	426	512	61	292	353
Waterford	4,817	5,533	5,058	658	2,395	3,053	447	1,558	2,005
Wexford	6,614	6,725	6,276	619	2,807	3,426	596	2,254	2,850
Enniscorthy	1,700	1,774	1,679	202	723	925	211	543	754
Gorey	1,162	1,242	1,149	104	527	631	100	418	518
New Ross	1,160	1,248	1,155	110	537	647	109	399	508
Wexford	2,592	2,461	2,293	203	1,020	1,223	176	894	1,070
South-West	21,922	23,013	20,897	2,077	10,067	12,144	1,686	7,067	8,753
Cork	16,207	16,985	15,398	1,549	7,454	9,003	1,228	5,167	6,395
Bandon	527	546	493	54	227	281	35	177	212
Bantry	354	364	319	16	133	149	22	148	170
Bantry (SWLO)	196	147	131	7	47	54	6	71	77
Clonakilty	451	480	453	22	194	216	23	214	237
Cobh	327	393	382	54	180	234	34	114	148
Cork	8,260	8,540	7,619	943	4,021	4,964	682	1,973	2,655
Dunmanway	187	230	183	13	69	82	14	87	101
Fermoy	820	954	878	77	387	464	66	348	414
Kinsale	639	617	629	31	254	285	36	308	344
Macroom	449	439	391	20	184	204	19	168	187
Mallow	755	767	704	78	337	415	74	215	289
Midleton	1,016	1,156	1,082	67	513	580	72	430	502
Newmarket	492	484	425	45	184	229	31	165	196
Passage West	710	746	688	48	304	352	50	286	336
Skibbereen	383	420	372	30	144	174	11	187	198
Youghal	641	702	649	44	276	320	53	276	329
Kerry	5,715	6,028	5,499	528	2,613	3,141	458	1,900	2,358
Cahiriveen	352	323	310	14	137	151	21	138	159
Dingle	222	267	255	11	128	139	15	101	116
Kenmare	105	142	126	7	58	65	8	53	61
Killarney	847	908	824	76	336	412	67	345	412
Killorglin	376	370	323	23	129	152	33	138	171
Listowel	928	970	841	102	432	534	75	232	307
Tralee	2,885	3,048	2,820	295	1,393	1,688	239	893	1,132
State	160,466	169,393	153,335	17,510	72,669	90,179	13,104	50,052	63,156

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	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
	August	4	94,672	+ 137	74,721	+ 84	169,393	+ 221
	September	5	90,179	- 899	63,156	- 2,313	153,335	- 3,212

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		

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