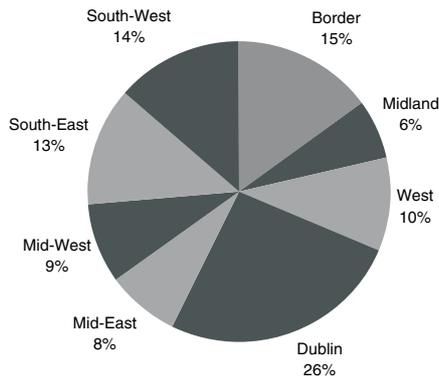




### Live Register by Regional Authority



	September 2004	Monthly Change	Annual Change
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>50,167</b>	<b>- 5,417</b>	<b>- 3,028</b>
Border	24,133	- 2,532	- 1,783
Midland	10,098	- 1,084	- 461
West	15,936	- 1,801	- 784
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>110,299</b>	<b>- 9,933</b>	<b>- 7,328</b>
Dublin	41,585	- 3,368	- 3,832
Mid-East	12,403	- 1,374	- 169
Mid-West	13,925	- 1,570	- 923
South-East	20,464	- 1,918	- 1,100
South-West	21,922	- 1,703	- 1,304
<b>Total</b>	<b>160,466</b>	<b>- 15,350</b>	<b>- 10,356</b>

### Monthly decreases in all regions

The monthly decrease of 15,350 persons on the Live Register reflected decreases in all regions. The largest monthly decreases were in the West (-10.2%) and Mid-West (-10.1%) regions, while the lowest decreases occurred in the South-West (-7.2%) and Dublin (-7.5%) regions.

Other features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males decreased in all regions. The largest percentage decreases were in the Border (-5.9%), West and Mid-East (both -5.7%) regions, while the lowest decreases were in the Dublin (-3.7%) and South-West (-3.9%) regions.
- ◆ The number of females decreased in all regions. The largest percentage decreases were in the West (-15.6%) and Mid-West (-15.5%) regions, while the lowest decreases were in the South-West (-11.2%) and Dublin (-13.0%) regions.
- ◆ There were decreases in all counties. The largest percentage decreases were in Roscommon (-14.3%) and Monaghan (-12.4%), while the lowest decreases were in Wexford (-5.9%) and Kerry (-6.6%).  
*See tables 4 and 6.*

**Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register**

Category	September 2003	August 2004	September 2004	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
UB Claims	37,183	33,656	30,733	- 2,923	- 6,450
UA Applications	58,761	60,641	59,029	- 1,612	+ 268
Other Registrants	2,815	2,919	2,867	- 52	+ 52
<b>Total</b>	<b>98,759</b>	<b>97,216</b>	<b>92,629</b>	<b>- 4,587</b>	<b>- 6,130</b>
<b>Females</b>					
UB Claims	39,243	43,370	35,002	- 8,368	- 4,241
UA Applications	23,462	25,881	24,331	- 1,550	+ 869
Other Registrants	9,358	9,349	8,504	- 845	- 854
<b>Total</b>	<b>72,063</b>	<b>78,600</b>	<b>67,837</b>	<b>- 10,763</b>	<b>- 4,226</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
UB Claims	76,426	77,026	65,735	- 11,291	- 10,691
UA Applications	82,223	86,522	83,360	- 3,162	+ 1,137
Other Registrants	12,173	12,268	11,371	- 897	- 802
<b>Total</b>	<b>170,822</b>	<b>175,816</b>	<b>160,466</b>	<b>- 15,350</b>	<b>- 10,356</b>

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

Category	September 2003	August 2004	September 2004	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
UB Claims	7,142	5,863	5,281	- 582	- 1,861
UA Applications	11,861	12,789	12,241	- 548	+ 380
Other Registrants	47	64	67	+ 3	+ 20
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,050</b>	<b>18,716</b>	<b>17,589</b>	<b>- 1,127</b>	<b>- 1,461</b>
<b>Females</b>					
UB Claims	6,054	5,581	4,627	- 954	- 1,427
UA Applications	8,863	10,182	9,455	- 727	+ 592
Other Registrants	132	140	121	- 19	- 11
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,049</b>	<b>15,903</b>	<b>14,203</b>	<b>- 1,700</b>	<b>- 846</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
UB Claims	13,196	11,444	9,908	- 1,536	- 3,288
UA Applications	20,724	22,971	21,696	- 1,275	+ 972
Other Registrants	179	204	188	- 16	+ 9
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,099</b>	<b>34,619</b>	<b>31,792</b>	<b>- 2,827</b>	<b>- 2,307</b>

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

Category	September 2003	August 2004	September 2004	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
UB Claims	30,041	27,793	25,452	- 2,341	- 4,589
UA Applications	46,900	47,852	46,788	- 1,064	- 112
Other Registrants	2,768	2,855	2,800	- 55	+ 32
<b>Total</b>	<b>79,709</b>	<b>78,500</b>	<b>75,040</b>	<b>- 3,460</b>	<b>- 4,669</b>
<b>Females</b>					
UB Claims	33,189	37,789	30,375	- 7,414	- 2,814
UA Applications	14,599	15,699	14,876	- 823	+ 277
Other Registrants	9,226	9,209	8,383	- 826	- 843
<b>Total</b>	<b>57,014</b>	<b>62,697</b>	<b>53,634</b>	<b>- 9,063</b>	<b>- 3,380</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
UB Claims	63,230	65,582	55,827	- 9,755	- 7,403
UA Applications	61,499	63,551	61,664	- 1,887	+ 165
Other Registrants	11,994	12,064	11,183	- 881	- 811
<b>Total</b>	<b>136,723</b>	<b>141,197</b>	<b>128,674</b>	<b>- 12,523</b>	<b>- 8,049</b>

**Table 2a Total persons on the Live Register - Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted**

	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series <sup>1</sup>		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2002	September	95,300	66,100	161,400	97,200	67,100	164,300
	October	93,800	63,900	157,700	97,400	66,700	164,100
	November	95,100	63,500	158,600	98,100	67,100	165,200
	December	98,700	67,500	166,100	98,000	68,200	166,200
2003	January	102,300	68,400	170,700	98,700	68,700	167,400
	February	102,000	69,400	171,400	99,000	69,600	168,600
	March	100,500	67,600	168,100	99,500	69,800	169,300
	April	100,300	70,600	170,900	100,500	72,900	173,500
	May	98,300	67,800	166,100	100,600	71,400	172,000
	June	101,600	76,300	177,900	101,900	73,500	175,400
	July	103,600	81,900	185,400	102,300	75,000	177,300
	August	103,800	82,200	186,000	102,000	74,700	176,700
	September	98,800	72,100	170,800	100,800	73,100	173,900
	October	96,300	70,300	166,600	99,900	73,200	173,100
	November	96,100	68,400	164,500	99,100	72,100	171,100
	December	99,200	71,500	170,600	98,500	72,300	170,800
2004	January	102,500	72,000	174,500	98,900	72,400	171,200
	February	101,600	71,600	173,100	98,500	71,800	170,300
	March	99,700	69,200	168,900	98,600	71,400	170,000
	April	97,100	67,600	164,700	97,300	69,900	167,300
	May	95,100	66,900	162,000	97,500	70,400	167,800
	June	96,600	72,300	169,000	96,900	69,500	166,400
	July	98,100	79,400	177,500	96,800	72,500	169,300
	August	97,200	78,600	175,800	95,500	71,100	166,500
	September	92,600	67,800	160,500	94,700	69,000	163,700

<sup>1</sup> Based on seasonal patterns up to June 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 <sup>1</sup>		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2002	September	17,900	13,600	31,400	18,100	13,200	31,300
	October	17,200	12,500	29,600	18,300	13,100	31,300
	November	17,300	12,200	29,500	18,400	13,100	31,500
	December	18,000	12,400	30,400	18,400	13,300	31,600
2003	January	19,400	13,400	32,800	18,600	13,500	32,000
	February	19,300	13,600	32,900	18,600	13,600	32,300
	March	18,900	13,400	32,200	18,600	13,800	32,400
	April	18,700	13,400	32,000	18,900	14,100	33,100
	May	18,400	13,300	31,700	19,100	14,100	33,200
	June	19,600	15,600	35,200	19,500	14,800	34,300
	July	20,500	16,800	37,300	19,600	15,200	34,800
	August	20,500	16,900	37,300	19,600	15,000	34,600
	September	19,100	15,000	34,100	19,300	14,700	34,000
	October	17,800	13,800	31,600	18,900	14,400	33,300
	November	17,700	13,500	31,100	18,700	14,400	33,100
	December	18,100	13,400	31,400	18,500	14,300	32,700
2004	January	19,500	14,200	33,800	18,700	14,300	33,000
	February	19,300	14,200	33,600	18,600	14,300	32,900
	March	19,000	13,800	32,800	18,700	14,200	32,900
	April	18,100	13,200	31,300	18,300	14,000	32,400
	May	17,700	13,300	30,900	18,400	14,100	32,500
	June	18,300	14,800	33,100	18,200	14,000	32,300
	July	18,800	16,000	34,900	18,000	14,400	32,300
	August	18,700	15,900	34,600	17,800	14,100	31,900
	September	17,600	14,200	31,800	17,900	13,900	31,800

<sup>1</sup> Based on seasonal patterns up to June 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 <sup>1</sup>		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2002	September	77,400	52,600	130,000	79,100	53,900	133,000
	October	76,700	51,400	128,100	79,100	53,600	132,700
	November	77,800	51,300	129,100	79,700	54,000	133,700
	December	80,700	55,100	135,800	79,600	55,000	134,600
2003	January	82,900	55,000	137,900	80,100	55,300	135,400
	February	82,700	55,700	138,400	80,400	56,000	136,400
	March	81,600	54,200	135,800	80,900	56,000	136,900
	April	81,600	57,300	138,900	81,600	58,800	140,400
	May	79,900	54,500	134,400	81,500	57,200	138,800
	June	82,000	60,700	142,700	82,400	58,700	141,100
	July	83,100	65,000	148,200	82,700	59,800	142,500
	August	83,300	65,300	148,600	82,400	59,600	142,100
	September	79,700	57,000	136,700	81,500	58,400	139,900
	October	78,500	56,500	134,900	81,000	58,800	139,700
	November	78,500	55,000	133,400	80,300	57,700	138,000
	December	81,100	58,100	139,200	80,000	58,000	138,100
2004	January	83,000	57,800	140,800	80,200	58,000	138,200
	February	82,200	57,300	139,500	79,900	57,600	137,500
	March	80,700	55,400	136,100	80,000	57,200	137,100
	April	79,000	54,300	133,300	79,000	55,900	134,900
	May	77,500	53,600	131,000	79,100	56,300	135,400
	June	78,300	57,500	135,800	78,700	55,400	134,100
	July	79,300	63,300	142,600	78,900	58,100	137,000
	August	78,500	62,700	141,200	77,600	57,000	134,600
	September	75,000	53,600	128,700	76,800	55,100	131,900

<sup>1</sup> Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2004 (See Background Notes).

**Table 3 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates<sup>1</sup> (SUR)**

Month	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
January <sup>2</sup>	8.7	5.9	4.8	3.7	4.4	4.6	4.4
February	8.5	5.9	4.7	3.7	4.4	4.6	4.5
March	8.3	5.9	4.5	3.7	4.5	4.5	4.6
April <sup>2</sup>	8.0	5.9	4.4	3.8	4.3	4.6	4.6 <sup>3</sup>
May	7.8	5.8	4.2	3.9	4.3	4.6	4.6
June	7.5	5.5	4.1	3.9	4.3	4.7	4.5
July <sup>2</sup>	7.2	5.4	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.8	4.6
August	7.0	5.3	4.0	3.9	4.4	4.7	4.5
September	6.7	5.2	3.9	3.9	4.5	4.6	4.5
October <sup>2</sup>	6.5	5.1	3.9	4.0	4.6	4.6	
November	6.2	5.0	3.9	4.2	4.6	4.5	
December	6.1	4.9	3.8	4.3	4.6	4.4	
Annual average	7.4	5.5	4.2	3.9	4.4	4.6	

<sup>1</sup> Table contains revised figures.

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

<sup>3</sup> The latest QNHS estimate of the unemployment rate (adjusted for seasonality) is: March - May 2004, 4.6%.

**Table 4 Persons on the Live Register classified by Region**

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions <sup>1</sup>	September 2003	August 2004	September 2004	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
<b>Males</b>							
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>30,586</b>	<b>30,205</b>	<b>28,501</b>	<b>- 1,704</b>	<b>- 2,085</b>	<b>5,313</b>	<b>23,188</b>
Border	15,250	14,906	14,026	- 880	- 1,224	2,693	11,333
Midland	5,656	5,588	5,313	- 275	- 343	1,118	4,195
West	9,680	9,711	9,162	- 549	- 518	1,502	7,660
<b>Southern &amp; Eastern</b>	<b>68,173</b>	<b>67,011</b>	<b>64,128</b>	<b>- 2,883</b>	<b>- 4,045</b>	<b>12,276</b>	<b>51,852</b>
Dublin	27,675	26,729	25,738	- 991	- 1,937	5,134	20,604
Mid-East	6,871	7,191	6,781	- 410	- 90	1,264	5,517
Mid-West	8,145	8,170	7,732	- 438	- 413	1,613	6,119
South-East	12,075	12,024	11,483	- 541	- 592	2,228	9,255
South-West	13,407	12,897	12,394	- 503	- 1,013	2,037	10,357
<b>Total</b>	<b>98,759</b>	<b>97,216</b>	<b>92,629</b>	<b>- 4,587</b>	<b>- 6,130</b>	<b>17,589</b>	<b>75,040</b>
<b>Females</b>							
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>22,609</b>	<b>25,379</b>	<b>21,666</b>	<b>- 3,713</b>	<b>- 943</b>	<b>4,816</b>	<b>16,850</b>
Border	10,666	11,759	10,107	- 1,652	- 559	2,383	7,724
Midland	4,903	5,594	4,785	- 809	- 118	1,120	3,665
West	7,040	8,026	6,774	- 1,252	- 266	1,313	5,461
<b>Southern &amp; Eastern</b>	<b>49,454</b>	<b>53,221</b>	<b>46,171</b>	<b>- 7,050</b>	<b>- 3,283</b>	<b>9,387</b>	<b>36,784</b>
Dublin	17,742	18,224	15,847	- 2,377	- 1,895	3,298	12,549
Mid-East	5,701	6,586	5,622	- 964	- 79	1,047	4,575
Mid-West	6,703	7,325	6,193	- 1,132	- 510	1,306	4,887
South-East	9,489	10,358	8,981	- 1,377	- 508	1,882	7,099
South-West	9,819	10,728	9,528	- 1,200	- 291	1,854	7,674
<b>Total</b>	<b>72,063</b>	<b>78,600</b>	<b>67,837</b>	<b>- 10,763</b>	<b>- 4,226</b>	<b>14,203</b>	<b>53,634</b>
<b>All Persons</b>							
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>53,195</b>	<b>55,584</b>	<b>50,167</b>	<b>- 5,417</b>	<b>- 3,028</b>	<b>10,129</b>	<b>40,038</b>
Border	25,916	26,665	24,133	- 2,532	- 1,783	5,076	19,057
Midland	10,559	11,182	10,098	- 1,084	- 461	2,238	7,860
West	16,720	17,737	15,936	- 1,801	- 784	2,815	13,121
<b>Southern &amp; Eastern</b>	<b>117,627</b>	<b>120,232</b>	<b>110,299</b>	<b>- 9,933</b>	<b>- 7,328</b>	<b>21,663</b>	<b>88,636</b>
Dublin	45,417	44,953	41,585	- 3,368	- 3,832	8,432	33,153
Mid-East	12,572	13,777	12,403	- 1,374	- 169	2,311	10,092
Mid-West	14,848	15,495	13,925	- 1,570	- 923	2,919	11,006
South-East	21,564	22,382	20,464	- 1,918	- 1,100	4,110	16,354
South-West	23,226	23,625	21,922	- 1,703	- 1,304	3,891	18,031
<b>Total</b>	<b>170,822</b>	<b>175,816</b>	<b>160,466</b>	<b>- 15,350</b>	<b>- 10,356</b>	<b>31,792</b>	<b>128,674</b>

<sup>1</sup> The composition of the regions is described in the Background Notes.

**Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province**

Provinces	September 2003	August 2004	September 2004	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
<b>Provinces</b>							
Leinster	87,998	89,981	82,543	- 7,438	- 5,455	16,781	65,762
Munster	47,806	49,205	44,973	- 4,232	- 2,833	8,617	36,356
Connacht	20,271	21,297	19,094	- 2,203	- 1,177	3,441	15,653
Ulster	14,747	15,333	13,856	- 1,477	- 891	2,953	10,903
<b>Total</b>	<b>170,822</b>	<b>175,816</b>	<b>160,466</b>	<b>- 15,350</b>	<b>- 10,356</b>	<b>31,792</b>	<b>128,674</b>

**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 2003	August 2004	September 2004	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>53,195</b>	<b>55,584</b>	<b>50,167</b>	<b>5,313</b>	<b>23,188</b>	<b>28,501</b>	<b>4,816</b>	<b>16,850</b>	<b>21,666</b>
<b>Border</b>	<b>25,916</b>	<b>26,665</b>	<b>24,133</b>	<b>2,693</b>	<b>11,333</b>	<b>14,026</b>	<b>2,383</b>	<b>7,724</b>	<b>10,107</b>
Cavan	2,038	2,322	2,113	176	982	1,158	194	761	955
Belturbet	423	480	447	25	249	274	32	141	173
Cavan	1,615	1,842	1,666	151	733	884	162	620	782
Donegal	10,187	10,374	9,432	1,060	4,601	5,661	1,001	2,770	3,771
Ballybofey	923	902	807	107	356	463	118	226	344
Ballyshannon	494	467	439	42	211	253	53	133	186
Buncrana	1,827	1,942	1,743	161	749	910	239	594	833
Donegal	512	489	438	63	213	276	38	124	162
Dunfanaghy	1,014	968	936	113	468	581	74	281	355
Dungloe	1,673	1,589	1,476	158	769	927	83	466	549
Killybegs	985	1,089	1,001	70	592	662	63	276	339
Letterkenny	2,759	2,928	2,592	346	1,243	1,589	333	670	1,003
Leitrim	1,205	1,244	1,095	91	499	590	74	431	505
Carrick-on-Shannon	931	937	832	71	362	433	57	342	399
Manorhamilton	274	307	263	20	137	157	17	89	106
Louth	7,618	7,772	7,119	839	3,282	4,121	658	2,340	2,998
Ardee	917	950	878	125	335	460	103	315	418
Drogheda	3,430	3,557	3,273	340	1,461	1,801	289	1,183	1,472
Dundalk	3,271	3,265	2,968	374	1,486	1,860	266	842	1,108
Monaghan	2,522	2,637	2,311	271	992	1,263	251	797	1,048
Carrickmacross	717	674	616	44	248	292	61	263	324
Castleblayney	740	788	672	88	281	369	69	234	303
Clones	311	333	283	43	154	197	29	57	86
Monaghan	754	842	740	96	309	405	92	243	335
Sligo	2,346	2,316	2,063	256	977	1,233	205	625	830
Sligo	1,986	1,938	1,709	225	800	1,025	178	506	684
Tubbercurry	360	378	354	31	177	208	27	119	146
<b>Midland</b>	<b>10,559</b>	<b>11,182</b>	<b>10,098</b>	<b>1,118</b>	<b>4,195</b>	<b>5,313</b>	<b>1,120</b>	<b>3,665</b>	<b>4,785</b>
Laoighis	2,218	2,244	2,080	243	855	1,098	237	745	982
Portarlinton	849	838	799	65	328	393	99	307	406
Portlaoise	1,007	1,007	917	136	358	494	98	325	423
Rathdowney	362	399	364	42	169	211	40	113	153
Longford	1,871	1,979	1,763	211	745	956	208	599	807
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Offaly	2,864	2,879	2,542	252	1,128	1,380	265	897	1,162
Birr	871	900	812	85	347	432	113	267	380
Edenderry	702	764	667	46	293	339	53	275	328
Tullamore	1,291	1,215	1,063	121	488	609	99	355	454
Westmeath	3,606	4,080	3,713	412	1,467	1,879	410	1,424	1,834
Athlone	1,536	1,788	1,558	189	606	795	173	590	763
Castlepollard	317	381	367	29	154	183	40	144	184
Mullingar	1,753	1,911	1,788	194	707	901	197	690	887
<b>West</b>	<b>16,720</b>	<b>17,737</b>	<b>15,936</b>	<b>1,502</b>	<b>7,660</b>	<b>9,162</b>	<b>1,313</b>	<b>5,461</b>	<b>6,774</b>
Galway	9,426	10,128	9,134	914	4,390	5,304	831	2,999	3,830
Ballinasloe	1,120	1,070	974	100	457	557	81	336	417
Clifden	729	750	732	72	420	492	42	198	240
Galway	5,180	5,825	5,130	569	2,453	3,022	548	1,560	2,108
Gort	488	473	418	19	167	186	25	207	232
Loughrea	683	723	659	45	289	334	62	263	325
Tuam	1,226	1,287	1,221	109	604	713	73	435	508

**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 2003	August 2004	September 2004	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	5,915	6,123	5,528	473	2,650	3,123	398	2,007	2,405
Achill	343	305	286	22	164	186	18	82	100
Ballina	1,711	1,744	1,581	157	786	943	131	507	638
Ballinrobe	385	443	404	35	186	221	24	159	183
Belmullet	668	650	579	47	314	361	35	183	218
Castlebar	960	1,085	946	79	398	477	76	393	469
Claremorris	455	462	402	23	186	209	19	174	193
Swinford	775	806	716	69	292	361	61	294	355
Westport	618	628	614	41	324	365	34	215	249
Roscommon	1,379	1,486	1,274	115	620	735	84	455	539
Boyle	372	418	367	34	174	208	19	140	159
Castlereagh	672	694	588	44	313	357	44	187	231
Roscommon	335	374	319	37	133	170	21	128	149
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>117,627</b>	<b>120,232</b>	<b>110,299</b>	<b>12,276</b>	<b>51,852</b>	<b>64,128</b>	<b>9,387</b>	<b>36,784</b>	<b>46,171</b>
<b>Dublin</b>	<b>45,417</b>	<b>44,953</b>	<b>41,585</b>	<b>5,134</b>	<b>20,604</b>	<b>25,738</b>	<b>3,298</b>	<b>12,549</b>	<b>15,847</b>
Dublin	45,417	44,953	41,585	5,134	20,604	25,738	3,298	12,549	15,847
Bishop Square	4,700	4,355	3,965	393	2,169	2,562	273	1,130	1,403
Cumberland Street	5,875	5,683	5,422	650	2,738	3,388	407	1,627	2,034
Navan Road	2,779	2,825	2,669	310	1,518	1,828	198	643	841
Blanchardstown	3,371	3,498	3,286	391	1,404	1,795	334	1,157	1,491
Thomas Street	2,491	2,499	2,329	264	1,318	1,582	188	559	747
Tara Street	1,503	1,389	1,257	103	692	795	71	391	462
Tallaght	3,534	3,608	3,380	600	1,550	2,150	392	838	1,230
Ballymun	1,505	1,465	1,430	243	705	948	145	337	482
Clondalkin	3,066	3,237	3,026	435	1,377	1,812	295	919	1,214
Rathfarnham	2,245	2,449	2,035	176	955	1,131	134	770	904
Kilbarrack	3,051	2,927	2,692	293	1,304	1,597	150	945	1,095
Dun Laoghaire	3,425	3,305	2,802	232	1,313	1,545	115	1,142	1,257
Balbriggan	1,297	1,308	1,213	134	540	674	69	470	539
Ballyfermot	1,287	1,253	1,184	179	595	774	133	277	410
Finglas	2,336	2,374	2,245	348	1,112	1,460	185	600	785
Coolock	2,952	2,778	2,650	383	1,314	1,697	209	744	953
<b>Mid-East</b>	<b>12,572</b>	<b>13,777</b>	<b>12,403</b>	<b>1,264</b>	<b>5,517</b>	<b>6,781</b>	<b>1,047</b>	<b>4,575</b>	<b>5,622</b>
Kildare	4,718	5,212	4,605	481	1,926	2,407	432	1,766	2,198
Athy	838	900	822	95	363	458	88	276	364
Maynooth	1,444	1,784	1,559	150	577	727	151	681	832
Newbridge	2,436	2,528	2,224	236	986	1,222	193	809	1,002
Meath	3,297	3,543	3,279	304	1,419	1,723	257	1,299	1,556
Kells	570	654	613	50	269	319	56	238	294
Navan	1,928	2,058	1,909	192	855	1,047	136	726	862
Trim	799	831	757	62	295	357	65	335	400
Wicklow	4,557	5,022	4,519	479	2,172	2,651	358	1,510	1,868
Arklow	1,234	1,380	1,274	139	648	787	105	382	487
Baltinglass	399	463	414	40	170	210	46	158	204
Bray	2,035	2,245	1,973	200	937	1,137	136	700	836
Wicklow	889	934	858	100	417	517	71	270	341
<b>Mid-West</b>	<b>14,848</b>	<b>15,495</b>	<b>13,925</b>	<b>1,613</b>	<b>6,119</b>	<b>7,732</b>	<b>1,306</b>	<b>4,887</b>	<b>6,193</b>
Clare	3,950	4,064	3,689	341	1,598	1,939	308	1,442	1,750
Ennis	2,387	2,443	2,237	228	922	1,150	191	896	1,087
Ennistymon	571	604	544	31	263	294	38	212	250
Kilrush	608	623	547	49	249	298	59	190	249
Tulla	384	394	361	33	164	197	20	144	164
Limerick	8,263	8,676	7,772	1,001	3,524	4,525	766	2,481	3,247
Kilmallock	903	947	841	107	393	500	84	257	341
Limerick	6,508	6,773	6,063	832	2,726	3,558	572	1,933	2,505
Newcastle West	852	956	868	62	405	467	110	291	401

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-continued NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	September 2003	August 2004	September 2004	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,635	2,755	2,464	271	997	1,268	232	964	1,196
Nenagh	966	1,044	958	75	382	457	76	425	501
Roscrea	537	536	475	53	170	223	49	203	252
Thurles	1,132	1,175	1,031	143	445	588	107	336	443
<b>South-East</b>	<b>21,564</b>	<b>22,382</b>	<b>20,464</b>	<b>2,228</b>	<b>9,255</b>	<b>11,483</b>	<b>1,882</b>	<b>7,099</b>	<b>8,981</b>
Carlow	2,247	2,473	2,187	259	926	1,185	229	773	1,002
Bagenalstown	562	633	552	52	272	324	40	188	228
Carlow	1,243	1,309	1,161	156	476	632	130	399	529
Tullow	442	531	474	51	178	229	59	186	245
Kilkenny	2,629	2,793	2,537	284	1,169	1,453	243	841	1,084
Callan	367	388	357	34	190	224	26	107	133
Kilkenny	1,822	1,968	1,780	209	803	1,012	180	588	768
Thomastown	440	437	400	41	176	217	37	146	183
South Tipperary	3,682	3,847	3,432	401	1,612	2,013	301	1,118	1,419
Cahir	446	539	461	42	215	257	52	152	204
Carrick-on-Suir	937	957	891	73	484	557	61	273	334
Cashel	419	392	366	46	172	218	24	124	148
Clonmel	1,169	1,246	1,074	146	482	628	106	340	446
Tipperary	711	713	640	94	259	353	58	229	287
Waterford	6,050	6,238	5,694	654	2,670	3,324	451	1,919	2,370
Dungarvan	962	1,015	877	76	403	479	69	329	398
Waterford	5,088	5,223	4,817	578	2,267	2,845	382	1,590	1,972
Wexford	6,956	7,031	6,614	630	2,878	3,508	658	2,448	3,106
Enniscorthy	1,711	1,812	1,700	202	731	933	219	548	767
Gorey	1,195	1,253	1,162	103	504	607	116	439	555
New Ross	1,287	1,251	1,160	100	540	640	99	421	520
Wexford	2,763	2,715	2,592	225	1,103	1,328	224	1,040	1,264
<b>South-West</b>	<b>23,226</b>	<b>23,625</b>	<b>21,922</b>	<b>2,037</b>	<b>10,357</b>	<b>12,394</b>	<b>1,854</b>	<b>7,674</b>	<b>9,528</b>
Cork	17,565	17,505	16,207	1,513	7,653	9,166	1,363	5,678	7,041
Bandon	545	546	527	46	250	296	34	197	231
Bantry	395	371	354	20	132	152	25	177	202
Bantry (SWLO)	191	213	196	2	87	89	10	97	107
Clonakilty	456	471	451	34	189	223	25	203	228
Cobh	452	406	327	35	166	201	24	102	126
Cork	8,932	8,909	8,260	957	4,190	5,147	789	2,324	3,113
Dunmanway	198	215	187	15	63	78	15	94	109
Fermoy	831	893	820	70	377	447	72	301	373
Kinsale	635	646	639	28	267	295	34	310	344
Macroom	533	522	449	18	197	215	28	206	234
Mallow	809	833	755	74	378	452	79	224	303
Midleton	1,018	1,087	1,016	62	443	505	70	441	511
Newmarket	524	530	492	41	204	245	40	207	247
Passage West	843	767	710	49	307	356	46	308	354
Skibbereen	401	423	383	21	136	157	17	209	226
Youghal	802	673	641	41	267	308	55	278	333
Kerry	5,661	6,120	5,715	524	2,704	3,228	491	1,996	2,487
Cahiriveen	357	368	352	12	169	181	21	150	171
Dingle	231	242	222	5	134	139	8	75	83
Kenmare	116	118	105	2	47	49	6	50	56
Killarney	808	902	847	80	359	439	83	325	408
Killorglin	373	408	376	21	145	166	24	186	210
Listowel	949	1,022	928	107	441	548	90	290	380
Tralee	2,827	3,060	2,885	297	1,409	1,706	259	920	1,179
<b>State</b>	<b>170,822</b>	<b>175,816</b>	<b>160,466</b>	<b>17,589</b>	<b>75,040</b>	<b>92,629</b>	<b>14,203</b>	<b>53,634</b>	<b>67,837</b>

**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
2002	September	4	95,289 - 871	66,143 - 2,162	161,432 - 3,033		
	October	4	93,829 - 365	63,877 - 567	157,706 - 932		
	November	5	95,121 + 258	63,515 - 72	158,636 + 186		
	December	4	98,670 + 887	67,472 + 989	166,142 + 1,877		
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		

## 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:

Year	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	4.6	4.8	4.5
2004	4.4	4.6		

**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

<b>Border</b>	Cavan Donegal Leitrim Louth Monaghan Sligo
<b>Midland</b>	Laoighis Longford Offaly Westmeath
<b>West</b>	Galway City Galway County Mayo Roscommon

#### Southern and Eastern NUTS2 Region

<b>Dublin</b>	Dublin Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Fingal South Dublin
<b>Mid-East</b>	Kildare Meath Wicklow
<b>Mid-West</b>	Clare Limerick City Limerick County North Tipperary
<b>South-East</b>	Carlow Kilkenny South Tipperary Waterford City Waterford County Wexford
<b>South-West</b>	Cork City Cork County Kerry