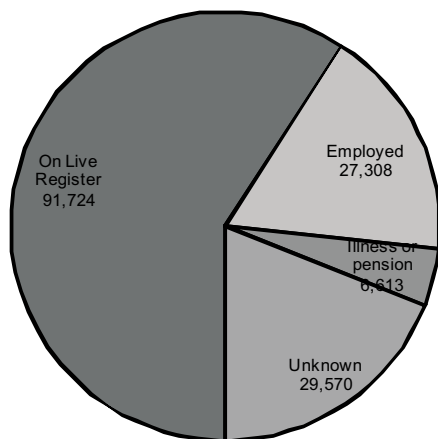




**Status of Q1 2009 Live Register entrants at end June 2009**



## Analysis of Live Register Flows Q1 2009

Entrants to Live Register during Q1 2009	155,215	
Status at end June 2009		
On Live Register	91,724	59.1%
In PAYE employment	27,308	17.6%
<i>of which: same sector</i>	11,527	
<i>different sector</i>	12,871	
Illness payment	6,187	4.0%
State pension	426	0.3%
Unknown	29,570	19.1%

### Almost 18% of entrants to the Live Register in Q1 2009 were in employment at end June 2009

There were 155,215 entrants to the Live Register during the first quarter of 2009. By mid-year (end June 2009), 59.1% of these were still on the Live Register and 17.6% were in employment. A further 4.0% were receiving a Social Welfare illness payment and only 0.3% were drawing a state pension. The status of the remaining 19.1% is not known – this group includes those who, by the end of June, had left Ireland or started self-employment or returned to education. These details emerge from a new analysis of Live Register/employment flows, based on records of the Department of Social and Family Affairs and the CSO.

The analysis also shows that:

- ◆ A high proportion of young people joined the Live Register: while 1 in 8 persons in employment at the end of 2008 was under 25 (source: QNHS, Q4 2008), over a quarter of the Live Register entrants were aged under 25.
- ◆ Similarly, non-Irish nationals were over-represented in the Live Register inflow: 14.9% of persons in employment at the end of 2008 were non-Irish, but 25.2% of Live Register entrants were non-Irish.
- ◆ The rate of re-employment was higher for the under 25s than for those aged 25 and over (20.9% as against 16.3%), and somewhat higher for women than men (19.7% as against 16.5%). It also varied according to the previous sector of employment. It was low for Production industries (12.4%) and highest for the Education sector (24.1%).
- ◆ A cross-sectoral analysis shows that more than half (53%) of those who were re-employed by mid-2009 had moved to a different economic sector.

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## Sectoral analysis

The table below compares the sectoral employment distribution in Q4 2008 (from the QHNS) with the Live Register inflow (adjusted to exclude those from an unknown sector or with no previous employment). The five sectors with the highest inflow accounted for 82.7% of the total inflow but only 59.1% of total employment. These sectors are Production industries, Construction, Wholesale and retail trade, Hotels and restaurants, and Financial and other business services. The difference is particularly marked for the Construction sector (11.4% of employment but 19.4% of the inflow) and for Hotels and restaurants (5.9% of employment but 9.5% of the inflow). There were also large differences, but in the opposite direction, for Agriculture, forestry and fishing, Public administration and defence, Education, and Health, where the proportion of Live Register inflows was far lower than the proportion in employment.

	<b>Employment in Q4 2008</b>	<b>Live Register entrants Q1 2009</b>
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	5.7%	1.5%
Other production industries	13.6%	18.5%
Construction	11.4%	19.4%
Wholesale and retail trade	14.3%	17.1%
Hotels and restaurants	5.9%	9.5%
Transport, storage and communication	5.9%	4.5%
Financial and other business services	13.9%	18.2%
Public administration and defence	5.1%	1.8%
Education	7.1%	1.7%
Health	11.0%	3.4%
Other services	6.2%	4.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Overall, 59.1% of entrants were still on the Live Register at mid-year (though some could have left the register and rejoined it). This varied by sector, but it was always between a half and two-thirds. It was highest for Wholesale and retail trade (64.3%) and lowest for Hotels and restaurants (51.7%).

The overall re-employment rate was low – only about 1 in 6 who entered the Live Register in Q1 2009 was in employment at mid-year. This proportion was lowest for Production industries (12.4%) and Construction (15.6%), and highest for Education (24.1%).

4.0% were in receipt of a Social Welfare illness payment at mid-year. It was highest (6.2%) for Production industries, and the Health sector (5.7%).

## Cross-sectoral flows

Table 4a provides an analysis of the 27,308 persons who joined the Live Register in Q1 2009 and who were back in employment at the end of June 2009. The table cross-classifies these people by their previous sector and their new sector. As expected, the entries on the diagonal in this table are highest because of the tendency to remain in the same economic sector.

However, it is notable that most of the people who were re-employed had changed sector: 11,527 people were working in the same sector, but 12,871 were working in a different sector. The chart below shows the percentages who moved sector, classified by previous sector and sex.

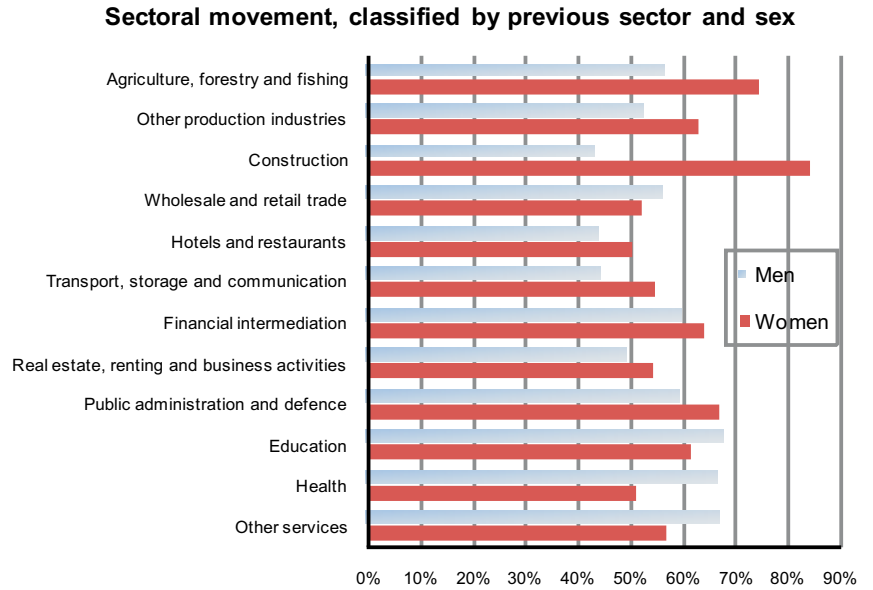


Table 1a - Status of Q1 2009 Live Register entrants at end June 2009

		Status at end June 2009					<i>Numbers</i>
		New entrants in Q1 2009	On Live Register	In PAYE employment	Illness payment	State pension	Unknown
<b>Total new entrants Q1 2009</b>		<b>155,215</b>	91,724	27,308	6,187	426	29,570
<b>Age</b>							
Under 25		<b>42,344</b>	23,311	8,867	1,286	0	8,880
25 and over		<b>112,871</b>	68,413	18,441	4,901	426	20,690
<b>Sex</b>							
Male		<b>103,949</b>	61,970	17,188	3,408	285	21,098
Female		<b>51,266</b>	29,754	10,120	2,779	141	8,472
<b>Nationality</b>							
Irish		<b>116,069</b>	71,756	19,919	4,812	395	19,187
Non-Irish		<b>39,146</b>	19,968	7,389	1,375	31	10,383
<b>Previous economic sector</b>							
A, B	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	<b>2,127</b>	1,167	371	59	3	527
C, D, E	Other production industries	<b>26,191</b>	14,563	3,252	1,614	54	6,708
F	Construction	<b>27,483</b>	17,259	4,297	703	23	5,201
G	Wholesale and retail trade	<b>24,290</b>	15,621	4,515	897	46	3,211
H	Hotels and restaurants	<b>13,472</b>	6,966	2,778	601	22	3,105
I	Transport, storage and communication	<b>6,370</b>	3,727	1,475	244	24	900
J	Financial intermediation	<b>2,767</b>	1,743	588	128	91	217
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	<b>23,109</b>	13,399	5,507	763	47	3,393
L	Public administration and defence	<b>2,584</b>	1,582	587	117	29	269
M	Education	<b>2,429</b>	1,375	586	95	13	360
N	Health	<b>4,775</b>	2,820	771	271	23	890
O	Other services	<b>6,315</b>	3,648	1,229	244	14	1,180
-	Unknown or no previous employment	<b>13,303</b>	7,854	1,352	451	37	3,609

Table 1b - Status of Q1 2009 Live Register entrants at end June 2009

		Status at end June 2009					<i>%</i>
		New entrants in Q1 2009	On Live Register	In PAYE employment	Illness payment	State pension	Unknown
<b>Total new entrants Q1 2009</b>		<b>100</b>	59.1	17.6	4.0	0.3	19.1
<b>Age</b>							
Under 25		<b>100</b>	55.1	20.9	3.0	0.0	21.0
25 and over		<b>100</b>	60.6	16.3	4.3	0.4	18.3
<b>Sex</b>							
Male		<b>100</b>	59.6	16.5	3.3	0.3	20.3
Female		<b>100</b>	58.0	19.7	5.4	0.3	16.5
<b>Nationality</b>							
Irish		<b>100</b>	61.8	17.2	4.1	0.3	16.5
Non-Irish		<b>100</b>	51.0	18.9	3.5	0.1	26.5
<b>Previous economic sector</b>							
A, B	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	<b>100</b>	54.9	17.4	2.8	0.1	24.8
C, D, E	Other production industries	<b>100</b>	55.6	12.4	6.2	0.2	25.6
F	Construction	<b>100</b>	62.8	15.6	2.6	0.1	18.9
G	Wholesale and retail trade	<b>100</b>	64.3	18.6	3.7	0.2	13.2
H	Hotels and restaurants	<b>100</b>	51.7	20.6	4.5	0.2	23.0
I	Transport, storage and communication	<b>100</b>	58.5	23.2	3.8	0.4	14.1
J	Financial intermediation	<b>100</b>	63.0	21.3	4.6	3.3	7.8
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	<b>100</b>	58.0	23.8	3.3	0.2	14.7
L	Public administration and defence	<b>100</b>	61.2	22.7	4.5	1.1	10.4
M	Education	<b>100</b>	56.6	24.1	3.9	0.5	14.8
N	Health	<b>100</b>	59.1	16.1	5.7	0.5	18.6
O	Other services	<b>100</b>	57.8	19.5	3.9	0.2	18.7
-	Unknown or no previous employment	<b>100</b>	59.0	10.2	3.4	0.3	27.1

**Table 2a - Status of new entrants to the Live Register in Q1 2009 still on the live register at end June 2009  
classified by age, sex, nationality, and previous economic sector**

		<i>Numbers</i>												
		A, B	C, D, E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	-
		Agriculture, forestry and fishing	Other production industries	Construc- tion	Wholesale and retail trade	Hotels and restaurants	Transport, storage and communica- tion	Financial intermed- iation	Real estate, renting and business activities	Public administra- tion and defence	Education	Health	Other services	Unknown or no previous employment
	<b>Total</b>													
<b>Total</b>	<b>91,724</b>	<b>1,167</b>	<b>14,563</b>	<b>17,259</b>	<b>15,621</b>	<b>6,966</b>	<b>3,727</b>	<b>1,743</b>	<b>13,399</b>	<b>1,582</b>	<b>1,375</b>	<b>2,820</b>	<b>3,648</b>	<b>7,854</b>
<b>Age</b>														
Under 25	<b>23,311</b>	275	2,481	4,608	5,245	2,354	703	232	2,835	306	258	457	1,236	2,321
25 and over	<b>68,413</b>	892	12,082	12,651	10,376	4,612	3,024	1,511	10,564	1,276	1,117	2,363	2,412	5,533
<b>Sex</b>														
Male	<b>61,970</b>	977	11,443	16,392	8,505	3,295	2,796	957	8,385	907	534	712	1,545	5,522
Female	<b>29,754</b>	190	3,120	867	7,116	3,671	931	786	5,014	675	841	2,108	2,103	2,332
<b>Nationality</b>														
Irish	<b>71,756</b>	806	10,752	14,198	12,599	4,562	3,014	1,607	9,754	1,486	1,216	2,434	3,015	6,313
Non-Irish	<b>19,968</b>	361	3,811	3,061	3,022	2,404	713	136	3,645	96	159	386	633	1,541

**Table 2b - Status of new entrants to the Live Register in Q1 2009 still on the live register at end June 2009  
classified by age, sex, nationality, and previous economic sector**

		<i>%</i>												
		A, B	C, D, E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	-
		Agriculture, forestry and fishing	Other production industries	Construc- tion	Wholesale and retail trade	Hotels and restaurants	Transport, storage and communica- tion	Financial intermed- iation	Real estate, renting and business activities	Public administra- tion and defence	Education	Health	Other services	Unknown or no previous employment
	<b>Total</b>													
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Age</b>														
Under 25	<b>25.4</b>	23.6	17.0	26.7	33.6	33.8	18.9	13.3	21.2	19.3	18.8	16.2	33.9	29.6
25 and over	<b>74.6</b>	76.4	83.0	73.3	66.4	66.2	81.1	86.7	78.8	80.7	81.2	83.8	66.1	70.4
<b>Sex</b>														
Male	<b>67.6</b>	83.7	78.6	95.0	54.4	47.3	75.0	54.9	62.6	57.3	38.8	25.2	42.4	70.3
Female	<b>32.4</b>	16.3	21.4	5.0	45.6	52.7	25.0	45.1	37.4	42.7	61.2	74.8	57.6	29.7
<b>Nationality</b>														
Irish	<b>78.2</b>	69.1	73.8	82.3	80.7	65.5	80.9	92.2	72.8	93.9	88.4	86.3	82.6	80.4
Non-Irish	<b>21.8</b>	30.9	26.2	17.7	19.3	34.5	19.1	7.8	27.2	6.1	11.6	13.7	17.4	19.6

**Table 3 - Status of new entrants to the Live Register in Q1 2009 who were not on the live register at end June 2009  
classified by age, sex, nationality, and previous economic sector**

*Numbers*

		Total who left Live Register	In PAYE employment		Illness payment		State pension		Unknown	
			Under 25	25 & over	Under 25	25 & over	Under 25	25 & over	Under 25	25 & over
<b>Total</b>		<b>63,491</b>	8,867	18,441	1,286	4,901	0	426	8,880	20,690
<b>Sex</b>										
Male		<b>41,979</b>	5,169	12,019	678	2,730	0	285	6,059	15,039
Female		<b>21,512</b>	3,698	6,422	608	2,171	0	141	2,821	5,651
<b>Nationality</b>										
Irish		<b>44,313</b>	7,048	12,871	1,027	3,785	0	395	6,655	12,532
Non-Irish		<b>19,178</b>	1,819	5,570	259	1,116	0	31	2,225	8,158
<b>Previous economic sector</b>										
A, B	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	<b>960</b>	120	251	11	48	0	3	191	336
C, D, E	Other production industries	<b>11,628</b>	875	2,377	171	1,443	0	54	1,208	5,500
F	Construction	<b>10,224</b>	1,438	2,859	201	502	0	23	1,635	3,566
G	Wholesale and retail trade	<b>8,669</b>	1,754	2,761	288	609	0	46	1,518	1,693
H	Hotels and restaurants	<b>6,506</b>	1,094	1,684	181	420	0	22	1,161	1,944
I	Transport, storage and communication	<b>2,643</b>	306	1,169	29	215	0	24	192	708
J	Financial intermediation	<b>1,024</b>	190	398	19	109	0	91	60	157
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	<b>9,710</b>	1,592	3,915	145	618	0	47	873	2,520
L	Public administration and defence	<b>1,002</b>	169	418	24	93	0	29	67	202
M	Education	<b>1,054</b>	182	404	14	81	0	13	55	305
N	Health	<b>1,955</b>	231	540	57	214	0	23	196	694
O	Other services	<b>2,667</b>	542	687	80	164	0	14	461	719
-	Unknown or no previous employment	<b>5,449</b>	374	978	66	385	0	37	1,263	2,346

**Table 4a - Economic sector flows to employment for Q1 2009 Live Register entrants at end June 2009**
*Numbers*

Previous economic sector	New economic sector													Unknown	Total	Same sector	Different sector <sup>1</sup>
	A, B	C, D, E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O					
<b>A, B</b> Agriculture, forestry and fishing	136	30	35	59	21	11	2	26	3	2	5	9	32	371	136	203	
<b>C, D, E</b> Other production industries	52	1,350	219	368	169	116	98	472	15	43	58	77	215	3,252	1,350	1,687	
<b>F</b> Construction	95	407	2,190	269	129	148	88	521	19	18	58	75	280	4,297	2,190	1,827	
<b>G</b> Wholesale and retail trade	40	282	129	1,769	346	168	85	604	52	38	163	200	639	4,515	1,769	2,107	
<b>H</b> Hotels and restaurants	18	120	64	332	1,259	52	22	303	13	20	79	110	386	2,778	1,259	1,133	
<b>I</b> Transport, storage and communication	17	86	52	121	48	727	25	206	16	27	21	34	95	1,475	727	653	
<b>J</b> Financial intermediation	1	27	18	62	24	23	208	124	12	10	18	21	40	588	208	340	
<b>K</b> Real estate, renting and business activities	32	443	271	578	311	212	184	2,424	54	99	207	201	491	5,507	2,424	2,592	
<b>L</b> Public administration and defence	3	28	23	39	26	16	19	67	196	47	50	24	49	587	196	342	
<b>M</b> Education	7	36	6	40	22	9	15	67	53	195	59	25	52	586	195	339	
<b>N</b> Health	1	17	11	55	41	18	23	111	19	36	318	37	84	771	318	369	
<b>O</b> Other services	9	47	29	141	111	40	23	131	20	27	57	401	193	1,229	401	635	
- Unknown or no previous employment	17	80	76	179	158	61	44	206	25	19	70	63	354	1,352	354	644	
<b>Total</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>2,953</b>	<b>3,123</b>	<b>4,012</b>	<b>2,665</b>	<b>1,601</b>	<b>836</b>	<b>5,262</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>1,163</b>	<b>1,277</b>	<b>2,910</b>	<b>27,308</b>	<b>11,527</b>	<b>12,871</b>	

**Table 4b - Economic sector flows to employment for Q1 2009 Live Register entrants at end June 2009**
*%*

Previous economic sector	New economic sector													Unknown	Total	Same sector	Different sector <sup>1</sup>
	A, B	C, D, E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O					
<b>A, B</b> Agriculture, forestry and fishing	37	8	9	16	6	3	1	7	1	1	1	2	9	100	40.1	59.9	
<b>C, D, E</b> Other production industries	2	42	7	11	5	4	3	15	0	1	2	2	7	100	44.5	55.5	
<b>F</b> Construction	2	9	51	6	3	3	2	12	0	0	1	2	7	100	54.5	45.5	
<b>G</b> Wholesale and retail trade	1	6	3	39	8	4	2	13	1	1	4	4	14	100	45.6	54.4	
<b>H</b> Hotels and restaurants	1	4	2	12	45	2	1	11	0	1	3	4	14	100	52.6	47.4	
<b>I</b> Transport, storage and communication	1	6	4	8	3	49	2	14	1	2	1	2	6	100	52.7	47.3	
<b>J</b> Financial intermediation	0	5	3	11	4	4	35	21	2	2	3	4	7	100	38.0	62.0	
<b>K</b> Real estate, renting and business activities	1	8	5	10	6	4	3	44	1	2	4	4	9	100	48.3	51.7	
<b>L</b> Public administration and defence	1	5	4	7	4	3	3	11	33	8	9	4	8	100	36.4	63.6	
<b>M</b> Education	1	6	1	7	4	2	3	11	9	33	10	4	9	100	36.5	63.5	
<b>N</b> Health	0	2	1	7	5	2	3	14	2	5	41	5	11	100	46.3	53.7	
<b>O</b> Other services	1	4	2	11	9	3	2	11	2	2	5	33	16	100	38.7	61.3	
- Unknown or no previous employment	1	6	6	13	12	5	3	15	2	1	5	5	26	100	35.5	64.5	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>47.2</b>	<b>52.8</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Excluding unknown

**Table 5a - Economic sector flows to employment for Q1 2009 Live Register entrants at end June 2009, by age group**

Previous economic sector		Total	Under 25				25 & over					
			Total under 25	Same sector	Different sector <sup>1</sup>	Same sector %	Different sector %	Total 25 & over	Same sector	Different sector <sup>1</sup>	Same sector %	Different sector %
A, B	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	371	120	49	62	44%	56%	251	87	141	38%	62%
C, D, E	Other production industries	3,252	875	375	456	45%	55%	2,377	975	1,231	44%	56%
F	Construction	4,297	1,438	718	621	54%	46%	2,859	1,472	1,206	55%	45%
G	Wholesale and retail trade	4,515	1,754	761	856	47%	53%	2,761	1,008	1,251	45%	55%
H	Hotels and restaurants	2,778	1,094	483	486	50%	50%	1,684	776	647	55%	45%
I	Transport, storage and communication	1,475	306	113	172	40%	60%	1,169	614	481	56%	44%
J	Financial intermediation	588	190	56	127	31%	69%	398	152	213	42%	58%
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	5,507	1,592	651	792	45%	55%	3,915	1,773	1,800	50%	50%
L	Public administration and defence	587	169	35	121	22%	78%	418	161	221	42%	58%
M	Education	586	182	59	106	36%	64%	404	136	233	37%	63%
N	Health	771	231	110	94	54%	46%	540	208	275	43%	57%
O	Other services	1,229	542	190	276	41%	59%	687	211	359	37%	63%
-	Unknown or no previous employment	1,352	374	72	230	24%	76%	978	282	414	41%	59%
<b>Total</b>		<b>27,308</b>	<b>8,867</b>	<b>3,672</b>	<b>4,399</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>18,441</b>	<b>7,855</b>	<b>8,472</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>52%</b>

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**Table 5b - Economic sector flows to employment for Q1 2009 Live Register entrants at end June 2009, by sex**

Previous economic sector		Total	Men				Women					
			Total men	Same sector	Different sector <sup>1</sup>	Same sector %	Different sector %	Total women	Same sector	Different sector <sup>1</sup>	Same sector %	Different sector %
A, B	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	371	309	121	160	43%	57%	62	15	43	26%	74%
C, D, E	Other production industries	3,252	2,421	1,058	1,198	47%	53%	831	292	489	37%	63%
F	Construction	4,297	4,088	2,160	1,669	56%	44%	209	30	158	16%	84%
G	Wholesale and retail trade	4,515	2,409	876	1,138	43%	57%	2,106	893	969	48%	52%
H	Hotels and restaurants	2,778	1,361	641	510	56%	44%	1,417	618	623	50%	50%
I	Transport, storage and communication	1,475	1,110	569	465	55%	45%	365	158	188	46%	54%
J	Financial intermediation	588	283	103	156	40%	60%	305	105	184	36%	64%
K	Real estate, renting and business activities	5,507	3,275	1,485	1,485	50%	50%	2,232	939	1,107	46%	54%
L	Public administration and defence	587	277	100	149	40%	60%	310	96	193	33%	67%
M	Education	586	184	53	113	32%	68%	402	142	226	39%	61%
N	Health	771	138	41	83	33%	67%	633	277	286	49%	51%
O	Other services	1,229	522	144	298	33%	67%	707	257	337	43%	57%
-	Unknown or no previous employment	1,352	811	216	379	36%	64%	541	138	265	34%	66%
<b>Total</b>		<b>27,308</b>	<b>17,188</b>	<b>7,567</b>	<b>7,803</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>10,120</b>	<b>3,960</b>	<b>5,068</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>56%</b>



**Table 5c - Economic sector flows to employment for Q1 2009 Live Register entrants at end June 2009, by Irish/non-Irish**

Previous economic sector	Total	Irish					Non-Irish				
		Total Irish	Same sector	Different sector <sup>1</sup>	Same sector %	Different sector %	Total non-Irish	Same sector	Different sector <sup>1</sup>	Same sector %	Different sector %
A, B Agriculture, forestry and fishing	371	218	69	134	34%	66%	153	67	69	49%	51%
C, D, E Other production industries	3,252	2,136	844	1,142	42%	58%	1,116	506	545	48%	52%
F Construction	4,297	3,432	1,743	1,458	54%	46%	865	447	369	55%	45%
G Wholesale and retail trade	4,515	3,516	1,367	1,581	46%	54%	999	402	526	43%	57%
H Hotels and restaurants	2,778	1,603	645	725	47%	53%	1,175	614	408	60%	40%
I Transport, storage and communication	1,475	1,095	532	487	52%	48%	380	195	166	54%	46%
J Financial intermediation	588	525	188	301	38%	62%	63	20	39	34%	66%
K Real estate, renting and business activities	5,507	3,745	1,539	1,853	45%	55%	1,762	885	739	54%	46%
L Public administration and defence	587	558	187	325	37%	63%	29	9	17	35%	65%
M Education	586	523	177	299	37%	63%	63	18	40	31%	69%
N Health	771	648	267	307	47%	53%	123	51	62	45%	55%
O Other services	1,229	974	326	492	40%	60%	255	75	143	34%	66%
- Unknown or no previous employment	1,352	946	275	396	41%	59%	406	79	248	24%	76%
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,308</b>	<b>19,919</b>	<b>8,159</b>	<b>9,500</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>7,389</b>	<b>3,368</b>	<b>3,371</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>50%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Excluding unknown

## Background Notes

- Data sources** This analysis is based on two data sources:
- The Central Records System of the Department of Social and Family Affairs (which includes employment data from the Revenue Commissioners).
  - The Central Business Register of the Central Statistics Office.
- The variables used were the date the claim of unemployment was made, the nationality at that time, the age at that time, sex, and the NACE category of economic activity.
- The Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) data for comparison purposes are for the 4th quarter of 2008 ([http://www.cso.ie/qnhs/calendar\\_quarters\\_qnhs.htm](http://www.cso.ie/qnhs/calendar_quarters_qnhs.htm)).
- Methodology** The analysis covers all entrants to the Live Register between 1 January 2009 and 31 March 2009. It excludes persons who were claimants on 31 December 2008, even if they closed that claim and opened another in the relevant quarter.
- Information on social welfare claims and recent employment was extracted from the administrative data of the Department of Social and Family Affairs, and linked using Personal Public Service Numbers. The NACE activity of the employers was taken from the Business Register, and matched to each person's employments, allowing the analysis of activity by economic sector.
- The data used were extracted at the end of December 2009. This was to allow time for employment details to be recorded in the system, as there can be a lag between a person starting work and the information being processed through the system.
- Definitions**
- Entrants to Live Register:** For the purposes of this release, this includes any person who made a claim for Jobseeker's Benefit, Jobseeker's Allowance, or for credited Social Welfare contributions.
- NACE Rev 1.1:** Employment is classified using NACE Rev 1.1. People were allocated to the NACE category of the employment most recently held prior to unemployment.
- Background to the study** The results presented in this release are based on a data-matching exercise undertaken by the CSO, for statistical purposes, of administrative data from the Department of Social and Family Affairs. This study was undertaken in line with the Statistics Act, 1993, and the CSO Data Protocol governing data matching exercises undertaken by the CSO (available at <http://www.cso.ie/releasespublications/CSODataProtocol.htm>).