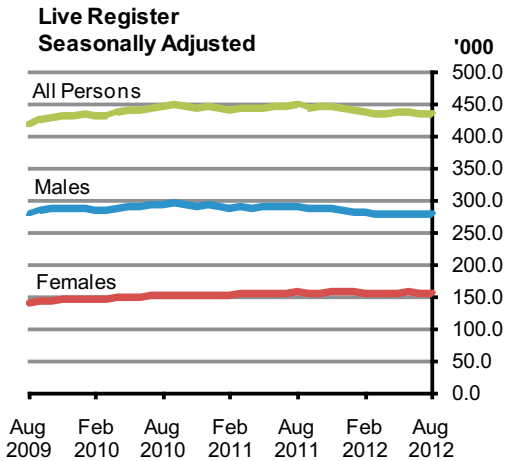




Live Register August 2012



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted	Standardised Unemployment Rate (SUR)%
August 2011	469,713	448,100	14.6
July 2012	460,323	436,400	14.7
August 2012	456,256	434,400	14.7
			Percentage Points
Change in month	-	- 2,000	0.0
Change in year	- 13,457	-	+0.1

Seasonally adjusted Live Register decreases by 2,000 in August

On a seasonally adjusted basis the Live Register total recorded a monthly decrease of 2,000 in August 2012, bringing the seasonally adjusted total to 434,400. *See table 2a.*

The standardised unemployment rate (SUR) in August 2012 was 14.7%, unchanged from the latest July 2012 rate. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate from the most recent Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) was 14.8% in the first quarter of 2012. *See table 3.*

In unadjusted terms there were 456,256 people signing on the Live Register in August 2012. This represents an annual decrease of 13,457 (-2.9%). The trend in the overall Live Register continues to be one of movement within a small range. *See table 1a.*

Other features include:

- ◆ On a seasonally adjusted basis the Live Register showed a monthly decrease of 600 males in August 2012, while females decreased by 1,300 over the same period. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The number of male claimants decreased by 10,228 (-3.4%) to 286,625 over the year and female claimants decreased by 3,229 (-1.9%) to 169,631. This compares with a decrease of 3,098 (-1.0%) to 296,853 for males and an increase of 5,888 (+3.5%), to 172,860 for females in the year to August 2011. *See table 1a.*

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 Jobseeker's Benefit or Allowance. Unemployment is measured by the Quarterly National Household Survey and the latest estimated number of persons unemployed as of the first quarter of 2012 was 309,000.

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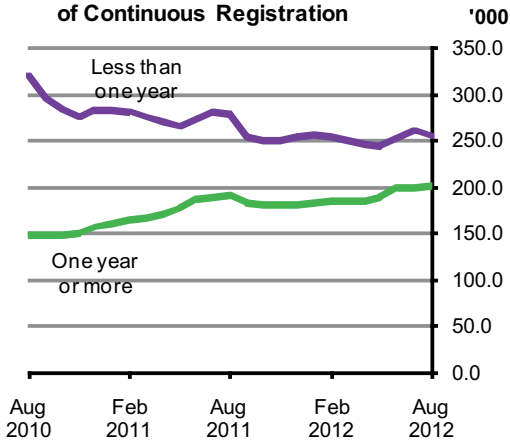
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Live Register classified by Duration of Continuous Registration



Live Register duration of continuous registration

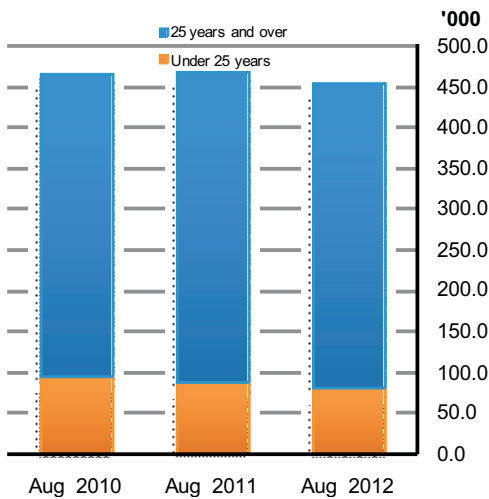
The number of long term claimants on the Live Register in August 2012 was 201,513. The number of male long term claimants increased by 3,834 (+2.8%) in the year to August 2012, while the comparable increase for females was 6,101 (+11.4%) giving an overall annual increase of 9,935 (+5.2%) in the number of long term claimants. *See table 7 and graph opposite.*

In August 55.8% (254,743) of all claimants on the Live Register were short term claimants. The comparable figure for August 2011 was 59.2% (278,135). The annual fall of 23,392 (-8.4%) in the number of short term claimants consisted of a decrease of 14,062 (-8.9%) in the number of male short term claimants and a decrease of 9,330 (-7.8%) in female short term claimants.

Live Register casual and part-time workers

There were 87,154 casual and part-time workers on the Live Register in August, which represents 19.1% of the total Live Register. This compares with 18.2% one year earlier when there were 85,296 casual and part-time workers on the Live Register. In the year to August 2012 the number of casual and part-time workers increased by 1,858 (+2.2%), with the number of males increasing by 2,257 (+5.0%) and the number of females decreasing by 399 (-1.0%). *See table 8.*

Live Register classified by Age Group



Live Register age groups

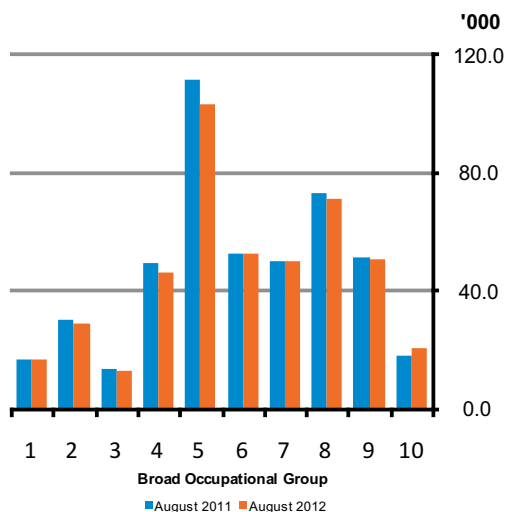
In the year to August 2012 the number of persons aged 25 and over on the Live Register decreased by 5,038 (-1.3%), and the number of persons aged under 25 decreased by 8,419 (-9.5%). Annual decreases in persons aged under 25 have occurred in all months since July 2010. The percentage of persons aged under 25 on the Live Register now stands at 17.6% for August 2012, down from 18.9% in August 2011 and 20.2% in August 2010. *See tables 1b and 1c and graph opposite.*

Live Register new registrants

There were 36,706 new registrants on the Live Register in August 2012, consisting of 14,115 JB claims, 20,675 JA claims and 1,916 'Other Registrants'. Males accounted for 55.8% (20,491) and females 44.2% (16,215) of all new registrants. On average 4,098 male and 3,243 female new registrants joined the Live Register each week of the month. The difference between the number of new registrants on the Live Register and the change in the total number on the Live Register is accounted for by closed claims and movements between schemes. *See table 4.*

Data on Activation Programmes for July 2012 is included in the Annex of this release. Persons participating in Activation Programmes are not included in the Live Register count.

Live Register classified by Last Held Occupation



KEY

- 1- Managers and administrators
- 2- Professional
- 3- Associate professional and technical
- 4- Clerical and secretarial
- 5- Craft and related
- 6- Personal and protective service
- 7- Sales
- 8- Plant and machine operatives
- 9- Other occupation
- 10- No occupation

Live Register by other classifications

Bearing in mind the overall annual decrease of 2.9% in the number of people on the Live Register in August the main other points which can be noted include:

- ◆ An annual increase of 1.5% brought the total number of Jobseeker's Allowance (JA) claimants to 327,786 in August 2012, while Jobseeker's Benefit (JB) claimants decreased to 94,054 (-18.7%) over the same period. As a result JA claimants account for 71.8% of all persons on the Live Register in August 2012 compared with 68.8% a year earlier. *See table 1a.*
- ◆ Annual decreases occurred in seven of the eight NUTS 3 regions with the largest percentage decrease in the Mid West region (-5.1%). The only percentage increase occurred in the Midland region (+0.2%). *See table 5.*
- ◆ *Craft and related* (22.6%) remained the largest occupational group on the Live Register in August, despite the fact that the number in the group fell over the year by 8,266 (-7.4%) to 103,285. The second largest annual percentage decrease was in the *Clerical and secretarial* group (-6.0%) followed by *Associate professional and technical* group (-4.9%). *See table 6 and graph opposite.*
- ◆ In August Irish nationals accounted for 83.0% (378,507) of the number of persons on the Live Register. Of the 77,749 non-Irish nationals, the largest constituent group on the Live Register was nationals from the EU15 to EU27 States (40,629), followed by the UK (18,143). *See table 9.*

¹ While the 'No Occupation' group is excluded from the analysis its subtotals are included in the relevant calculations presented in the text.

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	August 2011	July 2012	August 2012	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	57,999	49,072	47,230	- 1,842	- 10,769
JA Applications	227,981	226,574	227,251	+ 677	- 730
Other Registrants	10,873	12,144	12,144	0	+ 1,271
Total	296,853	287,790	286,625	- 1,165	- 10,228
Females					
JB Claims	57,710	50,963	46,824	- 4,139	- 10,886
JA Applications	95,116	99,428	100,535	+ 1,107	+ 5,419
Other Registrants	20,034	22,142	22,272	+ 130	+ 2,238
Total	172,860	172,533	169,631	- 2,902	- 3,229
All Persons					
JB Claims	115,709	100,035	94,054	- 5,981	- 21,655
JA Applications	323,097	326,002	327,786	+ 1,784	+ 4,689
Other Registrants	30,907	34,286	34,416	+ 130	+ 3,509
Total	469,713	460,323	456,256	- 4,067	- 13,457

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

Category	August 2011	July 2012	August 2012	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	5,497	3,939	3,768	- 171	- 1,729
JA Applications	47,644	44,010	43,964	- 46	- 3,680
Other Registrants	141	120	123	+ 3	- 18
Total	53,282	48,069	47,855	- 214	- 5,427
Females					
JB Claims	5,539	3,956	3,681	- 275	- 1,858
JA Applications	29,671	28,419	28,551	+ 132	- 1,120
Other Registrants	278	261	264	+ 3	- 14
Total	35,488	32,636	32,496	- 140	- 2,992
All Persons					
JB Claims	11,036	7,895	7,449	- 446	- 3,587
JA Applications	77,315	72,429	72,515	+ 86	- 4,800
Other Registrants	419	381	387	+ 6	- 32
Total	88,770	80,705	80,351	- 354	- 8,419

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

Category	August 2011	July 2012	August 2012	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	52,502	45,133	43,462	- 1,671	- 9,040
JA Applications	180,337	182,564	183,287	+ 723	+ 2,950
Other Registrants	10,732	12,024	12,021	- 3	+ 1,289
Total	243,571	239,721	238,770	- 951	- 4,801
Females					
JB Claims	52,171	47,007	43,143	- 3,864	- 9,028
JA Applications	65,445	71,009	71,984	+ 975	+ 6,539
Other Registrants	19,756	21,881	22,008	+ 127	+ 2,252
Total	137,372	139,897	137,135	- 2,762	- 237
All Persons					
JB Claims	104,673	92,140	86,605	- 5,535	- 18,068
JA Applications	245,782	253,573	255,271	+ 1,698	+ 9,489
Other Registrants	30,488	33,905	34,029	+ 124	+ 3,541
Total	380,943	379,618	375,905	- 3,713	- 5,038

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

	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series ¹		
		Males	Females	All Persons	Males	Females	All Persons
2010	August	300,000	167,000	466,900	293,300	153,500	446,800
	September	289,800	152,600	442,400	295,800	153,600	449,500
	October	281,600	148,000	429,600	292,900	153,100	446,100
	November	280,200	144,800	425,000	290,900	152,100	442,900
	December	288,800	148,300	437,100	292,400	153,200	445,600
2011	January	292,000	150,700	442,700	288,800	153,700	442,500
	February	291,800	152,500	444,300	287,800	154,500	442,300
	March	290,200	151,000	441,200	288,900	155,800	444,700
	April	286,700	152,800	439,600	287,000	155,800	442,800
	May	288,300	152,700	440,900	288,700	155,900	444,700
	June	296,100	161,800	457,900	289,400	156,100	445,600
	July	297,800	172,500	470,300	289,300	157,300	446,600
	August	296,900	172,900	469,700	289,100	159,100	448,100
	September	282,000	155,500	437,400	287,200	156,700	443,900
	October	277,600	152,800	430,400	287,600	158,000	445,500
	November	276,500	153,000	429,600	286,100	159,900	446,100
	December	279,700	155,100	434,800	283,000	159,700	442,700
2012	January	283,900	155,700	439,600	281,500	158,800	440,300
	February	283,500	156,000	439,400	280,600	158,200	438,800
	March	280,200	153,800	434,100	279,200	157,500	436,700
	April	277,400	152,600	430,000	279,600	157,200	436,700
	May	278,800	154,100	432,900	279,400	157,600	437,000
	June	286,700	165,300	452,000	279,900	159,400	439,300
	July	287,800	172,500	460,300	279,100	157,300	436,400
	August	286,600	169,600	456,300	278,500	156,000	434,400

¹ Table contains revised figures.**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	All Persons	Males	Females	All Persons
2010	August	58,300	36,300	94,600	55,100	31,900	86,900
	September	55,200	33,500	88,700	55,400	32,400	87,700
	October	52,000	30,900	82,900	54,400	31,800	86,200
	November	51,000	29,500	80,500	53,600	31,600	85,200
	December	52,100	29,200	81,300	53,600	31,500	85,100
2011	January	52,200	30,000	82,200	52,600	31,300	83,900
	February	51,900	30,200	82,100	51,900	31,300	83,200
	March	51,500	29,800	81,400	51,800	31,600	83,300
	April	49,900	29,500	79,400	51,400	31,400	82,800
	May	50,400	30,500	81,000	51,200	31,500	82,700
	June	53,300	33,700	87,000	50,900	31,200	82,100
	July	53,900	35,400	89,300	50,600	31,200	81,800
	August	53,300	35,500	88,800	50,000	31,200	81,200
	September	49,200	31,700	80,900	49,200	30,600	79,800
	October	47,400	30,300	77,700	49,300	31,100	80,400
	November	46,200	29,400	75,600	48,400	31,300	79,700
	December	45,900	28,500	74,300	47,200	30,700	77,900
2012	January	46,500	28,800	75,300	46,900	30,200	77,100
	February	46,200	28,700	74,900	46,400	29,800	76,200
	March	45,200	27,800	73,000	45,700	29,300	75,000
	April	43,900	27,000	70,900	45,400	29,100	74,600
	May	44,500	28,200	72,600	45,200	29,000	74,300
	June	47,600	31,500	79,100	45,300	29,100	74,400
	July	48,100	32,600	80,700	44,900	28,800	73,700
	August	47,900	32,500	80,400	44,800	28,500	73,300

¹ Table contains revised figures.

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	All Persons	Males	Females	All Persons
2010	August	241,700	130,700	372,400	238,200	121,600	359,800
	September	234,600	119,100	353,800	240,500	121,300	361,700
	October	229,600	117,100	346,600	238,500	121,300	359,800
	November	229,200	115,300	344,500	237,200	120,500	357,700
	December	236,700	119,100	355,800	238,800	121,700	360,500
2011	January	239,800	120,700	360,400	236,200	122,400	358,600
	February	240,000	122,300	362,200	235,900	123,200	359,100
	March	238,700	121,100	359,800	237,100	124,200	361,300
	April	236,800	123,400	360,200	235,600	124,400	360,000
	May	237,900	122,100	360,000	237,600	124,500	362,000
	June	242,800	128,100	370,900	238,500	124,900	363,500
	July	243,800	137,100	381,000	238,700	126,100	364,800
	August	243,600	137,400	380,900	239,000	127,900	366,900
	September	232,800	123,700	356,600	238,000	126,000	364,000
	October	230,200	122,500	352,700	238,300	126,900	365,200
	November	230,300	123,700	354,000	237,700	128,700	366,400
	December	233,800	126,600	360,400	235,800	129,000	364,900
2012	January	237,400	126,900	364,200	234,600	128,600	363,200
	February	237,200	127,200	364,500	234,200	128,400	362,600
	March	235,100	126,000	361,100	233,500	128,200	361,700
	April	233,500	125,600	359,100	234,100	128,100	362,200
	May	234,300	126,000	360,300	234,200	128,500	362,700
	June	239,100	133,800	372,900	234,500	130,300	364,900
	July	239,700	139,900	379,600	234,100	128,600	362,700
	August	238,800	137,100	375,900	233,700	127,500	361,100

¹ Table contains revised figures.

Table 3 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates (SUR)¹

Month	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
	%	%	%	%	%	%
January	4.4	4.8	9.3	12.9	14.2	14.7
February ²	4.4	4.8	10.1	12.9	14.1	14.8 ³
March	4.4	5.2	10.8	13.0	14.3	14.7
April	4.5	5.3	11.3	13.3	14.2	14.7
May ²	4.5	5.6	11.9	13.6	14.3	14.7
June	4.5	6.0	12.1	13.5	14.4	14.8
July	4.5	6.4	12.3	13.6	14.4	14.7
August ²	4.5	6.9	12.5	13.6	14.6	14.7
September	4.6	7.1	12.7	14.0	14.4	
October	4.6	7.6	12.7	14.2	14.5	
November ²	4.8	8.0	12.8	14.4	14.5	
December	4.7	8.5	12.8	14.4	14.6	
Annual average	4.5	6.3	11.8	13.6	14.4	

¹ Table contains revised figures. See Background Notes.

² Benchmark Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) calendar quarter estimates.

³ The latest QNHS estimate of the unemployment rate (adjusted for seasonality) is: January -March 2012, 14.8%.

Table 4 Summary of flows¹ on and off the Live Register

		Number of Weeks	Males				Females			
			Live Register	New Regis- trations	Outflow (derived)	Average Weekly Change	Live Register	New Regis- trations	Outflow (derived)	Average Weekly Change
JB Claims										
2011	August	4	57,999	6,543	8,608	- 516	57,710	6,641	7,857	- 304
	September	5	53,552	9,298	13,745	- 889	47,333	8,831	19,208	- 2,075
	October	4	52,546	8,650	9,656	- 252	46,467	7,275	8,141	- 217
	November	4	52,336	8,891	9,101	- 53	46,878	9,755	9,344	+ 103
	December	5	53,892	9,662	8,106	+ 311	48,771	8,745	6,852	+ 379
2012	January	4	55,964	11,669	9,597	+ 518	48,369	10,242	10,644	- 101
	February	4	55,317	8,814	9,461	- 162	47,937	8,136	8,568	- 108
	March	5	53,266	9,215	11,266	- 410	45,706	7,103	9,334	- 446
	April	4	51,678	7,471	9,059	- 397	44,534	9,252	10,424	- 293
	May	4	50,379	6,629	7,928	- 325	43,610	5,858	6,782	- 231
	June	5	49,815	8,362	8,926	- 113	46,974	10,633	7,269	+ 673
	July	4	49,072	7,158	7,901	- 186	50,963	10,745	6,756	+ 997
	August	5	47,230	7,278	9,120	- 368	46,824	6,837	10,976	- 828
JA Applications										
2011	August	4	227,981	10,924	9,943	+ 245	95,116	6,662	5,247	+ 354
	September	5	217,752	15,097	25,326	- 2,046	88,805	9,261	15,572	- 1,262
	October	4	214,305	12,325	15,772	- 862	87,028	7,091	8,868	- 444
	November	4	213,285	11,142	12,162	- 255	86,606	6,601	7,023	- 106
	December	5	214,817	11,762	10,230	+ 306	86,636	5,948	5,918	+ 6
2012	January	4	216,706	11,651	9,762	+ 472	87,494	6,424	5,566	+ 215
	February	4	216,743	11,044	11,007	+ 9	87,940	6,345	5,899	+ 112
	March	5	215,295	12,102	13,550	- 290	87,559	6,694	7,075	- 76
	April	4	213,894	9,275	10,676	- 350	87,270	5,333	5,622	- 72
	May	4	216,412	10,185	7,667	+ 630	89,579	6,427	4,118	+ 577
	June	5	224,793	15,411	7,030	+ 1,676	96,660	10,843	3,762	+ 1,416
	July	4	226,574	11,278	9,497	+ 445	99,428	8,174	5,406	+ 692
	August	5	227,251	12,667	11,990	+ 135	100,535	8,008	6,901	+ 221
Other Registrants										
2011	August	4	10,873	612	445	+ 42	20,034	945	798	+ 37
	September	5	10,684	692	881	- 38	19,315	1,311	2,030	- 144
	October	4	10,744	651	591	+ 15	19,342	1,042	1,015	+ 7
	November	4	10,905	577	416	+ 40	19,557	1,193	978	+ 54
	December	5	11,014	689	580	+ 22	19,654	1,125	1,028	+ 19
2012	January	4	11,223	734	525	+ 52	19,833	1,309	1,130	+ 45
	February	4	11,390	595	428	+ 42	20,095	1,168	906	+ 66
	March	5	11,682	825	533	+ 58	20,546	1,295	844	+ 90
	April	4	11,836	569	415	+ 39	20,789	1,183	940	+ 61
	May	4	11,972	500	364	+ 34	20,955	806	640	+ 42
	June	5	12,103	651	520	+ 26	21,629	1,509	835	+ 135
	July	4	12,144	565	524	+ 10	22,142	1,707	1,194	+ 128
	August	5	12,144	546	546	+ 0	22,272	1,370	1,240	+ 26

¹ Flow analysis: inflows and outflows published in this table do not take account of inter-scheme activity within the Live Register. For example, if a claimant exhausts his/her entitlement to JB and opens a new JA claim this is counted as an outflow in JB and an inflow in JA.

Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	August 2011	July 2012	August 2012	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland and Western	91,104	88,075	88,008	- 67	- 3,096	15,381	72,627
Border	41,950	40,721	40,525	- 196	- 1,425	7,386	33,139
Midland	22,230	21,881	21,899	+ 18	- 331	3,729	18,170
West	26,924	25,473	25,584	+ 111	- 1,340	4,266	21,318
Southern and Eastern	205,749	199,715	198,617	- 1,098	- 7,132	32,474	166,143
Dublin	72,876	71,450	71,368	- 82	- 1,508	11,854	59,514
Mid-East	28,136	27,173	26,900	- 273	- 1,236	4,367	22,533
Mid-West	25,809	24,560	24,417	- 143	- 1,392	4,044	20,373
South-East	38,670	37,560	37,483	- 77	- 1,187	6,472	31,011
South-West	40,258	38,972	38,449	- 523	- 1,809	5,737	32,712
Total	296,853	287,790	286,625	- 1,165	- 10,228	47,855	238,770
Females							
Border, Midland and Western	54,442	54,772	54,209	- 563	- 233	10,896	43,313
Border	24,767	24,929	24,456	- 473	- 311	5,068	19,388
Midland	13,057	13,577	13,455	- 122	+ 398	2,930	10,525
West	16,618	16,266	16,298	+ 32	- 320	2,898	13,400
Southern and Eastern	118,418	117,761	115,422	- 2,339	- 2,996	21,600	93,822
Dublin	40,103	39,801	39,213	- 588	- 890	7,410	31,803
Mid-East	16,974	16,920	16,491	- 429	- 483	2,950	13,541
Mid-West	15,662	15,226	14,950	- 276	- 712	2,849	12,101
South-East	22,120	22,677	22,139	- 538	+ 19	4,520	17,619
South-West	23,559	23,137	22,629	- 508	- 930	3,871	18,758
Total	172,860	172,533	169,631	- 2,902	- 3,229	32,496	137,135
All Persons							
Border, Midland and Western	145,546	142,847	142,217	- 630	- 3,329	26,277	115,940
Border	66,717	65,650	64,981	- 669	- 1,736	12,454	52,527
Midland	35,287	35,458	35,354	- 104	+ 67	6,659	28,695
West	43,542	41,739	41,882	+ 143	- 1,660	7,164	34,718
Southern and Eastern	324,167	317,476	314,039	- 3,437	- 10,128	54,074	259,965
Dublin	112,979	111,251	110,581	- 670	- 2,398	19,264	91,317
Mid-East	45,110	44,093	43,391	- 702	- 1,719	7,317	36,074
Mid-West	41,471	39,786	39,367	- 419	- 2,104	6,893	32,474
South-East	60,790	60,237	59,622	- 615	- 1,168	10,992	48,630
South-West	63,817	62,109	61,078	- 1,031	- 2,739	9,608	51,470
Total	469,713	460,323	456,256	- 4,067	- 13,457	80,351	375,905

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

Table 6 Persons on the Live Register classified by last held occupation

Broad occupational group	August 2011	July 2012	August 2012	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Managers and administrators	10,329	10,162	10,211	+ 49	- 118	471	9,740
Professional	13,738	12,941	12,885	- 56	- 853	1,401	11,484
Associate professional and technical	8,153	7,652	7,671	+ 19	- 482	1,145	6,526
Clerical and secretarial	12,843	12,666	12,449	- 217	- 394	1,893	10,556
Craft and related	103,990	96,500	95,622	- 878	- 8,368	11,249	84,373
Personal and protective service	18,439	18,543	18,468	- 75	+ 29	3,063	15,405
Sales	19,279	19,707	19,687	- 20	+ 408	6,384	13,303
Plant and machine operatives	56,969	55,742	55,584	- 158	- 1,385	7,618	47,966
Other occupation	41,528	40,856	40,804	- 52	- 724	8,436	32,368
No occupation ¹	11,585	13,021	13,244	+ 223	+ 1,659	6,195	7,049
Total	296,853	287,790	286,625	- 1,165	- 10,228	47,855	238,770
Females							
Managers and administrators	7,040	6,897	6,951	+ 54	- 89	265	6,686
Professional	16,844	16,748	16,341	- 407	- 503	1,673	14,668
Associate professional and technical	5,787	5,634	5,584	- 50	- 203	663	4,921
Clerical and secretarial	36,836	36,215	34,254	- 1,961	- 2,582	2,549	31,705
Craft and related	7,561	7,729	7,663	- 66	+ 102	1,253	6,410
Personal and protective service	34,738	34,859	34,289	- 570	- 449	7,476	26,813
Sales	31,275	30,585	30,469	- 116	- 806	8,513	21,956
Plant and machine operatives	16,184	15,865	15,899	+ 34	- 285	2,747	13,152
Other occupation	9,955	10,390	10,385	- 5	+ 430	3,376	7,009
No occupation ¹	6,640	7,611	7,796	+ 185	+ 1,156	3,981	3,815
Total	172,860	172,533	169,631	- 2,902	- 3,229	32,496	137,135
All Persons							
Managers and administrators	17,369	17,059	17,162	+ 103	- 207	736	16,426
Professional	30,582	29,689	29,226	- 463	- 1,356	3,074	26,152
Associate professional and technical	13,940	13,286	13,255	- 31	- 685	1,808	11,447
Clerical and secretarial	49,679	48,881	46,703	- 2,178	- 2,976	4,442	42,261
Craft and related	111,551	104,229	103,285	- 944	- 8,266	12,502	90,783
Personal and protective service	53,177	53,402	52,757	- 645	- 420	10,539	42,218
Sales	50,554	50,292	50,156	- 136	- 398	14,897	35,259
Plant and machine operatives	73,153	71,607	71,483	- 124	- 1,670	10,365	61,118
Other occupation	51,483	51,246	51,189	- 57	- 294	11,812	39,377
No occupation ¹	18,225	20,632	21,040	+ 408	+ 2,815	10,176	10,864
Total	469,713	460,323	456,256	- 4,067	- 13,457	80,351	375,905

¹ Includes those who never worked and those who have no stated occupation.

Table 7 Persons on the Live Register classified by duration of continuous registration

Duration	August 2011	July 2012	August 2012	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Less than one year	158,564	146,189	144,502	- 1,687	- 14,062	28,850	115,652
One year or more	138,289	141,601	142,123	+ 522	+ 3,834	19,005	123,118
Total	296,853	287,790	286,625	- 1,165	- 10,228	47,855	238,770
Females							
Less than one year	119,571	114,048	110,241	- 3,807	- 9,330	22,445	87,796
One year or more	53,289	58,485	59,390	+ 905	+ 6,101	10,051	49,339
Total	172,860	172,533	169,631	- 2,902	- 3,229	32,496	137,135
All Persons							
Less than one year	278,135	260,237	254,743	- 5,494	- 23,392	51,295	203,448
One year or more	191,578	200,086	201,513	+ 1,427	+ 9,935	29,056	172,457
Total	469,713	460,323	456,256	- 4,067	- 13,457	80,351	375,905

Table 8 Casual and part-time workers on the Live Register

		Males	Monthly change	Females	Monthly change	All Persons	Monthly change
2010	August	41,162	- 462	37,120	- 328	78,282	- 790
	September	40,399	- 763	36,480	- 640	76,879	- 1,403
	October	40,914	+ 515	37,010	+ 530	77,924	+ 1,045
	November	42,162	+ 1,248	38,046	+ 1,036	80,208	+ 2,284
	December	43,510	+ 1,348	38,548	+ 502	82,058	+ 1,850
2011	January	44,117	+ 607	39,115	+ 567	83,232	+ 1,174
	February	45,086	+ 969	39,973	+ 858	85,059	+ 1,827
	March	45,603	+ 517	40,552	+ 579	86,155	+ 1,096
	April	45,447	- 156	40,147	- 405	85,594	- 561
	May	45,071	- 376	39,862	- 285	84,933	- 661
	June	45,609	+ 538	40,156	+ 294	85,765	+ 832
	July	45,639	+ 30	40,226	+ 70	85,865	+ 100
	August	45,312	- 327	39,984	- 242	85,296	- 569
	September	44,731	- 581	39,286	- 698	84,017	- 1,279
	October	45,234	+ 503	39,795	+ 509	85,029	+ 1,012
	November	45,914	+ 680	40,698	+ 903	86,612	+ 1,583
	December	46,044	+ 130	40,771	+ 73	86,815	+ 203
2012	January	46,256	+ 212	40,773	+ 2	87,029	+ 214
	February	47,038	+ 782	41,176	+ 403	88,214	+ 1,185
	March	47,539	+ 501	41,177	+ 1	88,716	+ 502
	April	47,614	+ 75	40,828	- 349	88,442	- 274
	May	47,626	+ 12	40,438	- 390	88,064	- 378
	June	47,891	+ 265	40,574	+ 136	88,465	+ 401
	July	47,797	- 94	40,244	- 330	88,041	- 424
	August	47,569	- 228	39,585	- 659	87,154	- 887

Table 9 Persons on the Live Register classified by nationality grouping

		Nationality grouping						
		Non-Irish nationals						
		United Kingdom	EU15 excl. Irl. & UK	EU15 to EU27 States	Other	Non-Irish nationals	Irish nationals	All Persons
2010	August	19,007	4,115	41,154	14,581	78,857	388,066	466,923
	September	18,190	3,902	40,427	13,926	76,445	365,972	442,417
	October	17,715	3,755	40,065	13,100	74,635	354,918	429,553
	November	17,598	3,705	40,728	12,751	74,782	350,220	425,002
	December	17,855	3,704	42,198	12,888	76,645	360,434	437,079
2011	January	18,078	3,793	43,619	13,037	78,527	364,150	442,677
	February	18,065	3,813	44,167	13,117	79,162	365,137	444,299
	March	17,956	3,817	43,722	13,099	78,594	362,599	441,193
	April	18,021	3,729	42,698	13,075	77,523	362,048	439,571
	May	18,075	3,711	41,791	13,401	76,978	363,969	440,947
	June	18,648	3,829	42,013	14,431	78,921	379,027	457,948
	July	19,006	3,872	41,732	14,675	79,285	390,999	470,284
	August	18,925	3,847	41,330	14,893	78,995	390,718	469,713
	September	17,894	3,586	40,000	13,941	75,421	362,020	437,441
	October	17,708	3,545	40,202	13,582	75,037	355,395	430,432
	November	17,648	3,571	40,788	13,512	75,519	354,048	429,567
	December	17,798	3,605	41,263	13,554	76,220	358,564	434,784
2012	January	17,827	3,648	42,831	13,845	78,151	361,438	439,589
	February	17,783	3,685	43,341	13,946	78,755	360,667	439,422
	March	17,521	3,608	43,025	13,926	78,080	355,974	434,054
	April	17,337	3,558	42,268	13,852	77,015	352,986	430,001
	May	17,447	3,551	41,634	14,151	76,783	356,124	432,907
	June	18,054	3,770	41,360	15,072	78,256	373,718	451,974
	July	18,290	3,756	41,167	15,209	78,422	381,901	460,323
	August	18,143	3,700	40,629	15,277	77,749	378,507	456,256

Annex - Activation Programmes

The table below contains the end of July 2012 data on the number of people availing of a range of programmes targeted primarily at the long-term unemployed (over 12 months) and other welfare recipients, including Lone Parents.

There were 59,246 people availing of these programmes in July 2012, which is an increase of 8,200 (+16.1%) from the previous year. In July 2011 there were 51,046 people in activation programmes.

Persons on activation programmes are not counted as part of the monthly Live Register.

Live Register Activation Programmes

	July 2011	June 2012	July 2012
Back to Work Schemes			
Back to Work allowance scheme - Employee strand ¹	405	44	43
Back to Work Enterprise allowance scheme -self employed strand	9,923	11,062	11,047
Short-term Enterprise Allowance ²	1,276	1,175	1,154
Total Back to Work payments	11,604	12,281	12,244
Other Activation Programmes			
DSP Part-time Job Incentive	161	190	190
TUS - Community Work Placement Initiative (2011)	76	4,363	4,473
JobBridge (2011)	292	4,899	4,995
Total Other Activation Programmes	529	9,452	9,658
Community Employment Schemes (excluding Supervisors)	21,975	21,545	21,459
FAS Full Time Training for Unemployed People³	8,223	8,783	7,356
Back to Education Courses			
Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme (VTOS) ⁴	N/A	N/A	N/A
Back to Education Allowance (BTEA) ⁵	3,715	4,855	3,529
Total Back to Education Courses	8,715	9,855	8,529
Total Activation Programmes	51,046	61,916	59,246

¹ This scheme was closed to new applications from 1st May 2009.

² This scheme was introduced from 1st May 2009. It provides immediate support for someone in receipt of Jobseekers Benefit who wants to start a business.

³ Specific Skills Training/Local Training initiative/Traineeship/Return to Work. Breakdown became available for April 2012 Live Register release.

⁴ VTOS figures are estimated at 5,000 each year.

⁵ BTEA figures include all schemes but participants from JA & JB are not entitled to BTEA during the summer holidays.

Background Notes

Source and scope of the Live Register The Live Register is compiled from returns made for each local office to the Central Statistics Office by the Department of Social Protection. It comprises persons under 65 years of age in the following classes:

- ◆ All Claimants for Jobseeker's Benefit (JB) excluding systematic short-time workers
- ◆ Applicants for Jobseeker's Allowance (JA) 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.

Reference Period The reference periods for the Live Register results are as follows:
August 2012 – 28th July to 31st August 2012
August 2011 – 30th July to 26th August 2011.

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 Jobseeker's Allowance or Jobseeker's 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.

Official estimates of the number of persons unemployed and the unemployment rate are produced from the Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS). The QNHS is the only source of information on unemployment and employment which can apply standard International Labour Organisation (ILO) methodology to the estimation of these key indicators. The background notes of the QNHS release contain more information on the ILO criteria. Given the timelag required to produce estimates from the QNHS and the quarterly periodicity, short-term trends in the Live Register are used to estimate more up-to-date monthly unemployment rates.

The seasonally adjusted QNHS estimate of unemployment is used as a benchmark for February (Quarter 1 QNHS), May (Quarter 2 QNHS), August (Quarter 3 QNHS) and November (Quarter 4 QNHS) each year. The latest QNHS benchmark is updated using the trend in the seasonally adjusted Live Register to allow the estimation of the SUR. Once new QNHS data is available it is used to revise the SUR series. The assumption underlying this methodology is that over short periods the change in the seasonally adjusted Live Register will represent accurately the change in unemployment which will be seen from the QNHS. This methodology has been used since the QNHS was first initiated at the end of 1997.

QNHS The Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS), which began in September 1997, replaced the Labour Force Survey and provides quarterly estimates of the unemployment rate. Up to and including the fourth quarter of 2008 the QNHS operated on a seasonal quarter basis. As of the first quarter 2009 the QNHS is now undertaken on a calendar quarter basis.

The calendar reference quarters for survey results are:

Q1 - January to March, Q2 - April to June, Q3 - July to September and Q4 - October to December.

The calendar quarter estimates for Q1 2012 (adjusted for seasonality) are:

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	%	%	%	%
2007	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.8
2008	4.8	5.6	6.9	8.0
2009	10.1	11.9	12.5	12.8
2010	12.9	13.6	13.6	14.4
2011	14.1	14.3	14.6	14.5
2012	14.8			

Seasonal adjustment Since January 2011 the seasonal adjustment of the Live Register is completed by applying the X-12-ARIMA model, developed by the U.S. Census Bureau. Seasonal adjustment is conducted using the indirect approach, where each individual series is independently adjusted (male under 25 years, female under 25 years, male 25 years and over and female 25 years and over). To preserve consistency between the individual and aggregate series, the series for gender, age group and total Live Register are then created from these four component series.

The X-12 ARIMA method has the X-11 moving averages process at its core, but builds on this by providing options for pre-treating the series using a regARIMA approach for prior adjustment and series extension. In essence this methodology will estimate seasonal factors while taking account of temporary changes, outliers, level shifts and calendar effects (e.g timing of Easter).

All Live Register series are updated monthly with the latest three years of seasonally adjusted data as part of the concurrent approach. The comprehensive annual review contains revisions to the entire series. Revisions to the series are typically very minor in scale.

For additional information on the use of X-12-ARIMA see detailed note in the January 2011 Live Register release.

Jobseeker's Benefit Duration Prior to 19 January 2004 Jobseeker's Benefit was payable for **15 months** (390 days).

From 19 January 2004, Jobseeker's Benefit could be paid for a maximum of **15 months** (390 days) to people who had at least 260 paid PRSI contributions. Jobseeker's Benefit could be paid for a maximum of **12 months** (312 days) to people who had less than 260 paid contributions. (Refers to new claims).

Since 15 October 2008, Jobseeker's Benefit can be paid for a maximum of **12 months** (312 days) to people who have at least 260 paid PRSI contributions. Jobseeker's Benefit can be paid for a maximum of **9 months** (234 days) to people who have less than 260 paid contributions. (Refers to new claims).

Live Register Flows Live Register flows data is sourced from information collected by the Department of Social Protection. The aggregate of new registrations for each month is used in conjunction with the net change over the same period to calculate the outflow from the register. A new registration is defined as anybody on the Live Register in a particular month who was not on it the previous month. Inflows and outflows published in this release do not take account of inter-scheme activity within the Live Register. For example, if a claimant exhausts his/her entitlement to JB and opens a new JA claim this is counted as an outflow in JB and an inflow in JA.

Live Register Area Analysis The basis of the area analysis in Live Register statistics is the Department of Social Protection 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 e.g. data for the Cork City Office of Registration refers to all persons signing on in Cork City but may include persons not resident in Cork City. **The latest available Live Register data by Province, County and Local Office of Registration will be released on the CSO website through the CSO Main Data Dissemination Service, StatBank one day after the publication of this release.**

NUTS2 and NUTS3 regions The Regional classifications 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		Southern and Eastern NUTS2 Region	
Border	Cavan Donegal Leitrim Louth Monaghan Sligo	Dublin	Dublin City Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Fingal South Dublin
Midland	Laois Longford Offaly Westmeath	Mid-East	Kildare Meath Wicklow
West	Galway City Galway County Mayo Roscommon	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

Occupations Live Register occupational data is sourced from information collected by the Department of Social Protection on the most recent occupation of claimants when they sign on the Live Register. The classification used is based on the UK Standard Occupational Classification (SOC). “No occupation” is an additional category and includes those who have never worked and those who have no stated occupation.

Age by Duration Analysis Duration of continuous registration on the Live Register was previously compiled on a half-yearly basis (April and October). The Live Register Age by Duration release has now been replaced by a monthly table in this release. The bi-annual release related to the second last Friday of the reference month but the monthly age by duration data since October 2009 corresponds to the end of month Live Register totals. **Detailed tables relating to regional and scheme data will continue to be made available on the CSO website through the CSO Main Data Dissemination Service, StatBank on a bi-annual basis.**

Casual and part-time workers The casual and part-time workers’ figure is based on data supplied by the Department of Social Protection. People may apply for Jobseeker’s Benefit or Jobseeker’s Allowance if they only work for part of a week and be included on the Live Register.

Nationality Data in the nationality grouping table is sourced from information collected by the Department of Social Protection on the nationality of claimants when they first sign on the Live Register.

CSO StatBank More detailed information on geographic breakdowns of the Live Register and duration of continuous registration along with all Live Register published data can be found on the CSO Main Data Dissemination Service, StatBank on the CSO website

<http://www.cso.ie/>

Go to:

- > Databases
- > StatBank (CSO Main Dissemination Service)
- > Labour Market and Earnings
- > Labour Force
- > Live Register

or click

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