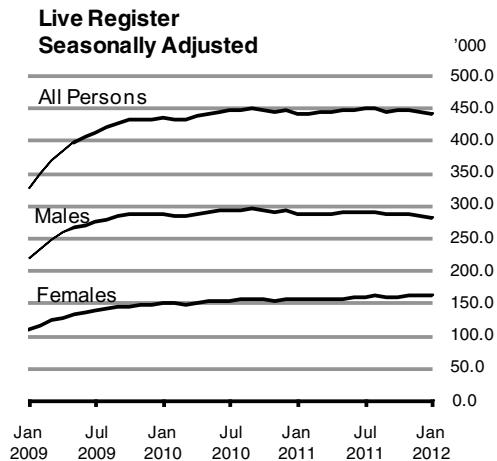




## Live Register January 2012



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted	Standardised Unemployment Rate (SUR)%
<b>January 2011</b>	442,677	441,900	14.3
<b>December 2011</b>	434,784	442,800	14.3
<b>January 2012</b>	439,589	439,600	14.2
			<b>Percentage Points</b>
<b>Change in month</b>	-	- 3,200	- 0.1
<b>Change in year</b>	- 3,088	-	- 0.1

### Slight decrease in standardised unemployment rate to 14.2% in January

The standardised unemployment rate (SUR) in January 2012 was 14.2%, down slightly from a rate of 14.3% in December 2011. The latest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate from the Quarterly National Household Survey was 14.4% in the third quarter of 2011. *See table 3.*

On a seasonally adjusted basis there was a decrease of 3,200 (-0.7%) on the Live Register in the month to January 2012 bringing the seasonally adjusted total to 439,600.

In unadjusted terms there were 439,589 people signing on the Live Register in January 2012. This represents a decrease of 3,088 (-0.7%) over the year. *See table 1a.*

Other features include:

- ◆ On a seasonally adjusted basis the Live Register showed monthly decreases of 2,300 males and 800 females in January 2012. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The number of male claimants decreased by 8,110 (-2.8%) to 283,893 over the year, while female claimants increased by 5,022 (+3.3%) to 155,696. This compares with increases of 355 (+0.1%) and 5,386 (+3.7%) for males and females respectively in the year to January 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 third quarter of 2011 was 314,700.

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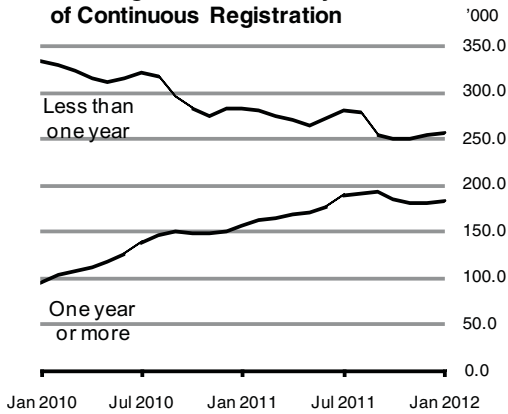
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### Live Register classified by Duration of Continuous Registration



### Live Register duration of continuous registration

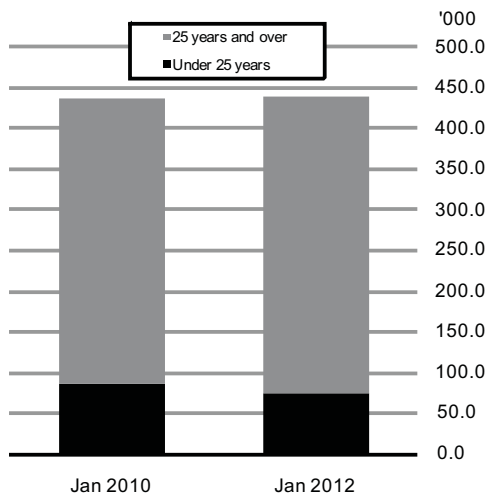
The number of long term claimants on the Live Register in January 2012 was 183,849. The number of male long term claimants increased by 14,641 (+12.4%) in the year to January 2012, while the comparable increase for females was 8,654 (+20.5%) giving an overall annual increase of 23,295 (+14.5%) in the number of long term claimants. *See table 7 and graph opposite.*

In January 58.2% (255,740) of all claimants on the Live Register were short term claimants. The comparable figure for January 2011 was 63.7% (282,123). The annual fall of 26,383 (-9.4%) in the number of short term claimants consisted of a decrease of 22,751 (-13.1%) in the number of male short term claimants and a decrease of 3,632 (-3.4%) in female short term claimants.

### Live Register casual and part-time workers

There were 87,029 casual and part-time workers on the Live Register in January, which represents 19.8% of the total Live Register. This compares with 18.8% one year earlier when there were 83,232 casual and part-time workers on the Live Register. In the year to January 2012 the number of casual and part-time workers increased by 3,797 (+4.6%), with the number of males increasing by 2,139 (+4.8%) and the number of females increasing by 1,658 (+4.2%). *See table 8.*

### Live Register classified by Age Group



### Live Register age groups

In the year to January 2012 the number of persons aged 25 and over on the Live Register increased by 3,804 (+1.1%), while the number of persons aged under 25 fell by 6,892 (-8.4%). This continues the pattern seen over the last two years whereby there has been a general downward trend in the number of persons aged under 25 on the Live Register, while the rate of increase in the number of persons aged over 25 has been slowing. This has led to the percentage of persons aged under 25 on the Live Register falling to 17.1% in January 2012 from 19.7% two years earlier. *See tables 1b and 1c and graph opposite.*

### Live Register new registrants

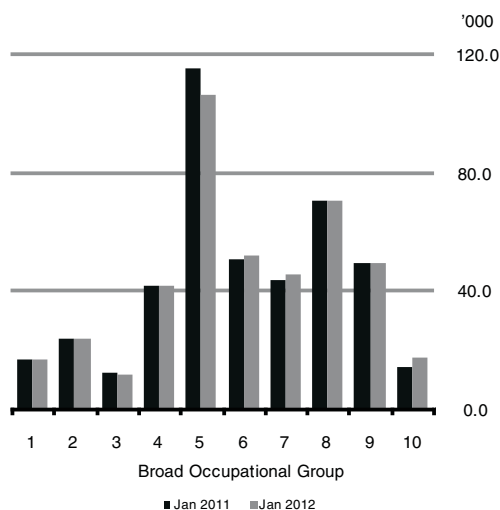
There were 42,029 new registrants on the Live Register in January 2012, consisting of 21,911 JB claims, 18,075 JA claims and 2,043 'Other Registrants'. Males accounted for 24,054 (57.2%) and females 17,975 (42.8%) of all new registrants. On average 6,013 male and 4,494 female new registrants joined the 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.*

## Live Register by other classifications

Bearing in mind the overall annual decrease of 0.7% in the number of people on the Live Register the main other points which can be noted include:

- ◆ An annual increase of 5.0% brought the total number of Jobseeker's Allowance (JA) claimants to 304,200 in January 2012, while Jobseeker's Benefit (JB) claimants decreased to 104,333 (-17.0%) over the same period. As a result JA claimants account for 69.2% of all persons on the Live Register in January 2012 compared with 65.4% a year earlier. *See table 1a.*
- ◆ Across the eight NUTS 3 regions relatively small changes were recorded in the year to January 2012. Annual decreases occurred in five regions with the largest percentage decrease in the West region (-2.5%), while relatively low percentage increases occurred in the Midland, Dublin and South-East regions. *See table 5.*
- ◆ *Craft and related* (24.3%) remained the largest occupational group on the Live Register in January, despite the fact that the number in the group fell over the year by 8,660 (-7.5%) to 106,691. The second largest annual percentage decrease was in the *Associate, professional and technical* group (-5.0%). In the year to January 2012 four occupational groups showed Live Register increases. The largest percentage increases were in the *Sales* group (+4.4%) and the *Personal and protective service* group (+2.9%)<sup>1</sup>. *See table 6 and graph opposite.*
- ◆ In January Irish nationals accounted for 82.2% (361,438) of the number of persons on the Live Register, which was similar to the proportion recorded one year earlier. *See table 9.*

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

<sup>1</sup> 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	January 2011	December 2011	January 2012	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
JB Claims	71,084	53,892	55,964	+ 2,072	- 15,120
JA Applications	211,071	214,817	216,706	+ 1,889	+ 5,635
Other Registrants	9,848	11,014	11,223	+ 209	+ 1,375
<b>Total</b>	<b>292,003</b>	<b>279,723</b>	<b>283,893</b>	<b>+ 4,170</b>	<b>- 8,110</b>
<b>Females</b>					
JB Claims	54,612	48,771	48,369	- 402	- 6,243
JA Applications	78,512	86,636	87,494	+ 858	+ 8,982
Other Registrants	17,550	19,654	19,833	+ 179	+ 2,283
<b>Total</b>	<b>150,674</b>	<b>155,061</b>	<b>155,696</b>	<b>+ 635</b>	<b>+ 5,022</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
JB Claims	125,696	102,663	104,333	+ 1,670	- 21,363
JA Applications	289,583	301,453	304,200	+ 2,747	+ 14,617
Other Registrants	27,398	30,668	31,056	+ 388	+ 3,658
<b>Total</b>	<b>442,677</b>	<b>434,784</b>	<b>439,589</b>	<b>+ 4,805</b>	<b>- 3,088</b>

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

Category	January 2011	December 2011	January 2012	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
JB Claims	7,008	4,276	4,442	+ 166	- 2,566
JA Applications	45,081	41,498	41,961	+ 463	- 3,120
Other Registrants	154	102	102	0	- 52
<b>Total</b>	<b>52,243</b>	<b>45,876</b>	<b>46,505</b>	<b>+ 629</b>	<b>- 5,738</b>
<b>Females</b>					
JB Claims	5,441	3,872	4,064	+ 192	- 1,377
JA Applications	24,288	24,385	24,555	+ 170	+ 267
Other Registrants	265	213	221	+ 8	- 44
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,994</b>	<b>28,470</b>	<b>28,840</b>	<b>+ 370</b>	<b>- 1,154</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
JB Claims	12,449	8,148	8,506	+ 358	- 3,943
JA Applications	69,369	65,883	66,516	+ 633	- 2,853
Other Registrants	419	315	323	+ 8	- 96
<b>Total</b>	<b>82,237</b>	<b>74,346</b>	<b>75,345</b>	<b>+ 999</b>	<b>- 6,892</b>

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

Category	January 2011	December 2011	January 2012	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
JB Claims	64,076	49,616	51,522	+ 1,906	- 12,554
JA Applications	165,990	173,319	174,745	+ 1,426	+ 8,755
Other Registrants	9,694	10,912	11,121	+ 209	+ 1,427
<b>Total</b>	<b>239,760</b>	<b>233,847</b>	<b>237,388</b>	<b>+ 3,541</b>	<b>- 2,372</b>
<b>Females</b>					
JB Claims	49,171	44,899	44,305	- 594	- 4,866
JA Applications	54,224	62,251	62,939	+ 688	+ 8,715
Other Registrants	17,285	19,441	19,612	+ 171	+ 2,327
<b>Total</b>	<b>120,680</b>	<b>126,591</b>	<b>126,856</b>	<b>+ 265</b>	<b>+ 6,176</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
JB Claims	113,247	94,515	95,827	+ 1,312	- 17,420
JA Applications	220,214	235,570	237,684	+ 2,114	+ 17,470
Other Registrants	26,979	30,353	30,733	+ 380	+ 3,754
<b>Total</b>	<b>360,440</b>	<b>360,438</b>	<b>364,244</b>	<b>+ 3,806</b>	<b>+ 3,804</b>

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

	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series <sup>1</sup>		
		Males	Females	All Persons	Males	Females	All Persons
2010	January	291,600	145,300	436,900	286,800	148,200	435,000
	February	290,900	146,100	437,000	284,600	147,600	432,200
	March	290,200	144,900	435,100	285,100	146,600	431,700
	April	287,800	144,800	432,700	288,100	149,300	437,300
	May	290,400	147,500	437,900	291,000	150,600	441,600
	June	297,100	155,800	452,900	291,500	150,600	442,100
	July	300,500	166,400	466,800	293,200	152,000	445,100
	August	300,000	167,000	466,900	293,700	153,400	447,100
	September	289,800	152,600	442,400	295,600	153,600	449,200
	October	281,600	148,000	429,600	293,100	153,200	446,400
	November	280,200	144,800	425,000	290,800	152,400	443,300
	December	288,800	148,300	437,100	292,500	153,200	445,800
2011	January	292,000	150,700	442,700	288,100	153,800	441,900
	February	291,800	152,500	444,300	287,100	154,300	441,400
	March	290,200	151,000	441,200	287,800	155,100	442,800
	April	286,700	152,800	439,600	286,900	155,300	442,200
	May	288,300	152,700	440,900	289,000	155,900	444,900
	June	296,100	161,800	457,900	290,400	156,800	447,300
	July	297,800	172,500	470,300	290,100	157,900	448,000
	August	296,900	172,900	469,700	289,800	158,900	448,700
	September	282,000	155,500	437,400	287,200	156,500	443,700
	October	277,600	152,800	430,400	287,800	158,100	445,900
	November	276,500	153,000	429,600	286,100	160,300	446,400
	December	279,700	155,100	434,800	283,000	159,800	442,800
2012	January	283,900	155,700	439,600	280,700	159,000	439,600

<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>		
		Males	Females	All Persons	Males	Females	All Persons
2010	January	55,200	30,700	85,900	55,200	32,000	87,200
	February	54,600	30,500	85,100	54,200	31,400	85,600
	March	54,900	30,100	85,000	54,500	31,200	85,600
	April	53,400	29,600	83,000	54,500	31,700	86,100
	May	54,400	31,200	85,600	55,100	32,100	87,200
	June	57,500	34,100	91,600	55,200	31,700	86,900
	July	58,600	36,000	94,600	55,300	31,700	87,000
	August	58,300	36,300	94,600	55,200	31,900	87,100
	September	55,200	33,500	88,700	55,500	32,400	87,800
	October	52,000	30,900	82,900	54,500	31,900	86,400
	November	51,000	29,500	80,500	53,700	31,600	85,300
	December	52,100	29,200	81,300	53,600	31,500	85,100
2011	January	52,200	30,000	82,200	52,500	31,300	83,800
	February	51,900	30,200	82,100	51,800	31,300	83,100
	March	51,500	29,800	81,400	51,500	31,400	82,800
	April	49,900	29,500	79,400	51,200	31,300	82,500
	May	50,400	30,500	81,000	51,100	31,400	82,500
	June	53,300	33,700	87,000	51,100	31,300	82,400
	July	53,900	35,400	89,300	50,700	31,300	82,000
	August	53,300	35,500	88,800	50,200	31,200	81,400
	September	49,200	31,700	80,900	49,300	30,600	80,000
	October	47,400	30,300	77,700	49,400	31,100	80,500
	November	46,200	29,400	75,600	48,400	31,400	79,800
	December	45,900	28,500	74,300	47,200	30,700	77,900
2012	January	46,500	28,800	75,300	46,800	30,200	77,000

<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>		
		Males	Females	All Persons	Males	Females	All Persons
2010	January	236,400	114,600	351,000	231,600	116,300	347,800
	February	236,300	115,600	351,800	230,400	116,200	346,600
	March	235,300	114,800	350,100	230,700	115,400	346,100
	April	234,400	115,200	349,700	233,600	117,600	351,200
	May	235,900	116,400	352,300	235,900	118,500	354,400
	June	239,500	121,700	361,200	236,200	118,900	355,200
	July	241,800	130,400	372,200	237,900	120,200	358,100
	August	241,700	130,700	372,400	238,500	121,500	360,100
	September	234,600	119,100	353,800	240,100	121,200	361,300
	October	229,600	117,100	346,600	238,600	121,400	360,000
	November	229,200	115,300	344,500	237,200	120,800	358,000
	December	236,700	119,100	355,800	239,000	121,700	360,600
2011	January	239,800	120,700	360,400	235,600	122,500	358,100
	February	240,000	122,300	362,200	235,300	123,000	358,300
	March	238,700	121,100	359,800	236,300	123,700	360,000
	April	236,800	123,400	360,200	235,600	124,000	359,700
	May	237,900	122,100	360,000	237,900	124,500	362,400
	June	242,800	128,100	370,900	239,300	125,500	364,800
	July	243,800	137,100	381,000	239,400	126,600	366,000
	August	243,600	137,400	380,900	239,600	127,700	367,300
	September	232,800	123,700	356,600	237,900	125,900	363,800
	October	230,200	122,500	352,700	238,400	127,000	365,300
	November	230,300	123,700	354,000	237,700	128,900	366,600
	December	233,800	126,600	360,400	235,800	129,000	364,900
2012	January	237,400	126,900	364,200	233,900	128,800	362,700

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

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

Month	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
	%	%	%	%	%	%
January	4.4	4.8	9.4	13.0	14.3	14.2
February <sup>2</sup>	4.4	4.8	10.1	12.8	13.9	
March	4.4	5.2	10.8	12.9	14.0	
April	4.5	5.3	11.3	13.2	14.0	
May <sup>2</sup>	4.6	5.6	11.8	13.5	14.2	
June	4.6	5.9	12.0	13.4	14.2	
July	4.5	6.4	12.2	13.5	14.3	
August <sup>2</sup>	4.5	6.8	12.4	13.5	14.4 <sup>3</sup>	
September	4.6	7.1	12.7	14.1	14.3	
October	4.6	7.6	13.0	14.5	14.3	
November <sup>2</sup>	4.8	8.1	13.1	14.8	14.4	
December	4.7	8.6	13.0	14.7	14.3	
Annual average	4.5	6.4	11.8	13.6	14.2	

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

<sup>2</sup> Benchmark Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) calendar quarter estimates.

<sup>3</sup> The latest QNHS estimate of the unemployment rate (adjusted for seasonality) is: July-September 2011, 14.4%.

**Table 4 Summary of flows<sup>1</sup> 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	
<b>JB Claims</b>											
2011	January	4	71,084	13,311	13,123	+ 47	54,612	11,097	10,664	+ 108	
	February	4	69,409	10,133	11,808	- 419	55,183	9,108	8,537	+ 143	
	March	4	67,100	9,026	11,335	- 577	52,967	7,272	9,488	- 554	
	April	5	63,982	10,275	13,393	- 624	53,506	10,204	9,665	+ 108	
	May	4	61,832	8,167	10,317	- 538	50,275	7,415	10,646	- 808	
	June	4	61,562	8,586	8,856	- 68	52,896	9,286	6,665	+ 655	
	July	5	60,064	10,329	11,827	- 300	58,926	15,392	9,362	+ 1,206	
	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	
<b>JA Applications</b>											
2011	January	4	211,071	12,783	10,083	+ 675	78,512	6,744	5,229	+ 379	
	February	4	212,334	12,468	11,205	+ 316	79,399	6,619	5,732	+ 222	
	March	4	212,973	11,112	10,473	+ 160	79,903	5,651	5,147	+ 126	
	April	5	212,464	12,647	13,156	- 102	80,739	7,063	6,227	+ 167	
	May	4	216,003	11,615	8,076	+ 885	83,630	6,882	3,991	+ 723	
	June	4	223,956	13,754	5,801	+ 1,988	89,738	9,252	3,144	+ 1,527	
	July	5	227,000	15,220	12,176	+ 609	93,701	10,503	6,540	+ 793	
	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	
<b>Other Registrants</b>											
2011	January	4	9,848	782	469	+ 78	17,550	1,398	949	+ 112	
	February	4	10,063	640	425	+ 54	17,911	1,156	795	+ 90	
	March	4	10,152	477	388	+ 22	18,098	948	761	+ 47	
	April	5	10,299	575	428	+ 29	18,581	1,232	749	+ 97	
	May	4	10,455	478	322	+ 39	18,752	958	787	+ 43	
	June	4	10,631	551	375	+ 44	19,165	1,074	661	+ 103	
	July	5	10,706	757	682	+ 15	19,887	1,922	1,200	+ 144	
	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	

<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>	January 2011	December 2011	January 2012	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
<b>Males</b>							
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>90,030</b>	<b>85,614</b>	<b>86,683</b>	<b>+ 1,069</b>	<b>- 3,347</b>	<b>14,719</b>	<b>71,964</b>
Border	41,217	39,327	39,810	+ 483	- 1,407	6,990	32,820
Midland	22,145	21,418	21,683	+ 265	- 462	3,645	18,038
West	26,668	24,869	25,190	+ 321	- 1,478	4,084	21,106
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>201,973</b>	<b>194,109</b>	<b>197,210</b>	<b>+ 3,101</b>	<b>- 4,763</b>	<b>31,786</b>	<b>165,424</b>
Dublin	69,415	67,634	68,579	+ 945	- 836	11,397	57,182
Mid-East	27,854	26,664	27,208	+ 544	- 646	4,235	22,973
Mid-West	25,741	24,195	24,465	+ 270	- 1,276	3,973	20,492
South-East	38,192	36,983	37,483	+ 500	- 709	6,437	31,046
South-West	40,771	38,633	39,475	+ 842	- 1,296	5,744	33,731
<b>Total</b>	<b>292,003</b>	<b>279,723</b>	<b>283,893</b>	<b>+ 4,170</b>	<b>- 8,110</b>	<b>46,505</b>	<b>237,388</b>
<b>Females</b>							
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>47,055</b>	<b>48,878</b>	<b>49,058</b>	<b>+ 180</b>	<b>+ 2,003</b>	<b>9,458</b>	<b>39,600</b>
Border	21,299	22,227	22,286	+ 59	+ 987	4,312	17,974
Midland	11,321	11,848	11,872	+ 24	+ 551	2,480	9,392
West	14,435	14,803	14,900	+ 97	+ 465	2,666	12,234
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>103,619</b>	<b>106,183</b>	<b>106,638</b>	<b>+ 455</b>	<b>+ 3,019</b>	<b>19,382</b>	<b>87,256</b>
Dublin	34,158	34,635	35,059	+ 424	+ 901	6,571	28,488
Mid-East	14,844	15,225	15,214	- 11	+ 370	2,567	12,647
Mid-West	13,705	14,082	14,035	- 47	+ 330	2,628	11,407
South-East	19,259	20,317	20,271	- 46	+ 1,012	4,007	16,264
South-West	21,653	21,924	22,059	+ 135	+ 406	3,609	18,450
<b>Total</b>	<b>150,674</b>	<b>155,061</b>	<b>155,696</b>	<b>+ 635</b>	<b>+ 5,022</b>	<b>28,840</b>	<b>126,856</b>
<b>All Persons</b>							
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>137,085</b>	<b>134,492</b>	<b>135,741</b>	<b>+ 1,249</b>	<b>- 1,344</b>	<b>24,177</b>	<b>111,564</b>
Border	62,516	61,554	62,096	+ 542	- 420	11,302	50,794
Midland	33,466	33,266	33,555	+ 289	+ 89	6,125	27,430
West	41,103	39,672	40,090	+ 418	- 1,013	6,750	33,340
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>305,592</b>	<b>300,292</b>	<b>303,848</b>	<b>+ 3,556</b>	<b>- 1,744</b>	<b>51,168</b>	<b>252,680</b>
Dublin	103,573	102,269	103,638	+ 1,369	+ 65	17,968	85,670
Mid-East	42,698	41,889	42,422	+ 533	- 276	6,802	35,620
Mid-West	39,446	38,277	38,500	+ 223	- 946	6,601	31,899
South-East	57,451	57,300	57,754	+ 454	+ 303	10,444	47,310
South-West	62,424	60,557	61,534	+ 977	- 890	9,353	52,181
<b>Total</b>	<b>442,677</b>	<b>434,784</b>	<b>439,589</b>	<b>+ 4,805</b>	<b>- 3,088</b>	<b>75,345</b>	<b>364,244</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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	January 2011	December 2011	January 2012	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
<b>Males</b>							
Managers and administrators	10,184	9,960	10,117	+ 157	- 67	430	9,687
Professional	12,281	11,819	11,704	- 115	- 577	1,063	10,641
Associate professional and technical	7,715	7,143	7,152	+ 9	- 563	922	6,230
Clerical and secretarial	11,522	11,433	11,470	+ 37	- 52	1,732	9,738
Craft and related	108,151	97,890	99,184	+ 1,294	- 8,967	12,523	86,661
Personal and protective service	18,680	18,464	18,899	+ 435	+ 219	3,151	15,748
Sales	16,619	17,017	17,702	+ 685	+ 1,083	5,602	12,100
Plant and machine operatives	56,042	54,383	55,630	+ 1,247	- 412	7,577	48,053
Other occupation	41,228	40,171	40,506	+ 335	- 722	8,146	32,360
No occupation <sup>1</sup>	9,581	11,443	11,529	+ 86	+ 1,948	5,359	6,170
<b>Total</b>	<b>292,003</b>	<b>279,723</b>	<b>283,893</b>	<b>+ 4,170</b>	<b>- 8,110</b>	<b>46,505</b>	<b>237,388</b>
<b>Females</b>							
Managers and administrators	6,948	6,639	6,823	+ 184	- 125	253	6,570
Professional	12,037	13,080	12,470	- 610	+ 433	1,025	11,445
Associate professional and technical	5,325	5,214	5,232	+ 18	- 93	562	4,670
Clerical and secretarial	30,680	31,183	30,444	- 739	- 236	2,322	28,122
Craft and related	7,200	7,290	7,507	+ 217	+ 307	1,168	6,339
Personal and protective service	32,196	33,276	33,463	+ 187	+ 1,267	7,212	26,251
Sales	27,694	27,652	28,561	+ 909	+ 867	7,649	20,912
Plant and machine operatives	14,760	15,049	15,336	+ 287	+ 576	2,551	12,785
Other occupation	8,646	9,364	9,448	+ 84	+ 802	2,869	6,579
No occupation <sup>1</sup>	5,188	6,314	6,412	+ 98	+ 1,224	3,229	3,183
<b>Total</b>	<b>150,674</b>	<b>155,061</b>	<b>155,696</b>	<b>+ 635</b>	<b>+ 5,022</b>	<b>28,840</b>	<b>126,856</b>
<b>All Persons</b>							
Managers and administrators	17,132	16,599	16,940	+ 341	- 192	683	16,257
Professional	24,318	24,899	24,174	- 725	- 144	2,088	22,086
Associate professional and technical	13,040	12,357	12,384	+ 27	- 656	1,484	10,900
Clerical and secretarial	42,202	42,616	41,914	- 702	- 288	4,054	37,860
Craft and related	115,351	105,180	106,691	+ 1,511	- 8,660	13,691	93,000
Personal and protective service	50,876	51,740	52,362	+ 622	+ 1,486	10,363	41,999
Sales	44,313	44,669	46,263	+ 1,594	+ 1,950	13,251	33,012
Plant and machine operatives	70,802	69,432	70,966	+ 1,534	+ 164	10,128	60,838
Other occupation	49,874	49,535	49,954	+ 419	+ 80	11,015	38,939
No occupation <sup>1</sup>	14,769	17,757	17,941	+ 184	+ 3,172	8,588	9,353
<b>Total</b>	<b>442,677</b>	<b>434,784</b>	<b>439,589</b>	<b>+ 4,805</b>	<b>- 3,088</b>	<b>75,345</b>	<b>364,244</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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	January 2011	December 2011	January 2012	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
<b>Males</b>							
Less than one year	173,744	148,612	150,993	+ 2,381	- 22,751	28,380	122,613
One year or more	118,259	131,111	132,900	+ 1,789	+ 14,641	18,125	114,775
<b>Total</b>	<b>292,003</b>	<b>279,723</b>	<b>283,893</b>	<b>+ 4,170</b>	<b>- 8,110</b>	<b>46,505</b>	<b>237,388</b>
<b>Females</b>							
Less than one year	108,379	105,374	104,747	- 627	- 3,632	20,200	84,547
One year or more	42,295	49,687	50,949	+ 1,262	+ 8,654	8,640	42,309
<b>Total</b>	<b>150,674</b>	<b>155,061</b>	<b>155,696</b>	<b>+ 635</b>	<b>+ 5,022</b>	<b>28,840</b>	<b>126,856</b>
<b>All Persons</b>							
Less than one year	282,123	253,986	255,740	+ 1,754	- 26,383	48,580	207,160
One year or more	160,554	180,798	183,849	+ 3,051	+ 23,295	26,765	157,084
<b>Total</b>	<b>442,677</b>	<b>434,784</b>	<b>439,589</b>	<b>+ 4,805</b>	<b>- 3,088</b>	<b>75,345</b>	<b>364,244</b>

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

		Males	Monthly change	Females	Monthly change	All Persons	Monthly change
2010	January	40,743	+ 1,250	36,120	+ 1,614	76,863	+ 2,864
	February	42,026	+ 1,283	37,263	+ 1,143	79,289	+ 2,426
	March	42,284	+ 258	37,565	+ 302	79,849	+ 560
	April	41,713	- 571	37,396	- 169	79,109	- 740
	May	41,602	- 111	37,273	- 123	78,875	- 234
	June	41,790	+ 188	37,449	+ 176	79,239	+ 364
	July	41,624	- 166	37,448	- 1	79,072	- 167
	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

**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	January	18,524	4,186	45,328	13,357	81,395	355,541	436,936
	February	18,413	4,139	45,338	13,376	81,266	355,690	436,956
	March	18,238	4,039	44,486	13,278	80,041	355,080	435,121
	April	18,081	3,955	43,248	13,107	78,391	354,266	432,657
	May	18,217	3,964	42,416	13,472	78,069	359,853	437,922
	June	18,619	4,028	41,856	14,342	78,845	374,037	452,882
	July	18,979	4,100	41,570	14,563	79,212	387,612	466,824
	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

## 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:  
January 2012 – 31st December 2011 to 27th January 2012  
January 2011 – 1st January to 28th January 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 Q3 2011 (adjusted for seasonality) are:

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	%	%	%	%
2006	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.3
2007	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.8
2008	4.8	5.6	6.8	8.1
2009	10.1	11.8	12.4	13.1
2010	12.8	13.5	13.5	14.8
2011	13.9	14.2	14.4	

**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).

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**

**Border** Cavan  
Donegal  
Leitrim  
Louth  
Monaghan  
Sligo

**Midland** Laois  
Longford  
Offaly  
Westmeath

**West** Galway City  
Galway County  
Mayo  
Roscommon

**Southern and Eastern NUTS2 Region**

**Dublin** Dublin City  
Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown  
Fingal  
South Dublin

**Mid-East** Kildare  
Meath  
Wicklow

**Mid-West** Clare  
Limerick City  
Limerick County  
North Tipperary

**South-East** Carlow  
Kilkenny  
South Tipperary  
Waterford City  
Waterford County  
Wexford

**South-West** Cork City  
Cork County  
Kerry

**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/>

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

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