

Live Register

January 2013

	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted	Standardised Unemployment Rate (SUR)%
January 2012	439,589	440,000	14.9
December 2012	423,733	431,000	14.6
January 2013	429,396	430,100	14.6
			Percentage Points
Change in month	-	- 900	0.0
Change in year	- 10,193	-	-0.3

Standardised unemployment rate unchanged at 14.6% in January

The standardised unemployment rate (SUR) in January 2013 was 14.6%, unchanged from December 2012. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate from the most recent Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) was 14.8% in the third quarter of 2012. *See table 3.*

On a seasonally adjusted basis the Live Register total recorded a monthly decrease of 900 in January 2013, bringing the seasonally adjusted total to 430,100. *See table 2a.*

In unadjusted terms there were 429,396 people signing on the Live Register in January 2013. This represents an annual decrease of 10,193 (-2.3%). *See table 1a.*

Other features include:

- ◆ On a seasonally adjusted basis the Live Register showed a monthly decrease of 1,500 males in January 2013, while females increased by 600 over the same period. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The number of male claimants decreased by 10,266 (-3.6%) to 273,627 over the year and female claimants increased slightly by 73 to 155,769. This compares with a decrease of 8,110 (-2.8%) to 283,893 for males and an increase of 5,022 (+3.3%) to 155,696 for females in the year to January 2012. *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 2012 was 324,500.

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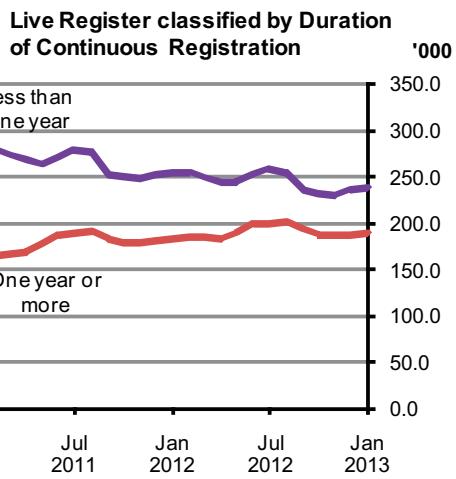
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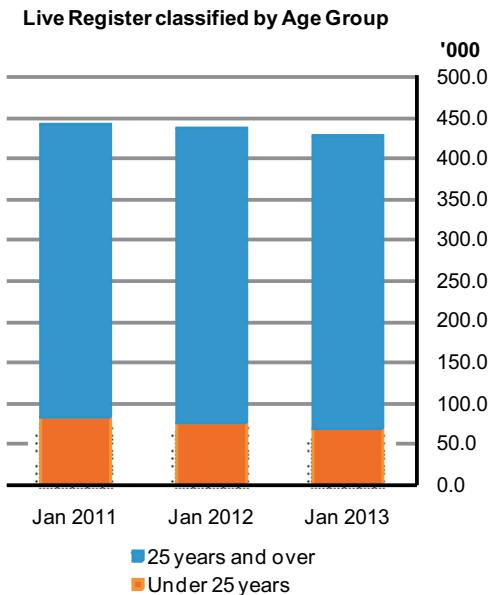
Live Register duration of continuous registration

The number of long term claimants on the Live Register in January 2013 was 189,857. The number of male long term claimants increased by 922 (+0.7%) in the year to January 2013, while the comparable increase for females was 5,086 (+10.0%) giving an overall annual increase of 6,008 (+3.3%) in the number of long term claimants. *See table 7 and graph opposite.*

In January 55.8% (239,539) of all claimants on the Live Register were short term claimants. The comparable figure for January 2012 was 58.2% (255,740). The annual fall of 16,201 (-6.3%) in the number of short term claimants consisted of a decrease of 11,188 (-7.4%) in the number of male short term claimants and a decrease of 5,013 (-4.8%) in female short term claimants.

Live Register casual and part-time workers

There were 87,924 casual and part-time workers on the Live Register in January, which represents 20.5% of the total Live Register. This compares with 19.8% one year earlier when there were 87,029 casual and part-time workers on the Live Register. In the year to January 2013 the number of casual and part-time workers increased by 895 (+1.0%), with the number of males increasing by 1,573 (+3.4%) and the number of females decreasing by 678 (-1.7%). *See table 8.*



Live Register age groups

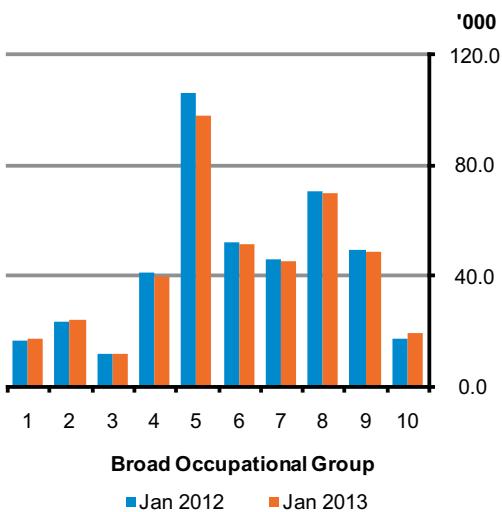
In the year to January 2013 the number of persons aged 25 and over on the Live Register decreased by 3,212 (-0.9%), and the number of persons aged under 25 decreased by 6,981 (-9.3%). Annual decreases in persons aged under 25 have occurred in all months since July 2010. The percentage of persons aged under 25 on the Live Register now stands at 15.9% for January 2013, down from 17.1% in January 2012 and 18.6% in January 2011. *See tables 1b and 1c and graph opposite.*

Live Register new registrants

There were 37,516 new registrants on the Live Register in January 2013, consisting of 18,781 JB claims, 16,811 JA claims and 1,924 'Other Registrants'. Males accounted for 54.9% (20,579) and females 45.1% (16,937) of all new registrants. On average 5,145 male and 4,234 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 December 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 2.3% in the number of people on the Live Register in January 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 308,846 in January 2013, while Jobseeker's Benefit (JB) claimants decreased to 86,728 (-16.9%) over the same period. As a result JA claimants account for 71.9% of all persons on the Live Register in January 2013 compared with 69.2% 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 (-4.5%). The only percentage increase occurred in the Midland region (+0.3%). *See table 5.*
- ◆ Craft and related (22.8%) 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 8,759 (-8.2%) to 97,932. The second largest annual percentage decrease was in the *Clerical and secretarial* group (-3.2%). *See table 6 and graph opposite.*
- ◆ In January Irish nationals accounted for 82.2% (352,954) of the number of persons on the Live Register. Of the 76,442 non-Irish nationals, the largest constituent group on the Live Register was nationals from the EU15 to EU27 States (42,004), followed by the UK (16,934). *See table 9.*
- ◆ A further compositional analysis of the Live Register is now available. *See table 10.*

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	January 2012	December 2012	January 2013	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	55,964	44,433	46,110	+ 1,677	- 9,854
JA Applications	216,706	213,554	215,478	+ 1,924	- 1,228
Other Registrants	11,223	11,899	12,039	+ 140	+ 816
Total	283,893	269,886	273,627	+ 3,741	- 10,266
Females					
JB Claims	48,369	40,158	40,618	+ 460	- 7,751
JA Applications	87,494	92,080	93,368	+ 1,288	+ 5,874
Other Registrants	19,833	21,609	21,783	+ 174	+ 1,950
Total	155,696	153,847	155,769	+ 1,922	+ 73
All Persons					
JB Claims	104,333	84,591	86,728	+ 2,137	- 17,605
JA Applications	304,200	305,634	308,846	+ 3,212	+ 4,646
Other Registrants	31,056	33,508	33,822	+ 314	+ 2,766
Total	439,589	423,733	429,396	+ 5,663	- 10,193

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

Category	January 2012	December 2012	January 2013	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	4,442	2,889	3,103	+ 214	- 1,339
JA Applications	41,961	37,784	38,273	+ 489	- 3,688
Other Registrants	102	83	88	+ 5	- 14
Total	46,505	40,756	41,464	+ 708	- 5,041
Females					
JB Claims	4,064	2,625	2,875	+ 250	- 1,189
JA Applications	24,555	23,350	23,798	+ 448	- 757
Other Registrants	221	213	227	+ 14	+ 6
Total	28,840	26,188	26,900	+ 712	- 1,940
All Persons					
JB Claims	8,506	5,514	5,978	+ 464	- 2,528
JA Applications	66,516	61,134	62,071	+ 937	- 4,445
Other Registrants	323	296	315	+ 19	- 8
Total	75,345	66,944	68,364	+ 1,420	- 6,981

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

Category	January 2012	December 2012	January 2013	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	51,522	41,544	43,007	+ 1,463	- 8,515
JA Applications	174,745	175,770	177,205	+ 1,435	+ 2,460
Other Registrants	11,121	11,816	11,951	+ 135	+ 830
Total	237,388	229,130	232,163	+ 3,033	- 5,225
Females					
JB Claims	44,305	37,533	37,743	+ 210	- 6,562
JA Applications	62,939	68,730	69,570	+ 840	+ 6,631
Other Registrants	19,612	21,396	21,556	+ 160	+ 1,944
Total	126,856	127,659	128,869	+ 1,210	+ 2,013
All Persons					
JB Claims	95,827	79,077	80,750	+ 1,673	- 15,077
JA Applications	237,684	244,500	246,775	+ 2,275	+ 9,091
Other Registrants	30,733	33,212	33,507	+ 295	+ 2,774
Total	364,244	356,789	361,032	+ 4,243	- 3,212

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	
2011	January	292,000	150,700	442,700	288,800	153,500	442,300
	February	291,800	152,500	444,300	287,800	154,300	442,100
	March	290,200	151,000	441,200	289,000	155,400	444,400
	April	286,700	152,800	439,600	287,000	155,700	442,600
	May	288,300	152,700	440,900	289,000	155,800	444,800
	June	296,100	161,800	457,900	289,700	156,200	445,900
	July	297,800	172,500	470,300	289,500	157,600	447,000
	August	296,900	172,900	469,700	289,100	160,000	449,100
	September	282,000	155,500	437,400	286,900	156,800	443,600
	October	277,600	152,800	430,400	286,900	158,200	445,100
	November	276,500	153,000	429,600	286,000	159,900	445,800
	December	279,700	155,100	434,800	283,100	159,400	442,500
2012	January	283,900	155,700	439,600	281,600	158,400	440,000
	February	283,500	156,000	439,400	280,700	157,900	438,600
	March	280,200	153,800	434,100	279,300	157,200	436,500
	April	277,400	152,600	430,000	279,600	157,000	436,600
	May	278,800	154,100	432,900	279,700	157,500	437,200
	June	286,700	165,300	452,000	280,200	159,500	439,700
	July	287,800	172,500	460,300	279,400	157,700	437,000
	August	286,600	169,600	456,300	278,600	157,000	435,600
	September	273,800	155,500	429,300	278,000	157,000	435,000
	October	268,500	151,600	420,200	276,800	157,000	433,800
	November	266,400	150,900	417,300	275,000	157,300	432,400
	December	269,900	153,800	423,700	273,200	157,800	431,000
2013	January	273,600	155,800	429,400	271,700	158,400	430,100

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	
2011	January	52,200	30,000	82,200	52,600	31,300	83,900
	February	51,900	30,200	82,100	51,900	31,200	83,100
	March	51,500	29,800	81,400	51,800	31,500	83,300
	April	49,900	29,500	79,400	51,500	31,400	82,800
	May	50,400	30,500	81,000	51,200	31,400	82,700
	June	53,300	33,700	87,000	50,900	31,200	82,100
	July	53,900	35,400	89,300	50,500	31,200	81,700
	August	53,300	35,500	88,800	49,900	31,200	81,100
	September	49,200	31,700	80,900	49,000	30,900	79,900
	October	47,400	30,300	77,700	49,100	31,100	80,100
	November	46,200	29,400	75,600	48,600	31,300	80,000
	December	45,900	28,500	74,300	47,400	30,600	78,000
2012	January	46,500	28,800	75,300	47,000	30,100	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	45,500	29,100	74,600
	May	44,500	28,200	72,600	45,300	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	44,600	28,500	73,200
	September	44,400	29,300	73,700	44,200	28,500	72,600
	October	42,200	27,700	69,900	43,600	28,300	71,900
	November	40,700	26,500	67,200	42,800	28,200	71,000
	December	40,800	26,200	66,900	42,300	28,100	70,400
2013	January	41,500	26,900	68,400	41,900	28,100	70,000

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	
2011	January	239,800	120,700	360,400	236,200	122,200	358,400
	February	240,000	122,300	362,200	235,900	123,000	359,000
	March	238,700	121,100	359,800	237,200	123,900	361,000
	April	236,800	123,400	360,200	235,500	124,300	359,800
	May	237,900	122,100	360,000	237,800	124,400	362,200
	June	242,800	128,100	370,900	238,800	125,000	363,800
	July	243,800	137,100	381,000	238,900	126,300	365,300
	August	243,600	137,400	380,900	239,200	128,800	368,000
	September	232,800	123,700	356,600	237,800	125,900	363,700
	October	230,200	122,500	352,700	237,800	127,200	365,000
	November	230,300	123,700	354,000	237,400	128,500	365,900
	December	233,800	126,600	360,400	235,700	128,800	364,500
2012	January	237,400	126,900	364,200	234,600	128,300	362,900
	February	237,200	127,200	364,500	234,300	128,100	362,400
	March	235,100	126,000	361,100	233,500	127,900	361,400
	April	233,500	125,600	359,100	234,100	127,900	362,000
	May	234,300	126,000	360,300	234,400	128,400	362,900
	June	239,100	133,800	372,900	234,900	130,500	365,300
	July	239,700	139,900	379,600	234,500	128,900	363,400
	August	238,800	137,100	375,900	233,900	128,500	362,400
	September	229,400	126,300	355,600	233,800	128,600	362,400
	October	226,300	123,900	350,300	233,200	128,700	362,000
	November	225,700	124,500	350,100	232,200	129,100	361,400
	December	229,100	127,700	356,800	230,900	129,700	360,600
2013	January	232,200	128,900	361,000	229,800	130,300	360,100

¹ Table contains revised figures.

Table 3 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates (SUR)¹

Month	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
	%	%	%	%	%	%
January	4.9	9.5	13.1	14.5	14.9	14.6
February ²	5.0	10.2	13.0	14.3	15.0	
March	5.3	10.9	13.2	14.4	14.9	
April	5.4	11.5	13.5	14.4	14.9	
May ²	5.7	12.1	13.8	14.5	14.9	
June	6.0	12.3	13.7	14.6	14.9	
July	6.5	12.5	13.8	14.7	14.8	
August ²	6.9	12.6	13.9	14.9	14.8 ³	
September	7.2	12.9	14.3	14.7	14.8	
October	7.7	13.0	14.5	14.7	14.7	
November ²	8.1	13.0	14.7	14.8	14.6	
December	8.6	13.0	14.6	14.8	14.6	
Annual average	6.4	12.0	13.8	14.6	14.8	

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: July -Sept 2012, 14.8%.

Table 4 Summary of flows¹ on and off the Live Register

		Number of Weeks	Males				Females			
			Live Register	New Registrations	Outflow (derived)	Average Weekly Change	Live Register	New Registrations	Outflow (derived)	Average Weekly Change
JB Claims										
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
	September	4	44,251	6,226	9,205	- 745	39,412	5,752	13,164	- 1,853
	October	4	43,519	7,258	7,990	- 183	38,099	5,850	7,163	- 328
	November	5	43,211	9,493	9,801	- 62	38,109	10,073	10,063	+ 2
	December	4	44,433	6,217	4,995	+ 306	40,158	6,156	4,107	+ 512
2013	January	4	46,110	9,459	7,782	+ 419	40,618	9,322	8,862	+ 115
JA Applications										
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
	September	4	217,633	11,798	21,416	- 2,405	94,578	7,474	13,431	- 1,489
	October	4	213,313	11,666	15,986	- 1,080	92,280	7,001	9,299	- 575
	November	5	211,367	13,524	15,470	- 389	91,463	8,166	8,983	- 163
	December	4	213,554	8,456	6,269	+ 547	92,080	4,734	4,117	+ 154
2013	January	4	215,478	10,433	8,509	+ 481	93,368	6,378	5,090	+ 322
Other Registrants										
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
	September	4	11,905	493	732	- 60	21,556	976	1,692	- 179
	October	4	11,713	557	749	- 48	21,248	937	1,245	- 77
	November	5	11,792	733	654	+ 16	21,335	1,403	1,316	+ 17
	December	4	11,899	467	360	+ 27	21,609	799	525	+ 69
2013	January	4	12,039	687	547	+ 35	21,783	1,237	1,063	+ 44

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	January 2012	December 2012	January 2013	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland and Western	86,683	82,951	83,842	+ 891	- 2,841	13,337	70,505
Border	39,810	37,832	38,214	+ 382	- 1,596	6,363	31,851
Midland	21,683	21,080	21,327	+ 247	- 356	3,349	17,978
West	25,190	24,039	24,301	+ 262	- 889	3,625	20,676
Southern and Eastern	197,210	186,935	189,785	+ 2,850	- 7,425	28,127	161,658
Dublin	68,579	65,769	66,940	+ 1,171	- 1,639	10,260	56,680
Mid-East	27,208	25,633	26,013	+ 380	- 1,195	3,820	22,193
Mid-West	24,465	22,964	23,140	+ 176	- 1,325	3,527	19,613
South-East	37,483	35,954	36,275	+ 321	- 1,208	5,674	30,601
South-West	39,475	36,615	37,417	+ 802	- 2,058	4,846	32,571
Total	283,893	269,886	273,627	+ 3,741	- 10,266	41,464	232,163
Females							
Border, Midland and Western	49,058	49,070	49,481	+ 411	+ 423	8,929	40,552
Border	22,286	21,863	22,154	+ 291	- 132	4,063	18,091
Midland	11,872	12,253	12,312	+ 59	+ 440	2,451	9,861
West	14,900	14,954	15,015	+ 61	+ 115	2,415	12,600
Southern and Eastern	106,638	104,777	106,288	+ 1,511	- 350	17,971	88,317
Dublin	35,059	34,555	35,301	+ 746	+ 242	6,132	29,169
Mid-East	15,214	15,194	15,306	+ 112	+ 92	2,438	12,868
Mid-West	14,035	13,564	13,642	+ 78	- 393	2,369	11,273
South-East	20,271	20,070	20,278	+ 208	+ 7	3,713	16,565
South-West	22,059	21,394	21,761	+ 367	- 298	3,319	18,442
Total	155,696	153,847	155,769	+ 1,922	+ 73	26,900	128,869
All Persons							
Border, Midland and Western	135,741	132,021	133,323	+ 1,302	- 2,418	22,266	111,057
Border	62,096	59,695	60,368	+ 673	- 1,728	10,426	49,942
Midland	33,555	33,333	33,639	+ 306	+ 84	5,800	27,839
West	40,090	38,993	39,316	+ 323	- 774	6,040	33,276
Southern and Eastern	303,848	291,712	296,073	+ 4,361	- 7,775	46,098	249,975
Dublin	103,638	100,324	102,241	+ 1,917	- 1,397	16,392	85,849
Mid-East	42,422	40,827	41,319	+ 492	- 1,103	6,258	35,061
Mid-West	38,500	36,528	36,782	+ 254	- 1,718	5,896	30,886
South-East	57,754	56,024	56,553	+ 529	- 1,201	9,387	47,166
South-West	61,534	58,009	59,178	+ 1,169	- 2,356	8,165	51,013
Total	439,589	423,733	429,396	+ 5,663	- 10,193	68,364	361,032

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	January 2012	December 2012	January 2013	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Managers and administrators	10,117	10,069	10,344	+ 275	+ 227	408	9,936
Professional	11,704	11,401	11,394	- 7	- 310	1,018	10,376
Associate professional and technical	7,152	6,952	7,014	+ 62	- 138	889	6,125
Clerical and secretarial	11,470	11,155	11,239	+ 84	- 231	1,468	9,771
Craft and related	99,184	89,840	90,402	+ 562	- 8,782	9,257	81,145
Personal and protective service	18,899	18,271	18,711	+ 440	- 188	2,830	15,881
Sales	17,702	17,154	17,799	+ 645	+ 97	5,273	12,526
Plant and machine operatives	55,630	53,421	54,526	+ 1,105	- 1,104	6,996	47,530
Other occupation	40,506	39,113	39,452	+ 339	- 1,054	7,546	31,906
No occupation ¹	11,529	12,510	12,746	+ 236	+ 1,217	5,779	6,967
Total	283,893	269,886	273,627	+ 3,741	- 10,266	41,464	232,163
Females							
Managers and administrators	6,823	6,898	7,324	+ 426	+ 501	220	7,104
Professional	12,470	13,285	13,059	- 226	+ 589	1,014	12,045
Associate professional and technical	5,232	5,231	5,312	+ 81	+ 80	518	4,794
Clerical and secretarial	30,444	29,781	29,318	- 463	- 1,126	1,948	27,370
Craft and related	7,507	7,368	7,530	+ 162	+ 23	1,124	6,406
Personal and protective service	33,463	32,562	33,078	+ 516	- 385	6,437	26,641
Sales	28,561	26,895	27,729	+ 834	- 832	6,788	20,941
Plant and machine operatives	15,336	15,043	15,448	+ 405	+ 112	2,462	12,986
Other occupation	9,448	9,593	9,659	+ 66	+ 211	2,842	6,817
No occupation ¹	6,412	7,191	7,312	+ 121	+ 900	3,547	3,765
Total	155,696	153,847	155,769	+ 1,922	+ 73	26,900	128,869
All Persons							
Managers and administrators	16,940	16,967	17,668	+ 701	+ 728	628	17,040
Professional	24,174	24,686	24,453	- 233	+ 279	2,032	22,421
Associate professional and technical	12,384	12,183	12,326	+ 143	- 58	1,407	10,919
Clerical and secretarial	41,914	40,936	40,557	- 379	- 1,357	3,416	37,141
Craft and related	106,691	97,208	97,932	+ 724	- 8,759	10,381	87,551
Personal and protective service	52,362	50,833	51,789	+ 956	- 573	9,267	42,522
Sales	46,263	44,049	45,528	+ 1,479	- 735	12,061	33,467
Plant and machine operatives	70,966	68,464	69,974	+ 1,510	- 992	9,458	60,516
Other occupation	49,954	48,706	49,111	+ 405	- 843	10,388	38,723
No occupation ¹	17,941	19,701	20,058	+ 357	+ 2,117	9,326	10,732
Total	439,589	423,733	429,396	+ 5,663	- 10,193	68,364	361,032

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	January 2012	December 2012	January 2013	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Less than one year	150,993	137,686	139,805	+ 2,119	- 11,188	25,552	114,253
One year or more	132,900	132,200	133,822	+ 1,622	+ 922	15,912	117,910
Total	283,893	269,886	273,627	+ 3,741	- 10,266	41,464	232,163
Females							
Less than one year	104,747	98,903	99,734	+ 831	- 5,013	18,723	81,011
One year or more	50,949	54,944	56,035	+ 1,091	+ 5,086	8,177	47,858
Total	155,696	153,847	155,769	+ 1,922	+ 73	26,900	128,869
All Persons							
Less than one year	255,740	236,589	239,539	+ 2,950	- 16,201	44,275	195,264
One year or more	183,849	187,144	189,857	+ 2,713	+ 6,008	24,089	165,768
Total	439,589	423,733	429,396	+ 5,663	- 10,193	68,364	361,032

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

		Males	Monthly change	Females	Monthly change	All Persons	Monthly change
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
	September	46,643	- 926	38,447	- 1,138	85,090	- 2,064
	October	46,829	+ 186	38,834	+ 387	85,663	+ 573
	November	47,695	+ 866	39,786	+ 952	87,481	+ 1,818
	December	48,082	+ 387	39,987	+ 201	88,069	+ 588
2013	January	47,829	- 253	40,095	+ 108	87,924	- 145

Table 9 Persons on the Live Register classified by nationality grouping

		Nationality grouping						All Persons	
		Non-Irish nationals			Non-Irish nationals	Irish nationals			
		United Kingdom	EU15 excl. Irl. & UK	EU15 to EU27 States	Other				
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	
	September	17,135	3,525	39,335	14,324	74,319	355,016	429,335	
	October	16,767	3,477	39,347	13,906	73,497	346,675	420,172	
	November	16,695	3,530	39,935	13,588	73,748	343,529	417,277	
	December	16,806	3,575	40,491	13,667	74,539	349,194	423,733	
2013	January	16,934	3,743	42,004	13,761	76,442	352,954	429,396	

Table 10 Live Register Compositional Analysis

	January 2010		January 2011		January 2012		January 2013	
	Number	% of total						
Sex								
Males	291,648	66.7	292,003	66.0	283,893	64.6	273,627	63.7
Females	145,288	33.3	150,674	34.0	155,696	35.4	155,769	36.3
Total	436,936	100.0	442,677	100.0	439,589	100.0	429,396	100.0
Age								
Under 25 years	85,910	19.7	82,237	18.6	75,345	17.1	68,364	15.9
25 years and over	351,026	80.3	360,440	81.4	364,244	82.9	361,032	84.1
Total	436,936	100.0	442,677	100.0	439,589	100.0	429,396	100.0
Scheme								
JB Claims	167,848	38.4	125,696	28.4	104,333	23.7	86,728	20.2
JA Applications	249,136	57.0	289,583	65.4	304,200	69.2	308,846	71.9
Other Registrants	19,952	4.6	27,398	6.2	31,056	7.1	33,822	7.9
Total	436,936	100.0	442,677	100.0	439,589	100.0	429,396	100.0
Duration of Continuous Registration								
Less than one year	333,979	76.4	282,123	63.7	255,740	58.2	239,539	55.8
One year or more	102,957	23.6	160,554	36.3	183,849	41.8	189,857	44.2
Total	436,936	100.0	442,677	100.0	439,589	100.0	429,396	100.0
Nationality Grouping								
Irish Nationals	355,541	81.4	364,150	82.3	361,438	82.2	352,954	82.2
Non-Irish Nationals	81,395	18.6	78,527	17.7	78,151	17.8	76,442	17.8
Total	436,936	100.0	442,677	100.0	439,589	100.0	429,396	100.0
NUTS2 Regions¹								
Border, Midland and Western	134,317	30.7	137,085	31.0	135,741	30.9	133,323	31.0
Southern and Eastern	302,619	69.3	305,592	69.0	303,848	69.1	296,073	69.0
Total	436,936	100.0	442,677	100.0	439,589	100.0	429,396	100.0
Last Held Occupation								
Managers and administrators	18,281	4.2	17,132	3.9	16,940	3.9	17,668	4.1
Professional	25,218	5.8	24,318	5.5	24,174	5.5	24,453	5.7
Associate professional and technical	13,144	3.0	13,040	2.9	12,384	2.8	12,326	2.9
Clerical and secretarial	43,530	10.0	42,202	9.5	41,914	9.5	40,557	9.4
Craft and related	119,534	27.4	115,351	26.1	106,691	24.3	97,932	22.8
Personal and protective service	47,520	10.9	50,876	11.5	52,362	11.9	51,789	12.1
Sales	41,831	9.6	44,313	10.0	46,263	10.5	45,528	10.6
Plant and machine operatives	70,478	16.1	70,802	16.0	70,966	16.1	69,974	16.3
Other occupation	45,406	10.4	49,874	11.3	49,954	11.4	49,111	11.4
No occupation ²	11,994	2.7	14,769	3.3	17,941	4.1	20,058	4.7
Total	436,936	100.0	442,677	100.0	439,589	100.0	429,396	100.0
Casual Status								
No casual and part-time work	360,073	82.4	359,445	81.2	352,560	80.2	341,472	79.5
Casual and part-time work	76,863	17.6	83,232	18.8	87,029	19.8	87,924	20.5
Total	436,936	100.0	442,677	100.0	439,589	100.0	429,396	100.0

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

² Includes those who never worked and those who have no stated occupation.

Annex - Activation Programmes

The table below contains the end of December 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 83,470 people availing of these programmes in December 2012, which is an increase of 2,163 (+2.7%) from the previous year, when there were 81,307 people in activation programmes.

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

Live Register Activation Programmes

	December 2011	November 2012	December 2012
Back to Work Schemes			
Back to Work allowance scheme - Employee strand ¹	182	21	18
Back to Work Enterprise allowance scheme -self employed strand	10,751	10,884	10,811
Short-term Enterprise Allowance ²	1,294	1,138	1,066
Total Back to Work payments	12,227	12,043	11,895
Other Activation Programmes			
DSP Part-time Job Incentive	190	215	215
TUS - Community Work Placement Initiative (2011)	2,103	4,522	4,543
JobBridge (2011)	3,507	5,503	5,532
Total Other Activation Programmes	5,800	10,240	10,290
Community Employment Schemes (excluding Supervisors)			
	22,589	21,102	21,081
FAS Full Time Training for Unemployed People³			
	9,991	9,857	9,318
Back to Education Courses			
Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme (VTOS) ⁴	N/A	N/A	N/A
Back to Education Allowance (BTEA) ⁵	25,700	25,819	25,886
Total Back to Education Courses	30,700	30,819	30,886
Total Activation Programmes	81,307	84,061	83,470

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 of persons under 65 years of age in the following classes:

- ◆ All Claimants for Jobseekers Benefit (JB) excluding systematic short-time workers
- ◆ Applicants for Jobseekers 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 2013 – 29th December 2012 to 25th January 2013
 January 2012 – 31st December 2011 to 27th January 2012

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 Jobseekers Allowance and or Jobseekers 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 2012 (adjusted for seasonality) are:

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	%	%	%	%
2007	4.5	4.7	4.6	4.9
2008	5.0	5.7	6.9	8.1
2009	10.2	12.1	12.6	13.0
2010	13.0	13.8	13.9	14.7
2011	14.3	14.5	14.9	14.8
2012	15.0	14.9	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 LiveRegister 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 claim).

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 Local 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 Detailed tables relating to regional and scheme data are available on the CSO website through the CSO Main Data Dissemination Service, StatBank on a bi-annual basis, at the following link:

<http://cso.ie/shorturl.aspx/142>

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 at the link:

<http://cso.ie/shorturl.aspx/39>

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