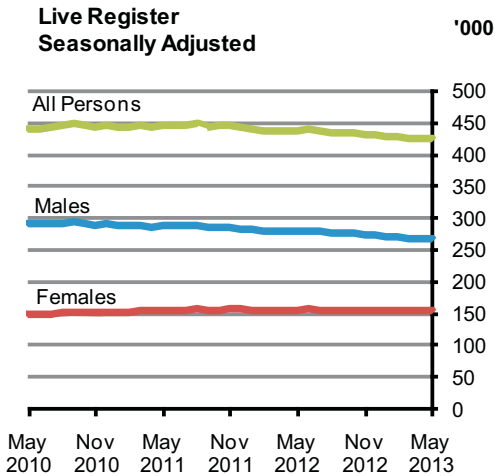




Live Register May 2013



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted	Standardised Unemployment Rate (SUR)%
May 2012	432,907	437,100	14.9
April 2013	417,593	426,800	13.7
May 2013	421,737	426,100	13.7
			Percentage Points
Change in month	-	- 700	0.0
Change in year	- 11,170	-	- 1.2

Seasonally adjusted Live Register stands at 426,100 in May

On a seasonally adjusted basis the Live Register total recorded a monthly decrease of 700 in May 2013, bringing the seasonally adjusted total to 426,100. *See table 2a.*

In unadjusted terms there were 421,737 people signing on the Live Register in May 2013. This represents an annual decrease of 11,170 (-2.6%). *See table 1a.*

The standardised unemployment rate (SUR) in May 2013 was 13.7%, unchanged from the revised April 2013 rate. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate from the most recent Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) was 13.7% in the first quarter of 2013. *See table 3.*

Other features include:

- ◆ On a seasonally adjusted basis the Live Register showed a monthly decrease of 700 males in May 2013, while females saw no change over the same period. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The number of male claimants decreased by 11,842 (-4.2%) to 266,921 over the year while female claimants showed little change increasing slightly by 672 to 154,816. This compares with a decrease of 9,527 (-3.3%) to 278,763 for males and an increase of 1,487 (+1.0%) to 154,144 for females in the year to May 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 (JB) or Jobseeker's Allowance (JA). Unemployment is measured by the Quarterly National Household Survey and the latest estimated number of persons unemployed as of the first quarter of 2013 was 292,000.

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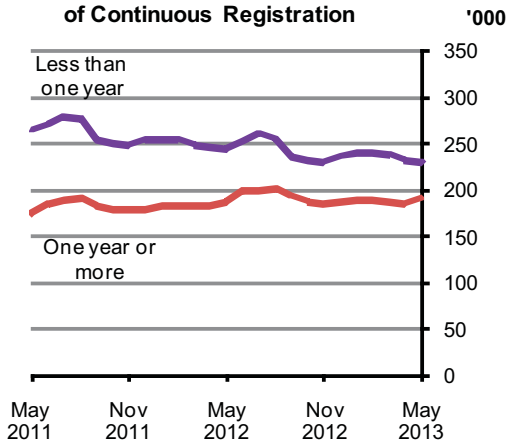
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Live Register classified by Duration of Continuous Registration



Live Register duration of continuous registration

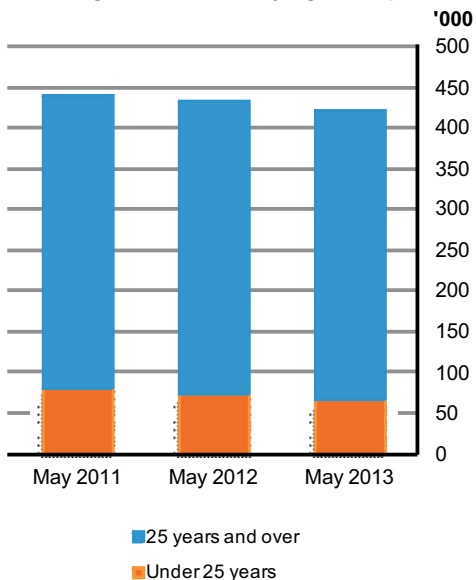
The number of long term claimants on the Live Register in May 2013 was 191,997. The number of male long term claimants decreased by 1,176 (-0.9%) in the year to May 2013, while females increased by 4,444 (+8.3%) giving an overall annual increase of 3,268 (+1.7%) in the number of long term claimants. *See table 7 and graph opposite.*

In May 54.5% (229,740) of all claimants on the Live Register were short term claimants. The comparable figure for May 2012 was 56.4% (244,178). The annual fall of 14,438 (-5.9%) in the number of short term claimants consisted of a decrease of 10,666 (-7.4%) in the number of male short term claimants and a decrease of 3,772 (-3.8%) in female short term claimants.

Live Register casual and part-time workers

There were 87,943 casual and part-time workers on the Live Register in May 2013, which represents 20.9% of the total Live Register. This compares with 20.3% one year earlier when there were 88,064 casual and part-time workers on the Live Register. In the year to May 2013 the number of casual and part-time workers decreased by 121 (-0.1%), with the number of males increasing by 469 (+1.0%) and the number of females decreasing by 590 (-1.5%). *See table 8.*

Live Register classified by Age Group



Live Register age groups

In the year to May 2013 the number of persons aged 25 and over on the Live Register decreased by 5,833 (-1.6%), and the number of persons aged under 25 decreased by 5,337 (-7.3%). 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 16.0% for May 2013, down from 16.8% in May 2012 and 18.4% in May 2011. *See tables 1b and 1c and graph opposite.*

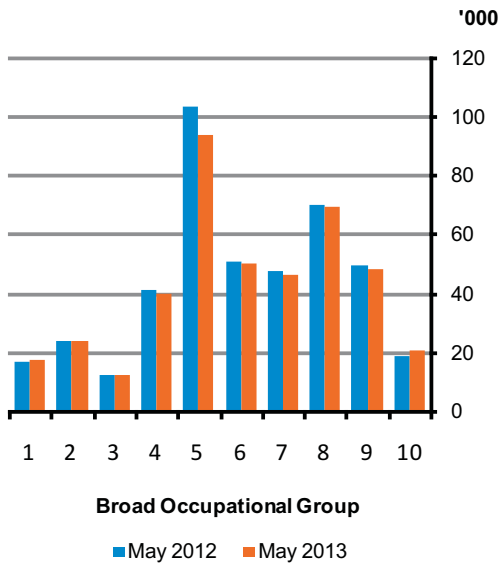
Live Register new registrants

There were 35,089 new registrants on the Live Register in May 2013, consisting of 12,847 JB claims, 20,751 JA claims and 1,491 'Other Registrants'. Males accounted for 55.5% (19,458) and females 44.5% (15,631) of all new registrants. On average 3,892 male and 3,126 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.*

As of 3 April 2013, JB can be paid for a maximum of 9 months (234 days) to people who have 260 paid PRSI contributions. JB can be paid for a maximum of 6 months (156 days) to people who have less than 260 paid contributions (Refers to new claims). Claimants getting JB for 6 months or more on 3 April 2013 (or 3 months for people with fewer than 260 contributions) will not be affected.

Data on Activation Programmes for April 2013 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 2.6% in the number of people on the Live Register in May the main other points which can be noted include:

- ◆ An annual increase of 1.6% brought the total number of JA claimants to 310,784 in May 2013, while JB claimants decreased to 77,016 (-18.1%) over the same period. As a result JA claimants account for 73.7% of all persons on the Live Register in May 2013 compared with 70.7% a year earlier. *See table 1a.*
- ◆ Annual decreases occurred in seven of the eight NUTS 3 regions with the largest percentage decrease in the South-West region (-5.1%). The only percentage increase occurred in the Midland region (+1.6%). *See table 5.*
- ◆ Craft and related (22.3%) remained the largest occupational group on the Live Register in May, despite the fact that the number in the group fell over the year by 9,599 (-9.3%) to 93,940. The second largest annual percentage decrease was in the *Clerical and secretarial* group (-3.0%). *See table 6 and graph opposite.*
- ◆ In May Irish nationals accounted for 82.5% (347,905) of the number of persons on the Live Register. Of the 73,832 non-Irish nationals, the largest constituent group on the Live Register was nationals from the EU15 to EU27 States (40,858), followed by the UK (16,187). *See table 9*
- ◆ A further compositional analysis of the Live Register is also 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	May 2012	April 2013	May 2013	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	50,379	41,678	40,116	- 1,562	- 10,263
JA Applications	216,412	211,102	214,641	+ 3,539	- 1,771
Other Registrants	11,972	12,237	12,164	- 73	+ 192
Total	278,763	265,017	266,921	+ 1,904	- 11,842
Females					
JB Claims	43,610	38,058	36,900	- 1,158	- 6,710
JA Applications	89,579	92,668	96,143	+ 3,475	+ 6,564
Other Registrants	20,955	21,850	21,773	- 77	+ 818
Total	154,144	152,576	154,816	+ 2,240	+ 672
All Persons					
JB Claims	93,989	79,736	77,016	- 2,720	- 16,973
JA Applications	305,991	303,770	310,784	+ 7,014	+ 4,793
Other Registrants	32,927	34,087	33,937	- 150	+ 1,010
Total	432,907	417,593	421,737	+ 4,144	- 11,170

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

Category	May 2012	April 2013	May 2013	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	3,878	2,753	2,659	- 94	- 1,219
JA Applications	40,479	36,509	37,604	+ 1,095	- 2,875
Other Registrants	113	99	100	+ 1	- 13
Total	44,470	39,361	40,363	+ 1,002	- 4,107
Females					
JB Claims	3,467	2,546	2,496	- 50	- 971
JA Applications	24,459	22,843	24,225	+ 1,382	- 234
Other Registrants	227	210	202	- 8	- 25
Total	28,153	25,599	26,923	+ 1,324	- 1,230
All Persons					
JB Claims	7,345	5,299	5,155	- 144	- 2,190
JA Applications	64,938	59,352	61,829	+ 2,477	- 3,109
Other Registrants	340	309	302	- 7	- 38
Total	72,623	64,960	67,286	+ 2,326	- 5,337

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

Category	May 2012	April 2013	May 2013	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	46,501	38,925	37,457	- 1,468	- 9,044
JA Applications	175,933	174,593	177,037	+ 2,444	+ 1,104
Other Registrants	11,859	12,138	12,064	- 74	+ 205
Total	234,293	225,656	226,558	+ 902	- 7,735
Females					
JB Claims	40,143	35,512	34,404	- 1,108	- 5,739
JA Applications	65,120	69,825	71,918	+ 2,093	+ 6,798
Other Registrants	20,728	21,640	21,571	- 69	+ 843
Total	125,991	126,977	127,893	+ 916	+ 1,902
All Persons					
JB Claims	86,644	74,437	71,861	- 2,576	- 14,783
JA Applications	241,053	244,418	248,955	+ 4,537	+ 7,902
Other Registrants	32,587	33,778	33,635	- 143	+ 1,048
Total	360,284	352,633	354,451	+ 1,818	- 5,833

See StatBank Table LRM01.

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	May	288,300	152,700	440,900	288,900	155,800	444,800
	June	296,100	161,800	457,900	289,500	156,100	445,700
	July	297,800	172,500	470,300	289,200	157,600	446,800
	August	296,900	172,900	469,700	288,900	160,100	448,900
	September	282,000	155,500	437,400	286,600	156,700	443,200
	October	277,600	152,800	430,400	286,700	158,300	445,000
	November	276,500	153,000	429,600	285,900	159,900	445,800
	December	279,700	155,100	434,800	283,200	159,400	442,500
2012	January	283,900	155,700	439,600	281,900	158,300	440,200
	February	283,500	156,000	439,400	281,000	158,000	439,000
	March	280,200	153,800	434,100	280,100	157,100	437,200
	April	277,400	152,600	430,000	279,800	157,000	436,800
	May	278,800	154,100	432,900	279,600	157,500	437,100
	June	286,700	165,300	452,000	279,900	159,400	439,300
	July	287,800	172,500	460,300	279,000	157,700	436,700
	August	286,600	169,600	456,300	278,200	157,100	435,300
	September	273,800	155,500	429,300	277,600	157,100	434,700
	October	268,500	151,600	420,200	276,500	157,200	433,700
	November	266,400	150,900	417,300	274,900	157,400	432,300
	December	269,900	153,800	423,700	273,200	157,800	431,000
2013	January	273,600	155,800	429,400	272,000	158,200	430,300
	February	272,900	156,000	428,900	270,900	158,100	428,900
	March	269,000	156,100	425,100	268,800	158,200	427,000
	April	265,000	152,600	417,600	268,600	158,200	426,800
	May	266,900	154,800	421,700	267,900	158,200	426,100

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	May	50,400	30,500	81,000	51,200	31,400	82,700
	June	53,300	33,700	87,000	50,900	31,200	82,000
	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	48,900	30,700	79,600
	October	47,400	30,300	77,700	49,000	31,100	80,100
	November	46,200	29,400	75,600	48,600	31,300	79,900
	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	77,200
	February	46,200	28,700	74,900	46,500	29,800	76,300
	March	45,200	27,800	73,000	46,000	29,400	75,300
	April	43,900	27,000	70,900	45,600	29,100	74,800
	May	44,500	28,200	72,600	45,300	29,000	74,300
	June	47,600	31,500	79,100	45,200	29,100	74,300
	July	48,100	32,600	80,700	44,800	28,800	73,600
	August	47,900	32,500	80,400	44,500	28,500	73,100
	September	44,400	29,300	73,700	44,100	28,400	72,400
	October	42,200	27,700	69,900	43,500	28,300	71,800
	November	40,700	26,500	67,200	42,800	28,200	70,900
	December	40,800	26,200	66,900	42,200	28,100	70,400
2013	January	41,500	26,900	68,400	42,000	28,100	70,100
	February	41,400	27,000	68,400	41,700	28,000	69,700
	March	40,300	26,200	66,600	41,200	27,700	68,900
	April	39,400	25,600	65,000	41,100	27,800	68,900
	May	40,400	26,900	67,300	41,100	27,800	68,900

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	May	237,900	122,100	360,000	237,700	124,400	362,100
	June	242,800	128,100	370,900	238,700	125,000	363,600
	July	243,800	137,100	381,000	238,800	126,300	365,100
	August	243,600	137,400	380,900	239,000	128,900	367,900
	September	232,800	123,700	356,600	237,600	126,000	363,600
	October	230,200	122,500	352,700	237,700	127,300	364,900
	November	230,300	123,700	354,000	237,300	128,600	365,900
	December	233,800	126,600	360,400	235,800	128,800	364,500
2012	January	237,400	126,900	364,200	234,800	128,200	363,000
	February	237,200	127,200	364,500	234,500	128,200	362,700
	March	235,100	126,000	361,100	234,100	127,700	361,900
	April	233,500	125,600	359,100	234,200	127,900	362,000
	May	234,300	126,000	360,300	234,400	128,400	362,800
	June	239,100	133,800	372,900	234,700	130,300	365,000
	July	239,700	139,900	379,600	234,200	128,900	363,100
	August	238,800	137,100	375,900	233,700	128,600	362,200
	September	229,400	126,300	355,600	233,600	128,700	362,300
	October	226,300	123,900	350,300	233,000	128,900	361,900
	November	225,700	124,500	350,100	232,100	129,200	361,300
	December	229,100	127,700	356,800	231,000	129,600	360,600
2013	January	232,200	128,900	361,000	230,100	130,200	360,200
	February	231,500	129,000	360,500	229,200	130,100	359,200
	March	228,700	129,900	358,500	227,600	130,600	358,200
	April	225,700	127,000	352,600	227,500	130,400	357,900
	May	226,600	127,900	354,500	226,800	130,500	357,300

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	15.0	13.8
February ²	5.0	10.2	13.0	14.4	15.1	13.7 ³
March	5.3	10.9	13.2	14.5	15.0	13.7
April	5.4	11.5	13.5	14.4	14.9	13.7
May ²	5.7	12.1	13.8	14.5	14.9	13.7
June	6.0	12.3	13.7	14.5	14.9	
July	6.5	12.4	13.8	14.7	14.8	
August ²	6.9	12.6	13.9	14.8	14.6	
September	7.2	12.9	14.3	14.7	14.5	
October	7.7	13.0	14.5	14.8	14.3	
November ²	8.1	13.0	14.7	14.8	14.1	
December	8.6	13.0	14.7	14.9	14.0	
Annual average	6.4	12.0	13.8	14.6	14.7	

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: Jan - Mar 2013, 13.7%.

See StatBank Tables LRM02 and LRM03.

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											
2012	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	
	February	4	45,486	7,081	7,705	- 156	40,318	7,321	7,621	- 75	
	March	5	43,694	7,467	9,259	- 358	40,739	8,579	8,158	+ 84	
	April	4	41,678	6,150	8,166	- 504	38,058	7,117	9,798	- 670	
	May	5	40,116	6,561	8,123	- 312	36,900	6,286	7,444	- 232	
JA Applications											
2012	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	
	February	4	215,282	10,563	10,759	- 49	93,873	6,470	5,965	+ 126	
	March	5	213,055	11,596	13,823	- 445	93,306	6,916	7,483	- 113	
	April	4	211,102	9,344	11,297	- 488	92,668	5,786	6,424	- 160	
	May	5	214,641	12,330	8,791	+ 708	96,143	8,421	4,946	+ 695	
Other Registrants											
2012	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	
	February	4	12,087	586	538	+ 12	21,830	1,065	1,018	+ 12	
	March	5	12,247	776	616	+ 32	22,047	1,240	1,023	+ 43	
	April	4	12,237	533	543	- 3	21,850	929	1,126	- 49	
	May	5	12,164	567	640	- 15	21,773	924	1,001	- 15	

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	May 2012	April 2013	May 2013	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland and Western	84,203	80,979	82,053	+ 1,074	- 2,150	12,848	69,205
Border	38,934	36,962	37,474	+ 512	- 1,460	6,073	31,401
Midland	21,061	20,550	20,898	+ 348	- 163	3,294	17,604
West	24,208	23,467	23,681	+ 214	- 527	3,481	20,200
Southern and Eastern	194,560	184,038	184,868	+ 830	- 9,692	27,515	157,353
Dublin	69,028	65,614	66,469	+ 855	- 2,559	10,284	56,185
Mid-East	27,024	25,392	25,590	+ 198	- 1,434	3,873	21,717
Mid-West	23,653	22,332	22,272	- 60	- 1,381	3,350	18,922
South-East	36,816	35,055	35,142	+ 87	- 1,674	5,377	29,765
South-West	38,039	35,645	35,395	- 250	- 2,644	4,631	30,764
Total	278,763	265,017	266,921	+ 1,904	- 11,842	40,363	226,558
Females							
Border, Midland and Western	48,402	48,472	49,540	+ 1,068	+ 1,138	8,865	40,675
Border	22,010	21,546	22,043	+ 497	+ 33	3,975	18,068
Midland	11,883	12,249	12,589	+ 340	+ 706	2,546	10,043
West	14,509	14,677	14,908	+ 231	+ 399	2,344	12,564
Southern and Eastern	105,742	104,104	105,276	+ 1,172	- 466	18,058	87,218
Dublin	35,408	35,019	35,557	+ 538	+ 149	6,278	29,279
Mid-East	15,319	15,306	15,604	+ 298	+ 285	2,542	13,062
Mid-West	13,753	13,093	13,273	+ 180	- 480	2,346	10,927
South-East	20,334	20,044	20,291	+ 247	- 43	3,681	16,610
South-West	20,928	20,642	20,551	- 91	- 377	3,211	17,340
Total	154,144	152,576	154,816	+ 2,240	+ 672	26,923	127,893
All Persons							
Border, Midland and Western	132,605	129,451	131,593	+ 2,142	- 1,012	21,713	109,880
Border	60,944	58,508	59,517	+ 1,009	- 1,427	10,048	49,469
Midland	32,944	32,799	33,487	+ 688	+ 543	5,840	27,647
West	38,717	38,144	38,589	+ 445	- 128	5,825	32,764
Southern and Eastern	300,302	288,142	290,144	+ 2,002	- 10,158	45,573	244,571
Dublin	104,436	100,633	102,026	+ 1,393	- 2,410	16,562	85,464
Mid-East	42,343	40,698	41,194	+ 496	- 1,149	6,415	34,779
Mid-West	37,406	35,425	35,545	+ 120	- 1,861	5,696	29,849
South-East	57,150	55,099	55,433	+ 334	- 1,717	9,058	46,375
South-West	58,967	56,287	55,946	- 341	- 3,021	7,842	48,104
Total	432,907	417,593	421,737	+ 4,144	- 11,170	67,286	354,451

¹ The composition of the regions is described in the Background Notes.
See StatBank Table LRM04.

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

Broad occupational group	May 2012	April 2013	May 2013	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Managers and administrators	10,149	10,023	9,991	- 32	- 158	370	9,621
Professional	11,187	10,766	11,063	+ 297	- 124	904	10,159
Associate professional and technical	7,057	6,748	6,946	+ 198	- 111	897	6,049
Clerical and secretarial	11,435	10,943	11,202	+ 259	- 233	1,506	9,696
Craft and related	96,102	86,704	86,464	- 240	- 9,638	8,278	78,186
Personal and protective service	18,257	17,989	17,916	- 73	- 341	2,658	15,258
Sales	18,308	17,816	18,384	+ 568	+ 76	5,470	12,914
Plant and machine operatives	54,760	53,624	53,766	+ 142	- 994	6,984	46,782
Other occupation	39,662	37,993	38,402	+ 409	- 1,260	7,476	30,926
No occupation ¹	11,846	12,411	12,787	+ 376	+ 941	5,820	6,967
Total	278,763	265,017	266,921	+ 1,904	- 11,842	40,363	226,558
Females							
Managers and administrators	6,658	7,293	7,342	+ 49	+ 684	199	7,143
Professional	12,281	12,566	12,802	+ 236	+ 521	952	11,850
Associate professional and technical	5,259	5,088	5,166	+ 78	- 93	484	4,682
Clerical and secretarial	29,606	28,366	28,612	+ 246	- 994	1,792	26,820
Craft and related	7,437	7,401	7,476	+ 75	+ 39	1,122	6,354
Personal and protective service	32,274	32,035	32,093	+ 58	- 181	6,250	25,843
Sales	28,990	27,494	28,145	+ 651	- 845	6,956	21,189
Plant and machine operatives	15,477	15,698	15,876	+ 178	+ 399	2,497	13,379
Other occupation	9,466	9,448	9,782	+ 334	+ 316	2,972	6,810
No occupation ¹	6,696	7,187	7,522	+ 335	+ 826	3,699	3,823
Total	154,144	152,576	154,816	+ 2,240	+ 672	26,923	127,893
All Persons							
Managers and administrators	16,807	17,316	17,333	+ 17	+ 526	569	16,764
Professional	23,468	23,332	23,865	+ 533	+ 397	1,856	22,009
Associate professional and technical	12,316	11,836	12,112	+ 276	- 204	1,381	10,731
Clerical and secretarial	41,041	39,309	39,814	+ 505	- 1,227	3,298	36,516
Craft and related	103,539	94,105	93,940	- 165	- 9,599	9,400	84,540
Personal and protective service	50,531	50,024	50,009	- 15	- 522	8,908	41,101
Sales	47,298	45,310	46,529	+ 1,219	- 769	12,426	34,103
Plant and machine operatives	70,237	69,322	69,642	+ 320	- 595	9,481	60,161
Other occupation	49,128	47,441	48,184	+ 743	- 944	10,448	37,736
No occupation ¹	18,542	19,598	20,309	+ 711	+ 1,767	9,519	10,790
Total	432,907	417,593	421,737	+ 4,144	- 11,170	67,286	354,451

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

See StatBank Table LRM13.

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

Duration	May 2012	April 2013	May 2013	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Less than one year	143,714	134,463	133,048	- 1,415	- 10,666	24,639	108,409
One year or more	135,049	130,554	133,873	+ 3,319	- 1,176	15,724	118,149
Total	278,763	265,017	266,921	+ 1,904	- 11,842	40,363	226,558
Females							
Less than one year	100,464	97,067	96,692	- 375	- 3,772	18,410	78,282
One year or more	53,680	55,509	58,124	+ 2,615	+ 4,444	8,513	49,611
Total	154,144	152,576	154,816	+ 2,240	+ 672	26,923	127,893
All Persons							
Less than one year	244,178	231,530	229,740	- 1,790	- 14,438	43,049	186,691
One year or more	188,729	186,063	191,997	+ 5,934	+ 3,268	24,237	167,760
Total	432,907	417,593	421,737	+ 4,144	- 11,170	67,286	354,451

See StatBank Table LRM11.

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

		Males	Monthly change	Females	Monthly change	All Persons	Monthly change
2011	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
	February	48,870	+ 1,041	40,910	+ 815	89,780	+ 1,856
	March	48,961	+ 91	40,837	- 73	89,798	+ 18
	April	48,527	- 434	40,382	- 455	88,909	- 889
	May	48,095	- 432	39,848	- 534	87,943	- 966

See StatBank Table LRM10.

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
2011	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
	February	16,799	3,853	42,561	13,616	76,829	352,047	428,876
	March	16,555	3,851	42,246	13,194	75,846	349,242	425,088
	April	16,180	3,683	41,635	12,864	74,362	343,231	417,593
	May	16,187	3,663	40,858	13,124	73,832	347,905	421,737

See StatBank Table LRM09.

Table 10 Live Register Compositional Analysis

	May 2010		May 2011		May 2012		May 2013	
	Number	% of total	Number	% of total	Number	% of total	Number	% of total
Sex								
Males	290,385	66.3	288,290	65.4	278,763	64.4	266,921	63.3
Females	147,537	33.7	152,657	34.6	154,144	35.6	154,816	36.7
Total	437,922	100.0	440,947	100.0	432,907	100.0	421,737	100.0
Age								
Under 25 years	85,620	19.6	80,968	18.4	72,623	16.8	67,286	16.0
25 years and over	352,302	80.4	359,979	81.6	360,284	83.2	354,451	84.0
Total	437,922	100.0	440,947	100.0	432,907	100.0	421,737	100.0
Scheme								
JB Claims	144,985	33.1	112,107	25.4	93,989	21.7	77,016	18.3
JA Applications	269,641	61.6	299,633	68.0	305,991	70.7	310,784	73.7
Other Registrants	23,296	5.3	29,207	6.6	32,927	7.6	33,937	8.0
Total	437,922	100.0	440,947	100.0	432,907	100.0	421,737	100.0
Duration of Continuous Registration								
Less than one year	311,857	71.2	264,613	60.0	244,178	56.4	229,740	54.5
One year or more	126,065	28.8	176,334	40.0	188,729	43.6	191,997	45.5
Total	437,922	100.0	440,947	100.0	432,907	100.0	421,737	100.0
Nationality Grouping								
Irish Nationals	359,853	82.2	363,969	82.5	356,124	82.3	347,905	82.5
Non-Irish Nationals	78,069	17.8	76,978	17.5	76,783	17.7	73,832	17.5
Total	437,922	100.0	440,947	100.0	432,907	100.0	421,737	100.0
NUTS2 Regions¹								
Border, Midland and Western	134,334	30.7	136,260	30.9	132,605	30.6	131,593	31.2
Southern and Eastern	303,588	69.3	304,687	69.1	300,302	69.4	290,144	68.8
Total	437,922	100.0	440,947	100.0	432,907	100.0	421,737	100.0
Last Held Occupation								
Managers and administrators	17,904	4.1	16,875	3.8	16,807	3.9	17,333	4.1
Professional	24,667	5.6	24,015	5.4	23,468	5.4	23,865	5.7
Associate professional and technical	13,254	3.0	13,062	3.0	12,316	2.8	12,112	2.9
Clerical and secretarial	43,524	9.9	42,166	9.6	41,041	9.5	39,814	9.4
Craft and related	118,162	27.0	112,062	25.4	103,539	23.9	93,940	22.3
Personal and protective service	46,887	10.7	49,918	11.3	50,531	11.7	50,009	11.9
Sales	44,330	10.1	46,712	10.6	47,298	10.9	46,529	11.0
Plant and machine operatives	69,870	16.0	70,422	16.0	70,237	16.2	69,642	16.5
Other occupation	46,349	10.6	49,576	11.2	49,128	11.3	48,184	11.4
No occupation ²	12,975	3.0	16,139	3.7	18,542	4.3	20,309	4.8
Total	437,922	100.0	440,947	100.0	432,907	100.0	421,737	100.0
Casual Status								
No casual and part-time work	359,047	82.0	356,014	80.7	344,843	79.7	333,794	79.1
Casual and part-time work	78,875	18.0	84,933	19.3	88,064	20.3	87,943	20.9
Total	437,922	100.0	440,947	100.0	432,907	100.0	421,737	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 April 2013 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 86,042 people availing of these programmes in April 2013, which is an increase of 3,881 (+4.7%) from the previous year, when there were 82,161 people in activation programmes.

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

Live Register Activation Programmes

	April 2012	March 2013	April 2013
Back to Work Schemes			
Back to Work allowance scheme - Employee strand ¹	80	13	13
Back to Work Enterprise allowance scheme -self employed strand	11,065	10,650	10,485
Short-term Enterprise Allowance ²	1,135	986	1,027
Total Back to Work payments	12,280	11,649	11,525
Other Activation Programmes			
DSP Part-time Job Incentive	193	215	256
TUS - Community Work Placement Initiative (2011)	3,697	4,839	4,837
JobBridge (2011) ³	4,594	5,948	6,030
Total Other Activation Programmes	8,484	11,002	11,123
Community Employment Schemes (excluding Supervisors)			
	21,787	21,172	21,188
FAS Full Time Training for Unemployed People⁴			
	9,611	9,250	9,376
Back to Education Courses			
Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme (VTOS) ⁵	N/A	N/A	N/A
Back to Education Allowance (BTEA) ⁶	24,999	27,296	27,830
Total Back to Education Courses	29,999	32,296	32,830
Total Activation Programmes	82,161	85,369	86,042

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 Contains revised figures for April 2012.

⁴ Specific Skills Training/Local Training initiative/Traineeship/Return to Work. Breakdown became available for April 2012 Live Register release.

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

⁶ BTEA figures include all schemes but participants from JA & JB are not entitled to BTEA during the summer holidays. Includes MOMENTUM participants from February 2013.

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:
 May 2013 – 27th April to 31st May 2013
 May 2012 – 28th April to 25th May 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 Q1 2013 (adjusted for seasonality) are:

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	%	%	%	%
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	14.4	14.5	14.8	14.8
2012	15.1	14.9	14.6	14.1
2013	13.7			

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 claim).

From 15 October 2008, Jobseeker's Benefit could be paid for a maximum of 12 months (312 days) to people who had at least 260 paid PRSI contributions. Jobseeker's Benefit could be paid for a maximum of 9 months (234 days) to people who had less than 260 paid contributions.

As of 3 April 2013, Jobseeker's Benefit can be paid for a maximum of **9 months** (234 days) to people who have 260 paid PRSI contributions. Jobseekers Benefit can be paid for a maximum of **6 months** (156 days) to people who have less than 260 paid contributions (Refers to new claims).

Claimants getting Jobseekers Benefit for 6 months or more on 3 April 2013 (or 3 months for people with fewer than 260 contributions) will not be affected.

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

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 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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