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Labour Market

- The number of persons in employment decreased from 1.859 million in 2010 to 1.821 million in 2011.
- The overall unemployment rate increased from 13.6% in 2010 to 14.3% in 2011.
- The number of persons unemployed in 2011 was 304,500 compared with 293,600 in 2010 and a low of 69,400 in 2001. The number of persons unemployed increased by 3.7% between 2010 and 2011.
- The average number of persons on the Live Register rose from 441,700 in 2010 to 444,900 in 2011. The highest Live Register total on record was in July 2011 when it stood at 470,284.
- In 2011 there were 3,695 days lost due to industrial disputes, which compares with 6,602 in 2010 and 329,593 in 2009.

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Introduction

The statistics presented in this chapter show developments in the Irish labour market and are based primarily on results from the Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) and its predecessor, the annual Labour Force Survey (LFS).

The latter part of the chapter contains mainly administrative data, compiled by the CSO, showing the trends in the number of persons on the Live Register as well as details of industrial disputes. The final table in the chapter gives information on redundancies.

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The total number at work was just under 1.1 million in 1985. By 1995 this had increased to just under 1.3 million and then increased by over 830,000 between 1995 and 2008 to 2,112,800. Between 2008 and 2011 the total number at work fell by 291,500 to 1,821,300. Until 2008 the increased population of working age, primarily attributable to strong net inward migration in recent years, coupled with higher female participation rates contributed to high labour force growth. 2009 showed an annual decrease of 36,500 in the total number of persons in the labour force, the first such annual decrease since 1989. The total number of persons in the labour force in 2011 was 2,125,900, an annual decrease of 26,800.

In 1985, the number of unemployed persons stood at 219,600, which represented almost 17% of the labour force. With some variations the unemployment rate remained at this level for most of the following decade. In the period between 1995 and 2008 the number of unemployed persons fell from 177,400 to 126,700 with the unemployment rate falling from 12.2% to 5.7%. However, the numbers unemployed rose to 264,600 in 2009, and have continued to rise in 2011 to a total of 304,500. The unemployment rate in 2011 was 14.3%.

Industrial disputes

During 2011 there were eight industrial disputes in progress compared with 14 in 2010. This led to a total loss of 3,695 days due to industrial disputes in 2011. In 2010 there were 6,602 days lost due to industrial disputes. This compares to 329,593 days lost in 2009 of which public sector disputes accounted for 248,679 days lost.

Live Register

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 (QNHS). See Labour market above.

The average number of persons on the Live Register increased from 441,700 in 2010 to 444,900 in 2011. The number of males on the Live Register stood at 287,972 in 2011, with the number of females at 156,932.

In April 2011 169,400 (38.5%) of those on the Live Register had a duration of continuous registration of one year or more. This compares with 27.1% for the same period in 2010 and 18.4% in 2009. 18.1% of those on the Live Register were under 25 years of age in April 2011 compared with 19.2% for the same age group in April 2010.

Redundancies

In 2005 the format in which redundancies were recorded changed. Actual redundancies are now compiled from 2005 whereas up to then notified redundancies were recorded. According to the Department of Social Protection, who now compile redundancy statistics, there were 49,762 actual redundancies in 2011. This is a provisional figure and no sectoral breakdown is currently available.

Technical Notes

Tables 2.1-2.8 - QNHS

The Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) began in quarter 4 of 1997 replacing the annual April Labour Force Survey (LFS). QNHS data refer to the April–June quarter (unless otherwise stated).

LFS data refers to April.

ILO labour force classification

The primary classification used for the QNHS results is the ILO (International Labour Office) labour force classification. The ILO classification distinguishes the following main subgroups of the population aged 15 or over:

In employment: Persons who worked in the week before the survey for one hour or more for payment or profit, including work on the family farm or business and all persons who had a job but were not at work because of illness, holidays, etc in the week.

Unemployed: Persons who, in the week before the survey, were without work and available for work and had taken specific steps, in the preceding four weeks, to find work.

Labour force: The labour force comprises persons employed plus unemployed.

Inactive Population: All other persons.

Participation, employment and unemployment rates

The participation rate is the number of persons in the labour force expressed as a percentage of the total population aged 15 or over. The employment rate is the number of employed persons aged 15 to 64 expressed as a percentage of the total population aged 15 to 64. The unemployment rate is the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the total labour force.

Principal Economic Status

QNHS results are also available using the Principal Economic Status (PES) classification. The PES classification is based on a single question in which respondents are asked what is their usual situation with regard to employment and given nine response categories to choose from.

NACE industrial classification

The QNHS sectoral employment figures are based on the EU NACE Rev. 2 classification.

Broad occupational groupings

The classification system used is based on the UK Standard Occupational Classification (UKSOC2010) with some modifications to reflect the Irish labour market.

Tables 2.1-2.8 - QNHS

Part-time underemployment

From 2009 the new method of calculation of part-time underemployment uses the following criteria to derive underemployment:

1. Working part-time
2. Willing to work additional hours
3. Available to work additional hours

The previous calculation was based on a respondent meeting the following criteria:

1. Working part-time (self-perception)
2. Working too few hours
3. Looking for either an additional or replacement job
4. Available to work in an additional or replacement job

The key difference between the two methods is the criteria of a respondent looking for work.

Discontinuities

The QNHS involves a more detailed questionnaire than the former LFS and elicits more information about part-time employment.

The annual increase of 114,600 observed in the ILO numbers in employment between spring 1997 (LFS) and 1998 (QNHS) included almost 20,000 more students and about 5,000 more women working in the home who also had a job. The CSO is attributing 20,000 of the observed annual increase in ILO employment in the year to April-June 1998 to the improved coverage of part-time employment, giving an underlying change for the year of 95,000.

Table 2.9-2.10 – Industrial disputes

The information on industrial disputes is compiled by the CSO on the basis of details supplied by the Monitoring Unit of the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation, and on information collected directly from other sources. Disputes which were settled without involving a stoppage of work are not included, nor are those disputes which lasted less than one day, or which involved an aggregate loss of less than ten days.

Data in Tables 2.9 and 2.10 is based on NACE Rev. 2 classification.

The one-day National Public Sector dispute in 2009 involved workers and days lost across Sectors O, P and Q. The economic sector and full-time/part-time breakdowns were estimated from CSO sectoral employment data. The overall number of workers involved in this dispute was 265,400 and it accounted for a total of 237,268 days lost.

Tables 2.11-2.13 – Live Register

The Live Register is compiled from returns made directly to the CSO by each local office of 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.

In Table 2.12 data from April 2010 refers to last Friday in month whereas previously data referred to second last Friday in reference period. As such from April 2010 totals will equal the published April Live Register total, while those for prior periods will show a small difference for those months.

Table 2.14 - Redundancies

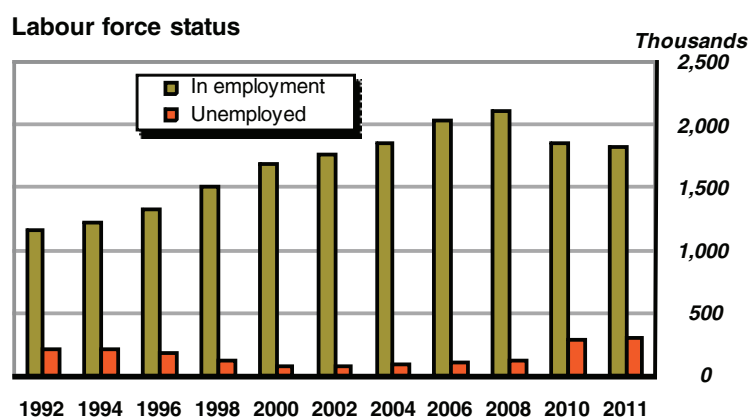
The Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation compiled redundancy statistics prior to 2011. The Department of Social Protection now compiles these statistics. Figures for 2011 are provisional and no sectoral breakdown is available.

Table 2.1 Total number of persons in employment, unemployed and in the labour force (ILO)

Thousands

Year	In employment	Unemployed	Labour force
1985	1,096.8	219.6	1,316.4
1986	1,095.1	225.5	1,320.6
1987	1,110.5	226.0	1,336.5
1988	1,110.7	217.0	1,327.7
1989	1,111.0	196.8	1,307.8
1990	1,159.7	172.4	1,332.1
1991	1,155.9	198.5	1,354.4
1992	1,165.2	206.6	1,371.8
1993	1,183.1	220.1	1,403.2
1994	1,220.6	211.0	1,431.6
1995	1,281.7	177.4	1,459.2
1996	1,328.5	179.0	1,507.5
1997	1,379.9	159.0	1,539.0
1998	1,505.5	127.8	1,633.3
1999	1,605.9	101.0	1,706.9
2000	1,684.1	79.6	1,763.7
2001	1,738.0	69.4	1,807.4
2002	1,768.5	82.3	1,850.8
2003	1,800.0	86.7	1,886.7
2004	1,852.2	87.8	1,940.0
2005	1,944.6	95.8	2,040.4
2006	2,034.9	97.9	2,132.8
2007	2,113.9	103.1	2,217.0
2008	2,112.8	126.7	2,239.6
2009	1,938.5	264.6	2,203.1
2010	1,859.1	293.6	2,152.7
2011	1,821.3	304.5	2,099.9

Source: CSO



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Table 2.2 Persons aged 15 years and over by sex and ILO economic status

Thousands

ILO economic status	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Males							
In labour force	1,179.0	1,231.4	1,267.5	1,274.4	1,238.9	1,196.2	1,175.7
In employment	1,120.1	1,173.8	1,206.6	1,190.2	1,052.0	996.1	970.0
full-time	1,048.1	1,094.2	1,121.2	1,097.5	943.4	880.5	846.8
part-time	71.9	79.6	85.4	92.7	108.5	115.7	123.2
New measure of underemployment							
<i>of which</i>							
part-time, not underemployed	–	–	–	–	62.6	66.5	65.7
part-time, underemployed	–	–	–	–	45.9	49.1	57.5
Old measure of underemployment							
<i>of which</i>							
part-time, not underemployed	70.1	77.8	82.7	88.8	102.0	107.8	–
part-time, underemployed	1.8	1.7	2.7	4.0	6.5	7.9	–
Unemployed	59.0	57.6	60.8	84.2	186.9	200.1	205.7
seeking full-time work	55.8	54.5	57.0	79.6	181.1	195.5	200.3
seeking part-time work	3.2	3.0	3.8	4.6	5.8	4.6	5.5
Not in labour force	449.1	446.6	454.4	466.8	498.1	528.7	542.8
Marginally attached to the labour force	6.1	6.8	6.9	6.8	10.2	15.0	13.9
Others	443.0	439.9	447.5	460.1	488.0	513.7	528.9
Total males aged 15 or over	1,628.1	1,678.0	1,721.8	1,741.2	1,737.0	1,724.9	1,718.6
Unemployment rate %	5.0	4.7	4.8	6.6	15.1	16.7	17.5
Participation rate %	72.4	73.4	73.6	73.2	71.3	69.4	68.4
Females							
In labour force	861.4	901.4	949.5	965.2	964.2	956.5	950.1
In employment	824.6	861.1	907.3	922.7	886.5	863.0	851.3
full-time	565.7	592.3	613.0	624.9	588.7	568.4	549.1
part-time	258.9	268.8	294.2	297.7	297.8	294.6	302.2
New measure of underemployment							
<i>of which</i>							
part-time, not underemployed	–	–	–	–	235.1	233.6	226.6
part-time, underemployed	–	–	–	–	62.8	61.0	75.6
Old measure of underemployment							
<i>of which</i>							
part-time, not underemployed	256.8	266.7	291.1	293.8	290.8	286.3	–
part-time, underemployed	2.1	2.1	3.1	3.9	7.0	8.2	–
Unemployed	36.8	40.3	42.2	42.6	77.7	93.6	98.8
seeking full-time work	23.9	27.5	26.3	28.8	62.9	75.5	78.3
seeking part-time work	12.9	12.9	15.9	13.8	14.8	18.1	20.5
Not in labour force	798.4	796.7	791.2	808.5	822.6	831.0	834.0
Marginally attached to the labour force	4.7	4.9	5.1	4.1	5.1	6.5	6.9
Others	793.6	791.8	786.1	804.4	817.6	824.5	827.1
Total females aged 15 or over	1,659.8	1,698.1	1,740.7	1,773.7	1,786.8	1,787.5	1,784.2
Unemployment rate %	4.3	4.5	4.4	4.4	8.1	9.8	10.4
Participation rate %	51.9	53.1	54.5	54.4	54.0	53.5	53.3

Table 2.2 Persons aged 15 years and over by sex and ILO economic status (continued)

Thousands

ILO economic status	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
All persons							
In labour force	2,040.4	2,132.8	2,217.0	2,239.6	2,203.1	2,152.7	2,125.9
In employment	1,944.6	2,034.9	2,113.9	2,112.8	1,938.5	1,859.1	1821.3
full-time	1,613.8	1,686.5	1,734.2	1,722.4	1,532.1	1,448.9	1395.9
part-time	330.8	348.4	379.7	390.5	406.4	410.2	425.4
New measure of underemployment							
of which							
part-time, not underemployed	–	–	–	–	297.7	300.2	292.3
part-time, underemployed	–	–	–	–	108.6	110.1	133.1
Old measure of underemployment							
of which							
part-time, not underemployed	326.9	344.5	373.9	382.6	392.8	394.1	–
part-time, underemployed	3.9	3.8	5.8	7.9	13.6	16.1	–
Unemployed	95.8	97.9	103.1	126.7	264.6	293.6	304.5
seeking full-time work	79.7	82.0	83.3	108.4	244.0	271.0	278.6
seeking part-time work	16.1	15.9	19.8	18.4	20.6	22.7	25.9
Not in labour force	1,247.5	1,243.3	1,245.6	1,275.3	1,320.8	1,359.7	1,376.9
Marginally attached to the labour force	10.8	11.7	12.0	10.9	15.2	21.4	20.9
Others	1,236.7	1,231.6	1,233.5	1,264.5	1,305.6	1,338.2	1356.0
Total persons aged 15 or over	3,287.9	3,376.1	3,462.5	3,514.9	3,523.8	3,512.4	3,502.7
Unemployment rate %	4.7	4.6	4.7	5.7	12.0	13.6	14.3
Participation rate %	62.1	63.2	64.0	63.7	62.5	61.3	60.7

Source: CSO

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Table 2.3 Persons aged 15 years and over in employment (ILO) by sex and NACE economic sector

Thousands

Economic sector (NACE Rev. 2)	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Broad Economic Sector						
Agriculture	108.9	108.5	114.8	97.2	84.9	85.8
Industry	545.5	568.9	528.7	413.8	365.4	339.4
Services	1,380.5	1,436.4	1,469.4	1,427.5	1,408.7	1,396.1
Economic Sector (NACE Rev. 2)						
Males						
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	98.8	97.2	101.6	87.3	75.4	76.7
B-E Industry	210.3	215.4	209.8	184.3	173.0	164.8
F Construction	240.0	256.7	228.2	143.9	115.2	98.1
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	142.9	150.3	153.9	134.2	135.7	136.2
H Transportation and storage	76.6	77.3	75.4	78.1	73.0	77.5
I Accommodation and food service activities	55.4	54.1	51.5	54.5	54.1	46.4
J Information and communication	47.7	47.3	49.0	51.0	51.5	52.4
K-L Financial, insurance and real estate activities	40.7	41.5	44.2	48.3	50.0	48.6
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	59.7	63.8	67.7	63.4	59.7	62.5
N Administrative and support service activities	34.6	37.8	39.1	33.3	30.7	32.4
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	49.6	49.9	50.9	53.0	55.7	51.9
P Education	39.5	38.5	39.3	39.9	39.7	37.6
Q Human health and social work activities	34.5	37.3	37.7	41.2	42.6	46.0
R-U Other NACE activities	43.6	39.7	41.9	39.6	39.9	38.9
Total	1,173.8	1,206.6	1,190.2	1,052.0	996.1	970.0
Females						
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	10.1	11.3	13.2	9.9	9.5	9.1
B-E Industry	83.5	83.6	77.5	74.0	67.2	69.0
F Construction	11.6	13.3	13.1	11.5	10.1	7.6
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	139.3	146.9	153.5	143.5	133.4	129.4
H Transportation and storage	17.6	16.1	17.5	16.5	16.7	17.2
I Accommodation and food service activities	69.4	76.5	74.0	65.4	65.7	60.8
J Information and communication	22.0	23.2	22.1	22.5	22.6	22.5
K-L Financial, insurance and real estate activities	53.6	59.7	60.9	60.5	53.2	55.3
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	42.2	46.1	48.9	39.2	41.2	39.3
N Administrative and support service activities	35.7	40.6	37.1	32.7	30.6	33.8
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	52.9	52.4	51.8	54.7	52.1	48.3
P Education	96.8	103.0	107.1	110.5	110.1	108.9
Q Human health and social work activities	166.0	173.0	183.1	186.6	192.3	191.9
R-U Other NACE activities	60.2	61.7	62.8	59.1	58.2	58.3
Total	861.1	907.3	922.7	886.5	863.0	851.3

Table 2.3 Persons aged 15 years and over in employment (ILO) by sex and NACE economic sector (continued)

Thousands

Economic sector (NACE Rev. 2)	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
All persons						
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	108.9	108.5	114.8	97.2	84.9	85.8
B-E Industry	293.9	299.0	287.3	258.3	240.1	233.7
F Construction	251.6	269.9	241.4	155.4	125.3	105.7
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	282.1	297.2	307.3	277.7	269.1	265.6
H Transportation and storage	94.2	93.5	92.9	94.6	89.7	94.7
I Accommodation and food service activities	124.8	130.6	125.4	119.8	119.8	107.2
J Information and communication	69.8	70.5	71.1	73.5	74.1	74.9
K-L Financial, insurance and real estate activities	94.3	101.1	105.1	108.7	103.2	103.9
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	101.9	109.8	116.6	102.6	100.9	101.8
N Administrative and support service activities	70.3	78.3	76.3	65.9	61.3	66.1
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	102.4	102.3	102.7	107.7	107.8	100.2
P Education	136.3	141.5	146.3	150.4	149.8	146.5
Q Human health and social security	200.5	210.3	220.8	227.8	234.9	237.9
R-U Other NACE activities	103.8	101.4	104.7	98.7	98.1	97.2
TOTAL	2,034.9	2,113.9	2,112.8	1,938.5	1,859.1	1,821.3

Source: CSO

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Table 2.4 Persons aged 15 to 64, by the highest level of education attained, ILO economic status and sex

Highest education level attained	April - June 2011				
	In employment	Unemployed	In labour force	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	'000	'000	'000	%	%
Males aged 15 to 64					
Primary or below	58.3	24.3	82.5	29.5	47.6
Lower secondary	130.0	47.4	177.4	26.7	63.3
Higher secondary	245.0	58.3	303.3	19.2	79.4
Post leaving cert	116.8	35.8	152.6	23.5	87.6
Third level non-honours degree	125.0	15.4	140.4	11.0	90.5
Third level honours degree or above	238.3	17.4	255.7	6.8	91.7
Other	24.5	6.7	31.3	21.4	81.7
Total	937.8	205.3	1,143.1	18.0	77.1
Females aged 15 to 64					
Primary or below	28.6	5.7	34.3	16.6	24.1
Lower secondary	70.1	14.7	84.8	17.3	36.7
Higher secondary	207.7	30.5	238.2	12.8	61.6
Post leaving cert	96.6	15.5	112.1	13.8	67.2
Third level non-honours degree	160.5	12.8	173.3	7.4	79.6
Third level honours degree or above	255.7	16.7	272.4	6.1	85.5
Other	18.4	2.7	21.1	12.8	63.4
Total	837.6	98.7	936.3	10.5	62.6
All persons aged 15 to 64					
Primary or below	86.9	30.0	116.9	25.7	37.0
Lower secondary	200.1	62.1	262.2	23.7	51.3
Higher secondary	452.6	88.8	541.4	16.4	70.4
Post leaving cert	213.3	51.3	264.7	19.4	77.6
Third level non-honours degree	285.6	28.2	313.7	9.0	84.1
Third level honours degree or above	494.0	34.2	528.1	6.5	88.4
Other	43.0	9.5	52.4	18.1	73.2
TOTAL	1,775.4	304.0	2,079.4	14.6	69.8

Source: CSO

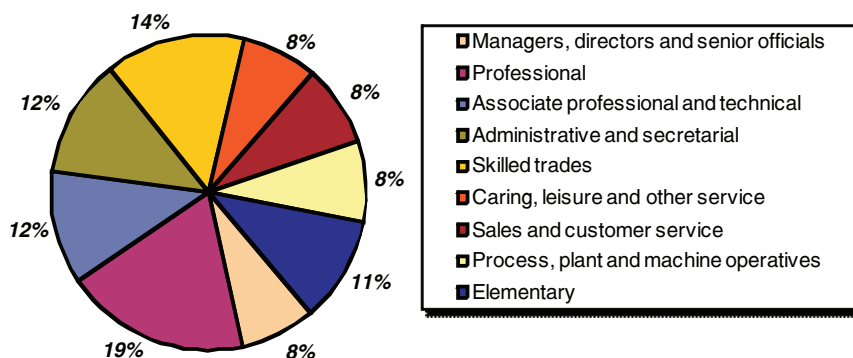
Table 2.5 Persons aged 15 years and over in employment (ILO) by sex and occupation (SOC2010)

Thousands

Broad occupational group	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Males					
Managers, directors and senior officials	95.9	96.2	97.3	98.7	93.1
Professional	137.2	139.0	141.3	145.1	145.3
Associate professional and technical	120.3	125.2	124.7	125.0	131.0
Administrative and secretarial	47.2	49.7	50.3	49.2	44.0
Skilled trades	401.8	384.8	310.8	261.8	239.0
Caring, leisure and other service	19.4	20.2	23.0	21.4	22.6
Sales and customer service	51.7	53.0	46.2	49.4	52.9
Process, plant and machine operatives	147.2	146.0	117.3	115.2	127.7
Elementary	182.6	171.4	138.2	126.3	112.5
Other/Not stated	3.2	4.6	2.8	4.0	2.1
Total	1,206.6	1,190.2	1,052.0	996.1	970.0
Females					
Managers, directors and senior officials	45.1	44.5	45.4	45.2	44.9
Professional	183.6	190.3	188.0	199.7	201.6
Associate professional and technical	73.5	79.8	79.9	75.9	77.9
Administrative and secretarial	202.8	208.3	201.1	191.3	178.0
Skilled trades	31.9	31.3	26.2	27.4	23.6
Caring, leisure and other service	123.0	128.5	129.1	119.8	117.0
Sales and customer service	117.3	116.1	108.3	98.5	98.4
Process, plant and machine operatives	21.5	17.8	18.0	19.7	23.2
Elementary	106.2	104.2	88.7	83.0	85.4
Other/Not stated	2.4	1.8	1.7	2.5	1.3
Total	907.3	922.7	886.5	863.0	851.3
All persons					
Managers, directors and senior officials	141.0	140.7	142.7	144.0	138.0
Professional	320.8	329.3	329.3	344.8	346.9
Associate professional and technical	193.8	205.1	204.6	201.0	208.9
Administrative and secretarial	250.1	258.0	251.4	240.5	222.0
Skilled trades	433.7	416.2	337.1	289.1	262.6
Caring, leisure and other service	142.4	148.7	152.1	141.2	139.6
Sales and customer service	169.0	169.1	154.5	147.8	151.2
Process, plant and machine operatives	168.7	163.8	135.3	134.9	150.9
Elementary	288.8	275.6	226.9	209.3	197.8
Other/Not stated	5.6	6.4	4.6	6.4	3.4
TOTAL	2,113.9	2,112.8	1,938.5	1,859.1	1,821.3

Source: CSO

Persons aged 15 years and over in employment classified by occupation, Q2 2011



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Table 2.6 Labour force participation rates (ILO) by sex and age group

%

Sex and age group	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Males											
15-19	35.0	31.2	31.4	29.3	30.8	32.2	30.8	27.6	23.2	18.4	16.2
20-24	79.0	77.4	76.3	78.9	78.3	82.0	81.6	80.5	76.4	71.3	68.0
25-34	93.6	92.1	92.3	91.9	93.0	93.3	92.2	92.5	91.6	90.6	89.3
35-44	93.9	92.9	92.2	93.1	93.9	93.5	93.1	92.9	92.4	91.7	91.9
45-54	87.6	87.7	87.1	89.3	89.1	88.8	89.1	89.2	87.6	86.9	86.8
55-59	76.3	74.9	75.1	75.7	74.9	76.4	77.5	76.3	76.5	74.2	74.2
60-64	54.8	55.8	55.0	55.4	58.6	58.1	60.7	60.4	57.2	55.2	55.8
65 and over	14.2	15.2	13.8	13.8	14.0	14.4	16.1	16.5	14.9	14.0	13.8
Total	71.7	71.0	70.8	71.5	72.4	73.4	73.6	73.2	71.3	69.4	68.4
Females											
15-19	26.3	24.3	24.8	22.2	24.5	25.4	27.3	24.9	20.8	15.9	16.0
20-24	68.2	66.8	67.0	67.6	71.0	70.3	72.3	71.5	70.9	66.6	65.0
25-34	76.1	76.4	75.1	74.9	77.1	78.5	78.7	77.7	77.9	77.7	78.2
35-44	64.9	65.3	66.0	65.8	66.8	66.7	68.8	68.8	69.0	68.9	68.4
45-54	54.7	57.8	57.1	60.9	62.9	63.9	66.9	67.1	66.7	68.3	68.2
55-59	36.3	37.9	41.9	42.9	46.0	48.4	48.9	50.3	52.1	56.0	56.5
60-64	20.7	23.3	24.5	23.7	28.7	31.2	31.1	33.4	32.1	33.3	34.9
65 and over	2.9	3.1	3.4	3.0	3.2	4.1	4.0	4.5	4.3	4.6	4.8
Total	48.1	48.9	49.3	49.8	51.9	53.1	54.5	54.4	54.0	53.5	53.3
All persons											
15-19	30.8	27.8	28.2	25.8	27.7	28.9	29.1	26.3	22.1	17.2	16.1
20-24	73.7	72.2	71.7	73.2	74.7	76.2	77.0	76.0	73.6	68.9	66.5
25-34	84.9	84.2	83.7	83.4	85.1	86.0	85.5	85.1	84.7	84.0	83.6
35-44	79.3	79.0	79.0	79.5	80.5	80.2	81.1	81.0	80.8	80.3	80.2
45-54	71.3	72.8	72.2	75.1	76.1	76.4	78.0	78.2	77.2	77.6	77.5
55-59	56.5	56.6	58.8	59.6	60.6	62.5	63.4	63.4	64.4	65.2	65.3
60-64	37.7	39.6	39.8	39.7	43.8	44.7	46.0	47.0	44.7	44.3	45.3
65 and over	7.8	8.3	7.9	7.7	7.9	8.7	9.4	9.9	9.1	8.8	8.8
TOTAL	59.8	59.8	59.9	60.5	62.1	63.2	64.0	63.7	62.5	61.3	60.7

Source: CSO

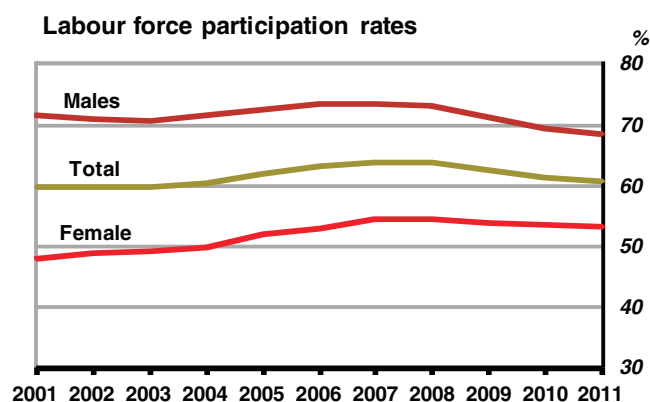


Table 2.7 Unemployed persons aged 15 years and over by sex and duration of unemployment*Thousands*

Sex and duration of unemployment	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Males											
Less than 1 year	26.2	34.4	34.1	35.8	36.6	36.6	39.6	57.6	140.8	101.9	81.4
1 year and over	15.2	16.6	19.7	20.1	22.1	20.8	20.9	25.5	44.7	96.7	121.7
Not stated	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1.1	1.4	1.6	2.6
Total	41.6	51.1	54.1	56.2	59.0	57.6	60.8	84.2	186.9	200.1	205.7
Females											
Less than 1 year	22.7	26.9	26.0	25.0	29.6	31.9	34.2	34.3	64.1	62.2	54.9
1 year and over	5.1	4.2	6.6	6.6	7.2	8.4	8.0	7.7	12.6	30.4	42.5
Not stated	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1.0	1.0	1.4
Total	27.8	31.1	32.6	31.6	36.8	40.3	42.2	42.6	77.7	93.6	98.8
All persons											
Less than 1 year	48.8	61.3	60.1	60.8	66.2	68.5	73.8	91.9	204.9	164.1	136.3
1 year and over	20.3	20.8	26.2	26.7	29.2	29.2	28.8	33.2	57.3	127.0	164.2
Not stated	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1.7	2.4	2.6	4.0
TOTAL	69.4	82.3	86.7	87.8	95.8	97.9	103.1	126.7	264.6	293.6	304.5

Source: CSO

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Table 2.8 Persons aged 15 years and over by sex and principal economic status

Thousands

Sex and economic status	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Males											
At work	996.6	1,001.5	1,010.6	1,045.9	1,086.9	1,139.7	1,171.9	1,153.9	1,022.3	968.2	947.8
Unemployed	66.8	81.2	80.7	79.6	81.4	80.7	83.0	103.5	226.5	249.3	250.6
Student	169.2	176.0	180.1	174.0	171.7	166.5	167.1	172.6	174.6	184.5	186.7
Home duties	5.7	6.1	6.3	4.9	5.3	5.1	6.6	6.7	6.7	7.5	9.6
Retired	195.5	196.6	201.9	207.9	211.4	210.8	213.3	219.6	224.7	233.9	238.0
Others	56.9	62.8	72.1	70.3	71.5	75.2	80.0	84.8	82.2	81.6	85.9
Total	1,490.7	1,524.2	1,551.7	1,582.5	1,628.1	1,678.0	1,721.8	1,741.2	1,737.0	1,724.9	1,718.6
Females											
At work	667.0	698.5	710.9	738.8	780.2	815.0	858.1	875.8	850.3	830.8	826.4
Unemployed	32.5	36.4	35.0	31.6	33.4	38.0	38.4	39.7	79.3	94.8	99.9
Student	192.0	191.4	197.0	192.8	190.4	194.4	189.9	190.5	184.9	184.6	183.8
Home duties	552.9	548.3	553.6	553.9	539.7	528.6	523.8	526.3	531.8	521.1	505.0
Retired	60.8	64.1	67.0	69.7	74.1	77.2	84.0	89.3	87.3	99.3	113.8
Others	29.0	31.0	34.4	37.8	41.9	44.9	46.5	52.2	53.3	57.0	55.2
Total	1,534.1	1,569.8	1,597.9	1,624.7	1,659.8	1,698.1	1,740.7	1,773.7	1,786.8	1,787.5	1,784.2
All persons											
At work	1,663.6	1,699.9	1,721.5	1,784.7	1,867.1	1,954.8	2,030.0	2,029.8	1,872.5	1,799.0	1,774.2
Unemployed	99.2	117.6	115.7	111.2	114.8	118.7	121.4	143.2	305.8	344.1	350.6
Student	361.2	367.4	377.2	366.8	362.1	360.8	357.0	363.1	359.5	369.0	370.5
Home duties	558.6	554.4	559.8	558.9	545.0	533.8	530.4	532.9	538.6	528.5	514.6
Retired	256.3	260.7	268.9	277.6	285.5	288.0	297.3	309.0	311.9	333.2	351.8
Others	85.8	93.8	106.5	108.1	113.4	120.1	126.5	137.0	135.5	138.5	141.1
TOTAL	3,024.8	3,093.9	3,149.6	3,207.2	3,287.9	3,376.1	3,462.5	3,514.9	3,523.8	3,512.4	3,502.7

Source: CSO

Annual number of days lost due to industrial disputes

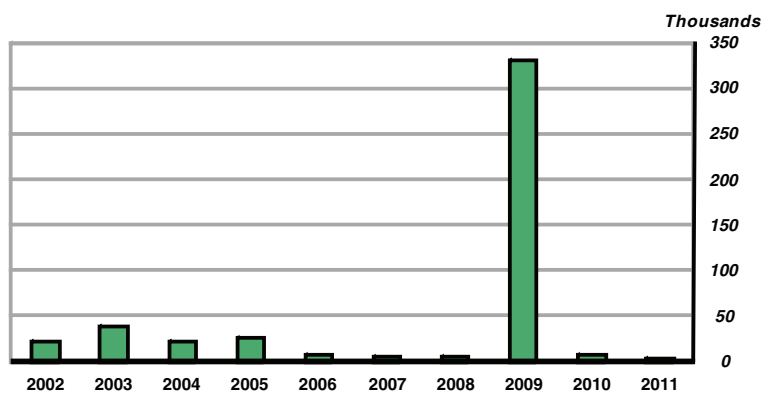


Table 2.9 Industrial disputes involving stoppages of work (disputes in progress during year)

Number

Industrial group (NACE Rev. 2)		2009	2010	2011
A	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	–	–	–
B-E	Industry	5	4	1
F	Construction	1	–	1
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	4	3	–
H	Transportation and storage	2	2	1
I	Accommodation and food service activities	–	–	1
J	Information and communication	–	–	–
K-L	Financial, insurance and real estate activities	2	–	1
M	Professional, scientific and technical activities	–	–	–
N	Administrative and support service activities	1	4	–
O	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	4	–	1
P	Education	1	–	–
Q	Human health and social work activities	4	1	–
R-U	Other NACE activities	1	–	2
Total		23	14	8

Source: CSO

Table 2.10 Industrial disputes: days lost during year

Number

Industrial group (NACE Rev. 2)		2009	2010	2011
A	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	–	–	–
B-E	Industry	14,566	1,984	285
F	Construction	52,500	–	402
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	1,024	257	–
H	Transportation and storage	7,213	1,905	2,280
I	Accommodation and food service activities	–	–	72
J	Information and communication	–	–	–
K-L	Financial, insurance and real estate activities	1,004	–	294
M	Professional, scientific and technical activities	–	–	–
N	Administrative and support service activities	111	2,342	–
O	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	91,521	–	107
P	Education	77,709	–	–
Q	Human health and social work activities	83,818	114	–
R-U	Other NACE activities	204	–	255
Total		329,593	6,602	3,695

Source: CSO

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Table 2.11 Annual average number of persons on the Live Register in each regional authority

Number

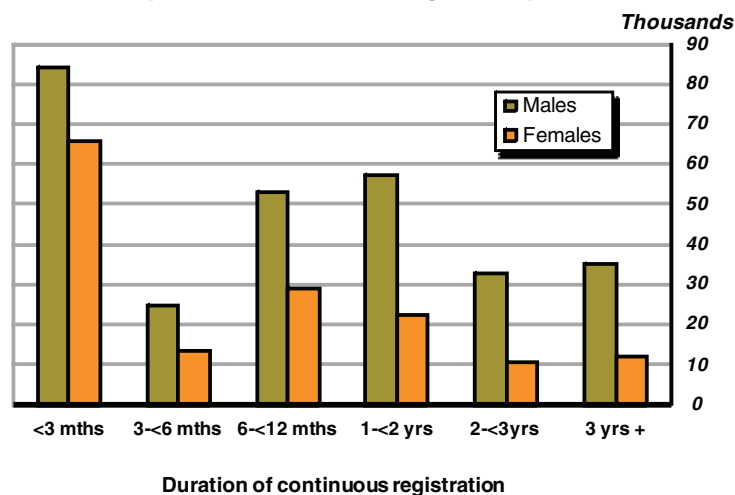
Regional authority	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Males									
Border, Midland and Western									
Border	15,395	14,590	13,510	13,234	13,923	21,145	37,678	41,051	40,587
Midland	5,618	5,505	5,470	5,795	6,693	10,972	19,792	21,661	21,733
West	9,989	9,320	8,742	8,532	9,280	13,917	24,795	26,579	25,979
Southern and Eastern									
Dublin	27,338	26,397	25,460	25,562	26,035	35,542	63,943	70,043	69,904
Mid-East	6,927	6,937	6,743	7,006	7,842	12,824	24,928	27,580	27,461
Mid-West	8,562	8,069	7,633	7,815	8,475	12,752	23,542	25,749	25,037
South-East	12,349	12,214	11,778	11,963	12,478	19,738	34,251	37,761	37,630
South-West	14,042	13,032	12,657	12,692	13,412	19,861	36,395	40,314	39,642
Total	100,219	96,064	91,995	92,600	98,138	146,750	265,325	290,737	287,972
Females									
Border, Midland and Western									
Border	10,747	10,446	9,682	9,581	9,548	11,769	18,639	21,174	22,394
Midland	4,765	4,847	4,655	4,834	4,897	6,088	10,520	11,085	11,861
West	7,253	7,031	6,625	6,537	6,495	7,981	12,748	14,272	14,952
Southern and Eastern									
Dublin	17,334	16,234	14,919	14,824	14,361	17,755	31,408	35,416	35,956
Mid-East	5,648	5,742	5,403	5,465	5,516	7,264	12,950	14,881	15,536
Mid-West	6,781	6,395	5,861	5,711	5,739	7,251	12,102	13,853	14,146
South-East	9,510	9,384	8,768	8,755	8,674	10,725	16,733	19,168	20,225
South-West	10,158	9,872	9,211	9,092	8,940	11,153	18,487	21,104	21,862
Total	72,195	69,951	65,124	64,798	64,171	79,985	132,834	150,953	156,932
All persons									
Border, Midland and Western									
Border	26,143	25,037	23,193	22,815	23,471	32,914	56,317	62,225	62,980
Midland	10,383	10,352	10,126	10,629	11,590	17,059	29,560	32,746	33,594
West	17,242	16,351	15,367	15,069	15,775	21,898	37,543	40,851	40,932
Southern and Eastern									
Dublin	44,672	42,630	40,378	40,386	40,397	53,296	95,351	105,458	105,860
Mid-East	12,574	12,680	12,146	12,471	13,303	20,088	37,878	42,460	42,997
Mid-West	15,343	14,464	13,493	13,526	14,214	20,002	35,644	39,602	39,183
South-East	21,859	21,597	20,546	20,718	21,152	30,463	50,984	56,929	57,855
South-West	24,199	22,904	21,868	21,784	22,352	31,014	54,882	61,418	61,505
TOTAL	172,414	166,013	157,117	157,398	162,309	226,735	398,159	441,689	444,905

Source: CSO

Table 2.12 Number of persons on the Live Register in April of each year by sex and duration of continuous registration

Duration	Number									
	April 2003	April 2004	April 2005	April 2006	April 2007	April 2008	April 2009	April 2010	April 2011	
Males										
Under 3 months	35,149	32,830	31,178	31,472	32,322	49,995	104,768	92,904	84,285	
3-<6 months	16,385	15,482	13,987	14,530	14,018	22,270	53,667	34,954	24,694	
6-<12 months	18,288	17,885	15,456	16,172	15,539	20,419	48,798	73,148	53,142	
1-<2 years	12,262	13,172	11,479	11,857	12,192	13,004	24,235	46,885	57,057	
2-<3 years	4,277	5,487	5,792	5,768	6,191	6,576	8,185	15,555	32,739	
3 years and over	13,929	13,330	13,177	13,611	14,374	15,601	18,784	24,382	34,873	
Total	100,290	98,186	91,069	93,410	94,636	127,865	258,437	287,828	286,745	
Females										
Under 3 months	32,858	29,879	28,619	30,919	27,991	32,985	63,765	63,575	65,546	
3-<6 months	10,504	10,638	9,009	9,166	8,613	9,803	20,753	15,493	13,386	
6-<12 months	12,266	13,103	10,660	11,214	10,888	11,361	21,534	35,192	29,143	
1-<2 years	6,510	7,473	6,063	6,267	6,288	6,300	9,814	16,606	22,364	
2-<3 years	2,065	2,335	2,359	2,410	2,614	2,690	3,349	5,520	10,586	
3 years and over	5,791	5,442	4,930	4,678	4,937	5,384	6,461	8,443	11,801	
Total	69,994	68,870	61,640	64,654	61,331	68,523	125,676	144,829	152,826	
All persons										
Under 3 months	68,007	62,709	59,797	62,391	60,313	82,980	168,533	156,479	149,831	
3-<6 months	26,889	26,120	22,996	23,696	22,631	32,073	74,420	50,447	38,035	
6-<12 months	30,554	30,988	26,116	27,386	26,427	31,780	70,332	108,340	82,285	
1-<2 years	18,772	20,645	17,542	18,124	18,480	19,304	34,049	63,491	79,421	
2-<3 years	6,342	7,822	8,151	8,178	8,805	9,266	11,534	21,075	43,325	
3 years and over	19,720	18,772	18,107	18,289	19,311	20,985	25,245	32,825	46,674	
TOTAL	170,284	167,056	152,709	158,064	155,967	196,388	384,113	432,657	439,571	

Source: CSO

Number of persons on the Live Register, April 2011

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Table 2.13 Number of persons on the Live Register in April of each year by age group and duration of continuous registration

Duration	Age Group						Total	Number
	Under 20	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59		60-64
April 2006								
Under 3 months	3,230	9,407	17,117	13,708	11,090	4,671	3,168	62,391
3-<6 months	1,648	3,988	6,902	5,125	3,510	1,444	1,079	23,696
6-<12 months	1,755	4,209	7,651	6,164	4,424	1,795	1,388	27,386
1-<2 years	885	2,604	4,544	4,266	3,571	1,233	1,021	18,124
2-<3 years	0	1,383	1,937	1,995	1,915	586	362	8,178
3 years and over	0	1,282	3,825	4,759	5,736	1,748	939	18,289
Total	7,518	22,873	41,976	36,017	30,246	11,477	7,957	158,064
April 2007								
Under 3 months	3,246	9,498	16,923	13,126	10,161	4,202	3,157	60,313
3-<6 months	1,588	3,860	6,392	4,825	3,448	1,403	1,115	22,631
6-<12 months	1,717	4,049	7,158	6,043	4,182	1,742	1,536	26,427
1-<2 years	969	2,819	4,749	4,238	3,443	1,256	1,006	18,480
2-<3 years	0	1,514	2,115	2,055	2,064	571	486	8,805
3 years and over	0	1,439	4,102	4,979	5,969	1,779	1,043	19,311
Total	7,520	23,179	41,439	35,266	29,267	10,953	8,343	155,967
April 2008								
Under 3 months	4,399	14,377	25,297	17,166	12,822	5,062	3,857	82,980
3-<6 months	1,974	5,827	9,854	6,620	4,412	1,814	1,572	32,073
6-<12 months	1,863	5,128	9,074	7,079	4,748	1,989	1,899	31,780
1-<2 years	1,003	3,092	4,925	4,413	3,393	1,352	1,126	19,304
2-<3 years	0	1,764	2,319	2,151	1,946	655	431	9,266
3 years and over	0	1,657	4,518	5,354	6,262	2,007	1,187	20,985
Total	9,239	31,845	55,987	42,783	33,583	12,879	10,072	196,388
April 2009								
Under 3 months	6,951	28,333	57,428	35,447	25,301	8,775	6,298	168,533
3-<6 months	3,703	13,692	26,508	15,372	9,500	3,225	2,420	74,420
6-<12 months	3,694	12,445	22,815	14,965	9,669	3,614	3,130	70,332
1-<2 years	1,666	5,703	9,523	7,517	5,244	2,197	2,199	34,049
2-<3 years	0	2,387	2,875	2,623	2,158	828	663	11,534
3 years and over	0	2,154	5,598	6,204	7,071	2,677	1,541	25,245
Total	16,014	64,714	124,747	82,128	58,943	21,316	16,251	384,113
April 2010								
Under 3 months	5,231	24,045	54,740	33,842	24,164	8,361	6,096	156,479
3-<6 months	2,045	7,575	17,552	11,116	7,183	2,677	2,299	50,447
6-<12 months	3,938	16,752	35,906	24,269	15,815	6,268	5,392	108,340
1-<2 years	3,187	12,533	18,627	13,519	9,024	3,469	3,132	63,491
2-<3 years	2	4,645	5,811	4,523	3,293	1,424	1,377	21,075
3 years and over	0	3,045	7,526	8,039	8,338	3,689	2,188	32,825
Total	14,403	68,595	140,162	95,308	67,817	25,888	20,484	432,657
April 2011								
Under 3 months	4,848	22,264	51,520	32,663	23,797	8,611	6,128	149,831
3-<6 months	2,115	5,514	12,151	8,140	5,663	2,464	1,988	38,035
6-<12 months	4,638	12,050	25,339	18,575	12,330	5,065	4,288	82,285
1-<2 years	2,096	11,358	24,713	17,774	12,782	5,446	5,252	79,421
2-<3 years	1	9,429	12,390	9,470	6,868	2,660	2,507	43,325
3 years and over	0	5,103	11,460	11,079	10,620	5,033	3,379	46,674
Total	13,698	65,718	137,573	97,701	72,060	29,279	23,542	439,571

Source: CSO

Table 2.14 Number of redundancies by industrial group

Industry group	Number							
	Notified	Redundancies						
		Actual						
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Males								
Extraction Industry (chemical products)	796	555	368	238	268	323	145	n/a
Metal Manufacturing and Engineering	1,956	1,243	929	880	1,432	2,385	1,459	n/a
Other Manufacturing (Food, Drink, Tobacco, Textiles, Leather, Footwear, Timber, Paper, Miscellaneous)	3,251	3,441	3,584	3,856	5,635	9,803	6,927	n/a
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	181	436	598	317	558	841	618	n/a
Energy and Water	215	252	130	80	114	203	229	n/a
Building and Civil Engineering	2,024	1,766	1,946	3,705	11,031	16,832	10,960	n/a
Distributive Trades	2,208	1,653	1,189	1,106	1,441	2,526	1,729	n/a
Transport and Communications	1,006	821	1,234	867	1,012	3,648	2,212	n/a
Banking, Finance and Insurance	1,324	697	626	403	476	1,066	1,438	n/a
Other Services	1,050	2,695	3,477	4,180	6,227	14,404	11,164	n/a
Total redundancies	14,011	13,559	14,081	15,632	28,194	52,031	36,881	n/a
Females								
Extraction Industry (chemical products)	313	135	61	70	52	82	51	n/a
Metal Manufacturing and Engineering	1,147	462	322	223	270	482	211	n/a
Other Manufacturing (Food, Drink, Tobacco, Textiles, Leather, Footwear, Timber, Paper, Miscellaneous)	1,693	2,017	2,461	2,316	2,714	4,760	3,590	n/a
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	100	202	245	139	197	261	165	n/a
Energy and Water	92	136	184	40	17	52	114	n/a
Building and Civil Engineering	212	159	180	216	944	2,061	1,497	n/a
Distributive Trades	2,482	1,588	1,162	762	944	1,834	1,193	n/a
Transport and Communications	793	508	431	501	485	1,296	1,099	n/a
Banking, Finance and Insurance	1,175	803	609	464	667	1,594	2,505	n/a
Other Services	1,354	3,587	3,948	5,096	6,132	12,548	11,425	n/a
Total redundancies	9,361	9,597	9,603	9,827	12,413	24,970	21,850	n/a
All persons								
Extraction Industry (chemical products)	1,109	690	429	308	320	405	196	n/a
Metal Manufacturing and Engineering	3,103	1,705	1,251	1,103	1,702	2,867	1,670	n/a
Other Manufacturing (Food, Drink, Tobacco, Textiles, Leather, Footwear, Timber, Paper, Miscellaneous)	4,944	5,458	6,045	6,172	8,349	14,563	10,517	n/a
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	281	638	843	456	755	1,102	783	n/a
Energy and Water	307	388	314	120	131	255	343	n/a
Building and Civil Engineering	2,236	1,925	2,126	3,921	11,975	18,893	12,457	n/a
Distributive Trades	4,690	3,241	2,351	1,868	2,385	4,360	2,922	n/a
Transport and Communications	1,799	1,329	1,665	1,368	1,497	4,944	3,311	n/a
Banking, Finance and Insurance	2,499	1,500	1,235	867	1,143	2,660	3,943	n/a
Other Services	2,404	6,282	7,425	9,276	12,350	26,952	22,589	n/a
TOTAL REDUNDANCIES	23,372	23,156	23,684	25,459	40,607	77,001	58,731	49,762

Source: Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation (2004-2010) and Department of Social Protection (2011)

