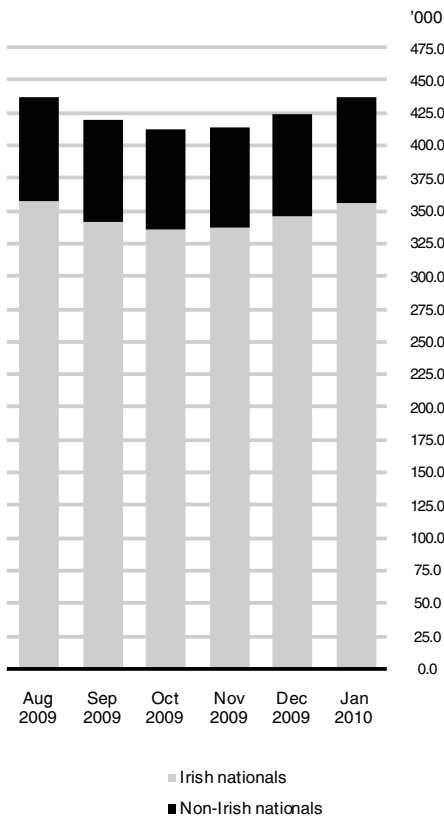




### Live Register by nationality



### Increases in both Irish and non-Irish nationals on Live Register in January

In January 2010 there were 355,541 Irish nationals and 81,395 non-Irish nationals on the Live Register. This represents a monthly increase of 9,465 (+2.7%) in Irish nationals and an increase of 3,876 (+5.0%) in non-Irish nationals. *See table 4 and graph opposite.*

In the year to January 2010 the number of Irish nationals on the Live Register increased by 93,270, while the corresponding annual increase for non-Irish nationals was 17,394.

Among non-Irish nationals the largest number on the Live Register, were nationals from the EU15 to EU27 States (45,652) while the smallest number were from the EU15 States outside of Ireland and the UK (4,186).

Non-Irish nationals represented 18.6% of all persons on the Live Register in January 2010. Estimates from the Quarterly National Household Survey for July to September 2009 show that non-Irish nationals represented an estimated 14.7% of all persons in the labour force aged between 17 and 64 years (the relevant age range for the Live Register).

**Table 1 Persons on the Live Register classified by Region**

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions <sup>1</sup>	January 2009	December 2009	January 2010	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
<b>Males</b>							
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>70,185</b>	<b>86,723</b>	<b>89,836</b>	<b>+ 3,113</b>	<b>+ 19,651</b>	<b>17,912</b>	<b>71,924</b>
Border	32,274	39,892	41,181	+ 1,289	+ 8,907	8,354	32,827
Midland	16,859	20,822	21,576	+ 754	+ 4,717	4,222	17,354
West	21,052	26,009	27,079	+ 1,070	+ 6,027	5,336	21,743
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>150,227</b>	<b>196,131</b>	<b>201,812</b>	<b>+ 5,681</b>	<b>+ 51,585</b>	<b>37,306</b>	<b>164,506</b>
Dublin	51,260	67,794	69,524	+ 1,730	+ 18,264	13,113	56,411
Mid-East	20,659	26,331	27,187	+ 856	+ 6,528	4,868	22,319
Mid-West	19,496	25,403	26,238	+ 835	+ 6,742	5,023	21,215
South-East	29,097	36,901	37,871	+ 970	+ 8,774	7,329	30,542
South-West	29,715	39,702	40,992	+ 1,290	+ 11,277	6,973	34,019
<b>Total</b>	<b>220,412</b>	<b>282,854</b>	<b>291,648</b>	<b>+ 8,794</b>	<b>+ 71,236</b>	<b>55,218</b>	<b>236,430</b>
<b>Females</b>							
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>33,644</b>	<b>43,055</b>	<b>44,481</b>	<b>+ 1,426</b>	<b>+ 10,837</b>	<b>9,899</b>	<b>34,582</b>
Border	15,396	19,585	20,232	+ 647	+ 4,836	4,586	15,646
Midland	7,903	10,201	10,454	+ 253	+ 2,551	2,468	7,986
West	10,345	13,269	13,795	+ 526	+ 3,450	2,845	10,950
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>72,216</b>	<b>97,686</b>	<b>100,807</b>	<b>+ 3,121</b>	<b>+ 28,591</b>	<b>20,793</b>	<b>80,014</b>
Dublin	23,740	33,378	34,053	+ 675	+ 10,313	7,174	26,879
Mid-East	10,033	13,740	14,108	+ 368	+ 4,075	2,739	11,369
Mid-West	9,576	12,949	13,468	+ 519	+ 3,892	2,860	10,608
South-East	13,744	17,761	18,359	+ 598	+ 4,615	4,150	14,209
South-West	15,123	19,858	20,819	+ 961	+ 5,696	3,870	16,949
<b>Total</b>	<b>105,860</b>	<b>140,741</b>	<b>145,288</b>	<b>+ 4,547</b>	<b>+ 39,428</b>	<b>30,692</b>	<b>114,596</b>
<b>All Persons</b>							
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>103,829</b>	<b>129,778</b>	<b>134,317</b>	<b>+ 4,539</b>	<b>+ 30,488</b>	<b>27,811</b>	<b>106,506</b>
Border	47,670	59,477	61,413	+ 1,936	+ 13,743	12,940	48,473
Midland	24,762	31,023	32,030	+ 1,007	+ 7,268	6,690	25,340
West	31,397	39,278	40,874	+ 1,596	+ 9,477	8,181	32,693
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>222,443</b>	<b>293,817</b>	<b>302,619</b>	<b>+ 8,802</b>	<b>+ 80,176</b>	<b>58,099</b>	<b>244,520</b>
Dublin	75,000	101,172	103,577	+ 2,405	+ 28,577	20,287	83,290
Mid-East	30,692	40,071	41,295	+ 1,224	+ 10,603	7,607	33,688
Mid-West	29,072	38,352	39,706	+ 1,354	+ 10,634	7,883	31,823
South-East	42,841	54,662	56,230	+ 1,568	+ 13,389	11,479	44,751
South-West	44,838	59,560	61,811	+ 2,251	+ 16,973	10,843	50,968
<b>Total</b>	<b>326,272</b>	<b>423,595</b>	<b>436,936</b>	<b>+ 13,341</b>	<b>+ 110,664</b>	<b>85,910</b>	<b>351,026</b>

<sup>1</sup> The composition of the regions is described in the Background Notes.

**Table 2 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province**

Provinces	January 2009	December 2009	January 2010	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
<b>Provinces</b>							
Leinster	168,522	220,683	226,908	+ 6,225	+ 58,386	44,828	182,080
Munster	91,876	120,771	124,853	+ 4,082	+ 32,977	23,456	101,397
Connacht	38,314	47,870	49,788	+ 1,918	+ 11,474	9,990	39,798
Ulster	27,560	34,271	35,387	+ 1,116	+ 7,827	7,636	27,751
<b>Total</b>	<b>326,272</b>	<b>423,595</b>	<b>436,936</b>	<b>+ 13,341</b>	<b>+ 110,664</b>	<b>85,910</b>	<b>351,026</b>

**Table 3 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age Group and Local Office of Registration**

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	January 2009	December 2009	January 2010	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>103,829</b>	<b>129,778</b>	<b>134,317</b>	<b>17,912</b>	<b>71,924</b>	<b>89,836</b>	<b>9,899</b>	<b>34,582</b>	<b>44,481</b>
<b>Border</b>	<b>47,670</b>	<b>59,477</b>	<b>61,413</b>	<b>8,354</b>	<b>32,827</b>	<b>41,181</b>	<b>4,586</b>	<b>15,646</b>	<b>20,232</b>
Cavan	5,796	7,189	7,352	953	4,036	4,989	567	1,796	2,363
Ballyconnell	1,044	1,208	1,261	160	708	868	92	301	393
Cavan	4,752	5,981	6,091	793	3,328	4,121	475	1,495	1,970
Donegal	16,756	20,748	21,473	3,173	11,082	14,255	1,700	5,518	7,218
Ballybofey	2,101	2,507	2,662	439	1,406	1,845	228	589	817
Ballyshannon	1,152	1,510	1,532	220	741	961	132	439	571
Buncrana	3,939	4,880	5,005	777	2,745	3,522	374	1,109	1,483
Donegal	1,155	1,397	1,501	187	697	884	128	489	617
Dunfanaghy	1,304	1,606	1,620	235	858	1,093	86	441	527
Dungloe	1,740	2,143	2,256	261	1,166	1,427	133	696	829
Killybegs	1,096	1,205	1,253	136	646	782	84	387	471
Letterkenny	4,269	5,500	5,644	918	2,823	3,741	535	1,368	1,903
Leitrim	2,831	3,600	3,635	418	2,025	2,443	217	975	1,192
Carrick-on-Shannon	2,098	2,712	2,708	302	1,503	1,805	161	742	903
Manorhamilton	733	888	927	116	522	638	56	233	289
Louth	13,193	16,614	17,112	2,251	9,313	11,564	1,244	4,304	5,548
Ardee	1,778	2,350	2,494	339	1,413	1,752	163	579	742
Drogheda	6,256	8,073	8,296	1,019	4,453	5,472	568	2,256	2,824
Dundalk	5,159	6,191	6,322	893	3,447	4,340	513	1,469	1,982
Monaghan	5,008	6,334	6,562	822	3,635	4,457	421	1,684	2,105
Carrickmacross	1,333	1,626	1,660	211	904	1,115	99	446	545
Castleblayney	1,286	1,658	1,707	220	970	1,190	115	402	517
Clones	587	725	739	119	388	507	59	173	232
Monaghan	1,802	2,325	2,456	272	1,373	1,645	148	663	811
Sligo	4,086	4,992	5,279	737	2,736	3,473	437	1,369	1,806
Sligo	3,286	4,098	4,347	609	2,246	2,855	362	1,130	1,492
Tubbercurry	800	894	932	128	490	618	75	239	314
<b>Midland</b>	<b>24,762</b>	<b>31,023</b>	<b>32,030</b>	<b>4,222</b>	<b>17,354</b>	<b>21,576</b>	<b>2,468</b>	<b>7,986</b>	<b>10,454</b>
Laoighis	6,136	7,679	7,979	1,124	4,345	5,469	615	1,895	2,510
Portarlington	2,365	3,099	3,240	460	1,713	2,173	267	800	1,067
Portlaoise	2,938	3,461	3,580	494	1,970	2,464	269	847	1,116
Rathdowney	833	1,119	1,159	170	662	832	79	248	327
Longford	4,315	5,157	5,298	629	3,009	3,638	382	1,278	1,660
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Offaly	6,274	8,191	8,423	1,145	4,619	5,764	633	2,026	2,659
Birr	1,665	2,181	2,223	312	1,165	1,477	179	567	746
Edenderry	1,726	2,255	2,337	288	1,330	1,618	176	543	719
Tullamore	2,883	3,755	3,863	545	2,124	2,669	278	916	1,194
Westmeath	8,037	9,996	10,330	1,324	5,381	6,705	838	2,787	3,625
Athlone	3,078	3,938	4,080	522	2,082	2,604	353	1,123	1,476
Castlepollard	1,090	1,210	1,267	193	643	836	95	336	431
Mullingar	3,869	4,848	4,983	609	2,656	3,265	390	1,328	1,718
<b>West</b>	<b>31,397</b>	<b>39,278</b>	<b>40,874</b>	<b>5,336</b>	<b>21,743</b>	<b>27,079</b>	<b>2,845</b>	<b>10,950</b>	<b>13,795</b>
Galway	18,402	22,722	23,583	3,025	12,385	15,410	1,682	6,491	8,173
Ballinasloe	1,940	2,561	2,643	376	1,432	1,808	182	653	835
Clifden	1,126	1,256	1,351	154	692	846	99	406	505
Galway	9,943	11,865	12,157	1,578	6,294	7,872	985	3,300	4,285
Gort	1,110	1,405	1,507	165	759	924	64	519	583
Loughrea	1,762	2,405	2,525	281	1,345	1,626	152	747	899
Tuam	2,521	3,230	3,400	471	1,863	2,334	200	866	1,066

**Table 3 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age Group and Local Office of Registration**

-continued			Males				Females		
NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	January 2009	December 2009	January 2010	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	9,902	12,736	13,346	1,750	7,184	8,934	914	3,498	4,412
Achill	352	481	478	55	282	337	24	117	141
Ballina	2,546	3,173	3,283	442	1,809	2,251	265	767	1,032
Ballinrobe	856	1,049	1,115	138	592	730	54	331	385
Belmullet	714	1,018	1,027	158	517	675	69	283	352
Castlebar	1,712	2,198	2,387	306	1,242	1,548	186	653	839
Claremorris	1,044	1,402	1,461	183	817	1,000	84	377	461
Swinford	1,302	1,647	1,727	237	924	1,161	112	454	566
Westport	1,376	1,768	1,868	231	1,001	1,232	120	516	636
Roscommon	3,093	3,820	3,945	561	2,174	2,735	249	961	1,210
Boyle	784	978	1,012	134	539	673	54	285	339
Castlerea	1,343	1,669	1,727	274	965	1,239	124	364	488
Roscommon	966	1,173	1,206	153	670	823	71	312	383
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>222,443</b>	<b>293,817</b>	<b>302,619</b>	<b>37,306</b>	<b>164,506</b>	<b>201,812</b>	<b>20,793</b>	<b>80,014</b>	<b>100,807</b>
<b>Dublin</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>101,172</b>	<b>103,577</b>	<b>13,113</b>	<b>56,411</b>	<b>69,524</b>	<b>7,174</b>	<b>26,879</b>	<b>34,053</b>
Dublin	75,000	101,172	103,577	13,113	56,411	69,524	7,174	26,879	34,053
Bishop Square	6,316	8,415	8,578	972	4,784	5,756	604	2,218	2,822
Cumberland Street <sup>1</sup>	8,216	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
King's Inn Street <sup>1</sup>	0	7,630	7,852	879	4,462	5,341	533	1,978	2,511
Navan Road	4,561	6,336	6,522	753	3,618	4,371	461	1,690	2,151
Blanchardstown	6,680	8,280	8,353	1,005	4,502	5,507	607	2,239	2,846
Thomas Street	3,413	4,172	4,236	478	2,451	2,929	302	1,005	1,307
Tara Street	1,996	2,784	2,794	296	1,495	1,791	152	851	1,003
Tallaght	7,246	9,962	10,151	1,595	5,617	7,212	849	2,090	2,939
Ballymun	2,218	2,776	2,856	519	1,499	2,018	284	554	838
Clondalkin	7,522	9,657	9,765	1,310	5,359	6,669	754	2,342	3,096
Rathfarnham	3,600	5,155	5,088	512	2,606	3,118	260	1,710	1,970
Kilbarrack	3,828	5,164	5,329	708	2,902	3,610	310	1,409	1,719
Dun Laoghaire	5,150	7,331	7,686	695	4,095	4,790	335	2,561	2,896
Balbriggan	3,183	4,898	5,065	592	2,683	3,275	309	1,481	1,790
Swords <sup>1</sup>	0	4,605	4,862	541	2,464	3,005	319	1,538	1,857
Ballyfermot	2,485	3,102	3,251	626	1,768	2,394	279	578	857
Finglas	4,573	5,805	5,897	828	3,298	4,126	401	1,370	1,771
Coolock	4,013	5,100	5,292	804	2,808	3,612	415	1,265	1,680
<b>Mid-East</b>	<b>30,692</b>	<b>40,071</b>	<b>41,295</b>	<b>4,868</b>	<b>22,319</b>	<b>27,187</b>	<b>2,739</b>	<b>11,369</b>	<b>14,108</b>
Kildare	13,249	17,229	17,596	2,108	9,442	11,550	1,259	4,787	6,046
Athy	1,942	2,589	2,637	305	1,459	1,764	188	685	873
Maynooth	4,184	5,760	5,853	713	2,984	3,697	446	1,710	2,156
Newbridge	7,123	8,880	9,106	1,090	4,999	6,089	625	2,392	3,017
Meath	8,219	11,071	11,598	1,321	6,249	7,570	801	3,227	4,028
Kells	1,477	1,860	1,936	217	1,090	1,307	146	483	629
Navan	4,303	5,747	5,926	695	3,221	3,916	381	1,629	2,010
Trim	2,439	3,464	3,736	409	1,938	2,347	274	1,115	1,389
Wicklow	9,224	11,771	12,101	1,439	6,628	8,067	679	3,355	4,034
Arklow	2,739	3,374	3,466	422	1,941	2,363	212	891	1,103
Baltinglass	996	1,331	1,370	198	741	939	84	347	431
Bray	3,846	4,912	5,063	549	2,714	3,263	271	1,529	1,800
Wicklow	1,643	2,154	2,202	270	1,232	1,502	112	588	700
<b>Mid-West</b>	<b>29,072</b>	<b>38,352</b>	<b>39,706</b>	<b>5,023</b>	<b>21,215</b>	<b>26,238</b>	<b>2,860</b>	<b>10,608</b>	<b>13,468</b>
Clare	8,482	10,404	10,818	1,352	5,643	6,995	748	3,075	3,823
Ennis	4,861	5,846	6,097	758	3,158	3,916	448	1,733	2,181
Ennistymon	1,346	1,659	1,724	202	890	1,092	118	514	632
Kilrush	1,171	1,419	1,455	210	759	969	106	380	486
Tulla	1,104	1,480	1,542	182	836	1,018	76	448	524
Limerick	15,743	21,375	22,010	2,777	12,043	14,820	1,607	5,583	7,190
Kilmallock	1,944	2,762	2,807	409	1,487	1,896	183	728	911
Limerick	11,228	15,092	15,617	1,897	8,599	10,496	1,154	3,967	5,121
Newcastle West	2,571	3,521	3,586	471	1,957	2,428	270	888	1,158

**Table 3 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age Group and Local Office of Registration**

-continued NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office				Males			Females		
	January 2009	December 2009	January 2010	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	4,847	6,573	6,878	894	3,529	4,423	505	1,950	2,455
Nenagh	1,900	2,642	2,811	327	1,450	1,777	179	855	1,034
Roscrea	889	1,265	1,308	175	633	808	101	399	500
Thurles	2,058	2,666	2,759	392	1,446	1,838	225	696	921
<b>South-East</b>	<b>42,841</b>	<b>54,662</b>	<b>56,230</b>	<b>7,329</b>	<b>30,542</b>	<b>37,871</b>	<b>4,150</b>	<b>14,209</b>	<b>18,359</b>
Carlow	4,763	6,578	6,723	918	3,759	4,677	496	1,550	2,046
Bagenalstown	1,093	1,544	1,626	232	917	1,149	118	359	477
Carlow	2,541	3,538	3,554	504	1,972	2,476	282	796	1,078
Tullow	1,129	1,496	1,543	182	870	1,052	96	395	491
Kilkenny	5,607	7,069	7,334	941	4,098	5,039	508	1,787	2,295
Kilkenny	4,661	5,702	5,920	770	3,292	4,062	423	1,435	1,858
Thomastown	946	1,367	1,414	171	806	977	85	352	437
South Tipperary	6,545	8,514	8,739	1,252	4,916	6,168	637	1,934	2,571
Cahir	954	1,247	1,281	154	769	923	87	271	358
Carrick-on-Suir	1,605	2,039	2,017	271	1,112	1,383	144	490	634
Cashel	818	1,114	1,197	169	664	833	74	290	364
Clonmel	1,917	2,479	2,577	442	1,387	1,829	213	535	748
Tipperary	1,251	1,635	1,667	216	984	1,200	119	348	467
Waterford	11,421	14,345	14,597	1,780	7,927	9,707	1,061	3,829	4,890
Dungarvan	1,708	2,236	2,287	278	1,301	1,579	141	567	708
Waterford	9,713	12,109	12,310	1,502	6,626	8,128	920	3,262	4,182
Wexford	14,505	18,156	18,837	2,438	9,842	12,280	1,448	5,109	6,557
Enniscorthy	3,625	4,333	4,485	642	2,427	3,069	373	1,043	1,416
Gorey	2,965	3,847	4,035	470	2,074	2,544	278	1,213	1,491
New Ross	2,500	3,347	3,433	437	1,848	2,285	251	897	1,148
Wexford	5,415	6,629	6,884	889	3,493	4,382	546	1,956	2,502
<b>South-West</b>	<b>44,838</b>	<b>59,560</b>	<b>61,811</b>	<b>6,973</b>	<b>34,019</b>	<b>40,992</b>	<b>3,870</b>	<b>16,949</b>	<b>20,819</b>
Cork	31,535	43,637	44,893	5,080	25,131	30,211	2,747	11,935	14,682
Bandon	1,191	1,543	1,548	162	934	1,096	71	381	452
Bantry	793	1,278	1,297	157	661	818	67	412	479
Bantry (SWLO)	266	318	327	27	149	176	23	128	151
Carrigaline	1,612	2,485	2,542	260	1,423	1,683	116	743	859
Clonakilty	924	1,266	1,321	109	702	811	59	451	510
Cobh	763	1,063	1,105	125	614	739	64	302	366
Cork	14,045	19,099	19,624	2,464	11,113	13,577	1,387	4,660	6,047
Fermoy	1,888	2,729	2,742	339	1,530	1,869	176	697	873
Kinsale	1,037	1,324	1,374	81	717	798	52	524	576
Macroom	1,284	1,776	1,832	205	1,071	1,276	85	471	556
Mallow	1,899	2,593	2,699	336	1,528	1,864	159	676	835
Midleton	2,306	3,278	3,366	270	1,913	2,183	171	1,012	1,183
Newmarket	1,380	1,870	2,014	228	1,167	1,395	126	493	619
Skibbereen	783	1,241	1,306	147	636	783	85	438	523
Youghal	1,364	1,774	1,796	170	973	1,143	106	547	653
Kerry	13,303	15,923	16,918	1,893	8,888	10,781	1,123	5,014	6,137
Cahirciveen	635	721	720	85	339	424	47	249	296
Dingle	684	810	854	58	431	489	44	321	365
Kenmare	659	703	787	69	343	412	47	328	375
Killarney	2,645	3,146	3,510	345	1,646	1,991	256	1,263	1,519
Killorglin	1,030	1,322	1,389	147	784	931	82	376	458
Listowel	2,267	2,951	3,066	408	1,727	2,135	188	743	931
Tralee	5,383	6,270	6,592	781	3,618	4,399	459	1,734	2,193
<b>State</b>	<b>326,272</b>	<b>423,595</b>	<b>436,936</b>	<b>55,218</b>	<b>236,430</b>	<b>291,648</b>	<b>30,692</b>	<b>114,596</b>	<b>145,288</b>

<sup>1</sup> Cumberland Street Local Office has closed with effect from July 2009. Figures previously provided for the Cumberland Street Local Office are now presented in two Local Offices King's Inns Street and Swords with effect from July 2009. Cumberland Street figures from April 2006 to July 2009 included those persons that had been transferred to the Swords Local Office.

**Table 4 Persons on the Live Register classified by nationality**

		Nationality						
		Non-Irish nationals						
		United Kingdom	EU15 excl. Irl. & UK	EU15 to EU27 States	Other	Non-Irish nationals	Irish nationals	Total Persons
2008	January	8,756	1,759	10,064	5,909	26,488	154,961	181,449
	February	9,073	1,858	12,545	6,247	29,723	159,762	189,485
	March	9,349	1,959	13,403	6,408	31,119	166,873	197,992
	April	9,401	1,921	14,166	6,483	31,971	163,627	195,598
	May	9,600	1,945	14,738	6,996	33,279	168,477	201,756
	June	10,268	2,146	15,623	7,831	35,868	184,943	220,811
	July	10,969	2,327	16,953	8,215	38,464	199,776	238,240
	August	11,426	2,446	18,581	8,648	41,101	206,283	247,384
	September	11,186	2,419	19,381	8,228	41,214	199,003	240,217
	October	11,543	2,638	22,162	8,044	44,387	206,293	250,680
	November	12,320	2,890	25,956	8,468	49,634	217,555	267,189
	December	13,233	3,193	28,788	8,975	54,189	235,829	290,018
2009	January	14,743	3,632	35,627	9,999	64,001	262,271	326,272
	February	15,642	4,033	40,799	10,838	71,312	281,141	352,453
	March	16,220	4,224	43,286	11,449	75,179	294,024	369,203
	April	16,731	4,345	44,358	11,852	77,286	304,590	381,876
	May	17,225	4,358	44,209	12,652	78,444	315,690	394,134
	June	17,929	4,497	44,102	13,737	80,265	335,197	415,462
	July	18,490	4,460	43,098	14,050	80,098	352,323	432,421
	August	18,663	4,445	42,685	13,891	79,684	357,041	436,725
	September	18,098	4,219	41,990	13,436	77,743	342,111	419,854
	October	17,857	4,081	41,663	12,703	76,304	336,103	412,407
	November	17,840	4,031	42,311	12,598	76,780	336,725	413,505
	December	18,062	4,073	42,675	12,709	77,519	346,076	423,595
2010	January	18,524	4,186	45,652	13,033	81,395	355,541	436,936

## 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 and Family Affairs. It comprises 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 2010 – 26<sup>th</sup> December 2009 to 29<sup>th</sup> January 2010  
January 2009 – 27<sup>th</sup> December 2008 to 30<sup>th</sup> January 2009.

**Descriptive articles** The compilation basis for the Live Register statistics from May 1992 onwards is described in the September 1992 issue of the *Statistical Bulletin*. The March 1980 issue contained a description of the basis used up to April 1992 while a more comprehensive treatment of Live Register statistics appeared in the “Report of the Inter-Departmental Study Group on Unemployment Statistics” (Stationery Office Dublin, Prl.7925, April 1979). The results of a special study of the differences between the Labour Force Survey (LFS) Estimates of Unemployment and the Live Register are contained in the December 1996 issue of the *Statistical Bulletin*.

**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 or Jobseekers Benefit. **Unemployment is measured by the Quarterly National Household Survey** (formerly the Annual Labour Force Survey).

**NUTS2 and NUTS3 regions** The regional classifications in this release 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

<b>Border</b>	Cavan Donegal Leitrim Louth Monaghan Sligo
<b>Midland</b>	Laoighis Longford Offaly Westmeath
<b>West</b>	Galway City Galway County Mayo Roscommon

### Southern and Eastern NUTS2 Region

<b>Dublin</b>	Dublin City Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Fingal South Dublin
<b>Mid-East</b>	Kildare Meath Wicklow
<b>Mid-West</b>	Clare Limerick City Limerick County North Tipperary
<b>South-East</b>	Carlow Kilkenny South Tipperary Waterford City Waterford County Wexford
<b>South-West</b>	Cork City Cork County Kerry

**Live Register Area Analysis** The basis of the area classification used in this release is the Department of Social and Family Affairs 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. the figure 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. A classification by area of residence of persons on the Live Register was published until January 1989 but was then discontinued.

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

**Live Register revision** New collection methods employed by the Department of Social & Family Affairs (DSFA) for the compilation of the Live Register have permitted more accurate reporting of the number of persons on the Live Register. Specifically these changes allow the identification of individuals who should not previously have been included in the Live Register count but could not be separately identified and excluded under existing arrangements. The changes relate to the following schemes:

**Temporarily working** - claims for Jobseeker Benefit (JB) and Jobseeker Allowance (JA) which are suspended for the reason that the customer is “temporarily working” are excluded from the live register since participants are engaged in employment.

**Short Term Enterprise Allowance scheme (STEA)** - this new employment support measure was introduced from the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2009. While it is part of the DSFA Back to Work Enterprise Allowance programme (participants are engaged in self-employment) it is contingent on qualifying for JB and it is currently recorded and paid on the JB system. Since participants on this scheme are engaged in self-employment they are excluded from the Live Register.

**Work Placement Programme (WPP)** - this new employment support measure was introduced from the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2009 (participants are placed on a new 6 month Work Placement Programme). The scheme is administered by FAS, but participants continue to receive their existing social welfare entitlements from DSFA for their duration on the programme. Since participants on this scheme are engaged in employment they are excluded from the Live Register.

In order to facilitate consistent analysis of the Live Register series all data has been revised from October 2008 to September 2009 to exclude the categories listed above. As such annual and monthly change figures presented in this release are on a consistent basis. These revisions are reflected in revised tables both in the release and on the CSO databank. A summary table indicating the size of the revisions for each of the 12 months at state level can be found below. The total level of revision is less than 1 percent of the state total on the Live Register. For further queries on these changes please contact the CSO.

**Table A Overall revisions to Live Register totals, October 2008 to September 2009**

Month	Total Male	Total Female	Total Live Register
Oct-08	-604	-667	-1,271
Nov-08	-690	-707	-1,397
Dec-08	-750	-595	-1,345
Jan-09	-893	-696	-1,589
Feb-09	-1,109	-875	-1,984
Mar-09	-1,174	-894	-2,068
Apr-09	-1,456	-1,116	-2,572
May-09	-1,592	-1,145	-2,737
Jun-09	-1,932	-1,198	-3,130
Jul-09	-2,033	-1,281	-3,314
Aug-09	-2,103	-1,228	-3,331
Sep-09	-2,381	-1,404	-3,785