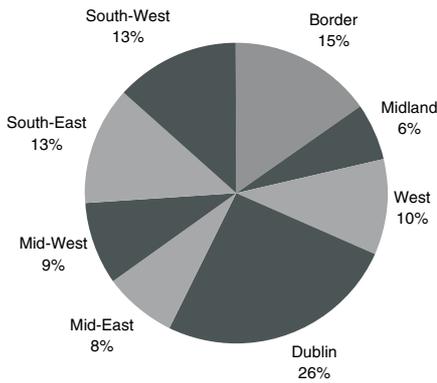


Live Register by Regional Authority



	August 2004	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and Western	55,584	- 307	- 2,848
Border	26,665	- 151	- 1,512
Midland	11,182	- 108	- 318
West	17,737	- 48	- 1,018
Southern and Eastern	120,232	-1,378	- 7,289
Dublin	44,953	- 665	- 3,776
Mid-East	13,777	- 61	- 61
Mid-West	15,495	8	- 1,030
South-East	22,382	- 221	- 932
South-West	23,625	- 439	- 1,490
Total	175,816	-1,685	-10,137

Monthly decreases in all but one region

The monthly decrease of 1,685 persons on the Live Register reflected decreases in all regions, with the exception of the Mid-West (+0.1%). The largest monthly decreases were in the South-West (-1.8%) and the Dublin (-1.5%) regions, while the lowest decreases were in the West (-0.3%) and Mid-East (-0.4%) regions.

Other area features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males decreased in 6 regions. The largest percentage decreases were in the Midland (-1.8%) and South-West (-1.8%) regions. There was an increase in the West (+0.3%) and no change in the Mid-West regions.
- ◆ The number of females decreased in all regions, with the exception of the Mid-West (+0.1%). The largest percentage decreases were in the Dublin and South-West regions (-1.8%).
- ◆ There were decreases in 19 counties, increases in 7 and no change in 1. The largest percentage decreases were in Offaly (-3.9%), Cork (-2.4%) and South Tipperary (-2.0%). The largest percentage increases were in Roscommon (+2.3%), Longford (+1.5%) and Clare (+0.9%). See tables 4 and 6.

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	August 2003	July 2004	August 2004	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	40,297	34,627	33,656	- 971	- 6,641
UA Applications	60,601	60,650	60,641	- 9	+ 40
Other Registrants	2,868	2,857	2,919	+ 62	+ 51
Total	103,766	98,134	97,216	- 918	- 6,550
Females					
UB Claims	46,958	44,352	43,370	- 982	- 3,588
UA Applications	25,034	25,744	25,881	+ 137	+ 847
Other Registrants	10,195	9,271	9,349	+ 78	- 846
Total	82,187	79,367	78,600	- 767	- 3,587
All Persons					
UB Claims	87,255	78,979	77,026	- 1,953	- 10,229
UA Applications	85,635	86,394	86,522	+ 128	+ 887
Other Registrants	13,063	12,128	12,268	+ 140	- 795
Total	185,953	177,501	175,816	- 1,685	- 10,137

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

Category	August 2003	July 2004	August 2004	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	7,936	6,026	5,863	- 163	- 2,073
UA Applications	12,471	12,743	12,789	+ 46	+ 318
Other Registrants	51	56	64	+ 8	+ 13
Total	20,458	18,825	18,716	- 109	- 1,742
Females					
UB Claims	7,033	5,691	5,581	- 110	- 1,452
UA Applications	9,705	10,210	10,182	- 28	+ 477
Other Registrants	153	132	140	+ 8	- 13
Total	16,891	16,033	15,903	- 130	- 988
All Persons					
UB Claims	14,969	11,717	11,444	- 273	- 3,525
UA Applications	22,176	22,953	22,971	+ 18	+ 795
Other Registrants	204	188	204	+ 16	0
Total	37,349	34,858	34,619	- 239	- 2,730

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

Category	August 2003	July 2004	August 2004	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	32,361	28,601	27,793	- 808	- 4,568
UA Applications	48,130	47,907	47,852	- 55	- 278
Other Registrants	2,817	2,801	2,855	+ 54	+ 38
Total	83,308	79,309	78,500	- 809	- 4,808
Females					
UB Claims	39,925	38,661	37,789	- 872	- 2,136
UA Applications	15,329	15,534	15,699	+ 165	+ 370
Other Registrants	10,042	9,139	9,209	+ 70	- 833
Total	65,296	63,334	62,697	- 637	- 2,599
All Persons					
UB Claims	72,286	67,262	65,582	- 1,680	- 6,704
UA Applications	63,459	63,441	63,551	+ 110	+ 92
Other Registrants	12,859	11,940	12,064	+ 124	- 795
Total	148,604	142,643	141,197	- 1,446	- 7,407

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

	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series ¹		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2002	August	98,800	74,800	173,600	96,900	67,400	164,300
	September	95,300	66,100	161,400	97,200	67,100	164,300
	October	93,800	63,900	157,700	97,400	66,700	164,100
	November	95,100	63,500	158,600	98,100	67,100	165,200
	December	98,700	67,500	166,100	98,000	68,200	166,200
2003	January	102,300	68,400	170,700	98,700	68,700	167,400
	February	102,000	69,400	171,400	99,000	69,600	168,600
	March	100,500	67,600	168,100	99,500	69,800	169,300
	April	100,300	70,600	170,900	100,500	72,900	173,500
	May	98,300	67,800	166,100	100,600	71,400	172,000
	June	101,600	76,300	177,900	101,900	73,500	175,400
	July	103,600	81,900	185,400	102,300	75,000	177,300
	August	103,800	82,200	186,000	102,000	74,700	176,700
	September	98,800	72,100	170,800	100,800	73,100	173,900
	October	96,300	70,300	166,600	99,900	73,200	173,100
	November	96,100	68,400	164,500	99,100	72,100	171,100
	December	99,200	71,500	170,600	98,500	72,300	170,800
2004	January	102,500	72,000	174,500	98,900	72,400	171,200
	February	101,600	71,600	173,100	98,500	71,800	170,300
	March	99,700	69,200	168,900	98,600	71,400	170,000
	April	97,100	67,600	164,700	97,300	69,900	167,300
	May	95,100	66,900	162,000	97,500	70,400	167,800
	June	96,600	72,300	169,000	96,900	69,500	166,400
	July	98,100	79,400	177,500	96,800	72,500	169,300
	August	97,200	78,600	175,800	95,500	71,100	166,500

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2004 (See Background Notes).

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	Total	Males	Females	Total
2002	August	19,000	15,000	34,000	18,100	13,100	31,200
	September	17,900	13,600	31,400	18,100	13,200	31,300
	October	17,200	12,500	29,600	18,300	13,100	31,300
	November	17,300	12,200	29,500	18,400	13,100	31,500
	December	18,000	12,400	30,400	18,400	13,300	31,600
2003	January	19,400	13,400	32,800	18,600	13,500	32,000
	February	19,300	13,600	32,900	18,600	13,600	32,300
	March	18,900	13,400	32,200	18,600	13,800	32,400
	April	18,700	13,400	32,000	18,900	14,100	33,100
	May	18,400	13,300	31,700	19,100	14,100	33,200
	June	19,600	15,600	35,200	19,500	14,800	34,300
	July	20,500	16,800	37,300	19,600	15,200	34,800
	August	20,500	16,900	37,300	19,600	15,000	34,600
	September	19,100	15,000	34,100	19,300	14,700	34,000
	October	17,800	13,800	31,600	18,900	14,400	33,300
	November	17,700	13,500	31,100	18,700	14,400	33,100
	December	18,100	13,400	31,400	18,500	14,300	32,700
2004	January	19,500	14,200	33,800	18,700	14,300	33,000
	February	19,300	14,200	33,600	18,600	14,300	32,900
	March	19,000	13,800	32,800	18,700	14,200	32,900
	April	18,100	13,200	31,300	18,300	14,000	32,400
	May	17,700	13,300	30,900	18,400	14,100	32,500
	June	18,300	14,800	33,100	18,200	14,000	32,300
	July	18,800	16,000	34,900	18,000	14,400	32,300
	August	18,700	15,900	34,600	17,800	14,100	31,900

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2004 (See Background Notes).

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	Total	Males	Females	Total
2002	August	79,700	59,800	139,600	78,800	54,300	133,100
	September	77,400	52,600	130,000	79,100	53,900	133,000
	October	76,700	51,400	128,100	79,100	53,600	132,700
	November	77,800	51,300	129,100	79,700	54,000	133,700
	December	80,700	55,100	135,800	79,600	55,000	134,600
2003	January	82,900	55,000	137,900	80,100	55,300	135,400
	February	82,700	55,700	138,400	80,400	56,000	136,400
	March	81,600	54,200	135,800	80,900	56,000	136,900
	April	81,600	57,300	138,900	81,600	58,800	140,400
	May	79,900	54,500	134,400	81,500	57,200	138,800
	June	82,000	60,700	142,700	82,400	58,700	141,100
	July	83,100	65,000	148,200	82,700	59,800	142,500
	August	83,300	65,300	148,600	82,400	59,600	142,100
	September	79,700	57,000	136,700	81,500	58,400	139,900
	October	78,500	56,500	134,900	81,000	58,800	139,700
	November	78,500	55,000	133,400	80,300	57,700	138,000
	December	81,100	58,100	139,200	80,000	58,000	138,100
2004	January	83,000	57,800	140,800	80,200	58,000	138,200
	February	82,200	57,300	139,500	79,900	57,600	137,500
	March	80,700	55,400	136,100	80,000	57,200	137,100
	April	79,000	54,300	133,300	79,000	55,900	134,900
	May	77,500	53,600	131,000	79,100	56,300	135,400
	June	78,300	57,500	135,800	78,700	55,400	134,100
	July	79,300	63,300	142,600	78,900	58,100	137,000
	August	78,500	62,700	141,200	77,600	57,000	134,600

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2004 (See Background Notes).

Table 3 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates¹ (SUR)

Month	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
January ²	8.7	5.9	4.8	3.7	4.4	4.6	4.4 ³
February	8.5	5.9	4.7	3.7	4.4	4.6	4.4
March	8.2	5.9	4.5	3.7	4.5	4.5	4.4
April ²	8.0	5.9	4.4	3.8	4.4	4.6	4.3
May	7.7	5.8	4.2	3.9	4.3	4.6	4.3
June	7.5	5.5	4.1	3.9	4.3	4.7	4.3
July ²	7.2	5.4	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.8	4.4
August	7.0	5.3	4.0	3.9	4.4	4.7	4.3
September	6.7	5.2	3.9	3.9	4.5	4.6	
October ²	6.5	5.1	3.9	4.0	4.6	4.5	
November	6.2	5.0	3.9	4.2	4.6	4.5	
December	6.1	4.9	3.8	4.3	4.6	4.4	
Annual average	7.4	5.5	4.2	3.9	4.4	4.6	

¹ Table contains revised figures.

² Benchmark Labour Force Survey/Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) estimates.

³ The latest QNHS estimate of the unemployment rate (adjusted for seasonality) is: December - February 2004, 4.4%.

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register classified by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	August 2003	July 2004	August 2004	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland & Western	32,414	30,423	30,205	- 218	- 2,209	5,699	24,506
Border	16,096	15,048	14,906	- 142	- 1,190	2,919	11,987
Midland	5,907	5,691	5,588	- 103	- 319	1,174	4,414
West	10,411	9,684	9,711	+ 27	- 700	1,606	8,105
Southern & Eastern	71,352	67,711	67,011	- 700	- 4,341	13,017	53,994
Dublin	28,737	27,065	26,729	- 336	- 2,008	5,423	21,306
Mid-East	7,236	7,199	7,191	- 8	- 45	1,368	5,823
Mid-West	8,802	8,170	8,170	0	- 632	1,713	6,457
South-East	12,547	12,141	12,024	- 117	- 523	2,371	9,653
South-West	14,030	13,136	12,897	- 239	- 1,133	2,142	10,755
Total	103,766	98,134	97,216	- 918	- 6,550	18,716	78,500
Females							
Border, Midland & Western	26,018	25,468	25,379	- 89	- 639	5,547	19,832
Border	12,081	11,768	11,759	- 9	- 322	2,766	8,993
Midland	5,593	5,599	5,594	- 5	+ 1	1,242	4,352
West	8,344	8,101	8,026	- 75	- 318	1,539	6,487
Southern & Eastern	56,169	53,899	53,221	- 678	- 2,948	10,356	42,865
Dublin	19,992	18,553	18,224	- 329	- 1,768	3,594	14,630
Mid-East	6,602	6,639	6,586	- 53	- 16	1,183	5,403
Mid-West	7,723	7,317	7,325	+ 8	- 398	1,405	5,920
South-East	10,767	10,462	10,358	- 104	- 409	2,145	8,213
South-West	11,085	10,928	10,728	- 200	- 357	2,029	8,699
Total	82,187	79,367	78,600	- 767	- 3,587	15,903	62,697
All Persons							
Border, Midland & Western	58,432	55,891	55,584	- 307	- 2,848	11,246	44,338
Border	28,177	26,816	26,665	- 151	- 1,512	5,685	20,980
Midland	11,500	11,290	11,182	- 108	- 318	2,416	8,766
West	18,755	17,785	17,737	- 48	- 1,018	3,145	14,592
Southern & Eastern	127,521	121,610	120,232	- 1,378	- 7,289	23,373	96,859
Dublin	48,729	45,618	44,953	- 665	- 3,776	9,017	35,936
Mid-East	13,838	13,838	13,777	- 61	- 61	2,551	11,226
Mid-West	16,525	15,487	15,495	+ 8	- 1,030	3,118	12,377
South-East	23,314	22,603	22,382	- 221	- 932	4,516	17,866
South-West	25,115	24,064	23,625	- 439	- 1,490	4,171	19,454
Total	185,953	177,501	175,816	- 1,685	- 10,137	34,619	141,197

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

Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	August 2003	July 2004	August 2004	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	95,031	90,947	89,981	- 966	- 5,050	18,188	71,793
Munster	52,187	49,738	49,205	- 533	- 2,982	9,263	39,942
Connacht	22,739	21,348	21,297	- 51	- 1,442	3,837	17,460
Ulster	15,996	15,468	15,333	- 135	- 663	3,331	12,002
Total	185,953	177,501	175,816	- 1,685	- 10,137	34,619	141,197

Table 6 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age Group and Local Office of Registration

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	August 2003	July 2004	August 2004	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	58,432	55,891	55,584	5,699	24,506	30,205	5,547	19,832	25,379
Border	28,177	26,816	26,665	2,919	11,987	14,906	2,766	8,993	11,759
Cavan	2,225	2,348	2,322	189	1,023	1,212	221	889	1,110
Belturbet	463	489	480	30	254	284	39	157	196
Cavan	1,762	1,859	1,842	159	769	928	182	732	914
Donegal	10,931	10,473	10,374	1,178	4,883	6,061	1,132	3,181	4,313
Ballybofey	983	924	902	121	371	492	135	275	410
Ballyshannon	502	487	467	46	223	269	56	142	198
Buncrana	1,978	1,964	1,942	174	802	976	276	690	966
Donegal	579	487	489	72	224	296	48	145	193
Dunfanaghy	1,051	965	968	118	491	609	77	282	359
Dungloe	1,789	1,589	1,589	173	799	972	101	516	617
Killybegs	1,039	1,109	1,089	89	624	713	70	306	376
Letterkenny	3,010	2,948	2,928	385	1,349	1,734	369	825	1,194
Leitrim	1,319	1,244	1,244	94	537	631	98	515	613
Carrick-on-Shannon	1,006	943	937	71	395	466	76	395	471
Manorhamilton	313	301	307	23	142	165	22	120	142
Louth	8,197	7,785	7,772	903	3,432	4,335	759	2,678	3,437
Ardee	984	952	950	127	359	486	104	360	464
Drogheda	3,688	3,564	3,557	369	1,517	1,886	342	1,329	1,671
Dundalk	3,525	3,269	3,265	407	1,556	1,963	313	989	1,302
Monaghan	2,840	2,647	2,637	291	1,068	1,359	320	958	1,278
Carrickmacross	797	697	674	48	257	305	71	298	369
Castleblayney	816	792	788	101	314	415	95	278	373
Clones	347	336	333	44	168	212	38	83	121
Monaghan	880	822	842	98	329	427	116	299	415
Sligo	2,665	2,319	2,316	264	1,044	1,308	236	772	1,008
Sligo	2,277	1,942	1,938	237	861	1,098	208	632	840
Tubbercurry	388	377	378	27	183	210	28	140	168
Midland	11,500	11,290	11,182	1,174	4,414	5,588	1,242	4,352	5,594
Laoighis	2,404	2,288	2,244	244	887	1,131	255	858	1,113
Portarlington	943	871	838	68	320	388	111	339	450
Portlaoise	1,070	1,017	1,007	134	388	522	105	380	485
Rathdowney	391	400	399	42	179	221	39	139	178
Longford	2,022	1,949	1,979	233	804	1,037	222	720	942
Longford	2,022	1,949	1,979	233	804	1,037	222	720	942
Offaly	3,079	2,995	2,879	279	1,228	1,507	301	1,071	1,372
Birr	949	946	900	87	364	451	119	330	449
Edenderry	736	793	764	64	334	398	62	304	366
Tullamore	1,394	1,256	1,215	128	530	658	120	437	557
Westmeath	3,995	4,058	4,080	418	1,495	1,913	464	1,703	2,167
Athlone	1,783	1,762	1,788	197	636	833	209	746	955
Castlepollard	340	379	381	27	150	177	44	160	204
Mullingar	1,872	1,917	1,911	194	709	903	211	797	1,008
West	18,755	17,785	17,737	1,606	8,105	9,711	1,539	6,487	8,026
Galway	10,573	10,240	10,128	976	4,650	5,626	951	3,551	4,502
Ballinasloe	1,239	1,084	1,070	109	468	577	89	404	493
Clifden	741	750	750	77	436	513	39	198	237
Galway	5,984	5,943	5,825	618	2,628	3,246	649	1,930	2,579
Gort	510	461	473	21	186	207	29	237	266
Loughrea	777	718	723	47	310	357	65	301	366
Tuam	1,322	1,284	1,287	104	622	726	80	481	561

Table 6 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	August 2003	July 2004	August 2004	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	6,571	6,092	6,123	501	2,770	3,271	481	2,371	2,852
Achill	387	298	305	18	177	195	19	91	110
Ballina	1,870	1,762	1,744	165	809	974	153	617	770
Ballinrobe	431	434	443	37	180	217	35	191	226
Belmullet	752	639	650	56	334	390	51	209	260
Castlebar	1,123	1,080	1,085	92	422	514	97	474	571
Claremorris	533	466	462	27	197	224	21	217	238
Swinford	837	795	806	68	324	392	65	349	414
Westport	638	618	628	38	327	365	40	223	263
Roscommon	1,611	1,453	1,486	129	685	814	107	565	672
Boyle	438	420	418	41	186	227	21	170	191
Castlereagh	755	671	694	48	342	390	57	247	304
Roscommon	418	362	374	40	157	197	29	148	177
Southern and Eastern	127,521	121,610	120,232	13,017	53,994	67,011	10,356	42,865	53,221
Dublin	48,729	45,618	44,953	5,423	21,306	26,729	3,594	14,630	18,224
Dublin	48,729	45,618	44,953	5,423	21,306	26,729	3,594	14,630	18,224
Bishop Square	5,086	4,451	4,355	449	2,277	2,726	297	1,332	1,629
Cumberland Street	6,160	5,768	5,683	667	2,798	3,465	430	1,788	2,218
Navan Road	2,874	2,850	2,825	323	1,551	1,874	218	733	951
Blanchardstown	3,529	3,558	3,498	412	1,430	1,842	373	1,283	1,656
Thomas Street	2,744	2,514	2,499	274	1,400	1,674	196	629	825
Tara Street	1,627	1,437	1,389	116	733	849	81	459	540
Tallaght	3,815	3,702	3,608	635	1,563	2,198	408	1,002	1,410
Ballymun	1,550	1,529	1,465	251	714	965	144	356	500
Clondalkin	3,217	3,287	3,237	457	1,422	1,879	307	1,051	1,358
Rathfarnham	2,674	2,492	2,449	189	1,035	1,224	142	1,083	1,225
Kilbarrack	3,310	2,950	2,927	307	1,356	1,663	174	1,090	1,264
Dun Laoghaire	3,828	3,329	3,305	253	1,421	1,674	153	1,478	1,631
Balbriggan	1,339	1,306	1,308	143	534	677	84	547	631
Ballyfermot	1,363	1,260	1,253	191	591	782	153	318	471
Finglas	2,439	2,346	2,374	364	1,133	1,497	205	672	877
Coolock	3,174	2,839	2,778	392	1,348	1,740	229	809	1,038
Mid-East	13,838	13,838	13,777	1,368	5,823	7,191	1,183	5,403	6,586
Kildare	5,201	5,294	5,212	539	2,064	2,603	500	2,109	2,609
Athy	889	948	900	104	374	478	109	313	422
Maynooth	1,573	1,827	1,784	160	626	786	170	828	998
Newbridge	2,739	2,519	2,528	275	1,064	1,339	221	968	1,189
Meath	3,686	3,553	3,543	322	1,452	1,774	270	1,499	1,769
Kells	663	660	654	49	267	316	55	283	338
Navan	2,095	2,055	2,058	205	874	1,079	151	828	979
Trim	928	838	831	68	311	379	64	388	452
Wicklow	4,951	4,991	5,022	507	2,307	2,814	413	1,795	2,208
Arklow	1,299	1,404	1,380	151	669	820	127	433	560
Baltinglass	430	465	463	41	180	221	59	183	242
Bray	2,268	2,178	2,245	212	1,026	1,238	146	861	1,007
Wicklow	954	944	934	103	432	535	81	318	399
Mid-West	16,525	15,487	15,495	1,713	6,457	8,170	1,405	5,920	7,325
Clare	4,306	4,028	4,064	357	1,706	2,063	328	1,673	2,001
Ennis	2,636	2,446	2,443	231	968	1,199	209	1,035	1,244
Ennistymon	572	597	604	39	278	317	40	247	287
Kilrush	671	599	623	58	282	340	55	228	283
Tulla	427	386	394	29	178	207	24	163	187
Limerick	9,273	8,674	8,676	1,067	3,696	4,763	814	3,099	3,913
Kilmallock	1,042	939	947	111	415	526	88	333	421
Limerick	7,221	6,776	6,773	888	2,848	3,736	613	2,424	3,037
Newcastle West	1,010	959	956	68	433	501	113	342	455

Table 6 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	August 2003	July 2004	August 2004	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,946	2,785	2,755	289	1,055	1,344	263	1,148	1,411
Nenagh	1,079	1,055	1,044	88	399	487	86	471	557
Roscrea	608	562	536	60	184	244	43	249	292
Thurles	1,259	1,168	1,175	141	472	613	134	428	562
South-East	23,314	22,603	22,382	2,371	9,653	12,024	2,145	8,213	10,358
Carlow	2,509	2,516	2,473	290	982	1,272	272	929	1,201
Bagenalstown	626	631	633	58	285	343	53	237	290
Carlow	1,400	1,342	1,309	167	518	685	150	474	624
Tullow	483	543	531	65	179	244	69	218	287
Kilkenny	2,851	2,805	2,793	307	1,224	1,531	284	978	1,262
Callan	387	394	388	42	190	232	27	129	156
Kilkenny	1,977	1,981	1,968	223	855	1,078	215	675	890
Thomastown	487	430	437	42	179	221	42	174	216
South Tipperary	4,067	3,926	3,847	417	1,764	2,181	370	1,296	1,666
Cahir	498	552	539	49	248	297	62	180	242
Carrick-on-Suir	1,010	976	957	73	510	583	64	310	374
Cashel	431	412	392	49	179	228	27	137	164
Clonmel	1,359	1,261	1,246	153	543	696	149	401	550
Tipperary	769	725	713	93	284	377	68	268	336
Waterford	6,480	6,261	6,238	678	2,707	3,385	509	2,344	2,853
Dungarvan	1,096	1,030	1,015	86	414	500	82	433	515
Waterford	5,384	5,231	5,223	592	2,293	2,885	427	1,911	2,338
Wexford	7,407	7,095	7,031	679	2,976	3,655	710	2,666	3,376
Enniscorthy	1,832	1,830	1,812	221	766	987	239	586	825
Gorey	1,245	1,263	1,253	106	515	621	124	508	632
New Ross	1,334	1,247	1,251	108	564	672	110	469	579
Wexford	2,996	2,755	2,715	244	1,131	1,375	237	1,103	1,340
South-West	25,115	24,064	23,625	2,142	10,755	12,897	2,029	8,699	10,728
Cork	19,035	17,943	17,505	1,583	7,973	9,556	1,496	6,453	7,949
Bandon	607	566	546	47	244	291	44	211	255
Bantry	400	379	371	19	139	158	26	187	213
Bantry (SWLO)	210	227	213	4	88	92	11	110	121
Clonakilty	483	476	471	27	199	226	26	219	245
Cobh	471	414	406	52	196	248	33	125	158
Cork	9,794	9,230	8,909	1,017	4,356	5,373	847	2,689	3,536
Dunmanway	220	210	215	11	75	86	21	108	129
Fermoy	897	882	893	67	396	463	75	355	430
Kinsale	661	662	646	29	271	300	33	313	346
Macroom	565	529	522	20	209	229	34	259	293
Mallow	868	846	833	74	398	472	88	273	361
Midleton	1,088	1,100	1,087	61	452	513	80	494	574
Newmarket	561	521	530	41	207	248	43	239	282
Passage West	906	787	767	45	314	359	61	347	408
Skibbereen	461	425	423	22	146	168	18	237	255
Youghal	843	689	673	47	283	330	56	287	343
Kerry	6,080	6,121	6,120	559	2,782	3,341	533	2,246	2,779
Cahirciveen	347	388	368	11	165	176	22	170	192
Dingle	250	244	242	6	126	132	8	102	110
Kenmare	137	123	118	5	53	58	10	50	60
Killarney	875	907	902	78	365	443	85	374	459
Killorglin	411	411	408	20	160	180	25	203	228
Listowel	1,028	1,004	1,022	121	464	585	109	328	437
Tralee	3,032	3,044	3,060	318	1,449	1,767	274	1,019	1,293
State	185,953	177,501	175,816	18,716	78,500	97,216	15,903	62,697	78,600

Table 7 Summary of average net weekly changes on the Live Register classified by sex

		Males		Females		Total	
Number of weeks		Live Register	Average net weekly change	Live Register	Average net weekly change	Live Register	Average net weekly change
2002	August	5	98,771 + 153	74,792 + 140	173,563 + 293		
	September	4	95,289 - 871	66,143 - 2,162	161,432 - 3,033		
	October	4	93,829 - 365	63,877 - 567	157,706 - 932		
	November	5	95,121 + 258	63,515 - 72	158,636 + 186		
	December	4	98,670 + 887	67,472 + 989	166,142 + 1,877		
2003	January	5	102,335 + 733	68,366 + 179	170,701 + 912		
	February	4	102,026 - 77	69,368 + 251	171,394 + 173		
	March	4	100,459 - 392	67,600 - 442	168,059 - 834		
	April	4	100,328 - 33	70,612 + 753	170,940 + 720		
	May	5	98,261 - 413	67,844 - 554	166,105 - 967		
	June	4	101,574 + 828	76,278 + 2,109	177,852 + 2,937		
	July	4	103,590 + 504	81,857 + 1,395	185,447 + 1,899		
	August	5	103,766 + 35	82,187 + 66	185,953 + 101		
	September	4	98,759 - 1,252	72,063 - 2,531	170,822 - 3,783		
	October	5	96,261 - 500	70,291 - 354	166,552 - 854		
	November	4	96,119 - 36	68,422 - 467	164,541 - 503		
	December	4	99,153 + 759	71,451 + 757	170,604 + 1,516		
2004	January	5	102,527 + 675	72,002 + 110	174,529 + 785		
	February	4	101,561 - 242	71,566 - 109	173,127 - 351		
	March	4	99,692 - 467	69,188 - 595	168,880 - 1,062		
	April	5	97,089 - 521	67,571 - 323	164,660 - 844		
	May	4	95,122 - 492	66,850 - 180	161,972 - 672		
	June	4	96,646 + 381	72,306 + 1,364	168,952 + 1,745		
	July	5	98,134 + 298	79,367 + 1,412	177,501 + 1,710		
	August	4	97,216 - 230	78,600 - 192	175,816 - 421		

Background Notes

Source and scope of the Live Register The Live Register is compiled from returns made directly to the Central Statistics Office by each local office of the Department of Social and Family Affairs. It comprises persons under 65 years of age in the following classes:

- ◆ All Claimants for Unemployment Benefit (UB) excluding systematic short-time workers
- ◆ Applicants for Unemployment Assistance (UA) 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.

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 Unemployment Assistance or Unemployment 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. Benchmark estimates of the SUR for January, April, July and October of each year are calculated using seasonally adjusted data from the Quarterly National Household Survey. The monthly trend in the seasonally adjusted Live Register is then used to estimate the monthly SUR between successive surveys.

This approach was temporarily suspended following the rapid decline in the Live Register after September 1996. A linear interpolation estimation approach was used between April 1996 and April 1997, as the Live Register series could not be used as an indicator of monthly trends in unemployment during that period. The traditional estimation approach has been used from April 1997 onwards.

QNHS The Quarterly National Household Survey, which began in September 1997, has now replaced the Labour Force Survey and provides quarterly estimates of the unemployment rate. The estimates (adjusted for seasonality) are:

Year	Q1 %	Q2 %	Q3 %	Q4 %
1998	8.7	8.0	7.2	6.5
1999	5.9	5.9	5.4	5.1
2000	4.8	4.4	4.0	3.9
2001	3.7	3.8	4.0	4.0
2002	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.6
2003	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.5
2004	4.4			

Seasonal adjustment The seasonal adjustment of the Live Register is completed using the X-11 Variant of the US Bureau of Census Method 2 (Additive Option). The seasonally adjusted series are updated twice yearly, in January and July; pending the next updating, seasonal adjustment for intervening months is carried out using projected seasonal factors. In Tables 2a, b and c, the seasonally adjusted totals are the sum of the relevant seasonally adjusted series for males and females, under and over 25 years.

Casual and part-time workers The casual and part-time workers' figure is based on an estimate supplied by the Department of Social and Family Affairs. People may apply for Unemployment Benefit / Assistance if they only work for part of a week and be included on the Live Register.

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. A classification by area of residence of persons on the Live Register was published until January 1989 but was then discontinued.

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

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

Southern and Eastern NUTS2 Region

Dublin	Dublin 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