

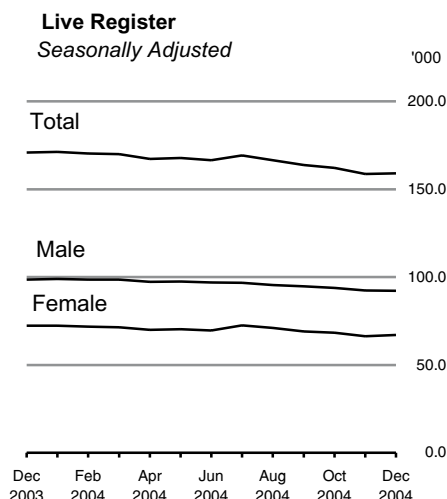


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## Live Register Analysis

### December 2004



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
<b>December 2003</b>	170,604	170,800
<b>November 2004</b>	151,966	158,600
<b>December 2004</b>	158,816	159,100
<b>Change in month</b>	+6,850	+500
<b>Change in year</b>	-11,788	-11,700

### Seasonally adjusted Live Register increases by 500 in December

The seasonally adjusted Live Register total increased from 158,600 in November to 159,100 in December, an increase of 500. This compares with a decrease of 300 in December last year. *See table 2a and graph opposite.*

In the year to December 2004 there was an unadjusted decrease of 11,788 (-6.9%). This compares to an unadjusted decrease of 12,575 (-7.6%) recorded in the year to November 2004.

Other features include:

- ◆ The monthly increase in the Seasonally Adjusted series was made up of an increase of 700 females and a decrease of 200 males. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in December was 4.2%. This compares with 4.4% in July 2004, based on the Quarterly National Household Survey. *See table 3 and background notes.*
- ◆ In the month, the estimated number of casual and part-time workers on the Live Register was 7,892 males and 12,892 females. *See background notes.*

**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 Unemployment Assistance or Benefit. Unemployment is measured by the Quarterly National Household Survey and the latest seasonally adjusted figure, for June to August 2004, is 86,600 persons unemployed.

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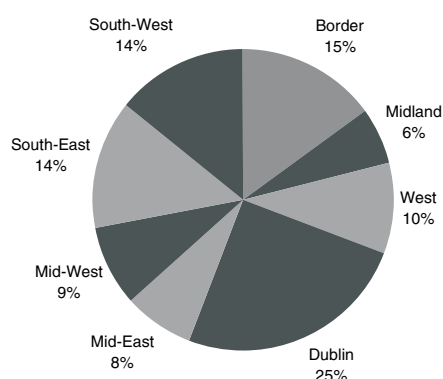
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### Live Register by Regional Authority



	December 2004	Monthly Change	Annual Change
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>49,115</b>	<b>+ 1778</b>	<b>- 3,950</b>
Border	23,661	+ 764	- 2,077
Midland	9,971	+ 521	- 513
West	15,483	+ 493	- 1,360
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>109,701</b>	<b>+ 5072</b>	<b>- 7,838</b>
Dublin	39,361	+ 1481	- 4,201
Mid-East	12,041	+ 356	- 578
Mid-West	13,587	+ 613	- 1,455
South-East	22,060	+ 1505	+ 30
South-West	22,652	+ 1117	- 1,634
<b>Total</b>	<b>158,816</b>	<b>+ 6850</b>	<b>- 11,788</b>

### Monthly increases in all regions

There was an unadjusted monthly increase of 6,850 (+4.5%) on the Live Register, which reflected increases in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the South-East region (+7.3%).

Other features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males increased in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the South-East region (+7.0%). The smallest increase was in the Mid-East region (+2.1%).
- ◆ The number of females increased in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the South-East region (+7.8%). The smallest increase was in the Border region (+3.4%).
- ◆ Amongst counties, the largest percentage increases were in Waterford (+10.6%) and Carlow (+8.5%), while the smallest increases were in Cavan (+1.1%) and Meath (+2.2%). *See tables 4 and 6.*

**Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register**

Category	December 2003	November 2004	December 2004	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
UB Claims	37,687	29,304	31,324	+ 2020	- 6,363
UA Applications	58,562	57,213	58,452	+ 1239	- 110
Other Registrants	2,904	2,786	2,931	+ 145	+ 27
<b>Total</b>	<b>99,153</b>	<b>89,303</b>	<b>92,707</b>	<b>+ 3404</b>	<b>- 6,446</b>
<b>Females</b>					
UB Claims	40,094	32,080	34,925	+ 2845	- 5,169
UA Applications	22,163	22,438	22,615	+ 177	+ 452
Other Registrants	9,194	8,145	8,569	+ 424	- 625
<b>Total</b>	<b>71,451</b>	<b>62,663</b>	<b>66,109</b>	<b>+ 3446</b>	<b>- 5,342</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
UB Claims	77,781	61,384	66,249	+ 4865	- 11,532
UA Applications	80,725	79,651	81,067	+ 1416	+ 342
Other Registrants	12,098	10,931	11,500	+ 569	- 598
<b>Total</b>	<b>170,604</b>	<b>151,966</b>	<b>158,816</b>	<b>+ 6850</b>	<b>- 11,788</b>

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

Category	December 2003	November 2004	December 2004	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
UB Claims	6,480	4,394	4,585	+ 191	- 1,895
UA Applications	11,528	11,740	12,051	+ 311	+ 523
Other Registrants	51	52	65	+ 13	+ 14
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,059</b>	<b>16,186</b>	<b>16,701</b>	<b>+ 515</b>	<b>- 1,358</b>
<b>Females</b>					
UB Claims	5,204	3,639	3,607	- 32	- 1,597
UA Applications	8,068	8,557	8,508	- 49	+ 440
Other Registrants	112	98	111	+ 13	- 1
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,384</b>	<b>12,294</b>	<b>12,226</b>	<b>- 68</b>	<b>- 1,158</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
UB Claims	11,684	8,033	8,192	+ 159	- 3,492
UA Applications	19,596	20,297	20,559	+ 262	+ 963
Other Registrants	163	150	176	+ 26	+ 13
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,443</b>	<b>28,480</b>	<b>28,927</b>	<b>+ 447</b>	<b>- 2,516</b>

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

Category	December 2003	November 2004	December 2004	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
UB Claims	31,207	24,910	26,739	+ 1829	- 4,468
UA Applications	47,034	45,473	46,401	+ 928	- 633
Other Registrants	2,853	2,734	2,866	+ 132	+ 13
<b>Total</b>	<b>81,094</b>	<b>73,117</b>	<b>76,006</b>	<b>+ 2889</b>	<b>- 5,088</b>
<b>Females</b>					
UB Claims	34,890	28,441	31,318	+ 2877	- 3,572
UA Applications	14,095	13,881	14,107	+ 226	+ 12
Other Registrants	9,082	8,047	8,458	+ 411	- 624
<b>Total</b>	<b>58,067</b>	<b>50,369</b>	<b>53,883</b>	<b>+ 3514</b>	<b>- 4,184</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
UB Claims	66,097	53,351	58,057	+ 4706	- 8,040
UA Applications	61,129	59,354	60,508	+ 1154	- 621
Other Registrants	11,935	10,781	11,324	+ 543	- 611
<b>Total</b>	<b>139,161</b>	<b>123,486</b>	<b>129,889</b>	<b>+ 6403</b>	<b>- 9,272</b>

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

	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series <sup>1</sup>		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2002	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
	September	92,600	67,800	160,500	94,700	69,000	163,700
	October	90,100	65,300	155,500	93,800	68,300	162,100
	November	89,300	62,700	152,000	92,300	66,300	158,600
	December	92,700	66,100	158,800	92,100	67,000	159,100

<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2002	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
	September	17,600	14,200	31,800	17,900	13,900	31,800
	October	16,400	12,800	29,200	17,500	13,400	30,900
	November	16,200	12,300	28,500	17,300	13,200	30,500
	December	16,700	12,200	28,900	17,100	13,100	30,200

<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2002	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
	September	75,000	53,600	128,700	76,800	55,100	131,900
	October	73,800	52,600	126,300	76,300	54,900	131,200
	November	73,100	50,400	123,500	75,000	53,100	128,100
	December	76,000	53,900	129,900	75,000	53,900	128,900

<sup>1</sup> Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2004 (See Background Notes).

**Table 3 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates (SUR)<sup>1</sup>**

Month	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
January <sup>2</sup>	8.7	5.9	4.8	3.7	4.4	4.6	4.4
February	8.5	5.9	4.7	3.7	4.4	4.6	4.5
March	8.3	5.9	4.5	3.7	4.5	4.5	4.5
April <sup>2</sup>	8.0	5.9	4.4	3.8	4.3	4.5	4.6
May	7.8	5.8	4.2	3.9	4.3	4.6	4.5
June	7.5	5.5	4.1	3.9	4.3	4.7	4.4
July <sup>2</sup>	7.2	5.4	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.8	4.4 <sup>3</sup>
August	7.0	5.3	4.0	3.9	4.4	4.7	4.4
September	6.7	5.2	3.9	3.9	4.5	4.6	4.3
October <sup>2</sup>	6.5	5.1	3.9	4.0	4.6	4.5	4.3
November	6.2	5.0	3.9	4.2	4.6	4.5	4.2
December	6.1	4.9	3.8	4.3	4.6	4.4	4.2
Annual average	7.4	5.5	4.2	3.9	4.4	4.6	4.4

<sup>1</sup> Table contains revised figures.

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

<sup>3</sup> The latest QNHS estimate of the unemployment rate (adjusted for seasonality) is: June - August 2004, 4.4%.

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions <sup>1</sup>	December 2003	November 2004	December 2004	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
<b>Males</b>							
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>30,554</b>	<b>27,258</b>	<b>28,148</b>	<b>+ 890</b>	<b>- 2,406</b>	<b>5,086</b>	<b>23,062</b>
Border	15,118	13,444	13,888	+ 444	- 1,230	2,549	11,339
Midland	5,696	5,141	5,373	+ 232	- 323	1,061	4,312
West	9,740	8,673	8,887	+ 214	- 853	1,476	7,411
<b>Southern &amp; Eastern</b>	<b>68,599</b>	<b>62,045</b>	<b>64,559</b>	<b>+ 2514</b>	<b>- 4,040</b>	<b>11,615</b>	<b>52,944</b>
Dublin	26,780	23,965	24,494	+ 529	- 2,286	4,698	19,796
Mid-East	6,934	6,484	6,617	+ 133	- 317	1,162	5,455
Mid-West	8,315	7,387	7,712	+ 325	- 603	1,440	6,272
South-East	12,462	11,962	12,798	+ 836	+ 336	2,274	10,524
South-West	14,108	12,247	12,938	+ 691	- 1,170	2,041	10,897
<b>Total</b>	<b>99,153</b>	<b>89,303</b>	<b>92,707</b>	<b>+ 3404</b>	<b>- 6,446</b>	<b>16,701</b>	<b>76,006</b>
<b>Females</b>							
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>22,511</b>	<b>20,079</b>	<b>20,967</b>	<b>+ 888</b>	<b>- 1,544</b>	<b>4,173</b>	<b>16,794</b>
Border	10,620	9,453	9,773	+ 320	- 847	2,062	7,711
Midland	4,788	4,309	4,598	+ 289	- 190	957	3,641
West	7,103	6,317	6,596	+ 279	- 507	1,154	5,442
<b>Southern &amp; Eastern</b>	<b>48,940</b>	<b>42,584</b>	<b>45,142</b>	<b>+ 2558</b>	<b>- 3,798</b>	<b>8,053</b>	<b>37,089</b>
Dublin	16,782	13,915	14,867	+ 952	- 1,915	2,770	12,097
Mid-East	5,685	5,201	5,424	+ 223	- 261	875	4,549
Mid-West	6,727	5,587	5,875	+ 288	- 852	1,066	4,809
South-East	9,568	8,593	9,262	+ 669	- 306	1,724	7,538
South-West	10,178	9,288	9,714	+ 426	- 464	1,618	8,096
<b>Total</b>	<b>71,451</b>	<b>62,663</b>	<b>66,109</b>	<b>+ 3446</b>	<b>- 5,342</b>	<b>12,226</b>	<b>53,883</b>
<b>All Persons</b>							
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>53,065</b>	<b>47,337</b>	<b>49,115</b>	<b>+ 1778</b>	<b>- 3,950</b>	<b>9,259</b>	<b>39,856</b>
Border	25,738	22,897	23,661	+ 764	- 2,077	4,611	19,050
Midland	10,484	9,450	9,971	+ 521	- 513	2,018	7,953
West	16,843	14,990	15,483	+ 493	- 1,360	2,630	12,853
<b>Southern &amp; Eastern</b>	<b>117,539</b>	<b>104,629</b>	<b>109,701</b>	<b>+ 5072</b>	<b>- 7,838</b>	<b>19,668</b>	<b>90,033</b>
Dublin	43,562	37,880	39,361	+ 1481	- 4,201	7,468	31,893
Mid-East	12,619	11,685	12,041	+ 356	- 578	2,037	10,004
Mid-West	15,042	12,974	13,587	+ 613	- 1,455	2,506	11,081
South-East	22,030	20,555	22,060	+ 1,505	+ 30	3,998	18,062
South-West	24,286	21,535	22,652	+ 1117	- 1,634	3,659	18,993
<b>Total</b>	<b>170,604</b>	<b>151,966</b>	<b>158,816</b>	<b>+ 6850</b>	<b>- 11,788</b>	<b>28,927</b>	<b>129,889</b>

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

**Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province**

Provinces	December 2003	November 2004	December 2004	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
<b>Provinces</b>							
Leinster	86,257	76,402	79,601	+ 3199	- 6,656	15,100	64,501
Munster	49,274	44,226	46,814	+ 2588	- 2,460	7,921	38,893
Connacht	14,763	13,392	13,847	+ 455	- 916	2,718	11,129
Ulster	20,310	17,946	18,554	+ 608	- 1,756	3,188	15,366
<b>Total</b>	<b>170,604</b>	<b>151,966</b>	<b>158,816</b>	<b>+ 6850</b>	<b>- 11,788</b>	<b>28,927</b>	<b>129,889</b>

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	December 2003	November 2004	December 2004	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>53,065</b>	<b>47,337</b>	<b>49,115</b>	<b>5,086</b>	<b>23,062</b>	<b>28,148</b>	<b>4,173</b>	<b>16,794</b>	<b>20,967</b>
<b>Border</b>	<b>25,738</b>	<b>22,897</b>	<b>23,661</b>	<b>2,549</b>	<b>11,339</b>	<b>13,888</b>	<b>2,062</b>	<b>7,711</b>	<b>9,773</b>
Cavan	2,128	2,049	2,072	174	980	1,154	161	757	918
Belturbet	437	414	418	27	226	253	22	143	165
Cavan	1,691	1,635	1,654	147	754	901	139	614	753
Donegal	10,149	9,088	9,440	1,040	4,663	5,703	879	2,858	3,737
Ballybofey	866	763	789	105	358	463	109	217	326
Ballyshannon	569	505	534	54	244	298	71	165	236
Buncrana	1,817	1,649	1,713	159	767	926	199	588	787
Donegal	509	434	448	57	212	269	33	146	179
Dunfanaghy	1,094	975	990	122	490	612	64	314	378
Dungloe	1,617	1,457	1,479	149	780	929	64	486	550
Killybegs	834	839	954	71	553	624	60	270	330
Letterkenny	2,843	2,466	2,533	323	1,259	1,582	279	672	951
Leitrim	1,231	976	1,028	88	455	543	61	424	485
Carrick-on-Shannon	932	731	776	68	328	396	46	334	380
Manorhamilton	299	245	252	20	127	147	15	90	105
Louth	7,508	6,549	6,743	752	3,191	3,943	583	2,217	2,800
Ardee	882	806	823	112	334	446	78	299	377
Drogheda	3,460	3,081	3,128	314	1,436	1,750	257	1,121	1,378
Dundalk	3,166	2,662	2,792	326	1,421	1,747	248	797	1,045
Monaghan	2,486	2,255	2,335	250	1,059	1,309	214	812	1,026
Carrickmacross	679	605	634	43	270	313	59	262	321
Castleblayney	739	683	709	76	318	394	66	249	315
Clones	308	268	291	45	158	203	22	66	88
Monaghan	760	699	701	86	313	399	67	235	302
Sligo	2,236	1,980	2,043	245	991	1,236	164	643	807
Sligo	1,884	1,647	1,698	214	818	1,032	140	526	666
Tubbercurry	352	333	345	31	173	204	24	117	141
<b>Midland</b>	<b>10,484</b>	<b>9,450</b>	<b>9,971</b>	<b>1,061</b>	<b>4,312</b>	<b>5,373</b>	<b>957</b>	<b>3,641</b>	<b>4,598</b>
Laoighis	2,196	1,888	2,014	209	884	1,093	195	726	921
Portllington	814	698	742	64	298	362	80	300	380
Portlaoise	1,008	855	911	109	407	516	82	313	395
Rathdowney	374	335	361	36	179	215	33	113	146
Longford	1,820	1,662	1,736	185	769	954	181	601	782
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Offaly	2,840	2,422	2,563	281	1,161	1,442	250	871	1,121
Birr	898	770	835	93	365	458	104	273	377
Edenderry	695	621	637	58	278	336	49	252	301
Tullamore	1,247	1,031	1,091	130	518	648	97	346	443
Westmeath	3,628	3,478	3,658	386	1,498	1,884	331	1,443	1,774
Athlone	1,572	1,480	1,597	190	654	844	137	616	753
Castlepollard	312	351	354	29	153	182	33	139	172
Mullingar	1,744	1,647	1,707	167	691	858	161	688	849
<b>West</b>	<b>16,843</b>	<b>14,990</b>	<b>15,483</b>	<b>1,476</b>	<b>7,411</b>	<b>8,887</b>	<b>1,154</b>	<b>5,442</b>	<b>6,596</b>
Galway	9,348	8,559	8,797	890	4,231	5,121	726	2,950	3,676
Ballinasloe	1,139	949	997	103	483	586	72	339	411
Clifden	891	809	840	78	430	508	59	273	332
Galway	4,970	4,627	4,743	552	2,293	2,845	450	1,448	1,898
Gort	463	405	429	17	172	189	21	219	240
Loughrea	714	666	666	49	285	334	62	270	332
Tuam	1,171	1,103	1,122	91	568	659	62	401	463

**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	December 2003	November 2004	December 2004	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	6,106	5,240	5,420	479	2,559	3,038	351	2,031	2,382
Achill	365	286	302	27	169	196	13	93	106
Ballina	1,688	1,543	1,585	162	791	953	127	505	632
Ballinrobe	450	389	393	25	176	201	19	173	192
Belmullet	645	546	545	49	295	344	27	174	201
Castlebar	991	847	883	85	358	443	59	381	440
Claremorris	503	373	404	25	163	188	22	194	216
Swinford	843	663	683	64	293	357	48	278	326
Westport	621	593	625	42	314	356	36	233	269
Roscommon	1,389	1,191	1,266	107	621	728	77	461	538
Boyle	381	334	345	29	162	191	16	138	154
Castlerea	645	539	586	43	311	354	37	195	232
Roscommon	363	318	335	35	148	183	24	128	152
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>117,539</b>	<b>104,629</b>	<b>109,701</b>	<b>11,615</b>	<b>52,944</b>	<b>64,559</b>	<b>8,053</b>	<b>37,089</b>	<b>45,142</b>
<b>Dublin</b>	<b>43,562</b>	<b>37,880</b>	<b>39,361</b>	<b>4,698</b>	<b>19,796</b>	<b>24,494</b>	<b>2,770</b>	<b>12,097</b>	<b>14,867</b>
Dublin	43,562	37,880	39,361	4,698	19,796	24,494	2,770	12,097	14,867
Bishop Square	4,239	3,537	3,642	353	1,990	2,343	229	1,070	1,299
Cumberland Street	5,658	4,957	5,097	588	2,594	3,182	348	1,567	1,915
Navan Road	2,630	2,460	2,543	290	1,462	1,752	176	615	791
Blanchardstown	3,224	3,035	3,141	354	1,375	1,729	275	1,137	1,412
Thomas Street	2,445	2,117	2,157	225	1,263	1,488	157	512	669
Tara Street	1,467	1,162	1,151	90	656	746	46	359	405
Tallaght	3,401	3,021	3,126	549	1,485	2,034	332	760	1,092
Ballymun	1,445	1,354	1,374	238	706	944	129	301	430
Clondalkin	2,955	2,791	2,921	418	1,361	1,779	255	887	1,142
Rathfarnham	2,260	1,783	1,980	159	906	1,065	85	830	915
Kilbarrack	2,991	2,399	2,484	222	1,254	1,476	126	882	1,008
Dun Laoghaire	3,287	2,539	2,788	203	1,301	1,504	100	1,184	1,284
Balbriggan	1,321	1,179	1,226	142	536	678	63	485	548
Ballyfermot	1,187	1,135	1,171	191	602	793	121	257	378
Finglas	2,218	2,042	2,121	339	1,063	1,402	146	573	719
Coolock	2,834	2,369	2,439	337	1,242	1,579	182	678	860
<b>Mid-East</b>	<b>12,619</b>	<b>11,685</b>	<b>12,041</b>	<b>1,162</b>	<b>5,455</b>	<b>6,617</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>4,549</b>	<b>5,424</b>
Kildare	4,752	4,216	4,350	396	1,870	2,266	354	1,730	2,084
Athy	815	804	821	85	371	456	90	275	365
Maynooth	1,503	1,338	1,409	116	559	675	107	627	734
Newbridge	2,434	2,074	2,120	195	940	1,135	157	828	985
Meath	3,218	3,070	3,137	276	1,363	1,639	224	1,274	1,498
Kells	592	588	604	49	272	321	49	234	283
Navan	1,813	1,759	1,797	175	801	976	120	701	821
Trim	813	723	736	52	290	342	55	339	394
Wicklow	4,649	4,399	4,554	490	2,222	2,712	297	1,545	1,842
Arklow	1,326	1,296	1,315	148	678	826	88	401	489
Baltinglass	417	382	412	41	164	205	47	160	207
Bray	2,016	1,906	1,980	192	978	1,170	107	703	810
Wicklow	890	815	847	109	402	511	55	281	336
<b>Mid-West</b>	<b>15,042</b>	<b>12,974</b>	<b>13,587</b>	<b>1,440</b>	<b>6,272</b>	<b>7,712</b>	<b>1,066</b>	<b>4,809</b>	<b>5,875</b>
Clare	4,219	3,714	3,851	318	1,759	2,077	257	1,517	1,774
Ennis	2,451	2,190	2,244	214	999	1,213	143	888	1,031
Ennistymon	698	596	629	35	301	336	44	249	293
Kilrush	640	569	600	45	285	330	51	219	270
Tulla	430	359	378	24	174	198	19	161	180
Limerick	8,123	6,938	7,245	858	3,468	4,326	580	2,339	2,919
Kilmallock	956	788	827	88	397	485	75	267	342
Limerick	6,280	5,308	5,538	703	2,636	3,339	416	1,783	2,199
Newcastle West	887	842	880	67	435	502	89	289	378



**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	December 2003	November 2004	December 2004	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,700	2,322	2,491	264	1,045	1,309	229	953	1,182
Nenagh	1,000	866	966	75	408	483	77	406	483
Roscrea	530	497	515	53	180	233	52	230	282
Thurles	1,170	959	1,010	136	457	593	100	317	417
<b>South-East</b>	<b>22,030</b>	<b>20,555</b>	<b>22,060</b>	<b>2,274</b>	<b>10,524</b>	<b>12,798</b>	<b>1,724</b>	<b>7,538</b>	<b>9,262</b>
Carlow	2,227	2,048	2,223	261	954	1,215	208	800	1,008
Bagenalstown	566	519	566	49	278	327	56	183	239
Carlow	1,208	1,082	1,188	148	500	648	114	426	540
Tullow	453	447	469	64	176	240	38	191	229
Kilkenny	2,716	2,376	2,489	258	1,182	1,440	226	823	1,049
Callan	391	320	326	28	178	206	24	96	120
Kilkenny	1,890	1,679	1,748	196	818	1,014	164	570	734
Thomastown	435	377	415	34	186	220	38	157	195
South Tipperary	3,848	3,237	3,411	399	1,673	2,072	250	1,089	1,339
Cahir	521	419	458	43	229	272	38	148	186
Carrick-on-Suir	1,001	866	893	73	498	571	57	265	322
Cashel	415	351	360	45	166	211	19	130	149
Clonmel	1,168	977	1,056	143	511	654	85	317	402
Tipperary	743	624	644	95	269	364	51	229	280
Waterford	6,098	6,480	7,164	693	3,781	4,474	414	2,276	2,690
Dungarvan	1,028	1,175	1,223	86	686	772	53	398	451
Waterford	5,070	5,305	5,941	607	3,095	3,702	361	1,878	2,239
Wexford	7,141	6,414	6,773	663	2,934	3,597	626	2,550	3,176
Enniscorthy	1,796	1,632	1,691	205	719	924	212	555	767
Gorey	1,202	1,098	1,143	107	487	594	108	441	549
New Ross	1,287	1,087	1,141	105	519	624	104	413	517
Wexford	2,856	2,597	2,798	246	1,209	1,455	202	1,141	1,343
<b>South-West</b>	<b>24,286</b>	<b>21,535</b>	<b>22,652</b>	<b>2,041</b>	<b>10,897</b>	<b>12,938</b>	<b>1,618</b>	<b>8,096</b>	<b>9,714</b>
Cork	17,200	15,200	15,920	1,486	7,791	9,277	1,128	5,515	6,643
Bandon	522	520	538	46	256	302	24	212	236
Bantry	398	340	350	21	132	153	17	180	197
Bantry (SWLO)	218	183	191	3	87	90	7	94	101
Clonakilty	491	457	472	27	207	234	28	210	238
Cobh	455	350	409	56	206	262	41	106	147
Cork	8,419	7,413	7,666	878	4,039	4,917	612	2,137	2,749
Dunmanway	223	197	216	18	85	103	12	101	113
Fermoy	864	809	868	71	426	497	54	317	371
Kinsale	679	604	629	28	270	298	32	299	331
Macroom	548	434	476	22	219	241	21	214	235
Mallow	819	713	742	80	386	466	69	207	276
Midleton	1,049	1,025	1,075	76	469	545	75	455	530
Newmarket	499	438	485	43	228	271	25	189	214
Passage West	831	684	710	48	323	371	41	298	339
Skibbereen	399	383	395	19	147	166	14	215	229
Youghal	786	650	698	50	311	361	56	281	337
Kerry	7,086	6,335	6,732	555	3,106	3,661	490	2,581	3,071
Cahirciveen	500	395	422	15	160	175	27	220	247
Dingle	379	347	375	18	162	180	21	174	195
Kenmare	198	177	187	8	77	85	11	91	102
Killarney	1,316	1,171	1,265	85	490	575	89	601	690
Killorglin	500	457	478	20	192	212	27	239	266
Listowel	1,132	954	1,063	126	552	678	81	304	385
Tralee	3,061	2,834	2,942	283	1,473	1,756	234	952	1,186
<b>State</b>	<b>170,604</b>	<b>151,966</b>	<b>158,816</b>	<b>16,701</b>	<b>76,006</b>	<b>92,707</b>	<b>12,226</b>	<b>53,883</b>	<b>66,109</b>

**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 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
September	4	92,629	- 1,147	67,837	- 2,691	160,466	- 3,838
October	5	90,133	- 499	65,343	- 499	155,476	- 998
November	4	89,303	- 208	62,663	- 670	151,966	- 878
December	5	92,707	+ 681	66,109	+ 689	158,816	+ 1,370

## 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:

	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	4.3	4.3	4.6
2003	4.6	4.5	4.8	4.5
2004	4.4	4.6	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

<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
	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