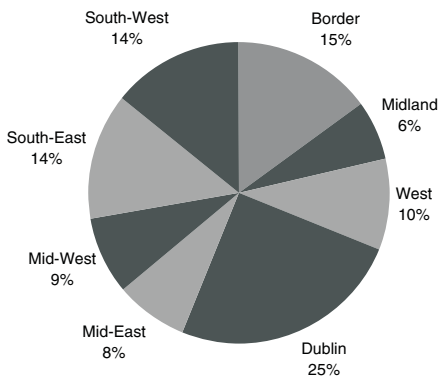


Live Register by Regional Authority



	November 2004	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and Western	47,337	- 1,016	- 4,150
Border	22,897	- 348	- 2,211
Midland	9,450	- 322	- 649
West	14,990	- 346	- 1,290
Southern and Eastern	104,629	- 2,494	- 8,425
Dublin	37,880	- 1,401	- 4,451
Mid-East	11,685	- 319	- 560
Mid-West	12,974	- 366	- 1,371
South-East	20,555	- 520	- 482
South-West	21,535	+ 112	- 1,561
Total	151,966	- 3,510	- 12,575

Monthly decreases in seven regions

There was an unadjusted monthly decrease of 3,510 on the Live Register, which reflected decreases in seven regions. The largest monthly decrease was in the Dublin region (-3.6%). There was an increase of 0.5% in the South-West region.

Other features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males decreased in seven regions. The largest percentage decrease was in the Midland region (-1.6%). There was an increase of 0.5% in the South-West region.
- ◆ The number of females decreased in seven regions. The largest percentage decrease was in the Dublin region (-6.9%). There was an increase of 0.6% in the South-West region.
- ◆ Amongst counties, the largest percentage decreases were in Laoighis (-5.4%) and Kilkenny (-4.3%), while there were increases in Kerry (+5.9%) and Donegal (+0.1%). See tables 4 and 6.

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	November 2003	October 2004	November 2004	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	35,626	29,883	29,304	- 579	- 6,322
UA Applications	57,704	57,411	57,213	- 198	- 491
Other Registrants	2,789	2,839	2,786	- 53	- 3
Total	96,119	90,133	89,303	- 830	- 6,816
Females					
UB Claims	37,440	33,943	32,080	- 1,863	- 5,360
UA Applications	22,097	22,898	22,438	- 460	+ 341
Other Registrants	8,885	8,502	8,145	- 357	- 740
Total	68,422	65,343	62,663	- 2,680	- 5,759
All Persons					
UB Claims	73,066	63,826	61,384	- 2,442	- 11,682
UA Applications	79,801	80,309	79,651	- 658	- 150
Other Registrants	11,674	11,341	10,931	- 410	- 743
Total	164,541	155,476	151,966	- 3,510	- 12,575

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

Category	November 2003	October 2004	November 2004	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	6,234	4,536	4,394	- 142	- 1,840
UA Applications	11,378	11,780	11,740	- 40	+ 362
Other Registrants	39	66	52	- 14	+ 13
Total	17,651	16,382	16,186	- 196	- 1,465
Females					
UB Claims	5,186	3,911	3,639	- 272	- 1,547
UA Applications	8,163	8,740	8,557	- 183	+ 394
Other Registrants	106	124	98	- 26	- 8
Total	13,455	12,775	12,294	- 481	- 1,161
All Persons					
UB Claims	11,420	8,447	8,033	- 414	- 3,387
UA Applications	19,541	20,520	20,297	- 223	+ 756
Other Registrants	145	190	150	- 40	+ 5
Total	31,106	29,157	28,480	- 677	- 2,626

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

Category	November 2003	October 2004	November 2004	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	29,392	25,347	24,910	- 437	- 4,482
UA Applications	46,326	45,631	45,473	- 158	- 853
Other Registrants	2,750	2,773	2,734	- 39	- 16
Total	78,468	73,751	73,117	- 634	- 5,351
Females					
UB Claims	32,254	30,032	28,441	- 1,591	- 3,813
UA Applications	13,934	14,158	13,881	- 277	- 53
Other Registrants	8,779	8,378	8,047	- 331	- 732
Total	54,967	52,568	50,369	- 2,199	- 4,598
All Persons					
UB Claims	61,646	55,379	53,351	- 2,028	- 8,295
UA Applications	60,260	59,789	59,354	- 435	- 906
Other Registrants	11,529	11,151	10,781	- 370	- 748
Total	133,435	126,319	123,486	- 2,833	- 9,949

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	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
	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

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	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
	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

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	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
	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

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

Table 3 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates (SUR)

Month	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
January ¹	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	4.6
April ¹	8.0	5.9	4.4	3.8	4.3	4.6	4.6 ²
May	7.8	5.8	4.2	3.9	4.3	4.6	4.6
June	7.5	5.5	4.1	3.9	4.3	4.7	4.5
July ¹	7.2	5.4	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.8	4.6
August	7.0	5.3	4.0	3.9	4.4	4.7	4.5
September	6.7	5.2	3.9	3.9	4.5	4.6	4.5
October ¹	6.5	5.1	3.9	4.0	4.6	4.6	4.4
November	6.2	5.0	3.9	4.2	4.6	4.5	4.3
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 Benchmark Labour Force Survey/Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) estimates.

² The latest QNHS estimate of the unemployment rate (adjusted for seasonality) is: March - May 2004, 4.6%.

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register classified by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	November 2003	October 2004	November 2004	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland & Western	29,696	27,504	27,258	- 246	- 2,438	4,915	22,343
Border	14,757	13,517	13,444	- 73	- 1,313	2,435	11,009
Midland	5,484	5,225	5,141	- 84	- 343	1,043	4,098
West	9,455	8,762	8,673	- 89	- 782	1,437	7,236
Southern & Eastern	66,423	62,629	62,045	- 584	- 4,378	11,271	50,774
Dublin	26,293	24,337	23,965	- 372	- 2,328	4,609	19,356
Mid-East	6,746	6,567	6,484	- 83	- 262	1,175	5,309
Mid-West	7,979	7,425	7,387	- 38	- 592	1,410	5,977
South-East	11,989	12,114	11,962	- 152	- 27	2,135	9,827
South-West	13,416	12,186	12,247	+ 61	- 1,169	1,942	10,305
Total	96,119	90,133	89,303	- 830	- 6,816	16,186	73,117
Females							
Border, Midland & Western	21,791	20,849	20,079	- 770	- 1,712	4,167	15,912
Border	10,351	9,728	9,453	- 275	- 898	2,048	7,405
Midland	4,615	4,547	4,309	- 238	- 306	963	3,346
West	6,825	6,574	6,317	- 257	- 508	1,156	5,161
Southern & Eastern	46,631	44,494	42,584	- 1,910	- 4,047	8,127	34,457
Dublin	16,038	14,944	13,915	- 1,029	- 2,123	2,783	11,132
Mid-East	5,499	5,437	5,201	- 236	- 298	899	4,302
Mid-West	6,366	5,915	5,587	- 328	- 779	1,103	4,484
South-East	9,048	8,961	8,593	- 368	- 455	1,696	6,897
South-West	9,680	9,237	9,288	+ 51	- 392	1,646	7,642
Total	68,422	65,343	62,663	- 2,680	- 5,759	12,294	50,369
All Persons							
Border, Midland & Western	51,487	48,353	47,337	- 1,016	- 4,150	9,082	38,255
Border	25,108	23,245	22,897	- 348	- 2,211	4,483	18,414
Midland	10,099	9,772	9,450	- 322	- 649	2,006	7,444
West	16,280	15,336	14,990	- 346	- 1,290	2,593	12,397
Southern & Eastern	113,054	107,123	104,629	- 2,494	- 8,425	19,398	85,231
Dublin	42,331	39,281	37,880	- 1,401	- 4,451	7,392	30,488
Mid-East	12,245	12,004	11,685	- 319	- 560	2,074	9,611
Mid-West	14,345	13,340	12,974	- 366	- 1,371	2,513	10,461
South-East	21,037	21,075	20,555	- 520	- 482	3,831	16,724
South-West	23,096	21,423	21,535	+ 112	- 1,561	3,588	17,947
Total	164,541	155,476	151,966	- 3,510	- 12,575	28,480	123,486

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

Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	November 2003	October 2004	November 2004	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	83,605	78,949	76,402	- 2,547	- 7,203	14,923	61,479
Munster	46,895	44,735	44,226	- 509	- 2,669	7,779	36,447
Connacht	19,602	18,376	17,946	- 430	- 1,656	3,143	14,803
Ulster	14,439	13,416	13,392	- 24	- 1,047	2,635	10,757
Total	164,541	155,476	151,966	- 3,510	- 12,575	28,480	123,486

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	November 2003	October 2004	November 2004	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	51,487	48,353	47,337	4,915	22,343	27,258	4,167	15,912	20,079
Border	25,108	23,245	22,897	2,435	11,009	13,444	2,048	7,405	9,453
Cavan	2,028	2,066	2,049	170	971	1,141	157	751	908
Belturbet	430	435	414	25	229	254	21	139	160
Cavan	1,598	1,631	1,635	145	742	887	136	612	748
Donegal	9,923	9,079	9,088	988	4,520	5,508	861	2,719	3,580
Ballybofey	850	767	763	104	348	452	105	206	311
Ballyshannon	541	477	505	53	231	284	69	152	221
Buncrana	1,764	1,703	1,649	150	758	908	193	548	741
Donegal	498	434	434	55	208	263	34	137	171
Dunfanaghy	1,077	903	975	121	475	596	62	317	379
Dungloe	1,599	1,427	1,457	148	766	914	70	473	543
Killybegs	832	866	839	56	486	542	50	247	297
Letterkenny	2,762	2,502	2,466	301	1,248	1,549	278	639	917
Leitrim	1,154	1,009	976	79	427	506	61	409	470
Carrick-on-Shannon	888	765	731	61	307	368	45	318	363
Manorhamilton	266	244	245	18	120	138	16	91	107
Louth	7,347	6,789	6,549	722	3,116	3,838	576	2,135	2,711
Ardee	867	835	806	111	323	434	80	292	372
Drogheda	3,431	3,173	3,081	314	1,406	1,720	256	1,105	1,361
Dundalk	3,049	2,781	2,662	297	1,387	1,684	240	738	978
Monaghan	2,488	2,271	2,255	239	1,012	1,251	220	784	1,004
Carrickmacross	647	596	605	37	256	293	58	254	312
Castleblayney	738	685	683	72	302	374	70	239	309
Clones	300	279	268	44	140	184	23	61	84
Monaghan	803	711	699	86	314	400	69	230	299
Sligo	2,168	2,031	1,980	237	963	1,200	173	607	780
Sligo	1,814	1,682	1,647	210	798	1,008	148	491	639
Tubbercurry	354	349	333	27	165	192	25	116	141
Midland	10,099	9,772	9,450	1,043	4,098	5,141	963	3,346	4,309
Laoighis	2,084	1,996	1,888	207	826	1,033	206	649	855
Portarlington	780	745	698	63	284	347	85	266	351
Portlaoise	956	894	855	108	377	485	88	282	370
Rathdowney	348	357	335	36	165	201	33	101	134
Longford	1,753	1,710	1,662	191	725	916	182	564	746
Longford	1,753	1,710	1,662	191	725	916	182	564	746
Offaly	2,721	2,456	2,422	256	1,102	1,358	239	825	1,064
Birr	870	780	770	83	337	420	95	255	350
Edenderry	669	626	621	52	276	328	49	244	293
Tullamore	1,182	1,050	1,031	121	489	610	95	326	421
Westmeath	3,541	3,610	3,478	389	1,445	1,834	336	1,308	1,644
Athlone	1,526	1,524	1,480	177	642	819	130	531	661
Castlepollard	310	364	351	30	144	174	34	143	177
Mullingar	1,705	1,722	1,647	182	659	841	172	634	806
West	16,280	15,336	14,990	1,437	7,236	8,673	1,156	5,161	6,317
Galway	9,177	8,710	8,559	876	4,150	5,026	745	2,788	3,533
Ballinasloe	1,093	962	949	98	467	565	70	314	384
Clifden	843	754	809	70	422	492	54	263	317
Galway	4,867	4,766	4,627	557	2,241	2,798	475	1,354	1,829
Gort	462	405	405	23	159	182	20	203	223
Loughrea	694	668	666	43	292	335	66	265	331
Tuam	1,218	1,155	1,103	85	569	654	60	389	449

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	November 2003	October 2004	November 2004	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	5,787	5,394	5,240	456	2,502	2,958	337	1,945	2,282
Achill	332	292	286	25	159	184	13	89	102
Ballina	1,650	1,585	1,543	153	776	929	122	492	614
Ballinrobe	407	399	389	28	176	204	21	164	185
Belmullet	643	568	546	42	300	342	25	179	204
Castlebar	933	877	847	81	345	426	61	360	421
Claremorris	442	384	373	23	156	179	18	176	194
Swinford	755	707	663	67	287	354	47	262	309
Westport	625	582	593	37	303	340	30	223	253
Roscommon	1,316	1,232	1,191	105	584	689	74	428	502
Boyle	371	343	334	27	158	185	16	133	149
Castlerea	624	580	539	41	289	330	34	175	209
Roscommon	321	309	318	37	137	174	24	120	144
Southern and Eastern	113,054	107,123	104,629	11,271	50,774	62,045	8,127	34,457	42,584
Dublin	42,331	39,281	37,880	4,609	19,356	23,965	2,783	11,132	13,915
Dublin	42,331	39,281	37,880	4,609	19,356	23,965	2,783	11,132	13,915
Bishop Square	4,220	3,670	3,537	337	1,976	2,313	226	998	1,224
Cumberland Street	5,543	5,022	4,957	580	2,563	3,143	349	1,465	1,814
Navan Road	2,589	2,509	2,460	280	1,425	1,705	168	587	755
Blanchardstown	3,153	3,199	3,035	356	1,338	1,694	282	1,059	1,341
Thomas Street	2,449	2,216	2,117	221	1,251	1,472	161	484	645
Tara Street	1,404	1,172	1,162	94	676	770	47	345	392
Tallaght	3,244	3,077	3,021	543	1,446	1,989	328	704	1,032
Ballymun	1,452	1,382	1,354	248	688	936	127	291	418
Clondalkin	2,824	2,926	2,791	387	1,315	1,702	260	829	1,089
Rathfarnham	2,102	1,956	1,783	145	866	1,011	82	690	772
Kilbarrack	2,861	2,475	2,399	230	1,221	1,451	130	818	948
Dun Laoghaire	3,168	2,738	2,539	206	1,220	1,426	103	1,010	1,113
Balbriggan	1,238	1,193	1,179	141	512	653	68	458	526
Ballyfermot	1,186	1,139	1,135	180	590	770	118	247	365
Finglas	2,162	2,125	2,042	328	1,035	1,363	152	527	679
Coolock	2,736	2,482	2,369	333	1,234	1,567	182	620	802
Mid-East	12,245	12,004	11,685	1,175	5,309	6,484	899	4,302	5,201
Kildare	4,569	4,329	4,216	416	1,812	2,228	357	1,631	1,988
Athy	814	778	804	87	355	442	92	270	362
Maynooth	1,385	1,417	1,338	121	536	657	99	582	681
Newbridge	2,370	2,134	2,074	208	921	1,129	166	779	945
Meath	3,206	3,205	3,070	277	1,333	1,610	224	1,236	1,460
Kells	581	617	588	42	269	311	50	227	277
Navan	1,831	1,840	1,759	181	788	969	119	671	790
Trim	794	748	723	54	276	330	55	338	393
Wicklow	4,470	4,470	4,399	482	2,164	2,646	318	1,435	1,753
Arklow	1,288	1,314	1,296	159	666	825	95	376	471
Baltinglass	410	400	382	34	150	184	47	151	198
Bray	1,908	1,884	1,906	190	950	1,140	119	647	766
Wicklow	864	872	815	99	398	497	57	261	318
Mid-West	14,345	13,340	12,974	1,410	5,977	7,387	1,103	4,484	5,587
Clare	4,060	3,734	3,714	325	1,660	1,985	285	1,444	1,729
Ennis	2,360	2,245	2,190	217	956	1,173	167	850	1,017
Ennistymon	664	561	596	36	273	309	48	239	287
Kilrush	622	567	569	49	273	322	50	197	247
Tulla	414	361	359	23	158	181	20	158	178
Limerick	7,697	7,219	6,938	856	3,341	4,197	590	2,151	2,741
Kilmallock	861	821	788	86	386	472	70	246	316
Limerick	5,987	5,522	5,308	705	2,545	3,250	427	1,631	2,058
Newcastle West	849	876	842	65	410	475	93	274	367

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

-continued NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	November 2003	October 2004	November 2004	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,588	2,387	2,322	229	976	1,205	228	889	1,117
Nenagh	953	898	866	60	350	410	81	375	456
Roscrea	505	510	497	47	182	229	55	213	268
Thurles	1,130	979	959	122	444	566	92	301	393
South-East	21,037	21,075	20,555	2,135	9,827	11,962	1,696	6,897	8,593
Carlow	2,119	2,114	2,048	238	884	1,122	210	716	926
Bagenalstown	544	524	519	44	258	302	48	169	217
Carlow	1,150	1,119	1,082	134	453	587	120	375	495
Tullow	425	471	447	60	173	233	42	172	214
Kilkenny	2,606	2,483	2,376	258	1,139	1,397	210	769	979
Callan	380	355	320	27	178	205	20	95	115
Kilkenny	1,801	1,741	1,679	200	784	984	161	534	695
Thomastown	425	387	377	31	177	208	29	140	169
South Tipperary	3,686	3,342	3,237	392	1,546	1,938	268	1,031	1,299
Cahir	504	449	419	45	195	240	36	143	179
Carrick-on-Suir	951	872	866	69	484	553	64	249	313
Cashel	409	372	351	42	166	208	20	123	143
Clonmel	1,106	1,009	977	133	444	577	90	310	400
Tipperary	716	640	624	103	257	360	58	206	264
Waterford	5,768	6,630	6,480	622	3,439	4,061	396	2,023	2,419
Dungarvan	976	1,232	1,175	91	661	752	52	371	423
Waterford	4,792	5,398	5,305	531	2,778	3,309	344	1,652	1,996
Wexford	6,858	6,506	6,414	625	2,819	3,444	612	2,358	2,970
Enniscorthy	1,729	1,665	1,632	193	709	902	200	530	730
Gorey	1,176	1,143	1,098	105	476	581	105	412	517
New Ross	1,260	1,127	1,087	98	500	598	104	385	489
Wexford	2,693	2,571	2,597	229	1,134	1,363	203	1,031	1,234
South-West	23,096	21,423	21,535	1,942	10,305	12,247	1,646	7,642	9,288
Cork	16,517	15,442	15,200	1,409	7,410	8,819	1,140	5,241	6,381
Bandon	512	519	520	39	249	288	26	206	232
Bantry	390	330	340	18	135	153	17	170	187
Bantry (SWLO)	208	184	183	2	83	85	9	89	98
Clonakilty	480	455	457	28	199	227	33	197	230
Cobh	400	340	350	49	167	216	34	100	134
Cork	8,144	7,595	7,413	857	3,901	4,758	628	2,027	2,655
Dunmanway	203	210	197	16	74	90	16	91	107
Fermoy	841	813	809	68	403	471	53	285	338
Kinsale	659	613	604	25	260	285	27	292	319
Macroom	487	452	434	22	190	212	24	198	222
Mallow	760	722	713	75	370	445	66	202	268
Midleton	1,006	1,005	1,025	63	443	506	76	443	519
Newmarket	473	460	438	32	205	237	23	178	201
Passage West	810	685	684	46	303	349	43	292	335
Skibbereen	389	381	383	22	144	166	15	202	217
Youghal	755	678	650	47	284	331	50	269	319
Kerry	6,579	5,981	6,335	533	2,895	3,428	506	2,401	2,907
Cahiriveen	444	384	395	11	146	157	26	212	238
Dingle	357	276	347	14	153	167	18	162	180
Kenmare	182	148	177	8	66	74	10	93	103
Killarney	1,185	963	1,171	93	449	542	102	527	629
Killorglin	445	405	457	24	182	206	25	226	251
Listowel	1,025	943	954	111	485	596	83	275	358
Tralee	2,941	2,862	2,834	272	1,414	1,686	242	906	1,148
State	164,541	155,476	151,966	16,186	73,117	89,303	12,294	50,369	62,663

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	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
	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

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	4.3	4.3	4.6
2003	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.5
2004	4.4	4.6		

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