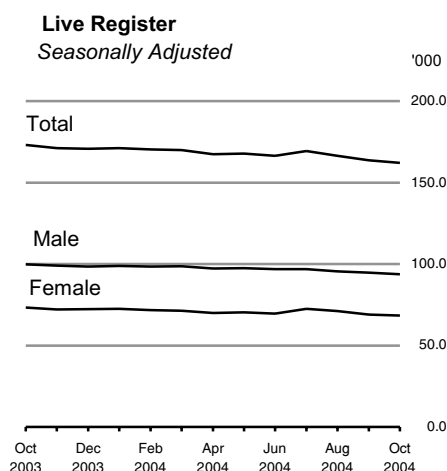




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## Live Register Analysis October 2004



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
<b>October 2003</b>	166,552	173,100
<b>September 2004</b>	160,466	163,700
<b>October 2004</b>	155,476	162,100
<b>Change in month</b>	-4,990	-1,600
<b>Change in year</b>	-11,076	-11,000

### Seasonally adjusted Live Register falls by 1,600 in October

The seasonally adjusted Live Register total decreased from 163,700 in September to 162,100 in October, a decrease of 1,600. This compares with a decrease of 800 in October last year. *See table 2a and graph opposite.*

The unadjusted total in October this year decreased by 4,990 (-3.1%) persons to 155,476. The corresponding decrease in October last year was 4,270 (-2.5%). In the year to October 2004 there was an unadjusted decrease of 11,076 (-6.7%). This compares to an unadjusted decrease of 10,356 (-6.1%) recorded in the year to September 2004.

Other features include:

- ◆ The monthly decrease in the Seasonally Adjusted series was made up of 900 males and 700 females. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in October was 4.4%. This compares with 4.6% in April 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 7,877 males and 12,821 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 March to May 2004, is 88,600 persons unemployed.

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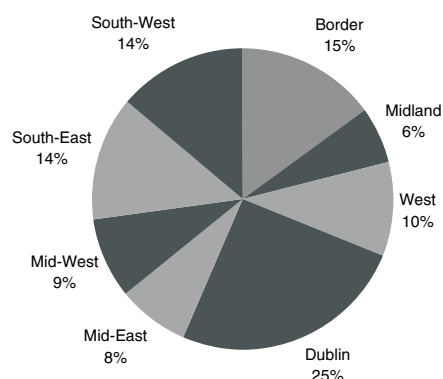
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### Live Register by Regional Authority



	October 2004	Monthly Change	Annual Change
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>48,353</b>	<b>- 1,814</b>	<b>- 3,800</b>
Border	23,245	- 888	- 2,159
Midland	9,772	- 326	- 504
West	15,336	- 600	- 1,137
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>107,123</b>	<b>- 3,176</b>	<b>- 7,276</b>
Dublin	39,281	- 2,304	- 3,926
Mid-East	12,004	- 399	- 336
Mid-West	13,340	- 585	- 1,158
South-East	21,075	+ 611	- 170
South-West	21,423	- 499	- 1,686
<b>Total</b>	<b>155,476</b>	<b>- 4,990</b>	<b>- 11,076</b>

### Monthly decreases in seven regions

The unadjusted monthly decrease of 4,990 on the Live Register reflected decreases in seven regions. The largest monthly decrease was in the Dublin (-5.5%) region. There was an increase of 3.0% in the South-East region.

Other features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males decreased in all regions. The largest percentage decrease was in the Dublin (-5.4%) region. There was an increase of 5.5% in the South-East region.
- ◆ The number of females decreased in all regions. The largest percentage decrease was in the Dublin (-5.7%) region, while the lowest decrease was in the South-East (-0.2%).
- ◆ Amongst counties, the largest percentage decreases were in Leitrim (-7.9%) and Limerick (-7.1%), while the biggest increases were in Waterford (+16.4%) and Kerry (+4.7%). *See tables 4 and 6.*

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

Category	October 2003	September 2004	October 2004	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
UB Claims	35,906	30,733	29,883	- 850	- 6,023
UA Applications	57,574	59,029	57,411	- 1,618	- 163
Other Registrants	2,781	2,867	2,839	- 28	+ 58
<b>Total</b>	<b>96,261</b>	<b>92,629</b>	<b>90,133</b>	<b>- 2,496</b>	<b>- 6,128</b>
<b>Females</b>					
UB Claims	38,804	35,002	33,943	- 1,059	- 4,861
UA Applications	22,290	24,331	22,898	- 1,433	+ 608
Other Registrants	9,197	8,504	8,502	- 2	- 695
<b>Total</b>	<b>70,291</b>	<b>67,837</b>	<b>65,343</b>	<b>- 2,494</b>	<b>- 4,948</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
UB Claims	74,710	65,735	63,826	- 1,909	- 10,884
UA Applications	79,864	83,360	80,309	- 3,051	+ 445
Other Registrants	11,978	11,371	11,341	- 30	- 637
<b>Total</b>	<b>166,552</b>	<b>160,466</b>	<b>155,476</b>	<b>- 4,990</b>	<b>- 11,076</b>

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

Category	October 2003	September 2004	October 2004	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
UB Claims	6,400	5,281	4,536	- 745	- 1,864
UA Applications	11,367	12,241	11,780	- 461	+ 413
Other Registrants	36	67	66	- 1	+ 30
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,803</b>	<b>17,589</b>	<b>16,382</b>	<b>- 1,207</b>	<b>- 1,421</b>
<b>Females</b>					
UB Claims	5,397	4,627	3,911	- 716	- 1,486
UA Applications	8,276	9,455	8,740	- 715	+ 464
Other Registrants	127	121	124	+ 3	- 3
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,800</b>	<b>14,203</b>	<b>12,775</b>	<b>- 1,428</b>	<b>- 1,025</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
UB Claims	11,797	9,908	8,447	- 1,461	- 3,350
UA Applications	19,643	21,696	20,520	- 1,176	+ 877
Other Registrants	163	188	190	+ 2	+ 27
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,603</b>	<b>31,792</b>	<b>29,157</b>	<b>- 2,635</b>	<b>- 2,446</b>

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

Category	October 2003	September 2004	October 2004	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
UB Claims	29,506	25,452	25,347	- 105	- 4,159
UA Applications	46,207	46,788	45,631	- 1,157	- 576
Other Registrants	2,745	2,800	2,773	- 27	+ 28
<b>Total</b>	<b>78,458</b>	<b>75,040</b>	<b>73,751</b>	<b>- 1,289</b>	<b>- 4,707</b>
<b>Females</b>					
UB Claims	33,407	30,375	30,032	- 343	- 3,375
UA Applications	14,014	14,876	14,158	- 718	+ 144
Other Registrants	9,070	8,383	8,378	- 5	- 692
<b>Total</b>	<b>56,491</b>	<b>53,634</b>	<b>52,568</b>	<b>- 1,066</b>	<b>- 3,923</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
UB Claims	62,913	55,827	55,379	- 448	- 7,534
UA Applications	60,221	61,664	59,789	- 1,875	- 432
Other Registrants	11,815	11,183	11,151	- 32	- 664
<b>Total</b>	<b>134,949</b>	<b>128,674</b>	<b>126,319</b>	<b>- 2,355</b>	<b>- 8,630</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	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
	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

<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	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
	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

<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	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
	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

<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>1</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	4.6
April <sup>1</sup>	8.0	5.9	4.4	3.8	4.3	4.6	4.6 <sup>2</sup>
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 <sup>1</sup>	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 <sup>1</sup>	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	
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	

<sup>1</sup> Benchmark Labour Force Survey/Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) estimates.

<sup>2</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>	October 2003	September 2004	October 2004	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
<b>Males</b>							
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>29,961</b>	<b>28,501</b>	<b>27,504</b>	<b>- 997</b>	<b>- 2,457</b>	<b>4,950</b>	<b>22,554</b>
Border	14,911	14,026	13,517	- 509	- 1,394	2,474	11,043
Midland	5,507	5,313	5,225	- 88	- 282	1,066	4,159
West	9,543	9,162	8,762	- 400	- 781	1,410	7,352
<b>Southern &amp; Eastern</b>	<b>66,300</b>	<b>64,128</b>	<b>62,629</b>	<b>- 1,499</b>	<b>- 3,671</b>	<b>11,432</b>	<b>51,197</b>
Dublin	26,439	25,738	24,337	- 1,401	- 2,102	4,709	19,628
Mid-East	6,710	6,781	6,567	- 214	- 143	1,195	5,372
Mid-West	7,892	7,732	7,425	- 307	- 467	1,425	6,000
South-East	11,928	11,483	12,114	+ 631	+ 186	2,182	9,932
South-West	13,331	12,394	12,186	- 208	- 1,145	1,921	10,265
<b>Total</b>	<b>96,261</b>	<b>92,629</b>	<b>90,133</b>	<b>- 2,496</b>	<b>- 6,128</b>	<b>16,382</b>	<b>73,751</b>
<b>Females</b>							
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>22,192</b>	<b>21,666</b>	<b>20,849</b>	<b>- 817</b>	<b>- 1,343</b>	<b>4,400</b>	<b>16,449</b>
Border	10,493	10,107	9,728	- 379	- 765	2,169	7,559
Midland	4,769	4,785	4,547	- 238	- 222	1,001	3,546
West	6,930	6,774	6,574	- 200	- 356	1,230	5,344
<b>Southern &amp; Eastern</b>	<b>48,099</b>	<b>46,171</b>	<b>44,494</b>	<b>- 1,677</b>	<b>- 3,605</b>	<b>8,375</b>	<b>36,119</b>
Dublin	16,768	15,847	14,944	- 903	- 1,824	2,959	11,985
Mid-East	5,630	5,622	5,437	- 185	- 193	949	4,488
Mid-West	6,606	6,193	5,915	- 278	- 691	1,126	4,789
South-East	9,317	8,981	8,961	- 20	- 356	1,731	7,230
South-West	9,778	9,528	9,237	- 291	- 541	1,610	7,627
<b>Total</b>	<b>70,291</b>	<b>67,837</b>	<b>65,343</b>	<b>- 2,494</b>	<b>- 4,948</b>	<b>12,775</b>	<b>52,568</b>
<b>All Persons</b>							
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>52,153</b>	<b>50,167</b>	<b>48,353</b>	<b>- 1,814</b>	<b>- 3,800</b>	<b>9,350</b>	<b>39,003</b>
Border	25,404	24,133	23,245	- 888	- 2,159	4,643	18,602
Midland	10,276	10,098	9,772	- 326	- 504	2,067	7,705
West	16,473	15,936	15,336	- 600	- 1,137	2,640	12,696
<b>Southern &amp; Eastern</b>	<b>114,399</b>	<b>110,299</b>	<b>107,123</b>	<b>- 3,176</b>	<b>- 7,276</b>	<b>19,807</b>	<b>87,316</b>
Dublin	43,207	41,585	39,281	- 2,304	- 3,926	7,668	31,613
Mid-East	12,340	12,403	12,004	- 399	- 336	2,144	9,860
Mid-West	14,498	13,925	13,340	- 585	- 1,158	2,551	10,789
South-East	21,245	20,464	21,075	+ 611	- 170	3,913	17,162
South-West	23,109	21,922	21,423	- 499	- 1,686	3,531	17,892
<b>Total</b>	<b>166,552</b>	<b>160,466</b>	<b>155,476</b>	<b>- 4,990</b>	<b>- 11,076</b>	<b>29,157</b>	<b>126,319</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	October 2003	September 2004	October 2004	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
<b>Provinces</b>							
Leinster	84,969	82,543	78,949	- 3,594	- 6,020	15,442	63,507
Munster	47,149	44,973	44,735	- 238	- 2,414	7,828	36,907
Connacht	19,840	19,094	18,376	- 718	- 1,464	3,213	15,163
Ulster	14,594	13,856	13,416	- 440	- 1,178	2,674	10,742
<b>Total</b>	<b>166,552</b>	<b>160,466</b>	<b>155,476</b>	<b>- 4,990</b>	<b>- 11,076</b>	<b>29,157</b>	<b>126,319</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	October 2003	September 2004	October 2004	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>52,153</b>	<b>50,167</b>	<b>48,353</b>	<b>4,950</b>	<b>22,554</b>	<b>27,504</b>	<b>4,400</b>	<b>16,449</b>	<b>20,849</b>
<b>Border</b>	<b>25,404</b>	<b>24,133</b>	<b>23,245</b>	<b>2,474</b>	<b>11,043</b>	<b>13,517</b>	<b>2,169</b>	<b>7,559</b>	<b>9,728</b>
Cavan	2,072	2,113	2,066	168	975	1,143	167	756	923
Belturbet	427	447	435	24	244	268	26	141	167
Cavan	1,645	1,666	1,631	144	731	875	141	615	756
Donegal	9,975	9,432	9,079	974	4,466	5,440	899	2,740	3,639
Ballybofey	900	807	767	104	348	452	105	210	315
Ballyshannon	494	439	477	40	231	271	60	146	206
Buncrana	1,811	1,743	1,703	143	749	892	205	606	811
Donegal	503	438	434	50	218	268	35	131	166
Dunfanaghy	1,024	936	903	108	455	563	68	272	340
Dungloe	1,614	1,476	1,427	149	743	892	74	461	535
Killybegs	854	1,001	866	58	494	552	53	261	314
Letterkenny	2,775	2,592	2,502	322	1,228	1,550	299	653	952
Leitrim	1,159	1,095	1,009	71	448	519	69	421	490
Carrick-on-Shannon	906	832	765	57	317	374	56	335	391
Manorhamilton	253	263	244	14	131	145	13	86	99
Louth	7,443	7,119	6,789	772	3,175	3,947	624	2,218	2,842
Ardee	881	878	835	113	322	435	100	300	400
Drogheda	3,448	3,273	3,173	314	1,437	1,751	266	1,156	1,422
Dundalk	3,114	2,968	2,781	345	1,416	1,761	258	762	1,020
Monaghan	2,547	2,311	2,271	250	1,003	1,253	216	802	1,018
Carrickmacross	657	616	596	38	250	288	56	252	308
Castleblayney	771	672	685	77	293	370	72	243	315
Clones	304	283	279	41	150	191	20	68	88
Monaghan	815	740	711	94	310	404	68	239	307
Sligo	2,208	2,063	2,031	239	976	1,215	194	622	816
Sligo	1,851	1,709	1,682	214	805	1,019	164	499	663
Tubbercurry	357	354	349	25	171	196	30	123	153
<b>Midland</b>	<b>10,276</b>	<b>10,098</b>	<b>9,772</b>	<b>1,066</b>	<b>4,159</b>	<b>5,225</b>	<b>1,001</b>	<b>3,546</b>	<b>4,547</b>
Laoighis	2,146	2,080	1,996	211	858	1,069	217	710	927
Portarlington	799	799	745	60	304	364	96	285	381
Portlaoise	977	917	894	116	379	495	86	313	399
Rathdowney	370	364	357	35	175	210	35	112	147
Longford	1,793	1,763	1,710	202	737	939	191	580	771
Longford	1,793	1,763	1,710	202	737	939	191	580	771
Offaly	2,776	2,542	2,456	256	1,096	1,352	240	864	1,104
Birr	881	812	780	87	342	429	94	257	351
Edenderry	675	667	626	46	270	316	50	260	310
Tullamore	1,220	1,063	1,050	123	484	607	96	347	443
Westmeath	3,561	3,713	3,610	397	1,468	1,865	353	1,392	1,745
Athlone	1,514	1,558	1,524	180	632	812	139	573	712
Castlepollard	319	367	364	28	147	175	39	150	189
Mullingar	1,728	1,788	1,722	189	689	878	175	669	844
<b>West</b>	<b>16,473</b>	<b>15,936</b>	<b>15,336</b>	<b>1,410</b>	<b>7,352</b>	<b>8,762</b>	<b>1,230</b>	<b>5,344</b>	<b>6,574</b>
Galway	9,242	9,134	8,710	865	4,182	5,047	787	2,876	3,663
Ballinasloe	1,127	974	962	94	449	543	80	339	419
Clifden	771	732	754	71	417	488	46	220	266
Galway	4,950	5,130	4,766	549	2,273	2,822	516	1,428	1,944
Gort	484	418	405	20	154	174	21	210	231
Loughrea	689	659	668	44	288	332	70	266	336
Tuam	1,221	1,221	1,155	87	601	688	54	413	467

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-continued				Males			Females		
NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	October 2003	September 2004	October 2004	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	5,882	5,528	5,394	445	2,579	3,024	362	2,008	2,370
Achill	326	286	292	23	166	189	15	88	103
Ballina	1,676	1,581	1,585	147	798	945	129	511	640
Ballinrobe	400	404	399	29	178	207	22	170	192
Belmullet	645	579	568	43	311	354	30	184	214
Castlebar	960	946	877	81	353	434	69	374	443
Claremorris	469	402	384	19	165	184	17	183	200
Swinford	782	716	707	71	298	369	55	283	338
Westport	624	614	582	32	310	342	25	215	240
Roscommon	1,349	1,274	1,232	100	591	691	81	460	541
Boyle	371	367	343	26	163	189	17	137	154
Castlerea	648	588	580	42	297	339	41	200	241
Roscommon	330	319	309	32	131	163	23	123	146
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>114,399</b>	<b>110,299</b>	<b>107,123</b>	<b>11,432</b>	<b>51,197</b>	<b>62,629</b>	<b>8,375</b>	<b>36,119</b>	<b>44,494</b>
<b>Dublin</b>	<b>43,207</b>	<b>41,585</b>	<b>39,281</b>	<b>4,709</b>	<b>19,628</b>	<b>24,337</b>	<b>2,959</b>	<b>11,985</b>	<b>14,944</b>
Dublin	43,207	41,585	39,281	4,709	19,628	24,337	2,959	11,985	14,944
Bishop Square	4,376	3,965	3,670	349	2,020	2,369	238	1,063	1,301
Cumberland Street	5,664	5,422	5,022	575	2,562	3,137	369	1,516	1,885
Navan Road	2,604	2,669	2,509	291	1,426	1,717	186	606	792
Blanchardstown	3,270	3,286	3,199	375	1,372	1,747	321	1,131	1,452
Thomas Street	2,453	2,329	2,216	236	1,282	1,518	170	528	698
Tara Street	1,406	1,257	1,172	91	668	759	56	357	413
Tallaght	3,296	3,380	3,077	550	1,441	1,991	337	749	1,086
Ballymun	1,437	1,430	1,382	239	685	924	137	321	458
Clondalkin	2,899	3,026	2,926	400	1,354	1,754	277	895	1,172
Rathfarnham	2,146	2,035	1,956	145	918	1,063	100	793	893
Kilbarrack	2,923	2,692	2,475	255	1,242	1,497	127	851	978
Dun Laoghaire	3,174	2,802	2,738	217	1,242	1,459	107	1,172	1,279
Balbriggan	1,244	1,213	1,193	126	512	638	60	495	555
Ballyfermot	1,278	1,184	1,139	177	578	755	123	261	384
Finglas	2,208	2,245	2,125	330	1,057	1,387	164	574	738
Coolock	2,829	2,650	2,482	353	1,269	1,622	187	673	860
<b>Mid-East</b>	<b>12,340</b>	<b>12,403</b>	<b>12,004</b>	<b>1,195</b>	<b>5,372</b>	<b>6,567</b>	<b>949</b>	<b>4,488</b>	<b>5,437</b>
Kildare	4,657	4,605	4,329	434	1,827	2,261	380	1,688	2,068
Athy	815	822	778	84	347	431	85	262	347
Maynooth	1,426	1,559	1,417	130	549	679	123	615	738
Newbridge	2,416	2,224	2,134	220	931	1,151	172	811	983
Meath	3,219	3,279	3,205	297	1,376	1,673	228	1,304	1,532
Kells	584	613	617	47	266	313	47	257	304
Navan	1,847	1,909	1,840	188	822	1,010	122	708	830
Trim	788	757	748	62	288	350	59	339	398
Wicklow	4,464	4,519	4,470	464	2,169	2,633	341	1,496	1,837
Arklow	1,255	1,274	1,314	146	666	812	101	401	502
Baltinglass	411	414	400	37	166	203	41	156	197
Bray	1,908	1,973	1,884	184	918	1,102	126	656	782
Wicklow	890	858	872	97	419	516	73	283	356
<b>Mid-West</b>	<b>14,498</b>	<b>13,925</b>	<b>13,340</b>	<b>1,425</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>7,425</b>	<b>1,126</b>	<b>4,789</b>	<b>5,915</b>
Clare	4,028	3,689	3,734	326	1,645	1,971	282	1,481	1,763
Ennis	2,375	2,237	2,245	222	939	1,161	172	912	1,084
Ennistymon	639	544	561	36	271	307	40	214	254
Kilrush	612	547	567	38	279	317	48	202	250
Tulla	402	361	361	30	156	186	22	153	175
Limerick	7,854	7,772	7,219	866	3,353	4,219	624	2,376	3,000
Kilmallock	870	841	821	89	384	473	72	276	348
Limerick	6,157	6,063	5,522	713	2,543	3,256	455	1,811	2,266
Newcastle West	827	868	876	64	426	490	97	289	386



**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	October 2003	September 2004	October 2004	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,616	2,464	2,387	233	1,002	1,235	220	932	1,152
Nenagh	959	958	898	61	366	427	75	396	471
Roscrea	541	475	510	47	187	234	48	228	276
Thurles	1,116	1,031	979	125	449	574	97	308	405
<b>South-East</b>	<b>21,245</b>	<b>20,464</b>	<b>21,075</b>	<b>2,182</b>	<b>9,932</b>	<b>12,114</b>	<b>1,731</b>	<b>7,230</b>	<b>8,961</b>
Carlow	2,170	2,187	2,114	235	888	1,123	212	779	991
Bagenalstown	541	552	524	45	257	302	42	180	222
Carlow	1,187	1,161	1,119	137	453	590	119	410	529
Tullow	442	474	471	53	178	231	51	189	240
Kilkenny	2,642	2,537	2,483	268	1,171	1,439	225	819	1,044
Callan	378	357	355	31	191	222	26	107	133
Kilkenny	1,849	1,780	1,741	202	803	1,005	170	566	736
Thomastown	415	400	387	35	177	212	29	146	175
South Tipperary	3,668	3,432	3,342	391	1,561	1,952	280	1,110	1,390
Cahir	470	461	449	46	205	251	45	153	198
Carrick-on-Suir	944	891	872	68	477	545	60	267	327
Cashel	413	366	372	47	166	213	23	136	159
Clonmel	1,110	1,074	1,009	130	454	584	93	332	425
Tipperary	731	640	640	100	259	359	59	222	281
Waterford	5,874	5,694	6,630	660	3,472	4,132	415	2,083	2,498
Dungarvan	998	877	1,232	95	683	778	61	393	454
Waterford	4,876	4,817	5,398	565	2,789	3,354	354	1,690	2,044
Wexford	6,891	6,614	6,506	628	2,840	3,468	599	2,439	3,038
Enniscorthy	1,720	1,700	1,665	203	718	921	199	545	744
Gorey	1,198	1,162	1,143	108	491	599	107	437	544
New Ross	1,300	1,160	1,127	97	513	610	95	422	517
Wexford	2,673	2,592	2,571	220	1,118	1,338	198	1,035	1,233
<b>South-West</b>	<b>23,109</b>	<b>21,922</b>	<b>21,423</b>	<b>1,921</b>	<b>10,265</b>	<b>12,186</b>	<b>1,610</b>	<b>7,627</b>	<b>9,237</b>
Cork	16,934	16,207	15,442	1,402	7,473	8,875	1,128	5,439	6,567
Bandon	513	527	519	42	240	282	28	209	237
Bantry	383	354	330	16	132	148	18	164	182
Bantry (SWLO)	200	196	184	4	87	91	7	86	93
Clonakilty	470	451	455	29	197	226	27	202	229
Cobh	404	327	340	40	166	206	27	107	134
Cork	8,510	8,260	7,595	862	3,988	4,850	627	2,118	2,745
Dunmanway	205	187	210	15	74	89	14	107	121
Fermoy	833	820	813	62	390	452	53	308	361
Kinsale	637	639	613	28	259	287	30	296	326
Macroom	520	449	452	23	190	213	28	211	239
Mallow	782	755	722	71	384	455	65	202	267
Midleton	1,011	1,016	1,005	61	437	498	67	440	507
Newmarket	483	492	460	36	202	238	28	194	222
Passage West	827	710	685	47	298	345	45	295	340
Skibbereen	403	383	381	20	148	168	12	201	213
Youghal	753	641	678	46	281	327	52	299	351
Kerry	6,175	5,715	5,981	519	2,792	3,311	482	2,188	2,670
Cahiriveen	488	352	384	10	147	157	28	199	227
Dingle	275	222	276	9	145	154	14	108	122
Kenmare	144	105	148	6	66	72	10	66	76
Killarney	971	847	963	85	388	473	79	411	490
Killorglin	434	376	405	22	165	187	14	204	218
Listowel	983	928	943	106	471	577	91	275	366
Tralee	2,880	2,885	2,862	281	1,410	1,691	246	925	1,171
<b>State</b>	<b>166,552</b>	<b>160,466</b>	<b>155,476</b>	<b>16,382</b>	<b>73,751</b>	<b>90,133</b>	<b>12,775</b>	<b>52,568</b>	<b>65,343</b>

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

		Number of weeks	Males		Females		Total	
			Live Register	Average net weekly change	Live Register	Average net weekly change	Live Register	Average net weekly change
2002	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
	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

## 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

<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