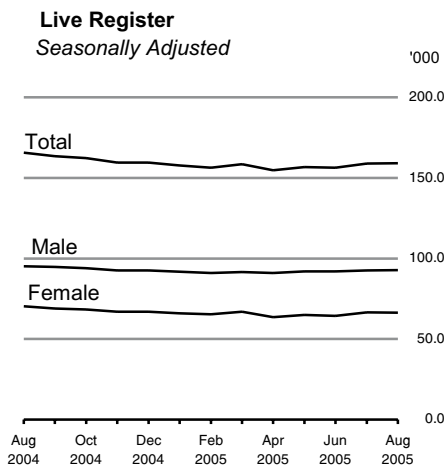




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Live Register Analysis August 2005



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
August 2004	175,816	165,600
July 2005	168,509	158,900
August 2005	169,393	159,100
Change in month	+884	+200
Change in year	-6,423	-6,500

Increase in Seasonally Adjusted Live Register in August

The seasonally adjusted Live Register total increased from 158,900 in July to 159,100 in August, an increase of 200. This compares with an increase of 2,600 in July. *See table 2a and graph opposite.*

In the year to August 2005, there was an unadjusted decrease of 6,423 (-3.7%). This compares with an unadjusted decrease of 8,992 (-5.1%) in the year to July 2005.

Other features include:

- ◆ The monthly increase in the Seasonally Adjusted series was made up of an increase of 200 males and a decrease of 100 females. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in August was 4.3%. This compares with 4.2% in January 2005, 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 7,640 males and 12,068 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 December to February 2005, is 84,700 persons unemployed.

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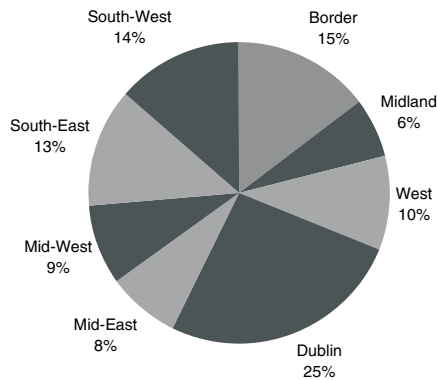
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Live Register by Regional Authority



	August 2005	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and Western	52,797	+ 271	- 2,787
Border	24,914	+ 61	- 1,751
Midland	11,010	+ 64	- 172
West	16,873	+ 146	- 864
Southern and Eastern	116,596	+ 613	- 3,636
Dublin	43,911	+ 291	- 1,042
Mid-East	13,297	+ 171	- 480
Mid-West	14,605	+ 28	- 890
South-East	21,770	+ 27	- 612
South-West	23,013	+ 96	- 612
Total	169,393	+ 884	- 6,423

Unadjusted monthly increases in all regions

There was an unadjusted monthly increase of 884 (+0.5%) on the Live Register, which reflected increases in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Mid-East region (+1.3%) and the smallest percentage increase was in the South-East region (+0.1%).

Other features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males increased in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Mid-East region (+1.3%) and the smallest percentage increase was in the South-East (+0.1%).
- ◆ The number of females increased in seven regions and decreased in one. The largest percentage increase was in the Mid-East region (+1.3%), while the smallest percentage increase was in the Mid-West region (+0.1%). There was a decrease in the Midland region (-0.1%).
- ◆ Amongst counties, the largest percentage increases were in Roscommon and Meath (both +2.0%) and in Kildare (+1.5%). The largest percentage decreases were in Carlow (-2.1%) and in Tipperary South (-1.8%). *See tables 4 and 6.*

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	August 2004	July 2005	August 2005	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	33,656	29,584	29,468	- 116	- 4,188
UA Applications	60,641	61,856	62,445	+ 589	+ 1,804
Other Registrants	2,919	2,684	2,759	+ 75	- 160
Total	97,216	94,124	94,672	+ 548	- 2,544
Females					
UB Claims	43,370	39,583	39,535	- 48	- 3,835
UA Applications	25,881	26,409	26,783	+ 374	+ 902
Other Registrants	9,349	8,393	8,403	+ 10	- 946
Total	78,600	74,385	74,721	+ 336	- 3,879
All Persons					
UB Claims	77,026	69,167	69,003	- 164	- 8,023
UA Applications	86,522	88,265	89,228	+ 963	+ 2,706
Other Registrants	12,268	11,077	11,162	+ 85	- 1,106
Total	175,816	168,509	169,393	+ 884	- 6,423

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

Category	August 2004	July 2005	August 2005	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	5,863	4,954	5,013	+ 59	- 850
UA Applications	12,789	13,358	13,479	+ 121	+ 690
Other Registrants	64	41	48	+ 7	- 16
Total	18,716	18,353	18,540	+ 187	- 176
Females					
UB Claims	5,581	4,442	4,567	+ 125	- 1,014
UA Applications	10,182	10,243	10,279	+ 36	+ 97
Other Registrants	140	117	105	- 12	- 35
Total	15,903	14,802	14,951	+ 149	- 952
All Persons					
UB Claims	11,444	9,396	9,580	+ 184	- 1,864
UA Applications	22,971	23,601	23,758	+ 157	+ 787
Other Registrants	204	158	153	- 5	- 51
Total	34,619	33,155	33,491	+ 336	- 1,128

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

Category	August 2004	July 2005	August 2005	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	27,793	24,630	24,455	- 175	- 3,338
UA Applications	47,852	48,498	48,966	+ 468	+ 1,114
Other Registrants	2,855	2,643	2,711	+ 68	- 144
Total	78,500	75,771	76,132	+ 361	- 2,368
Females					
UB Claims	37,789	35,141	34,968	- 173	- 2,821
UA Applications	15,699	16,166	16,504	+ 338	+ 805
Other Registrants	9,209	8,276	8,298	+ 22	- 911
Total	62,697	59,583	59,770	+ 187	- 2,927
All Persons					
UB Claims	65,582	59,771	59,423	- 348	- 6,159
UA Applications	63,551	64,664	65,470	+ 806	+ 1,919
Other Registrants	12,064	10,919	11,009	+ 90	- 1,055
Total	141,197	135,354	135,902	+ 548	- 5,295

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
2003	August	103,800	82,200	186,000	101,800	74,100	175,900
	September	98,800	72,100	170,800	100,700	73,100	173,800
	October	96,300	70,300	166,600	100,000	73,200	173,300
	November	96,100	68,400	164,500	99,300	72,600	171,900
	December	99,200	71,500	170,600	98,800	72,300	171,100
2004	January	102,500	72,000	174,500	99,000	72,500	171,500
	February	101,600	71,600	173,100	98,700	72,000	170,800
	March	99,700	69,200	168,900	98,500	71,400	169,800
	April	97,100	67,600	164,700	97,500	70,200	167,600
	May	95,100	66,900	162,000	97,200	70,600	167,900
	June	96,600	72,300	169,000	96,500	69,600	166,100
	July	98,100	79,400	177,500	96,500	71,500	168,000
	August	97,200	78,600	175,800	95,200	70,300	165,600
	September	92,600	67,800	160,500	94,700	68,900	163,500
	October	90,100	65,300	155,500	94,000	68,300	162,300
	November	89,300	62,700	152,000	92,500	67,000	159,500
	December	92,700	66,100	158,800	92,500	67,000	159,500
2005	January	95,200	65,300	160,500	91,700	65,900	157,600
	February	93,900	64,800	158,600	91,000	65,300	156,300
	March	92,800	64,900	157,700	91,500	67,000	158,500
	April	90,600	61,000	151,600	91,000	63,600	154,700
	May	89,800	61,000	150,800	91,900	64,900	156,700
	June	92,100	67,200	159,300	91,900	64,400	156,300
	July	94,100	74,400	168,500	92,500	66,500	158,900
	August	94,700	74,700	169,400	92,700	66,400	159,100

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2005 (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
2003	August	20,500	16,900	37,300	19,500	14,900	34,400
	September	19,100	15,000	34,100	19,300	14,700	33,900
	October	17,800	13,800	31,600	19,000	14,500	33,500
	November	17,700	13,500	31,100	18,800	14,500	33,300
	December	18,100	13,400	31,400	18,600	14,400	32,900
2004	January	19,500	14,200	33,800	18,700	14,400	33,100
	February	19,300	14,200	33,600	18,600	14,300	33,000
	March	19,000	13,800	32,800	18,700	14,200	32,900
	April	18,100	13,200	31,300	18,300	14,100	32,400
	May	17,700	13,300	30,900	18,300	14,100	32,400
	June	18,300	14,800	33,100	18,100	14,000	32,100
	July	18,800	16,000	34,900	17,900	14,100	32,000
	August	18,700	15,900	34,600	17,800	13,900	31,700
	September	17,600	14,200	31,800	17,800	13,800	31,600
	October	16,400	12,800	29,200	17,600	13,500	31,100
	November	16,200	12,300	28,500	17,400	13,400	30,700
	December	16,700	12,200	28,900	17,300	13,200	30,500
2005	January	17,900	13,100	31,000	17,100	13,200	30,400
	February	17,900	13,100	31,000	17,200	13,200	30,300
	March	17,700	12,700	30,400	17,300	13,200	30,500
	April	17,200	12,100	29,300	17,400	13,000	30,400
	May	16,900	12,200	29,100	17,500	13,000	30,600
	June	17,900	13,800	31,700	17,600	13,000	30,600
	July	18,400	14,800	33,200	17,400	12,900	30,300
	August	18,500	15,000	33,500	17,600	12,900	30,500

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2005 (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
2003	August	83,300	65,300	148,600	82,300	59,200	141,500
	September	79,700	57,000	136,700	81,500	58,400	139,900
	October	78,500	56,500	134,900	81,100	58,800	139,800
	November	78,500	55,000	133,400	80,500	58,100	138,600
	December	81,100	58,100	139,200	80,300	57,900	138,200
2004	January	83,000	57,800	140,800	80,300	58,100	138,400
	February	82,200	57,300	139,500	80,100	57,700	137,800
	March	80,700	55,400	136,100	79,800	57,100	136,900
	April	79,000	54,300	133,300	79,200	56,100	135,200
	May	77,500	53,600	131,000	78,900	56,600	135,500
	June	78,300	57,500	135,800	78,400	55,600	134,000
	July	79,300	63,300	142,600	78,600	57,400	136,000
	August	78,500	62,700	141,200	77,500	56,500	133,900
	September	75,000	53,600	128,700	76,900	55,100	131,900
	October	73,800	52,600	126,300	76,400	54,800	131,300
	November	73,100	50,400	123,500	75,200	53,600	128,800
	December	76,000	53,900	129,900	75,200	53,800	129,000
2005	January	77,300	52,200	129,500	74,600	52,600	127,200
	February	76,000	51,700	127,700	73,900	52,100	125,900
	March	75,100	52,200	127,300	74,200	53,800	128,000
	April	73,500	48,900	122,300	73,600	50,600	124,300
	May	72,900	48,800	121,700	74,300	51,800	126,200
	June	74,300	53,300	127,600	74,300	51,400	125,700
	July	75,800	59,600	135,400	75,100	53,600	128,700
	August	76,100	59,800	135,900	75,100	53,500	128,600

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2005 (See Background Notes).

Table 3 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates (SUR)

Month	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
January ¹	5.9	4.8	3.7	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.2 ²
February	5.9	4.7	3.7	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.2
March	5.9	4.5	3.7	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.3
April ¹	5.9	4.4	3.8	4.3	4.5	4.6	4.2
May	5.8	4.2	3.9	4.3	4.6	4.5	4.2
June	5.5	4.1	3.9	4.3	4.7	4.4	4.2
July ¹	5.4	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.8	4.4	4.3
August	5.3	4.0	3.9	4.4	4.7	4.4	4.3
September	5.2	3.9	3.9	4.5	4.6	4.4	
October ¹	5.1	3.9	4.0	4.6	4.5	4.4	
November	5.0	3.9	4.2	4.6	4.5	4.3	
December	4.9	3.8	4.3	4.6	4.5	4.3	
Annual average	5.5	4.2	3.9	4.4	4.6	4.4	

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

² The latest QNHS estimate of the unemployment rate (adjusted for seasonality) is: December - February 2005, 4.2%.

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register classified by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	August 2004	July 2005	August 2005	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland & Western	30,205	28,564	28,756	+ 192	- 1,449	5,672	23,084
Border	14,906	13,884	13,944	+ 60	- 962	2,774	11,170
Midland	5,588	5,567	5,636	+ 69	+ 48	1,251	4,385
West	9,711	9,113	9,176	+ 63	- 535	1,647	7,529
Southern & Eastern	67,011	65,560	65,916	+ 356	- 1,095	12,868	53,048
Dublin	26,729	26,320	26,512	+ 192	- 217	5,304	21,208
Mid-East	7,191	6,923	7,011	+ 88	- 180	1,297	5,714
Mid-West	8,170	7,756	7,777	+ 21	- 393	1,578	6,199
South-East	12,024	11,849	11,857	+ 8	- 167	2,468	9,389
South-West	12,897	12,712	12,759	+ 47	- 138	2,221	10,538
Total	97,216	94,124	94,672	+ 548	- 2,544	18,540	76,132
Females							
Border, Midland & Western	25,379	23,962	24,041	+ 79	- 1,338	4,988	19,053
Border	11,759	10,969	10,970	+ 1	- 789	2,361	8,609
Midland	5,594	5,379	5,374	- 5	- 220	1,178	4,196
West	8,026	7,614	7,697	+ 83	- 329	1,449	6,248
Southern & Eastern	53,221	50,423	50,680	+ 257	- 2,541	9,963	40,717
Dublin	18,224	17,300	17,399	+ 99	- 825	3,496	13,903
Mid-East	6,586	6,203	6,286	+ 83	- 300	1,112	5,174
Mid-West	7,325	6,821	6,828	+ 7	- 497	1,383	5,445
South-East	10,358	9,894	9,913	+ 19	- 445	2,088	7,825
South-West	10,728	10,205	10,254	+ 49	- 474	1,884	8,370
Total	78,600	74,385	74,721	+ 336	- 3,879	14,951	59,770
All Persons							
Border, Midland & Western	55,584	52,526	52,797	+ 271	- 2,787	10,660	42,137
Border	26,665	24,853	24,914	+ 61	- 1,751	5,135	19,779
Midland	11,182	10,946	11,010	+ 64	- 172	2,429	8,581
West	17,737	16,727	16,873	+ 146	- 864	3,096	13,777
Southern & Eastern	120,232	115,983	116,596	+ 613	- 3,636	22,831	93,765
Dublin	44,953	43,620	43,911	+ 291	- 1,042	8,800	35,111
Mid-East	13,777	13,126	13,297	+ 171	- 480	2,409	10,888
Mid-West	15,495	14,577	14,605	+ 28	- 890	2,961	11,644
South-East	22,382	21,743	21,770	+ 27	- 612	4,556	17,214
South-West	23,625	22,917	23,013	+ 96	- 612	4,105	18,908
Total	175,816	168,509	169,393	+ 884	- 6,423	33,491	135,902

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

Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	August 2004	July 2005	August 2005	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	89,981	86,562	87,132	+ 570	- 2,849	17,489	69,643
Munster	49,205	47,545	47,660	+ 115	- 1,545	9,224	38,436
Connacht	21,297	20,099	20,249	+ 150	- 1,048	3,759	16,490
Ulster	15,333	14,303	14,352	+ 49	- 981	3,019	11,333
Total	175,816	168,509	169,393	+ 884	- 6,423	33,491	135,902

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	August 2004	July 2005	August 2005	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	55,584	52,526	52,797	5,672	23,084	28,756	4,988	19,053	24,041
Border	26,665	24,853	24,914	2,774	11,170	13,944	2,361	8,609	10,970
Cavan	2,322	2,404	2,436	215	1,038	1,253	210	973	1,183
Belturbet	480	471	477	34	239	273	26	178	204
Cavan	1,842	1,933	1,959	181	799	980	184	795	979
Donegal	10,374	9,516	9,508	1,092	4,447	5,539	975	2,994	3,969
Ballybofey	902	756	770	99	322	421	121	228	349
Ballyshannon	467	443	442	46	195	241	49	152	201
Buncrana	1,942	1,810	1,814	189	749	938	262	614	876
Donegal	489	462	468	63	192	255	37	176	213
Dunfanaghy	968	858	838	118	418	536	57	245	302
Dungloe	1,589	1,521	1,506	141	780	921	73	512	585
Killybegs	1,089	1,026	1,004	77	567	644	69	291	360
Letterkenny	2,928	2,640	2,666	359	1,224	1,583	307	776	1,083
Leitrim	1,244	1,150	1,163	87	491	578	96	489	585
Carrick-on-Shannon	937	862	863	69	354	423	65	375	440
Manorhamilton	307	288	300	18	137	155	31	114	145
Louth	7,772	7,178	7,186	829	3,209	4,038	624	2,524	3,148
Ardee	950	870	859	102	309	411	89	359	448
Drogheda	3,557	3,332	3,366	367	1,483	1,850	281	1,235	1,516
Dundalk	3,265	2,976	2,961	360	1,417	1,777	254	930	1,184
Monaghan	2,637	2,383	2,408	253	1,006	1,259	274	875	1,149
Carrickmacross	674	615	616	44	228	272	57	287	344
Castleblayney	788	729	738	75	310	385	93	260	353
Clones	333	286	276	36	124	160	37	79	116
Monaghan	842	753	778	98	344	442	87	249	336
Sligo	2,316	2,222	2,213	298	979	1,277	182	754	936
Sligo	1,938	1,843	1,829	262	811	1,073	155	601	756
Tubbercurry	378	379	384	36	168	204	27	153	180
Midland	11,182	10,946	11,010	1,251	4,385	5,636	1,178	4,196	5,374
Laoighis	2,244	2,168	2,196	253	877	1,130	248	818	1,066
Portarlinton	838	845	846	89	299	388	103	355	458
Portlaoise	1,007	963	990	126	418	544	106	340	446
Rathdowney	399	360	360	38	160	198	39	123	162
Longford	1,979	1,919	1,912	227	795	1,022	212	678	890
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Offaly	2,879	2,909	2,914	316	1,221	1,537	306	1,071	1,377
Birr	900	892	874	105	344	449	109	316	425
Edenderry	764	692	695	66	290	356	52	287	339
Tullamore	1,215	1,325	1,345	145	587	732	145	468	613
Westmeath	4,080	3,950	3,988	455	1,492	1,947	412	1,629	2,041
Athlone	1,788	1,707	1,691	204	635	839	160	692	852
Castlepollard	381	355	351	36	139	175	32	144	176
Mullingar	1,911	1,888	1,946	215	718	933	220	793	1,013
West	17,737	16,727	16,873	1,647	7,529	9,176	1,449	6,248	7,697
Galway	10,128	9,687	9,781	1,016	4,416	5,432	850	3,499	4,349
Ballinasloe	1,070	988	984	122	443	565	77	342	419
Clifden	750	641	638	60	356	416	39	183	222
Galway	5,825	5,644	5,737	648	2,599	3,247	568	1,922	2,490
Gort	473	481	471	24	174	198	23	250	273
Loughrea	723	761	769	61	336	397	53	319	372
Tuam	1,287	1,172	1,182	101	508	609	90	483	573

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

-continued				Males			Females		
NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	August 2004	July 2005	August 2005	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	6,123	5,712	5,738	501	2,530	3,031	481	2,226	2,707
Achill	305	261	268	25	149	174	14	80	94
Ballina	1,744	1,606	1,605	166	762	928	162	515	677
Ballinrobe	443	392	377	26	154	180	22	175	197
Belmullet	650	586	592	60	306	366	38	188	226
Castlebar	1,085	1,023	1,030	88	380	468	94	468	562
Claremorris	462	440	450	29	172	201	34	215	249
Swinford	806	709	701	68	273	341	79	281	360
Westport	628	695	715	39	334	373	38	304	342
Roscommon	1,486	1,328	1,354	130	583	713	118	523	641
Boyle	418	368	369	29	165	194	25	150	175
Castlerea	694	578	582	48	259	307	54	221	275
Roscommon	374	382	403	53	159	212	39	152	191
Southern and Eastern	120,232	115,983	116,596	12,868	53,048	65,916	9,963	40,717	50,680
Dublin	44,953	43,620	43,911	5,304	21,208	26,512	3,496	13,903	17,399
Dublin	44,953	43,620	43,911	5,304	21,208	26,512	3,496	13,903	17,399
Bishop Square	4,355	4,021	4,019	415	2,087	2,502	261	1,256	1,517
Cumberland Street	5,683	5,620	5,673	670	2,830	3,500	412	1,761	2,173
Navan Road	2,825	2,854	2,865	335	1,560	1,895	233	737	970
Blanchardstown	3,498	3,521	3,598	432	1,571	2,003	337	1,258	1,595
Thomas Street	2,499	2,360	2,399	280	1,347	1,627	185	587	772
Tara Street	1,389	1,265	1,280	109	700	809	66	405	471
Tallaght	3,608	3,649	3,558	587	1,574	2,161	396	1,001	1,397
Ballymun	1,465	1,569	1,557	281	769	1,050	158	349	507
Clondalkin	3,237	3,519	3,630	496	1,643	2,139	379	1,112	1,491
Rathfarnham	2,449	2,176	2,219	167	958	1,125	119	975	1,094
Kilbarrack	2,927	2,593	2,572	235	1,269	1,504	161	907	1,068
Dun Laoghaire	3,305	2,932	2,951	229	1,326	1,555	126	1,270	1,396
Balbriggan	1,308	1,329	1,375	110	615	725	77	573	650
Ballyfermot	1,253	1,351	1,330	230	623	853	180	297	477
Finglas	2,374	2,365	2,380	377	1,137	1,514	189	677	866
Coolock	2,778	2,496	2,505	351	1,199	1,550	217	738	955
Mid-East	13,777	13,126	13,297	1,297	5,714	7,011	1,112	5,174	6,286
Kildare	5,212	5,002	5,076	520	2,088	2,608	492	1,976	2,468
Athy	900	888	906	97	422	519	102	285	387
Maynooth	1,784	1,587	1,603	145	587	732	144	727	871
Newbridge	2,528	2,527	2,567	278	1,079	1,357	246	964	1,210
Meath	3,543	3,324	3,389	285	1,356	1,641	277	1,471	1,748
Kells	654	600	606	42	241	283	60	263	323
Navan	2,058	1,888	1,916	185	816	1,001	140	775	915
Trim	831	836	867	58	299	357	77	433	510
Wicklow	5,022	4,800	4,832	492	2,270	2,762	343	1,727	2,070
Arklow	1,380	1,255	1,267	138	614	752	95	420	515
Baltinglass	463	462	468	40	184	224	54	190	244
Bray	2,245	2,158	2,156	212	1,020	1,232	131	793	924
Wicklow	934	925	941	102	452	554	63	324	387
Mid-West	15,495	14,577	14,605	1,578	6,199	7,777	1,383	5,445	6,828
Clare	4,064	3,922	3,901	333	1,652	1,985	316	1,600	1,916
Ennis	2,443	2,374	2,365	213	969	1,182	186	997	1,183
Ennistymon	604	549	542	31	241	272	36	234	270
Kilrush	623	594	591	60	257	317	67	207	274
Tulla	394	405	403	29	185	214	27	162	189
Limerick	8,676	7,977	8,019	974	3,491	4,465	808	2,746	3,554
Kilmallock	947	818	813	78	358	436	76	301	377
Limerick	6,773	6,146	6,163	810	2,709	3,519	595	2,049	2,644
Newcastle West	956	1,013	1,043	86	424	510	137	396	533

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	Males					Females			
	August 2004	July 2005	August 2005	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,755	2,678	2,685	271	1,056	1,327	259	1,099	1,358
Nenagh	1,044	982	997	67	383	450	78	469	547
Roscrea	536	559	560	61	211	272	62	226	288
Thurles	1,175	1,137	1,128	143	462	605	119	404	523
South-East	22,382	21,743	21,770	2,468	9,389	11,857	2,088	7,825	9,913
Carlow	2,473	2,414	2,364	274	949	1,223	259	882	1,141
Bagenalstown	633	587	558	52	241	293	52	213	265
Carlow	1,309	1,311	1,300	174	515	689	146	465	611
Tullow	531	516	506	48	193	241	61	204	265
Kilkenny	2,793	2,606	2,639	305	1,164	1,469	266	904	1,170
Callan ¹	388	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kilkenny	1,968	2,163	2,191	258	965	1,223	223	745	968
Thomastown	437	443	448	47	199	246	43	159	202
South Tipperary	3,847	3,576	3,510	405	1,523	1,928	365	1,217	1,582
Cahir	539	488	480	37	219	256	50	174	224
Carrick-on-Suir	957	977	960	90	466	556	92	312	404
Cashel	392	378	361	43	149	192	34	135	169
Clonmel	1,246	1,049	1,032	129	436	565	110	357	467
Tipperary	713	684	677	106	253	359	79	239	318
Waterford	6,238	6,475	6,532	834	2,856	3,690	554	2,288	2,842
Dungarvan	1,015	982	999	95	423	518	76	405	481
Waterford	5,223	5,493	5,533	739	2,433	3,172	478	1,883	2,361
Wexford	7,031	6,672	6,725	650	2,897	3,547	644	2,534	3,178
Enniscorthy	1,812	1,769	1,774	214	754	968	226	580	806
Gorey	1,253	1,220	1,242	109	526	635	109	498	607
New Ross	1,251	1,226	1,248	121	553	674	116	458	574
Wexford	2,715	2,457	2,461	206	1,064	1,270	193	998	1,191
South-West	23,625	22,917	23,013	2,221	10,538	12,759	1,884	8,370	10,254
Cork	17,505	16,919	16,985	1,651	7,803	9,454	1,367	6,164	7,531
Bandon	546	547	546	59	244	303	41	202	243
Bantry	371	358	364	18	136	154	29	181	210
Bantry (SWLO)	213	164	147	4	50	54	6	87	93
Clonakilty	471	467	480	21	199	220	23	237	260
Cobh	406	386	393	48	176	224	41	128	169
Cork	8,909	8,486	8,540	1,044	4,254	5,298	758	2,484	3,242
Dunmanway	215	241	230	18	76	94	19	117	136
Fermoy	893	939	954	76	410	486	74	394	468
Kinsale	646	622	617	28	246	274	33	310	343
Macroom	522	459	439	18	194	212	25	202	227
Mallow	833	772	767	74	360	434	78	255	333
Midleton	1,087	1,152	1,156	67	509	576	83	497	580
Newmarket	530	478	484	47	202	249	38	197	235
Passage West	767	748	746	49	317	366	46	334	380
Skibbereen	423	416	420	29	146	175	19	226	245
Youghal	673	684	702	51	284	335	54	313	367
Kerry	6,120	5,998	6,028	570	2,735	3,305	517	2,206	2,723
Cahirciveen	368	327	323	14	143	157	25	141	166
Dingle	242	254	267	9	125	134	14	119	133
Kenmare	118	138	142	9	65	74	10	58	68
Killarney	902	896	908	85	363	448	79	381	460
Killorglin	408	366	370	31	132	163	38	169	207
Listowel	1,022	977	970	114	451	565	89	316	405
Tralee	3,060	3,040	3,048	308	1,456	1,764	262	1,022	1,284
State	175,816	168,509	169,393	18,540	76,132	94,672	14,951	59,770	74,721

¹ The register of the Callan Branch Office is included with the Kilkenny Local Office register with effect from February 2005.

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
2003	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
2005	January	4	95,207	+ 625	65,336	- 193	160,543	+ 432
	February	4	93,883	- 331	64,766	- 143	158,649	- 474
	March	4	92,786	- 274	64,889	+ 31	157,675	- 244
	April	5	90,623	- 433	60,996	- 779	151,619	- 1,211
	May	4	89,780	- 211	61,046	+ 13	150,826	- 198
	June	4	92,145	+ 591	67,155	+ 1,527	159,300	+ 2,119
	July	5	94,124	+ 396	74,385	+ 1,446	168,509	+ 1,842
	August	4	94,672	+ 137	74,721	+ 84	169,393	+ 221

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	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.4
2005	4.2			

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