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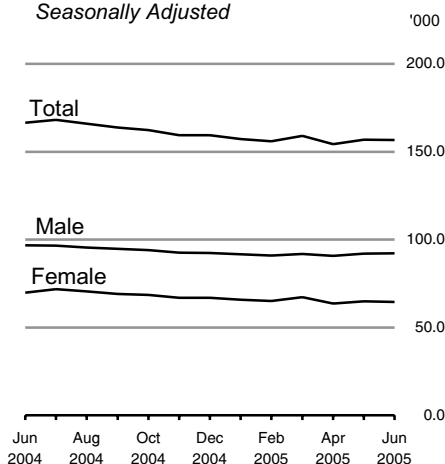
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Live Register Analysis

June 2005

Live Register

Seasonally Adjusted



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
June 2004	168,952	166,500
May 2005	150,826	156,800
June 2005	159,300	156,700
Change in month	+8,474	-100
Change in year	-9,652	-9,800

Seasonally adjusted Live Register decreases in June

The seasonally adjusted Live Register total decreased from 156,800 in May to 156,700 in June, a decrease of 100. This compares with an increase of 2,600 in May. *See table 2a and graph opposite.*

In the year to June 2005, there was an unadjusted decrease of 9,652 (-5.7%). This compares with an unadjusted decrease of 11,146 (-6.9%) in the year to May 2005.

Other features include:

- ◆ The monthly decrease in the Seasonally Adjusted series was made up of an increase of 200 males and a decrease of 300 females. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in June was 4.2%. 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 8,143 males and 12,571 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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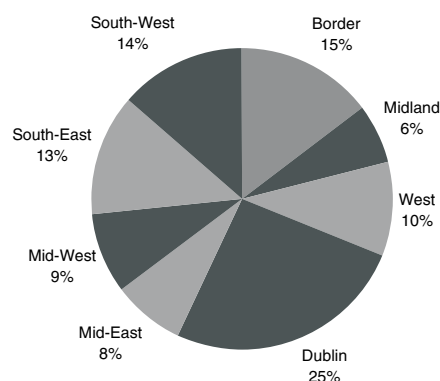
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Live Register by Regional Authority



Border, Midland and Western

	June 2005	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border	49,465	+ 2,398	- 3,385
Midland	23,587	+ 1,041	- 1,989
West	10,233	+ 523	- 275
	15,645	+ 834	- 1,121

Southern and Eastern

	June 2005	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Dublin	109,835	+ 6,076	- 6,267
Mid-East	41,202	+ 2,292	- 2,841
Mid-West	12,348	+ 734	- 499
South-East	13,732	+ 940	- 1,121
South-West	20,744	+ 1,010	- 807
	21,809	+ 1,100	- 999

Total	159,300	+ 8,474	- 9,652
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Unadjusted monthly increases in all regions

There was an unadjusted monthly increase of 8,474 (+5.6%) on the Live Register, which reflected increases in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Mid-West region (+7.3%) and the smallest percentage increase was in the Border region (+4.6%).

Other features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males increased in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Mid-West region (+3.5%) and the smallest percentage increase was in the Midland region (+1.7%).
- ◆ The number of females also increased in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Mid-West region (+12.5%), while the smallest percentage increase was in the Border region (+7.7%).
- ◆ Amongst counties, the largest percentage increases were in Roscommon (+10.1%) and in Limerick (+9.6%). The smallest percentage increases were in Wexford (+2.0%) and Kerry (+2.1%). See tables 4 and 6.

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	June 2004	May 2005	June 2005	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	33,955	28,324	28,904	+ 580	- 5,051
UA Applications	59,980	58,883	60,627	+ 1,744	+ 647
Other Registrants	2,711	2,573	2,614	+ 41	- 97
Total	96,646	89,780	92,145	+ 2,365	- 4,501
Females					
UB Claims	39,369	30,747	34,403	+ 3,656	- 4,966
UA Applications	24,443	22,868	25,003	+ 2,135	+ 560
Other Registrants	8,494	7,431	7,749	+ 318	- 745
Total	72,306	61,046	67,155	+ 6,109	- 5,151
All Persons					
UB Claims	73,324	59,071	63,307	+ 4,236	- 10,017
UA Applications	84,423	81,751	85,630	+ 3,879	+ 1,207
Other Registrants	11,205	10,004	10,363	+ 359	- 842
Total	168,952	150,826	159,300	+ 8,474	- 9,652

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

Category	June 2004	May 2005	June 2005	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	5,948	4,627	4,896	+ 269	- 1,052
UA Applications	12,349	12,229	12,924	+ 695	+ 575
Other Registrants	47	37	40	+ 3	- 7
Total	18,344	16,893	17,860	+ 967	- 484
Females					
UB Claims	5,254	3,537	4,072	+ 535	- 1,182
UA Applications	9,425	8,623	9,675	+ 1,052	+ 250
Other Registrants	113	66	101	+ 35	- 12
Total	14,792	12,226	13,848	+ 1,622	- 944
All Persons					
UB Claims	11,202	8,164	8,968	+ 804	- 2,234
UA Applications	21,774	20,852	22,599	+ 1,747	+ 825
Other Registrants	160	103	141	+ 38	- 19
Total	33,136	29,119	31,708	+ 2,589	- 1,428

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

Category	June 2004	May 2005	June 2005	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	28,007	23,697	24,008	+ 311	- 3,999
UA Applications	47,631	46,654	47,703	+ 1,049	+ 72
Other Registrants	2,664	2,536	2,574	+ 38	- 90
Total	78,302	72,887	74,285	+ 1,398	- 4,017
Females					
UB Claims	34,115	27,210	30,331	+ 3,121	- 3,784
UA Applications	15,018	14,245	15,328	+ 1,083	+ 310
Other Registrants	8,381	7,365	7,648	+ 283	- 733
Total	57,514	48,820	53,307	+ 4,487	- 4,207
All Persons					
UB Claims	62,122	50,907	54,339	+ 3,432	- 7,783
UA Applications	62,649	60,899	63,031	+ 2,132	+ 382
Other Registrants	11,045	9,901	10,222	+ 321	- 823
Total	135,816	121,707	127,592	+ 5885	- 8,224

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	June	101,600	76,300	177,900	101,800	73,700	175,500
	July	103,600	81,900	185,400	102,000	74,300	176,300
	August	103,800	82,200	186,000	102,000	74,200	176,200
	September	98,800	72,100	170,800	100,800	73,200	174,000
	October	96,300	70,300	166,600	100,000	73,300	173,200
	November	96,100	68,400	164,500	99,300	72,600	171,800
	December	99,200	71,500	170,600	98,700	72,200	170,900
2004	January	102,500	72,000	174,500	98,900	72,300	171,200
	February	101,600	71,600	173,100	98,600	71,800	170,400
	March	99,700	69,200	168,900	98,800	71,500	170,300
	April	97,100	67,600	164,700	97,200	70,100	167,200
	May	95,100	66,900	162,000	97,400	70,600	167,900
	June	96,600	72,300	169,000	96,800	69,700	166,500
	July	98,100	79,400	177,500	96,500	71,700	168,200
	August	97,200	78,600	175,800	95,400	70,500	165,900
	September	92,600	67,800	160,500	94,700	69,100	163,800
	October	90,100	65,300	155,500	93,900	68,400	162,300
	November	89,300	62,700	152,000	92,500	66,900	159,400
	December	92,700	66,100	158,800	92,300	66,900	159,300
2005	January	95,200	65,300	160,500	91,600	65,700	157,200
	February	93,900	64,800	158,600	90,900	65,000	155,900
	March	92,800	64,900	157,700	91,800	67,200	159,000
	April	90,600	61,000	151,600	90,700	63,500	154,200
	May	89,800	61,000	150,800	92,000	64,800	156,800
	June	92,100	67,200	159,300	92,200	64,500	156,700

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 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
2003	June	19,600	15,600	35,200	19,400	14,800	34,300
	July	20,500	16,800	37,300	19,600	15,000	34,500
	August	20,500	16,900	37,300	19,500	15,000	34,500
	September	19,100	15,000	34,100	19,300	14,700	33,900
	October	17,800	13,800	31,600	18,900	14,500	33,400
	November	17,700	13,500	31,100	18,800	14,400	33,200
	December	18,100	13,400	31,400	18,500	14,300	32,800
2004	January	19,500	14,200	33,800	18,700	14,400	33,000
	February	19,300	14,200	33,600	18,600	14,300	32,900
	March	19,000	13,800	32,800	18,800	14,300	33,100
	April	18,100	13,200	31,300	18,300	14,000	32,300
	May	17,700	13,300	30,900	18,300	14,100	32,400
	June	18,300	14,800	33,100	18,200	14,000	32,200
	July	18,800	16,000	34,900	17,900	14,200	32,100
	August	18,700	15,900	34,600	17,800	14,000	31,800
	September	17,600	14,200	31,800	17,800	13,800	31,600
	October	16,400	12,800	29,200	17,500	13,500	31,000
	November	16,200	12,300	28,500	17,300	13,300	30,600
	December	16,700	12,200	28,900	17,200	13,200	30,400
2005	January	17,900	13,100	31,000	17,100	13,200	30,300
	February	17,900	13,100	31,000	17,100	13,100	30,300
	March	17,700	12,700	30,400	17,500	13,200	30,700
	April	17,200	12,100	29,300	17,400	13,000	30,300
	May	16,900	12,200	29,100	17,500	13,100	30,600
	June	17,900	13,800	31,700	17,700	13,100	30,800

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 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
2003	June	82,000	60,700	142,700	82,300	58,900	141,200
	July	83,100	65,000	148,200	82,500	59,300	141,800
	August	83,300	65,300	148,600	82,400	59,300	141,700
	September	79,700	57,000	136,700	81,500	58,500	140,100
	October	78,500	56,500	134,900	81,000	58,800	139,800
	November	78,500	55,000	133,400	80,500	58,100	138,600
	December	81,100	58,100	139,200	80,200	57,900	138,100
2004	January	83,000	57,800	140,800	80,200	58,000	138,200
	February	82,200	57,300	139,500	80,000	57,500	137,500
	March	80,700	55,400	136,100	79,900	57,200	137,200
	April	79,000	54,300	133,300	78,900	56,000	134,900
	May	77,500	53,600	131,000	79,100	56,500	135,500
	June	78,300	57,500	135,800	78,600	55,600	134,300
	July	79,300	63,300	142,600	78,600	57,500	136,100
	August	78,500	62,700	141,200	77,600	56,500	134,100
	September	75,000	53,600	128,700	76,900	55,200	132,100
	October	73,800	52,600	126,300	76,400	54,900	131,200
	November	73,100	50,400	123,500	75,200	53,600	128,800
	December	76,000	53,900	129,900	75,100	53,700	128,900
2005	January	77,300	52,200	129,500	74,500	52,500	127,000
	February	76,000	51,700	127,700	73,700	51,900	125,600
	March	75,100	52,200	127,300	74,300	54,000	128,300
	April	73,500	48,900	122,300	73,300	50,600	123,900
	May	72,900	48,800	121,700	74,500	51,700	126,200
	June	74,300	53,300	127,600	74,600	51,400	126,000

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

Table 3 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates (SUR)¹

Month	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
January ²	5.9	4.8	3.7	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.2 ³
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	4.6	4.3
April ²	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 ²	5.4	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.8	4.4	
August	5.3	4.0	3.9	4.4	4.7	4.4	
September	5.2	3.9	3.9	4.5	4.6	4.4	
October ²	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 Table contains revised figures.

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

³ The latest QNHS estimate of the unemployment rate (adjusted for seasonality) is: December - February 2005, 4.2%.

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register classified by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	June 2004	May 2005	June 2005	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland & Western	29,606	27,165	27,775	+ 610	- 1,831	5,468	22,307
Border	14,785	13,304	13,636	+ 332	- 1,149	2,667	10,969
Midland	5,451	5,312	5,403	+ 91	- 48	1,189	4,214
West	9,370	8,549	8,736	+ 187	- 634	1,612	7,124
Southern & Eastern	67,040	62,615	64,370	+ 1,755	- 2,670	12,392	51,978
Dublin	27,044	25,053	25,720	+ 667	- 1,324	5,088	20,632
Mid-East	7,007	6,588	6,772	+ 184	- 235	1,253	5,519
Mid-West	8,145	7,317	7,571	+ 254	- 574	1,509	6,062
South-East	11,979	11,409	11,716	+ 307	- 263	2,370	9,346
South-West	12,865	12,248	12,591	+ 343	- 274	2,172	10,419
Total	96,646	89,780	92,145	+ 2,365	- 4,501	17,860	74,285
Females							
Border, Midland & Western	23,244	19,902	21,690	+ 1,788	- 1,554	4,659	17,031
Border	10,791	9,242	9,951	+ 709	- 840	2,214	7,737
Midland	5,057	4,398	4,830	+ 432	- 227	1,097	3,733
West	7,396	6,262	6,909	+ 647	- 487	1,348	5,561
Southern & Eastern	49,062	41,144	45,465	+ 4,321	- 3,597	9,189	36,276
Dublin	16,999	13,857	15,482	+ 1,625	- 1,517	3,216	12,266
Mid-East	5,840	5,026	5,576	+ 550	- 264	1,005	4,571
Mid-West	6,708	5,475	6,161	+ 686	- 547	1,285	4,876
South-East	9,572	8,325	9,028	+ 703	- 544	1,986	7,042
South-West	9,943	8,461	9,218	+ 757	- 725	1,697	7,521
Total	72,306	61,046	67,155	+ 6,109	- 5,151	13,848	53,307
All Persons							
Border, Midland & Western	52,850	47,067	49,465	+ 2,398	- 3,385	10,127	39,338
Border	25,576	22,546	23,587	+ 1,041	- 1,989	4,881	18,706
Midland	10,508	9,710	10,233	+ 523	- 275	2,286	7,947
West	16,766	14,811	15,645	+ 834	- 1,121	2,960	12,685
Southern & Eastern	116,102	103,759	109,835	+ 6,076	- 6,267	21,581	88,254
Dublin	44,043	38,910	41,202	+ 2,292	- 2,841	8,304	32,898
Mid-East	12,847	11,614	12,348	+ 734	- 499	2,258	10,090
Mid-West	14,853	12,792	13,732	+ 940	- 1,121	2,794	10,938
South-East	21,551	19,734	20,744	+ 1,010	- 807	4,356	16,388
South-West	22,808	20,709	21,809	+ 1,100	- 999	3,869	17,940
Total	168,952	150,826	159,300	+ 8,474	- 9,652	31,708	127,592

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

Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	June 2004	May 2005	June 2005	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	86,634	77,579	81,737	+ 4,158	- 4,897	16,551	65,186
Munster	47,369	42,449	45,143	+ 2,694	- 2,226	8,711	36,432
Connacht	20,119	17,754	18,825	+ 1,071	- 1,294	3,597	15,228
Ulster	14,830	13,044	13,595	+ 551	- 1,235	2,849	10,746
Total	168,952	150,826	159,300	+ 8,474	- 9,652	31,708	127,592

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	June 2004	May 2005	June 2005	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	52,850	47,067	49,465	5,468	22,307	27,775	4,659	17,031	21,690
Border	25,576	22,546	23,587	2,667	10,969	13,636	2,214	7,737	9,951
Cavan	2,190	2,130	2,234	203	1,001	1,204	201	829	1,030
Belturbet	460	404	431	35	229	264	26	141	167
Cavan	1,730	1,726	1,803	168	772	940	175	688	863
Donegal	10,146	8,790	9,103	1,056	4,370	5,426	908	2,769	3,677
Ballybofey	856	703	710	83	307	390	111	209	320
Ballyshannon	490	465	453	50	201	251	52	150	202
Buncrana	1,838	1,634	1,717	185	735	920	247	550	797
Donegal	461	409	445	58	206	264	38	143	181
Dunfanaghy	968	822	840	114	417	531	56	253	309
Dungloe	1,569	1,409	1,458	147	751	898	64	496	560
Killybegs	1,120	954	985	77	578	655	54	276	330
Letterkenny	2,844	2,394	2,495	342	1,175	1,517	286	692	978
Leitrim	1,169	1,000	1,074	92	475	567	80	427	507
Carrick-on-Shannon	891	749	814	73	353	426	54	334	388
Manorhamilton	278	251	260	19	122	141	26	93	119
Louth	7,393	6,559	6,812	795	3,159	3,954	600	2,258	2,858
Ardee	895	824	818	108	309	417	89	312	401
Drogheda	3,367	3,071	3,137	355	1,433	1,788	257	1,092	1,349
Dundalk	3,131	2,664	2,857	332	1,417	1,749	254	854	1,108
Monaghan	2,494	2,124	2,258	243	990	1,233	238	787	1,025
Carrickmacross	651	556	577	39	225	264	49	264	313
Castleblayney	759	643	700	79	305	384	86	230	316
Clones	331	256	268	31	130	161	31	76	107
Monaghan	753	669	713	94	330	424	72	217	289
Sligo	2,184	1,943	2,106	278	974	1,252	187	667	854
Sligo	1,816	1,606	1,738	244	809	1,053	159	526	685
Tubbercurry	368	337	368	34	165	199	28	141	169
Midland	10,508	9,710	10,233	1,189	4,214	5,403	1,097	3,733	4,830
Laoighis	2,110	1,963	2,048	240	842	1,082	238	728	966
Portarlinton	783	745	792	91	284	375	97	320	417
Portlaoise	953	896	926	107	406	513	108	305	413
Rathdowney	374	322	330	42	152	194	33	103	136
Longford	1,797	1,740	1,813	221	771	992	198	623	821
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Offaly	2,788	2,540	2,669	301	1,165	1,466	276	927	1,203
Birr	877	774	793	92	322	414	103	276	379
Edenderry	684	624	666	61	286	347	47	272	319
Tullamore	1,227	1,142	1,210	148	557	705	126	379	505
Westmeath	3,813	3,467	3,703	427	1,436	1,863	385	1,455	1,840
Athlone	1,638	1,436	1,564	192	604	796	157	611	768
Castlepollard	349	344	355	37	146	183	32	140	172
Mullingar	1,826	1,687	1,784	198	686	884	196	704	900
West	16,766	14,811	15,645	1,612	7,124	8,736	1,348	5,561	6,909
Galway	9,656	8,717	9,064	989	4,183	5,172	797	3,095	3,892
Ballinasloe	1,029	902	911	115	422	537	86	288	374
Clifden	748	689	664	69	354	423	45	196	241
Galway	5,579	4,992	5,285	630	2,451	3,081	527	1,677	2,204
Gort	466	436	433	21	166	187	16	230	246
Loughrea	652	644	659	57	276	333	48	278	326
Tuam	1,182	1,054	1,112	97	514	611	75	426	501

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	June 2004	May 2005	June 2005	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	5,778	4,946	5,317	498	2,387	2,885	434	1,998	2,432
Achill	284	240	250	27	137	164	14	72	86
Ballina	1,668	1,437	1,471	163	705	868	133	470	603
Ballinrobe	396	359	375	26	150	176	20	179	199
Belmullet	604	564	563	60	290	350	39	174	213
Castlebar	1,024	831	943	84	363	447	88	408	496
Claremorris	449	359	409	28	157	185	36	188	224
Swinford	749	602	646	74	260	334	66	246	312
Westport	604	554	660	36	325	361	38	261	299
Roscommon	1,332	1,148	1,264	125	554	679	117	468	585
Boyle	379	310	346	28	160	188	23	135	158
Castlerea	618	505	540	48	247	295	57	188	245
Roscommon	335	333	378	49	147	196	37	145	182
Southern and Eastern	116,102	103,759	109,835	12,392	51,978	64,370	9,189	36,276	45,465
Dublin	44,043	38,910	41,202	5,088	20,632	25,720	3,216	12,266	15,482
Dublin	44,043	38,910	41,202	5,088	20,632	25,720	3,216	12,266	15,482
Bishop Square	4,260	3,589	3,920	410	2,108	2,518	261	1,141	1,402
Cumberland Street	5,710	5,127	5,348	672	2,748	3,420	386	1,542	1,928
Navan Road	2,794	2,492	2,672	304	1,514	1,818	203	651	854
Blanchardstown	3,357	3,082	3,296	404	1,466	1,870	330	1,096	1,426
Thomas Street	2,539	2,224	2,318	264	1,341	1,605	175	538	713
Tara Street	1,423	1,137	1,194	109	679	788	55	351	406
Tallaght	3,609	3,321	3,456	595	1,603	2,198	362	896	1,258
Ballymun	1,536	1,431	1,463	259	741	1,000	146	317	463
Clondalkin	3,130	3,099	3,249	470	1,518	1,988	317	944	1,261
Rathfarnham	2,321	1,743	1,936	159	875	1,034	100	802	902
Kilbarrack	2,809	2,345	2,436	220	1,240	1,460	157	819	976
Dun Laoghaire	3,043	2,481	2,802	205	1,334	1,539	116	1,147	1,263
Balbriggan	1,233	1,170	1,229	118	568	686	84	459	543
Ballyfermot	1,256	1,218	1,259	196	625	821	148	290	438
Finglas	2,270	2,174	2,256	371	1,088	1,459	177	620	797
Coolock	2,753	2,277	2,368	332	1,184	1,516	199	653	852
Mid-East	12,847	11,614	12,348	1,253	5,519	6,772	1,005	4,571	5,576
Kildare	4,912	4,344	4,684	484	1,980	2,464	446	1,774	2,220
Athy	879	834	863	97	395	492	93	278	371
Maynooth	1,645	1,297	1,469	141	572	713	143	613	756
Newbridge	2,388	2,213	2,352	246	1,013	1,259	210	883	1,093
Meath	3,275	2,886	3,099	281	1,310	1,591	249	1,259	1,508
Kells	599	505	543	36	236	272	59	212	271
Navan	1,880	1,688	1,805	183	802	985	130	690	820
Trim	796	693	751	62	272	334	60	357	417
Wicklow	4,660	4,384	4,565	488	2,229	2,717	310	1,538	1,848
Arklow	1,330	1,228	1,223	147	614	761	91	371	462
Baltinglass	443	424	437	40	171	211	50	176	226
Bray	2,011	1,869	2,021	192	1,004	1,196	115	710	825
Wicklow	876	863	884	109	440	549	54	281	335
Mid-West	14,853	12,792	13,732	1,509	6,062	7,571	1,285	4,876	6,161
Clare	3,848	3,592	3,719	331	1,640	1,971	320	1,428	1,748
Ennis	2,300	2,141	2,264	210	969	1,179	197	888	1,085
Ennistymon	591	527	519	35	240	275	35	209	244
Kilrush	584	550	560	59	255	314	61	185	246
Tulla	373	374	376	27	176	203	27	146	173
Limerick	8,269	6,830	7,488	929	3,412	4,341	729	2,418	3,147
Kilmallock	859	710	763	87	364	451	62	250	312
Limerick	6,502	5,212	5,781	773	2,613	3,386	562	1,833	2,395
Newcastle West	908	908	944	69	435	504	105	335	440

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			
	June 2004	May 2005	June 2005	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,736	2,370	2,525	249	1,010	1,259	236	1,030	1,266
Nenagh	1,053	944	966	68	377	445	69	452	521
Roscrea	534	491	510	56	189	245	52	213	265
Thurles	1,149	935	1,049	125	444	569	115	365	480
South-East	21,551	19,734	20,744	2,370	9,346	11,716	1,986	7,042	9,028
Carlow	2,395	2,197	2,305	268	968	1,236	253	816	1,069
Bagenalstown	579	502	543	52	244	296	60	187	247
Carlow	1,328	1,206	1,263	159	533	692	137	434	571
Tullow	488	489	499	57	191	248	56	195	251
Kilkenny	2,618	2,349	2,471	286	1,164	1,450	244	777	1,021
Callan ¹	376	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kilkenny	1,831	1,954	2,050	243	952	1,195	206	649	855
Thomastown	411	395	421	43	212	255	38	128	166
South Tipperary	3,764	3,212	3,498	407	1,625	2,032	342	1,124	1,466
Cahir	512	429	471	43	227	270	46	155	201
Carrick-on-Suir	950	904	969	89	493	582	97	290	387
Cashel	390	343	359	42	154	196	35	128	163
Clonmel	1,210	923	1,052	129	494	623	98	331	429
Tipperary	702	613	647	104	257	361	66	220	286
Waterford	5,944	5,736	6,104	783	2,779	3,562	516	2,026	2,542
Dungarvan	965	843	896	86	407	493	66	337	403
Waterford	4,979	4,893	5,208	697	2,372	3,069	450	1,689	2,139
Wexford	6,830	6,240	6,366	626	2,810	3,436	631	2,299	2,930
Enniscorthy	1,782	1,681	1,704	208	755	963	212	529	741
Gorey	1,210	1,145	1,158	102	493	595	116	447	563
New Ross	1,159	1,072	1,146	110	513	623	111	412	523
Wexford	2,679	2,342	2,358	206	1,049	1,255	192	911	1,103
South-West	22,808	20,709	21,809	2,172	10,419	12,591	1,697	7,521	9,218
Cork	16,830	15,061	16,045	1,598	7,713	9,311	1,239	5,495	6,734
Bandon	519	494	495	41	243	284	33	178	211
Bantry	341	338	307	20	133	153	18	136	154
Bantry (SWLO)	205	174	165	4	67	71	5	89	94
Clonakilty	456	426	449	19	205	224	23	202	225
Cobh	380	377	383	42	196	238	32	113	145
Cork	8,711	7,412	8,117	1,028	4,169	5,197	696	2,224	2,920
Dunmanway	176	209	223	17	83	100	23	100	123
Fermoy	806	830	888	73	406	479	61	348	409
Kinsale	649	590	622	33	262	295	32	295	327
Macroom	497	388	428	20	191	211	19	198	217
Mallow	785	680	709	71	330	401	78	230	308
Midleton	1,029	1,023	1,077	60	501	561	73	443	516
Newmarket	469	409	429	43	192	235	29	165	194
Passage West	755	709	712	56	309	365	46	301	347
Skibbereen	361	358	371	26	135	161	14	196	210
Youghal	691	644	670	45	291	336	57	277	334
Kerry	5,978	5,648	5,764	574	2,706	3,280	458	2,026	2,484
Cahirciveen	393	353	313	16	137	153	22	138	160
Dingle	256	271	243	11	115	126	6	111	117
Kenmare	109	125	125	6	55	61	6	58	64
Killarney	877	891	871	84	367	451	69	351	420
Killorglin	387	330	344	29	129	158	25	161	186
Listowel	979	872	926	107	464	571	81	274	355
Tralee	2,977	2,806	2,942	321	1,439	1,760	249	933	1,182
State	168,952	150,826	159,300	17,860	74,285	92,145	13,848	53,307	67,155

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	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
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

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