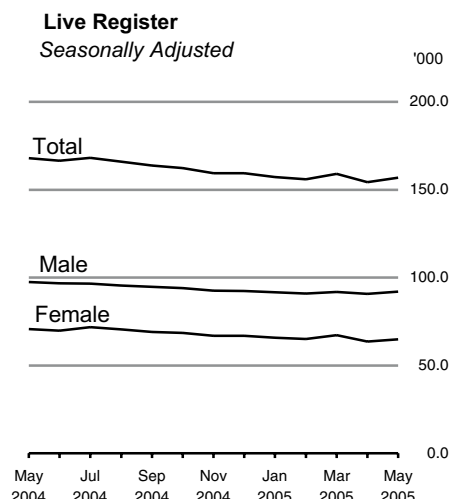




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Live Register Analysis May 2005



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
May 2004	161,972	167,900
April 2005	151,619	154,200
May 2005	150,826	156,800
Change in month	-793	+2,600
Change in year	-11,146	-11,100

Increase in seasonally adjusted Live Register in May

The seasonally adjusted Live Register total increased from 154,200 in April to 156,800 in May, an increase of 2,600. This compares with a decrease of 4,800 in April. *See table 2a and graph opposite.*

In the year to May 2005, there was an unadjusted decrease of 11,146 (-6.9%). This compares with an unadjusted decrease of 13,401 (-7.9%) in the year to April 2005.

Other features include:

- ◆ The monthly increase in the Seasonally Adjusted series was made up of an increase of 1,300 males and 1,300 females. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in May was 4.2%. This compares with 4.4% in October 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 8,183 males and 12,908 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 September to November 2004, is 86,900 persons unemployed.

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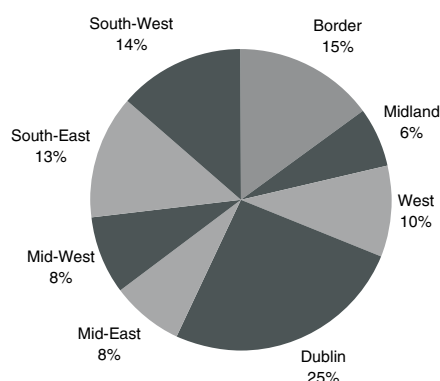
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Live Register by Regional Authority



	May 2005	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and Western	47,067	- 43	- 3,374
Border	22,546	- 138	- 1,964
Midland	9,710	+ 14	- 309
West	14,811	+ 81	- 1,101
Southern and Eastern	103,759	- 750	- 7,772
Dublin	38,910	+ 12	- 3,460
Mid-East	11,614	- 171	- 811
Mid-West	12,792	- 166	- 1,259
South-East	19,734	- 153	- 1,126
South-West	20,709	- 272	- 1,116
Total	150,826	- 793	-11,146

Unadjusted monthly decreases in five regions

There was an unadjusted monthly decrease of 793 (-0.5%) on the Live Register, which reflected decreases in five regions and increases in three. The largest percentage decrease was in the Mid-East region (-1.5%) and the largest increase was in the West (+0.5%).

Other features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males decreased in seven regions and increased in one. The largest percentage decrease was in the South-East region (-2.2%), while there was an increase in the Dublin region (+0.2%).
- ◆ The number of females decreased in four regions and increased in four. The largest percentage decrease was in the South-West (-1.4%) and the largest increase was in the West (+1.8%).
- ◆ Amongst counties, the largest percentage increases were in Carlow (+3.2%) and in Galway (+2.6%). The largest percentage decreases were in Kerry (-4.7%) and Roscommon (-4.1%). See tables 4 and 6.

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	May 2004	April 2005	May 2005	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	33,828	29,080	28,324	- 756	- 5,504
UA Applications	58,612	58,922	58,883	- 39	+ 271
Other Registrants	2,682	2,621	2,573	- 48	- 109
Total	95,122	90,623	89,780	- 843	- 5,342
Females					
UB Claims	35,896	30,872	30,747	- 125	- 5,149
UA Applications	22,728	22,520	22,868	+ 348	+ 140
Other Registrants	8,226	7,604	7,431	- 173	- 795
Total	66,850	60,996	61,046	+ 50	- 5,804
All Persons					
UB Claims	69,724	59,952	59,071	- 881	- 10,653
UA Applications	81,340	81,442	81,751	+ 309	+ 411
Other Registrants	10,908	10,225	10,004	- 221	- 904
Total	161,972	151,619	150,826	- 793	- 11,146

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

Category	May 2004	April 2005	May 2005	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	5,848	4,766	4,627	- 139	- 1,221
UA Applications	11,771	12,374	12,229	- 145	+ 458
Other Registrants	37	32	37	+ 5	0
Total	17,656	17,172	16,893	- 279	- 763
Females					
UB Claims	4,692	3,580	3,537	- 43	- 1,155
UA Applications	8,482	8,444	8,623	+ 179	+ 141
Other Registrants	94	92	66	- 26	- 28
Total	13,268	12,116	12,226	+ 110	- 1,042
All Persons					
UB Claims	10,540	8,346	8,164	- 182	- 2,376
UA Applications	20,253	20,818	20,852	+ 34	+ 599
Other Registrants	131	124	103	- 21	- 28
Total	30,924	29,288	29,119	- 169	- 1,805

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

Category	May 2004	April 2005	May 2005	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	27,980	24,314	23,697	- 617	- 4,283
UA Applications	46,841	46,548	46,654	+ 106	- 187
Other Registrants	2,645	2,589	2,536	- 53	- 109
Total	77,466	73,451	72,887	- 564	- 4,579
Females					
UB Claims	31,204	27,292	27,210	- 82	- 3,994
UA Applications	14,246	14,076	14,245	+ 169	- 1
Other Registrants	8,132	7,512	7,365	- 147	- 767
Total	53,582	48,880	48,820	- 60	- 4,762
All Persons					
UB Claims	59,184	51,606	50,907	- 699	- 8,277
UA Applications	61,087	60,624	60,899	+ 275	- 188
Other Registrants	10,777	10,101	9,901	- 200	- 876
Total	131,048	122,331	121,707	- 624	- 9,341

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	May	98,300	67,800	166,100	100,500	71,500	172,000
	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

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	May	18,400	13,300	31,700	19,000	14,100	33,200
	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

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	May	79,900	54,500	134,400	81,500	57,400	138,900
	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

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2004 (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	4.4	4.2
February	5.9	4.7	3.7	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.2
March	5.9	4.5	3.7	4.5	4.5	4.6	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	
July ¹	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 ¹	5.1	3.9	4.0	4.6	4.6	4.4 ²	
November	5.0	3.9	4.2	4.6	4.5	4.3	
December	4.9	3.8	4.3	4.6	4.4	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: September - November 2004, 4.4%.

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register classified by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	May 2004	April 2005	May 2005	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland & Western	28,975	27,379	27,165	- 214	- 1,810	5,119	22,046
Border	14,455	13,474	13,304	- 170	- 1,151	2,493	10,811
Midland	5,384	5,326	5,312	- 14	- 72	1,136	4,176
West	9,136	8,579	8,549	- 30	- 587	1,490	7,059
Southern & Eastern	66,147	63,244	62,615	- 629	- 3,532	11,774	50,841
Dublin	26,648	25,012	25,053	+ 41	- 1,595	4,942	20,111
Mid-East	6,955	6,709	6,588	- 121	- 367	1,177	5,411
Mid-West	8,028	7,466	7,317	- 149	- 711	1,422	5,895
South-East	11,860	11,661	11,409	- 252	- 451	2,241	9,168
South-West	12,656	12,396	12,248	- 148	- 408	1,992	10,256
Total	95,122	90,623	89,780	- 843	- 5,342	16,893	72,887
Females							
Border, Midland & Western	21,466	19,731	19,902	+ 171	- 1,564	4,148	15,754
Border	10,055	9,210	9,242	+ 32	- 813	2,013	7,229
Midland	4,635	4,370	4,398	+ 28	- 237	983	3,415
West	6,776	6,151	6,262	+ 111	- 514	1,152	5,110
Southern & Eastern	45,384	41,265	41,144	- 121	- 4,240	8,078	33,066
Dublin	15,722	13,886	13,857	- 29	- 1,865	2,836	11,021
Mid-East	5,470	5,076	5,026	- 50	- 444	877	4,149
Mid-West	6,023	5,492	5,475	- 17	- 548	1,126	4,349
South-East	9,000	8,226	8,325	+ 99	- 675	1,790	6,535
South-West	9,169	8,585	8,461	- 124	- 708	1,449	7,012
Total	66,850	60,996	61,046	+ 50	- 5,804	12,226	48,820
All Persons							
Border, Midland & Western	50,441	47,110	47,067	- 43	- 3,374	9,267	37,800
Border	24,510	22,684	22,546	- 138	- 1,964	4,506	18,040
Midland	10,019	9,696	9,710	+ 14	- 309	2,119	7,591
West	15,912	14,730	14,811	+ 81	- 1,101	2,642	12,169
Southern & Eastern	111,531	104,509	103,759	- 750	- 7,772	19,852	83,907
Dublin	42,370	38,898	38,910	+ 12	- 3,460	7,778	31,132
Mid-East	12,425	11,785	11,614	- 171	- 811	2,054	9,560
Mid-West	14,051	12,958	12,792	- 166	- 1,259	2,548	10,244
South-East	20,860	19,887	19,734	- 153	- 1,126	4,031	15,703
South-West	21,825	20,981	20,709	- 272	- 1,116	3,441	17,268
Total	161,972	151,619	150,826	- 793	- 11,146	29,119	121,707

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

Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	May 2004	April 2005	May 2005	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	83,667	77,811	77,579	- 232	- 6,088	15,420	62,159
Munster	45,213	42,981	42,449	- 532	- 2,764	7,868	34,581
Connacht	19,076	17,692	17,754	62	- 1,322	3,201	14,553
Ulster	14,016	13,135	13,044	- 91	- 972	2,630	10,414
Total	161,972	151,619	150,826	- 793	- 11,146	29,119	121,707

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office				Males			Females		
	May 2004	April 2005	May 2005	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	50,441	47,110	47,067	5,119	22,046	27,165	4,148	15,754	19,902
Border	24,510	22,684	22,546	2,493	10,811	13,304	2,013	7,229	9,242
Cavan	2,052	2,119	2,130	203	975	1,178	185	767	952
Belturbet	433	397	404	34	221	255	20	129	149
Cavan	1,619	1,722	1,726	169	754	923	165	638	803
Donegal	9,576	8,846	8,790	995	4,335	5,330	841	2,619	3,460
Ballybofey	784	718	703	85	308	393	109	201	310
Ballyshannon	479	479	465	55	215	270	51	144	195
Buncrana	1,714	1,613	1,634	157	720	877	221	536	757
Donegal	438	428	409	54	193	247	35	127	162
Dunfanaghy	942	836	822	106	420	526	44	252	296
Dungloe	1,516	1,416	1,409	134	745	879	60	470	530
Killybegs	1,086	941	954	74	563	637	48	269	317
Letterkenny	2,617	2,415	2,394	330	1,171	1,501	273	620	893
Leitrim	1,115	1,021	1,000	81	451	532	65	403	468
Carrick-on-Shannon	855	776	749	61	330	391	42	316	358
Manorhamilton	260	245	251	20	121	141	23	87	110
Louth	7,330	6,587	6,559	756	3,119	3,875	561	2,123	2,684
Ardee	906	824	824	103	329	432	80	312	392
Drogheda	3,343	3,104	3,071	342	1,423	1,765	253	1,053	1,306
Dundalk	3,081	2,659	2,664	311	1,367	1,678	228	758	986
Monaghan	2,388	2,170	2,124	210	997	1,207	196	721	917
Carrickmacross	613	564	556	37	231	268	45	243	288
Castleblayney	733	647	643	61	305	366	58	219	277
Clones	320	267	256	36	133	169	27	60	87
Monaghan	722	692	669	76	328	404	66	199	265
Sligo	2,049	1,941	1,943	248	934	1,182	165	596	761
Sligo	1,703	1,619	1,606	220	771	991	142	473	615
Tubbercurry	346	322	337	28	163	191	23	123	146
Midland	10,019	9,696	9,710	1,136	4,176	5,312	983	3,415	4,398
Laoighis	2,057	1,965	1,963	237	849	1,086	213	664	877
Portarlinton	752	749	745	89	280	369	90	286	376
Portlaoise	931	891	896	110	414	524	96	276	372
Rathdowney	374	325	322	38	155	193	27	102	129
Longford	1,725	1,720	1,740	207	759	966	176	598	774
Longford	1,725	1,720	1,740	207	759	966	176	598	774
Offaly	2,654	2,520	2,540	283	1,158	1,441	255	844	1,099
Birr	828	780	774	87	339	426	94	254	348
Edenderry	653	629	624	55	277	332	49	243	292
Tullamore	1,173	1,111	1,142	141	542	683	112	347	459
Westmeath	3,583	3,491	3,467	409	1,410	1,819	339	1,309	1,648
Athlone	1,484	1,422	1,436	182	588	770	136	530	666
Castlepollard	347	361	344	36	147	183	27	134	161
Mullingar	1,752	1,708	1,687	191	675	866	176	645	821
West	15,912	14,730	14,811	1,490	7,059	8,549	1,152	5,110	6,262
Galway	9,056	8,496	8,717	929	4,194	5,123	717	2,877	3,594
Ballinasloe	994	892	902	114	424	538	72	292	364
Clifden	769	730	689	68	367	435	43	211	254
Galway	5,082	4,734	4,992	582	2,423	3,005	491	1,496	1,987
Gort	439	424	436	20	176	196	18	222	240
Loughrea	628	653	644	57	281	338	37	269	306
Tuam	1,144	1,063	1,054	88	523	611	56	387	443

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	May 2004	April 2005	May 2005	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	5,571	5,037	4,946	445	2,327	2,772	355	1,819	2,174
Achill	284	253	240	26	135	161	13	66	79
Ballina	1,655	1,489	1,437	153	716	869	113	455	568
Ballinrobe	377	364	359	22	149	171	20	168	188
Belmullet	597	561	564	50	300	350	37	177	214
Castlebar	937	821	831	74	339	413	69	349	418
Claremorris	447	389	359	24	146	170	20	169	189
Swinford	697	617	602	66	254	320	52	230	282
Westport	577	543	554	30	288	318	31	205	236
Roscommon	1,285	1,197	1,148	116	538	654	80	414	494
Boyle	376	315	310	24	153	177	14	119	133
Castlerea	592	550	505	47	249	296	37	172	209
Roscommon	317	332	333	45	136	181	29	123	152
Southern and Eastern	111,531	104,509	103,759	11,774	50,841	62,615	8,078	33,066	41,144
Dublin	42,370	38,898	38,910	4,942	20,111	25,053	2,836	11,021	13,857
Dublin	42,370	38,898	38,910	4,942	20,111	25,053	2,836	11,021	13,857
Bishop Square	4,062	3,550	3,589	374	2,010	2,384	200	1,005	1,205
Cumberland Street	5,519	5,122	5,127	657	2,645	3,302	369	1,456	1,825
Navan Road	2,712	2,485	2,492	301	1,457	1,758	174	560	734
Blanchardstown	3,252	3,146	3,082	386	1,417	1,803	275	1,004	1,279
Thomas Street	2,455	2,222	2,224	243	1,321	1,564	152	508	660
Tara Street	1,360	1,125	1,137	107	668	775	48	314	362
Tallaght	3,438	3,279	3,321	570	1,615	2,185	348	788	1,136
Ballymun	1,483	1,423	1,431	265	729	994	135	302	437
Clondalkin	3,012	3,062	3,099	458	1,469	1,927	291	881	1,172
Rathfarnham	2,085	1,735	1,743	138	859	997	75	671	746
Kilbarrack	2,691	2,337	2,345	231	1,245	1,476	127	742	869
Dun Laoghaire	2,907	2,501	2,481	194	1,265	1,459	84	938	1,022
Balbriggan	1,206	1,167	1,170	125	556	681	77	412	489
Ballyfermot	1,206	1,239	1,218	200	612	812	140	266	406
Finglas	2,264	2,175	2,174	362	1,076	1,438	160	576	736
Coolock	2,718	2,330	2,277	331	1,167	1,498	181	598	779
Mid-East	12,425	11,785	11,614	1,177	5,411	6,588	877	4,149	5,026
Kildare	4,708	4,365	4,344	431	1,918	2,349	380	1,615	1,995
Athy	868	834	834	86	379	465	93	276	369
Maynooth	1,557	1,300	1,297	116	539	655	102	540	642
Newbridge	2,283	2,231	2,213	229	1,000	1,229	185	799	984
Meath	3,193	2,988	2,886	259	1,281	1,540	216	1,130	1,346
Kells	580	528	505	38	228	266	48	191	239
Navan	1,837	1,742	1,688	170	785	955	119	614	733
Trim	776	718	693	51	268	319	49	325	374
Wicklow	4,524	4,432	4,384	487	2,212	2,699	281	1,404	1,685
Arklow	1,294	1,248	1,228	142	634	776	91	361	452
Baltinglass	433	437	424	47	169	216	45	163	208
Bray	1,955	1,855	1,869	183	967	1,150	95	624	719
Wicklow	842	892	863	115	442	557	50	256	306
Mid-West	14,051	12,958	12,792	1,422	5,895	7,317	1,126	4,349	5,475
Clare	3,835	3,679	3,592	328	1,621	1,949	292	1,351	1,643
Ennis	2,273	2,169	2,141	211	956	1,167	175	799	974
Ennistymon	594	564	527	37	242	279	36	212	248
Kilrush	588	571	550	50	255	305	56	189	245
Tulla	380	375	374	30	168	198	25	151	176
Limerick	7,615	6,834	6,830	864	3,298	4,162	634	2,034	2,668
Kilmallock	811	723	710	86	347	433	57	220	277
Limerick	5,941	5,188	5,212	719	2,511	3,230	473	1,509	1,982
Newcastle West	863	923	908	59	440	499	104	305	409

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-continued NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	Males						Females		
	May 2004	April 2005	May 2005	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,601	2,445	2,370	230	976	1,206	200	964	1,164
Nenagh	985	938	944	74	372	446	64	434	498
Roscrea	506	520	491	49	187	236	47	208	255
Thurles	1,110	987	935	107	417	524	89	322	411
South-East	20,860	19,887	19,734	2,241	9,168	11,409	1,790	6,535	8,325
Carlow	2,262	2,128	2,197	261	945	1,206	226	765	991
Bagenalstown	544	518	502	52	239	291	46	165	211
Carlow	1,254	1,158	1,206	147	524	671	122	413	535
Tullow	464	452	489	62	182	244	58	187	245
Kilkenny	2,545	2,369	2,349	259	1,130	1,389	219	741	960
Callan ¹	352	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kilkenny	1,796	1,980	1,954	224	926	1,150	187	617	804
Thomastown	397	389	395	35	204	239	32	124	156
South Tipperary	3,625	3,275	3,212	388	1,521	1,909	305	998	1,303
Cahir	502	432	429	41	216	257	32	140	172
Carrick-on-Suir	916	914	904	84	481	565	84	255	339
Cashel	367	363	343	44	159	203	26	114	140
Clonmel	1,156	956	923	122	418	540	93	290	383
Tipperary	684	610	613	97	247	344	70	199	269
Waterford	5,712	5,767	5,736	735	2,751	3,486	451	1,799	2,250
Dungarvan	971	843	843	82	396	478	59	306	365
Waterford	4,741	4,924	4,893	653	2,355	3,008	392	1,493	1,885
Wexford	6,716	6,348	6,240	598	2,821	3,419	589	2,232	2,821
Enniscorthy	1,720	1,677	1,681	204	761	965	195	521	716
Gorey	1,199	1,180	1,145	99	516	615	112	418	530
New Ross	1,119	1,084	1,072	103	500	603	96	373	469
Wexford	2,678	2,407	2,342	192	1,044	1,236	186	920	1,106
South-West	21,825	20,981	20,709	1,992	10,256	12,248	1,449	7,012	8,461
Cork	15,983	15,053	15,061	1,453	7,543	8,996	1,058	5,007	6,065
Bandon	497	496	494	45	248	293	29	172	201
Bantry	336	367	338	19	138	157	17	164	181
Bantry (SWLO)	199	176	174	4	74	78	3	93	96
Clonakilty	440	436	426	20	198	218	21	187	208
Cobh	382	396	377	50	191	241	29	107	136
Cork	8,062	7,259	7,412	900	4,013	4,913	587	1,912	2,499
Dunmanway	167	199	209	16	78	94	21	94	115
Fermoy	795	856	830	68	411	479	49	302	351
Kinsale	623	600	590	25	254	279	29	282	311
Macroom	439	399	388	17	178	195	16	177	193
Mallow	736	702	680	74	339	413	61	206	267
Midleton	1,033	1,021	1,023	59	477	536	68	419	487
Newmarket	461	437	409	36	197	233	21	155	176
Passage West	754	705	709	53	325	378	45	286	331
Skibbereen	365	369	358	22	139	161	10	187	197
Youghal	694	635	644	45	283	328	52	264	316
Kerry	5,842	5,928	5,648	539	2,713	3,252	391	2,005	2,396
Cahirciveen	403	382	353	15	146	161	17	175	192
Dingle	268	284	271	11	136	147	10	114	124
Kenmare	112	158	125	2	56	58	8	59	67
Killarney	893	984	891	77	377	454	61	376	437
Killorglin	372	391	330	24	131	155	20	155	175
Listowel	944	903	872	106	457	563	66	243	309
Tralee	2,850	2,826	2,806	304	1,410	1,714	209	883	1,092
State	161,972	151,619	150,826	16,893	72,887	89,780	12,226	48,820	61,046

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

		Males		Females		Total	
		Live Register	Average net weekly change	Live Register	Average net weekly change	Live Register	Average net weekly change
Number of weeks							
2003	May	5	98,261 - 413	67,844 - 554	166,105 - 967		
	June	4	101,574 + 828	76,278 + 2,109	177,852 + 2,937		
	July	4	103,590 + 504	81,857 + 1,395	185,447 + 1,899		
	August	5	103,766 + 35	82,187 + 66	185,953 + 101		
	September	4	98,759 - 1,252	72,063 - 2,531	170,822 - 3,783		
	October	5	96,261 - 500	70,291 - 354	166,552 - 854		
	November	4	96,119 - 36	68,422 - 467	164,541 - 503		
	December	4	99,153 + 759	71,451 + 757	170,604 + 1,516		
2004	January	5	102,527 + 675	72,002 + 110	174,529 + 785		
	February	4	101,561 - 242	71,566 - 109	173,127 - 351		
	March	4	99,692 - 467	69,188 - 595	168,880 - 1,062		
	April	5	97,089 - 521	67,571 - 323	164,660 - 844		
	May	4	95,122 - 492	66,850 - 180	161,972 - 672		
	June	4	96,646 + 381	72,306 + 1,364	168,952 + 1,745		
	July	5	98,134 + 298	79,367 + 1,412	177,501 + 1,710		
	August	4	97,216 - 230	78,600 - 192	175,816 - 421		
	September	4	92,629 - 1,147	67,837 - 2,691	160,466 - 3,838		
	October	5	90,133 - 499	65,343 - 499	155,476 - 998		
	November	4	89,303 - 208	62,663 - 670	151,966 - 878		
	December	5	92,707 + 681	66,109 + 689	158,816 + 1,370		
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		

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	4.6
2004	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.4

Seasonal adjustment The seasonal adjustment of the Live Register is completed using the X-11 Variant of the US Bureau of Census Method 2 (Additive Option). The seasonally adjusted series are updated twice yearly, in January and July; pending the next updating, seasonal adjustment for intervening months is carried out using projected seasonal factors. In Tables 2a, b and c, the seasonally adjusted totals are the sum of the relevant seasonally adjusted series for males and females, under and over 25 years.

Casual and part-time workers The casual and part-time workers' figure is based on an estimate supplied by the Department of Social and Family Affairs. People may apply for Unemployment Benefit / Assistance if they only work for part of a week and be included on the Live Register.

Live Register Area Analysis The basis of the area classification used in this release is the Department of Social and Family Affairs local office of registration. The areas served by Local Employment Offices do not correspond to specific geographic boundaries. Therefore, registrants at a given local office do not necessarily come from a particular region or area which can be precisely delineated. A classification by area of residence of persons on the Live Register was published until January 1989 but was then discontinued.

NUTS2 and NUTS3 regions The regional classifications in this release are based on the NUTS (Nomenclature of Territorial Units) classification used by Eurostat. The NUTS3 regions correspond to the eight Regional Authorities established under the Local Government Act, 1991 (Regional Authorities) (Establishment) Order, 1993, which came into operation on 1 January 1994. The NUTS2 regions, which were proposed by Government and agreed by Eurostat in 1999, are groupings of the NUTS3 regions.

Border, Midland and Western NUTS2 Region

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