

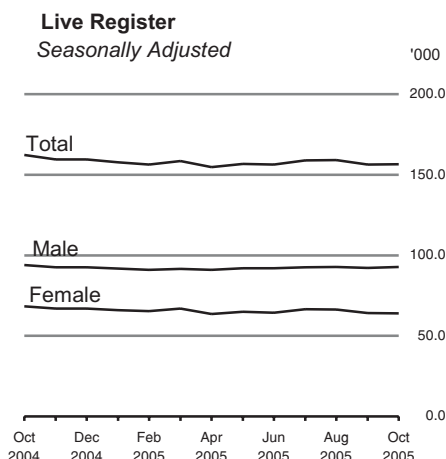


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Live Register Analysis

October 2005



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
October 2004	155,476	162,300
September 2005	153,335	156,400
October 2005	149,644	156,600
Change in month	-3,691	+200
Change in year	-5,832	-5,700

Slight rise in Seasonally Adjusted Live Register

The Seasonally Adjusted Live Register total increased from 156,400 in September to 156,600 in October, an increase of 200. This compares with a decrease of 2,700 in September. *See table 2a and graph opposite.*

In the year to October 2005, there was an unadjusted decrease of 5,832 (-3.8%). This compares with an unadjusted decrease of 7,131 (-4.4%) in the year to September 2005.

Other features include:

- ◆ The monthly increase in the Seasonally Adjusted series was made up of an increase of 500 males and a decrease of 300 females. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in October was 4.4%. This compares with 4.3% in April 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 7,544 males and 12,294 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 2005, is 88,900 persons unemployed.

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Live Register by Regional Authority



	October 2005	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and Western	45,944	- 1,291	- 2,409
Border	21,711	- 658	- 1,534
Midland	9,708	- 285	- 64
West	14,525	- 348	- 811
Southern and Eastern	103,700	- 2,400	- 3,423
Dublin	39,287	- 1,148	+ 6
Mid-East	11,621	- 262	- 383
Mid-West	12,718	- 362	- 622
South-East	19,470	- 335	- 1,605
South-West	20,604	- 293	- 819
Total	149,644	- 3,691	- 5,832

Unadjusted monthly decreases in all regions

There was an unadjusted monthly decrease of 3,691 (-2.4%) on the Live Register, which reflected decreases in all regions. The largest percentage decreases were in the Border and Midland regions (both -2.9%) and the smallest percentage decrease was in the South-West region (-1.4%).

Other features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males decreased in all regions. The largest percentage decreases were in the Border and Mid-West regions (both -2.4%) and the smallest percentage decrease was in the Mid-East region (-0.4%).
- ◆ The number of females decreased in all regions. The largest percentage decrease was in the Dublin region (-4.6%), while the smallest percentage decrease was in the South-West region (-2.6%).
- ◆ Amongst counties, the largest percentage decreases were in Carlow (-6.6%) and Limerick (-4.6%). The smallest percentage decreases were in Cavan (-0.6%) and Offaly (-1.2%). There were increases in three counties; Kerry (+4.1%), Clare (+1.9%) and Wexford (+0.1%). See tables 4 and 6.

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	October 2004	September 2005	October 2005	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	29,883	27,051	26,532	- 519	- 3,351
UA Applications	57,411	60,458	59,565	- 893	+ 2,154
Other Registrants	2,839	2,670	2,652	- 18	- 187
Total	90,133	90,179	88,749	- 1,430	- 1,384
Females					
UB Claims	33,943	30,977	30,054	- 923	- 3,889
UA Applications	22,898	24,699	23,611	- 1,088	+ 713
Other Registrants	8,502	7,480	7,230	- 250	- 1,272
Total	65,343	63,156	60,895	- 2,261	- 4,448
All Persons					
UB Claims	63,826	58,028	56,586	- 1,442	- 7,240
UA Applications	80,309	85,157	83,176	- 1,981	+ 2,867
Other Registrants	11,341	10,150	9,882	- 268	- 1,459
Total	155,476	153,335	149,644	- 3,691	- 5,832

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

Category	October 2004	September 2005	October 2005	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	4,536	4,603	4,280	- 323	- 256
UA Applications	11,780	12,867	12,666	- 201	+ 886
Other Registrants	66	40	33	- 7	- 33
Total	16,382	17,510	16,979	- 531	+ 597
Females					
UB Claims	3,911	3,697	3,293	- 404	- 618
UA Applications	8,740	9,325	8,774	- 551	+ 34
Other Registrants	124	82	80	- 2	- 44
Total	12,775	13,104	12,147	- 957	- 628
All Persons					
UB Claims	8,447	8,300	7,573	- 727	- 874
UA Applications	20,520	22,192	21,440	- 752	+ 920
Other Registrants	190	122	113	- 9	- 77
Total	29,157	30,614	29,126	- 1,488	- 31

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

Category	October 2004	September 2005	October 2005	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	25,347	22,448	22,252	- 196	- 3,095
UA Applications	45,631	47,591	46,899	- 692	+ 1,268
Other Registrants	2,773	2,630	2,619	- 11	- 154
Total	73,751	72,669	71,770	- 899	- 1,981
Females					
UB Claims	30,032	27,280	26,761	- 519	- 3,271
UA Applications	14,158	15,374	14,837	- 537	+ 679
Other Registrants	8,378	7,398	7,150	- 248	- 1,228
Total	52,568	50,052	48,748	- 1,304	- 3,820
All Persons					
UB Claims	55,379	49,728	49,013	- 715	- 6,366
UA Applications	59,789	62,965	61,736	- 1,229	+ 1,947
Other Registrants	11,151	10,028	9,769	- 259	- 1,382
Total	126,319	122,721	120,518	- 2,203	- 5,801

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	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
	September	90,200	63,200	153,300	92,200	64,200	156,400
	October	88,700	60,900	149,600	92,700	63,900	156,600

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	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
	September	17,500	13,100	30,600	17,700	12,700	30,400
	October	17,000	12,100	29,100	18,200	12,900	31,100

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	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
	September	72,700	50,100	122,700	74,500	51,500	126,000
	October	71,800	48,700	120,500	74,500	51,000	125,500

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	4.7	4.5	4.2
February	5.9	4.7	3.7	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.3
March	5.9	4.5	3.7	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.4
April ¹	5.9	4.4	3.8	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.3 ²
May	5.8	4.2	3.9	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.4
June	5.5	4.1	3.9	4.3	4.7	4.4	4.4
July ¹	5.4	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.8	4.4	4.5
August	5.3	4.0	3.9	4.4	4.7	4.4	4.5
September	5.2	3.9	3.9	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.4
October ¹	5.1	3.9	4.0	4.6	4.6	4.4	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: March - May 2005, 4.3%.

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register classified by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	October 2004	September 2005	October 2005	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland & Western	27,504	27,047	26,454	- 593	- 1,050	5,071	21,383
Border	13,517	13,089	12,773	- 316	- 744	2,436	10,337
Midland	5,225	5,427	5,323	- 104	+ 98	1,123	4,200
West	8,762	8,531	8,358	- 173	- 404	1,512	6,846
Southern & Eastern	62,629	63,132	62,295	- 837	- 334	11,908	50,387
Dublin	24,337	25,519	25,050	- 469	+ 713	4,989	20,061
Mid-East	6,567	6,594	6,566	- 28	- 1	1,198	5,368
Mid-West	7,425	7,491	7,314	- 177	- 111	1,446	5,868
South-East	12,114	11,384	11,288	- 96	- 826	2,235	9,053
South-West	12,186	12,144	12,077	- 67	- 109	2,040	10,037
Total	90,133	90,179	88,749	- 1,430	- 1,384	16,979	71,770
Females							
Border, Midland & Western	20,849	20,188	19,490	- 698	- 1,359	3,983	15,507
Border	9,728	9,280	8,938	- 342	- 790	1,836	7,102
Midland	4,547	4,566	4,385	- 181	- 162	1,000	3,385
West	6,574	6,342	6,167	- 175	- 407	1,147	5,020
Southern & Eastern	44,494	42,968	41,405	- 1,563	- 3,089	8,164	33,241
Dublin	14,944	14,916	14,237	- 679	- 707	2,923	11,314
Mid-East	5,437	5,289	5,055	- 234	- 382	875	4,180
Mid-West	5,915	5,589	5,404	- 185	- 511	1,081	4,323
South-East	8,961	8,421	8,182	- 239	- 779	1,737	6,445
South-West	9,237	8,753	8,527	- 226	- 710	1,548	6,979
Total	65,343	63,156	60,895	- 2,261	- 4,448	12,147	48,748
All Persons							
Border, Midland & Western	48,353	47,235	45,944	- 1,291	- 2,409	9,054	36,890
Border	23,245	22,369	21,711	- 658	- 1,534	4,272	17,439
Midland	9,772	9,993	9,708	- 285	- 64	2,123	7,585
West	15,336	14,873	14,525	- 348	- 811	2,659	11,866
Southern & Eastern	107,123	106,100	103,700	- 2,400	- 3,423	20,072	83,628
Dublin	39,281	40,435	39,287	- 1,148	+ 6	7,912	31,375
Mid-East	12,004	11,883	11,621	- 262	- 383	2,073	9,548
Mid-West	13,340	13,080	12,718	- 362	- 622	2,527	10,191
South-East	21,075	19,805	19,470	- 335	- 1,605	3,972	15,498
South-West	21,423	20,897	20,604	- 293	- 819	3,588	17,016
Total	155,476	153,335	149,644	- 3,691	- 5,832	29,126	120,518

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

Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	October 2004	September 2005	October 2005	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	78,949	79,578	77,465	- 2,113	- 1,484	15,394	62,071
Munster	44,735	43,072	42,260	- 812	- 2,475	7,994	34,266
Connacht	18,376	17,819	17,405	- 414	- 971	3,213	14,192
Ulster	13,416	12,866	12,514	- 352	- 902	2,525	9,989
Total	155,476	153,335	149,644	- 3,691	- 5,832	29,126	120,518

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 2004	September 2005	October 2005	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	48,353	47,235	45,944	5,071	21,383	26,454	3,983	15,507	19,490
Border	23,245	22,369	21,711	2,436	10,337	12,773	1,836	7,102	8,938
Cavan	2,066	2,185	2,172	206	964	1,170	167	835	1,002
Belturbet	435	427	423	31	221	252	18	153	171
Cavan	1,631	1,758	1,749	175	743	918	149	682	831
Donegal	9,079	8,586	8,322	989	4,077	5,066	757	2,499	3,256
Ballybofey	767	708	687	93	304	397	106	184	290
Ballyshannon	477	434	441	53	198	251	46	144	190
Buncrana	1,703	1,617	1,520	149	670	819	192	509	701
Donegal	434	399	383	53	174	227	21	135	156
Dunfanaghy	903	775	764	111	376	487	50	227	277
Dungloe	1,427	1,348	1,322	130	709	839	50	433	483
Killybegs	866	936	885	71	504	575	56	254	310
Letterkenny	2,502	2,369	2,320	329	1,142	1,471	236	613	849
Leitrim	1,009	1,032	1,016	89	446	535	77	404	481
Carrick-on-Shannon	765	759	755	73	311	384	53	318	371
Manorhamilton	244	273	261	16	135	151	24	86	110
Louth	6,789	6,557	6,317	696	3,024	3,720	497	2,100	2,597
Ardee	835	760	739	86	294	380	70	289	359
Drogheda	3,173	3,100	3,030	331	1,399	1,730	234	1,066	1,300
Dundalk	2,781	2,697	2,548	279	1,331	1,610	193	745	938
Monaghan	2,271	2,095	2,020	207	913	1,120	199	701	900
Carrickmacross	596	562	537	33	221	254	35	248	283
Castleblayney	685	618	607	63	271	334	64	209	273
Clones	279	249	231	35	109	144	33	54	87
Monaghan	711	666	645	76	312	388	67	190	257
Sligo	2,031	1,914	1,864	249	913	1,162	139	563	702
Sligo	1,682	1,556	1,523	216	744	960	111	452	563
Tubbercurry	349	358	341	33	169	202	28	111	139
Midland	9,772	9,993	9,708	1,123	4,200	5,323	1,000	3,385	4,385
Laoighis	1,996	2,007	1,916	224	820	1,044	217	655	872
Portarlinton	745	783	748	90	278	368	86	294	380
Portlaoise	894	901	869	109	394	503	100	266	366
Rathdowney	357	323	299	25	148	173	31	95	126
Longford	1,710	1,747	1,706	210	757	967	170	569	739
Longford	1,710	1,747	1,706	210	757	967	170	569	739
Offaly	2,456	2,647	2,615	287	1,189	1,476	267	872	1,139
Birr	780	806	826	83	377	460	110	256	366
Edenderry	626	634	632	58	285	343	44	245	289
Tullamore	1,050	1,207	1,157	146	527	673	113	371	484
Westmeath	3,610	3,592	3,471	402	1,434	1,836	346	1,289	1,635
Athlone	1,524	1,518	1,421	173	603	776	135	510	645
Castlepollard	364	349	343	29	147	176	36	131	167
Mullingar	1,722	1,725	1,707	200	684	884	175	648	823
West	15,336	14,873	14,525	1,512	6,846	8,358	1,147	5,020	6,167
Galway	8,710	8,650	8,413	947	3,985	4,932	707	2,774	3,481
Ballinasloe	962	891	880	107	430	537	69	274	343
Clifden	754	621	669	68	352	420	49	200	249
Galway	4,766	4,995	4,798	602	2,292	2,894	447	1,457	1,904
Gort	405	438	433	27	158	185	23	225	248
Loughrea	668	682	634	52	291	343	45	246	291
Tuam	1,155	1,023	999	91	462	553	74	372	446

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 2004	September 2005	October 2005	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	5,394	5,065	4,974	448	2,332	2,780	355	1,839	2,194
Achill	292	263	254	21	141	162	17	75	92
Ballina	1,585	1,425	1,396	155	711	866	115	415	530
Ballinrobe	399	329	319	25	139	164	20	135	155
Belmullet	568	529	527	46	286	332	29	166	195
Castlebar	877	897	867	80	344	424	64	379	443
Claremorris	384	373	396	30	154	184	20	192	212
Swinford	707	602	574	59	236	295	58	221	279
Westport	582	647	641	32	321	353	32	256	288
Roscommon	1,232	1,158	1,138	117	529	646	85	407	492
Boyle	343	300	309	29	155	184	17	108	125
Castlerea	580	501	498	43	228	271	50	177	227
Roscommon	309	357	331	45	146	191	18	122	140
Southern and Eastern	107,123	106,100	103,700	11,908	50,387	62,295	8,164	33,241	41,405
Dublin	39,281	40,435	39,287	4,989	20,061	25,050	2,923	11,314	14,237
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Bishop Square	3,670	3,612	3,398	370	1,895	2,265	208	925	1,133
Cumberland Street	5,022	5,222	5,130	651	2,642	3,293	359	1,478	1,837
Navan Road	2,509	2,656	2,619	316	1,486	1,802	188	629	817
Blanchardstown	3,199	3,510	3,390	401	1,581	1,982	292	1,116	1,408
Thomas Street	2,216	2,228	2,178	263	1,269	1,532	147	499	646
Tara Street	1,172	1,191	1,166	120	670	790	49	327	376
Tallaght	3,077	3,291	3,146	536	1,520	2,056	322	768	1,090
Ballymun	1,382	1,529	1,481	265	732	997	144	340	484
Clondalkin	2,926	3,498	3,368	492	1,561	2,053	350	965	1,315
Rathfarnham	1,956	1,788	1,771	166	842	1,008	75	688	763
Kilbarrack	2,475	2,278	2,259	232	1,187	1,419	111	729	840
Dun Laoghaire	2,738	2,539	2,391	187	1,237	1,424	85	882	967
Balbriggan	1,193	1,278	1,238	88	614	702	67	469	536
Ballyfermot	1,139	1,255	1,268	222	602	824	156	288	444
Finglas	2,125	2,270	2,225	352	1,083	1,435	182	608	790
Coolock	2,482	2,290	2,259	328	1,140	1,468	188	603	791
Mid-East	12,004	11,883	11,621	1,198	5,368	6,566	875	4,180	5,055
Kildare	4,329	4,543	4,440	481	1,936	2,417	389	1,634	2,023
Athy	778	836	850	108	392	500	77	273	350
Maynooth	1,417	1,378	1,311	135	534	669	98	544	642
Newbridge	2,134	2,329	2,279	238	1,010	1,248	214	817	1,031
Meath	3,205	2,991	2,937	253	1,292	1,545	216	1,176	1,392
Kells	617	510	519	35	234	269	40	210	250
Navan	1,840	1,728	1,691	170	779	949	115	627	742
Trim	748	753	727	48	279	327	61	339	400
Wicklow	4,470	4,349	4,244	464	2,140	2,604	270	1,370	1,640
Arklow	1,314	1,203	1,217	158	611	769	77	371	448
Baltinglass	400	413	398	41	167	208	43	147	190
Bray	1,884	1,885	1,783	170	909	1,079	100	604	704
Wicklow	872	848	846	95	453	548	50	248	298
Mid-West	13,340	13,080	12,718	1,446	5,868	7,314	1,081	4,323	5,404
Clare	3,734	3,600	3,670	314	1,649	1,963	266	1,441	1,707
Ennis	2,245	2,212	2,189	207	957	1,164	153	872	1,025
Ennistymon	561	494	549	29	245	274	45	230	275
Kilrush	567	525	558	52	271	323	50	185	235
Tulla	361	369	374	26	176	202	18	154	172
Limerick	7,219	7,152	6,823	877	3,287	4,164	636	2,023	2,659
Kilmallock	821	762	719	77	353	430	71	218	289
Limerick	5,522	5,479	5,203	728	2,506	3,234	465	1,504	1,969
Newcastle West	876	911	901	72	428	500	100	301	401

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-continued NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	Males					Females			
	October 2004	September 2005	October 2005	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,387	2,328	2,225	255	932	1,187	179	859	1,038
Nenagh	898	888	818	57	345	402	53	363	416
Roscrea	510	490	473	60	195	255	35	183	218
Thurles	979	950	934	138	392	530	91	313	404
South-East	21,075	19,805	19,470	2,235	9,053	11,288	1,737	6,445	8,182
Carlow	2,114	2,064	1,927	236	841	1,077	191	659	850
Bagenalstown	524	461	451	50	206	256	41	154	195
Carlow	1,119	1,149	1,059	139	463	602	109	348	457
Tullow	471	454	417	47	172	219	41	157	198
Kilkenny	2,483	2,370	2,322	265	1,117	1,382	204	736	940
Callan ¹	355	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kilkenny	1,741	1,973	1,918	217	924	1,141	170	607	777
Thomastown	387	397	404	48	193	241	34	129	163
South Tipperary	3,342	3,172	3,068	390	1,430	1,820	264	984	1,248
Cahir	449	424	402	38	197	235	36	131	167
Carrick-on-Suir	872	888	878	89	454	543	61	274	335
Cashel	372	329	314	40	137	177	29	108	137
Clonmel	1,009	921	863	113	391	504	78	281	359
Tipperary	640	610	611	110	251	361	60	190	250
Waterford	6,630	5,923	5,870	730	2,843	3,573	495	1,802	2,297
Dungarvan	1,232	865	906	87	460	547	72	287	359
Waterford	5,398	5,058	4,964	643	2,383	3,026	423	1,515	1,938
Wexford	6,506	6,276	6,283	614	2,822	3,436	583	2,264	2,847
Enniscorthy	1,665	1,679	1,663	199	727	926	204	533	737
Gorey	1,143	1,149	1,142	106	529	635	97	410	507
New Ross	1,127	1,155	1,176	113	543	656	107	413	520
Wexford	2,571	2,293	2,302	196	1,023	1,219	175	908	1,083
South-West	21,423	20,897	20,604	2,040	10,037	12,077	1,548	6,979	8,527
Cork	15,442	15,398	14,877	1,501	7,327	8,828	1,108	4,941	6,049
Bandon	519	493	493	55	242	297	29	167	196
Bantry	330	319	308	16	130	146	20	142	162
Bantry (SWLO)	184	131	140	7	56	63	6	71	77
Clonakilty	455	453	438	24	177	201	25	212	237
Cobh	340	382	393	55	187	242	33	118	151
Cork	7,595	7,619	7,254	886	3,885	4,771	600	1,883	2,483
Dunmanway	210	183	204	15	80	95	20	89	109
Fermoy	813	878	868	84	396	480	63	325	388
Kinsale	613	629	608	29	248	277	29	302	331
Macroom	452	391	382	16	176	192	19	171	190
Mallow	722	704	685	72	338	410	68	207	275
Midleton	1,005	1,082	1,054	80	488	568	71	415	486
Newmarket	460	425	395	41	182	223	27	145	172
Passage West	685	688	661	61	306	367	40	254	294
Skibbereen	381	372	359	24	149	173	10	176	186
Youghal	678	649	635	36	287	323	48	264	312
Kerry	5,981	5,499	5,727	539	2,710	3,249	440	2,038	2,478
Cahirciveen	384	310	355	16	145	161	24	170	194
Dingle	276	255	273	12	123	135	14	124	138
Kenmare	148	126	154	6	68	74	10	70	80
Killarney	963	824	884	66	369	435	70	379	449
Killorglin	405	323	354	28	136	164	30	160	190
Listowel	943	841	885	106	459	565	69	251	320
Tralee	2,862	2,820	2,822	305	1,410	1,715	223	884	1,107
State	155,476	153,335	149,644	16,979	71,770	88,749	12,147	48,748	60,895

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	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
	September	5	90,179	- 899	63,156	- 2,313	153,335	- 3,212
	October	4	88,749	- 358	60,895	- 565	149,644	- 923

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	4.7	4.5	4.8	4.6
2004	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.4
2005	4.2	4.3		

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