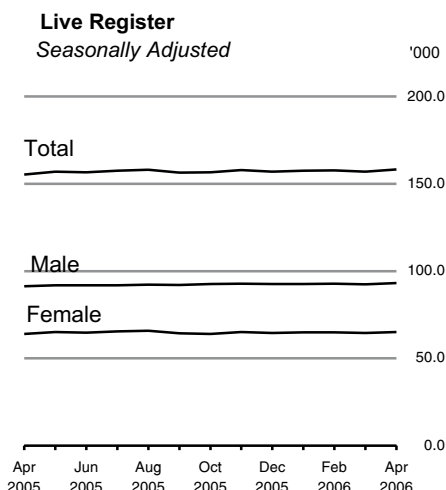




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Live Register April 2006



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
April 2005	151,619	155,200
March 2006	155,543	157,000
April 2006	154,566	158,200
Change in month	-977	+1,200
Change in year	+2,947	+3,000

Seasonally Adjusted Live Register increases by 1,200 in April

The seasonally adjusted Live Register total increased from 157,000 in March to 158,200 in April, an increase of 1,200. This compares with a decrease of 600 in March. *See table 2a and graph opposite.*

In the year to April 2006, there was an unadjusted increase of 2,947 (+1.9%). This compares with an unadjusted decrease of 2,132 (-1.4%) in the year to March 2006.

Other features include:

- ◆ The monthly increase in the Seasonally Adjusted series was made up of an increase of 700 males and 500 females. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in April was 4.5%. This compares with 4.4%, the latest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate from 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 7,993 males and 12,914 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 2005, is 92,100 persons unemployed.

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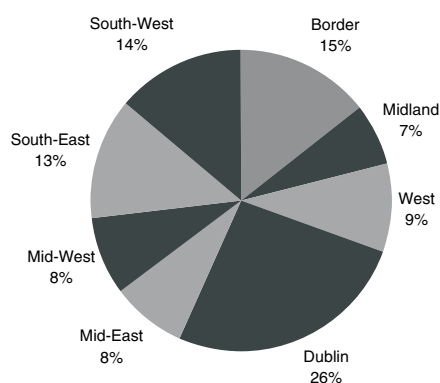
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Live Register by Regional Authority



	April 2006	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and Western	47,334	- 359	+ 224
Border	22,462	- 86	- 222
Midland	10,321	- 30	+ 625
West	14,551	- 243	- 179
Southern and Eastern	107,232	- 618	+ 2,723
Dublin	40,280	+ 52	+ 1,382
Mid-East	12,286	+ 54	+ 501
Mid-West	12,897	- 252	- 61
South-East	20,393	- 192	+ 506
South-West	21,376	- 280	+ 395
Total	154,566	- 977	+ 2,947

Unadjusted monthly decreases in six regions

There was an unadjusted monthly decrease of 977 (-0.6%) on the Live Register in April 2006, which reflected decreases in six regions. The largest percentage decrease was in the Mid-West (-1.9%) while there were increases in the Mid-East (+0.4%) and in Dublin (+0.1%).

Other features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males decreased in all regions. The largest percentage decrease was in the Mid-West region (-2.1%). The smallest decrease was in the Border region (-0.6%).
- ◆ The number of females decreased in five regions. The largest percentage decrease was in the West region (-1.9%). The largest percentage increase was in the Mid-East region (+2.3%).
- ◆ Amongst counties, the largest percentage decrease was in Kerry (-4.0%) and the largest percentage increase was in Laoighis (+2.6%). *See tables 4 and 6.*

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	April 2005	March 2006	April 2006	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	29,080	29,551	29,029	- 522	- 51
UA Applications	58,922	61,329	60,842	- 487	+ 1,920
Other Registrants	2,621	2,581	2,548	- 33	- 73
Total	90,623	93,461	92,419	- 1,042	+ 1,796
Females					
UB Claims	30,872	31,256	31,558	+ 302	+ 686
UA Applications	22,520	23,980	23,755	- 225	+ 1,235
Other Registrants	7,604	6,846	6,834	- 12	- 770
Total	60,996	62,082	62,147	+ 65	+ 1,151
All Persons					
UB Claims	59,952	60,807	60,587	- 220	+ 635
UA Applications	81,442	85,309	84,597	- 712	+ 3,155
Other Registrants	10,225	9,427	9,382	- 45	- 843
Total	151,619	155,543	154,566	- 977	+ 2,947

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

Category	April 2005	March 2006	April 2006	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	4,766	4,973	4,752	- 221	- 14
UA Applications	12,374	13,187	12,967	- 220	+ 593
Other Registrants	32	36	35	- 1	+ 3
Total	17,172	18,196	17,754	- 442	+ 582
Females					
UB Claims	3,580	3,528	3,447	- 81	- 133
UA Applications	8,444	8,996	8,811	- 185	+ 367
Other Registrants	92	86	99	+ 13	+ 7
Total	12,116	12,610	12,357	- 253	+ 241
All Persons					
UB Claims	8,346	8,501	8,199	- 302	- 147
UA Applications	20,818	22,183	21,778	- 405	+ 960
Other Registrants	124	122	134	+ 12	+ 10
Total	29,288	30,806	30,111	- 695	+ 823

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

Category	April 2005	March 2006	April 2006	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	24,314	24,578	24,277	- 301	- 37
UA Applications	46,548	48,142	47,875	- 267	+ 1,327
Other Registrants	2,589	2,545	2,513	- 32	- 76
Total	73,451	75,265	74,665	- 600	+ 1,214
Females					
UB Claims	27,292	27,728	28,111	+ 383	+ 819
UA Applications	14,076	14,984	14,944	- 40	+ 868
Other Registrants	7,512	6,760	6,735	- 25	- 777
Total	48,880	49,472	49,790	+ 318	+ 910
All Persons					
UB Claims	51,606	52,306	52,388	+ 82	+ 782
UA Applications	60,624	63,126	62,819	- 307	+ 2,195
Other Registrants	10,101	9,305	9,248	- 57	- 853
Total	122,331	124,737	124,455	- 282	+ 2,124

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
2004	April	97,100	67,600	164,700	97,700	70,400	168,100
	May	95,100	66,900	162,000	97,300	70,800	168,100
	June	96,600	72,300	169,000	96,500	69,800	166,300
	July	98,100	79,400	177,500	96,000	70,600	166,700
	August	97,200	78,600	175,800	94,900	69,800	164,700
	September	92,600	67,800	160,500	94,500	68,900	163,400
	October	90,100	65,300	155,500	93,900	68,400	162,300
	November	89,300	62,700	152,000	92,700	66,900	159,600
	December	92,700	66,100	158,800	92,700	67,100	159,800
2005	January	95,200	65,300	160,500	91,800	66,000	157,800
	February	93,900	64,800	158,600	91,200	65,400	156,700
	March	92,800	64,900	157,700	91,800	67,400	159,200
	April	90,600	61,000	151,600	91,300	63,900	155,200
	May	89,800	61,000	150,800	91,900	65,100	157,000
	June	92,100	67,200	159,300	91,900	64,700	156,500
	July	94,100	74,400	168,500	91,900	65,500	157,400
	August	94,700	74,700	169,400	92,200	65,800	158,000
	September	90,200	63,200	153,300	92,100	64,300	156,400
	October	88,700	60,900	149,600	92,500	64,000	156,500
	November	89,400	60,700	150,100	92,800	65,000	157,900
	December	92,400	63,400	155,800	92,500	64,500	157,000
2006	January	95,900	64,200	160,100	92,600	64,900	157,400
	February	95,400	64,300	159,600	92,700	64,900	157,600
	March	93,500	62,100	155,500	92,400	64,600	157,000
	April	92,400	62,100	154,600	93,100	65,100	158,200

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 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
2004	April	18,100	13,200	31,300	18,300	14,100	32,500
	May	17,700	13,300	30,900	18,300	14,100	32,400
	June	18,300	14,800	33,100	18,100	14,000	32,000
	July	18,800	16,000	34,900	17,800	14,000	31,900
	August	18,700	15,900	34,600	17,700	13,800	31,500
	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	17,400	13,400	30,800
	December	16,700	12,200	28,900	17,400	13,300	30,700
2005	January	17,900	13,100	31,000	17,200	13,300	30,400
	February	17,900	13,100	31,000	17,200	13,200	30,400
	March	17,700	12,700	30,400	17,400	13,200	30,600
	April	17,200	12,100	29,300	17,400	13,000	30,500
	May	16,900	12,200	29,100	17,500	13,000	30,600
	June	17,900	13,800	31,700	17,500	13,000	30,500
	July	18,400	14,800	33,200	17,400	12,800	30,100
	August	18,500	15,000	33,500	17,500	12,800	30,300
	September	17,500	13,100	30,600	17,700	12,700	30,400
	October	17,000	12,100	29,100	18,100	12,900	31,000
	November	17,100	11,900	28,900	18,300	13,000	31,300
	December	17,300	11,700	29,000	18,000	12,800	30,800
2006	January	18,500	12,700	31,300	17,700	12,900	30,600
	February	18,600	12,900	31,500	17,900	13,000	31,000
	March	18,200	12,600	30,800	17,900	13,100	31,000
	April	17,800	12,400	30,100	18,000	13,300	31,300

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 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
2004	April	79,000	54,300	133,300	79,400	56,300	135,600
	May	77,500	53,600	131,000	79,000	56,700	135,700
	June	78,300	57,500	135,800	78,400	55,900	134,300
	July	79,300	63,300	142,600	78,200	56,600	134,800
	August	78,500	62,700	141,200	77,200	56,000	133,200
	September	75,000	53,600	128,700	76,800	55,100	131,900
	October	73,800	52,600	126,300	76,400	54,900	131,300
	November	73,100	50,400	123,500	75,300	53,600	128,800
	December	76,000	53,900	129,900	75,300	53,800	129,100
2005	January	77,300	52,200	129,500	74,700	52,700	127,400
	February	76,000	51,700	127,700	74,000	52,200	126,200
	March	75,100	52,200	127,300	74,400	54,200	128,600
	April	73,500	48,900	122,300	73,900	50,900	124,700
	May	72,900	48,800	121,700	74,400	52,000	126,400
	June	74,300	53,300	127,600	74,300	51,700	126,000
	July	75,800	59,600	135,400	74,600	52,700	127,300
	August	76,100	59,800	135,900	74,700	52,900	127,700
	September	72,700	50,100	122,700	74,400	51,600	126,000
	October	71,800	48,700	120,500	74,400	51,100	125,500
	November	72,300	48,800	121,100	74,500	52,100	126,600
	December	75,100	51,800	126,800	74,500	51,700	126,200
2006	January	77,400	51,500	128,900	74,800	52,000	126,800
	February	76,800	51,300	128,100	74,800	51,900	126,700
	March	75,300	49,500	124,700	74,500	51,500	126,000
	April	74,700	49,800	124,500	75,100	51,800	126,900

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

Table 3 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates (SUR)

Month	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
January ¹	4.8	3.7	4.4	4.7	4.5	4.2	4.5
February	4.7	3.7	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.5
March	4.5	3.7	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.5
April ¹	4.4	3.8	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.5
May	4.2	3.9	4.3	4.6	4.5	4.4	
June	4.1	3.9	4.3	4.7	4.4	4.4	
July ¹	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.8	4.4	4.3	
August	4.0	3.9	4.4	4.7	4.4	4.4	
September	3.9	3.9	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.4	
October ¹	3.9	4.0	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.4 ²	
November	3.9	4.2	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.5	
December	3.8	4.3	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.5	
Annual average	4.2	3.9	4.4	4.6	4.4	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 2005, 4.4%.

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register classified by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	April 2005	March 2006	April 2006	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland & Western	27,379	27,676	27,414	- 262	+ 35	5,322	22,092
Border	13,474	13,306	13,228	- 78	- 246	2,504	10,724
Midland	5,326	5,803	5,746	- 57	+ 420	1,291	4,455
West	8,579	8,567	8,440	- 127	- 139	1,527	6,913
Southern & Eastern	63,244	65,785	65,005	- 780	+ 1,761	12,432	52,573
Dublin	25,012	26,017	25,832	- 185	+ 820	5,213	20,619
Mid-East	6,709	7,034	6,968	- 66	+ 259	1,240	5,728
Mid-West	7,466	7,673	7,509	- 164	+ 43	1,470	6,039
South-East	11,661	12,142	11,972	- 170	+ 311	2,389	9,583
South-West	12,396	12,919	12,724	- 195	+ 328	2,120	10,604
Total	90,623	93,461	92,419	-1,042	+ 1,796	17,754	74,665
Females							
Border, Midland & Western	19,731	20,017	19,920	- 97	+ 189	4,131	15,789
Border	9,210	9,242	9,234	- 8	+ 24	1,883	7,351
Midland	4,370	4,548	4,575	+ 27	+ 205	1,061	3,514
West	6,151	6,227	6,111	- 116	- 40	1,187	4,924
Southern & Eastern	41,265	42,065	42,227	+ 162	+ 962	8,226	34,001
Dublin	13,886	14,211	14,448	+ 237	+ 562	2,990	11,458
Mid-East	5,076	5,198	5,318	+ 120	+ 242	881	4,437
Mid-West	5,492	5,476	5,388	- 88	- 104	1,078	4,310
South-East	8,226	8,443	8,421	- 22	+ 195	1,751	6,670
South-West	8,585	8,737	8,652	- 85	+ 67	1,526	7,126
Total	60,996	62,082	62,147	+ 65	+ 1,151	12,357	49,790
All Persons							
Border, Midland & Western	47,110	47,693	47,334	- 359	+ 224	9,453	37,881
Border	22,684	22,548	22,462	- 86	- 222	4,387	18,075
Midland	9,696	10,351	10,321	- 30	+ 625	2,352	7,969
West	14,730	14,794	14,551	- 243	- 179	2,714	11,837
Southern & Eastern	104,509	107,850	107,232	- 618	+ 2,723	20,658	86,574
Dublin	38,898	40,228	40,280	+ 52	+ 1,382	8,203	32,077
Mid-East	11,785	12,232	12,286	+ 54	+ 501	2,121	10,165
Mid-West	12,958	13,149	12,897	- 252	- 61	2,548	10,349
South-East	19,887	20,585	20,393	- 192	+ 506	4,140	16,253
South-West	20,981	21,656	21,376	- 280	+ 395	3,646	17,730
Total	151,619	155,543	154,566	- 977	+ 2,947	30,111	124,455

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

Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	April 2005	March 2006	April 2006	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	77,811	80,703	80,713	+ 10	+ 2,902	16,235	64,478
Munster	42,981	44,272	43,629	- 643	- 648	8,065	35,564
Connacht	17,692	17,740	17,433	- 307	- 259	3,275	14,158
Ulster	13,135	12,828	12,791	- 37	- 344	2,536	10,255
Total	151,619	155,543	154,566	- 977	+ 2,947	30,111	124,455

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	April 2005	March 2006	April 2006	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	47,110	47,693	47,334	5,322	22,092	27,414	4,131	15,789	19,920
Border	22,684	22,548	22,462	2,504	10,724	13,228	1,883	7,351	9,234
Cavan	2,119	2,231	2,224	203	1,017	1,220	165	839	1,004
Belturbet	397	453	440	29	225	254	27	159	186
Cavan	1,722	1,778	1,784	174	792	966	138	680	818
Donegal	8,846	8,501	8,498	1,002	4,144	5,146	789	2,563	3,352
Ballybofey	718	730	705	105	296	401	106	198	304
Ballyshannon	479	484	478	50	200	250	51	177	228
Buncrana	1,613	1,511	1,578	149	733	882	188	508	696
Donegal	428	430	422	42	193	235	32	155	187
Dunfanaghy	836	765	731	110	367	477	47	207	254
Dungloe	1,416	1,286	1,269	138	680	818	48	403	451
Killybegs	941	967	983	68	554	622	60	301	361
Letterkenney	2,415	2,328	2,332	340	1,121	1,461	257	614	871
Leitrim	1,021	1,077	1,040	86	459	545	83	412	495
Carrick-on-Shannon	776	801	773	70	327	397	63	313	376
Manorhamilton	245	276	267	16	132	148	20	99	119
Louth	6,587	6,774	6,789	766	3,238	4,004	524	2,261	2,785
Ardee	824	777	774	93	320	413	69	292	361
Drogheda	3,104	3,292	3,276	339	1,511	1,850	257	1,169	1,426
Dundalk	2,659	2,705	2,739	334	1,407	1,741	198	800	998
Monaghan	2,170	2,096	2,069	192	962	1,154	185	730	915
Carrickmacross	564	531	535	31	220	251	41	243	284
Castleblayney	647	642	623	52	289	341	63	219	282
Clones	267	225	223	31	115	146	17	60	77
Monaghan	692	698	688	78	338	416	64	208	272
Sligo	1,941	1,869	1,842	255	904	1,159	137	546	683
Sligo	1,619	1,544	1,517	224	758	982	106	429	535
Tubbercurry	322	325	325	31	146	177	31	117	148
Midland	9,696	10,351	10,321	1,291	4,455	5,746	1,061	3,514	4,575
Laoighis	1,965	1,978	2,030	259	855	1,114	215	701	916
Portarlington	749	760	779	102	306	408	89	282	371
Portlaoise	891	897	927	114	397	511	94	322	416
Rathdowney	325	321	324	43	152	195	32	97	129
Longford	1,720	2,041	2,002	232	884	1,116	211	675	886
Longford	1,720	2,041	2,002	232	884	1,116	211	675	886
Offaly	2,520	2,817	2,760	339	1,248	1,587	271	902	1,173
Birr	780	881	880	107	385	492	107	281	388
Edenderry	629	678	672	82	306	388	50	234	284
Tullamore	1,111	1,258	1,208	150	557	707	114	387	501
Westmeath	3,491	3,515	3,529	461	1,468	1,929	364	1,236	1,600
Athlone	1,422	1,365	1,375	193	576	769	139	467	606
Castlepollard	361	339	352	34	151	185	38	129	167
Mullingar	1,708	1,811	1,802	234	741	975	187	640	827
West	14,730	14,794	14,551	1,527	6,913	8,440	1,187	4,924	6,111
Galway	8,496	8,697	8,561	945	4,095	5,040	768	2,753	3,521
Ballinasloe	892	853	878	119	430	549	67	262	329
Clifden	730	730	672	64	360	424	57	191	248
Galway	4,734	4,921	4,848	583	2,352	2,935	493	1,420	1,913
Gort	424	466	471	27	183	210	24	237	261
Loughrea	653	670	675	60	293	353	52	270	322
Tuam	1,063	1,057	1,017	92	477	569	75	373	448

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	April 2005	March 2006	April 2006	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	5,037	4,933	4,819	449	2,274	2,723	338	1,758	2,096
Achill	253	249	241	17	139	156	19	66	85
Ballina	1,489	1,353	1,351	161	670	831	103	417	520
Ballinrobe	364	360	366	31	153	184	21	161	182
Belmullet	561	528	519	42	289	331	38	150	188
Castlebar	821	822	793	81	309	390	59	344	403
Claremorris	389	402	373	33	153	186	23	164	187
Swinford	617	623	611	56	275	331	56	224	280
Westport	543	596	565	28	286	314	19	232	251
Roscommon	1,197	1,164	1,171	133	544	677	81	413	494
Boyle	315	324	329	36	152	188	17	124	141
Castlerea	550	525	521	56	246	302	45	174	219
Roscommon	332	315	321	41	146	187	19	115	134
Southern and Eastern	104,509	107,850	107,232	12,432	52,573	65,005	8,226	34,001	42,227
Dublin	38,898	40,228	40,280	5,213	20,619	25,832	2,990	11,458	14,448
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Bishop Square	3,550	3,425	3,363	350	1,919	2,269	198	896	1,094
Cumberland Street ¹	5,122	5,172	5,102	669	2,634	3,303	343	1,456	1,799
Navan Road	2,485	2,576	2,495	310	1,436	1,746	168	581	749
Blanchardstown	3,146	3,629	3,694	447	1,711	2,158	313	1,223	1,536
Thomas Street	2,222	2,185	2,162	268	1,245	1,513	156	493	649
Tara Street	1,125	1,101	1,129	112	647	759	60	310	370
Tallaght	3,279	3,484	3,436	585	1,681	2,266	324	846	1,170
Ballymun	1,423	1,539	1,562	295	749	1,044	139	379	518
Clondalkin	3,062	3,563	3,622	552	1,682	2,234	389	999	1,388
Rathfarnham	1,735	1,755	1,767	160	887	1,047	74	646	720
Kilbarrack	2,337	2,252	2,276	205	1,224	1,429	116	731	847
Dun Laoghaire	2,501	2,301	2,408	201	1,220	1,421	86	901	987
Balbriggan	1,167	1,341	1,361	137	646	783	98	480	578
Ballyfermot	1,239	1,267	1,274	234	633	867	141	266	407
Finglas	2,175	2,281	2,255	362	1,123	1,485	189	581	770
Coolock	2,330	2,357	2,374	326	1,182	1,508	196	670	866
Mid-East	11,785	12,232	12,286	1,240	5,728	6,968	881	4,437	5,318
Kildare	4,365	4,859	4,840	480	2,223	2,703	393	1,744	2,137
Athy	834	875	864	99	409	508	81	275	356
Maynooth	1,300	1,371	1,423	136	591	727	94	602	696
Newbridge	2,231	2,613	2,553	245	1,223	1,468	218	867	1,085
Meath	2,988	2,996	3,065	291	1,321	1,612	213	1,240	1,453
Kells	528	553	581	43	253	296	50	235	285
Navan	1,742	1,696	1,708	180	786	966	108	634	742
Trim	718	747	776	68	282	350	55	371	426
Wicklow	4,432	4,377	4,381	469	2,184	2,653	275	1,453	1,728
Arklow	1,248	1,285	1,245	165	630	795	82	368	450
Baltinglass	437	442	430	52	187	239	40	151	191
Bray	1,855	1,800	1,876	161	922	1,083	106	687	793
Wicklow	892	850	830	91	445	536	47	247	294
Mid-West	12,958	13,149	12,897	1,470	6,039	7,509	1,078	4,310	5,388
Clare	3,679	3,840	3,703	320	1,662	1,982	254	1,467	1,721
Ennis	2,169	2,272	2,215	224	978	1,202	130	883	1,013
Ennistymon	564	606	552	24	242	266	49	237	286
Kilrush	571	561	543	48	251	299	56	188	244
Tulla	375	401	393	24	191	215	19	159	178
Limerick	6,834	6,983	6,863	893	3,364	4,257	639	1,967	2,606
Kilmallock	723	777	773	91	367	458	72	243	315
Limerick	5,188	5,293	5,189	729	2,562	3,291	466	1,432	1,898
Newcastle West	923	913	901	73	435	508	101	292	393

¹ Cumberland Street figures include those persons that have been transferred in April to the new office of Swords.

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	April 2005	March 2006	April 2006	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,445	2,326	2,331	257	1,013	1,270	185	876	1,061
Nenagh	938	852	868	67	397	464	53	351	404
Roscrea	520	487	506	59	217	276	41	189	230
Thurles	987	987	957	131	399	530	91	336	427
South-East	19,887	20,585	20,393	2,389	9,583	11,972	1,751	6,670	8,421
Carlow	2,128	2,046	2,039	257	891	1,148	179	712	891
Bagenalstown	518	490	473	54	217	271	39	163	202
Carlow	1,158	1,083	1,087	154	484	638	96	353	449
Tullow	452	473	479	49	190	239	44	196	240
Kilkenny	2,369	2,473	2,469	296	1,190	1,486	215	768	983
Kilkenny	1,980	2,055	2,067	241	1,025	1,266	182	619	801
Thomastown	389	418	402	55	165	220	33	149	182
South Tipperary	3,275	3,252	3,185	411	1,514	1,925	268	992	1,260
Cahir	432	414	399	41	192	233	40	126	166
Carrick-on-Suir	914	932	956	98	481	579	66	311	377
Cashel	363	345	336	47	135	182	33	121	154
Clonmel	956	944	923	131	452	583	80	260	340
Tipperary	610	617	571	94	254	348	49	174	223
Waterford	5,767	6,215	6,171	740	3,090	3,830	452	1,889	2,341
Dungarvan	843	1,022	1,055	95	551	646	57	352	409
Waterford	4,924	5,193	5,116	645	2,539	3,184	395	1,537	1,932
Wexford	6,348	6,599	6,529	685	2,898	3,583	637	2,309	2,946
Enniscorthy	1,677	1,702	1,699	213	754	967	194	538	732
Gorey	1,180	1,162	1,143	115	510	625	97	421	518
New Ross	1,084	1,194	1,199	123	538	661	126	412	538
Wexford	2,407	2,541	2,488	234	1,096	1,330	220	938	1,158
South-West	20,981	21,656	21,376	2,120	10,604	12,724	1,526	7,126	8,652
Cork	15,053	15,497	15,463	1,591	7,814	9,405	1,110	4,948	6,058
Bandon	496	479	492	52	244	296	25	171	196
Bantry	367	335	348	15	149	164	18	166	184
Bantry (SWLO)	176	157	144	6	58	64	6	74	80
Clonakilty	436	434	435	20	185	205	27	203	230
Cobh	396	368	367	49	185	234	26	107	133
Cork	7,259	7,568	7,532	969	4,130	5,099	622	1,811	2,433
Dunmanway	199	199	223	16	88	104	15	104	119
Fermoy	856	901	892	91	421	512	66	314	380
Kinsale	600	615	594	31	247	278	25	291	316
Macroom	399	350	359	23	156	179	21	159	180
Mallow	702	762	773	88	379	467	74	232	306
Midleton	1,021	1,092	1,095	76	511	587	64	444	508
Newmarket	437	492	486	50	248	298	15	173	188
Passage West	705	700	706	54	356	410	48	248	296
Skibbereen	369	388	373	22	148	170	14	189	203
Youghal	635	657	644	29	309	338	44	262	306
Kerry	5,928	6,159	5,913	529	2,790	3,319	416	2,178	2,594
Cahirciveen	382	352	334	19	132	151	14	169	183
Dingle	284	302	271	10	120	130	5	136	141
Kenmare	158	216	181	7	81	88	6	87	93
Killarney	984	1,033	878	72	385	457	64	357	421
Killorglin	391	411	389	22	164	186	24	179	203
Listowel	903	933	912	102	454	556	81	275	356
Tralee	2,826	2,912	2,948	297	1,454	1,751	222	975	1,197
State	151,619	155,543	154,566	17,754	74,665	92,419	12,357	49,790	62,147

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
Year	Month	Number of weeks					
2004	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		
	November	4	89,377 + 157	60,696 - 50	150,073 + 107		
	December	5	92,392 + 603	63,441 + 549	155,833 + 1,152		
2006	January	4	95,920 + 882	64,219 + 195	160,139 + 1,077		
	February	4	95,363 - 139	64,254 + 9	159,617 - 131		
	March	5	93,461 - 380	62,082 - 434	155,543 - 815		
	April	4	92,419 - 261	62,147 + 16	154,566 - 244		

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	5.6	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	4.5
2004	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.3
2005	4.2	4.3	4.3	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 City
	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