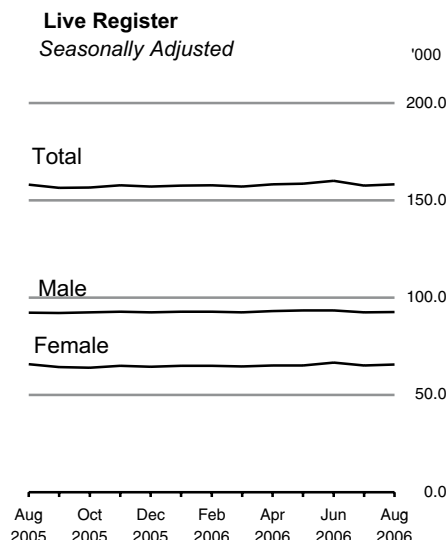




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Live Register August 2006



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
August 2005	169,393	158,100
July 2006	168,946	157,600
August 2006	169,614	158,200
Change in month	+668	+600
Change in year	+221	+100

Seasonally Adjusted Live Register increases by 600 in August

The seasonally adjusted Live Register total increased from 157,600 in July to 158,200 in August, an increase of 600. This compares with a decrease of 2,400 in July. *See table 2a and graph opposite.*

In the year to August 2006, there was an unadjusted increase of 221 (+0.1%). This compares with an unadjusted increase of 437 (+0.3%) in the year to July 2006.

Other features include:

- ◆ The monthly increase in the Seasonally Adjusted series was made up of an increase of 100 males and an increase of 500 females. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in August was 4.4%. 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 7,517 males and 11,835 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 2006, is 92,000 persons unemployed.

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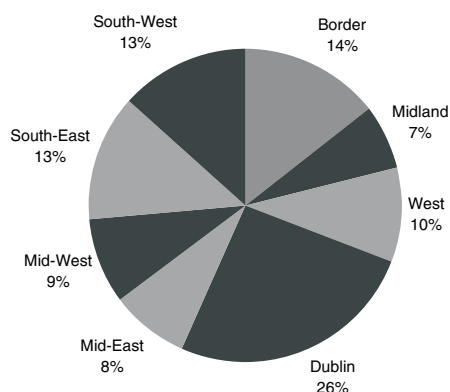
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Live Register by Regional Authority



	August 2006	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and Western	52,418	+ 339	- 379
Border	24,575	+ 79	- 339
Midland	11,372	+ 39	+ 362
West	16,471	+ 221	- 402
Southern and Eastern	117,196	+ 329	+ 600
Dublin	43,684	+ 2	- 227
Mid-East	13,706	+ 284	+ 409
Mid-West	14,861	+ 58	+ 256
South-East	22,140	+ 50	+ 370
South-West	22,805	- 65	- 208
Total	169,614	+ 668	+ 221

Unadjusted monthly increases in seven regions

There was an unadjusted monthly increase of 668 (+0.4%) on the Live Register in August 2006, which reflected increases in seven regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Mid-East (+2.1%) while the only region to decrease was the South-West (-0.3%).

Other features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males increased in four regions and decreased in four regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Mid-East region (+3.2%). The largest decreases were in the Dublin and South-West regions (-0.2%).
- ◆ The number of females increased in seven regions. The largest percentage increase was in the West region (+1.3%). The only region to decrease was the South-West (-0.4%).
- ◆ Amongst counties, the largest percentage increases were in Meath (+6.9%) and Roscommon (+5.8%). The largest percentage decreases were in Tipperary South (-1.9%) and Carlow (-1.0%). See tables 4 and 6.

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	August 2005	July 2006	August 2006	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	29,468	29,336	29,420	+ 84	- 48
UA Applications	62,445	62,744	62,960	+ 216	+ 515
Other Registrants	2,759	2,670	2,646	- 24	- 113
Total	94,672	94,750	95,026	+ 276	+ 354
Females					
UB Claims	39,535	39,261	39,190	- 71	- 345
UA Applications	26,783	27,185	27,567	+ 382	+ 784
Other Registrants	8,403	7,750	7,831	+ 81	- 572
Total	74,721	74,196	74,588	+ 392	- 133
All Persons					
UB Claims	69,003	68,597	68,610	+ 13	- 393
UA Applications	89,228	89,929	90,527	+ 598	+1,299
Other Registrants	11,162	10,420	10,477	+ 57	- 685
Total	169,393	168,946	169,614	+ 668	+ 221

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

Category	August 2005	July 2006	August 2006	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	5,013	4,856	4,877	+ 21	- 136
UA Applications	13,479	13,832	13,898	+ 66	+ 419
Other Registrants	48	41	41	0	- 7
Total	18,540	18,729	18,816	+ 87	+ 276
Females					
UB Claims	4,567	4,268	4,277	+ 9	- 290
UA Applications	10,279	10,455	10,502	+ 47	+ 223
Other Registrants	105	109	109	0	+ 4
Total	14,951	14,832	14,888	+ 56	- 63
All Persons					
UB Claims	9,580	9,124	9,154	+ 30	- 426
UA Applications	23,758	24,287	24,400	+ 113	+ 642
Other Registrants	153	150	150	0	- 3
Total	33,491	33,561	33,704	+ 143	+ 213

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

Category	August 2005	July 2006	August 2006	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	24,455	24,480	24,543	+ 63	+ 88
UA Applications	48,966	48,912	49,062	+ 150	+ 96
Other Registrants	2,711	2,629	2,605	- 24	- 106
Total	76,132	76,021	76,210	+ 189	+ 78
Females					
UB Claims	34,968	34,993	34,913	- 80	- 55
UA Applications	16,504	16,730	17,065	+ 335	+ 561
Other Registrants	8,298	7,641	7,722	+ 81	- 576
Total	59,770	59,364	59,700	+ 336	- 70
All Persons					
UB Claims	59,423	59,473	59,456	- 17	+ 33
UA Applications	65,470	65,642	66,127	+ 485	+ 657
Other Registrants	11,009	10,270	10,327	+ 57	- 682
Total	135,902	135,385	135,910	+ 525	+ 8

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

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

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2006 (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	August	78,500	62,700	141,200	77,200	56,100	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	128,900
	December	76,000	53,900	129,900	75,400	53,800	129,200
2005	January	77,300	52,200	129,500	74,700	52,700	127,400
	February	76,000	51,700	127,700	74,100	52,200	126,300
	March	75,100	52,200	127,300	74,500	54,300	128,700
	April	73,500	48,900	122,300	73,800	51,000	124,900
	May	72,900	48,800	121,700	74,300	52,100	126,400
	June	74,300	53,300	127,600	74,300	51,500	125,700
	July	75,800	59,600	135,400	74,600	52,600	127,200
	August	76,100	59,800	135,900	74,700	53,000	127,700
	September	72,700	50,100	122,700	74,400	51,500	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	74,900	51,900	126,800
	March	75,300	49,500	124,700	74,600	51,600	126,200
	April	74,700	49,800	124,500	75,100	52,000	127,100
	May	73,900	48,700	122,600	75,300	51,900	127,200
	June	75,400	55,100	130,400	75,300	53,300	128,600
	July	76,000	59,400	135,400	74,700	52,300	127,000
	August	76,200	59,700	135,900	74,800	52,800	127,600

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2006 (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	4.4 ²
February	4.7	3.7	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.4
March	4.5	3.7	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.4
April ¹	4.4	3.8	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.4
May	4.2	3.9	4.3	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.4
June	4.1	3.9	4.3	4.7	4.4	4.3	4.4
July ¹	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.8	4.4	4.3	4.4
August	4.0	3.9	4.4	4.7	4.4	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	
November	3.9	4.2	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.5	
December	3.8	4.3	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.4	
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: December - February 2006, 4.4%.

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register classified by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	August 2005	July 2006	August 2006	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland & Western	28,756	28,222	28,328	+ 106	- 428	5,723	22,605
Border	13,944	13,711	13,699	- 12	- 245	2,709	10,990
Midland	5,636	5,774	5,772	- 2	+ 136	1,277	4,495
West	9,176	8,737	8,857	+ 120	- 319	1,737	7,120
Southern & Eastern	65,916	66,528	66,698	+ 170	+ 782	13,093	53,605
Dublin	26,512	26,422	26,374	- 48	- 138	5,373	21,001
Mid-East	7,011	7,122	7,348	+ 226	+ 337	1,354	5,994
Mid-West	7,777	8,110	8,116	+ 6	+ 339	1,687	6,429
South-East	11,857	12,145	12,159	+ 14	+ 302	2,520	9,639
South-West	12,759	12,729	12,701	- 28	- 58	2,159	10,542
Total	94,672	94,750	95,026	+ 276	+ 354	18,816	76,210
Females							
Border, Midland & Western	24,041	23,857	24,090	+ 233	+ 49	5,160	18,930
Border	10,970	10,785	10,876	+ 91	- 94	2,382	8,494
Midland	5,374	5,559	5,600	+ 41	+ 226	1,274	4,326
West	7,697	7,513	7,614	+ 101	- 83	1,504	6,110
Southern & Eastern	50,680	50,339	50,498	+ 159	- 182	9,728	40,770
Dublin	17,399	17,260	17,310	+ 50	- 89	3,359	13,951
Mid-East	6,286	6,300	6,358	+ 58	+ 72	1,058	5,300
Mid-West	6,828	6,693	6,745	+ 52	- 83	1,399	5,346
South-East	9,913	9,945	9,981	+ 36	+ 68	2,099	7,882
South-West	10,254	10,141	10,104	- 37	- 150	1,813	8,291
Total	74,721	74,196	74,588	+ 392	- 133	14,888	59,700
All Persons							
Border, Midland & Western	52,797	52,079	52,418	+ 339	- 379	10,883	41,535
Border	24,914	24,496	24,575	+ 79	- 339	5,091	19,484
Midland	11,010	11,333	11,372	+ 39	+ 362	2,551	8,821
West	16,873	16,250	16,471	+ 221	- 402	3,241	13,230
Southern & Eastern	116,596	116,867	117,196	+ 329	+ 600	22,821	94,375
Dublin	43,911	43,682	43,684	+ 2	- 227	8,732	34,952
Mid-East	13,297	13,422	13,706	+ 284	+ 409	2,412	11,294
Mid-West	14,605	14,803	14,861	+ 58	+ 256	3,086	11,775
South-East	21,770	22,090	22,140	+ 50	+ 370	4,619	17,521
South-West	23,013	22,870	22,805	- 65	- 208	3,972	18,833
Total	169,393	168,946	169,614	+ 668	+ 221	33,704	135,910

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

Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	August 2005	July 2006	August 2006	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	87,132	87,405	87,784	+ 379	+ 652	17,583	70,201
Munster	47,660	47,917	47,911	- 6	+ 251	9,197	38,714
Connacht	20,249	19,565	19,811	+ 246	- 438	3,934	15,877
Ulster	14,352	14,059	14,108	+ 49	- 244	2,990	11,118
Total	169,393	168,946	169,614	+ 668	+ 221	33,704	135,910

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	August 2005	July 2006	August 2006	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	52,797	52,079	52,418	5,723	22,605	28,328	5,160	18,930	24,090
Border	24,914	24,496	24,575	2,709	10,990	13,699	2,382	8,494	10,876
Cavan	2,436	2,451	2,468	238	1,037	1,275	225	968	1,193
Belturbet	477	487	505	35	227	262	46	197	243
Cavan	1,959	1,964	1,963	203	810	1,013	179	771	950
Donegal	9,508	9,318	9,351	1,091	4,240	5,331	965	3,055	4,020
Ballybofey	770	831	879	135	313	448	158	273	431
Ballyshannon	442	463	476	53	191	244	51	181	232
Buncrana	1,814	1,843	1,825	170	806	976	237	612	849
Donegal	468	494	486	49	199	248	27	211	238
Dunfanaghy	838	776	783	129	369	498	60	225	285
Dungloe	1,506	1,357	1,368	124	690	814	75	479	554
Killybegs	1,004	969	932	62	500	562	68	302	370
Letterkenny	2,666	2,585	2,602	369	1,172	1,541	289	772	1,061
Leitrim	1,163	1,211	1,243	105	527	632	133	478	611
Carrick-on-Shannon	863	882	901	80	362	442	101	358	459
Manorhamilton	300	329	342	25	165	190	32	120	152
Louth	7,186	7,122	7,127	800	3,254	4,054	608	2,465	3,073
Ardee	859	833	845	92	306	398	80	367	447
Drogheda	3,366	3,327	3,370	379	1,502	1,881	295	1,194	1,489
Dundalk	2,961	2,962	2,912	329	1,446	1,775	233	904	1,137
Monaghan	2,408	2,290	2,289	215	952	1,167	256	866	1,122
Carrickmacross	616	568	571	30	210	240	59	272	331
Castleblayney	738	699	716	59	305	364	100	252	352
Clones	276	256	254	35	113	148	24	82	106
Monaghan	778	767	748	91	324	415	73	260	333
Sligo	2,213	2,104	2,097	260	980	1,240	195	662	857
Sligo	1,829	1,726	1,735	226	830	1,056	154	525	679
Tubbercurry	384	378	362	34	150	184	41	137	178
Midland	11,010	11,333	11,372	1,277	4,495	5,772	1,274	4,326	5,600
Laoighis	2,196	2,281	2,285	258	907	1,165	252	868	1,120
Portllington	846	892	900	116	324	440	107	353	460
Portlaoise	990	1,014	1,019	104	413	517	104	398	502
Rathdowney	360	375	366	38	170	208	41	117	158
Longford	1,912	2,105	2,128	234	884	1,118	245	765	1,010
Longford	1,912	2,105	2,128	234	884	1,118	245	765	1,010
Offaly	2,914	2,932	2,947	326	1,245	1,571	343	1,033	1,376
Birr	874	916	917	105	363	468	118	331	449
Edenderry	695	719	721	67	319	386	66	269	335
Tullamore	1,345	1,297	1,309	154	563	717	159	433	592
Westmeath	3,988	4,015	4,012	459	1,459	1,918	434	1,660	2,094
Athlone	1,691	1,670	1,657	200	584	784	191	682	873
Castlepollard	351	395	403	33	162	195	44	164	208
Mullingar	1,946	1,950	1,952	226	713	939	199	814	1,013
West	16,873	16,250	16,471	1,737	7,120	8,857	1,504	6,110	7,614
Galway	9,781	9,674	9,753	1,065	4,278	5,343	931	3,479	4,410
Ballinasloe	984	913	949	135	400	535	85	329	414
Clifden	638	632	624	70	322	392	56	176	232
Galway	5,737	5,733	5,718	648	2,540	3,188	592	1,938	2,530
Gort	471	515	519	41	181	222	27	270	297
Loughrea	769	721	742	61	307	368	74	300	374
Tuam	1,182	1,160	1,201	110	528	638	97	466	563

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

-continued			Males				Females		
NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	August 2005	July 2006	August 2006	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	5,738	5,255	5,320	524	2,256	2,780	458	2,082	2,540
Achill	268	226	217	22	125	147	16	54	70
Ballina	1,605	1,431	1,448	172	654	826	146	476	622
Ballinrobe	377	414	433	38	150	188	42	203	245
Belmullet	592	561	548	46	277	323	48	177	225
Castlebar	1,030	943	961	97	327	424	88	449	537
Claremorris	450	423	433	30	173	203	30	200	230
Swinford	701	695	720	89	280	369	72	279	351
Westport	715	562	560	30	270	300	16	244	260
Roscommon	1,354	1,321	1,398	148	586	734	115	549	664
Boyle	369	362	372	44	153	197	21	154	175
Castlerea	582	591	639	60	269	329	67	243	310
Roscommon	403	368	387	44	164	208	27	152	179
Southern and Eastern	116,596	116,867	117,196	13,093	53,605	66,698	9,728	40,770	50,498
Dublin	43,911	43,682	43,684	5,373	21,001	26,374	3,359	13,951	17,310
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Bishop Square	4,019	3,884	3,881	378	2,045	2,423	263	1,195	1,458
Cumberland Street	5,673	5,443	5,456	716	2,625	3,341	391	1,724	2,115
Navan Road	2,865	2,742	2,773	330	1,506	1,836	218	719	937
Blanchardstown	3,598	3,800	3,872	448	1,689	2,137	343	1,392	1,735
Thomas Street	2,399	2,261	2,252	248	1,299	1,547	145	560	705
Tara Street	1,280	1,265	1,273	113	691	804	83	386	469
Tallaght	3,558	3,733	3,782	606	1,728	2,334	358	1,090	1,448
Ballymun	1,557	1,590	1,588	283	763	1,046	158	384	542
Clondalkin	3,630	3,786	3,716	564	1,654	2,218	399	1,099	1,498
Rathfarnham	2,219	2,173	2,184	187	914	1,101	113	970	1,083
Kilbarrack	2,572	2,547	2,508	224	1,224	1,448	135	925	1,060
Dun Laoghaire	2,951	2,774	2,780	219	1,288	1,507	101	1,172	1,273
Balbriggan	1,375	1,462	1,465	132	643	775	91	599	690
Ballyfermot	1,330	1,312	1,298	218	635	853	133	312	445
Finglas	2,380	2,420	2,354	371	1,118	1,489	208	657	865
Coolock	2,505	2,490	2,502	336	1,179	1,515	220	767	987
Mid-East	13,297	13,422	13,706	1,354	5,994	7,348	1,058	5,300	6,358
Kildare	5,076	5,471	5,543	570	2,332	2,902	489	2,152	2,641
Athy	906	935	931	99	422	521	78	332	410
Maynooth	1,603	1,686	1,693	167	632	799	148	746	894
Newbridge	2,567	2,850	2,919	304	1,278	1,582	263	1,074	1,337
Meath	3,389	3,256	3,481	320	1,481	1,801	270	1,410	1,680
Kells	606	605	792	49	405	454	52	286	338
Navan	1,916	1,765	1,791	193	768	961	144	686	830
Trim	867	886	898	78	308	386	74	438	512
Wicklow	4,832	4,695	4,682	464	2,181	2,645	299	1,738	2,037
Arklow	1,267	1,269	1,268	152	591	743	91	434	525
Baltinglass	468	462	483	46	193	239	51	193	244
Bray	2,156	2,073	2,064	174	962	1,136	117	811	928
Wicklow	941	891	867	92	435	527	40	300	340
Mid-West	14,605	14,803	14,861	1,687	6,429	8,116	1,399	5,346	6,745
Clare	3,901	4,099	4,091	387	1,736	2,123	328	1,640	1,968
Ennis	2,365	2,523	2,521	268	1,033	1,301	209	1,011	1,220
Ennistymon	542	571	564	32	246	278	45	241	286
Kilrush	591	579	584	61	264	325	45	214	259
Tulla	403	426	422	26	193	219	29	174	203
Limerick	8,019	8,182	8,253	1,042	3,682	4,724	839	2,690	3,529
Kilmallock	813	917	920	103	388	491	98	331	429
Limerick	6,163	6,257	6,327	849	2,873	3,722	613	1,992	2,605
Newcastle West	1,043	1,008	1,006	90	421	511	128	367	495

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

-continued			Males				Females		
NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	August 2005	July 2006	August 2006	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,685	2,522	2,517	258	1,011	1,269	232	1,016	1,248
Nenagh	997	918	905	74	367	441	74	390	464
Roscrea	560	519	531	57	200	257	44	230	274
Thurles	1,128	1,085	1,081	127	444	571	114	396	510
South-East	21,770	22,090	22,140	2,520	9,639	12,159	2,099	7,882	9,981
Carlow	2,364	2,242	2,219	261	892	1,153	224	842	1,066
Bagenalstown	558	530	531	57	224	281	54	196	250
Carlow	1,300	1,192	1,178	162	489	651	110	417	527
Tullow	506	520	510	42	179	221	60	229	289
Kilkenny	2,639	2,757	2,806	339	1,254	1,593	279	934	1,213
Kilkenny	2,191	2,320	2,356	281	1,084	1,365	234	757	991
Thomastown	448	437	450	58	170	228	45	177	222
South Tipperary	3,510	3,457	3,392	432	1,462	1,894	343	1,155	1,498
Cahir	480	446	416	40	185	225	44	147	191
Carrick-on-Suir	960	1,010	1,010	93	470	563	88	359	447
Cashel	361	372	370	46	133	179	41	150	191
Clonmel	1,032	1,011	999	154	439	593	100	306	406
Tipperary	677	618	597	99	235	334	70	193	263
Waterford	6,532	6,787	6,853	795	3,130	3,925	569	2,359	2,928
Dungarvan	999	1,146	1,156	101	533	634	72	450	522
Waterford	5,533	5,641	5,697	694	2,597	3,291	497	1,909	2,406
Wexford	6,725	6,847	6,870	693	2,901	3,594	684	2,592	3,276
Enniscorthy	1,774	1,767	1,773	214	761	975	211	587	798
Gorey	1,242	1,290	1,283	130	515	645	109	529	638
New Ross	1,248	1,274	1,283	131	530	661	124	498	622
Wexford	2,461	2,516	2,531	218	1,095	1,313	240	978	1,218
South-West	23,013	22,870	22,805	2,159	10,542	12,701	1,813	8,291	10,104
Cork	16,985	16,829	16,761	1,610	7,787	9,397	1,302	6,062	7,364
Bandon	546	560	542	53	259	312	38	192	230
Bantry	364	320	329	11	122	133	20	176	196
Bantry (SWLO)	147	150	144	4	49	53	5	86	91
Clonakilty	480	461	483	27	195	222	20	241	261
Cobh	393	367	370	48	158	206	45	119	164
Cork	8,540	8,289	8,254	963	4,184	5,147	693	2,414	3,107
Dunmanway	230	271	255	21	73	94	24	137	161
Fermoy	954	970	954	89	414	503	80	371	451
Kinsale	617	630	619	33	247	280	29	310	339
Macroom	439	402	427	38	166	204	28	195	223
Mallow	767	836	814	79	392	471	73	270	343
Midleton	1,156	1,175	1,169	68	503	571	94	504	598
Newmarket	484	532	543	50	240	290	39	214	253
Passage West	746	725	720	55	320	375	39	306	345
Skibbereen	420	417	414	32	153	185	20	209	229
Youghal	702	724	724	39	312	351	55	318	373
Kerry	6,028	6,041	6,044	549	2,755	3,304	511	2,229	2,740
Cahiriveen	323	292	298	21	119	140	15	143	158
Dingle	267	228	233	7	109	116	10	107	117
Kenmare	142	139	133	1	58	59	1	73	74
Killarney	908	807	823	82	347	429	70	324	394
Killorglin	370	361	367	19	161	180	28	159	187
Listowel	970	987	971	94	447	541	112	318	430
Tralee	3,048	3,227	3,219	325	1,514	1,839	275	1,105	1,380
State	169,393	168,946	169,614	18,816	76,210	95,026	14,888	59,700	74,588

Table 7 Summary of average net weekly changes on the Live Register classified by sex

		Males		Females		Total	
Number of weeks		Live Register	Average net weekly change	Live Register	Average net weekly change	Live Register	Average net weekly change
2004	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
	May	4	91,492 - 232	61,068	- 270	152,560	- 502
	June	5	93,747 + 451	69,312	+ 1,649	163,059	+ 2,100
	July	4	94,750 + 251	74,196	+ 1,221	168,946	+ 1,472
	August	4	95,026 + 69	74,588	+ 98	169,614	+ 167

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
2006	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