



Live Register December 2006



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
December 2005	155,833	157,000
November 2006	148,529	156,300
December 2006	155,389	156,600
Change in month	+6,860	+300
Change in year	-444	-400

Slight increase in Seasonally Adjusted Live Register in December

The seasonally adjusted Live Register total increased from 156,300 in November to 156,600 in December, an increase of 300. This compares with an increase of 900 in November. *See table 2a and graph opposite.*

In the year to December 2006, there was an unadjusted decrease of 444 (-0.3%). This compares with an unadjusted decrease of 1,544 (-1.0%) in the year to November 2006.

Other features include:

- ◆ The monthly increase in the Seasonally Adjusted series was made up of an increase of 600 males and a decrease of 400 females. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in December was 4.5%. This compares with 4.5%, 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 7,682 males and 12,275 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 Jobseekers Benefit or Assistance. Unemployment is measured by the Quarterly National Household Survey and the latest seasonally adjusted figure, for June to August 2006, is 96,500 persons unemployed.

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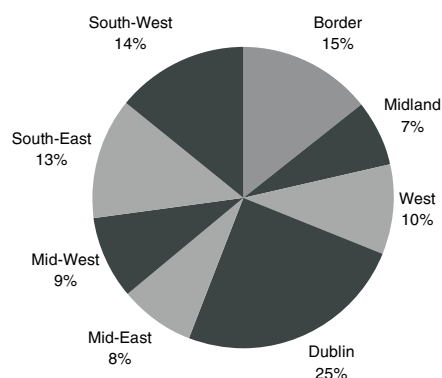
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Live Register by Regional Authority



Border, Midland and Western

	December 2006	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border	22,650	+ 1,102	+ 237
Midland	10,543	+ 372	+ 393
West	15,041	+ 671	+ 65

Southern and Eastern

	December 2006	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Dublin	38,505	+ 1,162	- 1,428
Mid-East	12,449	+ 504	+ 357
Mid-West	13,696	+ 904	+ 260
South-East	20,504	+ 1,033	- 146
South-West	22,001	+ 1,112	- 182

Total	December 2006	Monthly Change	Annual Change
	155,389	+ 6,860	- 444

Unadjusted monthly increases in all regions

There was an unadjusted monthly increase of 6,860 (+4.6%) on the Live Register in December 2006, which reflected increases in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Mid-West (+7.1%) while the smallest percentage increase was in the Dublin region (+3.1%).

Other features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males increased in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Mid-West region (+6.2%). The smallest percentage increase was in the Dublin region (+2.4%).
- ◆ The number of females increased in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Mid-West region (+8.4%). The smallest percentage increase was in the West region (+3.2%).
- ◆ Amongst counties, the largest percentage increases were in North Tipperary (+10.1%), Leitrim and Kerry (both +7.3%). The smallest percentage increases were in Offaly (+1.7%) and Longford (+1.8%).
See tables 4 and 6.

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	December 2005	November 2006	December 2006	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims ¹	28,949	26,772	29,218	+ 2,446	+ 269
JA Applications ²	60,665	59,250	60,629	+ 1,379	-36
Other Registrants	2,778	2,561	2,652	+ 91	- 126
Total	92,392	88,583	92,499	+ 3,916	+ 107
Females					
JB Claims	32,779	29,571	32,305	+ 2,734	- 474
JA Applications	23,261	23,463	23,493	+ 30	+ 232
Other Registrants	7,401	6,912	7,092	+ 180	- 309
Total	63,441	59,946	62,890	+ 2,944	- 551
All Persons					
JB Claims	61,728	56,343	61,523	+ 5,180	- 205
JA Applications	83,926	82,713	84,122	+ 1,409	+ 196
Other Registrants	10,179	9,473	9,744	+ 271	- 435
Total	155,833	148,529	155,389	+ 6,860	- 444

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

Category	December 2005	November 2006	December 2006	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	4,467	3,997	4,278	+ 281	- 189
JA Applications	12,822	12,818	13,183	+ 365	+ 361
Other Registrants	33	37	34	- 3	+ 1
Total	17,322	16,852	17,495	+ 643	+ 173
Females					
JB Claims	3,116	3,038	3,004	- 34	- 112
JA Applications	8,476	8,646	8,529	- 117	+ 53
Other Registrants	80	82	86	+ 4	+ 6
Total	11,672	11,766	11,619	- 147	- 53
All Persons					
JB Claims	7,583	7,035	7,282	+ 247	- 301
JA Applications	21,298	21,464	21,712	+ 248	+ 414
Other Registrants	113	119	120	+ 1	+ 7
Total	28,994	28,618	29,114	+ 496	+ 120

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

Category	December 2005	November 2006	December 2006	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	24,482	22,775	24,940	+ 2,165	+ 458
JA Applications	47,843	46,432	47,446	+ 1,014	- 397
Other Registrants	2,745	2,524	2,618	+ 94	- 127
Total	75,070	71,731	75,004	+ 3,273	- 66
Females					
JB Claims	29,663	26,533	29,301	+ 2,768	- 362
JA Applications	14,785	14,817	14,964	+ 147	+ 179
Other Registrants	7,321	6,830	7,006	+ 176	- 315
Total	51,769	48,180	51,271	+ 3,091	- 498
All Persons					
JB Claims	54,145	49,308	54,241	+ 4,933	+ 96
JA Applications	62,628	61,249	62,410	+ 1,161	- 218
Other Registrants	10,066	9,354	9,624	+ 270	- 442
Total	126,839	119,911	126,275	+ 6,364	- 564

¹ JB (Jobseekers Benefit) previously called UB (Unemployment Benefit).

² JA (Jobseekers Assistance) previously called UA (Unemployment Assistance).

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	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
	September	89,800	62,500	152,300	91,700	63,600	155,300
	October	88,100	60,400	148,500	91,900	63,500	155,400
	November	88,600	59,900	148,500	92,000	64,300	156,300
	December	92,500	62,900	155,400	92,600	63,900	156,600

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	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
	September	17,600	13,200	30,900	17,800	12,800	30,600
	October	16,900	12,200	29,200	18,000	13,000	31,000
	November	16,900	11,800	28,600	18,000	12,900	30,800
	December	17,500	11,600	29,100	18,200	12,800	30,900

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	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
	September	72,200	49,300	121,500	73,900	50,800	124,700
	October	71,200	48,100	119,300	73,800	50,500	124,300
	November	71,700	48,200	119,900	74,000	51,500	125,500
	December	75,000	51,300	126,300	74,500	51,200	125,700

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
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	4.5
June	4.1	3.9	4.3	4.7	4.4	4.3	4.5
July ¹	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.8	4.4	4.3	4.5 ²
August	4.0	3.9	4.4	4.7	4.4	4.4	4.5
September	3.9	3.9	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.4
October ¹	3.9	4.0	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.4
November	3.9	4.2	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.5
December	3.8	4.3	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.5
Annual average	4.2	3.9	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.5

¹ Benchmark Labour Force Survey/Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) estimates.

² The latest QNHS estimate of the unemployment rate (adjusted for seasonality) is: June - August 2006, 4.5%.

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register classified by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	December 2005	November 2006	December 2006	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland & Western	27,411	26,461	27,829	+ 1,368	+ 418	5,364	22,465
Border	13,214	12,548	13,239	+ 691	+ 25	2,496	10,743
Midland	5,635	5,670	5,875	+ 205	+ 240	1,228	4,647
West	8,562	8,243	8,715	+ 472	+ 153	1,640	7,075
Southern & Eastern	64,981	62,122	64,670	+ 2,548	- 311	12,131	52,539
Dublin	25,425	24,017	24,605	+ 588	- 820	4,823	19,782
Mid-East	6,778	6,863	7,103	+ 240	+ 325	1,267	5,836
Mid-West	7,732	7,652	8,124	+ 472	+ 392	1,602	6,522
South-East	11,963	11,403	11,951	+ 548	- 12	2,322	9,629
South-West	13,083	12,187	12,887	+ 700	- 196	2,117	10,770
Total	92,392	88,583	92,499	+ 3,916	+ 107	17,495	75,004
Females							
Border, Midland & Western	20,128	19,628	20,405	+ 777	+ 277	4,010	16,395
Border	9,199	9,000	9,411	+ 411	+ 212	1,870	7,541
Midland	4,515	4,501	4,668	+ 167	+ 153	1,032	3,636
West	6,414	6,127	6,326	+ 199	- 88	1,108	5,218
Southern & Eastern	43,313	40,318	42,485	+ 2,167	- 828	7,609	34,876
Dublin	14,508	13,326	13,900	+ 574	- 608	2,625	11,275
Mid-East	5,314	5,082	5,346	+ 264	+ 32	819	4,527
Mid-West	5,704	5,140	5,572	+ 432	- 132	1,081	4,491
South-East	8,687	8,068	8,553	+ 485	- 134	1,674	6,879
South-West	9,100	8,702	9,114	+ 412	+ 14	1,410	7,704
Total	63,441	59,946	62,890	+ 2,944	- 551	11,619	51,271
All Persons							
Border, Midland & Western	47,539	46,089	48,234	+ 2,145	+ 695	9,374	38,860
Border	22,413	21,548	22,650	+ 1,102	+ 237	4,366	18,284
Midland	10,150	10,171	10,543	+ 372	+ 393	2,260	8,283
West	14,976	14,370	15,041	+ 671	+ 65	2,748	12,293
Southern & Eastern	108,294	102,440	107,155	+ 4,715	- 1,139	19,740	87,415
Dublin	39,933	37,343	38,505	+ 1,162	- 1,428	7,448	31,057
Mid-East	12,092	11,945	12,449	+ 504	+ 357	2,086	10,363
Mid-West	13,436	12,792	13,696	+ 904	+ 260	2,683	11,013
South-East	20,650	19,471	20,504	+ 1,033	- 146	3,996	16,508
South-West	22,183	20,889	22,001	+ 1,112	- 182	3,527	18,474
Total	155,833	148,529	155,389	+ 6,860	- 444	29,114	126,275

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

Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	December 2005	November 2006	December 2006	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	79,819	76,496	79,265	+ 2,769	- 554	15,148	64,117
Munster	45,105	42,416	44,969	+ 2,553	- 136	8,068	36,901
Connacht	18,023	17,250	18,085	+ 835	+ 62	3,353	14,732
Ulster	12,886	12,367	13,070	+ 703	+ 184	2,545	10,525
Total	155,833	148,529	155,389	+ 6,860	- 444	29,114	126,275

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	December 2005	November 2006	December 2006	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	47,539	46,089	48,234	5,364	22,465	27,829	4,010	16,395	20,405
Border	22,413	21,548	22,650	2,496	10,743	13,239	1,870	7,541	9,411
Cavan	2,211	2,180	2,287	220	1,068	1,288	191	808	999
Ballyconnell ¹	458	424	450	31	217	248	40	162	202
Cavan	1,753	1,756	1,837	189	851	1,040	151	646	797
Donegal	8,637	8,254	8,774	1,012	4,076	5,088	772	2,914	3,686
Ballybofey	729	742	806	134	354	488	112	206	318
Ballyshannon	487	532	577	67	217	284	56	237	293
Buncrana	1,555	1,540	1,623	165	753	918	198	507	705
Donegal	421	511	597	42	203	245	30	322	352
Dunfanaghy	836	776	814	110	383	493	53	268	321
Dungloe	1,368	1,206	1,250	116	638	754	45	451	496
Killybegs	895	777	847	50	435	485	54	308	362
Letterkenny	2,346	2,170	2,260	328	1,093	1,421	224	615	839
Leitrim	1,109	1,104	1,185	109	541	650	96	439	535
Carrick-on-Shannon	810	801	874	84	386	470	75	329	404
Manorhamilton	299	303	311	25	155	180	21	110	131
Louth	6,480	6,301	6,536	711	3,182	3,893	505	2,138	2,643
Ardee	783	731	777	79	328	407	66	304	370
Drogheda	3,116	3,044	3,073	301	1,482	1,783	237	1,053	1,290
Dundalk	2,581	2,526	2,686	331	1,372	1,703	202	781	983
Monaghan	2,038	1,933	2,009	188	947	1,135	162	712	874
Carrickmacross	546	485	511	27	220	247	34	230	264
Castleblayney	605	601	616	58	289	347	61	208	269
Clones	233	212	232	33	107	140	19	73	92
Monaghan	654	635	650	70	331	401	48	201	249
Sligo	1,938	1,776	1,859	256	929	1,185	144	530	674
Sligo	1,600	1,447	1,500	222	763	985	117	398	515
Tubbercurry	338	329	359	34	166	200	27	132	159
Midland	10,150	10,171	10,543	1,228	4,647	5,875	1,032	3,636	4,668
Laoighis	1,980	1,928	2,034	252	875	1,127	194	713	907
Portllington	748	779	794	110	331	441	70	283	353
Portlaoise	921	817	882	101	381	482	80	320	400
Rathdowney	311	332	358	41	163	204	44	110	154
Longford	1,800	1,906	1,941	208	895	1,103	194	644	838
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Offaly	2,771	2,721	2,768	312	1,309	1,621	292	855	1,147
Birr	882	825	871	103	384	487	92	292	384
Edenderry	678	661	673	69	350	419	47	207	254
Tullamore	1,211	1,235	1,224	140	575	715	153	356	509
Westmeath	3,599	3,616	3,800	456	1,568	2,024	352	1,424	1,776
Athlone	1,465	1,404	1,491	183	621	804	144	543	687
Castlepollard	358	397	411	40	178	218	34	159	193
Mullingar	1,776	1,815	1,898	233	769	1,002	174	722	896
West	14,976	14,370	15,041	1,640	7,075	8,715	1,108	5,218	6,326
Galway	8,645	8,607	9,046	1,000	4,280	5,280	689	3,077	3,766
Ballinasloe	893	845	885	120	410	530	71	284	355
Clifden	756	664	683	72	328	400	54	229	283
Galway	4,871	4,811	5,095	600	2,478	3,078	419	1,598	2,017
Gort	438	482	512	41	192	233	18	261	279
Loughrea	645	720	738	70	328	398	53	287	340
Tuam	1,042	1,085	1,133	97	544	641	74	418	492

¹ Ballyconnell replaces previous office Belturbet with effect from September 2006.

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	December 2005	November 2006	December 2006	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	5,141	4,537	4,710	496	2,218	2,714	320	1,676	1,996
Achill	259	211	226	19	134	153	9	64	73
Ballina	1,409	1,281	1,295	165	654	819	102	374	476
Ballinrobe	366	364	378	29	148	177	34	167	201
Belmullet	539	445	456	41	241	282	28	146	174
Castlebar	834	711	737	83	304	387	49	301	350
Claremorris	435	381	419	28	194	222	15	182	197
Swinford	613	628	669	93	271	364	63	242	305
Westport	686	516	530	38	272	310	20	200	220
Roscommon	1,190	1,226	1,285	144	577	721	99	465	564
Boyle	339	359	376	45	157	202	28	146	174
Castlereagh	532	528	578	56	268	324	46	208	254
Roscommon	319	339	331	43	152	195	25	111	136
Southern and Eastern	108,294	102,440	107,155	12,131	52,539	64,670	7,609	34,876	42,485
Dublin	39,933	37,343	38,505	4,823	19,782	24,605	2,625	11,275	13,900
Dublin	39,933	37,343	38,505	4,823	19,782	24,605	2,625	11,275	13,900
Bishop Square	3,452	3,163	3,298	320	1,882	2,202	152	944	1,096
Cumberland Street	5,155	4,586	4,725	615	2,375	2,990	299	1,436	1,735
Navan Road	2,616	2,310	2,420	265	1,365	1,630	171	619	790
Blanchardstown	3,489	3,210	3,254	371	1,555	1,926	278	1,050	1,328
Thomas Street	2,141	2,010	2,041	227	1,245	1,472	122	447	569
Tara Street	1,157	1,087	1,121	113	632	745	49	327	376
Tallaght	3,302	3,314	3,495	576	1,728	2,304	296	895	1,191
Ballymun	1,502	1,455	1,473	259	739	998	130	345	475
Clondalkin	3,440	3,322	3,354	543	1,575	2,118	332	904	1,236
Rathfarnham	1,904	1,628	1,815	145	825	970	82	763	845
Kilbarrack	2,250	2,074	2,121	190	1,108	1,298	101	722	823
Dun Laoghaire	2,398	2,290	2,303	180	1,232	1,412	76	815	891
Balbriggan	1,324	1,343	1,431	128	682	810	81	540	621
Ballyfermot	1,242	1,214	1,226	227	620	847	107	272	379
Finglas	2,255	2,153	2,201	362	1,103	1,465	170	566	736
Coolock	2,306	2,184	2,227	302	1,116	1,418	179	630	809
Mid-East	12,092	11,945	12,449	1,267	5,836	7,103	819	4,527	5,346
Kildare	4,662	5,010	5,187	507	2,372	2,879	365	1,943	2,308
Athy	855	917	925	114	442	556	58	311	369
Maynooth	1,370	1,410	1,518	142	645	787	100	631	731
Newbridge	2,437	2,683	2,744	251	1,285	1,536	207	1,001	1,208
Meath	3,001	2,862	3,038	291	1,356	1,647	201	1,190	1,391
Kells	560	520	557	49	240	289	46	222	268
Navan	1,686	1,499	1,602	170	767	937	98	567	665
Trim	755	843	879	72	349	421	57	401	458
Wicklow	4,429	4,073	4,224	469	2,108	2,577	253	1,394	1,647
Arklow	1,273	1,195	1,248	159	596	755	77	416	493
Baltinglass	442	440	476	55	211	266	48	162	210
Bray	1,834	1,651	1,702	160	889	1,049	86	567	653
Wicklow	880	787	798	95	412	507	42	249	291
Mid-West	13,436	12,792	13,696	1,602	6,522	8,124	1,081	4,491	5,572
Clare	3,945	3,806	4,073	393	1,856	2,249	280	1,544	1,824
Ennis	2,283	2,225	2,349	247	1,031	1,278	151	920	1,071
Ennistymon	637	584	660	43	307	350	45	265	310
Kilrush	604	569	616	66	309	375	53	188	241
Tulla	421	428	448	37	209	246	31	171	202
Limerick	7,106	6,889	7,314	952	3,633	4,585	626	2,103	2,729
Kilmallock	815	819	881	105	424	529	77	275	352
Limerick	5,356	5,088	5,382	739	2,682	3,421	457	1,504	1,961
Newcastle West	935	982	1,051	108	527	635	92	324	416

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	December 2005	November 2006	December 2006	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,385	2,097	2,309	257	1,033	1,290	175	844	1,019
Nenagh	895	785	854	71	389	460	63	331	394
Roscrea	511	422	451	41	198	239	27	185	212
Thurles	979	890	1,004	145	446	591	85	328	413
South-East	20,650	19,471	20,504	2,322	9,629	11,951	1,674	6,879	8,553
Carlow	2,065	1,867	1,965	222	897	1,119	171	675	846
Bagenalstown	484	415	429	42	202	244	39	146	185
Carlow	1,123	1,008	1,066	141	505	646	86	334	420
Tullow	458	444	470	39	190	229	46	195	241
Kilkenny	2,484	2,479	2,557	308	1,263	1,571	204	782	986
Kilkenny	2,066	2,085	2,140	258	1,078	1,336	174	630	804
Thomastown	418	394	417	50	185	235	30	152	182
South Tipperary	3,238	2,841	3,006	385	1,439	1,824	274	908	1,182
Cahir	411	359	386	42	176	218	42	126	168
Carrick-on-Suir	890	886	890	89	459	548	56	286	342
Cashel	329	300	321	48	130	178	28	115	143
Clonmel	941	813	877	135	420	555	92	230	322
Tipperary	667	483	532	71	254	325	56	151	207
Waterford	6,248	5,894	6,266	751	3,035	3,786	448	2,032	2,480
Dungarvan	1,005	957	1,020	93	515	608	63	349	412
Waterford	5,243	4,937	5,246	658	2,520	3,178	385	1,683	2,068
Wexford	6,615	6,390	6,710	656	2,995	3,651	577	2,482	3,059
Enniscorthy	1,698	1,651	1,664	190	808	998	164	502	666
Gorey	1,166	1,150	1,213	129	515	644	87	482	569
New Ross	1,210	1,174	1,212	117	523	640	112	460	572
Wexford	2,541	2,415	2,621	220	1,149	1,369	214	1,038	1,252
South-West	22,183	20,889	22,001	2,117	10,770	12,887	1,410	7,704	9,114
Cork	15,533	14,561	15,208	1,516	7,551	9,067	967	5,174	6,141
Bandon	520	471	500	51	248	299	28	173	201
Bantry	322	338	347	18	137	155	17	175	192
Bantry (SWLO)	140	122	134	6	53	59	4	71	75
Carrigaline ²	712	616	608	50	306	356	23	229	252
Clonakilty	465	438	451	24	198	222	19	210	229
Cobh	388	350	361	44	162	206	36	119	155
Cork	7,408	6,906	7,169	883	3,816	4,699	502	1,968	2,470
Dunmanway	226	212	242	21	89	110	16	116	132
Fermoy	886	872	900	102	416	518	58	324	382
Kinsale	640	586	601	27	238	265	26	310	336
Macroom	434	396	443	31	215	246	26	171	197
Mallow	737	695	738	74	407	481	52	205	257
Midleton	1,108	1,028	1,028	63	487	550	69	409	478
Newmarket	432	476	514	55	241	296	29	189	218
Skibbereen	403	351	411	24	173	197	11	203	214
Youghal	712	704	761	43	365	408	51	302	353
Kerry	6,650	6,328	6,793	601	3,219	3,820	443	2,530	2,973
Cahiriveen	388	351	363	20	143	163	15	185	200
Dingle	347	282	326	22	122	144	19	163	182
Kenmare	223	256	270	12	108	120	15	135	150
Killarney	1,268	1,031	1,153	91	466	557	65	531	596
Killorglin	447	425	444	23	196	219	22	203	225
Listowel	1,027	1,013	1,139	128	595	723	102	314	416
Tralee	2,950	2,970	3,098	305	1,589	1,894	205	999	1,204
State	155,833	148,529	155,389	17,495	75,004	92,499	11,619	51,271	62,890

² Carrigaline replaces previous office Passage West with effect from November 2006.

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
2004	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
	September	5	89,810	- 1,043	62,497	- 2,418	152,307	- 3,461
	October	4	88,128	- 421	60,378	- 530	148,506	- 950
	November	4	88,583	+ 114	59,946	- 108	148,529	+ 6
	December	5	92,499	+ 783	62,890	+ 589	155,389	+ 1,372

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 Jobseekers Benefit (JB) excluding systematic short-time workers
- ◆ Applicants for Jobseekers Assistance (JA) 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 Jobseekers Assistance or Jobseekers 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	4.5
2004	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.3
2005	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.4
2006	4.4	4.4	4.5	

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 Jobseekers 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