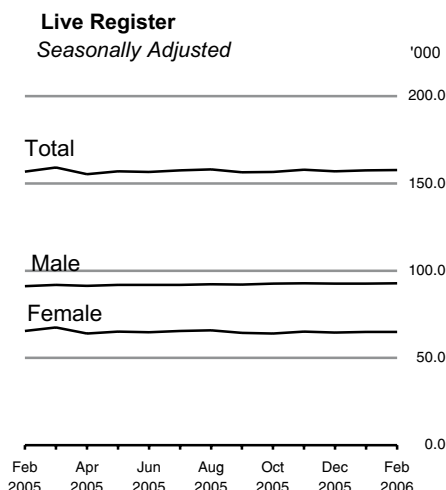




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## Live Register February 2006



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
February 2005	158,649	156,700
January 2006	160,139	157,400
February 2006	159,617	157,600
Change in month	-522	+200
Change in year	+968	+900

### Seasonally Adjusted Live Register increases by 200 in February

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

In the year to February 2006, there was an unadjusted increase of 968 (+0.6%). This compares with an unadjusted decrease of 404 (-0.3%) in the year to January 2006.

Other features include:

- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in February was 4.5%. This compares with a rate of 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 8,075 males and 13,219 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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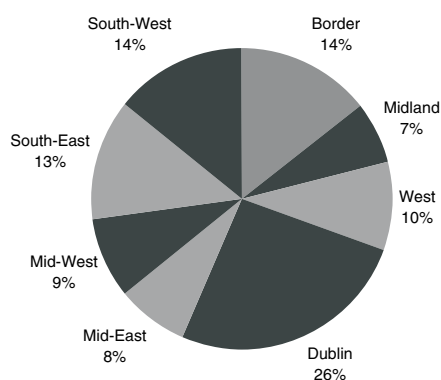
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### Live Register by Regional Authority



	February 2006	Monthly Change	Annual Change
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>48,846</b>	<b>- 208</b>	<b>- 654</b>
Border	23,064	- 24	- 814
Midland	10,598	- 165	+ 525
West	15,184	- 19	- 365
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>110,771</b>	<b>- 314</b>	<b>+ 1,622</b>
Dublin	41,054	- 49	+ 1,346
Mid-East	12,484	+ 114	+ 388
Mid-West	13,627	- 1	- 128
South-East	21,055	- 206	+ 119
South-West	22,551	- 172	- 103
<b>Total</b>	<b>159,617</b>	<b>- 522</b>	<b>+ 968</b>

### Unadjusted monthly decreases in seven regions

There was an unadjusted monthly decrease of 522 (-0.3%) on the Live Register in February 2006, which reflected decreases in seven regions and an increase in one region. The increase was in the Mid-East region (+0.9%) while the largest percentage decrease was in the Midlands (-1.5%).

Other features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males also decreased in seven regions. The increase was in the Mid-East region (+1.4%) while the largest percentage decrease was in the Midlands (-2.6%).
- ◆ The number of females increased in five regions and decreased in three regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Border (+0.7%) region. The largest percentage decrease was in the South-East region (-0.7%).
- ◆ Amongst counties, the largest percentage decreases were in Longford (-6.2%) and in Kerry (-3.3%) while the largest percentage increases were in Kildare (+1.8%) and in Tipperary North (+0.9%). *See tables 4 and 6.*

**Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register**

Category	February 2005	January 2006	February 2006	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
UB Claims	31,469	31,141	30,823	- 318	- 646
UA Applications	59,702	62,047	61,931	- 116	+ 2,229
Other Registrants	2,712	2,732	2,609	- 123	- 103
<b>Total</b>	<b>93,883</b>	<b>95,920</b>	<b>95,363</b>	<b>- 557</b>	<b>+ 1,480</b>
<b>Females</b>					
UB Claims	33,711	32,973	32,867	- 106	- 844
UA Applications	23,138	24,076	24,342	+ 266	+ 1,204
Other Registrants	7,917	7,170	7,045	- 125	- 872
<b>Total</b>	<b>64,766</b>	<b>64,219</b>	<b>64,254</b>	<b>+ 35</b>	<b>- 512</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
UB Claims	65,180	64,114	63,690	- 424	- 1,490
UA Applications	82,840	86,123	86,273	+ 150	+ 3,433
Other Registrants	10,629	9,902	9,654	- 248	- 975
<b>Total</b>	<b>158,649</b>	<b>160,139</b>	<b>159,617</b>	<b>- 522</b>	<b>+ 968</b>

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

Category	February 2005	January 2006	February 2006	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
UB Claims	5,110	5,174	5,166	- 8	+ 56
UA Applications	12,731	13,314	13,386	+ 72	+ 655
Other Registrants	43	42	38	- 4	- 5
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,884</b>	<b>18,530</b>	<b>18,590</b>	<b>+ 60</b>	<b>+ 706</b>
<b>Females</b>					
UB Claims	4,074	3,702	3,740	+ 38	- 334
UA Applications	8,932	8,959	9,111	+ 152	+ 179
Other Registrants	87	86	88	+ 2	+ 1
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,093</b>	<b>12,747</b>	<b>12,939</b>	<b>+ 192</b>	<b>- 154</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
UB Claims	9,184	8,876	8,906	+ 30	- 278
UA Applications	21,663	22,273	22,497	+ 224	+ 834
Other Registrants	130	128	126	- 2	- 4
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,977</b>	<b>31,277</b>	<b>31,529</b>	<b>+ 252</b>	<b>+ 552</b>

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

Category	February 2005	January 2006	February 2006	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
UB Claims	26,359	25,967	25,657	- 310	- 702
UA Applications	46,971	48,733	48,545	- 188	+ 1,574
Other Registrants	2,669	2,690	2,571	- 119	- 98
<b>Total</b>	<b>75,999</b>	<b>77,390</b>	<b>76,773</b>	<b>- 617</b>	<b>+ 774</b>
<b>Females</b>					
UB Claims	29,637	29,271	29,127	- 144	- 510
UA Applications	14,206	15,117	15,231	+ 114	+ 1,025
Other Registrants	7,830	7,084	6,957	- 127	- 873
<b>Total</b>	<b>51,673</b>	<b>51,472</b>	<b>51,315</b>	<b>- 157</b>	<b>- 358</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
UB Claims	55,996	55,238	54,784	- 454	- 1,212
UA Applications	61,177	63,850	63,776	- 74	+ 2,599
Other Registrants	10,499	9,774	9,528	- 246	- 971
<b>Total</b>	<b>127,672</b>	<b>128,862</b>	<b>128,088</b>	<b>- 774</b>	<b>+ 416</b>

**Table 2a Total persons on the Live Register - Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted**

	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series <sup>1</sup>		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2004	February	101,600	71,600	173,100	98,900	72,200	171,100
	March	99,700	69,200	168,900	98,700	71,700	170,400
	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

<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2004	February	19,300	14,200	33,600	18,700	14,300	33,000
	March	19,000	13,800	32,800	18,700	14,300	33,000
	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

<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2004	February	82,200	57,300	139,500	80,200	57,900	138,100
	March	80,700	55,400	136,100	80,000	57,400	137,400
	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

<sup>1</sup> Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2005 (See Background Notes).

**Table 3 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates (SUR)<sup>1</sup>**

Month	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
January <sup>2</sup>	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	
April <sup>2</sup>	4.4	3.8	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.3	
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 <sup>2</sup>	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 <sup>2</sup>	3.9	4.0	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.4 <sup>3</sup>	
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	

<sup>1</sup> Table contains revised figures.

<sup>2</sup> Benchmark Labour Force Survey/Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) estimates.

<sup>3</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>	February 2005	January 2006	February 2006	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
<b>Males</b>							
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>28,525</b>	<b>28,455</b>	<b>28,177</b>	<b>- 278</b>	<b>- 348</b>	<b>5,597</b>	<b>22,580</b>
Border	14,021	13,606	13,513	- 93	- 508	2,651	10,862
Midland	5,533	6,074	5,918	- 156	+ 385	1,312	4,606
West	8,971	8,775	8,746	- 29	- 225	1,634	7,112
<b>Southern &amp; Eastern</b>	<b>65,358</b>	<b>67,465</b>	<b>67,186</b>	<b>- 279</b>	<b>+ 1,828</b>	<b>12,993</b>	<b>54,193</b>
Dublin	25,313	26,502	26,403	- 99	+ 1,090	5,321	21,082
Mid-East	6,823	7,031	7,127	+ 96	+ 304	1,314	5,813
Mid-West	7,920	7,990	7,973	- 17	+ 53	1,585	6,388
South-East	12,235	12,507	12,365	- 142	+ 130	2,501	9,864
South-West	13,067	13,435	13,318	- 117	+ 251	2,272	11,046
<b>Total</b>	<b>93,883</b>	<b>95,920</b>	<b>95,363</b>	<b>- 557</b>	<b>+ 1,480</b>	<b>18,590</b>	<b>76,773</b>
<b>Females</b>							
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>20,975</b>	<b>20,599</b>	<b>20,669</b>	<b>+ 70</b>	<b>- 306</b>	<b>4,292</b>	<b>16,377</b>
Border	9,857	9,482	9,551	+ 69	- 306	2,020	7,531
Midland	4,540	4,689	4,680	- 9	+ 140	1,056	3,624
West	6,578	6,428	6,438	+ 10	- 140	1,216	5,222
<b>Southern &amp; Eastern</b>	<b>43,791</b>	<b>43,620</b>	<b>43,585</b>	<b>- 35</b>	<b>- 206</b>	<b>8,647</b>	<b>34,938</b>
Dublin	14,395	14,601	14,651	+ 50	+ 256	3,093	11,558
Mid-East	5,273	5,339	5,357	+ 18	+ 84	953	4,404
Mid-West	5,835	5,638	5,654	+ 16	- 181	1,152	4,502
South-East	8,701	8,754	8,690	- 64	- 11	1,798	6,892
South-West	9,587	9,288	9,233	- 55	- 354	1,651	7,582
<b>Total</b>	<b>64,766</b>	<b>64,219</b>	<b>64,254</b>	<b>+ 35</b>	<b>- 512</b>	<b>12,939</b>	<b>51,315</b>
<b>All Persons</b>							
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>49,500</b>	<b>49,054</b>	<b>48,846</b>	<b>- 208</b>	<b>- 654</b>	<b>9,889</b>	<b>38,957</b>
Border	23,878	23,088	23,064	- 24	- 814	4,671	18,393
Midland	10,073	10,763	10,598	- 165	+ 525	2,368	8,230
West	15,549	15,203	15,184	- 19	- 365	2,850	12,334
<b>Southern &amp; Eastern</b>	<b>109,149</b>	<b>111,085</b>	<b>110,771</b>	<b>- 314</b>	<b>+ 1,622</b>	<b>21,640</b>	<b>89,131</b>
Dublin	39,708	41,103	41,054	- 49	+ 1,346	8,414	32,640
Mid-East	12,096	12,370	12,484	+ 114	+ 388	2,267	10,217
Mid-West	13,755	13,628	13,627	- 1	- 128	2,737	10,890
South-East	20,936	21,261	21,055	- 206	+ 119	4,299	16,756
South-West	22,654	22,723	22,551	- 172	- 103	3,923	18,628
<b>Total</b>	<b>158,649</b>	<b>160,139</b>	<b>159,617</b>	<b>- 522</b>	<b>+ 968</b>	<b>31,529</b>	<b>128,088</b>

<sup>1</sup> The composition of the regions is described in the Background Notes.

**Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province**

Provinces	February 2005	January 2006	February 2006	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
<b>Provinces</b>							
Leinster	80,345	82,575	82,417	- 158	+ 2,072	16,706	65,711
Munster	45,926	46,116	45,812	- 304	- 114	8,612	37,200
Connacht	18,593	18,279	18,269	- 10	- 324	3,483	14,786
Ulster	13,785	13,169	13,119	- 50	- 666	2,728	10,391
<b>Total</b>	<b>158,649</b>	<b>160,139</b>	<b>159,617</b>	<b>- 522</b>	<b>+ 968</b>	<b>31,529</b>	<b>128,088</b>

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	February 2005	January 2006	February 2006	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>49,500</b>	<b>49,054</b>	<b>48,846</b>	<b>5,597</b>	<b>22,580</b>	<b>28,177</b>	<b>4,292</b>	<b>16,377</b>	<b>20,669</b>
<b>Border</b>	<b>23,878</b>	<b>23,088</b>	<b>23,064</b>	<b>2,651</b>	<b>10,862</b>	<b>13,513</b>	<b>2,020</b>	<b>7,531</b>	<b>9,551</b>
Cavan	2,165	2,293	2,280	200	1,036	1,236	173	871	1,044
Belturbet	415	489	476	42	231	273	28	175	203
Cavan	1,750	1,804	1,804	158	805	963	145	696	841
Donegal	9,304	8,780	8,744	1,094	4,106	5,200	875	2,669	3,544
Ballybofey	783	735	740	124	318	442	105	193	298
Ballyshannon	521	498	511	61	217	278	54	179	233
Buncrana	1,689	1,573	1,585	166	679	845	208	532	740
Donegal	463	437	441	54	188	242	37	162	199
Dunfanaghy	934	845	821	115	391	506	61	254	315
Dungloe	1,436	1,361	1,337	151	701	852	61	424	485
Killybegs	905	940	895	77	449	526	67	302	369
Letterkenny	2,573	2,391	2,414	346	1,163	1,509	282	623	905
Leitrim	1,037	1,132	1,135	99	511	610	87	438	525
Carrick-on-Shannon	796	835	834	83	353	436	63	335	398
Manorhamilton	241	297	301	16	158	174	24	103	127
Louth	7,049	6,843	6,860	774	3,292	4,066	536	2,258	2,794
Ardee	902	788	786	100	316	416	76	294	370
Drogheda	3,275	3,307	3,365	359	1,567	1,926	264	1,175	1,439
Dundalk	2,872	2,748	2,709	315	1,409	1,724	196	789	985
Monaghan	2,316	2,096	2,095	207	972	1,179	179	737	916
Carrickmacross	618	561	536	31	226	257	39	240	279
Castleblayney	702	628	648	64	298	362	63	223	286
Clones	290	234	231	36	116	152	15	64	79
Monaghan	706	673	680	76	332	408	62	210	272
Sligo	2,007	1,944	1,950	277	945	1,222	170	558	728
Sligo	1,678	1,601	1,613	243	788	1,031	135	447	582
Tubbercurry	329	343	337	34	157	191	35	111	146
<b>Midland</b>	<b>10,073</b>	<b>10,763</b>	<b>10,598</b>	<b>1,312</b>	<b>4,606</b>	<b>5,918</b>	<b>1,056</b>	<b>3,624</b>	<b>4,680</b>
Laoighis	2,017	2,055	2,050	261	863	1,124	218	708	926
Portarlington	779	815	818	106	313	419	95	304	399
Portlaoise	886	913	907	117	390	507	89	311	400
Rathdowney	352	327	325	38	160	198	34	93	127
Longford	1,772	2,220	2,082	242	940	1,182	207	693	900
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Offaly	2,655	2,862	2,838	331	1,285	1,616	280	942	1,222
Birr	866	916	896	101	401	502	102	292	394
Edenderry	651	677	671	67	304	371	46	254	300
Tullamore	1,138	1,269	1,271	163	580	743	132	396	528
Westmeath	3,629	3,626	3,628	478	1,518	1,996	351	1,281	1,632
Athlone	1,529	1,458	1,424	196	602	798	128	498	626
Castlepollard	372	361	357	35	160	195	34	128	162
Mullingar	1,728	1,807	1,847	247	756	1,003	189	655	844
<b>West</b>	<b>15,549</b>	<b>15,203</b>	<b>15,184</b>	<b>1,634</b>	<b>7,112</b>	<b>8,746</b>	<b>1,216</b>	<b>5,222</b>	<b>6,438</b>
Galway	8,873	8,836	8,835	1,003	4,161	5,164	754	2,917	3,671
Ballinasloe	991	906	885	126	439	565	67	253	320
Clifden	817	806	780	75	377	452	68	260	328
Galway	4,832	4,933	4,994	615	2,396	3,011	480	1,503	1,983
Gort	440	467	468	27	180	207	16	245	261
Loughrea	693	657	652	66	279	345	39	268	307
Tuam	1,100	1,067	1,056	94	490	584	84	388	472

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-continued				Males			Females		
NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	February 2005	January 2006	February 2006	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	5,375	5,144	5,135	490	2,381	2,871	365	1,899	2,264
Achill	283	269	269	23	150	173	19	77	96
Ballina	1,574	1,421	1,418	165	709	874	114	430	544
Ballinrobe	410	371	367	36	154	190	18	159	177
Belmullet	560	548	544	45	294	339	39	166	205
Castlebar	856	854	863	85	327	412	58	393	451
Claremorris	418	419	407	34	164	198	24	185	209
Swinford	671	609	622	71	269	340	62	220	282
Westport	603	653	645	31	314	345	31	269	300
Roscommon	1,301	1,223	1,214	141	570	711	97	406	503
Boyle	335	349	343	37	165	202	19	122	141
Castlerea	612	541	539	57	258	315	46	178	224
Roscommon	354	333	332	47	147	194	32	106	138
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>109,149</b>	<b>111,085</b>	<b>110,771</b>	<b>12,993</b>	<b>54,193</b>	<b>67,186</b>	<b>8,647</b>	<b>34,938</b>	<b>43,585</b>
<b>Dublin</b>	<b>39,708</b>	<b>41,103</b>	<b>41,054</b>	<b>5,321</b>	<b>21,082</b>	<b>26,403</b>	<b>3,093</b>	<b>11,558</b>	<b>14,651</b>
Dublin	39,708	41,103	41,054	5,321	21,082	26,403	3,093	11,558	14,651
Bishop Square	3,656	3,432	3,468	370	1,952	2,322	223	923	1,146
Cumberland Street	5,135	5,237	5,258	663	2,729	3,392	369	1,497	1,866
Navan Road	2,581	2,651	2,634	330	1,502	1,832	183	619	802
Blanchardstown	3,267	3,679	3,725	445	1,745	2,190	317	1,218	1,535
Thomas Street	2,251	2,219	2,240	276	1,294	1,570	166	504	670
Tara Street	1,181	1,153	1,151	111	655	766	67	318	385
Tallaght	3,184	3,503	3,458	605	1,698	2,303	347	808	1,155
Ballymun	1,477	1,562	1,528	288	750	1,038	134	356	490
Clondalkin	3,043	3,630	3,700	589	1,719	2,308	375	1,017	1,392
Rathfarnham	1,835	1,813	1,788	171	871	1,042	73	673	746
Kilbarrack	2,462	2,320	2,278	212	1,220	1,432	114	732	846
Dun Laoghaire	2,576	2,471	2,418	207	1,246	1,453	84	881	965
Balbriggan	1,187	1,364	1,368	129	676	805	81	482	563
Ballyfermot	1,273	1,338	1,353	249	666	915	159	279	438
Finglas	2,168	2,307	2,264	343	1,144	1,487	189	588	777
Coolock	2,432	2,424	2,423	333	1,215	1,548	212	663	875
<b>Mid-East</b>	<b>12,096</b>	<b>12,370</b>	<b>12,484</b>	<b>1,314</b>	<b>5,813</b>	<b>7,127</b>	<b>953</b>	<b>4,404</b>	<b>5,357</b>
Kildare	4,452	4,817	4,903	520	2,203	2,723	429	1,751	2,180
Athy	822	880	896	106	426	532	83	281	364
Maynooth	1,410	1,399	1,448	153	594	747	111	590	701
Newbridge	2,220	2,538	2,559	261	1,183	1,444	235	880	1,115
Meath	3,125	3,044	3,068	292	1,381	1,673	218	1,177	1,395
Kells	594	549	555	44	255	299	49	207	256
Navan	1,789	1,732	1,754	184	832	1,016	115	623	738
Trim	742	763	759	64	294	358	54	347	401
Wicklow	4,519	4,509	4,513	502	2,229	2,731	306	1,476	1,782
Arklow	1,308	1,296	1,297	170	640	810	94	393	487
Baltinglass	461	469	462	56	189	245	54	163	217
Bray	1,905	1,839	1,853	171	927	1,098	102	653	755
Wicklow	845	905	901	105	473	578	56	267	323
<b>Mid-West</b>	<b>13,755</b>	<b>13,628</b>	<b>13,627</b>	<b>1,585</b>	<b>6,388</b>	<b>7,973</b>	<b>1,152</b>	<b>4,502</b>	<b>5,654</b>
Clare	3,984	4,063	4,007	358	1,770	2,128	307	1,572	1,879
Ennis	2,349	2,371	2,335	234	1,017	1,251	172	912	1,084
Ennistymon	639	660	649	38	278	316	58	275	333
Kilrush	594	614	612	61	284	345	57	210	267
Tulla	402	418	411	25	191	216	20	175	195
Limerick	7,241	7,170	7,204	951	3,541	4,492	657	2,055	2,712
Kilmallock	818	782	811	92	412	504	72	235	307
Limerick	5,475	5,426	5,431	774	2,668	3,442	498	1,491	1,989
Newcastle West	948	962	962	85	461	546	87	329	416



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-continued	Males						Females		
NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/Local Office	February 2005	January 2006	February 2006	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,530	2,395	2,416	276	1,077	1,353	188	875	1,063
Nenagh	985	889	876	73	406	479	46	351	397
Roscrea	531	512	524	60	218	278	48	198	246
Thurles	1,014	994	1,016	143	453	596	94	326	420
South-East	20,936	21,261	21,055	2,501	9,864	12,365	1,798	6,892	8,690
Carlow	2,272	2,082	2,075	283	902	1,185	198	692	890
Bagenalstown	588	490	477	54	213	267	44	166	210
Carlow	1,211	1,134	1,126	167	498	665	113	348	461
Tullow	473	458	472	62	191	253	41	178	219
Kilkenny	2,524	2,519	2,514	313	1,207	1,520	205	789	994
Kilkenny	2,111	2,106	2,086	260	1,020	1,280	171	635	806
Thomastown	413	413	428	53	187	240	34	154	188
South Tipperary	3,465	3,405	3,319	439	1,584	2,023	274	1,022	1,296
Cahir	445	448	407	40	202	242	35	130	165
Carrick-on-Suir	910	925	958	100	486	586	65	307	372
Cashel	370	362	345	45	150	195	27	123	150
Clonmel	1,100	996	941	131	458	589	81	271	352
Tipperary	640	674	668	123	288	411	66	191	257
Waterford	6,052	6,360	6,315	757	3,122	3,879	482	1,954	2,436
Dungarvan	867	1,033	1,026	88	523	611	66	349	415
Waterford	5,185	5,327	5,289	669	2,599	3,268	416	1,605	2,021
Wexford	6,623	6,895	6,832	709	3,049	3,758	639	2,435	3,074
Enniscorthy	1,733	1,718	1,728	225	772	997	196	535	731
Gorey	1,181	1,201	1,193	113	537	650	93	450	543
New Ross	1,091	1,250	1,256	121	575	696	116	444	560
Wexford	2,618	2,726	2,655	250	1,165	1,415	234	1,006	1,240
South-West	22,654	22,723	22,551	2,272	11,046	13,318	1,651	7,582	9,233
Cork	15,851	15,904	15,954	1,682	8,012	9,694	1,169	5,091	6,260
Bandon	512	521	502	54	244	298	26	178	204
Bantry	396	330	338	12	138	150	14	174	188
Bantry (SWLO)	196	141	157	4	64	68	6	83	89
Clonakilty	466	478	484	26	205	231	29	224	253
Cobh	429	383	385	50	183	233	36	116	152
Cork	7,519	7,681	7,727	1,012	4,208	5,220	654	1,853	2,507
Dunmanway	207	221	222	20	88	108	17	97	114
Fermoy	869	877	892	95	425	520	58	314	372
Kinsale	620	641	636	33	261	294	29	313	342
Macroom	442	390	385	27	172	199	19	167	186
Mallow	764	795	822	95	414	509	70	243	313
Midleton	1,091	1,155	1,134	84	528	612	74	448	522
Newmarket	488	451	451	47	234	281	24	146	170
Passage West	755	718	711	60	357	417	44	250	294
Skibbereen	405	401	413	27	163	190	16	207	223
Youghal	692	721	695	36	328	364	53	278	331
Kerry	6,803	6,819	6,597	590	3,034	3,624	482	2,491	2,973
Cahirciveen	424	391	384	19	150	169	16	199	215
Dingle	371	374	352	14	134	148	16	188	204
Kenmare	236	267	242	13	88	101	11	130	141
Killarney	1,240	1,329	1,221	91	481	572	94	555	649
Killorglin	478	459	445	31	176	207	29	209	238
Listowel	1,049	1,005	961	119	500	619	76	266	342
Tralee	3,005	2,994	2,992	303	1,505	1,808	240	944	1,184
State	158,649	160,139	159,617	18,590	76,773	95,363	12,939	51,315	64,254

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

		Males		Females		Total	
		Live Register	Average net weekly change	Live Register	Average net weekly change	Live Register	Average net weekly change
Number of weeks							
2004	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		
	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		

## 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

<b>Border</b>	Cavan
	Donegal
	Leitrim
	Louth
	Monaghan
	Sligo
<b>Midland</b>	Laoighis
	Longford
	Offaly
	Westmeath
<b>West</b>	Galway City
	Galway County
	Mayo
	Roscommon

### Southern and Eastern NUTS2 Region

<b>Dublin</b>	Dublin
	Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown
	Fingal
	South Dublin
<b>Mid-East</b>	Kildare
	Meath
	Wicklow
<b>Mid-West</b>	Clare
	Limerick City
	Limerick County
	North Tipperary
<b>South-East</b>	Carlow
	Kilkenny
	South Tipperary
	Waterford City
	Waterford County
	Wexford
<b>South-West</b>	Cork City
	Cork County
	Kerry