

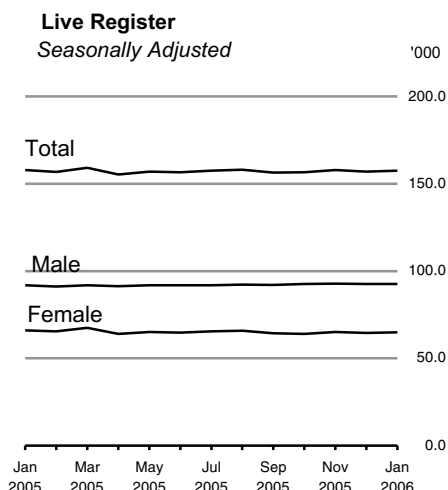


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## Live Register

### January 2006



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
January 2005	160,543	157,800
December 2005	155,833	157,000
January 2006	160,139	157,400
Change in month	+4,306	+400
Change in year	-404	-400

### Seasonally Adjusted Live Register increases by 400 in January

The seasonally adjusted Live Register total increased slightly from 157,000 in December to 157,400 in January, an increase of 400. This compares with a corresponding decrease of 2,000 in January 2005. *See table 2a and graph opposite.*

In the year to January 2006, there was an unadjusted decrease of 404 (-0.3%). This compares with an unadjusted decrease of 2,983 (-1.9%) in the year to December 2005.

Other features include:

- ◆ The monthly increase in the Seasonally Adjusted series was made up of an increase of 100 males and 400 females. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in January was 4.3%, the same rate as recorded in July 2005, based on the Quarterly National Household Survey. *See table 3 and background notes.*
- ◆ In the month, the estimated number of casual and part-time workers on the Live Register was 7,795 males and 12,726 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 June to August 2005, is 88,600 persons unemployed.

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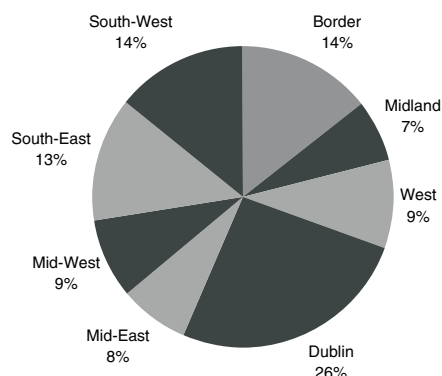
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### Live Register by Regional Authority



	January 2006	Monthly Change	Annual Change
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>49,054</b>	<b>+ 1,515</b>	<b>- 1,207</b>
Border	23,088	+ 675	- 1,274
Midland	10,763	+ 613	+ 608
West	15,203	+ 227	- 541
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>111,085</b>	<b>+ 2,791</b>	<b>+ 803</b>
Dublin	41,103	+ 1,170	+ 1,230
Mid-East	12,370	+ 278	+ 224
Mid-West	13,628	+ 192	- 332
South-East	21,261	+ 611	+ 63
South-West	22,723	+ 540	- 382
<b>Total</b>	<b>160,139</b>	<b>+ 4,306</b>	<b>- 404</b>

### Unadjusted monthly increases in all regions

There was an unadjusted monthly increase of 4,306 (2.8%) on the Live Register in January 2006, which reflected increases in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Midlands (+6.0%).

Other features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males increased in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Midlands (+7.8%). The smallest increase was in the West region (+2.5%).
- ◆ The number of females increased in seven regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Midlands (+3.9%). There was a decrease in the Mid-West region (-1.2%).
- ◆ Amongst counties, the largest percentage increases were in Longford (+23.3%) and in Louth (+5.6%). *See tables 4 and 6.*

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

Category	January 2005	December 2005	January 2006	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
UB Claims	32,482	28,949	31,141	+ 2,192	- 1,341
UA Applications	59,866	60,665	62,047	+ 1,382	+ 2,181
Other Registrants	2,859	2,778	2,732	- 46	- 127
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,207</b>	<b>92,392</b>	<b>95,920</b>	<b>+ 3,528</b>	<b>+ 713</b>
<b>Females</b>					
UB Claims	33,894	32,779	32,973	+ 194	- 921
UA Applications	23,186	23,261	24,076	+ 815	+ 890
Other Registrants	8,256	7,401	7,170	- 231	- 1,086
<b>Total</b>	<b>65,336</b>	<b>63,441</b>	<b>64,219</b>	<b>+ 778</b>	<b>- 1,117</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
UB Claims	66,376	61,728	64,114	+ 2,386	- 2,262
UA Applications	83,052	83,926	86,123	+ 2,197	+ 3,071
Other Registrants	11,115	10,179	9,902	- 277	- 1,213
<b>Total</b>	<b>160,543</b>	<b>155,833</b>	<b>160,139</b>	<b>+ 4,306</b>	<b>- 404</b>

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

Category	January 2005	December 2005	January 2006	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
UB Claims	5,274	4,467	5,174	+ 707	- 100
UA Applications	12,620	12,822	13,314	+ 492	+ 694
Other Registrants	52	33	42	+ 9	- 10
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,946</b>	<b>17,322</b>	<b>18,530</b>	<b>+ 1,208</b>	<b>+ 584</b>
<b>Females</b>					
UB Claims	4,082	3,116	3,702	+ 586	- 380
UA Applications	8,909	8,476	8,959	+ 483	+ 50
Other Registrants	109	80	86	+ 6	- 23
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,100</b>	<b>11,672</b>	<b>12,747</b>	<b>+ 1,075</b>	<b>- 353</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
UB Claims	9,356	7,583	8,876	+ 1,293	- 480
UA Applications	21,529	21,298	22,273	+ 975	+ 744
Other Registrants	161	113	128	+ 15	- 33
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,046</b>	<b>28,994</b>	<b>31,277</b>	<b>+ 2,283</b>	<b>+ 231</b>

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

Category	January 2005	December 2005	January 2006	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
UB Claims	27,208	24,482	25,967	+ 1,485	- 1,241
UA Applications	47,246	47,843	48,733	+ 890	+ 1,487
Other Registrants	2,807	2,745	2,690	- 55	- 117
<b>Total</b>	<b>77,261</b>	<b>75,070</b>	<b>77,390</b>	<b>+ 2,320</b>	<b>+ 129</b>
<b>Females</b>					
UB Claims	29,812	29,663	29,271	- 392	- 541
UA Applications	14,277	14,785	15,117	+ 332	+ 840
Other Registrants	8,147	7,321	7,084	- 237	- 1,063
<b>Total</b>	<b>52,236</b>	<b>51,769</b>	<b>51,472</b>	<b>- 297</b>	<b>- 764</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
UB Claims	57,020	54,145	55,238	+ 1,093	- 1,782
UA Applications	61,523	62,628	63,850	+ 1,222	+ 2,327
Other Registrants	10,954	10,066	9,774	- 292	- 1,180
<b>Total</b>	<b>129,497</b>	<b>126,839</b>	<b>128,862</b>	<b>+ 2,023</b>	<b>- 635</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	January	102,500	72,000	174,500	99,100	72,600	171,700
	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

<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	January	19,500	14,200	33,800	18,700	14,400	33,100
	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

<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	January	83,000	57,800	140,800	80,400	58,200	138,600
	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

<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	4.3
February	4.7	3.7	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.3	
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	4.5	4.5	4.4	
June	4.1	3.9	4.3	4.7	4.4	4.3	
July <sup>2</sup>	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.8	4.4	4.3 <sup>3</sup>	
August	4.0	3.9	4.4	4.7	4.4	4.3	
September	3.9	3.9	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.3	
October <sup>2</sup>	3.9	4.0	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.3	
November	3.9	4.2	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.3	
December	3.8	4.3	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.3	
Annual average	4.2	3.9	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.3	

<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: June - August 2005, 4.3%.

**Table 4 Persons on the Live Register classified by Region**

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions <sup>1</sup>	January 2005	December 2005	January 2006	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
<b>Males</b>							
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>29,103</b>	<b>27,411</b>	<b>28,455</b>	<b>+ 1,044</b>	<b>- 648</b>	<b>5,549</b>	<b>22,906</b>
Border	14,360	13,214	13,606	+ 392	- 754	2,643	10,963
Midland	5,610	5,635	6,074	+ 439	+ 464	1,310	4,764
West	9,133	8,562	8,775	+ 213	- 358	1,596	7,179
<b>Southern &amp; Eastern</b>	<b>66,104</b>	<b>64,981</b>	<b>67,465</b>	<b>+ 2,484</b>	<b>+ 1,361</b>	<b>12,981</b>	<b>54,484</b>
Dublin	25,346	25,425	26,502	+ 1,077	+ 1,156	5,318	21,184
Mid-East	6,834	6,778	7,031	+ 253	+ 197	1,286	5,745
Mid-West	8,108	7,732	7,990	+ 258	- 118	1,571	6,419
South-East	12,405	11,963	12,507	+ 544	+ 102	2,553	9,954
South-West	13,411	13,083	13,435	+ 352	+ 24	2,253	11,182
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,207</b>	<b>92,392</b>	<b>95,920</b>	<b>+ 3,528</b>	<b>+ 713</b>	<b>18,530</b>	<b>77,390</b>
<b>Females</b>							
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>21,158</b>	<b>20,128</b>	<b>20,599</b>	<b>+ 471</b>	<b>- 559</b>	<b>4,202</b>	<b>16,397</b>
Border	10,002	9,199	9,482	+ 283	- 520	1,964	7,518
Midland	4,545	4,515	4,689	+ 174	+ 144	1,061	3,628
West	6,611	6,414	6,428	+ 14	- 183	1,177	5,251
<b>Southern &amp; Eastern</b>	<b>44,178</b>	<b>43,313</b>	<b>43,620</b>	<b>+ 307</b>	<b>- 558</b>	<b>8,545</b>	<b>35,075</b>
Dublin	14,527	14,508	14,601	+ 93	+ 74	3,027	11,574
Mid-East	5,312	5,314	5,339	+ 25	+ 27	948	4,391
Mid-West	5,852	5,704	5,638	- 66	- 214	1,120	4,518
South-East	8,793	8,687	8,754	+ 67	- 39	1,802	6,952
South-West	9,694	9,100	9,288	+ 188	- 406	1,648	7,640
<b>Total</b>	<b>65,336</b>	<b>63,441</b>	<b>64,219</b>	<b>+ 778</b>	<b>- 1,117</b>	<b>12,747</b>	<b>51,472</b>
<b>All Persons</b>							
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>50,261</b>	<b>47,539</b>	<b>49,054</b>	<b>+ 1,515</b>	<b>- 1,207</b>	<b>9,751</b>	<b>39,303</b>
Border	24,362	22,413	23,088	+ 675	- 1,274	4,607	18,481
Midland	10,155	10,150	10,763	+ 613	+ 608	2,371	8,392
West	15,744	14,976	15,203	+ 227	- 541	2,773	12,430
<b>Southern &amp; Eastern</b>	<b>110,282</b>	<b>108,294</b>	<b>111,085</b>	<b>+ 2,791</b>	<b>+ 803</b>	<b>21,526</b>	<b>89,559</b>
Dublin	39,873	39,933	41,103	+ 1,170	+ 1,230	8,345	32,758
Mid-East	12,146	12,092	12,370	+ 278	+ 224	2,234	10,136
Mid-West	13,960	13,436	13,628	+ 192	- 332	2,691	10,937
South-East	21,198	20,650	21,261	+ 611	+ 63	4,355	16,906
South-West	23,105	22,183	22,723	+ 540	- 382	3,901	18,822
<b>Total</b>	<b>160,543</b>	<b>155,833</b>	<b>160,139</b>	<b>+ 4,306</b>	<b>- 404</b>	<b>31,277</b>	<b>128,862</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	January 2005	December 2005	January 2006	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
<b>Provinces</b>							
Leinster	80,969	79,819	82,575	+ 2,756	+ 1,606	16,617	65,958
Munster	46,587	45,105	46,116	+ 1,011	- 471	8,578	37,538
Connacht	18,891	18,023	18,279	+ 256	- 612	3,402	14,877
Ulster	14,096	12,886	13,169	+ 283	- 927	2,680	10,489
<b>Total</b>	<b>160,543</b>	<b>155,833</b>	<b>160,139</b>	<b>+ 4,306</b>	<b>- 404</b>	<b>31,277</b>	<b>128,862</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	January 2005	December 2005	January 2006	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>50,261</b>	<b>47,539</b>	<b>49,054</b>	<b>5,549</b>	<b>22,906</b>	<b>28,455</b>	<b>4,202</b>	<b>16,397</b>	<b>20,599</b>
<b>Border</b>	<b>24,362</b>	<b>22,413</b>	<b>23,088</b>	<b>2,643</b>	<b>10,963</b>	<b>13,606</b>	<b>1,964</b>	<b>7,518</b>	<b>9,482</b>
Cavan	2,154	2,211	2,293	199	1,040	1,239	177	877	1,054
Belturbet	429	458	489	42	239	281	32	176	208
Cavan	1,725	1,753	1,804	157	801	958	145	701	846
Donegal	9,590	8,637	8,780	1,088	4,200	5,288	839	2,653	3,492
Ballybofey	801	729	735	123	309	432	108	195	303
Ballyshannon	559	487	498	58	222	280	50	168	218
Buncrana	1,754	1,555	1,573	168	683	851	192	530	722
Donegal	476	421	437	52	197	249	34	154	188
Dunfanaghy	954	836	845	119	409	528	62	255	317
Dungloe	1,455	1,368	1,361	157	720	877	60	424	484
Killybegs	1,009	895	940	74	490	564	71	305	376
Letterkenny	2,582	2,346	2,391	337	1,170	1,507	262	622	884
Leitrim	1,062	1,109	1,132	105	508	613	87	432	519
Carrick-on-Shannon	801	810	835	86	347	433	65	337	402
Manorhamilton	261	299	297	19	161	180	22	95	117
Louth	7,119	6,480	6,843	786	3,294	4,080	512	2,251	2,763
Ardee	881	783	788	104	320	424	72	292	364
Drogheda	3,330	3,116	3,307	363	1,543	1,906	243	1,158	1,401
Dundalk	2,908	2,581	2,748	319	1,431	1,750	197	801	998
Monaghan	2,352	2,038	2,096	191	986	1,177	186	733	919
Carrickmacross	633	546	561	26	244	270	39	252	291
Castleblayney	716	605	628	59	294	353	63	212	275
Clones	292	233	234	35	113	148	20	66	86
Monaghan	711	654	673	71	335	406	64	203	267
Sligo	2,085	1,938	1,944	274	935	1,209	163	572	735
Sligo	1,744	1,600	1,601	236	777	1,013	127	461	588
Tubbercurry	341	338	343	38	158	196	36	111	147
<b>Midland</b>	<b>10,155</b>	<b>10,150</b>	<b>10,763</b>	<b>1,310</b>	<b>4,764</b>	<b>6,074</b>	<b>1,061</b>	<b>3,628</b>	<b>4,689</b>
Laoighis	2,052	1,980	2,055	264	903	1,167	218	670	888
Portarlington	781	748	815	105	324	429	89	297	386
Portlaoise	914	921	913	124	407	531	94	288	382
Rathdowney	357	311	327	35	172	207	35	85	120
Longford	1,769	1,800	2,220	247	1,022	1,269	213	738	951
Longford	1,769	1,800	2,220	247	1,022	1,269	213	738	951
Offaly	2,675	2,771	2,862	341	1,299	1,640	282	940	1,222
Birr	887	882	916	103	418	521	104	291	395
Edenderry	638	678	677	70	303	373	48	256	304
Tullamore	1,150	1,211	1,269	168	578	746	130	393	523
Westmeath	3,659	3,599	3,626	458	1,540	1,998	348	1,280	1,628
Athlone	1,556	1,465	1,458	181	636	817	131	510	641
Castlepollard	377	358	361	39	165	204	34	123	157
Mullingar	1,726	1,776	1,807	238	739	977	183	647	830
<b>West</b>	<b>15,744</b>	<b>14,976</b>	<b>15,203</b>	<b>1,596</b>	<b>7,179</b>	<b>8,775</b>	<b>1,177</b>	<b>5,251</b>	<b>6,428</b>
Galway	8,922	8,645	8,836	962	4,201	5,163	745	2,928	3,673
Ballinasloe	1,022	893	906	121	453	574	72	260	332
Clifden	844	756	806	80	385	465	70	271	341
Galway	4,813	4,871	4,933	584	2,403	2,987	456	1,490	1,946
Gort	435	438	467	28	179	207	18	242	260
Loughrea	701	645	657	61	289	350	45	262	307
Tuam	1,107	1,042	1,067	88	492	580	84	403	487

**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	January 2005	December 2005	January 2006	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	5,495	5,141	5,144	498	2,399	2,897	341	1,906	2,247
Achill	303	259	269	25	146	171	20	78	98
Ballina	1,632	1,409	1,421	168	722	890	99	432	531
Ballinrobe	402	366	371	37	155	192	21	158	179
Belmullet	545	539	548	48	294	342	38	168	206
Castlebar	892	834	854	75	333	408	52	394	446
Claremorris	412	435	419	39	167	206	21	192	213
Swinford	673	613	609	70	264	334	60	215	275
Westport	636	686	653	36	318	354	30	269	299
Roscommon	1,327	1,190	1,223	136	579	715	91	417	508
Boyle	352	339	349	35	161	196	22	131	153
Castlerea	614	532	541	57	260	317	48	176	224
Roscommon	361	319	333	44	158	202	21	110	131
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>110,282</b>	<b>108,294</b>	<b>111,085</b>	<b>12,981</b>	<b>54,484</b>	<b>67,465</b>	<b>8,545</b>	<b>35,075</b>	<b>43,620</b>
<b>Dublin</b>	<b>39,873</b>	<b>39,933</b>	<b>41,103</b>	<b>5,318</b>	<b>21,184</b>	<b>26,502</b>	<b>3,027</b>	<b>11,574</b>	<b>14,601</b>
Dublin	39,873	39,933	41,103	5,318	21,184	26,502	3,027	11,574	14,601
Bishop Square	3,681	3,452	3,432	381	1,937	2,318	212	902	1,114
Cumberland Street	5,150	5,155	5,237	649	2,726	3,375	355	1,507	1,862
Navan Road	2,605	2,616	2,651	330	1,529	1,859	177	615	792
Blanchardstown	3,290	3,489	3,679	460	1,727	2,187	292	1,200	1,492
Thomas Street	2,189	2,141	2,219	252	1,295	1,547	159	513	672
Tara Street	1,174	1,157	1,153	120	658	778	56	319	375
Tallaght	3,214	3,302	3,503	622	1,700	2,322	361	820	1,181
Ballymun	1,473	1,502	1,562	294	765	1,059	141	362	503
Clondalkin	2,987	3,440	3,630	550	1,701	2,251	361	1,018	1,379
Rathfarnham	1,868	1,904	1,813	178	884	1,062	85	666	751
Kilbarrack	2,479	2,250	2,320	217	1,224	1,441	120	759	879
Dun Laoghaire	2,611	2,398	2,471	221	1,301	1,522	83	866	949
Balbriggan	1,238	1,324	1,364	117	678	795	73	496	569
Ballyfermot	1,256	1,242	1,338	235	670	905	151	282	433
Finglas	2,165	2,255	2,307	341	1,166	1,507	191	609	800
Coolock	2,493	2,306	2,424	351	1,223	1,574	210	640	850
<b>Mid-East</b>	<b>12,146</b>	<b>12,092</b>	<b>12,370</b>	<b>1,286</b>	<b>5,745</b>	<b>7,031</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>4,391</b>	<b>5,339</b>
Kildare	4,430	4,662	4,817	501	2,133	2,634	424	1,759	2,183
Athy	835	855	880	97	423	520	81	279	360
Maynooth	1,409	1,370	1,399	140	590	730	106	563	669
Newbridge	2,186	2,437	2,538	264	1,120	1,384	237	917	1,154
Meath	3,141	3,001	3,044	286	1,364	1,650	214	1,180	1,394
Kells	602	560	549	45	249	294	49	206	255
Navan	1,792	1,686	1,732	182	810	992	114	626	740
Trim	747	755	763	59	305	364	51	348	399
Wicklow	4,575	4,429	4,509	499	2,248	2,747	310	1,452	1,762
Arklow	1,335	1,273	1,296	168	645	813	101	382	483
Baltinglass	453	442	469	53	187	240	57	172	229
Bray	1,948	1,834	1,839	170	935	1,105	101	633	734
Wicklow	839	880	905	108	481	589	51	265	316
<b>Mid-West</b>	<b>13,960</b>	<b>13,436</b>	<b>13,628</b>	<b>1,571</b>	<b>6,419</b>	<b>7,990</b>	<b>1,120</b>	<b>4,518</b>	<b>5,638</b>
Clare	3,993	3,945	4,063	373	1,812	2,185	300	1,578	1,878
Ennis	2,360	2,283	2,371	245	1,047	1,292	164	915	1,079
Ennistymon	641	637	660	42	285	327	57	276	333
Kilrush	600	604	614	57	281	338	62	214	276
Tulla	392	421	418	29	199	228	17	173	190
Limerick	7,273	7,106	7,170	918	3,535	4,453	646	2,071	2,717
Kilmallock	838	815	782	93	389	482	78	222	300
Limerick	5,516	5,356	5,426	741	2,675	3,416	482	1,528	2,010
Newcastle West	919	935	962	84	471	555	86	321	407



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

-continued NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	Males					Females			
	January 2005	December 2005	January 2006	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,694	2,385	2,395	280	1,072	1,352	174	869	1,043
Nenagh	1,078	895	889	71	409	480	48	361	409
Roscrea	557	511	512	64	216	280	43	189	232
Thurles	1,059	979	994	145	447	592	83	319	402
<b>South-East</b>	<b>21,198</b>	<b>20,650</b>	<b>21,261</b>	<b>2,553</b>	<b>9,954</b>	<b>12,507</b>	<b>1,802</b>	<b>6,952</b>	<b>8,754</b>
Carlow	2,272	2,065	2,082	287	919	1,206	188	688	876
Bagenalstown	584	484	490	59	224	283	45	162	207
Carlow	1,202	1,123	1,134	165	518	683	106	345	451
Tullow	486	458	458	63	177	240	37	181	218
Kilkenny	2,548	2,484	2,519	312	1,213	1,525	210	784	994
Callan <sup>1</sup>	245	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kilkenny	1,894	2,066	2,106	255	1,032	1,287	178	641	819
Thomastown	409	418	413	57	181	238	32	143	175
South Tipperary	3,532	3,238	3,405	459	1,649	2,108	265	1,032	1,297
Cahir	491	411	448	49	230	279	32	137	169
Carrick-on-Suir	914	890	925	98	477	575	63	287	350
Cashel	369	329	362	48	160	208	27	127	154
Clonmel	1,107	941	996	145	484	629	79	288	367
Tipperary	651	667	674	119	298	417	64	193	257
Waterford	5,990	6,248	6,360	764	3,124	3,888	498	1,974	2,472
Dungarvan	886	1,005	1,033	95	518	613	69	351	420
Waterford	5,104	5,243	5,327	669	2,606	3,275	429	1,623	2,052
Wexford	6,856	6,615	6,895	731	3,049	3,780	641	2,474	3,115
Enniscorthy	1,760	1,698	1,718	229	767	996	200	522	722
Gorey	1,176	1,166	1,201	116	544	660	100	441	541
New Ross	1,117	1,210	1,250	135	560	695	112	443	555
Wexford	2,803	2,541	2,726	251	1,178	1,429	229	1,068	1,297
<b>South-West</b>	<b>23,105</b>	<b>22,183</b>	<b>22,723</b>	<b>2,253</b>	<b>11,182</b>	<b>13,435</b>	<b>1,648</b>	<b>7,640</b>	<b>9,288</b>
Cork	16,134	15,533	15,904	1,649	8,015	9,664	1,142	5,098	6,240
Bandon	532	520	521	59	250	309	34	178	212
Bantry	387	322	330	15	133	148	19	163	182
Bantry (SWLO)	201	140	141	5	59	64	4	73	77
Clonakilty	466	465	478	26	204	230	28	220	248
Cobh	436	388	383	48	190	238	29	116	145
Cork	7,748	7,408	7,681	974	4,183	5,157	628	1,896	2,524
Dunmanway	204	226	221	22	90	112	18	91	109
Fermoy	865	886	877	88	422	510	57	310	367
Kinsale	626	640	641	36	260	296	32	313	345
Macroon	429	434	390	21	187	208	19	163	182
Mallow	783	737	795	86	401	487	75	233	308
Midleton	1,121	1,108	1,155	91	545	636	64	455	519
Newmarket	495	432	451	45	224	269	24	158	182
Passage West	740	712	718	59	366	425	44	249	293
Skibbereen	411	403	401	31	157	188	16	197	213
Youghal	690	712	721	43	344	387	51	283	334
Kerry	6,971	6,650	6,819	604	3,167	3,771	506	2,542	3,048
Cahirciveen	430	388	391	20	154	174	18	199	217
Dingle	399	347	374	15	137	152	21	201	222
Kenmare	244	223	267	11	99	110	19	138	157
Killarney	1,284	1,268	1,329	100	525	625	107	597	704
Killorglin	489	447	459	27	181	208	30	221	251
Listowel	1,074	1,027	1,005	128	531	659	74	272	346
Tralee	3,051	2,950	2,994	303	1,540	1,843	237	914	1,151
<b>State</b>	<b>160,543</b>	<b>155,833</b>	<b>160,139</b>	<b>18,530</b>	<b>77,390</b>	<b>95,920</b>	<b>12,747</b>	<b>51,472</b>	<b>64,219</b>

<sup>1</sup> The register of the Callan Branch Office is included with the Kilkenny Local Office register with effect from February 2005.

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

		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	January	5	102,527 + 675	72,002 + 110	174,529 + 785		
	February	4	101,561 - 242	71,566 - 109	173,127 - 351		
	March	4	99,692 - 467	69,188 - 595	168,880 - 1,062		
	April	5	97,089 - 521	67,571 - 323	164,660 - 844		
	May	4	95,122 - 492	66,850 - 180	161,972 - 672		
	June	4	96,646 + 381	72,306 + 1,364	168,952 + 1,745		
	July	5	98,134 + 298	79,367 + 1,412	177,501 + 1,710		
	August	4	97,216 - 230	78,600 - 192	175,816 - 421		
	September	4	92,629 - 1,147	67,837 - 2,691	160,466 - 3,838		
	October	5	90,133 - 499	65,343 - 499	155,476 - 998		
	November	4	89,303 - 208	62,663 - 670	151,966 - 878		
	December	5	92,707 + 681	66,109 + 689	158,816 + 1,370		
2005	January	4	95,207 + 625	65,336 - 193	160,543 + 432		
	February	4	93,883 - 331	64,766 - 143	158,649 - 474		
	March	4	92,786 - 274	64,889 + 31	157,675 - 244		
	April	5	90,623 - 433	60,996 - 779	151,619 - 1,211		
	May	4	89,780 - 211	61,046 + 13	150,826 - 198		
	June	4	92,145 + 591	67,155 + 1,527	159,300 + 2,119		
	July	5	94,124 + 396	74,385 + 1,446	168,509 + 1,842		
	August	4	94,672 + 137	74,721 + 84	169,393 + 221		
	September	5	90,179 - 899	63,156 - 2,313	153,335 - 3,212		
	October	4	88,749 - 358	60,895 - 565	149,644 - 923		
	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		

## Background Notes

**Source and scope of the Live Register** The Live Register is compiled from returns made directly to the Central Statistics Office by each local office of the Department of Social and Family Affairs. It comprises persons under 65 years of age in the following classes:

- ◆ All Claimants for Unemployment Benefit (UB) excluding systematic short-time workers
- ◆ Applicants for Unemployment Assistance (UA) excluding smallholders/farm assists and other self-employed persons
- ◆ Other registrants including applicants for credited Social Welfare contributions but excluding those directly involved in an industrial dispute.

**Descriptive articles** The compilation basis for the Live Register statistics from May 1992 onwards is described in the September 1992 issue of the *Statistical Bulletin*. The March 1980 issue contained a description of the basis used up to April 1992 while a more comprehensive treatment of Live Register statistics appeared in the "Report of the Inter-Departmental Study Group on Unemployment Statistics" (Stationery Office Dublin, Prl.7925, April 1979). The results of a special study of the differences between the Labour Force Survey (LFS) Estimates of Unemployment and the Live Register are contained in the December 1996 issue of the *Statistical Bulletin*.

**Unemployment statistics** The Live Register is not designed to measure unemployment. It includes part-time (those who work up to three days a week), seasonal and casual workers entitled to Unemployment Assistance or Unemployment Benefit. **Unemployment is measured by the Quarterly National Household Survey** (formerly the Annual Labour Force Survey).

**Standardised unemployment rates** The Standardised Unemployment Rate (SUR) series in Table 3 is based on the estimated number of persons unemployed expressed as a percentage of the total economically active population (i.e. the Labour Force), using internationally comparable definitions of employment and unemployment, as recommended by the International Labour Office. Benchmark estimates of the SUR for January, April, July and October of each year are calculated using seasonally adjusted data from the Quarterly National Household Survey. The monthly trend in the seasonally adjusted Live Register is then used to estimate the monthly SUR between successive surveys.

This approach was temporarily suspended following the rapid decline in the Live Register after September 1996. A linear interpolation estimation approach was used between April 1996 and April 1997, as the Live Register series could not be used as an indicator of monthly trends in unemployment during that period. The traditional estimation approach has been used from April 1997 onwards.

**QNHS** The Quarterly National Household Survey, which began in September 1997, has now replaced the Labour Force Survey and provides quarterly estimates of the unemployment rate. The estimates (adjusted for seasonality) are:

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	%	%	%	%
1998	8.7	8.0	7.2	6.5
1999	5.9	5.9	5.4	5.1
2000	4.8	4.4	4.0	3.9
2001	3.7	3.8	4.0	4.0
2002	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.6
2003	4.7	4.5	4.8	4.6
2004	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.4
2005	4.2	4.3	4.3	

**Seasonal adjustment** The seasonal adjustment of the Live Register is completed using the X-11 Variant of the US Bureau of Census Method 2 (Additive Option). The seasonally adjusted series are updated twice yearly, in January and July; pending the next updating, seasonal adjustment for intervening months is carried out using projected seasonal factors. In Tables 2a, b and c, the seasonally adjusted totals are the sum of the relevant seasonally adjusted series for males and females, under and over 25 years.

**Casual and part-time workers** The casual and part-time workers' figure is based on an estimate supplied by the Department of Social and Family Affairs. People may apply for Unemployment Benefit / Assistance if they only work for part of a week and be included on the Live Register.

**Live Register Area Analysis** The basis of the area classification used in this release is the Department of Social and Family Affairs local office of registration. The areas served by Local Employment Offices do not correspond to specific geographic boundaries. Therefore, registrants at a given local office do not necessarily come from a particular region or area which can be precisely delineated. A classification by area of residence of persons on the Live Register was published until January 1989 but was then discontinued.

**NUTS2 and NUTS3 regions** The regional classifications in this release are based on the NUTS (Nomenclature of Territorial Units) classification used by Eurostat. The NUTS3 regions correspond to the eight Regional Authorities established under the Local Government Act, 1991 (Regional Authorities) (Establishment) Order, 1993, which came into operation on 1 January 1994. The NUTS2 regions, which were proposed by Government and agreed by Eurostat in 1999, are groupings of the NUTS3 regions.

### Border, Midland and Western NUTS2 Region

<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