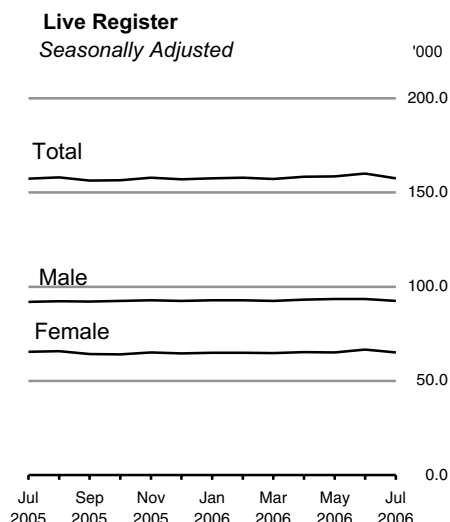




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Live Register July 2006



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
July 2005	168,509	157,400
June 2006	163,059	160,000
July 2006	168,946	157,600
Change in month	+5,887	-2,400
Change in year	+437	+200

Seasonally Adjusted Live Register decreases by 2,400 in July

The seasonally adjusted Live Register total decreased from 160,000 in June to 157,600 in July, a decrease of 2,400. This compares with an increase of 1,500 in June. *See table 2a and graph opposite.*

In the year to July 2006, there was an unadjusted increase of 437 (+0.3%). This compares with an unadjusted increase of 3,759 (+2.4%) in the year to June 2006.

Other features include:

- ◆ The monthly decrease in the Seasonally Adjusted series was made up of a decrease of 900 males and a decrease of 1,500 females. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in July was 4.4%. This compares with 4.4%, the latest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate from the Quarterly National Household Survey. *See table 3 and background notes.*
- ◆ In the month, the estimated number of casual and part-time workers on the Live Register was 7,595 males and 12,105 females. *See background notes.*

The Live Register is not designed to measure unemployment. It includes part-time workers (those who work up to three days a week), seasonal and casual workers entitled to Unemployment Assistance or Benefit. Unemployment is measured by the Quarterly National Household Survey and the latest seasonally adjusted figure, for December to February 2006, is 92,000 persons unemployed.

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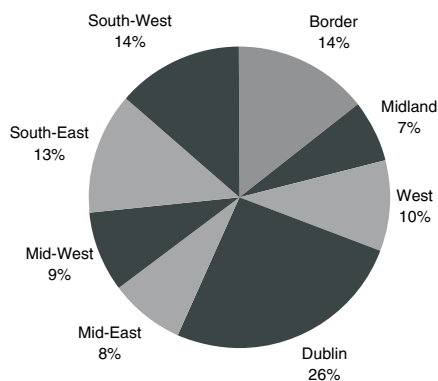
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Live Register by Regional Authority



	July 2006	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and Western	52,079	+ 1,765	- 447
Border	24,496	+ 856	- 357
Midland	11,333	+ 373	+ 387
West	16,250	+ 536	- 477
Southern and Eastern	116,867	+ 4,122	+ 884
Dublin	43,682	+ 1,621	+ 62
Mid-East	13,422	+ 464	+ 296
Mid-West	14,803	+ 670	+ 226
South-East	22,090	+ 844	+ 347
South-West	22,870	+ 523	- 47
Total	168,946	+ 5,887	+ 437

Unadjusted monthly increases in all regions

There was an unadjusted monthly increase of 5,887 (+3.6%) on the Live Register in July 2006, which reflected increases in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Mid-West (+4.7%) while the lowest increase was in the South-West region (+2.3%).

Other features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males increased in seven regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Mid-West region (+2.3%). There was a decrease in the South-West region (-0.4%).
- ◆ The number of females increased in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Dublin region (+8.0%). The smallest percentage increase was in the South-West region (+5.9%).
- ◆ There were increases in all counties. The largest percentage increase was in Leitrim (+7.2%) and the smallest percentage increase was in Meath (+1.1%). *See tables 4 and 6.*

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	July 2005	June 2006	July 2006	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	29,584	28,793	29,336	+ 543	- 248
UA Applications	61,856	62,338	62,744	+ 406	+ 888
Other Registrants	2,684	2,616	2,670	+ 54	- 14
Total	94,124	93,747	94,750	+ 1,003	+ 626
Females					
UB Claims	39,583	35,781	39,261	+ 3,480	- 322
UA Applications	26,409	26,311	27,185	+ 874	+ 776
Other Registrants	8,393	7,220	7,750	+ 530	- 643
Total	74,385	69,312	74,196	+ 4,884	- 189
All Persons					
UB Claims	69,167	64,574	68,597	+ 4,023	- 570
UA Applications	88,265	88,649	89,929	+ 1,280	+ 1,664
Other Registrants	11,077	9,836	10,420	+ 584	- 657
Total	168,509	163,059	168,946	+ 5,887	+ 437

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

Category	July 2005	June 2006	July 2006	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	4,954	4,781	4,856	+ 75	- 98
UA Applications	13,358	13,573	13,832	+ 259	+ 474
Other Registrants	41	41	41	0	0
Total	18,353	18,395	18,729	+ 334	+ 376
Females					
UB Claims	4,442	4,058	4,268	+ 210	- 174
UA Applications	10,243	10,083	10,455	+ 372	+ 212
Other Registrants	117	102	109	+ 7	- 8
Total	14,802	14,243	14,832	+ 589	+ 30
All Persons					
UB Claims	9,396	8,839	9,124	+ 285	- 272
UA Applications	23,601	23,656	24,287	+ 631	+ 686
Other Registrants	158	143	150	+ 7	- 8
Total	33,155	32,638	33,561	+ 923	+ 406

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

Category	July 2005	June 2006	July 2006	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	24,630	24,012	24,480	+ 468	- 150
UA Applications	48,498	48,765	48,912	+ 147	+ 414
Other Registrants	2,643	2,575	2,629	+ 54	- 14
Total	75,771	75,352	76,021	+ 669	+ 250
Females					
UB Claims	35,141	31,723	34,993	+ 3,270	- 148
UA Applications	16,166	16,228	16,730	+ 502	+ 564
Other Registrants	8,276	7,118	7,641	+ 523	- 635
Total	59,583	55,069	59,364	+ 4,295	- 219
All Persons					
UB Claims	59,771	55,735	59,473	+ 3,738	- 298
UA Applications	64,664	64,993	65,642	+ 649	+ 978
Other Registrants	10,919	9,693	10,270	+ 577	- 649
Total	135,354	130,421	135,385	+ 4,964	+ 31

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

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

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	July	79,300	63,300	142,600	78,200	56,600	134,700
	August	78,500	62,700	141,200	77,200	56,100	133,200
	September	75,000	53,600	128,700	76,800	55,100	131,900
	October	73,800	52,600	126,300	76,400	54,900	131,300
	November	73,100	50,400	123,500	75,300	53,600	128,900
	December	76,000	53,900	129,900	75,400	53,800	129,200
2005	January	77,300	52,200	129,500	74,700	52,700	127,400
	February	76,000	51,700	127,700	74,100	52,200	126,300
	March	75,100	52,200	127,300	74,500	54,300	128,700
	April	73,500	48,900	122,300	73,800	51,000	124,900
	May	72,900	48,800	121,700	74,300	52,100	126,400
	June	74,300	53,300	127,600	74,300	51,500	125,700
	July	75,800	59,600	135,400	74,600	52,600	127,200
	August	76,100	59,800	135,900	74,700	53,000	127,700
	September	72,700	50,100	122,700	74,400	51,500	126,000
	October	71,800	48,700	120,500	74,400	51,100	125,500
	November	72,300	48,800	121,100	74,500	52,100	126,600
	December	75,100	51,800	126,800	74,500	51,700	126,200
2006	January	77,400	51,500	128,900	74,800	52,000	126,800
	February	76,800	51,300	128,100	74,900	51,900	126,800
	March	75,300	49,500	124,700	74,600	51,600	126,200
	April	74,700	49,800	124,500	75,100	52,000	127,100
	May	73,900	48,700	122,600	75,300	51,900	127,200
	June	75,400	55,100	130,400	75,300	53,300	128,600
	July	76,000	59,400	135,400	74,700	52,300	127,000

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2006 (See Background Notes).

Table 3 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates (SUR)¹

Month	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
January ²	4.8	3.7	4.4	4.7	4.5	4.2	4.4 ³
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 ²	4.4	3.8	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.4
May	4.2	3.9	4.3	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.4
June	4.1	3.9	4.3	4.7	4.4	4.3	4.4
July ²	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.8	4.4	4.3	4.4
August	4.0	3.9	4.4	4.7	4.4	4.4	
September	3.9	3.9	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.4	
October ²	3.9	4.0	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.4	
November	3.9	4.2	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.5	
December	3.8	4.3	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.4	
Annual average	4.2	3.9	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.4	

¹ Table contains revised figures.

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

³ The latest QNHS estimate of the unemployment rate (adjusted for seasonality) is: December - February 2006, 4.4%.

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register classified by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	July 2005	June 2006	July 2006	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland & Western	28,564	27,942	28,222	+ 280	- 342	5,676	22,546
Border	13,884	13,545	13,711	+ 166	- 173	2,685	11,026
Midland	5,567	5,772	5,774	+ 2	+ 207	1,287	4,487
West	9,113	8,625	8,737	+ 112	- 376	1,704	7,033
Southern & Eastern	65,560	65,805	66,528	+ 723	+ 968	13,053	53,475
Dublin	26,320	26,073	26,422	+ 349	+ 102	5,371	21,051
Mid-East	6,923	7,099	7,122	+ 23	+ 199	1,318	5,804
Mid-West	7,756	7,930	8,110	+ 180	+ 354	1,686	6,424
South-East	11,849	11,928	12,145	+ 217	+ 296	2,499	9,646
South-West	12,712	12,775	12,729	- 46	+ 17	2,179	10,550
Total	94,124	93,747	94,750	+ 1,003	+ 626	18,729	76,021
Females							
Border, Midland & Western	23,962	22,372	23,857	+ 1,485	- 105	5,095	18,762
Border	10,969	10,095	10,785	+ 690	- 184	2,335	8,450
Midland	5,379	5,188	5,559	+ 371	+ 180	1,253	4,306
West	7,614	7,089	7,513	+ 424	- 101	1,507	6,006
Southern & Eastern	50,423	46,940	50,339	+ 3,399	- 84	9,737	40,602
Dublin	17,300	15,988	17,260	+ 1,272	- 40	3,332	13,928
Mid-East	6,203	5,859	6,300	+ 441	+ 97	1,052	5,248
Mid-West	6,821	6,203	6,693	+ 490	- 128	1,385	5,308
South-East	9,894	9,318	9,945	+ 627	+ 51	2,084	7,861
South-West	10,205	9,572	10,141	+ 569	- 64	1,884	8,257
Total	74,385	69,312	74,196	+ 4,884	- 189	14,832	59,364
All Persons							
Border, Midland & Western	52,526	50,314	52,079	+ 1,765	- 447	10,771	41,308
Border	24,853	23,640	24,496	+ 856	- 357	5,020	19,476
Midland	10,946	10,960	11,333	+ 373	+ 387	2,540	8,793
West	16,727	15,714	16,250	+ 536	- 477	3,211	13,039
Southern & Eastern	115,983	112,745	116,867	+ 4,122	+ 884	22,790	94,077
Dublin	43,620	42,061	43,682	+ 1,621	+ 62	8,703	34,979
Mid-East	13,126	12,958	13,422	+ 464	+ 296	2,370	11,052
Mid-West	14,577	14,133	14,803	+ 670	+ 226	3,071	11,732
South-East	21,743	21,246	22,090	+ 844	+ 347	4,583	17,507
South-West	22,917	22,347	22,870	+ 523	- 47	4,063	18,807
Total	168,509	163,059	168,946	+ 5,887	+ 437	33,561	135,385

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

Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	July 2005	June 2006	July 2006	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	86,562	84,332	87,405	+ 3,073	+ 843	17,494	69,911
Munster	47,545	46,315	47,917	+ 1,602	+ 372	9,240	38,677
Connacht	20,099	18,872	19,565	+ 693	- 534	3,889	15,676
Ulster	14,303	13,540	14,059	+ 519	- 244	2,938	11,121
Total	168,509	163,059	168,946	+ 5,887	+ 437	33,561	135,385

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	July 2005	June 2006	July 2006	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	52,526	50,314	52,079	5,676	22,546	28,222	5,095	18,762	23,857
Border	24,853	23,640	24,496	2,685	11,026	13,711	2,335	8,450	10,785
Cavan	2,404	2,324	2,451	228	1,026	1,254	211	986	1,197
Belturbet	471	447	487	30	219	249	41	197	238
Cavan	1,933	1,877	1,964	198	807	1,005	170	789	959
Donegal	9,516	9,002	9,318	1,057	4,273	5,330	968	3,020	3,988
Ballybofey	756	808	831	132	298	430	152	249	401
Ballyshannon	443	448	463	50	184	234	47	182	229
Buncrana	1,810	1,792	1,843	169	832	1,001	232	610	842
Donegal	462	452	494	50	200	250	36	208	244
Dunfanaghy	858	758	776	124	373	497	62	217	279
Dungloe	1,521	1,317	1,357	116	691	807	67	483	550
Killybegs	1,026	981	969	56	528	584	68	317	385
Letterkenny	2,640	2,446	2,585	360	1,167	1,527	304	754	1,058
Leitrim	1,150	1,130	1,211	100	520	620	113	478	591
Carrick-on-Shannon	862	822	882	76	362	438	85	359	444
Manorhamilton	288	308	329	24	158	182	28	119	147
Louth	7,178	6,942	7,122	804	3,273	4,077	600	2,445	3,045
Ardee	870	809	833	87	303	390	84	359	443
Drogheda	3,332	3,326	3,327	378	1,490	1,868	282	1,177	1,459
Dundalk	2,976	2,807	2,962	339	1,480	1,819	234	909	1,143
Monaghan	2,383	2,214	2,290	218	962	1,180	256	854	1,110
Carrickmacross	615	554	568	34	211	245	52	271	323
Castleblayney	729	666	699	65	293	358	99	242	341
Clones	286	253	256	35	113	148	24	84	108
Monaghan	753	741	767	84	345	429	81	257	338
Sligo	2,222	2,028	2,104	278	972	1,250	187	667	854
Sligo	1,843	1,658	1,726	242	818	1,060	144	522	666
Tubbercurry	379	370	378	36	154	190	43	145	188
Midland	10,946	10,960	11,333	1,287	4,487	5,774	1,253	4,306	5,559
Laoighis	2,168	2,225	2,281	267	897	1,164	249	868	1,117
Portarlington	845	872	892	117	325	442	102	348	450
Portlaoise	963	987	1,014	107	408	515	105	394	499
Rathdowney	360	366	375	43	164	207	42	126	168
Longford	1,919	2,065	2,105	235	879	1,114	236	755	991
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Offaly	2,909	2,812	2,932	317	1,239	1,556	335	1,041	1,376
Birr	892	882	916	102	364	466	119	331	450
Edenderry	692	670	719	69	315	384	61	274	335
Tullamore	1,325	1,260	1,297	146	560	706	155	436	591
Westmeath	3,950	3,858	4,015	468	1,472	1,940	433	1,642	2,075
Athlone	1,707	1,596	1,670	208	584	792	187	691	878
Castlepollard	355	381	395	32	155	187	45	163	208
Mullingar	1,888	1,881	1,950	228	733	961	201	788	989
West	16,727	15,714	16,250	1,704	7,033	8,737	1,507	6,006	7,513
Galway	9,687	9,385	9,674	1,058	4,240	5,298	951	3,425	4,376
Ballinasloe	988	893	913	130	389	519	81	313	394
Clifden	641	636	632	69	325	394	59	179	238
Galway	5,644	5,558	5,733	656	2,541	3,197	621	1,915	2,536
Gort	481	498	515	39	180	219	28	268	296
Loughrea	761	687	721	61	300	361	71	289	360
Tuam	1,172	1,113	1,160	103	505	608	91	461	552

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	July 2005	June 2006	July 2006	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	5,712	5,080	5,255	508	2,245	2,753	442	2,060	2,502
Achill	261	238	226	18	133	151	16	59	75
Ballina	1,606	1,366	1,431	172	644	816	143	472	615
Ballinrobe	392	379	414	37	142	179	39	196	235
Belmullet	586	553	561	49	294	343	42	176	218
Castlebar	1,023	929	943	93	322	415	87	441	528
Claremorris	440	402	423	31	176	207	23	193	216
Swinford	709	672	695	80	271	351	72	272	344
Westport	695	541	562	28	263	291	20	251	271
Roscommon	1,328	1,249	1,321	138	548	686	114	521	635
Boyle	368	349	362	41	148	189	22	151	173
Castlerea	578	538	591	56	246	302	64	225	289
Roscommon	382	362	368	41	154	195	28	145	173
Southern and Eastern	115,983	112,745	116,867	13,053	53,475	66,528	9,737	40,602	50,339
Dublin	43,620	42,061	43,682	5,371	21,051	26,422	3,332	13,928	17,260
Dublin	43,620	42,061	43,682	5,371	21,051	26,422	3,332	13,928	17,260
Bishop Square	4,021	3,790	3,884	398	2,028	2,426	262	1,196	1,458
Cumberland Street	5,620	5,277	5,443	719	2,621	3,340	380	1,723	2,103
Navan Road	2,854	2,615	2,742	332	1,479	1,811	216	715	931
Blanchardstown	3,521	3,671	3,800	417	1,715	2,132	318	1,350	1,668
Thomas Street	2,360	2,217	2,261	262	1,306	1,568	145	548	693
Tara Street	1,265	1,207	1,265	112	700	812	72	381	453
Tallaght	3,649	3,618	3,733	599	1,695	2,294	353	1,086	1,439
Ballymun	1,569	1,556	1,590	298	744	1,042	155	393	548
Clondalkin	3,519	3,682	3,786	557	1,714	2,271	394	1,121	1,515
Rathfarnham	2,176	2,049	2,173	194	915	1,109	111	953	1,064
Kilbarrack	2,593	2,388	2,547	217	1,254	1,471	133	943	1,076
Dun Laoghaire	2,932	2,580	2,774	219	1,266	1,485	114	1,175	1,289
Balbriggan	1,329	1,398	1,462	129	651	780	96	586	682
Ballyfermot	1,351	1,281	1,312	213	647	860	141	311	452
Finglas	2,365	2,340	2,420	383	1,145	1,528	219	673	892
Coolock	2,496	2,392	2,490	322	1,171	1,493	223	774	997
Mid-East	13,126	12,958	13,422	1,318	5,804	7,122	1,052	5,248	6,300
Kildare	5,002	5,252	5,471	548	2,304	2,852	485	2,134	2,619
Athy	888	917	935	96	431	527	86	322	408
Maynooth	1,587	1,589	1,686	168	641	809	147	730	877
Newbridge	2,527	2,746	2,850	284	1,232	1,516	252	1,082	1,334
Meath	3,324	3,222	3,256	314	1,317	1,631	263	1,362	1,625
Kells	600	596	605	48	238	286	53	266	319
Navan	1,888	1,754	1,765	195	767	962	136	667	803
Trim	836	872	886	71	312	383	74	429	503
Wicklow	4,800	4,484	4,695	456	2,183	2,639	304	1,752	2,056
Arklow	1,255	1,242	1,269	146	604	750	93	426	519
Baltinglass	462	438	462	49	180	229	44	189	233
Bray	2,158	1,950	2,073	170	960	1,130	120	823	943
Wicklow	925	854	891	91	439	530	47	314	361
Mid-West	14,577	14,133	14,803	1,686	6,424	8,110	1,385	5,308	6,693
Clare	3,922	3,858	4,099	390	1,748	2,138	321	1,640	1,961
Ennis	2,374	2,348	2,523	272	1,036	1,308	204	1,011	1,215
Ennistymon	549	545	571	34	249	283	50	238	288
Kilrush	594	552	579	61	261	322	45	212	257
Tulla	405	413	426	23	202	225	22	179	201
Limerick	7,977	7,810	8,182	1,023	3,655	4,678	826	2,678	3,504
Kilmallock	818	849	917	115	383	498	98	321	419
Limerick	6,146	6,025	6,257	818	2,849	3,667	605	1,985	2,590
Newcastle West	1,013	936	1,008	90	423	513	123	372	495

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

-continued	Males						Females		
NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	July 2005	June 2006	July 2006	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,678	2,465	2,522	273	1,021	1,294	238	990	1,228
Nenagh	982	935	918	75	381	456	78	384	462
Roscrea	559	489	519	63	198	261	47	211	258
Thurles	1,137	1,041	1,085	135	442	577	113	395	508
South-East	21,743	21,246	22,090	2,499	9,646	12,145	2,084	7,861	9,945
Carlow	2,414	2,158	2,242	250	909	1,159	230	853	1,083
Bagenalstown	587	497	530	55	228	283	52	195	247
Carlow	1,311	1,159	1,192	155	493	648	112	432	544
Tullow	516	502	520	40	188	228	66	226	292
Kilkenny	2,606	2,610	2,757	332	1,238	1,570	274	913	1,187
Kilkenny	2,163	2,204	2,320	274	1,071	1,345	233	742	975
Thomastown	443	406	437	58	167	225	41	171	212
South Tipperary	3,576	3,293	3,457	430	1,519	1,949	339	1,169	1,508
Cahir	488	431	446	43	196	239	48	159	207
Carrick-on-Suir	977	970	1,010	95	470	565	84	361	445
Cashel	378	364	372	46	140	186	38	148	186
Clonmel	1,049	948	1,011	144	462	606	101	304	405
Tipperary	684	580	618	102	251	353	68	197	265
Waterford	6,475	6,542	6,787	779	3,092	3,871	558	2,358	2,916
Dungarvan	982	1,099	1,146	100	529	629	67	450	517
Waterford	5,493	5,443	5,641	679	2,563	3,242	491	1,908	2,399
Wexford	6,672	6,643	6,847	708	2,888	3,596	683	2,568	3,251
Enniscorthy	1,769	1,741	1,767	208	770	978	206	583	789
Gorey	1,220	1,214	1,290	133	511	644	109	537	646
New Ross	1,226	1,230	1,274	136	527	663	123	488	611
Wexford	2,457	2,458	2,516	231	1,080	1,311	245	960	1,205
South-West	22,917	22,347	22,870	2,179	10,550	12,729	1,884	8,257	10,141
Cork	16,919	16,461	16,829	1,621	7,839	9,460	1,342	6,027	7,369
Bandon	547	555	560	55	262	317	40	203	243
Bantry	358	309	320	14	124	138	20	162	182
Bantry (SWLO)	164	136	150	4	49	53	7	90	97
Clonakilty	467	458	461	24	192	216	25	220	245
Cobh	386	380	367	53	149	202	40	125	165
Cork	8,486	8,076	8,289	982	4,185	5,167	722	2,400	3,122
Dunmanway	241	251	271	24	79	103	25	143	168
Fermoy	939	984	970	86	430	516	79	375	454
Kinsale	622	620	630	35	258	293	29	308	337
Macroom	459	380	402	23	155	178	28	196	224
Mallow	772	847	836	83	404	487	83	266	349
Midleton	1,152	1,142	1,175	72	507	579	90	506	596
Newmarket	478	510	532	46	239	285	41	206	247
Passage West	748	718	725	55	326	381	35	309	344
Skibbereen	416	402	417	27	157	184	21	212	233
Youghal	684	693	724	38	323	361	57	306	363
Kerry	5,998	5,886	6,041	558	2,711	3,269	542	2,230	2,772
Cahirciveen	327	298	292	16	116	132	15	145	160
Dingle	254	228	228	7	109	116	9	103	112
Kenmare	138	157	139	6	60	66	4	69	73
Killarney	896	787	807	79	316	395	84	328	412
Killorglin	366	355	361	18	155	173	25	163	188
Listowel	977	951	987	105	451	556	116	315	431
Tralee	3,040	3,110	3,227	327	1,504	1,831	289	1,107	1,396
State	168,509	163,059	168,946	18,729	76,021	94,750	14,832	59,364	74,196

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	July	5	98,134	+ 298	79,367	+ 1,412	177,501	+ 1,710
	August	4	97,216	- 230	78,600	- 192	175,816	- 421
	September	4	92,629	- 1,147	67,837	- 2,691	160,466	- 3,838
	October	5	90,133	- 499	65,343	- 499	155,476	- 998
	November	4	89,303	- 208	62,663	- 670	151,966	- 878
	December	5	92,707	+ 681	66,109	+ 689	158,816	+ 1,370
2005	January	4	95,207	+ 625	65,336	- 193	160,543	+ 432
	February	4	93,883	- 331	64,766	- 143	158,649	- 474
	March	4	92,786	- 274	64,889	+ 31	157,675	- 244
	April	5	90,623	- 433	60,996	- 779	151,619	- 1,211
	May	4	89,780	- 211	61,046	+ 13	150,826	- 198
	June	4	92,145	+ 591	67,155	+ 1,527	159,300	+ 2,119
	July	5	94,124	+ 396	74,385	+ 1,446	168,509	+ 1,842
	August	4	94,672	+ 137	74,721	+ 84	169,393	+ 221
	September	5	90,179	- 899	63,156	- 2,313	153,335	- 3,212
	October	4	88,749	- 358	60,895	- 565	149,644	- 923
	November	4	89,377	+ 157	60,696	- 50	150,073	+ 107
	December	5	92,392	+ 603	63,441	+ 549	155,833	+ 1,152
2006	January	4	95,920	+ 882	64,219	+ 195	160,139	+ 1,077
	February	4	95,363	- 139	64,254	+ 9	159,617	- 131
	March	5	93,461	- 380	62,082	- 434	155,543	- 815
	April	4	92,419	- 261	62,147	+ 16	154,566	- 244
	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

Background Notes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	%	%	%	%
1998	8.7	8.0	7.2	6.5
1999	5.6	5.9	5.4	5.1
2000	4.8	4.4	4.0	3.9
2001	3.7	3.8	4.0	4.0
2002	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.6
2003	4.7	4.5	4.8	4.5
2004	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.3
2005	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.4
2006	4.4			

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

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

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

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

Border, Midland and Western NUTS2 Region

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

Southern and Eastern NUTS2 Region

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