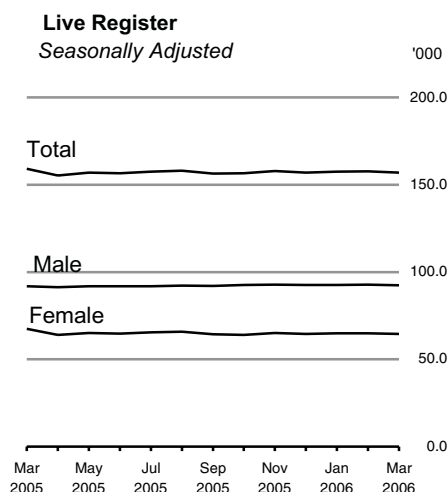




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Live Register March 2006



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
March 2005	157,675	159,200
February 2006	159,617	157,600
March 2006	155,543	157,000
Change in month	-4,074	-600
Change in year	-2,132	-2,200

Seasonally Adjusted Live Register decreases by 600 in March

The seasonally adjusted Live Register total decreased from 157,600 in February to 157,000 in March, a decrease of 600. This compares with an increase of 200 in February. *See table 2a and graph opposite.*

In the year to March 2006, there was an unadjusted decrease of 2,132 (-1.4%). This compares with an unadjusted increase of 968 (+0.6%) in the year to February 2006.

Other features include:

- ◆ The monthly decrease in the Seasonally Adjusted series was made up of a decrease of 300 males and 300 females. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in March was 4.5%. 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 8,091 males and 13,051 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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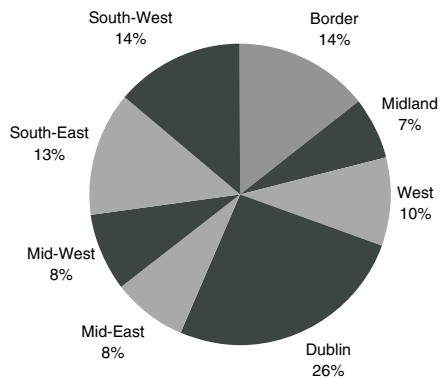
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Live Register by Regional Authority



	March 2006	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and Western	47,693	- 1,153	- 1,257
Border	22,548	- 516	- 900
Midland	10,351	- 247	+ 272
West	14,794	- 390	- 629
Southern and Eastern	107,850	- 2,921	- 875
Dublin	40,228	- 826	+ 426
Mid-East	12,232	- 252	+ 144
Mid-West	13,149	- 478	- 446
South-East	20,585	- 470	- 395
South-West	21,656	- 895	- 604
Total	155,543	- 4,074	- 2,132

Unadjusted monthly decreases in seven regions

There was an unadjusted monthly decrease of 4,074 (-2.6%) on the Live Register in March 2006, which reflected decreases in all regions. The largest percentage decrease was in the South-West (-4.0%).

Other features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males decreased all regions. The largest percentage decrease was in the Mid-West region (-3.8%). The smallest decrease was in the Mid-East (-1.3%).
- ◆ The number of females also decreased in all regions. The largest percentage decrease was in the South-West region (-5.4%). The smallest decreases were in the Midland and South-East regions (-2.8%).
- ◆ Amongst counties, the largest percentage decreases were in Kerry (-6.6%) and in Leitrim (-5.1%) *See tables 4 and 6.*

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	March 2005	February 2006	March 2006	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	30,686	30,823	29,551	- 1,272	- 1,135
UA Applications	59,385	61,931	61,329	- 602	+ 1,944
Other Registrants	2,715	2,609	2,581	- 28	- 134
Total	92,786	95,363	93,461	- 1,902	+ 675
Females					
UB Claims	34,217	32,867	31,256	- 1,611	- 2,961
UA Applications	22,868	24,342	23,980	- 362	+ 1,112
Other Registrants	7,804	7,045	6,846	- 199	- 958
Total	64,889	64,254	62,082	- 2,172	- 2,807
All Persons					
UB Claims	64,903	63,690	60,807	- 2,883	- 4,096
UA Applications	82,253	86,273	85,309	- 964	+ 3,056
Other Registrants	10,519	9,654	9,427	- 227	- 1,092
Total	157,675	159,617	155,543	- 4,074	- 2,132

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

Category	March 2005	February 2006	March 2006	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	5,013	5,166	4,973	- 193	- 40
UA Applications	12,605	13,386	13,187	- 199	+ 582
Other Registrants	41	38	36	- 2	- 5
Total	17,659	18,590	18,196	- 394	+ 537
Females					
UB Claims	3,903	3,740	3,528	- 212	- 375
UA Applications	8,740	9,111	8,996	- 115	+ 256
Other Registrants	91	88	86	- 2	- 5
Total	12,734	12,939	12,610	- 329	- 124
All Persons					
UB Claims	8,916	8,906	8,501	- 405	- 415
UA Applications	21,345	22,497	22,183	- 314	+ 838
Other Registrants	132	126	122	- 4	- 10
Total	30,393	31,529	30,806	- 723	+ 413

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

Category	March 2005	February 2006	March 2006	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	25,673	25,657	24,578	- 1,079	- 1,095
UA Applications	46,780	48,545	48,142	- 403	+ 1,362
Other Registrants	2,674	2,571	2,545	- 26	- 129
Total	75,127	76,773	75,265	- 1,508	+ 138
Females					
UB Claims	30,314	29,127	27,728	- 1,399	- 2,586
UA Applications	14,128	15,231	14,984	- 247	+ 856
Other Registrants	7,713	6,957	6,760	- 197	- 953
Total	52,155	51,315	49,472	- 1,843	- 2,683
All Persons					
UB Claims	55,987	54,784	52,306	- 2,478	- 3,681
UA Applications	60,908	63,776	63,126	- 650	+ 2,218
Other Registrants	10,387	9,528	9,305	- 223	- 1,082
Total	127,282	128,088	124,737	- 3,351	- 2,545

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	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
	March	93,500	62,100	155,500	92,400	64,600	157,000

¹ 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 ¹		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2004	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
	March	18,200	12,600	30,800	17,900	13,100	31,000

¹ 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 ¹		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2004	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
	March	75,300	49,500	124,700	74,500	51,500	126,000

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2005 (See Background Notes).

Table 3 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates (SUR)

Month	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
January ¹	4.8	3.7	4.4	4.7	4.5	4.2	4.5
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	4.5
April ¹	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 ¹	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 ¹	3.9	4.0	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.4 ²	
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	

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

² 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 ¹	March 2005	February 2006	March 2006	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland & Western	28,067	28,177	27,676	- 501	- 391	5,445	22,231
Border	13,731	13,513	13,306	- 207	- 425	2,569	10,737
Midland	5,477	5,918	5,803	- 115	+ 326	1,289	4,514
West	8,859	8,746	8,567	- 179	- 292	1,587	6,980
Southern & Eastern	64,719	67,186	65,785	- 1,401	1,066	12,751	53,034
Dublin	25,188	26,403	26,017	- 386	+ 829	5,269	20,748
Mid-East	6,742	7,127	7,034	- 93	+ 292	1,301	5,733
Mid-West	7,754	7,973	7,673	- 300	- 81	1,512	6,161
South-East	12,108	12,365	12,142	- 223	+ 34	2,482	9,660
South-West	12,927	13,318	12,919	- 399	- 8	2,187	10,732
Total	92,786	95,363	93,461	- 1,902	+ 675	18,196	75,265
Females							
Border, Midland & Western	20,883	20,669	20,017	- 652	- 866	4,208	15,809
Border	9,717	9,551	9,242	- 309	- 475	1,929	7,313
Midland	4,602	4,680	4,548	- 132	- 54	1,058	3,490
West	6,564	6,438	6,227	- 211	- 337	1,221	5,006
Southern & Eastern	44,006	43,585	42,065	- 1,520	- 1,941	8,402	33,663
Dublin	14,614	14,651	14,211	- 440	- 403	3,033	11,178
Mid-East	5,346	5,357	5,198	- 159	- 148	918	4,280
Mid-West	5,841	5,654	5,476	- 178	- 365	1,142	4,334
South-East	8,872	8,690	8,443	- 247	- 429	1,752	6,691
South-West	9,333	9,233	8,737	- 496	- 596	1,557	7,180
Total	64,889	64,254	62,082	- 2,172	- 2,807	12,610	49,472
All Persons							
Border, Midland & Western	48,950	48,846	47,693	- 1,153	- 1,257	9,653	38,040
Border	23,448	23,064	22,548	- 516	- 900	4,498	18,050
Midland	10,079	10,598	10,351	- 247	+ 272	2,347	8,004
West	15,423	15,184	14,794	- 390	- 629	2,808	11,986
Southern & Eastern	108,725	110,771	107,850	- 2,921	- 875	21,153	86,697
Dublin	39,802	41,054	40,228	- 826	+ 426	8,302	31,926
Mid-East	12,088	12,484	12,232	- 252	+ 144	2,219	10,013
Mid-West	13,595	13,627	13,149	- 478	- 446	2,654	10,495
South-East	20,980	21,055	20,585	- 470	- 395	4,234	16,351
South-West	22,260	22,551	21,656	- 895	- 604	3,744	17,912
Total	157,675	159,617	155,543	- 4,074	- 2,132	30,806	124,737

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

Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	March 2005	February 2006	March 2006	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	80,329	82,417	80,703	- 1,714	+ 374	16,483	64,220
Munster	45,441	45,812	44,272	- 1,540	- 1,169	8,324	35,948
Connacht	18,435	18,269	17,740	- 529	- 695	3,399	14,341
Ulster	13,470	13,119	12,828	- 291	- 642	2,600	10,228
Total	157,675	159,617	155,543	- 4,074	- 2,132	30,806	124,737

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	March 2005	February 2006	March 2006	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	48,950	48,846	47,693	5,445	22,231	27,676	4,208	15,809	20,017
Border	23,448	23,064	22,548	2,569	10,737	13,306	1,929	7,313	9,242
Cavan	2,154	2,280	2,231	211	1,012	1,223	166	842	1,008
Belturbet	417	476	453	36	223	259	28	166	194
Cavan	1,737	1,804	1,778	175	789	964	138	676	814
Donegal	9,073	8,744	8,501	1,024	4,097	5,121	816	2,564	3,380
Ballybofey	775	740	730	120	313	433	108	189	297
Ballyshannon	499	511	484	55	200	255	56	173	229
Buncrana	1,696	1,585	1,511	144	679	823	180	508	688
Donegal	433	441	430	48	192	240	35	155	190
Dunfanaghy	878	821	765	110	373	483	52	230	282
Dungloe	1,432	1,337	1,286	142	689	831	50	405	455
Killybegs	870	895	967	71	525	596	66	305	371
Letterkenny	2,490	2,414	2,328	334	1,126	1,460	269	599	868
Leitrim	1,017	1,135	1,077	94	481	575	83	419	502
Carrick-on-Shannon	779	834	801	78	338	416	63	322	385
Manorhamilton	238	301	276	16	143	159	20	97	117
Louth	6,966	6,860	6,774	770	3,247	4,017	537	2,220	2,757
Ardee	884	786	777	98	322	420	70	287	357
Drogheda	3,244	3,365	3,292	333	1,525	1,858	267	1,167	1,434
Dundalk	2,838	2,709	2,705	339	1,400	1,739	200	766	966
Monaghan	2,243	2,095	2,096	212	983	1,195	171	730	901
Carrickmacross	599	536	531	32	226	258	34	239	273
Castleblayney	673	648	642	64	295	359	60	223	283
Clones	284	231	225	34	115	149	16	60	76
Monaghan	687	680	698	82	347	429	61	208	269
Sligo	1,995	1,950	1,869	258	917	1,175	156	538	694
Sligo	1,670	1,613	1,544	226	768	994	121	429	550
Tubbercurry	325	337	325	32	149	181	35	109	144
Midland	10,079	10,598	10,351	1,289	4,514	5,803	1,058	3,490	4,548
Laoighis	2,025	2,050	1,978	254	837	1,091	214	673	887
Portarlinton	773	818	760	101	300	401	84	275	359
Portlaoise	913	907	897	115	384	499	96	302	398
Rathdowney	339	325	321	38	153	191	34	96	130
Longford	1,770	2,082	2,041	241	924	1,165	210	666	876
Longford	1,770	2,082	2,041	241	924	1,165	210	666	876
Offaly	2,619	2,838	2,817	337	1,282	1,619	282	916	1,198
Birr	818	896	881	100	391	491	102	288	390
Edenderry	634	671	678	74	313	387	52	239	291
Tullamore	1,167	1,271	1,258	163	578	741	128	389	517
Westmeath	3,665	3,628	3,515	457	1,471	1,928	352	1,235	1,587
Athlone	1,548	1,424	1,365	185	579	764	125	476	601
Castlepollard	363	357	339	31	150	181	36	122	158
Mullingar	1,754	1,847	1,811	241	742	983	191	637	828
West	15,423	15,184	14,794	1,587	6,980	8,567	1,221	5,006	6,227
Galway	8,842	8,835	8,697	992	4,115	5,107	771	2,819	3,590
Ballinasloe	957	885	853	118	424	542	66	245	311
Clifden	767	780	730	71	372	443	60	227	287
Galway	4,918	4,994	4,921	614	2,359	2,973	496	1,452	1,948
Gort	443	468	466	28	184	212	21	233	254
Loughrea	677	652	670	59	287	346	47	277	324
Tuam	1,080	1,056	1,057	102	489	591	81	385	466

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	March 2,005	February 2,006	March 2,006	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	5,297	5,135	4,933	467	2,313	2,780	364	1,789	2,153
Achill	274	269	249	19	143	162	17	70	87
Ballina	1,540	1,418	1,353	155	675	830	111	412	523
Ballinrobe	386	367	360	33	149	182	19	159	178
Belmullet	553	544	528	44	289	333	38	157	195
Castlebar	865	863	822	85	317	402	63	357	420
Claremorris	424	407	402	38	160	198	28	176	204
Swinford	683	622	623	64	283	347	62	214	276
Westport	572	645	596	29	297	326	26	244	270
Roscommon	1,284	1,214	1,164	128	552	680	86	398	484
Boyle	326	343	324	30	154	184	19	121	140
Castlerea	619	539	525	57	251	308	47	170	217
Roscommon	339	332	315	41	147	188	20	107	127
Southern and Eastern	108,725	110,771	107,850	12,751	53,034	65,785	8,402	33,663	42,065
Dublin	39,802	41,054	40,228	5,269	20,748	26,017	3,033	11,178	14,211
Dublin	39,802	41,054	40,228	5,269	20,748	26,017	3,033	11,178	14,211
Bishop Square	3,682	3,468	3,425	367	1,944	2,311	219	895	1,114
Cumberland Street	5,157	5,258	5,172	664	2,706	3,370	358	1,444	1,802
Navan Road	2,595	2,634	2,576	323	1,485	1,808	178	590	768
Blanchardstown	3,179	3,725	3,629	438	1,714	2,152	316	1,161	1,477
Thomas Street	2,270	2,240	2,185	264	1,266	1,530	165	490	655
Tara Street	1,168	1,151	1,101	107	637	744	59	298	357
Tallaght	3,273	3,458	3,484	619	1,693	2,312	348	824	1,172
Ballymun	1,474	1,528	1,539	300	739	1,039	133	367	500
Clondalkin	3,056	3,700	3,563	543	1,662	2,205	386	972	1,358
Rathfarnham	1,883	1,788	1,755	168	872	1,040	75	640	715
Kilbarrack	2,416	2,278	2,252	206	1,215	1,421	113	718	831
Dun Laoghaire	2,576	2,418	2,301	195	1,217	1,412	71	818	889
Balbriggan	1,204	1,368	1,341	136	649	785	78	478	556
Ballyfermot	1,272	1,353	1,267	243	613	856	150	261	411
Finglas	2,174	2,264	2,281	359	1,154	1,513	184	584	768
Coolock	2,423	2,423	2,357	337	1,182	1,519	200	638	838
Mid-East	12,088	12,484	12,232	1,301	5,733	7,034	918	4,280	5,198
Kildare	4,432	4,903	4,859	519	2,205	2,724	411	1,724	2,135
Athy	837	896	875	107	401	508	83	284	367
Maynooth	1,358	1,448	1,371	141	579	720	94	557	651
Newbridge	2,237	2,559	2,613	271	1,225	1,496	234	883	1,117
Meath	3,120	3,068	2,996	297	1,343	1,640	214	1,142	1,356
Kells	591	555	553	43	256	299	48	206	254
Navan	1,786	1,754	1,696	182	803	985	113	598	711
Trim	743	759	747	72	284	356	53	338	391
Wicklow	4,536	4,513	4,377	485	2,185	2,670	293	1,414	1,707
Arklow	1,268	1,297	1,285	171	639	810	95	380	475
Baltinglass	471	462	442	52	192	244	47	151	198
Bray	1,936	1,853	1,800	166	906	1,072	100	628	728
Wicklow	861	901	850	96	448	544	51	255	306
Mid-West	13,595	13,627	13,149	1,512	6,161	7,673	1,142	4,334	5,476
Clare	3,914	4,007	3,840	341	1,712	2,053	293	1,494	1,787
Ennis	2,315	2,335	2,272	235	997	1,232	156	884	1,040
Ennistymon	626	649	606	29	265	294	58	254	312
Kilrush	571	612	561	52	262	314	57	190	247
Tulla	402	411	401	25	188	213	22	166	188
Limerick	7,195	7,204	6,983	903	3,438	4,341	653	1,989	2,642
Kilmallock	765	811	777	95	382	477	71	229	300
Limerick	5,479	5,431	5,293	732	2,613	3,345	490	1,458	1,948
Newcastle West	951	962	913	76	443	519	92	302	394

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	March 2005	February 2006	March 2006	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,486	2,416	2,326	268	1,011	1,279	196	851	1,047
Nenagh	944	876	852	69	377	446	59	347	406
Roscrea	516	524	487	59	211	270	43	174	217
Thurles	1,026	1,016	987	140	423	563	94	330	424
South-East	20,980	21,055	20,585	2,482	9,660	12,142	1,752	6,691	8,443
Carlow	2,324	2,075	2,046	268	897	1,165	186	695	881
Bagenalstown	569	477	490	56	226	282	46	162	208
Carlow	1,271	1,126	1,083	162	483	645	97	341	438
Tullow	484	472	473	50	188	238	43	192	235
Kilkenny	2,478	2,514	2,473	308	1,185	1,493	210	770	980
Kilkenny	2,064	2,086	2,055	249	1,011	1,260	177	618	795
Thomastown	414	428	418	59	174	233	33	152	185
South Tipperary	3,464	3,319	3,252	439	1,544	1,983	265	1,004	1,269
Cahir	437	407	414	45	197	242	36	136	172
Carrick-on-Suir	945	958	932	102	462	564	64	304	368
Cashel	381	345	345	51	143	194	34	117	151
Clonmel	1,055	941	944	135	465	600	77	267	344
Tipperary	646	668	617	106	277	383	54	180	234
Waterford	6,122	6,315	6,215	769	3,110	3,879	453	1,883	2,336
Dungarvan	882	1,026	1,022	96	526	622	62	338	400
Waterford	5,240	5,289	5,193	673	2,584	3,257	391	1,545	1,936
Wexford	6,592	6,832	6,599	698	2,924	3,622	638	2,339	2,977
Enniscorthy	1,696	1,728	1,702	217	756	973	189	540	729
Gorey	1,190	1,193	1,162	118	511	629	98	435	533
New Ross	1,112	1,256	1,194	121	542	663	121	410	531
Wexford	2,594	2,655	2,541	242	1,115	1,357	230	954	1,184
South-West	22,260	22,551	21,656	2,187	10,732	12,919	1,557	7,180	8,737
Cork	15,748	15,954	15,497	1,627	7,847	9,474	1,112	4,911	6,023
Bandon	514	502	479	44	239	283	24	172	196
Bantry	388	338	335	14	144	158	16	161	177
Bantry (SWLO)	185	157	157	6	64	70	5	82	87
Clonakilty	441	484	434	20	186	206	24	204	228
Cobh	428	385	368	51	183	234	27	107	134
Cork	7,585	7,727	7,568	999	4,144	5,143	628	1,797	2,425
Dunmanway	195	222	199	17	81	98	15	86	101
Fermoy	882	892	901	100	423	523	65	313	378
Kinsale	628	636	615	31	257	288	26	301	327
Macroom	445	385	350	22	155	177	19	154	173
Mallow	734	822	762	85	382	467	69	226	295
Midleton	1,060	1,134	1,092	75	511	586	72	434	506
Newmarket	477	451	492	50	258	308	17	167	184
Passage West	755	711	700	57	347	404	45	251	296
Skibbereen	372	413	388	23	155	178	16	194	210
Youghal	659	695	657	33	318	351	44	262	306
Kerry	6,512	6,597	6,159	560	2,885	3,445	445	2,269	2,714
Cahirciveen	408	384	352	20	136	156	16	180	196
Dingle	348	352	302	12	122	134	12	156	168
Kenmare	196	242	216	12	88	100	10	106	116
Killarney	1,193	1,221	1,033	86	427	513	77	443	520
Killorglin	436	445	411	24	169	193	27	191	218
Listowel	999	961	933	109	476	585	85	263	348
Tralee	2,932	2,992	2,912	297	1,467	1,764	218	930	1,148
State	157,675	159,617	155,543	18,196	75,265	93,461	12,610	49,472	62,082

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	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
	March	5	93,461	- 380	62,082	- 434	155,543	- 815

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

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
	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