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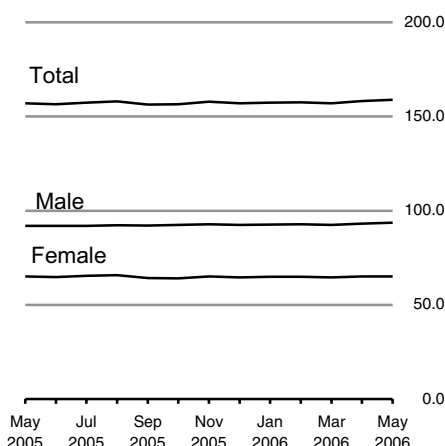
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Live Register May 2006

Live Register

Seasonally Adjusted

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	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
May 2005	150,826	157,000
April 2006	154,566	158,200
May 2006	152,560	158,800
Change in month	-2,006	+600
Change in year	+1,734	+1,800

Seasonally Adjusted Live Register increases by 600 in May

The seasonally adjusted Live Register total increased from 158,200 in April to 158,800 in May, an increase of 600. This compares with an increase of 1,200 in April. *See table 2a and graph opposite.*

In the year to May 2006, there was an unadjusted increase of 1,734 (+1.1%). This compares with an unadjusted increase of 2,947 (+1.9%) in the year to April 2006.

Other features include:

- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in May 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 7,875 males and 12,583 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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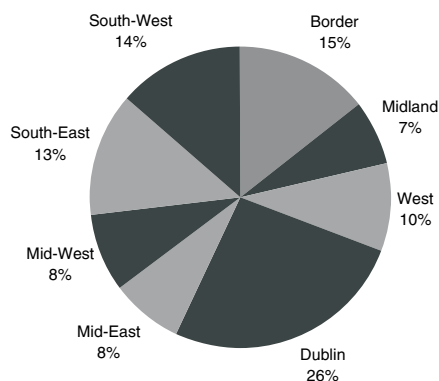
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Live Register by Regional Authority



	May 2006	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and Western	47,139	- 195	+ 72
Border	22,167	- 295	- 379
Midland	10,379	+ 58	+ 669
West	14,593	+ 42	- 218
Southern and Eastern	105,421	- 1,811	+ 1,662
Dublin	39,628	- 652	+ 718
Mid-East	12,009	- 277	+ 395
Mid-West	12,828	- 69	+ 36
South-East	20,088	- 305	+ 354
South-West	20,868	- 508	+ 159
Total	152,560	- 2,006	+ 1,734

Unadjusted monthly decreases in six regions

There was an unadjusted monthly decrease of 2,006 (-1.3%) on the Live Register in May 2006, which reflected decreases in six regions. The largest percentage decrease was in the South-West (-2.4%) while there were increases in the Midland (+0.6%) and in the West (+0.3%).

Other features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males decreased in seven regions. The largest percentage decrease was in the South-West region (-2.2%). There was a slight increase in the Mid-West region.
- ◆ The number of females decreased in six regions. The largest percentage decrease was in the Mid-East region (-3.5%). The largest percentage increase was in the West region (+1.8%).
- ◆ Amongst counties, the largest percentage decrease was in Kerry (-5.7%) and the largest percentage increase was in Laoighis (+3.6%). *See tables 4 and 6.*

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	May 2005	April 2006	May 2006	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	28,324	29,029	28,196	- 833	- 128
UA Applications	58,883	60,842	60,781	- 61	+ 1,898
Other Registrants	2,573	2,548	2,515	- 33	- 58
Total	89,780	92,419	91,492	- 927	+ 1,712
Females					
UB Claims	30,747	31,558	30,399	- 1,159	- 348
UA Applications	22,868	23,755	23,949	+ 194	+ 1,081
Other Registrants	7,431	6,834	6,720	- 114	- 711
Total	61,046	62,147	61,068	- 1,079	+ 22
All Persons					
UB Claims	59,071	60,587	58,595	- 1,992	- 476
UA Applications	81,751	84,597	84,730	+ 133	+ 2,979
Other Registrants	10,004	9,382	9,235	- 147	- 769
Total	150,826	154,566	152,560	- 2,006	+ 1,734

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

Category	May 2005	April 2006	May 2006	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	4,627	4,752	4,568	- 184	- 59
UA Applications	12,229	12,967	12,988	+ 21	+ 759
Other Registrants	37	35	36	+ 1	- 1
Total	16,893	17,754	17,592	- 162	+ 699
Females					
UB Claims	3,537	3,447	3,365	- 82	- 172
UA Applications	8,623	8,811	8,908	+ 97	+ 285
Other Registrants	66	99	85	- 14	+ 19
Total	12,226	12,357	12,358	+ 1	+ 132
All Persons					
UB Claims	8,164	8,199	7,933	- 266	- 231
UA Applications	20,852	21,778	21,896	+ 118	+ 1,044
Other Registrants	103	134	121	- 13	+ 18
Total	29,119	30,111	29,950	- 161	+ 831

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

Category	May 2005	April 2006	May 2006	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	23,697	24,277	23,628	- 649	- 69
UA Applications	46,654	47,875	47,793	- 82	+ 1,139
Other Registrants	2,536	2,513	2,479	- 34	- 57
Total	72,887	74,665	73,900	- 765	+ 1,013
Females					
UB Claims	27,210	28,111	27,034	- 1,077	- 176
UA Applications	14,245	14,944	15,041	+ 97	+ 796
Other Registrants	7,365	6,735	6,635	- 100	- 730
Total	48,820	49,790	48,710	- 1,080	- 110
All Persons					
UB Claims	50,907	52,388	50,662	- 1,726	- 245
UA Applications	60,899	62,819	62,834	+ 15	+ 1,935
Other Registrants	9,901	9,248	9,114	- 134	- 787
Total	121,707	124,455	122,610	- 1,845	+ 903

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	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
	April	92,400	62,100	154,600	93,100	65,100	158,200
	May	91,500	61,100	152,600	93,600	65,100	158,800

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	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
	April	17,800	12,400	30,100	18,000	13,300	31,300
	May	17,600	12,400	30,000	18,200	13,200	31,400

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	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
	April	74,700	49,800	124,500	75,100	51,800	126,900
	May	73,900	48,700	122,600	75,400	52,000	127,400

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2005 (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	
July ²	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 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	May 2005	April 2006	May 2006	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland & Western	27,165	27,414	27,214	- 200	+ 49	5,328	21,886
Border	13,304	13,228	13,104	- 124	- 200	2,463	10,641
Midland	5,312	5,746	5,740	- 6	+ 428	1,299	4,441
West	8,549	8,440	8,370	- 70	- 179	1,566	6,804
Southern & Eastern	62,615	65,005	64,278	- 727	+ 1,663	12,264	52,014
Dublin	25,053	25,832	25,599	- 233	+ 546	5,108	20,491
Mid-East	6,588	6,968	6,876	- 92	+ 288	1,238	5,638
Mid-West	7,317	7,509	7,512	+ 3	+ 195	1,493	6,019
South-East	11,409	11,972	11,842	- 130	+ 433	2,368	9,474
South-West	12,248	12,724	12,449	- 275	+ 201	2,057	10,392
Total	89,780	92,419	91,492	- 927	+ 1,712	17,592	73,900
Females							
Border, Midland & Western	19,902	19,920	19,925	+ 5	+ 23	4,249	15,676
Border	9,242	9,234	9,063	- 171	- 179	1,900	7,163
Midland	4,398	4,575	4,639	+ 64	+ 241	1,098	3,541
West	6,262	6,111	6,223	+ 112	- 39	1,251	4,972
Southern & Eastern	41,144	42,227	41,143	- 1,084	- 1	8,109	33,034
Dublin	13,857	14,448	14,029	- 419	+ 172	2,902	11,127
Mid-East	5,026	5,318	5,133	- 185	+ 107	853	4,280
Mid-West	5,475	5,388	5,316	- 72	- 159	1,079	4,237
South-East	8,325	8,421	8,246	- 175	- 79	1,740	6,506
South-West	8,461	8,652	8,419	- 233	- 42	1,535	6,884
Total	61,046	62,147	61,068	- 1,079	+ 22	12,358	48,710
All Persons							
Border, Midland & Western	47,067	47,334	47,139	- 195	+ 72	9,577	37,562
Border	22,546	22,462	22,167	- 295	- 379	4,363	17,804
Midland	9,710	10,321	10,379	+ 58	+ 669	2,397	7,982
West	14,811	14,551	14,593	+ 42	- 218	2,817	11,776
Southern & Eastern	103,759	107,232	105,421	- 1,811	+ 1,662	20,373	85,048
Dublin	38,910	40,280	39,628	- 652	+ 718	8,010	31,618
Mid-East	11,614	12,286	12,009	- 277	+ 395	2,091	9,918
Mid-West	12,792	12,897	12,828	- 69	+ 36	2,572	10,256
South-East	19,734	20,393	20,088	- 305	+ 354	4,108	15,980
South-West	20,709	21,376	20,868	- 508	+ 159	3,592	17,276
Total	150,826	154,566	152,560	- 2,006	+ 1,734	29,950	122,610

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

Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	May 2005	April 2006	May 2006	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	77,579	80,713	79,578	- 1,135	+ 1,999	16,059	63,519
Munster	42,449	43,629	42,872	- 757	- 423	7,997	34,875
Connacht	17,754	17,433	17,516	+ 83	- 238	3,375	14,141
Ulster	13,044	12,791	12,594	- 197	- 450	2,519	10,075
Total	150,826	154,566	152,560	- 2,006	+ 1,734	29,950	122,610

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office				Males			Females		
	May 2005	April 2006	May 2006	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	47,067	47,334	47,139	5,328	21,886	27,214	4,249	15,676	19,925
Border	22,546	22,462	22,167	2,463	10,641	13,104	1,900	7,163	9,063
Cavan	2,130	2,224	2,190	192	1,010	1,202	174	814	988
Belturbet	404	440	431	28	217	245	29	157	186
Cavan	1,726	1,784	1,759	164	793	957	145	657	802
Donegal	8,790	8,498	8,407	987	4,107	5,094	786	2,527	3,313
Ballybofey	703	705	722	120	294	414	110	198	308
Ballyshannon	465	478	458	49	197	246	47	165	212
Buncrana	1,634	1,578	1,584	148	731	879	196	509	705
Donegal	409	422	419	45	192	237	26	156	182
Dunfanaghy	822	731	711	102	362	464	51	196	247
Dungloe	1,409	1,269	1,258	138	671	809	49	400	449
Killybegs	954	983	972	59	572	631	57	284	341
Letterkenny	2,394	2,332	2,283	326	1,088	1,414	250	619	869
Leitrim	1,000	1,040	1,040	86	478	564	81	395	476
Carrick-on-Shannon	749	773	758	70	332	402	60	296	356
Manorhamilton	251	267	282	16	146	162	21	99	120
Louth	6,559	6,789	6,650	762	3,189	3,951	524	2,175	2,699
Ardee	824	774	761	91	313	404	72	285	357
Drogheda	3,071	3,276	3,203	348	1,482	1,830	258	1,115	1,373
Dundalk	2,664	2,739	2,686	323	1,394	1,717	194	775	969
Monaghan	2,124	2,069	1,997	189	913	1,102	191	704	895
Carrickmacross	556	535	514	25	209	234	41	239	280
Castleblayney	643	623	619	62	286	348	64	207	271
Clones	256	223	216	31	104	135	19	62	81
Monaghan	669	688	648	71	314	385	67	196	263
Sligo	1,943	1,842	1,883	247	944	1,191	144	548	692
Sligo	1,606	1,517	1,563	215	800	1,015	113	435	548
Tubbercurry	337	325	320	32	144	176	31	113	144
Midland	9,710	10,321	10,379	1,299	4,441	5,740	1,098	3,541	4,639
Laoighis	1,963	2,030	2,103	273	891	1,164	233	706	939
Portarlington	745	779	816	108	321	429	95	292	387
Portlaoise	896	927	948	124	407	531	99	318	417
Rathdowney	322	324	339	41	163	204	39	96	135
Longford	1,740	2,002	2,008	240	874	1,114	214	680	894
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Offaly	2,540	2,760	2,732	335	1,246	1,581	281	870	1,151
Birr	774	880	836	100	365	465	107	264	371
Edenderry	624	672	679	76	320	396	52	231	283
Tullamore	1,142	1,208	1,217	159	561	720	122	375	497
Westmeath	3,467	3,529	3,536	451	1,430	1,881	370	1,285	1,655
Athlone	1,436	1,375	1,415	197	559	756	157	502	659
Castlepollard	344	352	357	33	148	181	37	139	176
Mullingar	1,687	1,802	1,764	221	723	944	176	644	820
West	14,811	14,551	14,593	1,566	6,804	8,370	1,251	4,972	6,223
Galway	8,717	8,561	8,737	978	4,096	5,074	811	2,852	3,663
Ballinasloe	902	878	845	124	409	533	59	253	312
Clifden	689	672	647	64	353	417	52	178	230
Galway	4,992	4,848	5,127	601	2,430	3,031	541	1,555	2,096
Gort	436	471	477	36	180	216	25	236	261
Loughrea	644	675	625	52	270	322	52	251	303
Tuam	1,054	1,017	1,016	101	454	555	82	379	461

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	May 2005	April 2006	May 2006	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	4,946	4,819	4,701	451	2,185	2,636	355	1,710	2,065
Achill	240	241	233	15	134	149	19	65	84
Ballina	1,437	1,351	1,308	163	648	811	102	395	497
Ballinrobe	359	366	352	29	140	169	23	160	183
Belmullet	564	519	511	42	279	321	40	150	190
Castlebar	831	793	786	78	307	385	66	335	401
Claremorris	359	373	364	31	147	178	23	163	186
Swinford	602	611	595	66	250	316	64	215	279
Westport	554	565	552	27	280	307	18	227	245
Roscommon	1,148	1,171	1,155	137	523	660	85	410	495
Boyle	310	329	328	41	146	187	18	123	141
Castlereagh	505	521	482	52	226	278	44	160	204
Roscommon	333	321	345	44	151	195	23	127	150
Southern and Eastern	103,759	107,232	105,421	12,264	52,014	64,278	8,109	33,034	41,143
Dublin	38,910	40,280	39,628	5,108	20,491	25,599	2,902	11,127	14,029
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Bishop Square	3,589	3,363	3,376	337	1,949	2,286	187	903	1,090
Cumberland Street	5,127	5,102	5,076	677	2,602	3,279	342	1,455	1,797
Navan Road	2,492	2,495	2,464	301	1,412	1,713	175	576	751
Blanchardstown	3,082	3,694	3,497	431	1,666	2,097	288	1,112	1,400
Thomas Street	2,224	2,162	2,181	284	1,270	1,554	153	474	627
Tara Street	1,137	1,129	1,113	104	635	739	58	316	374
Tallaght	3,321	3,436	3,374	576	1,675	2,251	303	820	1,123
Ballymun	1,431	1,562	1,542	296	728	1,024	142	376	518
Clondalkin	3,099	3,622	3,554	532	1,683	2,215	371	968	1,339
Rathfarnham	1,743	1,767	1,751	150	874	1,024	83	644	727
Kilbarrack	2,345	2,276	2,212	198	1,201	1,399	99	714	813
Dun Laoghaire	2,481	2,408	2,329	197	1,225	1,422	75	832	907
Balbriggan	1,170	1,361	1,343	125	653	778	94	471	565
Ballyfermot	1,218	1,274	1,244	222	628	850	136	258	394
Finglas	2,174	2,255	2,250	369	1,104	1,473	204	573	777
Coolock	2,277	2,374	2,322	309	1,186	1,495	192	635	827
Mid-East	11,614	12,286	12,009	1,238	5,638	6,876	853	4,280	5,133
Kildare	4,344	4,840	4,772	485	2,217	2,702	384	1,686	2,070
Athy	834	864	851	94	404	498	80	273	353
Maynooth	1,297	1,423	1,424	137	624	761	91	572	663
Newbridge	2,213	2,553	2,497	254	1,189	1,443	213	841	1,054
Meath	2,886	3,065	3,025	317	1,309	1,626	210	1,189	1,399
Kells	505	581	554	46	241	287	45	222	267
Navan	1,688	1,708	1,681	192	767	959	106	616	722
Trim	693	776	790	79	301	380	59	351	410
Wicklow	4,384	4,381	4,212	436	2,112	2,548	259	1,405	1,664
Arklow	1,228	1,245	1,208	155	601	756	82	370	452
Baltinglass	424	430	431	51	187	238	43	150	193
Bray	1,869	1,876	1,763	137	895	1,032	92	639	731
Wicklow	863	830	810	93	429	522	42	246	288
Mid-West	12,792	12,897	12,828	1,493	6,019	7,512	1,079	4,237	5,316
Clare	3,592	3,703	3,568	312	1,601	1,913	242	1,413	1,655
Ennis	2,141	2,215	2,174	223	953	1,176	129	869	998
Ennistymon	527	552	516	20	225	245	41	230	271
Kilrush	550	543	529	49	252	301	53	175	228
Tulla	374	393	349	20	171	191	19	139	158
Limerick	6,830	6,863	6,982	919	3,425	4,344	654	1,984	2,638
Kilmallock	710	773	773	96	361	457	83	233	316
Limerick	5,212	5,189	5,337	756	2,643	3,399	468	1,470	1,938
Newcastle West	908	901	872	67	421	488	103	281	384

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	May 2005	April 2006	May 2006	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,370	2,331	2,278	262	993	1,255	183	840	1,023
Nenagh	944	868	861	71	389	460	51	350	401
Roscrea	491	506	475	59	212	271	39	165	204
Thurles	935	957	942	132	392	524	93	325	418
South-East	19,734	20,393	20,088	2,368	9,474	11,842	1,740	6,506	8,246
Carlow	2,197	2,039	2,058	269	911	1,180	182	696	878
Bagenalstown	502	473	481	56	224	280	43	158	201
Carlow	1,206	1,087	1,086	159	496	655	93	338	431
Tullow	489	479	491	54	191	245	46	200	246
Kilkenny	2,349	2,469	2,434	304	1,173	1,477	221	736	957
Kilkenny	1,954	2,067	2,048	250	1,013	1,263	184	601	785
Thomastown	395	402	386	54	160	214	37	135	172
South Tipperary	3,212	3,185	3,083	409	1,473	1,882	259	942	1,201
Cahir	429	399	399	38	191	229	41	129	170
Carrick-on-Suir	904	956	905	100	463	563	58	284	342
Cashel	343	336	338	51	136	187	30	121	151
Clonmel	923	923	895	127	442	569	80	246	326
Tipperary	613	571	546	93	241	334	50	162	212
Waterford	5,736	6,171	6,093	718	3,050	3,768	447	1,878	2,325
Dungarvan	843	1,055	1,034	98	531	629	53	352	405
Waterford	4,893	5,116	5,059	620	2,519	3,139	394	1,526	1,920
Wexford	6,240	6,529	6,420	668	2,867	3,535	631	2,254	2,885
Enniscorthy	1,681	1,699	1,688	201	757	958	192	538	730
Gorey	1,145	1,143	1,149	116	507	623	93	433	526
New Ross	1,072	1,199	1,170	128	524	652	118	400	518
Wexford	2,342	2,488	2,413	223	1,079	1,302	228	883	1,111
South-West	20,709	21,376	20,868	2,057	10,392	12,449	1,535	6,884	8,419
Cork	15,061	15,463	15,291	1,535	7,756	9,291	1,112	4,888	6,000
Bandon	494	492	504	51	256	307	31	166	197
Bantry	338	348	298	17	124	141	16	141	157
Bantry (SWLO)	174	144	136	5	51	56	6	74	80
Clonakilty	426	435	434	18	188	206	25	203	228
Cobh	377	367	349	55	162	217	32	100	132
Cork	7,412	7,532	7,452	933	4,095	5,028	597	1,827	2,424
Dunmanway	209	223	215	17	85	102	15	98	113
Fermoy	830	892	886	84	414	498	72	316	388
Kinsale	590	594	602	32	251	283	28	291	319
Macroon	388	359	329	19	144	163	24	142	166
Mallow	680	773	786	78	394	472	79	235	314
Midleton	1,023	1,095	1,111	74	527	601	70	440	510
Newmarket	409	486	455	40	244	284	15	156	171
Passage West	709	706	695	59	348	407	41	247	288
Skibbereen	358	373	375	25	151	176	16	183	199
Youghal	644	644	664	28	322	350	45	269	314
Kerry	5,648	5,913	5,577	522	2,636	3,158	423	1,996	2,419
Cahirciveen	353	334	317	15	130	145	15	157	172
Dingle	271	271	246	8	109	117	6	123	129
Kenmare	125	181	147	6	69	75	2	70	72
Killarney	891	878	789	82	325	407	74	308	382
Killorglin	330	389	338	20	154	174	19	145	164
Listowel	872	912	836	93	427	520	81	235	316
Tralee	2,806	2,948	2,904	298	1,422	1,720	226	958	1,184
State	150,826	154,566	152,560	17,592	73,900	91,492	12,358	48,710	61,068

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	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		
	April	4	92,419 - 261	62,147 + 16	154,566 - 244		
	May	4	91,492 - 232	61,068 - 270	152,560 - 502		

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