



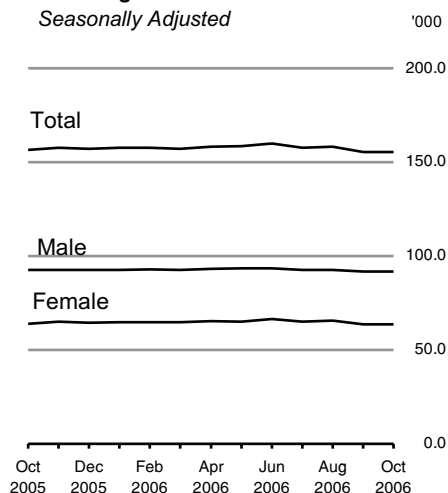
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Live Register October 2006

Live Register

Seasonally Adjusted



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
October 2005	149,644	156,500
September 2006	152,307	155,300
October 2006	148,506	155,400
Change in month	-3,801	+100
Change in year	-1,138	-1,100

Slight increase in Seasonally Adjusted Live Register in October

The seasonally adjusted Live Register total increased from 155,300 in September to 155,400 in October, an increase of 100. This compares with a decrease of 2,900 in September. *See table 2a and graph opposite.*

In the year to October 2006, there was an unadjusted decrease of 1,138 (-0.8%). This compares with an unadjusted decrease of 1,028 (-0.7%) in the year to September 2006.

Other features include:

- ◆ The monthly increase in the Seasonally Adjusted series was made up of an increase of 200 males and a decrease of 100 females. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in October 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 7,394 males and 12,036 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 March to May 2006, is 94,400 persons unemployed.

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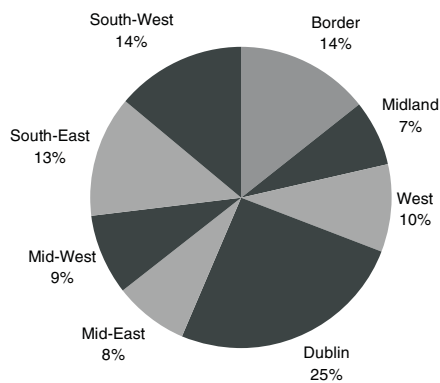
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Live Register by Regional Authority



	October 2006	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and Western	45,984	- 993	+ 40
Border	21,526	- 495	- 185
Midland	10,315	- 129	+ 607
West	14,143	- 369	- 382
Southern and Eastern	102,522	-2,808	-1,178
Dublin	37,834	-1,401	-1,453
Mid-East	11,800	- 191	+ 179
Mid-West	12,752	- 391	+ 34
South-East	19,602	- 574	+ 132
South-West	20,534	- 251	- 70
Total	148,506	-3,801	-1,138

Unadjusted monthly decreases in all eight regions

There was an unadjusted monthly decrease of 3,801 (-2.5%) on the Live Register in October 2006, which reflected decreases in all regions. The largest percentage decrease was in Dublin (-3.6%) while the smallest decreases were in the Midland and South-West regions (both -1.2%).

Other features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males decreased in all regions. The largest percentage decreases were in the Dublin and the South-East regions (both -2.5%). The smallest decrease was in the Midland region (-0.2%).
- ◆ The number of females decreased in all regions. The largest percentage decrease was in the Dublin region (-5.3%). The smallest percentage decrease was in the South-West region (-1.4%).
- ◆ Amongst counties, the largest percentage decreases were in Waterford (-5.7%), Tipperary North and Limerick (both -4.4%). The only counties with an increase were Kerry (+4.1%) and Clare (+0.7%). *See tables 4 and 6.*

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	October 2005	September 2006	October 2006	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	26,532	26,992	26,407	- 585	- 125
UA Applications	59,565	60,297	59,167	- 1,130	- 398
Other Registrants	2,652	2,521	2,554	+ 33	- 98
Total	88,749	89,810	88,128	- 1,682	- 621
Females					
UB Claims	30,054	30,275	29,631	- 644	- 423
UA Applications	23,611	25,146	23,821	- 1,325	+ 210
Other Registrants	7,230	7,076	6,926	- 150	- 304
Total	60,895	62,497	60,378	- 2,119	- 517
All Persons					
UB Claims	56,586	57,267	56,038	- 1,229	- 548
UA Applications	83,176	85,443	82,988	- 2,455	- 188
Other Registrants	9,882	9,597	9,480	- 117	- 402
Total	149,644	152,307	148,506	- 3,801	- 1,138

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

Category	October 2005	September 2006	October 2006	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	4,280	4,400	4,128	- 272	- 152
UA Applications	12,666	13,178	12,780	- 398	+ 114
Other Registrants	33	37	35	- 2	+ 2
Total	16,979	17,615	16,943	- 672	- 36
Females					
UB Claims	3,293	3,605	3,258	- 347	- 35
UA Applications	8,774	9,545	8,889	- 656	+ 115
Other Registrants	80	90	82	- 8	+ 2
Total	12,147	13,240	12,229	- 1,011	+ 82
All Persons					
UB Claims	7,573	8,005	7,386	- 619	- 187
UA Applications	21,440	22,723	21,669	- 1,054	+ 229
Other Registrants	113	127	117	- 10	+ 4
Total	29,126	30,855	29,172	- 1,683	+ 46

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

Category	October 2005	September 2006	October 2006	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	22,252	22,592	22,279	- 313	+ 27
UA Applications	46,899	47,119	46,387	- 732	- 512
Other Registrants	2,619	2,484	2,519	+ 35	- 100
Total	71,770	72,195	71,185	- 1,010	- 585
Females					
UB Claims	26,761	26,670	26,373	- 297	- 388
UA Applications	14,837	15,601	14,932	- 669	+ 95
Other Registrants	7,150	6,986	6,844	- 142	- 306
Total	48,748	49,257	48,149	- 1,108	- 599
All Persons					
UB Claims	49,013	49,262	48,652	- 610	- 361
UA Applications	61,736	62,720	61,319	- 1,401	- 417
Other Registrants	9,769	9,470	9,363	- 107	- 406
Total	120,518	121,452	119,334	- 2,118	- 1,184

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	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
	August	95,000	74,600	169,600	92,600	65,600	158,200
	September	89,800	62,500	152,300	91,700	63,600	155,300
	October	88,100	60,400	148,500	91,900	63,500	155,400

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	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
	August	18,800	14,900	33,700	17,800	12,800	30,600
	September	17,600	13,200	30,900	17,800	12,800	30,600
	October	16,900	12,200	29,200	18,000	13,000	31,000

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	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
	August	76,200	59,700	135,900	74,800	52,800	127,600
	September	72,200	49,300	121,500	73,900	50,800	124,700
	October	71,200	48,100	119,300	73,800	50,500	124,300

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2006 (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	4.4
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 ¹	4.4	3.8	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.4 ²
May	4.2	3.9	4.3	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.5
June	4.1	3.9	4.3	4.7	4.4	4.3	4.5
July ¹	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	4.4
September	3.9	3.9	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.4
October ¹	3.9	4.0	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.4	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 Benchmark Labour Force Survey/Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) estimates.

² The latest QNHS estimate of the unemployment rate (adjusted for seasonality) is: March - May 2006, 4.4%.

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register classified by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	October 2005	September 2006	October 2006	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland & Western	26,454	26,730	26,288	- 442	- 166	5,115	21,173
Border	12,773	12,812	12,500	- 312	- 273	2,321	10,179
Midland	5,323	5,703	5,694	- 9	+ 371	1,238	4,456
West	8,358	8,215	8,094	- 121	- 264	1,556	6,538
Southern & Eastern	62,295	63,080	61,840	- 1,240	- 455	11,828	50,012
Dublin	25,050	24,766	24,136	- 630	- 914	4,840	19,296
Mid-East	6,566	6,773	6,732	- 41	+ 166	1,220	5,512
Mid-West	7,314	7,672	7,521	- 151	+ 207	1,509	6,012
South-East	11,288	11,713	11,424	- 289	+ 136	2,298	9,126
South-West	12,077	12,156	12,027	- 129	- 50	1,961	10,066
Total	88,749	89,810	88,128	- 1,682	- 621	16,943	71,185
Females							
Border, Midland & Western	19,490	20,247	19,696	- 551	+ 206	4,182	15,514
Border	8,938	9,209	9,026	- 183	+ 88	1,914	7,112
Midland	4,385	4,741	4,621	- 120	+ 236	1,100	3,521
West	6,167	6,297	6,049	- 248	- 118	1,168	4,881
Southern & Eastern	41,405	42,250	40,682	- 1,568	- 723	8,047	32,635
Dublin	14,237	14,469	13,698	- 771	- 539	2,805	10,893
Mid-East	5,055	5,218	5,068	- 150	+ 13	873	4,195
Mid-West	5,404	5,471	5,231	- 240	- 173	1,137	4,094
South-East	8,182	8,463	8,178	- 285	- 4	1,714	6,464
South-West	8,527	8,629	8,507	- 122	- 20	1,518	6,989
Total	60,895	62,497	60,378	- 2,119	- 517	12,229	48,149
All Persons							
Border, Midland & Western	45,944	46,977	45,984	- 993	+ 40	9,297	36,687
Border	21,711	22,021	21,526	- 495	- 185	4,235	17,291
Midland	9,708	10,444	10,315	- 129	+ 607	2,338	7,977
West	14,525	14,512	14,143	- 369	- 382	2,724	11,419
Southern & Eastern	103,700	105,330	102,522	- 2,808	- 1,178	19,875	82,647
Dublin	39,287	39,235	37,834	- 1,401	- 1,453	7,645	30,189
Mid-East	11,621	11,991	11,800	- 191	+ 179	2,093	9,707
Mid-West	12,718	13,143	12,752	- 391	+ 34	2,646	10,106
South-East	19,470	20,176	19,602	- 574	+ 132	4,012	15,590
South-West	20,604	20,785	20,534	- 251	- 70	3,479	17,055
Total	149,644	152,307	148,506	- 3,801	- 1,138	29,172	119,334

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

Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	October 2005	September 2006	October 2006	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	77,465	79,053	77,073	- 1,980	- 392	15,452	61,621
Munster	42,260	43,231	42,104	- 1,127	- 156	7,963	34,141
Connacht	17,405	17,438	17,049	- 389	- 356	3,306	13,743
Ulster	12,514	12,585	12,280	- 305	- 234	2,451	9,829
Total	149,644	152,307	148,506	- 3,801	- 1,138	29,172	119,334

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	October 2005	September 2006	October 2006	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	45,944	46,977	45,984	5,115	21,173	26,288	4,182	15,514	19,696
Border	21,711	22,021	21,526	2,321	10,179	12,500	1,914	7,112	9,026
Cavan	2,172	2,242	2,184	206	1,014	1,220	192	772	964
Ballyconnell ¹	423	447	434	31	214	245	38	151	189
Cavan	1,749	1,795	1,750	175	800	975	154	621	775
Donegal	8,322	8,340	8,153	924	3,819	4,743	768	2,642	3,410
Ballybofey	687	759	724	120	304	424	113	187	300
Ballyshannon	441	450	482	52	189	241	52	189	241
Buncrana	1,520	1,647	1,590	140	726	866	209	515	724
Donegal	383	423	484	38	180	218	27	239	266
Dunfanaghy	764	741	733	110	355	465	43	225	268
Dungloe	1,322	1,214	1,173	102	601	703	48	422	470
Killybegs	885	847	787	52	409	461	50	276	326
Letterkenney	2,320	2,259	2,180	310	1,055	1,365	226	589	815
Leitrim	1,016	1,095	1,093	97	476	573	101	419	520
Carrick-on-Shannon	755	791	785	74	323	397	77	311	388
Manorhamilton	261	304	308	23	153	176	24	108	132
Louth	6,317	6,510	6,340	683	3,069	3,752	519	2,069	2,588
Ardee	739	735	728	82	285	367	65	296	361
Drogheda	3,030	3,126	3,055	301	1,448	1,749	253	1,053	1,306
Dundalk	2,548	2,649	2,557	300	1,336	1,636	201	720	921
Monaghan	2,020	2,003	1,943	175	893	1,068	186	689	875
Carrickmacross	537	515	500	20	209	229	42	229	271
Castleblayney	607	640	611	55	279	334	70	207	277
Clones	231	208	210	25	104	129	20	61	81
Monaghan	645	640	622	75	301	376	54	192	246
Sligo	1,864	1,831	1,813	236	908	1,144	148	521	669
Sligo	1,523	1,514	1,479	205	758	963	118	398	516
Tubbercurry	341	317	334	31	150	181	30	123	153
Midland	9,708	10,444	10,315	1,238	4,456	5,694	1,100	3,521	4,621
Laoighis	1,916	2,037	1,984	240	841	1,081	213	690	903
Portarlington	748	791	786	107	321	428	87	271	358
Portlaoise	869	904	863	100	366	466	85	312	397
Rathdowney	299	342	335	33	154	187	41	107	148
Longford	1,706	1,961	1,931	235	870	1,105	192	634	826
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Offaly	2,615	2,783	2,748	310	1,270	1,580	308	860	1,168
Birr	826	847	847	91	387	478	95	274	369
Edenderry	632	683	674	72	330	402	55	217	272
Tullamore	1,157	1,253	1,227	147	553	700	158	369	527
Westmeath	3,471	3,663	3,652	453	1,475	1,928	387	1,337	1,724
Athlone	1,421	1,461	1,447	192	594	786	167	494	661
Castlepollard	343	389	387	38	162	200	36	151	187
Mullingar	1,707	1,813	1,818	223	719	942	184	692	876
West	14,525	14,512	14,143	1,556	6,538	8,094	1,168	4,881	6,049
Galway	8,413	8,608	8,441	968	3,937	4,905	724	2,812	3,536
Ballinasloe	880	857	872	117	406	523	73	276	349
Clifden	669	603	619	68	311	379	50	190	240
Galway	4,798	4,908	4,733	583	2,270	2,853	439	1,441	1,880
Gort	433	468	464	40	170	210	22	232	254
Loughrea	634	666	679	60	286	346	61	272	333
Tuam	999	1,106	1,074	100	494	594	79	401	480

¹ Ballyconnell replaces previous office Belturbet with effect from September 2006.

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	October 2005	September 2006	October 2006	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	4,974	4,640	4,478	441	2,057	2,498	354	1,626	1,980
Achill	254	202	201	18	114	132	13	56	69
Ballina	1,396	1,313	1,280	160	625	785	110	385	495
Ballinrobe	319	365	357	29	136	165	38	154	192
Belmullet	527	502	464	36	238	274	36	154	190
Castlebar	867	794	731	65	293	358	64	309	373
Claremorris	396	362	369	23	163	186	22	161	183
Swinford	574	619	594	78	244	322	59	213	272
Westport	641	483	482	32	244	276	12	194	206
Roscommon	1,138	1,264	1,224	147	544	691	90	443	533
Boyle	309	364	364	45	151	196	22	146	168
Castlerea	498	574	545	59	258	317	45	183	228
Roscommon	331	326	315	43	135	178	23	114	137
Southern and Eastern	103,700	105,330	102,522	11,828	50,012	61,840	8,047	32,635	40,682
Dublin	39,287	39,235	37,834	4,840	19,296	24,136	2,805	10,893	13,698
Dublin	39,287	39,235	37,834	4,840	19,296	24,136	2,805	10,893	13,698
Bishop Square	3,398	3,419	3,264	344	1,849	2,193	169	902	1,071
Cumberland Street	5,130	4,937	4,697	621	2,354	2,975	327	1,395	1,722
Navan Road	2,619	2,535	2,361	272	1,332	1,604	163	594	757
Blanchardstown	3,390	3,486	3,329	396	1,546	1,942	299	1,088	1,387
Thomas Street	2,178	2,061	1,982	231	1,188	1,419	125	438	563
Tara Street	1,166	1,177	1,095	106	620	726	54	315	369
Tallaght	3,146	3,423	3,334	548	1,647	2,195	294	845	1,139
Ballymun	1,481	1,511	1,492	257	727	984	149	359	508
Clondalkin	3,368	3,412	3,351	514	1,574	2,088	354	909	1,263
Rathfarnham	1,771	1,768	1,663	144	805	949	84	630	714
Kilbarrack	2,259	2,115	2,058	196	1,065	1,261	104	693	797
Dun Laoghaire	2,391	2,315	2,268	186	1,195	1,381	87	800	887
Balbriggan	1,238	1,338	1,340	137	612	749	85	506	591
Ballyfermot	1,268	1,262	1,227	231	608	839	131	257	388
Finglas	2,225	2,222	2,147	341	1,072	1,413	184	550	734
Coolock	2,259	2,254	2,226	316	1,102	1,418	196	612	808
Mid-East	11,621	11,991	11,800	1,220	5,512	6,732	873	4,195	5,068
Kildare	4,440	4,987	4,950	515	2,220	2,735	400	1,815	2,215
Athy	850	878	860	95	415	510	61	289	350
Maynooth	1,311	1,468	1,422	156	579	735	118	569	687
Newbridge	2,279	2,641	2,668	264	1,226	1,490	221	957	1,178
Meath	2,937	2,892	2,853	282	1,265	1,547	216	1,090	1,306
Kells	519	540	541	48	238	286	50	205	255
Navan	1,691	1,546	1,501	169	697	866	106	529	635
Trim	727	806	811	65	330	395	60	356	416
Wicklow	4,244	4,112	3,997	423	2,027	2,450	257	1,290	1,547
Arklow	1,217	1,163	1,173	146	584	730	79	364	443
Baltinglass	398	437	431	43	189	232	46	153	199
Bray	1,783	1,736	1,629	150	851	1,001	89	539	628
Wicklow	846	776	764	84	403	487	43	234	277
Mid-West	12,718	13,143	12,752	1,509	6,012	7,521	1,137	4,094	5,231
Clare	3,670	3,686	3,712	368	1,690	2,058	292	1,362	1,654
Ennis	2,189	2,222	2,198	241	967	1,208	169	821	990
Ennistymon	549	506	546	36	249	285	36	225	261
Kilrush	558	555	541	54	279	333	53	155	208
Tulla	374	403	427	37	195	232	34	161	195
Limerick	6,823	7,205	6,888	911	3,370	4,281	667	1,940	2,607
Kilmallock	719	798	811	97	382	479	75	257	332
Limerick	5,203	5,530	5,205	732	2,581	3,313	495	1,397	1,892
Newcastle West	901	877	872	82	407	489	97	286	383

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	October 2005	September 2006	October 2006	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,225	2,252	2,152	230	952	1,182	178	792	970
Nenagh	818	806	788	58	340	398	61	329	390
Roscrea	473	471	430	45	183	228	28	174	202
Thurles	934	975	934	127	429	556	89	289	378
South-East	19,470	20,176	19,602	2,298	9,126	11,424	1,714	6,464	8,178
Carlow	1,927	1,953	1,933	236	854	1,090	187	656	843
Bagenalstown	451	438	442	50	198	248	45	149	194
Carlow	1,059	1,050	1,035	149	474	623	90	322	412
Tullow	417	465	456	37	182	219	52	185	237
Kilkenny	2,322	2,545	2,498	309	1,209	1,518	207	773	980
Kilkenny	1,918	2,145	2,101	258	1,041	1,299	175	627	802
Thomastown	404	400	397	51	168	219	32	146	178
South Tipperary	3,068	2,974	2,848	383	1,331	1,714	272	862	1,134
Cahir	402	389	341	41	150	191	33	117	150
Carrick-on-Suir	878	911	891	78	456	534	69	288	357
Cashel	314	302	298	41	123	164	26	108	134
Clonmel	863	877	833	142	384	526	87	220	307
Tipperary	611	495	485	81	218	299	57	129	186
Waterford	5,870	6,329	5,970	720	2,901	3,621	463	1,886	2,349
Dungarvan	906	1,010	972	93	506	599	56	317	373
Waterford	4,964	5,319	4,998	627	2,395	3,022	407	1,569	1,976
Wexford	6,283	6,375	6,353	650	2,831	3,481	585	2,287	2,872
Enniscorthy	1,663	1,664	1,657	202	753	955	174	528	702
Gorey	1,142	1,154	1,151	123	493	616	84	451	535
New Ross	1,176	1,176	1,189	118	518	636	117	436	553
Wexford	2,302	2,381	2,356	207	1,067	1,274	210	872	1,082
South-West	20,604	20,785	20,534	1,961	10,066	12,027	1,518	6,989	8,507
Cork	14,877	15,195	14,717	1,426	7,313	8,739	1,069	4,909	5,978
Bandon	493	502	485	46	234	280	35	170	205
Bantry	308	290	314	16	127	143	16	155	171
Bantry (SWLO)	140	114	114	6	42	48	2	64	66
Clonakilty	438	440	442	24	190	214	23	205	228
Cobh	393	333	343	38	163	201	40	102	142
Cork	7,254	7,413	7,071	835	3,782	4,617	557	1,897	2,454
Dunmanway	204	209	213	20	74	94	16	103	119
Fermoy	868	884	873	86	417	503	63	307	370
Kinsale	608	600	580	24	231	255	26	299	325
Macroom	382	428	414	36	190	226	36	152	188
Mallow	685	711	694	72	378	450	57	187	244
Midleton	1,054	1,052	1,032	58	502	560	76	396	472
Newmarket	395	499	472	44	224	268	25	179	204
Passage West	661	658	625	59	298	357	31	237	268
Skibbereen	359	357	335	19	136	155	16	164	180
Youghal	635	705	710	43	325	368	50	292	342
Kerry	5,727	5,590	5,817	535	2,753	3,288	449	2,080	2,529
Cahirciveen	355	298	328	21	126	147	19	162	181
Dingle	273	214	244	10	120	130	13	101	114
Kenmare	154	132	151	5	62	67	10	74	84
Killarney	884	746	845	91	356	447	57	341	398
Killorglin	354	354	384	21	172	193	24	167	191
Listowel	885	904	985	106	480	586	95	304	399
Tralee	2,822	2,942	2,880	281	1,437	1,718	231	931	1,162
State	149,644	152,307	148,506	16,943	71,185	88,128	12,229	48,149	60,378

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	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
	August	4	95,026	+ 69	74,588	+ 98	169,614	+ 167
	September	5	89,810	- 1,043	62,497	- 2,418	152,307	- 3,461
	October	4	88,128	- 421	60,378	- 530	148,506	- 950

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	4.5
2004	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.3
2005	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.4
2006	4.4	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