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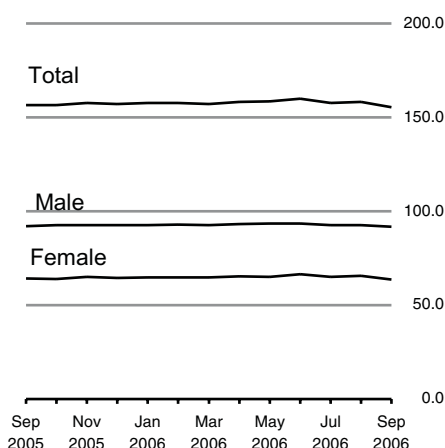
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Live Register September 2006

Live Register

Seasonally Adjusted

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	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
September 2005	153,335	156,400
August 2006	169,614	158,200
September 2006	152,307	155,300
Change in month	-17,307	-2,900
Change in year	-1,028	-1,100

Seasonally Adjusted Live Register decreases by 2,900 in September

The seasonally adjusted Live Register total decreased from 158,200 in August to 155,300 in September, a decrease of 2,900. This compares with an increase of 600 in August. *See table 2a and graph opposite.*

In the year to September 2006, there was an unadjusted decrease of 1,028 (-0.7%). This compares with an unadjusted increase of 221 (+0.1%) in the year to August 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 2,000 females. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in September 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 7,367 males and 11,805 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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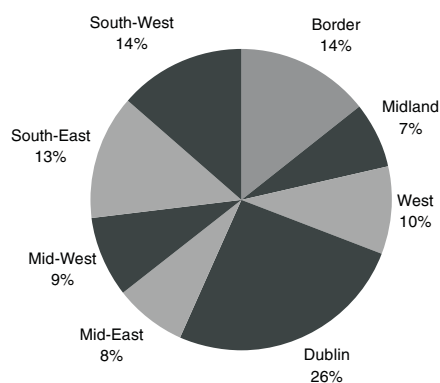
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Live Register by Regional Authority



	September 2006	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and Western	46,977	- 5,441	- 258
Border	22,021	- 2,554	- 348
Midland	10,444	- 928	+ 451
West	14,512	- 1,959	- 361
Southern and Eastern	105,330	-11,866	- 770
Dublin	39,235	- 4,449	- 1,200
Mid-East	11,991	- 1,715	+ 108
Mid-West	13,143	- 1,718	+ 63
South-East	20,176	- 1,964	+ 371
South-West	20,785	- 2,020	- 112
Total	152,307	-17,307	- 1,028

Unadjusted monthly decreases in all eight regions

There was an unadjusted monthly decrease of 17,307 (-10.2%) on the Live Register in September 2006, which reflected decreases in all regions. The largest percentage decrease was in the Mid-East (-12.5%) while the smallest percentage decrease was in the Midland region (-8.2%).

Other features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males decreased in all regions. The largest percentage decrease was in the Mid-East region (-7.8%). The smallest percentage decrease was in the Midland region (-1.2%).
- ◆ The number of females decreased in all regions. The largest percentage decrease was in the Mid-West region (-18.9%). The smallest percentage decrease was the South-West (-14.6%).
- ◆ There were decreases in all counties, the largest percentage decreases were in Meath (-16.9%) and Mayo (-12.8%). The smallest percentage decreases were in Offaly (-5.6%) and Wexford (-7.2%). *See tables 4 and 6.*

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	September 2005	August 2006	September 2006	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	27,051	29,420	26,992	- 2,428	- 59
UA Applications	60,458	62,960	60,297	- 2,663	- 161
Other Registrants	2,670	2,646	2,521	- 125	- 149
Total	90,179	95,026	89,810	- 5,216	- 369
Females					
UB Claims	30,977	39,190	30,275	- 8,915	- 702
UA Applications	24,699	27,567	25,146	- 2,421	+ 447
Other Registrants	7,480	7,831	7,076	- 755	- 404
Total	63,156	74,588	62,497	-12,091	- 659
All Persons					
UB Claims	58,028	68,610	57,267	-11,343	- 761
UA Applications	85,157	90,527	85,443	- 5,084	+ 286
Other Registrants	10,150	10,477	9,597	- 880	- 553
Total	153,335	169,614	152,307	-17,307	- 1,028

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

Category	September 2005	August 2006	September 2006	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	4,603	4,877	4,400	- 477	- 203
UA Applications	12,867	13,898	13,178	- 720	+ 311
Other Registrants	40	41	37	- 4	- 3
Total	17,510	18,816	17,615	- 1,201	+ 105
Females					
UB Claims	3,697	4,277	3,605	- 672	- 92
UA Applications	9,325	10,502	9,545	- 957	+ 220
Other Registrants	82	109	90	- 19	+ 8
Total	13,104	14,888	13,240	- 1,648	+ 136
All Persons					
UB Claims	8,300	9,154	8,005	- 1,149	- 295
UA Applications	22,192	24,400	22,723	- 1,677	+ 531
Other Registrants	122	150	127	- 23	+ 5
Total	30,614	33,704	30,855	- 2,849	+ 241

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

Category	September 2005	August 2006	September 2006	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	22,448	24,543	22,592	- 1,951	+ 144
UA Applications	47,591	49,062	47,119	- 1,943	- 472
Other Registrants	2,630	2,605	2,484	- 121	- 146
Total	72,669	76,210	72,195	- 4,015	- 474
Females					
UB Claims	27,280	34,913	26,670	- 8,243	- 610
UA Applications	15,374	17,065	15,601	- 1,464	+ 227
Other Registrants	7,398	7,722	6,986	- 736	- 412
Total	50,052	59,700	49,257	-10,443	- 795
All Persons					
UB Claims	49,728	59,456	49,262	-10,194	- 466
UA Applications	62,965	66,127	62,720	- 3,407	- 245
Other Registrants	10,028	10,327	9,470	- 857	- 558
Total	122,721	135,910	121,452	-14,458	- 1,269

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	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
	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

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	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
	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

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	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
	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

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
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 ³
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 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	4.4
September	3.9	3.9	4.5	4.6	4.4	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: March - May 2006, 4.4%.

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register classified by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	September 2005	August 2006	September 2006	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland & Western	27,047	28,328	26,730	- 1,598	- 317	5,324	21,406
Border	13,089	13,699	12,812	- 887	- 277	2,461	10,351
Midland	5,427	5,772	5,703	- 69	+ 276	1,270	4,433
West	8,531	8,857	8,215	- 642	- 316	1,593	6,622
Southern & Eastern	63,132	66,698	63,080	- 3,618	- 52	12,291	50,789
Dublin	25,519	26,374	24,766	- 1,608	- 753	4,996	19,770
Mid-East	6,594	7,348	6,773	- 575	+ 179	1,255	5,518
Mid-West	7,491	8,116	7,672	- 444	+ 181	1,572	6,100
South-East	11,384	12,159	11,713	- 446	+ 329	2,395	9,318
South-West	12,144	12,701	12,156	- 545	+ 12	2,073	10,083
Total	90,179	95,026	89,810	- 5,216	- 369	17,615	72,195
Females							
Border, Midland & Western	20,188	24,090	20,247	- 3,843	+ 59	4,521	15,726
Border	9,280	10,876	9,209	- 1,667	- 71	2,074	7,135
Midland	4,566	5,600	4,741	- 859	+ 175	1,147	3,594
West	6,342	7,614	6,297	- 1,317	- 45	1,300	4,997
Southern & Eastern	42,968	50,498	42,250	- 8,248	- 718	8,719	33,531
Dublin	14,916	17,310	14,469	- 2,841	- 447	3,070	11,399
Mid-East	5,289	6,358	5,218	- 1,140	- 71	926	4,292
Mid-West	5,589	6,745	5,471	- 1,274	- 118	1,232	4,239
South-East	8,421	9,981	8,463	- 1,518	+ 42	1,852	6,611
South-West	8,753	10,104	8,629	- 1,475	- 124	1,639	6,990
Total	63,156	74,588	62,497	-12,091	- 659	13,240	49,257
All Persons							
Border, Midland & Western	47,235	52,418	46,977	- 5,441	- 258	9,845	37,132
Border	22,369	24,575	22,021	- 2,554	- 348	4,535	17,486
Midland	9,993	11,372	10,444	- 928	+ 451	2,417	8,027
West	14,873	16,471	14,512	- 1,959	- 361	2,893	11,619
Southern & Eastern	106,100	117,196	105,330	-11,866	- 770	21,010	84,320
Dublin	40,435	43,684	39,235	- 4,449	- 1,200	8,066	31,169
Mid-East	11,883	13,706	11,991	- 1,715	+ 108	2,181	9,810
Mid-West	13,080	14,861	13,143	- 1,718	+ 63	2,804	10,339
South-East	19,805	22,140	20,176	- 1,964	+ 371	4,247	15,929
South-West	20,897	22,805	20,785	- 2,020	- 112	3,712	17,073
Total	153,335	169,614	152,307	-17,307	- 1,028	30,855	121,452

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

Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	September 2005	August 2006	September 2006	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	79,578	87,784	79,053	- 8,731	- 525	16,223	62,830
Munster	43,072	47,911	43,231	- 4,680	+ 159	8,505	34,726
Connacht	17,819	19,811	17,438	- 2,373	- 381	3,480	13,958
Ulster	12,866	14,108	12,585	- 1,523	- 281	2,647	9,938
Total	153,335	169,614	152,307	-17,307	- 1,028	30,855	121,452

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	September 2005	August 2006	September 2006	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	47,235	52,418	46,977	5,324	21,406	26,730	4,521	15,726	20,247
Border	22,369	24,575	22,021	2,461	10,351	12,812	2,074	7,135	9,209
Cavan	2,185	2,468	2,242	221	1,012	1,233	202	807	1,009
Ballyconnell ¹	427	505	447	34	217	251	38	158	196
Cavan	1,758	1,963	1,795	187	795	982	164	649	813
Donegal	8,586	9,351	8,340	994	3,943	4,937	835	2,568	3,403
Ballybofey	708	879	759	134	302	436	127	196	323
Ballyshannon	434	476	450	53	183	236	58	156	214
Buncrana	1,617	1,825	1,647	155	762	917	225	505	730
Donegal	399	486	423	41	173	214	24	185	209
Dunfanaghy	775	783	741	114	361	475	49	217	266
Dungloe	1,348	1,368	1,214	106	627	733	54	427	481
Killybegs	936	932	847	56	466	522	53	272	325
Letterkenny	2,369	2,602	2,259	335	1,069	1,404	245	610	855
Leitrim	1,032	1,243	1,095	97	489	586	100	409	509
Carrick-on-Shannon	759	901	791	74	328	402	79	310	389
Manorhamilton	273	342	304	23	161	184	21	99	120
Louth	6,557	7,127	6,510	735	3,109	3,844	566	2,100	2,666
Ardee	760	845	735	83	289	372	70	293	363
Drogheda	3,100	3,370	3,126	332	1,455	1,787	276	1,063	1,339
Dundalk	2,697	2,912	2,649	320	1,365	1,685	220	744	964
Monaghan	2,095	2,289	2,003	180	884	1,064	215	724	939
Carrickmacross	562	571	515	25	200	225	47	243	290
Castleblayney	618	716	640	58	279	337	84	219	303
Clones	249	254	208	24	105	129	19	60	79
Monaghan	666	748	640	73	300	373	65	202	267
Sligo	1,914	2,097	1,831	234	914	1,148	156	527	683
Sligo	1,556	1,735	1,514	206	773	979	124	411	535
Tubbercurry	358	362	317	28	141	169	32	116	148
Midland	9,993	11,372	10,444	1,270	4,433	5,703	1,147	3,594	4,741
Laoighis	2,007	2,285	2,037	247	856	1,103	229	705	934
Portllington	783	900	791	107	316	423	94	274	368
Portlaoise	901	1,019	904	103	385	488	91	325	416
Rathdowney	323	366	342	37	155	192	44	106	150
Longford	1,747	2,128	1,961	232	859	1,091	205	665	870
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Offaly	2,647	2,947	2,783	329	1,254	1,583	314	886	1,200
Birr	806	917	847	101	376	477	102	268	370
Edenderry	634	721	683	70	322	392	54	237	291
Tullamore	1,207	1,309	1,253	158	556	714	158	381	539
Westmeath	3,592	4,012	3,663	462	1,464	1,926	399	1,338	1,737
Athlone	1,518	1,657	1,461	187	606	793	176	492	668
Castlepollard	349	403	389	36	167	203	37	149	186
Mullingar	1,725	1,952	1,813	239	691	930	186	697	883
West	14,873	16,471	14,512	1,593	6,622	8,215	1,300	4,997	6,297
Galway	8,650	9,753	8,608	983	3,977	4,960	787	2,861	3,648
Ballinasloe	891	949	857	122	391	513	69	275	344
Clifden	621	624	603	68	313	381	48	174	222
Galway	4,995	5,718	4,908	594	2,313	2,907	496	1,505	2,001
Gort	438	519	468	40	175	215	20	233	253
Loughrea	682	742	666	53	286	339	63	264	327
Tuam	1,023	1,201	1,106	106	499	605	91	410	501

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 NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	September 2005	August 2006	September 2006	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	5,065	5,320	4,640	452	2,103	2,555	411	1,674	2,085
Achill	263	217	202	19	119	138	12	52	64
Ballina	1,425	1,448	1,313	158	634	792	128	393	521
Ballinrobe	329	433	365	30	135	165	42	158	200
Belmullet	529	548	502	35	257	292	45	165	210
Castlebar	897	961	794	74	302	376	82	336	418
Claremorris	373	433	362	27	156	183	20	159	179
Swinford	602	720	619	83	249	332	68	219	287
Westport	647	560	483	26	251	277	14	192	206
Roscommon	1,158	1,398	1,264	158	542	700	102	462	564
Boyle	300	372	364	47	146	193	25	146	171
Castlerea	501	639	574	69	255	324	52	198	250
Roscommon	357	387	326	42	141	183	25	118	143
Southern and Eastern	106,100	117,196	105,330	12,291	50,789	63,080	8,719	33,531	42,250
Dublin	40,435	43,684	39,235	4,996	19,770	24,766	3,070	11,399	14,469
Dublin	40,435	43,684	39,235	4,996	19,770	24,766	3,070	11,399	14,469
Bishop Square	3,612	3,881	3,419	352	1,910	2,262	212	945	1,157
Cumberland Street	5,222	5,456	4,937	662	2,460	3,122	351	1,464	1,815
Navan Road	2,656	2,773	2,535	293	1,409	1,702	196	637	833
Blanchardstown	3,510	3,872	3,486	412	1,601	2,013	333	1,140	1,473
Thomas Street	2,228	2,252	2,061	238	1,205	1,443	151	467	618
Tara Street	1,191	1,273	1,177	107	650	757	74	346	420
Tallaght	3,291	3,782	3,423	573	1,674	2,247	315	861	1,176
Ballymun	1,529	1,588	1,511	261	738	999	154	358	512
Clondalkin	3,498	3,716	3,412	522	1,588	2,110	366	936	1,302
Rathfarnham	1,788	2,184	1,768	159	831	990	99	679	778
Kilbarrack	2,278	2,508	2,115	198	1,100	1,298	103	714	817
Dun Laoghaire	2,539	2,780	2,315	190	1,186	1,376	94	845	939
Balbriggan	1,278	1,465	1,338	130	610	740	77	521	598
Ballyfermot	1,255	1,298	1,262	226	617	843	146	273	419
Finglas	2,270	2,354	2,222	356	1,096	1,452	196	574	770
Coolock	2,290	2,502	2,254	317	1,095	1,412	203	639	842
Mid-East	11,883	13,706	11,991	1,255	5,518	6,773	926	4,292	5,218
Kildare	4,543	5,543	4,987	534	2,184	2,718	432	1,837	2,269
Athy	836	931	878	101	411	512	68	298	366
Maynooth	1,378	1,693	1,468	157	589	746	125	597	722
Newbridge	2,329	2,919	2,641	276	1,184	1,460	239	942	1,181
Meath	2,991	3,481	2,892	280	1,265	1,545	229	1,118	1,347
Kells	510	792	540	43	232	275	53	212	265
Navan	1,728	1,791	1,546	175	721	896	110	540	650
Trim	753	898	806	62	312	374	66	366	432
Wicklow	4,349	4,682	4,112	441	2,069	2,510	265	1,337	1,602
Arklow	1,203	1,268	1,163	147	583	730	77	356	433
Baltinglass	413	483	437	47	185	232	51	154	205
Bray	1,885	2,064	1,736	160	890	1,050	96	590	686
Wicklow	848	867	776	87	411	498	41	237	278
Mid-West	13,080	14,861	13,143	1,572	6,100	7,672	1,232	4,239	5,471
Clare	3,600	4,091	3,686	348	1,663	2,011	299	1,376	1,675
Ennis	2,212	2,521	2,222	234	965	1,199	175	848	1,023
Ennistymon	494	564	506	31	233	264	37	205	242
Kilrush	525	584	555	57	269	326	57	172	229
Tulla	369	422	403	26	196	222	30	151	181
Limerick	7,152	8,253	7,205	968	3,456	4,424	730	2,051	2,781
Kilmallock	762	920	798	97	364	461	78	259	337
Limerick	5,479	6,327	5,530	783	2,695	3,478	549	1,503	2,052
Newcastle West	911	1,006	877	88	397	485	103	289	392

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	September 2005	August 2006	September 2006	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,328	2,517	2,252	256	981	1,237	203	812	1,015
Nenagh	888	905	806	69	352	421	65	320	385
Roscrea	490	531	471	58	198	256	38	177	215
Thurles	950	1,081	975	129	431	560	100	315	415
South-East	19,805	22,140	20,176	2,395	9,318	11,713	1,852	6,611	8,463
Carlow	2,064	2,219	1,953	248	846	1,094	191	668	859
Bagenalstown	461	531	438	45	197	242	45	151	196
Carlow	1,149	1,178	1,050	162	463	625	98	327	425
Tullow	454	510	465	41	186	227	48	190	238
Kilkenny	2,370	2,806	2,545	322	1,202	1,524	224	797	1,021
Kilkenny	1,973	2,356	2,145	271	1,038	1,309	191	645	836
Thomastown	397	450	400	51	164	215	33	152	185
South Tipperary	3,172	3,392	2,974	395	1,382	1,777	304	893	1,197
Cahir	424	416	389	43	182	225	37	127	164
Carrick-on-Suir	888	1,010	911	81	459	540	80	291	371
Cashel	329	370	302	43	123	166	31	105	136
Clonmel	921	999	877	144	402	546	92	239	331
Tipperary	610	597	495	84	216	300	64	131	195
Waterford	5,923	6,853	6,329	774	3,054	3,828	516	1,985	2,501
Dungarvan	865	1,156	1,010	94	516	610	63	337	400
Waterford	5,058	5,697	5,319	680	2,538	3,218	453	1,648	2,101
Wexford	6,276	6,870	6,375	656	2,834	3,490	617	2,268	2,885
Enniscorthy	1,679	1,773	1,664	202	757	959	185	520	705
Gorey	1,149	1,283	1,154	122	492	614	96	444	540
New Ross	1,155	1,283	1,176	124	519	643	107	426	533
Wexford	2,293	2,531	2,381	208	1,066	1,274	229	878	1,107
South-West	20,897	22,805	20,785	2,073	10,083	12,156	1,639	6,990	8,629
Cork	15,398	16,761	15,195	1,529	7,412	8,941	1,191	5,063	6,254
Bandon	493	542	502	56	239	295	37	170	207
Bantry	319	329	290	13	120	133	18	139	157
Bantry (SWLO)	131	144	114	5	45	50	3	61	64
Clonakilty	453	483	440	22	183	205	20	215	235
Cobh	382	370	333	43	148	191	40	102	142
Cork	7,619	8,254	7,413	914	3,911	4,825	628	1,960	2,588
Dunmanway	183	255	209	18	68	86	18	105	123
Fermoy	878	954	884	85	406	491	68	325	393
Kinsale	629	619	600	29	238	267	29	304	333
Macroom	391	427	428	38	189	227	37	164	201
Mallow	704	814	711	71	374	445	64	202	266
Midleton	1,082	1,169	1,052	58	501	559	87	406	493
Newmarket	425	543	499	52	226	278	33	188	221
Passage West	688	720	658	64	307	371	33	254	287
Skibbereen	372	414	357	23	143	166	23	168	191
Youghal	649	724	705	38	314	352	53	300	353
Kerry	5,499	6,044	5,590	544	2,671	3,215	448	1,927	2,375
Cahiriveen	310	298	298	23	121	144	18	136	154
Dingle	255	233	214	8	121	129	6	79	85
Kenmare	126	133	132	7	56	63	7	62	69
Killarney	824	823	746	78	325	403	63	280	343
Killorglin	323	367	354	23	153	176	22	156	178
Listowel	841	971	904	96	437	533	97	274	371
Tralee	2,820	3,219	2,942	309	1,458	1,767	235	940	1,175
State	153,335	169,614	152,307	17,615	72,195	89,810	13,240	49,257	62,497

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	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
	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

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