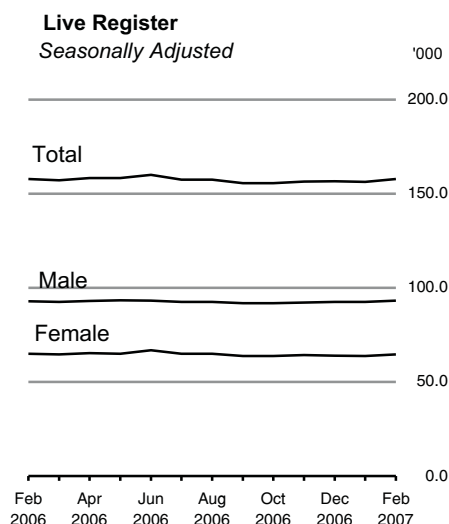




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## Live Register February 2007



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
February 2006	159,617	157,900
January 2007	158,752	156,300
February 2007	159,399	157,800
Change in month	+647	+1,500
Change in year	- 218	- 100

### Seasonally Adjusted Live Register increases in February

The seasonally adjusted Live Register total increased from 156,300 in January to 157,800 in February, an increase of 1,500. This compares with a decrease of 400 in January. *See table 2a and graph opposite.*

In the year to February 2007, there was an unadjusted decrease of 218 (-0.1%). This compares with an unadjusted decrease of 1,387 (-0.9%) in the year to January 2007.

Other features include:

- ◆ The monthly increase in the Seasonally Adjusted series consisted of an increase of 600 males and 900 females. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in February was 4.3%. This compares with 4.2%, 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 8,116 males and 12,822 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 Jobseekers Benefit or Assistance. Unemployment is measured by the Quarterly National Household Survey and the latest seasonally adjusted figure, for September to November 2006, is 90,600 persons unemployed.

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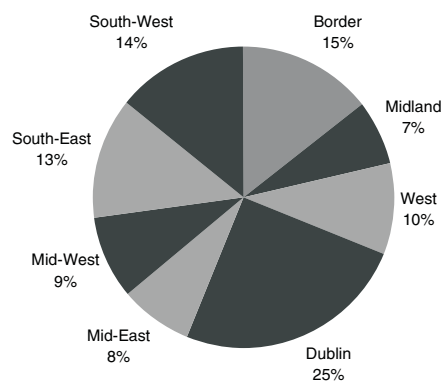
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## Live Register by Regional Authority



	February 2007	Monthly Change	Annual Change
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>49,560</b>	<b>+ 54</b>	<b>+ 714</b>
Border	23,191	- 143	+ 127
Midland	10,917	+ 93	+ 319
West	15,452	+ 104	+ 268
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>109,839</b>	<b>+ 593</b>	<b>- 932</b>
Dublin	39,670	+ 371	- 1,384
Mid-East	12,793	+ 145	+ 309
Mid-West	13,933	+ 131	+ 306
South-East	21,026	+ 42	- 29
South-West	22,417	- 96	- 134
<b>Total</b>	<b>159,399</b>	<b>+ 647</b>	<b>- 218</b>

## Unadjusted monthly increases in six regions

There was an unadjusted monthly increase of 647 (+0.4%) on the Live Register in February 2007, which reflected increases in six regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Mid-East region (+1.1%) while the largest percentage decrease was in the Border region (-0.6%).

Other features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males increased in three regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Midland region (+0.6%). The largest percentage decrease was in the Border region (-1.0%).
- ◆ The number of females increased in six regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Dublin region (+2.7%) while the largest percentage decrease was in the South-West region (-0.3%).
- ◆ Amongst counties, the largest percentage increases were in Carlow (+3.3%) and Cavan (+3.1%). The largest percentage decreases were in Louth (-2.6%) and Kerry (-2.2%). See tables 4 and 6.

**Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register**

Category	February 2006	January 2007	February 2007	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
JB Claims <sup>1</sup>	30,823	31,280	31,288	+ 8	+ 465
JA Applications <sup>2</sup>	61,931	61,920	61,764	- 156	- 167
Other Registrants	2,609	2,624	2,587	- 37	- 22
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,363</b>	<b>95,824</b>	<b>95,639</b>	<b>- 185</b>	<b>+ 276</b>
<b>Females</b>					
JB Claims	32,867	32,129	33,146	+ 1,017	+ 279
JA Applications	24,342	23,920	23,845	- 75	- 497
Other Registrants	7,045	6,879	6,769	- 110	- 276
<b>Total</b>	<b>64,254</b>	<b>62,928</b>	<b>63,760</b>	<b>+ 832</b>	<b>- 494</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
JB Claims	63,690	63,409	64,434	+ 1,025	+ 744
JA Applications	86,273	85,840	85,609	- 231	- 664
Other Registrants	9,654	9,503	9,356	- 147	- 298
<b>Total</b>	<b>159,617</b>	<b>158,752</b>	<b>159,399</b>	<b>+ 647</b>	<b>- 218</b>

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

Category	February 2006	January 2007	February 2007	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
JB Claims	5,166	4,923	4,917	- 6	- 249
JA Applications	13,386	13,696	13,699	+ 3	+ 313
Other Registrants	38	28	32	+ 4	- 6
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,590</b>	<b>18,647</b>	<b>18,648</b>	<b>+ 1</b>	<b>+ 58</b>
<b>Females</b>					
JB Claims	3,740	3,548	3,605	+ 57	- 135
JA Applications	9,111	8,833	8,785	- 48	- 326
Other Registrants	88	82	82	0	- 6
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,939</b>	<b>12,463</b>	<b>12,472</b>	<b>+ 9</b>	<b>- 467</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
JB Claims	8,906	8,471	8,522	+ 51	- 384
JA Applications	22,497	22,529	22,484	- 45	- 13
Other Registrants	126	110	114	+ 4	- 12
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,529</b>	<b>31,110</b>	<b>31,120</b>	<b>+ 10</b>	<b>- 409</b>

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

Category	February 2006	January 2007	February 2007	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
JB Claims	25,657	26,357	26,371	+ 14	+ 714
JA Applications	48,545	48,224	48,065	- 159	- 480
Other Registrants	2,571	2,596	2,555	- 41	- 16
<b>Total</b>	<b>76,773</b>	<b>77,177</b>	<b>76,991</b>	<b>- 186</b>	<b>+ 218</b>
<b>Females</b>					
JB Claims	29,127	28,581	29,541	+ 960	+ 414
JA Applications	15,231	15,087	15,060	- 27	- 171
Other Registrants	6,957	6,797	6,687	- 110	- 270
<b>Total</b>	<b>51,315</b>	<b>50,465</b>	<b>51,288</b>	<b>+ 823</b>	<b>- 27</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
JB Claims	54,784	54,938	55,912	+ 974	+ 1,128
JA Applications	63,776	63,311	63,125	- 186	- 651
Other Registrants	9,528	9,393	9,242	- 151	- 286
<b>Total</b>	<b>128,088</b>	<b>127,642</b>	<b>128,279</b>	<b>+ 637</b>	<b>+ 191</b>

<sup>1</sup> JB (Jobseekers Benefit) previously called UB (Unemployment Benefit).<sup>2</sup> JA (Jobseekers Assistance) previously called UA (Unemployment Assistance).

**Table 2a Total persons on the Live Register - Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted**

	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series <sup>1</sup>		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2005	February	93,900	64,800	158,600	91,400	65,500	156,900
	March	92,800	64,900	157,700	91,900	67,500	159,300
	April	90,600	61,000	151,600	91,300	64,100	155,300
	May	89,800	61,000	150,800	91,700	65,000	156,800
	June	92,100	67,200	159,300	91,700	64,700	156,400
	July	94,100	74,400	168,500	91,900	65,200	157,200
	August	94,700	74,700	169,400	92,100	65,200	157,400
	September	90,200	63,200	153,300	92,200	64,400	156,600
	October	88,700	60,900	149,600	92,500	64,200	156,700
	November	89,400	60,700	150,100	92,900	65,000	157,900
	December	92,400	63,400	155,800	92,500	64,600	157,000
2006	January	95,900	64,200	160,100	92,700	65,000	157,600
	February	95,400	64,300	159,600	92,900	65,000	157,900
	March	93,500	62,100	155,500	92,500	64,700	157,200
	April	92,400	62,100	154,600	93,100	65,300	158,400
	May	91,500	61,100	152,600	93,400	65,000	158,400
	June	93,700	69,300	163,100	93,200	66,900	160,100
	July	94,800	74,200	168,900	92,500	64,900	157,400
	August	95,000	74,600	169,600	92,500	65,000	157,400
	September	89,800	62,500	152,300	91,800	63,800	155,600
	October	88,100	60,400	148,500	91,900	63,700	155,600
	November	88,600	59,900	148,500	92,100	64,300	156,400
	December	92,500	62,900	155,400	92,600	64,000	156,700
2007	January	95,800	62,900	158,800	92,600	63,700	156,300
	February	95,600	63,800	159,400	93,200	64,600	157,800

<sup>1</sup> Based on seasonal patterns up to December 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 <sup>1</sup>		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2005	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	30,400
	June	17,900	13,800	31,700	17,500	13,000	30,500
	July	18,400	14,800	33,200	17,400	12,800	30,300
	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	18,000	12,900	30,900
	November	17,100	11,900	28,900	18,200	13,000	31,200
	December	17,300	11,700	29,000	18,000	12,900	30,900
2006	January	18,500	12,700	31,300	17,800	12,900	30,700
	February	18,600	12,900	31,500	18,000	13,000	31,000
	March	18,200	12,600	30,800	18,000	13,100	31,000
	April	17,800	12,400	30,100	18,000	13,200	31,200
	May	17,600	12,400	30,000	18,100	13,100	31,200
	June	18,400	14,200	32,600	18,000	13,300	31,400
	July	18,700	14,800	33,600	17,800	12,900	30,700
	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
	November	16,900	11,800	28,600	18,000	12,900	30,900
	December	17,500	11,600	29,100	18,200	12,800	31,000
2007	January	18,600	12,500	31,100	17,900	12,700	30,600
	February	18,600	12,500	31,100	18,000	12,600	30,600

<sup>1</sup> Based on seasonal patterns up to December 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 <sup>1</sup>		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2005	February	76,000	51,700	127,700	74,100	52,300	126,400
	March	75,100	52,200	127,300	74,400	54,300	128,700
	April	73,500	48,900	122,300	73,900	51,100	125,000
	May	72,900	48,800	121,700	74,300	52,000	126,300
	June	74,300	53,300	127,600	74,200	51,700	125,900
	July	75,800	59,600	135,400	74,500	52,400	126,900
	August	76,100	59,800	135,900	74,600	52,400	127,000
	September	72,700	50,100	122,700	74,500	51,700	126,200
	October	71,800	48,700	120,500	74,500	51,300	125,800
	November	72,300	48,800	121,100	74,600	52,000	126,700
	December	75,100	51,800	126,800	74,500	51,700	126,200
2006	January	77,400	51,500	128,900	74,900	52,000	126,900
	February	76,800	51,300	128,100	74,900	52,000	126,900
	March	75,300	49,500	124,700	74,600	51,600	126,200
	April	74,700	49,800	124,500	75,100	52,000	127,200
	May	73,900	48,700	122,600	75,200	51,900	127,200
	June	75,400	55,100	130,400	75,200	53,600	128,800
	July	76,000	59,400	135,400	74,700	52,100	126,700
	August	76,200	59,700	135,900	74,600	52,200	126,800
	September	72,200	49,300	121,500	74,000	51,000	125,000
	October	71,200	48,100	119,300	73,900	50,700	124,600
	November	71,700	48,200	119,900	74,100	51,400	125,500
	December	75,000	51,300	126,300	74,500	51,200	125,700
2007	January	77,200	50,500	127,600	74,700	51,000	125,700
	February	77,000	51,300	128,300	75,100	52,000	127,200

<sup>1</sup> Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2006 (See Background Notes).

**Table 3 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates (SUR)<sup>1</sup>**

Month	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
January <sup>2</sup>	3.7	4.4	4.7	4.5	4.2	4.4	4.2
February	3.7	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.3
March	3.7	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.4	
April <sup>2</sup>	3.8	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.4	
May	3.9	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.5	
June	3.9	4.3	4.7	4.4	4.3	4.5	
July <sup>2</sup>	4.0	4.3	4.8	4.4	4.3	4.4	
August	3.9	4.4	4.7	4.4	4.4	4.4	
September	3.9	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.3	
October <sup>2</sup>	4.0	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.2 <sup>3</sup>	
November	4.2	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.5	4.2	
December	4.3	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.2	
Annual average	3.9	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.4	

<sup>1</sup> Table contains revised figures.

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

<sup>3</sup> The latest QNHS estimate of the unemployment rate (adjusted for seasonality) is: September-November 2006, 4.2%.

**Table 4 Persons on the Live Register classified by Region**

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions <sup>1</sup>	February 2006	January 2007	February 2007	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
<b>Males</b>							
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>28,177</b>	<b>28,949</b>	<b>28,874</b>	<b>- 75</b>	<b>+ 697</b>	<b>5,768</b>	<b>23,106</b>
Border	13,513	13,806	13,665	- 141	+ 152	2,655	11,010
Midland	5,918	6,136	6,174	+ 38	+ 256	1,349	4,825
West	8,746	9,007	9,035	+ 28	+ 289	1,764	7,271
<b>Southern &amp; Eastern</b>	<b>67,186</b>	<b>66,875</b>	<b>66,765</b>	<b>- 110</b>	<b>- 421</b>	<b>12,880</b>	<b>53,885</b>
Dublin	26,403	25,483	25,483	0	- 920	5,152	20,331
Mid-East	7,127	7,382	7,419	+ 37	+ 292	1,369	6,050
Mid-West	7,973	8,344	8,336	- 8	+ 363	1,694	6,642
South-East	12,365	12,384	12,313	- 71	- 52	2,426	9,887
South-West	13,318	13,282	13,214	- 68	- 104	2,239	10,975
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,363</b>	<b>95,824</b>	<b>95,639</b>	<b>- 185</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>18,648</b>	<b>76,991</b>
<b>Females</b>							
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>20,669</b>	<b>20,557</b>	<b>20,686</b>	<b>+ 129</b>	<b>+ 17</b>	<b>4,229</b>	<b>16,457</b>
Border	9,551	9,528	9,526	- 2	- 25	1,927	7,599
Midland	4,680	4,688	4,743	+ 55	+ 63	1,111	3,632
West	6,438	6,341	6,417	+ 76	- 21	1,191	5,226
<b>Southern &amp; Eastern</b>	<b>43,585</b>	<b>42,371</b>	<b>43,074</b>	<b>+ 703</b>	<b>- 511</b>	<b>8,243</b>	<b>34,831</b>
Dublin	14,651	13,816	14,187	+ 371	- 464	2,851	11,336
Mid-East	5,357	5,266	5,374	+ 108	+ 17	891	4,483
Mid-West	5,654	5,458	5,597	+ 139	- 57	1,187	4,410
South-East	8,690	8,600	8,713	+ 113	+ 23	1,779	6,934
South-West	9,233	9,231	9,203	- 28	- 30	1,535	7,668
<b>Total</b>	<b>64,254</b>	<b>62,928</b>	<b>63,760</b>	<b>+ 832</b>	<b>- 494</b>	<b>12,472</b>	<b>51,288</b>
<b>All Persons</b>							
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>48,846</b>	<b>49,506</b>	<b>49,560</b>	<b>+ 54</b>	<b>+ 714</b>	<b>9,997</b>	<b>39,563</b>
Border	23,064	23,334	23,191	- 143	+ 127	4,582	18,609
Midland	10,598	10,824	10,917	+ 93	+ 319	2,460	8,457
West	15,184	15,348	15,452	+ 104	+ 268	2,955	12,497
<b>Southern &amp; Eastern</b>	<b>110,771</b>	<b>109,246</b>	<b>109,839</b>	<b>+ 593</b>	<b>- 932</b>	<b>21,123</b>	<b>88,716</b>
Dublin	41,054	39,299	39,670	+ 371	- 1,384	8,003	31,667
Mid-East	12,484	12,648	12,793	+ 145	+ 309	2,260	10,533
Mid-West	13,627	13,802	13,933	+ 131	+ 306	2,881	11,052
South-East	21,055	20,984	21,026	+ 42	- 29	4,205	16,821
South-West	22,551	22,513	22,417	- 96	- 134	3,774	18,643
<b>Total</b>	<b>159,617</b>	<b>158,752</b>	<b>159,399</b>	<b>+ 647</b>	<b>- 218</b>	<b>31,120</b>	<b>128,279</b>

<sup>1</sup> The composition of the regions is described in the Background Notes.**Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province**

Provinces	February 2006	January 2007	February 2007	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
<b>Provinces</b>							
Leinster	82,417	81,053	81,509	+ 456	- 908	16,234	65,275
Munster	45,812	45,786	45,841	+ 55	+ 29	8,602	37,239
Connacht	18,269	18,451	18,551	+ 100	+ 282	3,572	14,979
Ulster	13,119	13,462	13,498	+ 36	+ 379	2,712	10,786
<b>Total</b>	<b>159,617</b>	<b>158,752</b>	<b>159,399</b>	<b>+ 647</b>	<b>- 218</b>	<b>31,120</b>	<b>128,279</b>

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	February 2006	January 2007	February 2007	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>48,846</b>	<b>49,506</b>	<b>49,560</b>	<b>5,768</b>	<b>23,106</b>	<b>28,874</b>	<b>4,229</b>	<b>16,457</b>	<b>20,686</b>
<b>Border</b>	<b>23,064</b>	<b>23,334</b>	<b>23,191</b>	<b>2,655</b>	<b>11,010</b>	<b>13,665</b>	<b>1,927</b>	<b>7,599</b>	<b>9,526</b>
Cavan	2,280	2,350	2,422	244	1,122	1,366	206	850	1,056
Ballyconnell <sup>1</sup>	476	464	462	35	228	263	44	155	199
Cavan	1,804	1,886	1,960	209	894	1,103	162	695	857
Donegal	8,744	9,019	8,963	1,073	4,179	5,252	813	2,898	3,711
Ballybofey	740	833	827	138	375	513	116	198	314
Ballyshannon	511	588	566	64	221	285	59	222	281
Buncrana	1,585	1,684	1,707	186	788	974	200	533	733
Donegal	441	622	610	47	216	263	43	304	347
Dunfanaghy	821	824	797	104	384	488	45	264	309
Dungloe	1,337	1,270	1,233	114	627	741	45	447	492
Killybegs	895	869	852	70	426	496	53	303	356
Letterkenney	2,414	2,329	2,371	350	1,142	1,492	252	627	879
Leitrim	1,135	1,196	1,193	105	555	660	91	442	533
Carrick-on-Shannon	834	885	883	86	394	480	73	330	403
Manorhamilton	301	311	310	19	161	180	18	112	130
Louth	6,860	6,769	6,594	745	3,236	3,981	508	2,105	2,613
Ardee	786	800	783	86	336	422	68	293	361
Drogheda	3,365	3,232	3,153	321	1,510	1,831	246	1,076	1,322
Dundalk	2,709	2,737	2,658	338	1,390	1,728	194	736	930
Monaghan	2,095	2,093	2,113	199	970	1,169	177	767	944
Carrickmacross	536	527	527	35	217	252	36	239	275
Castleblayney	648	628	637	54	293	347	69	221	290
Clones	231	228	221	25	106	131	19	71	90
Monaghan	680	710	728	85	354	439	53	236	289
Sligo	1,950	1,907	1,906	289	948	1,237	132	537	669
Sligo	1,613	1,563	1,562	255	790	1,045	106	411	517
Tubbercurry	337	344	344	34	158	192	26	126	152
<b>Midland</b>	<b>10,598</b>	<b>10,824</b>	<b>10,917</b>	<b>1,349</b>	<b>4,825</b>	<b>6,174</b>	<b>1,111</b>	<b>3,632</b>	<b>4,743</b>
Laoighis	2,050	2,127	2,160	278	895	1,173	226	761	987
Portllington	818	843	847	117	333	450	81	316	397
Portlaoise	907	915	942	113	399	512	96	334	430
Rathdowney	325	369	371	48	163	211	49	111	160
Longford	2,082	1,995	2,022	244	923	1,167	206	649	855
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Offaly	2,838	2,857	2,887	346	1,367	1,713	294	880	1,174
Birr	896	874	865	102	387	489	89	287	376
Edenderry	671	692	700	84	363	447	46	207	253
Tullamore	1,271	1,291	1,322	160	617	777	159	386	545
Westmeath	3,628	3,845	3,848	481	1,640	2,121	385	1,342	1,727
Athlone	1,424	1,499	1,482	196	646	842	155	485	640
Castlepollard	357	417	422	43	174	217	42	163	205
Mullingar	1,847	1,929	1,944	242	820	1,062	188	694	882
<b>West</b>	<b>15,184</b>	<b>15,348</b>	<b>15,452</b>	<b>1,764</b>	<b>7,271</b>	<b>9,035</b>	<b>1,191</b>	<b>5,226</b>	<b>6,417</b>
Galway	8,835	9,246	9,223	1,059	4,360	5,419	751	3,053	3,804
Ballinasloe	885	884	907	135	425	560	73	274	347
Clifden	780	732	715	77	335	412	65	238	303
Galway	4,994	5,236	5,192	637	2,523	3,160	465	1,567	2,032
Gort	468	521	529	41	200	241	25	263	288
Loughrea	652	746	738	65	342	407	55	276	331
Tuam	1,056	1,127	1,142	104	535	639	68	435	503

<sup>1</sup> 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	February 2006	January 2007	February 2007	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	5,135	4,760	4,855	531	2,292	2,823	344	1,688	2,032
Achill	269	223	230	19	135	154	12	64	76
Ballina	1,418	1,351	1,368	180	683	863	120	385	505
Ballinrobe	367	374	375	33	148	181	30	164	194
Belmullet	544	456	449	36	244	280	27	142	169
Castlebar	863	744	783	96	316	412	57	314	371
Claremorris	407	408	439	32	209	241	25	173	198
Swinford	622	655	655	88	269	357	54	244	298
Westport	645	549	556	47	288	335	19	202	221
Roscommon	1,214	1,342	1,374	174	619	793	96	485	581
Boyle	343	377	382	50	161	211	21	150	171
Castlerea	539	610	626	72	288	360	48	218	266
Roscommon	332	355	366	52	170	222	27	117	144
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>110,771</b>	<b>109,246</b>	<b>109,839</b>	<b>12,880</b>	<b>53,885</b>	<b>66,765</b>	<b>8,243</b>	<b>34,831</b>	<b>43,074</b>
<b>Dublin</b>	<b>41,054</b>	<b>39,299</b>	<b>39,670</b>	<b>5,152</b>	<b>20,331</b>	<b>25,483</b>	<b>2,851</b>	<b>11,336</b>	<b>14,187</b>
Dublin	41,054	39,299	39,670	5,152	20,331	25,483	2,851	11,336	14,187
Bishop Square	3,468	3,258	3,243	350	1,848	2,198	168	877	1,045
Cumberland Street	5,258	4,844	4,842	646	2,448	3,094	310	1,438	1,748
Navan Road	2,634	2,413	2,450	294	1,353	1,647	190	613	803
Blanchardstown	3,725	3,442	3,417	423	1,619	2,042	305	1,070	1,375
Thomas Street	2,240	2,092	2,097	243	1,264	1,507	138	452	590
Tara Street	1,151	1,138	1,117	120	641	761	47	309	356
Tallaght	3,458	3,536	3,598	593	1,801	2,394	308	896	1,204
Ballymun	1,528	1,477	1,499	267	738	1,005	145	349	494
Clondalkin	3,700	3,476	3,483	553	1,649	2,202	353	928	1,281
Rathfarnham	1,788	1,720	1,771	155	822	977	77	717	794
Kilbarrack	2,278	2,111	2,195	207	1,148	1,355	106	734	840
Dun Laoghaire	2,418	2,424	2,492	195	1,290	1,485	92	915	1,007
Balbriggan	1,368	1,467	1,476	134	726	860	86	530	616
Ballyfermot	1,353	1,306	1,338	258	664	922	140	276	416
Finglas	2,264	2,300	2,312	384	1,162	1,546	177	589	766
Coolock	2,423	2,295	2,340	330	1,158	1,488	209	643	852
<b>Mid-East</b>	<b>12,484</b>	<b>12,648</b>	<b>12,793</b>	<b>1,369</b>	<b>6,050</b>	<b>7,419</b>	<b>891</b>	<b>4,483</b>	<b>5,374</b>
Kildare	4,903	5,292	5,359	552	2,480	3,032	396	1,931	2,327
Athy	896	930	936	110	450	560	67	309	376
Maynooth	1,448	1,563	1,565	163	653	816	107	642	749
Newbridge	2,559	2,799	2,858	279	1,377	1,656	222	980	1,202
Meath	3,068	3,017	3,069	310	1,379	1,689	227	1,153	1,380
Kells	555	536	535	52	239	291	53	191	244
Navan	1,754	1,622	1,659	185	792	977	110	572	682
Trim	759	859	875	73	348	421	64	390	454
Wicklow	4,513	4,339	4,365	507	2,191	2,698	268	1,399	1,667
Arklow	1,297	1,258	1,293	164	618	782	89	422	511
Baltinglass	462	490	490	57	227	284	50	156	206
Bray	1,853	1,777	1,761	191	915	1,106	83	572	655
Wicklow	901	814	821	95	431	526	46	249	295
<b>Mid-West</b>	<b>13,627</b>	<b>13,802</b>	<b>13,933</b>	<b>1,694</b>	<b>6,642</b>	<b>8,336</b>	<b>1,187</b>	<b>4,410</b>	<b>5,597</b>
Clare	4,007	4,202	4,249	432	1,897	2,329	314	1,606	1,920
Ennis	2,335	2,404	2,459	276	1,075	1,351	172	936	1,108
Ennistymon	649	697	690	51	300	351	46	293	339
Kilrush	612	617	612	67	295	362	61	189	250
Tulla	411	484	488	38	227	265	35	188	223
Limerick	7,204	7,278	7,375	1,008	3,701	4,709	670	1,996	2,666
Kilmallock	811	871	871	106	405	511	75	285	360
Limerick	5,431	5,347	5,434	789	2,767	3,556	494	1,384	1,878
Newcastle West	962	1,060	1,070	113	529	642	101	327	428



**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	February 2006	January 2007	February 2007	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,416	2,322	2,309	254	1,044	1,298	203	808	1,011
Nenagh	876	873	888	75	397	472	79	337	416
Roscrea	524	455	470	50	206	256	36	178	214
Thurles	1,016	994	951	129	441	570	88	293	381
<b>South-East</b>	<b>21,055</b>	<b>20,984</b>	<b>21,026</b>	<b>2,426</b>	<b>9,887</b>	<b>12,313</b>	<b>1,779</b>	<b>6,934</b>	<b>8,713</b>
Carlow	2,075	1,992	2,057	240	940	1,180	198	679	877
Bagenalstown	477	435	444	51	199	250	45	149	194
Carlow	1,126	1,082	1,133	147	546	693	106	334	440
Tullow	472	475	480	42	195	237	47	196	243
Kilkenny	2,514	2,632	2,610	310	1,303	1,613	206	791	997
Kilkenny	2,086	2,212	2,176	261	1,111	1,372	175	629	804
Thomastown	428	420	434	49	192	241	31	162	193
South Tipperary	3,319	3,072	3,059	423	1,501	1,924	266	869	1,135
Cahir	407	399	410	47	201	248	39	123	162
Carrick-on-Suir	958	913	913	100	481	581	58	274	332
Cashel	345	326	332	52	138	190	29	113	142
Clonmel	941	895	866	148	418	566	82	218	300
Tipperary	668	539	538	76	263	339	58	141	199
Waterford	6,315	6,399	6,432	766	3,110	3,876	492	2,064	2,556
Dungarvan	1,026	1,010	997	100	516	616	53	328	381
Waterford	5,289	5,389	5,435	666	2,594	3,260	439	1,736	2,175
Wexford	6,832	6,889	6,868	687	3,033	3,720	617	2,531	3,148
Enniscorthy	1,728	1,722	1,738	213	826	1,039	166	533	699
Gorey	1,193	1,234	1,236	120	520	640	105	491	596
New Ross	1,256	1,208	1,255	128	539	667	116	472	588
Wexford	2,655	2,725	2,639	226	1,148	1,374	230	1,035	1,265
<b>South-West</b>	<b>22,551</b>	<b>22,513</b>	<b>22,417</b>	<b>2,239</b>	<b>10,975</b>	<b>13,214</b>	<b>1,535</b>	<b>7,668</b>	<b>9,203</b>
Cork	15,954	15,392	15,453	1,621	7,742	9,363	1,036	5,054	6,090
Bandon	502	496	507	47	260	307	29	171	200
Bantry	338	373	369	23	151	174	20	175	195
Bantry (SWLO)	157	136	151	5	65	70	2	79	81
Carrigaline <sup>2</sup>	711	637	623	55	317	372	25	226	251
Clonakilty	484	469	469	26	198	224	20	225	245
Cobh	385	394	388	51	185	236	35	117	152
Cork	7,727	7,229	7,235	961	3,893	4,854	548	1,833	2,381
Dunmanway	222	234	233	20	91	111	17	105	122
Fermoy	892	902	931	106	438	544	57	330	387
Kinsale	636	615	626	26	254	280	26	320	346
Macroon	385	419	429	30	196	226	28	175	203
Mallow	822	763	771	83	424	507	52	212	264
Midleton	1,134	1,064	1,070	69	522	591	68	411	479
Newmarket	451	507	501	52	245	297	34	170	204
Skibbereen	413	416	419	25	169	194	17	208	225
Youghal	695	738	731	42	334	376	58	297	355
Kerry	6,597	7,121	6,964	618	3,233	3,851	499	2,614	3,113
Cahirciveen	384	381	366	18	145	163	16	187	203
Dingle	352	371	357	20	138	158	18	181	199
Kenmare	242	305	299	17	110	127	16	156	172
Killarney	1,221	1,315	1,235	92	489	581	83	571	654
Killorglin	445	463	460	21	211	232	25	203	228
Listowel	961	1,102	1,069	132	544	676	105	288	393
Tralee	2,992	3,184	3,178	318	1,596	1,914	236	1,028	1,264
<b>State</b>	<b>159,617</b>	<b>158,752</b>	<b>159,399</b>	<b>18,648</b>	<b>76,991</b>	<b>95,639</b>	<b>12,472</b>	<b>51,288</b>	<b>63,760</b>

<sup>2</sup> Carrigaline replaces previous office Passage West with effect from November 2006.

**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							
2005	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		
	November	4	88,583 + 114	59,946 - 108	148,529 + 6		
	December	5	92,499 + 783	62,890 + 589	155,389 + 1,372		
2007	January	4	95,824 + 831	62,928 + 10	158,752 + 841		
	February	4	95,639 - 46	63,760 + 208	159,399 + 162		

## 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 Jobseekers Benefit (JB) excluding systematic short-time workers
- ◆ Applicants for Jobseekers Assistance (JA) 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 Jobseekers Assistance or Jobseekers 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	4.4
2005	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.5
2006	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.2

**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 Jobseekers 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**

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

#### **Southern and Eastern NUTS2 Region**

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