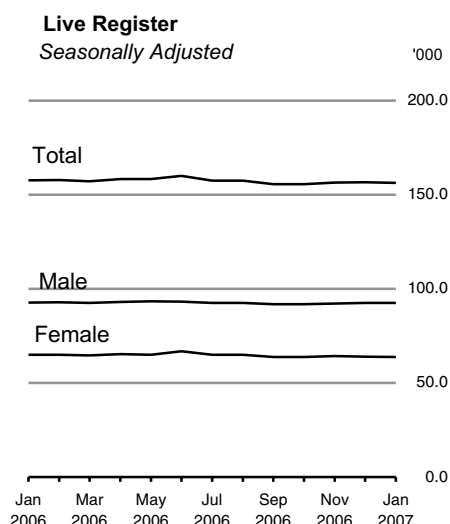


## Live Register

### January 2007



|                 | Live Register<br>Total | Seasonally<br>Adjusted |
|-----------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| January 2006    | 160,139                | 157,600                |
| December 2006   | 155,389                | 156,700                |
| January 2007    | 158,752                | 156,300                |
| Change in month | +3,363                 | -400                   |
| Change in year  | -1,387                 | -1,300                 |

### Slight decrease in Seasonally Adjusted Live Register in January

The seasonally adjusted Live Register total decreased from 156,700 in December to 156,300 in January, a decrease of 400. This compares with an increase of 300 in December. *See table 2a and graph opposite.*

In the year to January 2007, there was an unadjusted decrease of 1,387 (-0.9%). This compares with an unadjusted decrease of 444 (-0.3%) in the year to December 2006.

Other features include:

- ◆ The monthly decrease in the Seasonally Adjusted series consisted of a decrease of 300 females. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in January was 4.5%. This compares with 4.5%, 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 7,947 males and 12,496 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 June to August 2006, is 96,500 persons unemployed.

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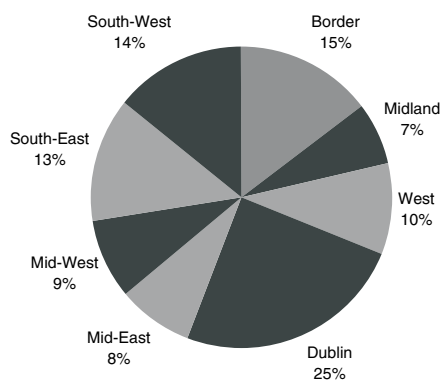
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## Live Register by Regional Authority



### Border, Midland and Western

|         |        |       |       |
|---------|--------|-------|-------|
| Border  | 23,334 | + 684 | + 246 |
| Midland | 10,824 | + 281 | + 61  |
| West    | 15,348 | + 307 | + 145 |

### Southern and Eastern

|            |        |       |         |
|------------|--------|-------|---------|
| Dublin     | 39,299 | + 794 | - 1,804 |
| Mid-East   | 12,648 | + 199 | + 278   |
| Mid-West   | 13,802 | + 106 | + 174   |
| South-East | 20,984 | + 480 | - 277   |
| South-West | 22,513 | + 512 | - 210   |

|              |                |                |                |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Total</b> | <b>158,752</b> | <b>+ 3,363</b> | <b>- 1,387</b> |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|

## Unadjusted monthly increases in all regions

There was an unadjusted monthly increase of 3,363 (+2.2%) on the Live Register in January 2007, which reflected increases in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Border region (+3.0%) while the smallest percentage increase was in the Mid-West region (+0.8%).

Other features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males increased in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Midland region (+4.4%). The smallest percentage increase was in the Mid-West region (+2.7%).
- ◆ The number of females increased in five regions. The largest percentage increase was in the South-West region (+1.3%) while the largest percentage decrease was in the Mid-West region (-2.0%).
- ◆ Amongst counties, the largest percentage increases were in Kerry (+4.8%) and Laoighis (+4.6%). The largest percentage decreases were in Meath (-0.7%) and Limerick (-0.5%). See tables 4 and 6.

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

| Category                     | January<br>2006 | December<br>2006 | January<br>2007 | Monthly<br>change | Annual<br>change |
|------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| <b>Males</b>                 |                 |                  |                 |                   |                  |
| JB Claims <sup>1</sup>       | 31,141          | 29,218           | 31,280          | + 2,062           | + 139            |
| JA Applications <sup>2</sup> | 62,047          | 60,629           | 61,920          | + 1,291           | - 127            |
| Other Registrants            | 2,732           | 2,652            | 2,624           | - 28              | - 108            |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>95,920</b>   | <b>92,499</b>    | <b>95,824</b>   | <b>+ 3,325</b>    | <b>- 96</b>      |
| <b>Females</b>               |                 |                  |                 |                   |                  |
| JB Claims                    | 32,973          | 32,305           | 32,129          | - 176             | - 844            |
| JA Applications              | 24,076          | 23,493           | 23,920          | + 427             | - 156            |
| Other Registrants            | 7,170           | 7,092            | 6,879           | - 213             | - 291            |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>64,219</b>   | <b>62,890</b>    | <b>62,928</b>   | <b>+ 38</b>       | <b>- 1,291</b>   |
| <b>All Persons</b>           |                 |                  |                 |                   |                  |
| JB Claims                    | 64,114          | 61,523           | 63,409          | + 1,886           | - 705            |
| JA Applications              | 86,123          | 84,122           | 85,840          | + 1,718           | - 283            |
| Other Registrants            | 9,902           | 9,744            | 9,503           | - 241             | - 399            |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>160,139</b>  | <b>155,389</b>   | <b>158,752</b>  | <b>+ 3,363</b>    | <b>- 1,387</b>   |

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

| Category           | January<br>2006 | December<br>2006 | January<br>2007 | Monthly<br>change | Annual<br>change |
|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| <b>Males</b>       |                 |                  |                 |                   |                  |
| JB Claims          | 5,174           | 4,278            | 4,923           | + 645             | - 251            |
| JA Applications    | 13,314          | 13,183           | 13,696          | + 513             | + 382            |
| Other Registrants  | 42              | 34               | 28              | - 6               | - 14             |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>18,530</b>   | <b>17,495</b>    | <b>18,647</b>   | <b>+ 1,152</b>    | <b>+ 117</b>     |
| <b>Females</b>     |                 |                  |                 |                   |                  |
| JB Claims          | 3,702           | 3,004            | 3,548           | + 544             | - 154            |
| JA Applications    | 8,959           | 8,529            | 8,833           | + 304             | - 126            |
| Other Registrants  | 86              | 86               | 82              | - 4               | - 4              |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>12,747</b>   | <b>11,619</b>    | <b>12,463</b>   | <b>+ 844</b>      | <b>- 284</b>     |
| <b>All Persons</b> |                 |                  |                 |                   |                  |
| JB Claims          | 8,876           | 7,282            | 8,471           | + 1,189           | - 405            |
| JA Applications    | 22,273          | 21,712           | 22,529          | + 817             | + 256            |
| Other Registrants  | 128             | 120              | 110             | - 10              | - 18             |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>31,277</b>   | <b>29,114</b>    | <b>31,110</b>   | <b>+ 1,996</b>    | <b>- 167</b>     |

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

| Category           | January<br>2006 | December<br>2006 | January<br>2007 | Monthly<br>change | Annual<br>change |
|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| <b>Males</b>       |                 |                  |                 |                   |                  |
| JB Claims          | 25,967          | 24,940           | 26,357          | + 1,417           | + 390            |
| JA Applications    | 48,733          | 47,446           | 48,224          | + 778             | - 509            |
| Other Registrants  | 2,690           | 2,618            | 2,596           | - 22              | - 94             |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>77,390</b>   | <b>75,004</b>    | <b>77,177</b>   | <b>+ 2,173</b>    | <b>- 213</b>     |
| <b>Females</b>     |                 |                  |                 |                   |                  |
| JB Claims          | 29,271          | 29,301           | 28,581          | - 720             | - 690            |
| JA Applications    | 15,117          | 14,964           | 15,087          | + 123             | - 30             |
| Other Registrants  | 7,084           | 7,006            | 6,797           | - 209             | - 287            |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>51,472</b>   | <b>51,271</b>    | <b>50,465</b>   | <b>- 806</b>      | <b>- 1,007</b>   |
| <b>All Persons</b> |                 |                  |                 |                   |                  |
| JB Claims          | 55,238          | 54,241           | 54,938          | + 697             | - 300            |
| JA Applications    | 63,850          | 62,410           | 63,311          | + 901             | - 539            |
| Other Registrants  | 9,774           | 9,624            | 9,393           | - 231             | - 381            |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>128,862</b>  | <b>126,275</b>   | <b>127,642</b>  | <b>+ 1,367</b>    | <b>- 1,220</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 | January   | 95,200            | 65,300  | 160,500 | 91,900                                  | 66,000  | 157,900 |
|      | 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 |

<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 | 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  | 30,400 |
|      | 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 |

<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 | January   | 77,300            | 52,200  | 129,500 | 74,700                                  | 52,700  | 127,500 |
|      | 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 |

<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              | 4.5  |
| February             | 3.7  | 4.5  | 4.6  | 4.5  | 4.3  | 4.4              |      |
| 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  | 4.6  | 4.5  | 4.4  | 4.5              |      |
| June                 | 3.9  | 4.3  | 4.7  | 4.4  | 4.3  | 4.6              |      |
| July <sup>2</sup>    | 4.0  | 4.3  | 4.8  | 4.4  | 4.3  | 4.5 <sup>3</sup> |      |
| August               | 3.9  | 4.4  | 4.7  | 4.4  | 4.4  | 4.5              |      |
| September            | 3.9  | 4.5  | 4.6  | 4.4  | 4.4  | 4.5              |      |
| October <sup>2</sup> | 4.0  | 4.6  | 4.5  | 4.3  | 4.4  | 4.5              |      |
| November             | 4.2  | 4.6  | 4.5  | 4.3  | 4.4  | 4.5              |      |
| December             | 4.3  | 4.6  | 4.5  | 4.3  | 4.4  | 4.5              |      |
| Annual average       | 3.9  | 4.4  | 4.6  | 4.4  | 4.4  | 4.5              |      |

<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: June - August 2006, 4.5%.

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

| NUTS2 and<br>NUTS3 Regions <sup>1</sup> | January<br>2006 | December<br>2006 | January<br>2007 | Monthly<br>change | Annual<br>change | Under 25<br>years | 25 years<br>& over |
|---|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Males</b>                            |                 |                  |                 |                   |                  |                   |                    |
| <b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>    | <b>28,455</b>   | <b>27,829</b>    | <b>28,949</b>   | <b>+ 1,120</b>    | <b>+ 494</b>     | <b>5,758</b>      | <b>23,191</b>      |
| Border                                  | 13,606          | 13,239           | 13,806          | + 567             | + 200            | 2,693             | 11,113             |
| Midland                                 | 6,074           | 5,875            | 6,136           | + 261             | + 62             | 1,322             | 4,814              |
| West                                    | 8,775           | 8,715            | 9,007           | + 292             | + 232            | 1,743             | 7,264              |
| <b>Southern &amp; Eastern</b>           | <b>67,465</b>   | <b>64,670</b>    | <b>66,875</b>   | <b>+ 2,205</b>    | <b>- 590</b>     | <b>12,889</b>     | <b>53,986</b>      |
| Dublin                                  | 26,502          | 24,605           | 25,483          | + 878             | - 1,019          | 5,118             | 20,365             |
| Mid-East                                | 7,031           | 7,103            | 7,382           | + 279             | + 351            | 1,369             | 6,013              |
| Mid-West                                | 7,990           | 8,124            | 8,344           | + 220             | + 354            | 1,663             | 6,681              |
| South-East                              | 12,507          | 11,951           | 12,384          | + 433             | - 123            | 2,449             | 9,935              |
| South-West                              | 13,435          | 12,887           | 13,282          | + 395             | - 153            | 2,290             | 10,992             |
| <b>Total</b>                            | <b>95,920</b>   | <b>92,499</b>    | <b>95,824</b>   | <b>+ 3,325</b>    | <b>- 96</b>      | <b>18,647</b>     | <b>77,177</b>      |
| <b>Females</b>                          |                 |                  |                 |                   |                  |                   |                    |
| <b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>    | <b>20,599</b>   | <b>20,405</b>    | <b>20,557</b>   | <b>+ 152</b>      | <b>- 42</b>      | <b>4,259</b>      | <b>16,298</b>      |
| Border                                  | 9,482           | 9,411            | 9,528           | + 117             | + 46             | 1,986             | 7,542              |
| Midland                                 | 4,689           | 4,668            | 4,688           | + 20              | - 1              | 1,110             | 3,578              |
| West                                    | 6,428           | 6,326            | 6,341           | + 15              | - 87             | 1,163             | 5,178              |
| <b>Southern &amp; Eastern</b>           | <b>43,620</b>   | <b>42,485</b>    | <b>42,371</b>   | <b>- 114</b>      | <b>- 1,249</b>   | <b>8,204</b>      | <b>34,167</b>      |
| Dublin                                  | 14,601          | 13,900           | 13,816          | - 84              | - 785            | 2,827             | 10,989             |
| Mid-East                                | 5,339           | 5,346            | 5,266           | - 80              | - 73             | 872               | 4,394              |
| Mid-West                                | 5,638           | 5,572            | 5,458           | - 114             | - 180            | 1,149             | 4,309              |
| South-East                              | 8,754           | 8,553            | 8,600           | + 47              | - 154            | 1,816             | 6,784              |
| South-West                              | 9,288           | 9,114            | 9,231           | + 117             | - 57             | 1,540             | 7,691              |
| <b>Total</b>                            | <b>64,219</b>   | <b>62,890</b>    | <b>62,928</b>   | <b>+ 38</b>       | <b>- 1,291</b>   | <b>12,463</b>     | <b>50,465</b>      |
| <b>All Persons</b>                      |                 |                  |                 |                   |                  |                   |                    |
| <b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>    | <b>49,054</b>   | <b>48,234</b>    | <b>49,506</b>   | <b>+ 1,272</b>    | <b>+ 452</b>     | <b>10,017</b>     | <b>39,489</b>      |
| Border                                  | 23,088          | 22,650           | 23,334          | + 684             | + 246            | 4,679             | 18,655             |
| Midland                                 | 10,763          | 10,543           | 10,824          | + 281             | + 61             | 2,432             | 8,392              |
| West                                    | 15,203          | 15,041           | 15,348          | + 307             | + 145            | 2,906             | 12,442             |
| <b>Southern &amp; Eastern</b>           | <b>111,085</b>  | <b>107,155</b>   | <b>109,246</b>  | <b>+ 2,091</b>    | <b>- 1,839</b>   | <b>21,093</b>     | <b>88,153</b>      |
| Dublin                                  | 41,103          | 38,505           | 39,299          | + 794             | - 1,804          | 7,945             | 31,354             |
| Mid-East                                | 12,370          | 12,449           | 12,648          | + 199             | + 278            | 2,241             | 10,407             |
| Mid-West                                | 13,628          | 13,696           | 13,802          | + 106             | + 174            | 2,812             | 10,990             |
| South-East                              | 21,261          | 20,504           | 20,984          | + 480             | - 277            | 4,265             | 16,719             |
| South-West                              | 22,723          | 22,001           | 22,513          | + 512             | - 210            | 3,830             | 18,683             |
| <b>Total</b>                            | <b>160,139</b>  | <b>155,389</b>   | <b>158,752</b>  | <b>+ 3,363</b>    | <b>- 1,387</b>   | <b>31,110</b>     | <b>127,642</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        | January<br>2006 | December<br>2006 | January<br>2007 | Monthly<br>change | Annual<br>change | Under 25<br>years | 25 years<br>& over |
|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Provinces</b> |                 |                  |                 |                   |                  |                   |                    |
| Leinster         | 82,575          | 79,265           | 81,053          | + 1,788           | - 1,522          | 16,191            | 64,862             |
| Munster          | 46,116          | 44,969           | 45,786          | + 817             | - 330            | 8,623             | 37,163             |
| Connacht         | 18,279          | 18,085           | 18,451          | + 366             | + 172            | 3,549             | 14,902             |
| Ulster           | 13,169          | 13,070           | 13,462          | + 392             | + 293            | 2,747             | 10,715             |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>160,139</b>  | <b>155,389</b>   | <b>158,752</b>  | <b>+ 3,363</b>    | <b>- 1,387</b>   | <b>31,110</b>     | <b>127,642</b>     |

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

| NUTS2 and NUTS3<br>Regions/County/<br>Local Office | January<br>2006 | December<br>2006 | January<br>2007 | Males             |                    |               | Females           |                    |               |
|--|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|
|  |                 |                  |                 | Under 25<br>years | 25 years<br>& over | Total         | Under 25<br>years | 25 years<br>& over | Total         |
| <b>Border, Midland<br/>and Western</b>             | <b>49,054</b>   | <b>48,234</b>    | <b>49,506</b>   | <b>5,758</b>      | <b>23,191</b>      | <b>28,949</b> | <b>4,259</b>      | <b>16,298</b>      | <b>20,557</b> |
| <b>Border</b>                                      | <b>23,088</b>   | <b>22,650</b>    | <b>23,334</b>   | <b>2,693</b>      | <b>11,113</b>      | <b>13,806</b> | <b>1,986</b>      | <b>7,542</b>       | <b>9,528</b>  |
| Cavan  | 2,293           | 2,287            | 2,350           | 236               | 1,092              | 1,328         | 212               | 810                | 1,022         |
| Ballyconnell <sup>1</sup>                          | 489             | 450              | 464             | 36                | 229                | 265           | 50                | 149                | 199           |
| Cavan  | 1,804           | 1,837            | 1,886           | 200               | 863                | 1,063         | 162               | 661                | 823           |
| Donegal  | 8,780           | 8,774            | 9,019           | 1,086             | 4,213              | 5,299         | 830               | 2,890              | 3,720         |
| Ballybofey   | 735             | 806              | 833             | 136               | 379                | 515           | 119               | 199                | 318           |
| Ballyshannon                                       | 498             | 577              | 588             | 70                | 224                | 294           | 60                | 234                | 294           |
| Buncrana   | 1,573           | 1,623            | 1,684           | 178               | 787                | 965           | 196               | 523                | 719           |
| Donegal  | 437             | 597              | 622             | 43                | 217                | 260           | 41                | 321                | 362           |
| Dunfanaghy   | 845             | 814              | 824             | 113               | 392                | 505           | 54                | 265                | 319           |
| Dungloe  | 1,361           | 1,250            | 1,270           | 126               | 648                | 774           | 48                | 448                | 496           |
| Killybegs  | 940             | 847              | 869             | 64                | 437                | 501           | 57                | 311                | 368           |
| Letterkenny  | 2,391           | 2,260            | 2,329           | 356               | 1,129              | 1,485         | 255               | 589                | 844           |
| Leitrim  | 1,132           | 1,185            | 1,196           | 115               | 559                | 674           | 94                | 428                | 522           |
| Carrick-on-Shannon                                 | 835             | 874              | 885             | 93                | 395                | 488           | 75                | 322                | 397           |
| Manorhamilton                                      | 297             | 311              | 311             | 22                | 164                | 186           | 19                | 106                | 125           |
| Louth  | 6,843           | 6,536            | 6,769           | 756               | 3,315              | 4,071         | 533               | 2,165              | 2,698         |
| Ardee  | 788             | 777              | 800             | 83                | 345                | 428           | 70                | 302                | 372           |
| Drogheda   | 3,307           | 3,073            | 3,232           | 324               | 1,538              | 1,862         | 259               | 1,111              | 1,370         |
| Dundalk  | 2,748           | 2,686            | 2,737           | 349               | 1,432              | 1,781         | 204               | 752                | 956           |
| Monaghan   | 2,096           | 2,009            | 2,093           | 211               | 982                | 1,193         | 172               | 728                | 900           |
| Carrickmacross                                     | 561             | 511              | 527             | 34                | 219                | 253           | 35                | 239                | 274           |
| Castleblayney                                      | 628             | 616              | 628             | 59                | 294                | 353           | 64                | 211                | 275           |
| Clones   | 234             | 232              | 228             | 34                | 108                | 142           | 21                | 65                 | 86            |
| Monaghan   | 673             | 650              | 710             | 84                | 361                | 445           | 52                | 213                | 265           |
| Sligo  | 1,944           | 1,859            | 1,907           | 289               | 952                | 1,241         | 145               | 521                | 666           |
| Sligo  | 1,601           | 1,500            | 1,563           | 252               | 795                | 1,047         | 117               | 399                | 516           |
| Tubbercurry  | 343             | 359              | 344             | 37                | 157                | 194           | 28                | 122                | 150           |
| <b>Midland</b>                                     | <b>10,763</b>   | <b>10,543</b>    | <b>10,824</b>   | <b>1,322</b>      | <b>4,814</b>       | <b>6,136</b>  | <b>1,110</b>      | <b>3,578</b>       | <b>4,688</b>  |
| Laoighis   | 2,055           | 2,034            | 2,127           | 265               | 917                | 1,182         | 225               | 720                | 945           |
| Portarlington                                      | 815             | 794              | 843             | 119               | 355                | 474           | 79                | 290                | 369           |
| Portlaoise   | 913             | 882              | 915             | 103               | 394                | 497           | 97                | 321                | 418           |
| Rathdowney   | 327             | 358              | 369             | 43                | 168                | 211           | 49                | 109                | 158           |
| Longford   | 2,220           | 1,941            | 1,995           | 228               | 909                | 1,137         | 210               | 648                | 858           |
| Longford   | 2,220           | 1,941            | 1,995           | 228               | 909                | 1,137         | 210               | 648                | 858           |
| Offaly   | 2,862           | 2,768            | 2,857           | 324               | 1,351              | 1,675         | 306               | 876                | 1,182         |
| Birr   | 916             | 871              | 874             | 103               | 386                | 489           | 98                | 287                | 385           |
| Edenderry  | 677             | 673              | 692             | 73                | 362                | 435           | 47                | 210                | 257           |
| Tullamore  | 1,269           | 1,224            | 1,291           | 148               | 603                | 751           | 161               | 379                | 540           |
| Westmeath  | 3,626           | 3,800            | 3,845           | 505               | 1,637              | 2,142         | 369               | 1,334              | 1,703         |
| Athlone  | 1,458           | 1,491            | 1,499           | 204               | 654                | 858           | 155               | 486                | 641           |
| Castlepollard                                      | 361             | 411              | 417             | 45                | 181                | 226           | 36                | 155                | 191           |
| Mullingar  | 1,807           | 1,898            | 1,929           | 256               | 802                | 1,058         | 178               | 693                | 871           |
| <b>West</b>  | <b>15,203</b>   | <b>15,041</b>    | <b>15,348</b>   | <b>1,743</b>      | <b>7,264</b>       | <b>9,007</b>  | <b>1,163</b>      | <b>5,178</b>       | <b>6,341</b>  |
| Galway   | 8,836           | 9,046            | 9,246           | 1,051             | 4,401              | 5,452         | 735               | 3,059              | 3,794         |
| Ballinasloe  | 906             | 885              | 884             | 132               | 420                | 552           | 69                | 263                | 332           |
| Clifden  | 806             | 683              | 732             | 79                | 345                | 424           | 62                | 246                | 308           |
| Galway   | 4,933           | 5,095            | 5,236           | 639               | 2,562              | 3,201         | 452               | 1,583              | 2,035         |
| Gort   | 467             | 512              | 521             | 41                | 195                | 236           | 22                | 263                | 285           |
| Loughrea   | 657             | 738              | 746             | 67                | 330                | 397           | 60                | 289                | 349           |
| Tuam   | 1,067           | 1,133            | 1,127           | 93                | 549                | 642           | 70                | 415                | 485           |

<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<br>Regions/County/<br>Local Office | January<br>2006 | December<br>2006 | January<br>2007 | Under 25<br>years | 25 years<br>& over | Total         | Under 25<br>years | 25 years<br>& over | Total         |
| Mayo   | 5,144           | 4,710            | 4,760           | 529               | 2,251              | 2,780         | 327               | 1,653              | 1,980         |
| Achill   | 269             | 226              | 223             | 19                | 134                | 153           | 10                | 60                 | 70            |
| Ballina  | 1,421           | 1,295            | 1,351           | 185               | 675                | 860           | 105               | 386                | 491           |
| Ballinrobe   | 371             | 378              | 374             | 33                | 148                | 181           | 34                | 159                | 193           |
| Belmullet  | 548             | 456              | 456             | 40                | 245                | 285           | 32                | 139                | 171           |
| Castlebar  | 854             | 737              | 744             | 86                | 307                | 393           | 53                | 298                | 351           |
| Claremorris  | 419             | 419              | 408             | 32                | 192                | 224           | 18                | 166                | 184           |
| Swinford   | 609             | 669              | 655             | 92                | 272                | 364           | 56                | 235                | 291           |
| Westport   | 653             | 530              | 549             | 42                | 278                | 320           | 19                | 210                | 229           |
| Roscommon  | 1,223           | 1,285            | 1,342           | 163               | 612                | 775           | 101               | 466                | 567           |
| Boyle  | 349             | 376              | 377             | 50                | 154                | 204           | 27                | 146                | 173           |
| Castlerea  | 541             | 578              | 610             | 60                | 298                | 358           | 50                | 202                | 252           |
| Roscommon  | 333             | 331              | 355             | 53                | 160                | 213           | 24                | 118                | 142           |
| <b>Southern and Eastern</b>                        | <b>111,085</b>  | <b>107,155</b>   | <b>109,246</b>  | <b>12,889</b>     | <b>53,986</b>      | <b>66,875</b> | <b>8,204</b>      | <b>34,167</b>      | <b>42,371</b> |
| <b>Dublin</b>                                      | <b>41,103</b>   | <b>38,505</b>    | <b>39,299</b>   | <b>5,118</b>      | <b>20,365</b>      | <b>25,483</b> | <b>2,827</b>      | <b>10,989</b>      | <b>13,816</b> |
| Dublin   | 41,103          | 38,505           | 39,299          | 5,118             | 20,365             | 25,483        | 2,827             | 10,989             | 13,816        |
| Bishop Square                                      | 3,432           | 3,298            | 3,258           | 350               | 1,879              | 2,229         | 165               | 864                | 1,029         |
| Cumberland Street                                  | 5,237           | 4,725            | 4,844           | 634               | 2,474              | 3,108         | 308               | 1,428              | 1,736         |
| Navan Road   | 2,651           | 2,420            | 2,413           | 279               | 1,356              | 1,635         | 184               | 594                | 778           |
| Blanchardstown                                     | 3,679           | 3,254            | 3,442           | 425               | 1,619              | 2,044         | 311               | 1,087              | 1,398         |
| Thomas Street                                      | 2,219           | 2,041            | 2,092           | 248               | 1,261              | 1,509         | 144               | 439                | 583           |
| Tara Street  | 1,153           | 1,121            | 1,138           | 124               | 647                | 771           | 57                | 310                | 367           |
| Tallaght   | 3,503           | 3,495            | 3,536           | 599               | 1,776              | 2,375         | 304               | 857                | 1,161         |
| Ballymun   | 1,562           | 1,473            | 1,477           | 264               | 740                | 1,004         | 140               | 333                | 473           |
| Clondalkin   | 3,630           | 3,354            | 3,476           | 564               | 1,653              | 2,217         | 344               | 915                | 1,259         |
| Rathfarnham  | 1,813           | 1,815            | 1,720           | 158               | 840                | 998           | 78                | 644                | 722           |
| Kilbarrack   | 2,320           | 2,121            | 2,111           | 193               | 1,129              | 1,322         | 103               | 686                | 789           |
| Dun Laoghaire                                      | 2,471           | 2,303            | 2,424           | 183               | 1,311              | 1,494         | 80                | 850                | 930           |
| Balbriggan   | 1,364           | 1,431            | 1,467           | 136               | 728                | 864           | 92                | 511                | 603           |
| Ballyfermot  | 1,338           | 1,226            | 1,306           | 250               | 660                | 910           | 131               | 265                | 396           |
| Finglas  | 2,307           | 2,201            | 2,300           | 381               | 1,145              | 1,526         | 187               | 587                | 774           |
| Coolock  | 2,424           | 2,227            | 2,295           | 330               | 1,147              | 1,477         | 199               | 619                | 818           |
| <b>Mid-East</b>                                    | <b>12,370</b>   | <b>12,449</b>    | <b>12,648</b>   | <b>1,369</b>      | <b>6,013</b>       | <b>7,382</b>  | <b>872</b>        | <b>4,394</b>       | <b>5,266</b>  |
| Kildare  | 4,817           | 5,187            | 5,292           | 545               | 2,457              | 3,002         | 387               | 1,903              | 2,290         |
| Athy   | 880             | 925              | 930             | 109               | 445                | 554           | 66                | 310                | 376           |
| Maynooth   | 1,399           | 1,518            | 1,563           | 161               | 674                | 835           | 103               | 625                | 728           |
| Newbridge  | 2,538           | 2,744            | 2,799           | 275               | 1,338              | 1,613         | 218               | 968                | 1,186         |
| Meath  | 3,044           | 3,038            | 3,017           | 312               | 1,382              | 1,694         | 210               | 1,113              | 1,323         |
| Kells  | 549             | 557              | 536             | 47                | 243                | 290           | 50                | 196                | 246           |
| Navan  | 1,732           | 1,602            | 1,622           | 189               | 787                | 976           | 99                | 547                | 646           |
| Trim   | 763             | 879              | 859             | 76                | 352                | 428           | 61                | 370                | 431           |
| Wicklow  | 4,509           | 4,224            | 4,339           | 512               | 2,174              | 2,686         | 275               | 1,378              | 1,653         |
| Arklow   | 1,296           | 1,248            | 1,258           | 171               | 603                | 774           | 87                | 397                | 484           |
| Baltinglass  | 469             | 476              | 490             | 58                | 221                | 279           | 49                | 162                | 211           |
| Bray   | 1,839           | 1,702            | 1,777           | 180               | 925                | 1,105         | 90                | 582                | 672           |
| Wicklow  | 905             | 798              | 814             | 103               | 425                | 528           | 49                | 237                | 286           |
| <b>Mid-West</b>                                    | <b>13,628</b>   | <b>13,696</b>    | <b>13,802</b>   | <b>1,663</b>      | <b>6,681</b>       | <b>8,344</b>  | <b>1,149</b>      | <b>4,309</b>       | <b>5,458</b>  |
| Clare  | 4,063           | 4,073            | 4,202           | 437               | 1,917              | 2,354         | 297               | 1,551              | 1,848         |
| Ennis  | 2,371           | 2,349            | 2,404           | 271               | 1,072              | 1,343         | 157               | 904                | 1,061         |
| Ennistymon   | 660             | 660              | 697             | 52                | 310                | 362           | 49                | 286                | 335           |
| Kilrush  | 614             | 616              | 617             | 72                | 306                | 378           | 56                | 183                | 239           |
| Tulla  | 418             | 448              | 484             | 42                | 229                | 271           | 35                | 178                | 213           |
| Limerick   | 7,170           | 7,314            | 7,278           | 967               | 3,690              | 4,657         | 655               | 1,966              | 2,621         |
| Kilmallock   | 782             | 881              | 871             | 108               | 416                | 524           | 77                | 270                | 347           |
| Limerick   | 5,426           | 5,382            | 5,347           | 745               | 2,740              | 3,485         | 478               | 1,384              | 1,862         |
| Newcastle West                                     | 962             | 1,051            | 1,060           | 114               | 534                | 648           | 100               | 312                | 412           |



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| -continued   | Males           |                  |                 |                   |                    |               | Females           |                    |               |
|--|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| NUTS2 and NUTS3<br>Regions/County/<br>Local Office | January<br>2006 | December<br>2006 | January<br>2007 | Under 25<br>years | 25 years<br>& over | Total         | Under 25<br>years | 25 years<br>& over | Total         |
| North Tipperary                                    | 2,395           | 2,309            | 2,322           | 259               | 1,074              | 1,333         | 197               | 792                | 989           |
| Nenagh   | 889             | 854              | 873             | 68                | 408                | 476           | 70                | 327                | 397           |
| Roscrea  | 512             | 451              | 455             | 49                | 209                | 258           | 30                | 167                | 197           |
| Thurles  | 994             | 1,004            | 994             | 142               | 457                | 599           | 97                | 298                | 395           |
| <b>South-East</b>                                  | <b>21,261</b>   | <b>20,504</b>    | <b>20,984</b>   | <b>2,449</b>      | <b>9,935</b>       | <b>12,384</b> | <b>1,816</b>      | <b>6,784</b>       | <b>8,600</b>  |
| Carlow   | 2,082           | 1,965            | 1,992           | 240               | 914                | 1,154         | 200               | 638                | 838           |
| Bagenalstown                                       | 490             | 429              | 435             | 46                | 201                | 247           | 48                | 140                | 188           |
| Carlow   | 1,134           | 1,066            | 1,082           | 149               | 520                | 669           | 98                | 315                | 413           |
| Tullow   | 458             | 470              | 475             | 45                | 193                | 238           | 54                | 183                | 237           |
| Kilkenny   | 2,519           | 2,557            | 2,632           | 321               | 1,318              | 1,639         | 212               | 781                | 993           |
| Kilkenny   | 2,106           | 2,140            | 2,212           | 272               | 1,134              | 1,406         | 181               | 625                | 806           |
| Thomastown   | 413             | 417              | 420             | 49                | 184                | 233           | 31                | 156                | 187           |
| South Tipperary                                    | 3,405           | 3,006            | 3,072           | 407               | 1,521              | 1,928         | 286               | 858                | 1,144         |
| Cahir  | 448             | 386              | 399             | 40                | 198                | 238           | 44                | 117                | 161           |
| Carrick-on-Suir                                    | 925             | 890              | 913             | 93                | 491                | 584           | 64                | 265                | 329           |
| Cashel   | 362             | 321              | 326             | 54                | 130                | 184           | 27                | 115                | 142           |
| Clonmel  | 996             | 877              | 895             | 142               | 438                | 580           | 94                | 221                | 315           |
| Tipperary  | 674             | 532              | 539             | 78                | 264                | 342           | 57                | 140                | 197           |
| Waterford  | 6,360           | 6,266            | 6,399           | 795               | 3,108              | 3,903         | 493               | 2,003              | 2,496         |
| Dungarvan  | 1,033           | 1,020            | 1,010           | 107               | 521                | 628           | 61                | 321                | 382           |
| Waterford  | 5,327           | 5,246            | 5,389           | 688               | 2,587              | 3,275         | 432               | 1,682              | 2,114         |
| Wexford  | 6,895           | 6,710            | 6,889           | 686               | 3,074              | 3,760         | 625               | 2,504              | 3,129         |
| Enniscorthy  | 1,718           | 1,664            | 1,722           | 205               | 823                | 1,028         | 170               | 524                | 694           |
| Gorey  | 1,201           | 1,213            | 1,234           | 125               | 527                | 652           | 103               | 479                | 582           |
| New Ross   | 1,250           | 1,212            | 1,208           | 127               | 531                | 658           | 116               | 434                | 550           |
| Wexford  | 2,726           | 2,621            | 2,725           | 229               | 1,193              | 1,422         | 236               | 1,067              | 1,303         |
| <b>South-West</b>                                  | <b>22,723</b>   | <b>22,001</b>    | <b>22,513</b>   | <b>2,290</b>      | <b>10,992</b>      | <b>13,282</b> | <b>1,540</b>      | <b>7,691</b>       | <b>9,231</b>  |
| Cork   | 15,904          | 15,208           | 15,392          | 1,626             | 7,669              | 9,295         | 1,028             | 5,069              | 6,097         |
| Bandon   | 521             | 500              | 496             | 47                | 248                | 295           | 32                | 169                | 201           |
| Bantry   | 330             | 347              | 373             | 25                | 142                | 167           | 17                | 189                | 206           |
| Bantry (SWLO)                                      | 141             | 134              | 136             | 5                 | 58                 | 63            | 2                 | 71                 | 73            |
| Carrigaline <sup>2</sup>                           | 718             | 608              | 637             | 58                | 320                | 378           | 27                | 232                | 259           |
| Clonakilty   | 478             | 451              | 469             | 27                | 198                | 225           | 22                | 222                | 244           |
| Cobh   | 383             | 361              | 394             | 57                | 180                | 237           | 38                | 119                | 157           |
| Cork   | 7,681           | 7,169            | 7,229           | 957               | 3,867              | 4,824         | 535               | 1,870              | 2,405         |
| Dunmanway  | 221             | 242              | 234             | 18                | 95                 | 113           | 17                | 104                | 121           |
| Fermoy   | 877             | 900              | 902             | 105               | 420                | 525           | 64                | 313                | 377           |
| Kinsale  | 641             | 601              | 615             | 28                | 249                | 277           | 25                | 313                | 338           |
| Macroom  | 390             | 443              | 419             | 35                | 194                | 229           | 23                | 167                | 190           |
| Mallow   | 795             | 738              | 763             | 77                | 418                | 495           | 55                | 213                | 268           |
| Midleton   | 1,155           | 1,028            | 1,064           | 63                | 507                | 570           | 70                | 424                | 494           |
| Newmarket  | 451             | 514              | 507             | 57                | 244                | 301           | 34                | 172                | 206           |
| Skibbereen   | 401             | 411              | 416             | 26                | 176                | 202           | 12                | 202                | 214           |
| Youghal  | 721             | 761              | 738             | 41                | 353                | 394           | 55                | 289                | 344           |
| Kerry  | 6,819           | 6,793            | 7,121           | 664               | 3,323              | 3,987         | 512               | 2,622              | 3,134         |
| Cahiriveen   | 391             | 363              | 381             | 22                | 150                | 172           | 14                | 195                | 209           |
| Dingle   | 374             | 326              | 371             | 24                | 142                | 166           | 22                | 183                | 205           |
| Kenmare  | 267             | 270              | 305             | 20                | 112                | 132           | 21                | 152                | 173           |
| Killarney  | 1,329           | 1,153            | 1,315           | 108               | 522                | 630           | 100               | 585                | 685           |
| Killorglin   | 459             | 444              | 463             | 22                | 208                | 230           | 25                | 208                | 233           |
| Listowel   | 1,005           | 1,139            | 1,102           | 138               | 568                | 706           | 104               | 292                | 396           |
| Tralee   | 2,994           | 3,098            | 3,184           | 330               | 1,621              | 1,951         | 226               | 1,007              | 1,233         |
| <b>State</b>                                       | <b>160,139</b>  | <b>155,389</b>   | <b>158,752</b>  | <b>18,647</b>     | <b>77,177</b>      | <b>95,824</b> | <b>12,463</b>     | <b>50,465</b>      | <b>62,928</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            |                                 |
|------|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
|      | Number<br>of<br>weeks | Live<br>Register | Average<br>net weekly<br>change | Live<br>Register | Average<br>net weekly<br>change | Live<br>Register | Average<br>net weekly<br>change |
| 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                   |                  |                                 |
|      | 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                   |                  |                                 |

## 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 | 4.3 |
| 2005 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.4 |
| 2006 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.5 |     |

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

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

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