



Live Register

May 2007

Seasonally Adjusted

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200 0

Total

150 0

Male

100.0

Female

50.0

May 2006 Jul 2006 Sep 2006 Nov 2006 Jan 2007 Mar 2007 May 2007

	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
May 2006	152,560	158,400
April 2007	154,319	158,200
May 2007	154,010	159,800
Change in month	-309	+1,600
Change in year	+1,450	+1,400

Seasonally Adjusted Live Register increases in May

The seasonally adjusted Live Register total increased from 158,200 in April to 159,800 in May, an increase of 1,600. This compares with an increase of 700 in April. *See table 2a and graph opposite.*

In the year to May 2007, there was an unadjusted increase of 1,450 (+1.0%). This compares with an unadjusted decrease of 247 (-0.2%) in the year to April 2007.

Other features include:

- ◆ The monthly increase in the Seasonally Adjusted series consisted of an increase of 900 males and 800 females. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in May was 4.5%. This compares with 4.4%, the latest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate from the Quarterly National Household Survey. *See table 3 and background notes.*
- ◆ In the month, the estimated number of casual and part-time workers on the Live Register was 7,942 males and 12,303 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 Allowance. Unemployment is measured by the Quarterly National Household Survey and the latest seasonally adjusted figure, for December to February 2007, is 96,200 persons unemployed.

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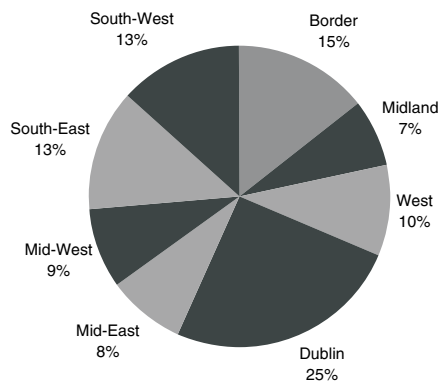
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Live Register by Regional Authority



	May 2007	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and Western	48,144	+ 123	+ 1,005
Border	22,412	- 6	+ 245
Midland	10,778	+ 12	+ 399
West	14,954	+ 117	+ 361
Southern and Eastern	105,866	- 432	+ 445
Dublin	39,077	+ 144	- 551
Mid-East	12,703	- 23	+ 694
Mid-West	13,354	- 40	+ 526
South-East	20,000	- 183	- 88
South-West	20,732	- 330	- 136
Total	154,010	- 309	+ 1,450

Unadjusted monthly decreases in five regions

There was an unadjusted monthly decrease of 309 (-0.2%) on the Live Register in May 2007, which reflected decreases in five regions. The largest percentage decrease was in the South-West region (-1.6%) while the largest percentage increase was in the West region (+0.8%).

Other features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males decreased in five regions. The largest percentage decrease was in the South-West region (-1.5%), while the largest percentage increase was in the Midland region (+1.0%).
- ◆ The number of females decreased in five regions. The largest percentage decrease was in the South-West region (-1.7%) while the largest percentage increase was in the West region (+2.9%).
- ◆ Amongst counties, the largest percentage decreases were in Kerry (-4.0%) and Wexford (-2.2%). The largest percentage increases were in Roscommon (+3.1%) and Leitrim (+2.6%). *See tables 4 and 6.*

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	May 2006	April 2007	May 2007	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	28,196	30,307	30,060	- 247	+ 1,864
JA Applications	60,781	61,279	61,289	- 10	+ 508
Other Registrants	2,515	2,536	2,478	- 58	- 37
Total	91,492	94,122	93,827	- 295	+ 2,335
Females					
JB Claims	30,399	30,234	30,073	- 161	- 326
JA Applications	23,949	23,374	23,591	+ 217	- 358
Other Registrants	6,720	6,589	6,519	- 70	- 201
Total	61,068	60,197	60,183	- 14	- 885
All Persons					
JB Claims	58,595	60,541	60,133	- 408	+ 1,538
JA Applications	84,730	84,653	84,880	+ 227	+ 150
Other Registrants	9,235	9,125	8,997	- 128	- 238
Total	152,560	154,319	154,010	- 309	+ 1,450

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

Category	May 2006	April 2007	May 2007	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	4,568	4,879	4,816	- 63	+ 248
JA Applications	12,988	13,549	13,504	- 45	+ 516
Other Registrants	36	48	39	- 9	+ 3
Total	17,592	18,476	18,359	- 117	+ 767
Females					
JB Claims	3,365	3,324	3,368	+ 44	3
JA Applications	8,908	8,621	8,766	+ 145	- 142
Other Registrants	85	89	68	- 21	- 17
Total	12,358	12,034	12,202	+ 168	- 156
All Persons					
JB Claims	7,933	8,203	8,184	- 19	+ 251
JA Applications	21,896	22,170	22,270	+ 100	+ 374
Other Registrants	121	137	107	- 30	- 14
Total	29,950	30,510	30,561	+ 51	+ 611

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

Category	May 2006	April 2007	May 2007	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	23,628	25,428	25,244	- 184	+ 1,616
JA Applications	47,793	47,730	47,785	+ 55	- 8
Other Registrants	2,479	2,488	2,439	- 49	- 40
Total	73,900	75,646	75,468	- 178	+ 1,568
Females					
JB Claims	27,034	26,910	26,705	- 205	- 329
JA Applications	15,041	14,753	14,825	+ 72	- 216
Other Registrants	6,635	6,500	6,451	- 49	- 184
Total	48,710	48,163	47,981	- 182	- 729
All Persons					
JB Claims	50,662	52,338	51,949	- 389	+ 1,287
JA Applications	62,834	62,483	62,610	+ 127	- 224
Other Registrants	9,114	8,988	8,890	- 98	- 224
Total	122,610	123,809	123,449	- 360	+ 839

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

	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series ¹		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2005	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
	March	94,800	61,100	155,900	93,800	63,700	157,500
	April	94,100	60,200	154,300	94,800	63,300	158,200
	May	93,800	60,200	154,000	95,700	64,100	159,800

¹ 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 ¹		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2005	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
	March	18,600	12,200	30,800	18,400	12,700	31,000
	April	18,500	12,000	30,500	18,700	12,900	31,600
	May	18,400	12,200	30,600	18,900	12,900	31,800

¹ 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 ¹		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2005	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
	March	76,200	48,900	125,100	75,500	51,100	126,500
	April	75,600	48,200	123,800	76,100	50,400	126,600
	May	75,500	48,000	123,400	76,800	51,200	128,000

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2006 (See Background Notes).

Table 3 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates (SUR)¹

Month	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
January ²	3.7	4.4	4.7	4.5	4.2	4.4	4.4 ³
February	3.7	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.5
March	3.7	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.4
April ²	3.8	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.5
May	3.9	4.3	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.5
June	3.9	4.3	4.7	4.4	4.3	4.5	
July ²	4.0	4.3	4.8	4.4	4.3	4.5	
August	3.9	4.4	4.7	4.4	4.4	4.4	
September	3.9	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.2	
October ²	4.0	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.1	
November	4.2	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.5	4.3	
December	4.3	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.3	
Annual average	3.9	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.4	

¹ Table contains revised figures.

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

³ The latest QNHS estimate of the unemployment rate (adjusted for seasonality) is: December - February 2007, 4.4%.

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register classified by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	May 2006	April 2007	May 2007	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland & Western	27,214	28,328	28,266	- 62	+ 1,052	5,606	22,660
Border	13,104	13,370	13,305	- 65	+ 201	2,532	10,773
Midland	5,740	6,157	6,217	+ 60	+ 477	1,365	4,852
West	8,370	8,801	8,744	- 57	+ 374	1,709	7,035
Southern & Eastern	64,278	65,794	65,561	- 233	+ 1,283	12,753	52,808
Dublin	25,599	25,517	25,586	+ 69	- 13	5,151	20,435
Mid-East	6,876	7,485	7,516	+ 31	+ 640	1,404	6,112
Mid-West	7,512	8,128	8,112	- 16	+ 600	1,668	6,444
South-East	11,842	11,955	11,827	- 128	- 15	2,364	9,463
South-West	12,449	12,709	12,520	- 189	+ 71	2,166	10,354
Total	91,492	94,122	93,827	- 295	+ 2,335	18,359	75,468
Females							
Border, Midland & Western	19,925	19,693	19,878	+ 185	- 47	4,129	15,749
Border	9,063	9,048	9,107	+ 59	+ 44	1,854	7,253
Midland	4,639	4,609	4,561	- 48	- 78	1,065	3,496
West	6,223	6,036	6,210	+ 174	- 13	1,210	5,000
Southern & Eastern	41,143	40,504	40,305	- 199	- 838	8,073	32,232
Dublin	14,029	13,416	13,491	+ 75	- 538	2,803	10,688
Mid-East	5,133	5,241	5,187	- 54	+ 54	901	4,286
Mid-West	5,316	5,266	5,242	- 24	- 74	1,120	4,122
South-East	8,246	8,228	8,173	- 55	- 73	1,799	6,374
South-West	8,419	8,353	8,212	- 141	- 207	1,450	6,762
Total	61,068	60,197	60,183	- 14	- 885	12,202	47,981
All Persons							
Border, Midland & Western	47,139	48,021	48,144	+ 123	+ 1,005	9,735	38,409
Border	22,167	22,418	22,412	- 6	+ 245	4,386	18,026
Midland	10,379	10,766	10,778	+ 12	+ 399	2,430	8,348
West	14,593	14,837	14,954	+ 117	+ 361	2,919	12,035
Southern & Eastern	105,421	106,298	105,866	- 432	+ 445	20,826	85,040
Dublin	39,628	38,933	39,077	+ 144	- 551	7,954	31,123
Mid-East	12,009	12,726	12,703	- 23	+ 694	2,305	10,398
Mid-West	12,828	13,394	13,354	- 40	+ 526	2,788	10,566
South-East	20,088	20,183	20,000	- 183	- 88	4,163	15,837
South-West	20,868	21,062	20,732	- 330	- 136	3,616	17,116
Total	152,560	154,319	154,010	- 309	+ 1,450	30,561	123,449

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

Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	May 2006	April 2007	May 2007	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	79,578	80,105	80,105	0	+ 527	16,232	63,873
Munster	42,872	43,531	43,102	- 429	+ 230	8,329	34,773
Connacht	17,516	17,841	18,007	+ 166	+ 491	3,508	14,499
Ulster	12,594	12,842	12,796	- 46	+ 202	2,492	10,304
Total	152,560	154,319	154,010	- 309	+ 1,450	30,561	123,449

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	May 2006	April 2007	May 2007	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	47,139	48,021	48,144	5,606	22,660	28,266	4,129	15,749	19,878
Border	22,167	22,418	22,412	2,532	10,773	13,305	1,854	7,253	9,107
Cavan	2,190	2,325	2,343	231	1,107	1,338	187	818	1,005
Ballyconnell ¹	431	440	428	26	225	251	36	141	177
Cavan	1,759	1,885	1,915	205	882	1,087	151	677	828
Donegal	8,407	8,488	8,432	951	4,015	4,966	767	2,699	3,466
Ballybofey	722	732	740	126	327	453	109	178	287
Ballyshannon	458	516	510	54	200	254	55	201	256
Buncrana	1,584	1,608	1,592	157	759	916	170	506	676
Donegal	419	587	587	45	219	264	30	293	323
Dunfanaghy	711	740	712	97	341	438	52	222	274
Dungloe	1,258	1,201	1,161	89	607	696	58	407	465
Killybegs	972	838	866	62	466	528	44	294	338
Letterkenny	2,283	2,266	2,264	321	1,096	1,417	249	598	847
Leitrim	1,040	1,135	1,165	91	551	642	78	445	523
Carrick-on-Shannon	758	841	870	68	404	472	58	340	398
Manorhamilton	282	294	295	23	147	170	20	105	125
Louth	6,650	6,572	6,563	790	3,202	3,992	515	2,056	2,571
Ardee	761	763	758	80	333	413	71	274	345
Drogheda	3,203	3,128	3,098	334	1,478	1,812	248	1,038	1,286
Dundalk	2,686	2,681	2,707	376	1,391	1,767	196	744	940
Monaghan	1,997	2,029	2,021	206	942	1,148	150	723	873
Carrickmacross	514	532	499	29	212	241	33	225	258
Castleblayney	619	616	613	72	284	356	53	204	257
Clones	216	197	197	21	92	113	19	65	84
Monaghan	648	684	712	84	354	438	45	229	274
Sligo	1,883	1,869	1,888	263	956	1,219	157	512	669
Sligo	1,563	1,515	1,521	225	794	1,019	123	379	502
Tubbercurry	320	354	367	38	162	200	34	133	167
Midland	10,379	10,766	10,778	1,365	4,852	6,217	1,065	3,496	4,561
Laoighis	2,103	2,182	2,173	291	935	1,226	219	728	947
Portllington	816	896	873	123	361	484	83	306	389
Portlaoise	948	935	946	126	407	533	96	317	413
Rathdowney	339	351	354	42	167	209	40	105	145
Longford	2,008	2,025	2,026	269	948	1,217	199	610	809
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Offaly	2,732	2,824	2,846	339	1,326	1,665	275	906	1,181
Birr	836	814	803	94	364	458	78	267	345
Edenderry	679	688	690	76	342	418	50	222	272
Tullamore	1,217	1,322	1,353	169	620	789	147	417	564
Westmeath	3,536	3,735	3,733	466	1,643	2,109	372	1,252	1,624
Athlone	1,415	1,411	1,409	177	625	802	149	458	607
Castlepollard	357	404	401	38	182	220	35	146	181
Mullingar	1,764	1,920	1,923	251	836	1,087	188	648	836
West	14,593	14,837	14,954	1,709	7,035	8,744	1,210	5,000	6,210
Galway	8,737	8,998	9,122	1,052	4,267	5,319	766	3,037	3,803
Ballinasloe	845	868	843	127	383	510	78	255	333
Clifden	647	606	593	62	299	361	54	178	232
Galway	5,127	5,134	5,320	637	2,568	3,205	484	1,631	2,115
Gort	477	523	536	43	199	242	25	269	294
Loughrea	625	721	701	72	303	375	53	273	326
Tuam	1,016	1,146	1,129	111	515	626	72	431	503

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

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

-continued				Males			Females		
NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	May 2006	April 2007	May 2007	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	4,701	4,568	4,521	503	2,151	2,654	352	1,515	1,867
Achill	233	220	217	19	132	151	11	55	66
Ballina	1,308	1,267	1,262	179	625	804	117	341	458
Ballinrobe	352	325	316	30	130	160	25	131	156
Belmullet	511	447	448	34	242	276	34	138	172
Castlebar	786	763	762	88	301	389	70	303	373
Claremorris	364	394	380	38	180	218	23	139	162
Swinford	595	649	653	80	283	363	54	236	290
Westport	552	503	483	35	258	293	18	172	190
Roscommon	1,155	1,271	1,311	154	617	771	92	448	540
Boyle	328	333	345	29	166	195	22	128	150
Castlerea	482	579	583	74	269	343	44	196	240
Roscommon	345	359	383	51	182	233	26	124	150
Southern and Eastern	105,421	106,298	105,866	12,753	52,808	65,561	8,073	32,232	40,305
Dublin	39,628	38,933	39,077	5,151	20,435	25,586	2,803	10,688	13,491
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Bishop Square	3,376	3,201	3,234	358	1,885	2,243	171	820	991
Cumberland Street	5,076	4,771	4,781	601	2,485	3,086	334	1,361	1,695
Navan Road	2,464	2,478	2,529	314	1,438	1,752	191	586	777
Blanchardstown	3,497	3,323	3,401	413	1,639	2,052	279	1,070	1,349
Thomas Street	2,181	2,020	2,030	239	1,245	1,484	123	423	546
Tara Street	1,113	1,074	1,035	96	597	693	43	299	342
Tallaght	3,374	3,556	3,577	583	1,823	2,406	322	849	1,171
Ballymun	1,542	1,541	1,540	298	748	1,046	142	352	494
Clondalkin	3,554	3,522	3,564	589	1,745	2,334	340	890	1,230
Rathfarnham	1,751	1,703	1,681	156	790	946	75	660	735
Kilbarrack	2,212	2,085	2,061	226	1,096	1,322	98	641	739
Dun Laoghaire	2,329	2,284	2,344	192	1,252	1,444	73	827	900
Balbriggan	1,343	1,414	1,377	123	686	809	83	485	568
Ballyfermot	1,244	1,356	1,335	261	667	928	143	264	407
Finglas	2,250	2,306	2,281	368	1,199	1,567	182	532	714
Coolock	2,322	2,299	2,307	334	1,140	1,474	204	629	833
Mid-East	12,009	12,726	12,703	1,404	6,112	7,516	901	4,286	5,187
Kildare	4,772	5,434	5,411	589	2,546	3,135	404	1,872	2,276
Athy	851	922	934	104	457	561	70	303	373
Maynooth	1,424	1,576	1,519	155	667	822	110	587	697
Newbridge	2,497	2,936	2,958	330	1,422	1,752	224	982	1,206
Meath	3,025	3,081	3,076	327	1,422	1,749	233	1,094	1,327
Kells	554	522	541	52	241	293	60	188	248
Navan	1,681	1,706	1,722	193	836	1,029	119	574	693
Trim	790	853	813	82	345	427	54	332	386
Wicklow	4,212	4,211	4,216	488	2,144	2,632	264	1,320	1,584
Arklow	1,208	1,234	1,250	156	611	767	78	405	483
Baltinglass	431	481	466	64	218	282	48	136	184
Bray	1,763	1,694	1,696	171	887	1,058	88	550	638
Wicklow	810	802	804	97	428	525	50	229	279
Mid-West	12,828	13,394	13,354	1,668	6,444	8,112	1,120	4,122	5,242
Clare	3,568	3,915	3,865	401	1,787	2,188	270	1,407	1,677
Ennis	2,174	2,342	2,358	265	1,060	1,325	159	874	1,033
Ennistymon	516	579	550	42	263	305	33	212	245
Kilrush	529	542	530	63	250	313	50	167	217
Tulla	349	452	427	31	214	245	28	154	182
Limerick	6,982	7,227	7,243	1,019	3,672	4,691	652	1,900	2,552
Kilmallock	773	855	828	101	385	486	80	262	342
Limerick	5,337	5,338	5,400	809	2,788	3,597	466	1,337	1,803
Newcastle West	872	1,034	1,015	109	499	608	106	301	407

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

-continued	Males						Females		
NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	May 2006	April 2007	May 2007	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,278	2,252	2,246	248	985	1,233	198	815	1,013
Nenagh	861	872	850	75	366	441	70	339	409
Roscrea	475	453	452	51	196	247	41	164	205
Thurles	942	927	944	122	423	545	87	312	399
South-East	20,088	20,183	20,000	2,364	9,463	11,827	1,799	6,374	8,173
Carlow	2,058	2,066	2,090	241	970	1,211	194	685	879
Bagenalstown	481	433	442	46	208	254	44	144	188
Carlow	1,086	1,154	1,157	150	557	707	106	344	450
Tullow	491	479	491	45	205	250	44	197	241
Kilkenny	2,434	2,455	2,454	302	1,192	1,494	216	744	960
Kilkenny	2,048	2,052	2,035	253	1,000	1,253	186	596	782
Thomastown	386	403	419	49	192	241	30	148	178
South Tipperary	3,083	2,852	2,852	407	1,391	1,798	279	775	1,054
Cahir	399	350	361	46	154	200	37	124	161
Carrick-on-Suir	905	863	850	85	462	547	59	244	303
Cashel	338	304	301	48	133	181	34	86	120
Clonmel	895	830	846	147	403	550	91	205	296
Tipperary	546	505	494	81	239	320	58	116	174
Waterford	6,093	6,223	6,164	743	3,005	3,748	496	1,920	2,416
Dungarvan	1,034	925	906	88	474	562	58	286	344
Waterford	5,059	5,298	5,258	655	2,531	3,186	438	1,634	2,072
Wexford	6,420	6,587	6,440	671	2,905	3,576	614	2,250	2,864
Enniscorthy	1,688	1,721	1,713	204	801	1,005	192	516	708
Gorey	1,149	1,214	1,205	116	517	633	98	474	572
New Ross	1,170	1,189	1,163	121	509	630	115	418	533
Wexford	2,413	2,463	2,359	230	1,078	1,308	209	842	1,051
South-West	20,868	21,062	20,732	2,166	10,354	12,520	1,450	6,762	8,212
Cork	15,291	14,859	14,780	1,599	7,507	9,106	1,011	4,663	5,674
Bandon	504	482	483	54	253	307	20	156	176
Bantry	298	335	308	15	128	143	18	147	165
Bantry (SWLO)	136	140	137	4	56	60	3	74	77
Carrigaline ²	695	634	630	57	327	384	29	217	246
Clonakilty	434	435	419	22	182	204	15	200	215
Cobh	349	361	350	60	173	233	22	95	117
Cork	7,452	7,180	7,151	959	3,860	4,819	557	1,775	2,332
Dunmanway	215	189	190	18	67	85	11	94	105
Fermoy	886	884	912	108	443	551	55	306	361
Kinsale	602	582	579	16	233	249	28	302	330
Macroon	329	402	402	31	190	221	27	154	181
Mallow	786	773	748	86	390	476	58	214	272
Midleton	1,111	956	961	55	503	558	65	338	403
Newmarket	455	452	460	48	214	262	37	161	198
Skibbereen	375	353	333	19	147	166	14	153	167
Youghal	664	701	717	47	341	388	52	277	329
Kerry	5,577	6,203	5,952	567	2,847	3,414	439	2,099	2,538
Cahirciveen	317	333	311	14	133	147	17	147	164
Dingle	246	267	242	15	114	129	6	107	113
Kenmare	147	217	197	13	84	97	10	90	100
Killarney	789	955	871	85	368	453	65	353	418
Killorglin	338	378	362	17	181	198	18	146	164
Listowel	836	1,010	942	112	470	582	98	262	360
Tralee	2,904	3,043	3,027	311	1,497	1,808	225	994	1,219
State	152,560	154,319	154,010	18,359	75,468	93,827	12,202	47,981	60,183

² 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

		Number of weeks	Males		Females		Total	
			Live Register	Average net weekly change	Live Register	Average net weekly change	Live Register	Average net weekly change
2005	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
	March	5	94,790	- 170	61,079	- 536	155,869	- 706
	April	4	94,122	- 167	60,197	- 221	154,319	- 388
	May	4	93,827	- 74	60,183	- 4	154,010	- 77

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 Allowance (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 Allowance 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	4.1
2007	4.4			

Seasonal adjustment The seasonal adjustment of the Live Register is completed using the X-11 Variant of the US Bureau of Census Method 2 (Additive Option). The seasonally adjusted series are updated twice yearly, in January and July; pending the next updating, seasonal adjustment for intervening months is carried out using projected seasonal factors. In Tables 2a, b and c, the seasonally adjusted totals are the sum of the relevant seasonally adjusted series for males and females, under and over 25 years.

Casual and part-time workers The casual and part-time workers' figure is based on an estimate supplied by the Department of Social and Family Affairs. People may apply for Jobseekers Benefit/Allowance if they only work for part of a week and be included on the Live Register.

Live Register Area Analysis The basis of the area classification used in this release is the Department of Social and Family Affairs local office of registration. The areas served by Local Employment Offices do not correspond to specific geographic boundaries. Therefore, registrants at a given local office do not necessarily come from a particular region or area which can be precisely delineated. A classification by area of residence of persons on the Live Register was published until January 1989 but was then discontinued.

NUTS2 and NUTS3 regions The regional classifications in this release are based on the NUTS (Nomenclature of Territorial Units) classification used by Eurostat. The NUTS3 regions correspond to the eight Regional Authorities established under the Local Government Act, 1991 (Regional Authorities) (Establishment) Order, 1993, which came into operation on 1 January 1994. The NUTS2 regions, which were proposed by Government and agreed by Eurostat in 1999, are groupings of the NUTS3 regions.

Border, Midland and Western NUTS2 Region

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

Southern and Eastern NUTS2 Region

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