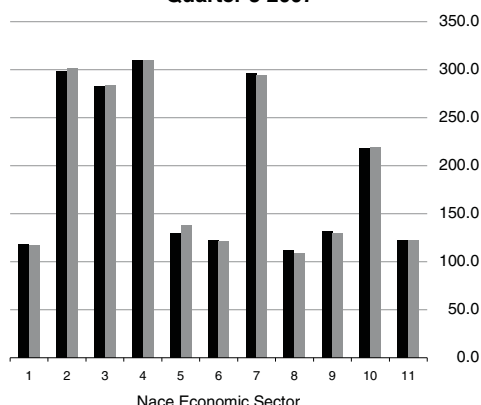




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Revised Series Post 2006 Census of Population

All persons aged 15 and over in employment (ILO) and unemployed on the basis of the 2002 and 2006 Censuses of Population

	2002		2006	
	In Employment	Unemployed	In Employment	Unemployed
Mar-May 2002	1,763.9	77.0	1,760.6	77.1
Mar-May 2003	1,793.4	82.1	1,790.1	82.6
Mar-May 2004	1,836.2	84.2	1,834.6	84.6
Mar-May 2005	1,929.2	85.6	1,931.6	86.5
Mar-May 2006	2,017.0	91.4	2,021.1	92.8
Mar-May 2007	2,095.4	98.8	2,101.6	100.3

This release contains revised headline QNHS figures for all quarters from the second quarter of 2002 to the fourth quarter of 2007. A revised version of the full set of core QNHS tables is available on our website at www.cso.ie under the link for 'Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS)-Main Results'.

The QNHS figures have been revised in line with revisions to the sub-annual population estimates, which are used as a grossing frame for the data. These population estimates are calculated on a quarterly basis using the Census of Population figures as a base. This revisions process has involved three separate elements:

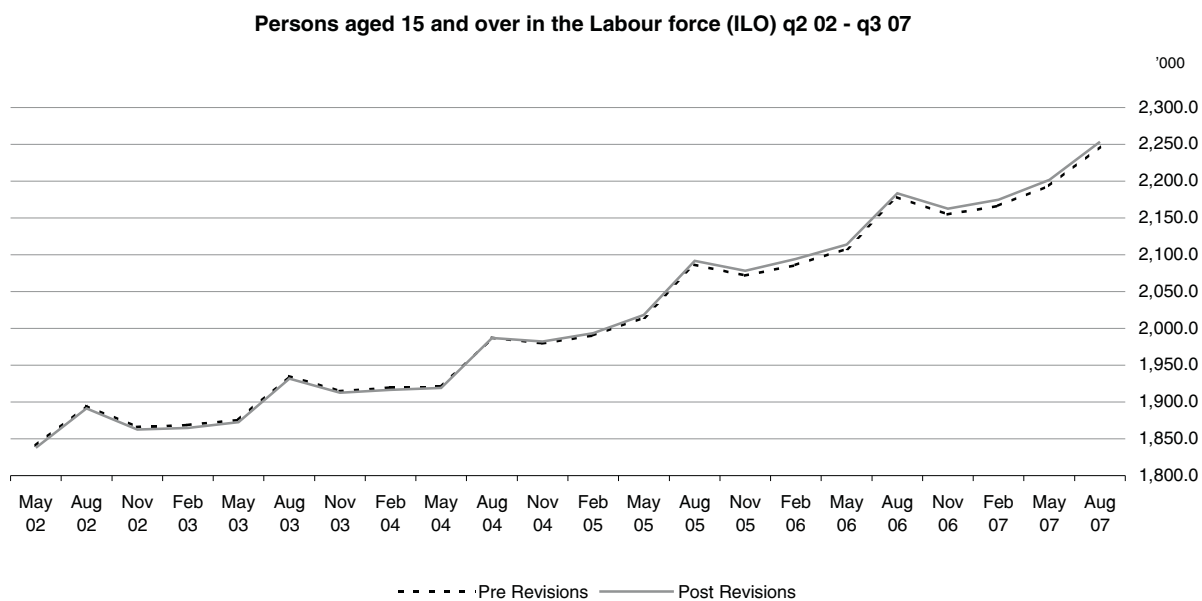
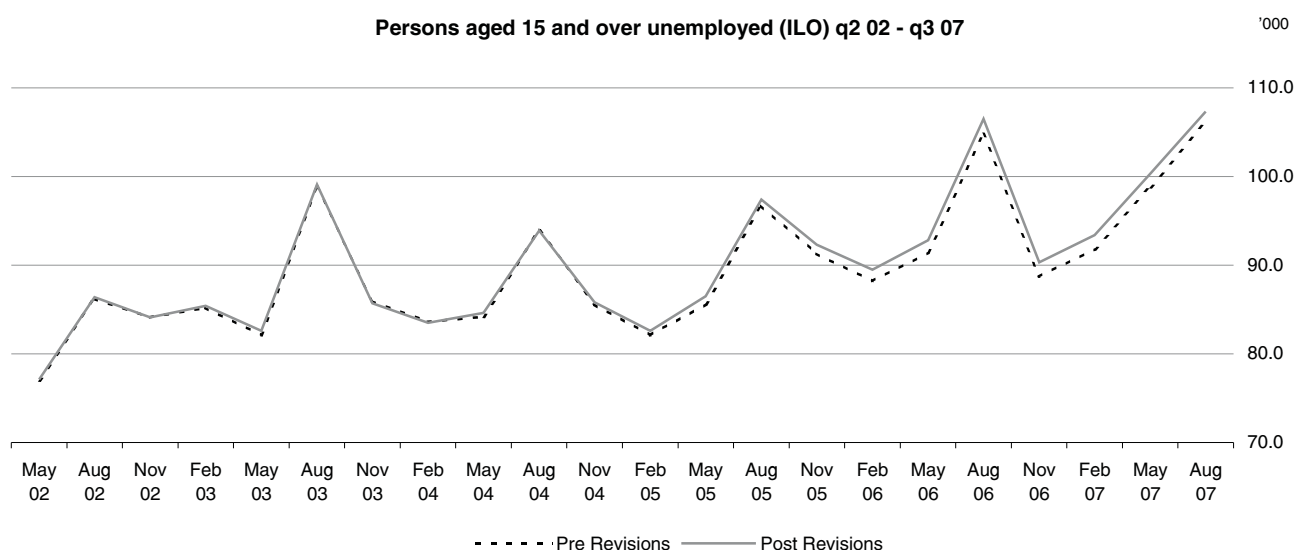
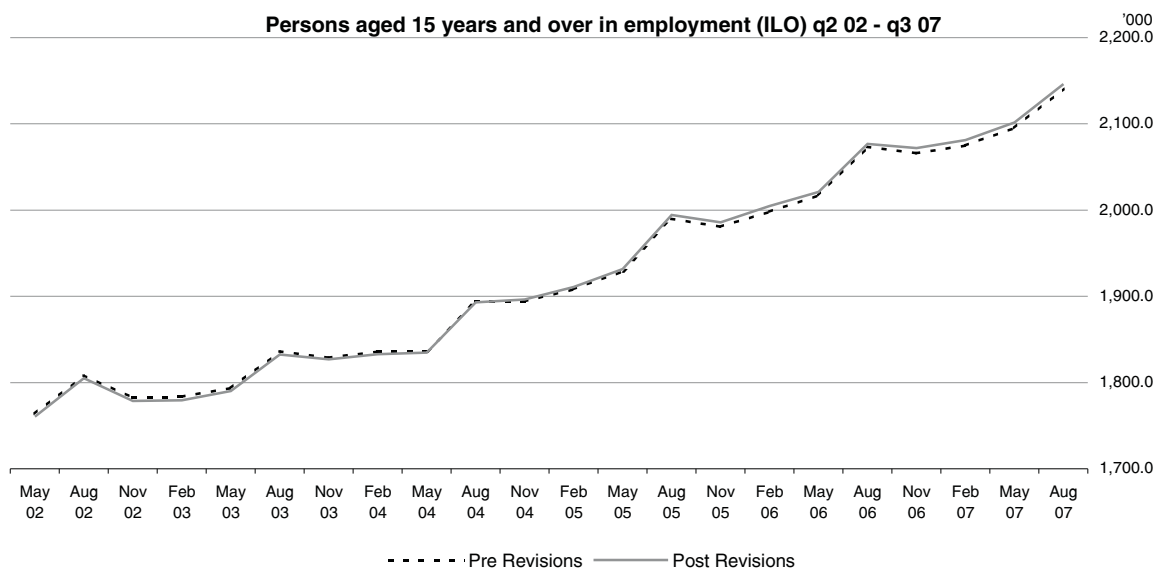
- The population as reported for Census 2006 was used as a benchmark to recalculate quarterly population estimates from Quarter 2 2002 onwards.
- From Quarter 2 2006 onwards the concept underlying the population estimates was changed from de facto (all persons present in the state), to usually resident (all persons usually resident in the state) as the usually resident concept more closely aligns to the target population for employment statistics.
- An adjustment has been made to bring nationality estimates within the QNHS into line with Census 2006 nationality figures.

The overall effect of these revisions is that the population estimate of persons aged 15 and over was 2,400 (0.07%) lower on the revised basis than the population estimates previously used for the Q2 2006 QNHS results.

Given that the difference between the 2006 Census of Population figures and the population estimates was very minor at the State level, the revisions to the QNHS data series have had a very little effect on the headline trends within the QNHS. See graphs overleaf and tables 1 & 2.

Figures calculated on the revised basis will be presented on an ongoing basis commencing with the Q4 2007 QNHS release.

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Tables

Table 1 Persons aged 15 years and over classified by sex and ILO Economic Status

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ILO Economic Status	Mar- May 02	Jun- Aug 02	Sep- Nov 02	Dec- Feb 03	Mar- May 03	Jun- Aug 03
Males						
In labour force	1,075.0	1,103.6	1,090.7	1,089.8	1,091.2	1,121.9
In employment:	1,026.2	1,051.2	1,038.8	1,035.5	1,039.3	1,062.3
full-time	959.5	984.7	973.5	966.1	969.3	989.6
part-time:	66.7	66.4	65.3	69.4	70.0	72.6
<i>of which: part-time, not underemployed¹</i>	65.2	64.9	63.9	67.6	68.3	70.5
<i>part-time, underemployed¹</i>	1.4	1.6	1.3	1.9	1.7	2.1
Unemployed:	48.8	52.5	51.9	54.3	51.9	59.7
seeking full-time work	46.6	49.6	49.4	51.2	48.9	55.2
seeking part-time work	2.2	2.9	2.5	3.1	3.1	4.4
Not in labour force	447.1	425.1	448.0	455.5	458.1	435.0
Marginally attached to the Labour Force	7.6	8.0	7.8	8.1	8.2	8.6
Others	439.5	417.1	440.3	447.4	449.9	426.4
Total males aged 15 or over	1,522.1	1,528.7	1,538.7	1,545.3	1,549.3	1,556.9
Unemployment rate %	4.5	4.8	4.8	5.0	4.8	5.3
Participation rate %	70.6	72.2	70.9	70.5	70.4	72.1
Females						
In labour force	762.8	787.7	772.1	775.0	781.5	809.9
In employment:	734.4	753.7	739.9	744.0	750.9	770.4
full-time	509.4	527.0	510.9	513.1	516.2	533.1
part-time:	225.0	226.7	229.0	230.8	234.6	237.3
<i>of which: part-time, not underemployed¹</i>	223.5	225.5	227.7	229.3	232.9	235.1
<i>part-time, underemployed¹</i>	1.5	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.8	2.3
Unemployed:	28.4	34.0	32.2	31.1	30.6	39.5
seeking full-time work	18.6	23.7	19.7	20.5	20.4	27.9
seeking part-time work	9.7	10.2	12.6	10.5	10.2	11.6
Not in labour force	804.9	786.9	812.7	816.7	814.4	792.7
Marginally attached to the Labour Force	3.4	4.7	4.5	4.7	3.9	6.0
Others	801.5	782.1	808.2	812.0	810.4	786.7
Total females aged 15 or over	1,567.7	1,574.5	1,584.8	1,591.7	1,595.9	1,602.6
Unemployment rate %	3.7	4.3	4.2	4.0	3.9	4.9
Participation rate %	48.7	50.0	48.7	48.7	49.0	50.5
All persons						
In labour force	1,837.7	1,891.3	1,862.8	1,864.8	1,872.7	1,931.8
In employment:	1,760.6	1,804.9	1,778.7	1,779.5	1,790.1	1,832.7
full-time	1,468.9	1,511.7	1,484.4	1,479.2	1,485.5	1,522.7
part-time:	291.7	293.2	294.3	300.3	304.6	310.0
<i>of which: part-time, not underemployed¹</i>	288.7	290.4	291.6	296.8	301.2	305.6
<i>part-time, underemployed¹</i>	2.9	2.8	2.6	3.5	3.5	4.3
Unemployed:	77.1	86.4	84.1	85.4	82.6	99.1
seeking full-time work	65.2	73.3	69.1	71.7	69.3	83.1
seeking part-time work	11.9	13.1	15.0	13.7	13.3	16.0
Not in labour force	1,252.0	1,212.0	1,260.7	1,272.2	1,272.5	1,227.7
Marginally attached to the Labour Force	11.1	12.7	12.3	12.8	12.1	14.7
Others	1,241.0	1,199.3	1,248.5	1,259.4	1,260.3	1,213.1
Total persons aged 15 or over	3,089.8	3,103.3	3,123.5	3,137.0	3,145.2	3,159.5
Unemployment rate %	4.2	4.6	4.5	4.6	4.4	5.1
Participation rate %	59.5	60.9	59.6	59.4	59.5	61.1

¹ See Background Notes.

Table 1 (cont'd.) Persons aged 15 years and over classified by sex and ILO Economic Status

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Sep- Nov 03	Dec- Feb 04	Mar- May 04	Jun- Aug 04	Sep- Nov 04	Dec- Feb 05	ILO Economic Status
Males						
1,114.9	1,118.8	1,119.6	1,157.7	1,149.9	1,153.9	In labour force
1,061.6	1,066.1	1,065.0	1,100.1	1,096.9	1,102.2	In employment:
995.0	997.0	999.6	1,031.8	1,031.7	1,031.8	full-time
66.6	69.1	65.4	68.3	65.2	70.4	part-time:
64.6	67.1	64.0	66.2	64.1	68.7	of which: part-time, not underemployed ¹
2.0	1.9	1.4	2.1	1.1	1.6	part-time, underemployed ¹
53.3	52.7	54.6	57.7	53.0	51.7	Unemployed:
49.5	50.1	52.2	54.4	51.0	49.0	seeking full-time work
3.8	2.6	2.4	3.3	2.0	2.7	seeking part-time work
453.5	455.5	459.7	432.2	455.9	461.5	Not in labour force
7.1	7.8	6.3	7.7	7.9	7.3	Marginally attached to the Labour Force
446.4	447.7	453.4	424.5	448.0	454.2	Others
1,568.3	1,574.3	1,579.3	1,589.9	1,605.8	1,615.4	Total males aged 15 or over
4.8	4.7	4.9	5.0	4.6	4.5	Unemployment rate %
71.1	71.1	70.9	72.8	71.6	71.4	Participation rate %
Females						
797.8	797.8	799.5	829.2	832.3	839.5	In labour force
765.5	767.0	769.6	793.0	799.5	808.6	In employment:
527.3	527.6	523.8	544.3	548.3	551.9	full-time
238.1	239.3	245.8	248.7	251.1	256.7	part-time:
236.1	237.4	243.6	246.8	249.3	255.2	of which: part-time, not underemployed ¹
2.0	1.9	2.3	1.9	1.9	1.5	part-time, underemployed ¹
32.4	30.8	30.0	36.2	32.8	30.9	Unemployed:
21.2	20.6	19.8	25.7	21.5	20.3	seeking full-time work
11.2	10.2	10.2	10.5	11.3	10.6	seeking part-time work
814.7	820.0	822.6	801.1	810.3	810.6	Not in labour force
4.0	4.4	3.6	5.7	3.3	4.8	Marginally attached to the Labour Force
810.8	815.5	818.9	795.4	807.0	805.7	Others
1,612.6	1,617.7	1,622.1	1,630.4	1,642.6	1,650.0	Total females aged 15 or over
4.1	3.9	3.8	4.4	3.9	3.7	Unemployment rate %
49.5	49.3	49.3	50.9	50.7	50.9	Participation rate %
All persons						
1,912.7	1,916.5	1,919.1	1,987.0	1,982.1	1,993.4	In labour force
1,827.1	1,833.0	1,834.6	1,893.1	1,896.4	1,910.8	In employment:
1,522.3	1,524.6	1,523.4	1,576.1	1,580.1	1,583.7	full-time
304.7	308.4	311.2	317.0	316.3	327.1	part-time:
300.7	304.6	307.5	313.0	313.4	324.0	of which: part-time, not underemployed ¹
4.0	3.8	3.7	4.0	2.9	3.1	part-time, underemployed ¹
85.7	83.5	84.6	93.9	85.8	82.6	Unemployed:
70.7	70.7	72.0	80.1	72.4	69.3	seeking full-time work
15.0	12.8	12.6	13.8	13.3	13.3	seeking part-time work
1,268.2	1,275.5	1,282.3	1,233.3	1,266.2	1,272.1	Not in labour force
11.0	12.3	9.9	13.5	11.2	12.1	Marginally attached to the Labour Force
1,257.1	1,263.2	1,272.3	1,219.8	1,255.0	1,260.0	Others
3,180.9	3,192.0	3,201.4	3,220.3	3,248.4	3,265.4	Total persons aged 15 or over
4.5	4.4	4.4	4.7	4.3	4.1	Unemployment rate %
60.1	60.0	59.9	61.7	61.0	61.0	Participation rate %

¹ See Background Notes.

Table 1 (cont'd.) Persons aged 15 years and over classified by sex and ILO Economic Status

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ILO Economic Status	Mar- May 05	Jun- Aug 05	Sep- Nov 05	Dec- Feb 06	Mar- May 06	² Mar- May 06u
Males						
In labour force	1,166.9	1,210.2	1,202.9	1,212.4	1,224.8	1,222.7
In employment:	1,113.3	1,152.1	1,148.0	1,158.9	1,169.0	1,166.7
full-time	1,041.5	1,076.3	1,072.9	1,081.3	1,088.8	1,086.7
part-time:	71.8	75.8	75.1	77.6	80.1	80.0
<i>of which: part-time, not underemployed¹</i>	69.8	74.1	72.8	75.7	78.4	78.3
<i>part-time, underemployed¹</i>	2.0	1.7	2.3	2.0	1.7	1.7
Unemployed:	53.7	58.2	54.9	53.4	55.9	56.0
seeking full-time work	51.0	54.5	51.3	51.1	53.7	53.8
seeking part-time work	2.7	3.6	3.6	2.3	2.1	2.1
Not in labour force	456.9	427.6	452.9	455.4	453.3	451.2
Marginally attached to the Labour Force	5.3	6.9	5.4	6.3	6.0	6.0
Others	451.6	420.7	447.5	449.1	447.3	445.2
Total males aged 15 or over	1,623.8	1,637.8	1,655.8	1,667.8	1,678.1	1,673.8
Unemployment rate %	4.6	4.8	4.6	4.4	4.6	4.6
Participation rate %	71.9	73.9	72.6	72.7	73.0	73.0
Females						
In labour force	851.2	881.4	875.1	881.9	891.1	891.3
In employment:	818.4	842.2	837.7	845.9	854.4	854.5
full-time	557.8	575.3	572.3	580.2	583.5	584.1
part-time:	260.6	266.9	265.5	265.7	270.9	270.4
<i>of which: part-time, not underemployed¹</i>	258.4	265.0	263.3	263.3	268.4	267.9
<i>part-time, underemployed¹</i>	2.1	1.9	2.2	2.4	2.5	2.5
Unemployed:	32.9	39.2	37.4	36.1	36.7	36.8
seeking full-time work	20.8	26.4	24.0	22.9	23.9	24.0
seeking part-time work	12.1	12.8	13.5	13.2	12.8	12.8
Not in labour force	805.3	785.6	805.4	807.6	806.2	802.8
Marginally attached to the Labour Force	3.9	6.8	4.7	4.0	4.0	4.0
Others	801.4	778.8	800.7	803.6	802.2	798.8
Total females aged 15 or over	1,656.5	1,667.0	1,680.5	1,689.5	1,697.3	1,694.0
Unemployment rate %	3.9	4.4	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.1
Participation rate %	51.4	52.9	52.1	52.2	52.5	52.6
All persons						
In labour force	2,018.2	2,091.7	2,078.1	2,094.3	2,115.9	2,113.9
In employment:	1,931.6	1,994.3	1,985.7	2,004.8	2,023.3	2,021.1
full-time	1,599.3	1,651.6	1,645.2	1,661.5	1,672.3	1,670.8
part-time:	332.3	342.7	340.6	343.3	351.0	350.4
<i>of which: part-time, not underemployed¹</i>	328.2	339.0	336.1	339.0	346.8	346.2
<i>part-time, underemployed¹</i>	4.1	3.6	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.2
Unemployed:	86.5	97.4	92.3	89.5	92.6	92.8
seeking full-time work	71.8	80.9	75.2	74.0	77.6	77.8
seeking part-time work	14.8	16.5	17.1	15.5	15.0	15.0
Not in labour force	1,262.2	1,213.2	1,258.3	1,263.0	1,259.5	1,253.9
Marginally attached to the Labour Force	9.2	13.6	10.0	10.4	9.9	9.9
Others	1,253.0	1,199.5	1,248.3	1,252.7	1,249.5	1,244.0
Total persons aged 15 or over	3,280.4	3,304.8	3,336.4	3,357.3	3,375.4	3,367.9
Unemployment rate %	4.3	4.7	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.4
Participation rate %	61.5	63.3	62.3	62.4	62.7	62.8

¹ See Background Notes.² The two occurrences of Q2 2006 data has been included to reflect the changeover from the 'De Facto' to the 'Usually Resident' definition - see Background Notes.

Table 1 (cont'd.) Persons aged 15 years and over classified by sex and ILO Economic Status

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Jun- Aug 06	Sep- Nov 06	Dec- Feb 07	Mar- May 07	Jun- Aug 07	Sep- Nov 07	ILO Economic Status
Males						
1,259.5	1,248.2	1,251.3	1,261.5	1,286.9	1,277.7	In labour force
1,196.8	1,193.1	1,194.4	1,201.5	1,222.8	1,214.1	In employment:
1,119.3	1,116.9	1,116.3	1,116.2	1,131.5	1,128.7	full-time
77.6	76.2	78.1	85.3	91.3	85.4	part-time:
76.0	74.8	77.0	82.5	88.9	83.3	of which: part-time, not underemployed ¹
1.6	1.4	1.1	2.8	2.4	2.2	part-time, underemployed ¹
62.6	55.1	56.9	60.0	64.1	63.6	Unemployed:
58.8	52.6	53.9	56.8	59.9	59.8	seeking full-time work
3.9	2.5	3.0	3.2	4.2	3.8	seeking part-time work
427.9	451.1	457.7	456.5	443.5	463.9	Not in labour force
8.4	5.8	9.9	6.1	7.6	6.6	Marginally attached to the Labour Force
419.6	445.3	447.8	450.3	436.0	457.3	Others
1,687.4	1,699.3	1,709.0	1,718.0	1,730.5	1,741.5	Total males aged 15 or over
5.0	4.4	4.5	4.8	5.0	5.0	Unemployment rate %
74.6	73.5	73.2	73.4	74.4	73.4	Participation rate %
Females						
923.9	914.2	923.4	940.4	966.4	962.3	In labour force
880.1	879.0	886.9	900.1	923.2	924.8	In employment:
610.8	607.2	610.4	607.0	629.4	625.7	full-time
269.3	271.8	276.5	293.2	293.8	299.1	part-time:
267.2	269.5	274.7	290.4	291.0	296.9	of which: part-time, not underemployed ¹
2.1	2.3	1.8	2.7	2.8	2.2	part-time, underemployed ¹
43.8	35.2	36.5	40.3	43.1	37.5	Unemployed:
30.8	22.9	24.5	25.0	30.3	22.7	seeking full-time work
13.1	12.3	12.0	15.3	12.9	14.7	seeking part-time work
783.4	804.7	805.0	796.9	782.1	803.3	Not in labour force
7.2	4.2	6.6	4.9	7.8	4.9	Marginally attached to the Labour Force
776.2	800.5	798.4	792.0	774.3	798.4	Others
1,707.3	1,718.9	1,728.4	1,737.2	1,748.5	1,765.5	Total females aged 15 or over
4.7	3.9	4.0	4.3	4.5	3.9	Unemployment rate %
54.1	53.2	53.4	54.1	55.3	54.5	Participation rate %
All persons						
2,183.4	2,162.4	2,174.7	2,201.9	2,253.3	2,239.9	In labour force
2,076.9	2,072.1	2,081.3	2,101.6	2,146.0	2,138.9	In employment:
1,730.0	1,724.1	1,726.7	1,723.2	1,760.9	1,754.4	full-time
346.9	348.0	354.6	378.5	385.2	384.5	part-time:
343.2	344.2	351.6	373.0	379.9	380.1	of which: part-time, not underemployed ¹
3.7	3.8	3.0	5.5	5.3	4.4	part-time, underemployed ¹
106.5	90.3	93.4	100.3	107.3	101.0	Unemployed:
89.5	75.5	78.4	81.8	90.2	82.5	seeking full-time work
16.9	14.8	14.9	18.5	17.1	18.5	seeking part-time work
1,211.3	1,255.8	1,262.7	1,253.3	1,225.6	1,267.1	Not in labour force
15.6	10.0	16.5	11.0	15.4	11.5	Marginally attached to the Labour Force
1,195.8	1,245.8	1,246.2	1,242.3	1,210.2	1,255.7	Others
3,394.7	3,418.2	3,437.4	3,455.2	3,478.9	3,507.1	Total persons aged 15 or over
4.9	4.2	4.3	4.6	4.8	4.5	Unemployment rate %
64.3	63.3	63.3	63.7	64.8	63.9	Participation rate %

¹ See Background Notes.

Table 2 Persons aged 15 years and over in employment (ILO) classified by sex and NACE Economic Sector

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Economic sector (NACE Rev. 1)	Mar- May 02	Jun- Aug 02	Sep- Nov 02	Dec- Feb 03	Mar- May 03	Jun- Aug 03
Males						
A-B Agriculture, forestry and fishing	110.7	112.2	110.0	104.4	102.1	106.2
C-E Other production industries	214.7	223.8	216.6	218.1	217.5	216.3
F Construction	172.1	179.8	180.5	178.4	180.4	188.5
G Wholesale and retail trade	125.4	130.2	128.2	128.3	126.6	130.6
H Hotels and restaurants	45.9	47.4	46.4	47.6	50.2	53.9
I Transport, storage and communication	82.0	85.8	84.7	83.4	84.5	83.5
J-K Financial and other business services	114.9	114.1	113.8	114.4	116.3	117.4
L Public administration and defence	48.5	48.4	47.5	49.6	50.7	52.6
M Education	34.2	33.8	34.5	35.3	34.7	34.7
N Health	32.0	31.4	33.2	33.4	34.4	34.2
O-Q Other services	45.8	44.4	43.5	42.6	42.0	44.6
Total males	1,026.2	1,051.2	1,038.8	1035.5	1,039.3	1,062.3
Females						
A-B Agriculture, forestry and fishing	12.7	13.1	12.6	12.6	13.8	14.4
C-E Other production industries	89.7	91.3	87.8	87.4	88.6	91.5
F Construction	9.0	9.8	9.6	9.2	9.4	10.2
G Wholesale and retail trade	120.3	126.5	121.7	122.8	122.8	128.3
H Hotels and restaurants	60.1	70.3	66.5	64.1	67.1	72.8
I Transport, storage and communication	29.0	29.3	28.2	27.9	26.7	28.4
J-K Financial and other business services	114.2	115.6	110.2	111.0	110.4	112.5
L Public administration and defence	41.0	42.1	40.0	39.7	40.5	40.0
M Education	76.7	71.9	77.6	80.3	80.9	75.1
N Health	127.6	128.9	130.5	135.4	136.7	140.7
O-Q Other services	54.1	54.9	55.2	53.7	53.8	56.7
Total females	734.4	753.7	739.9	744.0	750.9	770.4
All persons						
A-B Agriculture, forestry and fishing	123.4	125.3	122.6	116.9	115.9	120.7
C-E Other production industries	304.4	315.1	304.4	305.4	306.1	307.8
F Construction	181.1	189.5	190.1	187.6	189.8	198.7
G Wholesale and retail trade	245.6	256.7	249.9	251.2	249.5	258.8
H Hotels and restaurants	106.0	117.6	112.9	111.7	117.3	126.6
I Transport, storage and communication	111.0	115.2	112.9	111.2	111.2	111.8
J-K Financial and other business services	229.1	229.7	224.0	225.4	226.7	229.8
L Public administration and defence	89.5	90.5	87.4	89.3	91.2	92.5
M Education	110.9	105.7	112.1	115.6	115.6	109.7
N Health	159.6	160.2	163.7	168.8	171.1	175.0
O-Q Other services	100.0	99.3	98.7	96.3	95.8	101.2
Total persons	1,760.6	1,804.9	1,778.7	1,779.5	1,790.1	1,832.7

Table 2 (cont'd.) Persons aged 15 years and over in employment (ILO) classified by sex and NACE Economic Sector

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Sep- Nov 03	Dec- Feb 04	Mar- May 04	Jun- Aug 04	Sep- Nov 04	Dec- Feb 05	Economic sector (NACE Rev. 1)
Males						
110.6	106.8	105.0	108.1	101.9	101.0	A-B Agriculture, forestry and fishing
210.7	212.7	209.3	212.8	214.0	211.2	C-E Other production industries
190.6	191.5	194.4	211.1	217.4	222.3	F Construction
130.1	132.6	130.8	137.2	134.8	134.5	G Wholesale and retail trade
50.8	51.8	51.5	50.4	47.9	50.5	H Hotels and restaurants
83.9	84.2	86.5	88.9	90.5	90.3	I Transport, storage and communication
117.1	116.6	120.9	123.1	123.2	123.5	J-K Financial and other business services
49.8	48.2	48.4	47.7	46.3	48.0	L Public administration and defence
35.2	34.7	33.5	35.3	35.3	34.7	M Education
35.4	35.4	34.4	34.4	34.0	33.7	N Health
47.4	51.6	50.3	51.0	51.8	52.5	O-Q Other services
1,061.6	1,066.1	1,065.0	1,100.1	1,096.9	1,102.2	Total males
Females						
12.3	11.4	11.3	11.1	10.5	11.5	A-B Agriculture, forestry and fishing
87.0	85.2	91.5	93.0	88.6	87.0	C-E Other production industries
8.8	9.4	10.3	10.1	9.9	11.4	F Construction
124.8	128.9	128.1	132.4	129.9	132.6	G Wholesale and retail trade
67.1	64.4	59.6	68.5	68.1	65.5	H Hotels and restaurants
30.0	28.4	25.8	25.2	25.2	25.2	I Transport, storage and communication
113.5	117.0	115.1	119.1	123.6	128.1	J-K Financial and other business services
39.7	40.5	40.1	44.5	46.9	47.0	L Public administration and defence
82.9	84.4	84.3	77.0	83.0	84.8	M Education
141.4	142.6	143.6	148.4	149.2	152.4	N Health
58.0	54.6	59.8	63.7	64.6	63.1	O-Q Other services
765.5	767.0	769.6	793.0	799.5	808.6	Total females
All persons						
123.0	118.2	116.3	119.2	112.4	112.5	A-B Agriculture, forestry and fishing
297.7	297.9	300.9	305.8	302.6	298.2	C-E Other production industries
199.4	200.9	204.7	221.1	227.3	233.6	F Construction
254.9	261.5	258.9	269.6	264.7	267.2	G Wholesale and retail trade
117.9	116.1	111.1	118.9	116.0	115.9	H Hotels and restaurants
113.9	112.6	112.4	114.1	115.7	115.6	I Transport, storage and communication
230.5	233.6	236.0	242.2	246.8	251.6	J-K Financial and other business services
89.5	88.7	88.4	92.2	93.1	95.0	L Public administration and defence
118.2	119.2	117.8	112.3	118.3	119.5	M Education
176.8	178.1	178.0	182.8	183.2	186.1	N Health
105.3	106.2	110.1	114.8	116.3	115.6	O-Q Other services
1,827.1	1,833.0	1,834.6	1,893.1	1,896.4	1,910.8	Total persons

Table 2 (cont'd.) Persons aged 15 years and over in employment (ILO) classified by sex and NACE Economic Sector

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Economic sector (NACE Rev. 1)	Mar- May 05	Jun- Aug 05	Sep- Nov 05	Dec- Feb 06	Mar- May 06	¹ Mar- May 06 u
Males						
A-B Agriculture, forestry and fishing	102.1	108.3	104.2	104.3	103.0	102.5
C-E Other production industries	207.1	209.4	208.1	205.1	206.6	206.2
F Construction	230.9	240.5	241.7	243.0	251.7	251.9
G Wholesale and retail trade	133.3	142.4	141.8	143.9	143.8	143.7
H Hotels and restaurants	48.1	53.3	51.0	52.4	53.4	53.4
I Transport, storage and communication	90.6	91.3	91.9	91.4	91.5	91.2
J-K Financial and other business services	129.2	130.6	130.8	137.4	136.3	136.0
L Public administration and defence	48.0	49.2	49.5	50.5	50.3	50.1
M Education	35.8	35.0	36.4	37.6	38.6	38.5
N Health	34.3	33.6	33.4	34.6	35.9	35.7
O-Q Other services	53.9	58.6	59.1	58.8	57.7	57.6
Total males	1,113.3	1,152.1	1,148.0	1,158.9	1,169.0	1,166.7
Females						
A-B Agriculture, forestry and fishing	11.6	11.1	10.7	11.2	10.9	10.8
C-E Other production industries	88.2	87.4	82.8	82.5	84.5	84.4
F Construction	12.1	12.1	12.6	12.7	13.3	13.3
G Wholesale and retail trade	133.2	143.4	142.2	141.2	139.6	139.7
H Hotels and restaurants	67.2	71.3	68.9	65.6	69.2	69.4
I Transport, storage and communication	27.0	27.3	26.2	29.0	28.8	28.8
J-K Financial and other business services	126.6	132.0	131.2	131.5	129.9	130.1
L Public administration and defence	48.4	50.1	49.7	50.6	52.3	52.2
M Education	86.8	84.2	90.9	94.2	95.7	95.6
N Health	154.3	159.0	159.3	163.0	167.1	166.9
O-Q Other services	62.9	64.3	63.4	64.4	63.1	63.3
Total females	818.4	842.2	837.7	845.9	854.4	854.5
All persons						
A-B Agriculture, forestry and fishing	113.7	119.4	114.9	115.5	113.9	113.2
C-E Other production industries	295.3	296.7	290.9	287.6	291.1	290.7
F Construction	243.0	252.6	254.3	255.7	265.0	265.2
G Wholesale and retail trade	266.5	285.8	284.0	285.0	283.5	283.4
H Hotels and restaurants	115.3	124.6	119.9	118.0	122.5	122.8
I Transport, storage and communication	117.6	118.6	118.1	120.4	120.3	119.9
J-K Financial and other business services	255.8	262.5	261.9	268.8	266.3	266.0
L Public administration and defence	96.4	99.3	99.1	101.2	102.6	102.3
M Education	122.7	119.2	127.3	131.8	134.3	134.1
N Health	188.7	192.6	192.7	197.6	202.9	202.6
O-Q Other services	116.8	122.9	122.5	123.2	120.9	120.9
Total persons	1,931.6	1,994.3	1,985.7	2,004.8	2,023.3	2,021.1

¹ The two occurrences of Q2 2006 data has been included to reflect the changeover from the 'De Facto' to the 'Usually Resident' definition - see Background Notes.

Table 2 (cont'd.) Persons aged 15 years and over in employment (ILO) classified by sex and NACE Economic Sector

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Jun- Aug 06	Sep- Nov 06	Dec- Feb 07	Mar- May 07	Jun- Aug 07	Sep- Nov 07	Economic sector (NACE Rev. 1)
Males						
107.7	103.7	104.1	101.8	104.7	106.2	A-B Agriculture, forestry and fishing
211.1	210.9	210.7	211.7	217.2	208.8	C-E Other production industries
266.4	271.4	270.8	267.9	269.2	265.5	F Construction
147.9	147.1	146.8	150.5	155.5	156.2	G Wholesale and retail trade
53.7	51.9	54.2	55.4	56.7	56.0	H Hotels and restaurants
97.3	89.6	93.7	95.2	94.2	93.3	I Transport, storage and communication
134.8	141.2	134.2	139.3	144.8	147.1	J-K Financial and other business services
48.6	50.7	51.0	49.3	53.1	52.1	L Public administration and defence
34.3	37.5	38.6	37.2	34.1	35.5	M Education
38.9	35.9	36.6	38.7	39.8	39.9	N Health
56.1	53.2	53.8	54.5	53.5	53.6	O-Q Other services
1,196.8	1,193.1	1,194.4	1,201.5	1,222.8	1,214.1	Total males
Females						
12.7	10.9	11.0	12.0	12.0	12.4	A-B Agriculture, forestry and fishing
87.1	83.9	84.0	83.5	84.5	81.9	C-E Other production industries
14.0	13.3	13.4	13.8	14.0	13.5	F Construction
148.6	140.7	143.7	144.0	154.9	155.4	G Wholesale and retail trade
73.0	72.1	73.9	76.9	81.6	76.4	H Hotels and restaurants
30.4	27.2	29.4	26.9	27.5	27.5	I Transport, storage and communication
131.9	134.9	137.3	146.6	149.4	150.1	J-K Financial and other business services
54.7	51.9	51.6	52.3	55.9	52.9	L Public administration and defence
88.2	100.6	101.6	102.5	95.0	103.6	M Education
172.9	174.9	176.1	174.5	179.6	181.3	N Health
66.6	68.5	64.9	67.1	68.6	69.7	O-Q Other services
880.1	879.0	886.9	900.1	923.2	924.8	Total females
All persons						
120.4	114.7	115.0	113.8	116.7	118.7	A-B Agriculture, forestry and fishing
298.3	294.9	294.6	295.2	301.7	290.7	C-E Other production industries
280.4	284.6	284.2	281.8	283.2	279.0	F Construction
296.4	287.8	290.5	294.5	310.4	311.6	G Wholesale and retail trade
126.7	124.0	128.1	132.3	138.4	132.3	H Hotels and restaurants
127.7	116.8	123.1	122.2	121.7	120.8	I Transport, storage and communication
266.6	276.2	271.5	285.9	294.2	297.1	J-K Financial and other business services
103.3	102.5	102.7	101.6	109.1	105.0	L Public administration and defence
122.5	138.1	140.2	139.7	129.2	139.1	M Education
211.8	210.7	212.6	213.2	219.3	221.3	N Health
122.6	121.8	118.8	121.6	122.1	123.3	O-Q Other services
2,076.9	2,072.1	2,081.3	2,101.6	2,146.0	2,138.9	Total persons

Background Notes

Purpose of Survey The Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) began in September 1997, replacing the annual April Labour Force Survey (LFS). The purpose of the survey is the production of quarterly labour force estimates and occasional reports on special social topics. The survey meets the requirements of Council Regulation (EC) No. 577/98, adopted in March 1998, which requires the introduction of quarterly labour force surveys in EU Member States.

Reference Period Information is collected continuously throughout the year, with 3,000 households surveyed each week to give a total sample of 39,000 households in each quarter. The reference quarters for survey results are: Q1 - December to February, Q2 - March to May, Q3 - June to August and Q4 - September to November.

Data Collection Information is collected on laptop computers, using computer-assisted personal interview (CAPI) software.

Sample Design A two-stage sample design is used. This comprises a first stage sample of 2,600 blocks (or small areas) selected at county level to proportionately represent eight strata reflecting population density. Each block was selected to contain, on average, 75 dwellings and the sample of blocks is fixed for a period of about five years. In the second stage of sampling, 15 households are surveyed in each block to give a total quarterly sample of 39,000 households.

Households are asked to take part in the survey for five consecutive quarters and are then replaced by other households in the same block. Thus, one fifth of the households in the survey are replaced each quarter and the QNHS sample involves an overlap of 80% between consecutive quarters and 20% between the same quarter in consecutive years.

The survey results are weighted to agree with population estimates broken down by age, sex and region. The population estimates for April of each year are published in a separate release.

Usual residence and de facto population concepts Up to and including Q1 2006 the annual population estimates have been calculated using the de facto definition of population (i.e. all persons present in the state). From Q2 2006 onwards a new concept of usual residence will be used, i.e. all persons usually resident and present in the state plus absent persons who are usually resident in Ireland but are temporarily away from home and outside the state.

ILO Labour Force Classification The primary classification used for the QNHS results is the ILO (International labour Office) labour force classification. Labour Force Survey data on this basis have been published since 1988. The ILO classification distinguishes the following main subgroups of the population aged 15 or over:

In Employment: Persons who worked in the week before the survey for one hour or more for payment or profit, including work on the family farm or business and all persons who had a job but were not at work because of illness, holidays etc. in the week.

Unemployed: Persons who, in the week before the survey, were without work and available for work within the next two weeks, and had taken specific steps, in the preceding four weeks, to find work.

Inactive Population (not in labour force): All other persons.

The labour force comprises persons employed plus unemployed.

Participation, Employment and Unemployment Rates The rates given in this release are based on the ILO classification. The Participation Rate is the number of persons in the labour force expressed as a percentage of the total population aged 15 or over. The Employment Rate is the number of employed aged 15 to 64 expressed as a percentage of the total population aged 15 to 64. The Unemployment Rate is the number of unemployed expressed as a percentage of the total labour force.

- Underemployment** In the LFS and in the first two quarters of the QNHS, a person who had a part-time job was classified as underemployed if he/she was looking and available for another part-time job or a full-time job.
- Since the March-May 1998 quarter, the category “underemployed” has been based on a new question relating to the respondent’s satisfaction with his/her current hours. Thus, a respondent who works in a part-time job is classified as “underemployed” if he/she is looking and available for another job and has explicitly stated that the hours worked currently are “too few
- This change has affected comparability (but only within the “At work, part-time” category) between the December-February 1997/98 and subsequent quarters.
- NACE Industrial Classification** The QNHS sectoral employment figures are based on the EU NACE classification as defined in Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3037/90. Eleven NACE sub-categories are distinguished in Table 2b of this release. About half of these categories correspond exactly or very closely with the sectoral breakdown formerly used in the LFS. However, there are some discontinuities between the old and new series. The CSO can provide tables showing the correspondence between the two classifications, using LFS data, to interested users.
- The QNHS sectoral series in Table 2b, in each quarter up to quarter one of 1999, were revised following improvements to the activity and occupation coding procedures in the survey. This had a marginal effect on the allocation of the employment figures between sectors but did not alter the main trends at sectoral level.
- Seasonality** Seasonal factors do not affect annual comparisons of LFS/QNHS results. However, they do affect the sub-annual comparisons and the effects of seasonal variation in labour supply and demand are evident from the QNHS results.
- Seasonal factors are most clearly visible in the results for the June-August quarter, when the number of persons in employment is at its highest. Unemployment also increases in that quarter, when more people are available and looking for work. There is also evidence that employment and unemployment are both lower in the winter months.