



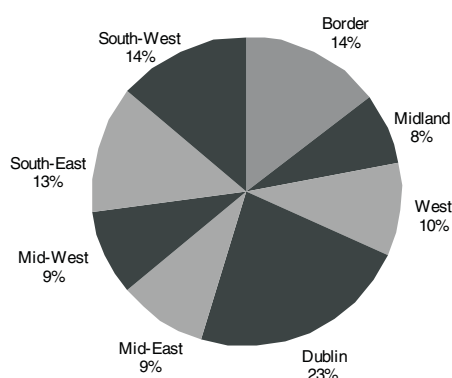
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Live Register Additional Tables

December 2008

Live Register by Regional Authority



	December 2008	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and Western	92,207	+ 6,765	+ 38,840
Border	42,123	+ 2,940	+ 17,661
Midland	22,119	+ 1,825	+ 9,570
West	27,965	+ 2,000	+ 11,609
Southern and Eastern	199,156	+ 16,012	+ 82,147
Dublin	67,505	+ 5,186	+ 26,673
Mid-East	26,592	+ 2,203	+ 12,363
Mid-West	25,915	+ 2,214	+ 10,515
South-East	38,716	+ 3,034	+ 16,152
South-West	40,428	+ 3,375	+ 16,444
Total	291,363	+ 22,777	+ 120,987

Live Register increases across all regions in December

The unadjusted Live Register increased to 291,363 in December from 268,586 in November, a monthly increase of 22,777 (+8.5%). This increase was reflected in all regions, with the largest percentage increase in the Mid-West region (+9.3%). The smallest percentage increase was in the Border region (+7.5%). *See table 1.*

In the year to December 2008, the unadjusted Live Register increased by 120,987 (+45.0%). All regions showed annual increases with the largest percentage increase in the Mid-East region (+86.9%). The Dublin region had the smallest percentage increase (+65.3%). *See table 1.*

Other features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males increased in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Midland region (+10.0%), while the smallest percentage increase was the Border region (+8.2%). *See table 1.*
- ◆ The number of females increased in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Mid-West region (+9.0%) while the smallest percentage increases were in the Border and West regions (both +6.1%). *See table 1.*
- ◆ Amongst counties, the largest percentage increase was in Tipperary North (+13.2%), while the smallest percentage increase was in Sligo (+5.6%). *See table 3.*

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 figure for June to August 2008 is 160,600 persons unemployed.

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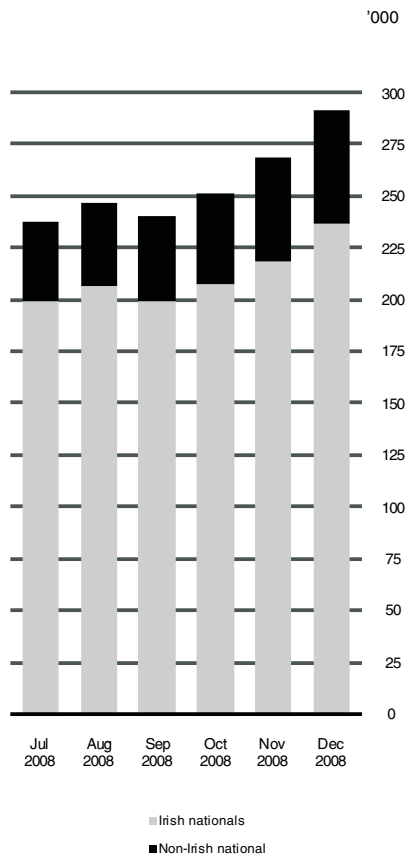
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Live Register by nationality



Rise in both Irish nationals and non-Irish nationals on Live Register in December

In December 2008 there were 236,908 Irish nationals and 54,455 non-Irish nationals on the Live Register. This represents a monthly increase of 18,198 (+8.3%) in Irish nationals and 4,579 (+9.2%) in non-Irish nationals. *See table 4 and graph opposite.*

In the year to December 2008 the number of Irish nationals increased by 89,766, while the corresponding annual increase for non-Irish nationals was 31,221.

Among non-Irish nationals the largest number on the Live Register were nationals from the EU Accession states (28,950) while the lowest number were from the EU15 states outside of Ireland and the UK (3,211).

Non-Irish nationals represented 18.7% of all persons on the Live Register in December 2008. Estimates from the Quarterly National Household Survey for June to August 2008 show that non-Irish nationals represented an estimated 16.1% of all persons in the labour force aged between 17 and 65 years (the relevant age range for the Live Register).

Table 1 Persons on the Live Register classified by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	December 2007	November 2008	December 2008	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland & Western	32,953	56,743	61,688	+ 4,945	+ 28,735	13,508	48,180
Border	15,134	26,079	28,215	+	2,136	6,302	21,913
Midland	7,742	13,475	14,819	+	1,344	3,258	11,561
West	10,077	17,189	18,654	+	1,465	3,948	14,706
Southern & Eastern	73,745	122,446	133,643	+ 11,197	+ 59,898	27,930	105,713
Dublin	26,904	42,372	46,011	+	3,639	9,712	36,299
Mid-East	8,624	16,222	17,810	+	1,588	3,641	14,169
Mid-West	9,410	15,624	17,112	+	1,488	3,719	13,393
South-East	13,935	23,913	26,145	+	2,232	5,691	20,454
South-West	14,872	24,315	26,565	+	2,250	5,167	21,398
Total	106,698	179,189	195,331	+ 16,142	+ 88,633	41,438	153,893
Females							
Border, Midland & Western	20,414	28,699	30,519	+ 1,820	+ 10,105	6,984	23,535
Border	9,328	13,104	13,908	+	804	3,171	10,737
Midland	4,807	6,819	7,300	+	481	1,822	5,478
West	6,279	8,776	9,311	+	535	1,991	7,320
Southern & Eastern	43,264	60,698	65,513	+ 4,815	+ 22,249	13,889	51,624
Dublin	13,928	19,947	21,494	+	1,547	4,794	16,700
Mid-East	5,605	8,167	8,782	+	615	1,683	7,099
Mid-West	5,990	8,077	8,803	+	726	1,955	6,848
South-East	8,629	11,769	12,571	+	802	2,806	9,765
South-West	9,112	12,738	13,863	+	1,125	2,651	11,212
Total	63,678	89,397	96,032	+ 6,635	+ 32,354	20,873	75,159
All Persons							
Border, Midland & Western	53,367	85,442	92,207	+ 6,765	+ 38,840	20,492	71,715
Border	24,462	39,183	42,123	+	2,940	9,473	32,650
Midland	12,549	20,294	22,119	+	1,825	5,080	17,039
West	16,356	25,965	27,965	+	2,000	5,939	22,026
Southern & Eastern	117,009	183,144	199,156	+ 16,012	+ 82,147	41,819	157,337
Dublin	40,832	62,319	67,505	+	5,186	14,506	52,999
Mid-East	14,229	24,389	26,592	+	2,203	5,324	21,268
Mid-West	15,400	23,701	25,915	+	2,214	5,674	20,241
South-East	22,564	35,682	38,716	+	3,034	8,497	30,219
South-West	23,984	37,053	40,428	+	3,375	7,818	32,610
Total	170,376	268,586	291,363	+ 22,777	+ 120,987	62,311	229,052

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

Table 2 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	December 2007	November 2008	December 2008	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	87,153	138,345	150,019	+	11,674	32,294	117,725
Munster	49,297	75,839	82,713	+	6,874	17,091	65,622
Connacht	19,934	31,599	33,996	+	2,397	7,186	26,810
Ulster	13,992	22,803	24,635	+	1,832	5,740	18,895
Total	170,376	268,586	291,363	+ 22,777	+ 120,987	62,311	229,052

Table 3 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age Group and Local Office of Registration

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	December 2007	November 2008	December 2008	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	53,367	85,442	92,207	13,508	48,180	61,688	6,984	23,535	30,519
Border	24,462	39,183	42,123	6,302	21,913	28,215	3,171	10,737	13,908
Cavan	2,628	4,706	5,073	694	2,715	3,409	404	1,260	1,664
Ballyconnell	467	845	914	105	514	619	55	240	295
Cavan	2,161	3,861	4,159	589	2,201	2,790	349	1,020	1,369
Donegal	9,107	14,090	15,264	2,537	7,570	10,107	1,259	3,898	5,157
Ballybofey	870	1,688	1,836	351	932	1,283	176	377	553
Ballyshannon	602	936	1,005	168	464	632	86	287	373
Buncrana	1,761	3,171	3,403	634	1,761	2,395	269	739	1,008
Donegal	605	960	1,025	140	438	578	88	359	447
Dunfanaghy	852	1,129	1,260	194	642	836	82	342	424
Dungloe	1,200	1,532	1,703	215	877	1,092	90	521	611
Killybegs	753	955	996	123	490	613	70	313	383
Letterkenny	2,464	3,719	4,036	712	1,966	2,678	398	960	1,358
Leitrim	1,442	2,292	2,501	316	1,365	1,681	129	691	820
Carrick-on-Shannon	1,079	1,716	1,860	235	1,010	1,245	95	520	615
Manorhamilton	363	576	641	81	355	436	34	171	205
Louth	6,892	10,746	11,457	1,664	6,088	7,752	822	2,883	3,705
Ardee	836	1,374	1,498	217	817	1,034	106	358	464
Drogheda	3,205	5,071	5,406	731	2,864	3,595	363	1,448	1,811
Dundalk	2,851	4,301	4,553	716	2,407	3,123	353	1,077	1,430
Monaghan	2,257	4,007	4,298	560	2,282	2,842	286	1,170	1,456
Carrickmacross	586	1,089	1,169	149	613	762	72	335	407
Castleblayney	637	1,065	1,106	160	571	731	89	286	375
Clones	265	440	466	71	243	314	31	121	152
Monaghan	769	1,413	1,557	180	855	1,035	94	428	522
Sligo	2,136	3,342	3,530	531	1,893	2,424	271	835	1,106
Sligo	1,705	2,679	2,817	446	1,517	1,963	219	635	854
Tubbercurry	431	663	713	85	376	461	52	200	252
Midland	12,549	20,294	22,119	3,258	11,561	14,819	1,822	5,478	7,300
Laoighis	2,787	4,965	5,378	845	2,846	3,691	428	1,259	1,687
Portllington	1,127	1,934	2,094	349	1,065	1,414	186	494	680
Portlaoise	1,233	2,338	2,550	372	1,400	1,772	184	594	778
Rathdowney	427	693	734	124	381	505	58	171	229
Longford	2,378	3,600	3,840	529	2,095	2,624	286	930	1,216
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Offaly	3,282	5,164	5,617	855	2,997	3,852	477	1,288	1,765
Birr	943	1,355	1,521	242	747	989	143	389	532
Edenderry	823	1,402	1,552	212	874	1,086	113	353	466
Tullamore	1,516	2,407	2,544	401	1,376	1,777	221	546	767
Westmeath	4,102	6,565	7,284	1,029	3,623	4,652	631	2,001	2,632
Athlone	1,510	2,462	2,720	398	1,318	1,716	247	757	1,004
Castlepollard	474	850	1,048	137	499	636	92	320	412
Mullingar	2,118	3,253	3,516	494	1,806	2,300	292	924	1,216
West	16,356	25,965	27,965	3,948	14,706	18,654	1,991	7,320	9,311
Galway	9,755	15,411	16,479	2,303	8,626	10,929	1,205	4,345	5,550
Ballinasloe	1,005	1,611	1,787	313	922	1,235	110	442	552
Clifden	721	996	1,048	131	521	652	85	311	396
Galway	5,468	8,437	8,917	1,253	4,667	5,920	736	2,261	2,997
Gort	578	905	978	116	458	574	55	349	404
Loughrea	800	1,364	1,511	178	824	1,002	95	414	509
Tuam	1,183	2,098	2,238	312	1,234	1,546	124	568	692

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-continued NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	December 2007	November 2008	December 2008	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	5,089	8,080	8,792	1,228	4,626	5,854	608	2,330	2,938
Achill	233	307	334	46	188	234	19	81	100
Ballina	1,373	2,092	2,258	357	1,200	1,557	185	516	701
Ballinrobe	387	647	740	81	400	481	48	211	259
Belmullet	471	636	677	90	363	453	45	179	224
Castlebar	858	1,435	1,536	199	802	1,001	102	433	535
Claremorris	477	827	911	127	493	620	48	243	291
Swinford	742	1,077	1,182	175	602	777	79	326	405
Westport	548	1,059	1,154	153	578	731	82	341	423
Roscommon	1,512	2,474	2,694	417	1,454	1,871	178	645	823
Boyle	389	624	672	107	350	457	41	174	215
Castlerea	690	1,095	1,174	181	629	810	89	275	364
Roscommon	433	755	848	129	475	604	48	196	244
Southern and Eastern	117,009	183,144	199,156	27,930	105,713	133,643	13,889	51,624	65,513
Dublin	40,832	62,319	67,505	9,712	36,299	46,011	4,794	16,700	21,494
Dublin	40,832	62,319	67,505	9,712	36,299	46,011	4,794	16,700	21,494
Bishop Square	3,335	5,223	5,652	699	3,162	3,861	360	1,431	1,791
Cumberland Street	5,029	6,880	7,685	999	4,193	5,192	561	1,932	2,493
Navan Road	2,616	3,805	3,999	526	2,240	2,766	277	956	1,233
Blanchardstown	3,436	5,715	6,128	828	3,231	4,059	458	1,611	2,069
Thomas Street	2,025	2,889	3,089	374	1,816	2,190	218	681	899
Tara Street	1,079	1,768	1,837	198	995	1,193	88	556	644
Tallaght	3,903	5,955	6,516	1,080	3,606	4,686	516	1,314	1,830
Ballymun	1,466	2,017	2,071	404	1,063	1,467	206	398	604
Clondalkin	3,675	6,065	6,558	1,083	3,409	4,492	561	1,505	2,066
Rathfarnham	2,008	2,992	3,271	396	1,601	1,997	171	1,103	1,274
Kilbarrack	2,148	3,222	3,533	499	1,923	2,422	196	915	1,111
Dun Laoghaire	2,533	4,178	4,547	476	2,428	2,904	189	1,454	1,643
Balbriggan	1,521	2,545	2,760	339	1,464	1,803	176	781	957
Ballyfermot	1,322	2,093	2,280	492	1,229	1,721	194	365	559
Finglas	2,448	3,745	3,995	672	2,160	2,832	328	835	1,163
Coolock	2,288	3,227	3,584	647	1,779	2,426	295	863	1,158
Mid-East	14,229	24,389	26,592	3,641	14,169	17,810	1,683	7,099	8,782
Kildare	6,061	10,718	11,533	1,635	6,076	7,711	792	3,030	3,822
Athy	1,072	1,666	1,760	254	945	1,199	119	442	561
Maynooth	1,767	3,256	3,589	512	1,789	2,301	241	1,047	1,288
Newbridge	3,222	5,796	6,184	869	3,342	4,211	432	1,541	1,973
Meath	3,557	6,292	6,977	911	3,714	4,625	442	1,910	2,352
Kells	615	1,143	1,298	159	720	879	100	319	419
Navan	1,874	3,339	3,636	499	1,955	2,454	206	976	1,182
Trim	1,068	1,810	2,043	253	1,039	1,292	136	615	751
Wicklow	4,611	7,379	8,082	1,095	4,379	5,474	449	2,159	2,608
Arklow	1,382	2,311	2,421	345	1,323	1,668	153	600	753
Baltinglass	530	822	902	130	495	625	53	224	277
Bray	1,784	2,867	3,289	425	1,738	2,163	157	969	1,126
Wicklow	915	1,379	1,470	195	823	1,018	86	366	452
Mid-West	15,400	23,701	25,915	3,719	13,393	17,112	1,955	6,848	8,803
Clare	4,696	6,944	7,503	1,009	3,775	4,784	482	2,237	2,719
Ennis	2,691	3,968	4,259	568	2,141	2,709	275	1,275	1,550
Ennistymon	763	1,135	1,216	133	613	746	73	397	470
Kilrush	690	935	1,029	165	518	683	86	260	346
Tulla	552	906	999	143	503	646	48	305	353
Limerick	8,236	12,886	14,030	2,082	7,449	9,531	1,147	3,352	4,499
Kilmallock	976	1,526	1,722	285	898	1,183	114	425	539
Limerick	6,123	9,317	10,075	1,491	5,339	6,830	858	2,387	3,245
Newcastle West	1,137	2,043	2,233	306	1,212	1,518	175	540	715

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-continued				Males			Females		
NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	December 2007	November 2008	December 2008	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,468	3,871	4,382	628	2,169	2,797	326	1,259	1,585
Nenagh	929	1,540	1,710	226	833	1,059	124	527	651
Roscrea	489	733	843	121	412	533	67	243	310
Thurles	1,050	1,598	1,829	281	924	1,205	135	489	624
South-East	22,564	35,682	38,716	5,691	20,454	26,145	2,806	9,765	12,571
Carlow	2,448	4,027	4,395	661	2,397	3,058	306	1,031	1,337
Bagenalstown	505	921	1,013	156	555	711	73	229	302
Carlow	1,365	2,175	2,385	376	1,311	1,687	174	524	698
Tullow	578	931	997	129	531	660	59	278	337
Kilkenny	2,692	4,501	4,973	709	2,718	3,427	363	1,183	1,546
Kilkenny	2,249	3,730	4,133	575	2,261	2,836	310	987	1,297
Thomastown	443	771	840	134	457	591	53	196	249
South Tipperary	3,288	5,299	5,879	985	3,204	4,189	400	1,290	1,690
Cahir	401	777	864	129	473	602	51	211	262
Carrick-on-Suir	972	1,389	1,508	241	806	1,047	97	364	461
Cashel	368	618	735	123	377	500	41	194	235
Clonmel	938	1,518	1,667	303	919	1,222	128	317	445
Tipperary	609	997	1,105	189	629	818	83	204	287
Waterford	6,625	9,786	10,491	1,482	5,538	7,020	732	2,739	3,471
Dungarvan	992	1,441	1,569	224	859	1,083	104	382	486
Waterford	5,633	8,345	8,922	1,258	4,679	5,937	628	2,357	2,985
Wexford	7,511	12,069	12,978	1,854	6,597	8,451	1,005	3,522	4,527
Enniscorthy	1,930	2,981	3,249	511	1,746	2,257	250	742	992
Gorey	1,319	2,442	2,607	324	1,327	1,651	183	773	956
New Ross	1,403	2,166	2,300	335	1,176	1,511	181	608	789
Wexford	2,859	4,480	4,822	684	2,348	3,032	391	1,399	1,790
South-West	23,984	37,053	40,428	5,167	21,398	26,565	2,651	11,212	13,863
Cork	16,696	25,684	28,064	3,705	15,095	18,800	1,828	7,436	9,264
Bandon	631	1,009	1,063	148	569	717	77	269	346
Bantry	358	582	648	66	313	379	35	234	269
Bantry (SWLO)	134	201	224	14	98	112	14	98	112
Carrigaline	714	1,298	1,428	179	750	929	78	421	499
Clonakilty	497	773	807	60	403	463	43	301	344
Cobh	378	626	695	92	369	461	52	182	234
Cork	7,816	11,730	12,637	1,922	7,031	8,953	903	2,781	3,684
Fermoy	1,078	1,563	1,706	244	907	1,151	102	453	555
Kinsale	639	954	979	73	449	522	47	410	457
Macroom	574	966	1,100	138	607	745	56	299	355
Mallow	908	1,417	1,794	232	982	1,214	119	461	580
Midleton	1,182	1,875	2,039	210	1,114	1,324	106	609	715
Newmarket	544	978	1,070	123	563	686	67	317	384
Skibbereen	394	591	667	64	339	403	36	228	264
Youghal	849	1,121	1,207	140	601	741	93	373	466
Kerry	7,288	11,369	12,364	1,462	6,303	7,765	823	3,776	4,599
Cahirciveen	363	562	579	58	252	310	38	231	269
Dingle	388	529	609	36	281	317	26	266	292
Kenmare	269	471	532	49	230	279	36	217	253
Killarney	1,306	2,160	2,370	266	1,058	1,324	188	858	1,046
Killorglin	471	852	963	102	513	615	56	292	348
Listowel	1,252	2,128	2,351	321	1,281	1,602	132	617	749
Tralee	3,239	4,667	4,960	630	2,688	3,318	347	1,295	1,642
State	170,376	268,586	291,363	41,438	153,893	195,331	20,873	75,159	96,032

Table 4 Nationality of Persons on the Live Register by month

		Nationality						
		Non-Irish Nationals				Non-Irish nationals	Irish nationals	Total Persons
		United Kingdom	EU15 excl. Irl. & UK	Accession states EU15 to EU27	Other nationals			
2007	January	7,545	1,517	4,198	5,882	19,142	139,610	158,752
	February	7,569	1,527	4,696	5,890	19,682	139,717	159,399
	March	7,483	1,447	5,242	5,678	19,850	136,019	155,869
	April	7,401	1,458	5,386	5,593	19,838	134,481	154,319
	May	7,367	1,462	5,506	5,743	20,078	133,932	154,010
	June	7,841	1,567	5,860	6,453	21,721	144,642	166,363
	July	8,137	1,614	6,139	6,601	22,491	152,103	174,594
	August	8,246	1,640	6,544	6,627	23,057	151,149	174,206
	September	7,732	1,497	6,326	5,902	21,457	138,994	160,451
	October	7,612	1,473	6,542	5,408	21,035	136,414	157,449
	November	7,851	1,516	7,433	5,439	22,239	139,483	161,722
	December	8,150	1,610	7,934	5,540	23,234	147,142	170,376
2008	January	8,756	1,759	10,064	5,909	26,488	154,961	181,449
	February	9,073	1,858	12,545	6,247	29,723	159,762	189,485
	March	9,349	1,959	13,403	6,408	31,119	166,873	197,992
	April	9,401	1,921	14,166	6,483	31,971	163,627	195,598
	May	9,600	1,945	14,738	6,996	33,279	168,477	201,756
	June	10,268	2,146	15,623	7,831	35,868	184,943	220,811
	July	10,969	2,327	16,953	8,215	38,464	199,776	238,240
	August	11,426	2,446	18,581	8,648	41,101	206,283	247,384
	September	11,186	2,419	19,381	8,228	41,214	199,003	240,217
	October	11,584	2,654	22,285	8,077	44,600	207,351	251,951
	November	12,372	2,902	26,089	8,513	49,876	218,710	268,586
	December	13,279	3,211	28,950	9,015	54,455	236,908	291,363

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.
Reference Period	The reference periods for the Live register results are as follows: December 2008 – 29th November 2008 to the 26th December 2008 December 2007 – 1st December 2007 to the 28th December 2007.
Descriptive articles	The compilation basis for the Live Register statistics from May 1992 onwards is described in the September 1992 issue of the <i>Statistical Bulletin</i>. 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 <i>Statistical Bulletin</i>.
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).
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.
Nationality	Data in the nationality table is sourced from information collected by the Department of Social and Family Affairs on the nationality of claimants when they first sign on the Live Register.
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