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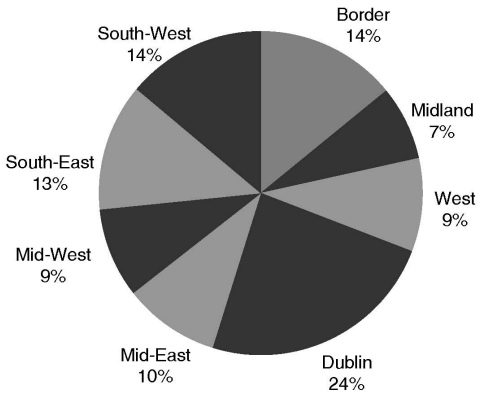
Live Register by Regional Authority



	May 2009	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and Western	**122,433**	**+ 3,431**	**+ 58,661**
Border	55,998	+ 1,689	+ 26,800
Midland	29,474	+ 735	+ 14,365
West	36,961	+ 1,007	+ 17,496
Southern and Eastern	**274,438**	**+ 8,992**	**+ 136,454**
Dublin	95,184	+ 2,670	+ 47,325
Mid-East	38,134	+ 1,317	+ 20,611
Mid-West	35,522	+ 1,695	+ 17,653
South-East	50,453	+ 1,861	+ 22,915
South-West	55,145	+ 1,449	+ 27,950
Total	**396,871**	**+ 12,423**	**+ 195,115**

Live Register increases across all regions in May

The unadjusted Live Register increased to 396,871 in May from 384,448 in April, a monthly increase of 12,423 (+3.2%). This increase was reflected in all regions, with the largest percentage increase in the Mid-West region (+5.0%). The smallest percentage increase was in the Midland region (+2.6%). *See table 1.*

In the year to May 2009, the unadjusted Live Register increased by 195,115 (+96.7%). All regions showed annual increases with the largest percentage increase in the Mid-East region (+117.6%). The South-East region had the smallest percentage increase (+83.2%). *See table 1.*

Other features in the month include:

- The number of males increased in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Mid-West region (+4.7%), while the smallest percentage increase was in the Midland region (+2.2%). *See table 1.*
- The number of females increased in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in South-East region (+5.9%), while the smallest percentage increase was in the South-West region (+1.8%). *See table 1.*
- Amongst counties, the largest percentage increase was in Limerick (+7.1%), while the only percentage decrease was in Kerry (-1.3%). *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 September to November 2008 is 170,600 persons unemployed.

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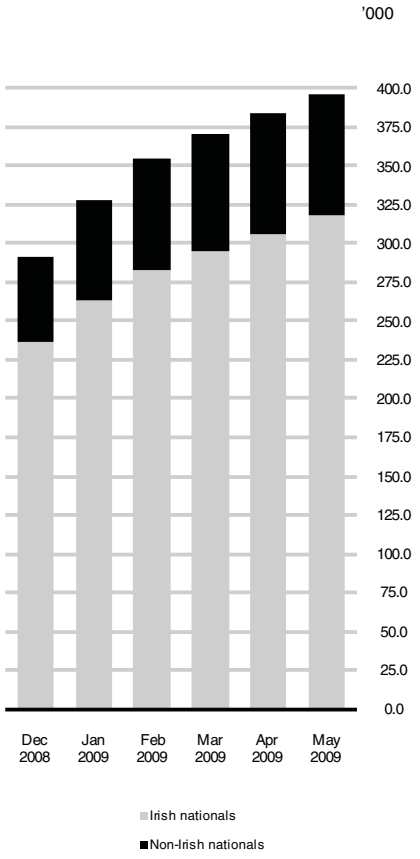
Live Register by nationality



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

In May 2009 there were 317,794 Irish nationals and 79,077 non-Irish nationals on the Live Register. This represents a monthly increase of 11,196 (+3.7%) in Irish nationals and 1,227 (+1.6%) in non-Irish nationals. *See table 4 and graph opposite.*

In the year to May 2009 the number of Irish nationals on the Live Register increased by 149,317, while the corresponding annual increase for non-Irish nationals was 45,798.

Among non-Irish nationals the largest number on the Live Register were nationals from the EU Accession states (44,640) while the smallest number were from the EU15 states outside of Ireland and the UK (4,389).

Non-Irish nationals represented 19.9% of all persons on the Live Register in May 2009. Estimates from the Quarterly National Household Survey for September to November 2008 show that non-Irish nationals represented an estimated 16.0% 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]	May 2008	April 2009	May 2009	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland and Western	**40,613**	**80,556**	**82,599**	**+ 2,043**	**+ 41,986**	**17,810**	**64,789**
Border	18,678	36,832	37,883	+ 1,051	+ 19,205	8,244	29,639
Midland	9,672	19,511	19,935	+ 424	+ 10,263	4,342	15,593
West	12,263	24,213	24,781	+ 568	+ 12,518	5,224	19,557
Southern and Eastern	**90,061**	**178,735**	**184,466**	**+ 5,731**	**+ 94,405**	**36,885**	**147,581**
Dublin	32,231	62,628	64,410	+ 1,782	+ 32,179	12,932	51,478
Mid-East	11,203	24,589	25,397	+ 808	+ 14,194	4,920	20,477
Mid-West	11,397	22,619	23,675	+ 1,056	+ 12,278	4,926	18,749
South-East	17,749	33,160	34,117	+ 957	+ 16,368	7,233	26,884
South-West	17,481	35,739	36,867	+ 1,128	+ 19,386	6,874	29,993
Total	**130,674**	**259,291**	**267,065**	**+ 7,774**	**+ 136,391**	**54,695**	**212,370**
Females							
Border, Midland and Western	**23,159**	**38,446**	**39,834**	**+ 1,388**	**+ 16,675**	**9,660**	**30,174**
Border	10,520	17,477	18,115	+ 638	+ 7,595	4,432	13,683
Midland	5,437	9,228	9,539	+ 311	+ 4,102	2,512	7,027
West	7,202	11,741	12,180	+ 439	+ 4,978	2,716	9,464
Southern and Eastern	**47,923**	**86,711**	**89,972**	**+ 3,261**	**+ 42,049**	**20,093**	**69,879**
Dublin	15,628	29,886	30,774	+ 888	+ 15,146	7,015	23,759
Mid-East	6,320	12,228	12,737	+ 509	+ 6,417	2,680	10,057
Mid-West	6,472	11,208	11,847	+ 639	+ 5,375	2,698	9,149
South-East	9,789	15,432	16,336	+ 904	+ 6,547	3,999	12,337
South-West	9,714	17,957	18,278	+ 321	+ 8,564	3,701	14,577
Total	**71,082**	**125,157**	**129,806**	**+ 4,649**	**+ 58,724**	**29,753**	**100,053**
All Persons							
Border, Midland and Western	**63,772**	**119,002**	**122,433**	**+ 3,431**	**+ 58,661**	**27,470**	**94,963**
Border	29,198	54,309	55,998	+ 1,689	+ 26,800	12,676	43,322
Midland	15,109	28,739	29,474	+ 735	+ 14,365	6,854	22,620
West	19,465	35,954	36,961	+ 1,007	+ 17,496	7,940	29,021
Southern and Eastern	**137,984**	**265,446**	**274,438**	**+ 8,992**	**+ 136,454**	**56,978**	**217,460**
Dublin	47,859	92,514	95,184	+ 2,670	+ 47,325	19,947	75,237
Mid-East	17,523	36,817	38,134	+ 1,317	+ 20,611	7,600	30,534
Mid-West	17,869	33,827	35,522	+ 1,695	+ 17,653	7,624	27,898
South-East	27,538	48,592	50,453	+ 1,861	+ 22,915	11,232	39,221
South-West	27,195	53,696	55,145	+ 1,449	+ 27,950	10,575	44,570
Total	**201,756**	**384,448**	**396,871**	**+ 12,423**	**+ 195,115**	**84,448**	**312,423**

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

Table 2 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	May 2008	April 2009	May 2009	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	104,220	201,567	207,755	+ 6,188	+ 103,535	44,306	163,449
Munster	56,933	108,054	112,027	+ 3,973	+ 55,094	22,926	89,101
Connacht	23,731	43,849	45,319	+ 1,470	+ 21,588	9,747	35,572
Ulster	16,872	30,978	31,770	+ 792	+ 14,898	7,469	24,301
Total	**201,756**	**384,448**	**396,871**	**+ 12,423**	**+ 195,115**	**84,448**	**312,423**

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	May 2008	April 2009	May 2009	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	**63,772**	**119,002**	**122,433**	**17,810**	**64,789**	**82,599**	**9,660**	**30,174**	**39,834**
Border	**29,198**	**54,309**	**55,998**	**8,244**	**29,639**	**37,883**	**4,432**	**13,683**	**18,115**
Cavan	3,343	6,809	6,813	971	3,729	4,700	557	1,556	2,113
Ballyconnell	566	1,256	1,213	163	682	845	83	285	368
Cavan	2,777	5,553	5,600	808	3,047	3,855	474	1,271	1,745
Donegal	10,577	18,383	19,061	3,109	9,681	12,790	1,602	4,669	6,271
Ballybofey	1,185	2,359	2,424	445	1,243	1,688	238	498	736
Ballyshannon	666	1,271	1,318	190	629	819	130	369	499
Buncrana	2,243	4,447	4,507	772	2,386	3,158	366	983	1,349
Donegal	651	1,258	1,274	186	565	751	113	410	523
Dunfanaghy	828	1,383	1,401	218	735	953	91	357	448
Dungloe	1,325	1,848	1,945	267	996	1,263	98	584	682
Killybegs	895	1,207	1,270	143	664	807	81	382	463
Letterkenny	2,784	4,610	4,922	888	2,463	3,351	485	1,086	1,571
Leitrim	1,681	3,188	3,394	428	1,882	2,310	198	886	1,084
Carrick-on-Shannon	1,255	2,392	2,541	315	1,397	1,712	154	675	829
Manorhamilton	426	796	853	113	485	598	44	211	255
Louth	8,060	15,436	15,870	2,178	8,557	10,735	1,222	3,913	5,135
Ardee	970	2,101	2,143	311	1,207	1,518	146	479	625
Drogheda	3,759	7,457	7,676	942	4,172	5,114	561	2,001	2,562
Dundalk	3,331	5,878	6,051	925	3,178	4,103	515	1,433	1,948
Monaghan	2,952	5,786	5,896	820	3,208	4,028	410	1,458	1,868
Carrickmacross	727	1,470	1,515	198	820	1,018	89	408	497
Castleblayney	767	1,507	1,516	244	802	1,046	124	346	470
Clones	372	682	693	114	378	492	52	149	201
Monaghan	1,086	2,127	2,172	264	1,208	1,472	145	555	700
Sligo	2,585	4,707	4,964	738	2,582	3,320	443	1,201	1,644
Sligo	2,063	3,832	4,050	611	2,085	2,696	381	973	1,354
Tubbercurry	522	875	914	127	497	624	62	228	290
Midland	**15,109**	**28,739**	**29,474**	**4,342**	**15,593**	**19,935**	**2,512**	**7,027**	**9,539**
Laoighis	3,573	7,000	7,181	1,107	3,819	4,926	603	1,652	2,255
Portarlington	1,430	2,800	2,882	446	1,485	1,931	276	675	951
Portlaoise	1,635	3,226	3,295	483	1,810	2,293	247	755	1,002
Rathdowney	508	974	1,004	178	524	702	80	222	302
Longford	2,769	5,091	5,217	700	2,885	3,585	414	1,218	1,632
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Offaly	3,794	7,430	7,579	1,163	4,054	5,217	655	1,707	2,362
Birr	984	1,845	1,892	303	944	1,247	185	460	645
Edenderry	926	2,032	2,137	296	1,219	1,515	157	465	622
Tullamore	1,884	3,553	3,550	564	1,891	2,455	313	782	1,095
Westmeath	4,973	9,218	9,497	1,372	4,835	6,207	840	2,450	3,290
Athlone	1,848	3,518	3,654	554	1,812	2,366	331	957	1,288
Castlepollard	587	1,207	1,189	181	596	777	97	315	412
Mullingar	2,538	4,493	4,654	637	2,427	3,064	412	1,178	1,590
West	**19,465**	**35,954**	**36,961**	**5,224**	**19,557**	**24,781**	**2,716**	**9,464**	**12,180**
Galway	11,684	21,423	21,982	3,027	11,478	14,505	1,651	5,826	7,477
Ballinasloe	1,158	2,294	2,348	376	1,245	1,621	174	553	727
Clifden	721	1,066	1,068	132	560	692	88	288	376
Galway	6,822	11,564	11,905	1,653	6,125	7,778	981	3,146	4,127
Gort	657	1,280	1,288	148	643	791	75	422	497
Loughrea	910	2,236	2,276	282	1,209	1,491	163	622	785
Tuam	1,416	2,983	3,097	436	1,696	2,132	170	795	965

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NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	May 2008	April 2009	May 2009	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	5,998	11,049	11,420	1,644	6,137	7,781	817	2,822	3,639
Achill	270	384	393	58	226	284	22	87	109
Ballina	1,598	2,766	2,860	446	1,554	2,000	229	631	860
Ballinrobe	447	979	979	118	548	666	64	249	313
Belmullet	501	769	807	109	436	545	53	209	262
Castlebar	1,065	2,001	2,109	305	1,070	1,375	176	558	734
Claremorris	584	1,142	1,166	180	644	824	63	279	342
Swinford	858	1,450	1,517	216	820	1,036	101	380	481
Westport	675	1,558	1,589	212	839	1,051	109	429	538
Roscommon	1,783	3,482	3,559	553	1,942	2,495	248	816	1,064
Boyle	443	900	918	154	480	634	51	233	284
Castlerea	840	1,474	1,534	237	844	1,081	123	330	453
Roscommon	500	1,108	1,107	162	618	780	74	253	327
Southern and Eastern	**137,984**	**265,446**	**274,438**	**36,885**	**147,581**	**184,466**	**20,093**	**69,879**	**89,972**
Dublin	**47,859**	**92,514**	**95,184**	**12,932**	**51,478**	**64,410**	**7,015**	**23,759**	**30,774**
Dublin	47,859	92,514	95,184	12,932	51,478	64,410	7,015	23,759	30,774
Bishop Square	3,935	7,340	7,609	925	4,262	5,187	469	1,953	2,422
Cumberland Street	5,731	10,951	11,297	1,358	6,169	7,527	863	2,907	3,770
Navan Road	3,023	5,657	5,933	697	3,305	4,002	444	1,487	1,931
Blanchardstown	4,224	8,116	8,197	1,094	4,412	5,506	629	2,062	2,691
Thomas Street	2,365	3,975	4,169	495	2,400	2,895	296	978	1,274
Tara Street	1,227	2,494	2,563	256	1,360	1,616	129	818	947
Tallaght	4,565	8,787	9,025	1,459	4,943	6,402	791	1,832	2,623
Ballymun	1,659	2,721	2,731	515	1,390	1,905	290	536	826
Clondalkin	4,505	9,252	9,362	1,410	5,024	6,434	770	2,158	2,928
Rathfarnham	2,217	4,407	4,653	529	2,349	2,878	254	1,521	1,775
Kilbarrack	2,443	4,801	4,956	695	2,694	3,389	307	1,260	1,567
Dun Laoghaire	3,016	6,681	6,844	698	3,565	4,263	391	2,190	2,581
Balbriggan	1,769	4,090	4,180	511	2,267	2,778	244	1,158	1,402
Ballyfermot	1,579	2,990	3,128	653	1,668	2,321	282	525	807
Finglas	2,961	5,415	5,487	822	3,046	3,868	430	1,189	1,619
Coolock	2,640	4,837	5,050	815	2,624	3,439	426	1,185	1,611
Mid-East	**17,523**	**36,817**	**38,134**	**4,920**	**20,477**	**25,397**	**2,680**	**10,057**	**12,737**
Kildare	7,614	16,046	16,553	2,195	8,737	10,932	1,255	4,366	5,621
Athy	1,254	2,225	2,301	289	1,262	1,551	174	576	750
Maynooth	2,147	5,268	5,528	796	2,734	3,530	420	1,578	1,998
Newbridge	4,213	8,553	8,724	1,110	4,741	5,851	661	2,212	2,873
Meath	4,500	9,971	10,368	1,265	5,712	6,977	727	2,664	3,391
Kells	767	1,686	1,755	219	1,001	1,220	131	404	535
Navan	2,396	5,312	5,549	674	3,060	3,734	370	1,445	1,815
Trim	1,337	2,973	3,064	372	1,651	2,023	226	815	1,041
Wicklow	5,409	10,800	11,213	1,460	6,028	7,488	698	3,027	3,725
Arklow	1,662	3,114	3,166	444	1,729	2,173	222	771	993
Baltinglass	648	1,122	1,147	162	630	792	74	281	355
Bray	2,085	4,661	4,884	583	2,572	3,155	280	1,449	1,729
Wicklow	1,014	1,903	2,016	271	1,097	1,368	122	526	648
Mid-West	**17,869**	**33,827**	**35,522**	**4,926**	**18,749**	**23,675**	**2,698**	**9,149**	**11,847**
Clare	5,036	9,618	9,688	1,283	5,019	6,302	654	2,732	3,386
Ennis	2,993	5,627	5,771	749	2,982	3,731	394	1,646	2,040
Ennistymon	756	1,396	1,372	146	726	872	84	416	500
Kilrush	651	1,248	1,216	196	617	813	103	300	403
Tulla	636	1,347	1,329	192	694	886	73	370	443
Limerick	9,911	18,504	19,810	2,773	10,691	13,464	1,571	4,775	6,346
Kilmallock	1,094	2,291	2,336	385	1,206	1,591	183	562	745
Limerick	7,350	13,200	14,145	1,959	7,609	9,568	1,152	3,425	4,577
Newcastle West	1,467	3,013	3,329	429	1,876	2,305	236	788	1,024

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NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	May 2008	April 2009	May 2009	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,922	5,705	6,024	870	3,039	3,909	473	1,642	2,115
Nenagh	1,089	2,213	2,359	300	1,193	1,493	169	697	866
Roscrea	568	1,098	1,121	173	533	706	101	314	415
Thurles	1,265	2,394	2,544	397	1,313	1,710	203	631	834
South-East	**27,538**	**48,592**	**50,453**	**7,233**	**26,884**	**34,117**	**3,999**	**12,337**	**16,336**
Carlow	3,170	5,786	6,140	882	3,392	4,274	463	1,403	1,866
Bagenalstown	676	1,319	1,427	218	800	1,018	104	305	409
Carlow	1,793	3,164	3,292	484	1,811	2,295	267	730	997
Tullow	701	1,303	1,421	180	781	961	92	368	460
Kilkenny	3,476	6,266	6,434	893	3,596	4,489	480	1,465	1,945
Kilkenny	2,920	5,119	5,271	716	2,936	3,652	411	1,208	1,619
Thomastown	556	1,147	1,163	177	660	837	69	257	326
South Tipperary	3,890	7,506	7,699	1,245	4,206	5,451	601	1,647	2,248
Cahir	571	1,138	1,195	180	687	867	75	253	328
Carrick-on-Suir	1,103	1,777	1,819	271	980	1,251	127	441	568
Cashel	438	964	977	182	506	688	58	231	289
Clonmel	1,131	2,173	2,254	384	1,193	1,577	229	448	677
Tipperary	647	1,454	1,454	228	840	1,068	112	274	386
Waterford	7,979	13,025	13,661	1,833	7,214	9,047	1,048	3,566	4,614
Dungarvan	1,125	1,965	2,080	282	1,122	1,404	154	522	676
Waterford	6,854	11,060	11,581	1,551	6,092	7,643	894	3,044	3,938
Wexford	9,023	16,009	16,519	2,380	8,476	10,856	1,407	4,256	5,663
Enniscorthy	2,345	4,025	4,122	631	2,272	2,903	344	875	1,219
Gorey	1,642	3,399	3,461	437	1,759	2,196	277	988	1,265
New Ross	1,723	2,859	2,978	427	1,541	1,968	260	750	1,010
Wexford	3,313	5,726	5,958	885	2,904	3,789	526	1,643	2,169
South-West	**27,195**	**53,696**	**55,145**	**6,874**	**29,993**	**36,867**	**3,701**	**14,577**	**18,278**
Cork	19,552	38,295	39,941	4,985	21,963	26,948	2,648	10,345	12,993
Bandon	725	1,445	1,496	190	888	1,078	78	340	418
Bantry	396	990	1,043	124	518	642	62	339	401
Bantry (SWLO)	163	322	307	34	139	173	18	116	134
Carrigaline	873	2,070	2,225	247	1,231	1,478	119	628	747
Clonakilty	547	1,123	1,155	95	622	717	56	382	438
Cobh	456	916	992	115	529	644	76	272	348
Cork	9,368	17,291	18,105	2,502	10,132	12,634	1,306	4,165	5,471
Fermoy	1,179	2,251	2,340	312	1,220	1,532	167	641	808
Kinsale	709	1,212	1,246	97	618	715	59	472	531
Macroom	678	1,586	1,630	226	888	1,114	85	431	516
Mallow	1,082	2,203	2,281	301	1,295	1,596	173	512	685
Midleton	1,357	2,817	2,930	271	1,673	1,944	156	830	986
Newmarket	693	1,609	1,650	187	900	1,087	106	457	563
Skibbereen	428	945	993	113	502	615	56	322	378
Youghal	898	1,515	1,548	171	808	979	131	438	569
Kerry	7,643	15,401	15,204	1,889	8,030	9,919	1,053	4,232	5,285
Cahirciveen	367	659	632	77	291	368	44	220	264
Dingle	371	758	701	60	355	415	37	249	286
Kenmare	228	680	589	56	291	347	30	212	242
Killarney	1,092	3,091	2,953	318	1,439	1,757	232	964	1,196
Killorglin	457	1,202	1,207	134	687	821	62	324	386
Listowel	1,382	2,746	2,751	393	1,559	1,952	173	626	799
Tralee	3,746	6,265	6,371	851	3,408	4,259	475	1,637	2,112
State	**201,756**	**384,448**	**396,871**	**54,695**	**212,370**	**267,065**	**29,753**	**100,053**	**129,806**

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register classified by nationality

		Nationality						
		Non-Irish nationals						
		United Kingdom	EU15 excl. Irl. & UK	Accession states EU15 to EU27	Other	**Non-Irish nationals**	**Irish nationals**	**Total Persons**
2007	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**
2009	January	14,807	3,651	35,826	10,050	**64,334**	**263,527**	**327,861**
	February	15,707	4,052	41,057	10,900	**71,716**	**282,721**	**354,437**
	March	16,299	4,245	43,559	11,510	**75,613**	**295,658**	**371,271**
	April	16,819	4,371	44,727	11,933	**77,850**	**306,598**	**384,448**
	May	17,315	4,389	44,640	12,733	**79,077**	**317,794**	**396,871**

Background Notes

Source and scope of the Live Register

The Live Register is compiled from returns made for each local office to the Central Statistics Office by 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:
May 2009 - 25th April 2009 to 29th May 2009
May 2008 - 26th April 2008 to 30th May 2008.

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).

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 e.g. the figure for the Cork City Local Office of Registration refers to all persons signing on in Cork City but may include persons not resident in Cork city. 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