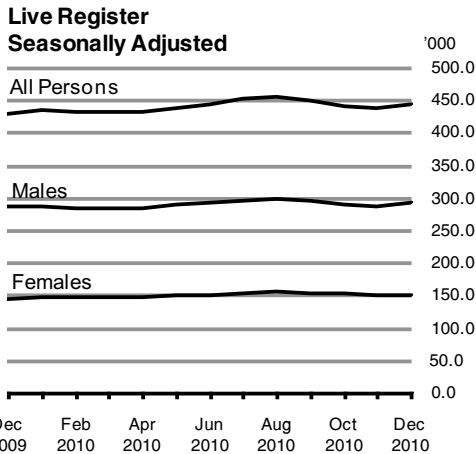




Live Register December 2010



Dec 2009 Feb 2010 Apr 2010 Jun 2010 Aug 2010 Oct 2010 Dec 2010

	Live Register All Persons	Seasonally Adjusted
December 2009	423,595	430,300
November 2010	425,002	438,800
December 2010	437,079	444,000
Change in month	+ 12,077	+ 5,200
Change in year	+ 13,484	+ 13,700

Seasonally adjusted Live Register increases by 5,200 in December

On a seasonally adjusted basis there was a monthly increase of 5,200 in the Live Register in December 2010. The number of persons on the Live Register now stands at 437,079 which represents an annual increase of 13,484 (+3.2%) in the unadjusted series. This compares with an increase of 11,497 (+2.8%) in the year to November 2010. *See tables 1, 2a and graph opposite.*

Other features include:

- ◆ There was an increase of 4,800 males and 400 females in the seasonally adjusted series in December. *See table 2a and background notes.*
- ◆ The average net weekly increase in the seasonally adjusted series in December 2010 was 1,040, which compares with a weekly decrease of 1,050 in the previous month.
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in December was 13.4%, up from 13.2% in November. This compares with 13.6% in the third quarter of 2010, the latest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate from the Quarterly National Household Survey. *See table 3 and 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 July to September 2010, is 288,500 persons unemployed.

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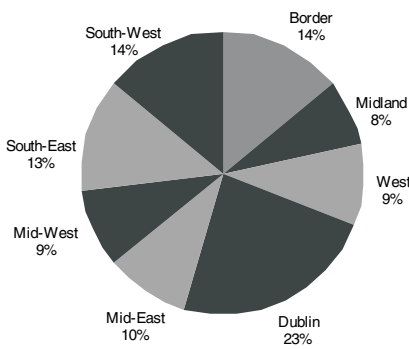
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Live Register classified by Regional Authority, December 2010



Live Register schemes analysis

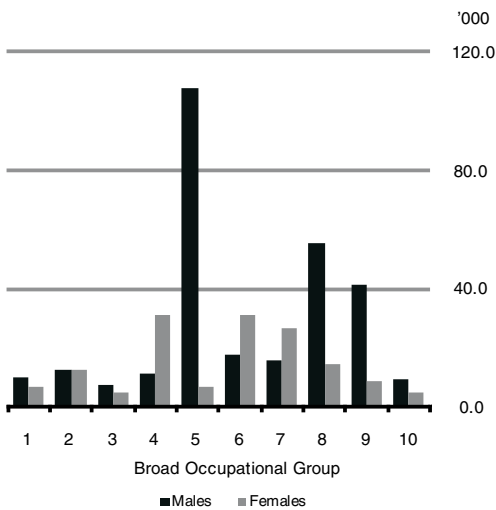
In December there were 125,075 Jobseekers Benefit (JB) claimants on the Live Register, a monthly increase of 6,075 (+5.1%), while the number of Jobseekers Allowance (JA) applicants increased by 5,597 (+2.0%) to 285,368. Other registrants increased by 405 (+1.5%) to 26,636. *See table 1a.*

In the year to December 2010 JB claims fell by 40,232 (-24.3%), while JA applications and other registrants increased by 46,289 (+19.4%) and 7,427 (+38.7%) respectively.

In December there were 42,615 new registrants on the Live Register, which compares with 40,787 in the previous month. New registrants consisted of 22,871 JB claims (53.7%), 18,084 JA applications (42.4%) and 1,660 other registrants (3.9%). On average 5,454 male and 3,069 female new registrants joined the Live Register each week in December. By comparison, in December 2009, 7,009 male and 3,839 female new registrants joined the Live Register each week. *See table 4.*

It should be noted that the number of new registrants is not the same as the overall change in the number of people on the Live Register which is affected by closed claims and the movement of people between schemes.

Live Register classified by Last Held Occupation, December 2010



Live Register regional analysis

There was an unadjusted monthly increase of 12,077 (+2.8%) on the Live Register in December. This increase was reflected in all of the eight regions, with the largest percentage increase in the South-East region (+3.9%), followed by the West region (+3.3%). The smallest increase was in Dublin (+1.6%). *See table 5.*

The unadjusted annual increase of 3.2% on the Live Register in the year to December 2010 was reflected in all of the eight regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Midland region (+6.8%), followed by the Mid-East region (+6.0%). The smallest percentage increase was recorded in Dublin (+0.8%).

Live Register occupational groups¹

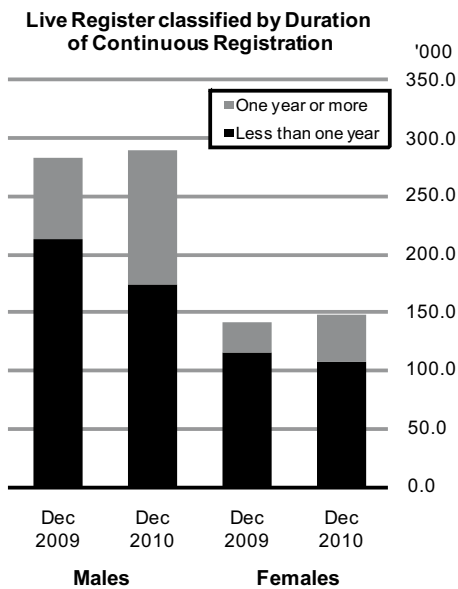
Craft and related (26.3%) was the largest occupational group on the Live Register in December, followed by *Plant and machine operatives* (16.0%). In December 2009 *Craft and related* (27.4%) and *Plant and machine operatives* (16.1%) were also the largest occupational groups. *See table 6.*

In the year to December 2010 four occupational groups showed Live Register increases. The largest percentage increase was in the *Other occupation* group (+12.2%), while the next largest increases were in the *Personal and protective service* (+8.8%) and *Sales* (+7.0%) groups. The largest percentage decrease was in the *Managers and administrators* group (-5.0%).

KEY

- 1- Managers and administrators
- 2- Professional
- 3- Associate professional and technical
- 4- Clerical and secretarial
- 5- Craft and related
- 6- Personal and protective service
- 7- Sales
- 8- Plant and machine operatives
- 9- Other occupation
- 10- No occupation

¹ While the 'No Occupation' group is excluded from the analysis its subtotals are included in the relevant calculations presented in the text.



Live Register duration of continuous registration

There was a monthly unadjusted increase of 7,080 (+2.6%) in short term (less than one year) claimants on the Live Register in December. The number of long term claimants increased by 4,997 (+3.3%). The monthly change in short term claimants consisted of an increase of 4,464 males and an increase of 2,616 females. For long term claimants males showed an increase of 4,110 while females increased by 887. *See table 7.*

In December approximately two thirds (281,755) of all claimants on the Live Register were short term claimants. The comparable figure for December 2009 was 328,477 (77.5%). The fall of 46,722 over the year consisted of a decrease of 38,238 in the number of male short term claimants and a decrease of 8,484 in female short term claimants.

In the year to December 2010 the number of long term male claimants increased by 44,186 (+62.8%), while the comparable increase for females was 16,020 (+64.6%). *See table 7 and graph opposite.*

Live Register casual and part-time workers

There were 82,058 casual and part-time workers on the Live Register in December, which represents 18.8% of the total Live Register. This compares with 17.5% one year earlier when there were 73,999 casual and part-time workers on the Live Register. *See table 8.*

In the year to December 2010 the number of casual and part-time workers increased by 8,059 (+10.9%), with the number of males increasing by 4,017 (+10.2%) and the number of females increasing by 4,042 (+11.7%).

Live Register nationality groupings

In December Irish Nationals accounted for 82.5% (360,434) of the number of persons on the Live Register. There was a monthly increase of 10,214 (+2.9%) in Irish nationals and an increase of 1,863 (+2.5%) in non-Irish nationals. Of the 76,645 non-Irish nationals, the largest constituent group on the Live Register were nationals from the EU15 to EU27 States (42,198), followed by the UK (17,855). *See table 9.*

In the year to December 2010 the number of Irish nationals on the Live Register increased by 14,358 (+4.1%), while the number of non-Irish nationals decreased by 874 (-1.1%).

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	December 2009	November 2010	December 2010		Monthly change		Annual change
Males							
JB Claims ¹	100,716	67,194	70,896	+	3,702	-	29,820
JA Applications	175,668	203,693	208,371	+	4,678	+	32,703
Other Registrants	6,470	9,341	9,535	+	194	+	3,065
Total	282,854	280,228	288,802	+	8,574	+	5,948
Females							
JB Claims ¹	64,591	51,806	54,179	+	2,373	-	10,412
JA Applications	63,411	76,078	76,997	+	919	+	13,586
Other Registrants	12,739	16,890	17,101	+	211	+	4,362
Total	140,741	144,774	148,277	+	3,503	+	7,536
All Persons							
JB Claims ¹	165,307	119,000	125,075	+	6,075	-	40,232
JA Applications	239,079	279,771	285,368	+	5,597	+	46,289
Other Registrants	19,209	26,231	26,636	+	405	+	7,427
Total	423,595	425,002	437,079	+	12,077	+	13,484

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

Category	December 2009	November 2010	December 2010		Monthly change		Annual change
Males							
JB Claims ¹	11,464	6,759	7,122	+	363	-	4,342
JA Applications	43,210	44,104	44,868	+	764	+	1,658
Other Registrants	131	144	134	-	10	+	3
Total	54,805	51,007	52,124	+	1,117	-	2,681
Females							
JB Claims ¹	6,463	5,202	5,078	-	124	-	1,385
JA Applications	22,914	24,034	23,825	-	209	+	911
Other Registrants	216	255	253	-	2	+	37
Total	29,593	29,491	29,156	-	335	-	437
All Persons							
JB Claims ¹	17,927	11,961	12,200	+	239	-	5,727
JA Applications	66,124	68,138	68,693	+	555	+	2,569
Other Registrants	347	399	387	-	12	+	40
Total	84,398	80,498	81,280	+	782	-	3,118

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

Category	December 2009	November 2010	December 2010		Monthly change		Annual change
Males							
JB Claims ¹	89,252	60,435	63,774	+	3,339	-	25,478
JA Applications	132,458	159,589	163,503	+	3,914	+	31,045
Other Registrants	6,339	9,197	9,401	+	204	+	3,062
Total	228,049	229,221	236,678	+	7,457	+	8,629
Females							
JB Claims ¹	58,128	46,604	49,101	+	2,497	-	9,027
JA Applications	40,497	52,044	53,172	+	1,128	+	12,675
Other Registrants	12,523	16,635	16,848	+	213	+	4,325
Total	111,148	115,283	119,121	+	3,838	+	7,973
All Persons							
JB Claims ¹	147,380	107,039	112,875	+	5,836	-	34,505
JA Applications	172,955	211,633	216,675	+	5,042	+	43,720
Other Registrants	18,862	25,832	26,249	+	417	+	7,387
Total	339,197	344,504	355,799	+	11,295	+	16,602

¹ See Background Notes.

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

	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series ¹		
		Males	Females	All Persons	Males	Females	All Persons
2008	December	194,600	95,400	290,000	197,800	98,500	296,300
2009	January	220,400	105,900	326,300	217,300	107,600	324,900
	February	238,200	114,300	352,500	233,500	114,900	348,400
	March	250,500	118,700	369,200	246,600	121,000	367,600
	April	257,800	124,000	381,900	255,800	127,200	383,000
	May	265,500	128,700	394,100	264,600	130,900	395,500
	June	275,400	140,000	415,500	271,800	135,000	406,800
	July	281,300	151,100	432,400	278,100	140,000	418,100
	August	284,200	152,600	436,700	282,000	142,700	424,700
	September	278,000	141,900	419,900	283,300	143,600	426,900
	October	273,600	138,800	412,400	282,000	143,600	425,600
	November	276,100	137,400	413,500	283,300	143,700	427,000
	December	282,900	140,700	423,600	286,300	143,900	430,300
2010	January	291,600	145,300	436,900	288,500	147,100	435,700
	February	290,900	146,100	437,000	285,900	146,700	432,600
	March	290,200	144,900	435,100	286,000	147,100	433,100
	April	287,800	144,800	432,700	285,600	148,000	433,500
	May	290,400	147,500	437,900	289,300	149,600	438,900
	June	297,100	155,800	452,900	293,300	150,700	444,000
	July	300,500	166,400	466,800	297,200	155,300	452,500
	August	300,000	167,000	466,900	297,900	157,200	455,000
	September	289,800	152,600	442,400	295,300	154,300	449,600
	October	281,600	148,000	429,600	290,200	152,800	443,000
	November	280,200	144,800	425,000	287,600	151,200	438,800
	December	288,800	148,300	437,100	292,400	151,600	444,000

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2010 (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	All Persons	Males	Females	All Persons
2008	December	41,300	20,700	62,000	42,300	22,300	64,600
2009	January	46,400	23,900	70,300	46,000	24,500	70,500
	February	49,700	25,900	75,600	48,900	26,300	75,200
	March	52,500	26,800	79,300	51,700	27,400	79,100
	April	52,900	27,400	80,300	52,900	28,400	81,300
	May	54,400	29,500	83,900	54,600	29,900	84,500
	June	57,900	33,200	91,100	56,700	31,500	88,200
	July	59,300	35,400	94,600	57,900	32,900	90,800
	August	59,400	35,600	95,000	58,000	33,200	91,200
	September	56,700	33,100	89,800	57,500	32,600	90,100
	October	54,100	30,800	84,900	56,000	31,700	87,800
	November	53,500	29,900	83,400	55,400	31,400	86,800
	December	54,800	29,600	84,400	55,900	31,200	87,100
2010	January	55,200	30,700	85,900	54,800	31,300	86,200
	February	54,600	30,500	85,100	53,800	30,900	84,700
	March	54,900	30,100	85,000	54,000	30,800	84,800
	April	53,400	29,600	83,000	53,400	30,600	84,000
	May	54,400	31,200	85,600	54,700	31,600	86,300
	June	57,500	34,100	91,600	56,200	32,400	88,600
	July	58,600	36,000	94,600	57,200	33,500	90,700
	August	58,300	36,300	94,600	57,000	33,800	90,800
	September	55,200	33,500	88,700	56,000	33,000	88,900
	October	52,000	30,900	82,900	54,000	31,800	85,800
	November	51,000	29,500	80,500	53,000	31,000	84,000
	December	52,100	29,200	81,300	53,200	30,800	84,000

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2010 (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	All Persons	Males	Females	All Persons
2008	December	153,300	74,700	228,000	155,500	76,100	231,600
2009	January	174,000	82,000	256,000	171,300	83,100	254,500
	February	188,500	88,400	276,900	184,500	88,600	273,200
	March	198,000	91,900	289,900	194,900	93,500	288,500
	April	205,000	96,600	301,600	202,900	98,800	301,700
	May	211,100	99,200	310,300	209,900	101,000	311,000
	June	217,500	106,800	324,400	215,200	103,400	318,600
	July	222,000	115,700	337,800	220,200	107,100	327,300
	August	224,800	116,900	341,800	224,000	109,600	333,500
	September	221,300	108,700	330,000	225,800	111,000	336,800
	October	219,500	108,000	327,500	225,900	111,900	337,800
	November	222,600	107,500	330,100	227,900	112,400	340,200
	December	228,000	111,100	339,200	230,500	112,700	343,200
2010	January	236,400	114,600	351,000	233,700	115,800	349,500
	February	236,300	115,600	351,800	232,100	115,800	347,900
	March	235,300	114,800	350,100	232,000	116,300	348,300
	April	234,400	115,200	349,700	232,200	117,300	349,500
	May	235,900	116,400	352,300	234,600	118,100	352,700
	June	239,500	121,700	361,200	237,000	118,300	355,400
	July	241,800	130,400	372,200	240,000	121,700	361,700
	August	241,700	130,700	372,400	240,900	123,400	364,300
	September	234,600	119,100	353,800	239,300	121,400	360,700
	October	229,600	117,100	346,600	236,200	121,000	357,200
	November	229,200	115,300	344,500	234,600	120,200	354,800
	December	236,700	119,100	355,800	239,200	120,700	359,900

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2010 (see Background Notes).

Table 3 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates (SUR)¹

Month	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
	%	%	%	%	%	%
January	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.8	9.5	13.1
February ²	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.9	10.2	12.9
March	4.4	4.4	4.5	5.2	10.8	13.0
April	4.4	4.5	4.5	5.3	11.3	13.0
May ²	4.6	4.4	4.5	5.5	11.6	13.2
June	4.5	4.5	4.5	5.9	12.0	13.5
July	4.5	4.5	4.5	6.4	12.2	13.7
August ²	4.4	4.5	4.5	6.8	12.4	13.6 ³
September	4.4	4.5	4.6	7.2	12.7	13.4
October	4.3	4.4	4.7	7.6	12.9	13.3
November ²	4.3	4.3	4.8	8.1	13.1	13.2
December	4.3	4.4	4.8	8.6	13.1	13.4
Annual average	4.4	4.4	4.6	6.4	11.8	13.3

¹ Table contains revised figures.

² Benchmark Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) calendar quarter estimates.

³ The latest QNHS estimate of the unemployment rate (adjusted for seasonality) is: July-September 2010, 13.6%.

Table 4 Summary of flows¹ on and off the Live Register

		Number of Weeks	Males				Females				
			Live Register	New Regis- trations	Outflow (derived)	Average Weekly Change	Live Register	New Regis- trations	Outflow (derived)	Average Weekly Change	
JB Claims											
2009	December	4	100,716	13,210	13,085	+ 31	64,591	8,845	7,364	+ 370	
2010	January	5	101,677	20,704	19,743	+ 192	66,171	13,761	12,181	+ 316	
	February	4	97,189	12,946	17,434	- 1,122	65,364	10,350	11,157	- 202	
	March	4	92,871	11,045	15,363	- 1,080	63,013	7,538	9,889	- 588	
	April	5	87,321	13,413	18,963	- 1,110	61,339	12,280	13,954	- 335	
	May	4	84,547	10,582	13,356	- 694	60,438	7,942	8,843	- 225	
	June	4	83,278	10,886	12,155	- 317	62,799	10,252	7,891	+ 590	
	July	5	81,499	13,338	15,117	- 356	68,229	16,305	10,875	+ 1,086	
	August	4	78,239	8,455	11,715	- 815	66,601	7,304	8,932	- 407	
	September	4	72,408	9,325	15,156	- 1,458	55,942	7,627	18,286	- 2,665	
	October	5	68,599	12,335	16,144	- 762	54,117	10,568	12,393	- 365	
	November	4	67,194	10,910	12,315	- 351	51,806	8,229	10,540	- 578	
	December	5	70,896	13,881	10,179	+ 740	54,179	8,990	6,617	+ 475	
JA Applications											
2009	December	4	175,668	14,153	7,937	+ 1,554	63,411	5,415	4,206	+ 302	
2010	January	5	183,178	17,807	10,297	+ 1,502	65,958	7,480	4,933	+ 509	
	February	4	186,452	15,193	11,919	+ 819	66,947	6,663	5,674	+ 247	
	March	4	189,865	13,756	10,343	+ 853	67,721	5,853	5,079	+ 194	
	April	5	192,591	15,851	13,125	+ 545	68,869	7,276	6,128	+ 230	
	May	4	197,642	13,652	8,601	+ 1,263	71,999	7,134	4,004	+ 783	
	June	4	205,259	15,428	7,811	+ 1,904	77,282	8,880	3,597	+ 1,321	
	July	5	210,185	17,241	12,315	+ 985	81,409	10,384	6,257	+ 825	
	August	4	212,731	12,179	9,633	+ 637	83,276	6,636	4,769	+ 467	
	September	4	208,367	13,679	18,043	- 1,091	80,058	7,597	10,815	- 805	
	October	5	203,934	16,281	20,714	- 887	77,130	8,473	11,401	- 586	
	November	4	203,693	13,216	13,457	- 60	76,078	6,571	7,623	- 263	
	December	5	208,371	12,724	8,046	+ 936	76,997	5,360	4,441	+ 184	
Other Registrants											
2009	December	4	6,470	674	254	+ 105	12,739	1,097	458	+ 160	
2010	January	5	6,793	843	520	+ 65	13,159	1,327	907	+ 84	
	February	4	7,226	774	341	+ 108	13,778	1,330	711	+ 155	
	March	4	7,480	560	306	+ 64	14,171	988	595	+ 98	
	April	5	7,916	797	361	+ 87	14,621	1,293	843	+ 90	
	May	4	8,196	582	302	+ 70	15,100	979	500	+ 120	
	June	4	8,521	608	283	+ 81	15,743	1,208	565	+ 161	
	July	5	8,776	844	589	+ 51	16,726	2,075	1,092	+ 197	
	August	4	8,981	604	399	+ 51	17,095	1,016	647	+ 92	
	September	4	9,023	616	574	+ 11	16,619	1,116	1,592	- 119	
	October	5	9,066	771	728	+ 9	16,707	1,399	1,311	+ 18	
	November	4	9,341	704	429	+ 69	16,890	1,157	974	+ 46	
	December	5	9,535	665	471	+ 39	17,101	995	784	+ 42	

¹ Flow analysis: inflows and outflows published in this table do not take account of inter-scheme activity within the Live Register. For example, if a claimant exhausts his/her entitlement to JB and opens a new JA claim this is counted as an outflow in JB and an inflow in JA.

Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	December 2009	November 2010	December 2010	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland and Western	86,723	86,274	89,277	+ 3,003	+ 2,554	16,794	72,483
Border	39,892	39,624	41,042	+ 1,418	+ 1,150	7,920	33,122
Midland	20,822	21,279	21,973	+ 694	+ 1,151	4,160	17,813
West	26,009	25,371	26,262	+ 891	+ 253	4,714	21,548
Southern and Eastern	196,131	193,954	199,525	+ 5,571	+ 3,394	35,330	164,195
Dublin	67,794	67,028	68,319	+ 1,291	+ 525	12,366	55,953
Mid-East	26,331	26,865	27,805	+ 940	+ 1,474	4,713	23,092
Mid-West	25,403	24,615	25,349	+ 734	- 54	4,644	20,705
South-East	36,901	36,500	37,987	+ 1,487	+ 1,086	7,126	30,861
South-West	39,702	38,946	40,065	+ 1,119	+ 363	6,481	33,584
Total	282,854	280,228	288,802	+ 8,574	+ 5,948	52,124	236,678
Females							
Border, Midland and Western	43,055	45,098	46,239	+ 1,141	+ 3,184	9,459	36,780
Border	19,585	20,528	20,992	+ 464	+ 1,407	4,324	16,668
Midland	10,201	10,893	11,157	+ 264	+ 956	2,430	8,727
West	13,269	13,677	14,090	+ 413	+ 821	2,705	11,385
Southern and Eastern	97,686	99,676	102,038	+ 2,362	+ 4,352	19,697	82,341
Dublin	33,378	33,306	33,643	+ 337	+ 265	6,756	26,887
Mid-East	13,740	14,316	14,684	+ 368	+ 944	2,630	12,054
Mid-West	12,949	13,125	13,498	+ 373	+ 549	2,653	10,845
South-East	17,761	18,384	19,033	+ 649	+ 1,272	4,024	15,009
South-West	19,858	20,545	21,180	+ 635	+ 1,322	3,634	17,546
Total	140,741	144,774	148,277	+ 3,503	+ 7,536	29,156	119,121
All Persons							
Border, Midland and Western	129,778	131,372	135,516	+ 4,144	+ 5,738	26,253	109,263
Border	59,477	60,152	62,034	+ 1,882	+ 2,557	12,244	49,790
Midland	31,023	32,172	33,130	+ 958	+ 2,107	6,590	26,540
West	39,278	39,048	40,352	+ 1,304	+ 1,074	7,419	32,933
Southern and Eastern	293,817	293,630	301,563	+ 7,933	+ 7,746	55,027	246,536
Dublin	101,172	100,334	101,962	+ 1,628	+ 790	19,122	82,840
Mid-East	40,071	41,181	42,489	+ 1,308	+ 2,418	7,343	35,146
Mid-West	38,352	37,740	38,847	+ 1,107	+ 495	7,297	31,550
South-East	54,662	54,884	57,020	+ 2,136	+ 2,358	11,150	45,870
South-West	59,560	59,491	61,245	+ 1,754	+ 1,685	10,115	51,130
Total	423,595	425,002	437,079	+ 12,077	+ 13,484	81,280	355,799

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

Table 6 Persons on the Live Register classified by last held occupation¹

Broad occupational group	December 2009	November 2010	December 2010	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Managers and administrators	10,762	9,934	10,056	+ 122	- 706	490	9,566
Professional	13,195	12,106	12,440	+ 334	- 755	1,405	11,035
Associate professional and technical	7,792	7,564	7,601	+ 37	- 191	1,026	6,575
Clerical and secretarial	11,377	11,126	11,377	+ 251	0	1,974	9,403
Craft and related	109,358	104,278	107,830	+ 3,552	- 1,528	17,711	90,119
Personal and protective service	16,440	17,488	17,973	+ 485	+ 1,533	3,333	14,640
Sales	14,820	15,736	15,792	+ 56	+ 972	5,215	10,577
Plant and machine operatives	53,917	53,066	55,350	+ 2,284	+ 1,433	8,212	47,138
Other occupation	37,537	39,747	41,037	+ 1,290	+ 3,500	8,336	32,701
No occupation ¹	7,656	9,183	9,346	+ 163	+ 1,690	4,422	4,924
Total	282,854	280,228	288,802	+ 8,574	+ 5,948	52,124	236,678
Females							
Managers and administrators	6,993	6,827	6,814	- 13	- 179	325	6,489
Professional	12,090	11,846	12,552	+ 706	+ 462	1,309	11,243
Associate professional and technical	5,196	5,154	5,178	+ 24	- 18	656	4,522
Clerical and secretarial	31,599	29,779	30,985	+ 1,206	- 614	2,881	28,104
Craft and related	6,596	6,765	7,004	+ 239	+ 408	1,238	5,766
Personal and protective service	28,868	30,434	31,302	+ 868	+ 2,434	7,389	23,913
Sales	24,592	26,390	26,393	+ 3	+ 1,801	7,680	18,713
Plant and machine operatives	14,179	14,222	14,494	+ 272	+ 315	2,587	11,907
Other occupation	6,620	8,329	8,496	+ 167	+ 1,876	2,504	5,992
No occupation ¹	4,008	5,028	5,059	+ 31	+ 1,051	2,587	2,472
Total	140,741	144,774	148,277	+ 3,503	+ 7,536	29,156	119,121
All Persons							
Managers and administrators	17,755	16,761	16,870	+ 109	- 885	815	16,055
Professional	25,285	23,952	24,992	+ 1,040	- 293	2,714	22,278
Associate professional and technical	12,988	12,718	12,779	+ 61	- 209	1,682	11,097
Clerical and secretarial	42,976	40,905	42,362	+ 1,457	- 614	4,855	37,507
Craft and related	115,954	111,043	114,834	+ 3,791	- 1,120	18,949	95,885
Personal and protective service	45,308	47,922	49,275	+ 1,353	+ 3,967	10,722	38,553
Sales	39,412	42,126	42,185	+ 59	+ 2,773	12,895	29,290
Plant and machine operatives	68,096	67,288	69,844	+ 2,556	+ 1,748	10,799	59,045
Other occupation	44,157	48,076	49,533	+ 1,457	+ 5,376	10,840	38,693
No occupation ¹	11,664	14,211	14,405	+ 194	+ 2,741	7,009	7,396
Total	423,595	425,002	437,079	+ 12,077	+ 13,484	81,280	355,799

¹ Includes those who never worked and those who have no stated occupation.

Table 7 Persons on the Live Register classified by duration of continuous registration

Duration	December 2009	November 2010	December 2010	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Less than one year	212,542	169,840	174,304	+ 4,464	- 38,238	32,985	141,319
One year or more	70,312	110,388	114,498	+ 4,110	+ 44,186	19,139	95,359
Total	282,854	280,228	288,802	+ 8,574	+ 5,948	52,124	236,678
Females							
Less than one year	115,935	104,835	107,451	+ 2,616	- 8,484	20,543	86,908
One year or more	24,806	39,939	40,826	+ 887	+ 16,020	8,613	32,213
Total	140,741	144,774	148,277	+ 3,503	+ 7,536	29,156	119,121
All Persons							
Less than one year	328,477	274,675	281,755	+ 7,080	- 46,722	53,528	228,227
One year or more	95,118	150,327	155,324	+ 4,997	+ 60,206	27,752	127,572
Total	423,595	425,002	437,079	+ 12,077	+ 13,484	81,280	355,799

Table 8 Casual and part-time workers on the Live Register¹

		Males	Monthly change	Females	Monthly change	All Persons	Monthly change
2008	December	18,600	+ 1,527	19,634	+ 910	38,234	+ 2,437
2009	January	22,807	+ 4,207	22,619	+ 2,985	45,426	+ 7,192
	February	27,777	+ 4,970	25,977	+ 3,358	53,754	+ 8,328
	March	31,384	+ 3,607	28,449	+ 2,472	59,833	+ 6,079
	April	32,986	+ 1,602	29,315	+ 866	62,301	+ 2,468
	May	35,588	+ 2,602	30,590	+ 1,275	66,178	+ 3,877
	June	36,718	+ 1,130	31,414	+ 824	68,132	+ 1,954
	July	37,415	+ 697	32,138	+ 724	69,553	+ 1,421
	August	37,749	+ 334	32,354	+ 216	70,103	+ 550
	September	38,268	+ 519	32,590	+ 236	70,858	+ 755
	October	37,273	- 995	32,087	- 503	69,360	- 1,498
	November	39,322	+ 2,049	34,308	+ 2,221	73,630	+ 4,270
	December	39,493	+ 171	34,506	+ 198	73,999	+ 369
2010	January	40,743	+ 1,250	36,120	+ 1,614	76,863	+ 2,864
	February	42,026	+ 1,283	37,263	+ 1,143	79,289	+ 2,426
	March	42,284	+ 258	37,565	+ 302	79,849	+ 560
	April	41,713	- 571	37,396	- 169	79,109	- 740
	May	41,602	- 111	37,273	- 123	78,875	- 234
	June	41,790	+ 188	37,449	+ 176	79,239	+ 364
	July	41,624	- 166	37,448	- 1	79,072	- 167
	August	41,162	- 462	37,120	- 328	78,282	- 790
	September	40,399	- 763	36,480	- 640	76,879	- 1,403
	October	40,914	+ 515	37,010	+ 530	77,924	+ 1,045
	November	42,162	+ 1,248	38,046	+ 1,036	80,208	+ 2,284
	December	43,510	+ 1,348	38,548	+ 502	82,058	+ 1,850

¹ See Background Notes.

Table 9 Persons on the Live Register classified by nationality grouping

		Nationality grouping						
		Non-Irish nationals						
		United Kingdom	EU15 excl. Irl. & UK	EU15 to EU27 States	Other	Non-Irish nationals	Irish nationals	All Persons
2008	December	13,233	3,193	28,788	8,975	54,189	235,829	290,018
2009	January	14,743	3,632	35,627	9,999	64,001	262,271	326,272
	February	15,642	4,033	40,799	10,838	71,312	281,141	352,453
	March	16,220	4,224	43,286	11,449	75,179	294,024	369,203
	April	16,731	4,345	44,358	11,852	77,286	304,590	381,876
	May	17,225	4,358	44,209	12,652	78,444	315,690	394,134
	June	17,929	4,497	44,102	13,737	80,265	335,197	415,462
	July	18,490	4,460	43,098	14,050	80,098	352,323	432,421
	August	18,663	4,445	42,685	13,891	79,684	357,041	436,725
	September	18,098	4,219	41,990	13,436	77,743	342,111	419,854
	October	17,857	4,081	41,369	12,997	76,304	336,103	412,407
	November	17,840	4,031	42,003	12,906	76,780	336,725	413,505
	December	18,062	4,073	42,366	13,018	77,519	346,076	423,595
2010	January	18,524	4,186	45,328	13,357	81,395	355,541	436,936
	February	18,413	4,139	45,338	13,376	81,266	355,690	436,956
	March	18,238	4,039	44,486	13,278	80,041	355,080	435,121
	April	18,081	3,955	43,248	13,107	78,391	354,266	432,657
	May	18,217	3,964	42,416	13,472	78,069	359,853	437,922
	June	18,619	4,028	41,856	14,342	78,845	374,037	452,882
	July	18,979	4,100	41,570	14,563	79,212	387,612	466,824
	August	19,007	4,115	41,154	14,581	78,857	388,066	466,923
	September	18,190	3,902	40,427	13,926	76,445	365,972	442,417
	October	17,715	3,755	40,065	13,100	74,635	354,918	429,553
	November	17,598	3,705	40,728	12,751	74,782	350,220	425,002
	December	17,855	3,704	42,198	12,888	76,645	360,434	437,079

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 Protection. 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 2010 – 27th November to 31st December 2010.
December 2009 – 28th November to 25th December 2009.

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 February, May, August and November 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. The traditional estimation approach has been used from April 1997 onwards.

QNHS The Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS), which began in September 1997, replaced the Labour Force Survey and provides quarterly estimates of the unemployment rate. Up to and including the fourth quarter of 2008 the QNHS operated on a seasonal quarter basis. As of the first quarter 2009 the QNHS is now undertaken on a calendar quarter basis.

The calendar reference quarters for survey results are:
Q1 - January to March, Q2 - April to June, Q3 - July to September and Q4 - October to December.

The calendar quarter estimates for Q3 2010 (adjusted for seasonality) are:

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	%	%	%	%
2005	4.2	4.6	4.4	4.3
2006	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.3
2007	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.8
2008	4.9	5.5	6.8	8.1
2009	10.2	11.6	12.4	13.1
2010	12.9	13.2	13.6	

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.

- Jobseekers Benefit Duration** Prior to 19 January 2004 Jobseekers Benefit was payable for **15 months** (390 days).
From 19 January 2004, Jobseeker's Benefit could be paid for a maximum of **15 months** (390 days) to people who had at least 260 paid PRSI contributions. Jobseeker's Benefit could be paid for a maximum of **12 months** (312 days) to people who had less than 260 paid contributions. (Refers to new claims).

Since 15 October 2008, Jobseeker's Benefit can be paid for a maximum of **12 months** (312 days) to people who have at least 260 paid PRSI contributions. Jobseeker's Benefit can be paid for a maximum of **9 months** (234 days) to people who have less than 260 paid contributions. (Refers to new claims).
- Live Register Flows** Live Register flows data is sourced from information collected by the Department of Social Protection. The aggregate of new registrations for each month is used in conjunction with the net change over the same period to calculate the outflow from the register. A new registration is defined as anybody on the Live Register in a particular month who was not on it the previous month. Inflows and outflows published in this release do not take account of inter-scheme activity within the Live Register. For example, if a claimant exhausts his/her entitlement to JB and opens a new JA claim this is counted as an outflow in JB and an inflow in JA.
- Live Register Area Analysis** The basis of the area analysis in Live Register statistics is the Department of Social Protection 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. data 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. **The latest available Live Register data by Province, County and Local Office of Registration will be released on the CSO website through the CSO Main Data Dissemination Service, Database Direct one day after the publication of this release.**
- NUTS2 and NUTS3 regions** The Regional classifications 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		Southern and Eastern NUTS2 Region	
Border	Cavan Donegal Leitrim Louth Monaghan Sligo	Dublin	Dublin City Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Fingal South Dublin
Midland	Laois Longford Offaly Westmeath	Mid-East	Kildare Meath Wicklow
West	Galway City Galway County Mayo Roscommon	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

- Occupations** Live Register occupational data is sourced from information collected by the Department of Social Protection on the most recent occupation of claimants when they sign on the Live Register. The classification used is based on the UK Standard Occupational Classification (SOC). “No occupation” is an additional category and includes those who have never worked and those who have no stated occupation.
- Age by Duration Analysis** Duration of continuous registration on the Live Register was previously compiled on a half-yearly basis (April and October). The Live Register Age by Duration release has now been replaced by a monthly table in this release. The bi-annual release related to the second last Friday of the reference month but the monthly age by duration data since October 2009 corresponds to the end of month Live Register totals. **Detailed tables relating to regional and scheme data will continue to be made available on the CSO website through the CSO Main Data Dissemination Service, Database Direct on a bi-annual basis.**
- Casual and part-time workers** The casual and part-time workers’ figure is based on data supplied by the Department of Social Protection. People may apply for Jobseekers Benefit or Jobseekers Allowance if they only work for part of a week and be included on the Live Register.
- Nationality** Data in the nationality grouping table is sourced from information collected by the Department of Social Protection on the nationality of claimants when they first sign on the Live Register.

New Release Format

From July 2010 the Live Register release has been revised and now contains additional tables. This coincides with the discontinuation of both the *Live Register Additional Tables* and *Live Register Age by Duration* releases.

A table containing Live Register flows information has replaced the net weekly change table. Flows data was compiled by CSO until March 2008 when the series was discontinued. The new table on flows contains data dating back to October 2009. It should be noted that the compilation of flows changed when the Department of Social Protection introduced a new IT system in October 2009 and so there is no data available on Live Register flows between March 2008 and October 2009.

While information on the latest number of casual and part-time workers on the Live Register was previously included on the monthly release since March 2002, a table is now contained in the release providing a time-series with additional monthly change information.

Since October 2009 the Department of Social Protection has provided a classification of the Live Register by occupational groupings. This table is now included in the monthly release and refers to the last held occupation that Live Register claimants report.

Live Register tables classified by region and nationality groupings have been added to the new release, as has a monthly table of duration of continuous registration. **More detailed information on geographic breakdowns of the Live Register and duration of continuous registration along with all Live Register published data can be found on the CSO Main Data Dissemination Service, Database Direct on the CSO website –**

<http://www.cso.ie/>
 and go to:

- > Database Direct
- > CSO Main Data Dissemination Service
- > Labour Market and Earnings
- > Labour Force
- > Live Register

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