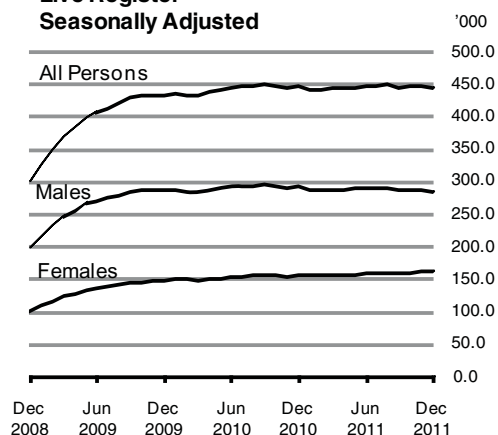




Live Register December 2011

Live Register Seasonally Adjusted



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted	Standardised Unemployment Rate (SUR)%
December 2010	437,079	446,000	14.7
November 2011	429,567	446,500	14.4
December 2011	434,784	443,200	14.3
			Percentage Points
Change in month	-	- 3,300	- 0.1
Change in year	- 2,295	-	- 0.4

Slight decrease in standardised unemployment rate to 14.3% in December

The standardised unemployment rate (SUR) in December 2011 was 14.3%, down slightly from a rate of 14.4% in November. The latest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate from the Quarterly National Household Survey was 14.4% in the third quarter of 2011. *See table 3.*

On a seasonally adjusted basis there was a decrease of 3,300 (-0.7%) on the Live Register in the month to December 2011 bringing the seasonally adjusted total to 443,200.

In unadjusted terms there were 434,784 people signing on the Live Register in December 2011. This represents a decrease of 2,295 (-0.5%) over the year. *See table 1a.*

Other features include:

- ◆ On a seasonally adjusted basis the Live Register showed a monthly decrease of 3,300 males, while the number of females increased by 100 in December 2011. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The number of female claimants increased by 6,784 (+4.6%) to 155,061 over the year, while the number of male claimants decreased by 9,079 (-3.1%) to 279,723. This compares with increases of 7,536 (+5.4%) and 5,948 (+2.1%) for females and males respectively in the year to December 2010. *See table 1a.*
- ◆ During 2011 the standardised unemployment rate remained in the narrow range of 13.9% and 14.4%. The average standardised unemployment rate for the year 2011 was 14.2%. This was an increase of 0.5 percentage points from 2010 when the average rate during the year was 13.7%.

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 Jobseeker's Benefit or Allowance. Unemployment is measured by the Quarterly National Household Survey and the latest estimated number of persons unemployed as of the third quarter of 2011 was 314,700.

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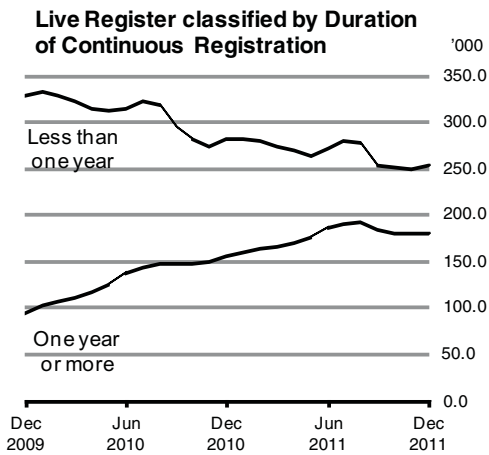
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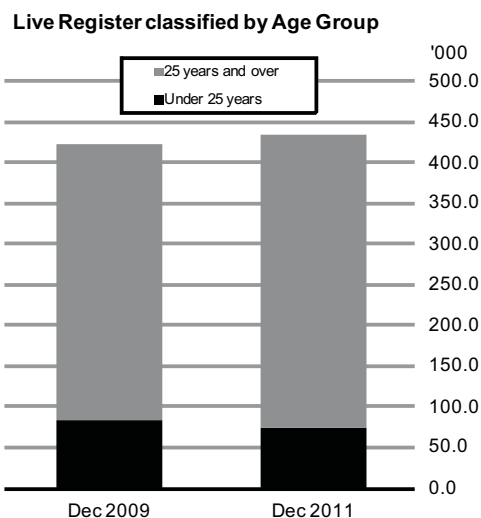
Live Register duration of continuous registration

The number of long term claimants on the Live Register in December 2011 was 180,798. The number of male long term claimants increased by 16,613 (+14.5%) in the year to December 2011, while the comparable increase for females was 8,861 (+21.7%) giving an overall annual increase of 25,474 (+16.4%) in the number of long term claimants. This rate of increase in long term claimants has been slowing through the year with an annual increase of 57,597 (+55.9%) having been recorded in January 2011. *See table 7 and graph opposite.*

In December 58.4% (253,986) of all claimants on the Live Register were short term claimants. The comparable figure for December 2010 was 64.5% (281,755). The annual fall of 27,769 (-9.9%) in the number of short term claimants consisted of a decrease of 25,692 in the number of male short term claimants and a decrease of 2,077 in female short term claimants.

Live Register casual and part-time workers

There were 86,815 casual and part-time workers on the Live Register in December, which represents 20.0% of the total Live Register. This compares with 18.8% one year earlier when there were 82,058 casual and part-time workers on the Live Register. In the year to December 2011 the number of casual and part-time workers increased by 4,757 (+5.8%), with the number of males increasing by 2,534 (+5.8%) and the number of females increasing by 2,223 (+5.8%). *See table 8.*



Live Register age groups

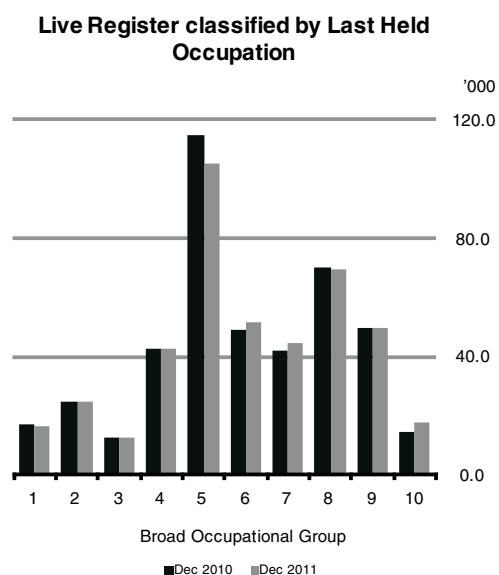
In the year to December 2011 the number of persons aged 25 and over on the Live Register increased by 4,639 (+1.3%), while the number of persons aged under 25 fell by 6,934 (-8.5%). This continues the pattern seen over the last two years whereby there has been a general downward trend in the number of persons aged under 25 on the Live Register, while the rate of increase in the number of persons aged over 25 has been slowing. This has led to the percentage of persons aged under 25 on the Live Register falling to 17.1% in December 2011 from 19.9% two years earlier. *See tables 1b and 1c and graph opposite.*

Live Register new registrants

There were 37,931 new registrants on the Live Register in December 2011, consisting of 18,407 JB claims, 17,710 JA claims and 1,814 'Other Registrants'. Males accounted for 22,113 (58.3%) and females 15,818 (41.7%) of all new registrants. On average 4,423 male and 3,164 female new registrants joined the Live Register each week of the month. The difference between the number of new registrants on the Live Register and the change in the total number on the Live Register is accounted for by closed claims and movements between schemes. *See table 4.*

Live Register by other classifications

Bearing in mind the overall annual decrease of 0.5% in the number of people on the Live Register the main other points which can be noted include:



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

- ◆ In line with the trend recorded throughout 2011 Jobseeker's Allowance (JA) claimants increased over the year to December 2011. An annual increase of 5.6% brought the total number of JA claimants to 301,453 in December 2011, while Jobseeker's Benefit (JB) claimants decreased to 102,663 (-17.9%) over the same period. As a result JA claimants account for 69.3% of all persons on the Live Register in December 2011 compared with 65.3% a year earlier. *See table 1a.*
- ◆ Across the eight NUTS 3 regions relatively small changes were recorded in the year to December 2011. Small annual decreases occurred in five regions with the largest percentage decrease in the West region (-1.7%), while relatively low percentage increases occurred in the South-East, Midland and Dublin regions. *See table 5.*
- ◆ The composition of the Live Register by occupational group recorded very little change over the year to December 2011. *Craft and related* (24.2%) remained the largest occupational group on the Live Register in December, despite the fact that the number in the group fell over the year by 9,654 (-8.4%) to 105,180. The other significant compositional changes were found in the *Personal and protective service* group which increased to 11.9% and the *Sales* group which increased to 10.3% of the Live Register (both +0.6 percentage points over the year)¹. *See table 6 and graph opposite.*
- ◆ In the year to December 2011 the number of Irish and non-Irish nationals on the Live Register decreased by similar percentages (-0.5% and -0.6% respectively). In December Irish nationals accounted for 82.5% (358,564) of the number of persons on the Live Register, which was the same proportion recorded one year earlier. *See table 9.*

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

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	December 2010	November 2011	December 2011	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	70,896	52,336	53,892	+ 1,556	- 17,004
JA Applications	208,371	213,285	214,817	+ 1,532	+ 6,446
Other Registrants	9,535	10,905	11,014	+ 109	+ 1,479
Total	288,802	276,526	279,723	+ 3,197	- 9,079
Females					
JB Claims	54,179	46,878	48,771	+ 1,893	- 5,408
JA Applications	76,997	86,606	86,636	+ 30	+ 9,639
Other Registrants	17,101	19,557	19,654	+ 97	+ 2,553
Total	148,277	153,041	155,061	+ 2,020	+ 6,784
All Persons					
JB Claims	125,075	99,214	102,663	+ 3,449	- 22,412
JA Applications	285,368	299,891	301,453	+ 1,562	+ 16,085
Other Registrants	26,636	30,462	30,668	+ 206	+ 4,032
Total	437,079	429,567	434,784	+ 5,217	- 2,295

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

Category	December 2010	November 2011	December 2011	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	7,122	4,237	4,276	+ 39	- 2,846
JA Applications	44,868	41,853	41,498	- 355	- 3,370
Other Registrants	134	108	102	- 6	- 32
Total	52,124	46,198	45,876	- 322	- 6,248
Females					
JB Claims	5,078	4,073	3,872	- 201	- 1,206
JA Applications	23,825	25,056	24,385	- 671	+ 560
Other Registrants	253	229	213	- 16	- 40
Total	29,156	29,358	28,470	- 888	- 686
All Persons					
JB Claims	12,200	8,310	8,148	- 162	- 4,052
JA Applications	68,693	66,909	65,883	- 1,026	- 2,810
Other Registrants	387	337	315	- 22	- 72
Total	81,280	75,556	74,346	- 1,210	- 6,934

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

Category	December 2010	November 2011	December 2011	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	63,774	48,099	49,616	+ 1,517	- 14,158
JA Applications	163,503	171,432	173,319	+ 1,887	+ 9,816
Other Registrants	9,401	10,797	10,912	+ 115	+ 1,511
Total	236,678	230,328	233,847	+ 3,519	- 2,831
Females					
JB Claims	49,101	42,805	44,899	+ 2,094	- 4,202
JA Applications	53,172	61,550	62,251	+ 701	+ 9,079
Other Registrants	16,848	19,328	19,441	+ 113	+ 2,593
Total	119,121	123,683	126,591	+ 2,908	+ 7,470
All Persons					
JB Claims	112,875	90,904	94,515	+ 3,611	- 18,360
JA Applications	216,675	232,982	235,570	+ 2,588	+ 18,895
Other Registrants	26,249	30,125	30,353	+ 228	+ 4,104
Total	355,799	354,011	360,438	+ 6,427	+ 4,639

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
2009	December	282,900	140,700	423,600	286,900	146,200	433,100
2010	January	291,600	145,300	436,900	286,700	148,100	434,900
	February	290,900	146,100	437,000	284,600	147,600	432,100
	March	290,200	144,900	435,100	285,200	146,500	431,700
	April	287,800	144,800	432,700	288,100	149,200	437,300
	May	290,400	147,500	437,900	291,000	150,300	441,300
	June	297,100	155,800	452,900	291,500	150,500	442,000
	July	300,500	166,400	466,800	293,200	151,900	445,100
	August	300,000	167,000	466,900	293,700	153,300	447,000
	September	289,800	152,600	442,400	295,600	153,700	449,300
	October	281,600	148,000	429,600	293,200	153,500	446,700
	November	280,200	144,800	425,000	290,800	152,500	443,300
	December	288,800	148,300	437,100	292,200	153,800	446,000
2011	January	292,000	150,700	442,700	288,000	153,600	441,700
	February	291,800	152,500	444,300	287,200	154,200	441,400
	March	290,200	151,000	441,200	287,900	155,000	442,900
	April	286,700	152,800	439,600	287,100	155,200	442,200
	May	288,300	152,700	440,900	289,100	155,600	444,700
	June	296,100	161,800	457,900	290,500	156,700	447,100
	July	297,800	172,500	470,300	290,100	157,700	447,800
	August	296,900	172,900	469,700	289,700	158,800	448,600
	September	282,000	155,500	437,400	287,200	156,700	443,800
	October	277,600	152,800	430,400	287,700	158,500	446,200
	November	276,500	153,000	429,600	286,000	160,400	446,500
	December	279,700	155,100	434,800	282,700	160,500	443,200

¹ Table contains revised figures.**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
2009	December	54,800	29,600	84,400	56,400	32,300	88,700
2010	January	55,200	30,700	85,900	55,200	32,000	87,200
	February	54,600	30,500	85,100	54,200	31,400	85,600
	March	54,900	30,100	85,000	54,500	31,200	85,700
	April	53,400	29,600	83,000	54,500	31,700	86,200
	May	54,400	31,200	85,600	55,100	31,900	87,000
	June	57,500	34,100	91,600	55,300	31,600	86,900
	July	58,600	36,000	94,600	55,300	31,700	87,000
	August	58,300	36,300	94,600	55,200	31,900	87,100
	September	55,200	33,500	88,700	55,500	32,400	87,900
	October	52,000	30,900	82,900	54,500	31,900	86,400
	November	51,000	29,500	80,500	53,600	31,700	85,400
	December	52,100	29,200	81,300	53,500	31,700	85,200
2011	January	52,200	30,000	82,200	52,500	31,300	83,800
	February	51,900	30,200	82,100	51,800	31,200	83,100
	March	51,500	29,800	81,400	51,500	31,300	82,800
	April	49,900	29,500	79,400	51,300	31,200	82,500
	May	50,400	30,500	81,000	51,200	31,200	82,400
	June	53,300	33,700	87,000	51,100	31,300	82,400
	July	53,900	35,400	89,300	50,700	31,200	81,900
	August	53,300	35,500	88,800	50,200	31,200	81,400
	September	49,200	31,700	80,900	49,300	30,700	80,000
	October	47,400	30,300	77,700	49,400	31,200	80,600
	November	46,200	29,400	75,600	48,400	31,500	79,900
	December	45,900	28,500	74,300	47,100	30,900	78,000

¹ Table contains revised figures.

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
2009	December	228,000	111,100	339,200	230,500	113,900	344,400
2010	January	236,400	114,600	351,000	231,500	116,100	347,600
	February	236,300	115,600	351,800	230,400	116,200	346,600
	March	235,300	114,800	350,100	230,700	115,400	346,100
	April	234,400	115,200	349,700	233,600	117,600	351,200
	May	235,900	116,400	352,300	235,900	118,400	354,300
	June	239,500	121,700	361,200	236,200	118,900	355,100
	July	241,800	130,400	372,200	237,800	120,200	358,000
	August	241,700	130,700	372,400	238,500	121,500	360,000
	September	234,600	119,100	353,800	240,100	121,300	361,400
	October	229,600	117,100	346,600	238,700	121,600	360,300
	November	229,200	115,300	344,500	237,200	120,800	357,900
	December	236,700	119,100	355,800	238,700	122,100	360,800
2011	January	239,800	120,700	360,400	235,600	122,300	357,900
	February	240,000	122,300	362,200	235,400	122,900	358,300
	March	238,700	121,100	359,800	236,400	123,600	360,000
	April	236,800	123,400	360,200	235,800	123,900	359,700
	May	237,900	122,100	360,000	237,900	124,400	362,300
	June	242,800	128,100	370,900	239,300	125,400	364,700
	July	243,800	137,100	381,000	239,400	126,500	365,900
	August	243,600	137,400	380,900	239,500	127,700	367,200
	September	232,800	123,700	356,600	237,900	126,000	363,800
	October	230,200	122,500	352,700	238,400	127,200	365,600
	November	230,300	123,700	354,000	237,600	129,000	366,600
	December	233,800	126,600	360,400	235,600	129,600	365,200

¹ Table contains revised figures.

Table 3 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates (SUR)¹

Month	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
	%	%	%	%	%	%
January	4.3	4.4	4.8	9.4	13.0	14.3
February ²	4.4	4.4	4.8	10.1	12.8	13.9
March	4.4	4.4	5.2	10.8	12.9	14.0
April	4.4	4.5	5.3	11.3	13.2	14.0
May ²	4.5	4.6	5.6	11.8	13.5	14.2
June	4.5	4.6	5.9	12.0	13.4	14.2
July	4.5	4.5	6.4	12.2	13.5	14.3
August ²	4.6	4.5	6.8	12.4	13.5	14.4 ³
September	4.5	4.6	7.1	12.7	14.1	14.3
October	4.4	4.6	7.6	13.0	14.5	14.4
November ²	4.3	4.8	8.1	13.1	14.8	14.4
December	4.4	4.7	8.6	13.0	14.7	14.3
Annual average	4.4	4.5	6.4	11.8	13.7	14.2

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 2011, 14.4%.

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										
2010	December	5	70,896	13,881	10,179	+ 740	54,179	8,990	6,617	+ 475
2011	January	4	71,084	13,311	13,123	+ 47	54,612	11,097	10,664	+ 108
	February	4	69,409	10,133	11,808	- 419	55,183	9,108	8,537	+ 143
	March	4	67,100	9,026	11,335	- 577	52,967	7,272	9,488	- 554
	April	5	63,982	10,275	13,393	- 624	53,506	10,204	9,665	+ 108
	May	4	61,832	8,167	10,317	- 538	50,275	7,415	10,646	- 808
	June	4	61,562	8,586	8,856	- 68	52,896	9,286	6,665	+ 655
	July	5	60,064	10,329	11,827	- 300	58,926	15,392	9,362	+ 1,206
	August	4	57,999	6,543	8,608	- 516	57,710	6,641	7,857	- 304
	September	5	53,552	9,298	13,745	- 889	47,333	8,831	19,208	- 2,075
	October	4	52,546	8,650	9,656	- 252	46,467	7,275	8,141	- 217
	November	4	52,336	8,891	9,101	- 53	46,878	9,755	9,344	+ 103
	December	5	53,892	9,662	8,106	+ 311	48,771	8,745	6,852	+ 379
JA Applications										
2010	December	5	208,371	12,724	8,046	+ 936	76,997	5,360	4,441	+ 184
2011	January	4	211,071	12,783	10,083	+ 675	78,512	6,744	5,229	+ 379
	February	4	212,334	12,468	11,205	+ 316	79,399	6,619	5,732	+ 222
	March	4	212,973	11,112	10,473	+ 160	79,903	5,651	5,147	+ 126
	April	5	212,464	12,647	13,156	- 102	80,739	7,063	6,227	+ 167
	May	4	216,003	11,615	8,076	+ 885	83,630	6,882	3,991	+ 723
	June	4	223,956	13,754	5,801	+ 1,988	89,738	9,252	3,144	+ 1,527
	July	5	227,000	15,220	12,176	+ 609	93,701	10,503	6,540	+ 793
	August	4	227,981	10,924	9,943	+ 245	95,116	6,662	5,247	+ 354
	September	5	217,752	15,097	25,326	- 2,046	88,805	9,261	15,572	- 1,262
	October	4	214,305	12,325	15,772	- 862	87,028	7,091	8,868	- 444
	November	4	213,285	11,142	12,162	- 255	86,606	6,601	7,023	- 106
	December	5	214,817	11,762	10,230	+ 306	86,636	5,948	5,918	+ 6
Other Registrants										
2010	December	5	9,535	665	471	+ 39	17,101	995	784	+ 42
2011	January	4	9,848	782	469	+ 78	17,550	1,398	949	+ 112
	February	4	10,063	640	425	+ 54	17,911	1,156	795	+ 90
	March	4	10,152	477	388	+ 22	18,098	948	761	+ 47
	April	5	10,299	575	428	+ 29	18,581	1,232	749	+ 97
	May	4	10,455	478	322	+ 39	18,752	958	787	+ 43
	June	4	10,631	551	375	+ 44	19,165	1,074	661	+ 103
	July	5	10,706	757	682	+ 15	19,887	1,922	1,200	+ 144
	August	4	10,873	612	445	+ 42	20,034	945	798	+ 37
	September	5	10,684	692	881	- 38	19,315	1,311	2,030	- 144
	October	4	10,744	651	591	+ 15	19,342	1,042	1,015	+ 7
	November	4	10,905	577	416	+ 40	19,557	1,193	978	+ 54
	December	5	11,014	689	580	+ 22	19,654	1,125	1,028	+ 19

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 2010	November 2011	December 2011	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland and Western	89,277	84,314	85,614	+ 1,300	- 3,663	14,562	71,052
Border	41,042	38,791	39,327	+ 536	- 1,715	6,914	32,413
Midland	21,973	21,076	21,418	+ 342	- 555	3,598	17,820
West	26,262	24,447	24,869	+ 422	- 1,393	4,050	20,819
Southern and Eastern	199,525	192,212	194,109	+ 1,897	- 5,416	31,314	162,795
Dublin	68,319	67,387	67,634	+ 247	- 685	11,182	56,452
Mid-East	27,805	26,359	26,664	+ 305	- 1,141	4,174	22,490
Mid-West	25,349	23,831	24,195	+ 364	- 1,154	3,905	20,290
South-East	37,987	36,418	36,983	+ 565	- 1,004	6,414	30,569
South-West	40,065	38,217	38,633	+ 416	- 1,432	5,639	32,994
Total	288,802	276,526	279,723	+ 3,197	- 9,079	45,876	233,847
Females							
Border, Midland and Western	46,239	48,034	48,878	+ 844	+ 2,639	9,409	39,469
Border	20,992	21,830	22,227	+ 397	+ 1,235	4,336	17,891
Midland	11,157	11,629	11,848	+ 219	+ 691	2,470	9,378
West	14,090	14,575	14,803	+ 228	+ 713	2,603	12,200
Southern and Eastern	102,038	105,007	106,183	+ 1,176	+ 4,145	19,061	87,122
Dublin	33,643	34,714	34,635	- 79	+ 992	6,419	28,216
Mid-East	14,684	15,027	15,225	+ 198	+ 541	2,522	12,703
Mid-West	13,498	13,872	14,082	+ 210	+ 584	2,602	11,480
South-East	19,033	19,836	20,317	+ 481	+ 1,284	3,962	16,355
South-West	21,180	21,558	21,924	+ 366	+ 744	3,556	18,368
Total	148,277	153,041	155,061	+ 2,020	+ 6,784	28,470	126,591
All Persons							
Border, Midland and Western	135,516	132,348	134,492	+ 2,144	- 1,024	23,971	110,521
Border	62,034	60,621	61,554	+ 933	- 480	11,250	50,304
Midland	33,130	32,705	33,266	+ 561	+ 136	6,068	27,198
West	40,352	39,022	39,672	+ 650	- 680	6,653	33,019
Southern and Eastern	301,563	297,219	300,292	+ 3,073	- 1,271	50,375	249,917
Dublin	101,962	102,101	102,269	+ 168	+ 307	17,601	84,668
Mid-East	42,489	41,386	41,889	+ 503	- 600	6,696	35,193
Mid-West	38,847	37,703	38,277	+ 574	- 570	6,507	31,770
South-East	57,020	56,254	57,300	+ 1,046	+ 280	10,376	46,924
South-West	61,245	59,775	60,557	+ 782	- 688	9,195	51,362
Total	437,079	429,567	434,784	+ 5,217	- 2,295	74,346	360,438

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

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

Broad occupational group	December 2010	November 2011	December 2011	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Managers and administrators	10,056	9,903	9,960	+ 57	- 96	437	9,523
Professional	12,440	11,675	11,819	+ 144	- 621	1,126	10,693
Associate professional and technical	7,601	7,165	7,143	- 22	- 458	943	6,200
Clerical and secretarial	11,377	11,121	11,433	+ 312	+ 56	1,701	9,732
Craft and related	107,830	96,726	97,890	+ 1,164	- 9,940	12,572	85,318
Personal and protective service	17,973	18,276	18,464	+ 188	+ 491	3,106	15,358
Sales	15,792	17,099	17,017	- 82	+ 1,225	5,234	11,783
Plant and machine operatives	55,350	53,444	54,383	+ 939	- 967	7,400	46,983
Other occupation	41,037	39,814	40,171	+ 357	- 866	8,052	32,119
No occupation ¹	9,346	11,303	11,443	+ 140	+ 2,097	5,305	6,138
Total	288,802	276,526	279,723	+ 3,197	- 9,079	45,876	233,847
Females							
Managers and administrators	6,814	6,572	6,639	+ 67	- 175	246	6,393
Professional	12,552	12,555	13,080	+ 525	+ 528	1,141	11,939
Associate professional and technical	5,178	5,234	5,214	- 20	+ 36	591	4,623
Clerical and secretarial	30,985	30,028	31,183	+ 1,155	+ 198	2,308	28,875
Craft and related	7,004	7,282	7,290	+ 8	+ 286	1,128	6,162
Personal and protective service	31,302	32,621	33,276	+ 655	+ 1,974	7,154	26,122
Sales	26,393	28,095	27,652	- 443	+ 1,259	7,313	20,339
Plant and machine operatives	14,494	14,941	15,049	+ 108	+ 555	2,544	12,505
Other occupation	8,496	9,376	9,364	- 12	+ 868	2,868	6,496
No occupation ¹	5,059	6,337	6,314	- 23	+ 1,255	3,177	3,137
Total	148,277	153,041	155,061	+ 2,020	+ 6,784	28,470	126,591
All Persons							
Managers and administrators	16,870	16,475	16,599	+ 124	- 271	683	15,916
Professional	24,992	24,230	24,899	+ 669	- 93	2,267	22,632
Associate professional and technical	12,779	12,399	12,357	- 42	- 422	1,534	10,823
Clerical and secretarial	42,362	41,149	42,616	+ 1,467	+ 254	4,009	38,607
Craft and related	114,834	104,008	105,180	+ 1,172	- 9,654	13,700	91,480
Personal and protective service	49,275	50,897	51,740	+ 843	+ 2,465	10,260	41,480
Sales	42,185	45,194	44,669	- 525	+ 2,484	12,547	32,122
Plant and machine operatives	69,844	68,385	69,432	+ 1,047	- 412	9,944	59,488
Other occupation	49,533	49,190	49,535	+ 345	+ 2	10,920	38,615
No occupation ¹	14,405	17,640	17,757	+ 117	+ 3,352	8,482	9,275
Total	437,079	429,567	434,784	+ 5,217	- 2,295	74,346	360,438

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 2010	November 2011	December 2011	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Less than one year	174,304	146,199	148,612	+ 2,413	- 25,692	27,886	120,726
One year or more	114,498	130,327	131,111	+ 784	+ 16,613	17,990	113,121
Total	288,802	276,526	279,723	+ 3,197	- 9,079	45,876	233,847
Females							
Less than one year	107,451	103,478	105,374	+ 1,896	- 2,077	19,967	85,407
One year or more	40,826	49,563	49,687	+ 124	+ 8,861	8,503	41,184
Total	148,277	153,041	155,061	+ 2,020	+ 6,784	28,470	126,591
All Persons							
Less than one year	281,755	249,677	253,986	+ 4,309	- 27,769	47,853	206,133
One year or more	155,324	179,890	180,798	+ 908	+ 25,474	26,493	154,305
Total	437,079	429,567	434,784	+ 5,217	- 2,295	74,346	360,438

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

		Males	Monthly change	Females	Monthly change	All Persons	Monthly change
2009	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
2011	January	44,117	+ 607	39,115	+ 567	83,232	+ 1,174
	February	45,086	+ 969	39,973	+ 858	85,059	+ 1,827
	March	45,603	+ 517	40,552	+ 579	86,155	+ 1,096
	April	45,447	- 156	40,147	- 405	85,594	- 561
	May	45,071	- 376	39,862	- 285	84,933	- 661
	June	45,609	+ 538	40,156	+ 294	85,765	+ 832
	July	45,639	+ 30	40,226	+ 70	85,865	+ 100
	August	45,312	- 327	39,984	- 242	85,296	- 569
	September	44,731	- 581	39,286	- 698	84,017	- 1,279
	October	45,234	+ 503	39,795	+ 509	85,029	+ 1,012
	November	45,914	+ 680	40,698	+ 903	86,612	+ 1,583
	December	46,044	+ 130	40,771	+ 73	86,815	+ 203

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
2009	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
2011	January	18,078	3,793	43,619	13,037	78,527	364,150	442,677
	February	18,065	3,813	44,167	13,117	79,162	365,137	444,299
	March	17,956	3,817	43,722	13,099	78,594	362,599	441,193
	April	18,021	3,729	42,698	13,075	77,523	362,048	439,571
	May	18,075	3,711	41,791	13,401	76,978	363,969	440,947
	June	18,648	3,829	42,013	14,431	78,921	379,027	457,948
	July	19,006	3,872	41,732	14,675	79,285	390,999	470,284
	August	18,925	3,847	41,330	14,893	78,995	390,718	469,713
	September	17,894	3,586	40,000	13,941	75,421	362,020	437,441
	October	17,708	3,545	40,202	13,582	75,037	355,395	430,432
	November	17,648	3,571	40,788	13,512	75,519	354,048	429,567
	December	17,798	3,605	41,263	13,554	76,220	358,564	434,784

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 Jobseeker's Benefit (JB) excluding systematic short-time workers
- ◆ Applicants for Jobseeker's 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 2011 – 26th November to 30th December 2011
December 2010 – 27th November to 31st December 2010

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 Jobseeker's Allowance or Jobseeker's 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.

Official estimates of the number of persons unemployed and the unemployment rate are produced from the Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS). The QNHS is the only source of information on unemployment and employment which can apply standard International Labour Organisation (ILO) methodology to the estimation of these key indicators. The background notes of the QNHS release contain more information on the ILO criteria. Given the timelag required to produce estimates from the QNHS and the quarterly periodicity, short-term trends in the Live Register are used to estimate more up-to-date monthly unemployment rates.

The seasonally adjusted QNHS estimate of unemployment is used as a benchmark for February (Quarter 1 QNHS), May (Quarter 2 QNHS), August (Quarter 3 QNHS) and November (Quarter 4 QNHS) each year. The latest QNHS benchmark is updated using the trend in the seasonally adjusted Live Register to allow the estimation of the SUR. Once new QNHS data is available it is used to revise the SUR series. The assumption underlying this methodology is that over short periods the change in the seasonally adjusted Live Register will represent accurately the change in unemployment which will be seen from the QNHS. This methodology has been used since the QNHS was first initiated at the end of 1997.

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 2011 (adjusted for seasonality) are:

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	%	%	%	%
2006	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.3
2007	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.8
2008	4.8	5.6	6.8	8.1
2009	10.1	11.8	12.4	13.1
2010	12.8	13.5	13.5	14.8
2011	13.9	14.2	14.4	

Seasonal adjustment Since January 2011 the seasonal adjustment of the Live Register is completed by applying the X-12-ARIMA model, developed by the U.S. Census Bureau. Seasonal adjustment is conducted using the indirect approach, where each individual series is independently adjusted (male under 25 years, female under 25 years, male 25 years and over and female 25 years and over). To preserve consistency between the individual and aggregate series, the series for gender, age group and total Live Register are then created from these four component series.

The X-12 ARIMA method has the X-11 moving averages process at its core, but builds on this by providing options for pre-treating the series using a regARIMA approach for prior adjustment and series extension. In essence this methodology will estimate seasonal factors while taking account of temporary changes, outliers, level shifts and calendar effects (e.g timing of Easter).

For additional information on the use of X-12-ARIMA see detailed note in the January 2011 Live Register release.

Jobseeker's Benefit Duration Prior to 19 January 2004 Jobseeker's 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 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, StatBank 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

Border	Cavan Donegal Leitrim Louth Monaghan Sligo
Midland	Laois 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

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, StatBank 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 Jobseeker’s Benefit or Jobseeker’s 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.

CSO StatBank 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, StatBank on the CSO website

<http://www.cso.ie/>

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- > Databases
- > StatBank (CSO Main Dissemination Service)
- > Labour Market and Earnings
- > Labour Force
- > Live Register

or click

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