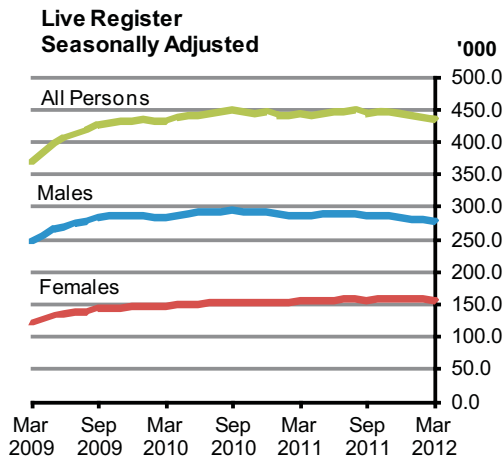




## Live Register March 2012



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted	Standardised Unemployment Rate (SUR)%
<b>March 2011</b>	441,193	443,100	14.2
<b>February 2012</b>	439,422	437,800	14.4
<b>March 2012</b>	434,054	434,800	14.3
			<b>Percentage Points</b>
<b>Change in month</b>	-	- 3,000	- 0.1
<b>Change in year</b>	- 7,139	-	+ 0.1

### Standardised unemployment rate at 14.3% in March

The standardised unemployment rate (SUR) in March 2012 was 14.3% down from 14.4% in February 2012. The latest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate from the Quarterly National Household Survey was 14.6% in the fourth quarter of 2011. *See table 3.*

On a seasonally adjusted basis there was a decrease of 3,000 (-0.7%) on the Live Register in the month to March 2012 bringing the seasonally adjusted total to 434,800. *See table 2a.*

In unadjusted terms there were 434,054 people signing on the Live Register in March 2012. This represents a decrease of 7,139 (-1.6%) over the year. *See table 1a.*

Other features include:

- ◆ On a seasonally adjusted basis the Live Register showed monthly decreases of 2,000 males and 900 females in March 2012. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The number of male claimants decreased by 9,982 (-3.4%) to 280,243 over the year, while female claimants increased by 2,843 (+1.9%) to 153,811. This compares with effectively no change for males and an increase of 6,063 (+4.2%) for females in the year to March 2011. *See table 1a.*

**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 fourth quarter of 2011 was 302,000.

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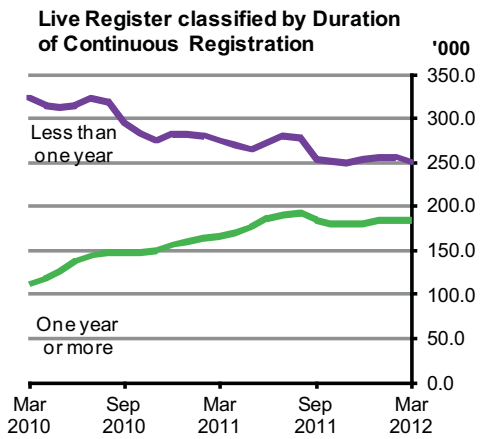
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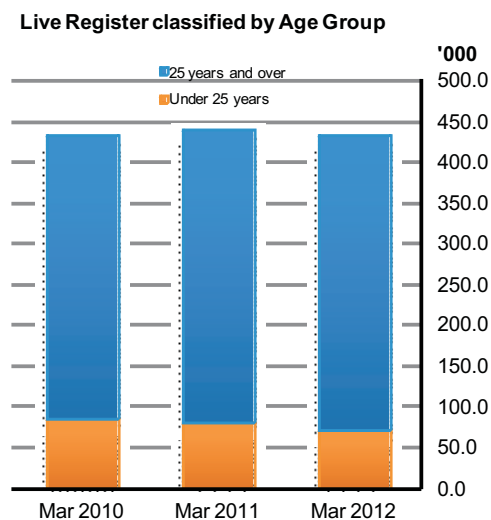
## Live Register duration of continuous registration

The number of long term claimants on the Live Register in March 2012 was 184,465. The number of male long term claimants increased by 10,235 (+8.3%) in the year to March 2012, while the comparable increase for females was 7,603 (+17.3%) giving an overall annual increase of 17,838 (+10.7%) in the number of long term claimants. *See table 7 and graph opposite.*

In March 57.5% (249,589) of all claimants on the Live Register were short term claimants. The comparable figure for March 2011 was 62.2% (274,556). The annual fall of 24,977 (-9.1%) in the number of short term claimants consisted of a decrease of 20,217 (-12.1%) in the number of male short term claimants and a decrease of 4,760 (-4.4%) in female short term claimants.

## Live Register casual and part-time workers

There were 88,716 casual and part-time workers on the Live Register in March, which represents 20.4% of the total Live Register. This compares with 19.5% one year earlier when there were 86,155 casual and part-time workers on the Live Register. In the year to March 2012 the number of casual and part-time workers increased by 2,561 (+3.0%), with the number of males increasing by 1,936 (+4.2%) and the number of females increasing by 625 (+1.5%). *See table 8.*



## Live Register age groups

In the year to March 2012 the number of persons aged 25 and over on the Live Register increased by 1,264 (+0.4%), while the number of persons aged under 25 fell by 8,403 (-10.3%). Annual decreases in persons aged under 25 have occurred in all months since July 2010, while annual increases in the number of persons aged over 25 have fallen over the same period. This has led to the percentage of persons aged under 25 on the Live Register dropping to 16.8% in March 2012 from 19.5% two years earlier. *See tables 1b and 1c and graph opposite.*

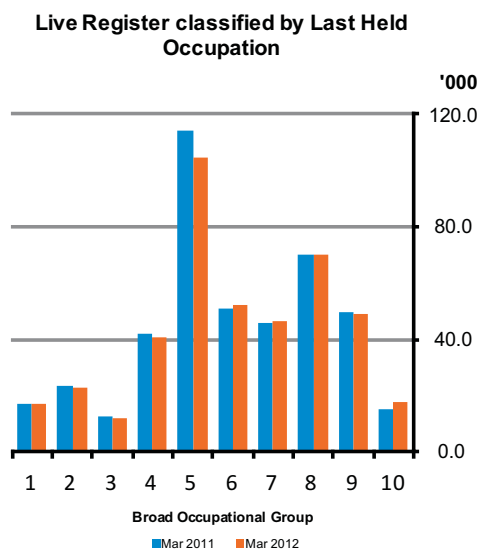
## Live Register new registrants

There were 37,234 new registrants on the Live Register in March 2012, consisting of 16,318 JB claims, 18,796 JA claims and 2,120 'Other Registrants'. Males accounted for 22,142 (59.5%) and females 15,092 (40.5%) of all new registrants. On average 4,428 male and 3,018 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.*

Data on Activation Programmes to the end of February 2012 is included in the Annex of this release. Numbers of people participating in Activation Programmes are excluded in the Live Register count.

## Live Register by other classifications

Bearing in mind the overall annual decrease of 1.6% in the number of people on the Live Register in March 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

- ◆ An annual increase of 3.4% brought the total number of Jobseeker's Allowance (JA) claimants to 302,854 in March 2012, while Jobseeker's Benefit (JB) claimants decreased to 98,972 (-17.6%) over the same period. As a result JA claimants account for 69.8% of all persons on the Live Register in March 2012 compared with 66.4% a year earlier. *See table 1a.*
- ◆ Across the eight NUTS 3 regions relatively small changes were recorded in the year to March 2012. Annual decreases occurred in all regions with the largest percentage decrease in the West region (-3.8%), followed by the Mid-West region (3.2%). *See table 5.*
- ◆ *Craft and related* (24.2%) remained the largest occupational group on the Live Register in March, despite the fact that the number in the group fell over the year by 9,481 (-8.3%) to 104,946. The second largest annual percentage decrease was in the *Associate professional and technical* group (-4.4%). In the year to March 2012 three occupational groups showed Live Register increases. The largest percentage increases were in the *Sales* group (+2.1%) and the *Personal and protective service* group (+1.8%)<sup>1</sup>. *See table 6 and graph opposite.*
- ◆ In March Irish nationals accounted for 82.0% (355,974) of the number of persons on the Live Register, which was similar to the proportion recorded one year earlier (82.2%). *See table 9*

<sup>1</sup> 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	March 2011	February 2012	March 2012	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
JB Claims	67,100	55,317	53,266	- 2,051	- 13,834
JA Applications	212,973	216,743	215,295	- 1,448	+ 2,322
Other Registrants	10,152	11,390	11,682	+ 292	+ 1,530
<b>Total</b>	<b>290,225</b>	<b>283,450</b>	<b>280,243</b>	<b>- 3,207</b>	<b>- 9,982</b>
<b>Females</b>					
JB Claims	52,967	47,937	45,706	- 2,231	- 7,261
JA Applications	79,903	87,940	87,559	- 381	+ 7,656
Other Registrants	18,098	20,095	20,546	+ 451	+ 2,448
<b>Total</b>	<b>150,968</b>	<b>155,972</b>	<b>153,811</b>	<b>- 2,161</b>	<b>+ 2,843</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
JB Claims	120,067	103,254	98,972	- 4,282	- 21,095
JA Applications	292,876	304,683	302,854	- 1,829	+ 9,978
Other Registrants	28,250	31,485	32,228	+ 743	+ 3,978
<b>Total</b>	<b>441,193</b>	<b>439,422</b>	<b>434,054</b>	<b>- 5,368</b>	<b>- 7,139</b>

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

Category	March 2011	February 2012	March 2012	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
JB Claims	6,496	4,399	4,224	- 175	- 2,272
JA Applications	44,864	41,702	40,851	- 851	- 4,013
Other Registrants	154	110	112	+ 2	- 42
<b>Total</b>	<b>51,514</b>	<b>46,211</b>	<b>45,187</b>	<b>- 1,024</b>	<b>- 6,327</b>
<b>Females</b>					
JB Claims	5,275	4,051	3,715	- 336	- 1,560
JA Applications	24,317	24,436	23,818	- 618	- 499
Other Registrants	250	238	233	- 5	- 17
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,842</b>	<b>28,725</b>	<b>27,766</b>	<b>- 959</b>	<b>- 2,076</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
JB Claims	11,771	8,450	7,939	- 511	- 3,832
JA Applications	69,181	66,138	64,669	- 1,469	- 4,512
Other Registrants	404	348	345	- 3	- 59
<b>Total</b>	<b>81,356</b>	<b>74,936</b>	<b>72,953</b>	<b>- 1,983</b>	<b>- 8,403</b>

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

Category	March 2011	February 2012	March 2012	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
JB Claims	60,604	50,918	49,042	- 1,876	- 11,562
JA Applications	168,109	175,041	174,444	- 597	+ 6,335
Other Registrants	9,998	11,280	11,570	+ 290	+ 1,572
<b>Total</b>	<b>238,711</b>	<b>237,239</b>	<b>235,056</b>	<b>- 2,183</b>	<b>- 3,655</b>
<b>Females</b>					
JB Claims	47,692	43,886	41,991	- 1,895	- 5,701
JA Applications	55,586	63,504	63,741	+ 237	+ 8,155
Other Registrants	17,848	19,857	20,313	+ 456	+ 2,465
<b>Total</b>	<b>121,126</b>	<b>127,247</b>	<b>126,045</b>	<b>- 1,202</b>	<b>+ 4,919</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
JB Claims	108,296	94,804	91,033	- 3,771	- 17,263
JA Applications	223,695	238,545	238,185	- 360	+ 14,490
Other Registrants	27,846	31,137	31,883	+ 746	+ 4,037
<b>Total</b>	<b>359,837</b>	<b>364,486</b>	<b>361,101</b>	<b>- 3,385</b>	<b>+ 1,264</b>

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

	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series <sup>1</sup>		
		Males	Females	All Persons	Males	Females	All Persons
2010	March	290,200	144,900	435,100	285,100	146,900	432,000
	April	287,800	144,800	432,700	287,900	149,200	437,100
	May	290,400	147,500	437,900	290,800	150,400	441,200
	June	297,100	155,800	452,900	291,300	150,600	441,900
	July	300,500	166,400	466,800	293,000	152,000	445,100
	August	300,000	167,000	466,900	293,700	153,500	447,200
	September	289,800	152,600	442,400	295,600	153,900	449,600
	October	281,600	148,000	429,600	293,200	153,300	446,500
	November	280,200	144,800	425,000	291,100	152,200	443,200
	December	288,800	148,300	437,100	292,600	153,200	445,700
2011	January	292,000	150,700	442,700	288,500	153,500	442,100
	February	291,800	152,500	444,300	287,300	154,200	441,500
	March	290,200	151,000	441,200	287,900	155,200	443,100
	April	286,700	152,800	439,600	286,700	155,400	442,000
	May	288,300	152,700	440,900	288,600	155,800	444,400
	June	296,100	161,800	457,900	290,100	156,900	446,900
	July	297,800	172,500	470,300	289,900	157,900	447,800
	August	296,900	172,900	469,700	289,700	159,000	448,700
	September	282,000	155,500	437,400	287,200	156,900	444,200
	October	277,600	152,800	430,400	287,800	158,100	446,000
	November	276,500	153,000	429,600	286,300	160,000	446,400
	December	279,700	155,100	434,800	283,100	159,600	442,700
2012	January	283,900	155,700	439,600	281,200	158,600	439,800
	February	283,500	156,000	439,400	280,000	157,800	437,800
	March	280,200	153,800	434,100	278,000	156,900	434,800

<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>			
		Males	Females	All Persons	Males	Females	All Persons	
2010	March	54,900	30,100	85,000	54,400	31,200	85,600	
	April	53,400	29,600	83,000	54,400	31,700	86,100	
	May	54,400	31,200	85,600	55,100	31,900	87,000	
	June	57,500	34,100	91,600	55,200	31,700	86,900	
	July	58,600	36,000	94,600	55,300	31,700	87,100	
	August	58,300	36,300	94,600	55,200	31,900	87,100	
	September	55,200	33,500	88,700	55,500	32,700	88,200	
	October	52,000	30,900	82,900	54,500	31,900	86,400	
	November	51,000	29,500	80,500	53,700	31,700	85,400	
	December	52,100	29,200	81,300	53,600	31,500	85,100	
	2011	January	52,200	30,000	82,200	52,500	31,300	83,800
		February	51,900	30,200	82,100	51,700	31,100	82,900
March		51,500	29,800	81,400	51,500	31,300	82,800	
April		49,900	29,500	79,400	51,200	31,200	82,400	
May		50,400	30,500	81,000	51,100	31,200	82,300	
June		53,300	33,700	87,000	51,100	31,300	82,400	
July		53,900	35,400	89,300	50,700	31,300	82,000	
August		53,300	35,500	88,800	50,300	31,200	81,500	
September		49,200	31,700	80,900	49,400	30,900	80,300	
October		47,400	30,300	77,700	49,400	31,200	80,600	
November		46,200	29,400	75,600	48,500	31,400	79,800	
December		45,900	28,500	74,300	47,200	30,700	77,800	
2012	January	46,500	28,800	75,300	46,800	30,100	76,900	
	February	46,200	28,700	74,900	46,200	29,700	75,900	
	March	45,200	27,800	73,000	45,400	29,000	74,400	

<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>			
		Males	Females	All Persons	Males	Females	All Persons	
2010	March	235,300	114,800	350,100	230,600	115,700	346,400	
	April	234,400	115,200	349,700	233,500	117,500	351,000	
	May	235,900	116,400	352,300	235,700	118,500	354,200	
	June	239,500	121,700	361,200	236,000	118,900	355,000	
	July	241,800	130,400	372,200	237,700	120,300	358,000	
	August	241,700	130,700	372,400	238,500	121,600	360,000	
	September	234,600	119,100	353,800	240,100	121,300	361,400	
	October	229,600	117,100	346,600	238,700	121,400	360,100	
	November	229,200	115,300	344,500	237,400	120,500	357,900	
	December	236,700	119,100	355,800	239,000	121,700	360,700	
	2011	January	239,800	120,700	360,400	236,000	122,200	358,300
		February	240,000	122,300	362,200	235,600	123,000	358,600
March		238,700	121,100	359,800	236,400	123,800	360,200	
April		236,800	123,400	360,200	235,500	124,100	359,600	
May		237,900	122,100	360,000	237,500	124,500	362,100	
June		242,800	128,100	370,900	239,000	125,500	364,500	
July		243,800	137,100	381,000	239,200	126,600	365,800	
August		243,600	137,400	380,900	239,500	127,800	367,200	
September		232,800	123,700	356,600	237,800	126,000	363,800	
October		230,200	122,500	352,700	238,400	127,000	365,400	
November		230,300	123,700	354,000	237,900	128,700	366,500	
December		233,800	126,600	360,400	235,900	129,000	364,900	
2012	January	237,400	126,900	364,200	234,400	128,500	362,800	
	February	237,200	127,200	364,500	233,700	128,100	361,900	
	March	235,100	126,000	361,100	232,600	127,800	360,400	

<sup>1</sup> Table contains revised figures.

**Table 3 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates (SUR)<sup>1</sup>**

Month	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
	%	%	%	%	%	%
January	4.4	4.8	9.3	12.9	14.2	14.4
February <sup>2</sup>	4.4	4.8	10.1	12.8	14.1	14.4
March	4.4	5.2	10.8	13.0	14.2	14.3
April	4.5	5.3	11.3	13.3	14.2	
May <sup>2</sup>	4.6	5.6	11.9	13.6	14.3	
June	4.6	5.9	12.1	13.6	14.4	
July	4.5	6.4	12.3	13.6	14.5	
August <sup>2</sup>	4.5	6.8	12.5	13.7	14.6	
September	4.6	7.1	12.7	14.0	14.5	
October	4.6	7.6	12.8	14.2	14.6	
November <sup>2</sup>	4.8	8.1	12.8	14.4	14.6 <sup>3</sup>	
December	4.7	8.6	12.8	14.4	14.5	
Annual average	4.5	6.4	11.8	13.6	14.4	

<sup>1</sup> Table contains revised figures. See Background Notes.

<sup>2</sup> Benchmark Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) calendar quarter estimates.

<sup>3</sup> The latest QNHS estimate of the unemployment rate (adjusted for seasonality) is: October -December 2011, 14.6%.

**Table 4 Summary of flows<sup>1</sup> 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
<b>JB Claims</b>										
2011	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
2012	January	4	55,964	11,669	9,597	+ 518	48,369	10,242	10,644	- 101
	February	4	55,317	8,814	9,461	- 162	47,937	8,136	8,568	- 108
	March	5	53,266	9,215	11,266	- 410	45,706	7,103	9,334	- 446
<b>JA Applications</b>										
2011	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
2012	January	4	216,706	11,651	9,762	+ 472	87,494	6,424	5,566	+ 215
	February	4	216,743	11,044	11,007	+ 9	87,940	6,345	5,899	+ 112
	March	5	215,295	12,102	13,550	- 290	87,559	6,694	7,075	- 76
<b>Other Registrants</b>										
2011	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
2012	January	4	11,223	734	525	+ 52	19,833	1,309	1,130	+ 45
	February	4	11,390	595	428	+ 42	20,095	1,168	906	+ 66
	March	5	11,682	825	533	+ 58	20,546	1,295	844	+ 90

<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>	March 2011	February 2012	March 2012	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
<b>Males</b>							
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>88,909</b>	<b>86,259</b>	<b>84,894</b>	<b>- 1,365</b>	<b>- 4,015</b>	<b>14,036</b>	<b>70,858</b>
Border	40,768	39,598	39,067	- 531	- 1,701	6,664	32,403
Midland	21,831	21,573	21,220	- 353	- 611	3,473	17,747
West	26,310	25,088	24,607	- 481	- 1,703	3,899	20,708
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>201,316</b>	<b>197,191</b>	<b>195,349</b>	<b>- 1,842</b>	<b>- 5,967</b>	<b>31,151</b>	<b>164,198</b>
Dublin	70,010	69,078	68,805	- 273	- 1,205	11,364	57,441
Mid-East	27,722	27,210	27,006	- 204	- 716	4,176	22,830
Mid-West	25,291	24,338	23,915	- 423	- 1,376	3,801	20,114
South-East	37,804	37,397	36,966	- 431	- 838	6,242	30,724
South-West	40,489	39,168	38,657	- 511	- 1,832	5,568	33,089
<b>Total</b>	<b>290,225</b>	<b>283,450</b>	<b>280,243</b>	<b>- 3,207</b>	<b>- 9,982</b>	<b>45,187</b>	<b>235,056</b>
<b>Females</b>							
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>47,140</b>	<b>49,084</b>	<b>48,412</b>	<b>- 672</b>	<b>+ 1,272</b>	<b>9,007</b>	<b>39,405</b>
Border	21,367	22,274	21,954	- 320	+ 587	4,081	17,873
Midland	11,311	11,894	11,856	- 38	+ 545	2,445	9,411
West	14,462	14,916	14,602	- 314	+ 140	2,481	12,121
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>103,828</b>	<b>106,888</b>	<b>105,399</b>	<b>- 1,489</b>	<b>+ 1,571</b>	<b>18,759</b>	<b>86,640</b>
Dublin	34,648	35,429	35,035	- 394	+ 387	6,442	28,593
Mid-East	14,862	15,189	15,082	- 107	+ 220	2,506	12,576
Mid-West	13,527	14,064	13,662	- 402	+ 135	2,471	11,191
South-East	19,381	20,197	20,085	- 112	+ 704	3,867	16,218
South-West	21,410	22,009	21,535	- 474	+ 125	3,473	18,062
<b>Total</b>	<b>150,968</b>	<b>155,972</b>	<b>153,811</b>	<b>- 2,161</b>	<b>+ 2,843</b>	<b>27,766</b>	<b>126,045</b>
<b>All Persons</b>							
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>136,049</b>	<b>135,343</b>	<b>133,306</b>	<b>- 2,037</b>	<b>- 2,743</b>	<b>23,043</b>	<b>110,263</b>
Border	62,135	61,872	61,021	- 851	- 1,114	10,745	50,276
Midland	33,142	33,467	33,076	- 391	- 66	5,918	27,158
West	40,772	40,004	39,209	- 795	- 1,563	6,380	32,829
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>305,144</b>	<b>304,079</b>	<b>300,748</b>	<b>- 3,331</b>	<b>- 4,396</b>	<b>49,910</b>	<b>250,838</b>
Dublin	104,658	104,507	103,840	- 667	- 818	17,806	86,034
Mid-East	42,584	42,399	42,088	- 311	- 496	6,682	35,406
Mid-West	38,818	38,402	37,577	- 825	- 1,241	6,272	31,305
South-East	57,185	57,594	57,051	- 543	- 134	10,109	46,942
South-West	61,899	61,177	60,192	- 985	- 1,707	9,041	51,151
<b>Total</b>	<b>441,193</b>	<b>439,422</b>	<b>434,054</b>	<b>- 5,368</b>	<b>- 7,139</b>	<b>72,953</b>	<b>361,101</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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	March 2011	February 2012	March 2012	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
<b>Males</b>							
Managers and administrators	10,128	10,118	10,118	0	- 10	405	9,713
Professional	11,735	11,443	11,128	- 315	- 607	892	10,236
Associate professional and technical	7,510	7,049	6,975	- 74	- 535	851	6,124
Clerical and secretarial	11,435	11,513	11,332	- 181	- 103	1,694	9,638
Craft and related	107,185	98,687	97,455	- 1,232	- 9,730	11,951	85,504
Personal and protective service	18,724	19,069	18,868	- 201	+ 144	3,060	15,808
Sales	17,141	18,064	17,987	- 77	+ 846	5,706	12,281
Plant and machine operatives	55,623	55,705	55,085	- 620	- 538	7,402	47,683
Other occupation	40,811	40,259	39,764	- 495	- 1,047	7,903	31,861
No occupation <sup>1</sup>	9,933	11,543	11,531	- 12	+ 1,598	5,323	6,208
<b>Total</b>	<b>290,225</b>	<b>283,450</b>	<b>280,243</b>	<b>- 3,207</b>	<b>- 9,982</b>	<b>45,187</b>	<b>235,056</b>
<b>Females</b>							
Managers and administrators	6,924	6,793	6,718	- 75	- 206	228	6,490
Professional	11,520	12,252	11,929	- 323	+ 409	833	11,096
Associate professional and technical	5,267	5,198	5,235	+ 37	- 32	491	4,744
Clerical and secretarial	30,318	30,442	29,645	- 797	- 673	2,170	27,475
Craft and related	7,242	7,547	7,491	- 56	+ 249	1,113	6,378
Personal and protective service	32,301	33,653	33,063	- 590	+ 762	6,862	26,201
Sales	28,497	28,908	28,623	- 285	+ 126	7,546	21,077
Plant and machine operatives	14,793	15,330	15,355	+ 25	+ 562	2,541	12,814
Other occupation	8,749	9,439	9,340	- 99	+ 591	2,803	6,537
No occupation <sup>1</sup>	5,357	6,410	6,412	+ 2	+ 1,055	3,179	3,233
<b>Total</b>	<b>150,968</b>	<b>155,972</b>	<b>153,811</b>	<b>- 2,161</b>	<b>+ 2,843</b>	<b>27,766</b>	<b>126,045</b>
<b>All Persons</b>							
Managers and administrators	17,052	16,911	16,836	- 75	- 216	633	16,203
Professional	23,255	23,695	23,057	- 638	- 198	1,725	21,332
Associate professional and technical	12,777	12,247	12,210	- 37	- 567	1,342	10,868
Clerical and secretarial	41,753	41,955	40,977	- 978	- 776	3,864	37,113
Craft and related	114,427	106,234	104,946	- 1,288	- 9,481	13,064	91,882
Personal and protective service	51,025	52,722	51,931	- 791	+ 906	9,922	42,009
Sales	45,638	46,972	46,610	- 362	+ 972	13,252	33,358
Plant and machine operatives	70,416	71,035	70,440	- 595	+ 24	9,943	60,497
Other occupation	49,560	49,698	49,104	- 594	- 456	10,706	38,398
No occupation <sup>1</sup>	15,290	17,953	17,943	- 10	+ 2,653	8,502	9,441
<b>Total</b>	<b>441,193</b>	<b>439,422</b>	<b>434,054</b>	<b>- 5,368</b>	<b>- 7,139</b>	<b>72,953</b>	<b>361,101</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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	March 2011	February 2012	March 2012	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
<b>Males</b>							
Less than one year	167,470	150,247	147,253	- 2,994	- 20,217	27,450	119,803
One year or more	122,755	133,203	132,990	- 213	+ 10,235	17,737	115,253
<b>Total</b>	<b>290,225</b>	<b>283,450</b>	<b>280,243</b>	<b>- 3,207</b>	<b>- 9,982</b>	<b>45,187</b>	<b>235,056</b>
<b>Females</b>							
Less than one year	107,096	104,620	102,336	- 2,284	- 4,760	19,300	83,036
One year or more	43,872	51,352	51,475	+ 123	+ 7,603	8,466	43,009
<b>Total</b>	<b>150,968</b>	<b>155,972</b>	<b>153,811</b>	<b>- 2,161</b>	<b>+ 2,843</b>	<b>27,766</b>	<b>126,045</b>
<b>All Persons</b>							
Less than one year	274,566	254,867	249,589	- 5,278	- 24,977	46,750	202,839
One year or more	166,627	184,555	184,465	- 90	+ 17,838	26,203	158,262
<b>Total</b>	<b>441,193</b>	<b>439,422</b>	<b>434,054</b>	<b>- 5,368</b>	<b>- 7,139</b>	<b>72,953</b>	<b>361,101</b>

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

		Males	Monthly change	Females	Monthly change	All Persons	Monthly change	
2010	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	
2012	January	46,256	+ 212	40,773	+ 2	87,029	+ 214	
	February	47,038	+ 782	41,176	+ 403	88,214	+ 1,185	
	March	47,539	+ 501	41,177	+ 1	88,716	+ 502	

**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	
2010	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	
2012	January	17,827	3,648	42,831	13,845	78,151	361,438	439,589	
	February	17,783	3,685	43,341	13,946	78,755	360,667	439,422	
	March	17,521	3,608	43,025	13,926	78,080	355,974	434,054	

## Annex - Activation Programmes

The table below contains the end of February data from 2008 to 2012 on the number of people availing of a range of programmes targeted primarily at the long-term unemployed (over 12 months) and other welfare recipients, including Lone Parents.

There were 71,393 people availing of these programmes in February 2012, which is an increase of 9,047 (+14.5%) from the previous year. In February 2008 there were 43,232 people in activation programmes. Between February 2008 and February 2012 the number of persons on activation programs rose by 28,161 (+65.1%).

Persons on activation programmes are not counted as part of the monthly Live Register.

### Live Register Activation Programmes

	February 2008	February 2009	February 2010	February 2011	February 2012
<b>Back to Work Schemes</b>					
Back to Work allowance scheme - Employee strand <sup>1</sup>	N/A	N/A	1,769	715	137
Back to Work Enterprise allowance scheme -self employed strand	N/A	N/A	4,909	8,436	10,843
Short-term Enterprise Allowance <sup>2</sup>	0	0	1,314	1,200	1,165
<b>Total Back to Work payments</b>	<b>8,950</b>	<b>7,613</b>	<b>7,992</b>	<b>10,351</b>	<b>12,145</b>
<b>Other Activation Programmes</b>					
DSP Part-time Job Incentive	210	210	173	161	190
TUS - Community Work Placement Initiative (2011)	0	0	0	0	2,814
JobBridge (2011)	0	0	0	0	3,850
<b>Total Other Activation Programmes</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>6,854</b>
<b>FAS Community Employment Schemes (excluding Supervisors)</b>					
	<b>21,239</b>	<b>21,071</b>	<b>21,675</b>	<b>21,867</b>	<b>21,970</b>
<b>Back to Education Courses</b>					
Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme (VTOS) <sup>3</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Back to Education Allowance (BTEA) <sup>4</sup>	7,833	11,642	21,091	24,967	25,424
<b>Total Back to Education Courses</b>	<b>12,833</b>	<b>16,642</b>	<b>26,091</b>	<b>29,967</b>	<b>30,424</b>
<b>Total Activation Programmes</b>	<b>43,232</b>	<b>45,536</b>	<b>55,931</b>	<b>62,346</b>	<b>71,393</b>

<sup>1</sup> This scheme was closed to new applications from 1st May 2009.

<sup>2</sup> This scheme was introduced from 1st May 2009. It provides immediate support for someone in receipt of Jobseekers Benefit who wants to start a business.

<sup>3</sup> VTOS figures are estimated at 5,000 each year.

<sup>4</sup> BTEA figures include all schemes but participants from JA & JB are not entitled to BTEA during the summer holidays.

## 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:  
 March 2012 – 25<sup>th</sup> February to 30<sup>th</sup> March 2012  
 March 2011 – 26<sup>th</sup> February to 25<sup>th</sup> March 2011

**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 Q4 2011 (adjusted for seasonality) are:

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	%	%	%	%
2006	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.3
2007	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.8
2008	4.8	5.6	6.9	8.0
2009	10.1	11.9	12.5	12.8
2010	12.8	13.6	13.7	14.4
2011	14.1	14.3	14.6	14.6

**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).

All Live Register series are updated monthly with the latest three years of seasonally adjusted data as part of the concurrent approach. The comprehensive annual review contains revisions to the entire series. Revisions to the series are typically very minor in scale.

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/>

Go to:

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

or click

<http://cso.ie/shorturl.aspx/39>

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