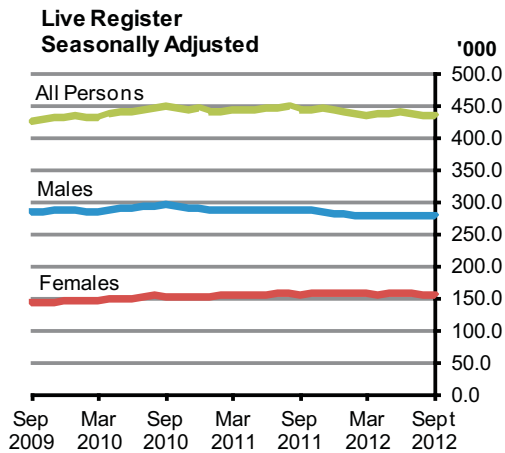




Live Register September 2012



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted	Standardised Unemployment Rate (SUR)%
September 2011	437,441	443,600	14.4
August 2012	456,256	435,600	14.8
September 2012	429,335	435,200	14.8
			Percentage Points
Change in month	-	- 400	0.0
Change in year	- 8,106	-	+0.4

Seasonally adjusted Live Register shows slight decrease in September

On a seasonally adjusted basis the Live Register total recorded a monthly decrease of 400 in September 2012, bringing the seasonally adjusted total to 435,200. *See table 2a.*

The standardised unemployment rate (SUR) in September 2012 was 14.8%, unchanged from the latest August 2012 rate. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate from the most recent Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) was 14.8% in the second quarter of 2012. *See table 3.*

In unadjusted terms there were 429,335 people signing on the Live Register in September 2012. This represents an annual decrease of 8,106 (-1.9%). The trend in the overall Live Register continues to be one of movement within a small range. *See table 1a.*

Other features include:

- ◆ On a seasonally adjusted basis the Live Register showed a monthly decrease of 100 males in September 2012, while females decreased by 300 over the same period. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The number of male claimants decreased by 8,199 (-2.9%) to 273,789 over the year and female claimants increased by 93 (+0.1%) to 155,546. This compares with a decrease of 7,810 (-2.7%) to 281,988 for males and an increase of 2,834 (+1.9%) to 155,453 for females in the year to September 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 second quarter of 2012 was 308,500.

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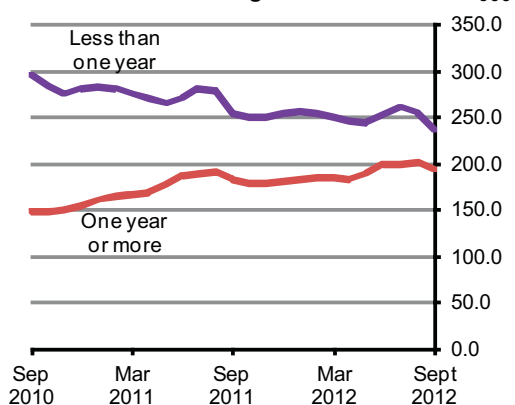
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Live Register classified by Duration of Continuous Registration



Live Register duration of continuous registration

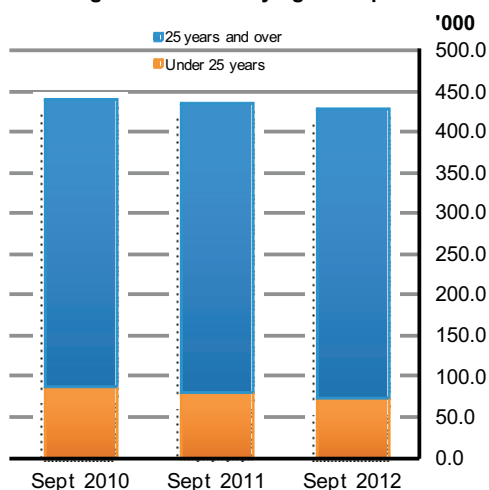
The number of long term claimants on the Live Register in September 2012 was 192,778. The number of male long term claimants increased by 3,354 (+2.5%) in the year to September 2012, while the comparable increase for females was 6,025 (+11.9%) giving an overall annual increase of 9,379 (+5.1%) in the number of long term claimants. *See table 7 and graph opposite.*

In September 55.1% (236,557) of all claimants on the Live Register were short term claimants. The comparable figure for September 2011 was 58.1% (254,042). The annual fall of 17,485 (-6.9%) in the number of short term claimants consisted of a decrease of 11,553 (-7.7%) in the number of male short term claimants and a decrease of 5,932 (-5.7%) in female short term claimants.

Live Register casual and part-time workers

There were 85,090 casual and part-time workers on the Live Register in September, which represents 19.8% of the total Live Register. This compares with 19.2% one year earlier when there were 84,017 casual and part-time workers on the Live Register. In the year to September 2012 the number of casual and part-time workers increased by 1,073 (+1.3%), with the number of males increasing by 1,912 (+4.3%) and the number of females decreasing by 839 (-2.1%). *See table 8.*

Live Register classified by Age Group



Live Register age groups

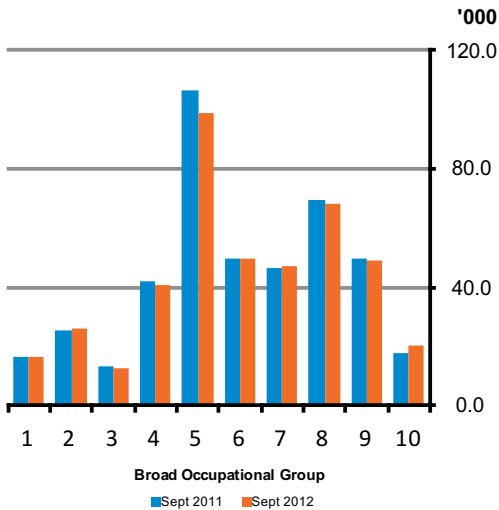
In the year to September 2012 the number of persons aged 25 and over on the Live Register decreased by 934 (-0.3%), and the number of persons aged under 25 decreased by 7,172 (-8.9%). Annual decreases in persons aged under 25 have occurred in all months since July 2010. The percentage of persons aged under 25 on the Live Register now stands at 17.2% for September 2012, down from 18.5% in September 2011 and 20.0% in September 2010. *See tables 1b and 1c and graph opposite.*

Live Register new registrants

There were 32,719 new registrants on the Live Register in September 2012, consisting of 11,978 JB claims, 19,272 JA claims and 1,469 'Other Registrants'. Males accounted for 56.6% (18,517) and females 43.4% (14,202) of all new registrants. On average 4,629 male and 3,551 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 for August 2012 is included in the Annex of this release. Persons participating in Activation Programmes are not included in the Live Register count.

Live Register classified by Last Held Occupation



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

Live Register by other classifications

Bearing in mind the overall annual decrease of 1.9% in the number of people on the Live Register in September the main other points which can be noted include:

- ◆ An annual increase of 1.8% brought the total number of Jobseeker's Allowance (JA) claimants to 312,211 in September 2012, while Jobseeker's Benefit (JB) claimants decreased to 83,663 (-17.1%) over the same period. As a result JA claimants account for 72.7% of all persons on the Live Register in September 2012 compared with 70.1% a year earlier. *See table 1a.*
- ◆ Annual decreases occurred in seven of the eight NUTS 3 regions with the largest percentage decrease in the Mid East region (-3.6%). The only percentage increase occurred in the Midland region (+1.2%). *See table 5.*
- ◆ *Craft and related* (23.1%) remained the largest occupational group on the Live Register in September, despite the fact that the number in the group fell over the year by 7,541 (-7.1%) to 99,042. The second largest annual percentage decrease was in the *Clerical and secretarial* group (-3.1%) followed by *Associate professional and technical* group (-2.5%). *See table 6 and graph opposite.*
- ◆ In September Irish nationals accounted for 82.7% (355,016) of the number of persons on the Live Register. Of the 74,319 non-Irish nationals, the largest constituent group on the Live Register was nationals from the EU15 to EU27 States (39,335), followed by the UK (17,135). *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	September 2011	August 2012	September 2012	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	53,552	47,230	44,251	- 2,979	- 9,301
JA Applications	217,752	227,251	217,633	- 9,618	- 119
Other Registrants	10,684	12,144	11,905	- 239	+ 1,221
Total	281,988	286,625	273,789	- 12,836	- 8,199
Females					
JB Claims	47,333	46,824	39,412	- 7,412	- 7,921
JA Applications	88,805	100,535	94,578	- 5,957	+ 5,773
Other Registrants	19,315	22,272	21,556	- 716	+ 2,241
Total	155,453	169,631	155,546	- 14,085	+ 93
All Persons					
JB Claims	100,885	94,054	83,663	- 10,391	- 17,222
JA Applications	306,557	327,786	312,211	- 15,575	+ 5,654
Other Registrants	29,999	34,416	33,461	- 955	+ 3,462
Total	437,441	456,256	429,335	- 26,921	- 8,106

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

Category	September 2011	August 2012	September 2012	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	4,839	3,768	3,448	- 320	- 1,391
JA Applications	44,195	43,964	40,844	- 3,120	- 3,351
Other Registrants	122	123	117	- 6	- 5
Total	49,156	47,855	44,409	- 3,446	- 4,747
Females					
JB Claims	4,585	3,681	3,135	- 546	- 1,450
JA Applications	26,869	28,551	25,907	- 2,644	- 962
Other Registrants	260	264	247	- 17	- 13
Total	31,714	32,496	29,289	- 3,207	- 2,425
All Persons					
JB Claims	9,424	7,449	6,583	- 866	- 2,841
JA Applications	71,064	72,515	66,751	- 5,764	- 4,313
Other Registrants	382	387	364	- 23	- 18
Total	80,870	80,351	73,698	- 6,653	- 7,172

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

Category	September 2011	August 2012	September 2012	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	48,713	43,462	40,803	- 2,659	- 7,910
JA Applications	173,557	183,287	176,789	- 6,498	+ 3,232
Other Registrants	10,562	12,021	11,788	- 233	+ 1,226
Total	232,832	238,770	229,380	- 9,390	- 3,452
Females					
JB Claims	42,748	43,143	36,277	- 6,866	- 6,471
JA Applications	61,936	71,984	68,671	- 3,313	+ 6,735
Other Registrants	19,055	22,008	21,309	- 699	+ 2,254
Total	123,739	137,135	126,257	- 10,878	+ 2,518
All Persons					
JB Claims	91,461	86,605	77,080	- 9,525	- 14,381
JA Applications	235,493	255,271	245,460	- 9,811	+ 9,967
Other Registrants	29,617	34,029	33,097	- 932	+ 3,480
Total	356,571	375,905	355,637	- 20,268	- 934

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
2010	September	289,800	152,600	442,400	295,800	153,500	449,300
	October	281,600	148,000	429,600	293,000	153,000	446,000
	November	280,200	144,800	425,000	290,900	152,000	442,900
	December	288,800	148,300	437,100	292,400	153,100	445,500
2011	January	292,000	150,700	442,700	288,800	153,500	442,200
	February	291,800	152,500	444,300	287,800	154,300	442,100
	March	290,200	151,000	441,200	288,800	155,500	444,300
	April	286,700	152,800	439,600	287,000	155,700	442,700
	May	288,300	152,700	440,900	288,700	156,000	444,700
	June	296,100	161,800	457,900	289,500	156,300	445,800
	July	297,800	172,500	470,300	289,300	157,700	447,000
	August	296,900	172,900	469,700	289,100	160,100	449,200
	September	282,000	155,500	437,400	287,200	156,500	443,600
	October	277,600	152,800	430,400	287,600	157,700	445,300
	November	276,500	153,000	429,600	286,200	159,800	445,900
	December	279,700	155,100	434,800	283,100	159,500	442,500
2012	January	283,900	155,700	439,600	281,500	158,500	440,000
	February	283,500	156,000	439,400	280,600	158,000	438,600
	March	280,200	153,800	434,100	279,100	157,300	436,400
	April	277,400	152,600	430,000	279,500	157,100	436,600
	May	278,800	154,100	432,900	279,400	157,600	437,000
	June	286,700	165,300	452,000	279,900	159,700	439,600
	July	287,800	172,500	460,300	279,100	157,800	437,000
	August	286,600	169,600	456,300	278,500	157,100	435,600
	September	273,800	155,500	429,300	278,400	156,800	435,200

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
2010	September	55,200	33,500	88,700	55,400	32,300	87,700
	October	52,000	30,900	82,900	54,400	31,800	86,300
	November	51,000	29,500	80,500	53,700	31,600	85,300
	December	52,100	29,200	81,300	53,600	31,500	85,100
2011	January	52,200	30,000	82,200	52,600	31,300	83,900
	February	51,900	30,200	82,100	51,900	31,300	83,200
	March	51,500	29,800	81,400	51,800	31,600	83,400
	April	49,900	29,500	79,400	51,500	31,400	82,800
	May	50,400	30,500	81,000	51,200	31,500	82,700
	June	53,300	33,700	87,000	50,900	31,200	82,100
	July	53,900	35,400	89,300	50,500	31,200	81,800
	August	53,300	35,500	88,800	50,000	31,200	81,200
	September	49,200	31,700	80,900	49,200	30,600	79,800
	October	47,400	30,300	77,700	49,300	31,100	80,400
	November	46,200	29,400	75,600	48,400	31,300	79,700
	December	45,900	28,500	74,300	47,200	30,700	77,900
2012	January	46,500	28,800	75,300	46,900	30,200	77,100
	February	46,200	28,700	74,900	46,400	29,800	76,300
	March	45,200	27,800	73,000	45,700	29,300	75,000
	April	43,900	27,000	70,900	45,400	29,100	74,600
	May	44,500	28,200	72,600	45,200	29,100	74,300
	June	47,600	31,500	79,100	45,300	29,100	74,400
	July	48,100	32,600	80,700	44,900	28,800	73,700
	August	47,900	32,500	80,400	44,700	28,500	73,200
	September	44,400	29,300	73,700	44,400	28,300	72,600

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
2010	September	234,600	119,100	353,800	240,500	121,200	361,700
	October	229,600	117,100	346,600	238,500	121,200	359,700
	November	229,200	115,300	344,500	237,200	120,400	357,600
	December	236,700	119,100	355,800	238,800	121,600	360,400
2011	January	239,800	120,700	360,400	236,200	122,100	358,300
	February	240,000	122,300	362,200	235,900	123,000	358,900
	March	238,700	121,100	359,800	237,000	123,900	360,900
	April	236,800	123,400	360,200	235,500	124,400	359,900
	May	237,900	122,100	360,000	237,600	124,500	362,000
	June	242,800	128,100	370,900	238,600	125,100	363,700
	July	243,800	137,100	381,000	238,800	126,400	365,200
	August	243,600	137,400	380,900	239,100	128,900	368,000
	September	232,800	123,700	356,600	238,000	125,900	363,900
	October	230,200	122,500	352,700	238,300	126,600	364,900
	November	230,300	123,700	354,000	237,700	128,500	366,200
	December	233,800	126,600	360,400	235,800	128,800	364,600
2012	January	237,400	126,900	364,200	234,600	128,300	362,900
	February	237,200	127,200	364,500	234,100	128,100	362,300
	March	235,100	126,000	361,100	233,400	128,000	361,300
	April	233,500	125,600	359,100	234,100	128,000	362,000
	May	234,300	126,000	360,300	234,200	128,600	362,700
	June	239,100	133,800	372,900	234,600	130,600	365,200
	July	239,700	139,900	379,600	234,200	129,000	363,300
	August	238,800	137,100	375,900	233,800	128,600	362,400
	September	229,400	126,300	355,600	234,000	128,600	362,600

¹ Table contains revised figures.

Table 3 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates (SUR)¹

Month	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
	%	%	%	%	%	%
January	4.4	4.8	9.3	12.9	14.2	14.7
February ²	4.4	4.8	10.1	12.9	14.1	14.8
March	4.4	5.2	10.8	13.0	14.2	14.8
April	4.5	5.3	11.3	13.3	14.2	14.8
May ²	4.5	5.6	11.9	13.6	14.3	14.8 ³
June	4.5	6.0	12.1	13.5	14.4	14.9
July	4.5	6.4	12.3	13.6	14.4	14.9
August ²	4.5	6.9	12.5	13.6	14.6	14.8
September	4.6	7.1	12.7	14.0	14.4	14.8
October	4.6	7.6	12.7	14.2	14.5	
November ²	4.8	8.0	12.8	14.4	14.5	
December	4.7	8.5	12.8	14.4	14.6	
Annual average	4.5	6.3	11.8	13.6	14.4	

¹ Table contains revised figures. See Background Notes.

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

³ The latest QNHS estimate of the unemployment rate (adjusted for seasonality) is: April -June 2012, 14.8%.

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										
2011	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
	April	4	51,678	7,471	9,059	- 397	44,534	9,252	10,424	- 293
	May	4	50,379	6,629	7,928	- 325	43,610	5,858	6,782	- 231
	June	5	49,815	8,362	8,926	- 113	46,974	10,633	7,269	+ 673
	July	4	49,072	7,158	7,901	- 186	50,963	10,745	6,756	+ 997
	August	5	47,230	7,278	9,120	- 368	46,824	6,837	10,976	- 828
	September	4	44,251	6,226	9,205	- 745	39,412	5,752	13,164	- 1,853
JA Applications										
2011	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
	April	4	213,894	9,275	10,676	- 350	87,270	5,333	5,622	- 72
	May	4	216,412	10,185	7,667	+ 630	89,579	6,427	4,118	+ 577
	June	5	224,793	15,411	7,030	+ 1,676	96,660	10,843	3,762	+ 1,416
	July	4	226,574	11,278	9,497	+ 445	99,428	8,174	5,406	+ 692
	August	5	227,251	12,667	11,990	+ 135	100,535	8,008	6,901	+ 221
	September	4	217,633	11,798	21,416	- 2,405	94,578	7,474	13,431	- 1,489
Other Registrants										
2011	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
	April	4	11,836	569	415	+ 39	20,789	1,183	940	+ 61
	May	4	11,972	500	364	+ 34	20,955	806	640	+ 42
	June	5	12,103	651	520	+ 26	21,629	1,509	835	+ 135
	July	4	12,144	565	524	+ 10	22,142	1,707	1,194	+ 128
	August	5	12,144	546	546	0	22,272	1,370	1,240	+ 26
	September	4	11,905	493	732	- 60	21,556	976	1,692	- 179

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	September 2011	August 2012	September 2012	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland and Western	86,088	88,008	83,557	- 4,451	- 2,531	14,160	69,397
Border	39,679	40,525	38,398	- 2,127	- 1,281	6,734	31,664
Midland	21,350	21,899	21,079	- 820	- 271	3,523	17,556
West	25,059	25,584	24,080	- 1,504	- 979	3,903	20,177
Southern and Eastern	195,900	198,617	190,232	- 8,385	- 5,668	30,249	159,983
Dublin	69,347	71,368	68,110	- 3,258	- 1,237	11,050	57,060
Mid-East	26,984	26,900	25,679	- 1,221	- 1,305	4,056	21,623
Mid-West	24,510	24,417	23,473	- 944	- 1,037	3,826	19,647
South-East	36,742	37,483	35,970	- 1,513	- 772	5,977	29,993
South-West	38,317	38,449	37,000	- 1,449	- 1,317	5,340	31,660
Total	281,988	286,625	273,789	- 12,836	- 8,199	44,409	229,380
Females							
Border, Midland and Western	48,915	54,209	49,404	- 4,805	+ 489	9,761	39,643
Border	22,391	24,456	22,227	- 2,229	- 164	4,461	17,766
Midland	11,774	13,455	12,444	- 1,011	+ 670	2,701	9,743
West	14,750	16,298	14,733	- 1,565	- 17	2,599	12,134
Southern and Eastern	106,538	115,422	106,142	- 9,280	- 396	19,528	86,614
Dublin	36,075	39,213	36,083	- 3,130	+ 8	6,766	29,317
Mid-East	15,505	16,491	15,261	- 1,230	- 244	2,654	12,607
Mid-West	14,003	14,950	13,704	- 1,246	- 299	2,588	11,116
South-East	19,854	22,139	20,379	- 1,760	+ 525	4,042	16,337
South-West	21,101	22,629	20,715	- 1,914	- 386	3,478	17,237
Total	155,453	169,631	155,546	- 14,085	+ 93	29,289	126,257
All Persons							
Border, Midland and Western	135,003	142,217	132,961	- 9,256	- 2,042	23,921	109,040
Border	62,070	64,981	60,625	- 4,356	- 1,445	11,195	49,430
Midland	33,124	35,354	33,523	- 1,831	+ 399	6,224	27,299
West	39,809	41,882	38,813	- 3,069	- 996	6,502	32,311
Southern and Eastern	302,438	314,039	296,374	- 17,665	- 6,064	49,777	246,597
Dublin	105,422	110,581	104,193	- 6,388	- 1,229	17,816	86,377
Mid-East	42,489	43,391	40,940	- 2,451	- 1,549	6,710	34,230
Mid-West	38,513	39,367	37,177	- 2,190	- 1,336	6,414	30,763
South-East	56,596	59,622	56,349	- 3,273	- 247	10,019	46,330
South-West	59,418	61,078	57,715	- 3,363	- 1,703	8,818	48,897
Total	437,441	456,256	429,335	- 26,921	- 8,106	73,698	355,637

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	September 2011	August 2012	September 2012	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Managers and administrators	9,934	10,211	9,908	- 303	- 26	445	9,463
Professional	12,293	12,885	11,916	- 969	- 377	1,245	10,671
Associate professional and technical	7,505	7,671	7,249	- 422	- 256	1,040	6,209
Clerical and secretarial	11,546	12,449	11,527	- 922	- 19	1,687	9,840
Craft and related	99,346	95,622	91,765	- 3,857	- 7,581	10,343	81,422
Personal and protective service	17,615	18,468	17,795	- 673	+ 180	2,898	14,897
Sales	17,727	19,687	18,289	- 1,398	+ 562	5,754	12,535
Plant and machine operatives	54,389	55,584	53,240	- 2,344	- 1,149	7,088	46,152
Other occupation	40,194	40,804	39,307	- 1,497	- 887	7,920	31,387
No occupation ¹	11,439	13,244	12,793	- 451	+ 1,354	5,989	6,804
Total	281,988	286,625	273,789	- 12,836	- 8,199	44,409	229,380
Females							
Managers and administrators	6,670	6,951	6,729	- 222	+ 59	257	6,472
Professional	13,332	16,341	13,780	- 2,561	+ 448	1,334	12,446
Associate professional and technical	5,416	5,584	5,354	- 230	- 62	604	4,750
Clerical and secretarial	30,679	34,254	29,395	- 4,859	- 1,284	2,155	27,240
Craft and related	7,237	7,663	7,277	- 386	+ 40	1,119	6,158
Personal and protective service	31,864	34,289	31,914	- 2,375	+ 50	6,802	25,112
Sales	29,008	30,469	28,617	- 1,852	- 391	7,567	21,050
Plant and machine operatives	15,295	15,899	15,102	- 797	- 193	2,542	12,560
Other occupation	9,479	10,385	9,852	- 533	+ 373	3,106	6,746
No occupation ¹	6,473	7,796	7,526	- 270	+ 1,053	3,803	3,723
Total	155,453	169,631	155,546	- 14,085	+ 93	29,289	126,257
All Persons							
Managers and administrators	16,604	17,162	16,637	- 525	+ 33	702	15,935
Professional	25,625	29,226	25,696	- 3,530	+ 71	2,579	23,117
Associate professional and technical	12,921	13,255	12,603	- 652	- 318	1,644	10,959
Clerical and secretarial	42,225	46,703	40,922	- 5,781	- 1,303	3,842	37,080
Craft and related	106,583	103,285	99,042	- 4,243	- 7,541	11,462	87,580
Personal and protective service	49,479	52,757	49,709	- 3,048	+ 230	9,700	40,009
Sales	46,735	50,156	46,906	- 3,250	+ 171	13,321	33,585
Plant and machine operatives	69,684	71,483	68,342	- 3,141	- 1,342	9,630	58,712
Other occupation	49,673	51,189	49,159	- 2,030	- 514	11,026	38,133
No occupation ¹	17,912	21,040	20,319	- 721	+ 2,407	9,792	10,527
Total	437,441	456,256	429,335	- 26,921	- 8,106	73,698	355,637

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	September 2011	August 2012	September 2012	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Less than one year	149,134	144,502	137,581	- 6,921	- 11,553	26,812	110,769
One year or more	132,854	142,123	136,208	- 5,915	+ 3,354	17,597	118,611
Total	281,988	286,625	273,789	- 12,836	- 8,199	44,409	229,380
Females							
Less than one year	104,908	110,241	98,976	- 11,265	- 5,932	20,110	78,866
One year or more	50,545	59,390	56,570	- 2,820	+ 6,025	9,179	47,391
Total	155,453	169,631	155,546	- 14,085	+ 93	29,289	126,257
All Persons							
Less than one year	254,042	254,743	236,557	- 18,186	- 17,485	46,922	189,635
One year or more	183,399	201,513	192,778	- 8,735	+ 9,379	26,776	166,002
Total	437,441	456,256	429,335	- 26,921	- 8,106	73,698	355,637

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

		Males	Monthly change	Females	Monthly change	All Persons	Monthly change
2010	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
	April	47,614	+ 75	40,828	- 349	88,442	- 274
	May	47,626	+ 12	40,438	- 390	88,064	- 378
	June	47,891	+ 265	40,574	+ 136	88,465	+ 401
	July	47,797	- 94	40,244	- 330	88,041	- 424
	August	47,569	- 228	39,585	- 659	87,154	- 887
	September	46,643	- 926	38,447	- 1,138	85,090	- 2,064

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	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
	April	17,337	3,558	42,268	13,852	77,015	352,986	430,001
	May	17,447	3,551	41,634	14,151	76,783	356,124	432,907
	June	18,054	3,770	41,360	15,072	78,256	373,718	451,974
	July	18,290	3,756	41,167	15,209	78,422	381,901	460,323
	August	18,143	3,700	40,629	15,277	77,749	378,507	456,256
	September	17,135	3,525	39,335	14,324	74,319	355,016	429,335

Annex - Activation Programmes

The table below contains the end of August 2012 data 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 57,749 people availing of these programmes in August 2012, which is an increase of 7,441 (+14.8%) from the previous year. In August 2011 there were 50,308 people in activation programmes.

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

Live Register Activation Programmes

	August 2011	July 2012	August 2012
Back to Work Schemes			
Back to Work allowance scheme - Employee strand ¹	360	43	38
Back to Work Enterprise allowance scheme -self employed strand	10,078	11,047	11,023
Short-term Enterprise Allowance ²	1,283	1,154	1,156
Total Back to Work payments	11,721	12,244	12,217
Other Activation Programmes			
DSP Part-time Job Incentive	161	190	190
TUS - Community Work Placement Initiative (2011)	311	4,473	4,486
JobBridge (2011)	825	4,995	4,819
Total Other Activation Programmes	1,297	9,658	9,495
Community Employment Schemes (excluding Supervisors)	21,877	21,459	21,325
FAS Full Time Training for Unemployed People³	7,078	7,356	6,305
Back to Education Courses			
Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme (VTOS) ⁴	N/A	N/A	N/A
Back to Education Allowance (BTEA) ⁵	3,335	3,529	3,407
Total Back to Education Courses	8,335	8,529	8,407
Total Activation Programmes	50,308	59,246	57,749

¹ This scheme was closed to new applications from 1st May 2009.

² 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.

³ Specific Skills Training/Local Training initiative/Traineeship/Return to Work. Breakdown became available for April 2012 Live Register release.

⁴ VTOS figures are estimated at 5,000 each year.

⁵ 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 of 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:
September 2012 – 1st September to 28th September 2012
September 2011 – 27th August to 30th September 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 Jobseekers Allowance and 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.

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 Q2 2012 (adjusted for seasonality) are:

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	%	%	%	%
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	12.9	13.6	13.6	14.4
2011	14.1	14.3	14.6	14.5
2012	14.8	14.8		

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 LiveRegister 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 claim).

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, 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		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, 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

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