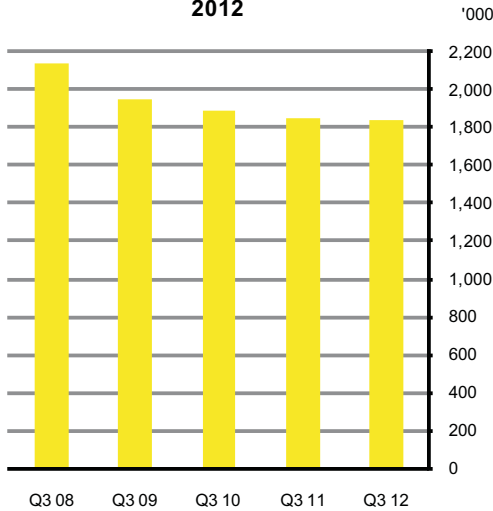




Figure 1 Numbers in employment (ILO), in the third Quarters 2008 to 2012



Quarterly National Household Survey Quarter 3 2012

Headline labour market indicators

Indicator	Quarter 3 2012	Annual change
Employed	1,841,300	- 4,300
Unemployed	324,500	- 3,600
In labour force	2,165,800	- 7,900
Not in labour force	1,429,700	+ 5,300

Employment falls by 0.2% in year to Q3 2012

There was an annual decrease in employment of 0.2% or 4,300 in the year to the third quarter of 2012, bringing total employment to 1,841,300. This compares with an annual decrease in employment of 1.3% in the previous quarter and a decrease of 2.1% in the year to Q3 2011.

Summary Points for Q3 2012

- ◆ On a seasonally adjusted basis, employment fell by 5,800 (-0.3%) in the quarter. This follows on from a seasonally adjusted decrease in employment of 8,000 (-0.4%) in Q2 2012.
- ◆ Unemployment decreased by 3,600 (-1.1%) in the year to Q3 2012 bringing the total number of persons unemployed to 324,500. This is the first year on year decrease in unemployment recorded in recent years.
- ◆ On a seasonally adjusted basis unemployment fell by 2,000 over the quarter.
- ◆ The long-term unemployment rate increased from 8.8% to 8.9% over the year to Q3 2012. Long-term unemployment accounted for 59.5% of total unemployment in Q3 2012 compared with 58.4% a year earlier and 49.1% in the third quarter of 2010.
- ◆ The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased from 14.9% to 14.8% over the quarter.
- ◆ The total number of persons in the labour force in the third quarter of 2012 was 2,165,800, representing a decrease of 7,900 (-0.4%) over the year. This compares with an annual labour force decrease of 23,000 (-1.0%) in Q3 2011.

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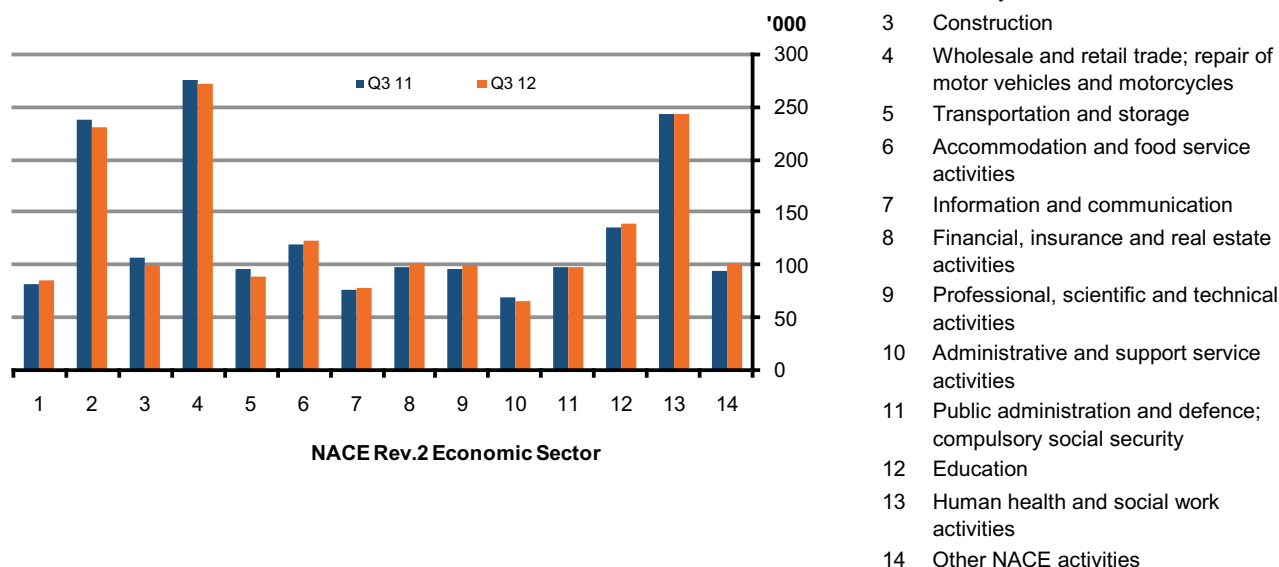
Employment

Employment down 4,300 in year

The number of persons employed decreased by 0.2% (-4,300) over the year to Q3 2012. This compares with an annual decrease in employment of 1.3% in the previous quarter and a decrease of 2.1% in the year to Q3 2011. The annual rate of decrease of 0.2% in the year to Q3 2012 is the lowest since employment first decreased on an annual basis in the third quarter of 2008. See tables 1a, 1b, 7a and 7b.

- ◆ The annual reduction of 4,300 (-0.2%) in employment was almost entirely accounted for by a decrease in male employment (-4,000 or -0.4%). For both males and females the rate of decline in employment is the lowest recorded since annual reductions were first recorded in 2008. See tables 1a, 1b, 7a and 7b.
- ◆ On a seasonally adjusted basis, employment fell by 5,800 (-0.3%) in the quarter. This follows on from a seasonally adjusted decrease in employment of 8,000 (-0.4%) in Q2 2012 and a seasonally adjusted decrease in employment of 9,300 in Q1 2012. See tables 3a and 3b.
- ◆ Employment fell in five of the fourteen economic sectors over the year. The greatest rates of decline were recorded in the *Construction* (-6.8% or -7,400), *Transportation and storage* (-6.6% or -6,300) and *Administration and support service activities* (-4.1% or -2,900) sectors. The greatest actual decline in the number of persons in employment in a sector was recorded in the *Industry* sector where employment was down year on year by 7,900 or 3.3%. See tables 2a, 2b and figure 2.
- ◆ The largest increases were recorded in the *Other NACE activities* (+6.7% or 6,400), *Professional, scientific and technical activities* (+3.9% or 3,800) and *Agriculture, forestry and fishing* (+3.9% or 3,200) sectors. See tables 2a, 2b and figure 2.
- ◆ Full-time employment fell by 16,300 over the year from 1,411,300 to 1,395,000 while part-time employment increased by 12,000 (+2.8%) on an annual basis from 434,300 to 446,300. A decrease of 21.6% or 384,400 has been recorded in full-time employment from its peak level of 1,779,400 in Q3 2007. See tables 1a and 1b.

Figure 2 Persons aged 15 years and over in employment (ILO) classified by NACE Rev.2 Economic Sector, Quarter 3 2011 and Quarter 3 2012



In addition:

- ◆ The annual fall in employment was most heavily concentrated in the 20-24 (-10,700 or -7.6%) and 25-34 (-6,300 or -1.2%) age groups. See figure 3.
- ◆ The overall employment rate among persons aged 15-64 was 59.0% in Q3 2012, an increase of 0.2 percentage points over the year.

- ◆ The number of employees in Q3 2012 was 1,546,400, up 3,000 (+0.2%) over the year. The number of self-employed persons decreased by 12,500 or -4.3% to 279,700.
- ◆ Part-time underemployment increased by 6,800 (+4.8%) from 140,800 to 147,600 over the year. Part-time underemployment represents 33.1% of total part-time employment having been 26.4% two years earlier.

Figure 3 Persons aged 15 years and over in employment (ILO) classified by age group, Quarter 3 2011 and Quarter 3 2012

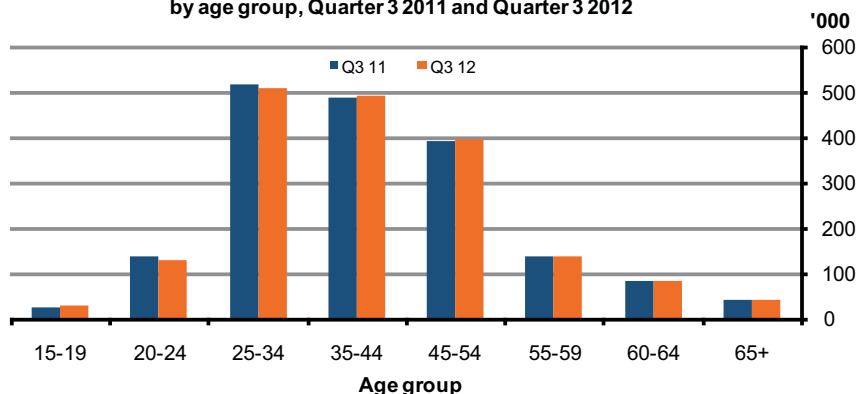
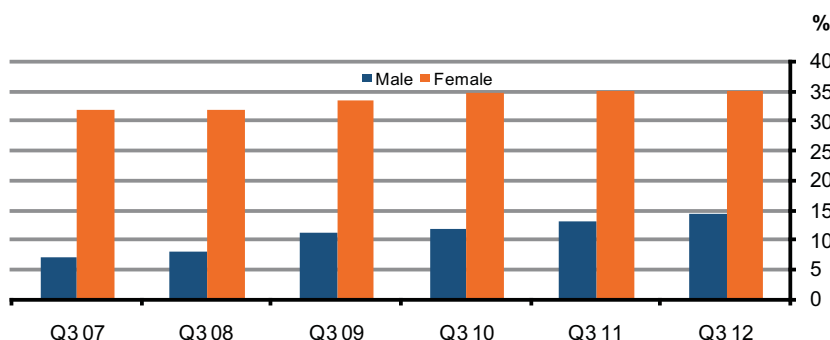


Figure 4 Part-time employment (ILO) as a percentage of total employment by sex, Quarter 3 2007 to Quarter 3 2012



Public Sector Employment

Based on the higher response levels and lower levels of subjectivity associated with the Earnings, Hours and Employment Costs Survey (EHECS) the CSO believes it offers a more reliable source for public sector employment estimates over time. Table A3 in the annex shows these estimates of public sector employment.

The number of employees in the public sector declined by 16,200 (-4.1%) in the year to Q3 2012, bringing the total number of employees in the public sector to 377,900. The total reduction in employment in the public sector over the three years from Q3 2009 to Q3 2012 was 30,900 (-7.6%). See table A3.

Note: The previously published estimates of the number of employees in the private sector derived from EHECS are now subject to revision as a result of the revised QNHS series. This series will be published once the revisions have been made.

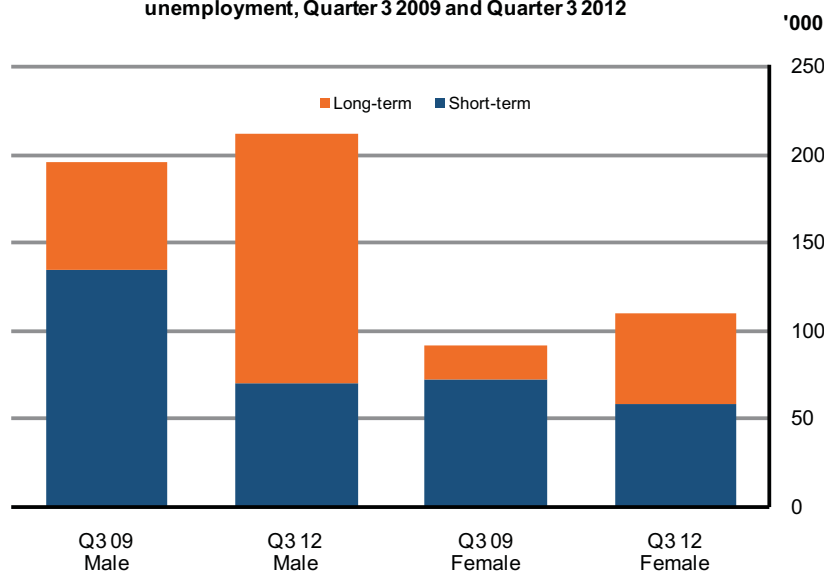
Unemployment

324,500 persons unemployed in Q3 2012

There were 324,500 persons unemployed in the third quarter of 2012. This represents a decrease of 3,600 or 1.1% in the year. This is the first annual decrease in unemployment since Q1 2005. Up to 2008 increases in unemployment were primarily related to significant increases in the size of the labour force. From 2008 onwards unemployment increased more rapidly as employment fell. *See tables 1a and 1b.*

- ◆ Male unemployment fell 2,700 (-1.2%) over the year to 213,300 while female unemployment decreased by 900 (-0.8%) to 111,200. *See tables 1a and 1b.*
- ◆ The unadjusted unemployment rate decreased from 15.1% to 15.0% over the year to Q3 2012. The male unemployment rate was 17.8% and the female unemployment rate was 11.5% in the quarter, both down 0.1 percentage points from the rates recorded a year earlier. *See tables 1a and 1b.*
- ◆ In the year to Q3 2012, the number of persons classified as long-term unemployed increased by 1,400 (+0.7%), bringing total long-term unemployment to 193,000. This is a significantly slower rate of increase than recorded previously. Short-term unemployment decreased by 4,600 (-3.5%) over the year to 128,500. Long-term unemployed persons now account for 59.5% of all unemployed persons. *See tables 6a, 6b and figure 5.*
- ◆ The long-term unemployment rate increased from 8.8% to 8.9% over the year to Q3 2012. The long-term unemployment rate was 6.9% in the third quarter of 2010. *See tables 6a, 6b and figure 5.*

Figure 5 Number of persons unemployed by sex and duration of unemployment, Quarter 3 2009 and Quarter 3 2012

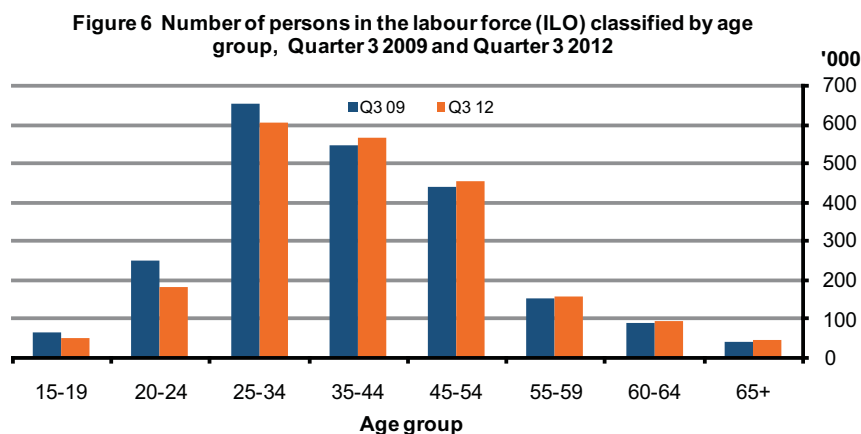


- ◆ The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased from 14.9% to 14.8% over the quarter. *See tables 3a and 3b.*
- ◆ There was a quarterly decrease of 2,000 in the seasonally adjusted number of persons unemployed which decreased from a total of 320,300 in the second quarter of 2012 to 318,300 in the third quarter of 2012. *See tables 3a and 3b.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate (SUR), as published in the October 2012 Live Register release, was 14.8% for August, this being based on the short-term trend in the Live Register since the previous QNHS seasonally adjusted unemployment rate benchmark from Q2 2012. The SUR series has now been fully revised to take into account the revisions being published today in the QNHS as a result of the 2011 Census of Population and the overall series published today in table A4 reflects these revisions. Provisional estimates for more recent months are included in table A4 in the annex and are subject to update once Live Register information becomes available for November 2012. *See table A4.*

Labour force

Labour force decreases 0.4% in year

The total number of persons in the labour force in the third quarter of 2012 was 2,165,800. This represents a decrease of 7,900 (-0.4%) over the year and compares with an annual labour force decrease of 23,000 (-1.0%) in the year to Q3 2011. See tables 1a, 1b and figure 6.



- ◆ As with employment, the number of persons in the labour force is also influenced by changes in the size of the working age population (demographic effect). Up to the start of 2008 this demographic effect had been adding 65,000 or more to the labour force on an annual basis, primarily driven by net inward migration. This demographic effect peaked at almost 88,000 in the second quarter of 2007. With the decline in inward migration the demographic effect started to decline in the second half of 2007 and continued to decline throughout 2008 and 2009 before becoming negative in Q4 2009. In Q3 2012 this negative demographic effect contributed 14,200 to the overall decline in the labour force. This negative demographic effect is almost exclusively concentrated in the 20-24 and 25-34 age groups.
- ◆ In addition to the demographic effect the change in the size of the labour force is influenced by changes in participation. While a relatively low decrease in the participation rate was recorded overall (falling by 0.2 percentage points over the year to 60.2%), across age groups a range of increases and decreases were recorded. The greatest participation rate decrease was recorded for the 60-64 age group (-1.0pp over the year) while the greatest increases were recorded for the 15-19 and 45-54 age groups (+1.2pp and +0.7pp respectively). The net effect of these competing increases and decreases was a positive participation effect of 6,300.

International Comparisons

The latest available comparable figures for all EU-27 member states are for the second quarter of 2012. It should be noted that the figures included in table 11 for Ireland have been sourced directly from the QNHS as revised figures reflecting the 2011 Census of Population figures are not yet available from the Eurostat website. As a result, the aggregate figures quoted for the EU-27 below do not reflect these QNHS revisions being published today although it should be noted that these revisions would be expected to have little or no impact on overall EU-27 aggregates.

- ◆ The employment rate in Ireland fell by 0.4 percentage points to 58.8% over the year to Q2 2012. The employment rate in the EU-27 decreased by 0.2 percentage points over the same period to 64.3%. *See table 11.*
- ◆ The unadjusted unemployment rate among the EU-27 countries in the second quarter of 2012 was 10.2% while the comparable rate in Ireland was 15.0%. The highest unemployment rate among the EU-27 countries in Q2 2012 was recorded in Spain (24.7%) while the lowest rate of 4.0% was recorded in Luxembourg. *See table 11.*
- ◆ The latest figures available at the time of finalising this release indicate that the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the EU-27 for August 2012 was 10.6% compared to the now estimated seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 14.8% for Ireland for quarter 3 of 2012.

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Table 1a Persons aged 15 years and over classified by sex and ILO Economic Status

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ILO Economic Status	Q3 10	Q2 11	Q3 11	Q4 11	Q1 12	Q2 12	Q3 12
Males							
In labour force	1,225.3	1,206.9	1,206.1	1,198.6	1,187.2	1,193.4	1,199.5
In employment	1,015.6	992.8	990.2	987.3	972.1	977.0	986.1
full-time	892.6	864.1	857.6	853.6	842.6	839.8	842.3
part-time	123.0	128.7	132.6	133.7	129.6	137.2	143.8
of which: <i>part-time, not underemployed</i>	73.5	69.2	69.3	68.1	68.5	68.3	77.3
<i>part-time, underemployed</i>	49.5	59.5	63.3	65.6	61.1	68.9	66.5
Unemployed	209.7	214.1	216.0	211.3	215.1	216.4	213.3
seeking full-time work/future job-starter	193.6	196.8	197.5	193.5	198.3	198.2	196.2
seeking part-time work	5.3	5.5	7.1	6.7	6.0	6.5	6.0
seeking work as self-employed	10.8	11.7	11.4	11.1	10.9	11.8	11.1
Not in labour force	546.5	564.2	563.3	567.1	577.2	567.9	563.0
Potential additional labour force	34.5	36.6	35.9	35.7	32.6	32.1	34.1
Others	512.1	527.6	527.4	531.5	544.5	535.8	528.9
Total males aged 15 or over	1,771.8	1,771.0	1,769.5	1,765.7	1,764.4	1,761.3	1,762.5
Unemployment rate %	17.1	17.7	17.9	17.6	18.1	18.1	17.8
Participation rate %	69.2	68.1	68.2	67.9	67.3	67.8	68.1
Females							
In labour force	971.4	971.8	967.5	962.9	959.7	965.7	966.3
In employment	870.5	868.5	855.5	860.4	852.9	859.2	855.1
full-time	567.1	559.7	553.7	557.8	552.3	556.4	552.7
part-time	303.4	308.8	301.7	302.6	300.6	302.8	302.4
of which: <i>part-time, not underemployed</i>	240.4	231.2	224.2	222.6	222.8	215.0	221.3
<i>part-time, underemployed</i>	63.0	77.6	77.5	80.0	77.8	87.8	81.1
Unemployed	101.0	103.3	112.1	102.5	106.8	106.6	111.2
seeking full-time work/future job-starter	80.8	80.6	83.9	76.5	78.9	82.0	85.7
seeking part-time work	18.8	20.9	26.4	24.2	25.3	22.2	23.0
seeking work as self-employed	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Not in labour force	855.6	856.2	861.1	866.0	869.7	864.0	866.7
Potential additional labour force	19.3	22.9	23.9	19.9	20.3	26.7	24.0
Others	836.3	833.4	837.2	846.1	849.4	837.3	842.8
Total females aged 15 or over	1,827.1	1,828.1	1,828.6	1,829.0	1,829.4	1,829.7	1,833.1
Unemployment rate %	10.4	10.6	11.6	10.6	11.1	11.0	11.5
Participation rate %	53.2	53.2	52.9	52.6	52.5	52.8	52.7
All persons							
In labour force	2,196.7	2,178.7	2,173.7	2,161.5	2,146.9	2,159.1	2,165.8
In employment	1,886.1	1,861.3	1,845.6	1,847.7	1,825.0	1,836.2	1,841.3
full-time	1,459.7	1,423.8	1,411.3	1,411.4	1,394.8	1,396.2	1,395.0
part-time	426.4	437.5	434.3	436.2	430.2	440.0	446.3
of which: <i>part-time, not underemployed</i>	313.9	300.4	293.5	290.7	291.3	283.4	298.6
<i>part-time, underemployed</i>	112.5	137.1	140.8	145.6	138.9	156.6	147.6
Unemployed	310.6	317.4	328.1	313.9	321.9	323.0	324.5
seeking full-time work/future job-starter	274.4	277.4	281.3	270.0	277.2	280.1	282.0
seeking part-time work	24.2	26.5	33.6	31.0	31.3	28.7	29.0
seeking work as self-employed	12.1	13.5	13.2	12.9	13.4	14.1	13.5
Not in labour force	1,402.1	1,420.4	1,424.4	1,433.2	1,446.9	1,431.9	1,429.7
Potential additional labour force	53.8	59.5	59.8	55.6	53.0	58.8	58.1
Others	1,348.3	1,361.0	1,364.6	1,377.6	1,393.9	1,373.1	1,371.7
Total persons aged 15 or over	3,598.8	3,599.1	3,598.1	3,594.7	3,593.8	3,591.0	3,595.5
Unemployment rate %	14.1	14.6	15.1	14.5	15.0	15.0	15.0
Participation rate %	61.0	60.5	60.4	60.1	59.7	60.1	60.2
Employment rate % (persons aged 15-64)							
Male	64.0	62.8	62.8	62.9	61.9	62.4	63.2
Female	55.7	55.6	54.8	55.2	54.7	55.2	55.0
Total persons	59.8	59.2	58.8	59.0	58.3	58.8	59.0

Source: Central Statistics Office, Ireland.

See StatBank Tables QNQ20 and QNQ37

Table 1b Persons aged 15 years and over classified by sex and ILO Economic Status - Annual change

ILO Economic Status	Q3 10	Q2 11	Q3 11	Q4 11	Q1 12	Q2 12	Q3 12
	'000						
Males							
In labour force	-28.3	-16.6	-19.1	-6.6	-7.6	-13.5	-6.7
In employment	-40.7	-22.9	-25.4	-6.8	-12.4	-15.8	-4.0
full-time	-42.6	-30.3	-35.0	-15.4	-17.8	-24.3	-15.3
part-time	1.9	7.4	9.6	8.5	5.4	8.5	11.3
of which: <i>part-time, not underemployed</i>	3.9	-0.7	-4.2	-6.7	-3.4	-0.9	8.0
<i>part-time, underemployed</i>	-2.0	8.1	13.8	15.2	8.8	9.4	3.2
Unemployed	12.4	6.3	6.3	0.2	4.8	2.3	-2.7
seeking full-time work/future job-starter	12.7	4.7	3.9	-0.5	6.6	1.4	-1.3
seeking part-time work	-0.9	0.9	1.8	2.6	0.5	0.9	-1.1
seeking work as self-employed	0.6	0.7	0.6	-1.9	-2.4	0.0	-0.3
Not in labour force	24.1	15.7	16.8	0.9	0.7	3.7	-0.3
Potential additional labour force	3.1	1.8	1.4	0.6	-2.6	-4.5	-1.8
Others	21.0	13.9	15.4	0.3	3.3	8.2	1.5
Total males aged 15 or over	-4.2	-0.9	-2.3	-5.7	-6.9	-9.7	-7.0
Unemployment rate percentage points	1.4	0.8	0.8	0.1	0.5	0.4	-0.1
Participation rate percentage points	-1.4	-0.9	-1.0	-0.2	-0.2	-0.4	-0.1
Females							
In labour force	-17.5	-3.4	-3.9	-0.1	5.1	-6.1	-1.2
In employment	-26.8	-9.4	-15.0	-2.8	-4.4	-9.3	-0.3
full-time	-28.5	-17.2	-13.3	3.9	10.8	-3.3	-1.0
part-time	1.7	7.7	-1.7	-6.7	-15.2	-6.0	0.7
of which: <i>part-time, not underemployed</i>	0.0	-7.0	-16.2	-20.3	-18.8	-16.2	-2.9
<i>part-time, underemployed</i>	1.7	14.7	14.5	13.5	3.6	10.2	3.6
Unemployed	9.3	6.0	11.1	2.7	9.5	3.2	-0.9
seeking full-time work/future job-starter	8.1	3.0	3.0	-2.1	5.2	1.4	1.9
seeking part-time work	1.5	2.9	7.6	4.6	3.4	1.3	-3.4
seeking work as self-employed	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Not in labour force	21.5	5.2	5.5	1.5	-3.4	7.8	5.6
Potential additional labour force	2.5	5.8	4.6	0.5	0.0	3.8	0.0
Others	19.1	-0.6	0.9	1.0	-3.4	3.9	5.6
Total females aged 15 or over	4.1	1.8	1.6	1.4	1.7	1.7	4.4
Unemployment rate percentage points	1.1	0.7	1.2	0.3	0.9	0.4	-0.1
Participation rate percentage points	-1.1	-0.2	-0.3	0.0	0.2	-0.4	-0.2
All persons							
In labour force	-45.7	-20.0	-23.0	-6.7	-2.5	-19.6	-7.9
In employment	-67.5	-32.4	-40.4	-9.6	-16.8	-25.1	-4.3
full-time	-71.1	-47.5	-48.4	-11.4	-7.0	-27.6	-16.3
part-time	3.6	15.1	7.9	1.8	-9.8	2.5	12.0
of which: <i>part-time, not underemployed</i>	4.0	-7.8	-20.4	-27.0	-22.2	-17.0	5.1
<i>part-time, underemployed</i>	-0.4	22.9	28.3	28.8	12.4	19.5	6.8
Unemployed	21.8	12.3	17.4	2.9	14.3	5.6	-3.6
seeking full-time work/future job-starter	20.8	7.7	7.0	-2.5	11.8	2.7	0.6
seeking part-time work	0.6	3.9	9.4	7.2	3.9	2.3	-4.5
seeking work as self-employed	0.4	0.8	1.1	-1.8	-1.5	0.6	0.3
Not in labour force	45.6	20.9	22.3	2.4	-2.7	11.5	5.3
Potential additional labour force	5.6	7.7	6.0	1.1	-2.6	-0.7	-1.7
Others	40.1	13.2	16.3	1.3	-0.2	12.1	7.0
Total persons aged 15 or over	-0.1	0.9	-0.7	-4.3	-5.3	-8.1	-2.6
Unemployment rate percentage points	1.3	0.7	1.0	0.2	0.7	0.4	-0.1
Participation rate percentage points	-1.3	-0.6	-0.6	-0.1	0.0	-0.4	-0.2
Employment rate (persons aged 15-64) percentage points							
Male	-2.1	-1.2	-1.2	0.2	-0.2	-0.3	0.4
Female	-1.6	-0.4	-0.9	-0.1	-0.1	-0.4	0.1
Total persons	-1.9	-0.8	-1.0	0.1	-0.2	-0.4	0.2

Source: Central Statistics Office, Ireland.

Table 2a Persons aged 15 years and over classified in employment (ILO) classified by sex and NACE Rev.2 Economic Sector

Economic sector (NACE Rev.2)	Q3 10	Q2 11	Q3 11	Q4 11	Q1 12	Q2 12	Q3 12
'000							
Males							
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	80.5	76.6	73.6	71.7	71.3	76.9	74.4
B-F Total Industry	285.8	269.0	274.2	277.2	264.9	258.2	256.6
B-E Industry	176.8	169.8	172.8	176.7	168.0	164.2	161.7
F Construction	108.9	99.1	101.3	100.5	96.9	94.0	95.0
G-U Total Services	644.3	644.8	640.0	636.6	634.8	640.9	653.4
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and	141.0	141.0	142.5	138.3	138.8	137.8	139.9
H Transportation and storage	75.8	78.1	79.0	73.1	72.4	71.9	73.3
I Accommodation and food service activities	55.8	50.7	57.5	57.8	54.9	56.2	58.5
J Information and communication	52.6	54.3	53.5	52.8	54.2	57.1	56.1
K-L Financial, insurance and real estate activities	50.5	49.4	43.7	46.7	46.4	45.4	47.6
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	58.2	63.2	60.2	59.2	60.6	62.3	62.4
N Administrative and support service activities	33.0	34.0	35.4	33.5	33.4	32.9	33.7
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	54.7	51.4	51.0	52.1	51.0	52.4	53.5
P Education	38.8	37.4	33.9	38.1	39.2	37.2	38.1
Q Human health and social work activities	44.9	47.7	46.4	46.0	44.5	48.4	50.9
R-U Other NACE activities	39.1	37.6	37.0	39.0	39.6	39.3	39.2
Not stated	5.0	[2.5]	*	*	*	*	*
Total males	1,015.6	992.8	990.2	987.3	972.1	977.0	986.1
Females							
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	9.4	9.1	8.7	8.6	9.2	10.2	11.2
B-F Total Industry	76.0	77.0	73.3	75.2	74.5	73.1	75.5
B-E Industry	69.0	69.7	66.1	67.8	68.0	67.4	69.4
F Construction	7.0	7.3	7.1	7.3	6.4	5.7	6.1
G-U Total Services	782.6	780.9	772.0	775.7	768.4	775.1	767.4
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and	137.1	133.5	134.0	132.2	132.5	130.4	132.8
H Transportation and storage	17.0	17.6	17.7	19.5	17.9	19.0	17.0
I Accommodation and food service activities	73.2	63.7	63.6	62.1	62.7	63.8	64.5
J Information and communication	23.2	23.6	23.5	25.0	24.3	24.2	22.1
K-L Financial, insurance and real estate activities	50.1	55.7	55.4	57.5	54.6	53.9	54.7
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	39.1	40.6	36.4	37.0	37.4	40.3	38.0
N Administrative and support service activities	29.4	35.3	34.0	31.8	29.1	30.0	32.9
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	49.3	47.8	48.3	50.2	48.5	47.2	46.2
P Education	110.1	108.7	103.3	106.4	107.4	109.1	102.5
Q Human health and social work activities	195.4	195.7	197.1	196.9	195.1	196.0	194.1
R-U Other NACE activities	58.6	58.7	58.5	57.3	58.9	61.2	62.6
Not stated	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total females	870.5	868.5	855.5	860.4	852.9	859.2	855.1
All persons							
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	89.9	85.7	82.4	80.3	80.5	87.1	85.6
B-F Total Industry	361.8	346.0	347.4	352.4	339.3	331.3	332.1
B-E Industry	245.9	239.5	238.9	244.5	236.0	231.7	231.1
F Construction	115.9	106.4	108.5	107.8	103.3	99.6	101.1
G-U Total Services	1,426.9	1,425.6	1,412.1	1,412.3	1,403.3	1,416.0	1,420.8
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and	278.1	274.5	276.5	270.5	271.3	268.2	272.7
H Transportation and storage	92.8	95.7	96.7	92.6	90.2	90.9	90.3
I Accommodation and food service activities	128.9	114.4	121.1	119.9	117.6	120.0	123.1
J Information and communication	75.8	77.9	77.1	77.7	78.5	81.2	78.2
K-L Financial, insurance and real estate activities	100.6	105.1	99.1	104.1	101.0	99.3	102.3
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	97.4	103.8	96.6	96.2	98.0	102.6	100.4
N Administrative and support service activities	62.3	69.3	69.4	65.3	62.5	63.0	66.6
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	104.0	99.1	99.3	102.3	99.5	99.6	99.7
P Education	149.0	146.1	137.2	144.5	146.6	146.3	140.6
Q Human health and social work activities	240.3	243.3	243.5	242.8	239.6	244.4	245.0
R-U Other NACE activities	97.7	96.3	95.5	96.3	98.5	100.6	101.9
Not stated	7.5	4.0	[3.8]	[2.7]	*	*	[2.8]
Total persons	1,886.1	1,861.3	1,845.6	1,847.7	1,825.0	1,836.2	1,841.3

Source: Central Statistics Office, Ireland.

See StatBank Table QN03

Table 2b Persons aged 15 years and over classified in employment (ILO) classified by sex and NACE Rev.2 Economic Sector - Annual change

Economic sector (NACE Rev.2)	Q3 10	Q2 11	Q3 11	Q4 11	Q1 12	Q2 12	Q3 12
'000							
Males							
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	-6.4	1.3	-6.9	-4.4	-3.2	0.3	0.8
B-F Total Industry	-40.0	-24.3	-11.6	-3.5	-6.7	-10.8	-17.5
B-E Industry	-5.7	-6.8	-4.0	0.1	-2.1	-5.6	-11.1
F Construction	-34.3	-17.5	-7.6	-3.6	-4.6	-5.2	-6.4
G-U Total Services	4.9	2.7	-4.2	2.9	0.3	-3.8	13.3
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and	7.0	0.5	1.5	1.8	3.8	-3.2	-2.5
H Transportation and storage	-4.3	4.6	3.1	-3.6	-5.7	-6.2	-5.7
I Accommodation and food service activities	-3.4	-6.8	1.7	5.5	5.9	5.5	1.1
J Information and communication	1.5	1.4	1.0	3.1	1.9	2.8	2.6
K-L Financial, insurance and real estate activities	2.6	-1.4	-6.8	-3.5	-1.9	-4.0	3.9
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	-3.8	3.0	2.0	1.3	-0.3	-1.0	2.2
N Administrative and support service activities	-1.2	2.0	2.4	0.7	-0.7	-1.1	-1.7
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	2.3	-4.2	-3.7	-2.0	-5.3	1.0	2.5
P Education	0.8	-2.5	-4.9	-2.4	1.6	-0.2	4.2
Q Human health and social work activities	3.2	4.1	1.5	1.2	1.4	0.7	4.5
R-U Other NACE activities	0.3	2.0	-2.1	0.7	-0.3	1.7	2.2
Not stated	0.9	[-2.7]	*	*	*	*	*
Total males	-40.7	-22.9	-25.4	-6.8	-12.4	-15.8	-4.0
Females							
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	0.1	-0.7	-0.6	-0.8	0.5	1.2	2.4
B-F Total Industry	-7.1	-1.0	-2.8	0.5	-0.9	-3.9	2.2
B-E Industry	-4.0	1.6	-2.9	0.1	-0.3	-2.3	3.3
F Construction	-3.1	-2.6	0.1	0.4	-0.6	-1.7	-1.0
G-U Total Services	-18.8	-5.8	-10.6	-0.4	-1.8	-5.8	-4.6
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and	-8.0	-4.4	-3.1	-6.2	-3.7	-3.1	-1.3
H Transportation and storage	-0.2	0.3	0.7	-0.6	1.3	1.4	-0.7
I Accommodation and food service activities	1.8	-6.0	-9.5	-5.3	1.0	0.0	0.9
J Information and communication	0.4	0.0	0.3	3.6	4.0	0.6	-1.4
K-L Financial, insurance and real estate activities	-12.6	2.3	5.3	9.3	3.1	-1.8	-0.7
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	-0.1	-1.1	-2.7	-4.4	-5.3	-0.3	1.6
N Administrative and support service activities	-5.9	3.5	4.6	3.6	-1.7	-5.2	-1.1
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	-3.1	-3.4	-1.0	1.5	0.2	-0.6	-2.1
P Education	8.8	-0.9	-6.8	-5.3	-3.2	0.4	-0.9
Q Human health and social work activities	1.2	2.1	1.7	2.8	3.0	0.3	-3.0
R-U Other NACE activities	-1.1	1.8	-0.1	0.5	-0.7	2.6	4.2
Not stated	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total females	-26.8	-9.4	-15.0	-2.8	-4.4	-9.3	-0.3
All persons							
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	-6.3	0.5	-7.5	-5.1	-2.7	1.5	3.2
B-F Total Industry	-47.2	-25.3	-14.4	-3.0	-7.6	-14.7	-15.3
B-E Industry	-9.7	-5.2	-7.0	0.2	-2.4	-7.9	-7.9
F Construction	-37.5	-20.1	-7.4	-3.2	-5.2	-6.8	-7.4
G-U Total Services	-13.9	-3.0	-14.8	2.4	-1.5	-9.6	8.7
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and	-1.0	-4.0	-1.6	-4.4	0.0	-6.3	-3.8
H Transportation and storage	-4.5	4.9	3.8	-4.1	-4.4	-4.8	-6.3
I Accommodation and food service activities	-1.6	-12.8	-7.8	0.2	6.9	5.6	2.0
J Information and communication	1.8	1.3	1.3	6.7	5.9	3.3	1.1
K-L Financial, insurance and real estate activities	-10.0	0.9	-1.5	5.8	1.2	-5.8	3.1
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	-4.0	1.9	-0.7	-3.1	-5.6	-1.2	3.8
N Administrative and support service activities	-7.1	5.5	7.1	4.4	-2.4	-6.3	-2.9
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	-0.8	-7.6	-4.7	-0.5	-5.1	0.5	0.5
P Education	9.6	-3.4	-11.8	-7.8	-1.6	0.2	3.4
Q Human health and social work activities	4.4	6.2	3.2	4.0	4.4	1.1	1.5
R-U Other NACE activities	-0.7	3.9	-2.2	1.2	-0.9	4.3	6.4
Not stated	-0.1	-4.6	[-3.7]	[-4.0]	*	*	[-0.9]
Total persons	-67.5	-32.4	-40.4	-9.6	-16.8	-25.1	-4.3

Source: Central Statistics Office, Ireland.

Table 3a Seasonally adjusted series of persons aged 15 years and over classified by sex, ILO Economic Status and NACE Rev.2 Economic Sector

		'000						
ILO Economic Status/NACE Rev.2 Economic Sector		Q3 10	Q2 11	Q3 11	Q4 11	Q1 12	Q2 12	Q3 12
Males								
In labour force		1,215.7	1,205.9	1,197.2	1,201.0	1,194.7	1,192.4	1,190.7
In employment		1,008.4	992.1	983.0	986.8	980.4	976.6	978.7
of which: Full-time		889.7	862.2	855.6	853.0	846.2	839.1	840.5
Part-time		121.1	128.6	130.7	133.0	132.1	137.2	141.9
A	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	79.2	75.3	72.6	72.0	73.5	75.3	73.5
B-E	Industry	176.2	170.7	172.6	174.2	169.5	165.4	161.7
F	Construction	107.5	100.1	100.2	100.0	97.5	94.8	94.0
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and	139.9	139.8	141.1	139.7	139.7	137.1	138.5
H	Transportation and storage	75.4	78.2	78.5	72.4	72.6	72.8	72.9
I	Accommodation and food service activities	54.3	51.1	55.9	58.1	55.7	56.7	57.0
J	Information and communication	52.6	53.3	53.4	54.4	54.0	55.7	55.9
K-L	Financial, insurance and real estate activities	50.2	49.3	43.6	46.1	47.2	45.3	47.5
M	Professional, scientific and technical activities	58.5	62.3	60.5	59.8	60.6	61.3	62.7
N	Administrative and support service activities	32.1	34.0	34.5	34.1	33.7	32.9	32.8
O	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	54.7	52.5	51.1	52.0	51.0	52.5	53.7
P	Education	40.7	37.3	35.4	37.3	38.6	37.2	39.8
Q	Human health and social work activities	44.3	47.1	45.6	45.9	45.9	47.8	49.9
R-U	Other NACE activities	38.9	38.1	36.9	38.8	39.4	39.8	39.2
Unemployed		208.9	211.7	214.9	214.8	215.4	213.9	211.8
Not in labour force		556.2	567.7	571.4	565.8	567.5	571.0	570.4
Unemployment rate %		17.2	17.6	17.9	17.9	18.0	18.0	17.8
Participation rate %		68.6	68.0	67.7	68.0	67.8	67.6	67.6
Females								
In labour force		965.1	966.1	962.9	965.6	966.6	960.7	962.3
In employment		868.8	865.6	855.2	859.3	857.0	856.1	855.8
of which: Full-time		563.9	556.4	552.0	558.3	556.4	553.4	551.8
Part-time		305.6	309.2	303.8	301.5	299.6	302.8	304.1
A	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	9.2	8.8	8.6	8.7	9.5	10.0	10.9
B-E	Industry	68.2	69.5	65.4	68.2	68.5	67.3	68.8
F	Construction	7.0	7.4	7.2	7.2	6.4	5.7	6.1
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and	136.3	134.4	133.4	132.4	132.1	131.3	132.1
H	Transportation and storage	17.3	17.4	18.0	19.5	17.8	18.7	17.3
I	Accommodation and food service activities	71.0	64.0	61.8	63.1	63.4	64.0	62.7
J	Information and communication	23.3	23.0	23.7	25.1	24.7	23.6	22.2
K-L	Financial, insurance and real estate activities	49.8	55.7	55.1	57.5	54.9	53.9	54.3
M	Professional, scientific and technical activities	40.4	39.8	37.6	36.9	37.1	39.5	39.2
N	Administrative and support service activities	28.6	35.2	33.1	32.0	29.9	29.8	31.9
O	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	49.4	47.9	48.6	49.7	48.5	47.3	46.6
P	Education	115.5	106.6	108.2	104.9	106.1	107.1	107.2
Q	Human health and social work activities	194.1	195.8	195.9	196.4	196.6	196.0	193.0
R-U	Other NACE activities	57.8	58.9	57.7	57.5	59.2	61.5	61.8
Unemployed		95.6	101.9	106.1	106.3	110.1	105.5	105.6
Not in labour force		860.5	862.4	864.7	863.4	863.5	869.5	869.7
Unemployment rate %		9.9	10.6	11.0	11.0	11.4	11.0	11.0
Participation rate %		52.8	52.8	52.7	52.8	52.8	52.5	52.5
All persons								
In labour force		2,180.1	2,175.0	2,159.0	2,166.3	2,160.5	2,155.5	2,151.2
In employment		1,872.1	1,857.6	1,831.6	1,850.0	1,840.7	1,832.7	1,826.9
of which: Full-time		1,450.8	1,420.1	1,404.3	1,411.8	1,404.4	1,393.4	1,389.2
Part-time		426.8	438.3	434.7	434.7	430.5	441.0	446.6
A	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	87.9	84.6	80.6	80.7	83.1	85.7	83.9
B-E	Industry	244.7	239.0	238.3	242.4	237.5	232.8	230.7
F	Construction	115.4	107.7	108.1	106.6	103.6	100.8	100.8
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and	276.7	274.2	274.7	271.9	271.9	268.4	270.7
H	Transportation and storage	92.3	96.1	96.3	92.1	90.7	91.3	90.1
I	Accommodation and food service activities	125.2	114.9	117.4	121.6	119.2	120.5	119.3
J	Information and communication	76.0	76.0	77.1	79.4	79.1	78.9	78.2
K-L	Financial, insurance and real estate activities	99.8	105.0	98.4	104.0	102.0	99.1	101.5
M	Professional, scientific and technical activities	99.0	102.0	98.3	97.0	97.4	100.6	102.0
N	Administrative and support service activities	60.8	68.9	67.7	66.3	63.5	62.6	64.9
O	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	104.0	98.9	99.4	101.7	100.1	99.4	99.9
P	Education	156.0	144.1	143.6	142.1	144.5	144.4	147.0
Q	Human health and social work activities	238.4	243.1	241.7	242.2	242.4	244.0	243.2
R-U	Other NACE activities	96.1	97.2	94.2	96.3	99.0	101.2	100.8
Unemployed		303.7	314.1	321.7	319.6	325.4	320.3	318.3
Not in labour force		1,417.3	1,430.4	1,436.2	1,429.2	1,430.9	1,440.5	1,439.9
Unemployment rate %		13.9	14.5	14.9	14.8	15.0	14.9	14.8
Participation rate %		60.6	60.3	60.1	60.2	60.2	59.9	59.9

Source: Central Statistics Office, Ireland.

See StatBank Tables QNQ03 and QNQ20

See Background Notes for further detail. The not stated group presented in Tables 2a and 2b has not been separately seasonally adjusted.

Table 3b Seasonally adjusted series of persons aged 15 years and over classified by sex, ILO Economic Status and NACE Rev.2 Economic Sector - Quarterly change

ILO Economic Status/NACE Rev.2 Economic Sector	Q3 10	Q2 11	Q3 11	Q4 11	Q1 12	Q2 12	Q3 12
'000							
Males							
In labour force	-7.0	3.5	-8.8	3.8	-6.3	-2.3	-1.7
In employment	-6.7	-0.6	-9.1	3.8	-6.4	-3.7	2.1
<i>of which: Full-time</i>	-2.0	-2.6	-6.6	-2.6	-6.8	-7.1	1.4
<i>Part-time</i>	0.0	2.1	2.1	2.2	-0.9	5.1	4.7
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	4.7	-1.3	-2.8	-0.6	1.5	1.8	-1.8
B-E Industry	-1.0	-1.1	1.9	1.5	-4.7	-4.1	-3.6
F Construction	-10.1	-2.1	0.2	-0.2	-2.5	-2.6	-0.8
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	0.8	3.7	1.3	-1.4	0.0	-2.6	1.5
H Transportation and storage	0.7	-1.0	0.3	-6.2	0.2	0.2	0.1
I Accommodation and food service activities	-3.6	1.5	4.8	2.2	-2.4	0.9	0.3
J Information and communication	0.5	1.3	0.1	1.0	-0.4	1.8	0.2
K-L Financial, insurance and real estate activities	-0.5	0.2	-5.7	2.5	1.2	-2.0	2.3
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	-0.9	1.3	-1.8	-0.7	0.8	0.7	1.4
N Administrative and support service activities	0.1	-0.5	0.5	-0.4	-0.3	-0.9	-0.1
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	-0.4	-2.7	-1.4	0.9	-1.0	1.5	1.2
P Education	1.1	0.3	-1.9	1.8	1.3	-1.4	2.7
Q Human health and social work activities	1.2	2.6	-1.5	0.3	0.0	1.9	2.1
R-U Other NACE activities	3.0	-1.6	-1.2	2.0	0.6	0.4	-0.7
Unemployed	3.1	1.8	3.3	-0.1	0.6	-1.5	-2.1
Not in labour force	4.4	1.5	3.7	-5.6	1.7	3.5	-0.6
Unemployment rate percentage points	0.3	0.2	0.3	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.2
Participation rate percentage points	-0.3	0.0	-0.3	0.3	-0.1	-0.2	0.0
Females							
In labour force	-4.7	3.3	-3.2	2.7	1.0	-5.8	1.6
In employment	-6.9	4.3	-10.4	4.0	-2.3	-0.9	-0.3
<i>of which: Full-time</i>	-9.5	10.7	-4.4	6.3	-1.9	-3.0	-1.5
<i>Part-time</i>	3.7	-5.1	-5.4	-2.2	-1.9	3.2	1.3
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2	0.1	0.8	0.5	1.0
B-E Industry	0.2	0.7	-4.1	2.8	0.3	-1.2	1.5
F Construction	-2.9	0.3	-0.2	0.1	-0.8	-0.7	0.4
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	-2.6	-1.4	-1.0	-1.0	-0.3	-0.8	0.8
H Transportation and storage	0.1	1.0	0.6	1.5	-1.7	1.0	-1.4
I Accommodation and food service activities	0.9	1.7	-2.3	1.3	0.3	0.6	-1.4
J Information and communication	0.3	2.4	0.6	1.4	-0.3	-1.2	-1.3
K-L Financial, insurance and real estate activities	-3.6	3.9	-0.6	2.4	-2.6	-1.1	0.5
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	-0.5	-2.6	-2.2	-0.8	0.2	2.4	-0.3
N Administrative and support service activities	-3.1	3.7	-2.1	-1.0	-2.1	-0.1	2.1
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	-1.9	-0.5	0.8	1.1	-1.2	-1.2	-0.7
P Education	8.0	-2.9	1.7	-3.4	1.3	0.9	0.1
Q Human health and social work activities	0.2	2.3	0.1	0.5	0.2	-0.7	-3.0
R-U Other NACE activities	0.7	-1.0	-1.2	-0.2	1.7	2.3	0.3
Unemployed	0.6	0.9	4.2	0.2	3.7	-4.5	0.0
Not in labour force	3.4	-3.2	2.3	-1.3	0.1	6.0	0.2
Unemployment rate percentage points	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.4	-0.4	0.0
Participation rate percentage points	-0.2	0.2	-0.2	0.1	0.0	-0.4	0.0
All persons							
In labour force	-15.5	11.7	-16.0	7.3	-5.8	-5.0	-4.4
In employment	-18.0	0.7	-26.0	18.3	-9.3	-8.0	-5.8
<i>of which: Full-time</i>	-16.6	8.6	-15.9	7.5	-7.4	-11.0	-4.2
<i>Part-time</i>	3.9	-2.0	-3.6	0.0	-4.2	10.5	5.7
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	3.4	-1.3	-3.9	0.0	2.4	2.7	-1.9
B-E Industry	-1.5	-2.7	-0.7	4.1	-4.9	-4.7	-2.1
F Construction	-12.5	-1.3	0.4	-1.5	-3.0	-2.8	0.1
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	-1.1	2.2	0.5	-2.9	0.0	-3.5	2.3
H Transportation and storage	1.0	1.1	0.1	-4.2	-1.4	0.6	-1.2
I Accommodation and food service activities	-2.5	2.8	2.5	4.2	-2.3	1.3	-1.2
J Information and communication	1.1	3.1	1.1	2.3	-0.3	-0.2	-0.7
K-L Financial, insurance and real estate activities	-4.3	4.2	-6.6	5.5	-1.9	-2.9	2.4
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	-1.3	-1.2	-3.7	-1.3	0.4	3.2	1.3
N Administrative and support service activities	-2.6	3.1	-1.2	-1.5	-2.8	-0.9	2.3
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	-2.5	-6.4	0.5	2.3	-1.6	-0.7	0.5
P Education	8.8	-2.2	-0.5	-1.5	2.4	-0.1	2.6
Q Human health and social work activities	1.3	5.5	-1.4	0.5	0.2	1.6	-0.7
R-U Other NACE activities	2.7	-2.8	-2.9	2.1	2.7	2.3	-0.4
Unemployed	2.2	3.1	7.6	-2.0	5.8	-5.1	-2.0
Not in labour force	7.8	-0.9	5.7	-7.0	1.8	9.5	-0.6
Unemployment rate percentage points	0.1	0.1	0.4	-0.1	0.3	-0.1	-0.1
Participation rate percentage points	-0.2	0.1	-0.2	0.2	-0.1	-0.3	0.0

Source: Central Statistics Office, Ireland.

See Background Notes for further detail. The not stated group presented in Tables 2a and 2b has not been separately seasonally adjusted.

Table 4a Persons aged 15 years and over in employment (ILO) classified by sex and occupation (SOC2010)

Broad occupational group	Q3 10	Q2 11	Q3 11	Q4 11	Q1 12	Q2 12	Q3 12
'000							
Males							
1. Managers, directors and senior officials	92.9	92.4	91.8	95.1	97.9	103.5	102.3
2. Professionals	148.8	148.7	140.5	143.2	144.7	147.1	147.9
3. Associate professional and technical	132.0	132.6	125.6	130.2	137.6	132.3	126.2
4. Administrative and secretarial	49.0	43.8	40.0	41.3	39.3	41.5	45.4
5. Skilled trades	256.2	243.1	246.8	244.7	235.4	239.9	238.9
6. Caring, leisure and other services	20.0	23.2	24.4	22.3	22.4	22.7	23.8
7. Sales and customer service	54.7	56.3	59.8	57.7	52.6	52.3	55.0
8. Process, plant and machine operatives	123.6	130.3	131.0	127.8	123.1	116.8	117.8
9. Elementary	131.1	117.9	124.6	120.4	114.1	115.3	123.6
Other/Not stated	7.3	4.4	5.5	4.5	5.0	5.6	5.3
Total males	1,015.6	992.8	990.2	987.3	972.1	977.0	986.1
Females							
1. Managers, directors and senior officials	42.1	45.2	45.3	46.0	47.2	47.0	45.1
2. Professionals	200.8	204.2	193.1	194.9	196.8	203.0	197.7
3. Associate professional and technical	78.1	79.1	78.5	80.9	82.4	81.1	82.8
4. Administrative and secretarial	180.2	178.8	172.5	174.7	168.6	164.1	163.9
5. Skilled trades	27.5	22.8	24.9	23.6	24.7	26.3	26.1
6. Caring, leisure and other services	123.1	119.8	122.9	125.3	122.7	124.8	121.1
7. Sales and customer service	101.8	103.1	104.4	106.9	105.0	104.1	108.4
8. Process, plant and machine operatives	22.1	23.5	23.5	23.1	22.9	21.7	23.6
9. Elementary	91.5	89.7	86.7	80.9	78.4	82.8	82.2
Other/Not stated	[3.4]	[2.4]	[3.6]	[4.0]	[4.2]	4.1	[4.3]
Total females	870.5	868.5	855.5	860.4	852.9	859.2	855.1
All persons							
1. Managers, directors and senior officials	135.1	137.6	137.1	141.1	145.1	150.6	147.4
2. Professionals	349.5	352.9	333.6	338.1	341.5	350.1	345.5
3. Associate professional and technical	210.1	211.7	204.2	211.1	220.0	213.4	209.0
4. Administrative and secretarial	229.2	222.6	212.5	216.0	207.9	205.6	209.3
5. Skilled trades	283.7	265.9	271.7	268.3	260.1	266.2	265.0
6. Caring, leisure and other services	143.0	143.0	147.3	147.6	145.1	147.5	144.9
7. Sales and customer service	156.5	159.4	164.2	164.6	157.7	156.3	163.4
8. Process, plant and machine operatives	145.6	153.8	154.5	150.9	145.9	138.6	141.3
9. Elementary	222.6	207.6	211.3	201.3	192.5	198.1	205.8
Other/Not stated	10.7	6.8	9.2	8.5	9.1	9.8	9.7
Total persons	1,886.1	1,861.3	1,845.6	1,847.7	1,825.0	1,836.2	1,841.3

Source: Central Statistics Office, Ireland.

See StatBank Table QNQ14

Note: From Q1 2011 occupational estimates are now captured and coded on the basis of the newer UK SOC2010 classification. The CSO has re-coded previous quarters to 2007 inclusive on the basis of the text string captured under the old UK SOC90 classification. As with the introduction of any new classification comparability of estimates over time can be impacted - users should bear this in mind when comparing results from quarters prior to Q1 2011 to those from Q1 2011 onwards.

Table 4b Persons aged 15 years and over in employment (ILO) classified by sex and occupation (SOC2010) - Annual change

Broad occupational group	Q3 10	Q2 11	Q3 11	Q4 11	Q1 12	Q2 12	Q3 12
'000							
Males							
1. Managers, directors and senior officials	-3.5	-5.3	-1.2	1.6	3.4	11.1	10.5
2. Professionals	7.7	1.8	-8.3	-3.2	0.8	-1.6	7.4
3. Associate professional and technical	7.0	6.5	-6.4	-1.7	8.0	-0.3	0.5
4. Administrative and secretarial	0.2	-5.8	-9.0	-5.5	-7.3	-2.4	5.4
5. Skilled trades	-51.6	-22.0	-9.4	-3.5	-8.1	-3.2	-7.9
6. Caring, leisure and other services	-3.1	1.2	4.4	2.8	0.7	-0.5	-0.6
7. Sales and customer service	7.2	3.4	5.1	3.3	-3.0	-4.0	-4.8
8. Process, plant and machine operatives	2.9	13.4	7.4	4.6	-3.6	-13.4	-13.2
9. Elementary	-9.5	-14.2	-6.4	-1.9	-2.0	-2.6	-1.0
Other/Not stated	1.9	-1.8	-1.8	-3.3	-1.2	1.2	-0.2
Total males	-40.7	-22.9	-25.4	-6.8	-12.4	-15.8	-4.0
Females							
1. Managers, directors and senior officials	-4.7	0.4	3.2	3.7	2.8	1.8	-0.2
2. Professionals	15.2	4.1	-7.6	-3.4	1.3	-1.1	4.5
3. Associate professional and technical	-2.9	2.2	0.4	2.6	1.7	2.1	4.3
4. Administrative and secretarial	-17.8	-12.6	-7.7	-3.1	-6.4	-14.6	-8.6
5. Skilled trades	-0.7	-4.5	-2.6	-2.3	1.5	3.5	1.2
6. Caring, leisure and other services	-10.1	-1.8	-0.1	3.0	-1.6	5.0	-1.9
7. Sales and customer service	-7.4	-0.4	2.6	3.5	1.9	1.0	4.0
8. Process, plant and machine operatives	4.0	3.0	1.4	0.4	-1.2	-1.8	0.1
9. Elementary	-2.1	1.8	-4.8	-6.6	-4.0	-6.9	-4.5
Other/Not stated	[-0.3]	[-1.7]	[0.3]	[-0.6]	[-0.5]	[1.8]	[0.7]
Total females	-26.8	-9.4	-15.0	-2.8	-4.4	-9.3	-0.3
All persons							
1. Managers, directors and senior officials	-8.3	-4.9	2.0	5.3	6.2	12.9	10.2
2. Professionals	22.9	5.9	-15.9	-6.6	2.0	-2.8	11.9
3. Associate professional and technical	4.1	8.7	-5.9	1.0	9.7	1.8	4.8
4. Administrative and secretarial	-17.6	-18.4	-16.7	-8.7	-13.7	-17.0	-3.2
5. Skilled trades	-52.2	-26.5	-12.0	-5.8	-6.6	0.3	-6.7
6. Caring, leisure and other services	-13.2	-0.7	4.3	5.8	-0.8	4.5	-2.5
7. Sales and customer service	-0.2	3.0	7.7	6.8	-1.0	-3.1	-0.8
8. Process, plant and machine operatives	6.9	16.5	8.9	5.0	-4.8	-15.2	-13.2
9. Elementary	-11.6	-12.4	-11.3	-8.6	-6.0	-9.5	-5.5
Other/Not stated	1.6	-3.5	-1.5	-3.9	-1.7	3.0	0.5
Total persons	-67.5	-32.4	-40.4	-9.6	-16.8	-25.1	-4.3

Source: Central Statistics Office, Ireland.

Note: From Q1 2011 occupational estimates are now captured and coded on the basis of the newer UK SOC2010 classification. The CSO has re-coded previous quarters to 2007 inclusive on the basis of the text string captured under the old UK SOC90 classification. As with the introduction of any new classification comparability of estimates over time can be impacted - users should bear this in mind when comparing results from quarters prior to Q1 2011 to those from Q1 2011 onwards.

Table 5a Persons aged 15 years and over in employment (ILO) classified by sex and employment status

	'000						
Employment status	Q3 10	Q2 11	Q3 11	Q4 11	Q1 12	Q2 12	Q3 12
Males							
Self employed (with paid employees)	74.6	70.4	69.1	66.4	70.4	68.2	64.7
Self employed (with no paid employees)	170.4	167.2	164.1	164.3	162.0	165.9	161.3
Employee	763.5	750.0	752.4	752.6	734.6	736.1	752.3
Assisting relative	7.1	5.3	4.6	4.0	5.2	6.8	7.9
Total males	1,015.6	992.8	990.2	987.3	972.1	977.0	986.1
Females							
Self employed (with paid employees)	21.3	19.1	18.1	20.2	21.1	19.9	18.3
Self employed (with no paid employees)	39.5	39.7	40.9	36.7	37.5	38.3	35.5
Employee	804.2	804.0	790.9	798.0	788.4	795.1	794.1
Assisting relative	5.5	5.7	5.5	5.5	5.9	5.8	7.3
Total females	870.5	868.5	855.5	860.4	852.9	859.2	855.1
All persons							
Self employed (with paid employees)	95.9	89.5	87.3	86.5	91.4	88.1	82.9
Self employed (with no paid employees)	209.8	206.8	205.0	201.0	199.5	204.2	196.8
Employee	1,567.7	1,554.0	1,543.3	1,550.7	1,523.0	1,531.3	1,546.4
Assisting relative	12.6	11.0	10.0	9.5	11.2	12.6	15.2
Total persons	1,886.1	1,861.3	1,845.6	1,847.7	1,825.0	1,836.2	1,841.3

Source: Central Statistics Office, Ireland.

See StatBank Table QNQ19

Table 5b Persons aged 15 years and over in employment (ILO) classified by sex and employment status - Annual change

	'000						
Employment status	Q3 10	Q2 11	Q3 11	Q4 11	Q1 12	Q2 12	Q3 12
Males							
Self employed (with paid employees)	-11.3	-7.6	-5.5	-6.6	-1.5	-2.1	-4.5
Self employed (with no paid employees)	-13.5	-2.1	-6.3	-2.2	-2.0	-1.3	-2.8
Employee	-14.6	-10.7	-11.1	3.8	-8.0	-13.9	-0.1
Assisting relative	-1.4	-2.6	-2.6	-1.8	-0.8	1.5	3.3
Total males	-40.7	-22.9	-25.4	-6.8	-12.4	-15.8	-4.0
Females							
Self employed (with paid employees)	-1.2	-1.7	-3.2	1.3	1.0	0.7	0.1
Self employed (with no paid employees)	2.1	0.6	1.5	-3.1	-0.8	-1.3	-5.4
Employee	-24.7	-6.2	-13.3	-2.0	-4.9	-8.8	3.1
Assisting relative	-3.0	-2.1	0.0	1.0	0.3	0.1	1.8
Total females	-26.8	-9.4	-15.0	-2.8	-4.4	-9.3	-0.3
All persons							
Self employed (with paid employees)	-12.4	-9.3	-8.6	-5.3	-0.5	-1.4	-4.3
Self employed (with no paid employees)	-11.3	-1.5	-4.8	-5.3	-2.8	-2.6	-8.2
Employee	-39.3	-16.9	-24.4	1.8	-12.9	-22.7	3.0
Assisting relative	-4.4	-4.7	-2.6	-0.8	-0.5	1.6	5.1
Total persons	-67.5	-32.4	-40.4	-9.6	-16.8	-25.1	-4.3

Source: Central Statistics Office, Ireland.

Table 6a Persons aged 15 years and over classified by sex and duration of unemployment (ILO)

	'000						
Duration of unemployment (ILO)	Q3 10	Q2 11	Q3 11	Q4 11	Q1 12	Q2 12	Q3 12
Males							
Less than 1 year	93.9	80.9	72.2	61.8	64.2	67.8	70.2
1 year and over	114.5	130.4	142.0	146.5	148.9	146.4	141.7
Not stated	*	[2.7]	*	[3.0]	*	*	*
Total males	209.7	214.1	216.0	211.3	215.1	216.4	213.3
Females							
Less than 1 year	61.6	54.0	60.9	52.0	50.7	52.1	58.3
1 year and over	38.1	47.7	49.7	49.5	55.4	53.2	51.3
Not stated	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total females	101.0	103.3	112.1	102.5	106.8	106.6	111.2
All persons							
Less than 1 year	155.5	134.9	133.1	113.8	114.9	119.8	128.5
1 year and over	152.6	178.1	191.7	196.1	204.3	199.6	193.0
Not stated	[2.6]	4.3	[3.3]	[4.0]	[2.7]	[3.5]	[3.0]
Total persons	310.6	317.4	328.1	313.9	321.9	323.0	324.5
Long-term unemployment rate %	6.9	8.2	8.8	9.1	9.5	9.2	8.9

Source: Central Statistics Office, Ireland.

See StatBank Table QNQ39

Table 6b Persons aged 15 years and over classified by sex and duration of unemployment (ILO) - Annual change

	'000						
Duration of unemployment (ILO)	Q3 10	Q2 11	Q3 11	Q4 11	Q1 12	Q2 12	Q3 12
Males							
Less than 1 year	-39.9	-19.4	-21.7	-20.3	-14.0	-13.2	-2.0
1 year and over	53.0	24.7	27.5	18.7	18.9	16.0	-0.3
Not stated	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total males	12.4	6.3	6.3	0.2	4.8	2.3	-2.7
Females							
Less than 1 year	-10.3	-7.8	-0.7	-2.6	1.3	-1.9	-2.6
1 year and over	19.0	13.2	11.6	5.3	8.4	5.4	1.6
Not stated	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total females	9.3	6.0	11.1	2.7	9.5	3.2	-0.9
All persons							
Less than 1 year	-50.1	-27.2	-22.4	-22.9	-12.7	-15.1	-4.6
1 year and over	72.0	37.9	39.1	24.0	27.3	21.5	1.4
Not stated	[-0.1]	[1.6]	[0.7]	*	[-0.4]	[-0.8]	[-0.3]
Total persons	21.8	12.3	17.4	2.9	14.3	5.6	-3.6
Long-term unemployment rate percentage points	3.4	1.8	1.9	1.1	1.3	1.1	0.1

Source: Central Statistics Office, Ireland.

Table 7a Persons aged 15 years and over classified by ILO economic status, sex, age group and quarter

	'000								
	Employed			Unemployed			In labour force		
	Q3 10	Q3 11	Q3 12	Q3 10	Q3 11	Q3 12	Q3 10	Q3 11	Q3 12
Males									
15-19	18.2	14.0	16.6	11.9	12.0	11.7	30.1	25.9	28.3
20-24	76.3	69.9	62.2	35.2	34.0	33.4	111.4	103.8	95.6
25-34	273.6	256.3	255.0	65.4	71.1	60.6	338.9	327.4	315.7
35-44	267.7	271.8	271.1	46.1	46.6	49.6	313.8	318.4	320.7
45-54	214.3	214.9	218.2	34.2	34.1	36.5	248.5	249.0	254.7
55-59	80.0	77.4	77.6	9.2	11.7	14.5	89.2	89.0	92.1
60-64	53.5	54.6	52.3	7.2	6.4	6.6	60.7	61.0	58.9
65+	32.1	31.3	33.1	*	*	*	32.6	31.5	33.5
Total males	1,015.6	990.2	986.1	209.7	216.0	213.3	1,225.3	1,206.1	1,199.5
Females									
15-19	18.5	17.1	16.6	9.2	8.0	9.0	27.7	25.1	25.6
20-24	84.3	71.5	68.5	19.8	19.3	19.9	104.0	90.8	88.4
25-34	268.2	260.3	255.4	29.0	34.8	31.6	297.1	295.2	287.0
35-44	207.9	218.4	221.2	22.7	24.0	23.7	230.5	242.4	244.9
45-54	182.8	177.0	181.1	14.0	18.0	19.3	196.8	195.0	200.4
55-59	63.0	63.7	64.1	4.5	5.4	5.1	67.5	69.1	69.2
60-64	34.2	34.3	35.4	*	*	[2.5]	35.8	36.7	37.9
65+	11.7	13.2	12.8	*	*	*	12.0	13.3	13.0
Total females	870.5	855.5	855.1	101.0	112.1	111.2	971.4	967.5	966.3
All persons									
15-19	36.7	31.0	33.1	21.1	20.0	20.7	57.8	51.0	53.8
20-24	160.5	141.3	130.6	55.0	53.3	53.3	215.5	194.6	184.0
25-34	541.7	516.7	510.4	94.3	105.9	92.2	636.1	622.6	602.6
35-44	475.6	490.2	492.4	68.8	70.6	73.3	544.3	560.8	565.7
45-54	397.0	391.9	399.3	48.2	52.1	55.7	445.3	444.0	455.1
55-59	143.0	141.1	141.7	13.6	17.1	19.6	156.6	158.1	161.3
60-64	87.7	88.9	87.7	8.8	8.8	9.1	96.5	97.6	96.8
65+	43.8	44.5	46.0	*	*	*	44.6	44.9	46.5
Total persons	1,886.1	1,845.6	1,841.3	310.6	328.1	324.5	2,196.7	2,173.7	2,165.8

Source: Central Statistics Office, Ireland.

See StatBank Table QNQ24

Table 7b Persons aged 15 years and over classified by ILO economic status, sex, age group and quarter - Annual change

	'000								
	Employed			Unemployed			In labour force		
	Q3 10	Q3 11	Q3 12	Q3 10	Q3 11	Q3 12	Q3 10	Q3 11	Q3 12
Males									
15-19	-4.1	-4.3	2.6	-1.1	0.1	-0.3	-5.2	-4.2	2.3
20-24	-11.0	-6.4	-7.7	-4.3	-1.2	-0.5	-15.3	-7.6	-8.3
25-34	-10.5	-17.2	-1.3	0.5	5.7	-10.4	-10.0	-11.5	-11.8
35-44	-5.8	4.1	-0.6	7.8	0.6	3.0	2.0	4.6	2.3
45-54	-4.6	0.7	3.3	5.7	-0.1	2.4	1.1	0.6	5.6
55-59	-1.6	-2.7	0.3	1.2	2.5	2.8	-0.4	-0.2	3.1
60-64	-2.0	1.1	-2.3	2.5	-0.8	0.2	0.5	0.3	-2.1
65+	-1.1	-0.7	1.8	*	*	*	-0.9	-1.1	2.0
Total males	-40.7	-25.4	-4.0	12.4	6.3	-2.7	-28.3	-19.1	-6.7
Females									
15-19	-3.2	-1.4	-0.5	-0.1	-1.2	0.9	-3.3	-2.6	0.4
20-24	-18.6	-12.8	-3.0	-0.3	-0.5	0.6	-18.9	-13.3	-2.4
25-34	-7.9	-7.8	-5.0	1.6	5.9	-3.2	-6.3	-1.9	-8.2
35-44	-7.2	10.6	2.8	4.2	1.3	-0.3	-3.0	11.8	2.6
45-54	4.4	-5.8	4.2	2.3	4.0	1.3	6.7	-1.8	5.4
55-59	3.4	0.7	0.4	0.9	0.9	-0.3	4.3	1.7	0.1
60-64	2.1	0.1	1.1	*	*	*	2.7	0.9	1.3
65+	0.1	1.5	-0.4	*	*	*	0.3	1.4	-0.4
Total females	-26.8	-15.0	-0.3	9.3	11.1	-0.9	-17.5	-3.9	-1.2
All persons									
15-19	-7.3	-5.7	2.1	-1.2	-1.1	0.7	-8.6	-6.8	2.8
20-24	-29.6	-19.2	-10.7	-4.6	-1.7	0.0	-34.2	-20.9	-10.7
25-34	-18.4	-25.1	-6.3	2.1	11.6	-13.7	-16.3	-13.5	-20.0
35-44	-13.0	14.6	2.2	12.0	1.9	2.7	-1.0	16.5	4.9
45-54	-0.2	-5.1	7.4	8.0	3.8	3.6	7.8	-1.3	11.1
55-59	1.9	-1.9	0.6	2.1	3.4	2.6	4.0	1.5	3.2
60-64	0.1	1.2	-1.2	3.0	0.0	0.4	3.1	1.1	-0.8
65+	-0.9	0.8	1.4	*	*	*	-0.6	0.3	1.6
Total persons	-67.5	-40.4	-4.3	21.8	17.4	-3.6	-45.7	-23.0	-7.9

Source: Central Statistics Office, Ireland.

Table 8a Persons aged 15 years and over classified by key economic rates, sex, age group and quarter

	%								
	Employment rate (15-64)			Unemployment rate			Participation rate		
	Q3 10	Q3 11	Q3 12	Q3 10	Q3 11	Q3 12	Q3 10	Q3 11	Q3 12
Males									
15-19	12.4	9.7	11.7	39.5	46.2	41.4	20.5	18.1	19.9
20-24	48.2	47.5	45.1	31.6	32.7	35.0	70.4	70.6	69.4
25-34	72.9	69.7	72.6	19.3	21.7	19.2	90.4	89.1	89.9
35-44	77.8	78.0	77.4	14.7	14.6	15.5	91.2	91.4	91.6
45-54	75.4	74.5	74.6	13.8	13.7	14.3	87.4	86.3	87.0
55-59	66.4	63.3	62.5	10.3	13.1	15.7	74.0	72.9	74.2
60-64	49.6	49.9	47.4	11.9	10.5	11.2	56.3	55.8	53.3
65+	:	:	:	1.8	0.5	1.2	13.9	13.0	13.2
Total males	64.0	62.8	63.2	17.1	17.9	17.8	69.2	68.2	68.1
Females									
15-19	13.2	12.5	12.3	33.3	32.0	35.1	19.8	18.4	18.9
20-24	52.8	48.9	49.6	19.0	21.3	22.5	65.3	62.1	64.0
25-34	69.3	67.8	68.0	9.8	11.8	11.0	76.8	76.9	76.4
35-44	60.9	63.0	62.9	9.8	9.9	9.7	67.6	70.0	69.7
45-54	63.7	60.7	61.1	7.1	9.2	9.6	68.5	66.8	67.6
55-59	52.4	52.0	51.3	6.6	7.8	7.4	56.1	56.4	55.4
60-64	32.0	31.6	32.0	4.3	6.4	6.7	33.4	33.7	34.3
65+	:	:	:	2.2	1.1	0.9	4.2	4.6	4.3
Total females	55.7	54.8	55.0	10.4	11.6	11.5	53.2	52.9	52.7
All persons									
15-19	12.8	11.1	12.0	36.5	39.2	38.4	20.1	18.2	19.4
20-24	50.5	48.2	47.4	25.5	27.4	29.0	67.8	66.4	66.7
25-34	71.1	68.8	70.2	14.8	17.0	15.3	83.5	82.9	82.9
35-44	69.4	70.6	70.2	12.6	12.6	13.0	79.5	80.7	80.6
45-54	69.5	67.5	67.8	10.8	11.7	12.2	77.9	76.5	77.3
55-59	59.4	57.6	56.9	8.7	10.8	12.2	65.0	64.6	64.8
60-64	40.8	40.8	39.7	9.1	9.0	9.4	44.9	44.8	43.8
65+	:	:	:	1.9	0.7	1.1	8.6	8.4	8.4
Total persons	59.8	58.8	59.0	14.1	15.1	15.0	61.0	60.4	60.2

Source: Central Statistics Office, Ireland.
See StatBank Table QNQ24

Table 8b Persons aged 15 years and over classified by key economic rates, sex, age group and quarter - Annual change

	Percentage points								
	Employment rate (15-64)			Unemployment rate			Participation rate		
	Q3 10	Q3 11	Q3 12	Q3 10	Q3 11	Q3 12	Q3 10	Q3 11	Q3 12
Males									
15-19	-2.6	-2.6	1.9	2.7	6.7	-4.8	-3.2	-2.4	1.8
20-24	-3.9	-0.7	-2.4	0.4	1.2	2.3	-5.3	0.2	-1.2
25-34	-1.4	-3.2	2.9	0.7	2.4	-2.5	-1.0	-1.3	0.8
35-44	-2.3	0.2	-0.6	2.4	0.0	0.8	-0.1	0.2	0.1
45-54	-2.4	-0.9	0.1	2.2	-0.1	0.6	-0.5	-1.1	0.7
55-59	-1.9	-3.0	-0.8	1.4	2.8	2.7	-1.0	-1.1	1.4
60-64	-2.7	0.4	-2.6	4.1	-1.4	0.7	-0.4	-0.5	-2.4
65+	:	:	:	0.6	-1.2	0.7	-0.7	-0.9	0.2
Total males	-2.1	-1.2	0.4	1.4	0.8	-0.1	-1.4	-1.0	-0.1
Females									
15-19	-1.9	-0.7	-0.2	3.2	-1.3	3.1	-1.9	-1.4	0.5
20-24	-5.9	-4.0	0.7	2.7	2.3	1.2	-4.9	-3.2	1.9
25-34	-1.8	-1.5	0.1	0.7	2.1	-0.8	-1.3	0.1	-0.6
35-44	-3.2	2.1	-0.1	1.9	0.1	-0.2	-2.0	2.4	-0.3
45-54	0.2	-3.0	0.5	1.0	2.1	0.4	0.9	-1.7	0.8
55-59	1.9	-0.4	-0.7	0.9	1.2	-0.4	2.6	0.3	-1.0
60-64	1.2	-0.4	0.5	1.2	2.1	0.2	1.7	0.3	0.6
65+	:	:	:	1.6	-1.1	-0.2	0.0	0.4	-0.2
Total females	-1.6	-0.9	0.1	1.1	1.2	-0.1	-1.1	-0.3	-0.2
All persons									
15-19	-2.3	-1.7	0.9	2.9	2.7	-0.8	-2.6	-1.9	1.2
20-24	-5.0	-2.3	-0.8	1.7	1.9	1.6	-5.0	-1.5	0.3
25-34	-1.6	-2.3	1.4	0.7	2.2	-1.7	-1.2	-0.6	0.0
35-44	-2.7	1.1	-0.4	2.2	0.0	0.4	-1.1	1.3	-0.1
45-54	-1.1	-2.0	0.3	1.6	0.9	0.5	0.2	-1.4	0.7
55-59	0.0	-1.7	-0.8	1.1	2.1	1.4	0.8	-0.4	0.1
60-64	-0.8	0.0	-1.1	2.9	-0.1	0.4	0.5	-0.1	-1.0
65+	:	:	:	0.8	-1.2	0.4	-0.3	-0.2	0.0
Total persons	-1.9	-1.0	0.2	1.3	1.0	-0.1	-1.3	-0.6	-0.2

Source: Central Statistics Office, Ireland.

Table 9a Persons aged 15 years and over classified by NUTS2 and NUTS3 regions and ILO Economic Status

Region	Q3 10	Q2 11	Q3 11	Q4 11	Q1 12	Q2 12	Q3 12
Border, Midland and Western							
In employment ('000)	475.4	474.6	467.6	462.5	456.4	459.3	459.7
Unemployed ('000)	87.3	93.0	91.5	85.2	90.0	93.1	92.2
In labour force ('000)	562.7	567.6	559.1	547.7	546.4	552.4	551.9
Unemployment rate (%)	15.5	16.4	16.4	15.6	16.5	16.8	16.7
Participation rate (%)	58.5	58.8	58.0	57.0	56.9	57.7	57.7
Border							
In employment ('000)	190.5	187.1	185.1	180.8	174.5	174.6	172.4
Unemployed ('000)	30.2	33.4	31.7	29.1	31.7	34.8	37.2
In labour force ('000)	220.6	220.5	216.7	210.0	206.2	209.4	209.6
Unemployment rate (%)	13.7	15.1	14.6	13.9	15.4	16.6	17.7
Participation rate (%)	55.3	55.2	54.4	52.9	52.1	53.1	53.3
Midland							
In employment ('000)	104.2	108.4	101.7	102.8	104.8	105.2	105.3
Unemployed ('000)	22.8	22.9	24.7	23.6	24.2	23.5	22.2
In labour force ('000)	127.1	131.3	126.4	126.5	129.0	128.7	127.6
Unemployment rate (%)	18.0	17.4	19.5	18.7	18.7	18.3	17.4
Participation rate (%)	59.0	60.4	58.0	58.0	59.0	58.9	58.2
West							
In employment ('000)	180.7	179.0	180.9	178.8	177.1	179.5	181.9
Unemployed ('000)	34.3	36.7	35.1	32.4	34.1	34.8	32.8
In labour force ('000)	215.0	215.8	216.0	211.2	211.2	214.3	214.7
Unemployment rate (%)	16.0	17.0	16.3	15.4	16.2	16.2	15.3
Participation rate (%)	61.8	61.9	62.2	61.0	61.2	62.3	62.5
Southern and Eastern							
In employment ('000)	1,410.6	1,386.7	1,378.0	1,385.2	1,368.7	1,376.9	1,381.6
Unemployed ('000)	223.3	224.4	236.6	228.7	231.9	229.9	232.3
In labour force ('000)	1,634.0	1,611.1	1,614.6	1,613.9	1,600.5	1,606.8	1,613.9
Unemployment rate (%)	13.7	13.9	14.7	14.2	14.5	14.3	14.4
Participation rate (%)	62.0	61.2	61.3	61.3	60.8	61.0	61.1
Dublin							
In employment ('000)	559.3	555.2	543.5	548.8	541.5	547.4	548.4
Unemployed ('000)	76.2	77.9	83.8	81.7	82.6	76.9	81.3
In labour force ('000)	635.5	633.1	627.3	630.5	624.1	624.3	629.7
Unemployment rate (%)	12.0	12.3	13.4	13.0	13.2	12.3	12.9
Participation rate (%)	62.4	62.2	61.7	62.2	61.6	61.7	62.2
Mid-East							
In employment ('000)	228.5	223.7	226.6	229.9	228.8	222.7	223.5
Unemployed ('000)	31.4	31.8	33.5	32.7	33.2	35.8	35.9
In labour force ('000)	259.8	255.6	260.1	262.6	262.0	258.5	259.4
Unemployment rate (%)	12.1	12.5	12.9	12.4	12.7	13.8	13.8
Participation rate (%)	64.4	63.2	64.1	64.6	64.4	63.4	63.5
Mid-West							
In employment ('000)	152.1	156.7	154.0	154.6	150.4	150.1	150.9
Unemployed ('000)	30.3	29.9	31.5	29.1	28.6	28.9	30.0
In labour force ('000)	182.4	186.6	185.5	183.7	179.0	178.9	180.9
Unemployment rate (%)	16.6	16.0	17.0	15.9	16.0	16.1	16.6
Participation rate (%)	60.9	62.8	62.3	61.6	60.0	59.9	60.5
South-East							
In employment ('000)	191.8	184.5	183.8	182.9	181.3	186.0	183.8
Unemployed ('000)	41.5	42.3	43.6	43.4	45.6	43.6	44.3
In labour force ('000)	233.3	226.8	227.4	226.2	226.9	229.5	228.1
Unemployment rate (%)	17.8	18.7	19.2	19.2	20.1	19.0	19.4
Participation rate (%)	59.8	58.2	58.3	58.0	58.1	58.8	58.3
South-West							
In employment ('000)	278.9	266.6	270.1	269.1	266.6	270.7	274.9
Unemployed ('000)	44.0	42.5	44.2	41.8	41.8	44.8	40.8
In labour force ('000)	322.9	309.1	314.3	310.9	308.5	315.6	315.7
Unemployment rate (%)	13.6	13.7	14.1	13.5	13.6	14.2	12.9
Participation rate (%)	61.5	59.0	59.9	59.2	58.7	60.0	59.8
State							
In employment ('000)	1,886.1	1,861.3	1,845.6	1,847.7	1,825.0	1,836.2	1,841.3
Unemployed ('000)	310.6	317.4	328.1	313.9	321.9	323.0	324.5
In labour force ('000)	2,196.7	2,178.7	2,173.7	2,161.5	2,146.9	2,159.1	2,165.8
Unemployment rate (%)	14.1	14.6	15.1	14.5	15.0	15.0	15.0
Participation rate (%)	61.0	60.5	60.4	60.1	59.7	60.1	60.2

Source: Central Statistics Office, Ireland.

See StatBank Table QN22

Table 9b Persons aged 15 years and over classified by NUTS2 and NUTS3 regions and ILO Economic Status - Annual change

Region	Q3 10	Q2 11	Q3 11	Q4 11	Q1 12	Q2 12	Q3 12
Border, Midland and Western							
In employment ('000)	-24.9	-5.1	-7.8	-9.9	-12.6	-15.3	-8.0
Unemployed ('000)	3.1	11.1	4.2	2.8	5.2	0.1	0.7
In labour force ('000)	-21.9	6.1	-3.6	-7.1	-7.4	-15.3	-7.3
Unemployment rate (percentage points)	1.1	1.8	0.8	0.7	1.2	0.5	0.3
Participation rate (percentage points)	-2.4	0.4	-0.5	-0.6	-0.5	-1.1	-0.3
Border							
In employment ('000)	-8.0	-3.0	-5.4	-6.6	-12.6	-12.5	-12.7
Unemployed ('000)	-2.6	3.7	1.5	0.0	3.7	1.4	5.5
In labour force ('000)	-10.6	0.7	-3.9	-6.6	-9.0	-11.1	-7.2
Unemployment rate (percentage points)	-0.5	1.6	0.9	0.4	2.4	1.5	3.1
Participation rate (percentage points)	-2.8	0.0	-0.9	-1.3	-1.8	-2.1	-1.1
Midland							
In employment ('000)	-7.2	3.2	-2.5	-0.6	0.4	-3.3	3.6
Unemployed ('000)	3.1	4.2	1.8	3.4	2.6	0.6	-2.4
In labour force ('000)	-4.2	7.4	-0.7	2.8	3.1	-2.7	1.2
Unemployment rate (percentage points)	2.9	2.3	1.6	2.3	1.6	0.8	-2.1
Participation rate (percentage points)	-2.4	2.6	-1.0	0.8	1.0	-1.5	0.3
West							
In employment ('000)	-9.6	-5.3	0.2	-2.7	-0.4	0.4	1.0
Unemployed ('000)	2.6	3.3	0.8	-0.6	-1.1	-2.0	-2.4
In labour force ('000)	-7.1	-2.0	1.0	-3.2	-1.4	-1.5	-1.3
Unemployment rate (percentage points)	1.7	1.7	0.3	0.0	-0.4	-0.8	-1.0
Participation rate (percentage points)	-1.9	-0.6	0.4	-0.5	0.1	0.4	0.3
Southern and Eastern							
In employment ('000)	-42.6	-27.3	-32.7	0.2	-4.2	-9.8	3.6
Unemployed ('000)	18.7	1.2	13.3	0.1	9.0	5.5	-4.3
In labour force ('000)	-23.9	-26.1	-19.4	0.4	4.8	-4.3	-0.6
Unemployment rate (percentage points)	1.3	0.3	1.0	0.0	0.5	0.4	-0.3
Participation rate (percentage points)	-0.9	-0.9	-0.7	0.0	0.2	-0.2	-0.1
Dublin							
In employment ('000)	-15.9	-6.9	-15.8	-3.8	-4.8	-7.8	4.9
Unemployed ('000)	3.5	3.0	7.6	-0.7	3.2	-1.0	-2.5
In labour force ('000)	-12.4	-3.9	-8.2	-4.5	-1.6	-8.8	2.4
Unemployment rate (percentage points)	0.8	0.6	1.4	0.0	0.5	0.0	-0.4
Participation rate (percentage points)	-1.0	-0.3	-0.7	-0.2	0.1	-0.5	0.4
Mid-East							
In employment ('000)	-2.6	-4.3	-1.9	3.6	6.1	-1.0	-3.1
Unemployed ('000)	-0.3	-2.2	2.1	-0.4	0.2	3.9	2.4
In labour force ('000)	-3.0	-6.5	0.2	3.2	6.3	2.9	-0.7
Unemployment rate (percentage points)	0.0	-0.5	0.8	-0.3	-0.2	1.4	1.0
Participation rate (percentage points)	-1.2	-1.9	-0.3	0.4	1.1	0.2	-0.7
Mid-West							
In employment ('000)	-3.8	5.4	1.9	3.5	-3.5	-6.6	-3.1
Unemployed ('000)	4.9	0.0	1.2	-2.0	0.0	-1.1	-1.5
In labour force ('000)	1.1	5.4	3.1	1.6	-3.5	-7.7	-4.6
Unemployment rate (percentage points)	2.6	-0.5	0.4	-1.2	0.3	0.1	-0.4
Participation rate (percentage points)	0.3	2.3	1.4	0.6	-1.2	-2.8	-1.8
South-East							
In employment ('000)	-10.9	-6.4	-8.0	-2.9	-4.0	1.5	0.1
Unemployed ('000)	5.3	-0.8	2.1	1.7	6.4	1.2	0.7
In labour force ('000)	-5.5	-7.2	-6.0	-1.2	2.4	2.7	0.8
Unemployment rate (percentage points)	2.6	0.2	1.4	0.9	2.6	0.3	0.3
Participation rate (percentage points)	-1.5	-1.8	-1.5	-0.3	0.6	0.7	0.0
South-West							
In employment ('000)	-9.3	-15.0	-8.8	-0.2	2.1	4.1	4.9
Unemployed ('000)	5.2	1.1	0.2	1.6	-0.8	2.4	-3.4
In labour force ('000)	-4.1	-13.9	-8.6	1.4	1.3	6.5	1.5
Unemployment rate (percentage points)	1.8	0.9	0.4	0.4	-0.3	0.5	-1.1
Participation rate (percentage points)	-0.6	-2.5	-1.6	0.2	0.1	1.0	-0.1
State							
In employment ('000)	-67.5	-32.4	-40.4	-9.6	-16.8	-25.1	-4.3
Unemployed ('000)	21.8	12.3	17.4	2.9	14.3	5.6	-3.6
In labour force ('000)	-45.7	-20.0	-23.0	-6.7	-2.5	-19.6	-7.9
Unemployment rate (percentage points)	1.3	0.7	1.0	0.2	0.7	0.4	-0.1
Participation rate (percentage points)	-1.3	-0.6	-0.6	-0.1	0.0	-0.4	-0.2

Source: Central Statistics Office, Ireland.

Table 10a Persons aged 15 years and over classified by Principal Economic Status (PES)

Principal Economic Status	Q3 10	Q2 11	Q3 11	Q4 11	Q1 12	Q2 12	Q3 12
'000							
Males							
At work	980.4	970.2	963.8	963.4	950.6	949.6	952.4
Unemployed	260.2	260.6	270.3	266.3	264.7	265.2	260.7
Student	200.9	202.2	193.9	191.6	203.1	197.5	200.4
Home duties	7.0	8.1	8.8	8.4	9.0	8.4	8.1
Retired	239.4	243.1	246.2	247.6	250.0	254.3	257.4
Others	83.9	86.9	86.4	88.4	86.9	86.4	83.6
Total males	1,771.8	1,771.0	1,769.5	1,765.7	1,764.4	1,761.3	1,762.5
Females							
At work	833.1	843.2	824.1	830.5	821.0	823.8	821.0
Unemployed	104.1	103.4	112.1	106.1	106.5	108.0	111.0
Student	193.7	197.4	193.4	195.9	203.5	201.2	199.2
Home duties	533.0	512.9	526.0	521.5	516.3	505.9	505.5
Retired	104.0	115.2	112.9	114.5	121.2	129.1	134.3
Others	59.2	55.9	60.1	60.5	60.9	61.7	62.1
Total females	1,827.1	1,828.1	1,828.6	1,829.0	1,829.4	1,829.7	1,833.1
All persons							
At work	1,813.5	1,813.4	1,787.9	1,793.9	1,771.6	1,773.5	1,773.3
Unemployed	364.3	364.1	382.4	372.4	371.2	373.1	371.7
Student	394.6	399.6	387.4	387.6	406.7	398.7	399.6
Home duties	540.0	521.0	534.8	529.9	525.3	514.3	513.5
Retired	343.4	358.3	359.1	362.1	371.2	383.4	391.7
Others	143.0	142.9	146.5	148.9	147.8	148.0	145.7
Total persons	3,598.8	3,599.1	3,598.1	3,594.7	3,593.8	3,591.0	3,595.5

Source: Central Statistics Office, Ireland.

See StatBank Table QNQ33

Note: The Principal Economic Status (PES) classification is based on a respondent's own subjective assessment - see Background Notes.

Table 10b Persons aged 15 years and over classified by Principal Economic Status (PES) - Annual change

Principal Economic Status	Q3 10	Q2 11	Q3 11	Q4 11	Q1 12	Q2 12	Q3 12
'000							
Males							
At work	-38.1	-14.9	-16.6	0.1	-16.4	-20.6	-11.4
Unemployed	13.8	3.0	10.1	-1.5	0.6	4.5	-9.6
Student	13.4	1.2	-7.0	-12.9	-2.0	-4.7	6.5
Home duties	-0.2	0.6	1.9	0.6	-0.6	0.3	-0.8
Retired	10.3	5.2	6.8	6.0	11.5	11.2	11.1
Others	-3.5	3.9	2.6	2.1	-0.1	-0.6	-2.8
Total males	-4.2	-0.9	-2.3	-5.7	-6.9	-9.7	-7.0
Females							
At work	-22.5	-0.3	-9.0	-0.6	-13.0	-19.4	-3.1
Unemployed	8.1	5.2	8.0	6.8	4.9	4.5	-1.1
Student	5.9	-1.3	-0.2	0.0	5.7	3.8	5.8
Home duties	-7.7	-14.5	-7.0	-15.3	-4.3	-7.0	-20.6
Retired	15.1	14.5	8.9	9.7	11.4	13.9	21.4
Others	5.1	-2.0	0.9	0.9	-3.0	5.8	2.0
Total females	4.1	1.8	1.6	1.4	1.7	1.7	4.4
All persons							
At work	-60.6	-15.1	-25.6	-0.6	-29.3	-39.9	-14.5
Unemployed	22.0	8.2	18.1	5.2	5.5	9.1	-10.7
Student	19.3	-0.1	-7.2	-12.9	3.7	-0.9	12.3
Home duties	-7.9	-13.8	-5.2	-14.7	-4.9	-6.7	-21.3
Retired	25.5	19.7	15.7	15.8	22.9	25.2	32.5
Others	1.6	2.0	3.5	2.9	-3.1	5.2	-0.8
Total persons	-0.1	0.9	-0.7	-4.3	-5.3	-8.1	-2.6

Source: Central Statistics Office, Ireland.

Note: The Principal Economic Status (PES) classification is based on a respondent's own subjective assessment - see Background Notes.

Table 11 Labour Force Survey results classified by ILO Economic Status for persons in EU member states

	%													
	Employment rate % (15-64 years)				Unemployment rate % (15-74 years)				Participation rate % (15 years and over)					
	Q2 10	Q2 11	Q2 12	Annual change Q2 12 pp	Q2 10	Q2 11	Q2 12	Annual change Q2 12 pp	Q2 10	Q2 11	Q2 12	Annual change Q2 12 pp		
EU27	64.2	64.5	64.3	-0.2	9.5	9.3	10.2	0.9	57.5	57.5	57.8	0.3		
EU15	65.5	65.7	65.3	-0.4	9.4	9.3	10.4	1.1	58.0	58.0	58.2	0.2		
Eurozone	64.3	64.5	64.0	-0.5	9.9	9.7	11.0	1.3	56.9	57.0	57.2	0.2		
Belgium	61.5	62.5	61.8	-0.7	8.1	6.6	7.0	0.4	53.5	53.3	53.0	-0.3		
Bulgaria	60.2	58.2	58.3	0.1	10.0	11.2	12.3	1.1	52.2	51.0	52.7	1.7		
Czech Republic	64.9	65.7	66.5	0.8	7.1	6.7	6.7	0.0	58.3	58.4	58.5	0.1		
Denmark	73.6	73.3	72.8	-0.5	7.5	7.3	7.8	0.5	64.6	64.0	63.5	-0.5		
Germany	71.0	72.5	72.7	0.2	7.0	5.9	5.4	-0.5	59.3	60.1	59.9	-0.2		
Estonia	59.5	64.3	67.1	2.8	18.6	13.3	10.2	-3.1	60.6	61.4	61.7	0.3		
Greece	60.1	56.4	51.7	-4.7	11.9	16.4	23.6	7.2	54.0	53.2	53.0	-0.2		
Spain	58.6	58.3	55.7	-2.6	20.1	20.9	24.7	3.8	59.4	59.5	59.4	-0.1		
France	64.0	64.1	64.1	0.0	8.9	8.7	9.4	0.7	56.6	56.4	56.6	0.2		
Ireland	60.0	59.2	58.8	-0.4	13.9	14.6	15.0	0.4	61.1	60.5	60.1	-0.4		
Italy	57.2	57.3	57.1	-0.2	8.4	7.8	10.5	2.7	48.7	48.3	49.5	1.2		
Cyprus	69.8	69.0	64.9	-4.1	6.4	7.2	11.4	4.2	65.0	64.4	63.3	-1.1		
Latvia	58.9	61.4	62.4	1.0	19.4	16.2	16.1	-0.1	59.9	60.0	60.1	0.1		
Lithuania	56.7	60.8	62.9	2.1	18.3	15.6	13.3	-2.3	57.4	59.5	59.9	0.4		
Luxembourg	64.6	63.8	65.8	2.0	4.1	5.4	4.0	-1.4	57.0	57.1	58.0	0.9		
Hungary	55.3	55.8	57.2	1.4	11.1	10.8	10.9	0.1	50.7	50.9	51.9	1.0		
Malta	56.0	57.3	58.5	1.2	6.8	6.7	6.5	-0.2	50.1	50.8	51.4	0.6		
Netherlands	74.7	74.7	75.1	0.4	4.5	4.2	5.1	0.9	65.2	64.5	65.2	0.7		
Austria	71.4	72.1	72.6	0.5	4.4	4.1	4.3	0.2	60.8	61.1	61.6	0.5		
Poland	59.3	59.7	60.0	0.3	9.5	9.5	10.0	0.5	55.7	56.0	56.4	0.4		
Portugal	65.7	64.8	62.5	-2.3	10.8	12.3	15.2	2.9	61.9	61.6	61.2	-0.4		
Romania	60.1	58.8	60.0	1.2	6.8	7.2	6.9	-0.3	55.9	54.6	55.4	0.8		
Slovenia	66.5	64.4	63.8	-0.6	7.1	7.7	8.2	0.5	59.2	57.7	56.9	-0.8		
Slovakia	58.6	59.6	59.8	0.2	14.4	13.2	13.6	0.4	58.8	58.9	59.1	0.2		
Finland	69.2	70.1	70.4	0.3	9.6	8.8	8.6	-0.2	61.7	61.7	61.4	-0.3		
Sweden	72.9	74.5	74.6	0.1	9.3	8.3	8.3	0.0	64.3	64.6	64.7	0.1		
United Kingdom	69.3	69.4	69.8	0.4	7.7	7.8	7.8	0.0	62.2	62.3	62.4	0.1		

Source: Eurostat/CSO

Note: Trends in some member states may be affected by changes in methodology

pp refers to percentage point change

Eurozone consists of EU15 states (with the exceptions of Denmark, Sweden and United Kingdom), Slovenia, Malta, Cyprus, Estonia and Slovakia.

Revised QNHS data is not yet available on the Eurostat website. As a result the figures shown above for Ireland are sourced directly from the QNHS.

Annex

Tables A1 and A2 provide estimates of the labour force classified by nationality. The figures are considered ‘broadly indicative’ as the very large migration flows in recent years present a significant measurement challenge in a general purpose household survey such as the QNHS. The main concerns, which are based on international experience, centre around the extent to which the survey captures minority communities in a proportionate and representative manner.

Table A1 Estimated number of persons aged 15 years and over classified by nationality and ILO Economic Status

Nationality	ILO Economic Status				Total
	In employment	Unemployed	In labour force	Not in labour force	
'000					
Q3 12					
Irish nationals	1,571.6	267.3	1,838.9	1,284.4	3,123.3
Non-Irish nationals	269.6	57.3	326.9	145.3	472.2
<i>of which:</i>					
United Kingdom	47.4	10.8	58.2	45.0	103.2
EU15 excl. Irl and UK	29.6	*	32.5	10.1	42.6
EU15 to EU27	126.2	27.9	154.1	34.3	188.4
Other	66.4	15.6	82.0	56.0	138.0
Total persons	1,841.3	324.5	2,165.8	1,429.7	3,595.5
Q3 11					
Irish nationals	1,568.2	269.8	1,837.9	1,284.4	3,122.3
Non-Irish nationals	277.5	58.3	335.8	140.0	475.8
<i>of which:</i>					
United Kingdom	44.9	14.5	59.4	44.0	103.4
EU15 excl. Irl and UK	31.0	*	32.9	11.5	44.5
EU15 to EU27	126.7	28.6	155.4	36.6	191.9
Other	74.8	13.3	88.1	47.9	136.0
Total persons	1,845.6	328.1	2,173.7	1,424.4	3,598.1
Year on year changes					
Irish nationals	3.5	-2.5	1.0	0.0	1.0
Non-Irish nationals	-7.8	-1.0	-8.9	5.3	-3.5
<i>of which:</i>					
United Kingdom	2.5	-3.7	-1.2	1.0	-0.2
EU15 excl. Irl and UK	-1.4	*	-0.4	-1.4	-1.8
EU15 to EU27	-0.5	-0.8	-1.3	-2.3	-3.5
Other	-8.4	2.3	-6.1	8.0	2.0
Total persons	-4.3	-3.6	-7.9	5.3	-2.6

Source: Central Statistics Office, Ireland.

Note: Persons whose nationality is not stated are included with Irish nationals

Table A2 Estimated number of persons aged 15 years and over in employment (ILO) classified by

Nationality	NACE Rev.2 Economic Sector							
	A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	B-E Industry	F Construction	G Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	H Transport and storage	I Accommodation and food service activities	J Information and communication	K-L Financial, insurance and real estate activities
Q3 12								
Irish nationals	77.7	185.7	91.0	228.1	81.4	82.5	64.4	92.5
Non-Irish nationals	7.8	45.3	10.1	44.6	9.0	40.6	13.7	9.8
<i>of which:</i>								
United Kingdom	*	[4.2]	*	6.2	*	*	*	[4.4]
EU15 excl. Irl and UK	*	[5.5]	*	*	*	*	[5.8]	*
EU15 to EU27	5.5	29.5	6.0	25.7	[4.2]	27.1	[2.7]	*
Other	*	6.1	*	10.0	*	9.7	*	*
Total persons	85.6	231.1	101.1	272.7	90.3	123.1	78.2	102.3
Q3 11								
Irish nationals	75.7	186.9	97.4	230.2	84.5	81.6	63.2	91.6
Non-Irish nationals	6.7	52.0	11.1	46.3	12.2	39.5	13.9	7.6
<i>of which:</i>								
United Kingdom	*	8.0	*	[5.1]	*	*	*	*
EU15 excl. Irl and UK	*	[4.6]	*	*	*	[3.8]	[4.6]	*
EU15 to EU27	[4.8]	30.2	6.6	28.8	[5.4]	23.5	*	*
Other	*	9.2	*	10.2	*	10.2	*	*
Total persons	82.4	238.9	108.5	276.5	96.7	121.1	77.1	99.1
Year on year changes								
Irish nationals	2.0	-1.2	-6.4	-2.1	-3.1	0.9	1.3	0.9
Non-Irish nationals	1.1	-6.7	-1.0	-1.7	-3.2	1.1	-0.2	2.2
<i>of which:</i>								
United Kingdom	*	[-3.8]	*	[1.2]	*	*	*	*
EU15 excl. Irl and UK	*	[1.0]	*	*	*	*	[1.1]	*
EU15 to EU27	[0.7]	-0.7	-0.7	-3.1	[-1.2]	3.6	*	*
Other	*	-3.1	*	-0.2	*	-0.5	*	*
Total persons	3.2	-7.9	-7.4	-3.8	-6.3	2.0	1.1	3.1

Source: Central Statistics Office, Ireland.

Note: Persons whose nationality is not stated are included with Irish nationals

nationality and NACE Rev.2 Economic Sector

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NACE Rev.2 Economic Sector								Nationality
M	N	O	P	Q	R-U	Not stated	Total	
Professional, scientific and technical activities	Administrative and support service activities	Public administration and defence, compulsory social security	Education	Human health and social work activities	Other NACE activities			
89.0	50.9	98.0	132.4	210.8	85.4	*	1,571.6	Q3 12 Irish nationals
11.4	15.6	*	8.2	34.2	16.5	*	269.6	Non-Irish nationals
[4.3]	*	*	[3.4]	7.8	[4.2]	*	47.4	<i>of which:</i> United Kingdom
*	*	*	*	*	*	*	29.6	EU15 excl. Irl and UK
*	7.9	*	*	5.7	6.4	*	126.2	EU15 to EU27
*	[3.9]	*	*	18.0	[4.1]	*	66.4	Other
100.4	66.6	99.7	140.6	245.0	101.9	[2.8]	1,841.3	Total persons
88.5	50.6	96.7	128.6	206.7	82.4	[3.4]	1,568.2	Q3 11 Irish nationals
8.2	18.8	*	8.6	36.8	13.0	*	277.5	Non-Irish nationals
*	*	*	[4.2]	[5.8]	*	*	44.9	<i>of which:</i> United Kingdom
*	*	*	*	*	*	*	31.0	EU15 excl. Irl and UK
*	9.7	*	*	6.1	[4.2]	*	126.7	EU15 to EU27
*	[3.6]	*	*	22.5	[4.2]	*	74.8	Other
96.6	69.4	99.3	137.2	243.5	95.5	[3.8]	1,845.6	Total persons
0.5	0.4	1.3	3.7	4.0	2.9	*	3.5	Year on year changes Irish nationals
3.2	-3.2	*	-0.3	-2.5	3.4	*	-7.8	Non-Irish nationals
*	*	*	[-0.7]	[2.0]	*	*	2.5	<i>of which:</i> United Kingdom
*	*	*	*	*	*	*	-1.4	EU15 excl. Irl and UK
*	-1.8	*	*	-0.4	[2.2]	*	-0.5	EU15 to EU27
*	[0.3]	*	*	-4.5	[0.0]	*	-8.4	Other
3.8	-2.9	0.5	3.4	1.5	6.4	[-0.9]	-4.3	Total persons

Based on the higher response levels and lower levels of subjectivity associated with the Earnings, Hours and Employment Costs Survey (EHECS) the CSO believes it offers a more reliable source for public sector employment estimates over time. Table A3 below shows these estimates of public sector employment broken down by the different high level areas within the public sector. These estimates cannot be directly compared to the total number of employees as estimated from the QNHS as contained in table 5a of this release due to the different source and minor methodological differences.

Table A3 Number of employees in the Public Sector by sub-sector and in the Private Sector

	Q3 09	Q3 10	Q3 11	Q2 12	Q3 12	'000 Year on year change Q3 12
<i>Including Census 2011 temporary field staff</i>						
Civil Service	41.6	40.0	39.9	39.3	39.2	-0.7
Defence	10.2	9.7	9.5	8.8	8.8	-0.7
Garda Síochána	15.1	14.6	14.1	13.5	13.4	-0.7
Education	109.1	111.3	111.1	109.4	105.8	-5.3
Regional bodies	38.3	37.3	35.1	34.1	34.2	-0.9
Health	138.2	135.9	131.1	126.1	125.7	-5.4
Total Public Sector excluding Semi-State bodies	352.5	348.8	340.8	331.2	327.1	-13.7
Semi-State bodies	56.3	55.0	53.3	51.5	50.8	-2.5
Total Public Sector including Semi-State bodies	408.8	403.8	394.1	382.7	377.9	-16.2
<i>Excluding Census 2011 temporary field staff</i>						
Civil Service	41.6	40.0	39.9	39.3	39.2	-0.7
Total Public Sector excluding Semi-State bodies	352.5	348.8	340.8	331.2	327.1	-13.7
Total Public Sector including Semi-State bodies	408.8	403.8	394.1	382.7	377.9	-16.2
Total Private Sector	:	:	:	:	:	:

Source: Central Statistics Office, Ireland.

Note: The previously published estimates of the number of employees in the private sector derived from EHECS are now subject to revision as a result of the revised QNHS series. This series will be published once the revisions have been made.

The Live Register is used to estimate an updated Standardised Unemployment Rate (SUR) each month. These estimates are revised following the publication of the QNHS results each quarter and these revised data are presented in table A4 below. As part of the normal Live Register release process, estimates for more recent months will be subject to update once new Live Register information is used to update the seasonally adjusted series. Any such updates will be included in future Live Register releases. Further information on the Live Register and the SUR along with a full series of data is available at www.cso.ie.

Table A4 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates (SUR) by month

Month	2009	2010	2011	2012
January	9.5	13.1	14.5	14.9
February	10.2	13.0	14.3	15.0
March	10.9	13.2	14.4	14.9
April	11.5	13.5	14.4	14.9
May	12.1	13.8	14.5	14.9
June	12.3	13.7	14.6	14.9
July	12.5	13.8	14.7	14.9
August	12.6	13.9	14.9	14.8
September	12.9	14.3	14.7	14.8
October	13.0	14.5	14.7	14.7
November	13.0	14.7	14.8	
December	13.0	14.6	14.8	

Source: Central Statistics Office, Ireland.

Background Notes

Purpose of Survey	The Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) began in September 1997, replacing the annual April Labour Force Survey (LFS). The purpose of the survey is the production of quarterly labour force estimates and occasional reports on special social topics. The survey meets the requirements of Council Regulation (EC) No. 577/98, adopted in March 1998, which requires the introduction of quarterly labour force surveys in EU member states.
Reference Period	<p>Information is collected continuously throughout the year from households surveyed each week to give a total design sample of 31,875 households in each quarter. Up to and including the fourth quarter of 2008 the QNHS operated on a seasonal quarter basis since its establishment in Q4 1997. As of the first quarter of 2009 the Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) is now undertaken on a calendar quarter basis.</p> <p>The reference quarters for survey results are: Q1 - January to March, Q2 - April to June, Q3 - July to September and Q4 - October to December.</p>
Data Collection	Information is collected on laptop computers, using computer-assisted personal interview (CAPI) software.
Sample Design	<p>A two-stage sample design is used. This comprises a first stage sample of 2,125 blocks (or small areas) selected at county level to proportionately represent eight strata reflecting population density. Each block was selected to contain, on average, 75 dwellings and the sample of blocks is fixed for a period of about five years. In the second stage of sampling, 15 households are surveyed in each block to give a total quarterly design sample of 31,875 households. The actual achieved sample varies over time depending on the level of response</p> <p>Households are asked to take part in the survey for five consecutive quarters and are then replaced by other households in the same block. Thus, one fifth of the households in the survey are replaced each quarter and the QNHS sample involves an overlap of 80% between consecutive quarters and 20% between the same quarter in consecutive years.</p> <p>The survey results are weighted to agree with population estimates broken down by age, sex and region and are also calibrated to nationality control totals. The population estimates for April of each year are published in a separate release.</p>
Statistical significance	All estimates based on sample surveys are subject to error, some of which is measurable. Where an estimate is statistically significantly different from another estimate it means that we can be 95% confident that differences between those two estimates are not due to sampling error.
Usual residence and de facto population concepts	Up to and including Q1 2006 the annual population estimates have been calculated using the de facto definition of population (i.e. all persons present in the state). From Q2 2006 onwards a new concept of usual residence will be used, i.e. all persons usually resident and present in the state plus absent persons who are usually resident in Ireland but are temporarily away from home and outside the state.

ILO Labour Force Classification

The primary classification used for the QNHS results is the ILO (International Labour Office) labour force classification. Labour Force Survey data on this basis have been published since 1988. The ILO classification distinguishes the following main subgroups of the population aged 15 or over:

In Employment: Persons who worked in the week before the survey for one hour or more for payment or profit, including work on the family farm or business and all persons who had a job but were not at work because of illness, holidays etc. in the week.

Unemployed: Persons who, in the week before the survey, were without work and available for work within the next two weeks, and had taken specific steps, in the preceding four weeks, to find work.

Inactive Population (not in labour force): All other persons.

The labour force comprises persons employed plus unemployed.

Participation, Employment and Unemployment Rates

The rates given in this release are based on the ILO classification. The Participation Rate is the number of persons in the labour force expressed as a percentage of the total population aged 15 or over. The Employment Rate is the number of employed aged 15 to 64 expressed as a percentage of the total population aged 15 to 64. The Unemployment Rate is the number of unemployed expressed as a percentage of the total labour force.

Duration of Unemployment

The duration of unemployment is the length of time since a person last had a job or began looking for work, whichever is more recent. The long-term unemployment rate is the number of persons unemployed for one year or more expressed as a percentage of the total labour force.

Part-time Underemployment

The calculation of part-time underemployment is based on ILO and Eurostat recommendations and uses the following criteria to derive underemployment:

1. Working part-time
2. Willing to work additional hours
3. Available to work additional hours

This indicator is only available from quarter 3 2008 onwards as estimates prior to that quarter were based on one single question which included the need for the person to be looking for additional work. From quarter 3 2008 the indicator is derived from a series of separate questions which allow this requirement to be excluded.

Potential Additional Labour Force

The Potential Additional Labour Force (PALF) is the sum of the two groups 'persons seeking work but not immediately available' and 'persons available for work but not seeking'. Persons in the PALF are not part of the standard labour force, which encompasses only employed and unemployed people but however they have a stronger attachment to the labour market than other persons not in the labour force. The new indicators have been defined by the European statistical office (Eurostat) following extensive international discussion regarding appropriate indicators to supplement the unemployment rate.

Further background information regarding the methodology and approach adopted by Eurostat in building these new indicators can be found at the link below. European wide and individual country results are also available from this link:

<http://cso.ie/shorturl.aspx/134>

Principal Economic Status Classification

Results are also available using the Principal Economic Status (PES) classification which was used in the Labour Force Survey and the Census of Population. The PES classification is based on a single question in which respondents are asked what is their usual situation with regard to employment and given the following response categories:

- At work
- Unemployed
- Student
- Engaged on home duties
- Retired
- Other.

NACE Industrial Classification

The QNHS sectoral employment figures are based on the EU NACE Rev. 2 (Nomenclature generale des activites economique dans les Communautés europeennes) classification as defined in Council Regulation (EC) no 1893/2006. Fourteen NACE sub-categories are distinguished in Table 2a of this release. From Q1 2009 NACE Rev. 2 has been adopted as the primary classification of industrial sectors for use in QNHS outputs. From Q4 1997 to Q4 2008 the NACE Rev. 1.1 classification had been in use.

NACE Rev. 2 classification is more detailed than the NACE Rev. 1.1 classification. In particular more sections are now identified for services activities with the aim of better capturing economic activity within services. In cases where there is a direct one to one correspondence (e.g. section H 'Hotels and restaurants' in NACE Rev. 1.1 directly corresponds to section I 'Accommodation and food service activities' sector in NACE Rev. 2) then the two different series can be expected to be broadly comparable.

However, the series will not be exactly the same, as the process of applying NACE Rev. 2 involved a very detailed recoding process whereby the new NACE classification was applied to each record in each quarter. The detailed nature of this process means it should be expected that even in the case of a one to one correspondence between a NACE Rev. 2 and NACE Rev. 1.1 section; minor differences in the level of the estimates may be seen.

To facilitate analysis and the running of seasonal adjustment on the time series NACE Rev. 2 estimates have been produced from Q1 2004 onwards. As of Q2 2009 only NACE Rev. 2 estimates will be published.

Occupation Classification

As a result of changes to the European regulations governing the Quarterly Labour Force Survey (implemented in Ireland using the QNHS) the CSO is obliged to report occupational coding data to Eurostat based on the new Europe wide classification ISCO-08 from Q1 2011 onwards. To allow this requirement to be met the CSO has changed to using UK SOC2010 as the primary classification used in collecting the data. ISCO-08 is then derived from UK SOC2010. This change is also being implemented for the Census 2011 results.

The previously used classification for publication purposes in Ireland was UK SOC1990 and this cannot be directly compared to the new UK SOC2010 classification as all occupations have been reclassified accordingly. This newer classification reflects the evolution over a period of time of certain occupational areas which were developing rapidly, both in terms of their scale and the complexity of work organisation. One particular example which highlights the impact of these changes on published results is the reclassifying of farmers from the major occupation grouping of 'Managers and administrators' in SOC1990 to the major occupation grouping of 'Skilled trades' in SOC2010.

Results for occupations coded to the new SOC2010 classification have now been recoded for historical quarters back to Q1 2007 to provide a longer and consistent time series for users.

Further information regarding SOC 2010 is available at the link below:

<http://cso.ie/shorturl.aspx/104>

NUTS2 and NUTS3 regions

The regional classifications in this release are based on the NUTS (Nomenclature of Territorial Units) classification used by Eurostat. The NUTS3 regions correspond to the eight Regional Authorities established under the Local Government Act, 1991 (Regional Authorities) (Establishment) Order, 1993, which came into operation on 1 January 1994. The NUTS2 regions, which were proposed by Government and agreed by Eurostat in 1999, are groupings of the NUTS3 regions. The composition of the regions is set out below.

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

Seasonal Adjustment Methodology

To correct for typical seasonal patterns, the series presented in Table 3a have been seasonally adjusted. Since Q1 2011 the seasonal adjustment of data from the QNHS is completed by applying the X-12-ARIMA model, developed by the U.S. Census Bureau. Seasonal adjustment is conducted using the direct approach, where each individual series is independently adjusted. As a result of this direct seasonal adjustment approach it should be noted that the sum of any component series may not be equal to seasonally adjusted series to which these components belong, e.g. the seasonally adjusted number of males in employment and the seasonally adjusted number of females in employment will not necessarily add up to the total employment on a seasonally adjusted basis.

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 calendar effects (e.g timing of Easter), outliers, temporary changes and level shifts.

For additional information on the use of X-12-ARIMA see detailed note in the Q1 2011 QNHS release.

Reliability of Estimates Presented	<p>Estimates for number of persons where there are less than 30 persons in a cell are too small to be considered reliable. These estimates are presented with an asterisk (*) in the relevant tables.</p> <p>Where there are 30-49 persons in a cell, estimates are considered to have a wider margin of error and should be treated with caution. These cells are presented with parentheses [].</p> <p>In the case of rates, these limits apply to the denominator used in generating the rate. In the case of annual changes, both the current year and the preceding year are taken into account when deciding whether the estimate should be suppressed or flagged as having a wider margin of error.</p>
Calculation of Rates and Estimates of Change	<p>Rates and estimates of change presented in this release are calculated from whole unrounded numbers. Due to rounding, these may differ from the rates and estimates of change calculated from the rounded volumes presented in the tables.</p>
Interpretation of volume and rate changes	<p>The overall change in the number of people employed, unemployed, in the labour force and not in the labour force is a function both of changes in the population as well as changes in the proportion of people with that status. Therefore, in interpreting changes in the volume of persons who are employed, unemployed etc, both changes in population and changes in the relevant rates should be considered.</p> <p>In recent years there has been a natural decline in the number of people in younger age groups arising from the falling number of births through the 1980's until 1994 when a low of 48,255 births was recorded (compared with 74,278 in 2009). For example there were 326,030 people born in Ireland between 1982 and 1986 and, all other things being equal, these people would have been in the 20-24 age group in 2006. However between 1986 and 1990 there were nearly 50,000 fewer births which would create a natural decrease in the 20-24 age group of close to 50,000 between 2006 and 2010.</p> <p>In addition to natural changes in population, net migration has been a significant feature of population change in Ireland in recent years and net migration has also been most heavily concentrated in younger age groups. Evidence shows that migration is also most heavily concentrated in the 20-24 and 25-34 age groups. As a result of both natural decrease and net outward migration, the population of persons in the younger age groups has fallen and this should be borne in mind when considering the changes in the number of people in these age groups who are employed, unemployed and in the labour force as discussed earlier in this release.</p>
Additional Data Series	<p>Additional data series previously included in the QNHS release can still be accessed through the CSO website and are available at the link below: http://www.cso.ie/shorturl.aspx/70</p> <p>Labour market data can also be accessed from Statbank, the CSO's main data dissemination service which can be accessed through the CSO website at the link below: http://cso.ie/shorturl.aspx/78</p>
Participating Households	<p>The Central Statistics Office wishes to thank the participating households for their co-operation in agreeing to take part in the survey and for facilitating the collection of the relevant data.</p>