

Labour Market and Social Inclusion

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- In the last 20 years the number of women in the Labour force increased. The female participation rate in 1985 was around 30% increasing to over 51% in 2005.
- From 1985 to 2005 the number of persons in employment increased from almost 1.1 million to over 1.9 million.
- Since 1985 the number of persons unemployed decreased by 134,000 to 85,600 in 2005.
- In 2004 just over 19% of the population were at-risk-of-poverty, while 6.8% were considered to be in consistent poverty.
- In 2005 the annual average number of persons on the Live Register was 157,117, of which just over 30,500 were aged 25 and over.
- In April 2005 11.9% of persons on the Live Register had a duration of continuous registration of 3 years and over.
- In 2005 there were over 26,600 days lost due to 15 industrial disputes in which just under 3,300 workers were involved.

Introduction

The statistics presented in this chapter show developments in the Irish labour force and are based mainly on results from the Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) and its predecessor, the annual Labour Force Survey (LFS). Results from QNHS ad hoc modules on Pensions and Disability are also included.

Indicators relating to poverty and social exclusion are also presented in this chapter, the source of which is EU-SILC (Survey on Income and Living Conditions). This is a new national survey carried out by the CSO, the first results of which were collected in the latter half of 2003 and published in January 2005 and the 2004 results were published in December 2005.

The latter part of the chapter contains mainly administrative data, compiled by the CSO, showing the trends in the number of persons on the Live Register as well as details of industrial disputes. The final table in the chapter gives information on redundancies.

Labour Force

Table 2.1 illustrates the substantial growth of the labour force (ILO) and the numbers in employment since 1983. The total number at work was just under 1.1 million in 1985. By 1995, this had increased to just under 1.3 million and then increased by 647,500 between 1995 and 2005 to 1,929,200. The increased population of working age coupled with higher female participation rates have each contributed to the high labour force growth in recent years. Ireland's female labour force participation rate reached 51.4% in 2005 compared with around 30% in 1985.

The numbers employed in the Services sector increased by 276,900, or 27.6%, between 1999 and 2005 while there were 86,800 more employed in Industry. Employment in Agriculture continued to fall accounting for 5.9% of total employment in 2005.

In 1985, the number of persons unemployed stood at 219,600 and this represented approximately one sixth of the labour force. With some variations, unemployment remained at this level for most of the following decade. However, it subsequently declined from 1995 to reach 85,600 or just 4.2% of the labour force in 2005. The fall in unemployment has been concentrated amongst those unemployed for one year and over (long-term unemployed) where the number has fallen from 41,500 in 1999 to 27,600 in 2005.

Table 2.10 provides information on pension coverage in the state for persons in employment aged 20 to 69 years and is taken from the quarter 1 2005 ad hoc update module on Pensions.

Tables 2.11 and 2.12 provide data on the labour market situation of persons with a long standing health problem or disability and are taken from the quarter 1 2004 ad hoc update module on Disability.

EU-SILC (Survey on Income and Living Conditions)

Table 2.13 illustrates the extent of poverty in Ireland providing a summary of the key national indicators. Over 19% of the population were considered at-risk-of-poverty in 2004. Particularly vulnerable groups are highlighted in table 2.14, in which persons living alone and members of lone parent households are found to be most at risk at 35.7% and 48.3% respectively.

Lone parent households reported the highest deprivation levels, with almost 58% experiencing enforced deprivation in respect of at least one of the eight basic deprivation indicators (table 2.15). As illustrated in table 2.16, 35% of households at-risk-of-poverty experienced at least one deprivation indicator. Within this group, households with children reported higher deprivation levels than those without children.

When evidence of monetary poverty is combined with reported levels of enforced deprivation, 6.8% of persons were considered to be in 'consistent poverty' (table 2.17). Particular high-risk groups include children, members of lone parent households, the unemployed and the ill or disabled.

Industrial Disputes

During 2005, 15 disputes were in progress in which 3,291 workers were involved and 26,650 days were lost to industrial disputes.

Live Register

The Live Register consists of the following classes of persons under 65 years of age who are registered at local offices of the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs:

- 1 all claimants for Unemployment Benefit (UB) excluding systematic short-time workers.
- 2 applicants for Unemployment Assistance (UA) excluding smallholders/farm assists and other self-employed.
- 3 other registrants including applicants for credited social welfare contributions but excluding those directly involved in an industrial dispute.

The Live Register is not designed to measure unemployment. It includes part-time (those who work up to 3 days per week), seasonal and casual workers entitled to Unemployment Assistance or Benefit. Unemployment is measured by the Quarterly National Household Survey (see above).

The numbers on the Live Register declined from over 227,000 in 1998 to over 157,000 in 2005. The number of males on the Register declined by over 32% while the number of females declined by almost 29% in the same period. Approximately 29% of registrants were in the Dublin Region in 1998 but this proportion had fallen to almost 26% by 2005.

Redundancies

In 2005, the format in which redundancies were recorded changed. Actual redundancies are now compiled from 2005 whereas up to then notified redundancies were recorded. There were 23,156 actual redundancies in 2005. Over 7,800 were in the industrial sector while over 3,200 were in the Distributive Trades and a further 1,500 in the Banking, Finance & Insurance sector.

Tables 2.1-2.9 QNHS

The Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) began in quarter 4 of 1997 replacing the annual April Labour Force Survey (LFS). QNHS data refers to March-May quarter (unless otherwise stated); LFS data refers to April.

ILO Labour Force Classification

The primary classification used for the QNHS results is the ILO labour force classification. 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.

Labour force: The labour force comprises persons employed plus unemployed.

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

Participation, Employment and Unemployment Rates

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 persons aged 15 to 64 expressed as a percentage of the total population aged 15 to 64. The Unemployment Rate is the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the total labour force.

Principal Economic Status

QNHS Results are also available using the Principal Economic Status (PES) classification. 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 six response categories to choose from.

NACE Economic Sector

The QNHS sectoral employment figures are based on the EU NACE classification. Eleven NACE sub-categories are distinguished.

Broad Occupational Group

The classification system used is based on the UK Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) with some modifications to reflect the Irish labour market.

Discontinuities

The QNHS involves a more detailed questionnaire than the former LFS and elicits more information about part-time employment.

The annual increase of 114,600 observed in the ILO numbers in employment between spring 1997 (LFS) and 1998 (QNHS) included almost 20,000 more students and about 5,000 more women working in the home who also had a job. The CSO is attributing 20,000 of the observed annual increase in ILO employment in the year to March-May 1998 to the improved coverage of part-time employment, giving an underlying change for the year of 95,000.

Tables 2.13-2.17 EU-SILC

At-risk-of-poverty rate

This is the share of persons with an equivalised income below a given percentage (usually 60%) of the national median income. The rate is calculated by ranking persons by their equivalised income from smallest to largest and the median or middle value is extracted. Anyone with an equivalised income of less than 60% of the median is considered at-risk-of-poverty at a 60% level.

Consistent poverty

An individual is defined as being in 'consistent poverty' if they are identified as being at-risk-of-poverty and living in a household deprived of one or more of eight basic deprivation indicators.

Tables 2.18-2.20 Industrial Disputes

The information on industrial disputes is compiled by the CSO, on the basis of details supplied by the Monitoring Unit of the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, and on information collected directly from other sources. Disputes which were settled without involving a stoppage of work are not included, nor are those disputes which lasted less than one day, or which involved an aggregate loss of less than ten days.

Table 2.1 Total number of persons in employment, unemployed and in the labour force (ILO)

Thousands

Year	In employment	Unemployed	Labour force
1983	1,144.1	180.8	1,324.9
1984	1,121.9	204.3	1,326.2
1985	1,096.8	219.6	1,316.4
1986	1,095.1	225.5	1,320.6
1987	1,110.5	226.0	1,336.5
1988	1,110.7	217.0	1,327.7
1989	1,111.0	196.8	1,307.8
1990	1,159.7	172.4	1,332.1
1991	1,155.9	198.5	1,354.4
1992	1,165.2	206.6	1,371.8
1993	1,183.1	220.1	1,403.2
1994	1,220.6	211.0	1,431.6
1995	1,281.7	177.4	1,459.2
1996	1,328.5	179.0	1,507.5
1997	1,379.9	159.0	1,539.0
1998	1,494.0	126.4	1,620.4
1999	1,589.1	96.9	1,685.9
2000	1,671.4	74.5	1,745.9
2001	1,721.9	65.1	1,787.0
2002	1,763.9	77.0	1,840.9
2003	1,793.4	82.1	1,875.5
2004	1,836.2	84.2	1,920.3
2005	1,929.2	85.6	2,014.8

Source: CSO

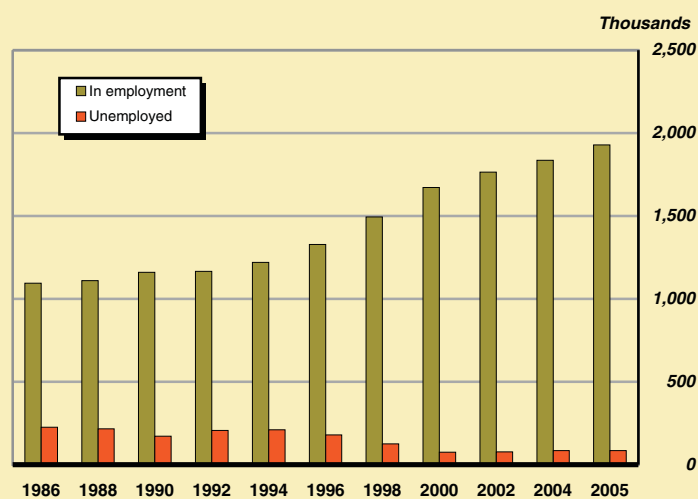
Labour force status

Table 2.2 Persons aged 15 years and over classified by sex and ILO economic status

Thousands

ILO economic status	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Males							
In labour force	1,007.4	1,037.6	1,058.8	1,076.6	1,092.7	1,119.6	1,163.3
In employment	948.0	992.6	1,019.0	1,027.7	1,040.9	1,065.2	1,110.1
full-time	878.2	920.8	953.0	961.1	971.1	1,000.2	1,039.4
part-time	69.9	71.8	66.1	66.6	69.8	64.9	70.7
part-time, not underemployed	66.9	70.1	64.9	65.2	68.1	63.5	68.7
part-time, underemployed	2.9	1.7	1.2	1.4	1.7	1.5	2.0
Unemployed	59.4	44.9	39.8	48.8	51.7	54.4	53.2
seeking full-time work	56.8	42.6	37.5	46.7	48.7	52.1	50.5
seeking part-time work	2.5	2.3	2.3	2.2	3.0	2.3	2.7
Not in labour force	424.5	420.2	429.4	445.6	457.1	459.1	457.6
Marginally attached to the Labour Force	10.2	7.8	7.4	7.7	8.2	6.3	5.2
Others	414.3	412.4	422.0	437.9	448.9	452.8	452.3
Total males aged 15 or over	1,431.9	1,457.8	1,488.2	1,522.1	1,549.8	1,578.7	1,620.9
Unemployment rate %	5.9	4.3	3.8	4.5	4.7	4.9	4.6
Participation rate %	70.4	71.2	71.1	70.7	70.5	70.9	71.8
Females							
In labour force	678.5	708.4	728.2	764.3	782.8	800.8	851.5
In employment	641.0	678.8	702.8	736.1	752.5	771.0	819.1
full-time	444.0	469.3	482.5	510.4	517.0	524.8	558.1
part-time	197.0	209.5	220.4	225.7	235.4	246.2	261.0
part-time, not underemployed	194.0	207.6	219.1	224.2	233.7	243.9	259.0
part-time, underemployed	3.0	1.9	1.3	1.5	1.7	2.3	2.1
Unemployed	37.5	29.6	25.4	28.2	30.4	29.8	32.4
seeking full-time work	23.2	18.3	15.8	18.5	20.2	19.6	20.4
seeking part-time work	14.3	11.2	9.5	9.7	10.1	10.2	12.0
Not in labour force	800.6	795.4	803.3	803.3	812.5	821.1	805.0
Marginally attached to the Labour Force	6.5	4.4	3.3	3.4	3.9	3.6	3.9
Others	794.1	790.9	800.0	799.9	808.6	817.5	801.2
Total females aged 15 or over	1,479.2	1,503.7	1,531.5	1,567.7	1,595.3	1,621.9	1,656.6
Unemployment rate %	5.5	4.2	3.5	3.7	3.9	3.7	3.8
Participation rate %	45.9	47.1	47.5	48.8	49.1	49.4	51.4
All persons							
In labour force	1,685.9	1,745.9	1,787.0	1,840.9	1,875.5	1,920.3	2,014.8
In employment	1,589.1	1,671.4	1,721.9	1,763.9	1,793.4	1,836.2	1,929.2
full-time	1,322.2	1,390.1	1,435.4	1,471.5	1,488.2	1,525.0	1,597.5
part-time	266.9	281.4	286.5	292.3	305.2	311.1	331.7
part-time, not underemployed	261.0	277.7	284.0	289.4	301.7	307.4	327.7
part-time, underemployed	5.9	3.6	2.5	2.9	3.5	3.7	4.0
Unemployed	96.9	74.5	65.1	77.0	82.1	84.2	85.6
seeking full-time work	80.0	60.9	53.3	65.2	69.0	71.7	71.0
seeking part-time work	16.9	13.5	11.8	11.8	13.1	12.4	14.7
Not in labour force	1,225.1	1,215.6	1,232.6	1,248.9	1,269.6	1,280.3	1,262.6
Marginally attached to the Labour Force	16.8	12.2	10.7	11.1	12.1	10.0	9.1
Others	1,208.4	1,203.4	1,222.0	1,237.8	1,257.5	1,270.3	1,253.5
Total persons aged 15 or over	2,911.1	2,961.5	3,019.7	3,089.8	3,145.1	3,200.6	3,277.4
Unemployment rate %	5.7	4.3	3.6	4.2	4.4	4.4	4.2
Participation rate %	57.9	59.0	59.2	59.6	59.6	60.0	61.5

Source: CSO

Table 2.3 Persons aged 15 years and over in employment (ILO) classified by sex and NACE economic sector

Thousands

Economic sector (NACE Rev. 1)	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Broad Economic Sector								
Agriculture	136.0	137.3	132.9	122.5	124.0	116.6	117.0	113.7
Industry	428.4	449.8	475.7	498.1	487.2	497.5	506.5	536.6
Services	929.6	1,002.0	1,062.8	1,101.3	1,152.6	1,179.3	1,212.7	1,278.9
Economic Sector								
Males								
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	120.0	121.6	118.1	109.2	111.4	102.9	105.8	102.6
Other production industries	210.5	215.0	212.8	222.7	214.8	217.3	208.8	205.9
Construction	120.6	135.9	159.1	172.0	173.2	181.9	195.7	230.2
Wholesale and retail trade	117.1	118.1	125.6	131.0	125.8	127.7	131.3	133.2
Hotels and restaurants	40.4	41.6	43.8	43.1	44.7	48.4	49.4	45.7
Transport, storage and communication	65.7	72.3	76.1	81.7	82.6	85.0	87.2	91.1
Financial and other business services	85.4	98.9	106.9	110.5	114.3	116.2	120.9	129.5
Public administration and defence	43.4	45.3	46.3	46.0	49.1	51.3	48.8	48.8
Education	32.4	32.8	33.8	32.6	34.3	34.6	33.2	35.8
Health	26.0	25.0	27.4	27.8	31.8	33.7	33.8	33.5
Other services	39.2	41.5	42.8	42.4	45.8	42.0	50.3	53.7
Total	900.7	948.0	992.6	1,019.0	1,027.7	1,040.9	1,065.2	1,110.1
Females								
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	16.0	15.7	14.8	13.3	12.7	13.7	11.1	11.1
Other production industries	91.9	92.7	96.7	95.4	90.2	88.9	91.8	88.3
Construction	5.4	6.2	7.1	7.9	9.0	9.4	10.3	12.2
Wholesale and retail trade	94.0	104.4	109.6	116.8	120.9	124.0	128.9	133.7
Hotels and restaurants	57.5	60.4	64.3	60.7	59.5	66.0	58.4	65.3
Transport, storage and communication	21.3	23.8	25.3	29.4	29.1	27.0	26.0	27.1
Financial and other business services	85.7	95.7	103.9	106.5	114.6	110.9	116.1	127.6
Public administration and defence	27.5	29.2	32.0	35.3	41.5	41.0	40.7	49.4
Education	60.9	67.8	69.0	71.2	77.0	81.4	84.7	87.3
Health	87.9	95.2	105.6	116.3	127.6	136.2	143.3	154.5
Other services	45.3	49.9	50.5	50.1	54.1	53.7	59.7	62.7
Total	593.4	641.0	678.8	702.8	736.1	752.5	771.0	819.1
All persons								
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	136.0	137.3	132.9	122.5	124.0	116.6	117.0	113.7
Other production industries	302.4	307.7	309.5	318.1	305.0	306.1	300.6	294.2
Construction	126.1	142.1	166.2	180.0	182.2	191.4	206.0	242.4
Wholesale and retail trade	211.1	222.5	235.2	247.8	246.8	251.6	260.2	266.9
Hotels and restaurants	97.8	102.0	108.1	103.8	104.2	114.4	107.8	111.0
Transport, storage and communication	87.0	96.2	101.3	111.1	111.7	112.1	113.2	118.2
Financial and other business services	171.1	194.6	210.8	217.1	228.9	227.1	237.0	257.1
Public administration and defence	70.9	74.5	78.4	81.3	90.6	92.4	89.5	98.2
Education	93.3	100.6	102.8	103.8	111.3	116.1	117.9	123.1
Health	113.9	120.3	133.0	144.0	159.3	169.9	177.0	188.0
Other services	84.5	91.4	93.3	92.4	99.8	95.7	110.0	116.4
TOTAL	1,494.0	1,589.1	1,671.4	1,721.9	1,763.9	1,793.4	1,836.2	1,929.2

Source: CSO

TABLE 2.3

Table 2.4 Persons aged 15 years and over in employment (ILO) classified by sex and occupation

Thousands

Broad occupational group	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Males								
Managers and administrators	215.5	222.0	222.3	222.7	227.1	224.3	227.1	218.6
Professional	80.9	83.3	90.8	96.0	99.3	107.5	108.4	112.5
Associate professional and technical	53.5	58.1	62.2	66.6	65.2	70.2	72.3	70.9
Clerical and secretarial	47.4	51.1	50.0	51.7	54.1	51.0	53.1	58.7
Craft and related	184.9	202.2	213.0	219.2	213.4	228.4	231.3	260.1
Personal and protective service	63.1	67.6	69.5	68.2	72.1	73.7	72.8	73.4
Sales	48.5	49.7	54.2	55.3	54.6	54.6	59.0	63.0
Plant and machine operatives	118.8	122.1	134.5	147.2	144.5	138.0	130.3	138.0
Other	87.9	92.0	96.1	92.3	97.4	93.3	111.0	114.9
Total	900.7	948.0	992.6	1,019.0	1,027.7	1,040.9	1,065.2	1,110.1
Females								
Managers and administrators	69.0	72.3	81.3	87.0	86.9	92.6	92.1	98.1
Professional	66.3	75.2	75.6	77.2	90.2	93.3	103.0	106.1
Associate professional and technical	66.0	72.3	76.4	81.6	90.4	94.7	94.8	100.5
Clerical and secretarial	136.3	148.4	154.2	160.7	170.6	165.9	167.6	177.7
Craft and related	15.5	16.5	14.5	14.3	12.0	13.6	12.4	11.7
Personal and protective service	77.0	85.1	96.0	96.5	96.5	109.9	112.6	125.0
Sales	67.0	76.9	81.7	86.1	89.7	91.6	93.3	101.4
Plant and machine operatives	41.0	39.9	45.8	45.7	40.3	35.7	29.1	29.7
Other	55.4	54.6	53.2	53.7	59.5	55.0	66.1	68.9
Total	593.4	641.0	678.8	702.8	736.1	752.5	771.0	819.1
All persons								
Managers and administrators	284.6	294.3	303.6	309.7	314.1	316.9	319.2	316.7
Professional	147.2	158.5	166.4	173.2	189.5	200.8	211.4	218.6
Associate professional and technical	119.5	130.4	138.6	148.2	155.6	164.9	167.1	171.5
Clerical and secretarial	183.7	199.5	204.3	212.4	224.7	216.9	220.7	236.3
Craft and related	200.4	218.6	227.5	233.5	225.4	242.1	243.6	271.9
Personal and protective service	140.1	152.6	165.5	164.6	168.6	183.6	185.4	198.4
Sales	115.5	126.5	135.9	141.4	144.3	146.2	152.3	164.4
Plant and machine operatives	159.8	162.0	180.3	192.9	184.8	173.7	159.4	167.7
Other	143.3	146.6	149.2	146.1	156.9	148.3	177.0	183.7
TOTAL	1,494.0	1,589.1	1,671.4	1,721.9	1,763.9	1,793.4	1,836.2	1,929.2

Source: CSO

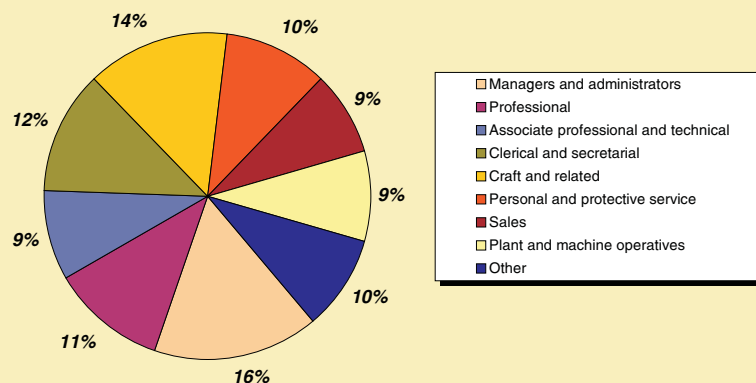
Persons aged 15 years and over in employment classified by occupation, Q2 2005

Table 2.5 Labour force participation rates (ILO) classified by sex and age group

%

Sex and age group	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Males									
15-19	25.9	31.1	33.2	34.2	32.6	29.3	29.4	27.0	27.9
20-24	75.7	76.8	78.0	79.1	77.6	75.5	75.0	76.1	75.8
25-34	92.8	93.3	93.8	94.1	93.4	92.6	92.2	92.5	92.8
35-44	92.3	93.4	93.2	93.4	93.9	93.0	92.7	93.1	93.8
45-54	85.5	87.1	87.2	88.0	87.5	87.7	87.4	89.1	89.4
55-59	71.1	71.8	72.1	73.8	75.8	75.2	74.9	75.5	73.8
60-64	51.2	52.7	55.2	53.7	54.6	55.6	55.5	54.9	60.0
65 and over	15.1	15.0	15.1	14.9	14.4	15.1	14.1	13.7	14.6
Total	67.8	69.5	70.4	71.2	71.1	70.7	70.5	70.9	71.8
Females									
15-19	19.5	23.0	24.8	26.3	23.3	22.3	22.5	20.0	22.9
20-24	67.5	69.4	70.7	67.8	66.2	65.2	65.7	66.0	68.5
25-34	72.2	73.4	74.8	76.8	75.7	77.2	75.4	75.6	77.1
35-44	56.4	59.4	62.0	63.0	65.0	65.6	66.5	65.9	66.5
45-54	43.4	46.4	49.1	52.2	54.6	57.6	57.4	60.2	63.3
55-59	28.1	30.7	33.4	35.0	36.2	38.1	41.5	42.1	46.4
60-64	18.1	17.6	19.5	19.4	20.7	22.9	24.6	24.8	28.2
65 and over	3.2	3.0	2.8	3.0	2.9	3.0	3.3	3.1	3.3
Total	42.0	44.0	45.9	47.1	47.5	48.8	49.1	49.4	51.4
All persons									
15-19	22.8	27.2	29.1	30.3	28.0	25.9	26.0	23.6	25.4
20-24	71.7	73.2	74.4	73.5	72.0	70.4	70.4	71.1	72.2
25-34	82.4	83.3	84.3	85.5	84.6	84.9	83.8	84.1	85.1
35-44	74.2	76.2	77.5	78.1	79.3	79.2	79.5	79.5	80.2
45-54	64.7	67.0	68.3	70.2	71.2	72.7	72.5	74.7	76.4
55-59	49.9	51.5	53.0	54.6	56.2	56.9	58.4	59.0	60.2
60-64	34.6	35.1	37.3	36.5	37.7	39.4	40.1	40.0	44.2
65 and over	8.3	8.2	8.1	8.1	7.9	8.3	8.0	7.7	8.3
Total	54.7	56.5	57.9	59.0	59.2	59.6	59.6	60.0	61.5

TABLE 2.5

Source: CSO

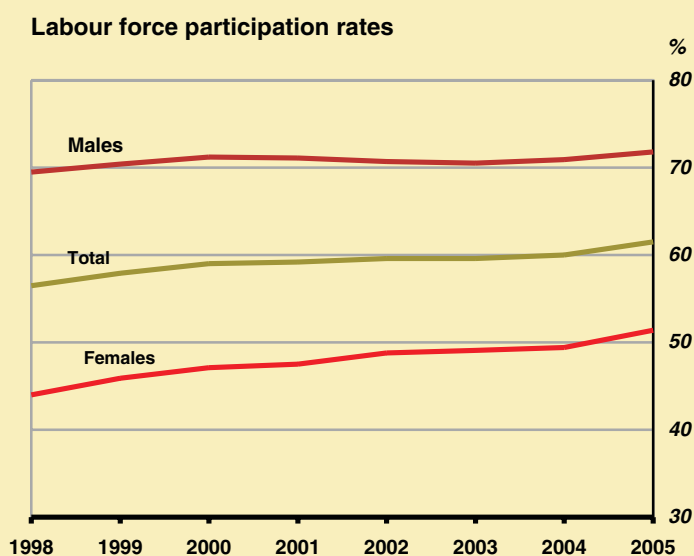


Table 2.6 Unemployment rates (ILO) classified by sex and duration of unemployment

%

Sex and duration of unemployment	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Males									
Less than 1 year	3.7	3.3	2.8	2.3	2.2	2.9	2.9	3.0	2.7
1 year and over	6.3	4.7	3.1	2.0	1.5	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.8
Not stated	0.3	0.0	0.0	*	0.0	*	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	10.4	8.0	5.9	4.3	3.8	4.5	4.7	4.9	4.6
Females									
Less than 1 year	5.3	4.7	3.9	3.2	2.8	3.1	3.0	2.9	3.1
1 year and over	4.6	2.7	1.6	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.8	0.7
Not stated	0.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	10.3	7.4	5.5	4.2	3.5	3.7	3.9	3.7	3.8
All persons									
Less than 1 year	4.4	3.8	3.3	2.7	2.5	3.0	2.9	3.0	2.9
1 year and over	5.6	3.9	2.5	1.6	1.2	1.2	1.5	1.4	1.4
Not stated	0.4	0.0	0.0	*	0.0	*	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	10.3	7.8	5.7	4.3	3.6	4.2	4.4	4.4	4.2

Source: CSO

Table 2.7 Persons aged 15 years and over unemployed (ILO) classified by sex and duration of unemployment

Thousands

Sex and duration of unemployment	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Males									
Less than 1 year	35.1	32.1	28.3	23.9	23.7	31.5	31.5	33.9	31.7
1 year and over	58.8	46.4	30.8	20.9	15.8	17.2	20.0	20.2	21.2
Not stated	3.1	0.3	0.3	*	0.3	*	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total	97.1	78.8	59.4	44.9	39.8	48.8	51.7	54.4	53.2
Females									
Less than 1 year	31.9	30.2	26.8	22.8	20.4	23.7	23.2	23.5	26.1
1 year and over	27.5	17.3	10.7	6.7	4.9	4.5	7.2	6.2	6.3
Not stated	2.6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	62.0	47.6	37.5	29.6	25.4	28.2	30.4	29.8	32.4
All persons									
Less than 1 year	67.1	62.3	55.1	46.6	44.1	55.2	54.6	57.4	57.7
1 year and over	86.3	63.6	41.5	27.7	20.8	21.7	27.2	26.3	27.6
Not stated	5.7	0.5	0.3	*	0.3	*	0.3	0.4	0.3
TOTAL	159.0	126.4	96.9	74.5	65.1	77.0	82.1	84.2	85.6

Source: CSO

Table 2.8 Indicators of potential labour supply

Year	%			
	S1	S2	S3	
1988	17.3	21.9	23.2	S1 Unemployed plus discouraged workers <i>as a percentage of the Labour Force plus discouraged workers</i>
1989	16.1	20.5	21.7	
1990	13.9	18.7	19.8	S2 Unemployed plus marginally attached plus others not in education who want work <i>as a percentage of the Labour Force plus marginally attached plus others not in education who want work.</i>
1991	15.6	19.9	21.2	
1992	16.0	20.7	22.0	S3 Unemployed plus marginally attached plus others not in education who want work plus underemployed part-time workers <i>as a percentage of the Labour Force plus marginally attached plus others not in education who want work.</i>
1993	16.9	21.1	22.7	
1994	15.9	19.8	21.5	
1995	13.1	17.2	18.9	
1996	12.7	16.0	17.5	
1997	11.3	15.7	17.0	
1998	8.6	12.1	12.7	
1999	6.4	9.9	10.3	
2000	4.8	8.0	8.2	
2001	4.1	7.3	7.4	
2002	4.6	7.6	7.8	
2003	4.8	8.0	8.2	
2004	4.8	7.4	7.6	
2005	4.6	7.2	7.3	

Source: CSO

Table 2.9 Persons aged 15 years and over classified by sex and principal economic status

Thousands

Sex and economic status	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Males									
At work	825.6	875.0	917.8	960.3	991.5	999.8	1,008.2	1,038.5	1,080.6
Unemployed	130.6	111.4	89.8	75.0	67.6	80.4	80.5	81.1	77.1
Student	176.1	176.2	173.0	171.8	172.2	177.5	182.6	179.0	176.8
Home duties	9.2	8.0	9.2	8.7	5.4	5.9	5.3	4.5	5.1
Retired	179.5	186.7	185.5	187.8	195.6	196.8	202.4	206.9	208.7
Others	62.0	52.3	56.7	54.2	55.9	61.7	70.7	68.7	72.5
Total	1,383.1	1,409.5	1,431.9	1,457.8	1,488.2	1,522.1	1,549.8	1,578.7	1,620.9
Females									
At work	512.8	551.4	595.8	629.7	662.1	696.7	709.8	731.9	776.8
Unemployed	48.3	42.8	35.1	34.3	31.6	34.3	33.1	31.6	32.5
Student	181.9	185.9	186.2	194.1	195.9	195.2	199.0	198.4	193.6
Home duties	588.0	581.3	570.5	558.1	551.9	546.9	555.2	551.9	539.4
Retired	66.2	68.0	61.4	60.8	61.1	64.4	65.0	70.3	72.2
Others	34.8	28.4	30.2	26.7	28.8	30.1	33.2	37.9	42.1
Total	1,432.0	1,457.7	1,479.2	1,503.7	1,531.5	1,567.7	1,595.3	1,621.9	1,656.6
All persons									
At work	1,338.4	1,426.4	1,513.6	1,590.0	1,653.5	1,696.5	1,718.0	1,770.4	1,857.4
Unemployed	178.9	154.2	124.8	109.3	99.2	114.7	113.6	112.6	109.7
Student	358.0	362.1	359.2	365.9	368.1	372.7	381.6	377.4	370.4
Home duties	597.2	589.3	579.7	566.8	557.4	552.8	560.5	556.4	544.6
Retired	245.8	254.7	246.9	248.6	256.7	261.2	267.4	277.2	280.9
Others	96.7	80.7	86.9	80.9	84.8	91.9	103.9	106.6	114.6
TOTAL	2,815.1	2,867.3	2,911.1	2,961.5	3,019.7	3,089.8	3,145.1	3,200.6	3,277.4

Source: CSO

TABLE 2.8

TABLE 2.9

Table 2.10 Pension coverage in the State for persons in employment aged 20 to 69 years, Q1 2005

%

	Occupational pension only	Personal pension only	Both	Total coverage	No pension	Total
Region						
Border	33.7	12.6	1.6	47.9	52.1	100.0
Midland	34.0	11.9	1.9	47.7	52.3	100.0
West	31.2	9.9	2.2	43.3	56.7	100.0
Dublin	43.8	9.6	2.7	56.1	43.9	100.0
Mid-East	39.0	14.1	4.5	57.7	42.3	100.0
Mid-West	36.0	11.9	3.5	51.3	48.7	100.0
South-East	29.8	14.6	2.8	47.2	52.8	100.0
South-West	32.2	13.4	3.4	49.0	51.1	100.0
Sex						
Male	35.2	15.9	3.1	54.2	45.8	100.0
Female	38.9	6.1	2.5	47.5	52.5	100.0
Age group						
20-24	19.7	1.4	0.8	21.9	78.1	100.0
25-34	39.5	8.2	2.4	50.1	49.9	100.0
35-44	41.9	15.5	3.9	61.3	38.8	100.0
45-54	40.1	16.1	3.8	60.0	40.0	100.0
55-69	31.4	17.7	2.7	51.7	48.3	100.0
20-29	29.8	3.3	1.3	34.4	65.6	100.0
30-65	39.8	15.2	3.5	58.6	41.4	100.0
Marital status						
Single	31.7	6.5	2.0	40.2	59.8	100.0
Married	41.6	16.2	3.6	61.4	38.6	100.0
Separated or divorced	31.6	11.1	3.2	46.0	54.0	100.0
Widowed	24.9	13.5	2.6	40.9	59.1	100.0
ILO employment status						
Self employed and assisting relative	*	43.0	*	43.0	57.0	100.0
Employee	44.7	5.1	3.5	53.3	46.7	100.0
Total	36.7	11.8	2.9	51.5	48.6	100.0

Source: CSO

Pension coverage for persons in employment aged 20 to 69 years, Q1 2004 and Q1 2005

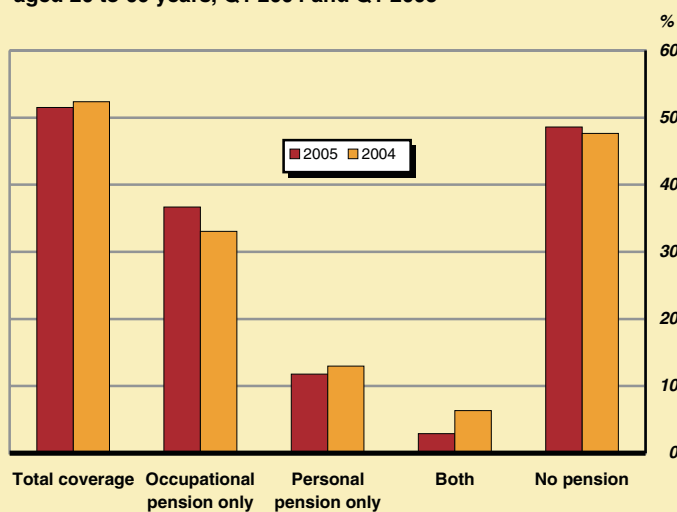


Table 2.11 Persons aged 15 to 64 classified by whether they have any longstanding health problem or disability

Thousands

	Q2 2002				Q1 2004			
	Yes	No	Not stated	Total	Yes	No	Not stated	Total
Region								
Border	31.4	233.6	16.1	281.1	29.1	263.1	1.7	293.9
Midland	15.1	127.1	5.0	147.3	18.8	129.2	8.0	156.1
West	23.8	212.7	14.4	250.9	33.5	226.7	2.0	262.2
Dublin	77.2	675.0	41.5	793.7	87.5	712.7	6.9	807.0
Mid-East	29.3	240.0	12.9	282.2	29.7	266.9	1.5	298.2
Mid-West	21.4	184.0	22.7	228.1	24.5	206.0	1.1	231.7
South-East	32.8	235.7	11.6	280.1	29.2	261.1	1.3	291.7
South-West	43.1	331.6	15.7	390.4	45.9	353.4	2.2	401.5
Sex								
Male	144.6	1,115.4	73.0	1,333.0	155.8	1,207.0	14.0	1,376.8
Female	129.6	1,124.3	66.9	1,320.8	142.5	1,212.3	10.7	1,365.4
Age group								
15-24	29.4	573.4	38.7	641.5	26.1	614.2	2.9	643.2
25-34	40.7	545.2	31.5	617.4	36.9	605.4	5.0	647.4
35-44	50.2	487.1	25.6	562.9	53.1	521.6	5.2	579.9
45-54	68.4	387.5	24.6	480.4	81.8	406.1	6.5	494.4
55-64	85.6	246.6	19.4	351.5	100.4	272.0	4.9	377.3
Marital status								
Single	99.9	1,050.7	74.7	1,225.3	101.2	1,137.7	10.6	1,249.5
Married	143.1	1,080.1	56.7	1,279.8	161.2	1,154.0	11.9	1,327.1
Separated or divorced	21.1	75.6	5.9	102.6	23.8	88.7	1.4	113.9
Widowed	10.2	33.3	2.6	46.0	12.1	38.9	0.7	51.7
ILO economic status								
In employment	109.9	1,534.9	83.2	1,728.0	110.8	1,621.5	16.5	1,748.7
Unemployed	7.5	66.4	2.9	76.8	9.2	81.0	0.4	90.6
Not economically active	156.8	638.4	53.8	849.0	178.3	716.8	7.8	902.9
Total	274.2	2,239.7	139.9	2,653.8	298.3	2,419.3	24.6	2,742.2

Source: CSO

Percentage of persons in employment aged 15 to 64, Q1 2004



TABLE 2.11

Table 2.12 Persons aged 15 to 64 in employment (ILO) classified by whether they have any longstanding health problem or disability

Thousands

	Q2 2002				Q1 2004			
	Yes	No	Not stated	Total	Yes	No	Not stated	Total
Region								
Border	9.9	150.9	8.3	169.1	9.4	167.3	0.8	177.5
Midland	5.6	85.8	3.1	94.5	5.5	87.0	6.6	99.2
West	9.6	143.4	8.2	161.2	15.5	154.1	1.1	170.6
Dublin	34.4	478.1	26.6	539.1	35.3	493.8	5.4	534.5
Mid-East	13.2	168.6	9.2	191.0	11.9	177.4	0.9	190.2
Mid-West	9.2	125.5	12.3	147.1	9.0	140.9	0.5	150.4
South-East	12.1	160.9	7.4	180.4	8.6	168.4	0.5	177.4
South-West	15.9	221.8	8.0	245.7	15.6	232.5	0.7	248.8
Sex								
Male	66.5	884.0	48.8	999.3	66.6	942.3	10.9	1,019.8
Female	43.4	651.0	34.4	728.8	44.2	679.2	5.5	728.9
Age group								
15-24	10.6	261.4	16.1	288.1	10.4	282.8	1.9	295.1
25-34	22.5	452.7	25.8	501.0	18.2	487.2	4.1	509.6
35-44	25.2	387.9	18.3	431.4	26.2	402.4	4.0	432.6
45-54	28.5	294.6	15.6	338.8	31.3	302.5	4.2	338.0
55-64	23.1	138.3	7.3	168.7	24.6	146.5	2.3	173.4
Marital status								
Single	39.4	671.4	43.4	754.3	36.9	722.0	7.4	766.3
Married	61.0	791.3	35.2	887.5	63.6	817.1	8.0	888.8
Separated or divorced	7.1	54.7	3.3	65.2	6.9	61.8	0.7	69.4
Widowed	2.4	17.5	1.2	21.1	3.4	20.6	*	24.2
Total	109.9	1,534.9	83.2	1,728.0	110.8	1,621.5	16.5	1,748.7

Source: CSO

TABLE 2.12

Table 2.13 Key national indicators of poverty and social exclusion, 2004

	%	
	2003	2004
National/NAPS Indicators using alternative national scale		
At-risk-of-poverty rate		
Equivalised total disposable income:		
Including all social transfers (60% threshold)	19.7	19.4
Including old-age and survivors' benefits but excluding all other social transfers (60% threshold)	30.6	32.7
Excluding all social transfers (60% threshold)	37.2	39.8
Including all social transfers (40% threshold)	5.8	4.4
Including all social transfers (50% threshold)	11.6	11.1
Including all social transfers (70% threshold)	27.7	28.7
Relative at-risk-of-poverty gap	21.5	19.8
Gini coefficient	31.1	31.8
Income distribution (income quintile share ratio)	5.0	5.0
Percentage of persons in 'consistent poverty' using medial income threshold		
Less than 50% of threshold	5.3	3.9
Less than 60% of threshold	8.8	6.8
Less than 70% of threshold	11.1	9.6
Percentage of households in 'consistent poverty' using mean income threshold		
Less than 40% of threshold	4.1	3.1
Less than 50% of threshold	7.9	6.7
Less than 60% of threshold	11.5	10.0

Source: CSO

TABLE 2.13

Table 2.14 At-risk-of-poverty rate (after social transfers, 60% threshold), 2004

	Male	Female	Total
%			
Age			
0-14	19.5	23.1	21.2
15-64	16.4	18.8	17.6
65 and over	25.8	28.2	27.1
Household composition			
One adult with no children	36.7	34.9	35.7
Two adults with no children	20.9	21.9	21.4
Three or more adults with no children	11.2	14.4	12.7
One adult with children	46.8	49.1	48.3
Two adults with one to three children	12.0	13.1	12.5
Other households with children	22.1	24.1	23.1
Tenure status			
Owner	14.9	17.1	16.0
Rented or rent free	33.2	36.3	34.8
Region			
Border, Midland and Western	24.4	27.8	26.0
Southern and Eastern	15.8	18.5	17.2
Urban/rural location			
Urban areas	15.0	18.1	16.6
Rural areas	22.8	25.5	24.1
Principal economic status (aged 16 and over)			
At work	7.5	6.4	7.0
Unemployed	41.0	25.9	37.2
Student	19.7	27.8	23.6
Home duties	*	31.8	32.1
Retired	27.9	20.1	26.1
Ill/disabled	52.9	38.2	47.3
Other	*	53.5	52.3
Children under 16 years of age	20.6	23.2	21.9
Total	18.0	20.8	19.4

Source: CSO

Percentage of persons at-risk-of-poverty classified by household composition, 2004

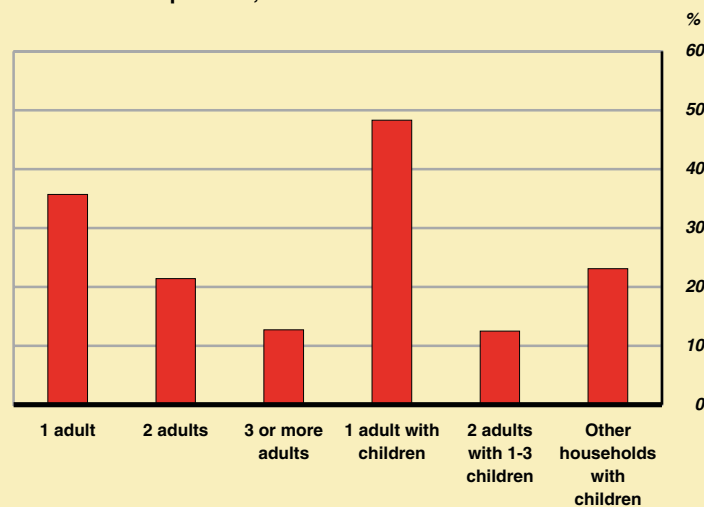


TABLE 2.14

Table 2.15 Percentage of persons classified by the number of deprivation indicators reported and household composition, 2004

							%
Number of deprivation indicators experienced	1 adult, no children	2 adults, no children	3 or more adults, no children	1 adult, with children	2 adult, with 1-3 children	Other households with children	Total
0	79.6	88.2	85.6	42.1	83.0	77.9	81.7
1	10.5	7.2	9.6	22.6	9.9	10.3	9.9
2	3.4	2.2	1.9	11.1	2.6	3.3	2.9
3+	6.5	2.3	2.9	24.1	4.4	8.6	5.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: CSO

Table 2.16 Percentage of persons at-risk-of-poverty classified by the number of deprivation indicators reported and household composition, 2004

							%
Number of deprivation indicators experienced	1 adult, no children	2 adults, no children	3 or more adults, no children	1 adult, with children	2 adult, with 1-3 children	Other households with children	Total
0	72.2	78.1	72.7	35.6	62.6	58.3	65.0
1	12.6	12.0	14.9	18.6	11.7	13.8	13.6
2	5.3	*	*	18.5	7.8	8.3	7.3
3+	9.9	*	*	27.3	17.9	19.5	14.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: CSO

TABLE 2.15

TABLE 2.16

Percentage of persons at-risk-of-poverty classified by the number of deprivation indicators reported, 2004

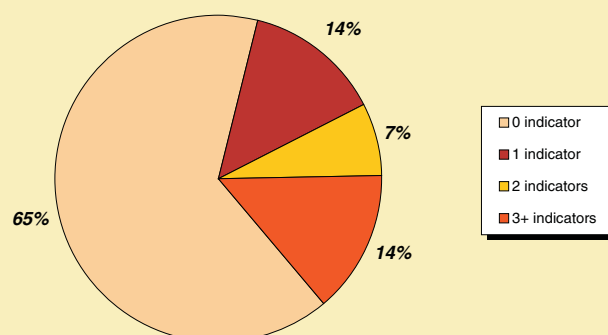


Table 2.17 Percentage of persons in 'consistent poverty' at 60% level using basic lifestyle deprivation indicators, 2004

	Male	Female	Total
%			
Age			
0-14	8.2	11.0	9.5
15-64	5.9	7.1	6.5
65 and over	3.8	3.0	3.3
Household composition			
One adult with no children	13.5	7.0	9.9
Two adults with no children	4.3	5.1	4.7
Three or more adults with no children	3.0	4.0	3.5
One adult with children	29.1	32.1	31.1
Two adults with one to three children	4.1	5.2	4.7
Other households with children	9.2	10.0	9.6
Tenure status			
Owner	3.6	3.8	3.7
Rented or rent free	18.7	22.5	20.7
Region			
Border, Midland and Western	8.2	8.9	8.6
Southern and Eastern	5.5	6.9	6.2
Urban/rural location			
Urban areas	6.9	8.3	7.6
Rural areas	5.1	5.9	5.5
Principal economic status (aged 16 and over)			
At work	1.6	1.9	1.8
Unemployed	21.9	*	19.2
Student	7.3	10.2	8.7
Home duties	*	9.4	9.6
Retired	4.2	*	3.7
Ill/disabled	20.6	23.4	21.7
Other	*	*	*
Children under 16 years of age	9.0	10.8	9.9
Total	6.2	7.4	6.8

Source: CSO

Percentage of persons in 'consistent poverty' classified by age group, 2004

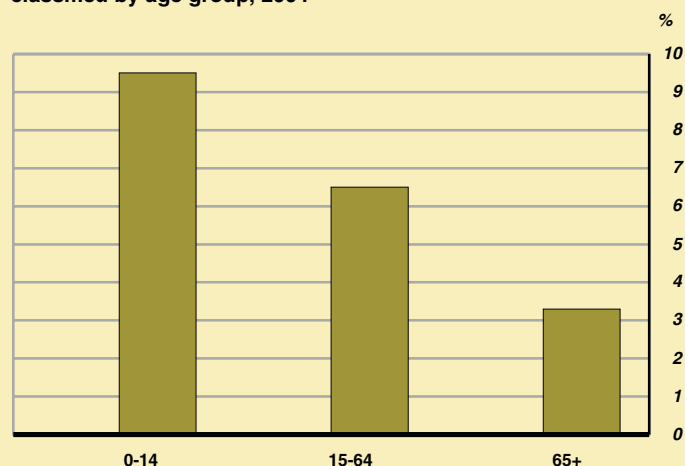


TABLE 2.17

Table 2.18 Industrial disputes involving stoppages of work (disputes in progress during year)

Number

Industrial group	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1
Mining and quarrying	–	1	–	1	–	–	–	1	1
Manufacturing	6	9	4	11	9	5	5	2	2
Electricity, gas and water supply	1	1	2	–	–	–	–	–	1
Construction	1	2	4	2	2	1	1	–	3
Wholesale and retail trade	1	4	1	2	1	2	1	1	2
Hotels and restaurants	1	–	1	1	–	1	–	–	–
Transport, storage and communication	3	4	6	12	10	4	5	3	3
Financial and other business services	3	1	1	–	–	–	1	2	–
Public administration and defence	1	4	1	5	–	1	2	1	1
Education	3	2	4	3	1	3	3	–	–
Health and social work	4	4	7	2	3	7	3	–	–
Other services	4	2	–	–	–	3	3	1	1
Total	28	34	32	39	26	27	24	11	15

Source: CSO

Table 2.19 Industrial disputes, number of workers involved

Number

Industrial group	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	–	–	26	–	–	–	–	–	8
Mining and quarrying	–	56	–	240	–	–	–	250	240
Manufacturing	709	966	317	1,458	1,840	808	530	1,320	49
Electricity, gas and water supply	4	350	375	–	–	–	–	–	1,000
Construction	9	71	2,076	215	158	12	20	–	458
Wholesale and retail trade	5	307	219	54	8,565	149	400	21	223
Hotels and restaurants	21	–	40	74	–	35	–	–	–
Transport, storage and communication	202	2,981	599	6,608	4,796	734	1,083	8,345	1,215
Financial and other business services	319	4	12	–	–	–	200	220	–
Public administration and defence	7	2,822	40	409	–	454	287	26	86
Education	178	195	1,040	16,687	16,604	48	583	–	–
Health and social work	3,695	262	31,761	2,447	205	1,264	383	–	–
Other services	215	46	–	–	–	49	81	45	12
Total	5,364	8,060	36,505	28,192	32,168	3,553	3,567	10,227	3,291

Source: CSO

TABLE 2.18

TABLE 2.19

Table 2.20 Industrial disputes, days lost during year

Industrial group	Number								
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	-	-	1,144	-	-	-	-	-	552
Mining and quarrying	-	3,864	-	3,120	-	-	-	416	240
Manufacturing	14,393	5,285	8,823	13,458	14,512	8,989	3,479	2,393	935
Electricity, gas and water supply	128	350	616	-	-	-	-	-	2,143
Construction	36	1,263	22,182	1,015	3,160	12	33	-	881
Wholesale and retail trade	210	12,261	714	798	6,531	886	161	1,335	90
Hotels and restaurants	2,394	-	900	64	-	368	-	-	-
Transport, storage and communication	1,612	7,534	2,201	27,908	15,724	2,958	1,899	12,340	21,653
Financial and other business services	24,106	22	88	-	-	-	143	2,280	-
Public administration and defence	n/a	4,270	80	2,375	-	973	12,412	1,030	123
Education	310	195	1,268	45,863	74,286	348	540	-	-
Health and social work	28,233	1,630	177,571	2,445	400	5,465	15,778	-	-
Other services	3,086	700	-	-	-	1,258	3,037	990	48
Total	74,508	37,374	215,587	97,046	114,613	21,257	37,482	20,784	26,650

Source: CSO

Annual number of days lost due to industrial disputes

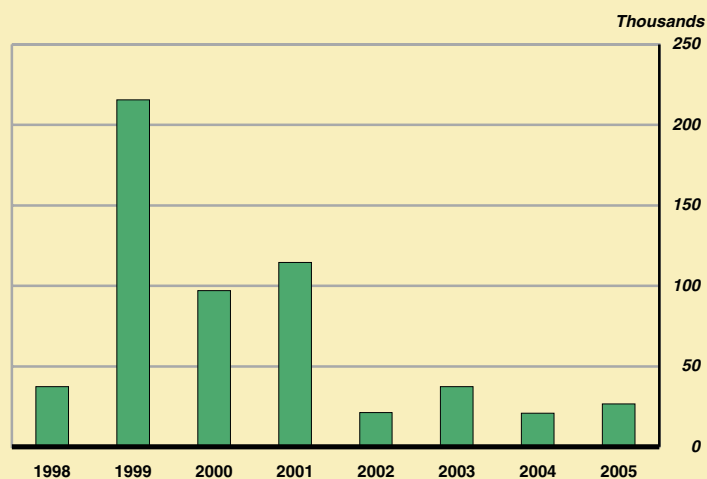


TABLE 2.20

Table 2.21 Annual average number of persons on the Live Register classified by type of claim and sex

	Number							
Type of claim and sex	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Claimants to Unemployment Benefit								
Males	31,173	28,620	25,485	28,399	37,422	38,707	34,050	29,374
of which males <25	5,880	4,774	3,948	4,685	6,835	7,173	5,862	4,779
Females	36,916	36,308	31,712	29,798	35,931	40,525	37,834	33,412
of which females <25	4,769	4,052	3,269	3,499	4,908	5,789	4,842	3,793
Total	68,088	64,951	57,198	58,197	73,353	79,232	71,884	62,656
of which total <25	10,649	8,825	7,209	8,184	11,743	12,962	10,663	8,572
Applicants for Unemployment Assistance								
Males	101,204	79,907	60,565	52,199	56,247	58,756	59,216	60,176
of which males <25	20,888	14,931	10,365	9,438	11,194	11,766	12,157	12,780
Females	41,445	33,113	24,449	20,354	21,435	22,598	23,478	23,975
of which females <25	15,405	11,396	8,015	7,008	7,851	8,424	8,964	9,089
Total	142,649	113,020	85,013	72,552	77,682	81,355	82,693	84,150
of which total <25	36,292	26,327	18,380	16,446	19,046	20,190	21,121	21,869
Others on the Live Register								
Males	3,315	3,106	2,655	2,399	2,631	2,757	2,798	2,693
of which males <25	71	46	34	38	50	47	51	39
Females	13,043	12,182	10,532	9,105	8,799	9,072	8,638	7,737
of which females <25	280	205	148	125	110	120	110	91
Total	16,358	15,288	13,187	11,504	11,430	11,828	11,436	10,430
of which total <25	351	251	182	163	160	166	161	130
Total Live Register								
Males	135,692	111,634	88,704	82,997	96,301	100,219	96,063	91,995
of which males <25	26,838	19,750	14,347	14,161	18,079	18,984	18,028	17,598
Females	91,404	81,603	66,693	59,257	66,166	72,195	69,950	65,124
of which females <25	20,454	15,653	11,431	10,632	12,870	14,332	13,916	12,973
Total	227,096	193,237	155,398	142,253	162,465	172,414	166,013	157,117
of which total <25	47,292	35,403	25,779	24,793	30,949	33,317	31,944	30,571

Source: CSO

Annual average number of persons on the Live Register

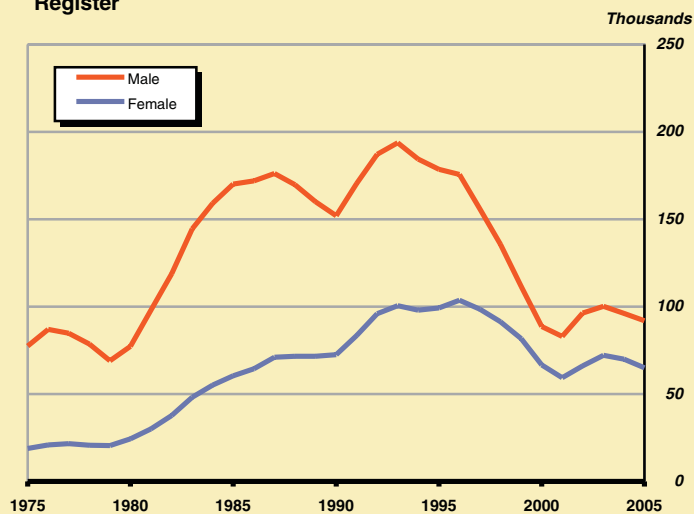


TABLE 2.21

Table 2.22 Annual average number of persons on the Live Register in each Regional Authority

Number

Regional authority	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Males									
Border, Midland and Western									
Border	21,262	19,778	17,408	14,712	14,305	15,477	15,395	14,590	13,510
Midland	7,854	6,875	5,909	4,914	4,683	5,373	5,618	5,505	5,470
West	15,406	13,832	11,972	10,033	9,226	10,037	9,989	9,320	8,742
Eastern and Southern									
Dublin	48,791	41,102	31,838	23,660	20,297	25,090	27,338	26,397	25,460
Mid-East	10,715	9,179	7,398	5,466	4,973	6,411	6,927	6,937	6,743
Mid-West	11,651	9,834	8,068	6,732	6,700	7,962	8,562	8,069	7,633
South-East	17,669	15,939	13,367	10,894	10,644	11,900	12,349	12,214	11,778
South-West	22,493	19,154	15,674	12,294	12,168	14,050	14,042	13,032	12,657
Total	155,839	135,692	111,634	88,704	82,997	96,301	100,219	96,064	91,993
Females									
Border, Midland and Western									
Border	12,438	12,432	11,848	10,539	10,117	10,496	10,747	10,446	9,682
Midland	5,302	4,948	4,817	4,293	4,007	4,331	4,765	4,847	4,655
West	9,794	9,075	8,355	7,092	6,463	7,078	7,253	7,031	6,625
Eastern and Southern									
Dublin	29,264	25,726	20,945	15,608	12,938	15,437	17,334	16,234	14,919
Mid-East	7,455	7,050	6,162	4,785	4,169	4,893	5,648	5,742	5,403
Mid-West	7,510	6,883	6,589	5,528	5,057	5,808	6,781	6,395	5,861
South-East	11,386	11,306	10,720	9,343	8,275	8,786	9,510	9,384	8,768
South-West	15,391	13,983	12,169	9,506	8,231	9,337	10,158	9,872	9,211
Total	98,540	91,404	81,603	66,693	59,257	66,165	72,195	69,951	65,124
All persons									
Border, Midland and Western									
Border	33,700	32,210	29,256	25,251	24,423	25,974	26,143	25,037	23,193
Midland	13,155	11,823	10,726	9,207	8,690	9,704	10,383	10,352	10,126
West	25,201	22,907	20,327	17,124	15,689	17,114	17,242	16,351	15,367
Eastern and Southern									
Dublin	78,055	66,828	52,783	39,268	33,236	40,527	44,672	42,630	40,378
Mid-East	18,169	16,230	13,560	10,251	9,142	11,304	12,574	12,680	12,146
Mid-West	19,161	16,717	14,656	12,260	11,758	13,770	15,343	14,464	13,493
South-East	29,055	27,245	24,087	20,238	18,919	20,686	21,859	21,597	20,546
South-West	37,883	33,136	27,842	21,800	20,398	23,386	24,199	22,904	21,868
TOTAL	254,379	227,096	193,237	155,398	142,253	162,465	172,414	166,015	157,117

Source: CSO

TABLE 2.22

Table 2.23 Number of persons on the Live Register on the second last Friday in April of each year classified by sex and duration of continuous registration

	<i>Number</i>							
Duration	April 1998	April 1999	April 2000	April 2001	April 2002	April 2003	April 2004	April 2005
Males								
Under 3 months	31,946	26,214	23,500	24,232	34,415	35,149	32,830	31,178
3-<6 months	17,960	15,274	13,374	12,379	16,883	16,385	15,482	13,987
6-<12 months	20,923	17,063	13,680	12,598	16,569	18,288	17,885	15,456
1-<2 years	18,125	16,407	10,942	8,699	9,225	12,262	13,172	11,479
2-<3 years	12,095	8,709	7,568	5,118	3,383	4,277	5,487	5,792
3 years and over	40,222	32,903	23,182	17,852	15,128	13,929	13,330	13,177
Total	141,271	116,570	92,246	80,878	95,603	100,290	98,186	91,069
Females								
Under 3 months	29,621	24,641	25,383	22,900	28,257	32,858	29,879	28,619
3-<6 months	13,872	12,625	10,548	9,398	9,817	10,504	10,638	9,009
6-<12 months	16,458	14,629	12,022	9,790	10,522	12,266	13,103	10,660
1-<2 years	13,594	11,787	8,600	6,486	5,174	6,510	7,473	6,063
2-<3 years	6,819	5,787	4,104	3,213	1,961	2,065	2,335	2,359
3 years and over	14,226	12,037	9,204	6,854	6,158	5,791	5,442	4,930
Total	94,590	81,506	69,861	58,641	61,889	69,994	68,870	61,640
All persons								
Under 3 months	67,567	50,855	48,883	47,132	62,672	68,007	62,709	59,797
3-<6 months	31,832	27,899	23,922	21,777	26,700	26,889	26,120	22,996
6-<12 months	37,381	31,692	25,702	22,388	27,091	30,554	30,988	26,116
1-<2 years	31,719	28,194	19,542	15,185	14,399	18,772	20,645	17,542
2-<3 years	18,914	14,496	11,672	8,331	5,344	6,342	7,822	8,151
3 years and over	54,448	44,940	32,386	24,706	21,286	19,720	18,772	18,107
TOTAL	235,861	198,076	162,107	139,519	157,492	170,284	167,056	152,709

Source: CSO

Number of persons on the Live Register, April 2005

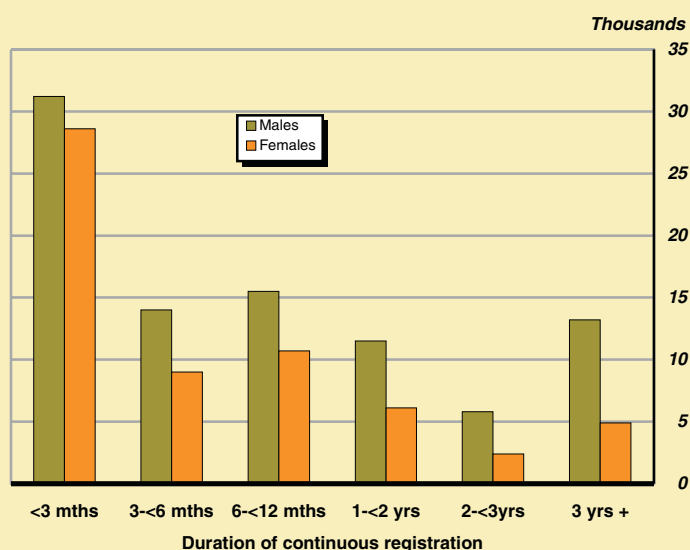


TABLE 2.23

Table 2.24 Number of persons on the Live Register on the second last Friday in April of each year classified by age group and duration of continuous registration

Duration	Age Group							Total
	Under 20	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	
19 April 2002								
Under 3 months	3,510	10,649	19,099	13,447	9,821	3,766	2,380	62,672
3-<6 months	1,652	4,745	8,354	5,829	3,781	1,389	950	26,700
6-<12 months	1,318	4,077	8,037	6,411	4,307	1,674	1,267	27,091
1-<2 years	578	1,848	3,860	3,531	2,762	1,025	795	14,399
2-<3 years	7	742	1,247	1,460	1,244	401	243	5,344
3 years and over	0	940	3,820	5,629	7,921	1,996	980	21,286
Total	7,065	23,001	44,417	36,307	29,836	10,251	6,615	157,492
17 April 2003								
Under 3 months	3,610	11,039	19,718	14,851	11,531	4,399	2,859	68,007
3-<6 months	1,596	4,536	8,159	5,831	4,087	1,587	1,093	26,889
6-<12 months	1,593	4,439	8,922	7,054	4,886	2,132	1,528	30,554
1-<2 years	787	2,674	5,225	4,522	3,310	1,288	966	18,772
2-<3 years	8	904	1,563	1,645	1,495	411	316	6,342
3 years and over	2	871	3,476	5,327	7,044	2,035	965	19,720
Total	7,596	24,463	47,063	39,230	32,353	11,852	7,727	170,284
23 April 2004								
Under 3 months	3,313	10,122	17,808	13,833	10,617	4,204	2,812	62,709
3-<6 months	1,689	4,289	7,537	5,613	4,172	1,616	1,204	26,120
6-<12 months	1,663	4,645	8,511	7,243	5,230	2,215	1,481	30,988
1-<2 years	921	2,898	5,476	5,056	3,808	1,457	1,029	20,645
2-<3 years	1	1,310	1,996	2,051	1,658	494	312	7,822
3 years and over	0	969	3,552	5,028	6,379	1,936	908	18,772
Total	7,587	24,233	44,880	38,824	31,864	11,922	7,746	167,056
23 April 2005								
Under 3 months	3,222	9,592	16,969	13,075	10,180	4,057	2,702	59,797
3-<6 months	1,497	3,984	6,574	4,962	3,587	1,386	1,006	22,996
6-<12 months	1,540	3,960	7,051	5,788	4,400	1,942	1,435	26,116
1-<2 years	838	2,444	4,329	4,224	3,435	1,319	953	17,542
2-<3 years	0	1,348	2,042	2,149	1,759	503	350	8,151
3 years and over	0	1,181	3,650	4,713	5,854	1,831	878	18,107
Total	7,097	22,509	40,615	34,911	29,215	11,038	7,324	152,709

Source: CSO

Live Register age profile as of April 2005

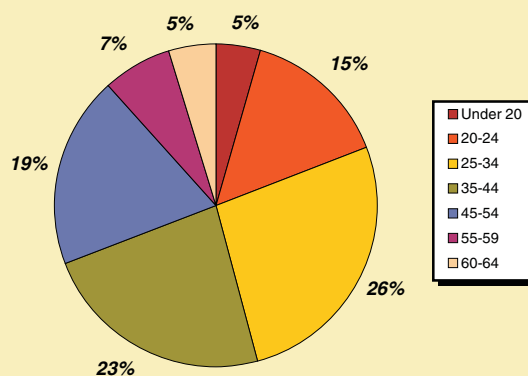


TABLE 2.24

Table 2.25 Number of redundancies classified by industrial group

Industry group	Redundancies							Number
	Notified						Actual	
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Males								
Extraction Industry (chemical products)	603	836	689	892	1,278	894	796	555
Metal Manufacturing and Engineering	1,919	2,114	1,434	2,582	4,018	3,425	1,956	1,243
Other Manufacturing (Food, Drink, Tobacco, Textiles, Leather, Footwear, Timber, Paper, Miscellaneous)	2,237	2,288	1,964	2,300	2,088	3,561	3,251	3,441
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	162	172	130	145	86	170	181	436
Energy and Water	100	156	157	137	182	150	215	252
Building and Civil Engineering	712	458	548	1,204	1,457	1,881	2,024	1,766
Distributive Trades	1,392	1,405	1,254	1,394	1,595	2,119	2,208	1,653
Transport and Communications	294	266	445	899	1,301	884	1,006	821
Banking, Finance and Insurance	406	463	586	1,509	1,864	2,171	1,324	697
Other Services	367	464	393	570	935	1,230	1,050	2,695
Total redundancies	8,192	8,622	7,600	11,632	14,804	16,485	14,011	13,559
Females								
Extraction Industry (chemical products)	309	356	271	288	462	277	313	135
Metal Manufacturing and Engineering	1,335	1,116	1,063	2,061	3,079	2,533	1,147	462
Other Manufacturing (Food, Drink, Tobacco, Textiles, Leather, Footwear, Timber, Paper, Miscellaneous)	1,145	1,609	1,577	1,800	1,191	2,073	1,693	2,017
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	23	41	45	60	32	89	100	202
Energy and Water	11	30	28	46	64	147	92	136
Building and Civil Engineering	81	57	52	147	178	220	212	159
Distributive Trades	901	882	1,331	1,359	1,563	1,924	2,482	1,588
Transport and Communications	90	79	178	374	1,178	429	793	508
Banking, Finance and Insurance	345	231	563	1,305	1,581	1,891	1,175	803
Other Services	454	630	586	756	1,229	1,634	1,354	3,587
Total redundancies	4,694	5,031	5,694	8,196	10,557	11,217	9,361	9,597
All persons								
Extraction Industry (chemical products)	912	1,192	960	1,180	1,740	1,171	1,109	690
Metal Manufacturing and Engineering	3,254	3,230	2,497	4,643	7,097	5,958	3,103	1,705
Other Manufacturing (Food, Drink, Tobacco, Textiles, Leather, Footwear, Timber, Paper, Miscellaneous)	3,382	3,897	3,541	4,100	3,279	5,634	4,944	5,458
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	185	213	175	205	118	259	281	638
Energy and Water	111	186	185	183	246	297	307	388
Building and Civil Engineering	793	515	600	1,351	1,635	2,101	2,236	1,925
Distributive Trades	2,293	2,287	2,585	2,753	3,158	4,043	4,690	3,241
Transport and Communications	384	345	623	1,273	2,479	1,313	1,799	1,329
Banking, Finance and Insurance	751	694	1,149	2,814	3,445	4,062	2,499	1,500
Other Services	821	1,094	979	1,326	2,164	2,864	2,404	6,282
TOTAL REDUNDANCIES	12,886	13,653	13,294	19,828	25,361	27,702	23,372	23,156

Source: Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment

