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- From 1983 to 2003 the number of persons unemployed decreased from 180,800 to 82,100.
- The number of persons in employment increased by more than half since 1983, 1.1 million, to nearly 1.8 million in 2003.
- Employment in Agriculture continues to fall and now accounts for 6.5% of total employment.
- In 2003 the annual average number of persons on the Live Register was 172,414, of which just over 33,300 were aged 25 and over.
- In 2003 there were 24 industrial disputes in progress in which over 3,500 workers were involved.

Introduction

The statistics presented in this chapter illustrate developments in the Irish labour force. They are based largely on results from the Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) and its predecessor, the annual Labour Force Survey (LFS).

The second half 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 notified redundancies as compiled by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment.

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 over 1.1 million in 1983. By 1993, this had increased to almost 1.2 million and then increased by over 600,000 between 1993 and 2003 to 1,793,400. The increased population of working age coupled with higher female participation rates have contributed to the high labour force growth in recent years. Ireland's female labour force participation rate reached 49.1% in 2002 compared with around 30% in 1985.

The numbers at work in the Services sector increased by almost 340,000, or 40%, between 1997 and 2003 while there was just under 99,000 more at work in Industry. Employment in Agriculture continued to fall and now accounts for 6.5% of total employment.

In 1983, the number of persons unemployed stood at 180,800 and this represented approximately one sixth of the labour force. With some variations, unemployment remained at this level over the following decade. However, it subsequently declined to reach 82,100 or just 4.4% of the labour force, in 2003. The fall in unemployment has been concentrated amongst those unemployed for one year and over (long term unemployed) where the number has fallen from 86,300 in 1997 to 27,200 in 2003.

Industrial Disputes

In 2003, 24 disputes were in progress in which over 3,500 workers were involved and over 37,400 days were lost.

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 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 (working up to 3 days per week), seasonal and casual workers entitled to Unemployment Assistance/Benefit . Unemployment is measured by the Quarterly National Household Survey (see above).

The numbers on the Live Register declined from over 279,000 in 1996 to just over 172,000 in 2003. The number of males on the Register declined by almost 43% while the number of females declined by just over 30% in the same period. Approximately 30% of registrants were in the Dublin Region in 1997 but this proportion had fallen to just over 25% by 2003.

Redundancies

27,700 redundancies were notified in 2003. Over 12,700 were in the industrial sector while 4,000 were in the Distributive Trades and a further 4,000 in the Banking, Finance & Insurance sector.

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 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 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

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 nine response categories to choose from.

NACE Economic Sector

The QNHS sectoral employment figures are based on the EU NACE classification.

Occupational Groupings

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

Tables 2.1-2.9

The QNHS (Quarterly National Household Survey) was introduced in quarter 4 of 1997 to replace the LFS (Labour Force Survey).

QNHS data refers to March-May quarter (unless otherwise stated); LFS data refers to April.

The QNHS figures have been revised in line with revisions to the sub-annual population estimates which are used as a grossing frame for the data. These population estimates are calculated on a quarterly basis using the Census of Population figures as a base. The final results of the 2002 Census of Population proved to be 20,000 (0.5%) over the population estimate for the second quarter of 2002. All population estimates have been recalculated accordingly.

Given that the difference between the 2002 Census of Population figures and the population estimates was very minor at the State level, the revisions to the QNHS data series have had very little effect on the headline trends within the QNHS. At a regional level, while employment, unemployment and labour force trends have for the most part been maintained there are some differences in absolute terms.

Table 2.10-2.12 - 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 2.15 - Number of persons on the Live Register

April 1999 includes 105 claimants of Back to Work Allowance which were incorrectly included by Department of Social and Family Affairs

Table 2.1 Total number of persons in employment, unemployed and in 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

Source: CSO

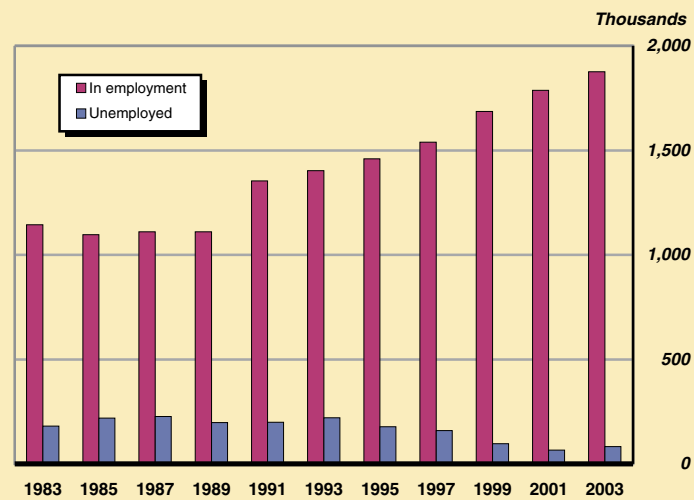
Labour force status

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

Thousands

ILO economic status	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Males						
In labour force	979.4	1,007.4	1,037.6	1,058.8	1,076.6	1,092.7
In employment	900.7	948.0	992.6	1,019.0	1,027.7	1,040.9
full-time	830.2	878.2	920.8	953.0	961.1	971.1
part-time	70.5	69.9	71.8	66.1	66.6	69.8
part-time, not underemployed	64.8	66.9	70.1	64.9	65.2	68.1
part-time, underemployed	5.6	2.9	1.7	1.2	1.4	1.7
Unemployed	78.8	59.4	44.9	39.8	48.8	51.7
seeking full-time work	75.8	56.8	42.6	37.5	46.7	48.7
seeking part-time work	3.0	2.5	2.3	2.3	2.2	3.0
Not in labour force	430.1	424.5	420.2	429.4	445.6	457.1
Marginally attached to the Labour Force	11.0	10.2	7.8	7.4	7.7	8.2
Others	419.2	414.3	412.4	422.0	437.9	448.9
Total males aged 15 or over	1,409.5	1,431.9	1,457.8	1,488.2	1,522.1	1,549.8
<i>Unemployment rate %</i>	8.0	5.9	4.3	3.8	4.5	4.7
<i>Participation rate %</i>	69.5	70.4	71.2	71.1	70.7	70.5
Females						
In labour force	641.0	678.5	708.4	728.2	764.3	782.8
In employment	593.4	641.0	678.8	702.8	736.1	752.5
full-time	413.6	444.0	469.3	482.5	510.4	517.0
part-time	179.8	197.0	209.5	220.4	225.7	235.4
part-time, not underemployed	175.1	194.0	207.6	219.1	224.2	233.7
part-time, underemployed	4.7	3.0	1.9	1.3	1.5	1.7
Unemployed	47.6	37.5	29.6	25.4	28.2	30.4
seeking full-time work	29.4	23.2	18.3	15.8	18.5	20.2
seeking part-time work	18.3	14.3	11.2	9.5	9.7	10.1
Not in labour force	816.7	800.6	795.4	803.3	803.3	812.5
Marginally attached to the Labour Force	8.6	6.5	4.4	3.3	3.4	3.9
Others	808.2	794.1	790.9	800.0	799.9	808.6
Total females aged 15 or over	1,457.7	1,479.2	1,503.7	1,531.5	1,567.7	1,595.3
<i>Unemployment rate %</i>	7.4	5.5	4.2	3.5	3.7	3.9
<i>Participation rate %</i>	44.0	45.9	47.1	47.5	48.8	49.1
All persons						
In labour force	1,620.4	1,685.9	1,745.9	1,787.0	1,840.9	1,875.5
In employment	1,494.0	1,589.1	1,671.4	1,721.9	1,763.9	1,793.4
full-time	1,243.8	1,322.2	1,390.1	1,435.4	1,471.5	1,488.2
part-time	250.2	266.9	281.4	286.5	292.3	305.2
part-time, not underemployed	240.0	261.0	277.7	284.0	289.4	301.7
part-time, underemployed	10.3	5.9	3.6	2.5	2.9	3.5
Unemployed	126.4	96.9	74.5	65.1	77.0	82.1
seeking full-time work	105.2	80.0	60.9	53.3	65.2	69.0
seeking part-time work	21.3	16.9	13.5	11.8	11.8	13.1
Not in labour force	1,246.8	1,225.1	1,215.6	1,232.6	1,248.9	1,269.6
Marginally attached to the Labour Force	19.5	16.8	12.2	10.7	11.1	12.1
Others	1,227.3	1,208.4	1,203.4	1,222.0	1,237.8	1,257.5
Total persons aged 15 or over	2,867.3	2,911.1	2,961.5	3,019.7	3,089.8	3,145.1
<i>Unemployment rate %</i>	7.8	5.7	4.3	3.6	4.2	4.4
<i>Participation rate %</i>	56.5	57.9	59.0	59.2	59.6	59.6

Source: CSO

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

Thousands

Economic sector	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Broad Economic Sector						
Agriculture	136.0	137.3	132.9	122.5	124.0	116.6
Industry	428.4	449.8	475.7	498.1	487.2	497.5
Services	929.6	1,002.0	1,062.8	1,101.3	1,152.6	1,179.3
Economic Sector (NACE Rev. 1)						
Males						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	120.0	121.6	118.1	109.2	111.4	102.9
Other production industries	210.5	215.0	212.8	222.7	214.8	217.3
Construction	120.6	135.9	159.1	172.0	173.2	181.9
Wholesale and retail trade	117.1	118.1	125.6	131.0	125.8	127.7
Hotels and restaurants	40.4	41.6	43.8	43.1	44.7	48.4
Transport, storage and communication	65.7	72.3	76.1	81.7	82.6	85.0
Financial and other business services	85.4	98.9	106.9	110.5	114.3	116.2
Public administration and defence	43.4	45.3	46.3	46.0	49.1	51.3
Education	32.4	32.8	33.8	32.6	34.3	34.6
Health	26.0	25.0	27.4	27.8	31.8	33.7
Other services	39.2	41.5	42.8	42.4	45.8	42.0
Total	900.7	948.0	992.6	1,019.0	1,027.7	1,040.9
Females						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	16.0	15.7	14.8	13.3	12.7	13.7
Other production industries	91.9	92.7	96.7	95.4	90.2	88.9
Construction	5.4	6.2	7.1	7.9	9.0	9.4
Wholesale and retail trade	94.0	104.4	109.6	116.8	120.9	124.0
Hotels and restaurants	57.5	60.4	64.3	60.7	59.5	66.0
Transport, storage and communication	21.3	23.8	25.3	29.4	29.1	27.0
Financial and other business services	85.7	95.7	103.9	106.5	114.6	110.9
Public administration and defence	27.5	29.2	32.0	35.3	41.5	41.0
Education	60.9	67.8	69.0	71.2	77.0	81.4
Health	87.9	95.2	105.6	116.3	127.6	136.2
Other services	45.3	49.9	50.5	50.1	54.1	53.7
Total	593.4	641.0	678.8	702.8	736.1	752.5
All persons						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	136.0	137.3	132.9	122.5	124.0	116.6
Other production industries	302.4	307.7	309.5	318.1	305.0	306.1
Construction	126.1	142.1	166.2	180.0	182.2	191.4
Wholesale and retail trade	211.1	222.5	235.2	247.8	246.8	251.6
Hotels and restaurants	97.8	102.0	108.1	103.8	104.2	114.4
Transport, storage and communication	87.0	96.2	101.3	111.1	111.7	112.1
Financial and other business services	171.1	194.6	210.8	217.1	228.9	227.1
Public administration and defence	70.9	74.5	78.4	81.3	90.6	92.4
Education	93.3	100.6	102.8	103.8	111.3	116.1
Health	113.9	120.3	133.0	144.0	159.3	169.9
Other services	84.5	91.4	93.3	92.4	99.8	95.7
Total	1,494.0	1,589.1	1,671.4	1,721.9	1,763.9	1,793.4

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
Males						
Managers and administrators	215.5	222.0	222.3	222.7	227.1	224.3
Professional	80.9	83.3	90.8	96.0	99.3	107.5
Associate professional and technical	53.5	58.1	62.2	66.6	65.2	70.2
Clerical and secretarial	47.4	51.1	50.0	51.7	54.1	51.0
Craft and related	184.9	202.2	213.0	219.2	213.4	228.4
Personal and protective service	63.1	67.6	69.5	68.2	72.1	73.7
Sales	48.5	49.7	54.2	55.3	54.6	54.6
Plant and machine operatives	118.8	122.1	134.5	147.2	144.5	138.0
Other	87.9	92.0	96.1	92.3	97.4	93.3
Total	900.7	948.0	992.6	1,019.0	1,027.7	1,040.9
Females						
Managers and administrators	69.0	72.3	81.3	87.0	86.9	92.6
Professional	66.3	75.2	75.6	77.2	90.2	93.3
Associate professional and technical	66.0	72.3	76.4	81.6	90.4	94.7
Clerical and secretarial	136.3	148.4	154.2	160.7	170.6	165.9
Craft and related	15.5	16.5	14.5	14.3	12.0	13.6
Personal and protective service	77.0	85.1	96.0	96.5	96.5	109.9
Sales	67.0	76.9	81.7	86.1	89.7	91.6
Plant and machine operatives	41.0	39.9	45.8	45.7	40.3	35.7
Other	55.4	54.6	53.2	53.7	59.5	55.0
Total	593.4	641.0	678.8	702.8	736.1	752.5
All persons						
Managers and administrators	284.6	294.3	303.6	309.7	314.1	316.9
Professional	147.2	158.5	166.4	173.2	189.5	200.8
Associate professional and technical	119.5	130.4	138.6	148.2	155.6	164.9
Clerical and secretarial	183.7	199.5	204.3	212.4	224.7	216.9
Craft and related	200.4	218.6	227.5	233.5	225.4	242.1
Personal and protective service	140.1	152.6	165.5	164.6	168.6	183.6
Sales	115.5	126.5	135.9	141.4	144.3	146.2
Plant and machine operatives	159.8	162.0	180.3	192.9	184.8	173.7
Other	143.3	146.6	149.2	146.1	156.9	148.3
Total	1,494.0	1,589.1	1,671.4	1,721.9	1,763.9	1,793.4

Source: CSO

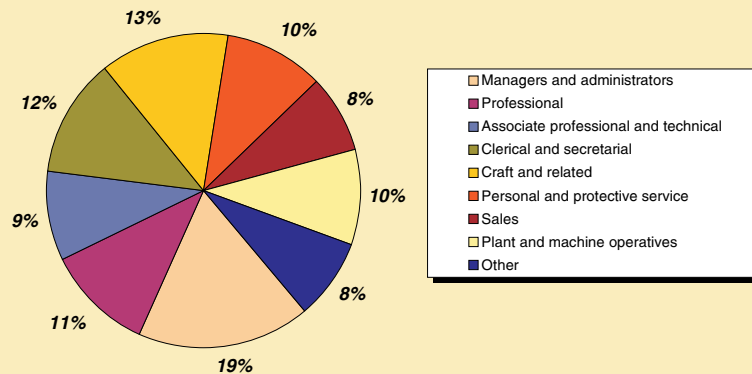
Persons aged 15 years and over in employment, March-May 2003

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
Male							
15-19	25.9	31.1	33.2	34.2	32.6	29.3	29.4
20-24	75.7	76.8	78.0	79.1	77.6	75.5	75.0
25-34	92.8	93.3	93.8	94.1	93.4	92.6	92.2
35-44	92.3	93.4	93.2	93.4	93.9	93.0	92.7
45-54	85.5	87.1	87.2	88.0	87.5	87.7	87.4
55-59	71.1	71.8	72.1	73.8	75.8	75.2	74.9
60-64	51.2	52.7	55.2	53.7	54.6	55.6	55.5
65 and over	15.1	15.0	15.1	14.9	14.4	15.1	14.1
Total	67.8	69.5	70.4	71.2	71.1	70.7	70.5
Female							
15-19	19.5	23.0	24.8	26.3	23.3	22.3	22.5
20-24	67.5	69.4	70.7	67.8	66.2	65.2	65.7
25-34	72.2	73.4	74.8	76.8	75.7	77.2	75.4
35-44	56.4	59.4	62.0	63.0	65.0	65.6	66.5
45-54	43.4	46.4	49.1	52.2	54.6	57.6	57.4
55-59	28.1	30.7	33.4	35.0	36.2	38.1	41.5
60-64	18.1	17.6	19.5	19.4	20.7	22.9	24.6
65 and over	3.2	3.0	2.8	3.0	2.9	3.0	3.3
Total	42.0	44.0	45.9	47.1	47.5	48.8	49.1
All persons							
15-19	22.8	27.2	29.1	30.3	28.0	25.9	26.0
20-24	71.7	73.2	74.4	73.5	72.0	70.4	70.4
25-34	82.4	83.3	84.3	85.5	84.6	84.9	83.8
35-44	74.2	76.2	77.5	78.1	79.3	79.2	79.5
45-54	64.7	67.0	68.3	70.2	71.2	72.7	72.5
55-59	49.9	51.5	53.0	54.6	56.2	56.9	58.4
60-64	34.6	35.1	37.3	36.5	37.7	39.4	40.1
65 and over	8.3	8.2	8.1	8.1	7.9	8.3	8.0
Total	54.7	56.5	57.9	59.0	59.2	59.6	59.6

TABLE 2.5

Source: CSO

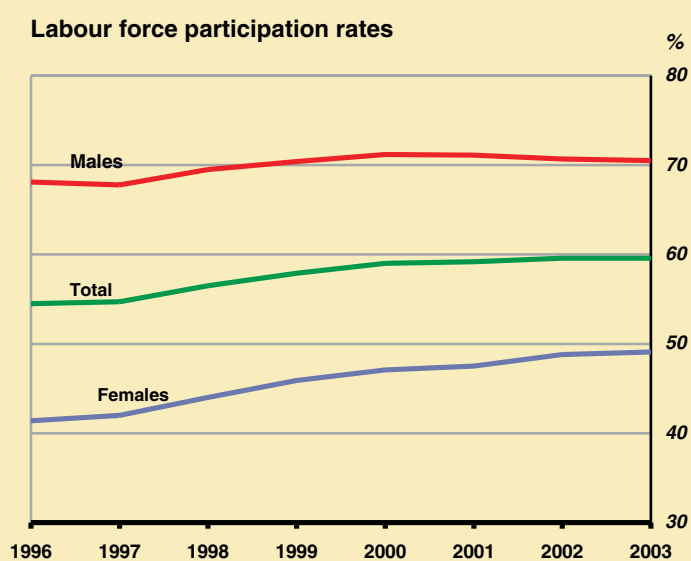


Table 2.6 Unemployment rates (ILO) classified by sex and duration of unemployment

%

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

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
Male							
Less than 1 year	35.1	32.1	28.3	23.9	23.7	31.5	31.5
1 year and over	58.8	46.4	30.8	20.9	15.8	17.2	20.0
Not stated	3.1	0.3	0.3	*	0.3	*	0.3
Total	97.1	78.8	59.4	44.9	39.8	48.8	51.7
Female							
Less than 1 year	31.9	30.2	26.8	22.8	20.4	23.7	23.2
1 year and over	27.5	17.3	10.7	6.7	4.9	4.5	7.2
Not stated	2.6	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	62.0	47.6	37.5	29.6	25.4	28.2	30.4
All persons							
Less than 1 year	67.1	62.3	55.1	46.6	44.1	55.2	54.6
1 year and over	86.3	63.6	41.5	27.7	20.8	21.7	27.2
Not stated	5.7	0.5	0.3	*	0.3	*	0.3
Total	159.0	126.4	96.9	74.5	65.1	77.0	82.1

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	

Source: CSO

TABLE 2.8

TABLE 2.9

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
Males							
At work	825.6	875.0	917.8	960.3	991.5	999.8	1,008.2
Unemployed	130.6	111.4	89.8	75.0	67.6	80.4	80.5
Student	176.1	176.2	173.0	171.8	172.2	177.5	182.6
On home duties	9.2	8.0	9.2	8.7	5.4	5.9	5.3
Retired	179.5	186.7	185.5	187.8	195.6	196.8	202.4
Others	62.0	52.3	56.7	54.2	55.9	61.7	70.7
Total	1,383.1	1,409.5	1,431.9	1,457.8	1,488.2	1,522.1	1,549.8
Females							
At work	512.8	551.4	595.8	629.7	662.1	696.7	709.8
Unemployed	48.3	42.8	35.1	34.3	31.6	34.3	33.1
Student	181.9	185.9	186.2	194.1	195.9	195.2	199.0
On home duties	588.0	581.3	570.5	558.1	551.9	546.9	555.2
Retired	66.2	68.0	61.4	60.8	61.1	64.4	65.0
Others	34.8	28.4	30.2	26.7	28.8	30.1	33.2
Total	1,432.0	1,457.7	1,479.2	1,503.7	1,531.5	1,567.7	1,595.3
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
Unemployed	178.9	154.2	124.8	109.3	99.2	114.7	113.6
Student	358.0	362.1	359.2	365.9	368.1	372.7	381.6
On home duties	597.2	589.3	579.7	566.8	557.4	552.8	560.5
Retired	245.8	254.7	246.9	248.6	256.7	261.2	267.4
Others	96.7	80.7	86.9	80.9	84.8	91.9	103.9
Total	2,815.1	2,867.3	2,911.1	2,961.5	3,019.7	3,089.8	3,145.1

Source: CSO

Table 2.10 Industrial disputes involving stoppages of work (disputes in progress during year)

Number

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

Source: CSO

TABLE 2.10

TABLE 2.11

Table 2.11 Industrial disputes, number of workers involved

Number

Industrial group	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	–	–	26	–	–	–	–
Mining and quarrying	–	56	–	240	–	–	–
Manufacturing	709	966	317	1,458	1,840	808	530
Electricity, gas and water supply	4	350	375	–	–	–	–
Construction	9	71	2,076	215	158	12	20
Wholesale and retail trade	5	307	219	54	8,565	149	400
Hotels and restaurants	21	–	40	74	–	35	–
Transport, storage and communication	202	2,981	599	6,608	4,796	734	1,083
Financial and other business services	319	4	12	–	–	–	200
Public administration and defence	7	2,822	40	409	–	454	287
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
Total	5,364	8,060	36,505	28,192	32,168	3,553	3,567

Source: CSO

Table 2.12 Industrial disputes, days lost during year

Industrial group	Number						
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	-	-	1,144	-	-	-	-
Mining and quarrying	-	3,864	-	3,120	-	-	-
Manufacturing	14,393	5,285	8,823	13,458	14,512	8,989	3,479
Electricity, gas and water supply	128	350	616	-	-	-	-
Construction	36	1,263	22,182	1,015	3,160	12	33
Wholesale and retail trade	210	12,261	714	798	6,531	886	161
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
Financial and other business services	24,106	22	88	-	-	-	143
Public administration and defence	n/a1	4,270	80	2,375	-	973	12,412
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
Total	74,508	37,374	215,587	97,046	114,613	21,257	37,482

Source: CSO

TABLE 2.12

Annual number of days lost due to industrial disputes

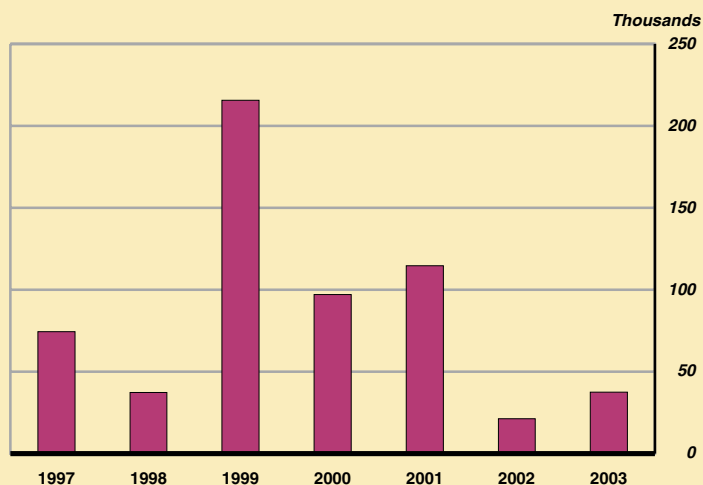


Table 2.13 Annual average number of persons on the Live Register, classified by type of claim and sex

	Number						
Type of claim and sex	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Claimants to Unemployment Benefit							
Males	29,859	31,173	28,620	25,485	28,399	37,422	38,707
of which males <25	6,347	5,880	4,774	3,948	4,685	6,835	7,173
Females	35,096	36,916	36,308	31,712	29,798	35,931	40,525
of which females <25	5,198	4,769	4,052	3,269	3,499	4,908	5,789
Total	64,943	68,088	64,951	57,198	58,197	73,353	79,232
of which total <25	11,544	10,649	8,825	7,209	8,184	11,743	12,962
Applicants for Unemployment Assistance							
Males	122,288	101,204	79,907	60,565	52,199	56,247	58,756
of which males <25	26,907	20,888	14,931	10,365	9,438	11,194	11,766
Females	49,468	41,445	33,113	24,449	20,354	21,435	22,598
of which females <25	19,659	15,405	11,396	8,015	7,008	7,851	8,424
Total	171,755	142,649	113,020	85,013	72,552	77,682	81,355
of which total <25	46,555	36,292	26,327	18,380	16,446	19,046	20,190
Others on the Live Register							
Males	3,693	3,315	3,106	2,655	2,399	2,631	2,757
of which males <25	103	71	46	34	38	50	47
Females	13,976	13,043	12,182	10,532	9,105	8,799	9,072
of which females <25	417	280	205	148	125	110	120
Total	17,669	16,358	15,288	13,187	11,504	11,430	11,828
of which total <25	520	351	251	182	163	160	166
Total Live Register							
Males	155,839	135,692	111,634	88,704	82,997	96,301	100,219
of which males <25	33,357	26,838	19,750	14,347	14,161	18,079	18,984
Females	98,540	91,404	81,603	66,693	59,257	66,166	72,195
of which females <25	25,274	20,454	15,653	11,431	10,632	12,870	14,332
Total	254,379	227,096	193,237	155,398	142,253	162,465	172,414
of which total <25	58,630	47,292	35,403	25,779	24,793	30,949	33,317

Source: CSO

Annual average number of persons on the Live Register

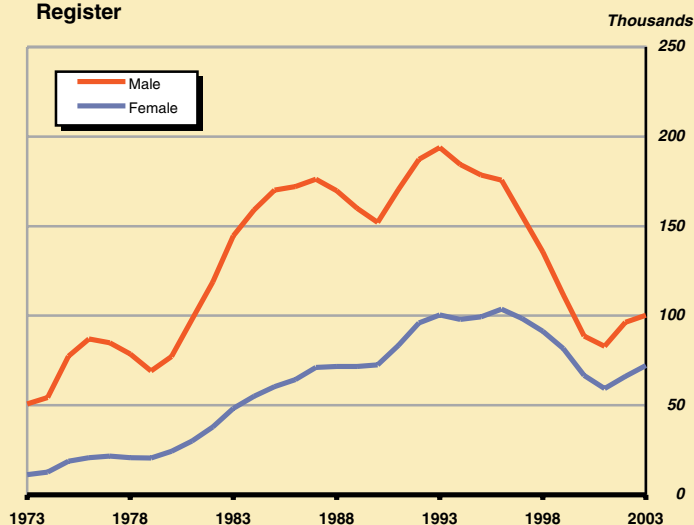


TABLE 2.13

Table 2.14 Annual average number of persons on the Live Register in each Regional Authority*Number*

Regional authority	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Males								
Border, Midland and Western								
Border	22,632	21,262	19,778	17,408	14,712	14,305	15,477	15,395
Midland	9,122	7,854	6,875	5,909	4,914	4,683	5,373	5,618
West	17,135	15,406	13,832	11,972	10,033	9,226	10,037	9,989
Eastern and Southern								
Dublin	56,383	48,791	41,102	31,838	23,660	20,297	25,090	27,338
Mid-East	12,332	10,715	9,179	7,398	5,466	4,973	6,411	6,927
Mid-West	13,408	11,651	9,834	8,068	6,732	6,700	7,962	8,562
South-East	19,510	17,669	15,939	13,367	10,894	10,644	11,900	12,349
South-West	25,120	22,493	19,154	15,674	12,294	12,168	14,050	14,042
Total	175,642	155,839	135,692	111,634	88,704	82,997	96,301	100,219
Females								
Border, Midland and Western								
Border	12,265	12,438	12,432	11,848	10,539	10,117	10,496	10,747
Midland	5,456	5,302	4,948	4,817	4,293	4,007	4,331	4,765
West	10,142	9,794	9,075	8,355	7,092	6,463	7,078	7,253
Eastern and Southern								
Dublin	32,465	29,264	25,726	20,945	15,608	12,938	15,437	17,334
Mid-East	7,817	7,455	7,050	6,162	4,785	4,169	4,893	5,648
Mid-West	7,745	7,510	6,883	6,589	5,528	5,057	5,808	6,781
South-East	11,575	11,386	11,306	10,720	9,343	8,275	8,786	9,510
South-West	16,128	15,391	13,983	12,169	9,506	8,231	9,337	10,158
Total	103,593	98,540	91,404	81,603	66,693	59,257	66,165	72,195
All persons								
Border, Midland and Western								
Border	34,897	33,700	32,210	29,256	25,251	24,423	25,974	26,143
Midland	14,578	13,155	11,823	10,726	9,207	8,690	9,704	10,383
West	27,277	25,201	22,907	20,327	17,124	15,689	17,114	17,242
Eastern and Southern								
Dublin	88,847	78,055	66,828	52,783	39,268	33,236	40,527	44,672
Mid-East	20,149	18,169	16,230	13,560	10,251	9,142	11,304	12,574
Mid-West	21,153	19,161	16,717	14,656	12,260	11,758	13,770	15,343
South-East	31,085	29,055	27,245	24,087	20,238	18,919	20,686	21,859
South-West	41,247	37,883	33,136	27,842	21,800	20,398	23,386	24,199
Total	279,235	254,379	227,096	193,237	155,398	142,253	162,465	172,414

Source: CSO

TABLE 2.14

Table 2.15 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

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

Source: CSO

TABLE 2.15

Number of persons on the Live Register, April 2003

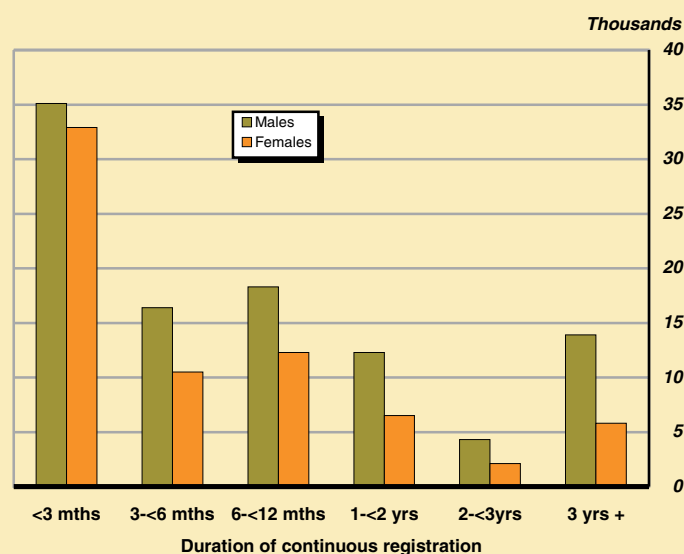


Table 2.16 Number of persons on the Live Register on the second last Friday in April of each year classified by age group and duration of continuous registration

Duration	Age Groups						Total	
	Under 20	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59		60-64
21 April 2000								
Under 3 months	2,333	7,086	12,438	9,783	7,333	2,772	2,064	43,809
3-<6 months	1,155	3,558	5,813	4,536	3,110	1,181	794	20,147
6-<12 months	941	2,710	6,283	5,338	3,860	1,565	1,015	21,712
1-<2 years	498	1,906	4,499	4,257	3,308	1,213	828	16,509
2-<3 years	80	1,130	2,184	2,289	3,173	1,231	554	10,641
3 years and over	17	1,423	5,781	8,000	8,742	1,895	1,034	26,892
Total	5,024	17,813	36,998	34,203	29,526	9,857	6,289	139,710
19 April 2001								
Under 3 months	2,291	7,330	13,524	10,687	8,076	3,167	2,057	47,132
3-<6 months	1,211	3,314	6,132	4,984	3,666	1,547	923	21,777
6-<12 months	1,029	2,980	6,046	5,268	3,966	1,651	1,448	22,388
1-<2 years	446	1,879	4,095	3,899	2,903	1,170	793	15,185
2-<3 years	69	994	2,009	2,231	2,004	647	377	8,331
3 years and over	23	1,191	4,897	6,821	8,614	2,155	1,005	24,706
Total	5,069	17,688	36,703	33,890	29,229	10,337	6,603	139,519
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

Source: CSO

TABLE 2.16

Live Register age profile as of April 2003

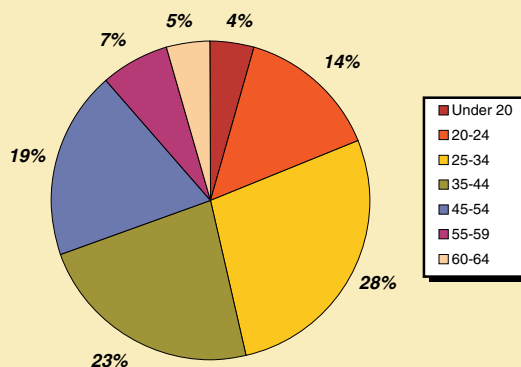


Table 2.17 Number of proposed qualified redundancies notified to the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, classified by industrial group

Number

Industry group	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Males							
Extraction Industry (chemical products)	560	603	836	689	892	1,278	894
Metal Manufacturing and Engineering	976	1,919	2,114	1,434	2,582	4,018	3,425
Other Manufacturing (Food, Drink, Tobacco, Textiles, Leather, Footwear, Timber, Paper, Miscellaneous)	2,380	2,237	2,288	1,964	2,300	2,088	3,561
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	106	162	172	130	145	86	170
Energy and Water	87	100	156	157	137	182	150
Building and Civil Engineering	616	712	458	548	1,204	1,457	1,881
Distributive Trades	1,177	1,392	1,405	1,254	1,394	1,595	2,119
Transport and Communications	555	294	266	445	899	1,301	884
Banking, Finance and Insurance	386	406	463	586	1,509	1,864	2,171
Other Services	405	367	464	393	570	935	1,230
Total redundancies	7,248	8,192	8,622	7,600	11,632	14,804	16,485
Females							
Extraction Industry (chemical products)	125	309	356	271	288	462	277
Metal Manufacturing and Engineering	625	1,335	1,116	1,063	2,061	3,079	2,533
Other Manufacturing (Food, Drink, Tobacco, Textiles, Leather, Footwear, Timber, Paper, Miscellaneous)	1,203	1,145	1,609	1,577	1,800	1,191	2,073
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	33	23	41	45	60	32	89
Energy and Water	30	11	30	28	46	64	147
Building and Civil Engineering	129	81	57	52	147	178	220
Distributive Trades	1,097	901	882	1,331	1,359	1,563	1,924
Transport and Communications	187	90	79	178	374	1,178	429
Banking, Finance and Insurance	548	345	231	563	1,305	1,581	1,891
Other Services	555	454	630	586	756	1,229	1,634
Total redundancies	4,532	4,694	5,031	5,694	8,196	10,557	11,217
All persons							
Extraction Industry (chemical products)	685	912	1,192	960	1,180	1,740	1,171
Metal Manufacturing and Engineering	1,601	3,254	3,230	2,497	4,643	7,097	5,958
Other Manufacturing (Food, Drink, Tobacco, Textiles, Leather, Footwear, Timber, Paper, Miscellaneous)	3,583	3,382	3,897	3,541	4,100	3,279	5,634
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	139	185	213	175	205	118	259
Energy and Water	117	111	186	185	183	246	297
Building and Civil Engineering	745	793	515	600	1,351	1,635	2,101
Distributive Trades	2,274	2,293	2,287	2,585	2,753	3,158	4,043
Transport and Communications	742	384	345	623	1,273	2,479	1,313
Banking, Finance and Insurance	934	751	694	1,149	2,814	3,445	4,062
Other Services	960	821	1,094	979	1,326	2,164	2,864
Total redundancies	11,780	12,886	13,653	13,294	19,828	25,361	27,702

Source: Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment

