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Labour Market

- Since 1998 the proportion of women in the labour market has increased significantly. The female participation rate in 1998 was 44% increasing to 52.5% in 2006.
- From 1985 to 2006 the number of persons in employment increased from almost 1.1 million to over 2 million.
- Between 1985 and 2006 the number of persons unemployed decreased by 128,200 to 91,400.
- Employment in the construction industry continues to rise and now accounts for just over 13% of total employment.
- The total numbers on the Live Register declined from over 193,000 in 1999 to over 157,000 in 2006.
- In 2006 there were 7,352 days lost due to 10 industrial disputes.

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Introduction

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

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.

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Table 2.1 highlights the substantial growth in the Labour Force (ILO) and the numbers in employment since 1985. The total number at work was just under 1.1 million in 1985 which increased to just under 1.3 million in 1995. Between 1995 and 2006 employment increased by over 735,000 to 2,017,000. The increased population of working age, primarily attributable to strong net inward migration in recent years, coupled with higher female participation rates have each contributed to the high labour force growth in recent times. The total number of persons in the labour force in 2006 was in excess of 2.1 million and accounted for 62.6% of all persons aged 15 years and over. This represents an increase of over 320,000 in the five years since 2001. Ireland's female labour force participation rate reached 52.5% in 2006 compared with 44.0% in 1998.

In 1985, the number of unemployed persons stood at 219,600, which represented almost 17% of the labour force. With some variations the unemployment rate remained at this level for most of the following decade. However in the period between 1995 and 2006 the number of unemployed persons fell from 177,400 to 91,400 with the unemployment rate falling from 12.1% to 4.3%. 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 29,600 in 2006.

In 2006 the Construction sector accounted for 13% of those at work but almost a quarter of the employment growth in the year to 2006. The importance of the sector to male employment was highlighted by the fact that almost 37% of the growth in male employment in the year to 2006 was attributable to this sector.

Industrial Disputes

In 2006, 10 industrial disputes were in progress and under 7,400 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 Jobseekers Benefit (JB) excluding systematic short-time workers.
- 2 applicants for Jobseekers Allowance (JA) excluding smallholders/farm assists and other self-employed persons.
- 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 Jobseekers Allowance/Benefit. Unemployment is measured by the Quarterly National Household Survey (*see above*).

The total numbers on the Live Register declined from over 193,000 in 1999 to over 157,000 in 2006. The number of males on the Register declined by just over 17% while the number of females declined by almost 21% in the same period.

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 23,684 actual redundancies in 2006. Energy and Water had the least redundancies at just over 300, while Other Services had the largest number of redundancies with over 7,400 actual redundancies in that sector.

Technical Notes

Tables 2.1-2.8 QNHS

The Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) began in quarter 4 of 1997 replacing the annual April Labour Force Survey (LFS). QNHS data refer 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 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 nine response categories to choose from.

NACE Economic Sector

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

Broad Occupational Group

The classification system used is based on the 1990 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.

Table 2.9-2.10 – 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.

Tables 2.11- 2.13 – Live Register

The Live Register is compiled from returns made directly to the Central Statistics Office by each local office of the Department of Social and Family Affairs. It comprises persons under 65 years of age in the following classes:

All Claimants for Jobseekers Benefit (JB) excluding systematic short-time workers.

Applicants for Jobseekers Allowance (JA) excluding smallholders/farm assists and other self-employed persons.

Other registrants including applicants for credited Social Welfare contributions but excluding those directly involved in an industrial dispute.

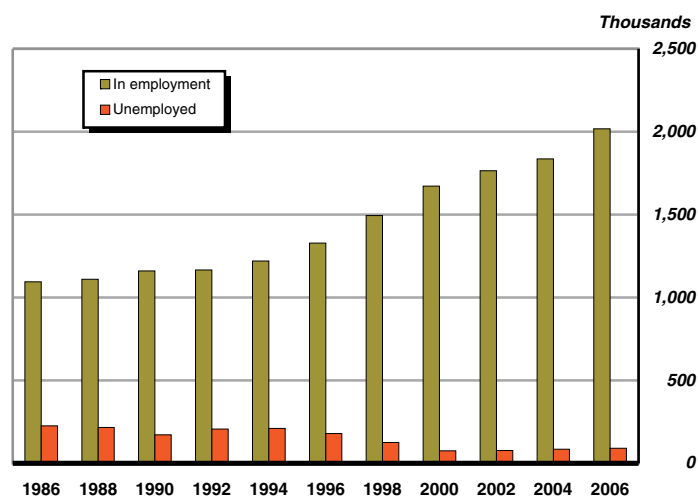
Table 2.1 Total number of persons in employment, unemployed and in the labour force (ILO)

Thousands

Year	In employment	Unemployed	Labour force
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
2006	2,017.0	91.4	2,108.3

Source: CSO

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

Thousands

ILO economic status	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Males							
In labour force	1,037.6	1,058.8	1,076.6	1,092.7	1,119.6	1,163.3	1,217.2
In employment	992.6	1,019.0	1,027.7	1,040.9	1,065.2	1,110.1	1,162.0
full-time	920.8	953.0	961.1	971.1	1,000.2	1,039.4	1,082.2
part-time	71.8	66.1	66.6	69.8	64.9	70.7	79.8
part-time, not underemployed	70.1	64.9	65.2	68.1	63.5	68.7	78.0
part-time, underemployed	1.7	1.2	1.4	1.7	1.5	2.0	1.7
Unemployed	44.9	39.8	48.8	51.7	54.4	53.2	55.2
seeking full-time work	42.6	37.5	46.7	48.7	52.1	50.5	53.1
seeking part-time work	2.3	2.3	2.2	3.0	2.3	2.7	2.1
Not in labour force	420.2	429.4	445.6	457.1	459.1	457.6	455.4
Marginally attached to the Labour Force	7.8	7.4	7.7	8.2	6.3	5.2	5.8
Others	412.4	422.0	437.9	448.9	452.8	452.3	449.6
Total males aged 15 or over	1,457.8	1,488.2	1,522.1	1,549.8	1,578.7	1,620.9	1,672.6
Unemployment rate %	4.3	3.8	4.5	4.7	4.9	4.6	4.5
Participation rate %	71.2	71.1	70.7	70.5	70.9	71.8	72.8
Females							
In labour force	708.4	728.2	764.3	782.8	800.8	851.5	891.1
In employment	678.8	702.8	736.1	752.5	771.0	819.1	855.0
full-time	469.3	482.5	510.4	517.0	524.8	558.1	583.2
part-time	209.5	220.4	225.7	235.4	246.2	261.0	271.8
part-time, not underemployed	207.6	219.1	224.2	233.7	243.9	259.0	269.4
part-time, underemployed	1.9	1.3	1.5	1.7	2.3	2.1	2.4
Unemployed	29.6	25.4	28.2	30.4	29.8	32.4	36.1
seeking full-time work	18.3	15.8	18.5	20.2	19.6	20.4	23.3
seeking part-time work	11.2	9.5	9.7	10.1	10.2	12.0	12.8
Not in labour force	795.4	803.3	803.3	812.5	821.1	805.0	806.6
Marginally attached to the Labour Force	4.4	3.3	3.4	3.9	3.6	3.9	3.9
Others	790.9	800.0	799.9	808.6	817.5	801.2	802.7
Total females aged 15 or over	1,503.7	1,531.5	1,567.7	1,595.3	1,621.9	1,656.6	1,697.7
Unemployment rate %	4.2	3.5	3.7	3.9	3.7	3.8	4.1
Participation rate %	47.1	47.5	48.8	49.1	49.4	51.4	52.5
All persons							
In labour force	1,745.9	1,787.0	1,840.9	1,875.5	1,920.3	2,014.8	2,108.3
In employment	1,671.4	1,721.9	1,763.9	1,793.4	1,836.2	1,929.2	2,017.0
full-time	1,390.1	1,435.4	1,471.5	1,488.2	1,525.0	1,597.5	1,665.4
part-time	281.4	286.5	292.3	305.2	311.1	331.7	351.6
part-time, not underemployed	277.7	284.0	289.4	301.7	307.4	327.7	347.4
part-time, underemployed	3.6	2.5	2.9	3.5	3.7	4.0	4.1
Unemployed	74.5	65.1	77.0	82.1	84.2	85.6	91.4
seeking full-time work	60.9	53.3	65.2	69.0	71.7	71.0	76.5
seeking part-time work	13.5	11.8	11.8	13.1	12.4	14.7	14.9
Not in labour force	1,215.6	1,232.6	1,248.9	1,269.6	1,280.3	1,262.6	1,262.0
Marginally attached to the Labour Force	12.2	10.7	11.1	12.1	10.0	9.1	9.8
Others	1,203.4	1,222.0	1,237.8	1,257.5	1,270.3	1,253.5	1,252.2
Total persons aged 15 or over	2,961.5	3,019.7	3,089.8	3,145.1	3,200.6	3,277.4	3,370.3
Unemployment rate %	4.3	3.6	4.2	4.4	4.4	4.2	4.3
Participation rate %	59.0	59.2	59.6	59.6	60.0	61.5	62.6

Source: CSO

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

Thousands

Economic sector (NACE Rev. 1)	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Broad Economic Sector								
Agriculture	137.3	132.9	122.5	124.0	116.6	117.0	113.7	114.5
Industry	449.8	475.7	498.1	487.2	497.5	506.5	536.6	551.2
Services	1,002.0	1,062.8	1,101.3	1,152.6	1,179.3	1,212.7	1,278.9	1,351.2
Economic Sector								
Males								
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	121.6	118.1	109.2	111.4	102.9	105.8	102.6	103.8
Other production industries	215.0	212.8	222.7	214.8	217.3	208.8	205.9	204.6
Construction	135.9	159.1	172.0	173.2	181.9	195.7	230.2	249.4
Wholesale and retail trade	118.1	125.6	131.0	125.8	127.7	131.3	133.2	143.7
Hotels and restaurants	41.6	43.8	43.1	44.7	48.4	49.4	45.7	49.7
Transport, storage and communication	72.3	76.1	81.7	82.6	85.0	87.2	91.1	91.8
Financial and other business services	98.9	106.9	110.5	114.3	116.2	120.9	129.5	136.2
Public administration and defence	45.3	46.3	46.0	49.1	51.3	48.8	48.8	51.5
Education	32.8	33.8	32.6	34.3	34.6	33.2	35.8	38.9
Health	25.0	27.4	27.8	31.8	33.7	33.8	33.5	34.9
Other services	41.5	42.8	42.4	45.8	42.0	50.3	53.7	57.6
Total	948.0	992.6	1,019.0	1,027.7	1,040.9	1,065.2	1,110.1	1,162.0
Females								
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	15.7	14.8	13.3	12.7	13.7	11.1	11.1	10.7
Other production industries	92.7	96.7	95.4	90.2	88.9	91.8	88.3	83.9
Construction	6.2	7.1	7.9	9.0	9.4	10.3	12.2	13.3
Wholesale and retail trade	104.4	109.6	116.8	120.9	124.0	128.9	133.7	140.7
Hotels and restaurants	60.4	64.3	60.7	59.5	66.0	58.4	65.3	66.6
Transport, storage and communication	23.8	25.3	29.4	29.1	27.0	26.0	27.1	28.9
Financial and other business services	95.7	103.9	106.5	114.6	110.9	116.1	127.6	131.1
Public administration and defence	29.2	32.0	35.3	41.5	41.0	40.7	49.4	53.6
Education	67.8	69.0	71.2	77.0	81.4	84.7	87.3	96.7
Health	95.2	105.6	116.3	127.6	136.2	143.3	154.5	166.4
Other services	49.9	50.5	50.1	54.1	53.7	59.7	62.7	63.0
Total	641.0	678.8	702.8	736.1	752.5	771.0	819.1	855.0
All persons								
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	137.3	132.9	122.5	124.0	116.6	117.0	113.7	114.5
Other production industries	307.7	309.5	318.1	305.0	306.1	300.6	294.2	288.5
Construction	142.1	166.2	180.0	182.2	191.4	206.0	242.4	262.7
Wholesale and retail trade	222.5	235.2	247.8	246.8	251.6	260.2	266.9	284.4
Hotels and restaurants	102.0	108.1	103.8	104.2	114.4	107.8	111.0	116.3
Transport, storage and communication	96.2	101.3	111.1	111.7	112.1	113.2	118.2	120.7
Financial and other business services	194.6	210.8	217.1	228.9	227.1	237.0	257.1	267.3
Public administration and defence	74.5	78.4	81.3	90.6	92.4	89.5	98.2	105.1
Education	100.6	102.8	103.8	111.3	116.1	117.9	123.1	135.6
Health	120.3	133.0	144.0	159.3	169.9	177.0	188.0	201.2
Other services	91.4	93.3	92.4	99.8	95.7	110.0	116.4	120.6
TOTAL	1,589.1	1,671.4	1,721.9	1,763.9	1,793.4	1,836.2	1,929.2	2,017.0

Source: CSO

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Table 2.4 Persons aged 15 to 64, classified by the highest level of education attained, ILO economic status and sex

Highest education level attained	March-May 2006				
	In employment	Unemployed	In labour force	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
Males aged 15 to 64					
Primary or below	127.4	12.6	140.0	9.0	58.3
Lower secondary	215.5	13.9	229.4	6.1	73.4
Higher secondary	312.2	13.5	325.7	4.1	85.4
Post leaving cert	125.3	4.3	129.6	3.3	93.6
Third level non degree	106.4	3.5	110.0	3.2	93.0
Third level degree or above	207.9	5.0	212.9	2.3	93.2
Other	37.2	2.4	39.6	6.1	87.2
Total males aged 15 to 64	1,132.0	55.1	1,187.1	4.6	81.0
Females aged 15 to 64					
Primary or below	52.2	3.8	56.0	6.8	28.2
Lower secondary	101.0	7.5	108.5	6.9	41.5
Higher secondary	239.8	10.9	250.7	4.3	63.6
Post leaving cert	94.4	5.2	99.6	5.2	74.2
Third level non degree	120.0	3.5	123.6	2.8	78.8
Third level degree or above	217.3	4.2	221.5	1.9	85.9
Other	19.3	0.9	20.2	4.5	63.7
Total 15 males aged 15 to 64	844.0	36.1	880.1	4.1	61.3
All persons aged 15 to 64					
Primary or below	179.6	16.4	196.0	8.4	44.7
Lower secondary	316.5	21.4	337.9	6.3	58.9
Higher secondary	552.0	24.3	576.4	4.2	74.3
Post leaving cert	219.7	9.6	229.2	4.2	84.0
Third level non degree	226.4	7.1	233.5	3.0	84.9
Third level degree or above	425.3	9.2	434.4	2.1	89.3
Other	56.5	3.2	59.7	5.4	77.4
TOTAL PERSONS AGED 15 TO 64	1,976.0	91.2	2,067.2	4.4	71.3

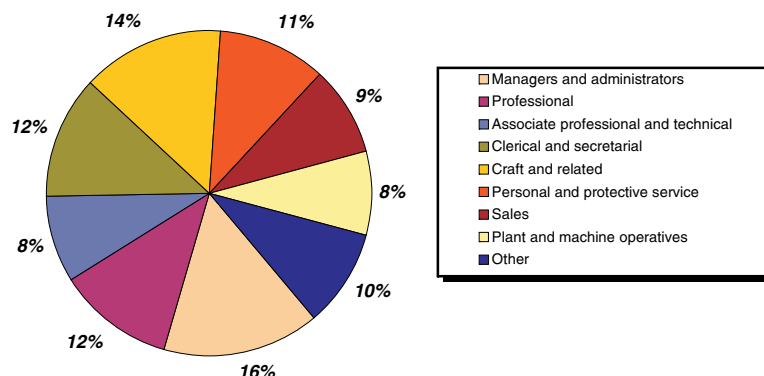
Source: CSO

Table 2.5 Persons aged 15 years and over in employment (ILO) classified by sex and occupation

Thousands

Broad occupational group	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Males								
Managers and administrators	222.0	222.3	222.7	227.1	224.3	227.1	218.6	215.5
Professional	83.3	90.8	96.0	99.3	107.5	108.4	112.5	119.8
Associate professional and technical	58.1	62.2	66.6	65.2	70.2	72.3	70.9	70.8
Clerical and secretarial	51.1	50.0	51.7	54.1	51.0	53.1	58.7	61.9
Craft and related	202.2	213.0	219.2	213.4	228.4	231.3	260.1	274.6
Personal and protective service	67.6	69.5	68.2	72.1	73.7	72.8	73.4	80.4
Sales	49.7	54.2	55.3	54.6	54.6	59.0	63.0	69.3
Plant and machine operatives	122.1	134.5	147.2	144.5	138.0	130.3	138.0	141.1
Other	92.0	96.1	92.3	97.4	93.3	111.0	114.9	128.7
Total	948.0	992.6	1,019.0	1,027.7	1,040.9	1,065.2	1,110.1	1,162.0
Females								
Managers and administrators	72.3	81.3	87.0	86.9	92.6	92.1	98.1	97.5
Professional	75.2	75.6	77.2	90.2	93.3	103.0	106.1	116.3
Associate professional and technical	72.3	76.4	81.6	90.4	94.7	94.8	100.5	100.3
Clerical and secretarial	148.4	154.2	160.7	170.6	165.9	167.6	177.7	186.1
Craft and related	16.5	14.5	14.3	12.0	13.6	12.4	11.7	11.7
Personal and protective service	85.1	96.0	96.5	96.5	109.9	112.6	125.0	137.9
Sales	76.9	81.7	86.1	89.7	91.6	93.3	101.4	109.1
Plant and machine operatives	39.9	45.8	45.7	40.3	35.7	29.1	29.7	26.6
Other	54.6	53.2	53.7	59.5	55.0	66.1	68.9	69.4
Total	641.0	678.8	702.8	736.1	752.5	771.0	819.1	855.0
All persons								
Managers and administrators	294.3	303.6	309.7	314.1	316.9	319.2	316.7	313.0
Professional	158.5	166.4	173.2	189.5	200.8	211.4	218.6	236.1
Associate professional and technical	130.4	138.6	148.2	155.6	164.9	167.1	171.5	171.1
Clerical and secretarial	199.5	204.3	212.4	224.7	216.9	220.7	236.3	248.0
Craft and related	218.6	227.5	233.5	225.4	242.1	243.6	271.9	286.3
Personal and protective service	152.6	165.5	164.6	168.6	183.6	185.4	198.4	218.2
Sales	126.5	135.9	141.4	144.3	146.2	152.3	164.4	178.4
Plant and machine operatives	162.0	180.3	192.9	184.8	173.7	159.4	167.7	167.7
Other	146.6	149.2	146.1	156.9	148.3	177.0	183.7	198.1
TOTAL	1,589.1	1,671.4	1,721.9	1,763.9	1,793.4	1,836.2	1,929.2	2,017.0

Source: CSO

Persons aged 15 years and over in employment classified by occupation, Q2 2006

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Table 2.6 Labour force participation rates (ILO) classified by sex and age group

%

Sex and age group	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Males									
15-19	31.1	33.2	34.2	32.6	29.3	29.4	27.0	27.9	30.2
20-24	76.8	78.0	79.1	77.6	75.5	75.0	76.1	75.8	79.9
25-34	93.3	93.8	94.1	93.4	92.6	92.2	92.5	92.8	93.2
35-44	93.4	93.2	93.4	93.9	93.0	92.7	93.1	93.8	93.9
45-54	87.1	87.2	88.0	87.5	87.7	87.4	89.1	89.4	89.0
55-59	71.8	72.1	73.8	75.8	75.2	74.9	75.5	73.8	76.4
60-64	52.7	55.2	53.7	54.6	55.6	55.5	54.9	60.0	58.3
65 and over	15.0	15.1	14.9	14.4	15.1	14.1	13.7	14.6	14.5
Total	69.5	70.4	71.2	71.1	70.7	70.5	70.9	71.8	72.8
Females									
15-19	23.0	24.8	26.3	23.3	22.3	22.5	20.0	22.9	22.8
20-24	69.4	70.7	67.8	66.2	65.2	65.7	66.0	68.5	68.8
25-34	73.4	74.8	76.8	75.7	77.2	75.4	75.6	77.1	78.5
35-44	59.4	62.0	63.0	65.0	65.6	66.5	65.9	66.5	66.7
45-54	46.4	49.1	52.2	54.6	57.6	57.4	60.2	63.3	64.1
55-59	30.7	33.4	35.0	36.2	38.1	41.5	42.1	46.4	48.6
60-64	17.6	19.5	19.4	20.7	22.9	24.6	24.8	28.2	31.2
65 and over	3.0	2.8	3.0	2.9	3.0	3.3	3.1	3.3	4.2
Total	44.0	45.9	47.1	47.5	48.8	49.1	49.4	51.4	52.5
All persons									
15-19	27.2	29.1	30.3	28.0	25.9	26.0	23.6	25.4	26.6
20-24	73.2	74.4	73.5	72.0	70.4	70.4	71.1	72.2	74.4
25-34	83.3	84.3	85.5	84.6	84.9	83.8	84.1	85.1	86.0
35-44	76.2	77.5	78.1	79.3	79.2	79.5	79.5	80.2	80.4
45-54	67.0	68.3	70.2	71.2	72.7	72.5	74.7	76.4	76.6
55-59	51.5	53.0	54.6	56.2	56.9	58.4	59.0	60.2	62.6
60-64	35.1	37.3	36.5	37.7	39.4	40.1	40.0	44.2	44.8
65 and over	8.2	8.1	8.1	7.9	8.3	8.0	7.7	8.3	8.7
Total	56.5	57.9	59.0	59.2	59.6	59.6	60.0	61.5	62.6

Source: CSO

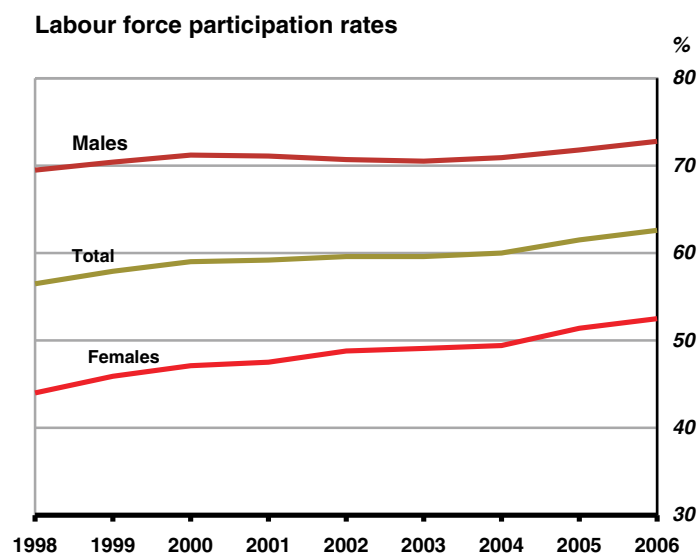


Table 2.7 Unemployment rates (ILO) classified by sex and duration of unemployment*Thousands*

Sex and duration of unemployment	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Males										
Less than 1 year	3.7	32.1	28.3	23.9	23.7	31.5	31.5	33.9	31.7	33.8
1 year and over	6.3	46.4	30.8	20.9	15.8	17.2	20.0	20.2	21.2	21.1
Not stated	0.3	0.3	0.3	*	0.3	*	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total	10.4	78.8	59.4	44.9	39.8	48.8	51.7	54.4	53.2	55.2
Females										
Less than 1 year	5.3	30.2	26.8	22.8	20.4	23.7	23.2	23.5	26.1	27.7
1 year and over	4.6	17.3	10.7	6.7	4.9	4.5	7.2	6.2	6.3	8.4
Not stated	0.4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	10.3	47.6	37.5	29.6	25.4	28.2	30.4	29.8	32.4	36.1
All persons										
Less than 1 year	4.4	62.3	55.1	46.6	44.1	55.2	54.6	57.4	57.7	61.5
1 year and over	5.6	63.6	41.5	27.7	20.8	21.7	27.2	26.3	27.6	29.6
Not stated	0.4	0.5	0.3	*	0.3	*	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3
Total	10.3	126.4	96.9	74.5	65.1	77.0	82.1	84.2	85.6	91.4

Source: CSO

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Table 2.8 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	2006
Males										
At work	825.6	875.0	917.8	960.3	991.5	999.8	1,008.2	1,038.5	1,080.6	1,130.4
Unemployed	130.6	111.4	89.8	75.0	67.6	80.4	80.5	81.1	77.1	80.3
Student	176.1	176.2	173.0	171.8	172.2	177.5	182.6	179.0	176.8	169.7
Home duties	9.2	8.0	9.2	8.7	5.4	5.9	5.3	4.5	5.1	5.1
Retired	179.5	186.7	185.5	187.8	195.6	196.8	202.4	206.9	208.7	213.0
Others	62.0	52.3	56.7	54.2	55.9	61.7	70.7	68.7	72.5	74.1
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	1,672.6
Females										
At work	512.8	551.4	595.8	629.7	662.1	696.7	709.8	731.9	776.8	810.4
Unemployed	48.3	42.8	35.1	34.3	31.6	34.3	33.1	31.6	32.5	35.1
Student	181.9	185.9	186.2	194.1	195.9	195.2	199.0	198.4	193.6	199.3
Home duties	588.0	581.3	570.5	558.1	551.9	546.9	555.2	551.9	539.4	530.3
Retired	66.2	68.0	61.4	60.8	61.1	64.4	65.0	70.3	72.2	78.3
Others	34.8	28.4	30.2	26.7	28.8	30.1	33.2	37.9	42.1	44.4
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	1,697.7
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	1,940.8
Unemployed	178.9	154.2	124.8	109.3	99.2	114.7	113.6	112.6	109.7	115.4
Student	358.0	362.1	359.2	365.9	368.1	372.7	381.6	377.4	370.4	369.0
Home duties	597.2	589.3	579.7	566.8	557.4	552.8	560.5	556.4	544.6	535.4
Retired	245.8	254.7	246.9	248.6	256.7	261.2	267.4	277.2	280.9	291.3
Others	96.7	80.7	86.9	80.9	84.8	91.9	103.9	106.6	114.6	118.4
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	3,370.3

Source: CSO

Table 2.9 Industrial disputes involving stoppages of work (disputes in progress during year)

Number

Industrial group	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Mining and quarrying	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	1	—
Manufacturing	6	9	4	11	9	5	5	2	2	3
Electricity, gas and water supply	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Construction	1	2	4	2	2	1	1	—	3	2
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	1
Financial and other business services	3	1	1	—	—	—	1	2	—	1
Public administration and defence	1	4	1	5	—	1	2	1	1	1
Education	3	2	4	3	1	3	3	—	—	—
Health and social work	4	4	7	2	3	7	3	—	—	2
Other services	4	2	—	—	—	3	3	1	1	—
Total	28	34	32	39	26	27	24	11	15	10

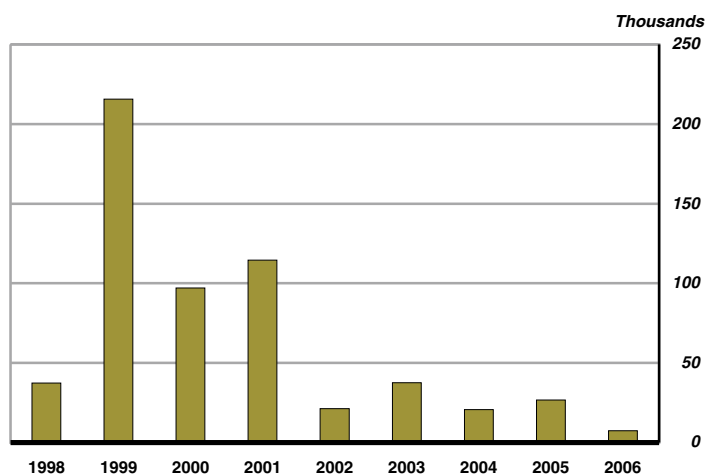
Source: CSO

Table 2.10 Industrial disputes, days lost during year

Number

Industrial group	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	–	1,144	–	–	–	–	–	552	–
Mining and quarrying	3,864	–	3,120	–	–	–	416	240	–
Manufacturing	5,285	8,823	13,458	14,512	8,989	3,479	2,393	935	1,114
Electricity, gas and water supply	350	616	–	–	–	–	–	2,143	–
Construction	1,263	22,182	1,015	3,160	12	33	–	881	4,769
Wholesale and retail trade	12,261	714	798	6,531	886	161	1,335	90	–
Hotels and restaurants	–	900	64	–	368	–	–	–	–
Transport, storage and communication	7,534	2,201	27,908	15,724	2,958	1,899	12,340	21,653	57
Financial and other business services	22	88	–	–	–	143	2,280	–	280
Public administration and defence	4,270	80	2,375	–	973	12,412	1,030	123	663
Education	195	1,268	45,863	74,286	348	540	–	–	–
Health and social work	1,630	177,571	2,445	400	5,465	15,778	–	–	469
Other services	700	–	–	–	1,258	3,037	990	48	–
Total	37,374	215,587	97,046	114,613	21,257	37,482	20,784	26,665	7,352

Source: CSO

Annual number of days lost due to industrial disputes

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Table 2.11 Annual average number of persons on the Live Register in each Regional Authority

Number

Regional authority	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Males									
Border, Midland and Western									
Border	19,778	17,408	14,712	14,305	15,477	15,395	14,590	13,510	13,234
Midland	6,875	5,909	4,914	4,683	5,373	5,618	5,505	5,470	5,795
West	13,832	11,972	10,033	9,226	10,037	9,989	9,320	8,742	8,532
Eastern and Southern									
Dublin	41,102	31,838	23,660	20,297	25,090	27,338	26,397	25,460	25,562
Mid-East	9,179	7,398	5,466	4,973	6,411	6,927	6,937	6,743	7,006
Mid-West	9,834	8,068	6,732	6,700	7,962	8,562	8,069	7,633	7,815
South-East	15,939	13,367	10,894	10,644	11,900	12,349	12,214	11,778	11,963
South-West	19,154	15,674	12,294	12,168	14,050	14,042	13,032	12,657	12,692
Total	135,692	111,634	88,704	82,997	96,301	100,219	96,064	91,995	92,600
Females									
Border, Midland and Western									
Border	12,432	11,848	10,539	10,117	10,496	10,747	10,446	9,682	9,581
Midland	4,948	4,817	4,293	4,007	4,331	4,765	4,847	4,655	4,834
West	9,075	8,355	7,092	6,463	7,078	7,253	7,031	6,625	6,537
Eastern and Southern									
Dublin	25,726	20,945	15,608	12,938	15,437	17,334	16,234	14,919	14,824
Mid-East	7,050	6,162	4,785	4,169	4,893	5,648	5,742	5,403	5,465
Mid-West	6,883	6,589	5,528	5,057	5,808	6,781	6,395	5,861	5,711
South-East	11,306	10,720	9,343	8,275	8,786	9,510	9,384	8,768	8,755
South-West	13,983	12,169	9,506	8,231	9,337	10,158	9,872	9,211	9,092
Total	91,404	81,603	66,693	59,257	66,165	72,195	69,951	65,124	64,798
All persons									
Border, Midland and Western									
Border	32,210	29,256	25,251	24,423	25,974	26,143	25,037	23,193	22,815
Midland	11,823	10,726	9,207	8,690	9,704	10,383	10,352	10,126	10,629
West	22,907	20,327	17,124	15,689	17,114	17,242	16,351	15,367	15,069
Eastern and Southern									
Dublin	66,828	52,783	39,268	33,236	40,527	44,672	42,630	40,378	40,386
Mid-East	16,230	13,560	10,251	9,142	11,304	12,574	12,680	12,146	12,471
Mid-West	16,717	14,656	12,260	11,758	13,770	15,343	14,464	13,493	13,526
South-East	27,245	24,087	20,238	18,919	20,686	21,859	21,597	20,546	20,718
South-West	33,136	27,842	21,800	20,398	23,386	24,199	22,904	21,868	21,784
TOTAL	227,096	193,237	155,398	142,253	162,465	172,414	166,013	157,117	157,398

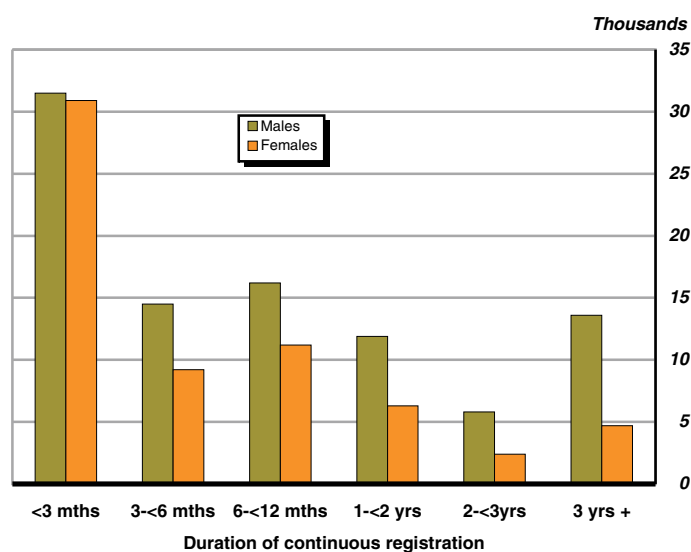
Source: CSO

Table 2.12 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

Number

Duration	April 1998	April 1999	April 2000	April 2001	April 2002	April 2003	April 2004	April 2005	April 2006
Males									
Under 3 months	31,946	26,214	23,500	24,232	34,415	35,149	32,830	31,178	31,472
3-<6 months	17,960	15,274	13,374	12,379	16,883	16,385	15,482	13,987	14,530
6-<12 months	20,923	17,063	13,680	12,598	16,569	18,288	17,885	15,456	16,172
1-<2 years	18,125	16,407	10,942	8,699	9,225	12,262	13,172	11,479	11,857
2-<3 years	12,095	8,709	7,568	5,118	3,383	4,277	5,487	5,792	5,768
3 years and over	40,222	32,903	23,182	17,852	15,128	13,929	13,330	13,177	13,611
Total	141,271	116,570	92,246	80,878	95,603	100,290	98,186	91,069	93,410
Females									
Under 3 months	29,621	24,641	25,383	22,900	28,257	32,858	29,879	28,619	30,919
3-<6 months	13,872	12,625	10,548	9,398	9,817	10,504	10,638	9,009	9,166
6-<12 months	16,458	14,629	12,022	9,790	10,522	12,266	13,103	10,660	11,214
1-<2 years	13,594	11,787	8,600	6,486	5,174	6,510	7,473	6,063	6,267
2-<3 years	6,819	5,787	4,104	3,213	1,961	2,065	2,335	2,359	2,410
3 years and over	14,226	12,037	9,204	6,854	6,158	5,791	5,442	4,930	4,678
Total	94,590	81,506	69,861	58,641	61,889	69,994	68,870	61,640	64,654
All persons									
Under 3 months	67,567	50,855	48,883	47,132	62,672	68,007	62,709	59,797	62,391
3-<6 months	31,832	27,899	23,922	21,777	26,700	26,889	26,120	22,996	23,696
6-<12 months	37,381	31,692	25,702	22,388	27,091	30,554	30,988	26,116	27,386
1-<2 years	31,719	28,194	19,542	15,185	14,399	18,772	20,645	17,542	18,124
2-<3 years	18,914	14,496	11,672	8,331	5,344	6,342	7,822	8,151	8,178
3 years and over	54,448	44,940	32,386	24,706	21,286	19,720	18,772	18,107	18,289
TOTAL	235,861	198,076	162,107	139,519	157,492	170,284	167,056	152,709	158,064

Source: CSO

Number of persons on the Live Register, April 2006

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Table 2.13 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

Number

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
22 April 2006								
Under 3 months	3,230	9,407	17,117	13,708	11,090	4,671	3,168	62,391
3-<6 months	1,648	3,988	6,902	5,125	3,510	1,444	1,079	23,696
6-<12 months	1,755	4,209	7,651	6,164	4,424	1,795	1,388	27,386
1-<2 years	885	2,604	4,544	4,266	3,571	1,233	1,021	18,124
2-<3 years	0	1,383	1,937	1,995	1,915	586	362	8,178
3 years and over	0	1,282	3,825	4,759	5,736	1,748	939	18,289
Total	7,518	22,873	41,976	36,017	30,246	11,477	7,957	158,064

Source: CSO

Table 2.14 Number of redundancies classified by industrial group

Number

Industry group	Redundancies						Actual	
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Males								
Extraction Industry (chemical products)	836	689	892	1,278	894	796	555	368
Metal Manufacturing and Engineering	2,114	1,434	2,582	4,018	3,425	1,956	1,243	929
Other Manufacturing (Food, Drink, Tobacco, Textiles, Leather, Footwear, Timber, Paper, Miscellaneous)	2,288	1,964	2,300	2,088	3,561	3,251	3,441	3,584
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	172	130	145	86	170	181	436	598
Energy and Water	156	157	137	182	150	215	252	130
Building and Civil Engineering	458	548	1,204	1,457	1,881	2,024	1,766	1,946
Distributive Trades	1,405	1,254	1,394	1,595	2,119	2,208	1,653	1,189
Transport and Communications	266	445	899	1,301	884	1,006	821	1,234
Banking, Finance and Insurance	463	586	1,509	1,864	2,171	1,324	697	626
Other Services	464	393	570	935	1,230	1,050	2,695	3,477
Total redundancies	8,622	7,600	11,632	14,804	16,485	14,011	13,559	14,081
Females								
Extraction Industry (chemical products)	356	271	288	462	277	313	135	61
Metal Manufacturing and Engineering	1,116	1,063	2,061	3,079	2,533	1,147	462	322
Other Manufacturing (Food, Drink, Tobacco, Textiles, Leather, Footwear, Timber, Paper, Miscellaneous)	1,609	1,577	1,800	1,191	2,073	1,693	2,017	2,461
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	41	45	60	32	89	100	202	245
Energy and Water	30	28	46	64	147	92	136	184
Building and Civil Engineering	57	52	147	178	220	212	159	180
Distributive Trades	882	1,331	1,359	1,563	1,924	2,482	1,588	1,162
Transport and Communications	79	178	374	1,178	429	793	508	431
Banking, Finance and Insurance	231	563	1,305	1,581	1,891	1,175	803	609
Other Services	630	586	756	1,229	1,634	1,354	3,587	3,948
Total redundancies	5,031	5,694	8,196	10,557	11,217	9,361	9,597	9,603
All persons								
Extraction Industry (chemical products)	1,192	960	1,180	1,740	1,171	1,109	690	429
Metal Manufacturing and Engineering	3,230	2,497	4,643	7,097	5,958	3,103	1,705	1,251
Other Manufacturing (Food, Drink, Tobacco, Textiles, Leather, Footwear, Timber, Paper, Miscellaneous)	3,897	3,541	4,100	3,279	5,634	4,944	5,458	6,045
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	213	175	205	118	259	281	638	843
Energy and Water	186	185	183	246	297	307	388	314
Building and Civil Engineering	515	600	1,351	1,635	2,101	2,236	1,925	2,126
Distributive Trades	2,287	2,585	2,753	3,158	4,043	4,690	3,241	2,351
Transport and Communications	345	623	1,273	2,479	1,313	1,799	1,329	1,665
Banking, Finance and Insurance	694	1,149	2,814	3,445	4,062	2,499	1,500	1,235
Other Services	1,094	979	1,326	2,164	2,864	2,404	6,282	7,425
TOTAL REDUNDANCIES	13,653	13,294	19,828	25,361	27,702	23,372	23,156	23,684

Source: Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment

