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Labour Market

- From 1985 to 2007 the number of persons in employment increased from 1.1 million to 2.1 million.
- Since 1985 the number of persons unemployed decreased from 219,600 to 100,300 in 2007.
- In 2007 employment in the construction industry accounted for over 13% of total employment.
- The total number on the Live Register declined from 193,000 in 1999 to 162,000 in 2007.
- In April 2007 12.4% of persons on the Live Register had a duration of continuous registration of 3 years and over.
- In 2007 there were 6,038 days lost due to 6 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.

Labour Market

Table 2.1 highlights the substantial growth in the Labour Force (ILO) and in the numbers in employment since 1985. 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 almost 820,000 between 1995 and 2007 to 2,101,600. 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 2007 was in excess of 2.2 million and accounted for 63.7% of all persons aged 15 years and over. This represents an increase of over 360,000 in the five years since 2002. Ireland's female labour force participation rate reached 54.1% in 2007 compared with around 45.9% in 1999.

The QNHS provides tentative estimates of the labour force classified by nationality. There were an estimated 336,800 foreign nationals aged 15 and over in the labour force in 2007, representing just over 15% of the overall labour force. Over 316,000 were in employment while almost 21,000 were unemployed on an ILO basis. Nationals of the EU Accession states were the fastest growing category with their numbers in the labour force growing by 45,100 in the year to 2007.

In 2007 the Construction sector accounted for 13% of those at work and over 20% of the employment growth in the year to 2007. The importance of the sector to male employment was highlighted by the fact that 46% of the growth in male employment in the year to 2007 was attributable to this sector.

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 2007 the number of unemployed persons fell from 177,400 to 100,300 with the unemployment rate falling from 12.2% to 4.6%. 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 28,400 in 2007.

Industrial Disputes

In 2007, 6 industrial disputes were in progress in which over 1,400 workers were involved and over 6,000 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 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 Assistance/Benefit. Unemployment is measured by the Quarterly National Household Survey (*see previous page*).

The total numbers on the Live Register declined from over 193,000 in 1999 to over 162,000 in 2007. The number of males on the Register declined by over 12% while the number of females declined by over 21% in the same period. Approximately 27% of registrants were in the Dublin Region in 1999 but this proportion had fallen to almost 25% by 2007.

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 25,459 actual redundancies in 2007. Energy and Water had the least redundancies at just over 100, while Other Services had the largest number of redundancies with over 9,200 actual redundancies in that sector.

Technical Notes

Tables 2.1-2.8 QNHS

QNHS (Quarterly National Household Survey) was introduced in quarter 4 of 1997 to replace 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: 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 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	1,760.6	77.1	1,837.7
2003	1,790.1	82.6	1,872.7
2004	1,834.6	84.6	1,919.1
2005	1,931.6	86.5	2,018.2
2006	2,021.1	92.8	2,113.9
2007	2,101.6	100.3	2,201.9

Source: CSO

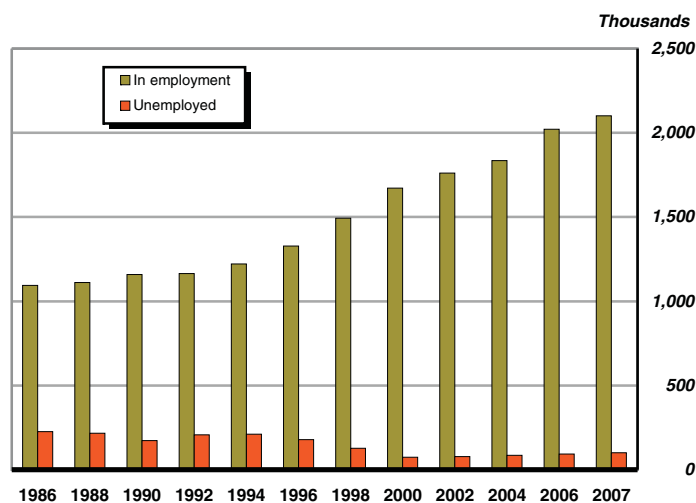
Labour force status

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

Thousands

ILO economic status	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Males							
In labour force	1,058.8	1,075.0	1,091.2	1,119.6	1,166.9	1,222.7	1,261.5
In employment	1,019.0	1,026.2	1,039.3	1,065.0	1,113.3	1,166.7	1,201.5
full-time	953.0	959.5	969.3	999.6	1,041.5	1,086.7	1,116.2
part-time	66.1	66.7	70.0	65.4	71.8	80.0	85.3
part-time, not underemployed	64.9	65.2	68.3	64.0	69.8	78.3	82.5
part-time, underemployed	1.2	1.4	1.7	1.4	2.0	1.7	2.8
Unemployed	39.8	48.8	51.9	54.6	53.7	56.0	60.0
seeking full-time work	37.5	46.6	48.9	52.2	51.0	53.8	56.8
seeking part-time work	2.3	2.2	3.1	2.4	2.7	2.1	3.2
Not in labour force	429.4	447.1	458.1	459.7	456.9	451.2	456.5
Marginally attached to the labour force	7.4	7.6	8.2	6.3	5.3	6.0	6.1
Others	422.0	439.5	449.9	453.4	451.6	445.2	450.3
Total males aged 15 or over	1,488.2	1,522.1	1,549.3	1,579.3	1,623.8	1,673.8	1,718.0
Unemployment rate %	3.8	4.5	4.8	4.9	4.6	4.6	4.8
Participation rate %	71.1	70.6	70.4	70.9	71.9	73.0	73.4
Females							
In labour force	728.2	762.8	781.5	799.5	851.2	891.3	940.4
In employment	702.8	734.4	750.9	769.6	818.4	854.5	900.1
full-time	482.5	509.4	516.2	523.8	557.8	584.1	607.0
part-time	220.4	225.0	234.6	245.8	260.6	270.4	293.2
part-time, not underemployed	219.1	223.5	232.9	243.6	258.4	267.9	290.4
part-time, underemployed	1.3	1.5	1.8	2.3	2.1	2.5	2.7
Unemployed	25.4	28.4	30.6	30.0	32.9	36.8	40.3
seeking full-time work	15.8	18.6	20.4	19.8	20.8	24.0	25.0
seeking part-time work	9.5	9.7	10.2	10.2	12.1	12.8	15.3
Not in labour force	803.3	804.9	814.4	822.6	805.3	802.8	796.9
Marginally attached to the labour force	3.3	3.4	3.9	3.6	3.9	4.0	4.9
Others	800.0	801.5	810.4	818.9	801.4	798.8	792.0
Total females aged 15 or over	1,531.5	1,567.7	1,595.9	1,622.1	1,656.5	1,694.0	1,737.2
Unemployment rate %	3.5	3.7	3.9	3.8	3.9	4.1	4.3
Participation rate %	47.5	48.7	49.0	49.3	51.4	52.6	54.1
All persons							
In labour force	1,787.0	1,837.7	1,872.7	1,919.1	2,018.2	2,113.9	2,201.9
In employment	1,721.9	1,760.6	1,790.1	1,834.6	1,931.6	2,021.1	2,101.6
full-time	1,435.4	1,468.9	1,485.5	1,523.4	1,599.3	1,670.8	1,723.2
part-time	286.5	291.7	304.6	311.2	332.3	350.4	378.5
part-time, not underemployed	284.0	288.7	301.2	307.5	328.2	346.2	373.0
part-time, underemployed	2.5	2.9	3.5	3.7	4.1	4.2	5.5
Unemployed	65.1	77.1	82.6	84.6	86.5	92.8	100.3
seeking full-time work	53.3	65.2	69.3	72.0	71.8	77.8	81.8
seeking part-time work	11.8	11.9	13.3	12.6	14.8	15.0	18.5
Not in labour force	1,232.6	1,252.0	1,272.5	1,282.3	1,262.2	1,253.9	1,253.3
Marginally attached to the labour force	10.7	11.1	12.1	9.9	9.2	9.9	11.0
Others	1,222.0	1,241.0	1,260.3	1,272.3	1,253.0	1,244.0	1,242.3
Total persons aged 15 or over	3,019.7	3,089.8	3,145.2	3,201.4	3,280.4	3,367.9	3,455.2
Unemployment rate %	3.6	4.2	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.6
Participation rate %	59.2	59.5	59.5	59.9	61.5	62.8	63.7

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)	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Broad Economic Sector								
Agriculture	132.9	122.5	123.4	115.9	116.3	113.7	113.2	113.8
Industry	475.7	498.1	485.5	495.9	505.5	538.3	555.9	577.0
Services	1,062.8	1,101.3	1,151.7	1,178.3	1,212.7	1,279.7	1,352.0	1,410.9
Economic Sector								
Males								
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	118.1	109.2	110.7	102.1	105.0	102.1	102.5	101.8
Other production industries	212.8	222.7	214.7	217.5	209.3	207.1	206.2	211.7
Construction	159.1	172.0	172.1	180.4	194.4	230.9	251.9	267.9
Wholesale and retail trade	125.6	131.0	125.4	126.6	130.8	133.3	143.7	150.5
Hotels and restaurants	43.8	43.1	45.9	50.2	51.5	48.1	53.4	55.4
Transport, storage and communication	76.1	81.7	82.0	84.5	86.5	90.6	91.2	95.2
Financial and other business services	106.9	110.5	114.9	116.3	120.9	129.2	136.0	139.3
Public administration and defence	46.3	46.0	48.5	50.7	48.4	48.0	50.1	49.3
Education	33.8	32.6	34.2	34.7	33.5	35.8	38.5	37.2
Health	27.4	27.8	32.0	34.4	34.4	34.3	35.7	38.7
Other services	42.8	42.4	45.8	42.0	50.3	53.9	57.6	54.5
Total	992.6	1,019.0	1,026.2	1,039.3	1,065.0	1,113.3	1,166.7	1,201.5
Females								
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	14.8	13.3	12.7	13.8	11.3	11.6	10.8	12.0
Other production industries	96.7	95.4	89.7	88.6	91.5	88.2	84.4	83.5
Construction	7.1	7.9	9.0	9.4	10.3	12.1	13.3	13.8
Wholesale and retail trade	109.6	116.8	120.3	122.8	128.1	133.2	139.7	144.0
Hotels and restaurants	64.3	60.7	60.1	67.1	59.6	67.2	69.4	76.9
Transport, storage and communication	25.3	29.4	29.0	26.7	25.8	27.0	28.8	26.9
Financial and other business services	103.9	106.5	114.2	110.4	115.1	126.6	130.1	146.6
Public administration and defence	32.0	35.3	41.0	40.5	40.1	48.4	52.2	52.3
Education	69.0	71.2	76.7	80.9	84.3	86.8	95.6	102.5
Health	105.6	116.3	127.6	136.7	143.6	154.3	166.9	174.5
Other services	50.5	50.1	54.1	53.8	59.8	62.9	63.3	67.1
Total	678.8	702.8	734.4	750.9	769.6	818.4	854.5	900.1
All persons								
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	132.9	122.5	123.4	115.9	116.3	113.7	113.2	113.8
Other production industries	309.5	318.1	304.4	306.1	300.9	295.3	290.7	295.2
Construction	166.2	180.0	181.1	189.8	204.7	243.0	265.2	281.8
Wholesale and retail trade	235.2	247.8	245.6	249.5	258.9	266.5	283.4	294.5
Hotels and restaurants	108.1	103.8	106.0	117.3	111.1	115.3	122.8	132.3
Transport, storage and communication	101.3	111.1	111.0	111.2	112.4	117.6	119.9	122.2
Financial and other business services	210.8	217.1	229.1	226.7	236.0	255.8	266.0	285.9
Public administration and defence	78.4	81.3	89.5	91.2	88.4	96.4	102.3	101.6
Education	102.8	103.8	110.9	115.6	117.8	122.7	134.1	139.7
Health	133.0	144.0	159.6	171.1	178.0	188.7	202.6	213.2
Other services	93.3	92.4	100.0	95.8	110.1	116.8	120.9	121.6
TOTAL	1,671.4	1,721.9	1,760.6	1,790.1	1,834.6	1,931.6	2,021.1	2,101.6

Source: CSO

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 2007			Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	In employment	Unemployed	In labour force		
				%	%
Males aged 15 to 64					
Primary or below	123.8	12.0	135.8	8.8	58.1
Lower secondary	210.0	16.0	226.0	7.1	72.7
Higher secondary	317.5	15.0	332.5	4.5	85.9
Post leaving cert	130.3	4.5	134.8	3.3	93.1
Third level non degree	106.1	3.7	109.9	3.4	92.4
Third level degree or above	231.5	6.1	237.6	2.6	92.8
Other	48.8	2.4	51.2	4.7	89.4
Total males aged 15 to 64	1,168.0	59.7	1,227.7	4.9	81.4
Females aged 15 to 64					
Primary or below	53.6	4.5	58.1	7.7	29.9
Lower secondary	99.9	8.4	108.4	7.7	42.4
Higher secondary	248.0	12.0	260.0	4.6	64.5
Post leaving cert	96.4	5.0	101.4	4.9	75.0
Third level non degree	124.2	4.9	129.1	3.8	81.4
Third level degree or above	240.6	3.9	244.6	1.6	85.5
Other	27.4	1.4	28.8	4.9	68.4
Total 15 males aged 15 to 64	890.1	40.1	930.3	4.3	63.0
All persons aged 15 to 64					
Primary or below	177.4	16.4	193.8	8.5	45.3
Lower secondary	310.0	24.4	334.4	7.3	59.0
Higher secondary	565.5	27.0	592.5	4.6	75.0
Post leaving cert	226.7	9.5	236.2	4.0	84.4
Third level non degree	230.3	8.6	238.9	3.6	86.1
Third level degree or above	472.1	10.0	482.1	2.1	88.9
Other	76.2	3.8	80.0	4.8	80.4
TOTAL PERSONS AGED 15 TO 64	2,058.2	99.8	2,158.0	4.6	72.3

Source: CSO

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

Thousands

Broad occupational group	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Males								
Managers and administrators	222.3	222.7	226.0	223.3	226.4	217.9	213.1	221.0
Professional	90.8	96.0	99.7	108.2	109.1	112.5	119.2	119.7
Associate professional and technical	62.2	66.6	65.5	70.2	72.6	70.9	70.7	77.5
Clerical and secretarial	50.0	51.7	53.8	50.6	52.8	58.1	61.4	64.9
Craft and related	213.0	219.2	212.6	227.1	230.2	260.2	275.5	287.5
Personal and protective service	69.5	68.2	72.5	74.5	74.0	74.6	82.4	86.7
Sales	54.2	55.3	54.5	54.3	58.9	63.3	69.2	69.1
Plant and machine operatives	134.5	147.2	143.9	137.8	129.9	138.8	142.2	147.4
Other	96.1	92.3	97.6	93.4	111.1	117.0	132.9	127.8
Total	992.6	1,019.0	1,026.2	1,039.3	1,065.0	1,113.3	1,166.7	1,201.5
Females								
Managers and administrators	81.3	87.0	86.6	92.1	91.8	97.4	96.5	101.7
Professional	75.6	77.2	89.9	92.8	102.6	105.0	114.9	120.9
Associate professional and technical	76.4	81.6	90.6	95.1	95.2	100.5	100.9	107.0
Clerical and secretarial	154.2	160.7	169.4	164.9	165.9	176.0	183.9	189.5
Craft and related	14.5	14.3	12.0	13.6	12.5	12.0	12.0	12.8
Personal and protective service	96.0	96.5	96.9	110.7	113.1	125.9	139.4	151.6
Sales	81.7	86.1	89.4	91.0	93.0	101.2	108.8	113.0
Plant and machine operatives	45.8	45.7	40.1	35.5	29.1	29.9	27.0	27.7
Other	53.2	53.7	59.5	55.2	66.3	70.4	71.1	75.8
Total	678.8	702.8	734.4	750.9	769.6	818.4	854.5	900.1
All persons								
Managers and administrators	303.6	309.7	312.6	315.4	318.2	315.3	309.7	322.7
Professional	166.4	173.2	189.6	201.0	211.7	217.5	234.1	240.6
Associate professional and technical	138.6	148.2	156.1	165.3	167.8	171.4	171.6	184.6
Clerical and secretarial	204.3	212.4	223.2	215.5	218.7	234.1	245.3	254.4
Craft and related	227.5	233.5	224.6	240.6	242.7	272.2	287.5	300.2
Personal and protective service	165.5	164.6	169.4	185.2	187.1	200.5	221.8	238.3
Sales	135.9	141.4	143.9	145.3	151.9	164.5	178.0	182.1
Plant and machine operatives	180.3	192.9	184.1	173.4	159.0	168.6	169.2	175.2
Other	149.2	146.1	157.1	148.5	177.4	187.4	204.0	203.6
TOTAL	1,671.4	1,721.9	1,760.6	1,790.1	1,834.6	1,931.6	2,021.1	2,101.6

Source: CSO

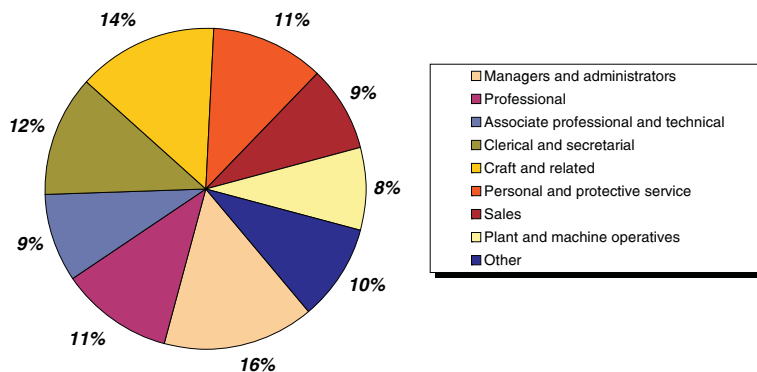
Persons aged 15 years and over in employment classified by occupation, Q2 2007

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

%

Sex and age group	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Males									
15-19	33.2	34.2	32.6	29.3	29.4	27.0	28.0	30.2	28.7
20-24	78.0	79.1	77.6	75.4	74.7	75.9	75.8	80.2	80.4
25-34	93.8	94.1	93.4	92.3	91.9	92.2	92.7	93.2	92.4
35-44	93.2	93.4	93.9	92.9	92.5	92.9	93.6	93.8	93.4
45-54	87.2	88.0	87.5	87.7	87.3	89.1	89.4	89.0	89.1
55-59	72.1	73.8	75.8	75.1	74.8	75.4	73.9	76.4	77.9
60-64	55.2	53.7	54.6	55.6	55.5	54.9	59.9	58.2	60.4
65 and over	15.1	14.9	14.4	15.1	14.1	13.7	14.6	14.4	16.2
Total	70.4	71.2	71.1	70.6	70.4	70.9	71.9	73.0	73.4
Females									
15-19	24.8	26.3	23.3	22.3	22.5	20.0	23.0	23.0	25.3
20-24	70.7	67.8	66.2	65.1	65.5	65.8	68.6	69.0	69.8
25-34	74.8	76.8	75.7	76.9	74.9	75.1	76.6	77.8	78.6
35-44	62.0	63.0	65.0	65.5	66.3	65.8	66.3	66.5	68.8
45-54	49.1	52.2	54.6	57.5	57.4	60.2	63.3	64.1	67.1
55-59	33.4	35.0	36.2	38.0	41.5	42.1	46.4	48.6	48.7
60-64	19.5	19.4	20.7	22.8	24.5	24.8	28.1	31.2	31.4
65 and over	2.8	3.0	2.9	3.0	3.3	3.1	3.3	4.2	3.9
Total	45.9	47.1	47.5	48.7	49.0	49.3	51.4	52.6	54.1
All persons									
15-19	29.1	30.3	28.0	25.9	26.0	23.6	25.6	26.6	27.1
20-24	74.4	73.5	72.0	70.3	70.1	70.9	72.2	74.7	75.2
25-34	84.3	85.5	84.6	84.6	83.4	83.6	84.7	85.6	85.6
35-44	77.5	78.1	79.3	79.1	79.3	79.4	80.0	80.3	81.3
45-54	68.3	70.2	71.2	72.7	72.4	74.7	76.4	76.6	78.1
55-59	53.0	54.6	56.2	56.8	58.4	59.0	60.3	62.7	63.5
60-64	37.3	36.5	37.7	39.3	40.1	40.0	44.1	44.8	46.0
65 and over	8.1	8.1	7.9	8.3	8.0	7.7	8.3	8.7	9.3
Total	57.9	59.0	59.2	59.5	59.5	59.9	61.5	62.8	63.7

Source: CSO

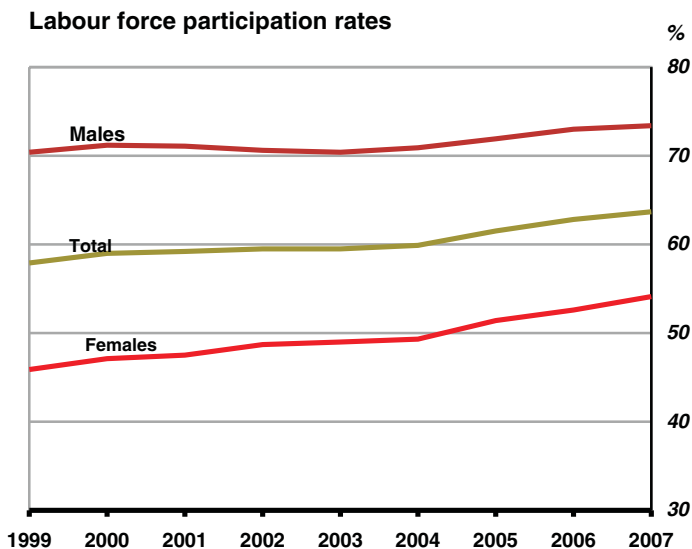


Table 2.7 Unemployed persons aged 15 years and over classified by sex and duration of unemployment*Thousands*

Sex and duration of unemployment	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Males										
Less than 1 year	32.1	28.3	23.9	23.7	31.6	31.6	34.0	32.2	34.7	39.4
1 year and over	46.4	30.8	20.9	15.8	17.1	20.1	20.3	21.2	21.0	20.4
Not stated	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	78.8	59.4	44.9	39.8	48.8	51.9	54.6	53.7	56.0	60.0
Females										
Less than 1 year	30.2	26.8	22.8	20.4	23.8	23.4	23.7	26.5	28.3	32.2
1 year and over	17.3	10.7	6.7	4.9	4.5	7.3	6.2	6.3	8.6	8.0
Not stated	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	47.6	37.5	29.6	25.4	28.4	30.6	30.0	32.9	36.8	40.3
All persons										
Less than 1 year	62.3	55.1	46.6	44.1	55.4	54.9	57.7	58.7	62.9	71.6
1 year and over	63.6	41.5	27.7	20.8	21.6	27.4	26.5	27.5	29.6	28.4
Not stated	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	126.4	96.9	74.5	65.1	77.1	82.6	84.6	86.5	92.8	100.3

Source: CSO

Table 2.8 Persons aged 15 years and over classified by sex and principal economic status

Thousands

Sex and economic status	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Males										
At work	875.0	917.8	960.3	991.5	998.3	1,006.5	1,038.0	1,083.6	1,135.1	1,168.4
Unemployed	111.4	89.8	75.0	67.6	80.5	81.0	81.2	77.6	81.1	82.4
Student	176.2	173.0	171.8	172.2	178.1	182.4	178.5	175.6	168.8	170.6
Home duties	8.0	9.2	8.7	5.4	6.0	5.4	4.6	5.3	5.2	5.9
Retired	186.7	185.5	187.8	195.6	197.0	202.3	206.9	208.4	210.1	212.5
Others	52.3	56.7	54.2	55.9	62.3	71.8	70.0	73.3	73.6	78.1
Total	1,409.5	1,431.9	1,457.8	1,488.2	1,522.1	1,549.3	1,579.3	1,623.8	1,673.8	1,718.0
Females										
At work	551.4	595.8	629.7	662.1	695.1	708.5	730.6	776.3	810.0	852.1
Unemployed	42.8	35.1	34.3	31.6	34.3	33.2	31.6	32.7	35.7	38.4
Student	185.9	186.2	194.1	195.9	195.4	198.3	197.5	191.8	197.9	195.3
Home duties	581.3	570.5	558.1	551.9	547.6	557.1	553.8	541.2	529.0	521.5
Retired	68.0	61.4	60.8	61.1	64.8	65.3	70.3	72.3	77.2	84.3
Others	28.4	30.2	26.7	28.8	30.4	33.4	38.3	42.2	44.2	45.6
Total	1,457.7	1,479.2	1,503.7	1,531.5	1,567.7	1,595.9	1,622.1	1,656.5	1,694.0	1,737.2
All persons										
At work	1,426.4	1,513.6	1,590.0	1,653.5	1,693.4	1,715.0	1,768.7	1,859.9	1,945.1	2,020.6
Unemployed	154.2	124.8	109.3	99.2	114.8	114.2	112.8	110.3	116.8	120.8
Student	362.1	359.2	365.9	368.1	373.5	380.7	376.0	367.4	366.7	365.9
Home duties	589.3	579.7	566.8	557.4	553.6	562.5	558.4	546.5	534.2	527.5
Retired	254.7	246.9	248.6	256.7	261.8	267.6	277.2	280.8	287.2	296.8
Others	80.7	86.9	80.9	84.8	92.7	105.2	108.3	115.5	117.9	123.8
TOTAL	2,867.3	2,911.1	2,961.5	3,019.7	3,089.8	3,145.2	3,201.4	3,280.4	3,367.9	3,455.2

Source: CSO

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

Number

Industrial group	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–
Mining and quarrying	1	–	1	–	–	–	1	1	–	–
Manufacturing	9	4	11	9	5	5	2	2	3	2
Electricity, gas and water supply	1	2	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–
Construction	2	4	2	2	1	1	–	3	2	–
Wholesale and retail trade	4	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	–	1
Hotels and restaurants	–	1	1	–	1	–	–	–	–	–
Transport, storage and communication	4	6	12	10	4	5	3	3	1	2
Financial and other business services	1	1	–	–	–	1	2	–	1	–
Public administration and defence	4	1	5	–	1	2	1	1	1	1
Education	2	4	3	1	3	3	–	–	–	–
Health and social work	4	7	2	3	7	3	–	–	2	–
Other services	2	–	–	–	3	3	1	1	–	–
Total	34	32	39	26	27	24	11	15	10	6

Source: CSO

Table 2.10 Industrial disputes, days lost during year

Industrial group	Number								
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1,144	—	—	—	—	—	552	—	—
Mining and quarrying	—	3,120	—	—	—	416	240	—	—
Manufacturing	8,823	13,458	14,512	8,989	3,479	2,393	935	1,114	2,700
Electricity, gas and water supply	616	—	—	—	—	—	2,143	—	—
Construction	22,182	1,015	3,160	12	33	—	881	4,769	—
Wholesale and retail trade	714	798	6,531	886	161	1,335	90	—	186
Hotels and restaurants	900	64	—	368	—	—	—	—	—
Transport, storage and communication	2,201	27,908	15,724	2,958	1,899	12,340	21,653	57	2,315
Financial and other business services	88	—	—	—	143	2,280	—	280	—
Public administration and defence	80	2,375	—	973	12,412	1,030	123	663	837
Education	1,268	45,863	74,286	348	540	—	—	—	—
Health and social work	177,571	2,445	400	5,465	15,778	—	—	469	—
Other services	—	—	—	1,258	3,037	990	48	—	—
Total	215,587	97,046	114,613	21,257	37,482	20,784	26,665	7,352	6,038

Source: CSO

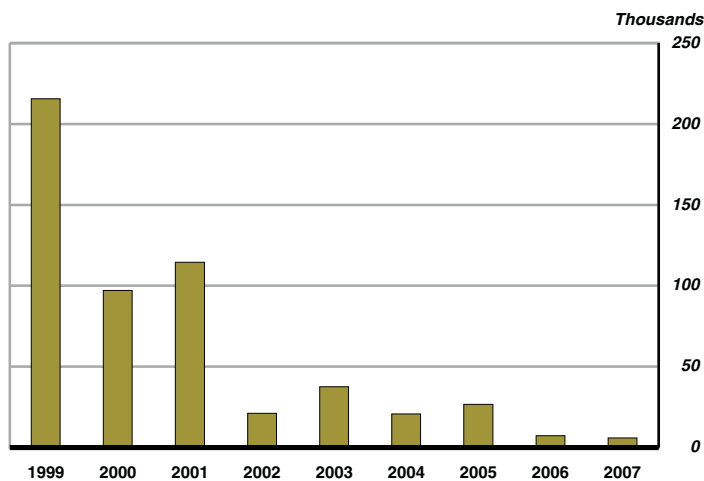
Annual number of days lost due to industrial disputes

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

Number

Regional authority	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Males									
Border, Midland and Western									
Border	17,408	14,712	14,305	15,477	15,395	14,590	13,510	13,234	13,923
Midland	5,909	4,914	4,683	5,373	5,618	5,505	5,470	5,795	6,693
West	11,972	10,033	9,226	10,037	9,989	9,320	8,742	8,532	9,280
Eastern and Southern									
Dublin	31,838	23,660	20,297	25,090	27,338	26,397	25,460	25,562	26,035
Mid-East	7,398	5,466	4,973	6,411	6,927	6,937	6,743	7,006	7,842
Mid-West	8,068	6,732	6,700	7,962	8,562	8,069	7,633	7,815	8,475
South-East	13,367	10,894	10,644	11,900	12,349	12,214	11,778	11,963	12,478
South-West	15,674	12,294	12,168	14,050	14,042	13,032	12,657	12,692	13,412
Total	111,634	88,704	82,997	96,301	100,219	96,064	91,995	92,600	98,138
Females									
Border, Midland and Western									
Border	11,848	10,539	10,117	10,496	10,747	10,446	9,682	9,581	9,548
Midland	4,817	4,293	4,007	4,331	4,765	4,847	4,655	4,834	4,897
West	8,355	7,092	6,463	7,078	7,253	7,031	6,625	6,537	6,495
Eastern and Southern									
Dublin	20,945	15,608	12,938	15,437	17,334	16,234	14,919	14,824	14,361
Mid-East	6,162	4,785	4,169	4,893	5,648	5,742	5,403	5,465	5,516
Mid-West	6,589	5,528	5,057	5,808	6,781	6,395	5,861	5,711	5,739
South-East	10,720	9,343	8,275	8,786	9,510	9,384	8,768	8,755	8,674
South-West	12,169	9,506	8,231	9,337	10,158	9,872	9,211	9,092	8,940
Total	81,603	66,693	59,257	66,165	72,195	69,951	65,124	64,798	64,171
All persons									
Border, Midland and Western									
Border	29,256	25,251	24,423	25,974	26,143	25,037	23,193	22,815	23,471
Midland	10,726	9,207	8,690	9,704	10,383	10,352	10,126	10,629	11,590
West	20,327	17,124	15,689	17,114	17,242	16,351	15,367	15,069	15,775
Eastern and Southern									
Dublin	52,783	39,268	33,236	40,527	44,672	42,630	40,378	40,386	40,397
Mid-East	13,560	10,251	9,142	11,304	12,574	12,680	12,146	12,471	13,303
Mid-West	14,656	12,260	11,758	13,770	15,343	14,464	13,493	13,526	14,214
South-East	24,087	20,238	18,919	20,686	21,859	21,597	20,546	20,718	21,152
South-West	27,842	21,800	20,398	23,386	24,199	22,904	21,868	21,784	22,352
TOTAL	193,237	155,398	142,253	162,465	172,414	166,013	157,117	157,398	162,309

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 1999	April 2000	April 2001	April 2002	April 2003	April 2004	April 2005	April 2006	April 2007
Males									
Under 3 months	26,214	23,500	24,232	34,415	35,149	32,830	31,178	31,472	32,322
3-<6 months	15,274	13,374	12,379	16,883	16,385	15,482	13,987	14,530	14,018
6-<12 months	17,063	13,680	12,598	16,569	18,288	17,885	15,456	16,172	15,539
1-<2 years	16,407	10,942	8,699	9,225	12,262	13,172	11,479	11,857	12,192
2-<3 years	8,709	7,568	5,118	3,383	4,277	5,487	5,792	5,768	6,191
3 years and over	32,903	23,182	17,852	15,128	13,929	13,330	13,177	13,611	14,374
Total	116,570	92,246	80,878	95,603	100,290	98,186	91,069	93,410	94,636
Females									
Under 3 months	24,641	25,383	22,900	28,257	32,858	29,879	28,619	30,919	27,991
3-<6 months	12,625	10,548	9,398	9,817	10,504	10,638	9,009	9,166	8,613
6-<12 months	14,629	12,022	9,790	10,522	12,266	13,103	10,660	11,214	10,888
1-<2 years	11,787	8,600	6,486	5,174	6,510	7,473	6,063	6,267	6,288
2-<3 years	5,787	4,104	3,213	1,961	2,065	2,335	2,359	2,410	2,614
3 years and over	12,037	9,204	6,854	6,158	5,791	5,442	4,930	4,678	4,937
Total	81,506	69,861	58,641	61,889	69,994	68,870	61,640	64,654	61,331
All persons									
Under 3 months	50,855	48,883	47,132	62,672	68,007	62,709	59,797	62,391	60,313
3-<6 months	27,899	23,922	21,777	26,700	26,889	26,120	22,996	23,696	22,631
6-<12 months	31,692	25,702	22,388	27,091	30,554	30,988	26,116	27,386	26,427
1-<2 years	28,194	19,542	15,185	14,399	18,772	20,645	17,542	18,124	18,480
2-<3 years	14,496	11,672	8,331	5,344	6,342	7,822	8,151	8,178	8,805
3 years and over	44,940	32,386	24,706	21,286	19,720	18,772	18,107	18,289	19,311
TOTAL	198,076	162,107	139,519	157,492	170,284	167,056	152,709	158,064	155,967

Source: CSO

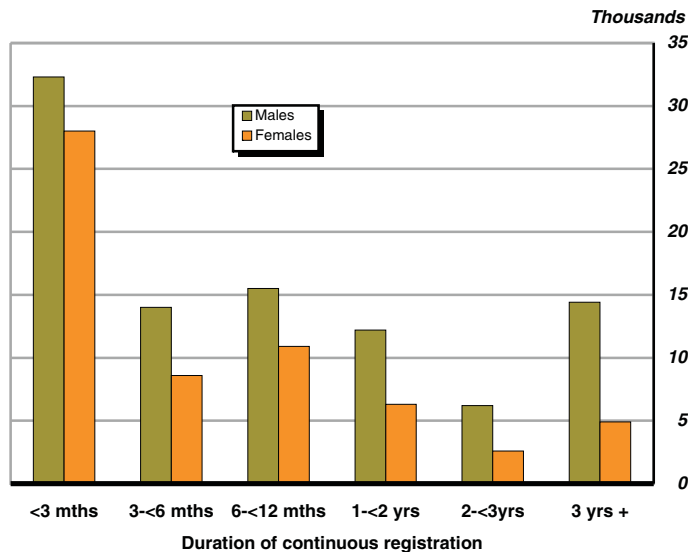
Number of persons on the Live Register, April 2007

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

	Age Group							
Duration	Under 20	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	Total
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
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
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
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
April 2007								
Under 3 months	3,246	9,498	16,923	13,126	10,161	4,202	3,157	60,313
3-<6 months	1,588	3,860	6,392	4,825	3,448	1,403	1,115	22,631
6-<12 months	1,717	4,049	7,158	6,043	4,182	1,742	1,536	26,427
1-<2 years	969	2,819	4,749	4,238	3,443	1,256	1,006	18,480
2-<3 years	0	1,514	2,115	2,055	2,064	571	486	8,805
3 years and over	0	1,439	4,102	4,979	5,969	1,779	1,043	19,311
Total	7,520	23,179	41,439	35,266	29,267	10,953	8,343	155,967

Source: CSO

Table 2.14 Number of redundancies classified by industrial group

Number

Industry group	Redundancies							
						Actual		
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Males								
Extraction Industry (chemical products)	689	892	1,278	894	796	555	368	238
Metal Manufacturing and Engineering	1,434	2,582	4,018	3,425	1,956	1,243	929	880
Other Manufacturing (Food, Drink, Tobacco, Textiles, Leather, Footwear, Timber, Paper, Miscellaneous)	1,964	2,300	2,088	3,561	3,251	3,441	3,584	3,856
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	130	145	86	170	181	436	598	317
Energy and Water	157	137	182	150	215	252	130	80
Building and Civil Engineering	548	1,204	1,457	1,881	2,024	1,766	1,946	3,705
Distributive Trades	1,254	1,394	1,595	2,119	2,208	1,653	1,189	1,106
Transport and Communications	445	899	1,301	884	1,006	821	1,234	867
Banking, Finance and Insurance	586	1,509	1,864	2,171	1,324	697	626	403
Other Services	393	570	935	1,230	1,050	2,695	3,477	4,180
Total redundancies	7,600	11,632	14,804	16,485	14,011	13,559	14,081	15,632
Females								
Extraction Industry (chemical products)	271	288	462	277	313	135	61	70
Metal Manufacturing and Engineering	1,063	2,061	3,079	2,533	1,147	462	322	223
Other Manufacturing (Food, Drink, Tobacco, Textiles, Leather, Footwear, Timber, Paper, Miscellaneous)	1,577	1,800	1,191	2,073	1,693	2,017	2,461	2,316
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	45	60	32	89	100	202	245	139
Energy and Water	28	46	64	147	92	136	184	40
Building and Civil Engineering	52	147	178	220	212	159	180	216
Distributive Trades	1,331	1,359	1,563	1,924	2,482	1,588	1,162	762
Transport and Communications	178	374	1,178	429	793	508	431	501
Banking, Finance and Insurance	563	1,305	1,581	1,891	1,175	803	609	464
Other Services	586	756	1,229	1,634	1,354	3,587	3,948	5,096
Total redundancies	5,694	8,196	10,557	11,217	9,361	9,597	9,603	9,827
All persons								
Extraction Industry (chemical products)	960	1,180	1,740	1,171	1,109	690	429	308
Metal Manufacturing and Engineering	2,497	4,643	7,097	5,958	3,103	1,705	1,251	1,103
Other Manufacturing (Food, Drink, Tobacco, Textiles, Leather, Footwear, Timber, Paper, Miscellaneous)	3,541	4,100	3,279	5,634	4,944	5,458	6,045	6,172
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	175	205	118	259	281	638	843	456
Energy and Water	185	183	246	297	307	388	314	120
Building and Civil Engineering	600	1,351	1,635	2,101	2,236	1,925	2,126	3,921
Distributive Trades	2,585	2,753	3,158	4,043	4,690	3,241	2,351	1,868
Transport and Communications	623	1,273	2,479	1,313	1,799	1,329	1,665	1,368
Banking, Finance and Insurance	1,149	2,814	3,445	4,062	2,499	1,500	1,235	867
Other Services	979	1,326	2,164	2,864	2,404	6,282	7,425	9,276
TOTAL REDUNDANCIES	13,294	19,828	25,361	27,702	23,372	23,156	23,684	25,459

Source: Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment

