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Labour Market

- From 1985 to 2008 the number of persons in employment increased from almost 1.1 million to over 2.1 million.
- Since 2002 the number of women in the labour force has increased, with the female participation rate rising from 49% in 2002 to 54% in 2008.
- Since 1985 the number of persons unemployed decreased by 92,900 to 126,700 in 2008.
- Employment in the construction industry in 2008 accounted for over 11% of total employment. This is down from 13% in 2007.
- The total numbers on the Live Register increased to 227,000 in 2008 from 162,000 in 2007.
- In April 2008 10.7% of persons on the Live Register had a duration of continuous registration of 3 years and over.
- In 2008 there were 4,179 days lost due to 12 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. By 1995 this had increased to just under 1.3 million and then increased by over 830,000 between 1995 and 2008 to 2,112,800. The increased population of working age, primarily attributable to strong net inward migration in recent years, coupled with higher female participation rates have contributed to the high labour force growth in recent times. The total number of persons in the labour force in 2008 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 almost 353,000 in the five years since 2003. Ireland's female labour force participation rate reached 54.4% in 2008 compared with 48.9% in 2002.

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 2008 the number of unemployed persons fell from 177,400 to 126,700 with the unemployment rate falling from 12.1% to 5.7%.

In 2008 the Construction sector accounted for over 11% of those at work compared with almost 13% in 2007. The importance of the sector to male employment was highlighted by the fact that the number of males employed in construction fell by 28,500 between 2007 and 2008; overall male employment decreased by over 16,000.

Industrial Disputes

In 2008, 12 industrial disputes were in progress and just under 4,200 days were lost.

Live Register

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 increased from over 155,000 in 2000 to over 227,000 in 2008. The number of males on the Live Register increased by just over 65%, while the number of females declined by 20% 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 40,607 actual redundancies in 2008. Energy and Water had the least redundancies at just over 130, while Other Services had the largest number of redundancies with over 12,350 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 the April–June quarter (unless otherwise stated).

LFS data refers to April.

ILO labour force classification

The primary classification used for the QNHS results is the ILO (International Labour Office) 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

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 industrial classification

The QNHS sectoral employment figures are based on the EU NACE Rev 2 classification.

Broad occupational groupings

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

Discontinuities

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

The annual increase of 114,600 observed in the ILO numbers in employment between spring 1997 (LFS) and 1998 (QNHS) included almost 20,000 more students and about 5,000 more women working in the home who also had a job. The CSO is attributing

20,000 of the observed annual increase in ILO employment in the year to April-June 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 CSO 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.

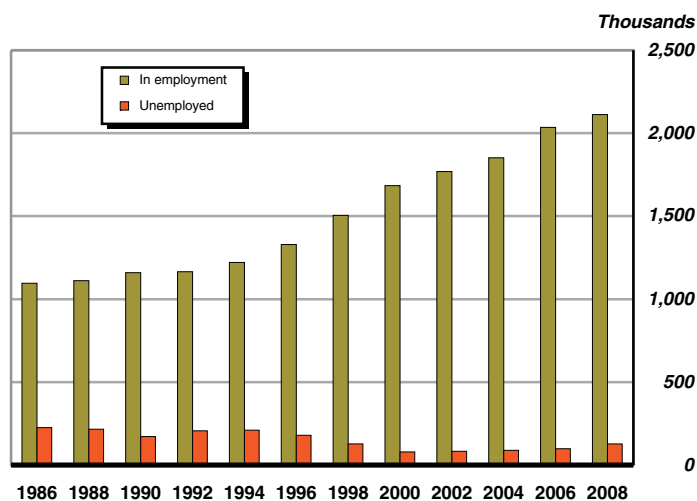
Applicants for Jobseekers Allowance (JA) excluding smallholders/farm assists and other self-employed persons.

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	1,505.5	127.8	1,633.3
1999	1,605.9	101.0	1,706.9
2000	1,684.1	79.6	1,763.7
2001	1,738.0	69.4	1,807.4
2002	1,768.5	82.3	1,850.8
2003	1,800.0	86.7	1,886.7
2004	1,852.2	87.8	1,940.0
2005	1,944.6	95.8	2,040.4
2006	2,034.9	97.9	2,132.8
2007	2,113.9	103.1	2,217.0
2008	2,112.8	126.7	2,239.6

Source: CSO

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

Thousands

ILO economic status	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Males							
In labour force	1,082.4	1,098.3	1,131.6	1,179.0	1,231.4	1,267.5	1,274.4
In employment	1,031.2	1,044.2	1,075.4	1,120.1	1,173.8	1,206.6	1,190.2
full-time	965.2	975.0	1,010.0	1,048.1	1,094.2	1,121.2	1,097.5
part-time	66.1	69.2	65.4	71.9	79.6	85.4	92.7
part-time, not underemployed	64.8	67.1	63.4	70.1	77.8	82.7	88.8
part-time, underemployed	1.3	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.7	2.7	4.0
Unemployed	51.1	54.1	56.2	59.0	57.6	60.8	84.2
seeking full-time work	48.1	50.3	53.2	55.8	54.5	57.0	79.6
seeking part-time work	3.1	3.9	3.0	3.2	3.0	3.8	4.6
Not in labour force	441.8	453.3	450.9	449.1	446.6	454.4	466.8
Marginally attached to the labour force	8.0	8.9	7.3	6.1	6.8	6.9	6.8
Others	433.7	444.5	443.6	443.0	439.9	447.5	460.1
Total males aged 15 or over	1,524.2	1,551.7	1,582.5	1,628.1	1,678.0	1,721.8	1,741.2
Unemployment rate %	4.7	4.9	5.0	5.0	4.7	4.8	6.6
Participation rate %	71.0	70.8	71.5	72.4	73.4	73.6	73.2
Females							
In labour force	768.4	788.4	808.4	861.4	901.4	949.5	965.2
In employment	737.3	755.8	776.8	824.6	861.1	907.3	922.7
full-time	512.6	522.1	531.5	565.7	592.3	613.0	624.9
part-time	224.7	233.7	245.3	258.9	268.8	294.2	297.7
part-time, not underemployed	223.1	231.8	243.2	256.8	266.7	291.1	293.8
part-time, underemployed	1.6	1.9	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.1	3.9
Unemployed	31.1	32.6	31.6	36.8	40.3	42.2	42.6
seeking full-time work	20.8	22.3	21.2	23.9	27.5	26.3	28.8
seeking part-time work	10.3	10.3	10.4	12.9	12.9	15.9	13.8
Not in labour force	801.4	809.6	816.2	798.4	796.7	791.2	808.5
Marginally attached to the labour force	4.0	4.7	4.0	4.7	4.9	5.1	4.1
Others	797.3	804.9	812.2	793.6	791.8	786.1	804.4
Total females aged 15 or over	1,569.8	1,597.9	1,624.7	1,659.8	1,698.1	1,740.7	1,773.7
Unemployment rate %	4.0	4.1	3.9	4.3	4.5	4.4	4.4
Participation rate %	48.9	49.3	49.8	51.9	53.1	54.5	54.4
All persons							
In labour force	1,850.8	1,886.7	1,940.0	2,040.4	2,132.8	2,217.0	2,239.6
In employment	1,768.5	1,800.0	1,852.2	1,944.6	2,034.9	2,113.9	2,112.8
full-time	1,477.7	1,497.1	1,541.5	1,613.8	1,686.5	1,734.2	1,722.4
part-time	290.8	302.8	310.7	330.8	348.4	379.7	390.5
part-time, not underemployed	287.9	298.9	306.7	326.9	344.5	373.9	382.6
part-time, underemployed	2.9	3.9	4.0	3.9	3.8	5.8	7.9
Unemployed	82.3	86.7	87.8	95.8	97.9	103.1	126.7
seeking full-time work	68.9	72.6	74.4	79.7	82.0	83.3	108.4
seeking part-time work	13.4	14.1	13.4	16.1	15.9	19.8	18.4
Not in labour force	1,243.1	1,262.9	1,267.2	1,247.5	1,243.3	1,245.6	1,275.3
Marginally attached to the labour force	12.1	13.6	11.4	10.8	11.7	12.0	10.9
Others	1,231.1	1,249.3	1,255.8	1,236.7	1,231.6	1,233.5	1,264.5
Total persons aged 15 or over	3,093.9	3,149.6	3,207.2	3,287.9	3,376.1	3,462.5	3,514.9
Unemployment rate %	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.7	4.6	4.7	5.7
Participation rate %	59.8	59.9	60.5	62.1	63.2	64.0	63.7

Source: CSO

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

Economic sector (NACE Rev. 2)	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Broad Economic Sector					
Agriculture	113.8	109.8	108.9	108.5	114.8
Industry	492.0	514.4	545.5	568.9	528.7
Services	1,246.4	1,320.4	1,380.5	1,436.4	1,469.4
Economic Sector (NACE Rev. 2)					
Males					
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	102.9	99.0	98.8	97.2	101.6
B-E Industry	206.7	203	210.3	215.4	209.8
F Construction	189	216.7	240	256.7	228.2
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	131.8	134.1	142.9	150.3	153.9
H Transportation and storage	73.9	74.7	76.6	77.3	75.4
I Accommodation and food service activities	47.7	50.3	55.4	54.1	51.5
J Information and communication	43.1	43.4	47.7	47.3	49.0
K-L Financial, insurance and real estate activities	37.8	40.1	40.7	41.5	44.2
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	54.5	57.2	59.7	63.8	67.7
N Administrative and support service activities	29.4	32.0	34.6	37.8	39.1
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social work activities	46.4	48.3	49.6	49.9	50.9
P Education	36.8	37.3	39.5	38.5	39.3
Q Human health and social work activities	33.0	32.2	34.5	37.3	37.7
R-U Other NACE activities	42.4	51.5	43.6	39.7	41.9
Total	1,075.4	1,120.1	1,173.8	1,206.6	1,190.2
Females					
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	11.0	10.9	10.1	11.3	13.2
B-E Industry	87.6	83.8	83.5	83.6	77.5
F Construction	8.7	10.8	11.6	13.3	13.1
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	127.7	134.5	139.3	146.9	153.5
H Transportation and storage	15.2	16.2	17.6	16.1	17.5
I Accommodation and food service activities	59.5	66.6	69.4	76.5	74.0
J Information and communication	19.8	22.0	22.0	23.2	22.1
K-L Financial, insurance and real estate activities	51.5	52.0	53.6	59.7	60.9
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	38.2	39.0	42.2	46.1	48.9
N Administrative and support service activities	29.3	35.0	35.7	40.6	37.1
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social work activities	43.7	50.4	52.9	52.4	51.8
P Education	84.6	88.8	96.8	103.0	107.1
Q Human health and social work activities	144.3	153.4	166.0	173.0	183.1
R-U Other NACE activities	55.6	61.2	60.2	61.7	62.8
Total	776.8	824.6	861.1	907.3	922.7

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

Economic sector (NACE Rev. 2)		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
All persons						
A	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	113.8	109.8	108.9	108.5	114.8
B-E	Industry	294.3	286.9	293.9	299.0	287.3
F	Construction	197.7	227.5	251.6	269.9	241.4
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	259.5	268.7	282.1	297.2	307.3
H	Transportation and storage	89.2	90.9	94.2	93.5	92.9
I	Accommodation and food service activities	107.2	116.9	124.8	130.6	125.4
J	Information and communication	62.9	65.5	69.8	70.5	71.1
K-L	Financial, insurance and real estate activities	89.3	92.2	94.3	101.1	105.1
M	Professional, scientific and technical activities	92.7	96.2	101.9	109.8	116.6
N	Administrative and support service activities	58.7	66.9	70.3	78.3	76.3
O	Public administration and defence; compulsory social work activities	90.1	98.8	102.4	102.3	102.7
P	Education	121.4	126.1	136.3	141.5	146.3
Q	Human health and social work activities	177.4	185.6	200.5	210.3	220.8
R-U	Other NACE activities	98.0	112.7	103.8	101.4	104.7
TOTAL		1,852.2	1,944.6	2,034.9	2,113.9	2,112.8

Source: CSO

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

Highest education level attained	April - June 2008			Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	In employment	Unemployed	In labour force		
				%	%
Males aged 15 to 64					
Primary or below	109.4	13.6	123.0	11.1	55.9
Lower secondary	203.8	25.1	228.9	11.0	71.6
Higher secondary	314.6	23.5	338.1	7.0	85.7
Post leaving cert	128.2	7.3	135.5	5.4	93.8
Third level non degree	112.8	5.4	118.2	4.6	93.0
Third level degree or above	240.8	6.1	246.9	2.5	93.0
Other	45.2	3.0	48.2	6.2	88.0
Total	1,154.7	84.0	1,238.8	6.8	81.2
Females aged 15 to 64					
Primary or below	46.9	2.7	49.6	5.4	27.8
Lower secondary	101.4	8.3	109.7	7.6	42.8
Higher secondary	253.2	13.1	266.3	4.9	64.8
Post leaving cert	92.2	4.7	96.9	4.9	71.6
Third level non degree	135.9	4.8	140.7	3.4	79.2
Third level degree or above	252.7	6.8	259.4	2.6	85.5
Other	28.2	2.2	30.3	7.3	68.9
Total	910.5	42.6	953.1	4.5	63.3
All persons aged 15 to 64					
Primary or below	156.3	16.3	172.6	9.4	43.4
Lower secondary	305.2	33.5	338.7	9.9	58.8
Higher secondary	567.8	36.7	604.5	6.1	75.0
Post leaving cert	220.5	12.0	232.4	5.2	83.1
Third level non degree	248.7	10.2	259.0	3.9	85.0
Third level degree or above	493.5	12.8	506.3	2.5	89.0
Other	73.3	5.2	78.5	6.6	79.5
TOTAL	2,065.2	126.6	2,191.8	5.8	72.3

Source: CSO

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

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Broad occupational group	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Males									
Managers and administrators	220.8	223.1	227.1	222.8	230.3	217.6	214.0	219.5	224.6
Professional	91.7	96.3	98.6	108.0	109.6	112.7	118.7	119.2	125.8
Associate professional and technical	63.0	67.3	64.8	71.2	72.0	71.4	71.0	77.5	81.0
Clerical and secretarial	49.8	51.5	53.6	51.4	53.0	58.2	62.4	64.4	61.4
Craft and related	212.1	221.9	214.8	229.0	232.6	260.8	274.9	288.9	270.1
Personal and protective service	69.0	68.7	72.7	73.7	74.1	77.3	84.4	86.4	88.3
Sales	53.3	55.2	55.1	54.8	58.6	65.2	68.0	69.0	72.7
Plant and machine operatives	138.4	149.4	145.5	137.1	131.8	135.2	144.2	150.6	148.2
Other	99.1	93.9	99.3	96.1	113.5	121.6	136.3	131.0	118.0
Total	997.1	1,027.2	1,031.2	1,044.2	1,075.4	1,120.1	1,173.8	1,206.6	1,190.2
Females									
Managers and administrators	83.6	87.4	86.9	93.1	91.6	99.1	96.1	102.4	107.5
Professional	74.5	78.2	89.0	92.7	102.2	106.2	114.3	120.2	124.3
Associate professional and technical	76.6	82.3	91.4	95.4	95.4	99.3	103.0	106.0	112.8
Clerical and secretarial	156.3	162.9	170.3	164.8	166.4	176.9	187.0	192.0	196.3
Craft and related	14.5	14.2	12.1	13.7	12.5	12.6	12.2	12.4	12.0
Personal and protective service	97.1	97.5	98.1	111.4	116.5	130.7	140.9	153.8	157.7
Sales	83.0	88.4	89.8	92.2	94.1	102.0	108.6	114.6	112.1
Plant and machine operatives	46.9	46.4	40.1	35.5	30.3	27.2	26.8	28.6	24.9
Other	54.5	53.4	59.5	57.1	67.7	70.7	72.2	77.5	75.0
Total	687.0	710.8	737.3	755.8	776.8	824.6	861.1	907.3	922.7
All persons									
Managers and administrators	304.4	310.5	314.0	315.9	321.9	316.8	310.1	321.9	332.2
Professional	166.2	174.5	187.6	200.7	211.8	218.9	233.0	239.4	250.2
Associate professional and technical	139.6	149.7	156.1	166.5	167.4	170.7	174.0	183.5	193.8
Clerical and secretarial	206.1	214.3	223.9	216.3	219.4	235.1	249.4	256.4	257.6
Craft and related	226.5	236.1	226.9	242.8	245.2	273.3	287.0	301.3	282.1
Personal and protective service	166.1	166.1	170.8	185.1	190.5	208.0	225.3	240.1	246.1
Sales	136.3	143.6	144.9	147.0	152.7	167.2	176.6	183.6	184.8
Plant and machine operatives	185.3	195.8	185.6	172.6	162.1	162.4	171.0	179.2	173.1
Other	153.6	147.3	158.8	153.1	181.3	192.3	208.5	208.4	193.0
TOTAL	1,684.1	1,738.0	1,768.5	1,800.0	1,852.2	1,944.6	2,034.9	2,113.9	2,112.8

Source: CSO

Persons aged 15 years and over in employment classified by occupation, Q2 2008

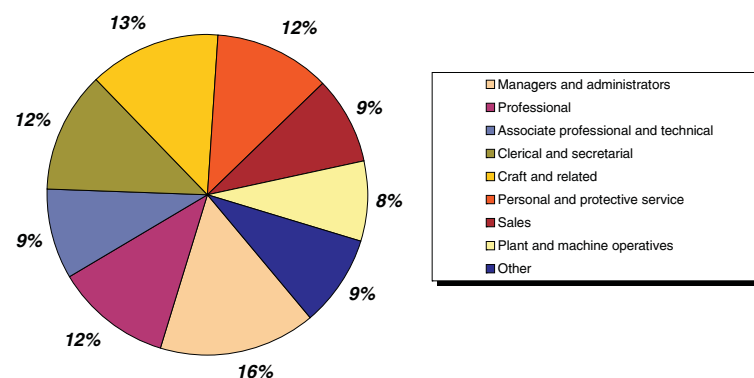
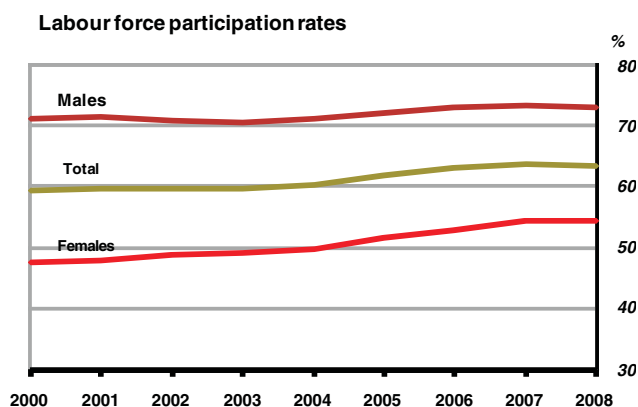


Table 2.6 Labour force participation rates (ILO) by sex and age group

%

Sex and age group	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Males										
15-19	36.6	36.6	35.0	31.2	31.4	29.3	30.8	32.2	30.8	27.6
20-24	80.2	80.2	79.0	77.4	76.3	78.9	78.3	82.0	81.6	80.5
25-34	94.1	94.1	93.6	92.1	92.3	91.9	93.0	93.3	92.2	92.5
35-44	93.3	93.8	93.9	92.9	92.2	93.1	93.9	93.5	93.1	92.9
45-54	87.0	87.7	87.6	87.7	87.1	89.3	89.1	88.8	89.1	89.2
55-59	72.6	74.0	76.3	74.9	75.1	75.7	74.9	76.4	77.5	76.3
60-64	53.9	54.1	54.8	55.8	55.0	55.4	58.6	58.1	60.7	60.4
65 and over	15.3	13.9	14.2	15.2	13.8	13.8	14.0	14.4	16.1	16.5
Total	71.1	71.5	71.7	71.0	70.8	71.5	72.4	73.4	73.6	73.2
Females										
15-19	28.4	29.4	26.3	24.3	24.8	22.2	24.5	25.4	27.3	24.9
20-24	72.7	69.3	68.2	66.8	67.0	67.6	71.0	70.3	72.3	71.5
25-34	74.9	76.6	76.1	76.4	75.1	74.9	77.1	78.5	78.7	77.7
35-44	61.8	63.9	64.9	65.3	66.0	65.8	66.8	66.7	68.8	68.8
45-54	48.7	52.6	54.7	57.8	57.1	60.9	62.9	63.9	66.9	67.1
55-59	33.5	35.1	36.3	37.9	41.9	42.9	46.0	48.4	48.9	50.3
60-64	19.8	19.3	20.7	23.3	24.5	23.7	28.7	31.2	31.1	33.4
65 and over	2.8	3.0	2.9	3.1	3.4	3.0	3.2	4.1	4.0	4.5
Total	46.4	47.8	48.1	48.9	49.3	49.8	51.9	53.1	54.5	54.4
All persons										
15-19	32.6	33.1	30.8	27.8	28.2	25.8	27.7	28.9	29.1	26.3
20-24	76.5	74.8	73.7	72.2	71.7	73.2	74.7	76.2	77.0	76.0
25-34	84.5	85.4	84.9	84.2	83.7	83.4	85.1	86.0	85.5	85.1
35-44	77.5	78.7	79.3	79.0	79.0	79.5	80.5	80.2	81.1	81.0
45-54	68.0	70.3	71.3	72.8	72.2	75.1	76.1	76.4	78.0	78.2
55-59	53.3	54.8	56.5	56.6	58.8	59.6	60.6	62.5	63.4	63.4
60-64	36.8	36.7	37.7	39.6	39.8	39.7	43.8	44.7	46.0	47.0
65 and over	8.2	7.7	7.8	8.3	7.9	7.7	7.9	8.7	9.4	9.9
TOTAL	58.6	59.5	59.8	59.8	59.9	60.5	62.1	63.2	64.0	63.7

Source: CSO



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

Thousands

Sex and duration of unemployment	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Males										
Less than 1 year	31.2	26.5	26.2	34.4	34.1	35.8	36.6	36.6	39.6	57.6
1 year and over	30.4	20.5	15.2	16.6	19.7	20.1	22.1	20.8	20.9	25.5
Not stated	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1.1
Total	61.9	47.1	41.6	51.1	54.1	56.2	59.0	57.6	60.8	84.2
Females										
Less than 1 year	29.2	25.9	22.7	26.9	26.0	25.0	29.6	31.9	34.2	34.3
1 year and over	9.8	6.5	5.1	4.2	6.6	6.6	7.2	8.4	8.0	7.7
Not stated	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	39.1	32.5	27.8	31.1	32.6	31.6	36.8	40.3	42.2	42.6
All persons										
Less than 1 year	60.4	52.4	48.8	61.3	60.1	60.8	66.2	68.5	73.8	91.9
1 year and over	40.2	27.1	20.3	20.8	26.2	26.7	29.2	29.2	28.8	33.2
Not stated	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1.7
TOTAL	101.0	79.6	69.4	82.3	86.7	87.8	95.8	97.9	103.1	126.7

Source: CSO

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

Thousands

Sex and economic status	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Males										
At work	922.5	961.7	996.6	1,001.5	1,010.6	1,045.9	1,086.9	1,139.7	1,171.9	1,153.9
Unemployed	89.5	74.4	66.8	81.2	80.7	79.6	81.4	80.7	83.0	103.5
Student	170.1	169.6	169.2	176.0	180.1	174.0	171.7	166.5	167.1	172.6
Home duties	9.4	8.0	5.7	6.1	6.3	4.9	5.3	5.1	6.6	6.7
Retired	185.8	190.7	195.5	196.6	201.9	207.9	211.4	210.8	213.3	219.6
Others	56.6	55.2	56.9	62.8	72.1	70.3	71.5	75.2	80.0	84.8
Total	1,433.9	1,459.6	1,490.7	1,524.2	1,551.7	1,582.5	1,628.1	1,678.0	1,721.8	1,741.2
Females										
At work	599.2	636.6	667.0	698.5	710.9	738.8	780.2	815.0	858.1	875.8
Unemployed	35.3	33.9	32.5	36.4	35.0	31.6	33.4	38.0	38.4	39.7
Student	183.3	190.0	192.0	191.4	197.0	192.8	190.4	194.4	189.9	190.5
Home duties	569.9	558.1	552.9	548.3	553.6	553.9	539.7	528.6	523.8	526.3
Retired	61.7	61.2	60.8	64.1	67.0	69.7	74.1	77.2	84.0	89.3
Others	31.7	25.7	29.0	31.0	34.4	37.8	41.9	44.9	46.5	52.2
Total	1,481.1	1,505.4	1,534.1	1,569.8	1,597.9	1,624.7	1,659.8	1,698.1	1,740.7	1,773.7
All persons										
At work	1,521.7	1,598.3	1,663.6	1,699.9	1,721.5	1,784.7	1,867.1	1,954.8	2,030.0	2,029.8
Unemployed	124.8	108.3	99.2	117.6	115.7	111.2	114.8	118.7	121.4	143.2
Student	353.5	359.5	361.2	367.4	377.2	366.8	362.1	360.8	357.0	363.1
Home duties	579.3	566.0	558.6	554.4	559.8	558.9	545.0	533.8	530.4	532.9
Retired	247.4	251.9	256.3	260.7	268.9	277.6	285.5	288.0	297.3	309.0
Others	88.3	80.9	85.8	93.8	106.5	108.1	113.4	120.1	126.5	137.0
TOTAL	2,915.0	2,965.0	3,024.8	3,093.9	3,149.6	3,207.2	3,287.9	3,376.1	3,462.5	3,514.9

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	2008
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–
Mining and quarrying	1	–	1	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–
Manufacturing	9	4	11	9	5	5	2	2	3	2	3
Electricity, gas and water supply	1	2	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–
Construction	2	4	2	2	1	1	–	3	2	–	1
Wholesale and retail trade	4	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	–	1	1
Hotels and restaurants	–	1	1	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–
Transport, storage and communication	4	6	12	10	4	5	3	3	1	2	3
Financial and other business services	1	1	–	–	–	1	2	–	1	–	–
Public administration and defence	4	1	5	–	1	2	1	1	1	1	1
Education	2	4	3	1	3	3	–	–	–	–	–
Health and social work	4	7	2	3	7	3	–	–	2	–	1
Other services	2	–	–	–	3	3	1	1	–	–	2
Total	34	32	39	26	27	24	11	15	10	6	12

Source: CSO

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Table 2.10 Industrial disputes: days lost during year

Number

Industrial group	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	–	–	–	–	–	552	–	–	–
Mining and quarrying	3,120	–	–	–	416	240	–	–	–
Manufacturing	13,458	14,512	8,989	3,479	2,393	935	1,114	2,700	2,051
Electricity, gas and water supply	–	–	–	–	–	2,143	–	–	–
Construction	1,015	3,160	12	33	–	881	4,769	–	175
Wholesale and retail trade	798	6,531	886	161	1,335	90	–	186	14
Hotels and restaurants	64	–	368	–	–	–	–	–	–
Transport, storage and communication	27,908	15,724	2,958	1,899	12,340	21,653	57	2,315	644
Financial and other business services	–	–	–	143	2,280	–	280	–	–
Public administration and defence	2,375	–	973	12,412	1,030	123	663	837	12
Education	45,863	74,286	348	540	–	–	–	–	–
Health and social work	2,445	400	5,465	15,778	–	–	469	–	329
Other services	–	–	1,258	3,037	990	48	–	–	954
Total	97,046	114,613	21,257	37,482	20,784	26,665	7,352	6,038	4,179

Source: CSO

Annual number of days lost due to industrial disputes

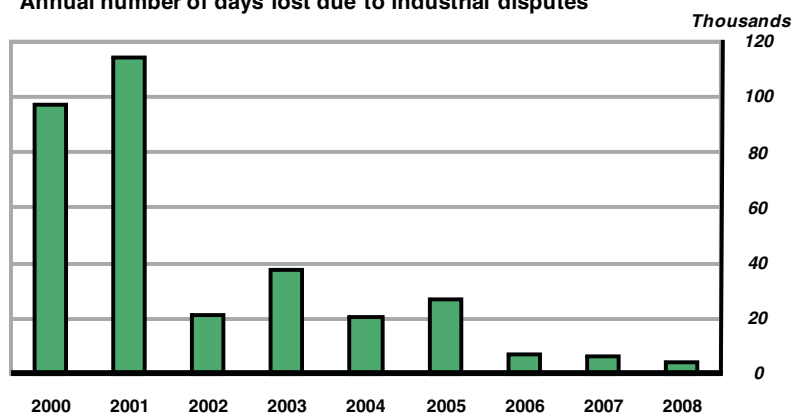


Table 2.11 Annual average number of persons on the Live Register in each Regional Authority*Number*

Regional authority	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Males									
Border, Midland and Western									
Border	14,712	14,305	15,477	15,395	14,590	13,510	13,234	13,923	21,154
Midland	4,914	4,683	5,373	5,618	5,505	5,470	5,795	6,693	10,973
West	10,033	9,226	10,037	9,989	9,320	8,742	8,532	9,280	13,927
Southern and Eastern									
Dublin	23,660	20,297	25,090	27,338	26,397	25,460	25,562	26,035	35,579
Mid-East	5,466	4,973	6,411	6,927	6,937	6,743	7,006	7,842	12,827
Mid-West	6,732	6,700	7,962	8,562	8,069	7,633	7,815	8,475	12,765
South-East	10,894	10,644	11,900	12,349	12,214	11,778	11,963	12,478	19,754
South-West	12,294	12,168	14,050	14,042	13,032	12,657	12,692	13,412	19,942
Total	88,704	82,997	96,301	100,219	96,064	91,995	92,600	98,138	146,921
Females									
Border, Midland and Western									
Border	10,539	10,117	10,496	10,747	10,446	9,682	9,581	9,548	11,781
Midland	4,293	4,007	4,331	4,765	4,847	4,655	4,834	4,897	6,091
West	7,092	6,463	7,078	7,253	7,031	6,625	6,537	6,495	7,989
Southern and Eastern									
Dublin	15,608	12,938	15,437	17,334	16,234	14,919	14,824	14,361	17,782
Mid-East	4,785	4,169	4,893	5,648	5,742	5,403	5,465	5,516	7,268
Mid-West	5,528	5,057	5,808	6,781	6,395	5,861	5,711	5,739	7,263
South-East	9,343	8,275	8,786	9,510	9,384	8,768	8,755	8,674	10,741
South-West	9,506	8,231	9,337	10,158	9,872	9,211	9,092	8,940	11,234
Total	66,693	59,257	66,165	72,195	69,951	65,124	64,798	64,171	80,149
All persons									
Border, Midland and Western									
Border	25,251	24,423	25,974	26,143	25,037	23,193	22,815	23,471	32,935
Midland	9,207	8,690	9,704	10,383	10,352	10,126	10,629	11,590	17,065
West	17,124	15,689	17,114	17,242	16,351	15,367	15,069	15,775	21,916
Southern and Eastern									
Dublin	39,268	33,236	40,527	44,672	42,630	40,378	40,386	40,397	53,361
Mid-East	10,251	9,142	11,304	12,574	12,680	12,146	12,471	13,303	20,096
Mid-West	12,260	11,758	13,770	15,343	14,464	13,493	13,526	14,214	20,028
South-East	20,238	18,919	20,686	21,859	21,597	20,546	20,718	21,152	30,495
South-West	21,800	20,398	23,386	24,199	22,904	21,868	21,784	22,352	31,176
TOTAL	155,398	142,253	162,465	172,414	166,013	157,117	157,398	162,309	227,069

Source: CSO

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Table 2.12 Number of persons on the Live Register on the second last Friday in April of each year 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	April 2008
Males										
Under 3 months	26,214	23,500	24,232	34,415	35,149	32,830	31,178	31,472	32,322	49,995
3-<6 months	15,274	13,374	12,379	16,883	16,385	15,482	13,987	14,530	14,018	22,270
6-<12 months	17,063	13,680	12,598	16,569	18,288	17,885	15,456	16,172	15,539	20,419
1-<2 years	16,407	10,942	8,699	9,225	12,262	13,172	11,479	11,857	12,192	13,004
2-<3 years	8,709	7,568	5,118	3,383	4,277	5,487	5,792	5,768	6,191	6,576
3 years and over	32,903	23,182	17,852	15,128	13,929	13,330	13,177	13,611	14,374	15,601
Total	116,570	92,246	80,878	95,603	100,290	98,186	91,069	93,410	94,636	127,865
Females										
Under 3 months	24,641	25,383	22,900	28,257	32,858	29,879	28,619	30,919	27,991	32,985
3-<6 months	12,625	10,548	9,398	9,817	10,504	10,638	9,009	9,166	8,613	9,803
6-<12 months	14,629	12,022	9,790	10,522	12,266	13,103	10,660	11,214	10,888	11,361
1-<2 years	11,787	8,600	6,486	5,174	6,510	7,473	6,063	6,267	6,288	6,300
2-<3 years	5,787	4,104	3,213	1,961	2,065	2,335	2,359	2,410	2,614	2,690
3 years and over	12,037	9,204	6,854	6,158	5,791	5,442	4,930	4,678	4,937	5,384
Total	81,506	69,861	58,641	61,889	69,994	68,870	61,640	64,654	61,331	68,523
All persons										
Under 3 months	50,855	48,883	47,132	62,672	68,007	62,709	59,797	62,391	60,313	82,980
3-<6 months	27,899	23,922	21,777	26,700	26,889	26,120	22,996	23,696	22,631	32,073
6-<12 months	31,692	25,702	22,388	27,091	30,554	30,988	26,116	27,386	26,427	31,780
1-<2 years	28,194	19,542	15,185	14,399	18,772	20,645	17,542	18,124	18,480	19,304
2-<3 years	14,496	11,672	8,331	5,344	6,342	7,822	8,151	8,178	8,805	9,266
3 years and over	44,940	32,386	24,706	21,286	19,720	18,772	18,107	18,289	19,311	20,985
TOTAL	198,076	162,107	139,519	157,492	170,284	167,056	152,709	158,064	155,967	196,388

Source: CSO

Number of persons on the Live Register, April 2008

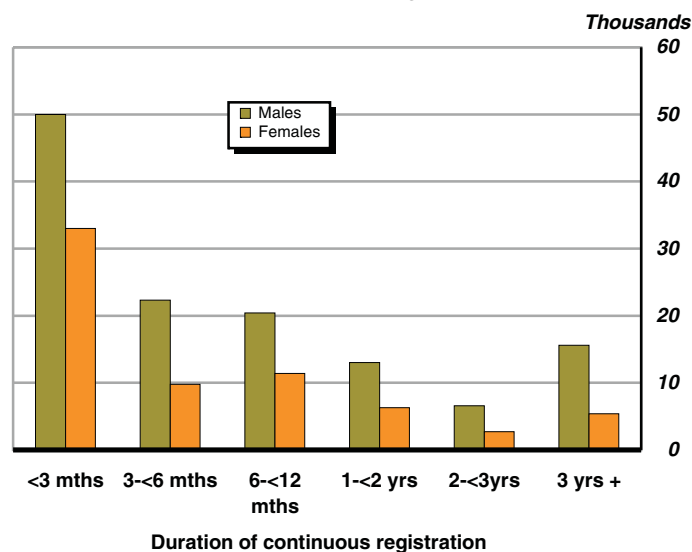


Table 2.13 Number of persons on the Live Register on the second last Friday in April of each year by age group and duration of continuous registration

								Number
	Age Group							
Duration	Under 20	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	Total
April 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
April 2008								
Under 3 months	4,399	14,377	25,297	17,166	12,822	5,062	3,857	82,980
3-<6 months	1,974	5,827	9,854	6,620	4,412	1,814	1,572	32,073
6-<12 months	1,863	5,128	9,074	7,079	4,748	1,989	1,899	31,780
1-<2 years	1,003	3,092	4,925	4,413	3,393	1,352	1,126	19,304
2-<3 years	0	1,764	2,319	2,151	1,946	655	431	9,266
3 years and over	0	1,657	4,518	5,354	6,262	2,007	1,187	20,985
Total	9,239	31,845	55,987	42,783	33,583	12,879	10,072	196,388
April 2009								
Under 3 months	6,951	28,333	57,428	35,447	25,301	8,775	6,298	168,533
3-<6 months	3,703	13,692	26,508	15,372	9,500	3,225	2,420	74,420
6-<12 months	3,694	12,445	22,815	14,965	9,669	3,614	3,130	70,332
1-<2 years	1,666	5,703	9,523	7,517	5,244	2,197	2,199	34,049
2-<3 years	0	2,387	2,875	2,623	2,158	828	663	11,534
3 years and over	0	2,154	5,598	6,204	7,071	2,677	1,541	25,245
Total	16,014	64,714	124,747	82,128	58,943	21,316	16,251	384,111

Source: CSO

Labour Market

Table 2.14 Number of redundancies by industrial group

Number

Industry group	Redundancies							
	Notified				Actual			
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Males								
Extraction Industry (chemical products)	892	1,278	894	796	555	368	238	268
Metal Manufacturing and Engineering	2,582	4,018	3,425	1,956	1,243	929	880	1,432
Other Manufacturing (Food, Drink, Tobacco, Textiles, Leather, Footwear, Timber, Paper, Miscellaneous)	2,300	2,088	3,561	3,251	3,441	3,584	3,856	5,635
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	145	86	170	181	436	598	317	558
Energy and Water	137	182	150	215	252	130	80	114
Building and Civil Engineering	1,204	1,457	1,881	2,024	1,766	1,946	3,705	11,031
Distributive Trades	1,394	1,595	2,119	2,208	1,653	1,189	1,106	1,441
Transport and Communications	899	1,301	884	1,006	821	1,234	867	1,012
Banking, Finance and Insurance	1,509	1,864	2,171	1,324	697	626	403	476
Other Services	570	935	1,230	1,050	2,695	3,477	4,180	6,227
Total redundancies	11,632	14,804	16,485	14,011	13,559	14,081	15,632	28,194
Females								
Extraction Industry (chemical products)	288	462	277	313	135	61	70	52
Metal Manufacturing and Engineering	2,061	3,079	2,533	1,147	462	322	223	270
Other Manufacturing (Food, Drink, Tobacco, Textiles, Leather, Footwear, Timber, Paper, Miscellaneous)	1,800	1,191	2,073	1,693	2,017	2,461	2,316	2,714
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	60	32	89	100	202	245	139	197
Energy and Water	46	64	147	92	136	184	40	17
Building and Civil Engineering	147	178	220	212	159	180	216	944
Distributive Trades	1,359	1,563	1,924	2,482	1,588	1,162	762	944
Transport and Communications	374	1,178	429	793	508	431	501	485
Banking, Finance and Insurance	1,305	1,581	1,891	1,175	803	609	464	667
Other Services	756	1,229	1,634	1,354	3,587	3,948	5,096	6,132
Total redundancies	8,196	10,557	11,217	9,361	9,597	9,603	9,827	12,413
All persons								
Extraction Industry (chemical products)	1,180	1,740	1,171	1,109	690	429	308	320
Metal Manufacturing and Engineering	4,643	7,097	5,958	3,103	1,705	1,251	1,103	1,702
Other Manufacturing (Food, Drink, Tobacco, Textiles, Leather, Footwear, Timber, Paper, Miscellaneous)	4,100	3,279	5,634	4,944	5,458	6,045	6,172	8,349
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	205	118	259	281	638	843	456	755
Energy and Water	183	246	297	307	388	314	120	131
Building and Civil Engineering	1,351	1,635	2,101	2,236	1,925	2,126	3,921	11,975
Distributive Trades	2,753	3,158	4,043	4,690	3,241	2,351	1,868	2,385
Transport and Communications	1,273	2,479	1,313	1,799	1,329	1,665	1,368	1,497
Banking, Finance and Insurance	2,814	3,445	4,062	2,499	1,500	1,235	867	1,143
Other Services	1,326	2,164	2,864	2,404	6,282	7,425	9,276	12,350
TOTAL REDUNDANCIES	19,828	25,361	27,702	23,372	23,156	23,684	25,459	40,607

Source: Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment

