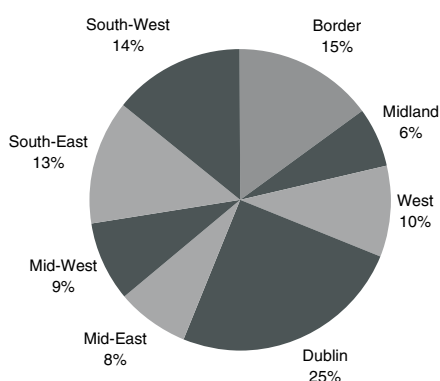


Live Register by Regional Authority



	February 2005	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and Western	49,500	- 761	- 4,088
Border	23,878	- 484	- 2,170
Midland	10,073	- 82	- 608
West	15,549	- 195	- 1,310
Southern and Eastern	109,149	- 1,133	- 10,390
Dublin	39,708	- 165	- 4,889
Mid-East	12,096	- 50	- 806
Mid-West	13,755	- 205	- 1,513
South-East	20,936	- 262	- 1,310
South-West	22,654	- 451	- 1,872
Total	158,649	- 1,894	- 14,478

Monthly decreases in all regions

There was an unadjusted monthly decrease of 1,894 (-1.2%) on the Live Register, which reflected decreases in all regions. The largest percentage decreases were in the Border and South-West regions (both -2.0%).

Other features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males decreased in all regions. The largest percentage decrease was in the South-West region (-2.6%).
- ◆ The number of females also decreased in all regions. The largest percentage decrease was in the Border region (-1.4%).
- ◆ Amongst counties, the largest percentage decreases were in Tipperary North (-6.1%) and in Sligo (-3.7%), while there were increases in Waterford (+1.0%), Cavan and Kildare (both +0.5%) and Longford (+0.2%). See tables 4 and 6.

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	February 2004	January 2005	February 2005	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	38,796	32,482	31,469	- 1,013	- 7,327
UA Applications	60,038	59,866	59,702	- 164	- 336
Other Registrants	2,727	2,859	2,712	- 147	- 15
Total	101,561	95,207	93,883	- 1,324	- 7,678
Females					
UB Claims	39,976	33,894	33,711	- 183	- 6,265
UA Applications	22,871	23,186	23,138	- 48	+ 267
Other Registrants	8,719	8,256	7,917	- 339	- 802
Total	71,566	65,336	64,766	- 570	- 6,800
All Persons					
UB Claims	78,772	66,376	65,180	- 1,196	- 13,592
UA Applications	82,909	83,052	82,840	- 212	- 69
Other Registrants	11,446	11,115	10,629	- 486	- 817
Total	173,127	160,543	158,649	- 1,894	- 14,478

Table 1b Persons under 25 years of age on the Live Register

Category	February 2004	January 2005	February 2005	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	7,077	5,274	5,110	- 164	- 1,967
UA Applications	12,222	12,620	12,731	+ 111	+ 509
Other Registrants	39	52	43	- 9	+ 4
Total	19,338	17,946	17,884	- 62	- 1,454
Females					
UB Claims	5,517	4,082	4,074	- 8	- 1,443
UA Applications	8,632	8,909	8,932	+ 23	+ 300
Other Registrants	99	109	87	- 22	- 12
Total	14,248	13,100	13,093	- 7	- 1,155
All Persons					
UB Claims	12,594	9,356	9,184	- 172	- 3,410
UA Applications	20,854	21,529	21,663	+ 134	+ 809
Other Registrants	138	161	130	- 31	- 8
Total	33,586	31,046	30,977	- 69	- 2,609

Table 1c Persons 25 years of age and over on the Live Register

Category	February 2004	January 2005	February 2005	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	31,719	27,208	26,359	- 849	- 5,360
UA Applications	47,816	47,246	46,971	- 275	- 845
Other Registrants	2,688	2,807	2,669	- 138	- 19
Total	82,223	77,261	75,999	- 1,262	- 6,224
Females					
UB Claims	34,459	29,812	29,637	- 175	- 4,822
UA Applications	14,239	14,277	14,206	- 71	- 33
Other Registrants	8,620	8,147	7,830	- 317	- 790
Total	57,318	52,236	51,673	- 563	- 5,645
All Persons					
UB Claims	66,178	57,020	55,996	- 1,024	- 10,182
UA Applications	62,055	61,523	61,177	- 346	- 878
Other Registrants	11,308	10,954	10,499	- 455	- 809
Total	139,541	129,497	127,672	- 1,825	- 11,869

Table 2a Total persons on the Live Register - Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted

	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series ¹		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2003	February	102,000	69,400	171,400	99,100	69,600	168,700
	March	100,500	67,600	168,100	99,600	70,000	169,600
	April	100,300	70,600	170,900	100,400	73,000	173,500
	May	98,300	67,800	166,100	100,500	71,500	172,000
	June	101,600	76,300	177,900	101,800	73,700	175,500
	July	103,600	81,900	185,400	102,000	74,300	176,300
	August	103,800	82,200	186,000	102,000	74,200	176,200
	September	98,800	72,100	170,800	100,800	73,200	174,000
	October	96,300	70,300	166,600	100,000	73,300	173,200
	November	96,100	68,400	164,500	99,300	72,600	171,800
	December	99,200	71,500	170,600	98,700	72,200	170,900
	2004	January	102,500	72,000	174,500	98,900	72,300
February		101,600	71,600	173,100	98,600	71,800	170,400
March		99,700	69,200	168,900	98,800	71,500	170,300
April		97,100	67,600	164,700	97,200	70,100	167,200
May		95,100	66,900	162,000	97,400	70,600	167,900
June		96,600	72,300	169,000	96,800	69,700	166,500
July		98,100	79,400	177,500	96,500	71,700	168,200
August		97,200	78,600	175,800	95,400	70,500	165,900
September		92,600	67,800	160,500	94,700	69,100	163,800
October		90,100	65,300	155,500	93,900	68,400	162,300
November		89,300	62,700	152,000	92,500	66,900	159,400
December		92,700	66,100	158,800	92,300	66,900	159,300
2005	January	95,200	65,300	160,500	91,600	65,700	157,200
	February	93,900	64,800	158,600	90,900	65,000	155,900

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2004 (See Background Notes).

Table 2b Persons under 25 years of age on the Live Register - Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted

	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series ¹		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2003	February	19,300	13,600	32,900	18,600	13,700	32,300
	March	18,900	13,400	32,200	18,800	13,900	32,600
	April	18,700	13,400	32,000	18,900	14,200	33,000
	May	18,400	13,300	31,700	19,000	14,100	33,200
	June	19,600	15,600	35,200	19,400	14,800	34,300
	July	20,500	16,800	37,300	19,600	15,000	34,500
	August	20,500	16,900	37,300	19,500	15,000	34,500
	September	19,100	15,000	34,100	19,300	14,700	33,900
	October	17,800	13,800	31,600	18,900	14,500	33,400
	November	17,700	13,500	31,100	18,800	14,400	33,200
	December	18,100	13,400	31,400	18,500	14,300	32,800
	2004	January	19,500	14,200	33,800	18,700	14,400
February		19,300	14,200	33,600	18,600	14,300	32,900
March		19,000	13,800	32,800	18,800	14,300	33,100
April		18,100	13,200	31,300	18,300	14,000	32,300
May		17,700	13,300	30,900	18,300	14,100	32,400
June		18,300	14,800	33,100	18,200	14,000	32,200
July		18,800	16,000	34,900	17,900	14,200	32,100
August		18,700	15,900	34,600	17,800	14,000	31,800
September		17,600	14,200	31,800	17,800	13,800	31,600
October		16,400	12,800	29,200	17,500	13,500	31,000
November		16,200	12,300	28,500	17,300	13,300	30,600
December		16,700	12,200	28,900	17,200	13,200	30,400
2005	January	17,900	13,100	31,000	17,100	13,200	30,300
	February	17,900	13,100	31,000	17,100	13,100	30,300

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2004 (See Background Notes).

Table 2c Persons 25 years of age and over on the Live Register - Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted

	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series ¹		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2003	February	82,700	55,700	138,400	80,500	56,000	136,400
	March	81,600	54,200	135,800	80,900	56,100	137,000
	April	81,600	57,300	138,900	81,500	58,900	140,400
	May	79,900	54,500	134,400	81,500	57,400	138,900
	June	82,000	60,700	142,700	82,300	58,900	141,200
	July	83,100	65,000	148,200	82,500	59,300	141,800
	August	83,300	65,300	148,600	82,400	59,300	141,700
	September	79,700	57,000	136,700	81,500	58,500	140,100
	October	78,500	56,500	134,900	81,000	58,800	139,800
	November	78,500	55,000	133,400	80,500	58,100	138,600
	December	81,100	58,100	139,200	80,200	57,900	138,100
	2004	January	83,000	57,800	140,800	80,200	58,000
February		82,200	57,300	139,500	80,000	57,500	137,500
March		80,700	55,400	136,100	79,900	57,200	137,200
April		79,000	54,300	133,300	78,900	56,000	134,900
May		77,500	53,600	131,000	79,100	56,500	135,500
June		78,300	57,500	135,800	78,600	55,600	134,300
July		79,300	63,300	142,600	78,600	57,500	136,100
August		78,500	62,700	141,200	77,600	56,500	134,100
September		75,000	53,600	128,700	76,900	55,200	132,100
October		73,800	52,600	126,300	76,400	54,900	131,200
November		73,100	50,400	123,500	75,200	53,600	128,800
December		76,000	53,900	129,900	75,100	53,700	128,900
2005	January	77,300	52,200	129,500	74,500	52,500	127,000
	February	76,000	51,700	127,700	73,700	51,900	125,600

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2004 (See Background Notes).

Table 3 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates (SUR)¹

Month	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
January ²	5.9	4.8	3.7	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.2
February	5.9	4.7	3.7	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.2
March	5.9	4.5	3.7	4.5	4.5	4.6	
April ²	5.9	4.4	3.8	4.3	4.5	4.6	
May	5.8	4.2	3.9	4.3	4.6	4.5	
June	5.5	4.1	3.9	4.3	4.7	4.4	
July ²	5.4	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.8	4.4	
August	5.3	4.0	3.9	4.4	4.7	4.4	
September	5.2	3.9	3.9	4.5	4.6	4.4	
October ²	5.1	3.9	4.0	4.6	4.6	4.4 ³	
November	5.0	3.9	4.2	4.6	4.5	4.3	
December	4.9	3.8	4.3	4.6	4.4	4.3	
Annual average	5.5	4.2	3.9	4.4	4.6	4.4	

¹ Table contains revised figures.

² Benchmark Labour Force Survey/Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) estimates.

³ The latest QNHS estimate of the unemployment rate (adjusted for seasonality) is: September - November 2004, 4.4%.

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register classified by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	February 2004	January 2005	February 2005	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland & Western	30,985	29,103	28,525	- 578	- 2,460	5,406	23,119
Border	15,406	14,360	14,021	- 339	- 1,385	2,695	11,326
Midland	5,827	5,610	5,533	- 77	- 294	1,136	4,397
West	9,752	9,133	8,971	- 162	- 781	1,575	7,396
Southern & Eastern	70,576	66,104	65,358	- 746	- 5,218	12,478	52,880
Dublin	27,836	25,346	25,313	- 33	- 2,523	5,112	20,201
Mid-East	7,141	6,834	6,823	- 11	- 318	1,250	5,573
Mid-West	8,663	8,108	7,920	- 188	- 743	1,553	6,367
South-East	12,756	12,405	12,235	- 170	- 521	2,444	9,791
South-West	14,180	13,411	13,067	- 344	- 1,113	2,119	10,948
Total	101,561	95,207	93,883	- 1,324	- 7,678	17,884	75,999
Females							
Border, Midland & Western	22,603	21,158	20,975	- 183	- 1,628	4,412	16,563
Border	10,642	10,002	9,857	- 145	- 785	2,190	7,667
Midland	4,854	4,545	4,540	- 5	- 314	1,000	3,540
West	7,107	6,611	6,578	- 33	- 529	1,222	5,356
Southern & Eastern	48,963	44,178	43,791	- 387	- 5,172	8,681	35,110
Dublin	16,761	14,527	14,395	- 132	- 2,366	2,989	11,406
Mid-East	5,761	5,312	5,273	- 39	- 488	969	4,304
Mid-West	6,605	5,852	5,835	- 17	- 770	1,163	4,672
South-East	9,490	8,793	8,701	- 92	- 789	1,877	6,824
South-West	10,346	9,694	9,587	- 107	- 759	1,683	7,904
Total	71,566	65,336	64,766	- 570	- 6,800	13,093	51,673
All Persons							
Border, Midland & Western	53,588	50,261	49,500	- 761	- 4,088	9,818	39,682
Border	26,048	24,362	23,878	- 484	- 2,170	4,885	18,993
Midland	10,681	10,155	10,073	- 82	- 608	2,136	7,937
West	16,859	15,744	15,549	- 195	- 1,310	2,797	12,752
Southern & Eastern	119,539	110,282	109,149	- 1,133	- 10,390	21,159	87,990
Dublin	44,597	39,873	39,708	- 165	- 4,889	8,101	31,607
Mid-East	12,902	12,146	12,096	- 50	- 806	2,219	9,877
Mid-West	15,268	13,960	13,755	- 205	- 1,513	2,716	11,039
South-East	22,246	21,198	20,936	- 262	- 1,310	4,321	16,615
South-West	24,526	23,105	22,654	- 451	- 1,872	3,802	18,852
Total	173,127	160,543	158,649	- 1,894	- 14,478	30,977	127,672

¹ The composition of the regions is described in the Background Notes.

Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	February 2004	January 2005	February 2005	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	88,194	80,969	80,345	- 624	- 7,849	16,227	64,118
Munster	49,727	46,587	45,926	- 661	- 3,801	8,530	37,396
Connacht	20,279	18,891	18,593	- 298	- 1,686	3,388	15,205
Ulster	14,927	14,096	13,785	- 311	- 1,142	2,832	10,953
Total	173,127	160,543	158,649	- 1,894	- 14,478	30,977	127,672

Table 6 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age Group and Local Office of Registration

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	February 2004	January 2005	February 2005	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	53,588	50,261	49,500	5,406	23,119	28,525	4,412	16,563	20,975
Border	26,048	24,362	23,878	2,695	11,326	14,021	2,190	7,667	9,857
Cavan	2,147	2,154	2,165	194	1,033	1,227	169	769	938
Belturbet	464	429	415	29	229	258	21	136	157
Cavan	1,683	1,725	1,750	165	804	969	148	633	781
Donegal	10,246	9,590	9,304	1,081	4,512	5,593	912	2,799	3,711
Ballybofey	877	801	783	101	363	464	112	207	319
Ballyshannon	572	559	521	64	246	310	55	156	211
Buncrana	1,866	1,754	1,689	155	738	893	219	577	796
Donegal	498	476	463	57	209	266	41	156	197
Dunfanaghy	1,069	954	934	118	463	581	58	295	353
Dungloe	1,573	1,455	1,436	147	758	905	58	473	531
Killybegs	940	1,009	905	71	483	554	66	285	351
Letterkenny	2,851	2,582	2,573	368	1,252	1,620	303	650	953
Leitrim	1,196	1,062	1,037	91	467	558	74	405	479
Carrick-on-Shannon	892	801	796	73	347	420	53	323	376
Manorhamilton	304	261	241	18	120	138	21	82	103
Louth	7,701	7,119	7,049	835	3,289	4,124	627	2,298	2,925
Ardee	928	881	902	125	355	480	79	343	422
Drogheda	3,588	3,330	3,275	363	1,482	1,845	283	1,147	1,430
Dundalk	3,185	2,908	2,872	347	1,452	1,799	265	808	1,073
Monaghan	2,534	2,352	2,316	246	1,057	1,303	230	783	1,013
Carrickmacross	704	633	618	37	258	295	64	259	323
Castleblayney	743	716	702	81	320	401	68	233	301
Clones	316	292	290	40	159	199	22	69	91
Monaghan	771	711	706	88	320	408	76	222	298
Sligo	2,224	2,085	2,007	248	968	1,216	178	613	791
Sligo	1,866	1,744	1,678	221	803	1,024	155	499	654
Tubbercurry	358	341	329	27	165	192	23	114	137
Midland	10,681	10,155	10,073	1,136	4,397	5,533	1,000	3,540	4,540
Laoighis	2,189	2,052	2,017	232	890	1,122	216	679	895
Portarlington	826	781	779	77	312	389	91	299	390
Portlaoise	967	914	886	117	401	518	90	278	368
Rathdowney	396	357	352	38	177	215	35	102	137
Longford	1,851	1,769	1,772	209	787	996	181	595	776
Longford	1,851	1,769	1,772	209	787	996	181	595	776
Offaly	2,881	2,675	2,655	291	1,212	1,503	255	897	1,152
Birr	905	887	866	98	376	474	100	292	392
Edenderry	709	638	651	59	293	352	48	251	299
Tullamore	1,267	1,150	1,138	134	543	677	107	354	461
Westmeath	3,760	3,659	3,629	404	1,508	1,912	348	1,369	1,717
Athlone	1,601	1,556	1,529	190	658	848	130	551	681
Castlepollard	328	377	372	32	162	194	34	144	178
Mullingar	1,831	1,726	1,728	182	688	870	184	674	858
West	16,859	15,744	15,549	1,575	7,396	8,971	1,222	5,356	6,578
Galway	9,410	8,922	8,873	953	4,247	5,200	751	2,922	3,673
Ballinasloe	1,125	1,022	991	115	489	604	73	314	387
Clifden	913	844	817	77	396	473	59	285	344
Galway	5,044	4,813	4,832	592	2,340	2,932	480	1,420	1,900
Gort	471	435	440	19	176	195	22	223	245
Loughrea	700	701	693	61	295	356	53	284	337
Tuam	1,157	1,107	1,100	89	551	640	64	396	460

Table 6 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age Group and Local Office of Registration

-continued				Males			Females		
NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	February 2004	January 2005	February 2005	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	6,083	5,495	5,375	487	2,515	3,002	391	1,982	2,373
Achill	331	303	283	28	155	183	13	87	100
Ballina	1,764	1,632	1,574	156	802	958	132	484	616
Ballinrobe	426	402	410	29	169	198	26	186	212
Belmullet	627	545	560	53	299	352	34	174	208
Castlebar	1,000	892	856	83	346	429	66	361	427
Claremorris	500	412	418	31	170	201	22	195	217
Swinford	774	673	671	66	281	347	56	268	324
Westport	661	636	603	41	293	334	42	227	269
Roscommon	1,366	1,327	1,301	135	634	769	80	452	532
Boyle	357	352	335	28	162	190	10	135	145
Castlerea	664	614	612	54	329	383	42	187	229
Roscommon	345	361	354	53	143	196	28	130	158
Southern and Eastern	119,539	110,282	109,149	12,478	52,880	65,358	8,681	35,110	43,791
Dublin	44,597	39,873	39,708	5,112	20,201	25,313	2,989	11,406	14,395
Dublin	44,597	39,873	39,708	5,112	20,201	25,313	2,989	11,406	14,395
Bishop Square	4,262	3,681	3,656	403	2,035	2,438	212	1,006	1,218
Cumberland Street	5,816	5,150	5,135	656	2,632	3,288	385	1,462	1,847
Navan Road	2,688	2,605	2,581	319	1,476	1,795	196	590	786
Blanchardstown	3,540	3,290	3,267	405	1,430	1,835	299	1,133	1,432
Thomas Street	2,482	2,189	2,251	246	1,309	1,555	173	523	696
Tara Street	1,410	1,174	1,181	109	676	785	50	346	396
Tallaght	3,502	3,214	3,184	590	1,542	2,132	364	688	1,052
Ballymun	1,513	1,473	1,477	262	750	1,012	140	325	465
Clondalkin	3,153	2,987	3,043	475	1,404	1,879	287	877	1,164
Rathfarnham	2,155	1,868	1,835	165	876	1,041	81	713	794
Kilbarrack	2,944	2,479	2,462	233	1,284	1,517	128	817	945
Dun Laoghaire	3,292	2,611	2,576	215	1,263	1,478	100	998	1,098
Balbriggan	1,353	1,238	1,187	123	539	662	71	454	525
Ballyfermot	1,289	1,256	1,273	212	643	855	156	262	418
Finglas	2,374	2,165	2,168	342	1,095	1,437	158	573	731
Coolock	2,824	2,493	2,432	357	1,247	1,604	189	639	828
Mid-East	12,902	12,146	12,096	1,250	5,573	6,823	969	4,304	5,273
Kildare	4,832	4,430	4,452	448	1,957	2,405	408	1,639	2,047
Athy	879	835	822	87	378	465	92	265	357
Maynooth	1,535	1,409	1,410	128	572	700	122	588	710
Newbridge	2,418	2,186	2,220	233	1,007	1,240	194	786	980
Meath	3,391	3,141	3,125	307	1,410	1,717	237	1,171	1,408
Kells	620	602	594	54	276	330	52	212	264
Navan	1,938	1,792	1,789	187	835	1,022	127	640	767
Trim	833	747	742	66	299	365	58	319	377
Wicklow	4,679	4,575	4,519	495	2,206	2,701	324	1,494	1,818
Arklow	1,319	1,335	1,308	158	662	820	103	385	488
Baltinglass	465	453	461	45	192	237	50	174	224
Bray	2,015	1,948	1,905	183	940	1,123	114	668	782
Wicklow	880	839	845	109	412	521	57	267	324
Mid-West	15,268	13,960	13,755	1,553	6,367	7,920	1,163	4,672	5,835
Clare	4,281	3,993	3,984	366	1,789	2,155	287	1,542	1,829
Ennis	2,508	2,360	2,349	242	1,036	1,278	162	909	1,071
Ennistymon	700	641	639	40	294	334	45	260	305
Kilrush	638	600	594	50	283	333	56	205	261
Tulla	435	392	402	34	176	210	24	168	192
Limerick	8,271	7,273	7,241	922	3,511	4,433	640	2,168	2,808
Kilmallock	928	838	818	103	406	509	67	242	309
Limerick	6,394	5,516	5,475	739	2,630	3,369	476	1,630	2,106
Newcastle West	949	919	948	80	475	555	97	296	393

Table 6 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age Group and Local Office of Registration

-continued			Males				Females		
NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	February 2004	January 2005	February 2005	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,716	2,694	2,530	265	1,067	1,332	236	962	1,198
Nenagh	981	1,078	985	72	430	502	72	411	483
Roscrea	527	557	531	61	189	250	56	225	281
Thurles	1,208	1,059	1,014	132	448	580	108	326	434
South-East	22,246	21,198	20,936	2,444	9,791	12,235	1,877	6,824	8,701
Carlow	2,323	2,272	2,272	286	1,002	1,288	238	746	984
Bagenalstown	583	584	588	62	283	345	62	181	243
Carlow	1,281	1,202	1,211	165	532	697	123	391	514
Tullow	459	486	473	59	187	246	53	174	227
Kilkenny	2,701	2,548	2,524	269	1,238	1,507	232	785	1,017
Callan	377	245	0 ¹	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kilkenny	1,894	1,894	2,111	228	1,037	1,265	191	655	846
Thomastown	430	409	413	41	201	242	41	130	171
South Tipperary	3,889	3,532	3,465	437	1,684	2,121	306	1,038	1,344
Cahir	524	491	445	43	240	283	38	124	162
Carrick-on-Suir	971	914	910	85	490	575	74	261	335
Cashel	427	369	370	53	166	219	24	127	151
Clonmel	1,207	1,107	1,100	151	526	677	103	320	423
Tipperary	760	651	640	105	262	367	67	206	273
Waterford	6,044	5,990	6,052	787	2,913	3,700	482	1,870	2,352
Dungarvan	995	886	867	83	425	508	68	291	359
Waterford	5,049	5,104	5,185	704	2,488	3,192	414	1,579	1,993
Wexford	7,289	6,856	6,623	665	2,954	3,619	619	2,385	3,004
Enniscorthy	1,792	1,760	1,733	209	786	995	205	533	738
Gorey	1,279	1,176	1,181	120	518	638	107	436	543
New Ross	1,184	1,117	1,091	110	504	614	100	377	477
Wexford	3,034	2,803	2,618	226	1,146	1,372	207	1,039	1,246
South-West	24,526	23,105	22,654	2,119	10,948	13,067	1,683	7,904	9,587
Cork	17,596	16,134	15,851	1,541	7,805	9,346	1,176	5,329	6,505
Bandon	529	532	512	42	243	285	31	196	227
Bantry	419	387	396	28	155	183	17	196	213
Bantry (SWLO)	239	201	196	6	83	89	7	100	107
Clonakilty	479	466	466	23	211	234	25	207	232
Cobh	447	436	429	57	194	251	39	139	178
Cork	8,658	7,748	7,519	927	4,026	4,953	632	1,934	2,566
Dunmanway	222	204	207	17	72	89	17	101	118
Fermoy	861	865	869	66	436	502	58	309	367
Kinsale	690	626	620	34	256	290	34	296	330
Macroom	518	429	442	22	203	225	22	195	217
Mallow	867	783	764	77	406	483	76	205	281
Midleton	1,100	1,121	1,091	75	482	557	81	453	534
Newmarket	539	495	488	45	240	285	23	180	203
Passage West	856	740	755	56	339	395	48	312	360
Skibbereen	418	411	405	21	149	170	18	217	235
Youghal	754	690	692	45	310	355	48	289	337
Kerry	6,930	6,971	6,803	578	3,143	3,721	507	2,575	3,082
Cahirciveen	448	430	424	15	162	177	25	222	247
Dingle	363	399	371	16	153	169	20	182	202
Kenmare	229	244	236	12	82	94	19	123	142
Killarney	1,346	1,284	1,240	86	491	577	89	574	663
Killorglin	469	489	478	24	196	220	23	235	258
Listowel	1,039	1,074	1,049	124	530	654	86	309	395
Tralee	3,036	3,051	3,005	301	1,529	1,830	245	930	1,175
State	173,127	160,543	158,649	17,884	75,999	93,883	13,093	51,673	64,766

¹ The register of the Callan Branch Office is included with the Kilkenny Local Office register with effect from February 2005.

Table 7 Summary of average net weekly changes on the Live Register classified by sex

	Number of weeks	Males		Females		Total	
		Live Register	Average net weekly change	Live Register	Average net weekly change	Live Register	Average net weekly change
2003 February	4	102,026	- 77	69,368	+ 251	171,394	+ 173
March	4	100,459	- 392	67,600	- 442	168,059	- 834
April	4	100,328	- 33	70,612	+ 753	170,940	+ 720
May	5	98,261	- 413	67,844	- 554	166,105	- 967
June	4	101,574	+ 828	76,278	+ 2,109	177,852	+ 2,937
July	4	103,590	+ 504	81,857	+ 1,395	185,447	+ 1,899
August	5	103,766	+ 35	82,187	+ 66	185,953	+ 101
September	4	98,759	- 1,252	72,063	- 2,531	170,822	- 3,783
October	5	96,261	- 500	70,291	- 354	166,552	- 854
November	4	96,119	- 36	68,422	- 467	164,541	- 503
December	4	99,153	+ 759	71,451	+ 757	170,604	+ 1,516
2004 January	5	102,527	+ 675	72,002	+ 110	174,529	+ 785
February	4	101,561	- 242	71,566	- 109	173,127	- 351
March	4	99,692	- 467	69,188	- 595	168,880	- 1,062
April	5	97,089	- 521	67,571	- 323	164,660	- 844
May	4	95,122	- 492	66,850	- 180	161,972	- 672
June	4	96,646	+ 381	72,306	+ 1,364	168,952	+ 1,745
July	5	98,134	+ 298	79,367	+ 1,412	177,501	+ 1,710
August	4	97,216	- 230	78,600	- 192	175,816	- 421
September	4	92,629	- 1,147	67,837	- 2,691	160,466	- 3,838
October	5	90,133	- 499	65,343	- 499	155,476	- 998
November	4	89,303	- 208	62,663	- 670	151,966	- 878
December	5	92,707	+ 681	66,109	+ 689	158,816	+ 1,370
2005 January	4	95,207	+ 625	65,336	- 193	160,543	+ 432
February	4	93,883	- 331	64,766	- 143	158,649	- 474

Background Notes

Source and scope of the 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 Unemployment Benefit (UB) excluding systematic short-time workers
- ◆ Applicants for Unemployment Assistance (UA) 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.

Descriptive articles The compilation basis for the Live Register statistics from May 1992 onwards is described in the September 1992 issue of the *Statistical Bulletin*. The March 1980 issue contained a description of the basis used up to April 1992 while a more comprehensive treatment of Live Register statistics appeared in the "Report of the Inter-Departmental Study Group on Unemployment Statistics" (Stationery Office Dublin, Prl.7925, April 1979). The results of a special study of the differences between the Labour Force Survey (LFS) Estimates of Unemployment and the Live Register are contained in the December 1996 issue of the *Statistical Bulletin*.

Unemployment statistics The Live Register is not designed to measure unemployment. It includes part-time (those who work up to three days a week), seasonal and casual workers entitled to Unemployment Assistance or Unemployment Benefit. **Unemployment is measured by the Quarterly National Household Survey** (formerly the Annual Labour Force Survey).

Standardised unemployment rates The Standardised Unemployment Rate (SUR) series in Table 3 is based on the estimated number of persons unemployed expressed as a percentage of the total economically active population (i.e. the Labour Force), using internationally comparable definitions of employment and unemployment, as recommended by the International Labour Office. Benchmark estimates of the SUR for January, April, July and October of each year are calculated using seasonally adjusted data from the Quarterly National Household Survey. The monthly trend in the seasonally adjusted Live Register is then used to estimate the monthly SUR between successive surveys.

This approach was temporarily suspended following the rapid decline in the Live Register after September 1996. A linear interpolation estimation approach was used between April 1996 and April 1997, as the Live Register series could not be used as an indicator of monthly trends in unemployment during that period. The traditional estimation approach has been used from April 1997 onwards.

QNHS The Quarterly National Household Survey, which began in September 1997, has now replaced the Labour Force Survey and provides quarterly estimates of the unemployment rate. The estimates (adjusted for seasonality) are:

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	%	%	%	%
1998	8.7	8.0	7.2	6.5
1999	5.9	5.9	5.4	5.1
2000	4.8	4.4	4.0	3.9
2001	3.7	3.8	4.0	4.0
2002	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.6
2003	4.6	4.5	4.8	4.6
2004	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.4

Seasonal adjustment The seasonal adjustment of the Live Register is completed using the X-11 Variant of the US Bureau of Census Method 2 (Additive Option). The seasonally adjusted series are updated twice yearly, in January and July; pending the next updating, seasonal adjustment for intervening months is carried out using projected seasonal factors. In Tables 2a, b and c, the seasonally adjusted totals are the sum of the relevant seasonally adjusted series for males and females, under and over 25 years.

Casual and part-time workers The casual and part-time workers' figure is based on an estimate supplied by the Department of Social and Family Affairs. People may apply for Unemployment Benefit / Assistance if they only work for part of a week and be included on the Live Register.

Live Register Area Analysis The basis of the area classification used in this release is the Department of Social and Family Affairs local office of registration. The areas served by Local Employment Offices do not correspond to specific geographic boundaries. Therefore, registrants at a given local office do not necessarily come from a particular region or area which can be precisely delineated. A classification by area of residence of persons on the Live Register was published until January 1989 but was then discontinued.

NUTS2 and NUTS3 regions The regional classifications in this release are based on the NUTS (Nomenclature of Territorial Units) classification used by Eurostat. The NUTS3 regions correspond to the eight Regional Authorities established under the Local Government Act, 1991 (Regional Authorities) (Establishment) Order, 1993, which came into operation on 1 January 1994. The NUTS2 regions, which were proposed by Government and agreed by Eurostat in 1999, are groupings of the NUTS3 regions.

Border, Midland and Western NUTS2 Region

Border	Cavan Donegal Leitrim Louth Monaghan Sligo
Midland	Laoighis Longford Offaly Westmeath
West	Galway City Galway County Mayo Roscommon

Southern and Eastern NUTS2 Region

Dublin	Dublin Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Fingal South Dublin
Mid-East	Kildare Meath Wicklow
Mid-West	Clare Limerick City Limerick County North Tipperary
South-East	Carlow Kilkenny South Tipperary Waterford City Waterford County Wexford
South-West	Cork City Cork County Kerry