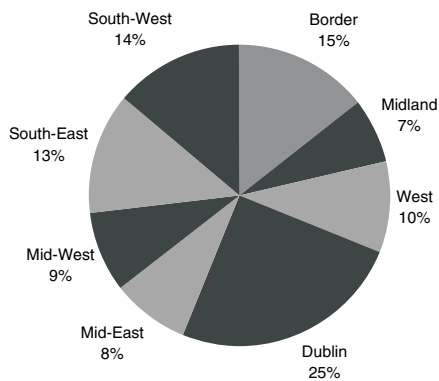


Live Register by Regional Authority



	March 2007	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and Western	48,644	- 916	+ 951
Border	22,727	- 464	+ 179
Midland	10,791	- 126	+ 440
West	15,126	- 326	+ 332
Southern and Eastern	107,225	- 2,614	- 625
Dublin	38,921	- 749	- 1,307
Mid-East	12,678	- 115	+ 446
Mid-West	13,695	- 238	+ 546
South-East	20,498	- 528	- 87
South-West	21,433	- 984	- 223
Total	155,869	- 3,530	+ 326

Unadjusted monthly decreases in all regions

There was an unadjusted monthly decrease of 3,530 (-2.2%) on the Live Register in March 2007, which reflected decreases in all regions. The largest percentage decrease was in the South-West region (-4.4%) while the smallest percentage decrease was in the Mid-East region (-0.9%).

Other features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males decreased in seven regions. The largest percentage decrease was in the South-West region (-2.8%), while the only percentage increase was in the Mid-East region (+0.7%).
- ◆ The number of females decreased in all regions. The largest percentage decrease was in the South-West region (-6.7%) while the smallest percentage decrease was in the Midland region (-1.9%).
- ◆ Amongst counties, the largest percentage decreases were in Kerry (-6.0%) and Roscommon (-4.7%). The largest percentage increases were in Tipperary North (+1.4%) and Kildare (+0.3%). See tables 4 and 6.

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	March 2006	February 2007	March 2007	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims ¹	29,551	31,288	30,760	- 528	+ 1,209
JA Applications ²	61,329	61,764	61,503	- 261	+ 174
Other Registrants	2,581	2,587	2,527	- 60	- 54
Total	93,461	95,639	94,790	- 849	+ 1,329
Females					
JB Claims	31,256	33,146	31,011	- 2,135	- 245
JA Applications	23,980	23,845	23,493	- 352	- 487
Other Registrants	6,846	6,769	6,575	- 194	- 271
Total	62,082	63,760	61,079	- 2,681	- 1,003
All Persons					
JB Claims	60,807	64,434	61,771	- 2,663	+ 964
JA Applications	85,309	85,609	84,996	- 613	- 313
Other Registrants	9,427	9,356	9,102	- 254	- 325
Total	155,543	159,399	155,869	- 3,530	+ 326

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

Category	March 2006	February 2007	March 2007	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	4,973	4,917	4,915	- 2	- 58
JA Applications	13,187	13,699	13,671	- 28	+ 484
Other Registrants	36	32	37	+ 5	+ 1
Total	18,196	18,648	18,623	- 25	+ 427
Females					
JB Claims	3,528	3,605	3,413	- 192	- 115
JA Applications	8,996	8,785	8,702	- 83	- 294
Other Registrants	86	82	80	- 2	- 6
Total	12,610	12,472	12,195	- 277	- 415
All Persons					
JB Claims	8,501	8,522	8,328	- 194	- 173
JA Applications	22,183	22,484	22,373	- 111	+ 190
Other Registrants	122	114	117	+ 3	- 5
Total	30,806	31,120	30,818	- 302	+ 12

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

Category	March 2006	February 2007	March 2007	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	24,578	26,371	25,845	- 526	+ 1,267
JA Applications	48,142	48,065	47,832	- 233	- 310
Other Registrants	2,545	2,555	2,490	- 65	- 55
Total	75,265	76,991	76,167	- 824	+ 902
Females					
JB Claims	27,728	29,541	27,598	- 1,943	- 130
JA Applications	14,984	15,060	14,791	- 269	- 193
Other Registrants	6,760	6,687	6,495	- 192	- 265
Total	49,472	51,288	48,884	- 2,404	- 588
All Persons					
JB Claims	52,306	55,912	53,443	- 2,469	+ 1,137
JA Applications	63,126	63,125	62,623	- 502	- 503
Other Registrants	9,305	9,242	8,985	- 257	- 320
Total	124,737	128,279	125,051	- 3,228	+ 314

¹ JB (Jobseekers Benefit) previously called UB (Unemployment Benefit).² JA (Jobseekers Assistance) previously called UA (Unemployment Assistance).

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	
2005	March	92,800	64,900	157,700	91,900	67,500	159,300	
	April	90,600	61,000	151,600	91,300	64,100	155,300	
	May	89,800	61,000	150,800	91,700	65,000	156,800	
	June	92,100	67,200	159,300	91,700	64,700	156,400	
	July	94,100	74,400	168,500	91,900	65,200	157,200	
	August	94,700	74,700	169,400	92,100	65,200	157,400	
	September	90,200	63,200	153,300	92,200	64,400	156,600	
	October	88,700	60,900	149,600	92,500	64,200	156,700	
	November	89,400	60,700	150,100	92,900	65,000	157,900	
	December	92,400	63,400	155,800	92,500	64,600	157,000	
	2006	January	95,900	64,200	160,100	92,700	65,000	157,600
		February	95,400	64,300	159,600	92,900	65,000	157,900
March		93,500	62,100	155,500	92,500	64,700	157,200	
April		92,400	62,100	154,600	93,100	65,300	158,400	
May		91,500	61,100	152,600	93,400	65,000	158,400	
June		93,700	69,300	163,100	93,200	66,900	160,100	
July		94,800	74,200	168,900	92,500	64,900	157,400	
August		95,000	74,600	169,600	92,500	65,000	157,400	
September		89,800	62,500	152,300	91,800	63,800	155,600	
October		88,100	60,400	148,500	91,900	63,700	155,600	
November		88,600	59,900	148,500	92,100	64,300	156,400	
December		92,500	62,900	155,400	92,600	64,000	156,700	
2007	January	95,800	62,900	158,800	92,600	63,700	156,300	
	February	95,600	63,800	159,400	93,200	64,600	157,800	
	March	94,800	61,100	155,900	93,800	63,700	157,500	

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2006 (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	
2005	March	17,700	12,700	30,400	17,400	13,200	30,600	
	April	17,200	12,100	29,300	17,400	13,000	30,400	
	May	16,900	12,200	29,100	17,500	13,000	30,400	
	June	17,900	13,800	31,700	17,500	13,000	30,500	
	July	18,400	14,800	33,200	17,400	12,800	30,300	
	August	18,500	15,000	33,500	17,600	12,900	30,400	
	September	17,500	13,100	30,600	17,700	12,700	30,400	
	October	17,000	12,100	29,100	18,000	12,900	30,900	
	November	17,100	11,900	28,900	18,200	13,000	31,200	
	December	17,300	11,700	29,000	18,000	12,900	30,900	
	2006	January	18,500	12,700	31,300	17,800	12,900	30,700
		February	18,600	12,900	31,500	18,000	13,000	31,000
March		18,200	12,600	30,800	18,000	13,100	31,000	
April		17,800	12,400	30,100	18,000	13,200	31,200	
May		17,600	12,400	30,000	18,100	13,100	31,200	
June		18,400	14,200	32,600	18,000	13,300	31,400	
July		18,700	14,800	33,600	17,800	12,900	30,700	
August		18,800	14,900	33,700	17,800	12,800	30,600	
September		17,600	13,200	30,900	17,800	12,800	30,600	
October		16,900	12,200	29,200	18,000	13,000	31,000	
November		16,900	11,800	28,600	18,000	12,900	30,900	
December		17,500	11,600	29,100	18,200	12,800	31,000	
2007	January	18,600	12,500	31,100	17,900	12,700	30,600	
	February	18,600	12,500	31,100	18,000	12,600	30,600	
	March	18,600	12,200	30,800	18,400	12,700	31,000	

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2006 (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	
2005	March	75,100	52,200	127,300	74,400	54,300	128,700	
	April	73,500	48,900	122,300	73,900	51,100	125,000	
	May	72,900	48,800	121,700	74,300	52,000	126,300	
	June	74,300	53,300	127,600	74,200	51,700	125,900	
	July	75,800	59,600	135,400	74,500	52,400	126,900	
	August	76,100	59,800	135,900	74,600	52,400	127,000	
	September	72,700	50,100	122,700	74,500	51,700	126,200	
	October	71,800	48,700	120,500	74,500	51,300	125,800	
	November	72,300	48,800	121,100	74,600	52,000	126,700	
	December	75,100	51,800	126,800	74,500	51,700	126,200	
	2006	January	77,400	51,500	128,900	74,900	52,000	126,900
		February	76,800	51,300	128,100	74,900	52,000	126,900
March		75,300	49,500	124,700	74,600	51,600	126,200	
April		74,700	49,800	124,500	75,100	52,000	127,200	
May		73,900	48,700	122,600	75,200	51,900	127,200	
June		75,400	55,100	130,400	75,200	53,600	128,800	
July		76,000	59,400	135,400	74,700	52,100	126,700	
August		76,200	59,700	135,900	74,600	52,200	126,800	
September		72,200	49,300	121,500	74,000	51,000	125,000	
October		71,200	48,100	119,300	73,900	50,700	124,600	
November		71,700	48,200	119,900	74,100	51,400	125,500	
December		75,000	51,300	126,300	74,500	51,200	125,700	
2007	January	77,200	50,500	127,600	74,700	51,000	125,700	
	February	77,000	51,300	128,300	75,100	52,000	127,200	
	March	76,200	48,900	125,100	75,500	51,100	126,500	

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2006 (See Background Notes).

Table 3 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates (SUR)

Month	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
January ¹	3.7	4.4	4.7	4.5	4.2	4.4	4.2
February	3.7	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.3
March	3.7	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.2
April ¹	3.8	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.4	
May	3.9	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.5	
June	3.9	4.3	4.7	4.4	4.3	4.5	
July ¹	4.0	4.3	4.8	4.4	4.3	4.4	
August	3.9	4.4	4.7	4.4	4.4	4.4	
September	3.9	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.3	
October ¹	4.0	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.2 ²	
November	4.2	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.5	4.2	
December	4.3	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.2	
Annual average	3.9	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.4	

¹ Benchmark Labour Force Survey/Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) estimates.

² The latest QNHS estimate of the unemployment rate (adjusted for seasonality) is: September-November 2006, 4.2%.

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register classified by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	March 2006	February 2007	March 2007	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland & Western	27,676	28,874	28,646	- 228	+ 970	5,760	22,886
Border	13,306	13,665	13,530	- 135	+ 224	2,670	10,860
Midland	5,803	6,174	6,138	- 36	+ 335	1,344	4,794
West	8,567	9,035	8,978	- 57	+ 411	1,746	7,232
Southern & Eastern	65,785	66,765	66,144	- 621	+ 359	12,863	53,281
Dublin	26,017	25,483	25,441	- 42	- 576	5,136	20,305
Mid-East	7,034	7,419	7,474	+ 55	+ 440	1,403	6,071
Mid-West	7,673	8,336	8,276	- 60	+ 603	1,693	6,583
South-East	12,142	12,313	12,109	- 204	- 33	2,418	9,691
South-West	12,919	13,214	12,844	- 370	- 75	2,213	10,631
Total	93,461	95,639	94,790	- 849	+ 1,329	18,623	76,167
Females							
Border, Midland & Western	20,017	20,686	19,998	- 688	- 19	4,143	15,855
Border	9,242	9,526	9,197	- 329	- 45	1,895	7,302
Midland	4,548	4,743	4,653	- 90	+ 105	1,088	3,565
West	6,227	6,417	6,148	- 269	- 79	1,160	4,988
Southern & Eastern	42,065	43,074	41,081	- 1,993	- 984	8,052	33,029
Dublin	14,211	14,187	13,480	- 707	- 731	2,783	10,697
Mid-East	5,198	5,374	5,204	- 170	6	879	4,325
Mid-West	5,476	5,597	5,419	- 178	- 57	1,142	4,277
South-East	8,443	8,713	8,389	- 324	- 54	1,790	6,599
South-West	8,737	9,203	8,589	- 614	- 148	1,458	7,131
Total	62,082	63,760	61,079	- 2,681	- 1,003	12,195	48,884
All Persons							
Border, Midland & Western	47,693	49,560	48,644	- 916	+ 951	9,903	38,741
Border	22,548	23,191	22,727	- 464	+ 179	4,565	18,162
Midland	10,351	10,917	10,791	- 126	+ 440	2,432	8,359
West	14,794	15,452	15,126	- 326	+ 332	2,906	12,220
Southern & Eastern	107,850	109,839	107,225	- 2,614	- 625	20,915	86,310
Dublin	40,228	39,670	38,921	- 749	- 1,307	7,919	31,002
Mid-East	12,232	12,793	12,678	- 115	+ 446	2,282	10,396
Mid-West	13,149	13,933	13,695	- 238	+ 546	2,835	10,860
South-East	20,585	21,026	20,498	- 528	- 87	4,208	16,290
South-West	21,656	22,417	21,433	- 984	- 223	3,671	17,762
Total	155,543	159,399	155,869	- 3,530	+ 326	30,818	125,051

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

Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	March 2006	February 2007	March 2007	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	80,703	81,509	80,201	- 1,308	- 502	16,225	63,976
Munster	44,272	45,841	44,365	- 1,476	+ 93	8,443	35,922
Connacht	17,740	18,551	18,159	- 392	+ 419	3,510	14,649
Ulster	12,828	13,498	13,144	- 354	+ 316	2,640	10,504
Total	155,543	159,399	155,869	- 3,530	+ 326	30,818	125,051

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	March 2006	February 2007	March 2007	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	47,693	49,560	48,644	5,760	22,886	28,646	4,143	15,855	19,998
Border	22,548	23,191	22,727	2,670	10,860	13,530	1,895	7,302	9,197
Cavan	2,231	2,422	2,380	250	1,116	1,366	194	820	1,014
Ballyconnell ¹	453	462	441	33	227	260	38	143	181
Cavan	1,778	1,960	1,939	217	889	1,106	156	677	833
Donegal	8,501	8,963	8,696	1,030	4,100	5,130	796	2,770	3,566
Ballybofey	730	827	782	127	357	484	105	193	298
Ballyshannon	484	566	536	58	209	267	63	206	269
Buncrana	1,511	1,707	1,669	180	786	966	182	521	703
Donegal	430	610	596	47	214	261	40	295	335
Dunfanaghy	765	797	789	107	382	489	48	252	300
Dungloe	1,286	1,233	1,203	103	622	725	52	426	478
Killybegs	967	852	807	65	419	484	44	279	323
Letterkenny	2,328	2,371	2,314	343	1,111	1,454	262	598	860
Leitrim	1,077	1,193	1,159	101	549	650	89	420	509
Carrick-on-Shannon	801	883	860	84	391	475	69	316	385
Manorhamilton	276	310	299	17	158	175	20	104	124
Louth	6,774	6,594	6,550	812	3,190	4,002	509	2,039	2,548
Ardee	777	783	782	88	339	427	71	284	355
Drogheda	3,292	3,153	3,083	348	1,473	1,821	237	1,025	1,262
Dundalk	2,705	2,658	2,685	376	1,378	1,754	201	730	931
Monaghan	2,096	2,113	2,068	198	964	1,162	172	734	906
Carrickmacross	531	527	532	30	232	262	42	228	270
Castleblayney	642	637	631	65	287	352	66	213	279
Clones	225	221	207	25	99	124	17	66	83
Monaghan	698	728	698	78	346	424	47	227	274
Sligo	1,869	1,906	1,874	279	941	1,220	135	519	654
Sligo	1,544	1,562	1,524	247	780	1,027	112	385	497
Tubbercurry	325	344	350	32	161	193	23	134	157
Midland	10,351	10,917	10,791	1,344	4,794	6,138	1,088	3,565	4,653
Laoighis	1,978	2,160	2,108	285	892	1,177	218	713	931
Portllington	760	847	865	128	361	489	79	297	376
Portlaoise	897	942	902	118	374	492	98	312	410
Rathdowney	321	371	341	39	157	196	41	104	145
Longford	2,041	2,022	2,021	254	923	1,177	207	637	844
Longford	2,041	2,022	2,021	254	923	1,177	207	637	844
Offaly	2,817	2,887	2,829	325	1,329	1,654	277	898	1,175
Birr	881	865	817	87	370	457	80	280	360
Edenderry	678	700	694	72	355	427	52	215	267
Tullamore	1,258	1,322	1,318	166	604	770	145	403	548
Westmeath	3,515	3,848	3,833	480	1,650	2,130	386	1,317	1,703
Athlone	1,365	1,482	1,478	188	651	839	158	481	639
Castlepollard	339	422	406	38	179	217	35	154	189
Mullingar	1,811	1,944	1,949	254	820	1,074	193	682	875
West	14,794	15,452	15,126	1,746	7,232	8,978	1,160	4,988	6,148
Galway	8,697	9,223	9,122	1,065	4,368	5,433	746	2,943	3,689
Ballinasloe	853	907	896	141	422	563	82	251	333
Clifden	730	715	659	71	326	397	51	211	262
Galway	4,921	5,192	5,178	634	2,553	3,187	459	1,532	1,991
Gort	466	529	519	46	197	243	22	254	276
Loughrea	670	738	731	71	333	404	57	270	327
Tuam	1,057	1,142	1,139	102	537	639	75	425	500

¹ Ballyconnell replaces previous office Belturbet with effect from September 2006.

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	March 2006	February 2007	March 2007	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	4,933	4,855	4,694	519	2,249	2,768	327	1,599	1,926
Achill	249	230	221	18	133	151	12	58	70
Ballina	1,353	1,368	1,323	188	658	846	116	361	477
Ballinrobe	360	375	337	31	138	169	24	144	168
Belmullet	528	449	441	33	242	275	27	139	166
Castlebar	822	783	779	88	317	405	58	316	374
Claremorris	402	439	427	37	204	241	22	164	186
Swinford	623	655	648	79	279	358	49	241	290
Westport	596	556	518	45	278	323	19	176	195
Roscommon	1,164	1,374	1,310	162	615	777	87	446	533
Boyle	324	382	349	36	160	196	17	136	153
Castlerea	525	626	598	71	287	358	43	197	240
Roscommon	315	366	363	55	168	223	27	113	140
Southern and Eastern	107,850	109,839	107,225	12,863	53,281	66,144	8,052	33,029	41,081
Dublin	40,228	39,670	38,921	5,136	20,305	25,441	2,783	10,697	13,480
Dublin	40,228	39,670	38,921	5,136	20,305	25,441	2,783	10,697	13,480
Bishop Square	3,425	3,243	3,209	355	1,842	2,197	167	845	1,012
Cumberland Street	5,172	4,842	4,792	633	2,485	3,118	306	1,368	1,674
Navan Road	2,576	2,450	2,458	308	1,378	1,686	187	585	772
Blanchardstown	3,629	3,417	3,321	416	1,593	2,009	287	1,025	1,312
Thomas Street	2,185	2,097	2,056	225	1,266	1,491	139	426	565
Tara Street	1,101	1,117	1,064	120	619	739	46	279	325
Tallaght	3,484	3,598	3,525	600	1,779	2,379	305	841	1,146
Ballymun	1,539	1,499	1,519	279	754	1,033	148	338	486
Clondalkin	3,563	3,483	3,509	570	1,693	2,263	341	905	1,246
Rathfarnham	1,755	1,771	1,707	163	821	984	81	642	723
Kilbarrack	2,252	2,195	2,132	218	1,128	1,346	111	675	786
Dun Laoghaire	2,301	2,492	2,266	168	1,238	1,406	65	795	860
Balbriggan	1,341	1,476	1,432	128	708	836	81	515	596
Ballyfermot	1,267	1,338	1,327	256	670	926	134	267	401
Finglas	2,281	2,312	2,282	366	1,174	1,540	180	562	742
Coolock	2,357	2,340	2,322	331	1,157	1,488	205	629	834
Mid-East	12,232	12,793	12,678	1,403	6,071	7,474	879	4,325	5,204
Kildare	4,859	5,359	5,375	575	2,524	3,099	393	1,883	2,276
Athy	875	936	907	104	439	543	70	294	364
Maynooth	1,371	1,565	1,570	158	687	845	103	622	725
Newbridge	2,613	2,858	2,898	313	1,398	1,711	220	967	1,187
Meath	2,996	3,069	3,070	324	1,395	1,719	231	1,120	1,351
Kells	553	535	525	56	227	283	52	190	242
Navan	1,696	1,659	1,696	182	824	1,006	120	570	690
Trim	747	875	849	86	344	430	59	360	419
Wicklow	4,377	4,365	4,233	504	2,152	2,656	255	1,322	1,577
Arklow	1,285	1,293	1,256	163	614	777	79	400	479
Baltinglass	442	490	487	70	227	297	49	141	190
Bray	1,800	1,761	1,689	178	883	1,061	79	549	628
Wicklow	850	821	801	93	428	521	48	232	280
Mid-West	13,149	13,933	13,695	1,693	6,583	8,276	1,142	4,277	5,419
Clare	3,840	4,249	4,102	419	1,866	2,285	285	1,532	1,817
Ennis	2,272	2,459	2,387	273	1,062	1,335	154	898	1,052
Ennistymon	606	690	644	42	294	336	42	266	308
Kilrush	561	612	588	62	284	346	58	184	242
Tulla	401	488	483	42	226	268	31	184	215
Limerick	6,983	7,375	7,252	1,019	3,681	4,700	641	1,911	2,552
Kilmallock	777	871	821	98	387	485	77	259	336
Limerick	5,293	5,434	5,362	802	2,765	3,567	467	1,328	1,795
Newcastle West	913	1,070	1,069	119	529	648	97	324	421

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	March 2006	February 2007	March 2007	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,326	2,309	2,341	255	1,036	1,291	216	834	1,050
Nenagh	852	888	905	77	397	474	78	353	431
Roscrea	487	470	465	56	203	259	40	166	206
Thurles	987	951	971	122	436	558	98	315	413
South-East	20,585	21,026	20,498	2,418	9,691	12,109	1,790	6,599	8,389
Carlow	2,046	2,057	2,023	235	941	1,176	200	647	847
Bagenalstown	490	444	441	46	209	255	44	142	186
Carlow	1,083	1,133	1,118	152	545	697	106	315	421
Tullow	473	480	464	37	187	224	50	190	240
Kilkenny	2,473	2,610	2,514	303	1,230	1,533	225	756	981
Kilkenny	2,055	2,176	2,097	254	1,044	1,298	194	605	799
Thomastown	418	434	417	49	186	235	31	151	182
South Tipperary	3,252	3,059	2,956	422	1,472	1,894	265	797	1,062
Cahir	414	410	391	45	189	234	34	123	157
Carrick-on-Suir	932	913	894	105	481	586	58	250	308
Cashel	345	332	311	50	134	184	31	96	127
Clonmel	944	866	841	149	422	571	80	190	270
Tipperary	617	538	519	73	246	319	62	138	200
Waterford	6,215	6,432	6,281	754	3,059	3,813	496	1,972	2,468
Dungarvan	1,022	997	940	90	489	579	56	305	361
Waterford	5,193	5,435	5,341	664	2,570	3,234	440	1,667	2,107
Wexford	6,599	6,868	6,724	704	2,989	3,693	604	2,427	3,031
Enniscorthy	1,702	1,738	1,736	221	805	1,026	177	533	710
Gorey	1,162	1,236	1,247	125	539	664	100	483	583
New Ross	1,194	1,255	1,207	126	535	661	112	434	546
Wexford	2,541	2,639	2,534	232	1,110	1,342	215	977	1,192
South-West	21,656	22,417	21,433	2,213	10,631	12,844	1,458	7,131	8,589
Cork	15,497	15,453	14,885	1,618	7,562	9,180	984	4,721	5,705
Bandon	479	507	484	54	255	309	21	154	175
Bantry	335	369	357	19	151	170	20	167	187
Bantry (SWLO)	157	151	142	3	56	59	3	80	83
Carrigaline ²	700	623	612	56	320	376	26	210	236
Clonakilty	434	469	452	24	193	217	13	222	235
Cobh	368	388	379	56	188	244	31	104	135
Cork	7,568	7,235	7,048	958	3,811	4,769	536	1,743	2,279
Dunmanway	199	233	199	21	77	98	15	86	101
Fermoy	901	931	892	112	425	537	49	306	355
Kinsale	615	626	593	21	242	263	25	305	330
Macroon	350	429	418	31	205	236	25	157	182
Mallow	762	771	771	88	418	506	54	211	265
Midleton	1,092	1,070	963	58	491	549	62	352	414
Newmarket	492	501	456	47	222	269	30	157	187
Skibbereen	388	419	398	23	171	194	16	188	204
Youghal	657	731	721	47	337	384	58	279	337
Kerry	6,159	6,964	6,548	595	3,069	3,664	474	2,410	2,884
Cahirciveen	352	366	364	16	149	165	15	184	199
Dingle	302	357	325	19	131	150	13	162	175
Kenmare	216	299	263	17	101	118	14	131	145
Killarney	1,033	1,235	1,085	83	440	523	80	482	562
Killorglin	411	460	413	18	202	220	21	172	193
Listowel	933	1,069	1,028	124	517	641	103	284	387
Tralee	2,912	3,178	3,070	318	1,529	1,847	228	995	1,223
State	155,543	159,399	155,869	18,623	76,167	94,790	12,195	48,884	61,079

² Carrigaline replaces previous office Passage West with effect from November 2006.

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	
2005	March	4	92,786	- 274	64,889	+ 31	157,675	- 244
	April	5	90,623	- 433	60,996	- 779	151,619	- 1,211
	May	4	89,780	- 211	61,046	+ 13	150,826	- 198
	June	4	92,145	+ 591	67,155	+ 1,527	159,300	+ 2,119
	July	5	94,124	+ 396	74,385	+ 1,446	168,509	+ 1,842
	August	4	94,672	+ 137	74,721	+ 84	169,393	+ 221
	September	5	90,179	- 899	63,156	- 2,313	153,335	- 3,212
	October	4	88,749	- 358	60,895	- 565	149,644	- 923
	November	4	89,377	+ 157	60,696	- 50	150,073	+ 107
	December	5	92,392	+ 603	63,441	+ 549	155,833	+ 1,152
2006	January	4	95,920	+ 882	64,219	+ 195	160,139	+ 1,077
	February	4	95,363	- 139	64,254	+ 9	159,617	- 131
	March	5	93,461	- 380	62,082	- 434	155,543	- 815
	April	4	92,419	- 261	62,147	+ 16	154,566	- 244
	May	4	91,492	- 232	61,068	- 270	152,560	- 502
	June	5	93,747	+ 451	69,312	+ 1,649	163,059	+ 2,100
	July	4	94,750	+ 251	74,196	+ 1,221	168,946	+ 1,472
	August	4	95,026	+ 69	74,588	+ 98	169,614	+ 167
	September	5	89,810	- 1,043	62,497	- 2,418	152,307	- 3,461
	October	4	88,128	- 421	60,378	- 530	148,506	- 950
	November	4	88,583	+ 114	59,946	- 108	148,529	+ 6
	December	5	92,499	+ 783	62,890	+ 589	155,389	+ 1,372
2007	January	4	95,824	+ 831	62,928	+ 10	158,752	+ 841
	February	4	95,639	- 46	63,760	+ 208	159,399	+ 162
	March	5	94,790	- 170	61,079	- 536	155,869	- 706

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 Jobseekers Benefit (JB) excluding systematic short-time workers
- ◆ Applicants for Jobseekers Assistance (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.

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 Jobseekers Assistance or Jobseekers 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	4.7	4.5	4.8	4.5
2004	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.4
2005	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.5
2006	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.2

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 Jobseekers 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 City 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