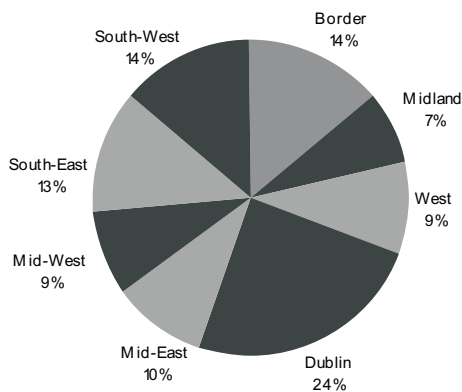




Live Register Additional Tables

April 2009

Live Register by Regional Authority



	April 2009	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and Western	119,002	+ 3,312	+ 56,861
Border	54,309	+ 1,433	+ 25,696
Midland	28,739	+ 1,026	+ 13,978
West	35,954	+ 853	+ 17,187
Southern and Eastern	265,446	+ 9,865	+ 131,989
Dublin	92,514	+ 4,700	+ 46,167
Mid-East	36,817	+ 1,818	+ 19,761
Mid-West	33,827	+ 928	+ 16,835
South-East	48,592	+ 1,149	+ 22,311
South-West	53,696	+ 1,270	+ 26,915
Total	384,448	+ 13,177	+ 188,850

Live Register increases across all regions in April

The unadjusted Live Register increased to 384,448 in April from 371,271 in March a monthly increase of 13,177 (+3.5%). This increase was reflected in all regions, with the largest percentage increase in the Dublin region (+5.4%). The smallest percentage increases were in the South-East, South-West and West regions (all +2.4%). See table 1.

In the year to April 2009, the unadjusted Live Register increased by 188,850 (+96.6%). All regions showed annual increases with the largest percentage increase in the Mid-East region (+115.9%). The South-East region had the smallest percentage increase (+84.9%). See table 1.

Other features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males increased in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Dublin region (+4.5%), while the smallest percentage increase was in the Mid-West region (+1.9%). See table 1.
- ◆ The number of females increased in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in Mid-East region (+7.6%), while the smallest percentage increase was in the South-West region (+2.0%). See table 1.
- ◆ Amongst counties, the largest percentage increase was in Kildare (+6.6%), while the only percentage decrease was in Kerry (-1.0%). See table 3.

The Live Register is not designed to measure unemployment. It includes part-time workers (those who work up to three days a week), seasonal and casual workers entitled to Jobseekers Benefit or Allowance. Unemployment is measured by the Quarterly National Household Survey and the latest figure for September to November 2008 is 170,600 persons unemployed.

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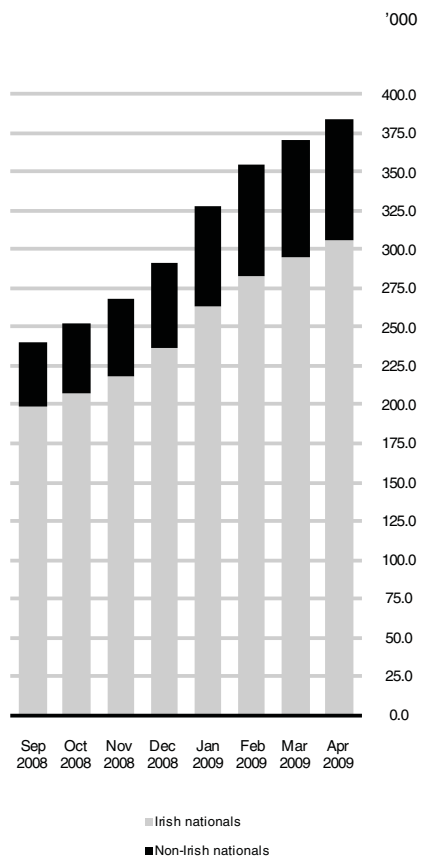
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Live Register by nationality



Rise in both Irish nationals and non-Irish nationals on Live Register in April

In April 2009 there were 306,598 Irish nationals and 77,850 non-Irish nationals on the Live Register. This represents a monthly increase of 10,940 (+3.7%) in Irish nationals and 2,237(+3.0%) in non-Irish nationals. See table 4 and graph opposite.

In the year to April 2009 the number of Irish nationals on the Live Register increased by 142,971, while the corresponding annual increase for non-Irish nationals was 45,879.

Among non-Irish nationals the largest number on the Live Register were nationals from the EU Accession states (44,727) while the smallest number were from the EU15 states outside of Ireland and the UK (4,371).

Non-Irish nationals represented 20.2% of all persons on the Live Register in April 2009. Estimates from the Quarterly National Household Survey for September to November 2008 show that non-Irish nationals represented an estimated 16.0% of all persons in the labour force aged between 17 and 65 years (the relevant age range for the Live Register).

Table 1 Persons on the Live Register classified by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	April 2008	March 2009	April 2009	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland and Western	40,020	78,684	80,556	+ 1,872	+ 40,536	17,222	63,334
Border	18,421	35,923	36,832	+ 909	+ 18,411	7,989	28,843
Midland	9,544	19,037	19,511	+ 474	+ 9,967	4,211	15,300
West	12,055	23,724	24,213	+ 489	+ 12,158	5,022	19,191
Southern and Eastern	87,531	172,975	178,735	+ 5,760	+ 91,204	35,908	142,827
Dublin	31,333	59,949	62,628	+ 2,679	+ 31,295	12,696	49,932
Mid-East	10,893	23,631	24,589	+ 958	+ 13,696	4,805	19,784
Mid-West	10,987	22,207	22,619	+ 412	+ 11,632	4,729	17,890
South-East	17,025	32,369	33,160	+ 791	+ 16,135	6,965	26,195
South-West	17,293	34,819	35,739	+ 920	+ 18,446	6,713	29,026
Total	127,551	251,659	259,291	+ 7,632	+ 131,740	53,130	206,161
Females							
Border, Midland and Western	22,121	37,006	38,446	+ 1,440	+ 16,325	8,981	29,465
Border	10,192	16,953	17,477	+ 524	+ 7,285	4,103	13,374
Midland	5,217	8,676	9,228	+ 552	+ 4,011	2,352	6,876
West	6,712	11,377	11,741	+ 364	+ 5,029	2,526	9,215
Southern and Eastern	45,926	82,606	86,711	+ 4,105	+ 40,785	18,652	68,059
Dublin	15,014	27,865	29,886	+ 2,021	+ 14,872	6,601	23,285
Mid-East	6,163	11,368	12,228	+ 860	+ 6,065	2,437	9,791
Mid-West	6,005	10,692	11,208	+ 516	+ 5,203	2,462	8,746
South-East	9,256	15,074	15,432	+ 358	+ 6,176	3,569	11,863
South-West	9,488	17,607	17,957	+ 350	+ 8,469	3,583	14,374
Total	68,047	119,612	125,157	+ 5,545	+ 57,110	27,633	97,524
All Persons							
Border, Midland and Western	62,141	115,690	119,002	+ 3,312	+ 56,861	26,203	92,799
Border	28,613	52,876	54,309	+ 1,433	+ 25,696	12,092	42,217
Midland	14,761	27,713	28,739	+ 1,026	+ 13,978	6,563	22,176
West	18,767	35,101	35,954	+ 853	+ 17,187	7,548	28,406
Southern and Eastern	133,457	255,581	265,446	+ 9,865	+ 131,989	54,560	210,886
Dublin	46,347	87,814	92,514	+ 4,700	+ 46,167	19,297	73,217
Mid-East	17,056	34,999	36,817	+ 1,818	+ 19,761	7,242	29,575
Mid-West	16,992	32,899	33,827	+ 928	+ 16,835	7,191	26,636
South-East	26,281	47,443	48,592	+ 1,149	+ 22,311	10,534	38,058
South-West	26,781	52,426	53,696	+ 1,270	+ 26,915	10,296	43,400
Total	195,598	371,271	384,448	+ 13,177	+ 188,850	80,763	303,685

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

Table 2 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	April 2008	March 2009	April 2009	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	101,139	193,086	201,567	+ 8,481	+ 100,428	42,479	159,088
Munster	55,183	105,269	108,054	+ 2,785	+ 52,871	21,918	86,136
Connacht	22,956	42,827	43,849	+ 1,022	+ 20,893	9,255	34,594
Ulster	16,320	30,089	30,978	+ 889	+ 14,658	7,111	23,867
Total	195,598	371,271	384,448	+ 13,177	+ 188,850	80,763	303,685

Table 3 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age Group and Local Office of Registration

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	April 2008	March 2009	April 2009	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	62,141	115,690	119,002	17,222	63,334	80,556	8,981	29,465	38,446
Border	28,613	52,876	54,309	7,989	28,843	36,832	4,103	13,374	17,477
Cavan	3,214	6,554	6,809	970	3,738	4,708	524	1,577	2,101
Ballyconnell	525	1,161	1,256	160	721	881	75	300	375
Cavan	2,689	5,393	5,553	810	3,017	3,827	449	1,277	1,726
Donegal	10,279	17,994	18,383	2,960	9,343	12,303	1,502	4,578	6,080
Ballybofey	1,081	2,348	2,359	432	1,213	1,645	229	485	714
Ballyshannon	690	1,230	1,271	181	611	792	117	362	479
Buncrana	2,215	4,279	4,447	766	2,345	3,111	345	991	1,336
Donegal	640	1,220	1,258	172	563	735	106	417	523
Dunfanaghy	824	1,375	1,383	209	732	941	83	359	442
Dungloe	1,271	1,818	1,848	241	957	1,198	88	562	650
Killybegs	876	1,185	1,207	130	626	756	81	370	451
Letterkenny	2,682	4,539	4,610	829	2,296	3,125	453	1,032	1,485
Leitrim	1,668	3,129	3,188	421	1,751	2,172	177	839	1,016
Carrick-on-Shannon	1,232	2,349	2,392	321	1,283	1,604	138	650	788
Manorhamilton	436	780	796	100	468	568	39	189	228
Louth	8,104	15,061	15,436	2,138	8,351	10,489	1,136	3,811	4,947
Ardee	991	2,049	2,101	295	1,181	1,476	135	490	625
Drogheda	3,859	7,248	7,457	926	4,083	5,009	520	1,928	2,448
Dundalk	3,254	5,764	5,878	917	3,087	4,004	481	1,393	1,874
Monaghan	2,827	5,541	5,786	780	3,182	3,962	375	1,449	1,824
Carrickmacross	688	1,455	1,470	187	801	988	81	401	482
Castleblayney	750	1,445	1,507	228	806	1,034	114	359	473
Clones	354	628	682	114	371	485	50	147	197
Monaghan	1,035	2,013	2,127	251	1,204	1,455	130	542	672
Sligo	2,521	4,597	4,707	720	2,478	3,198	389	1,120	1,509
Sligo	2,008	3,726	3,832	602	1,994	2,596	332	904	1,236
Tubbercurry	513	871	875	118	484	602	57	216	273
Midland	14,761	27,713	28,739	4,211	15,300	19,511	2,352	6,876	9,228
Laoighis	3,479	6,750	7,000	1,094	3,754	4,848	554	1,598	2,152
Portllington	1,389	2,688	2,800	441	1,455	1,896	252	652	904
Portlaoise	1,593	3,130	3,226	472	1,795	2,267	231	728	959
Rathdowney	497	932	974	181	504	685	71	218	289
Longford	2,745	4,851	5,091	672	2,847	3,519	379	1,193	1,572
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Offaly	3,767	7,196	7,430	1,109	4,009	5,118	632	1,680	2,312
Birr	1,009	1,798	1,845	288	918	1,206	178	461	639
Edenderry	916	1,988	2,032	283	1,165	1,448	151	433	584
Tullamore	1,842	3,410	3,553	538	1,926	2,464	303	786	1,089
Westmeath	4,770	8,916	9,218	1,336	4,690	6,026	787	2,405	3,192
Athlone	1,759	3,394	3,518	541	1,741	2,282	318	918	1,236
Castlepollard	550	1,198	1,207	184	605	789	100	318	418
Mullingar	2,461	4,324	4,493	611	2,344	2,955	369	1,169	1,538
West	18,767	35,101	35,954	5,022	19,191	24,213	2,526	9,215	11,741
Galway	11,195	20,824	21,423	2,912	11,307	14,219	1,527	5,677	7,204
Ballinasloe	1,115	2,241	2,294	370	1,204	1,574	159	561	720
Clifden	736	1,106	1,066	128	558	686	82	298	380
Galway	6,379	11,211	11,564	1,592	6,049	7,641	924	2,999	3,923
Gort	644	1,238	1,280	139	636	775	68	437	505
Loughrea	915	2,160	2,236	264	1,216	1,480	141	615	756
Tuam	1,406	2,868	2,983	419	1,644	2,063	153	767	920

Table 3 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age Group and Local Office of Registration

-continued NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office				Males			Females		
	April 2008	March 2009	April 2009	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	5,795	10,836	11,049	1,567	5,981	7,548	774	2,727	3,501
Achill	271	377	384	54	224	278	23	83	106
Ballina	1,587	2,739	2,766	418	1,535	1,953	213	600	813
Ballinrobe	451	956	979	115	549	664	65	250	315
Belmullet	496	775	769	104	414	518	45	206	251
Castlebar	981	1,938	2,001	288	1,033	1,321	155	525	680
Claremorris	575	1,146	1,142	179	631	810	61	271	332
Swinford	807	1,389	1,450	199	786	985	97	368	465
Westport	627	1,516	1,558	210	809	1,019	115	424	539
Roscommon	1,777	3,441	3,482	543	1,903	2,446	225	811	1,036
Boyle	432	866	900	145	475	620	50	230	280
Castlerea	866	1,485	1,474	231	813	1,044	100	330	430
Roscommon	479	1,090	1,108	167	615	782	75	251	326
Southern and Eastern	133,457	255,581	265,446	35,908	142,827	178,735	18,652	68,059	86,711
Dublin	46,347	87,814	92,514	12,696	49,932	62,628	6,601	23,285	29,886
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Bishop Square	3,767	7,394	7,340	897	4,161	5,058	434	1,848	2,282
Cumberland Street	5,587	10,186	10,951	1,310	5,995	7,305	812	2,834	3,646
Navan Road	2,898	5,406	5,657	656	3,189	3,845	397	1,415	1,812
Blanchardstown	4,153	7,635	8,116	1,096	4,291	5,387	633	2,096	2,729
Thomas Street	2,229	3,854	3,975	465	2,293	2,758	276	941	1,217
Tara Street	1,198	2,315	2,494	261	1,309	1,570	123	801	924
Tallaght	4,450	8,233	8,787	1,440	4,814	6,254	713	1,820	2,533
Ballymun	1,597	2,600	2,721	515	1,381	1,896	272	553	825
Clondalkin	4,442	8,857	9,252	1,423	4,964	6,387	725	2,140	2,865
Rathfarnham	2,113	4,182	4,407	505	2,250	2,755	248	1,404	1,652
Kilbarrack	2,341	4,494	4,801	682	2,551	3,233	293	1,275	1,568
Dun Laoghaire	2,842	6,289	6,681	681	3,471	4,152	349	2,180	2,529
Balbriggan	1,712	3,887	4,090	498	2,222	2,720	238	1,132	1,370
Ballyfermot	1,561	2,834	2,990	639	1,586	2,225	267	498	765
Finglas	2,862	5,141	5,415	830	3,006	3,836	409	1,170	1,579
Coolock	2,595	4,507	4,837	798	2,449	3,247	412	1,178	1,590
Mid-East	17,056	34,999	36,817	4,805	19,784	24,589	2,437	9,791	12,228
Kildare	7,330	15,057	16,046	2,170	8,485	10,655	1,153	4,238	5,391
Athy	1,234	2,154	2,225	276	1,242	1,518	150	557	707
Maynooth	2,077	4,790	5,268	787	2,605	3,392	375	1,501	1,876
Newbridge	4,019	8,113	8,553	1,107	4,638	5,745	628	2,180	2,808
Meath	4,511	9,464	9,971	1,219	5,509	6,728	647	2,596	3,243
Kells	788	1,637	1,686	199	976	1,175	119	392	511
Navan	2,401	5,003	5,312	665	2,928	3,593	323	1,396	1,719
Trim	1,322	2,824	2,973	355	1,605	1,960	205	808	1,013
Wicklow	5,215	10,478	10,800	1,416	5,790	7,206	637	2,957	3,594
Arklow	1,587	3,082	3,114	417	1,705	2,122	204	788	992
Baltinglass	635	1,066	1,122	158	612	770	70	282	352
Bray	2,017	4,490	4,661	588	2,446	3,034	249	1,378	1,627
Wicklow	976	1,840	1,903	253	1,027	1,280	114	509	623
Mid-West	16,992	32,899	33,827	4,729	17,890	22,619	2,462	8,746	11,208
Clare	4,889	9,364	9,618	1,246	4,991	6,237	638	2,743	3,381
Ennis	2,861	5,453	5,627	724	2,896	3,620	373	1,634	2,007
Ennistymon	748	1,414	1,396	145	733	878	93	425	518
Kilrush	657	1,233	1,248	192	650	842	98	308	406
Tulla	623	1,264	1,347	185	712	897	74	376	450
Limerick	9,373	18,043	18,504	2,653	9,996	12,649	1,419	4,436	5,855
Kilmallock	1,024	2,262	2,291	374	1,196	1,570	159	562	721
Limerick	6,926	12,691	13,200	1,859	7,133	8,992	1,050	3,158	4,208
Newcastle West	1,423	3,090	3,013	420	1,667	2,087	210	716	926

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-continued			Males				Females		
NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	April 2008	March 2009	April 2009	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,730	5,492	5,705	830	2,903	3,733	405	1,567	1,972
Nenagh	1,007	2,145	2,213	304	1,118	1,422	154	637	791
Roscrea	554	1,044	1,098	160	522	682	93	323	416
Thurles	1,169	2,303	2,394	366	1,263	1,629	158	607	765
South-East	26,281	47,443	48,592	6,965	26,195	33,160	3,569	11,863	15,432
Carlow	2,939	5,555	5,786	858	3,195	4,053	407	1,326	1,733
Bagenalstown	643	1,268	1,319	207	747	954	85	280	365
Carlow	1,657	3,045	3,164	481	1,740	2,221	240	703	943
Tullow	639	1,242	1,303	170	708	878	82	343	425
Kilkenny	3,271	6,154	6,266	837	3,531	4,368	444	1,454	1,898
Kilkenny	2,734	5,070	5,119	664	2,881	3,545	380	1,194	1,574
Thomastown	537	1,084	1,147	173	650	823	64	260	324
South Tipperary	3,734	7,216	7,506	1,240	4,162	5,402	531	1,573	2,104
Cahir	483	1,052	1,138	180	659	839	68	231	299
Carrick-on-Suir	1,073	1,745	1,777	274	963	1,237	113	427	540
Cashel	410	896	964	178	504	682	57	225	282
Clonmel	1,122	2,125	2,173	381	1,180	1,561	189	423	612
Tipperary	646	1,398	1,454	227	856	1,083	104	267	371
Waterford	7,676	12,728	13,025	1,742	7,019	8,761	918	3,346	4,264
Dungarvan	1,090	1,910	1,965	274	1,081	1,355	124	486	610
Waterford	6,586	10,818	11,060	1,468	5,938	7,406	794	2,860	3,654
Wexford	8,661	15,790	16,009	2,288	8,288	10,576	1,269	4,164	5,433
Enniscorthy	2,254	3,919	4,025	628	2,232	2,860	307	858	1,165
Gorey	1,598	3,329	3,399	415	1,749	2,164	253	982	1,235
New Ross	1,580	2,772	2,859	396	1,498	1,894	235	730	965
Wexford	3,229	5,770	5,726	849	2,809	3,658	474	1,594	2,068
South-West	26,781	52,426	53,696	6,713	29,026	35,739	3,583	14,374	17,957
Cork	18,951	36,867	38,295	4,831	20,999	25,830	2,523	9,942	12,465
Bandon	697	1,379	1,445	185	844	1,029	71	345	416
Bantry	441	955	990	121	474	595	58	337	395
Bantry (SWLO)	174	307	322	31	141	172	14	136	150
Carrigaline	878	1,898	2,070	224	1,125	1,349	119	602	721
Clonakilty	526	1,065	1,123	94	589	683	54	386	440
Cobh	462	868	916	103	497	600	76	240	316
Cork	8,969	16,562	17,291	2,449	9,716	12,165	1,261	3,865	5,126
Fermoy	1,148	2,154	2,251	299	1,194	1,493	152	606	758
Kinsale	679	1,175	1,212	89	589	678	56	478	534
Macroom	638	1,473	1,586	219	860	1,079	77	430	507
Mallow	1,046	2,205	2,203	294	1,235	1,529	160	514	674
Midleton	1,340	2,593	2,817	256	1,609	1,865	151	801	952
Newmarket	644	1,844	1,609	189	858	1,047	98	464	562
Skibbereen	425	907	945	103	484	587	49	309	358
Youghal	884	1,482	1,515	175	784	959	127	429	556
Kerry	7,830	15,559	15,401	1,882	8,027	9,909	1,060	4,432	5,492
Cahirciveen	396	660	659	71	291	362	48	249	297
Dingle	401	739	758	60	366	426	36	296	332
Kenmare	280	711	680	64	320	384	49	247	296
Killarney	1,218	3,146	3,091	337	1,462	1,799	244	1,048	1,292
Killorglin	500	1,203	1,202	137	666	803	57	342	399
Listowel	1,375	2,919	2,746	400	1,550	1,950	159	637	796
Tralee	3,660	6,181	6,265	813	3,372	4,185	467	1,613	2,080
State	195,598	371,271	384,448	53,130	206,161	259,291	27,633	97,524	125,157

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register classified by nationality

		Nationality							
		Non-Irish nationals							
		United Kingdom	EU15 excl. Irl. & UK	Accession states EU15 to EU27	Other	Non-Irish nationals	Irish nationals	Total Persons	
2007	April	7,401	1,458	5,386	5,593	19,838	134,481	154,319	
	May	7,367	1,462	5,506	5,743	20,078	133,932	154,010	
	June	7,841	1,567	5,860	6,453	21,721	144,642	166,363	
	July	8,137	1,614	6,139	6,601	22,491	152,103	174,594	
	August	8,246	1,640	6,544	6,627	23,057	151,149	174,206	
	September	7,732	1,497	6,326	5,902	21,457	138,994	160,451	
	October	7,612	1,473	6,542	5,408	21,035	136,414	157,449	
	November	7,851	1,516	7,433	5,439	22,239	139,483	161,722	
	December	8,150	1,610	7,934	5,540	23,234	147,142	170,376	
	2008	January	8,756	1,759	10,064	5,909	26,488	154,961	181,449
		February	9,073	1,858	12,545	6,247	29,723	159,762	189,485
		March	9,349	1,959	13,403	6,408	31,119	166,873	197,992
April		9,401	1,921	14,166	6,483	31,971	163,627	195,598	
May		9,600	1,945	14,738	6,996	33,279	168,477	201,756	
June		10,268	2,146	15,623	7,831	35,868	184,943	220,811	
July		10,969	2,327	16,953	8,215	38,464	199,776	238,240	
August		11,426	2,446	18,581	8,648	41,101	206,283	247,384	
September		11,186	2,419	19,381	8,228	41,214	199,003	240,217	
October		11,584	2,654	22,285	8,077	44,600	207,351	251,951	
November		12,372	2,902	26,089	8,513	49,876	218,710	268,586	
December		13,279	3,211	28,950	9,015	54,455	236,908	291,363	
2009	January	14,807	3,651	35,826	10,050	64,334	263,527	327,861	
	February	15,707	4,052	41,057	10,900	71,716	282,721	354,437	
	March	16,299	4,245	43,559	11,510	75,613	295,658	371,271	
	April	16,819	4,371	44,727	11,933	77,850	306,598	384,448	

Background Notes

Source and scope of the Live Register	<p>The Live Register is compiled from returns made for each local office to the Central Statistics Office by the Department of Social and Family Affairs. It comprises persons under 65 years of age in the following classes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 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.
Reference Period	<p>The reference periods for the Live register results are as follows: April 2009 – 28th March 2009 to 24th April 2009 April 2008 – 29th March 2008 to 25th April 2008.</p>
Descriptive articles	<p>The compilation basis for the Live Register statistics from May 1992 onwards is described in the September 1992 issue of the <i>Statistical Bulletin</i>. 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 <i>Statistical Bulletin</i>.</p>
Unemployment statistics	<p>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 Allowance or Jobseekers Benefit. Unemployment is measured by the Quarterly National Household Survey (formerly the Annual Labour Force Survey).</p>
Live Register Area Analysis	<p>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 e.g. the figure for the Cork City Local Office of Registration refers to all persons signing on in Cork City but may include persons not resident in Cork city. A classification by area of residence of persons on the Live Register was published until January 1989 but was then discontinued.</p>
Nationality	<p>Data in the nationality table is sourced from information collected by the Department of Social and Family Affairs on the nationality of claimants when they first sign on the Live Register.</p>
NUTS2 and NUTS3 regions	<p>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.</p>

**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