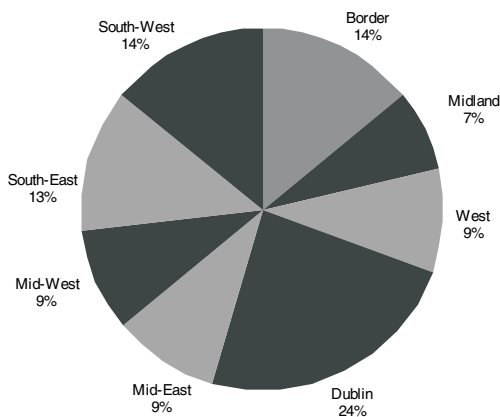




Live Register Additional Tables

December 2009

Live Register by Regional Authority



	December 2009	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and Western	129,778	+ 3,143	+ 37,715
Border	59,477	+ 1,569	+ 17,415
Midland	31,023	+ 576	+ 8,931
West	39,278	+ 998	+ 11,369
Southern and Eastern	293,817	+ 6,947	+ 95,862
Dublin	101,172	+ 1,802	+ 34,006
Mid-East	40,071	+ 1,228	+ 13,498
Mid-West	38,352	+ 1,202	+ 12,520
South-East	54,662	+ 1,233	+ 16,065
South-West	59,560	+ 1,482	+ 19,773
Total	423,595	+ 10,090	+ 133,577

Live Register increases across all regions in December

The unadjusted Live Register increased to 423,595 in December from 413,505 in November, a monthly increase of 10,090 (+2.4%). This increase was reflected in all of the eight regions, with the largest percentage increases in the Mid-West and Mid-East regions (both +3.2%). The smallest percentage increase was in the Dublin region (+1.8%). *See table 1.*

In the year to December 2009 the unadjusted Live Register increased by 133,577 (+46.1%). All regions showed annual increases with the largest percentage increase in the Mid-East region (+50.8%). The Midland region had the smallest percentage increase (+40.4%). *See table 1.*

Other features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males increased in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Mid-West region (+3.6%), while the smallest percentage increase was in the Dublin region (+1.6%). *See table 1.*
- ◆ The number of females increased in all regions. The largest percentage increases were in the Mid-East and South-East regions (both +2.8%), while the smallest percentage increase was in the Midland region (+1.4%). *See table 1.*
- ◆ Amongst counties, the largest percentage increase was in Leitrim (+4.2%), while the smallest percentage increase was in Longford (+0.1%). *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 July to September 2009, is 279,800 persons unemployed.

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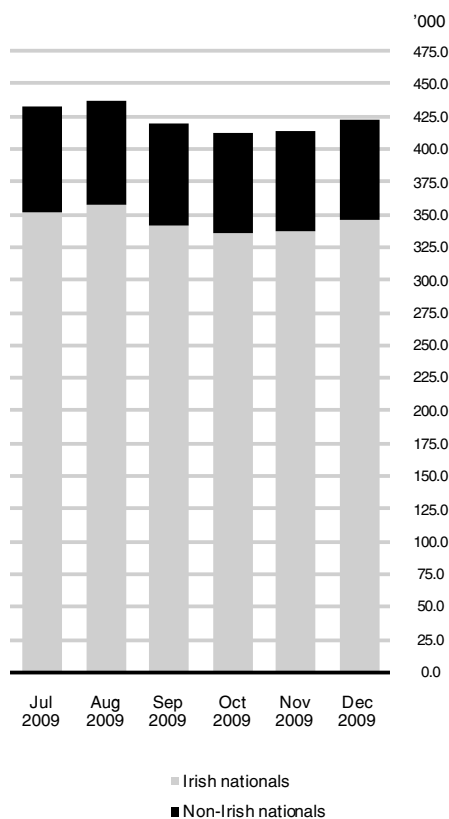
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Live Register by nationality



Increases in both Irish and non-Irish nationals on Live Register in December

In December 2009 there were 346,076 Irish nationals and 77,519 non-Irish nationals on the Live Register. This represents a monthly increase of 9,351 (+2.8%) in Irish nationals and an increase of 739 (+1.0%) in non-Irish nationals. See table 4 and graph opposite.

In the year to December 2009 the number of Irish nationals on the Live Register increased by 110,247, while the corresponding annual increase for non-Irish nationals was 23,330.

Among non-Irish nationals the largest number on the Live Register were nationals from the EU15 to EU27 States (42,675) while the smallest number were from the EU15 States outside of Ireland and the UK (4,073).

Non-Irish nationals represented 18.3% of all persons on the Live Register in December 2009. Estimates from the Quarterly National Household Survey for July to September 2009 show that non-Irish nationals represented an estimated 14.7% of all persons in the labour force aged between 17 and 64 years (the relevant age range for the Live Register).

Table 1 Persons on the Live Register classified by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	December 2008	November 2009	December 2009	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland and Western	61,617	84,508	86,723	+ 2,215	+ 25,106	17,694	69,029
Border	28,189	38,822	39,892	+ 1,070	+ 11,703	8,271	31,621
Midland	14,809	20,390	20,822	+ 432	+ 6,013	4,152	16,670
West	18,619	25,296	26,009	+ 713	+ 7,390	5,271	20,738
Southern and Eastern	132,964	191,585	196,131	+ 4,546	+ 63,167	37,111	159,020
Dublin	45,792	66,698	67,794	+ 1,096	+ 22,002	13,030	54,764
Mid-East	17,800	25,477	26,331	+ 854	+ 8,531	4,768	21,563
Mid-West	17,065	24,527	25,403	+ 876	+ 8,338	4,968	20,435
South-East	26,087	36,153	36,901	+ 748	+ 10,814	7,347	29,554
South-West	26,220	38,730	39,702	+ 972	+ 13,482	6,998	32,704
Total	194,581	276,093	282,854	+ 6,761	+ 88,273	54,805	228,049
Females							
Border, Midland and Western	30,446	42,127	43,055	+ 928	+ 12,609	9,610	33,445
Border	13,873	19,086	19,585	+ 499	+ 5,712	4,457	15,128
Midland	7,283	10,057	10,201	+ 144	+ 2,918	2,402	7,799
West	9,290	12,984	13,269	+ 285	+ 3,979	2,751	10,518
Southern and Eastern	64,991	95,285	97,686	+ 2,401	+ 32,695	19,983	77,703
Dublin	21,374	32,672	33,378	+ 706	+ 12,004	6,959	26,419
Mid-East	8,773	13,366	13,740	+ 374	+ 4,967	2,644	11,096
Mid-West	8,767	12,623	12,949	+ 326	+ 4,182	2,739	10,210
South-East	12,510	17,276	17,761	+ 485	+ 5,251	4,014	13,747
South-West	13,567	19,348	19,858	+ 510	+ 6,291	3,627	16,231
Total	95,437	137,412	140,741	+ 3,329	+ 45,304	29,593	111,148
All Persons							
Border, Midland and Western	92,063	126,635	129,778	+ 3,143	+ 37,715	27,304	102,474
Border	42,062	57,908	59,477	+ 1,569	+ 17,415	12,728	46,749
Midland	22,092	30,447	31,023	+ 576	+ 8,931	6,554	24,469
West	27,909	38,280	39,278	+ 998	+ 11,369	8,022	31,256
Southern and Eastern	197,955	286,870	293,817	+ 6,947	+ 95,862	57,094	236,723
Dublin	67,166	99,370	101,172	+ 1,802	+ 34,006	19,989	81,183
Mid-East	26,573	38,843	40,071	+ 1,228	+ 13,498	7,412	32,659
Mid-West	25,832	37,150	38,352	+ 1,202	+ 12,520	7,707	30,645
South-East	38,597	53,429	54,662	+ 1,233	+ 16,065	11,361	43,301
South-West	39,787	58,078	59,560	+ 1,482	+ 19,773	10,625	48,935
Total	290,018	413,505	423,595	+ 10,090	+ 133,577	84,398	339,197

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

Table 2 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	December 2008	November 2009	December 2009	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	149,516	216,023	220,683	+ 4,660	+ 71,167	43,992	176,691
Munster	81,946	117,549	120,771	+ 3,222	+ 38,825	23,045	97,726
Connacht	33,937	46,655	47,870	+ 1,215	+ 13,933	9,798	38,072
Ulster	24,619	33,278	34,271	+ 993	+ 9,652	7,563	26,708
Total	290,018	413,505	423,595	+ 10,090	+ 133,577	84,398	339,197

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	December 2008	November 2009	December 2009	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	92,063	126,635	129,778	17,694	69,029	86,723	9,610	33,445	43,055
Border	42,062	57,908	59,477	8,271	31,621	39,892	4,457	15,128	19,585
Cavan	5,068	7,059	7,189	957	3,921	4,878	566	1,745	2,311
Ballyconnell	914	1,193	1,208	160	674	834	87	287	374
Cavan	4,154	5,866	5,981	797	3,247	4,044	479	1,458	1,937
Donegal	15,254	20,061	20,748	3,162	10,643	13,805	1,628	5,315	6,943
Ballybofey	1,836	2,438	2,507	425	1,326	1,751	209	547	756
Ballyshannon	1,005	1,436	1,510	230	710	940	135	435	570
Buncrana	3,394	4,641	4,880	770	2,655	3,425	361	1,094	1,455
Donegal	1,024	1,377	1,397	181	630	811	121	465	586
Dunfanaghy	1,260	1,552	1,606	231	854	1,085	89	432	521
Dungloe	1,703	2,072	2,143	257	1,110	1,367	124	652	776
Killybegs	996	1,200	1,205	130	621	751	80	374	454
Letterkenny	4,036	5,345	5,500	938	2,737	3,675	509	1,316	1,825
Leitrim	2,499	3,455	3,600	433	2,007	2,440	220	940	1,160
Carrick-on-Shannon	1,860	2,612	2,712	317	1,513	1,830	164	718	882
Manorhamilton	639	843	888	116	494	610	56	222	278
Louth	11,415	16,255	16,614	2,204	8,957	11,161	1,185	4,268	5,453
Ardee	1,480	2,261	2,350	332	1,302	1,634	154	562	716
Drogheda	5,388	7,990	8,073	981	4,302	5,283	538	2,252	2,790
Dundalk	4,547	6,004	6,191	891	3,353	4,244	493	1,454	1,947
Monaghan	4,297	6,158	6,334	817	3,499	4,316	433	1,585	2,018
Carrickmacross	1,168	1,593	1,626	216	870	1,086	105	435	540
Castleblayney	1,106	1,603	1,658	215	951	1,166	118	374	492
Clones	466	704	725	119	383	502	61	162	223
Monaghan	1,557	2,258	2,325	267	1,295	1,562	149	614	763
Sligo	3,529	4,920	4,992	698	2,594	3,292	425	1,275	1,700
Sligo	2,816	4,061	4,098	572	2,132	2,704	354	1,040	1,394
Tubbercurry	713	859	894	126	462	588	71	235	306
Midland	22,092	30,447	31,023	4,152	16,670	20,822	2,402	7,799	10,201
Laoighis	5,376	7,504	7,679	1,079	4,174	5,253	584	1,842	2,426
Portllington	2,094	3,020	3,099	433	1,640	2,073	249	777	1,026
Portlaoise	2,548	3,370	3,461	477	1,902	2,379	257	825	1,082
Rathdowney	734	1,114	1,119	169	632	801	78	240	318
Longford	3,832	5,151	5,157	646	2,897	3,543	379	1,235	1,614
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Offaly	5,611	8,021	8,191	1,137	4,431	5,568	628	1,995	2,623
Birr	1,521	2,056	2,181	311	1,115	1,426	182	573	755
Edenderry	1,552	2,233	2,255	288	1,267	1,555	170	530	700
Tullamore	2,538	3,732	3,755	538	2,049	2,587	276	892	1,168
Westmeath	7,273	9,771	9,996	1,290	5,168	6,458	811	2,727	3,538
Athlone	2,709	3,768	3,938	501	1,993	2,494	335	1,109	1,444
Castlepollard	1,048	1,232	1,210	191	601	792	91	327	418
Mullingar	3,516	4,771	4,848	598	2,574	3,172	385	1,291	1,676
West	27,909	38,280	39,278	5,271	20,738	26,009	2,751	10,518	13,269
Galway	16,447	22,322	22,722	2,959	11,835	14,794	1,621	6,307	7,928
Ballinasloe	1,787	2,463	2,561	376	1,366	1,742	173	646	819
Clifden	1,048	1,220	1,256	149	639	788	99	369	468
Galway	8,892	11,777	11,865	1,553	6,097	7,650	964	3,251	4,215
Gort	975	1,350	1,405	154	715	869	51	485	536
Loughrea	1,509	2,328	2,405	272	1,262	1,534	146	725	871
Tuam	2,236	3,184	3,230	455	1,756	2,211	188	831	1,019

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-continued NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office				Males			Females		
	December 2008	November 2009	December 2009	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	8,769	12,231	12,736	1,750	6,824	8,574	877	3,285	4,162
Achill	333	454	481	60	280	340	23	118	141
Ballina	2,252	3,059	3,173	443	1,733	2,176	250	747	997
Ballinrobe	738	997	1,049	129	557	686	56	307	363
Belmullet	677	979	1,018	155	507	662	71	285	356
Castlebar	1,522	2,199	2,198	303	1,154	1,457	163	578	741
Claremorris	911	1,335	1,402	183	777	960	94	348	442
Swinford	1,182	1,587	1,647	242	864	1,106	110	431	541
Westport	1,154	1,621	1,768	235	952	1,187	110	471	581
Roscommon	2,693	3,727	3,820	562	2,079	2,641	253	926	1,179
Boyle	671	983	978	130	520	650	56	272	328
Castlerea	1,174	1,604	1,669	272	913	1,185	126	358	484
Roscommon	848	1,140	1,173	160	646	806	71	296	367
Southern and Eastern	197,955	286,870	293,817	37,111	159,020	196,131	19,983	77,703	97,686
Dublin	67,166	99,370	101,172	13,030	54,764	67,794	6,959	26,419	33,378
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Bishop Square	5,606	8,280	8,415	961	4,645	5,606	585	2,224	2,809
Cumberland Street ¹	7,665	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
King's Inn Street ¹	0	7,458	7,630	857	4,323	5,180	513	1,937	2,450
Navan Road	3,991	6,211	6,336	752	3,507	4,259	445	1,632	2,077
Blanchardstown	6,098	7,992	8,280	1,047	4,444	5,491	592	2,197	2,789
Thomas Street	3,068	4,118	4,172	478	2,436	2,914	289	969	1,258
Tara Street	1,834	2,751	2,784	292	1,478	1,770	144	870	1,014
Tallaght	6,495	9,725	9,962	1,581	5,454	7,035	841	2,086	2,927
Ballymun	2,069	2,798	2,776	519	1,445	1,964	272	540	812
Clondalkin	6,512	9,529	9,657	1,305	5,270	6,575	757	2,325	3,082
Rathfarnham	3,257	4,915	5,155	526	2,580	3,106	241	1,808	2,049
Kilbarrack	3,514	5,034	5,164	696	2,807	3,503	292	1,369	1,661
Dun Laoghaire	4,513	7,337	7,331	677	3,861	4,538	332	2,461	2,793
Balbriggan	2,757	4,835	4,898	585	2,590	3,175	298	1,425	1,723
Swords ¹	0	4,418	4,605	511	2,335	2,846	307	1,452	1,759
Ballyfermot	2,233	3,133	3,102	615	1,681	2,296	266	540	806
Finglas	3,981	5,733	5,805	840	3,216	4,056	404	1,345	1,749
Coolock	3,573	5,103	5,100	788	2,692	3,480	381	1,239	1,620
Mid-East	26,573	38,843	40,071	4,768	21,563	26,331	2,644	11,096	13,740
Kildare	11,517	16,619	17,229	2,104	9,148	11,252	1,217	4,760	5,977
Athy	1,748	2,436	2,589	315	1,440	1,755	175	659	834
Maynooth	3,585	5,628	5,760	729	2,868	3,597	421	1,742	2,163
Newbridge	6,184	8,555	8,880	1,060	4,840	5,900	621	2,359	2,980
Meath	6,977	10,766	11,071	1,265	5,996	7,261	765	3,045	3,810
Kells	1,298	1,784	1,860	208	1,044	1,252	137	471	608
Navan	3,636	5,599	5,747	680	3,142	3,822	364	1,561	1,925
Trim	2,043	3,383	3,464	377	1,810	2,187	264	1,013	1,277
Wicklow	8,079	11,458	11,771	1,399	6,419	7,818	662	3,291	3,953
Arklow	2,421	3,292	3,374	407	1,892	2,299	220	855	1,075
Baltinglass	902	1,258	1,331	192	717	909	78	344	422
Bray	3,286	4,800	4,912	534	2,624	3,158	248	1,506	1,754
Wicklow	1,470	2,108	2,154	266	1,186	1,452	116	586	702
Mid-West	25,832	37,150	38,352	4,968	20,435	25,403	2,739	10,210	12,949
Clare	7,499	10,065	10,404	1,312	5,454	6,766	714	2,924	3,638
Ennis	4,258	5,680	5,846	730	3,065	3,795	423	1,628	2,051
Ennistymon	1,214	1,607	1,659	191	862	1,053	108	498	606
Kilrush	1,028	1,372	1,419	211	730	941	106	372	478
Tulla	999	1,406	1,480	180	797	977	77	426	503
Limerick	13,999	20,700	21,375	2,786	11,653	14,439	1,543	5,393	6,936
Kilmallock	1,722	2,628	2,762	417	1,448	1,865	174	723	897
Limerick	10,044	14,715	15,092	1,889	8,309	10,198	1,108	3,786	4,894
Newcastle West	2,233	3,357	3,521	480	1,896	2,376	261	884	1,145

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-continued NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	December 2008	November 2009	December 2009	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	4,334	6,385	6,573	870	3,328	4,198	482	1,893	2,375
Nenagh	1,681	2,546	2,642	328	1,325	1,653	159	830	989
Roscrea	839	1,210	1,265	168	610	778	96	391	487
Thurles	1,814	2,629	2,666	374	1,393	1,767	227	672	899
South-East	38,597	53,429	54,662	7,347	29,554	36,901	4,014	13,747	17,761
Carlow	4,325	6,353	6,578	924	3,633	4,557	493	1,528	2,021
Bagenalstown	1,002	1,507	1,544	233	855	1,088	114	342	456
Carlow	2,330	3,407	3,538	512	1,942	2,454	285	799	1,084
Tullow	993	1,439	1,496	179	836	1,015	94	387	481
Kilkenny	4,971	6,972	7,069	939	3,932	4,871	492	1,706	2,198
Kilkenny	4,132	5,617	5,702	760	3,164	3,924	403	1,375	1,778
Thomastown	839	1,355	1,367	179	768	947	89	331	420
South Tipperary	5,878	8,290	8,514	1,269	4,780	6,049	610	1,855	2,465
Cahir	864	1,223	1,247	159	741	900	90	257	347
Carrick-on-Suir	1,508	2,029	2,039	289	1,133	1,422	140	477	617
Cashel	735	1,083	1,114	172	609	781	66	267	333
Clonmel	1,666	2,374	2,479	425	1,340	1,765	196	518	714
Tipperary	1,105	1,581	1,635	224	957	1,181	118	336	454
Waterford	10,449	14,031	14,345	1,809	7,781	9,590	1,025	3,730	4,755
Dungarvan	1,563	2,161	2,236	291	1,235	1,526	138	572	710
Waterford	8,886	11,870	12,109	1,518	6,546	8,064	887	3,158	4,045
Wexford	12,974	17,783	18,156	2,406	9,428	11,834	1,394	4,928	6,322
Enniscorthy	3,249	4,291	4,333	629	2,319	2,948	376	1,009	1,385
Gorey	2,605	3,772	3,847	451	1,976	2,427	261	1,159	1,420
New Ross	2,300	3,279	3,347	438	1,780	2,218	243	886	1,129
Wexford	4,820	6,441	6,629	888	3,353	4,241	514	1,874	2,388
South-West	39,787	58,078	59,560	6,998	32,704	39,702	3,627	16,231	19,858
Cork	27,627	42,408	43,637	5,128	24,299	29,427	2,617	11,593	14,210
Bandon	1,041	1,481	1,543	177	900	1,077	79	387	466
Bantry	648	1,237	1,278	150	643	793	60	425	485
Bantry (SWLO)	224	311	318	32	144	176	19	123	142
Carrigaline	1,415	2,411	2,485	269	1,373	1,642	107	736	843
Clonakilty	788	1,240	1,266	105	666	771	59	436	495
Cobh	682	1,010	1,063	114	591	705	55	303	358
Cork	12,368	18,708	19,099	2,498	10,796	13,294	1,321	4,484	5,805
Fermoy	1,703	2,607	2,729	341	1,490	1,831	175	723	898
Kinsale	961	1,295	1,324	79	691	770	54	500	554
Macroom	1,100	1,680	1,776	217	1,024	1,241	88	447	535
Mallow	1,732	2,512	2,593	327	1,473	1,800	154	639	793
Midleton	2,021	3,196	3,278	269	1,886	2,155	154	969	1,123
Newmarket	1,070	1,785	1,870	225	1,057	1,282	116	472	588
Skibbereen	667	1,206	1,241	147	616	763	73	405	478
Youghal	1,207	1,729	1,774	178	949	1,127	103	544	647
Kerry	12,160	15,670	15,923	1,870	8,405	10,275	1,010	4,638	5,648
Cahirciveen	579	694	721	87	332	419	46	256	302
Dingle	603	760	810	60	388	448	42	320	362
Kenmare	532	670	703	59	318	377	42	284	326
Killarney	2,300	3,111	3,146	328	1,516	1,844	205	1,097	1,302
Killorglin	944	1,251	1,322	146	746	892	76	354	430
Listowel	2,348	2,850	2,951	409	1,661	2,070	178	703	881
Tralee	4,854	6,334	6,270	781	3,444	4,225	421	1,624	2,045
State	290,018	413,505	423,595	54,805	228,049	282,854	29,593	111,148	140,741

¹ Cumberland Street Local Office has closed with effect from July 2009. Figures previously provided for the Cumberland Street Local Office are now presented in two Local Offices King's Inns Street and Swords with effect from July 2009. Cumberland Street figures from April 2006 to July 2009 included those persons that had been transferred to the Swords Local Office.

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register classified by nationality

		Nationality						
		Non-Irish nationals						
		United Kingdom	EU15 excl. Irl. & UK	EU15 to EU27 States	Other	Non-Irish nationals	Irish nationals	Total Persons
2007	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	11,543	2,638	22,162	8,044	44,387	206,293	250,680
	November	12,320	2,890	25,956	8,468	49,634	217,555	267,189
	December	13,233	3,193	28,788	8,975	54,189	235,829	290,018
2009	January	14,743	3,632	35,627	9,999	64,001	262,271	326,272
	February	15,642	4,033	40,799	10,838	71,312	281,141	352,453
	March	16,220	4,224	43,286	11,449	75,179	294,024	369,203
	April	16,731	4,345	44,358	11,852	77,286	304,590	381,876
	May	17,225	4,358	44,209	12,652	78,444	315,690	394,134
	June	17,929	4,497	44,102	13,737	80,265	335,197	415,462
	July	18,490	4,460	43,098	14,050	80,098	352,323	432,421
	August	18,663	4,445	42,685	13,891	79,684	357,041	436,725
	September	18,098	4,219	41,990	13,436	77,743	342,111	419,854
	October	17,857	4,081	41,663	12,703	76,304	336,103	412,407
	November	17,840	4,031	42,311	12,598	76,780	336,725	413,505
	December	18,062	4,073	42,675	12,709	77,519	346,076	423,595

Background Notes

Source and scope of the Live Register 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:

- ◆ 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 The reference periods for the Live Register results are as follows:
December 2009 – 28th November to 25th December 2009
December 2008 – 29th November to 26th December 2008.

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 Allowance or Jobseekers Benefit. **Unemployment is measured by the Quarterly National Household Survey** (formerly the Annual Labour Force Survey).

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

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 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.

Nationality 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.

Live Register revision New collection methods employed by the Department of Social & Family Affairs (DSFA) for the compilation of the Live Register have permitted more accurate reporting of the number of persons on the Live Register. Specifically these changes allow the identification of individuals who should not previously have been included in the Live Register count but could not be separately identified and excluded under existing arrangements. The changes relate to the following schemes:

Temporarily working - claims for Jobseeker Benefit (JB) and Jobseeker Allowance (JA) which are suspended for the reason that the customer is “temporarily working” are excluded from the live register since participants are engaged in employment.

Short Term Enterprise Allowance scheme (STEA) - this new employment support measure was introduced from the 1st May 2009. While it is part of the DSFA Back to Work Enterprise Allowance programme (participants are engaged in self-employment) it is contingent on qualifying for JB and it is currently recorded and paid on the JB system. Since participants on this scheme are engaged in self-employment they are excluded from the Live Register.

Work Placement Programme (WPP) - this new employment support measure was introduced from the 1st August 2009 (participants are placed on a new 6 month Work Placement Programme). The scheme is administered by FAS, but participants continue to receive their existing social welfare entitlements from DSFA for their duration on the programme. Since participants on this scheme are engaged in employment they are excluded from the Live Register.

In order to facilitate consistent analysis of the Live Register series all data has been revised from October 2008 to September 2009 to exclude the categories listed above. As such annual and monthly change figures presented in this release are on a consistent basis. These revisions are reflected in revised tables both in the release and on the CSO databank. A summary table indicating the size of the revisions for each of the 12 months at state level can be found below. The total level of revision is less than 1 percent of the state total on the Live Register. For further queries on these changes please contact the CSO.

Table A Overall revisions to Live Register totals, October 2008 to September 2009

Month	Total Male	Total Female	Total Live Register
Oct-08	-604	-667	-1,271
Nov-08	-690	-707	-1,397
Dec-08	-750	-595	-1,345
Jan-09	-893	-696	-1,589
Feb-09	-1,109	-875	-1,984
Mar-09	-1,174	-894	-2,068
Apr-09	-1,456	-1,116	-2,572
May-09	-1,592	-1,145	-2,737
Jun-09	-1,932	-1,198	-3,130
Jul-09	-2,033	-1,281	-3,314
Aug-09	-2,103	-1,228	-3,331
Sep-09	-2,381	-1,404	-3,785