

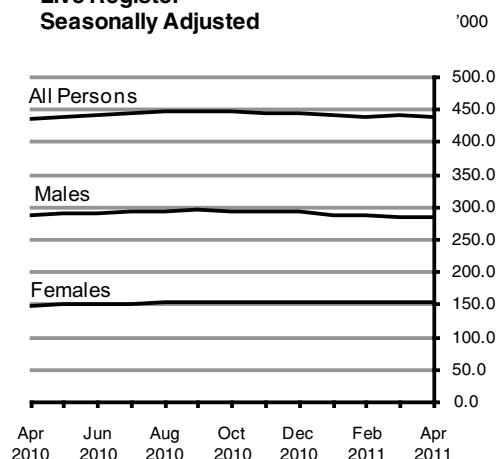


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Live Register April 2011

Live Register Seasonally Adjusted



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
April 2010	432,657	435,400
March 2011	441,193	440,800
April 2011	439,571	439,200
Change in month	-	- 1,600
Change in year	+ 6,914	-

Standardised unemployment rate down slightly to 14.6% in April

The standardised unemployment rate in April 2011 was 14.6%, marginally down from a rate of 14.7% in March. The monthly decrease in the standardised unemployment rate was caused by a fall of 1,600 (-0.4%) in the seasonally adjusted number of persons signing on the Live Register. The latest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate from the Quarterly National Household Survey was 14.7% in the fourth quarter of 2010. The average unemployment rate during 2010 was 13.6%. *See table 3.*

In April 2011 there were 439,571 people signing on the Live Register representing an increase of 6,914 (+1.6%) over the year. This increase is very similar to that recorded in March 2011 (+6,072 or +1.4%) but far less than the increase of 50,781 (+13.3%) seen in the year to April 2010. *See table 1a.*

Other features include:

- ◆ On a seasonally adjusted basis there was a monthly decrease of 1,600 males, while the number of females was unchanged. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The number of female claimants increased by 7,997 (+5.5%), to 152,826 over the year while the number of male claimants decreased by 1,083 (-0.4%) to 286,745. This compares with increases of 20,788 (+16.8%) and 29,993 (+11.6%) for females and males respectively in the year to April 2010. *See table 1a.*
- ◆ The number of casual and part-time workers on the Live Register increased over the year by 6,485 (+8.2%) to 85,594. Casual and part-time workers in April accounted for 19.5% of those on the Live Register, an increase from 12.4% three years earlier. *See table 8.*

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 estimated number of persons unemployed as of the fourth quarter of 2010 was 299,000.

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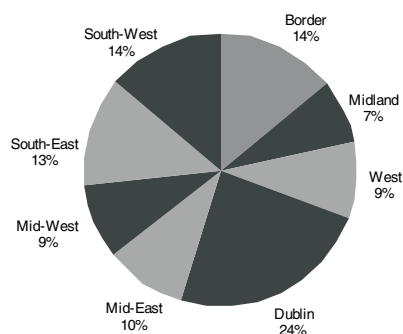
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Live Register classified by Regional Authority, April 2011



Live Register schemes analysis

In April there were 117,488 Jobseekers Benefit (JB) claimants on the Live Register, an annual decrease of 31,172 (-21.0%), while Jobseekers Allowance (JA) claimants increased over the same period by 31,743 (+12.1%) to a level of 293,203. As a result JA claimants now account for 66.7% of all persons on the Live Register compared with 60.4% a year earlier. *See table 1a.*

In the year to April 2011 persons aged 25 and over on the Live Register increased by 10,496 (+3.0%), while the number of persons aged under 25 fell by 3,582 (-4.3%). In both age groups JB claims fell while JA claims increased. Among persons aged under 25 the decrease in JB claimants (-4,520) was far larger than the increase in JA claimants (+957), but for persons aged 25 and over the increase in JA claimants (+30,786) over the year more than offset the decrease in JB claimants (-26,652). *See table 1b and 1c.*

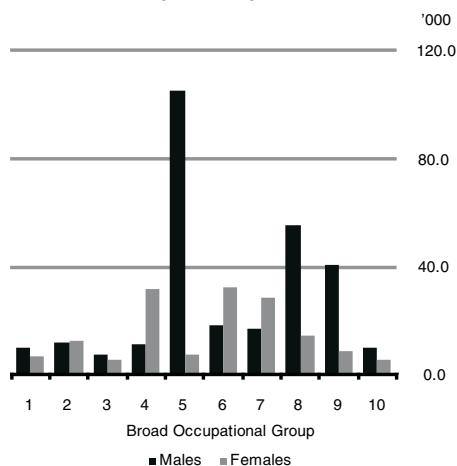
There was an increase of 6,343 (+28.1%) 'Other Registrants' on the Live Register in the year to April 2011 bringing the total to 28,880. This increase was entirely recorded among persons aged 25 and over (+6,362 or +28.8%). *See table 1a and 1c.*

There were 41,996 new registrants on the Live Register in April 2011, consisting of 20,479 JB claims, 19,710 JA claims and 1,807 'Other Registrants'. Males accounted for 23,497 (56.0%) and females 18,499 (44.0%) of all new registrants. On average 4,699 male and 3,700 female new registrants joined the Live Register each week of the month. *See table 4.*

Live Register regional analysis

Annual increases in the Live Register were recorded in seven of the eight NUTS 3 regions, with the only decrease in the Mid-West region (-1.5%). The largest percentage increase was in the Midland region (+4.0%), followed by the Mid-East and Border regions at 2.8% and 2.6% respectively. *See table 5.*

Live Register classified by Last Held Occupation, April 2011



KEY

- 1- Managers and administrators
- 2- Professional
- 3- Associate professional and technical
- 4- Clerical and secretarial
- 5- Craft and related
- 6- Personal and protective service
- 7- Sales
- 8- Plant and machine operatives
- 9- Other occupation
- 10- No occupation

Live Register occupational groups¹

Craft and related (25.5%) was the largest occupational group on the Live Register in April, followed by *Plant and machine operatives* (15.9%). In April 2010 *Craft and related* (27.3%) and *Plant and machine operatives* (16.1%) were also the largest occupational groups, both showing little change. *See table 6.*

In the year to April 2011 six occupational groups showed Live Register increases. The largest percentage increases were in the *Other occupation* group (+8.4%), followed by the *Personal and protective service* (+8.3%) and *Sales* (+5.9%) groups.

Live Register duration of continuous registration

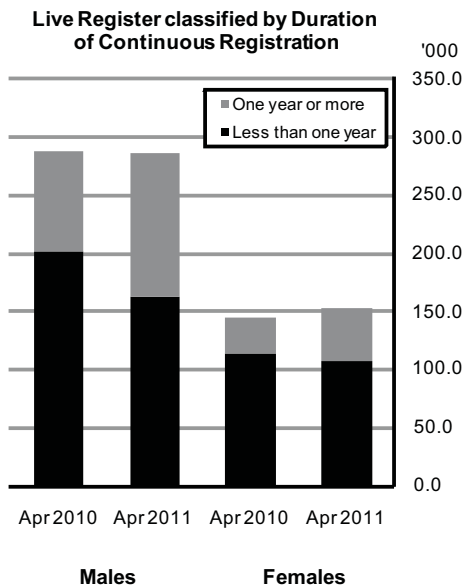
In April 61.5% (270,151) of all claimants on the Live Register were short term claimants. The comparable figure for April 2010 was 72.9% (315,266). The annual fall of 45,115 (-14.3%) in the number of short term claimants consisted of a decrease of 38,930 in the number of male short term claimants and a decrease of 6,185 in female short term claimants. *See table 7.*

In the year to April 2011 the number of long term male claimants increased by 37,847 (+43.6%), while the comparable increase for females was 14,182 (+46.4%) giving an overall annual increase of 52,029 (+44.3%) in the number of long term claimants. *See table 7 and graph on page 3.*

Live Register casual and part-time workers

There were 85,594 casual and part-time workers on the Live Register in April, which represents 19.5% of the total Live Register. This compares with 18.3% one year earlier when there were 79,109 casual and part-time workers on the Live Register. *See table 8*

¹ While the 'No Occupation' group is excluded from the analysis its subtotals are included in the relevant calculations presented in the text.



In the year to April 2011 the number of casual and part-time workers increased by 6,485 (+8.2%), with the number of males increasing by 3,734 (+9.0%) and the number of females increasing by 2,751 (+7.4%).

Live Register nationality groupings

In April Irish nationals accounted for 82.4% (362,048) of the number of persons on the Live Register. Of the 77,523 non-Irish nationals, the largest constituent group on the Live Register continued to be nationals from the EU15 to EU27 States (42,698), followed by the UK (18,021). *See table 9.*

In the year to April 2011 the number of Irish nationals on the Live Register increased by 7,782 (+2.2%), while the number of non-Irish nationals decreased by 868 (-1.1%).

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	April 2010	March 2011	April 2011	Monthly change		Annual change
Males						
JB Claims	87,321	67,100	63,982	-	3,118	- 23,339
JA Applications	192,591	212,973	212,464	-	509	+ 19,873
Other Registrants	7,916	10,152	10,299	+	147	+ 2,383
Total	287,828	290,225	286,745	-	3,480	- 1,083
Females						
JB Claims	61,339	52,967	53,506	+	539	- 7,833
JA Applications	68,869	79,903	80,739	+	836	+ 11,870
Other Registrants	14,621	18,098	18,581	+	483	+ 3,960
Total	144,829	150,968	152,826	+	1,858	+ 7,997
All Persons						
JB Claims	148,660	120,067	117,488	-	2,579	- 31,172
JA Applications	261,460	292,876	293,203	+	327	+ 31,743
Other Registrants	22,537	28,250	28,880	+	630	+ 6,343
Total	432,657	441,193	439,571	-	1,622	+ 6,914

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

Category	April 2010	March 2011	April 2011	Monthly change		Annual change
Males						
JB Claims	9,429	6,496	5,935	-	561	- 3,494
JA Applications	43,804	44,864	43,854	-	1,010	+ 50
Other Registrants	165	154	153	-	1	- 12
Total	53,398	51,514	49,942	-	1,572	- 3,456
Females						
JB Claims	6,039	5,275	5,013	-	262	- 1,026
JA Applications	23,311	24,317	24,218	-	99	+ 907
Other Registrants	250	250	243	-	7	- 7
Total	29,600	29,842	29,474	-	368	- 126
All Persons						
JB Claims	15,468	11,771	10,948	-	823	- 4,520
JA Applications	67,115	69,181	68,072	-	1,109	+ 957
Other Registrants	415	404	396	-	8	- 19
Total	82,998	81,356	79,416	-	1,940	- 3,582

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

Category	April 2010	March 2011	April 2011	Monthly change		Annual change
Males						
JB Claims	77,892	60,604	58,047	-	2,557	- 19,845
JA Applications	148,787	168,109	168,610	+	501	+ 19,823
Other Registrants	7,751	9,998	10,146	+	148	+ 2,395
Total	234,430	238,711	236,803	-	1,908	+ 2,373
Females						
JB Claims	55,300	47,692	48,493	+	801	- 6,807
JA Applications	45,558	55,586	56,521	+	935	+ 10,963
Other Registrants	14,371	17,848	18,338	+	490	+ 3,967
Total	115,229	121,126	123,352	+	2,226	+ 8,123
All Persons						
JB Claims	133,192	108,296	106,540	-	1,756	- 26,652
JA Applications	194,345	223,695	225,131	+	1,436	+ 30,786
Other Registrants	22,122	27,846	28,484	+	638	+ 6,362
Total	349,659	359,837	360,155	+	318	+ 10,496

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

	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series ¹		
		Males	Females	All Persons	Males	Females	All Persons
2009	April	257,800	124,000	381,900	255,400	126,600	382,000
	May	265,500	128,700	394,100	266,100	131,500	397,600
	June	275,400	140,000	415,500	270,400	134,400	404,800
	July	281,300	151,100	432,400	275,000	137,300	412,300
	August	284,200	152,600	436,700	279,600	139,900	419,500
	September	278,000	141,900	419,900	284,500	142,700	427,200
	October	273,600	138,800	412,400	287,600	144,300	431,900
	November	276,100	137,400	413,500	288,900	145,800	434,600
	December	282,900	140,700	423,600	286,500	146,300	432,800
2010	January	291,600	145,300	436,900	286,800	148,200	435,000
	February	290,900	146,100	437,000	284,100	147,400	431,500
	March	290,200	144,900	435,100	284,000	146,300	430,300
	April	287,800	144,800	432,700	286,600	148,900	435,400
	May	290,400	147,500	437,900	290,300	150,200	440,400
	June	297,100	155,800	452,900	291,600	150,300	441,900
	July	300,500	166,400	466,800	293,600	152,200	445,800
	August	300,000	167,000	466,900	294,800	154,000	448,800
	September	289,800	152,600	442,400	295,700	153,200	448,900
	October	281,600	148,000	429,600	294,900	153,400	448,300
	November	280,200	144,800	425,000	292,800	153,300	446,100
	December	288,800	148,300	437,100	292,100	153,900	446,100
2011	January	292,000	150,700	442,700	287,900	153,700	441,600
	February	291,800	152,500	444,300	286,400	154,000	440,300
	March	290,200	151,000	441,200	286,200	154,600	440,800
	April	286,700	152,800	439,600	284,600	154,600	439,200

¹ Table contains revised figures.**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	All Persons	Males	Females	All Persons
2009	April	52,900	27,400	80,300	53,400	29,000	82,400
	May	54,400	29,500	83,900	55,100	30,400	85,500
	June	57,900	33,200	91,100	55,800	30,700	86,500
	July	59,300	35,400	94,600	56,300	31,100	87,300
	August	59,400	35,600	95,000	56,600	31,300	87,900
	September	56,700	33,100	89,800	57,100	31,900	89,000
	October	54,100	30,800	84,900	57,100	32,200	89,400
	November	53,500	29,900	83,400	56,700	32,400	89,100
	December	54,800	29,600	84,400	56,500	32,300	88,800
2010	January	55,200	30,700	85,900	55,100	32,000	87,100
	February	54,600	30,500	85,100	54,100	31,300	85,400
	March	54,900	30,100	85,000	54,300	31,100	85,400
	April	53,400	29,600	83,000	54,200	31,600	85,800
	May	54,400	31,200	85,600	55,000	32,100	87,100
	June	57,500	34,100	91,600	55,300	31,600	86,900
	July	58,600	36,000	94,600	55,500	31,700	87,200
	August	58,300	36,300	94,600	55,400	31,900	87,400
	September	55,200	33,500	88,700	55,300	32,200	87,400
	October	52,000	30,900	82,900	54,800	32,100	86,900
	November	51,000	29,500	80,500	54,000	31,900	85,900
	December	52,100	29,200	81,300	53,600	31,800	85,300
2011	January	52,200	30,000	82,200	52,300	31,300	83,600
	February	51,900	30,200	82,100	51,700	31,200	82,900
	March	51,500	29,800	81,400	51,200	31,200	82,500
	April	49,900	29,500	79,400	50,900	31,100	82,000

¹ Table contains revised figures.

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	All Persons	Males	Females	All Persons
2009	April	205,000	96,600	301,600	202,000	97,600	299,600
	May	211,100	99,200	310,300	211,100	101,100	312,100
	June	217,500	106,800	324,400	214,600	103,600	318,300
	July	222,000	115,700	337,800	218,700	106,200	324,900
	August	224,800	116,900	341,800	223,000	108,600	331,600
	September	221,300	108,700	330,000	227,400	110,800	338,200
	October	219,500	108,000	327,500	230,500	112,100	342,600
	November	222,600	107,500	330,100	232,100	113,400	345,500
	December	228,000	111,100	339,200	230,100	113,900	344,000
2010	January	236,400	114,600	351,000	231,700	116,200	347,900
	February	236,300	115,600	351,800	230,000	116,000	346,000
	March	235,300	114,800	350,100	229,700	115,200	344,900
	April	234,400	115,200	349,700	232,300	117,300	349,600
	May	235,900	116,400	352,300	235,300	118,100	353,400
	June	239,500	121,700	361,200	236,300	118,700	355,000
	July	241,800	130,400	372,200	238,200	120,500	358,700
	August	241,700	130,700	372,400	239,400	122,100	361,500
	September	234,600	119,100	353,800	240,400	121,100	361,500
	October	229,600	117,100	346,600	240,200	121,300	361,400
	November	229,200	115,300	344,500	238,700	121,400	360,200
	December	236,700	119,100	355,800	238,600	122,200	360,700
2011	January	239,800	120,700	360,400	235,600	122,400	358,000
	February	240,000	122,300	362,200	234,700	122,800	357,500
	March	238,700	121,100	359,800	235,000	123,400	358,400
	April	236,800	123,400	360,200	233,700	123,500	357,200

¹ Table contains revised figures.

Table 3 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates (SUR)¹

Month	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
	%	%	%	%	%	%
January	4.4	4.4	4.8	9.4	13.0	14.7
February ²	4.4	4.5	4.9	10.2	12.9	14.7
March	4.4	4.4	5.2	10.8	12.9	14.7
April	4.4	4.5	5.3	11.2	13.1	14.6
May ²	4.5	4.5	5.5	11.6	13.2	
June	4.5	4.5	5.9	11.9	13.3	
July	4.5	4.5	6.3	12.2	13.5	
August ²	4.5	4.5	6.8	12.4	13.7	
September	4.5	4.6	7.1	12.7	14.0	
October	4.4	4.6	7.6	12.9	14.5	
November ²	4.3	4.8	8.1	13.1	14.7 ³	
December	4.4	4.8	8.6	13.0	14.8	
Annual average	4.4	4.6	6.3	11.8	13.6	

¹ Table contains revised figures.

² Benchmark Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) calendar quarter estimates.

³ The latest QNHS estimate of the unemployment rate (adjusted for seasonality) is: October-December 2010, 14.7%.

Table 4 Summary of flows¹ on and off the Live Register

		Number of Weeks	Males				Females			
			Live Register	New Regis- trations	Outflow (derived)	Average Weekly Change	Live Register	New Regis- trations	Outflow (derived)	Average Weekly Change
JB Claims										
2010	April	5	87,321	13,413	18,963	- 1,110	61,339	12,280	13,954	- 335
	May	4	84,547	10,582	13,356	- 694	60,438	7,942	8,843	- 225
	June	4	83,278	10,886	12,155	- 317	62,799	10,252	7,891	+ 590
	July	5	81,499	13,338	15,117	- 356	68,229	16,305	10,875	+ 1,086
	August	4	78,239	8,455	11,715	- 815	66,601	7,304	8,932	- 407
	September	4	72,408	9,325	15,156	- 1,458	55,942	7,627	18,286	- 2,665
	October	5	68,599	12,335	16,144	- 762	54,117	10,568	12,393	- 365
	November	4	67,194	10,910	12,315	- 351	51,806	8,229	10,540	- 578
	December	5	70,896	13,881	10,179	+ 740	54,179	8,990	6,617	+ 475
2011	January	4	71,084	13,311	13,123	+ 47	54,612	11,097	10,664	+ 108
	February	4	69,409	10,133	11,808	- 419	55,183	9,108	8,537	+ 143
	March	4	67,100	9,026	11,335	- 577	52,967	7,272	9,488	- 554
	April	5	63,982	10,275	13,393	- 624	53,506	10,204	9,665	+ 108
JA Applications										
2010	April	5	192,591	15,851	13,125	+ 545	68,869	7,276	6,128	+ 230
	May	4	197,642	13,652	8,601	+ 1,263	71,999	7,134	4,004	+ 783
	June	4	205,259	15,428	7,811	+ 1,904	77,282	8,880	3,597	+ 1,321
	July	5	210,185	17,241	12,315	+ 985	81,409	10,384	6,257	+ 825
	August	4	212,731	12,179	9,633	+ 637	83,276	6,636	4,769	+ 467
	September	4	208,367	13,679	18,043	- 1,091	80,058	7,597	10,815	- 805
	October	5	203,934	16,281	20,714	- 887	77,130	8,473	11,401	- 586
	November	4	203,693	13,216	13,457	- 60	76,078	6,571	7,623	- 263
	December	5	208,371	12,724	8,046	+ 936	76,997	5,360	4,441	+ 184
2011	January	4	211,071	12,783	10,083	+ 675	78,512	6,744	5,229	+ 379
	February	4	212,334	12,468	11,205	+ 316	79,399	6,619	5,732	+ 222
	March	4	212,973	11,112	10,473	+ 160	79,903	5,651	5,147	+ 126
	April	5	212,464	12,647	13,156	- 102	80,739	7,063	6,227	+ 167
Other Registrants										
2010	April	5	7,916	797	361	+ 87	14,621	1,293	843	+ 90
	May	4	8,196	582	302	+ 70	15,100	979	500	+ 120
	June	4	8,521	608	283	+ 81	15,743	1,208	565	+ 161
	July	5	8,776	844	589	+ 51	16,726	2,075	1,092	+ 197
	August	4	8,981	604	399	+ 51	17,095	1,016	647	+ 92
	September	4	9,023	616	574	+ 11	16,619	1,116	1,592	- 119
	October	5	9,066	771	728	+ 9	16,707	1,399	1,311	+ 18
	November	4	9,341	704	429	+ 69	16,890	1,157	974	+ 46
	December	5	9,535	665	471	+ 39	17,101	995	784	+ 42
2011	January	4	9,848	782	469	+ 78	17,550	1,398	949	+ 112
	February	4	10,063	640	425	+ 54	17,911	1,156	795	+ 90
	March	4	10,152	477	388	+ 22	18,098	948	761	+ 47
	April	5	10,299	575	428	+ 29	18,581	1,232	749	+ 97

¹ Flow analysis: inflows and outflows published in this table do not take account of inter-scheme activity within the Live Register. For example, if a claimant exhausts his/her entitlement to JB and opens a new JA claim this is counted as an outflow in JB and an inflow in JA.

Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	April 2010	March 2011	April 2011	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland and Western	87,934	88,909	87,851	- 1,058	- 83	15,750	72,101
Border	40,564	40,768	40,513	- 255	- 51	7,477	33,036
Midland	21,165	21,831	21,406	- 425	+ 241	3,840	17,566
West	26,205	26,310	25,932	- 378	- 273	4,433	21,499
Southern and Eastern	199,894	201,316	198,894	- 2,422	- 1,000	34,192	164,702
Dublin	69,402	70,010	69,617	- 393	+ 215	12,383	57,234
Mid-East	27,195	27,722	27,438	- 284	+ 243	4,554	22,884
Mid-West	25,728	25,291	24,827	- 464	- 901	4,307	20,520
South-East	37,373	37,804	37,397	- 407	+ 24	6,820	30,577
South-West	40,196	40,489	39,615	- 874	- 581	6,128	33,487
Total	287,828	290,225	286,745	- 3,480	- 1,083	49,942	236,803
Females							
Border, Midland and Western	44,020	47,140	47,638	+ 498	+ 3,618	9,557	38,081
Border	20,041	21,367	21,638	+ 271	+ 1,597	4,372	17,266
Midland	10,488	11,311	11,512	+ 201	+ 1,024	2,455	9,057
West	13,491	14,462	14,488	+ 26	+ 997	2,730	11,758
Southern and Eastern	100,809	103,828	105,188	+ 1,360	+ 4,379	19,917	85,271
Dublin	34,348	34,648	35,067	+ 419	+ 719	6,923	28,144
Mid-East	14,359	14,862	15,288	+ 426	+ 929	2,696	12,592
Mid-West	13,368	13,527	13,691	+ 164	+ 323	2,656	11,035
South-East	18,437	19,381	19,799	+ 418	+ 1,362	4,065	15,734
South-West	20,297	21,410	21,343	- 67	+ 1,046	3,577	17,766
Total	144,829	150,968	152,826	+ 1,858	+ 7,997	29,474	123,352
All Persons							
Border, Midland and Western	131,954	136,049	135,489	- 560	+ 3,535	25,307	110,182
Border	60,605	62,135	62,151	+ 16	+ 1,546	11,849	50,302
Midland	31,653	33,142	32,918	- 224	+ 1,265	6,295	26,623
West	39,696	40,772	40,420	- 352	+ 724	7,163	33,257
Southern and Eastern	300,703	305,144	304,082	- 1,062	+ 3,379	54,109	249,973
Dublin	103,750	104,658	104,684	+ 26	+ 934	19,306	85,378
Mid-East	41,554	42,584	42,726	+ 142	+ 1,172	7,250	35,476
Mid-West	39,096	38,818	38,518	- 300	- 578	6,963	31,555
South-East	55,810	57,185	57,196	+ 11	+ 1,386	10,885	46,311
South-West	60,493	61,899	60,958	- 941	+ 465	9,705	51,253
Total	432,657	441,193	439,571	- 1,622	+ 6,914	79,416	360,155

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

Table 6 Persons on the Live Register classified by last held occupation

Broad occupational group	April 2010	March 2011	April 2011	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Managers and administrators	10,687	10,128	9,956	- 172	- 731	429	9,527
Professional	12,534	11,735	11,749	+ 14	- 785	1,153	10,596
Associate professional and technical	7,691	7,510	7,413	- 97	- 278	945	6,468
Clerical and secretarial	11,486	11,435	11,612	+ 177	+ 126	1,974	9,638
Craft and related	111,174	107,185	105,030	- 2,155	- 6,144	15,657	89,373
Personal and protective service	16,945	18,724	18,270	- 454	+ 1,325	3,248	15,022
Sales	16,010	17,141	17,139	- 2	+ 1,129	5,724	11,415
Plant and machine operatives	54,831	55,623	55,148	- 475	+ 317	7,916	47,232
Other occupation	38,348	40,811	40,479	- 332	+ 2,131	8,211	32,268
No occupation ¹	8,122	9,933	9,949	+ 16	+ 1,827	4,685	5,264
Total	287,828	290,225	286,745	- 3,480	- 1,083	49,942	236,803
Females							
Managers and administrators	7,150	6,924	6,790	- 134	- 360	271	6,519
Professional	11,465	11,520	12,338	+ 818	+ 873	1,089	11,249
Associate professional and technical	5,131	5,267	5,274	+ 7	+ 143	581	4,693
Clerical and secretarial	31,517	30,318	31,703	+ 1,385	+ 186	2,640	29,063
Craft and related	6,805	7,242	7,176	- 66	+ 371	1,220	5,956
Personal and protective service	29,607	32,301	32,166	- 135	+ 2,559	7,404	24,762
Sales	26,886	28,497	28,304	- 193	+ 1,418	8,296	20,008
Plant and machine operatives	14,819	14,793	14,807	+ 14	- 12	2,542	12,265
Other occupation	7,111	8,749	8,807	+ 58	+ 1,696	2,648	6,159
No occupation ¹	4,338	5,357	5,461	+ 104	+ 1,123	2,783	2,678
Total	144,829	150,968	152,826	+ 1,858	+ 7,997	29,474	123,352
All Persons							
Managers and administrators	17,837	17,052	16,746	- 306	- 1,091	700	16,046
Professional	23,999	23,255	24,087	+ 832	+ 88	2,242	21,845
Associate professional and technical	12,822	12,777	12,687	- 90	- 135	1,526	11,161
Clerical and secretarial	43,003	41,753	43,315	+ 1,562	+ 312	4,614	38,701
Craft and related	117,979	114,427	112,206	- 2,221	- 5,773	16,877	95,329
Personal and protective service	46,552	51,025	50,436	- 589	+ 3,884	10,652	39,784
Sales	42,896	45,638	45,443	- 195	+ 2,547	14,020	31,423
Plant and machine operatives	69,650	70,416	69,955	- 461	+ 305	10,458	59,497
Other occupation	45,459	49,560	49,286	- 274	+ 3,827	10,859	38,427
No occupation ¹	12,460	15,290	15,410	+ 120	+ 2,950	7,468	7,942
Total	432,657	441,193	439,571	- 1,622	+ 6,914	79,416	360,155

¹ Includes those who never worked and those who have no stated occupation.

Table 7 Persons on the Live Register classified by duration of continuous registration

Duration	April 2010	March 2011	April 2011	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Less than one year	201,006	167,470	162,076	- 5,394	- 38,930	30,686	131,390
One year or more	86,822	122,755	124,669	+ 1,914	+ 37,847	19,256	105,413
Total	287,828	290,225	286,745	- 3,480	- 1,083	49,942	236,803
Females							
Less than one year	114,260	107,096	108,075	+ 979	- 6,185	20,743	87,332
One year or more	30,569	43,872	44,751	+ 879	+ 14,182	8,731	36,020
Total	144,829	150,968	152,826	+ 1,858	+ 7,997	29,474	123,352
All Persons							
Less than one year	315,266	274,566	270,151	- 4,415	- 45,115	51,429	218,722
One year or more	117,391	166,627	169,420	+ 2,793	+ 52,029	27,987	141,433
Total	432,657	441,193	439,571	- 1,622	+ 6,914	79,416	360,155

Table 8 Casual and part-time workers on the Live Register

		Males	Monthly change	Females	Monthly change	All Persons	Monthly change
2009	April	32,986	+ 1,602	29,315	+ 866	62,301	+ 2,468
	May	35,588	+ 2,602	30,590	+ 1,275	66,178	+ 3,877
	June	36,718	+ 1,130	31,414	+ 824	68,132	+ 1,954
	July	37,415	+ 697	32,138	+ 724	69,553	+ 1,421
	August	37,749	+ 334	32,354	+ 216	70,103	+ 550
	September	38,268	+ 519	32,590	+ 236	70,858	+ 755
	October	37,273	- 995	32,087	- 503	69,360	- 1,498
	November	39,322	+ 2,049	34,308	+ 2,221	73,630	+ 4,270
	December	39,493	+ 171	34,506	+ 198	73,999	+ 369
2010	January	40,743	+ 1,250	36,120	+ 1,614	76,863	+ 2,864
	February	42,026	+ 1,283	37,263	+ 1,143	79,289	+ 2,426
	March	42,284	+ 258	37,565	+ 302	79,849	+ 560
	April	41,713	- 571	37,396	- 169	79,109	- 740
	May	41,602	- 111	37,273	- 123	78,875	- 234
	June	41,790	+ 188	37,449	+ 176	79,239	+ 364
	July	41,624	- 166	37,448	- 1	79,072	- 167
	August	41,162	- 462	37,120	- 328	78,282	- 790
	September	40,399	- 763	36,480	- 640	76,879	- 1,403
	October	40,914	+ 515	37,010	+ 530	77,924	+ 1,045
	November	42,162	+ 1,248	38,046	+ 1,036	80,208	+ 2,284
	December	43,510	+ 1,348	38,548	+ 502	82,058	+ 1,850
2011	January	44,117	+ 607	39,115	+ 567	83,232	+ 1,174
	February	45,086	+ 969	39,973	+ 858	85,059	+ 1,827
	March	45,603	+ 517	40,552	+ 579	86,155	+ 1,096
	April	45,447	- 156	40,147	- 405	85,594	- 561

Table 9 Persons on the Live Register classified by nationality grouping

		Nationality grouping						All Persons
		Non-Irish nationals				Non-Irish nationals	Irish nationals	
		United Kingdom	EU15 excl. Irl. & UK	EU15 to EU27 States	Other			
2009	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	41,369	12,997	76,304	336,103	412,407
	November	17,840	4,031	42,003	12,906	76,780	336,725	413,505
	December	18,062	4,073	42,366	13,018	77,519	346,076	423,595
2010	January	18,524	4,186	45,328	13,357	81,395	355,541	436,936
	February	18,413	4,139	45,338	13,376	81,266	355,690	436,956
	March	18,238	4,039	44,486	13,278	80,041	355,080	435,121
	April	18,081	3,955	43,248	13,107	78,391	354,266	432,657
	May	18,217	3,964	42,416	13,472	78,069	359,853	437,922
	June	18,619	4,028	41,856	14,342	78,845	374,037	452,882
	July	18,979	4,100	41,570	14,563	79,212	387,612	466,824
	August	19,007	4,115	41,154	14,581	78,857	388,066	466,923
	September	18,190	3,902	40,427	13,926	76,445	365,972	442,417
	October	17,715	3,755	40,065	13,100	74,635	354,918	429,553
	November	17,598	3,705	40,728	12,751	74,782	350,220	425,002
	December	17,855	3,704	42,198	12,888	76,645	360,434	437,079
2011	January	18,078	3,793	43,619	13,037	78,527	364,150	442,677
	February	18,065	3,813	44,167	13,117	79,162	365,137	444,299
	March	17,956	3,817	43,722	13,099	78,594	362,599	441,193
	April	18,021	3,729	42,698	13,075	77,523	362,048	439,571

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 Protection. 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: April 2011 – 26th March to 29th April 2011 April 2010 – 27th March to 30th April 2010
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).
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.

Official estimates of the number of persons unemployed and the unemployment rate are produced from the Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS). The QNHS is the only source of information on unemployment and employment which can apply standard International Labour Organisation (ILO) methodology to the estimation of these key indicators. The background notes of the QNHS release contain more information on the ILO criteria. Given the timelag required to produce estimates from the QNHS and the quarterly periodicity, short-term trends in the Live Register are used to estimate more up-to-date monthly unemployment rates.

The seasonally adjusted QNHS estimate of unemployment is used as a benchmark for February (Quarter 1 QNHS), May (Quarter 2 QNHS), August (Quarter 3 QNHS) and November (Quarter 4 QNHS) each year. The latest QNHS benchmark is updated using the trend in the seasonally adjusted Live Register to allow the estimation of the SUR. Once new QNHS data is available it is used to revise the SUR series. The assumption underlying this methodology is that over short periods the change in the seasonally adjusted Live Register will represent accurately the change in unemployment which will be seen from the QNHS. This methodology has been used since the QNHS was first initiated at the end of 1997. Historically, this methodology has typically operated well in yielding SUR estimates which have not required major revisions once up to date QNHS estimates have become available. However, on occasion divergences in short-term trends in the QNHS and the Live Register have occurred and on these occasions the scale of revision to the SUR estimates have been relatively larger. This becomes more likely in periods where there is relatively greater volatility in the labour market and also where higher levels of unemployment are recorded as was the case in Q4 2010.

In this case the short-term trend in the seasonally adjusted Live Register had seen a decrease between August and November 2010. However when Q4 2010 estimates from the QNHS were published they showed a relatively large increase in the seasonally adjusted level of unemployment and the unemployment rate. This created a relatively large revision of 1 percentage point or more in the published SUR which had been estimated from the Live Register for November 2010 to February 2011 inclusive.

Given the high priority on short-term information on unemployment the CSO will continue to apply the existing methodology to allow early monthly estimates of the SUR to be produced. However, these estimates will continue to be subject to revision once official estimates of unemployment from the QNHS become available.

QNHS The Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS), which began in September 1997, replaced the Labour Force Survey and provides quarterly estimates of the unemployment rate. Up to and including the fourth quarter of 2008 the QNHS operated on a seasonal quarter basis. As of the first quarter 2009 the QNHS is now undertaken on a calendar quarter basis.

The calendar reference quarters for survey results are:

Q1 - January to March, Q2 - April to June, Q3 - July to September and Q4 - October to December.

The calendar quarter estimates for Q4 2010 (adjusted for seasonality) are:

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	%	%	%	%
2005	4.2	4.6	4.4	4.3
2006	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.3
2007	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.8
2008	4.9	5.5	6.8	8.1
2009	10.2	11.6	12.4	13.1
2010	12.9	13.2	13.7	14.7

Seasonal adjustment Since January 2011 the seasonal adjustment of the Live Register is completed by applying the X-12-ARIMA model, developed by the U.S. Census Bureau. Seasonal adjustment is conducted using the indirect approach, where each individual series is independently adjusted (male under 25 years, female under 25 years, male 25 years and over and female 25 years and over). To preserve consistency between the individual and aggregate series, the series for gender, age group and total Live Register are then created from these four component series.

The X-12 ARIMA method has the X-11 moving averages process at its core, but builds on this by providing options for pre-treating the series using a regARIMA approach for prior adjustment and series extension. In essence this methodology will estimate seasonal factors while taking account of temporary changes, outliers, level shifts and calendar effects (e.g timing of Easter).

For additional information on the use of X-12-ARIMA see detailed note in the January 2011 Live Register release.

Jobseekers Benefit Duration Prior to 19 January 2004 Jobseekers Benefit was payable for **15 months** (390 days).

From 19 January 2004, Jobseeker's Benefit could be paid for a maximum of **15 months** (390 days) to people who had at least 260 paid PRSI contributions. Jobseeker's Benefit could be paid for a maximum of **12 months** (312 days) to people who had less than 260 paid contributions. (Refers to new claims).

Since 15 October 2008, Jobseeker's Benefit can be paid for a maximum of **12 months** (312 days) to people who have at least 260 paid PRSI contributions. Jobseeker's Benefit can be paid for a maximum of **9 months** (234 days) to people who have less than 260 paid contributions. (Refers to new claims).

Live Register Flows Live Register flows data is sourced from information collected by the Department of Social Protection. The aggregate of new registrations for each month is used in conjunction with the net change over the same period to calculate the outflow from the register. A new registration is defined as anybody on the Live Register in a particular month who was not on it the previous month. Inflows and outflows published in this release do not take account of inter-scheme activity within the Live Register. For example, if a claimant exhausts his/her entitlement to JB and opens a new JA claim this is counted as an outflow in JB and an inflow in JA.

Live Register Area Analysis The basis of the area analysis in Live Register statistics is the Department of Social Protection 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. data for the Cork City Office of Registration refers to all persons signing on in Cork City but may include persons not resident in Cork City. **The latest available Live Register data by Province, County and**

Local Office of Registration will be released on the CSO website through the CSO Main Data Dissemination Service, Database Direct one day after the publication of this release.

NUTS2 and NUTS3 regions The Regional classifications 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	Laois 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

Occupations Live Register occupational data is sourced from information collected by the Department of Social Protection on the most recent occupation of claimants when they sign on the Live Register. The classification used is based on the UK Standard Occupational Classification (SOC). "No occupation" is an additional category and includes those who have never worked and those who have no stated occupation.

Age by Duration Analysis Duration of continuous registration on the Live Register was previously compiled on a half-yearly basis (April and October). The Live Register Age by Duration release has now been replaced by a monthly table in this release. The bi-annual release related to the second last Friday of the reference month but the monthly age by duration data since October 2009 corresponds to the end of month Live Register totals. **Detailed tables relating to regional and scheme data will continue to be made available on the CSO website through the CSO Main Data Dissemination Service, Database Direct on a bi-annual basis.**

Casual and part-time workers The casual and part-time workers' figure is based on data supplied by the Department of Social Protection. People may apply for Jobseekers Benefit or Jobseekers Allowance if they only work for part of a week and be included on the Live Register.

Nationality Data in the nationality grouping table is sourced from information collected by the Department of Social Protection on the nationality of claimants when they first sign on the Live Register.

CSO Database Direct More detailed information on geographic breakdowns of the Live Register and duration of continuous registration along with all Live Register published data can be found on the CSO Main Data Dissemination Service, Database Direct on the CSO website

<http://www.cso.ie/>

Go to:

- > Database Direct
- > CSO Main Data Dissemination Service
- > Labour Market and Earnings
- > Labour Force
- > Live Register

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