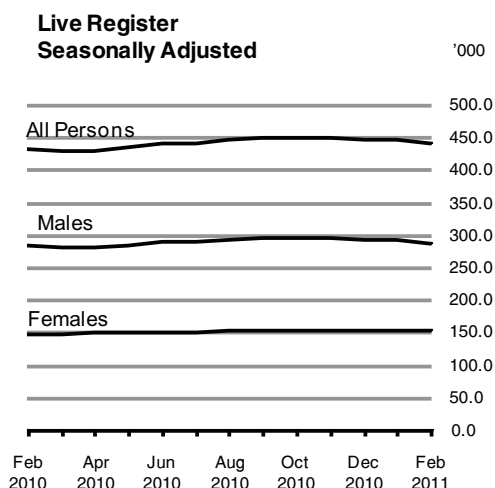




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Live Register February 2011



	Live Register All Persons	Seasonally Adjusted
February 2010	436,956	430,600
January 2011	442,677	440,900
February 2011	444,299	439,200
Change in month	+ 1,622	- 1,700
Change in year	+ 7,343	+ 8,600

Seasonally adjusted Live Register shows slight decrease in February

In February 2011 there were 444,299 people signing on the Live Register representing an annual increase of 7,343 (+1.7%) over the year. This compares with an increase of 5,741 (+1.3%) in the year to January 2011 and an increase of 84,503 (+24.0%) in the year to February 2010.

On a seasonally adjusted basis there was a decrease of 1,700 on the Live Register in the month to February 2011. This small decrease follows a larger seasonally adjusted monthly decrease of 5,800 in January 2011. Overall the Live Register has fallen by 10,000 on a seasonally adjusted basis since its peak in August/September 2010. All of the decrease in the seasonally adjusted series over the last six months has been recorded for males. *See tables 1, 2a and graph opposite.*

Other features include:

- ◆ There was a monthly decrease of 2,000 males and an increase of 300 females in the seasonally adjusted series in February. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The number of female claimants increased by 6,404 (+4.4%) over the year while the number of male claimants increased marginally by 939 (+0.3%). This compares with increases of 31,836 (+27.9%) and 52,667 (+22.1%) for females and males respectively in the year to February 2010. *See table 1a.*
- ◆ The number of casual and part-time workers on the Live Register increased over the year by 5,770 (+7.3%) to 85,059. *See table 8.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in February was 13.5%, unchanged from January. This compares with 13.6% in the third quarter of 2010, the latest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate from the Quarterly National Household Survey and an annual average of 13.3% for 2010. *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 seasonally adjusted figure, for July to September 2010, is 288,500 persons unemployed.

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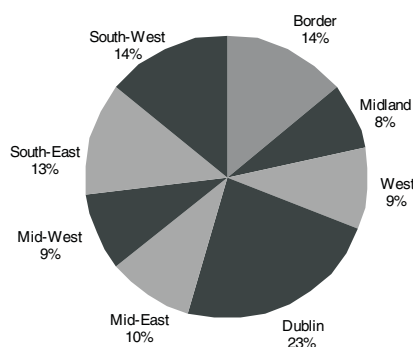
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Live Register classified by Regional Authority, February 2011



Live Register schemes analysis

In February there were 124,592 Jobseekers Benefit (JB) claimants on the Live Register, an annual decrease of 37,961 (-23.4%). Jobseekers Allowance (JA) claimants increased over the same period by 38,334 (+15.1%) and now stands at 291,733. As a result JA claimants now account for 65.7% of all persons on the Live Register compared with 58.0% a year earlier. *See table 1a.*

The number of Other Registrants on the Live Register increased by 6,970 (+33.2%) in the year to February 2011.

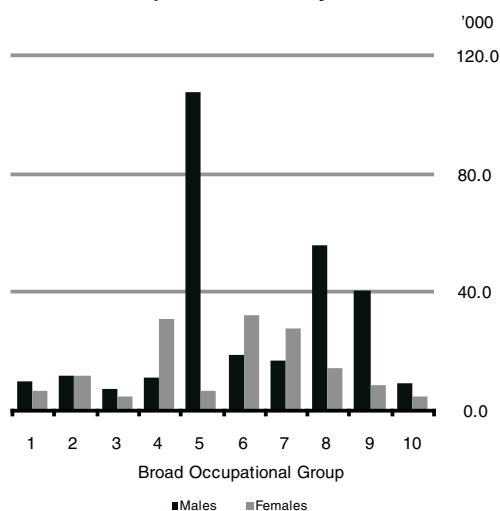
The number of JB claimants aged 25 years and over decreased by 32,763 (-22.6%) over the year to February 2011, while the number of JA claimants aged 25 years and over increased by 36,214 (+19.5%). The total number of claimants under 25 years of age decreased by 3,053 (-3.6%) over the year. *See table 1b and 1c.*

There were 40,124 new registrants on the Live Register in February 2011, consisting of 19,241 JB claims, 19,087 JA claims and 1,796 Other Registrants. Males accounted for 23,241 (57.9%) and females 16,883 (42.1%) of all new registrants. On average 5,810 males and 4,221 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 (-1.3%). The largest percentage increase was in the Midland region (+5.0%), followed by the Mid-East and Border regions at +2.8% and +2.7% respectively. *See table 5.*

Live Register classified by Last Held Occupation, February 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 (25.9%) was the largest occupational group on the Live Register in February, followed by *Plant and machine operatives* (16.0%). In February 2010 *Craft and related* (27.2%) and *Plant and machine operatives* (16.1%) were also the largest occupational groups, both showing little change.

In the year to February 2011 four occupational groups showed Live Register increases. The largest percentage increases were in the *Other occupation* (+9.4%), followed by the *Personal and protective service* (+7.9%) and *Sales* (+6.3%) groups. *See table 6.*

Live Register duration of continuous registration

In February 280,474 (63.1%) of all claimants on the Live Register were short term claimants. The comparable figure for February 2010 was 329,211 (75.3%). The annual fall of 48,737 (-14.8%) in the number of short-term claimants consisted of a decrease of 40,076 in the number of male short term claimants and a decrease of 8,661 in female short term claimants. *See table 7.*

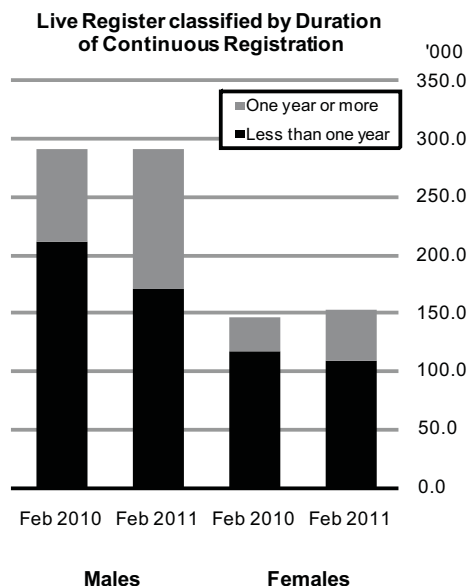
In the year to February 2011 the number of long term male claimants increased by 41,015 (+51.5%), while the comparable increase for females was 15,065 (+53.6%) giving an overall annual increase of 56,080 (+52.0%) in the number of long term claimants. *See table 7 and graph on page 3.*

Live Register casual and part-time workers

There were 85,059 casual and part-time workers on the Live Register in February, which represents 19.1% of the total Live Register. This compares with 18.1% one year earlier when there were 79,289 casual and part-time workers on the Live Register. *See table 8.*

In the year to February 2011 the number of casual and part-time workers increased by 5,770 (+7.3%), with the number of males increasing by 3,060 (+7.3%) and the number of females increasing by 2,710 (+7.3%).

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



Live Register nationality groupings

In February Irish nationals accounted for 82.2% (365,137) of the number of persons on the Live Register. Of the 79,162 non-Irish nationals, the largest constituent group on the Live Register continued to be nationals from the EU15 to EU27 States (44,167), followed by the UK (18,065). *See table 9.*

In the year to February 2011 the number of Irish nationals on the Live Register increased by 9,447 (+2.7%), while the number of non-Irish nationals decreased by 2,104 (-2.6%).

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	February 2010	January 2011	February 2011	Monthly change		Annual change	
Males							
JB Claims ¹	97,189	71,084	69,409	-	1,675	-	27,780
JA Applications	186,452	211,071	212,334	+	1,263	+	25,882
Other Registrants	7,226	9,848	10,063	+	215	+	2,837
Total	290,867	292,003	291,806	-	197	+	939
Females							
JB Claims ¹	65,364	54,612	55,183	+	571	-	10,181
JA Applications	66,947	78,512	79,399	+	887	+	12,452
Other Registrants	13,778	17,550	17,911	+	361	+	4,133
Total	146,089	150,674	152,493	+	1,819	+	6,404
All Persons							
JB Claims ¹	162,553	125,696	124,592	-	1,104	-	37,961
JA Applications	253,399	289,583	291,733	+	2,150	+	38,334
Other Registrants	21,004	27,398	27,974	+	576	+	6,970
Total	436,956	442,677	444,299	+	1,622	+	7,343

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

Category	February 2010	January 2011	February 2011	Monthly change		Annual change	
Males							
JB Claims ¹	10,713	7,008	6,723	-	285	-	3,990
JA Applications	43,748	45,081	44,972	-	109	+	1,224
Other Registrants	150	154	156	+	2	+	6
Total	54,611	52,243	51,851	-	392	-	2,760
Females							
JB Claims ¹	6,743	5,441	5,535	+	94	-	1,208
JA Applications	23,528	24,288	24,424	+	136	+	896
Other Registrants	238	265	257	-	8	+	19
Total	30,509	29,994	30,216	+	222	-	293
All Persons							
JB Claims ¹	17,456	12,449	12,258	-	191	-	5,198
JA Applications	67,276	69,369	69,396	+	27	+	2,120
Other Registrants	388	419	413	-	6	+	25
Total	85,120	82,237	82,067	-	170	-	3,053

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

Category	February 2010	January 2011	February 2011	Monthly change		Annual change	
Males							
JB Claims ¹	86,476	64,076	62,686	-	1,390	-	23,790
JA Applications	142,704	165,990	167,362	+	1,372	+	24,658
Other Registrants	7,076	9,694	9,907	+	213	+	2,831
Total	236,256	239,760	239,955	+	195	+	3,699
Females							
JB Claims ¹	58,621	49,171	49,648	+	477	-	8,973
JA Applications	43,419	54,224	54,975	+	751	+	11,556
Other Registrants	13,540	17,285	17,654	+	369	+	4,114
Total	115,580	120,680	122,277	+	1,597	+	6,697
All Persons							
JB Claims ¹	145,097	113,247	112,334	-	913	-	32,763
JA Applications	186,123	220,214	222,337	+	2,123	+	36,214
Other Registrants	20,616	26,979	27,561	+	582	+	6,945
Total	351,836	360,440	362,232	+	1,792	+	10,396

¹ See Background Notes.

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	February	238,200	114,300	352,500	231,000	115,200	346,200
	March	250,500	118,700	369,200	245,400	121,600	367,100
	April	257,800	124,000	381,900	255,300	126,600	381,900
	May	265,500	128,700	394,100	266,100	131,400	397,500
	June	275,400	140,000	415,500	270,500	134,400	404,800
	July	281,300	151,100	432,400	275,100	137,300	412,400
	August	284,200	152,600	436,700	279,800	140,000	419,800
	September	278,000	141,900	419,900	284,700	142,800	427,500
	October	273,600	138,800	412,400	287,700	144,300	432,100
	November	276,100	137,400	413,500	288,800	145,700	434,500
	December	282,900	140,700	423,600	287,300	146,200	433,500
2010	January	291,600	145,300	436,900	286,300	148,100	434,400
	February	290,900	146,100	437,000	283,300	147,300	430,600
	March	290,200	144,900	435,100	284,000	146,600	430,600
	April	287,800	144,800	432,700	286,300	148,900	435,100
	May	290,400	147,500	437,900	290,300	150,000	440,300
	June	297,100	155,800	452,900	291,700	150,300	442,000
	July	300,500	166,400	466,800	293,900	152,200	446,100
	August	300,000	167,000	466,900	295,100	154,100	449,200
	September	289,800	152,600	442,400	296,000	153,300	449,400
	October	281,600	148,000	429,600	295,200	153,400	448,700
	November	280,200	144,800	425,000	292,800	153,300	446,100
	December	288,800	148,300	437,100	292,800	153,800	446,700
2011	January	292,000	150,700	442,700	287,400	153,500	440,900
	February	291,800	152,500	444,300	285,400	153,800	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	February	49,700	25,900	75,600	48,700	26,400	75,200
	March	52,500	26,800	79,300	51,500	27,900	79,400
	April	52,900	27,400	80,300	53,400	29,000	82,400
	May	54,400	29,500	83,900	55,100	30,300	85,400
	June	57,900	33,200	91,100	55,900	30,700	86,600
	July	59,300	35,400	94,600	56,400	31,100	87,500
	August	59,400	35,600	95,000	56,700	31,300	88,000
	September	56,700	33,100	89,800	57,200	32,000	89,100
	October	54,100	30,800	84,900	57,200	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	55,000	32,000	87,000
	February	54,600	30,500	85,100	53,900	31,300	85,100
	March	54,900	30,100	85,000	54,100	31,200	85,300
	April	53,400	29,600	83,000	54,200	31,600	85,800
	May	54,400	31,200	85,600	55,000	31,900	86,900
	June	57,500	34,100	91,600	55,400	31,600	87,000
	July	58,600	36,000	94,600	55,600	31,700	87,300
	August	58,300	36,300	94,600	55,500	32,000	87,500
	September	55,200	33,500	88,700	55,400	32,200	87,600
	October	52,000	30,900	82,900	54,800	32,200	87,000
	November	51,000	29,500	80,500	54,100	31,900	86,000
	December	52,100	29,200	81,300	53,600	31,700	85,300
2011	January	52,200	30,000	82,200	52,300	31,300	83,600
	February	51,900	30,200	82,100	51,400	31,100	82,500

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	February	188,500	88,400	276,900	182,300	88,800	271,100
	March	198,000	91,900	289,900	193,900	93,700	287,700
	April	205,000	96,600	301,600	201,900	97,600	299,500
	May	211,100	99,200	310,300	211,000	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	223,100	108,700	331,800
	September	221,300	108,700	330,000	227,600	110,800	338,300
	October	219,500	108,000	327,500	230,500	112,100	342,600
	November	222,600	107,500	330,100	232,100	113,300	345,400
	December	228,000	111,100	339,200	230,700	113,900	344,600
2010	January	236,400	114,600	351,000	231,200	116,100	347,300
	February	236,300	115,600	351,800	229,400	116,000	345,400
	March	235,300	114,800	350,100	229,900	115,400	345,300
	April	234,400	115,200	349,700	232,100	117,300	349,400
	May	235,900	116,400	352,300	235,200	118,100	353,300
	June	239,500	121,700	361,200	236,300	118,700	355,000
	July	241,800	130,400	372,200	238,300	120,500	358,700
	August	241,700	130,700	372,400	239,600	122,100	361,700
	September	234,600	119,100	353,800	240,700	121,100	361,800
	October	229,600	117,100	346,600	240,400	121,300	361,700
	November	229,200	115,300	344,500	238,800	121,400	360,200
	December	236,700	119,100	355,800	239,200	122,100	361,300
2011	January	239,800	120,700	360,400	235,100	122,200	357,300
	February	240,000	122,300	362,200	233,900	122,700	356,700

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	13.1	13.5
February ²	4.4	4.5	4.9	10.2	12.9	13.5
March	4.4	4.4	5.2	10.8	12.9	
April	4.4	4.5	5.3	11.2	13.1	
May ²	4.4	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	12.1	13.5	
August ²	4.5	4.5	6.8	12.4	13.6 ³	
September	4.5	4.6	7.1	12.7	13.6	
October	4.4	4.6	7.6	13.0	13.6	
November ²	4.3	4.8	8.1	13.1	13.6	
December	4.4	4.8	8.6	13.1	13.6	
Annual average	4.4	4.6	6.3	11.8	13.3	

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: July-September 2010, 13.6%.

Table 4 Summary of flows¹ on and off the Live Register

		Number	Males				Females				
		of Weeks	Live Register	New Regis- trations	Outflow (derived)	Average Weekly Change	Live Register	New Regis- trations	Outflow (derived)	Average Weekly Change	
JB Claims											
2010	February	4	97,189	12,946	17,434	- 1,122	65,364	10,350	11,157	- 202	
	March	4	92,871	11,045	15,363	- 1,080	63,013	7,538	9,889	- 588	
	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	
JA Applications											
2010	February	4	186,452	15,193	11,919	+ 819	66,947	6,663	5,674	+ 247	
	March	4	189,865	13,756	10,343	+ 853	67,721	5,853	5,079	+ 194	
	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	
Other Registrants											
2010	February	4	7,226	774	341	+ 108	13,778	1,330	711	+ 155	
	March	4	7,480	560	306	+ 64	14,171	988	595	+ 98	
	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	

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	February 2010	January 2011	February 2011	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland and Western	89,249	90,030	89,878	- 152	+ 629	16,532	73,346
Border	40,906	41,217	41,184	- 33	+ 278	7,791	33,393
Midland	21,437	22,145	22,059	- 86	+ 622	4,069	17,990
West	26,906	26,668	26,635	- 33	- 271	4,672	21,963
Southern and Eastern	201,618	201,973	201,928	- 45	+ 310	35,319	166,609
Dublin	69,414	69,415	69,764	+ 349	+ 350	12,631	57,133
Mid-East	27,384	27,854	27,789	- 65	+ 405	4,706	23,083
Mid-West	26,122	25,741	25,607	- 134	- 515	4,531	21,076
South-East	37,748	38,192	37,884	- 308	+ 136	6,958	30,926
South-West	40,950	40,771	40,884	+ 113	- 66	6,493	34,391
Total	290,867	292,003	291,806	- 197	+ 939	51,851	239,955
Females							
Border, Midland and Western	44,543	47,055	47,596	+ 541	+ 3,053	9,768	37,828
Border	20,255	21,299	21,643	+ 344	+ 1,388	4,482	17,161
Midland	10,460	11,321	11,425	+ 104	+ 965	2,498	8,927
West	13,828	14,435	14,528	+ 93	+ 700	2,788	11,740
Southern and Eastern	101,546	103,619	104,897	+ 1,278	+ 3,351	20,448	84,449
Dublin	34,292	34,158	34,762	+ 604	+ 470	7,074	27,688
Mid-East	14,301	14,844	15,084	+ 240	+ 783	2,713	12,371
Mid-West	13,687	13,705	13,702	- 3	+ 15	2,756	10,946
South-East	18,435	19,259	19,503	+ 244	+ 1,068	4,157	15,346
South-West	20,831	21,653	21,846	+ 193	+ 1,015	3,748	18,098
Total	146,089	150,674	152,493	+ 1,819	+ 6,404	30,216	122,277
All Persons							
Border, Midland and Western	133,792	137,085	137,474	+ 389	+ 3,682	26,300	111,174
Border	61,161	62,516	62,827	+ 311	+ 1,666	12,273	50,554
Midland	31,897	33,466	33,484	+ 18	+ 1,587	6,567	26,917
West	40,734	41,103	41,163	+ 60	+ 429	7,460	33,703
Southern and Eastern	303,164	305,592	306,825	+ 1,233	+ 3,661	55,767	251,058
Dublin	103,706	103,573	104,526	+ 953	+ 820	19,705	84,821
Mid-East	41,685	42,698	42,873	+ 175	+ 1,188	7,419	35,454
Mid-West	39,809	39,446	39,309	- 137	- 500	7,287	32,022
South-East	56,183	57,451	57,387	- 64	+ 1,204	11,115	46,272
South-West	61,781	62,424	62,730	+ 306	+ 949	10,241	52,489
Total	436,956	442,677	444,299	+ 1,622	+ 7,343	82,067	362,232

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

Table 6 Persons on the Live Register classified by last held occupation¹

Broad occupational group	February 2010	January 2011	February 2011	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Managers and administrators	10,957	10,184	10,213	+ 29	- 744	475	9,738
Professional	13,020	12,281	11,996	- 285	- 1,024	1,241	10,755
Associate professional and technical	7,755	7,715	7,657	- 58	- 98	1,020	6,637
Clerical and secretarial	11,687	11,522	11,593	+ 71	- 94	2,030	9,563
Craft and related	112,044	108,151	107,579	- 572	- 4,465	16,594	90,985
Personal and protective service	17,518	18,680	18,906	+ 226	+ 1,388	3,459	15,447
Sales	15,882	16,619	16,970	+ 351	+ 1,088	5,692	11,278
Plant and machine operatives	55,546	56,042	56,033	- 9	+ 487	8,359	47,674
Other occupation	38,512	41,228	41,067	- 161	+ 2,555	8,360	32,707
No occupation ¹	7,946	9,581	9,792	+ 211	+ 1,846	4,621	5,171
Total	290,867	292,003	291,806	- 197	+ 939	51,851	239,955
Females							
Managers and administrators	7,285	6,948	6,964	+ 16	- 321	311	6,653
Professional	11,689	12,037	11,990	- 47	+ 301	1,113	10,877
Associate professional and technical	5,242	5,325	5,260	- 65	+ 18	625	4,635
Clerical and secretarial	31,887	30,680	31,060	+ 380	- 827	2,824	28,236
Craft and related	6,962	7,200	7,336	+ 136	+ 374	1,298	6,038
Personal and protective service	30,319	32,196	32,721	+ 525	+ 2,402	7,708	25,013
Sales	26,649	27,694	28,253	+ 559	+ 1,604	8,379	19,874
Plant and machine operatives	14,901	14,760	14,865	+ 105	- 36	2,639	12,226
Other occupation	6,994	8,646	8,731	+ 85	+ 1,737	2,587	6,144
No occupation ¹	4,161	5,188	5,313	+ 125	+ 1,152	2,732	2,581
Total	146,089	150,674	152,493	+ 1,819	+ 6,404	30,216	122,277
All Persons							
Managers and administrators	18,242	17,132	17,177	+ 45	- 1,065	786	16,391
Professional	24,709	24,318	23,986	- 332	- 723	2,354	21,632
Associate professional and technical	12,997	13,040	12,917	- 123	- 80	1,645	11,272
Clerical and secretarial	43,574	42,202	42,653	+ 451	- 921	4,854	37,799
Craft and related	119,006	115,351	114,915	- 436	- 4,091	17,892	97,023
Personal and protective service	47,837	50,876	51,627	+ 751	+ 3,790	11,167	40,460
Sales	42,531	44,313	45,223	+ 910	+ 2,692	14,071	31,152
Plant and machine operatives	70,447	70,802	70,898	+ 96	+ 451	10,998	59,900
Other occupation	45,506	49,874	49,798	- 76	+ 4,292	10,947	38,851
No occupation ¹	12,107	14,769	15,105	+ 336	+ 2,998	7,353	7,752
Total	436,956	442,677	444,299	+ 1,622	+ 7,343	82,067	362,232

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	February 2010	January 2011	February 2011	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Less than one year	211,210	173,744	171,134	- 2,610	- 40,076	32,460	138,674
One year or more	79,657	118,259	120,672	+ 2,413	+ 41,015	19,391	101,281
Total	290,867	292,003	291,806	- 197	+ 939	51,851	239,955
Females							
Less than one year	118,001	108,379	109,340	+ 961	- 8,661	21,426	87,914
One year or more	28,088	42,295	43,153	+ 858	+ 15,065	8,790	34,363
Total	146,089	150,674	152,493	+ 1,819	+ 6,404	30,216	122,277
All Persons							
Less than one year	329,211	282,123	280,474	- 1,649	- 48,737	53,886	226,588
One year or more	107,745	160,554	163,825	+ 3,271	+ 56,080	28,181	135,644
Total	436,956	442,677	444,299	+ 1,622	+ 7,343	82,067	362,232

Table 8 Casual and part-time workers on the Live Register¹

		Males	Monthly change	Females	Monthly change	All Persons	Monthly change
2009	February	27,777	+ 4,970	25,977	+ 3,358	53,754	+ 8,328
	March	31,384	+ 3,607	28,449	+ 2,472	59,833	+ 6,079
	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

¹ See Background Notes.

Table 9 Persons on the Live Register classified by nationality grouping

		Nationality grouping						
		Non-Irish nationals						
		United Kingdom	EU15 excl. Irl. & UK	EU15 to EU27 States	Other	Non-Irish nationals	Irish nationals	All Persons
2009	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	41,369	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

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:
February 2011 – 29th January to 25th February 2011
February 2010 – 30th January to 26th February 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. Benchmark estimates of the SUR for February, May, August and November 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. The traditional estimation approach has been used from April 1997 onwards.

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 Q3 2010 (adjusted for seasonality) are:

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	%	%	%	%
2005	4.2	4.6	4.4	4.3
2006	4.4	4.4	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	13.6	

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 Local 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.

New Release Format

From July 2010 the Live Register release has been revised and now contains additional tables. This coincides with the discontinuation of both the *Live Register Additional Tables* and *Live Register Age by Duration* releases.

A table containing Live Register flows information has replaced the net weekly change table. Flows data was compiled by CSO until March 2008 when the series was discontinued. The new table on flows contains data dating back to October 2009. It should be noted that the compilation of flows changed when the Department of Social Protection introduced a new IT system in October 2009 and so there is no data available on Live Register flows between March 2008 and October 2009.

While information on the latest number of casual and part-time workers on the Live Register was previously included on the monthly release since March 2002, a table is now contained in the release providing a time-series with additional monthly change information.

Since October 2009 the Department of Social Protection has provided a classification of the Live Register by occupational groupings. This table is now included in the monthly release and refers to the last held occupation that Live Register claimants report.

Live Register tables classified by region and nationality groupings have been added to the new release, as has a monthly table of duration of continuous registration. **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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