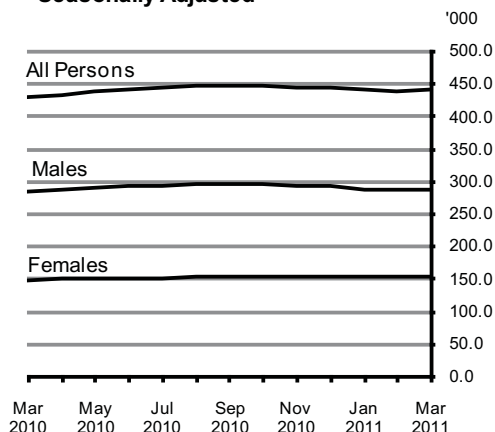




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Live Register Seasonally Adjusted



Live Register March 2011

	Live Register All Persons	Seasonally Adjusted
March 2010	435,121	431,100
February 2011	444,299	440,900
March 2011	441,193	442,000
Change in month	- 3,106	+ 1,100
Change in year	+ 6,072	+ 10,900

Standardised unemployment rate remains unchanged at 14.7% in March

The standardised unemployment rate in March was 14.7%, unchanged from February. This compares with the latest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 14.7% from the Quarterly National Household Survey in the fourth quarter of 2010, and an annual average of 13.6% for 2010. *See table 3.*

In March 2011 there were 441,193 people signing on the Live Register representing an annual increase of 6,072 (+1.4%) over the year. This compares with an increase of 7,343 (+1.7%) in the year to February 2011 and an increase of 65,918 (+17.9%) in the year to March 2010. *See table 1a.*

On a seasonally adjusted basis there was an increase of 1,100 on the Live Register in the month to March 2011. Despite this small increase the seasonally adjusted Live Register total remains 6,800 below the peak level recorded in September 2010. *See table 2a and graph opposite.*

Other features include:

- ◆ There was a monthly increase of 300 males and an increase of 900 females in the seasonally adjusted series in March. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The number of female claimants increased by 6,063 (+4.2%) to 150,968 over the year while the number of male claimants was effectively unchanged at 290,225. This compares with increases of 26,187 (+22.1%) and 39,731 (+15.9%) for females and males respectively in the year to March 2010. *See table 1a.*
- ◆ The number of casual and part-time workers on the Live Register increased over the year by 6,306 (+7.9%) to 86,155. Casual and part-time workers now account for 19.5% of those on the Live Register, an increase from 12.1% 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 seasonally adjusted figure, for October to December 2010, is 315,000 persons unemployed.

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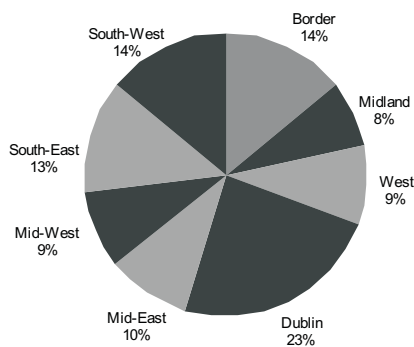
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Live Register classified by Regional Authority, March 2011



Live Register schemes analysis

In March there were 120,067 Jobseekers Benefit (JB) claimants on the Live Register, an annual decrease of 35,817 (-23.0%). Jobseekers Allowance (JA) claimants increased over the same period by 35,290 (+13.7%) and now stands at 292,876. As a result JA claimants now account for 66.4% of all persons on the Live Register compared with 59.2% a year earlier. *See table 1a.*

The number of 'Other Registrants' on the Live Register increased by 6,599 (+30.5%) in the year to March 2011.

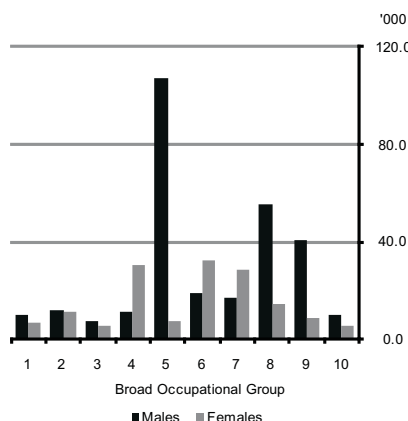
The full increase in the Live Register over the year was recorded among persons aged 25 and over (+9,707 or +2.8%), while the number of persons aged under 25 on the Live Register fell by 3,635 (-4.3%). For both age groups JB claims fell while JA claims increased. However, among persons aged under 25 the decrease in JB claimants (-5,093) was greater than the increase in JA claimants (+1,451), while for persons aged 25 and over the increase in JA claims (+33,839) more than offset the decrease in JB claimants (-30,724). The number of 'Other Registrants' aged 25 and over also increased by 6,592 (+31.0%) over the year. *See table 1b and 1c.*

There were 34,486 new registrants on the Live Register in March 2011, consisting of 16,298 JB claims, 16,763 JA claims and 1,425 'Other Registrants'. Males accounted for 20,615 (59.8%) and females 13,871 (40.2%) of all new registrants. On average 5,154 male and 3,468 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 (+4.1%), followed by the South-East and Border regions at +2.3% and +2.2% respectively. *See table 5.*

Live Register classified by Last Held Occupation, March 2011



Live Register occupational groups¹

Craft and related (25.9%) was the largest occupational group on the Live Register in March, followed by *Plant and machine operatives* (16.0%). In March 2010 *Craft and related* (27.4%) and *Plant and machine operatives* (16.1%) were also the largest occupational groups, both showing little change. *See table 6.*

In the year to March 2011 four occupational groups showed Live Register increases. The largest percentage increases were in the *Other occupation* group (+9.1%), followed by the *Personal and protective service* (+8.1%) and *Sales* (+6.5%) groups.

Live Register duration of continuous registration

In March 274,566 (62.2%) of all claimants on the Live Register were short term claimants. The comparable figure for March 2010 was 323,388 (74.3%). The annual fall of 48,822 (-15.1%) in the number of short-term claimants consisted of a decrease of 40,059 in the number of male short term claimants and a decrease of 8,763 in female short term claimants. *See table 7.*

In the year to March 2011 the number of long term male claimants increased by 40,068 (+48.5%), while the comparable increase for females was 14,826 (+51.0%) giving an overall annual increase of 54,894 (+49.1%) in the number of long term claimants. *See table 7 and graph on page 3.*

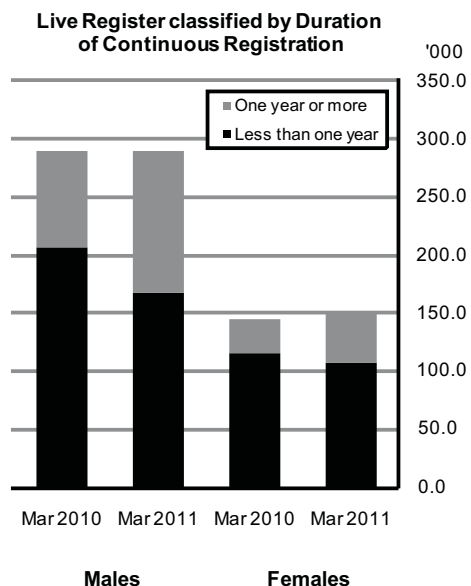
Live Register casual and part-time workers

There were 86,155 casual and part-time workers on the Live Register in March, which represents 19.5% of the total Live Register. This compares with 18.4% one year earlier when there were 79,849 casual and part-time workers on the Live Register. *See table 8.*

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

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 March 2011 the number of casual and part-time workers increased by 6,306 (+7.9%), with the number of males increasing by 3,319 (+7.8%) and the number of females increasing by 2,987 (+8.0%).

Live Register nationality groupings

In March Irish nationals accounted for 82.2% (362,599) of the number of persons on the Live Register. Of the 78,594 non-Irish nationals, the largest constituent group on the Live Register continued to be nationals from the EU15 to EU27 States (43,722), followed by the UK (17,956). *See table 9.*

In the year to March 2011 the number of Irish nationals on the Live Register increased by 7,519 (+2.1%), while the number of non-Irish nationals decreased by 1,447 (-1.8%).

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	March 2010	February 2011	March 2011	Monthly change		Annual change	
Males							
JB Claims ¹	92,871	69,409	67,100	-	2,309	-	25,771
JA Applications	189,865	212,334	212,973	+	639	+	23,108
Other Registrants	7,480	10,063	10,152	+	89	+	2,672
Total	290,216	291,806	290,225	-	1,581	+	9
Females							
JB Claims ¹	63,013	55,183	52,967	-	2,216	-	10,046
JA Applications	67,721	79,399	79,903	+	504	+	12,182
Other Registrants	14,171	17,911	18,098	+	187	+	3,927
Total	144,905	152,493	150,968	-	1,525	+	6,063
All Persons							
JB Claims ¹	155,884	124,592	120,067	-	4,525	-	35,817
JA Applications	257,586	291,733	292,876	+	1,143	+	35,290
Other Registrants	21,651	27,974	28,250	+	276	+	6,599
Total	435,121	444,299	441,193	-	3,106	+	6,072

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

Category	March 2010	February 2011	March 2011	Monthly change		Annual change	
Males							
JB Claims ¹	10,453	6,723	6,496	-	227	-	3,957
JA Applications	44,259	44,972	44,864	-	108	+	605
Other Registrants	157	156	154	-	2	-	3
Total	54,869	51,851	51,514	-	337	-	3,355
Females							
JB Claims ¹	6,411	5,535	5,275	-	260	-	1,136
JA Applications	23,471	24,424	24,317	-	107	+	846
Other Registrants	240	257	250	-	7	+	10
Total	30,122	30,216	29,842	-	374	-	280
All Persons							
JB Claims ¹	16,864	12,258	11,771	-	487	-	5,093
JA Applications	67,730	69,396	69,181	-	215	+	1,451
Other Registrants	397	413	404	-	9	+	7
Total	84,991	82,067	81,356	-	711	-	3,635

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

Category	March 2010	February 2011	March 2011	Monthly change		Annual change	
Males							
JB Claims ¹	82,418	62,686	60,604	-	2,082	-	21,814
JA Applications	145,606	167,362	168,109	+	747	+	22,503
Other Registrants	7,323	9,907	9,998	+	91	+	2,675
Total	235,347	239,955	238,711	-	1,244	+	3,364
Females							
JB Claims ¹	56,602	49,648	47,692	-	1,956	-	8,910
JA Applications	44,250	54,975	55,586	+	611	+	11,336
Other Registrants	13,931	17,654	17,848	+	194	+	3,917
Total	114,783	122,277	121,126	-	1,151	+	6,343
All Persons							
JB Claims ¹	139,020	112,334	108,296	-	4,038	-	30,724
JA Applications	189,856	222,337	223,695	+	1,358	+	33,839
Other Registrants	21,254	27,561	27,846	+	285	+	6,592
Total	350,130	362,232	359,837	-	2,395	+	9,707

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	March	250,500	118,700	369,200	245,600	121,600	367,200
	April	257,800	124,000	381,900	255,400	126,600	382,000
	May	265,500	128,700	394,100	266,100	131,300	397,400
	June	275,400	140,000	415,500	270,400	134,300	404,700
	July	281,300	151,100	432,400	274,900	137,200	412,100
	August	284,200	152,600	436,700	279,500	139,900	419,400
	September	278,000	141,900	419,900	284,500	142,700	427,100
	October	273,600	138,800	412,400	287,600	144,300	431,900
	November	276,100	137,400	413,500	288,800	145,700	434,600
	December	282,900	140,700	423,600	286,400	146,300	432,700
2010	January	291,600	145,300	436,900	286,800	148,200	435,000
	February	290,900	146,100	437,000	284,300	147,600	431,800
	March	290,200	144,900	435,100	284,500	146,600	431,100
	April	287,800	144,800	432,700	286,400	148,800	435,200
	May	290,400	147,500	437,900	290,200	149,900	440,200
	June	297,100	155,800	452,900	291,500	150,200	441,700
	July	300,500	166,400	466,800	293,500	152,100	445,600
	August	300,000	167,000	466,900	294,700	153,900	448,600
	September	289,800	152,600	442,400	295,600	153,200	448,800
	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	292,000	153,900	446,000
2011	January	292,000	150,700	442,700	287,900	153,700	441,700
	February	291,800	152,500	444,300	286,600	154,200	440,900
	March	290,200	151,000	441,200	286,900	155,100	442,000

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	March	52,500	26,800	79,300	51,500	27,900	79,500
	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	55,800	30,700	86,500
	July	59,300	35,400	94,600	56,300	31,100	87,400
	August	59,400	35,600	95,000	56,600	31,300	87,900
	September	56,700	33,100	89,800	57,100	31,900	89,100
	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	32,400	88,900
2010	January	55,200	30,700	85,900	55,000	32,000	87,100
	February	54,600	30,500	85,100	54,000	31,400	85,400
	March	54,900	30,100	85,000	54,200	31,200	85,400
	April	53,400	29,600	83,000	54,200	31,600	85,700
	May	54,400	31,200	85,600	55,000	31,900	86,900
	June	57,500	34,100	91,600	55,400	31,600	86,900
	July	58,600	36,000	94,600	55,500	31,700	87,200
	August	58,300	36,300	94,600	55,500	31,900	87,400
	September	55,200	33,500	88,700	55,300	32,100	87,500
	October	52,000	30,900	82,900	54,800	32,100	86,900
	November	51,000	29,500	80,500	54,100	31,900	86,000
	December	52,100	29,200	81,300	53,600	31,800	85,400
2011	January	52,200	30,000	82,200	52,200	31,400	83,600
	February	51,900	30,200	82,100	51,600	31,300	82,900
	March	51,500	29,800	81,400	51,100	31,400	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	March	198,000	91,900	289,900	194,000	93,700	287,700
	April	205,000	96,600	301,600	202,000	97,600	299,600
	May	211,100	99,200	310,300	211,000	101,000	312,100
	June	217,500	106,800	324,400	214,600	103,600	318,200
	July	222,000	115,700	337,800	218,600	106,200	324,700
	August	224,800	116,900	341,800	222,900	108,600	331,500
	September	221,300	108,700	330,000	227,300	110,700	338,100
	October	219,500	108,000	327,500	230,400	112,100	342,500
	November	222,600	107,500	330,100	232,100	113,400	345,500
	December	228,000	111,100	339,200	229,900	113,900	343,800
2010	January	236,400	114,600	351,000	231,700	116,200	347,900
	February	236,300	115,600	351,800	230,200	116,200	346,400
	March	235,300	114,800	350,100	230,300	115,400	345,700
	April	234,400	115,200	349,700	232,200	117,300	349,500
	May	235,900	116,400	352,300	235,200	118,000	353,300
	June	239,500	121,700	361,200	236,200	118,600	354,800
	July	241,800	130,400	372,200	238,000	120,400	358,400
	August	241,700	130,700	372,400	239,200	122,000	361,300
	September	234,600	119,100	353,800	240,300	121,000	361,300
	October	229,600	117,100	346,600	240,100	121,200	361,300
	November	229,200	115,300	344,500	238,700	121,400	360,100
	December	236,700	119,100	355,800	238,400	122,200	360,600
2011	January	239,800	120,700	360,400	235,700	122,400	358,100
	February	240,000	122,300	362,200	235,000	123,000	358,000
	March	238,700	121,100	359,800	235,800	123,700	359,500

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	
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. See Background Notes for further information.

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	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	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	
	March	4	67,100	9,026	11,335	- 577	52,967	7,272	9,488	- 554	
JA Applications											
2010	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	
	March	4	212,973	11,112	10,473	+ 160	79,903	5,651	5,147	+ 126	
Other Registrants											
2010	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	
	March	4	10,152	477	388	+ 22	18,098	948	761	+ 47	

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	March 2010	February 2011	March 2011	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland and Western	88,723	89,878	88,909	- 969	+ 186	16,256	72,653
Border	40,708	41,184	40,768	- 416	+ 60	7,636	33,132
Midland	21,414	22,059	21,831	- 228	+ 417	4,022	17,809
West	26,601	26,635	26,310	- 325	- 291	4,598	21,712
Southern and Eastern	201,493	201,928	201,316	- 612	- 177	35,258	166,058
Dublin	69,639	69,764	70,010	+ 246	+ 371	12,695	57,315
Mid-East	27,473	27,789	27,722	- 67	+ 249	4,723	22,999
Mid-West	25,934	25,607	25,291	- 316	- 643	4,461	20,830
South-East	37,644	37,884	37,804	- 80	+ 160	6,967	30,837
South-West	40,803	40,884	40,489	- 395	- 314	6,412	34,077
Total	290,216	291,806	290,225	- 1,581	+ 9	51,514	238,711
Females							
Border, Midland and Western	44,164	47,596	47,140	- 456	+ 2,976	9,655	37,485
Border	20,095	21,643	21,367	- 276	+ 1,272	4,407	16,960
Midland	10,430	11,425	11,311	- 114	+ 881	2,485	8,826
West	13,639	14,528	14,462	- 66	+ 823	2,763	11,699
Southern and Eastern	100,741	104,897	103,828	- 1,069	+ 3,087	20,187	83,641
Dublin	34,142	34,762	34,648	- 114	+ 506	7,000	27,648
Mid-East	14,366	15,084	14,862	- 222	+ 496	2,721	12,141
Mid-West	13,392	13,702	13,527	- 175	+ 135	2,681	10,846
South-East	18,268	19,503	19,381	- 122	+ 1,113	4,089	15,292
South-West	20,573	21,846	21,410	- 436	+ 837	3,696	17,714
Total	144,905	152,493	150,968	- 1,525	+ 6,063	29,842	121,126
All Persons							
Border, Midland and Western	132,887	137,474	136,049	- 1,425	+ 3,162	25,911	110,138
Border	60,803	62,827	62,135	- 692	+ 1,332	12,043	50,092
Midland	31,844	33,484	33,142	- 342	+ 1,298	6,507	26,635
West	40,240	41,163	40,772	- 391	+ 532	7,361	33,411
Southern and Eastern	302,234	306,825	305,144	- 1,681	+ 2,910	55,445	249,699
Dublin	103,781	104,526	104,658	+ 132	+ 877	19,695	84,963
Mid-East	41,839	42,873	42,584	- 289	+ 745	7,444	35,140
Mid-West	39,326	39,309	38,818	- 491	- 508	7,142	31,676
South-East	55,912	57,387	57,185	- 202	+ 1,273	11,056	46,129
South-West	61,376	62,730	61,899	- 831	+ 523	10,108	51,791
Total	435,121	444,299	441,193	- 3,106	+ 6,072	81,356	359,837

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	March 2010	February 2011	March 2011	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Managers and administrators	10,852	10,213	10,128	- 85	- 724	446	9,682
Professional	12,702	11,996	11,735	- 261	- 967	1,184	10,551
Associate professional and technical	7,743	7,657	7,510	- 147	- 233	964	6,546
Clerical and secretarial	11,579	11,593	11,435	- 158	- 144	2,018	9,417
Craft and related	112,388	107,579	107,185	- 394	- 5,203	16,536	90,649
Personal and protective service	17,277	18,906	18,724	- 182	+ 1,447	3,388	15,336
Sales	15,932	16,970	17,141	+ 171	+ 1,209	5,757	11,384
Plant and machine operatives	55,242	56,033	55,623	- 410	+ 381	8,189	47,434
Other occupation	38,459	41,067	40,811	- 256	+ 2,352	8,316	32,495
No occupation ¹	8,042	9,792	9,933	+ 141	+ 1,891	4,716	5,217
Total	290,216	291,806	290,225	- 1,581	+ 9	51,514	238,711
Females							
Managers and administrators	7,156	6,964	6,924	- 40	- 232	294	6,630
Professional	11,306	11,990	11,520	- 470	+ 214	1,000	10,520
Associate professional and technical	5,166	5,260	5,267	+ 7	+ 101	602	4,665
Clerical and secretarial	31,395	31,060	30,318	- 742	- 1,077	2,761	27,557
Craft and related	6,917	7,336	7,242	- 94	+ 325	1,254	5,988
Personal and protective service	29,944	32,721	32,301	- 420	+ 2,357	7,573	24,728
Sales	26,911	28,253	28,497	+ 244	+ 1,586	8,406	20,091
Plant and machine operatives	14,874	14,865	14,793	- 72	- 81	2,592	12,201
Other occupation	6,988	8,731	8,749	+ 18	+ 1,761	2,622	6,127
No occupation ¹	4,248	5,313	5,357	+ 44	+ 1,109	2,738	2,619
Total	144,905	152,493	150,968	- 1,525	+ 6,063	29,842	121,126
All Persons							
Managers and administrators	18,008	17,177	17,052	- 125	- 956	740	16,312
Professional	24,008	23,986	23,255	- 731	- 753	2,184	21,071
Associate professional and technical	12,909	12,917	12,777	- 140	- 132	1,566	11,211
Clerical and secretarial	42,974	42,653	41,753	- 900	- 1,221	4,779	36,974
Craft and related	119,305	114,915	114,427	- 488	- 4,878	17,790	96,637
Personal and protective service	47,221	51,627	51,025	- 602	+ 3,804	10,961	40,064
Sales	42,843	45,223	45,638	+ 415	+ 2,795	14,163	31,475
Plant and machine operatives	70,116	70,898	70,416	- 482	+ 300	10,781	59,635
Other occupation	45,447	49,798	49,560	- 238	+ 4,113	10,938	38,622
No occupation ¹	12,290	15,105	15,290	+ 185	+ 3,000	7,454	7,836
Total	435,121	444,299	441,193	- 3,106	+ 6,072	81,356	359,837

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	March 2010	February 2011	March 2011	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Less than one year	207,529	171,134	167,470	- 3,664	- 40,059	32,036	135,434
One year or more	82,687	120,672	122,755	+ 2,083	+ 40,068	19,478	103,277
Total	290,216	291,806	290,225	- 1,581	+ 9	51,514	238,711
Females							
Less than one year	115,859	109,340	107,096	- 2,244	- 8,763	21,108	85,988
One year or more	29,046	43,153	43,872	+ 719	+ 14,826	8,734	35,138
Total	144,905	152,493	150,968	- 1,525	+ 6,063	29,842	121,126
All Persons							
Less than one year	323,388	280,474	274,566	- 5,908	- 48,822	53,144	221,422
One year or more	111,733	163,825	166,627	+ 2,802	+ 54,894	28,212	138,415
Total	435,121	444,299	441,193	- 3,106	+ 6,072	81,356	359,837

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

		Males	Monthly change	Females	Monthly change	All Persons	Monthly change
2009	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
	March	45,603	+ 517	40,552	+ 579	86,155	+ 1,096

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	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
	March	17,956	3,817	43,722	13,099	78,594	362,599	441,193

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: March 2011 - 26th February to 25th March 2011 March 2010 - 27th February to 26th March 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

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

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