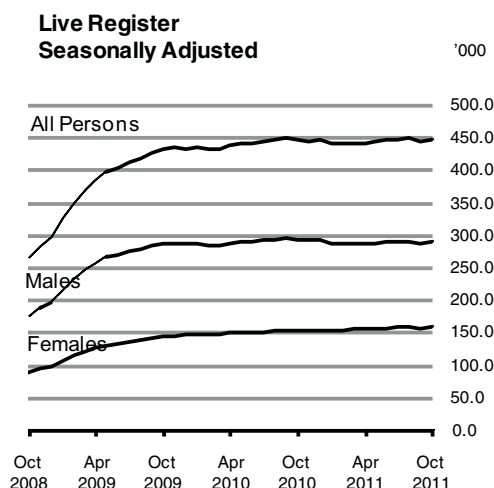




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Live Register October 2011



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted	Standardised Unemployment Rate (SUR)%
October 2010	429,553	447,400	14.4
September 2011	437,441	444,400	14.3
October 2011	430,432	447,100	14.4
			Percentage Points
Change in month	–	+ 2,700	+ 0.1
Change in year	+ 879	–	0.0

Small increase in standardised unemployment rate to 14.4% in October

The standardised unemployment rate (SUR) in October 2011 was 14.4%, up slightly from a rate of 14.3% in September. The latest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate from the Quarterly National Household Survey was 14.2% in the second quarter of 2011. This continues a pattern whereby the SUR has remained in a relatively narrow range of 13.9% to 14.5% throughout 2011. *See table 3.*

On a seasonally adjusted basis there was an increase of 2,700 (+0.6%) on the Live Register in the month to October 2011 bringing the seasonally adjusted total to 447,100. Over the last twelve months the seasonally adjusted Live Register has remained in the range of 441,300 to 448,700 indicating that while fluctuations are occurring between months the underlying trend has been relatively flat over that period. *See table 2a.*

In unadjusted terms there were 430,432 people signing on the Live Register in October 2011. This represents a marginal increase of 879 (+0.2%) over the year. *See table 1a.*

Other features include:

- ◆ On a seasonally adjusted basis there were monthly increases of 1,200 males and 1,500 females on the Live Register in October 2011. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The number of female claimants increased by 4,883 (+3.3%) to 152,837 over the year, while the number of male claimants decreased by 4,004 (-1.4%) to 277,595. This compares with increases of 9,142 (+6.6%) and 8,004 (+2.9%) for females and males respectively in the year to October 2010. *See table 1a.*

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 Jobseeker's Benefit or Allowance. Unemployment is measured by the Quarterly National Household Survey and the latest estimated number of persons unemployed as of the second quarter of 2011 was 304,500.

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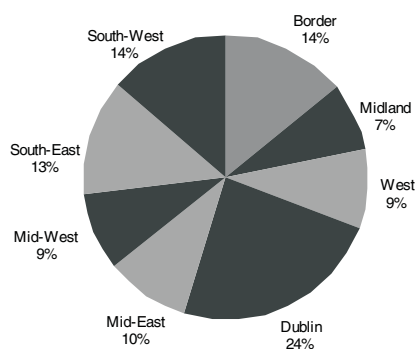
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Live Register classified by Regional Authority, October 2011



Live Register duration of continuous registration

In October 58.2% (250,659) of all claimants on the Live Register were short term claimants. The comparable figure for October 2010 was 65.6% (281,945). The annual fall of 31,286 (-11.1%) in the number of short term claimants consisted of a decrease of 26,269 in the number of male short term claimants and a decrease of 5,017 in female short term claimants. *See table 7.*

The number of long term claimants on the Live Register in October 2011 was 179,773. The number of male long term claimants increased by 22,265 (+20.6%) in the year to October 2011, while the comparable increase for females was 9,900 (+25.0%) giving an overall annual increase of 32,165 (+21.8%) in the number of long term claimants. This rate of increase in long term claimants has been slowing through the year with an annual increase of 57,597 (55.9%) having been recorded in January 2011. *See table 7 and graph opposite.*

Live Register schemes analysis

In October there were 99,013 Jobseeker's Benefit (JB) claimants on the Live Register, an annual decrease of 23,703 (-19.3%), while Jobseeker's Allowance (JA) claimants increased over the same period by 20,269 (+7.2%) to a level of 301,333. As a result JA claimants account for 70.0% of all persons on the Live Register in October 2011 compared with 65.4% a year earlier. *See table 1a.*

In the year to October 2011 the number of persons aged 25 and over on the Live Register increased by 6,092 (+1.8%), while the number of persons aged under 25 fell by 5,213 (-6.3%). This continues the pattern seen over the last two years whereby there has been a general downward trend in the number of persons aged under 25 on the Live Register, while the rate of increase in the number of persons aged over 25 has been slowing. *See table 1b and 1c.*

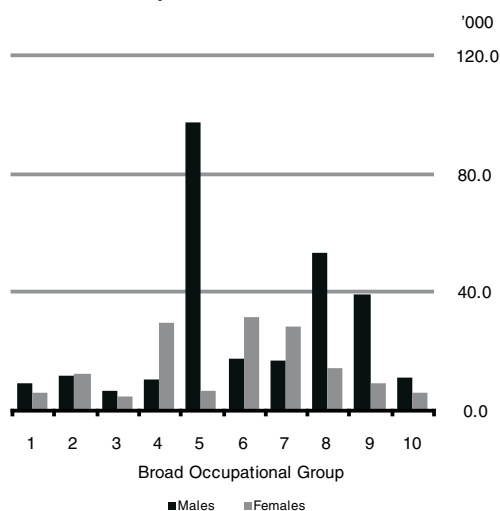
There were 37,034 new registrants on the Live Register in October 2011, consisting of 15,925 JB claims, 19,416 JA claims and 1,693 'Other Registrants'. Males accounted for 21,626 (58.4%) and females 15,408 (41.6%) of all new registrants. On average 5,407 male and 3,852 female new registrants joined the Live Register each week of the month. The difference between the number of new registrants on the Live Register and the change in the total number on the Live Register is accounted for by closed claims and movements between schemes. *See table 4.*

Live Register regional analysis

Annual increases in the Live Register were recorded in five of the eight NUTS 3 regions. The largest percentage increase was in the South-East region (+2.4%), followed by the Border and Midland regions at +0.7% and +0.5% respectively. The Mid-West region showed the highest percentage decrease over the year (-1.6%). *See table 5.*

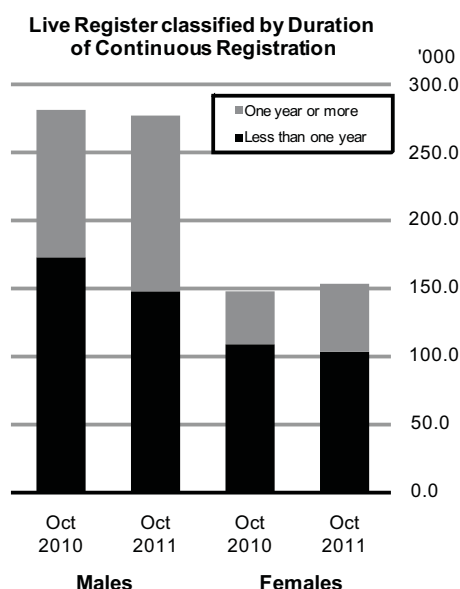
The number of females on the Live Register increased in all eight regions in the year to October 2011 with the largest percentage increase in the South-East region (+6.0%). The number of males on the Live Register decreased in seven of the eight NUTS 3 regions with a slight increase in the South-East region (+0.6%). The largest percentage decrease was in the Mid-West region (-3.7%).

Live Register classified by Last Held Occupation, October 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 (24.3%) remained the largest occupational group on the Live Register in October, despite the fact that the number in the group fell over the year by 6,826 (-6.1%) to 104,810. The second largest annual percentage decrease was in the *Managers and administrators* group (-3.7%). In the year to October 2011 four occupational groups showed Live Register increases. The largest percentage increases were in the *Sales* group (+7.0%) and the *Personal and protective service* group (+5.5%). See table 6.

Live Register casual and part-time workers

There were 85,029 casual and part-time workers on the Live Register in October, which represents 19.8% of the total Live Register. This compares with 18.1% one year earlier when there were 77,924 casual and part-time workers on the Live Register. See table 8.

In the year to October 2011 the number of casual and part-time workers increased by 7,105 (+9.1%), with the number of males increasing by 4,320 (+10.6%) and the number of females increasing by 2,785 (+7.5%).

Live Register nationality groupings

In October Irish nationals accounted for 82.6% (355,395) of the number of persons on the Live Register, similar to the proportion recorded a year earlier. Of the 75,037 non-Irish nationals, the largest constituent group on the Live Register continued to be nationals from the EU15 to EU27 States (40,202), followed by the UK (17,708). See table 9.

In the year to October 2011 the number of Irish nationals on the Live Register increased by 477 (+0.1%), while the number of non-Irish nationals increased by 402 (+0.5%).

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

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	October 2010	September 2011	October 2011	Monthly change		Annual change
Males						
JB Claims	68,599	53,552	52,546	-	1,006	- 16,053
JA Applications	203,934	217,752	214,305	-	3,447	+ 10,371
Other Registrants	9,066	10,684	10,744	+	60	+ 1,678
Total	281,599	281,988	277,595	-	4,393	- 4,004
Females						
JB Claims	54,117	47,333	46,467	-	866	- 7,650
JA Applications	77,130	88,805	87,028	-	1,777	+ 9,898
Other Registrants	16,707	19,315	19,342	+	27	+ 2,635
Total	147,954	155,453	152,837	-	2,616	+ 4,883
All Persons						
JB Claims	122,716	100,885	99,013	-	1,872	- 23,703
JA Applications	281,064	306,557	301,333	-	5,224	+ 20,269
Other Registrants	25,773	29,999	30,086	+	87	+ 4,313
Total	429,553	437,441	430,432	-	7,009	+ 879

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

Category	October 2010	September 2011	October 2011	Monthly change		Annual change
Males						
JB Claims	7,094	4,839	4,547	-	292	- 2,547
JA Applications	44,806	44,195	42,710	-	1,485	- 2,096
Other Registrants	145	122	113	-	9	- 32
Total	52,045	49,156	47,370	-	1,786	- 4,675
Females						
JB Claims	5,547	4,585	4,327	-	258	- 1,220
JA Applications	25,068	26,869	25,778	-	1,091	+ 710
Other Registrants	262	260	234	-	26	- 28
Total	30,877	31,714	30,339	-	1,375	- 538
All Persons						
JB Claims	12,641	9,424	8,874	-	550	- 3,767
JA Applications	69,874	71,064	68,488	-	2,576	- 1,386
Other Registrants	407	382	347	-	35	- 60
Total	82,922	80,870	77,709	-	3,161	- 5,213

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

Category	October 2010	September 2011	October 2011	Monthly change		Annual change
Males						
JB Claims	61,505	48,713	47,999	-	714	- 13,506
JA Applications	159,128	173,557	171,595	-	1,962	+ 12,467
Other Registrants	8,921	10,562	10,631	+	69	+ 1,710
Total	229,554	232,832	230,225	-	2,607	+ 671
Females						
JB Claims	48,570	42,748	42,140	-	608	- 6,430
JA Applications	52,062	61,936	61,250	-	686	+ 9,188
Other Registrants	16,445	19,055	19,108	+	53	+ 2,663
Total	117,077	123,739	122,498	-	1,241	+ 5,421
All Persons						
JB Claims	110,075	91,461	90,139	-	1,322	- 19,936
JA Applications	211,190	235,493	232,845	-	2,648	+ 21,655
Other Registrants	25,366	29,617	29,739	+	122	+ 4,373
Total	346,631	356,571	352,723	-	3,848	+ 6,092

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	October	273,600	138,800	412,400	287,100	144,200	431,200
	November	276,100	137,400	413,500	288,300	145,600	433,900
	December	282,900	140,700	423,600	286,900	146,200	433,200
2010	January	291,600	145,300	436,900	286,800	148,300	435,100
	February	290,900	146,100	437,000	284,500	147,600	432,100
	March	290,200	144,900	435,100	284,900	146,600	431,400
	April	287,800	144,800	432,700	287,600	149,200	436,800
	May	290,400	147,500	437,900	290,300	150,400	440,700
	June	297,100	155,800	452,900	290,800	150,300	441,200
	July	300,500	166,400	466,800	292,800	151,700	444,500
	August	300,000	167,000	466,900	293,800	153,300	447,200
	September	289,800	152,600	442,400	296,300	153,500	449,800
	October	281,600	148,000	429,600	294,200	153,200	447,400
	November	280,200	144,800	425,000	292,100	153,100	445,300
	December	288,800	148,300	437,100	292,300	153,800	446,200
2011	January	292,000	150,700	442,700	288,200	153,800	442,000
	February	291,800	152,500	444,300	287,100	154,300	441,300
	March	290,200	151,000	441,200	287,500	155,000	442,500
	April	286,700	152,800	439,600	286,200	155,100	441,300
	May	288,300	152,700	440,900	288,000	155,600	443,600
	June	296,100	161,800	457,900	289,500	156,400	446,000
	July	297,800	172,500	470,300	289,600	157,500	447,200
	August	296,900	172,900	469,700	289,900	158,800	448,700
	September	282,000	155,500	437,400	288,000	156,400	444,400
	October	277,600	152,800	430,400	289,200	157,900	447,100

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	October	54,100	30,800	84,900	57,000	32,200	89,200
	November	53,500	29,900	83,400	56,600	32,300	88,900
	December	54,800	29,600	84,400	56,400	32,300	88,700
2010	January	55,200	30,700	85,900	55,200	32,000	87,200
	February	54,600	30,500	85,100	54,100	31,400	85,500
	March	54,900	30,100	85,000	54,400	31,200	85,500
	April	53,400	29,600	83,000	54,300	31,600	86,000
	May	54,400	31,200	85,600	55,000	32,000	87,000
	June	57,500	34,100	91,600	55,100	31,600	86,700
	July	58,600	36,000	94,600	55,300	31,700	86,900
	August	58,300	36,300	94,600	55,200	31,900	87,100
	September	55,200	33,500	88,700	56,000	32,400	88,400
	October	52,000	30,900	82,900	54,600	32,000	86,600
	November	51,000	29,500	80,500	53,900	31,800	85,700
	December	52,100	29,200	81,300	53,500	31,700	85,200
2011	January	52,200	30,000	82,200	52,400	31,300	83,700
	February	51,900	30,200	82,100	51,800	31,200	83,000
	March	51,500	29,800	81,400	51,400	31,300	82,700
	April	49,900	29,500	79,400	51,100	31,200	82,300
	May	50,400	30,500	81,000	50,900	31,300	82,200
	June	53,300	33,700	87,000	50,900	31,200	82,100
	July	53,900	35,400	89,300	50,600	31,200	81,800
	August	53,300	35,500	88,800	50,300	31,200	81,500
	September	49,200	31,700	80,900	49,700	30,700	80,400
	October	47,400	30,300	77,700	49,600	31,300	80,900

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	October	219,500	108,000	327,500	230,100	112,000	342,100
	November	222,600	107,500	330,100	231,700	113,300	345,000
	December	228,000	111,100	339,200	230,600	113,900	344,500
2010	January	236,400	114,600	351,000	231,700	116,300	348,000
	February	236,300	115,600	351,800	230,400	116,200	346,600
	March	235,300	114,800	350,100	230,500	115,400	345,900
	April	234,400	115,200	349,700	233,200	117,600	350,800
	May	235,900	116,400	352,300	235,300	118,400	353,700
	June	239,500	121,700	361,200	235,700	118,700	354,500
	July	241,800	130,400	372,200	237,600	120,000	357,600
	August	241,700	130,700	372,400	238,600	121,500	360,100
	September	234,600	119,100	353,800	240,400	121,100	361,400
	October	229,600	117,100	346,600	239,600	121,100	360,700
	November	229,200	115,300	344,500	238,200	121,300	359,600
	December	236,700	119,100	355,800	238,800	122,200	361,000
2011	January	239,800	120,700	360,400	235,700	122,500	358,200
	February	240,000	122,300	362,200	235,300	123,100	358,400
	March	238,700	121,100	359,800	236,100	123,700	359,800
	April	236,800	123,400	360,200	235,100	123,900	359,100
	May	237,900	122,100	360,000	237,100	124,300	361,400
	June	242,800	128,100	370,900	238,600	125,200	363,800
	July	243,800	137,100	381,000	239,000	126,300	365,300
	August	243,600	137,400	380,900	239,600	127,600	367,200
	September	232,800	123,700	356,600	238,300	125,700	364,000
	October	230,200	122,500	352,700	239,600	126,600	366,100

¹ Table contains revised figures.

Table 3 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates (SUR)¹

Month	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
	%	%	%	%	%	%
January	4.3	4.4	4.8	9.4	13.0	14.2
February ²	4.4	4.4	4.9	10.1	12.8	13.9
March	4.4	4.4	5.2	10.8	12.9	14.1
April	4.4	4.5	5.3	11.3	13.2	14.1
May ²	4.5	4.6	5.6	11.8	13.5	14.2 ³
June	4.5	4.6	5.9	12.0	13.4	14.3
July	4.5	4.5	6.4	12.2	13.4	14.4
August ²	4.6	4.5	6.8	12.4	13.5	14.5
September	4.5	4.6	7.1	12.7	14.0	14.3
October	4.4	4.6	7.6	12.9	14.4	14.4
November ²	4.3	4.8	8.1	13.1	14.8	
December	4.4	4.7	8.5	13.0	14.6	
Annual average	4.4	4.5	6.4	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: April-June 2011, 14.2%.

Table 4 Summary of flows¹ on and off the Live Register

			Number	Males				Females			
			of Weeks	Live Register	New Registrations	Outflow (derived)	Average Weekly Change	Live Register	New Registrations	Outflow (derived)	Average Weekly Change
JB Claims											
2010	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
	May	4	61,832	8,167	10,317	-	538	50,275	7,415	10,646	- 808
	June	4	61,562	8,586	8,856	-	68	52,896	9,286	6,665	+ 655
	July	5	60,064	10,329	11,827	-	300	58,926	15,392	9,362	+ 1,206
	August	4	57,999	6,543	8,608	-	516	57,710	6,641	7,857	- 304
	September	5	53,552	9,298	13,745	-	889	47,333	8,831	19,208	- 2,075
	October	4	52,546	8,650	9,656	-	252	46,467	7,275	8,141	- 217
JA Applications											
2010	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
	May	4	216,003	11,615	8,076	+	885	83,630	6,882	3,991	+ 723
	June	4	223,956	13,754	5,801	+	1,988	89,738	9,252	3,144	+ 1,527
	July	5	227,000	15,220	12,176	+	609	93,701	10,503	6,540	+ 793
	August	4	227,981	10,924	9,943	+	245	95,116	6,662	5,247	+ 354
	September	5	217,752	15,097	25,326	-	2,046	88,805	9,261	15,572	- 1,262
	October	4	214,305	12,325	15,772	-	862	87,028	7,091	8,868	- 444
Other Registrants											
2010	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
	May	4	10,455	478	322	+	39	18,752	958	787	+ 43
	June	4	10,631	551	375	+	44	19,165	1,074	661	+ 103
	July	5	10,706	757	682	+	15	19,887	1,922	1,200	+ 144
	August	4	10,873	612	445	+	42	20,034	945	798	+ 37
	September	5	10,684	692	881	-	38	19,315	1,311	2,030	- 144
	October	4	10,744	651	591	+	15	19,342	1,042	1,015	+ 7

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	October 2010	September 2011	October 2011	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland and Western	86,464	86,088	84,602	- 1,486	- 1,862	14,983	69,619
Border	39,636	39,679	38,942	- 737	- 694	7,067	31,875
Midland	21,372	21,350	21,127	- 223	- 245	3,702	17,425
West	25,456	25,059	24,533	- 526	- 923	4,214	20,319
Southern and Eastern	195,135	195,900	192,993	- 2,907	- 2,142	32,387	160,606
Dublin	67,946	69,347	67,618	- 1,729	- 328	11,652	55,966
Mid-East	26,983	26,984	26,543	- 441	- 440	4,291	22,252
Mid-West	24,995	24,510	24,059	- 451	- 936	4,022	20,037
South-East	36,337	36,742	36,564	- 178	+ 227	6,532	30,032
South-West	38,874	38,317	38,209	- 108	- 665	5,890	32,319
Total	281,599	281,988	277,595	- 4,393	- 4,004	47,370	230,225
Females							
Border, Midland and Western	45,851	48,915	47,915	- 1,000	+ 2,064	9,947	37,968
Border	20,726	22,391	21,864	- 527	+ 1,138	4,590	17,274
Midland	11,230	11,774	11,634	- 140	+ 404	2,551	9,083
West	13,895	14,750	14,417	- 333	+ 522	2,806	11,611
Southern and Eastern	102,103	106,538	104,922	- 1,616	+ 2,819	20,392	84,530
Dublin	34,555	36,075	34,947	- 1,128	+ 392	6,954	27,993
Mid-East	14,667	15,505	15,200	- 305	+ 533	2,752	12,448
Mid-West	13,494	14,003	13,828	- 175	+ 334	2,779	11,049
South-East	18,702	19,854	19,819	- 35	+ 1,117	4,092	15,727
South-West	20,685	21,101	21,128	+ 27	+ 443	3,815	17,313
Total	147,954	155,453	152,837	- 2,616	+ 4,883	30,339	122,498
All Persons							
Border, Midland and Western	132,315	135,003	132,517	- 2,486	+ 202	24,930	107,587
Border	60,362	62,070	60,806	- 1,264	+ 444	11,657	49,149
Midland	32,602	33,124	32,761	- 363	+ 159	6,253	26,508
West	39,351	39,809	38,950	- 859	- 401	7,020	31,930
Southern and Eastern	297,238	302,438	297,915	- 4,523	+ 677	52,779	245,136
Dublin	102,501	105,422	102,565	- 2,857	+ 64	18,606	83,959
Mid-East	41,650	42,489	41,743	- 746	+ 93	7,043	34,700
Mid-West	38,489	38,513	37,887	- 626	- 602	6,801	31,086
South-East	55,039	56,596	56,383	- 213	+ 1,344	10,624	45,759
South-West	59,559	59,418	59,337	- 81	- 222	9,705	49,632
Total	429,553	437,441	430,432	- 7,009	+ 879	77,709	352,723

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	October 2010	September 2011	October 2011	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Managers and administrators	10,111	9,934	9,855	- 79	- 256	455	9,400
Professional	12,638	12,293	11,814	- 479	- 824	1,267	10,547
Associate professional and technical	7,655	7,505	7,294	- 211	- 361	1,038	6,256
Clerical and secretarial	11,434	11,546	11,169	- 377	- 265	1,795	9,374
Craft and related	104,882	99,346	97,632	- 1,714	- 7,250	12,944	84,688
Personal and protective service	16,928	17,615	17,764	+ 149	+ 836	3,149	14,615
Sales	16,031	17,727	17,404	- 323	+ 1,373	5,625	11,779
Plant and machine operatives	53,293	54,389	53,540	- 849	+ 247	7,506	46,034
Other occupation	39,382	40,194	39,837	- 357	+ 455	8,245	31,592
No occupation ¹	9,245	11,439	11,286	- 153	+ 2,041	5,346	5,940
Total	281,599	281,988	277,595	- 4,393	- 4,004	47,370	230,225
Females							
Managers and administrators	6,910	6,670	6,541	- 129	- 369	274	6,267
Professional	12,853	13,332	12,775	- 557	- 78	1,332	11,443
Associate professional and technical	5,234	5,416	5,286	- 130	+ 52	668	4,618
Clerical and secretarial	31,123	30,679	29,894	- 785	- 1,229	2,475	27,419
Craft and related	6,754	7,237	7,178	- 59	+ 424	1,201	5,977
Personal and protective service	30,147	31,864	31,885	+ 21	+ 1,738	7,379	24,506
Sales	26,881	29,008	28,529	- 479	+ 1,648	8,063	20,466
Plant and machine operatives	14,437	15,295	14,982	- 313	+ 545	2,645	12,337
Other occupation	8,465	9,479	9,388	- 91	+ 923	3,022	6,366
No occupation ¹	5,150	6,473	6,379	- 94	+ 1,229	3,280	3,099
Total	147,954	155,453	152,837	- 2,616	+ 4,883	30,339	122,498
All Persons							
Managers and administrators	17,021	16,604	16,396	- 208	- 625	729	15,667
Professional	25,491	25,625	24,589	- 1,036	- 902	2,599	21,990
Associate professional and technical	12,889	12,921	12,580	- 341	- 309	1,706	10,874
Clerical and secretarial	42,557	42,225	41,063	- 1,162	- 1,494	4,270	36,793
Craft and related	111,636	106,583	104,810	- 1,773	- 6,826	14,145	90,665
Personal and protective service	47,075	49,479	49,649	+ 170	+ 2,574	10,528	39,121
Sales	42,912	46,735	45,933	- 802	+ 3,021	13,688	32,245
Plant and machine operatives	67,730	69,684	68,522	- 1,162	+ 792	10,151	58,371
Other occupation	47,847	49,673	49,225	- 448	+ 1,378	11,267	37,958
No occupation ¹	14,395	17,912	17,665	- 247	+ 3,270	8,626	9,039
Total	429,553	437,441	430,432	- 7,009	+ 879	77,709	352,723

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	October 2010	September 2011	October 2011	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Less than one year	173,572	149,134	147,303	- 1,831	- 26,269	28,732	118,571
One year or more	108,027	132,854	130,292	- 2,562	+ 22,265	18,638	111,654
Total	281,599	281,988	277,595	- 4,393	- 4,004	47,370	230,225
Females							
Less than one year	108,373	104,908	103,356	- 1,552	- 5,017	21,365	81,991
One year or more	39,581	50,545	49,481	- 1,064	+ 9,900	8,974	40,507
Total	147,954	155,453	152,837	- 2,616	+ 4,883	30,339	122,498
All Persons							
Less than one year	281,945	254,042	250,659	- 3,383	- 31,286	50,097	200,562
One year or more	147,608	183,399	179,773	- 3,626	+ 32,165	27,612	152,161
Total	429,553	437,441	430,432	- 7,009	+ 879	77,709	352,723

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

		Males	Monthly change	Females	Monthly change	All Persons	Monthly change
2009	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
	May	45,071	- 376	39,862	- 285	84,933	- 661
	June	45,609	+ 538	40,156	+ 294	85,765	+ 832
	July	45,639	+ 30	40,226	+ 70	85,865	+ 100
	August	45,312	- 327	39,984	- 242	85,296	- 569
	September	44,731	- 581	39,286	- 698	84,017	- 1,279
	October	45,234	+ 503	39,795	+ 509	85,029	+ 1,012

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	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
	May	18,075	3,711	41,791	13,401	76,978	363,969	440,947
	June	18,648	3,829	42,013	14,431	78,921	379,027	457,948
	July	19,006	3,872	41,732	14,675	79,285	390,999	470,284
	August	18,925	3,847	41,330	14,893	78,995	390,718	469,713
	September	17,894	3,586	40,000	13,941	75,421	362,020	437,441
	October	17,708	3,545	40,202	13,582	75,037	355,395	430,432

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 Jobseeker's Benefit (JB) excluding systematic short-time workers
- ◆ Applicants for Jobseeker's 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:
October 2011 – 1st October to 28th October 2011
October 2010 – 25th September to 29th October 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 Jobseeker's Allowance or Jobseeker's 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.

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 Q2 2011 (adjusted for seasonality) are:

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	%	%	%	%
2006	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.3
2007	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.8
2008	4.9	5.6	6.8	8.1
2009	10.1	11.8	12.4	13.1
2010	12.8	13.5	13.5	14.8
2011	13.9	14.2		

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.

Jobseeker's Benefit Duration Prior to 19 January 2004 Jobseeker's 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 Jobseeker's Benefit or Jobseeker's 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 StatBank 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, StatBank on the CSO website

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

Go to:

- > Databases
- > StatBank (CSO Main Dissemination Service)
- > Labour Market and Earnings
- > Labour Force
- > Live Register

or click

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