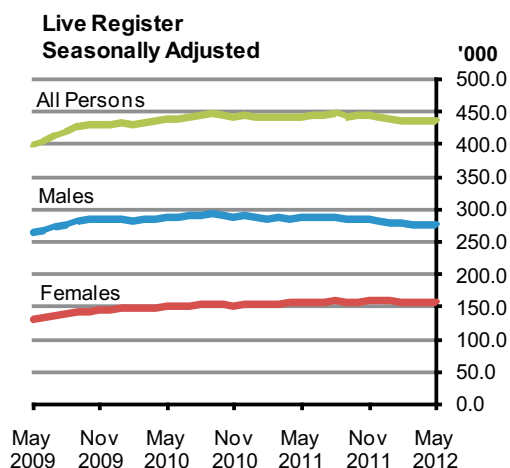




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Live Register May 2012



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted	Standardised Unemployment Rate (SUR)%
May 2011	440,947	444,400	14.3
April 2012	430,001	436,500	14.3
May 2012	432,907	436,700	14.3

	Change in month	Change in year	Percentage Points
	–	+ 200	0.0
	– 8,040	–	0.0

Seasonally adjusted Live Register stands at 436,700 in May

On a seasonally adjusted basis the Live Register total was effectively unchanged in the month, with a monthly increase of 200 bringing the May 2012 seasonally adjusted total to 436,700. *See table 2a.*

In unadjusted terms there were 432,907 people signing on the Live Register in May 2012. This represents a decrease of 8,040 (-1.8%) over the year. The trend in the overall Live Register continues to be one of movement within a small range. *See table 1a.*

The standardised unemployment rate (SUR) in May 2012 was 14.3%, unchanged from April 2012. The latest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate from the Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) was 14.6% in the fourth quarter of 2011. It should be noted that QNHS data for Quarter 1 2012 will be available shortly and this will update the SUR series. *See table 3.*

Other features include:

- ◆ On a seasonally adjusted basis the Live Register showed a monthly decrease of 200 males in May 2012, while females increased by 400 over the same period. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The number of male claimants decreased by 9,527 (-3.3%) to 278,763 over the year and female claimants increased by 1,487 (+1.0%) to 154,144. This compares with a decrease of 2,095 (-0.7%) to 288,290 for males and an increase of 5,120 (+3.5%) to 152,657 for females in the year to May 2011. *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 fourth quarter of 2011 was 302,000.

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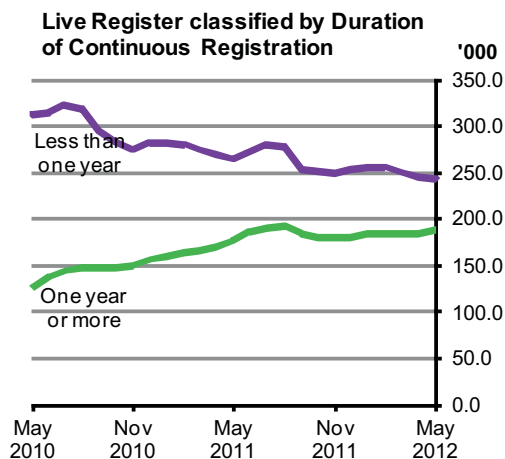
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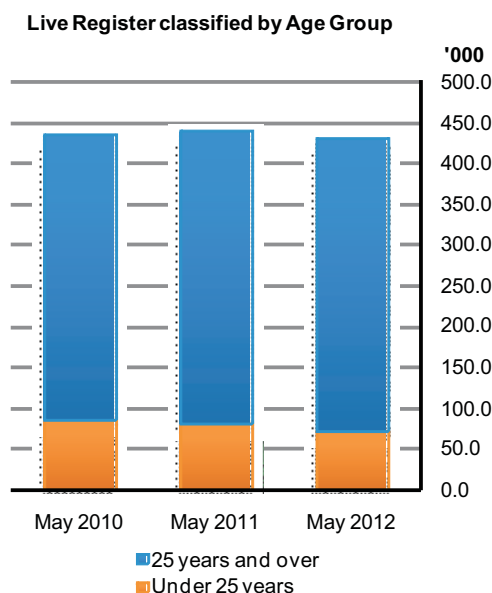
Live Register duration of continuous registration

The number of long term claimants on the Live Register in May 2012 was 188,729. The number of male long term claimants increased by 5,936 (+4.6%) in the year to May 2012, while the comparable increase for females was 6,459 (+13.7%) giving an overall annual increase of 12,395 (+7.0%) in the number of long term claimants. *See table 7 and graph opposite.*

In May 56.4% (244,178) of all claimants on the Live Register were short term claimants. The comparable figure for May 2011 was 60.0% (264,613). The annual fall of 20,435 (-7.7%) in the number of short term claimants consisted of a decrease of 15,463 (-9.7%) in the number of male short term claimants and a decrease of 4,972 (-4.7%) in female short term claimants.

Live Register casual and part-time workers

There were 88,064 casual and part-time workers on the Live Register in May, which represents 20.3% of the total Live Register. This compares with 19.3% one year earlier when there were 84,993 casual and part-time workers on the Live Register. In the year to May 2012 the number of casual and part-time workers increased by 3,131 (+3.7%), with the number of males increasing by 2,555 (+5.7%) and the number of females increasing by 576 (+1.4%). *See table 8.*



Live Register age groups

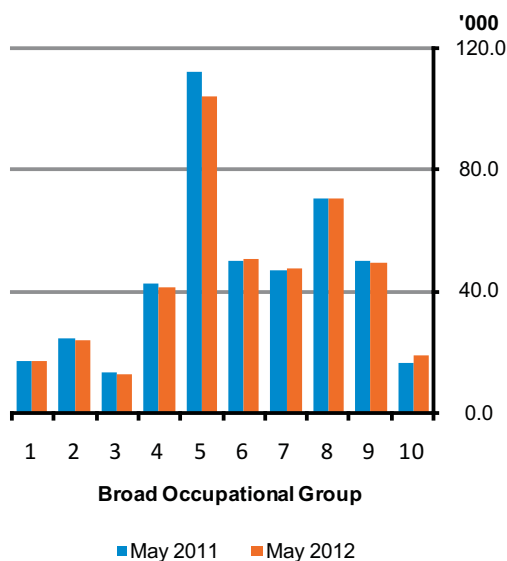
In the year to May 2012 the number of persons aged 25 and over on the Live Register increased by 305 (+0.1%), and the number of persons aged under 25 decreased by 8,345 (-10.3%). Annual decreases in persons aged under 25 have occurred in all months since July 2010. The percentage of persons aged under 25 on the Live Register now stands at 16.8% for May 2012, down from 18.4% in May 2011 and 19.6% in May 2010. *See tables 1b and 1c and graph opposite.*

Live Register new registrants

There were 30,405 new registrants on the Live Register in May 2012, consisting of 12,487 JB claims, 16,612 JA claims and 1,306 'Other Registrants'. Males accounted for 56.9% (17,314) and females 43.1% (13,091) of all new registrants. On average 4,329 male and 3,273 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.*

Data on Activation Programmes for April 2012 is included in the Annex of this release. Numbers of people participating in Activation Programmes are not included in the Live Register count.

Live Register classified by Last Held Occupation



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 by other classifications

Bearing in mind the overall annual decrease of 1.8% in the number of people on the Live Register in May the main other points which can be noted include:

- ◆ An annual increase of 2.1% brought the total number of Jobseeker's Allowance (JA) claimants to 305,991 in May 2012, while Jobseeker's Benefit (JB) claimants decreased to 93,989 (-16.2%) over the same period. As a result JA claimants account for 70.7% of all persons on the Live Register in May 2012 compared with 68.0% a year earlier. *See table 1a.*
- ◆ Annual decreases occurred in all eight NUTS 3 regions with the largest percentage decrease in the West region (-5.0%). The smallest percentage decrease occurred in the Midland region (-0.5%). *See table 5.*
- ◆ *Craft and related* (23.9%) remained the largest occupational group on the Live Register in May, despite the fact that the number in the group fell over the year by 8,523 (-7.6%) to 103,539. The second largest annual percentage decrease was in the *Associate, professional and technical* group (-5.7%) followed by *Clerical and secretarial* group (-2.7%). *See table 6 and graph opposite.*
- ◆ In May Non-Irish nationals accounted for 17.7% (76,783) of the number of persons on the Live Register, which was a slight increase from one year earlier (17.5%). *See table 9.*

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	May 2011	April 2012	May 2012	Monthly change		Annual change
Males						
JB Claims	61,832	51,678	50,379	-	1,299	- 11,453
JA Applications	216,003	213,894	216,412	+	2,518	+ 409
Other Registrants	10,455	11,836	11,972	+	136	+ 1,517
Total	288,290	277,408	278,763	+	1,355	- 9,527
Females						
JB Claims	50,275	44,534	43,610	-	924	- 6,665
JA Applications	83,630	87,270	89,579	+	2,309	+ 5,949
Other Registrants	18,752	20,789	20,955	+	166	+ 2,203
Total	152,657	152,593	154,144	+	1,551	+ 1,487
All Persons						
JB Claims	112,107	96,212	93,989	-	2,223	- 18,118
JA Applications	299,633	301,164	305,991	+	4,827	+ 6,358
Other Registrants	29,207	32,625	32,927	+	302	+ 3,720
Total	440,947	430,001	432,907	+	2,906	- 8,040

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

Category	May 2011	April 2012	May 2012	Monthly change		Annual change
Males						
JB Claims	5,803	3,929	3,878	-	51	- 1,925
JA Applications	44,488	39,853	40,479	+	626	- 4,009
Other Registrants	147	111	113	+	2	- 34
Total	50,438	43,893	44,470	+	577	- 5,968
Females						
JB Claims	4,925	3,498	3,467	-	31	- 1,458
JA Applications	25,357	23,293	24,459	+	1,166	- 898
Other Registrants	248	237	227	-	10	- 21
Total	30,530	27,028	28,153	+	1,125	- 2,377
All Persons						
JB Claims	10,728	7,427	7,345	-	82	- 3,383
JA Applications	69,845	63,146	64,938	+	1,792	- 4,907
Other Registrants	395	348	340	-	8	- 55
Total	80,968	70,921	72,623	+	1,702	- 8,345

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

Category	May 2011	April 2012	May 2012	Monthly change		Annual change
Males						
JB Claims	56,029	47,749	46,501	-	1,248	- 9,528
JA Applications	171,515	174,041	175,933	+	1,892	+ 4,418
Other Registrants	10,308	11,725	11,859	+	134	+ 1,551
Total	237,852	233,515	234,293	+	778	- 3,559
Females						
JB Claims	45,350	41,036	40,143	-	893	- 5,207
JA Applications	58,273	63,977	65,120	+	1,143	+ 6,847
Other Registrants	18,504	20,552	20,728	+	176	+ 2,224
Total	122,127	125,565	125,991	+	426	+ 3,864
All Persons						
JB Claims	101,379	88,785	86,644	-	2,141	- 14,735
JA Applications	229,788	238,018	241,053	+	3,035	+ 11,265
Other Registrants	28,812	32,277	32,587	+	310	+ 3,775
Total	359,979	359,080	360,284	+	1,204	+ 305

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
2010	May	290,400	147,500	437,900	290,700	150,400	441,100
	June	297,100	155,800	452,900	291,100	150,600	441,700
	July	300,500	166,400	466,800	292,700	151,900	444,700
	August	300,000	167,000	466,900	293,300	153,400	446,700
	September	289,800	152,600	442,400	295,800	153,600	449,500
	October	281,600	148,000	429,600	292,900	153,200	446,100
	November	280,200	144,800	425,000	290,800	152,100	442,900
	December	288,800	148,300	437,100	292,300	153,100	445,400
2011	January	292,000	150,700	442,700	288,700	153,600	442,300
	February	291,800	152,500	444,300	287,800	154,300	442,100
	March	290,200	151,000	441,200	288,800	155,600	444,400
	April	286,700	152,800	439,600	287,000	155,700	442,700
	May	288,300	152,700	440,900	288,700	155,800	444,400
	June	296,100	161,800	457,900	289,800	156,700	446,500
	July	297,800	172,500	470,300	289,400	157,800	447,200
	August	296,900	172,900	469,700	289,200	158,900	448,100
	September	282,000	155,500	437,400	287,200	156,600	443,800
	October	277,600	152,800	430,400	287,500	158,100	445,500
	November	276,500	153,000	429,600	286,000	159,900	445,900
	December	279,700	155,100	434,800	282,800	159,600	442,400
2012	January	283,900	155,700	439,600	281,400	158,600	440,000
	February	283,500	156,000	439,400	280,600	158,000	438,600
	March	280,200	153,800	434,100	279,100	157,300	436,300
	April	277,400	152,600	430,000	279,500	157,000	436,500
	May	278,800	154,100	432,900	279,300	157,400	436,700

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
2010	May	54,400	31,200	85,600	55,100	31,900	87,000
	June	57,500	34,100	91,600	55,200	31,700	86,800
	July	58,600	36,000	94,600	55,200	31,700	87,000
	August	58,300	36,300	94,600	55,100	31,900	87,000
	September	55,200	33,500	88,700	55,400	32,400	87,800
	October	52,000	30,900	82,900	54,400	31,800	86,300
	November	51,000	29,500	80,500	53,600	31,600	85,300
	December	52,100	29,200	81,300	53,600	31,500	85,100
2011	January	52,200	30,000	82,200	52,600	31,300	83,900
	February	51,900	30,200	82,100	51,900	31,300	83,100
	March	51,500	29,800	81,400	51,700	31,500	83,200
	April	49,900	29,500	79,400	51,400	31,300	82,700
	May	50,400	30,500	81,000	51,100	31,300	82,400
	June	53,300	33,700	87,000	51,000	31,300	82,300
	July	53,900	35,400	89,300	50,600	31,300	81,800
	August	53,300	35,500	88,800	50,100	31,200	81,300
	September	49,200	31,700	80,900	49,200	30,600	79,900
	October	47,400	30,300	77,700	49,300	31,100	80,400
	November	46,200	29,400	75,600	48,400	31,300	79,700
	December	45,900	28,500	74,300	47,200	30,700	77,900
2012	January	46,500	28,800	75,300	46,900	30,200	77,100
	February	46,200	28,700	74,900	46,400	29,800	76,200
	March	45,200	27,800	73,000	45,700	29,200	74,900
	April	43,900	27,000	70,900	45,400	29,100	74,400
	May	44,500	28,200	72,600	45,100	28,900	74,000

¹ Table contains revised figures.

Table 2c Persons 25 years of age and over on the Live Register - Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted

	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series ¹		
		Males	Females	All Persons	Males	Females	All Persons
2010	May	235,900	116,400	352,300	235,600	118,500	354,100
	June	239,500	121,700	361,200	235,900	118,900	354,800
	July	241,800	130,400	372,200	237,500	120,200	357,700
	August	241,700	130,700	372,400	238,200	121,500	359,700
	September	234,600	119,100	353,800	240,400	121,200	361,700
	October	229,600	117,100	346,600	238,500	121,400	359,800
	November	229,200	115,300	344,500	237,200	120,400	357,600
	December	236,700	119,100	355,800	238,700	121,600	360,300
2011	January	239,800	120,700	360,400	236,200	122,200	358,400
	February	240,000	122,300	362,200	235,900	123,100	359,000
	March	238,700	121,100	359,800	237,100	124,100	361,100
	April	236,800	123,400	360,200	235,600	124,400	360,000
	May	237,900	122,100	360,000	237,600	124,500	362,100
	June	242,800	128,100	370,900	238,800	125,400	364,200
	July	243,800	137,100	381,000	238,800	126,600	365,400
	August	243,600	137,400	380,900	239,100	127,700	366,800
	September	232,800	123,700	356,600	238,000	125,900	363,900
	October	230,200	122,500	352,700	238,200	126,900	365,100
	November	230,300	123,700	354,000	237,600	128,600	366,200
	December	233,800	126,600	360,400	235,600	128,900	364,500
2012	January	237,400	126,900	364,200	234,500	128,400	363,000
	February	237,200	127,200	364,500	234,200	128,200	362,400
	March	235,100	126,000	361,100	233,400	128,000	361,400
	April	233,500	125,600	359,100	234,100	127,900	362,100
	May	234,300	126,000	360,300	234,200	128,500	362,700

¹ Table contains revised figures.

Table 3 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates (SUR)¹

Month	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
	%	%	%	%	%	%
January	4.4	4.8	9.3	12.9	14.2	14.5
February ²	4.4	4.8	10.1	12.8	14.1	14.4
March	4.4	5.2	10.8	13.0	14.2	14.3
April	4.5	5.3	11.3	13.3	14.2	14.3
May ²	4.6	5.6	11.9	13.6	14.3	14.3
June	4.6	5.9	12.1	13.6	14.4	
July	4.5	6.4	12.3	13.6	14.5	
August ²	4.5	6.8	12.5	13.7	14.6	
September	4.6	7.1	12.7	14.0	14.5	
October	4.6	7.6	12.8	14.2	14.6	
November ²	4.8	8.1	12.8	14.4	14.6 ³	
December	4.7	8.6	12.8	14.4	14.5	
Annual average	4.5	6.4	11.8	13.6	14.4	

¹ Table contains revised figures. See Background Notes.

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 2011, 14.6%.

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											
2011	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
	November	4	52,336	8,891	9,101	-	53	46,878	9,755	9,344	+ 103
	December	5	53,892	9,662	8,106	+	311	48,771	8,745	6,852	+ 379
2012	January	4	55,964	11,669	9,597	+	518	48,369	10,242	10,644	- 101
	February	4	55,317	8,814	9,461	-	162	47,937	8,136	8,568	- 108
	March	5	53,266	9,215	11,266	-	410	45,706	7,103	9,334	- 446
	April	4	51,678	7,471	9,059	-	397	44,534	9,252	10,424	- 293
	May	4	50,379	6,629	7,928	-	325	43,610	5,858	6,782	- 231
JA Applications											
2011	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
	November	4	213,285	11,142	12,162	-	255	86,606	6,601	7,023	- 106
	December	5	214,817	11,762	10,230	+	306	86,636	5,948	5,918	+ 6
2012	January	4	216,706	11,651	9,762	+	472	87,494	6,424	5,566	+ 215
	February	4	216,743	11,044	11,007	+	9	87,940	6,345	5,899	+ 112
	March	5	215,295	12,102	13,550	-	290	87,559	6,694	7,075	- 76
	April	4	213,894	9,275	10,676	-	350	87,270	5,333	5,622	- 72
	May	4	216,412	10,185	7,667	+	630	89,579	6,427	4,118	+ 577
Other Registrants											
2011	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
	November	4	10,905	577	416	+	40	19,557	1,193	978	+ 54
	December	5	11,014	689	580	+	22	19,654	1,125	1,028	+ 19
2012	January	4	11,223	734	525	+	52	19,833	1,309	1,130	+ 45
	February	4	11,390	595	428	+	42	20,095	1,168	906	+ 66
	March	5	11,682	825	533	+	58	20,546	1,295	844	+ 90
	April	4	11,836	569	415	+	39	20,789	1,183	940	+ 61
	May	4	11,972	500	364	+	34	20,955	806	640	+ 42

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	May 2011	April 2012	May 2012	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland and Western	88,500	83,935	84,203	+ 268	- 4,297	13,826	70,377
Border	40,660	38,858	38,934	+ 76	- 1,726	6,667	32,267
Midland	21,570	20,970	21,061	+ 91	- 509	3,395	17,666
West	26,270	24,107	24,208	+ 101	- 2,062	3,764	20,444
Southern and Eastern	199,790	193,473	194,560	+ 1,087	- 5,230	30,644	163,916
Dublin	70,014	68,487	69,028	+ 541	- 986	11,242	57,786
Mid-East	27,512	26,760	27,024	+ 264	- 488	4,227	22,797
Mid-West	25,090	23,596	23,653	+ 57	- 1,437	3,701	19,952
South-East	37,783	36,583	36,816	+ 233	- 967	6,081	30,735
South-West	39,391	38,047	38,039	- 8	- 1,352	5,393	32,646
Total	288,290	277,408	278,763	+ 1,355	- 9,527	44,470	234,293
Females							
Border, Midland and Western	47,760	48,042	48,402	+ 360	+ 642	9,125	39,277
Border	21,731	21,827	22,010	+ 183	+ 279	4,150	17,860
Midland	11,530	11,761	11,883	+ 122	+ 353	2,511	9,372
West	14,499	14,454	14,509	+ 55	+ 10	2,464	12,045
Southern and Eastern	104,897	104,551	105,742	+ 1,191	+ 845	19,028	86,714
Dublin	35,171	34,983	35,408	+ 425	+ 237	6,552	28,856
Mid-East	15,196	15,117	15,319	+ 202	+ 123	2,633	12,686
Mid-West	13,717	13,611	13,753	+ 142	+ 36	2,474	11,279
South-East	19,836	19,937	20,334	+ 397	+ 498	3,954	16,380
South-West	20,977	20,903	20,928	+ 25	- 49	3,415	17,513
Total	152,657	152,593	154,144	+ 1,551	+ 1,487	28,153	125,991
All Persons							
Border, Midland and Western	136,260	131,977	132,605	+ 628	- 3,655	22,951	109,654
Border	62,391	60,685	60,944	+ 259	- 1,447	10,817	50,127
Midland	33,100	32,731	32,944	+ 213	- 156	5,906	27,038
West	40,769	38,561	38,717	+ 156	- 2,052	6,228	32,489
Southern and Eastern	304,687	298,024	300,302	+ 2,278	- 4,385	49,672	250,630
Dublin	105,185	103,470	104,436	+ 966	- 749	17,794	86,642
Mid-East	42,708	41,877	42,343	+ 466	- 365	6,860	35,483
Mid-West	38,807	37,207	37,406	+ 199	- 1,401	6,175	31,231
South-East	57,619	56,520	57,150	+ 630	- 469	10,035	47,115
South-West	60,368	58,950	58,967	+ 17	- 1,401	8,808	50,159
Total	440,947	430,001	432,907	+ 2,906	- 8,040	72,623	360,284

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	May 2011	April 2012	May 2012	Monthly change		Annual change		Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males									
Managers and administrators	10,046	10,116	10,149	+	33	+	103	397	9,752
Professional	11,977	11,067	11,187	+	120	-	790	912	10,275
Associate professional and technical	7,609	6,910	7,057	+	147	-	552	887	6,170
Clerical and secretarial	11,633	11,345	11,435	+	90	-	198	1,688	9,747
Craft and related	104,900	96,224	96,102	-	122	-	8,798	11,302	84,800
Personal and protective service	18,135	18,358	18,257	-	101	+	122	2,909	15,348
Sales	17,641	17,936	18,308	+	372	+	667	5,723	12,585
Plant and machine operatives	55,436	54,631	54,760	+	129	-	676	7,303	47,457
Other occupation	40,575	39,323	39,662	+	339	-	913	7,920	31,742
No occupation ¹	10,338	11,498	11,846	+	348	+	1,508	5,429	6,417
Total	288,290	277,408	278,763	+	1,355	-	9,527	44,470	234,293
Females									
Managers and administrators	6,829	6,634	6,658	+	24	-	171	236	6,422
Professional	12,038	12,250	12,281	+	31	+	243	852	11,429
Associate professional and technical	5,453	5,179	5,259	+	80	-	194	481	4,778
Clerical and secretarial	30,533	29,633	29,606	-	27	-	927	2,114	27,492
Craft and related	7,162	7,402	7,437	+	35	+	275	1,102	6,335
Personal and protective service	31,783	32,376	32,274	-	102	+	491	6,793	25,481
Sales	29,071	28,304	28,990	+	686	-	81	7,689	21,301
Plant and machine operatives	14,986	15,207	15,477	+	270	+	491	2,597	12,880
Other occupation	9,001	9,200	9,466	+	266	+	465	2,930	6,536
No occupation ¹	5,801	6,408	6,696	+	288	+	895	3,359	3,337
Total	152,657	152,593	154,144	+	1,551	+	1,487	28,153	125,991
All Persons									
Managers and administrators	16,875	16,750	16,807	+	57	-	68	633	16,174
Professional	24,015	23,317	23,468	+	151	-	547	1,764	21,704
Associate professional and technical	13,062	12,089	12,316	+	227	-	746	1,368	10,948
Clerical and secretarial	42,166	40,978	41,041	+	63	-	1,125	3,802	37,239
Craft and related	112,062	103,626	103,539	-	87	-	8,523	12,404	91,135
Personal and protective service	49,918	50,734	50,531	-	203	+	613	9,702	40,829
Sales	46,712	46,240	47,298	+	1,058	+	586	13,412	33,886
Plant and machine operatives	70,422	69,838	70,237	+	399	-	185	9,900	60,337
Other occupation	49,576	48,523	49,128	+	605	-	448	10,850	38,278
No occupation ¹	16,139	17,906	18,542	+	636	+	2,403	8,788	9,754
Total	440,947	430,001	432,907	+	2,906	-	8,040	72,623	360,284

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	May 2011	April 2012	May 2012	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Less than one year	159,177	144,995	143,714	- 1,281	- 15,463	26,563	117,151
One year or more	129,113	132,413	135,049	+ 2,636	+ 5,936	17,907	117,142
Total	288,290	277,408	278,763	+ 1,355	- 9,527	44,470	234,293
Females							
Less than one year	105,436	100,953	100,464	- 489	- 4,972	19,234	81,230
One year or more	47,221	51,640	53,680	+ 2,040	+ 6,459	8,919	44,761
Total	152,657	152,593	154,144	+ 1,551	+ 1,487	28,153	125,991
All Persons							
Less than one year	264,613	245,948	244,178	- 1,770	- 20,435	45,797	198,381
One year or more	176,334	184,053	188,729	+ 4,676	+ 12,395	26,826	161,903
Total	440,947	430,001	432,907	+ 2,906	- 8,040	72,623	360,284

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

		Males	Monthly change	Females	Monthly change	All Persons	Monthly change
2010	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
	November	45,914	+ 680	40,698	+ 903	86,612	+ 1,583
	December	46,044	+ 130	40,771	+ 73	86,815	+ 203
2012	January	46,256	+ 212	40,773	+ 2	87,029	+ 214
	February	47,038	+ 782	41,176	+ 403	88,214	+ 1,185
	March	47,539	+ 501	41,177	+ 1	88,716	+ 502
	April	47,614	+ 75	40,828	- 349	88,442	- 274
	May	47,626	+ 12	40,438	- 390	88,064	- 378

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
2010	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
	November	17,648	3,571	40,788	13,512	75,519	354,048	429,567
	December	17,798	3,605	41,263	13,554	76,220	358,564	434,784
2012	January	17,827	3,648	42,831	13,845	78,151	361,438	439,589
	February	17,783	3,685	43,341	13,946	78,755	360,667	439,422
	March	17,521	3,608	43,025	13,926	78,080	355,974	434,054
	April	17,337	3,558	42,268	13,852	77,015	352,986	430,001
	May	17,447	3,551	41,634	14,151	76,783	356,124	432,907

Annex - Activation Programmes

The table below contains the end of April 2012 data on the number of people availing of a range of programmes targeted primarily at the long-term unemployed (over 12 months) and other welfare recipients, including Lone Parents.

There were 82,331 people availing of these programmes in April 2012, which is an increase of 11,100 (+15.6%) from the previous year. In April 2011 there were 71,231 people in activation programmes.

Persons on activation programmes are not counted as part of the monthly Live Register.

Live Register Activation Programmes

	April 2011	March 2012	April 2012
Back to Work Schemes			
Back to Work allowance scheme - Employee strand ¹	572	102	80
Back to Work Enterprise allowance scheme -self employed strand	9,148	10,978	11,065
Short-term Enterprise Allowance ²	1,215	1,167	1,135
Total Back to Work payments	10,935	12,247	12,280
Other Activation Programmes			
DSP Part-time Job Incentive	161	190	193
TUS - Community Work Placement Initiative (2011)	0	3,201	3,697
JobBridge (2011)	0	4,291	4,764
Total Other Activation Programmes	161	7,682	8,654
Community Employment Schemes (excluding Supervisors)	21,968	21,812	21,787
FAS Full Time Training for Unemployed People³	8,791	9,535	9,611
Back to Education Courses			
Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme (VTOS) ⁴	N/A	N/A	N/A
Back to Education Allowance (BTEA) ⁵	24,376	25,164	24,999
Total Back to Education Courses	29,376	30,164	29,999
Total Activation Programmes	71,231	81,440	82,331

¹ This scheme was closed to new applications from 1st May 2009.

² This scheme was introduced from 1st May 2009. It provides immediate support for someone in receipt of Jobseekers Benefit who wants to start a business.

³ Specific Skills Training/Local Training initiative/Traineeship/Return to Work. Breakdown became available for April 2012 Live Register release.

⁴ VTOS figures are estimated at 5,000 each year.

⁵ BTEA figures include all schemes but participants from JA & JB are not entitled to BTEA during the summer holidays.

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:
May 2012 – 28th April to 25th May 2012
May 2011 – 30th April to 27th May 2011

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 Q4 2011 (adjusted for seasonality) are:

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	%	%	%	%
2006	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.3
2007	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.8
2008	4.8	5.6	6.9	8.0
2009	10.1	11.9	12.5	12.8
2010	12.8	13.6	13.7	14.4
2011	14.1	14.3	14.6	14.6

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).

All Live Register series are updated monthly with the latest three years of seasonally adjusted data as part of the concurrent approach. The comprehensive annual review contains revisions to the entire series. Revisions to the series are typically very minor in scale.

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 cal 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, StatBank 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		Southern and Eastern NUTS2 Region	
Border	Cavan Donegal Leitrim Louth Monaghan Sligo	Dublin	Dublin City Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Fingal South Dublin
Midland	Laois Longford Offaly Westmeath	Mid-East	Kildare Meath Wicklow
West	Galway City Galway County Mayo Roscommon	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, StatBank 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

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