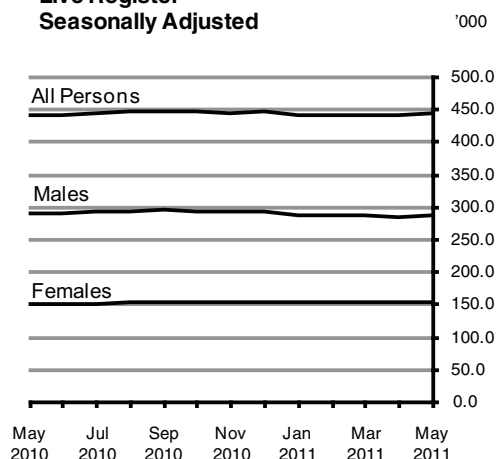




Live Register May 2011

Live Register Seasonally Adjusted



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted	Standardised Unemployment Rate (SUR)%
May 2010	437,922	440,700	13.2
April 2011	439,571	440,800	14.7
May 2011	440,947	443,400	14.8
			Percentage Points
Change in month	-	+ 2,600	+ 0.1
Change in year	+ 3,025	-	+ 1.6

Standardised unemployment rate up to 14.8% in May

The standardised unemployment rate in May 2011 was 14.8%, up slightly from a rate of 14.7% in April. The monthly increase in the standardised unemployment rate was caused by an increase of 2,600 (+0.6%) in the seasonally adjusted number of persons signing on the Live Register. The latest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate from the Quarterly National Household Survey was 14.7% in the fourth quarter of 2010. The average unemployment rate during 2010 was 13.6%. *See table 3.*

In May 2011 there were 440,947 people signing on the Live Register representing an increase of 3,025 (+0.7%) over the year. This increase is less than that recorded in April 2011 (+6,914 or +1.6%) and far less than the increase of 43,788 (+11.1%) seen in the year to May 2010. In the year to May 2009 the increase had been as high as 192,378 (+95.4%). *See table 1a.*

Other features include:

- ◆ On a seasonally adjusted basis there were monthly increases of 2,200 males and 400 females on the Live Register. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The number of female claimants increased by 5,120 (+3.5%), to 152,657 over the year while the number of male claimants decreased by 2,095 (-0.7%) to 288,290. This compares with increases of 18,876 (+14.7%) and 24,912 (+9.4%) for females and males respectively in the year to May 2010. *See table 1a.*
- ◆ The number of casual and part-time workers on the Live Register increased over the year by 6,058 (+7.7%) to 84,933. Casual and part-time workers in May accounted for 19.3% 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 estimated number of persons unemployed as of the fourth quarter of 2010 was 299,000.

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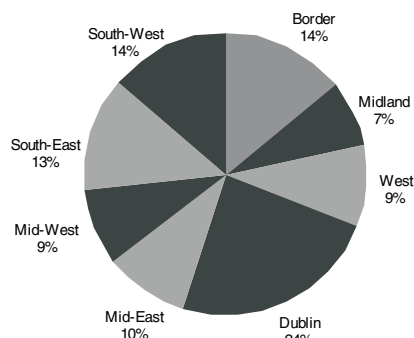
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Live Register classified by Regional Authority, May 2011



Live Register schemes analysis

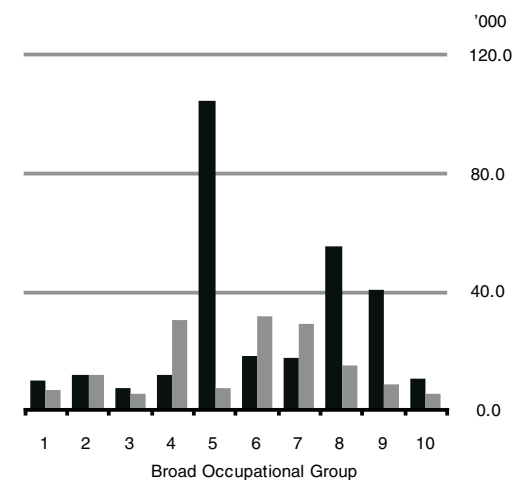
In May there were 112,107 Jobseekers Benefit (JB) claimants on the Live Register, an annual decrease of 32,878 (-22.7%), while Jobseekers Allowance (JA) claimants increased over the same period by 29,992 (+11.1%) to a level of 299,633. As a result JA claimants now account for 68.0% of all persons on the Live Register compared with 61.6% a year earlier. *See table 1a.*

In the year to May 2011 the number of persons aged 25 and over on the Live Register increased by 7,677 (+2.2%), while the number of persons aged under 25 fell by 4,652 (-5.4%). In both age groups JB claims fell while JA claims increased. Among persons aged under 25 the decrease in JB claimants (-4,810) was far larger than the increase in JA claimants (+197), but for persons aged 25 and over the increase in JA claimants (+29,795) over the year more than offset the decrease in JB claimants (-28,068). *See table 1b and 1c.*

There was an increase of 5,911 (+25.4%) in 'Other Registrants' on the Live Register in the year to May 2011 bringing the total to 29,207. This increase was entirely recorded among persons aged 25 and over (+5,950 or +26.0%). *See table 1a and 1c.*

There were 35,515 new registrants on the Live Register in May 2011, consisting of 15,582 JB claims, 18,497 JA claims and 1,436 'Other Registrants'. Males accounted for 20,260 (57.0%) and females 15,255 (43.0%) of all new registrants. On average 5,065 male and 3,814 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 increase in the total number on the Live Register is accounted for by closed claims and movements between schemes. *See table 4.*

Live Register classified by Last Held Occupation, May 2011



- KEY**
- Males
 - Females
- 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 regional analysis

Annual increases in the Live Register were recorded in six of the eight NUTS 3 regions, with decreases in the Mid-West (-1.0%) and South-West regions (-0.7%). The largest percentage increase was in the Midland region (+2.9%), followed by the South-East and Mid-East regions at 1.7% and 1.5% respectively. *See table 5.*

Live Register occupational groups¹

Craft and related (25.4%) was the largest occupational group on the Live Register in May, followed by *Plant and machine operatives* (16.0%). While it remains the largest occupational group on the Live Register the number in the *Craft and related* group actually fell over the year by 6,100 (-5.2%) to 112,062. *See table 6.*

In the year to May 2011 four occupational groups showed Live Register increases. The largest percentage increases were in the *Other occupation* group (+7.0%), followed by the *Personal and protective service* (+6.5%) and *Sales* (+5.4%) groups.

Live Register duration of continuous registration

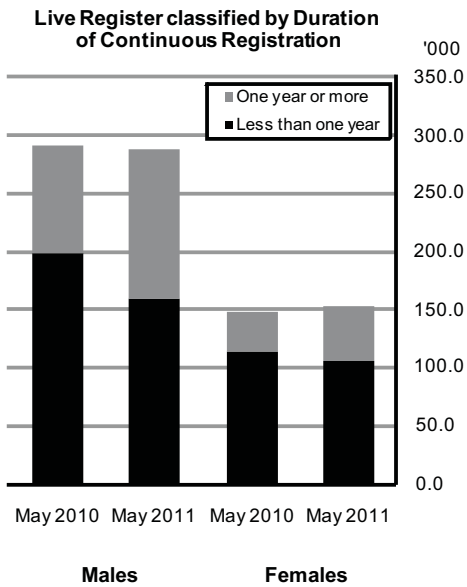
In May 60.0% (264,613) of all claimants on the Live Register were short term claimants. The comparable figure for May 2010 was 71.2% (311,857). The annual fall of 47,244 (-15.1%) in the number of short term claimants consisted of a decrease of 38,528 in the number of male short term claimants and a decrease of 8,716 in female short term claimants. *See table 7.*

In the year to May 2011 the number of long term male claimants increased by 36,433 (+39.3%), while the comparable increase for females was 13,836 (+41.4%) giving an overall annual increase of 50,269 (+39.9%) in the number of long term claimants. *See table 7 and graph on page 3.*

Live Register casual and part-time workers

There were 84,933 casual and part-time workers on the Live Register in May, which represents 19.3% of the total Live Register. This compares with 18.0% one year earlier when there were 78,875 casual and part-time workers on the Live Register. *See table 8.*

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



In the year to May 2011 the number of casual and part-time workers increased by 6,058 (+7.7%), with the number of males increasing by 3,469 (+8.3%) and the number of females increasing by 2,589 (+6.9%).

Live Register nationality groupings

In May Irish nationals accounted for 82.5% (363,969) of the number of persons on the Live Register. Of the 76,978 non-Irish nationals, the largest constituent group on the Live Register continued to be nationals from the EU15 to EU27 States (41,791), followed by the UK (18,075). *See table 9.*

In the year to May 2011 the number of Irish nationals on the Live Register increased by 4,116 (+1.1%), while the number of non-Irish nationals decreased by 1,091 (-1.4%).

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	May 2010	April 2011	May 2011	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	84,547	63,982	61,832	- 2,150	- 22,715
JA Applications	197,642	212,464	216,003	+ 3,539	+ 18,361
Other Registrants	8,196	10,299	10,455	+ 156	+ 2,259
Total	290,385	286,745	288,290	+ 1,545	- 2,095
Females					
JB Claims	60,438	53,506	50,275	- 3,231	- 10,163
JA Applications	71,999	80,739	83,630	+ 2,891	+ 11,631
Other Registrants	15,100	18,581	18,752	+ 171	+ 3,652
Total	147,537	152,826	152,657	- 169	+ 5,120
All Persons					
JB Claims	144,985	117,488	112,107	- 5,381	- 32,878
JA Applications	269,641	293,203	299,633	+ 6,430	+ 29,992
Other Registrants	23,296	28,880	29,207	+ 327	+ 5,911
Total	437,922	439,571	440,947	+ 1,376	+ 3,025

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

Category	May 2010	April 2011	May 2011	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	9,288	5,935	5,803	- 132	- 3,485
JA Applications	44,981	43,854	44,488	+ 634	- 493
Other Registrants	172	153	147	- 6	- 25
Total	54,441	49,942	50,438	+ 496	- 4,003
Females					
JB Claims	6,250	5,013	4,925	- 88	- 1,325
JA Applications	24,667	24,218	25,357	+ 1,139	+ 690
Other Registrants	262	243	248	+ 5	- 14
Total	31,179	29,474	30,530	+ 1,056	- 649
All Persons					
JB Claims	15,538	10,948	10,728	- 220	- 4,810
JA Applications	69,648	68,072	69,845	+ 1,773	+ 197
Other Registrants	434	396	395	- 1	- 39
Total	85,620	79,416	80,968	+ 1,552	- 4,652

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

Category	May 2010	April 2011	May 2011	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	75,259	58,047	56,029	- 2,018	- 19,230
JA Applications	152,661	168,610	171,515	+ 2,905	+ 18,854
Other Registrants	8,024	10,146	10,308	+ 162	+ 2,284
Total	235,944	236,803	237,852	+ 1,049	+ 1,908
Females					
JB Claims	54,188	48,493	45,350	- 3,143	- 8,838
JA Applications	47,332	56,521	58,273	+ 1,752	+ 10,941
Other Registrants	14,838	18,338	18,504	+ 166	+ 3,666
Total	116,358	123,352	122,127	- 1,225	+ 5,769
All Persons					
JB Claims	129,447	106,540	101,379	- 5,161	- 28,068
JA Applications	199,993	225,131	229,788	+ 4,657	+ 29,795
Other Registrants	22,862	28,484	28,812	+ 328	+ 5,950
Total	352,302	360,155	359,979	- 176	+ 7,677

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	May	265,500	128,700	394,100	266,300	131,500	397,700
	June	275,400	140,000	415,500	270,400	134,400	404,800
	July	281,300	151,100	432,400	274,800	137,300	412,100
	August	284,200	152,600	436,700	279,300	139,900	419,200
	September	278,000	141,900	419,900	284,100	142,700	426,800
	October	273,600	138,800	412,400	287,000	144,300	431,300
	November	276,100	137,400	413,500	288,400	145,700	434,100
	December	282,900	140,700	423,600	287,100	146,300	433,400
2010	January	291,600	145,300	436,900	286,700	148,300	435,000
	February	290,900	146,100	437,000	284,400	147,400	431,800
	March	290,200	144,900	435,100	284,200	146,300	430,500
	April	287,800	144,800	432,700	287,600	148,900	436,600
	May	290,400	147,500	437,900	290,600	150,100	440,700
	June	297,100	155,800	452,900	291,600	150,300	441,800
	July	300,500	166,400	466,800	293,400	152,200	445,500
	August	300,000	167,000	466,900	294,300	154,000	448,300
	September	289,800	152,600	442,400	295,000	153,200	448,200
	October	281,600	148,000	429,600	294,200	153,400	447,600
	November	280,200	144,800	425,000	292,100	153,300	445,400
	December	288,800	148,300	437,100	292,700	153,900	446,600
2011	January	292,000	150,700	442,700	287,900	153,700	441,600
	February	291,800	152,500	444,300	286,600	154,000	440,600
	March	290,200	151,000	441,200	286,600	154,700	441,300
	April	286,700	152,800	439,600	286,100	154,700	440,800
	May	288,300	152,700	440,900	288,300	155,100	443,400

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	May	54,400	29,500	83,900	55,100	30,400	85,500
	June	57,900	33,200	91,100	55,800	30,700	86,500
	July	59,300	35,400	94,600	56,300	31,100	87,300
	August	59,400	35,600	95,000	56,600	31,300	87,800
	September	56,700	33,100	89,800	57,000	31,900	88,900
	October	54,100	30,800	84,900	57,100	32,200	89,300
	November	53,500	29,900	83,400	56,700	32,400	89,000
	December	54,800	29,600	84,400	56,400	32,300	88,800
2010	January	55,200	30,700	85,900	55,100	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	54,400	31,600	86,000
	May	54,400	31,200	85,600	55,000	32,000	87,100
	June	57,500	34,100	91,600	55,300	31,600	86,900
	July	58,600	36,000	94,600	55,400	31,700	87,100
	August	58,300	36,300	94,600	55,300	31,900	87,200
	September	55,200	33,500	88,700	55,200	32,100	87,300
	October	52,000	30,900	82,900	54,700	32,100	86,800
	November	51,000	29,500	80,500	54,000	31,900	85,800
	December	52,100	29,200	81,300	53,500	31,800	85,300
2011	January	52,200	30,000	82,200	52,400	31,300	83,700
	February	51,900	30,200	82,100	51,700	31,200	82,900
	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	51,000	31,300	82,300

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	May	211,100	99,200	310,300	211,200	101,100	312,300
	June	217,500	106,800	324,400	214,700	103,600	318,300
	July	222,000	115,700	337,800	218,600	106,200	324,800
	August	224,800	116,900	341,800	222,700	108,600	331,400
	September	221,300	108,700	330,000	227,100	110,800	337,900
	October	219,500	108,000	327,500	229,900	112,100	342,000
	November	222,600	107,500	330,100	231,700	113,400	345,100
	December	228,000	111,100	339,200	230,700	114,000	344,700
2010	January	236,400	114,600	351,000	231,600	116,200	347,800
	February	236,300	115,600	351,800	230,200	116,000	346,300
	March	235,300	114,800	350,100	229,800	115,200	345,000
	April	234,400	115,200	349,700	233,200	117,300	350,500
	May	235,900	116,400	352,300	235,500	118,100	353,600
	June	239,500	121,700	361,200	236,300	118,700	355,000
	July	241,800	130,400	372,200	237,900	120,500	358,400
	August	241,700	130,700	372,400	239,000	122,100	361,000
	September	234,600	119,100	353,800	239,800	121,100	360,900
	October	229,600	117,100	346,600	239,500	121,300	360,800
	November	229,200	115,300	344,500	238,200	121,400	359,600
	December	236,700	119,100	355,800	239,200	122,200	361,400
2011	January	239,800	120,700	360,400	235,500	122,400	357,900
	February	240,000	122,300	362,200	234,900	122,800	357,700
	March	238,700	121,100	359,800	235,200	123,400	358,600
	April	236,800	123,400	360,200	234,900	123,500	358,500
	May	237,900	122,100	360,000	237,300	123,800	361,100

¹ Table contains revised figures.

Table 3 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates (SUR)¹

Month	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
	%	%	%	%	%	%
January	4.4	4.4	4.8	9.4	13.0	14.7
February ²	4.4	4.5	4.9	10.2	12.9	14.7
March	4.4	4.4	5.2	10.8	12.9	14.7
April	4.4	4.5	5.3	11.2	13.1	14.7
May ²	4.5	4.5	5.5	11.6	13.2	14.8
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	14.4	
November ²	4.3	4.8	8.1	13.1	14.7 ³	
December	4.4	4.8	8.6	13.0	14.9	
Annual average	4.4	4.6	6.3	11.8	13.6	

¹ Table contains revised figures.

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

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

Table 4 Summary of flows¹ on and off the Live Register

		Number of Weeks	Males				Females			
			Live Register	New Regis- trations	Outflow (derived)	Average Weekly Change	Live Register	New Regis- trations	Outflow (derived)	Average Weekly Change
JB Claims										
2010	May	4	84,547	10,582	13,356	- 694	60,438	7,942	8,843	- 225
	June	4	83,278	10,886	12,155	- 317	62,799	10,252	7,891	+ 590
	July	5	81,499	13,338	15,117	- 356	68,229	16,305	10,875	+ 1,086
	August	4	78,239	8,455	11,715	- 815	66,601	7,304	8,932	- 407
	September	4	72,408	9,325	15,156	- 1,458	55,942	7,627	18,286	- 2,665
	October	5	68,599	12,335	16,144	- 762	54,117	10,568	12,393	- 365
	November	4	67,194	10,910	12,315	- 351	51,806	8,229	10,540	- 578
	December	5	70,896	13,881	10,179	+ 740	54,179	8,990	6,617	+ 475
2011	January	4	71,084	13,311	13,123	+ 47	54,612	11,097	10,664	+ 108
	February	4	69,409	10,133	11,808	- 419	55,183	9,108	8,537	+ 143
	March	4	67,100	9,026	11,335	- 577	52,967	7,272	9,488	- 554
	April	5	63,982	10,275	13,393	- 624	53,506	10,204	9,665	+ 108
	May	4	61,832	8,167	10,317	- 538	50,275	7,415	10,646	- 808
JA Applications										
2010	May	4	197,642	13,652	8,601	+ 1,263	71,999	7,134	4,004	+ 783
	June	4	205,259	15,428	7,811	+ 1,904	77,282	8,880	3,597	+ 1,321
	July	5	210,185	17,241	12,315	+ 985	81,409	10,384	6,257	+ 825
	August	4	212,731	12,179	9,633	+ 637	83,276	6,636	4,769	+ 467
	September	4	208,367	13,679	18,043	- 1,091	80,058	7,597	10,815	- 805
	October	5	203,934	16,281	20,714	- 887	77,130	8,473	11,401	- 586
	November	4	203,693	13,216	13,457	- 60	76,078	6,571	7,623	- 263
	December	5	208,371	12,724	8,046	+ 936	76,997	5,360	4,441	+ 184
2011	January	4	211,071	12,783	10,083	+ 675	78,512	6,744	5,229	+ 379
	February	4	212,334	12,468	11,205	+ 316	79,399	6,619	5,732	+ 222
	March	4	212,973	11,112	10,473	+ 160	79,903	5,651	5,147	+ 126
	April	5	212,464	12,647	13,156	- 102	80,739	7,063	6,227	+ 167
	May	4	216,003	11,615	8,076	+ 885	83,630	6,882	3,991	+ 723
Other Registrants										
2010	May	4	8,196	582	302	+ 70	15,100	979	500	+ 120
	June	4	8,521	608	283	+ 81	15,743	1,208	565	+ 161
	July	5	8,776	844	589	+ 51	16,726	2,075	1,092	+ 197
	August	4	8,981	604	399	+ 51	17,095	1,016	647	+ 92
	September	4	9,023	616	574	+ 11	16,619	1,116	1,592	- 119
	October	5	9,066	771	728	+ 9	16,707	1,399	1,311	+ 18
	November	4	9,341	704	429	+ 69	16,890	1,157	974	+ 46
	December	5	9,535	665	471	+ 39	17,101	995	784	+ 42
2011	January	4	9,848	782	469	+ 78	17,550	1,398	949	+ 112
	February	4	10,063	640	425	+ 54	17,911	1,156	795	+ 90
	March	4	10,152	477	388	+ 22	18,098	948	761	+ 47
	April	5	10,299	575	428	+ 29	18,581	1,232	749	+ 97
	May	4	10,455	478	322	+ 39	18,752	958	787	+ 43

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 2010	April 2011	May 2011	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland and Western	89,048	87,851	88,500	+ 649	- 548	16,040	72,460
Border	41,122	40,513	40,660	+ 147	- 462	7,655	33,005
Midland	21,405	21,406	21,570	+ 164	+ 165	3,873	17,697
West	26,521	25,932	26,270	+ 338	- 251	4,512	21,758
Southern and Eastern	201,337	198,894	199,790	+ 896	- 1,547	34,398	165,392
Dublin	69,989	69,617	70,014	+ 397	+ 25	12,430	57,584
Mid-East	27,488	27,438	27,512	+ 74	+ 24	4,598	22,914
Mid-West	25,644	24,827	25,090	+ 263	- 554	4,360	20,730
South-East	37,932	37,397	37,783	+ 386	- 149	6,926	30,857
South-West	40,284	39,615	39,391	- 224	- 893	6,084	33,307
Total	290,385	286,745	288,290	+ 1,545	- 2,095	50,438	237,852
Females							
Border, Midland and Western	45,286	47,638	47,760	+ 122	+ 2,474	9,896	37,864
Border	20,688	21,638	21,731	+ 93	+ 1,043	4,553	17,178
Midland	10,760	11,512	11,530	+ 18	+ 770	2,541	8,989
West	13,838	14,488	14,499	+ 11	+ 661	2,802	11,697
Southern and Eastern	102,251	105,188	104,897	- 291	+ 2,646	20,634	84,263
Dublin	34,829	35,067	35,171	+ 104	+ 342	7,084	28,087
Mid-East	14,585	15,288	15,196	- 92	+ 611	2,799	12,397
Mid-West	13,565	13,691	13,717	+ 26	+ 152	2,838	10,879
South-East	18,746	19,799	19,836	+ 37	+ 1,090	4,242	15,594
South-West	20,526	21,343	20,977	- 366	+ 451	3,671	17,306
Total	147,537	152,826	152,657	- 169	+ 5,120	30,530	122,127
All Persons							
Border, Midland and Western	134,334	135,489	136,260	+ 771	+ 1,926	25,936	110,324
Border	61,810	62,151	62,391	+ 240	+ 581	12,208	50,183
Midland	32,165	32,918	33,100	+ 182	+ 935	6,414	26,686
West	40,359	40,420	40,769	+ 349	+ 410	7,314	33,455
Southern and Eastern	303,588	304,082	304,687	+ 605	+ 1,099	55,032	249,655
Dublin	104,818	104,684	105,185	+ 501	+ 367	19,514	85,671
Mid-East	42,073	42,726	42,708	- 18	+ 635	7,397	35,311
Mid-West	39,209	38,518	38,807	+ 289	- 402	7,198	31,609
South-East	56,678	57,196	57,619	+ 423	+ 941	11,168	46,451
South-West	60,810	60,958	60,368	- 590	- 442	9,755	50,613
Total	437,922	439,571	440,947	+ 1,376	+ 3,025	80,968	359,979

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 2010	April 2011	May 2011	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Managers and administrators	10,692	9,956	10,046	+ 90	- 646	457	9,589
Professional	12,932	11,749	11,977	+ 228	- 955	1,225	10,752
Associate professional and technical	7,942	7,413	7,609	+ 196	- 333	1,005	6,604
Clerical and secretarial	11,746	11,612	11,633	+ 21	- 113	2,009	9,624
Craft and related	111,333	105,030	104,900	- 130	- 6,433	15,272	89,628
Personal and protective service	17,052	18,270	18,135	- 135	+ 1,083	3,295	14,840
Sales	16,565	17,139	17,641	+ 502	+ 1,076	5,951	11,690
Plant and machine operatives	54,903	55,148	55,436	+ 288	+ 533	8,024	47,412
Other occupation	38,825	40,479	40,575	+ 96	+ 1,750	8,324	32,251
No occupation ¹	8,395	9,949	10,338	+ 389	+ 1,943	4,876	5,462
Total	290,385	286,745	288,290	+ 1,545	- 2,095	50,438	237,852
Females							
Managers and administrators	7,212	6,790	6,829	+ 39	- 383	282	6,547
Professional	11,735	12,338	12,038	- 300	+ 303	1,104	10,934
Associate professional and technical	5,312	5,274	5,453	+ 179	+ 141	620	4,833
Clerical and secretarial	31,778	31,703	30,533	- 1,170	- 1,245	2,690	27,843
Craft and related	6,829	7,176	7,162	- 14	+ 333	1,222	5,940
Personal and protective service	29,835	32,166	31,783	- 383	+ 1,948	7,521	24,262
Sales	27,765	28,304	29,071	+ 767	+ 1,306	8,638	20,433
Plant and machine operatives	14,967	14,807	14,986	+ 179	+ 19	2,615	12,371
Other occupation	7,524	8,807	9,001	+ 194	+ 1,477	2,829	6,172
No occupation ¹	4,580	5,461	5,801	+ 340	+ 1,221	3,009	2,792
Total	147,537	152,826	152,657	- 169	+ 5,120	30,530	122,127
All Persons							
Managers and administrators	17,904	16,746	16,875	+ 129	- 1,029	739	16,136
Professional	24,667	24,087	24,015	- 72	- 652	2,329	21,686
Associate professional and technical	13,254	12,687	13,062	+ 375	- 192	1,625	11,437
Clerical and secretarial	43,524	43,315	42,166	- 1,149	- 1,358	4,699	37,467
Craft and related	118,162	112,206	112,062	- 144	- 6,100	16,494	95,568
Personal and protective service	46,887	50,436	49,918	- 518	+ 3,031	10,816	39,102
Sales	44,330	45,443	46,712	+ 1,269	+ 2,382	14,589	32,123
Plant and machine operatives	69,870	69,955	70,422	+ 467	+ 552	10,639	59,783
Other occupation	46,349	49,286	49,576	+ 290	+ 3,227	11,153	38,423
No occupation ¹	12,975	15,410	16,139	+ 729	+ 3,164	7,885	8,254
Total	437,922	439,571	440,947	+ 1,376	+ 3,025	80,968	359,979

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 2010	April 2011	May 2011	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Less than one year	197,705	162,076	159,177	- 2,899	- 38,528	30,548	128,629
One year or more	92,680	124,669	129,113	+ 4,444	+ 36,433	19,890	109,223
Total	290,385	286,745	288,290	+ 1,545	- 2,095	50,438	237,852
Females							
Less than one year	114,152	108,075	105,436	- 2,639	- 8,716	21,250	84,186
One year or more	33,385	44,751	47,221	+ 2,470	+ 13,836	9,280	37,941
Total	147,537	152,826	152,657	- 169	+ 5,120	30,530	122,127
All Persons							
Less than one year	311,857	270,151	264,613	- 5,538	- 47,244	51,798	212,815
One year or more	126,065	169,420	176,334	+ 6,914	+ 50,269	29,170	147,164
Total	437,922	439,571	440,947	+ 1,376	+ 3,025	80,968	359,979

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

		Males	Monthly change	Females	Monthly change	All Persons	Monthly change
2009	May	35,588	+ 2,602	30,590	+ 1,275	66,178	+ 3,877
	June	36,718	+ 1,130	31,414	+ 824	68,132	+ 1,954
	July	37,415	+ 697	32,138	+ 724	69,553	+ 1,421
	August	37,749	+ 334	32,354	+ 216	70,103	+ 550
	September	38,268	+ 519	32,590	+ 236	70,858	+ 755
	October	37,273	- 995	32,087	- 503	69,360	- 1,498
	November	39,322	+ 2,049	34,308	+ 2,221	73,630	+ 4,270
	December	39,493	+ 171	34,506	+ 198	73,999	+ 369
2010	January	40,743	+ 1,250	36,120	+ 1,614	76,863	+ 2,864
	February	42,026	+ 1,283	37,263	+ 1,143	79,289	+ 2,426
	March	42,284	+ 258	37,565	+ 302	79,849	+ 560
	April	41,713	- 571	37,396	- 169	79,109	- 740
	May	41,602	- 111	37,273	- 123	78,875	- 234
	June	41,790	+ 188	37,449	+ 176	79,239	+ 364
	July	41,624	- 166	37,448	- 1	79,072	- 167
	August	41,162	- 462	37,120	- 328	78,282	- 790
	September	40,399	- 763	36,480	- 640	76,879	- 1,403
	October	40,914	+ 515	37,010	+ 530	77,924	+ 1,045
	November	42,162	+ 1,248	38,046	+ 1,036	80,208	+ 2,284
	December	43,510	+ 1,348	38,548	+ 502	82,058	+ 1,850
2011	January	44,117	+ 607	39,115	+ 567	83,232	+ 1,174
	February	45,086	+ 969	39,973	+ 858	85,059	+ 1,827
	March	45,603	+ 517	40,552	+ 579	86,155	+ 1,096
	April	45,447	- 156	40,147	- 405	85,594	- 561
	May	45,071	- 376	39,862	- 285	84,933	- 661

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	May	17,225	4,358	44,209	12,652	78,444	315,690	394,134
	June	17,929	4,497	44,102	13,737	80,265	335,197	415,462
	July	18,490	4,460	43,098	14,050	80,098	352,323	432,421
	August	18,663	4,445	42,685	13,891	79,684	357,041	436,725
	September	18,098	4,219	41,990	13,436	77,743	342,111	419,854
	October	17,857	4,081	41,369	12,997	76,304	336,103	412,407
	November	17,840	4,031	42,003	12,906	76,780	336,725	413,505
	December	18,062	4,073	42,366	13,018	77,519	346,076	423,595
2010	January	18,524	4,186	45,328	13,357	81,395	355,541	436,936
	February	18,413	4,139	45,338	13,376	81,266	355,690	436,956
	March	18,238	4,039	44,486	13,278	80,041	355,080	435,121
	April	18,081	3,955	43,248	13,107	78,391	354,266	432,657
	May	18,217	3,964	42,416	13,472	78,069	359,853	437,922
	June	18,619	4,028	41,856	14,342	78,845	374,037	452,882
	July	18,979	4,100	41,570	14,563	79,212	387,612	466,824
	August	19,007	4,115	41,154	14,581	78,857	388,066	466,923
	September	18,190	3,902	40,427	13,926	76,445	365,972	442,417
	October	17,715	3,755	40,065	13,100	74,635	354,918	429,553
	November	17,598	3,705	40,728	12,751	74,782	350,220	425,002
	December	17,855	3,704	42,198	12,888	76,645	360,434	437,079
2011	January	18,078	3,793	43,619	13,037	78,527	364,150	442,677
	February	18,065	3,813	44,167	13,117	79,162	365,137	444,299
	March	17,956	3,817	43,722	13,099	78,594	362,599	441,193
	April	18,021	3,729	42,698	13,075	77,523	362,048	439,571
	May	18,075	3,711	41,791	13,401	76,978	363,969	440,947

Background Notes

Source and scope of the Live Register	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 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	<p>The reference periods for the Live Register results are as follows: May 2011 – 30th April to 27th May 2011 May 2010 – 1st May to 28th May 2010</p>
Unemployment statistics	<p>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).</p>
Standardised unemployment rates	<p>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.</p>

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		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, 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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- > Labour Force
- > Live Register

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