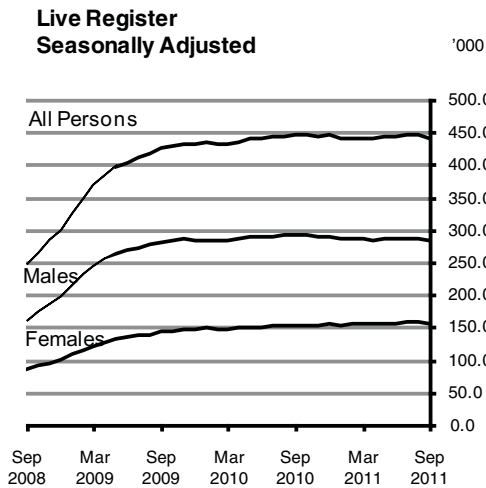




Live Register September 2011



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted	Standardised Unemployment Rate (SUR)%
September 2010	442,417	447,900	14.0
August 2011	469,713	447,600	14.4
September 2011	437,441	442,200	14.3
			Percentage Points
Change in month	-	- 5,400	- 0.1
Change in year	- 4,976	-	+ 0.3

Slight decrease in standardised unemployment rate in September

The standardised unemployment rate in September 2011 was 14.3%, down slightly from a rate of 14.4% in August. The latest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate from the Quarterly National Household Survey was 14.2% in the second quarter of 2011. The average unemployment rate during 2010 was 13.6%. *See table 3.*

On a seasonally adjusted basis there was a decrease of 5,400 (-1.2%) on the Live Register in the month to September 2011 bringing the seasonally adjusted total to 442,200. This decrease follows four consecutive months of relatively low increases in the seasonally adjusted series. Over the last twelve months the seasonally adjusted Live Register has remained in the relatively narrow range of 441,600 to 447,900. *See table 2a.*

In unadjusted terms there were 437,441 people signing on the Live Register in September 2011 representing a decrease of 4,976 (-1.1%) over the year. This is the first annual decrease on the Live Register since April 2007 (-0.2%).

Other features include:

- ◆ On a seasonally adjusted basis there were monthly decreases of 3,000 males and 2,400 females on the Live Register in September 2011. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The number of female claimants increased by 2,834 (+1.9%) to 155,453 over the year, while the number of male claimants decreased by 7,810 (-2.7%) to 281,988. This compares with increases of 10,768 (+7.6%) and 11,795 (+4.2%) for females and males respectively in the year to September 2010. *See table 1a.*
- ◆ The number of long term claimants on the Live Register continued to increase over the year with 41.9% of claimants in September 2011 on the Live Register for one year or more. In September 2010 long term claimants made up 33.4% of the total Live Register. *See table 7.*

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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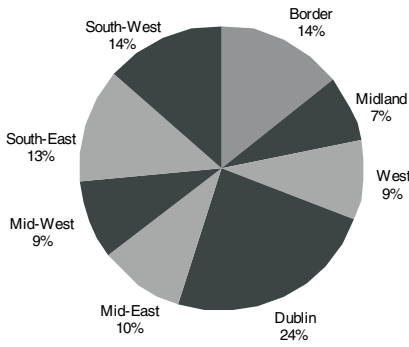
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Live Register classified by Regional Authority, September 2011



Live Register duration of continuous registration

In September 58.1% (254,042) of all claimants on the Live Register were short term claimants. The comparable figure for September 2010 was 66.6% (294,636). The annual fall of 40,594 (-13.8%) in the number of short term claimants consisted of a decrease of 32,967 in the number of male short term claimants and a decrease of 7,627 in female short term claimants. See table 7.

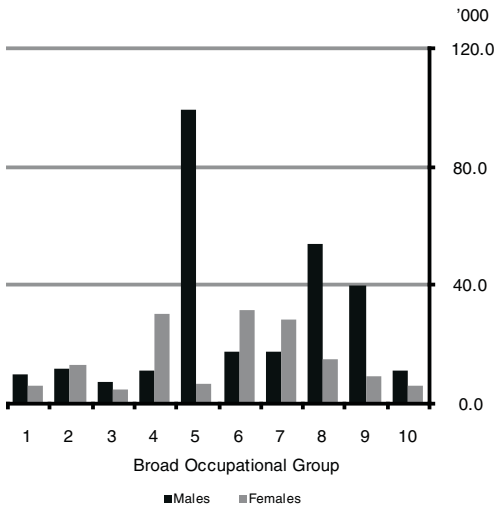
The number of long term claimants on the Live Register in September 2011 was 183,399. The number of male long term claimants increased by 25,157 (+23.4%) in the year to September 2011, while the comparable increase for females was 10,461 (+26.1%) giving an overall annual increase of 35,618 (+24.1%) in 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 September there were 100,885 Jobseeker’s Benefit (JB) claimants on the Live Register, an annual decrease of 27,465 (-21.4%), while Jobseeker’s Allowance (JA) claimants increased over the same period by 18,132 (+6.3%) to a level of 306,557. As a result JA claimants account for 70.1% of all persons on the Live Register in September 2011 compared with 65.2% a year earlier. See table 1a.

In the year to September 2011 the number of persons aged 25 and over on the Live Register increased by 2,817 (+0.8%), while the number of persons aged under 25 fell by 7,793 (-8.8%). 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

Live Register classified by Last Held Occupation, September 2011



There were 44,490 new registrants on the Live Register in September 2011, consisting of 18,129 JB claims, 24,358 JA claims and 2,003 ‘Other Registrants’. Males accounted for 25,087 (56.4%) and females 19,403 (43.6%) of all new registrants. On average 5,017 male and 3,881 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

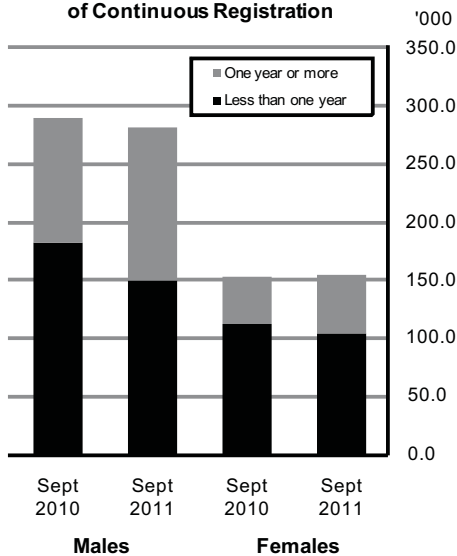
Annual decreases in the Live Register were recorded in five of the eight NUTS 3 regions. The largest percentage decreases were in the West and Mid-West regions (both -2.1%), followed by the Dublin region at -1.9%. The Border, Midland and South-East regions all showed similar slight increases. See table 5.

The number of females on the Live Register increased in seven of the eight regions in the year to September 2011 with the largest percentage increase in the Border region (+4.9%). The number of males on the Live Register decreased in all regions with the largest percentage decrease in the West region (-4.6%).

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 classified by Duration of Continuous Registration



Live Register occupational groups

Craft and related (24.4%) remained the largest occupational group on the Live Register in September, despite the fact that the number in the group fell over the year by 8,434 (-7.3%) to 106,583. The second largest annual percentage decrease was in the *Associate professional and technical* group (-6.3%). In the year to September 2011 four occupational groups showed Live Register increases. The largest percentage increases were in the *Personal and protective service* group (+4.6%) and the *Sales* group (+3.3%). See table 6.

Live Register casual and part-time workers

There were 84,017 casual and part-time workers on the Live Register in September, which represents 19.2% of the total Live Register. This compares with 17.4% one year earlier when there were 76,879 casual and part-time workers on the Live Register. See table 8.

In the year to September 2011 the number of casual and part-time workers increased by 7,138 (+9.3%), with the number of males increasing by 4,332 (+10.7%) and the number of females increasing by 2,806 (+7.7%).

Live Register nationality groupings

In September Irish nationals accounted for 82.8% (362,020) of the number of persons on the Live Register, very similar to the proportion recorded a year earlier (82.7%). Of the 75,421 non-Irish nationals, the largest constituent group on the Live Register continued to be nationals from the EU15 to EU27 States (40,000), followed by the UK (17,894). See table 9.

In the year to September 2011 the number of Irish nationals on the Live Register decreased by 3,952 (-1.1%), while the number of non-Irish nationals decreased by 1,024 (-1.3%).

Note on standardised unemployment rate

The standardised unemployment rate (SUR) for August was revised to 14.5% following the publication of the Q2 2011 Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) on 15th September. Separately to the QNHS benchmarking the seasonally adjusted Live Register series, including the standardised unemployment rate, are re-estimated each month based on the most up to date Live Register figures. As a result of the introduction of the September figures the SUR estimate for August has been recalculated as 14.4%.

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	September 2010	August 2011	September 2011	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	72,408	57,999	53,552	- 4,447	- 18,856
JA Applications	208,367	227,981	217,752	- 10,229	+ 9,385
Other Registrants	9,023	10,873	10,684	- 189	+ 1,661
Total	289,798	296,853	281,988	- 14,865	- 7,810
Females					
JB Claims	55,942	57,710	47,333	- 10,377	- 8,609
JA Applications	80,058	95,116	88,805	- 6,311	+ 8,747
Other Registrants	16,619	20,034	19,315	- 719	+ 2,696
Total	152,619	172,860	155,453	- 17,407	+ 2,834
All Persons					
JB Claims	128,350	115,709	100,885	- 14,824	- 27,465
JA Applications	288,425	323,097	306,557	- 16,540	+ 18,132
Other Registrants	25,642	30,907	29,999	- 908	+ 4,357
Total	442,417	469,713	437,441	- 32,272	- 4,976

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

Category	September 2010	August 2011	September 2011	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	8,073	5,497	4,839	- 658	- 3,234
JA Applications	46,918	47,644	44,195	- 3,449	- 2,723
Other Registrants	162	141	122	- 19	- 40
Total	55,153	53,282	49,156	- 4,126	- 5,997
Females					
JB Claims	6,162	5,539	4,585	- 954	- 1,577
JA Applications	27,070	29,671	26,869	- 2,802	- 201
Other Registrants	278	278	260	- 18	- 18
Total	33,510	35,488	31,714	- 3,774	- 1,796
All Persons					
JB Claims	14,235	11,036	9,424	- 1,612	- 4,811
JA Applications	73,988	77,315	71,064	- 6,251	- 2,924
Other Registrants	440	419	382	- 37	- 58
Total	88,663	88,770	80,870	- 7,900	- 7,793

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

Category	September 2010	August 2011	September 2011	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	64,335	52,502	48,713	- 3,789	- 15,622
JA Applications	161,449	180,337	173,557	- 6,780	+ 12,108
Other Registrants	8,861	10,732	10,562	- 170	+ 1,701
Total	234,645	243,571	232,832	- 10,739	- 1,813
Females					
JB Claims	49,780	52,171	42,748	- 9,423	- 7,032
JA Applications	52,988	65,445	61,936	- 3,509	+ 8,948
Other Registrants	16,341	19,756	19,055	- 701	+ 2,714
Total	119,109	137,372	123,739	- 13,633	+ 4,630
All Persons					
JB Claims	114,115	104,673	91,461	- 13,212	- 22,654
JA Applications	214,437	245,782	235,493	- 10,289	+ 21,056
Other Registrants	25,202	30,488	29,617	- 871	+ 4,415
Total	353,754	380,943	356,571	- 24,372	+ 2,817

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	September	278,000	141,900	419,900	283,900	142,600	426,500
	October	273,600	138,800	412,400	287,000	144,200	431,200
	November	276,100	137,400	413,500	288,400	145,700	434,100
	December	282,900	140,700	423,600	287,200	146,400	433,500
2010	January	291,600	145,300	436,900	287,100	148,500	435,600
	February	290,900	146,100	437,000	284,800	147,700	432,600
	March	290,200	144,900	435,100	285,300	146,700	432,000
	April	287,800	144,800	432,700	287,800	149,200	437,100
	May	290,400	147,500	437,900	290,500	150,400	440,900
	June	297,100	155,800	452,900	290,900	150,200	441,100
	July	300,500	166,400	466,800	292,700	151,600	444,200
	August	300,000	167,000	466,900	293,300	153,100	446,400
	September	289,800	152,600	442,400	294,700	153,100	447,900
	October	281,600	148,000	429,600	294,200	153,300	447,500
	November	280,200	144,800	425,000	292,300	153,300	445,600
	December	288,800	148,300	437,100	292,700	154,100	446,800
2011	January	292,000	150,700	442,700	288,600	154,000	442,700
	February	291,800	152,500	444,300	287,500	154,500	442,000
	March	290,200	151,000	441,200	287,900	155,200	443,000
	April	286,700	152,800	439,600	286,500	155,200	441,600
	May	288,300	152,700	440,900	288,200	155,600	443,800
	June	296,100	161,800	457,900	289,600	156,300	445,900
	July	297,800	172,500	470,300	289,400	157,300	446,700
	August	296,900	172,900	469,700	289,200	158,400	447,600
	September	282,000	155,500	437,400	286,200	156,000	442,200

¹ Table contains revised figures.**Table 2b Persons under 25 years of age on the Live Register - Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted**

	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series ¹		
		Males	Females	All Persons	Males	Females	All Persons
2009	September	56,700	33,100	89,800	57,000	31,900	88,900
	October	54,100	30,800	84,900	57,100	32,200	89,200
	November	53,500	29,900	83,400	56,700	32,400	89,100
	December	54,800	29,600	84,400	56,500	32,400	88,900
2010	January	55,200	30,700	85,900	55,300	32,100	87,300
	February	54,600	30,500	85,100	54,300	31,400	85,700
	March	54,900	30,100	85,000	54,500	31,200	85,700
	April	53,400	29,600	83,000	54,500	31,700	86,100
	May	54,400	31,200	85,600	55,000	32,100	87,100
	June	57,500	34,100	91,600	55,100	31,600	86,700
	July	58,600	36,000	94,600	55,200	31,600	86,800
	August	58,300	36,300	94,600	55,100	31,700	86,800
	September	55,200	33,500	88,700	55,100	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	85,900
	December	52,100	29,200	81,300	53,600	31,800	85,400
2011	January	52,200	30,000	82,200	52,600	31,400	84,000
	February	51,900	30,200	82,100	51,900	31,300	83,300
	March	51,500	29,800	81,400	51,500	31,400	82,900
	April	49,900	29,500	79,400	51,200	31,300	82,500
	May	50,400	30,500	81,000	51,000	31,300	82,400
	June	53,300	33,700	87,000	50,900	31,200	82,100
	July	53,900	35,400	89,300	50,600	31,100	81,700
	August	53,300	35,500	88,800	50,100	30,900	81,000
	September	49,200	31,700	80,900	49,000	30,400	79,400

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	September	221,300	108,700	330,000	226,900	110,700	337,600
	October	219,500	108,000	327,500	229,900	112,000	341,900
	November	222,600	107,500	330,100	231,700	113,300	345,000
	December	228,000	111,100	339,200	230,700	114,000	344,700
2010	January	236,400	114,600	351,000	231,800	116,400	348,200
	February	236,300	115,600	351,800	230,600	116,300	346,800
	March	235,300	114,800	350,100	230,800	115,400	346,200
	April	234,400	115,200	349,700	233,400	117,600	350,900
	May	235,900	116,400	352,300	235,400	118,400	353,800
	June	239,500	121,700	361,200	235,800	118,700	354,400
	July	241,800	130,400	372,200	237,500	120,000	357,400
	August	241,700	130,700	372,400	238,200	121,400	359,600
	September	234,600	119,100	353,800	239,600	121,000	360,600
	October	229,600	117,100	346,600	239,500	121,200	360,700
	November	229,200	115,300	344,500	238,300	121,400	359,700
	December	236,700	119,100	355,800	239,100	122,300	361,300
2011	January	239,800	120,700	360,400	236,100	122,600	358,700
	February	240,000	122,300	362,200	235,600	123,100	358,700
	March	238,700	121,100	359,800	236,400	123,700	360,100
	April	236,800	123,400	360,200	235,300	123,900	359,200
	May	237,900	122,100	360,000	237,200	124,200	361,400
	June	242,800	128,100	370,900	238,600	125,100	363,800
	July	243,800	137,100	381,000	238,800	126,200	365,100
	August	243,600	137,400	380,900	239,100	127,500	366,600
	September	232,800	123,700	356,600	237,200	125,600	362,800

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	14.3
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	13.5	14.4
August ²	4.6	4.5	6.8	12.4	13.5	14.4
September	4.5	4.6	7.1	12.7	14.0	14.3
October	4.4	4.6	7.6	12.9	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	6.3	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: April-June 2011, 14.2%.

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	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
	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
JA Applications										
2010	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
	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
Other Registrants										
2010	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
	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

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	September 2010	August 2011	September 2011	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland and Western	88,564	91,104	86,088	- 5,016	- 2,476	15,581	70,507
Border	40,571	41,950	39,679	- 2,271	- 892	7,386	32,293
Midland	21,731	22,230	21,350	- 880	- 381	3,833	17,517
West	26,262	26,924	25,059	- 1,865	- 1,203	4,362	20,697
Southern and Eastern	201,234	205,749	195,900	- 9,849	- 5,334	33,575	162,325
Dublin	71,043	72,876	69,347	- 3,529	- 1,696	12,164	57,183
Mid-East	27,750	28,136	26,984	- 1,152	- 766	4,482	22,502
Mid-West	25,501	25,809	24,510	- 1,299	- 991	4,237	20,273
South-East	37,236	38,670	36,742	- 1,928	- 494	6,673	30,069
South-West	39,704	40,258	38,317	- 1,941	- 1,387	6,019	32,298
Total	289,798	296,853	281,988	- 14,865	- 7,810	49,156	232,832
Females							
Border, Midland and Western	47,078	54,442	48,915	- 5,527	+ 1,837	10,489	38,426
Border	21,353	24,767	22,391	- 2,376	+ 1,038	4,878	17,513
Midland	11,320	13,057	11,774	- 1,283	+ 454	2,674	9,100
West	14,405	16,618	14,750	- 1,868	+ 345	2,937	11,813
Southern and Eastern	105,541	118,418	106,538	- 11,880	+ 997	21,225	85,313
Dublin	36,475	40,103	36,075	- 4,028	- 400	7,285	28,790
Mid-East	15,142	16,974	15,505	- 1,469	+ 363	2,927	12,578
Mid-West	13,839	15,662	14,003	- 1,659	+ 164	2,888	11,115
South-East	19,252	22,120	19,854	- 2,266	+ 602	4,236	15,618
South-West	20,833	23,559	21,101	- 2,458	+ 268	3,889	17,212
Total	152,619	172,860	155,453	- 17,407	+ 2,834	31,714	123,739
All Persons							
Border, Midland and Western	135,642	145,546	135,003	- 10,543	- 639	26,070	108,933
Border	61,924	66,717	62,070	- 4,647	+ 146	12,264	49,806
Midland	33,051	35,287	33,124	- 2,163	+ 73	6,507	26,617
West	40,667	43,542	39,809	- 3,733	- 858	7,299	32,510
Southern and Eastern	306,775	324,167	302,438	- 21,729	- 4,337	54,800	247,638
Dublin	107,518	112,979	105,422	- 7,557	- 2,096	19,449	85,973
Mid-East	42,892	45,110	42,489	- 2,621	- 403	7,409	35,080
Mid-West	39,340	41,471	38,513	- 2,958	- 827	7,125	31,388
South-East	56,488	60,790	56,596	- 4,194	+ 108	10,909	45,687
South-West	60,537	63,817	59,418	- 4,399	- 1,119	9,908	49,510
Total	442,417	469,713	437,441	- 32,272	- 4,976	80,870	356,571

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	September 2010	August 2011	September 2011	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Managers and administrators	10,498	10,329	9,934	- 395	- 564	467	9,467
Professional	13,516	13,738	12,293	- 1,445	- 1,223	1,391	10,902
Associate professional and technical	8,240	8,153	7,505	- 648	- 735	1,104	6,401
Clerical and secretarial	12,005	12,843	11,546	- 1,297	- 459	1,951	9,595
Craft and related	108,141	103,990	99,346	- 4,644	- 8,795	13,550	85,796
Personal and protective service	16,944	18,439	17,615	- 824	+ 671	3,182	14,433
Sales	16,953	19,279	17,727	- 1,552	+ 774	5,893	11,834
Plant and machine operatives	54,266	56,969	54,389	- 2,580	+ 123	7,772	46,617
Other occupation	39,871	41,528	40,194	- 1,334	+ 323	8,403	31,791
No occupation ¹	9,364	11,585	11,439	- 146	+ 2,075	5,443	5,996
Total	289,798	296,853	281,988	- 14,865	- 7,810	49,156	232,832
Females							
Managers and administrators	7,209	7,040	6,670	- 370	- 539	284	6,386
Professional	13,429	16,844	13,332	- 3,512	- 97	1,474	11,858
Associate professional and technical	5,550	5,787	5,416	- 371	- 134	702	4,714
Clerical and secretarial	32,024	36,836	30,679	- 6,157	- 1,345	2,675	28,004
Craft and related	6,876	7,561	7,237	- 324	+ 361	1,268	5,969
Personal and protective service	30,359	34,738	31,864	- 2,874	+ 1,505	7,608	24,256
Sales	28,297	31,275	29,008	- 2,267	+ 711	8,459	20,549
Plant and machine operatives	15,012	16,184	15,295	- 889	+ 283	2,759	12,536
Other occupation	8,562	9,955	9,479	- 476	+ 917	3,123	6,356
No occupation ¹	5,301	6,640	6,473	- 167	+ 1,172	3,362	3,111
Total	152,619	172,860	155,453	- 17,407	+ 2,834	31,714	123,739
All Persons							
Managers and administrators	17,707	17,369	16,604	- 765	- 1,103	751	15,853
Professional	26,945	30,582	25,625	- 4,957	- 1,320	2,865	22,760
Associate professional and technical	13,790	13,940	12,921	- 1,019	- 869	1,806	11,115
Clerical and secretarial	44,029	49,679	42,225	- 7,454	- 1,804	4,626	37,599
Craft and related	115,017	111,551	106,583	- 4,968	- 8,434	14,818	91,765
Personal and protective service	47,303	53,177	49,479	- 3,698	+ 2,176	10,790	38,689
Sales	45,250	50,554	46,735	- 3,819	+ 1,485	14,352	32,383
Plant and machine operatives	69,278	73,153	69,684	- 3,469	+ 406	10,531	59,153
Other occupation	48,433	51,483	49,673	- 1,810	+ 1,240	11,526	38,147
No occupation ¹	14,665	18,225	17,912	- 313	+ 3,247	8,805	9,107
Total	442,417	469,713	437,441	- 32,272	- 4,976	80,870	356,571

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	September 2010	August 2011	September 2011	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Less than one year	182,101	158,564	149,134	- 9,430	- 32,967	29,616	119,518
One year or more	107,697	138,289	132,854	- 5,435	+ 25,157	19,540	113,314
Total	289,798	296,853	281,988	- 14,865	- 7,810	49,156	232,832
Females							
Less than one year	112,535	119,571	104,908	- 14,663	- 7,627	22,164	82,744
One year or more	40,084	53,289	50,545	- 2,744	+ 10,461	9,550	40,995
Total	152,619	172,860	155,453	- 17,407	+ 2,834	31,714	123,739
All Persons							
Less than one year	294,636	278,135	254,042	- 24,093	- 40,594	51,780	202,262
One year or more	147,781	191,578	183,399	- 8,179	+ 35,618	29,090	154,309
Total	442,417	469,713	437,441	- 32,272	- 4,976	80,870	356,571

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

		Males	Monthly change	Females	Monthly change	All Persons	Monthly change
2009	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
	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

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	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
	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

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:
September 2011 – 27th August to 30th September 2011
September 2010 – 28th August to 24th September 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

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