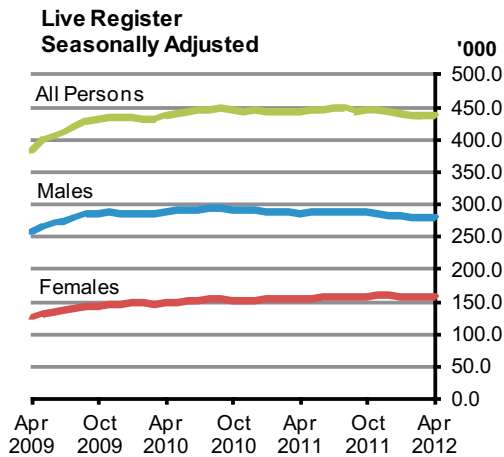




Live Register April 2012



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted	Standardised Unemployment Rate (SUR)%
April 2011	439,571	442,400	14.2
March 2012	434,054	435,900	14.3
April 2012	430,001	436,000	14.3
			Percentage Points
Change in month	-	+ 100	0.0
Change in year	- 9,570	-	+ 0.1

Standardised unemployment rate remains unchanged at 14.3% in April

The standardised unemployment rate (SUR) in April 2012 was 14.3%, unchanged from March 2012. The latest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate from the Quarterly National Household Survey was 14.6% in the fourth quarter of 2011. *See table 3.*

On a seasonally adjusted basis the Live Register total was effectively unchanged in the month, with a monthly increase of 100 bringing the April 2012 seasonally adjusted total to 436,000. *See table 2a.*

In unadjusted terms there were 430,001 people signing on the Live Register in April 2012. This represents a decrease of 9,570 (-2.2%) over the year. The trend in the overall Live Register continues to be one of movement within a small range. *See table 1a.*

Other features include:

- ◆ On a seasonally adjusted basis the Live Register showed a monthly increase of 400 males in April 2012, while females decreased by 400 over the same period. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The number of male claimants decreased by 9,337 (-3.3%) to 277,408 over the year and female claimants decreased by 233 (-0.2%) to 152,593. This compares with a decrease of 1,083 (-0.4%) for males and an increase of 7,997 (+5.5%) for females in the year to April 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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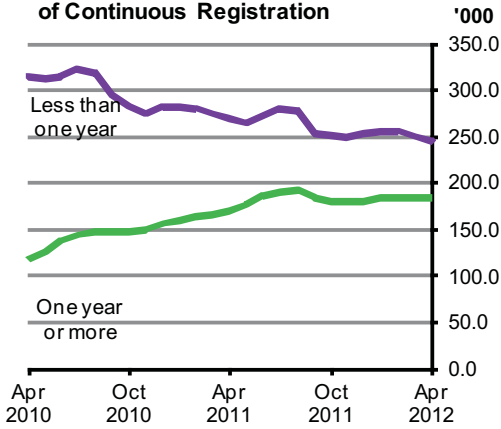
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Live Register classified by Duration of Continuous Registration



Live Register duration of continuous registration

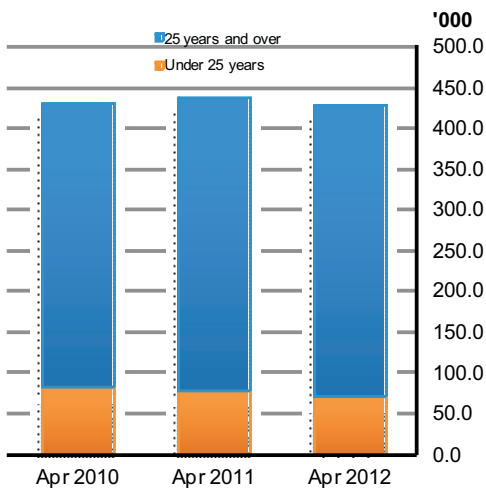
The number of long term claimants on the Live Register in April 2012 was 184,053. The number of male long term claimants increased by 7,744 (+6.2%) in the year to April 2012, while the comparable increase for females was 6,889 (+15.4%) giving an overall annual increase of 14,633 (+8.6%) in the number of long term claimants. *See table 7 and graph opposite.*

In April 57.2% (245,948) of all claimants on the Live Register were short term claimants. The comparable figure for April 2011 was 61.5% (270,151). The annual fall of 24,203 (-9.0%) in the number of short term claimants consisted of a decrease of 17,081 (-10.5%) in the number of male short term claimants and a decrease of 7,122 (-6.6%) in female short term claimants.

Live Register casual and part-time workers

There were 88,442 casual and part-time workers on the Live Register in April, which represents 20.6% of the total Live Register. This compares with 19.5% one year earlier when there were 85,594 casual and part-time workers on the Live Register. In the year to April 2012 the number of casual and part-time workers increased by 2,848 (+3.3%), with the number of males increasing by 2,167 (+4.8%) and the number of females increasing by 681 (+1.7%). *See table 8.*

Live Register classified by Age Group



Live Register age groups

In the year to April 2012 the number of persons aged 25 and over on the Live Register decreased by 1,075 (-0.3%), and the number of persons aged under 25 decreased by 8,495 (-10.7%). 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 16.5% for April 2012, down from 18.1% in April 2011 and 19.2% in April 2010. *See tables 1b and 1c and graph opposite.*

Live Register new registrants

There were 33,083 new registrants on the Live Register in April 2012, consisting of 16,723 JB claims, 14,608 JA claims and 1,752 'Other Registrants'. Males accounted for 17,315 (52.3%) and females 15,768 (47.7%) of all new registrants. On average 4,329 male and 3,942 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.*

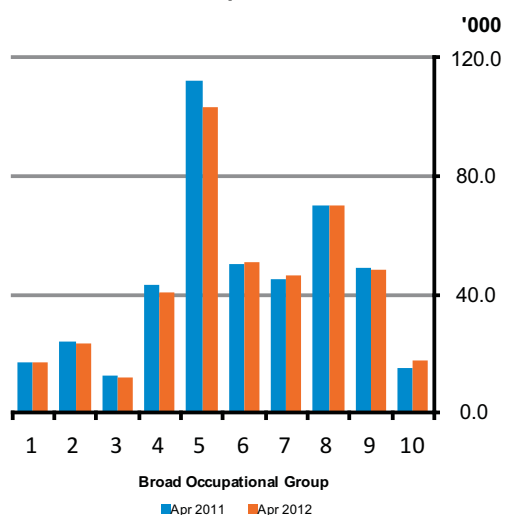
Data on Activation Programmes for March 2012 is included in the Annex of this release. Numbers of people participating in Activation Programmes are not included in the Live Register count.

Live Register by other classifications

Bearing in mind the overall annual decrease of 2.2% in the number of people on the Live Register in April the main other points which can be noted include:

- ◆ An annual increase of 2.7% brought the total number of Jobseeker's Allowance (JA) claimants to 301,164 in April 2012, while Jobseeker's Benefit (JB) claimants decreased to 96,212 (-18.1%) over the same period. As a result JA claimants account for 70.0% of all persons on the Live Register in April 2012 compared with 66.7% a year earlier. *See table 1a.*
- ◆ Annual decreases occurred in all eight NUTS 3 regions with the largest percentage decrease in the West region (-4.6%). The smallest percentage decrease occurred in the Midland region (-0.6%). *See table 5.*
- ◆ *Craft and related* (24.1%) remained the largest occupational group on the Live Register in April, despite the fact that the number in the group fell over the year by 8,580 (-7.6%) to 103,626. The second largest annual percentage decrease was in the *Clerical and secretarial* group (-5.4%). Slight increases were seen in the *Sales* group (+1.8%) and the *Personal and protective service* group (+0.6%) over the year¹. *See table 6 and graph opposite.*
- ◆ In April Non-Irish nationals accounted for 17.9% (77,015) of the number of persons on the Live Register, which was a slight increase from one year earlier (17.6%). *See table 9.*

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

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	April 2011	March 2012	April 2012	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	63,982	53,266	51,678	- 1,588	- 12,304
JA Applications	212,464	215,295	213,894	- 1,401	+ 1,430
Other Registrants	10,299	11,682	11,836	+ 154	+ 1,537
Total	286,745	280,243	277,408	- 2,835	- 9,337
Females					
JB Claims	53,506	45,706	44,534	- 1,172	- 8,972
JA Applications	80,739	87,559	87,270	- 289	+ 6,531
Other Registrants	18,581	20,546	20,789	+ 243	+ 2,208
Total	152,826	153,811	152,593	- 1,218	- 233
All Persons					
JB Claims	117,488	98,972	96,212	- 2,760	- 21,276
JA Applications	293,203	302,854	301,164	- 1,690	+ 7,961
Other Registrants	28,880	32,228	32,625	+ 397	+ 3,745
Total	439,571	434,054	430,001	- 4,053	- 9,570

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

Category	April 2011	March 2012	April 2012	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	5,935	4,224	3,929	- 295	- 2,006
JA Applications	43,854	40,851	39,853	- 998	- 4,001
Other Registrants	153	112	111	- 1	- 42
Total	49,942	45,187	43,893	- 1,294	- 6,049
Females					
JB Claims	5,013	3,715	3,498	- 217	- 1,515
JA Applications	24,218	23,818	23,293	- 525	- 925
Other Registrants	243	233	237	+ 4	- 6
Total	29,474	27,766	27,028	- 738	- 2,446
All Persons					
JB Claims	10,948	7,939	7,427	- 512	- 3,521
JA Applications	68,072	64,669	63,146	- 1,523	- 4,926
Other Registrants	396	345	348	+ 3	- 48
Total	79,416	72,953	70,921	- 2,032	- 8,495

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

Category	April 2011	March 2012	April 2012	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	58,047	49,042	47,749	- 1,293	- 10,298
JA Applications	168,610	174,444	174,041	- 403	+ 5,431
Other Registrants	10,146	11,570	11,725	+ 155	+ 1,579
Total	236,803	235,056	233,515	- 1,541	- 3,288
Females					
JB Claims	48,493	41,991	41,036	- 955	- 7,457
JA Applications	56,521	63,741	63,977	+ 236	+ 7,456
Other Registrants	18,338	20,313	20,552	+ 239	+ 2,214
Total	123,352	126,045	125,565	- 480	+ 2,213
All Persons					
JB Claims	106,540	91,033	88,785	- 2,248	- 17,755
JA Applications	225,131	238,185	238,018	- 167	+ 12,887
Other Registrants	28,484	31,883	32,277	+ 394	+ 3,793
Total	360,155	361,101	359,080	- 2,021	- 1,075

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	April	287,800	144,800	432,700	288,000	149,200	437,200
	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	292,800	152,000	444,800
	August	300,000	167,000	466,900	293,400	153,500	446,900
	September	289,800	152,600	442,400	295,900	153,700	449,600
	October	281,600	148,000	429,600	292,900	153,200	446,200
	November	280,200	144,800	425,000	290,800	152,200	443,000
	December	288,800	148,300	437,100	292,300	153,200	445,500
2011	January	292,000	150,700	442,700	288,700	153,600	442,300
	February	291,800	152,500	444,300	287,700	154,200	442,000
	March	290,200	151,000	441,200	288,700	155,200	443,900
	April	286,700	152,800	439,600	286,900	155,400	442,400
	May	288,300	152,700	440,900	288,500	155,800	444,300
	June	296,100	161,800	457,900	289,800	156,800	446,600
	July	297,800	172,500	470,300	289,500	157,900	447,400
	August	296,900	172,900	469,700	289,300	159,000	448,300
	September	282,000	155,500	437,400	287,300	156,700	444,000
	October	277,600	152,800	430,400	287,500	158,100	445,600
	November	276,500	153,000	429,600	286,000	160,100	446,100
	December	279,700	155,100	434,800	282,900	159,700	442,600
2012	January	283,900	155,700	439,600	281,400	158,600	440,000
	February	283,500	156,000	439,400	280,500	157,900	438,400
	March	280,200	153,800	434,100	279,000	157,000	435,900
	April	277,400	152,600	430,000	279,400	156,600	436,000

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

	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series ¹			
		Males	Females	All Persons	Males	Females	All Persons	
2010	April	53,400	29,600	83,000	54,500	31,700	86,100	
	May	54,400	31,200	85,600	55,100	31,900	87,000	
	June	57,500	34,100	91,600	55,200	31,700	86,900	
	July	58,600	36,000	94,600	55,300	31,700	87,000	
	August	58,300	36,300	94,600	55,200	31,900	87,100	
	September	55,200	33,500	88,700	55,500	32,400	87,900	
	October	52,000	30,900	82,900	54,500	31,900	86,300	
	November	51,000	29,500	80,500	53,700	31,700	85,400	
	December	52,100	29,200	81,300	53,600	31,600	85,200	
	2011	January	52,200	30,000	82,200	52,500	31,300	83,900
		February	51,900	30,200	82,100	51,800	31,200	83,100
		March	51,500	29,800	81,400	51,600	31,500	83,100
April		49,900	29,500	79,400	51,200	31,300	82,500	
May		50,400	30,500	81,000	51,100	31,300	82,300	
June		53,300	33,700	87,000	51,000	31,300	82,300	
July		53,900	35,400	89,300	50,600	31,300	81,900	
August		53,300	35,500	88,800	50,200	31,200	81,400	
September		49,200	31,700	80,900	49,300	30,700	80,000	
October		47,400	30,300	77,700	49,400	31,200	80,500	
November		46,200	29,400	75,600	48,500	31,400	79,800	
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	76,100	
	March	45,200	27,800	73,000	45,600	29,200	74,700	
	April	43,900	27,000	70,900	45,200	29,000	74,100	

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	April	234,400	115,200	349,700	233,500	117,500	351,000	
	May	235,900	116,400	352,300	235,600	118,500	354,100	
	June	239,500	121,700	361,200	235,900	118,900	354,900	
	July	241,800	130,400	372,200	237,500	120,300	357,800	
	August	241,700	130,700	372,400	238,200	121,600	359,800	
	September	234,600	119,100	353,800	240,500	121,300	361,800	
	October	229,600	117,100	346,600	238,500	121,400	359,800	
	November	229,200	115,300	344,500	237,100	120,500	357,700	
	December	236,700	119,100	355,800	238,700	121,700	360,400	
	2011	January	239,800	120,700	360,400	236,200	122,300	358,400
		February	240,000	122,300	362,200	235,900	123,000	358,900
		March	238,700	121,100	359,800	237,100	123,800	360,800
April		236,800	123,400	360,200	235,700	124,200	359,800	
May		237,900	122,100	360,000	237,500	124,500	362,000	
June		242,800	128,100	370,900	238,800	125,500	364,300	
July		243,800	137,100	381,000	238,900	126,600	365,500	
August		243,600	137,400	380,900	239,100	127,800	366,900	
September		232,800	123,700	356,600	238,000	126,000	364,000	
October		230,200	122,500	352,700	238,200	127,000	365,100	
November		230,300	123,700	354,000	237,600	128,700	366,300	
December		233,800	126,600	360,400	235,700	129,000	364,700	
2012	January	237,400	126,900	364,200	234,500	128,500	362,900	
	February	237,200	127,200	364,500	234,100	128,100	362,200	
	March	235,100	126,000	361,100	233,400	127,800	361,200	
	April	233,500	125,600	359,100	234,300	127,600	361,900	

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	
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 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										
2011	April	5	63,982	10,275	13,393	- 624	53,506	10,204	9,665	+ 108
	May	4	61,832	8,167	10,317	- 538	50,275	7,415	10,646	- 808
	June	4	61,562	8,586	8,856	- 68	52,896	9,286	6,665	+ 655
	July	5	60,064	10,329	11,827	- 300	58,926	15,392	9,362	+ 1,206
	August	4	57,999	6,543	8,608	- 516	57,710	6,641	7,857	- 304
	September	5	53,552	9,298	13,745	- 889	47,333	8,831	19,208	- 2,075
	October	4	52,546	8,650	9,656	- 252	46,467	7,275	8,141	- 217
	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
JA Applications										
2011	April	5	212,464	12,647	13,156	- 102	80,739	7,063	6,227	+ 167
	May	4	216,003	11,615	8,076	+ 885	83,630	6,882	3,991	+ 723
	June	4	223,956	13,754	5,801	+ 1,988	89,738	9,252	3,144	+ 1,527
	July	5	227,000	15,220	12,176	+ 609	93,701	10,503	6,540	+ 793
	August	4	227,981	10,924	9,943	+ 245	95,116	6,662	5,247	+ 354
	September	5	217,752	15,097	25,326	- 2,046	88,805	9,261	15,572	- 1,262
	October	4	214,305	12,325	15,772	- 862	87,028	7,091	8,868	- 444
	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
Other Registrants										
2011	April	5	10,299	575	428	+ 29	18,581	1,232	749	+ 97
	May	4	10,455	478	322	+ 39	18,752	958	787	+ 43
	June	4	10,631	551	375	+ 44	19,165	1,074	661	+ 103
	July	5	10,706	757	682	+ 15	19,887	1,922	1,200	+ 144
	August	4	10,873	612	445	+ 42	20,034	945	798	+ 37
	September	5	10,684	692	881	- 38	19,315	1,311	2,030	- 144
	October	4	10,744	651	591	+ 15	19,342	1,042	1,015	+ 7
	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

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	April 2011	March 2012	April 2012	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland and Western	87,851	84,894	83,935	- 959	- 3,916	13,646	70,289
Border	40,513	39,067	38,858	- 209	- 1,655	6,518	32,340
Midland	21,406	21,220	20,970	- 250	- 436	3,389	17,581
West	25,932	24,607	24,107	- 500	- 1,825	3,739	20,368
Southern and Eastern	198,894	195,349	193,473	- 1,876	- 5,421	30,247	163,226
Dublin	69,617	68,805	68,487	- 318	- 1,130	11,082	57,405
Mid-East	27,438	27,006	26,760	- 246	- 678	4,102	22,658
Mid-West	24,827	23,915	23,596	- 319	- 1,231	3,684	19,912
South-East	37,397	36,966	36,583	- 383	- 814	6,018	30,565
South-West	39,615	38,657	38,047	- 610	- 1,568	5,361	32,686
Total	286,745	280,243	277,408	- 2,835	- 9,337	43,893	233,515
Females							
Border, Midland and Western	47,638	48,412	48,042	- 370	+ 404	8,807	39,235
Border	21,638	21,954	21,827	- 127	+ 189	3,982	17,845
Midland	11,512	11,856	11,761	- 95	+ 249	2,412	9,349
West	14,488	14,602	14,454	- 148	- 34	2,413	12,041
Southern and Eastern	105,188	105,399	104,551	- 848	- 637	18,221	86,330
Dublin	35,067	35,035	34,983	- 52	- 84	6,304	28,679
Mid-East	15,288	15,082	15,117	+ 35	- 171	2,477	12,640
Mid-West	13,691	13,662	13,611	- 51	- 80	2,421	11,190
South-East	19,799	20,085	19,937	- 148	+ 138	3,745	16,192
South-West	21,343	21,535	20,903	- 632	- 440	3,274	17,629
Total	152,826	153,811	152,593	- 1,218	- 233	27,028	125,565
All Persons							
Border, Midland and Western	135,489	133,306	131,977	- 1,329	- 3,512	22,453	109,524
Border	62,151	61,021	60,685	- 336	- 1,466	10,500	50,185
Midland	32,918	33,076	32,731	- 345	- 187	5,801	26,930
West	40,420	39,209	38,561	- 648	- 1,859	6,152	32,409
Southern and Eastern	304,082	300,748	298,024	- 2,724	- 6,058	48,468	249,556
Dublin	104,684	103,840	103,470	- 370	- 1,214	17,386	86,084
Mid-East	42,726	42,088	41,877	- 211	- 849	6,579	35,298
Mid-West	38,518	37,577	37,207	- 370	- 1,311	6,105	31,102
South-East	57,196	57,051	56,520	- 531	- 676	9,763	46,757
South-West	60,958	60,192	58,950	- 1,242	- 2,008	8,635	50,315
Total	439,571	434,054	430,001	- 4,053	- 9,570	70,921	359,080

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	April 2011	March 2012	April 2012	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Managers and administrators	9,956	10,118	10,116	- 2	+ 160	381	9,735
Professional	11,749	11,128	11,067	- 61	- 682	871	10,196
Associate professional and technical	7,413	6,975	6,910	- 65	- 503	831	6,079
Clerical and secretarial	11,612	11,332	11,345	+ 13	- 267	1,651	9,694
Craft and related	105,030	97,455	96,224	- 1,231	- 8,806	11,456	84,768
Personal and protective service	18,270	18,868	18,358	- 510	+ 88	2,907	15,451
Sales	17,139	17,987	17,936	- 51	+ 797	5,575	12,361
Plant and machine operatives	55,148	55,085	54,631	- 454	- 517	7,240	47,391
Other occupation	40,479	39,764	39,323	- 441	- 1,156	7,719	31,604
No occupation ¹	9,949	11,531	11,498	- 33	+ 1,549	5,262	6,236
Total	286,745	280,243	277,408	- 2,835	- 9,337	43,893	233,515
Females							
Managers and administrators	6,790	6,718	6,634	- 84	- 156	224	6,410
Professional	12,338	11,929	12,250	+ 321	- 88	835	11,415
Associate professional and technical	5,274	5,235	5,179	- 56	- 95	468	4,711
Clerical and secretarial	31,703	29,645	29,633	- 12	- 2,070	2,093	27,540
Craft and related	7,176	7,491	7,402	- 89	+ 226	1,065	6,337
Personal and protective service	32,166	33,063	32,376	- 687	+ 210	6,626	25,750
Sales	28,304	28,623	28,304	- 319	0	7,348	20,956
Plant and machine operatives	14,807	15,355	15,207	- 148	+ 400	2,473	12,734
Other occupation	8,807	9,340	9,200	- 140	+ 393	2,740	6,460
No occupation ¹	5,461	6,412	6,408	- 4	+ 947	3,156	3,252
Total	152,826	153,811	152,593	- 1,218	- 233	27,028	125,565
All Persons							
Managers and administrators	16,746	16,836	16,750	- 86	+ 4	605	16,145
Professional	24,087	23,057	23,317	+ 260	- 770	1,706	21,611
Associate professional and technical	12,687	12,210	12,089	- 121	- 598	1,299	10,790
Clerical and secretarial	43,315	40,977	40,978	+ 1	- 2,337	3,744	37,234
Craft and related	112,206	104,946	103,626	- 1,320	- 8,580	12,521	91,105
Personal and protective service	50,436	51,931	50,734	- 1,197	+ 298	9,533	41,201
Sales	45,443	46,610	46,240	- 370	+ 797	12,923	33,317
Plant and machine operatives	69,955	70,440	69,838	- 602	- 117	9,713	60,125
Other occupation	49,286	49,104	48,523	- 581	- 763	10,459	38,064
No occupation ¹	15,410	17,943	17,906	- 37	+ 2,496	8,418	9,488
Total	439,571	434,054	430,001	- 4,053	- 9,570	70,921	359,080

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	April 2011	March 2012	April 2012	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Less than one year	162,076	147,253	144,995	- 2,258	- 17,081	26,555	118,440
One year or more	124,669	132,990	132,413	- 577	+ 7,744	17,338	115,075
Total	286,745	280,243	277,408	- 2,835	- 9,337	43,893	233,515
Females							
Less than one year	108,075	102,336	100,953	- 1,383	- 7,122	18,703	82,250
One year or more	44,751	51,475	51,640	+ 165	+ 6,889	8,325	43,315
Total	152,826	153,811	152,593	- 1,218	- 233	27,028	125,565
All Persons							
Less than one year	270,151	249,589	245,948	- 3,641	- 24,203	45,258	200,690
One year or more	169,420	184,465	184,053	- 412	+ 14,633	25,663	158,390
Total	439,571	434,054	430,001	- 4,053	- 9,570	70,921	359,080

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

		Males	Monthly change	Females	Monthly change	All Persons	Monthly change
2010	April	41,713	- 571	37,396	- 169	79,109	- 740
	May	41,602	- 111	37,273	- 123	78,875	- 234
	June	41,790	+ 188	37,449	+ 176	79,239	+ 364
	July	41,624	- 166	37,448	- 1	79,072	- 167
	August	41,162	- 462	37,120	- 328	78,282	- 790
	September	40,399	- 763	36,480	- 640	76,879	- 1,403
	October	40,914	+ 515	37,010	+ 530	77,924	+ 1,045
	November	42,162	+ 1,248	38,046	+ 1,036	80,208	+ 2,284
	December	43,510	+ 1,348	38,548	+ 502	82,058	+ 1,850
2011	January	44,117	+ 607	39,115	+ 567	83,232	+ 1,174
	February	45,086	+ 969	39,973	+ 858	85,059	+ 1,827
	March	45,603	+ 517	40,552	+ 579	86,155	+ 1,096
	April	45,447	- 156	40,147	- 405	85,594	- 561
	May	45,071	- 376	39,862	- 285	84,933	- 661
	June	45,609	+ 538	40,156	+ 294	85,765	+ 832
	July	45,639	+ 30	40,226	+ 70	85,865	+ 100
	August	45,312	- 327	39,984	- 242	85,296	- 569
	September	44,731	- 581	39,286	- 698	84,017	- 1,279
	October	45,234	+ 503	39,795	+ 509	85,029	+ 1,012
	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

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	April	18,081	3,955	43,248	13,107	78,391	354,266	432,657	
	May	18,217	3,964	42,416	13,472	78,069	359,853	437,922	
	June	18,619	4,028	41,856	14,342	78,845	374,037	452,882	
	July	18,979	4,100	41,570	14,563	79,212	387,612	466,824	
	August	19,007	4,115	41,154	14,581	78,857	388,066	466,923	
	September	18,190	3,902	40,427	13,926	76,445	365,972	442,417	
	October	17,715	3,755	40,065	13,100	74,635	354,918	429,553	
	November	17,598	3,705	40,728	12,751	74,782	350,220	425,002	
	December	17,855	3,704	42,198	12,888	76,645	360,434	437,079	
	2011	January	18,078	3,793	43,619	13,037	78,527	364,150	442,677
		February	18,065	3,813	44,167	13,117	79,162	365,137	444,299
		March	17,956	3,817	43,722	13,099	78,594	362,599	441,193
April		18,021	3,729	42,698	13,075	77,523	362,048	439,571	
May		18,075	3,711	41,791	13,401	76,978	363,969	440,947	
June		18,648	3,829	42,013	14,431	78,921	379,027	457,948	
July		19,006	3,872	41,732	14,675	79,285	390,999	470,284	
August		18,925	3,847	41,330	14,893	78,995	390,718	469,713	
September		17,894	3,586	40,000	13,941	75,421	362,020	437,441	
October		17,708	3,545	40,202	13,582	75,037	355,395	430,432	
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	

Annex - Activation Programmes

The table below contains the end of March 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 81,440 people availing of these programmes in March 2012, which is an increase of 10,418 (+14.7%) from the previous year. In March 2011 there were 71,022 people in activation programmes.

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

Live Register Activation Programmes

	March 2011	February 2012	March 2012
Back to Work Schemes			
Back to Work allowance scheme - Employee strand ¹	632	137	102
Back to Work Enterprise allowance scheme -self employed strand	8,789	10,843	10,978
Short-term Enterprise Allowance ²	1,206	1,165	1,167
Total Back to Work payments	10,627	12,145	12,247
Other Activation Programmes			
DSP Part-time Job Incentive	161	190	190
TUS - Community Work Placement Initiative (2011)	0	2,814	3,201
JobBridge (2011)	0	3,850	4,291
Total Other Activation Programmes	161	6,854	7,682
Community Employment Schemes (excluding Supervisors)	21,822	21,970	21,812
FAS Full Time Training for Unemployed People³	8,663	9,022	9,535
Back to Education Courses			
Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme (VTOS) ⁴	N/A	N/A	N/A
Back to Education Allowance (BTEA) ⁵	24,749	25,424	25,164
Total Back to Education Courses	29,749	30,424	30,164
Total Activation Programmes	71,022	80,415	81,440

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:
 April 2012 – 31st March to 27th April 2012
 April 2011 – 26th March to 29th April 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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