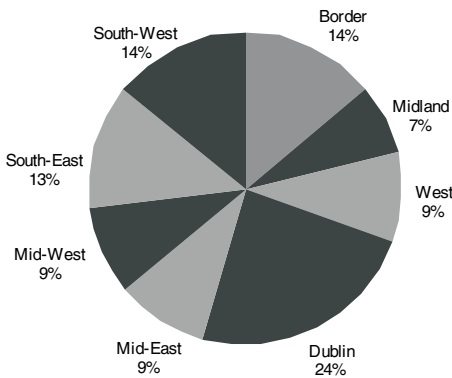




Live Register by Regional Authority



Live Register Additional Tables
February 2010

	February 2010	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and Western	133,792	- 525	+ 22,471
Border	61,161	- 252	+ 10,086
Midland	31,897	- 133	+ 5,322
West	40,734	- 140	+ 7,063
Southern and Eastern	303,164	+ 545	+ 62,032
Dublin	103,706	+ 129	+ 21,404
Mid-East	41,685	+ 390	+ 8,424
Mid-West	39,809	+ 103	+ 8,582
South-East	56,183	- 47	+ 10,334
South-West	61,781	- 30	+ 13,288
Total	436,956	+ 20	+ 84,503

Live Register shows little change in February

The unadjusted Live Register increased to 436,956 in February from 436,936 in January, a monthly increase of 20 (0.0%). The largest percentage increase was in the Mid-East region (+0.9%). The largest percentage decreases were in the Border and Midland regions (both -0.4%). See table 1.

In the year to February 2010, the unadjusted Live Register increased by 84,503 (+24.0%). All regions showed annual increases with the largest percentage increase in the Mid-West region (+27.5%). The Border region had the smallest percentage increase (+19.7%). See table 1.

Other features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males increased in the Mid-East region (+0.7%), while all other regions showed a decrease. The largest percentage decrease was in the Border region (-0.7%). See table 1.
- ◆ The number of females increased in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Mid-West region (+1.6%), while the smallest percentage increases were in the Border, Midland and South-West regions (+0.1%). See table 1.
- ◆ Amongst counties, the largest percentage increase was in Wicklow (+1.6%), while the largest percentage decrease was in Westmeath (-1.7%). See table 3.

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 figure, for July to September 2009, is 279,800 persons unemployed.

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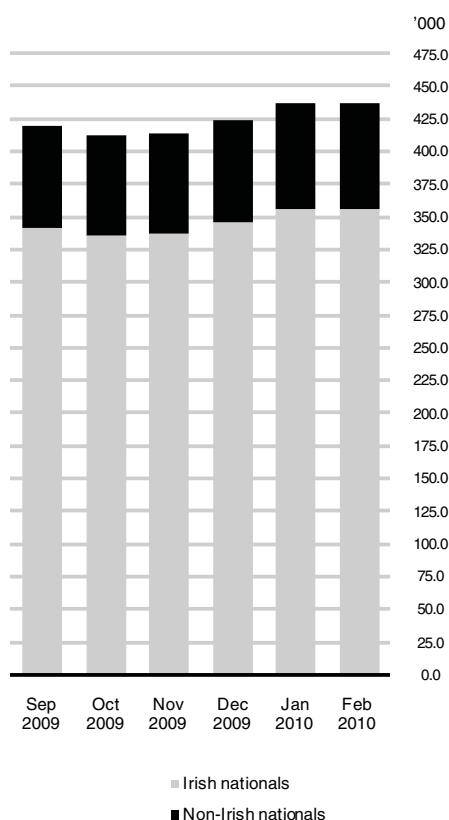
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Live Register by nationality



Slight fall in non-Irish nationals on Live Register in February

In February 2010 there were 355,690 Irish nationals and 81,266 non-Irish nationals on the Live Register. This represents a monthly increase of 149 (0.0%) in Irish nationals and a decrease of 129 (-0.2%) in non-Irish nationals. See table 4 and graph opposite.

In the year to February 2010 the number of Irish nationals on the Live Register increased by 74,549 (+26.5%), while the corresponding annual increase for non-Irish nationals was 9,954 (+14.0%).

Among non-Irish nationals the largest number on the Live Register, were nationals from the EU15 to EU27 States (45,649) while the smallest number were from the EU15 States outside of Ireland and the UK (4,139).

Non-Irish nationals represented 18.6% of all persons on the Live Register in February 2010. Estimates from the Quarterly National Household Survey for July to September 2009 show that non-Irish nationals represented an estimated 14.7% of all persons in the labour force aged between 17 and 64 years (the relevant age range for the Live Register).

Table 1 Persons on the Live Register classified by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	February 2009	January 2010	February 2010	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland and Western	75,559	89,836	89,249	- 587	+ 13,690	17,644	71,605
Border	34,625	41,181	40,906	- 275	+ 6,281	8,239	32,667
Midland	18,182	21,576	21,437	- 139	+ 3,255	4,146	17,291
West	22,752	27,079	26,906	- 173	+ 4,154	5,259	21,647
Southern and Eastern	162,641	201,812	201,618	- 194	+ 38,977	36,967	164,651
Dublin	55,963	69,524	69,414	- 110	+ 13,451	12,944	56,470
Mid-East	22,417	27,187	27,384	+ 197	+ 4,967	4,856	22,528
Mid-West	20,917	26,238	26,122	- 116	+ 5,205	4,973	21,149
South-East	31,211	37,871	37,748	- 123	+ 6,537	7,273	30,475
South-West	32,133	40,992	40,950	- 42	+ 8,817	6,921	34,029
Total	238,200	291,648	290,867	- 781	+ 52,667	54,611	236,256
Females							
Border, Midland and Western	35,762	44,481	44,543	+ 62	+ 8,781	9,718	34,825
Border	16,450	20,232	20,255	+ 23	+ 3,805	4,483	15,772
Midland	8,393	10,454	10,460	+ 6	+ 2,067	2,450	8,010
West	10,919	13,795	13,828	+ 33	+ 2,909	2,785	11,043
Southern and Eastern	78,491	100,807	101,546	+ 739	+ 23,055	20,791	80,755
Dublin	26,339	34,053	34,292	+ 239	+ 7,953	7,165	27,127
Mid-East	10,844	14,108	14,301	+ 193	+ 3,457	2,756	11,545
Mid-West	10,310	13,468	13,687	+ 219	+ 3,377	2,848	10,839
South-East	14,638	18,359	18,435	+ 76	+ 3,797	4,149	14,286
South-West	16,360	20,819	20,831	+ 12	+ 4,471	3,873	16,958
Total	114,253	145,288	146,089	+ 801	+ 31,836	30,509	115,580
All Persons							
Border, Midland and Western	111,321	134,317	133,792	- 525	+ 22,471	27,362	106,430
Border	51,075	61,413	61,161	- 252	+ 10,086	12,722	48,439
Midland	26,575	32,030	31,897	- 133	+ 5,322	6,596	25,301
West	33,671	40,874	40,734	- 140	+ 7,063	8,044	32,690
Southern and Eastern	241,132	302,619	303,164	+ 545	+ 62,032	57,758	245,406
Dublin	82,302	103,577	103,706	+ 129	+ 21,404	20,109	83,597
Mid-East	33,261	41,295	41,685	+ 390	+ 8,424	7,612	34,073
Mid-West	31,227	39,706	39,809	+ 103	+ 8,582	7,821	31,988
South-East	45,849	56,230	56,183	- 47	+ 10,334	11,422	44,761
South-West	48,493	61,811	61,781	- 30	+ 13,288	10,794	50,987
Total	352,453	436,936	436,956	+ 20	+ 84,503	85,120	351,836

¹ The composition of the regions is described in the Background Notes.

Table 2 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	February 2009	January 2010	February 2010	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	183,007	226,908	227,309	+ 401	+ 44,302	44,500	182,809
Munster	99,096	124,853	124,893	+ 40	+ 25,797	23,301	101,592
Connacht	41,084	49,788	49,600	- 188	+ 8,516	9,780	39,820
Ulster	29,266	35,387	35,154	- 233	+ 5,888	7,539	27,615
Total	352,453	436,936	436,956	+ 20	+ 84,503	85,120	351,836

Table 3 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age Group and Local Office of Registration

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	February 2009	January 2010	February 2010	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	111,321	134,317	133,792	17,644	71,605	89,249	9,718	34,825	44,543
Border	51,075	61,413	61,161	8,239	32,667	40,906	4,483	15,772	20,255
Cavan	6,337	7,352	7,340	958	4,006	4,964	553	1,823	2,376
Ballyconnell	1,125	1,261	1,265	155	697	852	93	320	413
Cavan	5,212	6,091	6,075	803	3,309	4,112	460	1,503	1,963
Donegal	17,526	21,473	21,255	3,129	10,956	14,085	1,659	5,511	7,170
Ballybofey	2,253	2,662	2,606	427	1,367	1,794	224	588	812
Ballyshannon	1,193	1,532	1,499	210	731	941	125	433	558
Buncrana	4,206	5,005	4,937	777	2,707	3,484	355	1,098	1,453
Donegal	1,220	1,501	1,455	182	681	863	122	470	592
Dunfanaghy	1,344	1,620	1,614	236	854	1,090	83	441	524
Dungloe	1,799	2,256	2,251	248	1,161	1,409	136	706	842
Killybegs	1,122	1,253	1,234	136	613	749	85	400	485
Letterkenny	4,389	5,644	5,659	913	2,842	3,755	529	1,375	1,904
Leitrim	3,011	3,635	3,586	408	1,992	2,400	197	989	1,186
Carrick-on-Shannon	2,265	2,708	2,682	306	1,487	1,793	136	753	889
Manorhamilton	746	927	904	102	505	607	61	236	297
Louth	14,396	17,112	17,141	2,224	9,337	11,561	1,223	4,357	5,580
Ardee	1,952	2,494	2,519	339	1,419	1,758	164	597	761
Drogheda	6,900	8,296	8,297	1,002	4,453	5,455	554	2,288	2,842
Dundalk	5,544	6,322	6,325	883	3,465	4,348	505	1,472	1,977
Monaghan	5,403	6,562	6,559	819	3,617	4,436	421	1,702	2,123
Carrickmacross	1,423	1,660	1,672	210	899	1,109	90	473	563
Castleblayney	1,421	1,707	1,698	223	963	1,186	120	392	512
Clones	621	739	728	113	387	500	56	172	228
Monaghan	1,938	2,456	2,461	273	1,368	1,641	155	665	820
Sligo	4,402	5,279	5,280	701	2,759	3,460	430	1,390	1,820
Sligo	3,561	4,347	4,343	581	2,259	2,840	360	1,143	1,503
Tubbercurry	841	932	937	120	500	620	70	247	317
Midland	26,575	32,030	31,897	4,146	17,291	21,437	2,450	8,010	10,460
Laoighis	6,565	7,979	7,950	1,082	4,328	5,410	615	1,925	2,540
Portllington	2,575	3,240	3,228	435	1,720	2,155	266	807	1,073
Portlaoise	3,096	3,580	3,582	485	1,960	2,445	271	866	1,137
Rathdowney	894	1,159	1,140	162	648	810	78	252	330
Longford	4,655	5,298	5,326	630	3,027	3,657	384	1,285	1,669
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Offaly	6,748	8,423	8,471	1,143	4,637	5,780	626	2,065	2,691
Birr	1,755	2,223	2,263	322	1,175	1,497	172	594	766
Edenderry	1,898	2,337	2,384	294	1,365	1,659	177	548	725
Tullamore	3,095	3,863	3,824	527	2,097	2,624	277	923	1,200
Westmeath	8,607	10,330	10,150	1,291	5,299	6,590	825	2,735	3,560
Athlone	3,257	4,080	3,971	502	2,030	2,532	341	1,098	1,439
Castlepollard	1,149	1,267	1,261	185	636	821	95	345	440
Mullingar	4,201	4,983	4,918	604	2,633	3,237	389	1,292	1,681
West	33,671	40,874	40,734	5,259	21,647	26,906	2,785	11,043	13,828
Galway	19,903	23,583	23,580	2,990	12,378	15,368	1,641	6,571	8,212
Ballinasloe	2,093	2,643	2,639	371	1,431	1,802	176	661	837
Clifden	1,119	1,351	1,318	148	679	827	92	399	491
Galway	10,768	12,157	12,131	1,559	6,305	7,864	966	3,301	4,267
Gort	1,171	1,507	1,513	162	764	926	57	530	587
Loughrea	2,022	2,525	2,569	280	1,343	1,623	159	787	946
Tuam	2,730	3,400	3,410	470	1,856	2,326	191	893	1,084

Table 3 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age Group and Local Office of Registration

-continued NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	Males						Females		
	February 2009	January 2010	February 2010	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	10,430	13,346	13,157	1,711	7,081	8,792	883	3,482	4,365
Achill	359	478	465	53	274	327	21	117	138
Ballina	2,660	3,283	3,266	437	1,809	2,246	250	770	1,020
Ballinrobe	917	1,115	1,119	134	585	719	57	343	400
Belmullet	741	1,027	1,005	151	507	658	72	275	347
Castlebar	1,821	2,387	2,331	300	1,209	1,509	175	647	822
Claremorris	1,112	1,461	1,471	182	822	1,004	91	376	467
Swinford	1,353	1,727	1,688	231	905	1,136	106	446	552
Westport	1,467	1,868	1,812	223	970	1,193	111	508	619
Roscommon	3,338	3,945	3,997	558	2,188	2,746	261	990	1,251
Boyle	849	1,012	1,033	133	545	678	55	300	355
Castlerea	1,441	1,727	1,759	268	979	1,247	123	389	512
Roscommon	1,048	1,206	1,205	157	664	821	83	301	384
Southern and Eastern	241,132	302,619	303,164	36,967	164,651	201,618	20,791	80,755	101,546
Dublin	82,302	103,577	103,706	12,944	56,470	69,414	7,165	27,127	34,292
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Bishop Square	6,878	8,578	8,500	941	4,773	5,714	583	2,203	2,786
Cumberland Street ¹	9,110	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
King's Inn Street ¹	0	7,852	7,688	850	4,354	5,204	536	1,948	2,484
Navan Road	5,084	6,522	6,545	748	3,646	4,394	450	1,701	2,151
Blanchardstown	7,290	8,353	8,101	940	4,427	5,367	562	2,172	2,734
Thomas Street	3,648	4,236	4,307	488	2,485	2,973	302	1,032	1,334
Tara Street	2,159	2,794	2,828	290	1,523	1,813	155	860	1,015
Tallaght	7,960	10,151	10,264	1,593	5,650	7,243	868	2,153	3,021
Ballymun	2,358	2,856	2,876	517	1,491	2,008	293	575	868
Clondalkin	8,289	9,765	10,064	1,335	5,524	6,859	793	2,412	3,205
Rathfarnham	3,949	5,088	5,217	511	2,651	3,162	250	1,805	2,055
Kilbarrack	4,130	5,329	5,279	689	2,893	3,582	316	1,381	1,697
Dun Laoghaire	5,815	7,686	7,730	686	4,090	4,776	334	2,620	2,954
Balbriggan	3,547	5,065	5,029	582	2,640	3,222	299	1,508	1,807
Swords ¹	0	4,862	4,725	536	2,393	2,929	319	1,477	1,796
Ballyfermot	2,694	3,251	3,272	609	1,799	2,408	278	586	864
Finglas	5,036	5,897	5,979	831	3,327	4,158	414	1,407	1,821
Coolock	4,355	5,292	5,302	798	2,804	3,602	413	1,287	1,700
Mid-East	33,261	41,295	41,685	4,856	22,528	27,384	2,756	11,545	14,301
Kildare	14,399	17,596	17,787	2,092	9,556	11,648	1,262	4,877	6,139
Athy	2,055	2,637	2,656	297	1,473	1,770	183	703	886
Maynooth	4,582	5,853	5,894	719	2,979	3,698	440	1,756	2,196
Newbridge	7,762	9,106	9,237	1,076	5,104	6,180	639	2,418	3,057
Meath	8,896	11,598	11,599	1,306	6,263	7,569	813	3,217	4,030
Kells	1,564	1,936	1,905	208	1,081	1,289	148	468	616
Navan	4,683	5,926	5,933	689	3,226	3,915	378	1,640	2,018
Trim	2,649	3,736	3,761	409	1,956	2,365	287	1,109	1,396
Wicklow	9,966	12,101	12,299	1,458	6,709	8,167	681	3,451	4,132
Arklow	2,924	3,466	3,488	421	1,954	2,375	218	895	1,113
Baltinglass	1,041	1,370	1,410	198	757	955	87	368	455
Bray	4,223	5,063	5,193	568	2,769	3,337	258	1,598	1,856
Wicklow	1,778	2,202	2,208	271	1,229	1,500	118	590	708
Mid-West	31,227	39,706	39,809	4,973	21,149	26,122	2,848	10,839	13,687
Clare	8,930	10,818	10,865	1,325	5,577	6,902	742	3,221	3,963
Ennis	5,136	6,097	6,165	728	3,141	3,869	432	1,864	2,296
Ennistymon	1,411	1,724	1,709	205	867	1,072	116	521	637
Kilrush	1,216	1,455	1,487	216	770	986	115	386	501
Tulla	1,167	1,542	1,504	176	799	975	79	450	529
Limerick	17,176	22,010	21,995	2,756	12,061	14,817	1,595	5,583	7,178
Kilmallock	2,123	2,807	2,832	397	1,517	1,914	185	733	918
Limerick	12,188	15,617	15,574	1,898	8,584	10,482	1,150	3,942	5,092
Newcastle West	2,865	3,586	3,589	461	1,960	2,421	260	908	1,168

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-continued NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	February 2009	January 2010	February 2010	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	5,121	6,878	6,949	892	3,511	4,403	511	2,035	2,546
Nenagh	2,046	2,811	2,825	329	1,430	1,759	177	889	1,066
Roscrea	990	1,308	1,326	175	624	799	97	430	527
Thurles	2,085	2,759	2,798	388	1,457	1,845	237	716	953
South-East	45,849	56,230	56,183	7,273	30,475	37,748	4,149	14,286	18,435
Carlow	5,243	6,723	6,791	930	3,776	4,706	506	1,579	2,085
Bagenalstown	1,194	1,626	1,640	231	924	1,155	119	366	485
Carlow	2,856	3,554	3,606	515	1,996	2,511	291	804	1,095
Tullow	1,193	1,543	1,545	184	856	1,040	96	409	505
Kilkenny	5,966	7,334	7,297	936	4,065	5,001	507	1,789	2,296
Kilkenny	4,931	5,920	5,867	769	3,238	4,007	423	1,437	1,860
Thomastown	1,035	1,414	1,430	167	827	994	84	352	436
South Tipperary	6,923	8,739	8,835	1,243	4,953	6,196	646	1,993	2,639
Cahir	1,034	1,281	1,313	156	786	942	94	277	371
Carrick-on-Suir	1,704	2,017	2,027	264	1,103	1,367	147	513	660
Cashel	845	1,197	1,198	174	662	836	69	293	362
Clonmel	2,016	2,577	2,628	429	1,421	1,850	216	562	778
Tipperary	1,324	1,667	1,669	220	981	1,201	120	348	468
Waterford	12,453	14,597	14,468	1,752	7,853	9,605	1,045	3,818	4,863
Dungarvan	1,836	2,287	2,286	274	1,315	1,589	137	560	697
Waterford	10,617	12,310	12,182	1,478	6,538	8,016	908	3,258	4,166
Wexford	15,264	18,837	18,792	2,412	9,828	12,240	1,445	5,107	6,552
Enniscorthy	3,856	4,485	4,473	619	2,423	3,042	372	1,059	1,431
Gorey	3,192	4,035	4,066	472	2,101	2,573	283	1,210	1,493
New Ross	2,671	3,433	3,373	423	1,837	2,260	247	866	1,113
Wexford	5,545	6,884	6,880	898	3,467	4,365	543	1,972	2,515
South-West	48,493	61,811	61,781	6,921	34,029	40,950	3,873	16,958	20,831
Cork	34,089	44,893	44,788	5,050	25,069	30,119	2,752	11,917	14,669
Bandon	1,266	1,548	1,554	157	922	1,079	78	397	475
Bantry	869	1,297	1,310	157	661	818	65	427	492
Bantry (SWLO)	277	327	328	26	150	176	19	133	152
Carrigaline	1,764	2,542	2,545	274	1,410	1,684	117	744	861
Clonakilty	990	1,321	1,298	108	693	801	49	448	497
Cobh	800	1,105	1,149	130	636	766	71	312	383
Cork	15,278	19,624	19,493	2,437	11,071	13,508	1,391	4,594	5,985
Fermoy	2,044	2,742	2,753	340	1,531	1,871	172	710	882
Kinsale	1,093	1,374	1,333	78	694	772	55	506	561
Macroom	1,396	1,832	1,825	206	1,058	1,264	86	475	561
Mallow	2,071	2,699	2,691	323	1,543	1,866	159	666	825
Midleton	2,437	3,366	3,384	267	1,928	2,195	169	1,020	1,189
Newmarket	1,495	2,014	1,996	235	1,140	1,375	129	492	621
Skibbereen	851	1,306	1,300	146	631	777	87	436	523
Youghal	1,458	1,796	1,829	166	1,001	1,167	105	557	662
Kerry	14,404	16,918	16,993	1,871	8,960	10,831	1,121	5,041	6,162
Cahiriveen	668	720	736	82	356	438	44	254	298
Dingle	714	854	864	61	436	497	42	325	367
Kenmare	729	787	780	60	333	393	53	334	387
Killarney	2,862	3,510	3,576	338	1,727	2,065	249	1,262	1,511
Killorglin	1,125	1,389	1,391	146	793	939	76	376	452
Listowel	2,634	3,066	3,108	417	1,750	2,167	192	749	941
Tralee	5,672	6,592	6,538	767	3,565	4,332	465	1,741	2,206
State	352,453	436,936	436,956	54,611	236,256	290,867	30,509	115,580	146,089

¹ Cumberland Street Local Office has closed with effect from July 2009. Figures previously provided for the Cumberland Street Local Office are now presented in two Local Offices King's Inns Street and Swords with effect from July 2009. Cumberland Street figures from April 2006 to July 2009 included those persons that had been transferred to the Swords Local Office.

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register classified by nationality

		Nationality						
		Non-Irish nationals						
		United Kingdom	EU15 excl. Irl. & UK	EU15 to EU27 States	Other	Non-Irish nationals	Irish nationals	Total Persons
2008	February	9,073	1,858	12,545	6,247	29,723	159,762	189,485
	March	9,349	1,959	13,403	6,408	31,119	166,873	197,992
	April	9,401	1,921	14,166	6,483	31,971	163,627	195,598
	May	9,600	1,945	14,738	6,996	33,279	168,477	201,756
	June	10,268	2,146	15,623	7,831	35,868	184,943	220,811
	July	10,969	2,327	16,953	8,215	38,464	199,776	238,240
	August	11,426	2,446	18,581	8,648	41,101	206,283	247,384
	September	11,186	2,419	19,381	8,228	41,214	199,003	240,217
	October	11,543	2,638	22,162	8,044	44,387	206,293	250,680
	November	12,320	2,890	25,956	8,468	49,634	217,555	267,189
	December	13,233	3,193	28,788	8,975	54,189	235,829	290,018
	2009	January	14,743	3,632	35,627	9,999	64,001	262,271
February		15,642	4,033	40,799	10,838	71,312	281,141	352,453
March		16,220	4,224	43,286	11,449	75,179	294,024	369,203
April		16,731	4,345	44,358	11,852	77,286	304,590	381,876
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	41,663	12,703	76,304	336,103	412,407
November		17,840	4,031	42,311	12,598	76,780	336,725	413,505
December		18,062	4,073	42,675	12,709	77,519	346,076	423,595
2010	January	18,524	4,186	45,652	13,033	81,395	355,541	436,936
	February	18,413	4,139	45,649	13,065	81,266	355,690	436,956

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 and Family Affairs. It comprises persons under 65 years of age in the following classes:

- ◆ 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 The reference periods for the Live Register results are as follows:
February 2010 – 30th January 2010 to 26th February 2010
February 2009 – 31st January 2009 to 27th February 2009.

Descriptive articles The compilation basis for the Live Register statistics from May 1992 onwards is described in the September 1992 issue of the *Statistical Bulletin*. The March 1980 issue contained a description of the basis used up to April 1992 while a more comprehensive treatment of Live Register statistics appeared in the “Report of the Inter-Departmental Study Group on Unemployment Statistics” (Stationery Office Dublin, Prl.7925, April 1979). The results of a special study of the differences between the Labour Force Survey (LFS) Estimates of Unemployment and the Live Register are contained in the December 1996 issue of the *Statistical Bulletin*.

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 Jobseekers Allowance or Jobseekers Benefit. **Unemployment is measured by the Quarterly National Household Survey** (formerly the Annual Labour Force Survey).

NUTS2 and NUTS3 regions The regional classifications in this release 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	Laoighis 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

Live Register Area Analysis The basis of the area classification used in this release is the Department of Social and Family Affairs 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. the figure for the Cork City Local Office of Registration refers to all persons signing on in Cork City but may include persons not resident in Cork city. A classification by area of residence of persons on the Live Register was published until January 1989 but was then discontinued.

Nationality Data in the nationality table is sourced from information collected by the Department of Social and Family Affairs on the nationality of claimants when they first sign on the Live Register.

Live Register revision New collection methods employed by the Department of Social & Family Affairs (DSFA) for the compilation of the Live Register have permitted more accurate reporting of the number of persons on the Live Register. Specifically these changes allow the identification of individuals who should not previously have been included in the Live Register count but could not be separately identified and excluded under existing arrangements. The changes relate to the following schemes:

Temporarily working - claims for Jobseeker Benefit (JB) and Jobseeker Allowance (JA) which are suspended for the reason that the customer is “temporarily working” are excluded from the live register since participants are engaged in employment.

Short Term Enterprise Allowance scheme (STEA) - this new employment support measure was introduced from the 1st May 2009. While it is part of the DSFA Back to Work Enterprise Allowance programme (participants are engaged in self-employment) it is contingent on qualifying for JB and it is currently recorded and paid on the JB system. Since participants on this scheme are engaged in self-employment they are excluded from the Live Register.

Work Placement Programme (WPP) - this new employment support measure was introduced from the 1st August 2009 (participants are placed on a new 6 month Work Placement Programme). The scheme is administered by FAS, but participants continue to receive their existing social welfare entitlements from DSFA for their duration on the programme. Since participants on this scheme are engaged in employment they are excluded from the Live Register.

In order to facilitate consistent analysis of the Live Register series all data has been revised from October 2008 to September 2009 to exclude the categories listed above. As such annual and monthly change figures presented in this release are on a consistent basis. These revisions are reflected in revised tables both in the release and on the CSO databank. A summary table indicating the size of the revisions for each of the 12 months at state level can be found below. The total level of revision is less than 1 percent of the state total on the Live Register. For further queries on these changes please contact the CSO.

Table A Overall revisions to Live Register totals, October 2008 to September 2009

Month	Total Male	Total Female	Total Live Register
Oct-08	-604	-667	-1,271
Nov-08	-690	-707	-1,397
Dec-08	-750	-595	-1,345
Jan-09	-893	-696	-1,589
Feb-09	-1,109	-875	-1,984
Mar-09	-1,174	-894	-2,068
Apr-09	-1,456	-1,116	-2,572
May-09	-1,592	-1,145	-2,737
Jun-09	-1,932	-1,198	-3,130
Jul-09	-2,033	-1,281	-3,314
Aug-09	-2,103	-1,228	-3,331
Sep-09	-2,381	-1,404	-3,785