

**SECTION H:  
LIVE REGISTER**

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The statistics in this section of the report relate to the Live Register.

### Live Register

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The Live Register is a monthly statistical count compiled by the Central Statistics Office of certain categories of persons registered with the Department of Social Protection for Jobseeker's Benefit, Jobseeker's Allowance and credited Social Insurance contributions.

The Live Register comprises of the following classes of people under the age of 65 years:

- (i) all claimants of Jobseeker's Benefit excluding systematic short-time workers,
- (ii) applicants for Jobseeker's Allowance excluding smallholders and self-employed persons,
- (iii) other registrants including applicants for credited Social Welfare contributions but excluding those directly involved in an industrial dispute.

This means that not all persons who are in receipt of Jobseeker's Benefit or Allowance are on the Live Register. Some persons who are included on the Live Register e.g. applicants for credited contributions, are not in receipt of a Jobseeker's Benefit or Allowance payment.

The jobseeker's recipients figure shown in Section A and tables C3, C9 and C18 is not directly comparable with the Live Register figure, as this figure only includes those who were in receipt of a payment at the end of December.

### Trends

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The average Live Register decreased from 436,254 in 2012 to 418,950 in 2013, a decrease of 17,304 or 4.0%. Table H10 shows the numbers on the Live Register by County from 2004 to 2013 and the percentage increase in each county.

**Table H1: Number of Persons on the Live Register on the last Friday of each Month, 2013**

| Month     | Jobseeker's Allowance | Jobseeker's Benefit | Credited Contributions | Total Live Register |
|-----------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| January   | 308,846               | 86,728              | 33,822                 | 429,396             |
| February  | 309,155               | 85,804              | 33,917                 | 428,876             |
| March     | 306,361               | 84,433              | 34,294                 | 425,088             |
| April     | 303,770               | 79,736              | 34,087                 | 417,593             |
| May       | 310,784               | 77,016              | 33,937                 | 421,737             |
| June      | 322,300               | 79,018              | 34,039                 | 435,357             |
| July      | 325,846               | 81,717              | 34,413                 | 441,976             |
| August    | 326,601               | 73,826              | 34,853                 | 435,280             |
| September | 312,392               | 61,714              | 34,564                 | 408,670             |
| October   | 303,204               | 58,530              | 34,778                 | 396,512             |
| November  | 298,983               | 57,497              | 35,027                 | 391,507             |
| December  | 300,590               | 59,646              | 35,175                 | 395,411             |
| Average   | 310,736               | 73,805              | 34,409                 | 418,950             |

**Table H2: Average Number of Persons on the Live Register 2004 to 2013**

| Year | Jobseeker's Allowance | Jobseeker's Benefit | Credited Contributions | Average Live Register |
|------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2004 | 82,693                | 71,884              | 11,436                 | 166,013               |
| 2005 | 84,150                | 62,536              | 10,430                 | 157,116               |
| 2006 | 85,950                | 61,729              | 9,719                  | 157,398               |
| 2007 | 87,756                | 65,146              | 9,390                  | 162,292               |
| 2008 | 113,643               | 103,004             | 10,423                 | 227,069               |
| 2009 | 201,779               | 181,312             | 15,068                 | 398,159               |
| 2010 | 274,666               | 142,976             | 24,047                 | 441,689               |
| 2011 | 302,813               | 112,574             | 29,518                 | 444,905               |
| 2012 | 310,033               | 93,236              | 32,984                 | 436,254               |
| 2013 | 310,736               | 73,805              | 34,409                 | 418,950               |

**Table H3: Flows On and Off the Live Register by Month, 2013**

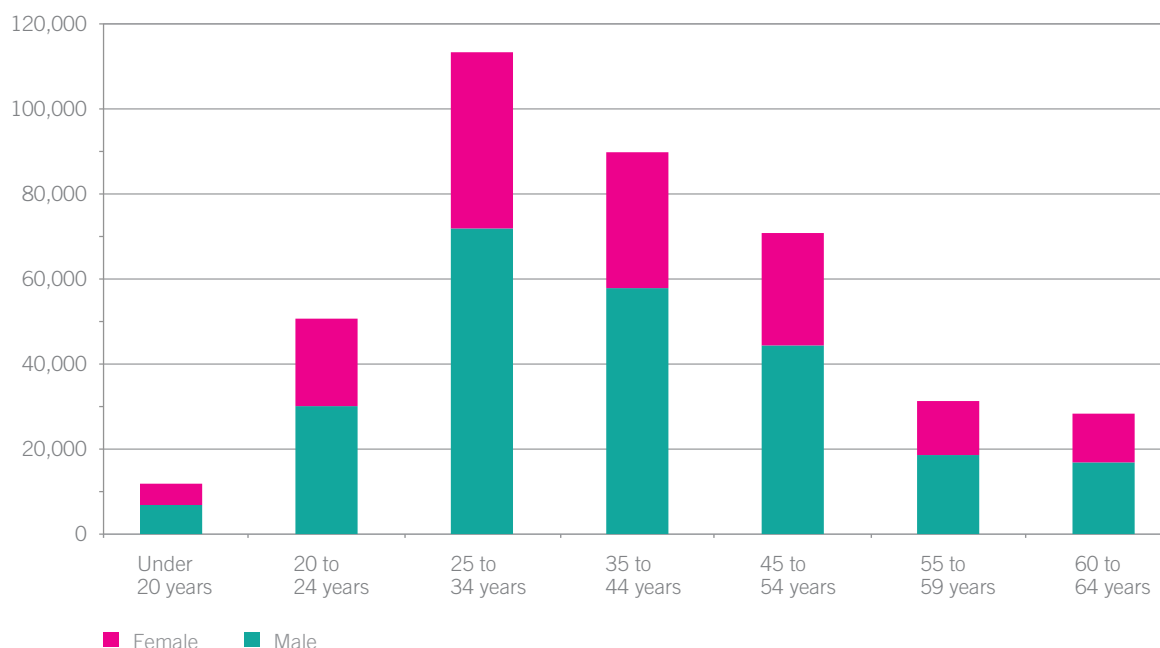
| Month     | New Registrations | Outflow | Live Register | Net Change |
|-----------|-------------------|---------|---------------|------------|
| January   | 37,516            | 31,853  | 429,396       | 5,663      |
| February  | 33,086            | 33,606  | 428,876       | -520       |
| March     | 36,574            | 40,362  | 425,088       | -3,788     |
| April     | 29,859            | 37,354  | 417,593       | -7,495     |
| May       | 35,089            | 30,945  | 421,737       | 4,144      |
| June      | 36,527            | 22,907  | 435,357       | 13,620     |
| July      | 37,203            | 30,584  | 441,976       | 6,619      |
| August    | 36,655            | 43,351  | 435,280       | -6,696     |
| September | 32,897            | 59,507  | 408,670       | -26,610    |
| October   | 33,173            | 45,331  | 396,512       | -12,158    |
| November  | 40,421            | 45,426  | 391,507       | -5,005     |
| December  | 24,739            | 20,835  | 395,411       | 3,904      |
| Total     | 413,739           | 442,061 |               | -28,322    |

**Table H4: Number of Persons on the Live Register by Age and Sex, October, 2013**

| Age                 | Male    |        | Female  |        | Total   |        |
|---------------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
|                     | Number  | %      | Number  | %      | Number  | %      |
| Under 20 years      | 6,840   | 2.8%   | 5,018   | 3.3%   | 11,858  | 3.0%   |
| 20 to 24 years      | 30,128  | 12.2%  | 20,594  | 13.8%  | 50,722  | 12.8%  |
| 25 to 34 years      | 71,969  | 29.2%  | 41,491  | 27.7%  | 113,460 | 28.6%  |
| 35 to 44 years      | 57,915  | 23.5%  | 31,997  | 21.4%  | 89,912  | 22.7%  |
| 45 to 54 years      | 44,422  | 18.0%  | 26,465  | 17.7%  | 70,887  | 17.9%  |
| 55 to 59 years      | 18,606  | 7.5%   | 12,715  | 8.4%   | 31,321  | 7.9%   |
| 60 to 64 years      | 16,873  | 6.8%   | 11,479  | 7.7%   | 28,352  | 7.2%   |
| Total Live Register | 246,753 | 100.0% | 149,759 | 100.0% | 396,512 | 100.0% |

Source: Central Statistics Office

**Graph H1: Number of Persons on the Live Register by Age and Sex, 2013**



**Table H5: Number of Persons on the Live Register in October 2013, Classified by Duration of Claim**

| Sex/Age              | Duration of Continuous Registration |               |               |               |               |               | Total          |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
|                      | < 3 mths                            | 3 - 6 mths    | 6 - 12 mths   | 1 - 2 yrs     | 2 - 3 yrs     | > 3 yrs       |                |
| <b>Male</b>          |                                     |               |               |               |               |               |                |
| < 20 yrs             | 3,151                               | 1,258         | 1,277         | 1,153         | 1             | 0             | 6,840          |
| 20 - 24 yrs          | 10,157                              | 3,734         | 3,236         | 4,733         | 3,228         | 5,040         | 30,128         |
| 25 - 34 yrs          | 24,921                              | 6,126         | 6,660         | 8,242         | 5,982         | 20,038        | 71,969         |
| 35 - 44 yrs          | 18,336                              | 4,324         | 5,205         | 6,315         | 5,142         | 18,593        | 57,915         |
| 45 - 54 yrs          | 12,446                              | 3,092         | 4,040         | 4,911         | 4,065         | 15,868        | 44,422         |
| 55 - 59 yrs          | 4,345                               | 1,216         | 1,771         | 2,161         | 1,901         | 7,212         | 18,606         |
| 60 - 64 yrs          | 3,195                               | 1,088         | 1,683         | 2,330         | 2,014         | 6,563         | 16,873         |
| <b>Total Males</b>   | <b>76,551</b>                       | <b>20,838</b> | <b>23,872</b> | <b>29,845</b> | <b>22,333</b> | <b>73,314</b> | <b>246,753</b> |
| <b>Female</b>        |                                     |               |               |               |               |               |                |
| < 20 yrs             | 2,280                               | 1,112         | 865           | 761           | 0             | 0             | 5,018          |
| 20 - 24 yrs          | 9,037                               | 2,655         | 1,797         | 2,778         | 1,835         | 2,492         | 20,594         |
| 25 - 34 yrs          | 19,615                              | 4,338         | 3,932         | 4,494         | 2,835         | 6,277         | 41,491         |
| 35 - 44 yrs          | 12,697                              | 3,695         | 3,400         | 3,914         | 2,721         | 5,570         | 31,997         |
| 45 - 54 yrs          | 10,499                              | 3,062         | 2,472         | 2,944         | 2,108         | 5,380         | 26,465         |
| 55 - 59 yrs          | 4,165                               | 1,217         | 1,219         | 1,726         | 1,245         | 3,143         | 12,715         |
| 60 - 64 yrs          | 2,696                               | 860           | 1,237         | 1,845         | 1,369         | 3,472         | 11,479         |
| <b>Total Females</b> | <b>60,989</b>                       | <b>16,939</b> | <b>14,922</b> | <b>18,462</b> | <b>12,113</b> | <b>26,334</b> | <b>149,759</b> |
| <b>All Persons</b>   |                                     |               |               |               |               |               |                |
| < 20 yrs             | 5,431                               | 2,370         | 2,142         | 1,914         | 1             | 0             | 11,858         |
| 20 - 24 yrs          | 19,194                              | 6,389         | 5,033         | 7,511         | 5,063         | 7,532         | 50,722         |
| 25 - 34 yrs          | 44,536                              | 10,464        | 10,592        | 12,736        | 8,817         | 26,315        | 113,460        |
| 35 - 44 yrs          | 31,033                              | 8,019         | 8,605         | 10,229        | 7,863         | 24,163        | 89,912         |
| 45 - 54 yrs          | 22,945                              | 6,154         | 6,512         | 7,855         | 6,173         | 21,248        | 70,887         |
| 55 - 59 yrs          | 8,510                               | 2,433         | 2,990         | 3,887         | 3,146         | 10,355        | 31,321         |
| 60 - 64 yrs          | 5,891                               | 1,948         | 2,920         | 4,175         | 3,383         | 10,035        | 28,352         |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>137,540</b>                      | <b>37,777</b> | <b>38,794</b> | <b>48,307</b> | <b>34,446</b> | <b>99,648</b> | <b>396,512</b> |

Source: Central Statistics Office

**Table H6: Number of Persons on the Live Register in October by Sex and Duration 2004 to 2013**

| Year | Male    |         |         | Female  |         |         | Overall Total |
|------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------------|
|      | < 1 yr  | >= 1 yr | Total   | < 1 yr  | >= 1 yr | Total   |               |
| 2004 | 59,478  | 30,529  | 90,007  | 49,889  | 14,148  | 64,037  | 154,044       |
| 2005 | 58,473  | 30,301  | 88,774  | 47,829  | 13,239  | 61,068  | 149,842       |
| 2006 | 57,050  | 31,632  | 88,682  | 46,675  | 13,912  | 60,587  | 149,269       |
| 2007 | 64,272  | 32,638  | 96,910  | 46,340  | 14,136  | 60,476  | 157,386       |
| 2008 | 122,358 | 40,030  | 162,388 | 68,038  | 16,103  | 84,141  | 246,529       |
| 2009 | 209,580 | 64,015  | 273,595 | 115,413 | 23,399  | 138,812 | 412,407       |
| 2010 | 173,572 | 108,027 | 281,599 | 108,373 | 39,581  | 147,954 | 429,553       |
| 2011 | 147,303 | 130,292 | 277,595 | 103,356 | 49,481  | 152,837 | 430,432       |
| 2012 | 135,596 | 132,949 | 268,545 | 96,459  | 55,168  | 151,627 | 420,172       |
| 2013 | 121,261 | 125,492 | 246,753 | 92,850  | 56,909  | 149,759 | 396,512       |

Source: Central Statistics Office

**Graph H2: Number of Persons on the Live Register in October 2013, by Sex and Duration**

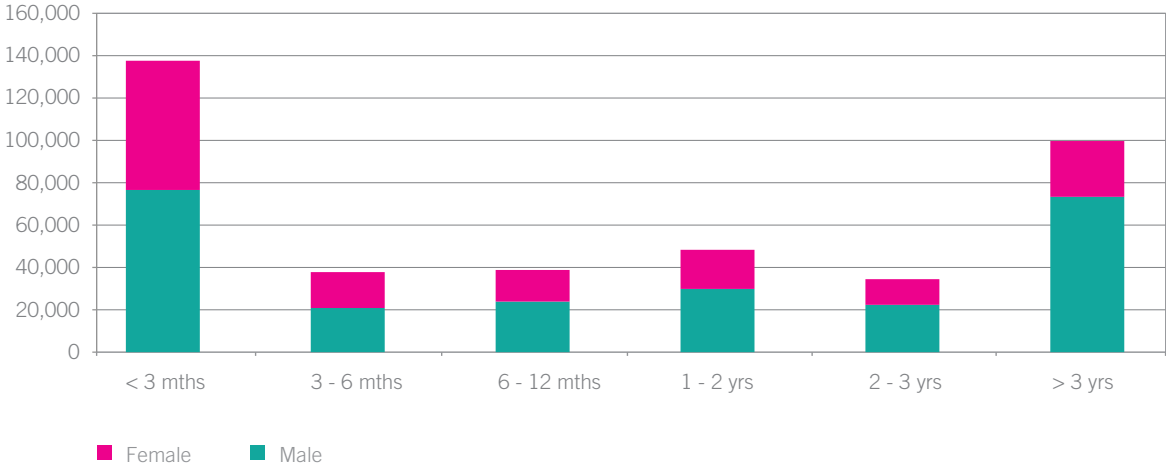


Table H7: Categories excluded from the Live Register in each Month during 2013

| Month     | Short-Time Workers | Self-Employed | Short-Term Allowance Scheme | Work Placement Programme Graduate | Work Placement Programme Open | JobBridge Internship Scheme | Persons Aged 65 years | Jobseeker's Allowance Transitional Arrangement | Labour Market Education (Fulltime) |
|-----------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| January   | 5,642              | 11,117        | 984                         | 23                                | 138                           | 5,169                       | 3,351                 | 0  | 0                                  |
| February  | 5,679              | 11,170        | 988                         | 25                                | 129                           | 5,379                       | 3,381                 | 0  | 0                                  |
| March     | 5,906              | 11,218        | 986                         | 27                                | 124                           | 5,502                       | 3,546                 | 0  | 0                                  |
| April     | 5,753              | 11,264        | 1,023                       | 21                                | 117                           | 5,560                       | 3,507                 | 0  | 2,616                              |
| May       | 5,359              | 11,360        | 1,035                       | 19                                | 111                           | 5,648                       | 3,715                 | 0  | 3,111                              |
| June      | 5,428              | 11,309        | 995                         | 16                                | 107                           | 5,516                       | 3,780                 | 0  | 3,427                              |
| July      | 4,889              | 11,305        | 958                         | 14                                | 111                           | 5,160                       | 3,767                 | 0  | 3,271                              |
| August    | 4,473              | 11,311        | 884                         | 15                                | 100                           | 4,982                       | 3,809                 | 0  | 2,958                              |
| September | 3,509              | 10,778        | 792                         | 15                                | 88                            | 5,087                       | 3,453                 | 476  | 2,548                              |
| October   | 3,293              | 10,688        | 693                         | 15                                | 88                            | 5,593                       | 3,435                 | 415  | 2,246                              |
| November  | 3,090              | 10,782        | 631                         | 16                                | 82                            | 5,865                       | 3,450                 | 504  | 1,820                              |
| December  | 3,187              | 11,042        | 559                         | 15                                | 80                            | 6,058                       | 3,514                 | 507  | 1,488                              |
| Average   | 4,684              | 11,112        | 877                         | 18                                | 106                           | 5,460                       | 3,559                 | 159  | 1,957                              |

(1) Jobseeker's Allowance Transitional Arrangement commenced on 21st May 2013.

**Table H8: Categories Excluded from the Live Register 2004 to 2013**

| Year | Short-Time Workers | Self-Employed | Persons Aged 65 years |
|------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| 2004 | 1,829              | 1,764         | 962                   |
| 2005 | 1,841              | 1,829         | 932                   |
| 2006 | 1,259              | 1,839         | 971                   |
| 2007 | 1,284              | 1,925         | 1,060                 |
| 2008 | 2,962              | 2,547         | 1,283                 |
| 2009 | 16,290             | 5,651         | 1,801                 |
| 2010 | 15,116             | 8,855         | 2,234                 |
| 2011 | 11,079             | 10,377        | 2,885                 |
| 2012 | 7,208              | 10,934        | 3,306                 |
| 2013 | 4,684              | 11,112        | 3,559                 |

**Table H9: Average Live Register, Total Labour Force and Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rate, 2004 to 2013**

| Year | Average Live Register | Total Labour Force <sup>(1)</sup> | Average Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rate % <sup>(1)</sup> |
|------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| 2004 | 166,013               | 1,959,025                         | 4.5   |
| 2005 | 157,116               | 2,052,850                         | 4.4   |
| 2006 | 157,398               | 2,150,300                         | 4.5   |
| 2007 | 162,292               | 2,248,175                         | 4.7   |
| 2008 | 227,069               | 2,273,900                         | 6.4   |
| 2009 | 398,159               | 2,228,975                         | 12.0  |
| 2010 | 441,689               | 2,184,900                         | 13.9  |
| 2011 | 444,905               | 2,165,825                         | 14.6  |
| 2012 | 436,254               | 2,153,825                         | 14.7  |
| 2013 | 418,950               | 2,163,350                         | 13.1  |

(1) Source: <http://www.cso.ie/en/media/csoie/qnhs/documents/calendar/qnhscoretblesq42013.xlsx>



Table H10: Number on the Live Register by County at end December, 2004 to 2013

| County       | 2004           | 2005           | 2006           | 2007           | 2008           | 2009           | 2010           | 2011           | 2012           | 2013           | Change over 10 year period |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| Carlow       | 2,223          | 2,065          | 1,965          | 2,448          | 4,395          | 6,578          | 6,794          | 6,732          | 6,922          | 6,453          | 190.3%                     |
| Cavan        | 2,072          | 2,211          | 2,287          | 2,628          | 5,073          | 7,189          | 7,498          | 7,227          | 6,994          | 6,629          | 219.9%                     |
| Clare        | 3,851          | 3,945          | 4,073          | 4,696          | 7,503          | 10,404         | 10,619         | 10,368         | 9,965          | 9,285          | 141.1%                     |
| Cork         | 15,920         | 15,533         | 15,208         | 16,696         | 28,064         | 43,637         | 44,651         | 43,651         | 41,687         | 38,049         | 139.0%                     |
| Donegal      | 9,440          | 8,637          | 8,774          | 9,107          | 15,264         | 20,748         | 21,712         | 21,596         | 20,902         | 19,664         | 108.3%                     |
| Dublin       | 39,361         | 39,933         | 38,505         | 40,832         | 67,505         | 101,172        | 101,962        | 102,269        | 100,324        | 94,395         | 139.8%                     |
| Galway       | 8,797          | 8,645          | 9,046          | 9,755          | 16,479         | 22,722         | 23,099         | 22,585         | 22,081         | 20,174         | 129.3%                     |
| Kerry        | 6,732          | 6,650          | 6,793          | 7,288          | 12,364         | 15,923         | 16,594         | 16,906         | 16,322         | 14,760         | 119.3%                     |
| Kildare      | 4,350          | 4,662          | 5,187          | 6,061          | 11,533         | 17,229         | 18,015         | 17,683         | 18,018         | 17,208         | 295.6%                     |
| Kilkenny     | 2,489          | 2,484          | 2,557          | 2,692          | 4,973          | 7,069          | 7,506          | 7,442          | 7,300          | 6,740          | 170.8%                     |
| Laois        | 2,014          | 1,980          | 2,034          | 2,787          | 5,378          | 7,679          | 8,560          | 8,575          | 8,809          | 8,614          | 327.7%                     |
| L Leitrim    | 1,028          | 1,109          | 1,185          | 1,442          | 2,501          | 3,600          | 3,630          | 3,477          | 3,398          | 3,130          | 204.5%                     |
| Limerick     | 7,245          | 7,106          | 7,314          | 8,236          | 14,030         | 21,375         | 20,970         | 20,339         | 19,228         | 17,539         | 142.1%                     |
| Longford     | 1,736          | 1,800          | 1,941          | 2,378          | 3,840          | 5,157          | 5,254          | 5,121          | 5,072          | 4,727          | 172.3%                     |
| Louth        | 6,743          | 6,480          | 6,536          | 6,892          | 11,457         | 16,614         | 17,418         | 17,526         | 16,806         | 15,376         | 128.0%                     |
| Mayo         | 5,420          | 5,141          | 4,710          | 5,089          | 8,792          | 12,736         | 13,251         | 13,107         | 12,844         | 12,041         | 122.2%                     |
| Meath        | 3,137          | 3,001          | 3,038          | 3,557          | 6,977          | 11,071         | 12,016         | 11,726         | 10,727         | 9,671          | 208.3%                     |
| Monaghan     | 2,335          | 2,038          | 2,009          | 2,257          | 4,298          | 6,334          | 6,372          | 6,489          | 6,487          | 5,990          | 156.5%                     |
| Offaly       | 2,563          | 2,771          | 2,768          | 3,282          | 5,617          | 8,191          | 9,162          | 9,330          | 9,208          | 8,697          | 239.3%                     |
| Roscommon    | 1,266          | 1,190          | 1,285          | 1,512          | 2,694          | 3,820          | 4,002          | 3,980          | 4,068          | 3,882          | 206.6%                     |
| Sligo        | 2,043          | 1,938          | 1,859          | 2,136          | 3,530          | 4,992          | 5,404          | 5,239          | 5,108          | 4,942          | 141.9%                     |
| Tipperary    | 5,902          | 5,623          | 5,315          | 5,756          | 10,261         | 15,087         | 16,711         | 16,850         | 16,468         | 15,579         | 164.0%                     |
| Waterford    | 7,164          | 6,248          | 6,266          | 6,625          | 10,491         | 14,345         | 13,989         | 14,480         | 13,964         | 13,069         | 82.4%                      |
| Westmeath    | 3,658          | 3,599          | 3,800          | 4,102          | 7,284          | 9,996          | 10,154         | 10,240         | 10,244         | 9,814          | 168.3%                     |
| Wexford      | 6,773          | 6,615          | 6,710          | 7,511          | 12,978         | 18,156         | 19,278         | 19,366         | 18,705         | 17,310         | 155.6%                     |
| Wicklow      | 4,554          | 4,429          | 4,224          | 4,611          | 8,082          | 11,771         | 12,458         | 12,480         | 12,082         | 11,673         | 156.3%                     |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>158,816</b> | <b>155,833</b> | <b>155,389</b> | <b>170,376</b> | <b>291,363</b> | <b>423,595</b> | <b>437,079</b> | <b>434,784</b> | <b>423,733</b> | <b>395,411</b> | <b>149.0%</b>              |

Source: Central Statistics Office

