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Monthly Unemployment

November 2017

	Seasonally adjusted number of persons unemployed	Seasonally adjusted unemployment rate (%)
November 2016	167,100	7.5
October 2017	141,500	6.3
November 2017	138,100	6.1
		Percentage Points
Change in month	- 3,400	- 0.2
Change in year	- 29,000	- 1.4

Monthly unemployment rate of 6.1% in November 2017

Figure 1 Monthly unemployment rate (ILO), November 2014 to November 2017



The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for November 2017 was 6.1%, down from the revised rate of 6.3% in October 2017 and down from 7.5% in November 2016. The seasonally adjusted number of persons unemployed was 138,100 in November 2017, down from 141,500 when compared to the October 2017 figure and a decrease of 29,000 when compared to November 2016.

Additional information comparing new and previously published monthly unemployment rates are included in the background notes.

As part of a major modernisation project, the CSO discontinued the Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) in Q2 2017 and introduced a new Labour Force Survey (LFS) in Q3 2017. Work on finalising the LFS survey data for Q3 2017 is still underway and as a result, there are no published Q3 benchmark figures available to provide the basis for compiling the monthly unemployment series in the usual way. As the transition period between the old and new surveys is ongoing, this release will continue to use the same methodology, including the latest Live Register data but with adjustments to the historic QNHS series to create more up-to-date benchmarks.

Therefore the estimates contained in this release should be treated as preliminary, and will be revised in January 2018 when new data from the Q3 2017 LFS becomes available. Users should also note that because of the preliminary nature of these revisions, the CSO is not in a position to provide breakdowns of the estimates by gender or age in this release.

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In addition, the monthly unemployment release for reference month December 2017, which was previously scheduled to be issued on January 3rd, 2018, has been deferred. Updated monthly unemployment estimates, including breakdowns by gender and age, will be issued as part of the new finalised Q3 2017 LFS release, which is scheduled for publication on January 16th, 2018. See *background notes for further information*.

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