Live Register
February 2018

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<th>Live Register Total</th>
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Seasonally adjusted Live Register total decreases by 3,400 in February

On a seasonally adjusted basis the Live Register total recorded a monthly decrease of 3,400 (-1.4%) in February 2018, reducing the seasonally adjusted total to 234,900. The number of persons on the Live Register in February 2018 is also the lowest number recorded in the seasonally adjusted series since August 2008. See table 2(a).

In unadjusted terms there were 235,344 persons signing on the Live Register in February 2018. This represents an annual decrease of 39,749 (-14.4%). See table 1(a).

Other features include:
- On a seasonally adjusted basis the Live Register showed a monthly decrease of 2,000 (-1.5%) males in February 2018, while females decreased by 1,400 (-1.4%) over the same period. See table 2(a).
- The number of male claimants decreased by 24,415 (-15.3%) to 135,333 in the year to February 2018, while female claimants decreased by 15,334 (-13.3%) to 100,011. This compares with a decrease of 30,372 (-16.0%) to 159,748 for males, while female claimants decreased by 13,984 (-10.8%) to 115,345 in the year to February 2017. See table 1(a).

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 (JB) or Jobseeker’s Allowance (JA). Unemployment is measured by the Labour Force Survey. The Monthly Unemployment Rate (seasonally adjusted) is published in the Monthly Unemployment release.
Live Register duration of continuous registration

The number of long term claimants on the Live Register in February 2018 was 96,574. The number of male long term claimants decreased by 13,863 (-19.3%) in the year to February 2018, while females decreased by 6,611 (-14.7%), giving an overall annual decrease of 20,474 (-17.5%) in the number of long term claimants. See table 6 and figure 2.

In February 2018, 59.0% (138,770) of all claimants on the Live Register were short term claimants. The comparable figure for February 2017 was 57.5% (158,045). The annual fall of 19,275 (-12.2%) in the number of short term claimants consisted of a decrease of 10,552 (-12.0%) in the number of male short term claimants and a decrease of 8,723 (-12.4%) in female short term claimants. See table 6.

Live Register casual and part-time workers

There were 50,317 casual and part-time workers on the Live Register in February 2018, which represents 21.4% of the total Live Register. This compares with 21.8% one year earlier when there were 59,896 casual and part-time workers on the Live Register. In the year to February 2018 the number of casual and part-time workers decreased by 9,579 (-16.0%), with the number of males decreasing by 5,602 (-18.0%) and the number of females decreasing by 3,977 (-13.8%). See table 7.

Live Register age groups

In the year to February 2018 the number of persons aged 25 and over on the Live Register decreased by 33,920 (-13.9%), and the number of persons aged under 25 decreased by 5,829 (-18.5%). 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 10.9% for February 2018, down from 11.4% in February 2017 and 12.4% in February 2016. See tables 1(b) and 1(c) and figure 3.

Live Register new registrants

There were 17,359 new registrants on the Live Register in February 2018, consisting of 9,497 Jobseeker's Allowance (JA) claims, 7,288 Jobseekers Benefit (JB) claims and 574 “Other Registrants”. Males accounted for 57.2% (9,937) and females 42.8% (7,422) of all new registrants. JA claims represented 54.7% of all new registrations, while JB claims and “Other Registrants” represented 42.0% and 3.3% respectively. See table 3.

Live Register last occupation held

Craft and related (17.7%) remained the largest occupational group on the Live Register in February, despite the fact that the number in the group fell over the year by 8,488 (-16.9%) to 41,725. The Sales group was the largest annual percentage decrease (-17.4%).

The two smallest occupational groups in February were the Associate professional and technical and the Managers and administrators groups which accounted for 3.2% and 4.9% of the Live Register respectively. See table 5 and figure 4.

Figure 4 Live Register classified by last held occupation

![Graph showing Live Register classified by last held occupation](image)

KEY
1- Managers and administrators
2- Professional
3- Associate professional and technical
4- Clerical and secretarial
5- Craft and related
6- Personal and Protective service
7- Sales
8- Plant and machine operatives
9- Other occupation
10- No occupation

Live Register by other classifications

Other points which can be noted include:

- An annual decrease of 35,122 (-17.2%) brought the total number of JA claimants to 168,555 in February 2018, while JB claimants decreased to 39,478 (-5.2%) over the same period. As a result JA claimants account for 71.6% of all persons on the Live Register in February 2018 compared with 74.0% a year earlier. See table 1(a).

- Annual decreases occurred in all of the eight NUTS 3 regions with the largest percentage decrease occurring in the Midland region (-16.8%) followed by the South-West region (-15.7%). See table 4.

Live Register February 2018 (summary)
In February, Irish nationals accounted for 82.2% (193,336) of the number of persons on the Live Register. Of the 42,008 non-Irish nationals, the largest constituent group on the Live Register was nationals from the EU15 to EU28 States (23,167), followed by the UK (9,124). See table 8.

Annex - Activation Programmes

Data up to the end of January 2018 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 is provided in the Annex – Number of persons availing of Activation Programmes table.

There were 60,590 people availing of these programmes in January 2018, which is a decrease of 8,438 persons (-12.2%) from the previous year, when there were 69,028 people in activation programmes.

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

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