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Labour Market

- The number of persons in employment decreased from 1.939 million in 2009 to 1.859 million in 2010.
- The overall unemployment rate increased from 12.0% in 2009 to 13.6% in 2010.
- The number of persons unemployed in 2010 was 293,600 compared with 264,600 in 2009 and a low of 69,400 in 2001. The number of persons unemployed increased by 11% between 2009 and 2010.
- The average number of persons on the Live Register rose from 398,200 in 2009 to 441,700 in 2010, an increase of 10.9%.
- In 2010 there were 6,602 days lost due to industrial disputes, which compares with 329,593 in 2009.

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Introduction

The statistics presented in this chapter show developments in the Irish labour market and are based primarily on results from the Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) and its predecessor, the annual Labour Force Survey (LFS).

The latter part of the chapter contains mainly administrative data, compiled by the CSO, showing the trends in the number of persons on the Live Register as well as details of industrial disputes. The final table in the chapter gives information on redundancies.

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The total number at work was just under 1.1 million in 1985. By 1995 this had increased to just under 1.3 million and then increased by over 830,000 between 1995 and 2008 to 2,112,800. Between 2008 and 2010 the total number at work fell by 253,700 to 1,859,100. Until 2008 the increased population of working age, primarily attributable to strong net inward migration in recent years, coupled with higher female participation rates contributed to high labour force growth. 2009 showed an annual decrease of 36,500 in the total number of persons in the labour force, the first such annual decrease since 1989. This decrease continued into 2010, when there was a further annual decrease of 50,400. The total number of persons in the labour force in 2010 was in excess of 2.1 million and accounted for 61.3% of all persons aged 15 years and over.

In 1985, the number of unemployed persons stood at 219,600, which represented almost 17% of the labour force. With some variations the unemployment rate remained at this level for most of the following decade. In the period between 1995 and 2008 the number of unemployed persons fell from 177,400 to 126,700 with the unemployment rate falling from 12.2% to 5.7%. However, the numbers unemployed rose to 264,600 in 2009, and continued to rise in 2010 to a total of 293,600. The unemployment rate in 2010 was 13.6%.

Industrial disputes

During 2010 there were 14 industrial disputes in progress compared with 23 in 2009. This led to a total loss of 6,602 days due to industrial disputes in 2010. In 2009 there were 329,593 days lost due to industrial disputes of which public sector disputes accounted for a total of 248,679 days lost.

Live Register

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 (QNHS). See Labour market above.

The average number of persons on the Live Register increased from 398,200 in 2009 to 441,700 in 2010. The number of males on the Live Register increased by 9.6% from 2009 to 2010, while the number of females increased by 13.6% in the same period.

In April 2010 315,300 (72.9%) of those on the Live Register had a duration of continuous registration of less than one year. This compares with 81.6% for the same period in 2009. Just under one-fifth (19.2%) of those on the Live Register were under 25 years of age in April 2010 which compares with 21.0% for the same age group in April 2009.

Redundancies

In 2005 the format in which redundancies were recorded changed. Actual redundancies are now compiled from 2005 whereas up to then notified redundancies were recorded. There were 58,731 actual redundancies in 2010. Extraction Industry (Chemical products) had the least redundancies at 196, while Other Services had the largest number of redundancies with 22,589 actual redundancies in that sector.

Technical Notes

Tables 2.1-2.8 - QNHS

The Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) began in quarter 4 of 1997 replacing the annual April Labour Force Survey (LFS). QNHS data refer to the April–June quarter (unless otherwise stated).

LFS data refers to April.

ILO labour force classification

The primary classification used for the QNHS results is the ILO (International Labour Office) labour force classification. The ILO classification distinguishes the following main subgroups of the population aged 15 or over:

In Employment: Persons who worked in the week before the survey for one hour or more for payment or profit, including work on the family farm or business and all persons who had a job but were not at work because of illness, holidays etc in the week.

Unemployed: Persons who, in the week before the survey, were without work and available for work and had taken specific steps, in the preceding four weeks, to find work.

Labour force: The labour force comprises persons employed plus unemployed.

Inactive Population: All other persons.

Participation, employment and unemployment rates

The participation rate is the number of persons in the labour force expressed as a percentage of the total population aged 15 or over. The employment rate is the number of employed persons aged 15 to 64 expressed as a percentage of the total population aged 15 to 64. The unemployment rate is the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the total labour force.

Principal economic status

QNHS results are also available using the Principal Economic Status (PES) classification. The PES classification is based on a single question in which respondents are asked what is their usual situation with regard to employment and given nine response categories to choose from.

NACE industrial classification

The QNHS sectoral employment figures are based on the EU NACE Rev. 2 classification.

Broad occupational groupings

The classification system used is based on the UK Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) with some modifications to reflect the Irish labour market.

Tables 2.1-2.8 - QNHS

Part-time underemployment

From 2009 the new method of calculation of part-time underemployment uses the following criteria to derive underemployment:

1. Working part-time
2. Willing to work additional hours
3. Available to work additional hours

The previous calculation was based on a respondent meeting the following criteria:

1. Working part-time (self-perception)
2. Working too few hours
3. Looking for either an additional or replacement job
4. Available to work in an additional or replacement job

The key difference between the two methods is the criteria of a respondent looking for work.

Discontinuities

The QNHS involves a more detailed questionnaire than the former LFS and elicits more information about part-time employment.

The annual increase of 114,600 observed in the ILO numbers in employment between spring 1997 (LFS) and 1998 (QNHS) included almost 20,000 more students and about 5,000 more women working in the home who also had a job. The CSO is attributing 20,000 of the observed annual increase in ILO employment in the year to April-June 1998 to the improved coverage of part-time employment, giving an underlying change for the year of 95,000.

Table 2.9-2.10 – Industrial disputes

The information on industrial disputes is compiled by the CSO on the basis of details supplied by the Monitoring Unit of the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Innovation, and on information collected directly from other sources. Disputes which were settled without involving a stoppage of work are not included, nor are those disputes which lasted less than one day, or which involved an aggregate loss of less than ten days.

Data in Tables 2.9 and 2.10 is based on NACE Rev. 2 classification.

The one-day National Public Sector dispute involved workers and days lost across Sectors O, P and Q. The economic sector and full-time/part-time breakdowns were estimated from CSO sectoral employment data. The overall number of workers involved in this dispute was 265,400 and it accounted for a total of 237,268 days lost.

Tables 2.11-2.13 – Live Register

The Live Register is compiled from returns made directly to the CSO by each local office of the Department of Social Protection. 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.

In Table 2.12 April 2010 data refers to last Friday in month whereas previously data referred to second last Friday in reference period. As such April 2010 totals will equal the published April Live Register total, while those for prior periods will show a small difference for those months.

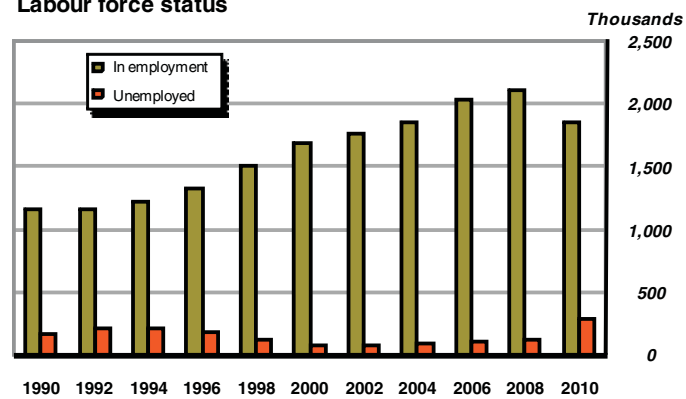
Table 2.1 Total number of persons in employment, unemployed and in the labour force (ILO)

Thousands

Year	In employment	Unemployed	Labour force
1985	1,096.8	219.6	1,316.4
1986	1,095.1	225.5	1,320.6
1987	1,110.5	226.0	1,336.5
1988	1,110.7	217.0	1,327.7
1989	1,111.0	196.8	1,307.8
1990	1,159.7	172.4	1,332.1
1991	1,155.9	198.5	1,354.4
1992	1,165.2	206.6	1,371.8
1993	1,183.1	220.1	1,403.2
1994	1,220.6	211.0	1,431.6
1995	1,281.7	177.4	1,459.2
1996	1,328.5	179.0	1,507.5
1997	1,379.9	159.0	1,539.0
1998	1,505.5	127.8	1,633.3
1999	1,605.9	101.0	1,706.9
2000	1,684.1	79.6	1,763.7
2001	1,738.0	69.4	1,807.4
2002	1,768.5	82.3	1,850.8
2003	1,800.0	86.7	1,886.7
2004	1,852.2	87.8	1,940.0
2005	1,944.6	95.8	2,040.4
2006	2,034.9	97.9	2,132.8
2007	2,113.9	103.1	2,217.0
2008	2,112.8	126.7	2,239.6
2009	1,938.5	264.6	2,203.1
2010	1,859.1	293.6	2,152.7

Source: CSO

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Table 2.2 Persons aged 15 years and over by sex and ILO economic status

Thousands

ILO economic status	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Males							
In labour force	1,131.6	1,179.0	1,231.4	1,267.5	1,274.4	1,238.9	1,196.2
In employment	1,075.4	1,120.1	1,173.8	1,206.6	1,190.2	1,052.0	996.1
full-time	1,010.0	1,048.1	1,094.2	1,121.2	1,097.5	943.4	880.5
part-time	65.4	71.9	79.6	85.4	92.7	108.5	115.7
New measure of underemployment							
<i>of which</i>							
part-time, not underemployed	–	–	–	–	–	62.6	66.5
part-time, underemployed	–	–	–	–	–	45.9	49.1
Old measure of underemployment							
<i>of which</i>							
part-time, not underemployed	63.4	70.1	77.8	82.7	88.8	102.0	107.8
part-time, underemployed	2.0	1.8	1.7	2.7	4.0	6.5	7.9
Unemployed	56.2	59.0	57.6	60.8	84.2	186.9	200.1
seeking full-time work	53.2	55.8	54.5	57.0	79.6	181.1	195.5
seeking part-time work	3.0	3.2	3.0	3.8	4.6	5.8	4.6
Not in labour force	450.9	449.1	446.6	454.4	466.8	498.1	528.7
Marginally attached to the labour force	7.3	6.1	6.8	6.9	6.8	10.2	15.0
Others	443.6	443.0	439.9	447.5	460.1	488.0	513.7
Total males aged 15 or over	1,582.5	1,628.1	1,678.0	1,721.8	1,741.2	1,737.0	1,724.9
Unemployment rate %	5.0	5.0	4.7	4.8	6.6	15.1	16.7
Participation rate %	71.5	72.4	73.4	73.6	73.2	71.3	69.4
Females							
In labour force	808.4	861.4	901.4	949.5	965.2	964.2	956.5
In employment	776.8	824.6	861.1	907.3	922.7	886.5	863.0
full-time	531.5	565.7	592.3	613.0	624.9	588.7	568.4
part-time	245.3	258.9	268.8	294.2	297.7	297.8	294.6
New measure of underemployment							
<i>of which</i>							
part-time, not underemployed	–	–	–	–	–	235.1	233.6
part-time, underemployed	–	–	–	–	–	62.8	61.0
Old measure of underemployment							
<i>of which</i>							
part-time, not underemployed	243.2	256.8	266.7	291.1	293.8	290.8	286.3
part-time, underemployed	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.1	3.9	7.0	8.2
Unemployed	31.6	36.8	40.3	42.2	42.6	77.7	93.6
seeking full-time work	21.2	23.9	27.5	26.3	28.8	62.9	75.5
seeking part-time work	10.4	12.9	12.9	15.9	13.8	14.8	18.1
Not in labour force	816.2	798.4	796.7	791.2	808.5	822.6	831.0
Marginally attached to the labour force	4.0	4.7	4.9	5.1	4.1	5.1	6.5
Others	812.2	793.6	791.8	786.1	804.4	817.6	824.5
Total females aged 15 or over	1,624.7	1,659.8	1,698.1	1,740.7	1,773.7	1,786.8	1,787.5
Unemployment rate %	3.9	4.3	4.5	4.4	4.4	8.1	9.8
Participation rate %	49.8	51.9	53.1	54.5	54.4	54.0	53.5

Table 2.2 Persons aged 15 years and over by sex and ILO economic status (continued)

Thousands

ILO economic status	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
All persons							
In labour force	1,940.0	2,040.4	2,132.8	2,217.0	2,239.6	2,203.1	2,152.7
In employment	1,852.2	1,944.6	2,034.9	2,113.9	2,112.8	1,938.5	1,859.1
full-time	1,541.5	1,613.8	1,686.5	1,734.2	1,722.4	1,532.1	1,448.9
part-time	310.7	330.8	348.4	379.7	390.5	406.4	410.2
New measure of underemployment							
of which							
part-time, not underemployed	–	–	–	–	–	297.7	300.2
part-time, underemployed	–	–	–	–	–	108.6	110.1
Old measure of underemployment							
of which							
part-time, not underemployed	306.7	326.9	344.5	373.9	382.6	392.8	394.1
part-time, underemployed	4.0	3.9	3.8	5.8	7.9	13.6	16.1
Unemployed	87.8	95.8	97.9	103.1	126.7	264.6	293.6
seeking full-time work	74.4	79.7	82.0	83.3	108.4	244.0	271.0
seeking part-time work	13.4	16.1	15.9	19.8	18.4	20.6	22.7
Not in labour force	1,267.2	1,247.5	1,243.3	1,245.6	1,275.3	1,320.8	1,359.7
Marginally attached to the labour force	11.4	10.8	11.7	12.0	10.9	15.2	21.4
Others	1,255.8	1,236.7	1,231.6	1,233.5	1,264.5	1,305.6	1,338.2
Total persons aged 15 or over	3,207.2	3,287.9	3,376.1	3,462.5	3,514.9	3,523.8	3,512.4
Unemployment rate %	4.5	4.7	4.6	4.7	5.7	12.0	13.6
Participation rate %	60.5	62.1	63.2	64.0	63.7	62.5	61.3

Source: CSO

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Table 2.3 Persons aged 15 years and over in employment (ILO) by sex and NACE economic sector

Thousands

Economic sector (NACE Rev. 2)	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Broad Economic Sector						
Agriculture	109.8	108.9	108.5	114.8	97.2	84.9
Industry	514.4	545.5	568.9	528.7	413.8	365.4
Services	1,320.4	1,380.5	1,436.4	1,469.4	1,427.5	1,408.7
Economic Sector (NACE Rev. 2)						
Males						
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	99.0	98.8	97.2	101.6	87.3	75.4
B-E Industry	203	210.3	215.4	209.8	184.3	173.0
F Construction	216.7	240	256.7	228.2	143.9	115.2
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	134.1	142.9	150.3	153.9	134.2	135.7
H Transportation and storage	74.7	76.6	77.3	75.4	78.1	73.0
I Accommodation and food service activities	50.3	55.4	54.1	51.5	54.5	54.1
J Information and communication	43.4	47.7	47.3	49.0	51.0	51.5
K-L Financial, insurance and real estate activities	40.1	40.7	41.5	44.2	48.3	50.0
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	57.2	59.7	63.8	67.7	63.4	59.7
N Administrative and support service activities	32.0	34.6	37.8	39.1	33.3	30.7
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	48.3	49.6	49.9	50.9	53.0	55.7
P Education	37.3	39.5	38.5	39.3	39.9	39.7
Q Human health and social work activities	32.2	34.5	37.3	37.7	41.2	42.6
R-U Other NACE activities	51.5	43.6	39.7	41.9	39.6	39.9
Total	1,120.1	1,173.8	1,206.6	1,190.2	1,052.0	996.1
Females						
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	10.9	10.1	11.3	13.2	9.9	9.5
B-E Industry	83.8	83.5	83.6	77.5	74.0	67.2
F Construction	10.8	11.6	13.3	13.1	11.5	10.1
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	134.5	139.3	146.9	153.5	143.5	133.4
H Transportation and storage	16.2	17.6	16.1	17.5	16.5	16.7
I Accommodation and food service activities	66.6	69.4	76.5	74.0	65.4	65.7
J Information and communication	22.0	22.0	23.2	22.1	22.5	22.6
K-L Financial, insurance and real estate activities	52.0	53.6	59.7	60.9	60.5	53.2
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	39.0	42.2	46.1	48.9	39.2	41.2
N Administrative and support service activities	35.0	35.7	40.6	37.1	32.7	30.6
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	50.4	52.9	52.4	51.8	54.7	52.1
P Education	88.8	96.8	103.0	107.1	110.5	110.1
Q Human health and social work activities	153.4	166.0	173.0	183.1	186.6	192.3
R-U Other NACE activities	61.2	60.2	61.7	62.8	59.1	58.2
Total	824.6	861.1	907.3	922.7	886.5	863.0

Table 2.3 Persons aged 15 years and over in employment (ILO) by sex and NACE economic sector (continued)

Economic sector (NACE Rev. 2)	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
All persons						
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	109.8	108.9	108.5	114.8	97.2	84.9
B-E Industry	286.9	293.9	299.0	287.3	258.3	240.1
F Construction	227.5	251.6	269.9	241.4	155.4	125.3
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	268.7	282.1	297.2	307.3	277.7	269.1
H Transportation and storage	90.9	94.2	93.5	92.9	94.6	89.7
I Accommodation and food service activities	116.9	124.8	130.6	125.4	119.8	119.8
J Information and communication	65.5	69.8	70.5	71.1	73.5	74.1
K-L Financial, insurance and real estate activities	92.2	94.3	101.1	105.1	108.7	103.2
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	96.2	101.9	109.8	116.6	102.6	100.9
N Administrative and support service activities	66.9	70.3	78.3	76.3	65.9	61.3
O Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	98.8	102.4	102.3	102.7	107.7	107.8
P Education	126.1	136.3	141.5	146.3	150.4	149.8
Q Human health and social security	185.6	200.5	210.3	220.8	227.8	234.9
R-U Other NACE activities	112.7	103.8	101.4	104.7	98.7	98.1
TOTAL	1,944.6	2,034.9	2,113.9	2,112.8	1,938.5	1,859.1

Source: CSO

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Table 2.4 Persons aged 15 to 64, by the highest level of education attained, ILO economic status and sex

Highest education level attained	April - June 2010				
	In employment	Unemployed	In labour force	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	000	000	000	%	%
Males aged 15 to 64					
Primary or below	70.3	22.2	92.5	24.0	49.1
Lower secondary	135.6	48.5	184.1	26.3	65.5
Higher secondary	253.3	56.2	309.5	18.2	80.6
Post leaving cert	119.1	32.7	151.8	21.5	89.3
Third level non-honours degree	130.5	15.8	146.3	10.8	91.2
Third level honours degree or above	224.5	18.5	242.9	7.6	91.2
Other	31.0	6.0	37.1	16.2	81.2
Total	964.4	199.8	1,164.2	17.2	77.8
Females aged 15 to 64					
Primary or below	32.5	4.3	36.8	11.7	23.9
Lower secondary	72.4	13.5	85.9	15.7	36.4
Higher secondary	220.2	30.2	250.4	12.1	63.6
Post leaving cert	94.9	13.5	108.3	12.5	70.2
Third level non-honours degree	172.3	14.2	186.5	7.6	79.2
Third level honours degree or above	236.2	14.6	250.8	5.8	86.1
Other	22.0	3.0	24.9	12.0	59.1
Total	850.4	93.1	943.5	9.9	62.6
All persons aged 15 to 64					
Primary or below	102.8	26.5	129.3	20.5	37.8
Lower secondary	208.0	61.9	270.0	22.9	52.2
Higher secondary	473.5	86.4	559.9	15.4	72.0
Post leaving cert	214.0	46.1	260.1	17.7	80.2
Third level non-honours degree	302.8	29.9	332.8	9.0	84.0
Third level honours degree or above	460.7	33.0	493.7	6.7	88.5
Other	53.0	9.0	62.0	14.5	70.6
TOTAL	1,814.8	292.9	2,107.7	13.9	70.2

Source: CSO

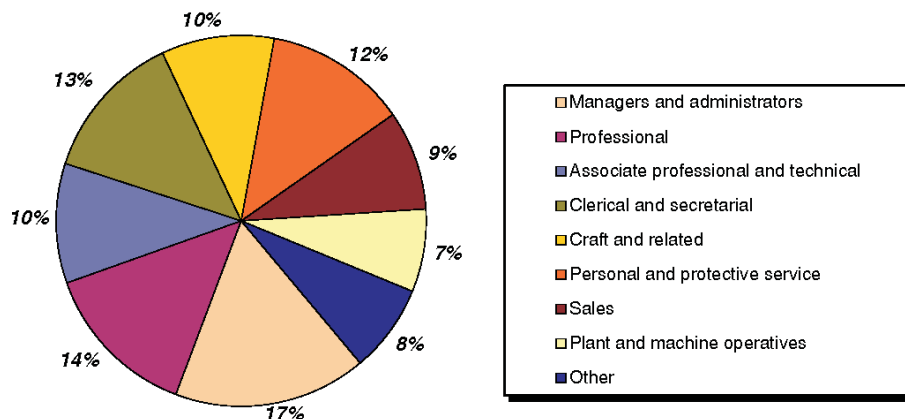
Table 2.5 Persons aged 15 years and over in employment (ILO) by sex and occupation

Thousands

Broad occupational group	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Males									
Managers and administrators	227.1	222.8	230.3	217.6	214.0	219.5	224.6	219.1	207.6
Professional	98.6	108.0	109.6	112.7	118.7	119.2	125.8	122.4	125.3
Associate professional and technical	64.8	71.2	72.0	71.4	71.0	77.5	81.0	81.2	80.7
Clerical and secretarial	53.6	51.4	53.0	58.2	62.4	64.4	61.4	59.4	61.2
Craft and related	214.8	229.0	232.6	260.8	274.9	288.9	270.1	202.4	173.5
Personal and protective service	72.7	73.7	74.1	77.3	84.4	86.4	88.3	88.5	87.7
Sales	55.1	54.8	58.6	65.2	68.0	69.0	72.7	64.7	65.6
Plant and machine operatives	145.5	137.1	131.8	135.2	144.2	150.6	148.2	118.5	113.1
Other	99.3	96.1	113.5	121.6	136.3	131.0	118.0	95.8	81.3
Total	1,031.2	1,044.2	1,075.4	1,120.1	1,173.8	1,206.6	1,190.2	1,052.0	996.1
Females									
Managers and administrators	86.9	93.1	91.6	99.1	96.1	102.4	107.5	104.1	105.8
Professional	89.0	92.7	102.2	106.2	114.3	120.2	124.3	123.6	131.7
Associate professional and technical	91.4	95.4	95.4	99.3	103.0	106.0	112.8	111.1	113.3
Clerical and secretarial	170.3	164.8	166.4	176.9	187.0	192.0	196.3	187.4	180.5
Craft and related	12.1	13.7	12.5	12.6	12.2	12.4	12.0	8.2	9.8
Personal and protective service	98.1	111.4	116.5	130.7	140.9	153.8	157.7	153.5	143.3
Sales	89.8	92.2	94.1	102.0	108.6	114.6	112.1	106.4	95.7
Plant and machine operatives	40.1	35.5	30.3	27.2	26.8	28.6	24.9	21.7	21.2
Other	59.5	57.1	67.7	70.7	72.2	77.5	75.0	70.4	61.7
Total	737.3	755.8	776.8	824.6	861.1	907.3	922.7	886.5	863.0
All persons									
Managers and administrators	314.0	315.9	321.9	316.8	310.1	321.9	332.2	323.2	313.4
Professional	187.6	200.7	211.8	218.9	233.0	239.4	250.2	246.0	257.0
Associate professional and technical	156.1	166.5	167.4	170.7	174.0	183.5	193.8	192.3	194.0
Clerical and secretarial	223.9	216.3	219.4	235.1	249.4	256.4	257.6	246.8	241.7
Craft and related	226.9	242.8	245.2	273.3	287.0	301.3	282.1	210.6	183.3
Personal and protective service	170.8	185.1	190.5	208.0	225.3	240.1	246.1	242.0	231.1
Sales	144.9	147.0	152.7	167.2	176.6	183.6	184.8	171.1	161.3
Plant and machine operatives	185.6	172.6	162.1	162.4	171.0	179.2	173.1	140.2	134.3
Other	158.8	153.1	181.3	192.3	208.5	208.4	193.0	166.2	143.0
TOTAL	1,768.5	1,800.0	1,852.2	1,944.6	2,034.9	2,113.9	2,112.8	1,938.5	1,859.1

Source: CSO

Persons aged 15 years and over in employment classified by occupation, Q2 2010



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Table 2.6 Labour force participation rates (ILO) by sex and age group

%

Sex and age group	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Males											
15-19	36.6	35.0	31.2	31.4	29.3	30.8	32.2	30.8	27.6	23.2	18.4
20-24	80.2	79.0	77.4	76.3	78.9	78.3	82.0	81.6	80.5	76.4	71.3
25-34	94.1	93.6	92.1	92.3	91.9	93.0	93.3	92.2	92.5	91.6	90.6
35-44	93.8	93.9	92.9	92.2	93.1	93.9	93.5	93.1	92.9	92.4	91.7
45-54	87.7	87.6	87.7	87.1	89.3	89.1	88.8	89.1	89.2	87.6	86.9
55-59	74.0	76.3	74.9	75.1	75.7	74.9	76.4	77.5	76.3	76.5	74.2
60-64	54.1	54.8	55.8	55.0	55.4	58.6	58.1	60.7	60.4	57.2	55.2
65 and over	13.9	14.2	15.2	13.8	13.8	14.0	14.4	16.1	16.5	14.9	14.0
Total	71.5	71.7	71.0	70.8	71.5	72.4	73.4	73.6	73.2	71.3	69.4
Females											
15-19	29.4	26.3	24.3	24.8	22.2	24.5	25.4	27.3	24.9	20.8	15.9
20-24	69.3	68.2	66.8	67.0	67.6	71.0	70.3	72.3	71.5	70.9	66.6
25-34	76.6	76.1	76.4	75.1	74.9	77.1	78.5	78.7	77.7	77.9	77.7
35-44	63.9	64.9	65.3	66.0	65.8	66.8	66.7	68.8	68.8	69.0	68.9
45-54	52.6	54.7	57.8	57.1	60.9	62.9	63.9	66.9	67.1	66.7	68.3
55-59	35.1	36.3	37.9	41.9	42.9	46.0	48.4	48.9	50.3	52.1	56.0
60-64	19.3	20.7	23.3	24.5	23.7	28.7	31.2	31.1	33.4	32.1	33.3
65 and over	3.0	2.9	3.1	3.4	3.0	3.2	4.1	4.0	4.5	4.3	4.6
Total	47.8	48.1	48.9	49.3	49.8	51.9	53.1	54.5	54.4	54.0	53.5
All persons											
15-19	33.1	30.8	27.8	28.2	25.8	27.7	28.9	29.1	26.3	22.1	17.2
20-24	74.8	73.7	72.2	71.7	73.2	74.7	76.2	77.0	76.0	73.6	68.9
25-34	85.4	84.9	84.2	83.7	83.4	85.1	86.0	85.5	85.1	84.7	84.0
35-44	78.7	79.3	79.0	79.0	79.5	80.5	80.2	81.1	81.0	80.8	80.3
45-54	70.3	71.3	72.8	72.2	75.1	76.1	76.4	78.0	78.2	77.2	77.6
55-59	54.8	56.5	56.6	58.8	59.6	60.6	62.5	63.4	63.4	64.4	65.2
60-64	36.7	37.7	39.6	39.8	39.7	43.8	44.7	46.0	47.0	44.7	44.3
65 and over	7.7	7.8	8.3	7.9	7.7	7.9	8.7	9.4	9.9	9.1	8.8
TOTAL	59.5	59.8	59.8	59.9	60.5	62.1	63.2	64.0	63.7	62.5	61.3

Source: CSO

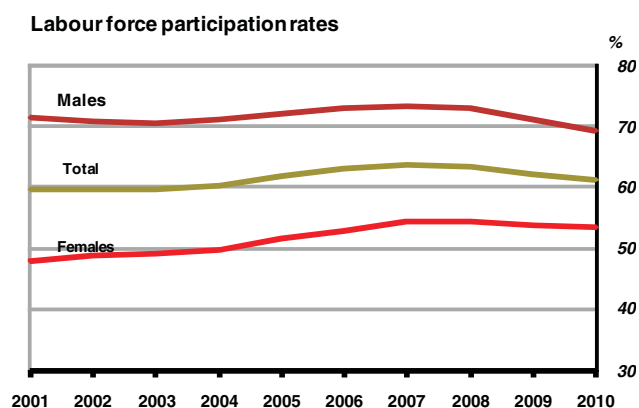


Table 2.7 Unemployed persons aged 15 years and over by sex and duration of unemployment*Thousands*

Sex and duration of unemployment	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Males											
Less than 1 year	26.5	26.2	34.4	34.1	35.8	36.6	36.6	39.6	57.6	140.8	101.9
1 year and over	20.5	15.2	16.6	19.7	20.1	22.1	20.8	20.9	25.5	44.7	96.7
Not stated	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1.1	1.4	1.6
Total	47.1	41.6	51.1	54.1	56.2	59.0	57.6	60.8	84.2	186.9	200.1
Females											
Less than 1 year	25.9	22.7	26.9	26.0	25.0	29.6	31.9	34.2	34.3	64.1	62.2
1 year and over	6.5	5.1	4.2	6.6	6.6	7.2	8.4	8.0	7.7	12.6	30.4
Not stated	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1.0	1.0
Total	32.5	27.8	31.1	32.6	31.6	36.8	40.3	42.2	42.6	77.7	93.6
All persons											
Less than 1 year	52.4	48.8	61.3	60.1	60.8	66.2	68.5	73.8	91.9	204.9	164.1
1 year and over	27.1	20.3	20.8	26.2	26.7	29.2	29.2	28.8	33.2	57.3	127.0
Not stated	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1.7	2.4	2.6
TOTAL	79.6	69.4	82.3	86.7	87.8	95.8	97.9	103.1	126.7	264.6	293.6

Source: CSO

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Table 2.8 Persons aged 15 years and over by sex and principal economic status

Thousands

Sex and economic status	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Males											
At work	961.7	996.6	1,001.5	1,010.6	1,045.9	1,086.9	1,139.7	1,171.9	1,153.9	1,022.3	968.2
Unemployed	74.4	66.8	81.2	80.7	79.6	81.4	80.7	83.0	103.5	226.5	249.3
Student	169.6	169.2	176.0	180.1	174.0	171.7	166.5	167.1	172.6	174.6	184.5
Home duties	8.0	5.7	6.1	6.3	4.9	5.3	5.1	6.6	6.7	6.7	7.5
Retired	190.7	195.5	196.6	201.9	207.9	211.4	210.8	213.3	219.6	224.7	233.9
Others	55.2	56.9	62.8	72.1	70.3	71.5	75.2	80.0	84.8	82.2	81.6
Total	1,459.6	1,490.7	1,524.2	1,551.7	1,582.5	1,628.1	1,678.0	1,721.8	1,741.2	1,737.0	1,724.9
Females											
At work	636.6	667.0	698.5	710.9	738.8	780.2	815.0	858.1	875.8	850.3	830.8
Unemployed	33.9	32.5	36.4	35.0	31.6	33.4	38.0	38.4	39.7	79.3	94.8
Student	190	192.0	191.4	197.0	192.8	190.4	194.4	189.9	190.5	184.9	184.6
Home duties	558.1	552.9	548.3	553.6	553.9	539.7	528.6	523.8	526.3	531.8	521.1
Retired	61.2	60.8	64.1	67.0	69.7	74.1	77.2	84.0	89.3	87.3	99.3
Others	25.7	29.0	31.0	34.4	37.8	41.9	44.9	46.5	52.2	53.3	57.0
Total	1,505.4	1,534.1	1,569.8	1,597.9	1,624.7	1,659.8	1,698.1	1,740.7	1,773.7	1,786.8	1,787.5
All persons											
At work	1,598.3	1,663.6	1,699.9	1,721.5	1,784.7	1,867.1	1,954.8	2,030.0	2,029.8	1,872.5	1,799.0
Unemployed	108.3	99.2	117.6	115.7	111.2	114.8	118.7	121.4	143.2	305.8	344.1
Student	359.5	361.2	367.4	377.2	366.8	362.1	360.8	357.0	363.1	359.5	369.0
Home duties	566.0	558.6	554.4	559.8	558.9	545.0	533.8	530.4	532.9	538.6	528.5
Retired	251.9	256.3	260.7	268.9	277.6	285.5	288.0	297.3	309.0	311.9	333.2
Others	80.9	85.8	93.8	106.5	108.1	113.4	120.1	126.5	137.0	135.5	138.5
TOTAL	2,965.0	3,024.8	3,093.9	3,149.6	3,207.2	3,287.9	3,376.1	3,462.5	3,514.9	3,523.8	3,512.4

Source: CSO

Annual number of days lost due to industrial disputes

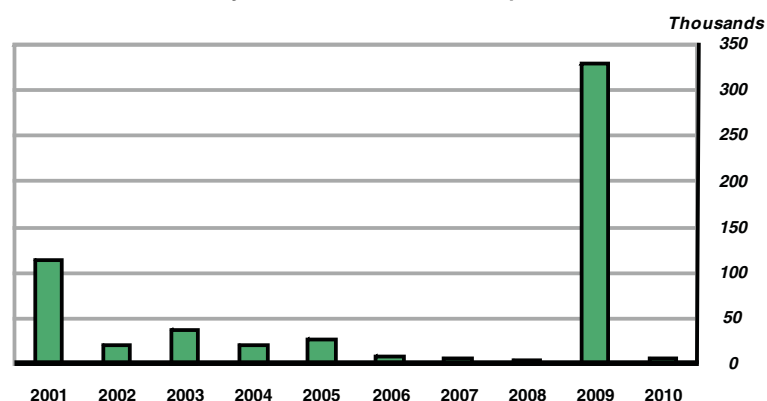


Table 2.9 Industrial disputes involving stoppages of work (disputes in progress during year)

Number

Industrial group (NACE Rev. 2)		2008	2009	2010
A	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	–	–	–
B-E	Industry	3	5	4
F	Construction	1	1	–
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	1	4	3
H	Transportation and storage	3	2	2
I	Accommodation and food service activities	–	–	–
J	Information and communication	–	–	–
K-L	Financial, insurance and real estate activities	–	2	–
M	Professional, scientific and technical activities	–	–	–
N	Administrative and support service activities	–	1	4
O	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	1	4	–
P	Education	–	1	–
Q	Human health and social work activities	1	4	1
R-U	Other NACE activities	2	1	–
Total		12	23	14

Source: CSO

Table 2.10 Industrial disputes: days lost during year

Number

Industrial group (NACE Rev. 2)		2008	2009	2010
A	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	–	–	–
B-E	Industry	2,051	14,566	1,984
F	Construction	175	52,500	–
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	14	1,024	257
H	Transportation and storage	612	7,213	1,905
I	Accommodation and food service activities	–	–	–
J	Information and communication	–	–	–
K-L	Financial, insurance and real estate activities	–	1,004	–
M	Professional, scientific and technical activities	–	–	–
N	Administrative and support service activities	–	111	2,342
O	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	12	91,521	–
P	Education	–	77,709	–
Q	Human health and social work activities	329	83,818	114
R-U	Other NACE activities	954	204	–
Total		4,147	329,593	6,602

Source: CSO

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Table 2.11 Annual average number of persons on the Live Register in each Regional Authority

Number

Regional authority	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Males									
Border, Midland and Western									
Border	15,477	15,395	14,590	13,510	13,234	13,923	21,145	37,678	41,051
Midland	5,373	5,618	5,505	5,470	5,795	6,693	10,972	19,792	21,661
West	10,037	9,989	9,320	8,742	8,532	9,280	13,917	24,795	26,579
Southern and Eastern									
Dublin	25,090	27,338	26,397	25,460	25,562	26,035	35,542	63,943	70,043
Mid-East	6,411	6,927	6,937	6,743	7,006	7,842	12,824	24,928	27,580
Mid-West	7,962	8,562	8,069	7,633	7,815	8,475	12,752	23,542	25,749
South-East	11,900	12,349	12,214	11,778	11,963	12,478	19,738	34,251	37,761
South-West	14,050	14,042	13,032	12,657	12,692	13,412	19,861	36,395	40,314
Total	96,301	100,219	96,064	91,995	92,600	98,138	146,750	265,325	290,737
Females									
Border, Midland and Western									
Border	10,496	10,747	10,446	9,682	9,581	9,548	11,769	18,639	21,174
Midland	4,331	4,765	4,847	4,655	4,834	4,897	6,088	10,520	11,085
West	7,078	7,253	7,031	6,625	6,537	6,495	7,981	12,748	14,272
Southern and Eastern									
Dublin	15,437	17,334	16,234	14,919	14,824	14,361	17,755	31,408	35,416
Mid-East	4,893	5,648	5,742	5,403	5,465	5,516	7,264	12,950	14,881
Mid-West	5,808	6,781	6,395	5,861	5,711	5,739	7,251	12,102	13,853
South-East	8,786	9,510	9,384	8,768	8,755	8,674	10,725	16,733	19,168
South-West	9,337	10,158	9,872	9,211	9,092	8,940	11,153	18,487	21,104
Total	66,165	72,195	69,951	65,124	64,798	64,171	79,985	132,834	150,953
All persons									
Border, Midland and Western									
Border	25,974	26,143	25,037	23,193	22,815	23,471	32,914	56,317	62,225
Midland	9,704	10,383	10,352	10,126	10,629	11,590	17,059	29,560	32,746
West	17,114	17,242	16,351	15,367	15,069	15,775	21,898	37,543	40,851
Southern and Eastern									
Dublin	40,527	44,672	42,630	40,378	40,386	40,397	53,296	95,351	105,458
Mid-East	11,304	12,574	12,680	12,146	12,471	13,303	20,088	37,878	42,460
Mid-West	13,770	15,343	14,464	13,493	13,526	14,214	20,002	35,644	39,602
South-East	20,686	21,859	21,597	20,546	20,718	21,152	30,463	50,984	56,929
South-West	23,386	24,199	22,904	21,868	21,784	22,352	31,014	54,882	61,418
TOTAL	162,465	172,414	166,013	157,117	157,398	162,309	226,735	398,159	441,689

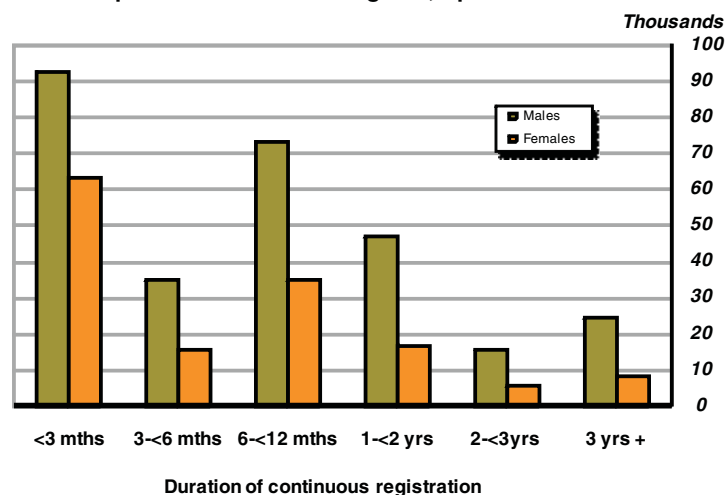
Source: CSO

Table 2.12 Number of persons on the Live Register in April of each year by sex and duration of continuous registration

Duration	Number									
	April 2002	April 2003	April 2004	April 2005	April 2006	April 2007	April 2008	April 2009	April 2010	
Males										
Under 3 months	34,415	35,149	32,830	31,178	31,472	32,322	49,995	104,768	92,904	
3-<6 months	16,883	16,385	15,482	13,987	14,530	14,018	22,270	53,667	34,954	
6-<12 months	16,569	18,288	17,885	15,456	16,172	15,539	20,419	48,798	73,148	
1-<2 years	9,225	12,262	13,172	11,479	11,857	12,192	13,004	24,235	46,885	
2-<3 years	3,383	4,277	5,487	5,792	5,768	6,191	6,576	8,185	15,555	
3 years and over	15,128	13,929	13,330	13,177	13,611	14,374	15,601	18,784	24,382	
Total	95,603	100,290	98,186	91,069	93,410	94,636	127,865	258,437	287,828	
Females										
Under 3 months	28,257	32,858	29,879	28,619	30,919	27,991	32,985	63,765	63,575	
3-<6 months	9,817	10,504	10,638	9,009	9,166	8,613	9,803	20,753	15,493	
6-<12 months	10,522	12,266	13,103	10,660	11,214	10,888	11,361	21,534	35,192	
1-<2 years	5,174	6,510	7,473	6,063	6,267	6,288	6,300	9,814	16,606	
2-<3 years	1,961	2,065	2,335	2,359	2,410	2,614	2,690	3,349	5,520	
3 years and over	6,158	5,791	5,442	4,930	4,678	4,937	5,384	6,461	8,443	
Total	61,889	69,994	68,870	61,640	64,654	61,331	68,523	125,676	144,829	
All persons										
Under 3 months	62,672	68,007	62,709	59,797	62,391	60,313	82,980	168,533	156,479	
3-<6 months	26,700	26,889	26,120	22,996	23,696	22,631	32,073	74,420	50,447	
6-<12 months	27,091	30,554	30,988	26,116	27,386	26,427	31,780	70,332	108,340	
1-<2 years	14,399	18,772	20,645	17,542	18,124	18,480	19,304	34,049	63,491	
2-<3 years	5,344	6,342	7,822	8,151	8,178	8,805	9,266	11,534	21,075	
3 years and over	21,286	19,720	18,772	18,107	18,289	19,311	20,985	25,245	32,825	
TOTAL	157,492	170,284	167,056	152,709	158,064	155,967	196,388	384,113	432,657	

Source: CSO

Number of persons on the Live Register, April 2010



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Table 2.13 Number of persons on the Live Register in April of each year by age group and duration of continuous registration

Duration	Age Group						Total	Number
	Under 20	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59		
April 2005								
Under 3 months	3,222	9,592	16,969	13,075	10,180	4,057	2,702	59,797
3-<6 months	1,497	3,984	6,574	4,962	3,587	1,386	1,006	22,996
6-<12 months	1,540	3,960	7,051	5,788	4,400	1,942	1,435	26,116
1-<2 years	838	2,444	4,329	4,224	3,435	1,319	953	17,542
2-<3 years	0	1,348	2,042	2,149	1,759	503	350	8,151
3 years and over	0	1,181	3,650	4,713	5,854	1,831	878	18,107
Total	7,097	22,509	40,615	34,911	29,215	11,038	7,324	152,709
April 2006								
Under 3 months	3,230	9,407	17,117	13,708	11,090	4,671	3,168	62,391
3-<6 months	1,648	3,988	6,902	5,125	3,510	1,444	1,079	23,696
6-<12 months	1,755	4,209	7,651	6,164	4,424	1,795	1,388	27,386
1-<2 years	885	2,604	4,544	4,266	3,571	1,233	1,021	18,124
2-<3 years	0	1,383	1,937	1,995	1,915	586	362	8,178
3 years and over	0	1,282	3,825	4,759	5,736	1,748	939	18,289
Total	7,518	22,873	41,976	36,017	30,246	11,477	7,957	158,064
April 2007								
Under 3 months	3,246	9,498	16,923	13,126	10,161	4,202	3,157	60,313
3-<6 months	1,588	3,860	6,392	4,825	3,448	1,403	1,115	22,631
6-<12 months	1,717	4,049	7,158	6,043	4,182	1,742	1,536	26,427
1-<2 years	969	2,819	4,749	4,238	3,443	1,256	1,006	18,480
2-<3 years	0	1,514	2,115	2,055	2,064	571	486	8,805
3 years and over	0	1,439	4,102	4,979	5,969	1,779	1,043	19,311
Total	7,520	23,179	41,439	35,266	29,267	10,953	8,343	155,967
April 2008								
Under 3 months	4,399	14,377	25,297	17,166	12,822	5,062	3,857	82,980
3-<6 months	1,974	5,827	9,854	6,620	4,412	1,814	1,572	32,073
6-<12 months	1,863	5,128	9,074	7,079	4,748	1,989	1,899	31,780
1-<2 years	1,003	3,092	4,925	4,413	3,393	1,352	1,126	19,304
2-<3 years	0	1,764	2,319	2,151	1,946	655	431	9,266
3 years and over	0	1,657	4,518	5,354	6,262	2,007	1,187	20,985
Total	9,239	31,845	55,987	42,783	33,583	12,879	10,072	196,388
April 2009								
Under 3 months	6,951	28,333	57,428	35,447	25,301	8,775	6,298	168,533
3-<6 months	3,703	13,692	26,508	15,372	9,500	3,225	2,420	74,420
6-<12 months	3,694	12,445	22,815	14,965	9,669	3,614	3,130	70,332
1-<2 years	1,666	5,703	9,523	7,517	5,244	2,197	2,199	34,049
2-<3 years	0	2,387	2,875	2,623	2,158	828	663	11,534
3 years and over	0	2,154	5,598	6,204	7,071	2,677	1,541	25,245
Total	16,014	64,714	124,747	82,128	58,943	21,316	16,251	384,113
April 2010								
Under 3 months	5,231	24,045	54,740	33,842	24,164	8,361	6,096	156,479
3-<6 months	2,045	7,575	17,552	11,116	7,183	2,677	2,299	50,447
6-<12 months	3,938	16,752	35,906	24,269	15,815	6,268	5,392	108,340
1-<2 years	3,187	12,533	18,627	13,519	9,024	3,469	3,132	63,491
2-<3 years	2	4,645	5,811	4,523	3,293	1,424	1,377	21,075
3 years and over	0	3,045	7,526	8,039	8,338	3,689	2,188	32,825
Total	14,403	68,595	140,162	95,308	67,817	25,888	20,484	432,657

Source: CSO

Table 2.14 Number of redundancies by industrial group

Number

Industry group	Redundancies							
	Notified		Actual					
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Males								
Extraction Industry (chemical products)	894	796	555	368	238	268	323	145
Metal Manufacturing and Engineering	3,425	1,956	1,243	929	880	1,432	2,385	1,459
Other Manufacturing (Food, Drink, Tobacco, Textiles, Leather, Footwear, Timber, Paper, Miscellaneous)	3,561	3,251	3,441	3,584	3,856	5,635	9,803	6,927
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	170	181	436	598	317	558	841	618
Energy and Water	150	215	252	130	80	114	203	229
Building and Civil Engineering	1,881	2,024	1,766	1,946	3,705	11,031	16,832	10,960
Distributive Trades	2,119	2,208	1,653	1,189	1,106	1,441	2,526	1,729
Transport and Communications	884	1,006	821	1,234	867	1,012	3,648	2,212
Banking, Finance and Insurance	2,171	1,324	697	626	403	476	1,066	1,438
Other Services	1,230	1,050	2,695	3,477	4,180	6,227	14,404	11,164
Total redundancies	16,485	14,011	13,559	14,081	15,632	28,194	52,031	36,881
Females								
Extraction Industry (chemical products)	277	313	135	61	70	52	82	51
Metal Manufacturing and Engineering	2,533	1,147	462	322	223	270	482	211
Other Manufacturing (Food, Drink, Tobacco, Textiles, Leather, Footwear, Timber, Paper, Miscellaneous)	2,073	1,693	2,017	2,461	2,316	2,714	4,760	3,590
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	89	100	202	245	139	197	261	165
Energy and Water	147	92	136	184	40	17	52	114
Building and Civil Engineering	220	212	159	180	216	944	2,061	1,497
Distributive Trades	1,924	2,482	1,588	1,162	762	944	1,834	1,193
Transport and Communications	429	793	508	431	501	485	1,296	1,099
Banking, Finance and Insurance	1,891	1,175	803	609	464	667	1,594	2,505
Other Services	1,634	1,354	3,587	3,948	5,096	6,132	12,548	11,425
Total redundancies	11,217	9,361	9,597	9,603	9,827	12,413	24,970	21,850
All persons								
Extraction Industry (chemical products)	1,171	1,109	690	429	308	320	405	196
Metal Manufacturing and Engineering	5,958	3,103	1,705	1,251	1,103	1,702	2,867	1,670
Other Manufacturing (Food, Drink, Tobacco, Textiles, Leather, Footwear, Timber, Paper, Miscellaneous)	5,634	4,944	5,458	6,045	6,172	8,349	14,563	10,517
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	259	281	638	843	456	755	1,102	783
Energy and Water	297	307	388	314	120	131	255	343
Building and Civil Engineering	2,101	2,236	1,925	2,126	3,921	11,975	18,893	12,457
Distributive Trades	4,043	4,690	3,241	2,351	1,868	2,385	4,360	2,922
Transport and Communications	1,313	1,799	1,329	1,665	1,368	1,497	4,944	3,311
Banking, Finance and Insurance	4,062	2,499	1,500	1,235	867	1,143	2,660	3,943
Other Services	2,864	2,404	6,282	7,425	9,276	12,350	26,952	22,589
TOTAL REDUNDANCIES	27,702	23,372	23,156	23,684	25,459	40,607	77,001	58,731

Source: Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation

