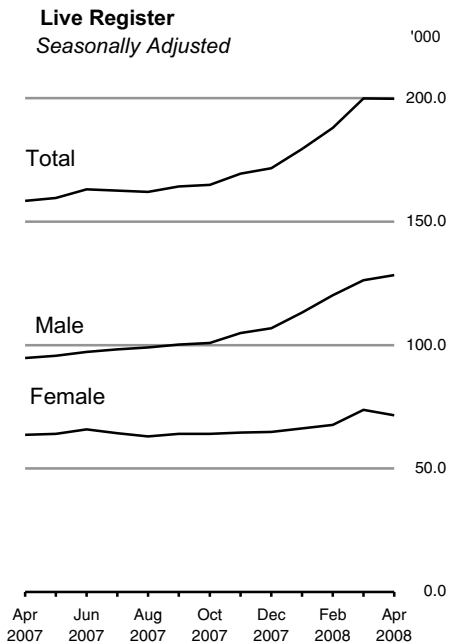




Live Register April 2008



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
April 2007	154,319	158,400
March 2008	197,992	199,900
April 2008	195,598	199,700
Change in month	-2,394	-200
Change in year	+41,279	+41,300

Standardised unemployment rate remains unchanged at 5.5% in April

The seasonally adjusted Live Register total decreased from 199,900 in March to 199,700 in April, a decrease of 200. This compares with an increase of 12,000 in March. *See table 2a and graph opposite.*

The wide variation in the monthly changes over the past two months refers to the timing of Easter (i.e. at the end of March).

In the year to April 2008, there was an unadjusted increase of 41,279 (+26.7%). This compares with an unadjusted increase of 42,123 (+27.0%) in the year to March 2008.

Other features include:

- ◆ The monthly decrease in the Seasonally Adjusted series consisted of a decrease of 2,200 females and an increase of 2,100 males. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in April was 5.5%. This compares with 4.6%, the latest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate from the Quarterly National Household Survey. *See table 3 and background notes.*
- ◆ In the month, the estimated number of casual and part-time workers on the Live Register was 10,313 males and 14,004 females. *See background notes.*

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 seasonally adjusted figure, for September-November 2007, is 102,500 persons unemployed.

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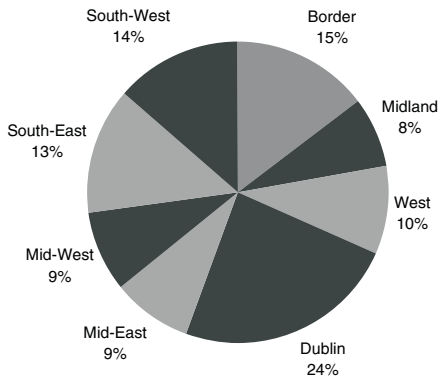
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Live Register by Regional Authority



	April 2008	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and Western	62,141	- 292	+ 14,120
Border	28,613	- 40	+ 6,195
Midland	14,761	- 55	+ 3,995
West	18,767	- 197	+ 3,930
Southern and Eastern	133,457	- 2,102	+ 27,159
Dublin	46,347	- 158	+ 7,414
Mid-East	17,056	+ 46	+ 4,330
Mid-West	16,992	- 546	+ 3,598
South-East	26,281	- 973	+ 6,098
South-West	26,781	- 471	+ 5,719
Total	195,598	- 2,394	+ 41,279

Unadjusted monthly decreases in seven regions

There was an unadjusted monthly decrease of 2,394 (-1.2%) on the Live Register in April 2008, which reflected increases in seven regions. The largest percentage decrease was in the South-East region (-3.6%) while the only percentage increase was in the Mid-East region (+0.3%).

Other features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males increased in six regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Border region (+1.6%), while the largest percentage decrease was in the South-East region (-2.3%).
- ◆ The number of females decreased in all regions. The largest percentage decrease was in the Mid-West region (-7.2%) while the smallest percentage decrease was in the Mid-East region (-1.6%).
- ◆ Amongst counties, the largest percentage decreases were in Waterford (-8.6%) and Roscommon (-5.6%). The largest percentage increases were in Laoighis (+3.1%) and Monaghan (+1.9%) *See tables 4 and 6.*

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	April 2007	March 2008	April 2008	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	30,307	51,090	50,477	- 613	+ 20,170
JA Applications	61,279	73,047	74,126	+ 1,079	+ 12,847
Other Registrants	2,536	2,883	2,948	+ 65	+ 412
Total	94,122	127,020	127,551	+ 531	+ 33,429
Females					
JB Claims	30,234	37,908	34,711	- 3,197	+ 4,477
JA Applications	23,374	26,276	26,644	+ 368	+ 3,270
Other Registrants	6,589	6,788	6,692	- 96	+ 103
Total	60,197	70,972	68,047	- 2,925	+ 7,850
All Persons					
JB Claims	60,541	88,998	85,188	- 3,810	+ 24,647
JA Applications	84,653	99,323	100,770	+ 1,447	+ 16,117
Other Registrants	9,125	9,671	9,640	- 31	+ 515
Total	154,319	197,992	195,598	- 2,394	+ 41,279

Table 1b Persons under 25 years of age on the Live Register

Category	April 2007	March 2008	April 2008	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	4,879	9,237	9,168	- 69	+ 4,289
JA Applications	13,549	17,300	17,503	+ 203	+ 3,954
Other Registrants	48	53	56	+ 3	+ 8
Total	18,476	26,590	26,727	+ 137	+ 8,251
Females					
JB Claims	3,324	4,388	4,251	- 137	+ 927
JA Applications	8,621	9,750	9,914	+ 164	+ 1,293
Other Registrants	89	95	88	- 7	- 1
Total	12,034	14,233	14,253	+ 20	+ 2,219
All Persons					
JB Claims	8,203	13,625	13,419	- 206	+ 5,216
JA Applications	22,170	27,050	27,417	+ 367	+ 5,247
Other Registrants	137	148	144	- 4	+ 7
Total	30,510	40,823	40,980	+ 157	+ 10,470

Table 1c Persons 25 years of age and over on the Live Register

Category	April 2007	March 2008	April 2008	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	25,428	41,853	41,309	- 544	+ 15,881
JA Applications	47,730	55,747	56,623	+ 876	+ 8,893
Other Registrants	2,488	2,830	2,892	+ 62	+ 404
Total	75,646	100,430	100,824	+ 394	+ 25,178
Females					
JB Claims	26,910	33,520	30,460	- 3,060	+ 3,550
JA Applications	14,753	16,526	16,730	+ 204	+ 1,977
Other Registrants	6,500	6,693	6,604	- 89	+ 104
Total	48,163	56,739	53,794	- 2,945	+ 5,631
All Persons					
JB Claims	52,338	75,373	71,769	- 3,604	+ 19,431
JA Applications	62,483	72,273	73,353	+ 1,080	+ 10,870
Other Registrants	8,988	9,523	9,496	- 27	+ 508
Total	123,809	157,169	154,618	- 2,551	+ 30,809

Table 2a Total persons on the Live Register - Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted

	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series ¹			
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	
2006	April	92,400	62,100	154,600	93,100	65,500	158,600	
	May	91,500	61,100	152,600	93,300	64,900	158,200	
	June	93,700	69,300	163,100	93,000	66,700	159,700	
	July	94,800	74,200	168,900	92,300	64,600	156,900	
	August	95,000	74,600	169,600	92,400	65,000	157,500	
	September	89,800	62,500	152,300	92,000	63,900	155,800	
	October	88,100	60,400	148,500	91,900	63,900	155,900	
	November	88,600	59,900	148,500	92,000	64,200	156,200	
	December	92,500	62,900	155,400	92,600	64,000	156,600	
	2007	January	95,800	62,900	158,800	92,800	63,800	156,600
		February	95,600	63,800	159,400	93,300	64,400	157,800
		March	94,800	61,100	155,900	94,000	63,800	157,800
April		94,100	60,200	154,300	94,800	63,600	158,400	
May		93,800	60,200	154,000	95,600	64,000	159,600	
June		98,000	68,400	166,400	97,200	65,800	163,000	
July		100,600	74,000	174,600	98,200	64,300	162,500	
August		101,600	72,600	174,200	99,000	63,000	162,000	
September		98,000	62,600	160,700	100,200	64,000	164,200	
October		97,100	60,300	157,400	100,900	64,000	164,900	
November		101,400	60,300	161,700	104,900	64,500	169,400	
December		106,700	63,700	170,400	106,800	64,800	171,600	
2008	January	116,200	65,300	181,400	113,200	66,200	179,400	
	February	122,500	67,000	189,500	120,200	67,700	187,900	
	March	127,000	71,000	198,000	126,200	73,700	199,900	
	April	127,600	68,000	195,600	128,300	71,500	199,700	

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2007 (See Background Notes).

Table 2b Persons under 25 years of age on the Live Register - Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted

	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series ¹			
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	
2006	April	17,800	12,400	30,100	18,000	13,200	31,100	
	May	17,600	12,400	30,000	18,100	13,100	31,200	
	June	18,400	14,200	32,600	18,000	13,300	31,300	
	July	18,700	14,800	33,600	17,800	12,900	30,800	
	August	18,800	14,900	33,700	17,900	12,800	30,700	
	September	17,600	13,200	30,900	17,900	12,900	30,700	
	October	16,900	12,200	29,200	17,900	12,900	30,900	
	November	16,900	11,800	28,600	17,900	12,900	30,700	
	December	17,500	11,600	29,100	18,100	12,800	30,900	
	2007	January	18,600	12,500	31,100	18,000	12,700	30,700
		February	18,600	12,500	31,100	18,100	12,600	30,700
		March	18,600	12,200	30,800	18,400	12,600	31,000
April		18,500	12,000	30,500	18,700	12,800	31,500	
May		18,400	12,200	30,600	18,900	12,900	31,800	
June		19,800	14,100	33,900	19,300	13,200	32,500	
July		20,600	14,800	35,300	19,700	12,900	32,600	
August		20,900	14,900	35,800	19,900	12,900	32,800	
September		19,900	13,400	33,200	20,100	13,000	33,100	
October		19,400	12,500	31,800	20,300	13,200	33,500	
November		20,200	12,100	32,200	21,200	13,200	34,300	
December		21,200	12,100	33,300	21,800	13,300	35,000	
2008	January	23,800	13,200	36,900	23,200	13,400	36,600	
	February	25,500	13,900	39,500	25,000	14,100	39,100	
	March	26,600	14,200	40,800	26,400	14,700	41,000	
	April	26,700	14,300	41,000	27,000	15,000	42,000	

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2007 (See Background Notes).

Table 2c Persons 25 years of age and over on the Live Register - Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted

	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series ¹			
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	
2006	April	74,700	49,800	124,500	75,100	52,300	127,500	
	May	73,900	48,700	122,600	75,200	51,800	127,000	
	June	75,400	55,100	130,400	75,000	53,400	128,400	
	July	76,000	59,400	135,400	74,500	51,700	126,200	
	August	76,200	59,700	135,900	74,600	52,200	126,800	
	September	72,200	49,300	121,500	74,100	51,000	125,100	
	October	71,200	48,100	119,300	74,000	51,000	125,000	
	November	71,700	48,200	119,900	74,200	51,300	125,500	
	December	75,000	51,300	126,300	74,500	51,300	125,700	
	2007	January	77,200	50,500	127,600	74,800	51,100	125,900
		February	77,000	51,300	128,300	75,200	51,800	127,000
		March	76,200	48,900	125,100	75,600	51,200	126,800
April		75,600	48,200	123,800	76,100	50,800	126,900	
May		75,500	48,000	123,400	76,700	51,100	127,800	
June		78,200	54,300	132,500	77,800	52,600	130,400	
July		80,100	59,200	139,300	78,500	51,400	129,900	
August		80,700	57,700	138,400	79,000	50,100	129,100	
September		78,200	49,200	127,400	80,100	51,000	131,100	
October		77,800	47,800	125,600	80,600	50,800	131,400	
November		81,300	48,200	129,500	83,700	51,300	135,000	
December		85,500	51,600	137,100	85,000	51,600	136,600	
2008	January	92,400	52,100	144,500	90,000	52,800	142,800	
	February	97,000	53,000	150,000	95,200	53,600	148,800	
	March	100,400	56,700	157,200	99,900	59,000	158,900	
	April	100,800	53,800	154,600	101,300	56,400	157,700	

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2007 (See Background Notes).

Table 3 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates (SUR)

Month	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
January ¹	4.4	4.8	4.6	4.3	4.5	4.5	5.0
February	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.5	5.2
March	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.6	5.5
April ¹	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.6	5.5
May	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.6	
June	4.3	4.7	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.6	
July ¹	4.3	4.8	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.5	
August	4.4	4.7	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.5	
September	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.3	4.5	
October ¹	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.3	4.6 ²	
November	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.5	4.3	4.7	
December	4.7	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.8	
Annual average	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.6	

¹ Benchmark Labour Force Survey/Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) estimates.

² The latest QNHS estimate of the unemployment rate (adjusted for seasonality) is: September-November 2007, 4.6%.

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register classified by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	April 2007	March 2008	April 2008	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland & Western	28,328	39,620	40,020	+ 400	+ 11,692	8,706	31,314
Border	13,370	18,126	18,421	+	295	5,051	3,901
Midland	6,157	9,486	9,544	+	58	3,387	2,291
West	8,801	12,008	12,055	+	47	3,254	2,514
Southern & Eastern	65,794	87,400	87,531	+ 131	+ 21,737	18,021	69,510
Dublin	25,517	30,904	31,333	+	429	5,816	6,501
Mid-East	7,485	10,747	10,893	+	146	3,408	2,261
Mid-West	8,128	11,069	10,987	-	82	2,859	2,271
South-East	11,955	17,420	17,025	-	395	5,070	3,712
South-West	12,709	17,260	17,293	+	33	4,584	3,276
Total	94,122	127,020	127,551	+ 531	+ 33,429	26,727	100,824
Females							
Border, Midland & Western	19,693	22,813	22,121	- 692	+ 2,428	4,812	17,309
Border	9,048	10,527	10,192	-	335	1,144	2,199
Midland	4,609	5,330	5,217	-	113	608	1,231
West	6,036	6,956	6,712	-	244	676	1,382
Southern & Eastern	40,504	48,159	45,926	- 2,233	+ 5,422	9,441	36,485
Dublin	13,416	15,601	15,014	-	587	1,598	3,268
Mid-East	5,241	6,263	6,163	-	100	922	1,131
Mid-West	5,266	6,469	6,005	-	464	739	1,259
South-East	8,228	9,834	9,256	-	578	1,028	2,042
South-West	8,353	9,992	9,488	-	504	1,135	1,741
Total	60,197	70,972	68,047	- 2,925	+ 7,850	14,253	53,794
All Persons							
Border, Midland & Western	48,021	62,433	62,141	- 292	+ 14,120	13,518	48,623
Border	22,418	28,653	28,613	-	40	6,195	6,100
Midland	10,766	14,816	14,761	-	55	3,995	3,522
West	14,837	18,964	18,767	-	197	3,930	3,896
Southern & Eastern	106,298	135,559	133,457	- 2,102	+ 27,159	27,462	105,995
Dublin	38,933	46,505	46,347	-	158	7,414	9,769
Mid-East	12,726	17,010	17,056	+	46	4,330	3,392
Mid-West	13,394	17,538	16,992	-	546	3,598	3,530
South-East	20,183	27,254	26,281	-	973	6,098	5,754
South-West	21,062	27,252	26,781	-	471	5,719	5,017
Total	154,319	197,992	195,598	- 2,394	+ 41,279	40,980	154,618

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

Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	April 2007	March 2008	April 2008	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	80,105	101,527	101,139	-	388	21,034	21,667
Munster	43,531	57,008	55,183	-	1,825	11,652	11,014
Connacht	17,841	23,169	22,956	-	213	5,115	4,736
Ulster	12,842	16,288	16,320	+	32	3,478	3,563
Total	154,319	197,992	195,598	- 2,394	+ 41,279	40,980	154,618

Table 6 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age Group and Local Office of Registration

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	April 2007	March 2008	April 2008	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	48,021	62,433	62,141	8,706	31,314	40,020	4,812	17,309	22,121
Border	22,418	28,653	28,613	3,901	14,520	18,421	2,199	7,993	10,192
Cavan	2,325	3,162	3,214	438	1,633	2,071	259	884	1,143
Ballyconnell	440	517	525	53	287	340	41	144	185
Cavan	1,885	2,645	2,689	385	1,346	1,731	218	740	958
Donegal	8,488	10,352	10,279	1,497	5,062	6,559	823	2,897	3,720
Ballybofey	732	1,074	1,081	195	518	713	119	249	368
Ballyshannon	516	704	690	107	308	415	65	210	275
Buncrana	1,608	2,223	2,215	334	1,106	1,440	190	585	775
Donegal	587	651	640	70	269	339	48	253	301
Dunfanaghy	740	838	824	134	407	541	45	238	283
Dungloe	1,201	1,314	1,271	124	672	796	58	417	475
Killybegs	838	813	876	79	473	552	42	282	324
Letterkenny	2,266	2,735	2,682	454	1,309	1,763	256	663	919
Leitrim	1,135	1,696	1,668	192	882	1,074	94	500	594
Carrick-on-Shannon	841	1,267	1,232	139	641	780	71	381	452
Manorhamilton	294	429	436	53	241	294	23	119	142
Louth	6,572	8,160	8,104	1,106	4,157	5,263	591	2,250	2,841
Ardee	763	1,000	991	129	473	602	84	305	389
Drogheda	3,128	3,902	3,859	527	1,934	2,461	276	1,122	1,398
Dundalk	2,681	3,258	3,254	450	1,750	2,200	231	823	1,054
Monaghan	2,029	2,774	2,827	328	1,433	1,761	218	848	1,066
Carrickmacross	532	678	688	80	318	398	54	236	290
Castleblayney	616	741	750	88	374	462	64	224	288
Clones	197	328	354	55	173	228	30	96	126
Monaghan	684	1,027	1,035	105	568	673	70	292	362
Sligo	1,869	2,509	2,521	340	1,353	1,693	214	614	828
Sligo	1,515	1,981	2,008	295	1,090	1,385	177	446	623
Tubbercurry	354	528	513	45	263	308	37	168	205
Midland	10,766	14,816	14,761	2,291	7,253	9,544	1,231	3,986	5,217
Laoighis	2,182	3,374	3,479	557	1,701	2,258	300	921	1,221
Portarlington	896	1,356	1,389	243	659	902	134	353	487
Portlaoise	935	1,520	1,593	234	812	1,046	118	429	547
Rathdowney	351	498	497	80	230	310	48	139	187
Longford	2,025	2,710	2,745	409	1,439	1,848	209	688	897
Longford	2,025	2,710	2,745	409	1,439	1,848	209	688	897
Offaly	2,824	3,867	3,767	580	1,849	2,429	330	1,008	1,338
Birr	814	1,055	1,009	169	455	624	95	290	385
Edenderry	688	973	916	122	461	583	67	266	333
Tullamore	1,322	1,839	1,842	289	933	1,222	168	452	620
Westmeath	3,735	4,865	4,770	745	2,264	3,009	392	1,369	1,761
Athlone	1,411	1,831	1,759	277	865	1,142	140	477	617
Castlepollard	404	556	550	94	240	334	49	167	216
Mullingar	1,920	2,478	2,461	374	1,159	1,533	203	725	928
West	14,837	18,964	18,767	2,514	9,541	12,055	1,382	5,330	6,712
Galway	8,998	11,189	11,195	1,487	5,669	7,156	880	3,159	4,039
Ballinasloe	868	1,157	1,115	193	547	740	75	300	375
Clifden	606	723	736	95	388	483	58	195	253
Galway	5,134	6,346	6,379	852	3,240	4,092	566	1,721	2,287
Gort	523	647	644	68	280	348	32	264	296
Loughrea	721	912	915	96	462	558	68	289	357
Tuam	1,146	1,404	1,406	183	752	935	81	390	471

Table 6 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age Group and Local Office of Registration

-continued			Males				Females		
NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	April 2007	March 2008	April 2008	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	4,568	5,893	5,795	772	2,963	3,735	385	1,675	2,060
Achill	220	283	271	32	145	177	17	77	94
Ballina	1,267	1,601	1,587	230	833	1,063	131	393	524
Ballinrobe	325	460	451	46	228	274	32	145	177
Belmullet	447	510	496	50	278	328	22	146	168
Castlebar	763	951	981	128	477	605	67	309	376
Claremorris	394	577	575	84	278	362	38	175	213
Swinford	649	862	807	133	383	516	48	243	291
Westport	503	649	627	69	341	410	30	187	217
Roscommon	1,271	1,882	1,777	255	909	1,164	117	496	613
Boyle	333	457	432	60	206	266	26	140	166
Castlerea	579	916	866	115	460	575	65	226	291
Roscommon	359	509	479	80	243	323	26	130	156
Southern and Eastern	106,298	135,559	133,457	18,021	69,510	87,531	9,441	36,485	45,926
Dublin	38,933	46,505	46,347	6,501	24,832	31,333	3,268	11,746	15,014
Dublin	38,933	46,505	46,347	6,501	24,832	31,333	3,268	11,746	15,014
Bishop Square	3,201	3,784	3,767	454	2,184	2,638	203	926	1,129
Cumberland Street	4,771	5,580	5,587	709	2,997	3,706	376	1,505	1,881
Navan Road	2,478	2,927	2,898	385	1,642	2,027	207	664	871
Blanchardstown	3,323	3,985	4,153	546	2,106	2,652	327	1,174	1,501
Thomas Street	2,020	2,242	2,229	259	1,374	1,633	160	436	596
Tara Street	1,074	1,218	1,198	132	681	813	60	325	385
Tallaght	3,556	4,456	4,450	730	2,391	3,121	359	970	1,329
Ballymun	1,541	1,570	1,597	308	806	1,114	156	327	483
Clondalkin	3,522	4,438	4,442	779	2,234	3,013	414	1,015	1,429
Rathfarnham	1,703	2,196	2,113	224	1,045	1,269	98	746	844
Kilbarrack	2,085	2,445	2,341	286	1,264	1,550	120	671	791
Dun Laoghaire	2,284	3,000	2,842	264	1,532	1,796	94	952	1,046
Balbriggan	1,414	1,735	1,712	189	883	1,072	122	518	640
Ballyfermot	1,356	1,562	1,561	325	849	1,174	140	247	387
Finglas	2,306	2,779	2,862	489	1,521	2,010	213	639	852
Coolock	2,299	2,588	2,595	422	1,323	1,745	219	631	850
Mid-East	12,726	17,010	17,056	2,261	8,632	10,893	1,131	5,032	6,163
Kildare	5,434	7,327	7,330	1,001	3,660	4,661	504	2,165	2,669
Athy	922	1,223	1,234	194	615	809	87	338	425
Maynooth	1,576	2,117	2,077	266	976	1,242	131	704	835
Newbridge	2,936	3,987	4,019	541	2,069	2,610	286	1,123	1,409
Meath	3,081	4,472	4,511	531	2,233	2,764	318	1,429	1,747
Kells	522	758	788	103	403	506	66	216	282
Navan	1,706	2,388	2,401	283	1,206	1,489	167	745	912
Trim	853	1,326	1,322	145	624	769	85	468	553
Wicklow	4,211	5,211	5,215	729	2,739	3,468	309	1,438	1,747
Arklow	1,234	1,595	1,587	247	842	1,089	91	407	498
Baltinglass	481	604	635	96	314	410	53	172	225
Bray	1,694	2,030	2,017	247	1,062	1,309	100	608	708
Wicklow	802	982	976	139	521	660	65	251	316
Mid-West	13,394	17,538	16,992	2,271	8,716	10,987	1,259	4,746	6,005
Clare	3,915	5,126	4,889	583	2,393	2,976	313	1,600	1,913
Ennis	2,342	3,012	2,861	357	1,402	1,759	175	927	1,102
Ennistymon	579	772	748	64	361	425	47	276	323
Kilrush	542	722	657	92	316	408	58	191	249
Tulla	452	620	623	70	314	384	33	206	239
Limerick	7,227	9,583	9,373	1,342	5,027	6,369	736	2,268	3,004
Kilmallock	855	1,082	1,024	144	524	668	74	282	356
Limerick	5,338	7,101	6,926	1,002	3,765	4,767	551	1,608	2,159
Newcastle West	1,034	1,400	1,423	196	738	934	111	378	489

Table 6 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age Group and Local Office of Registration

-continued			Males			Females			
NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	April 2007	March 2008	April 2008	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,252	2,829	2,730	346	1,296	1,642	210	878	1,088
Nenagh	872	1,057	1,007	108	455	563	73	371	444
Roscrea	453	588	554	65	270	335	46	173	219
Thurles	927	1,184	1,169	173	571	744	91	334	425
South-East	20,183	27,254	26,281	3,712	13,313	17,025	2,042	7,214	9,256
Carlow	2,066	2,960	2,939	446	1,486	1,932	245	762	1,007
Bagenalstown	433	639	643	108	313	421	61	161	222
Carlow	1,154	1,678	1,657	268	870	1,138	137	382	519
Tullow	479	643	639	70	303	373	47	219	266
Kilkenny	2,455	3,312	3,271	452	1,760	2,212	230	829	1,059
Kilkenny	2,052	2,772	2,734	376	1,488	1,864	198	672	870
Thomastown	403	540	537	76	272	348	32	157	189
South Tipperary	2,852	3,817	3,734	602	1,954	2,556	299	879	1,178
Cahir	350	493	483	61	249	310	38	135	173
Carrick-on-Suir	863	1,070	1,073	152	581	733	68	272	340
Cashel	304	408	410	77	198	275	36	99	135
Clonmel	830	1,167	1,122	211	599	810	95	217	312
Tipperary	505	679	646	101	327	428	62	156	218
Waterford	6,223	8,401	7,676	1,022	3,982	5,004	544	2,128	2,672
Dungarvan	925	1,154	1,090	126	589	715	72	303	375
Waterford	5,298	7,247	6,586	896	3,393	4,289	472	1,825	2,297
Wexford	6,587	8,764	8,661	1,190	4,131	5,321	724	2,616	3,340
Enniscorthy	1,721	2,225	2,254	345	1,127	1,472	189	593	782
Gorey	1,214	1,612	1,598	208	728	936	128	534	662
New Ross	1,189	1,592	1,580	204	763	967	140	473	613
Wexford	2,463	3,335	3,229	433	1,513	1,946	267	1,016	1,283
South-West	21,062	27,252	26,781	3,276	14,017	17,293	1,741	7,747	9,488
Cork	14,859	19,177	18,951	2,405	10,088	12,493	1,196	5,262	6,458
Bandon	482	710	697	87	356	443	51	203	254
Bantry	335	415	441	31	198	229	20	192	212
Bantry (SWLO)	140	184	174	8	80	88	6	80	86
Carrigaline	634	874	878	99	473	572	37	269	306
Clonakilty	435	527	526	31	228	259	27	240	267
Cobh	361	479	462	67	248	315	36	111	147
Cork	7,180	9,037	8,969	1,349	5,092	6,441	620	1,908	2,528
Dunmanway ¹	189	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fermoy	884	1,179	1,148	163	591	754	69	325	394
Kinsale	582	659	679	45	285	330	21	328	349
Macroom	402	664	638	62	305	367	29	242	271
Mallow	773	1,085	1,046	154	559	713	81	252	333
Midleton	956	1,323	1,340	123	722	845	72	423	495
Newmarket	452	660	644	63	337	400	39	205	244
Skibbereen	353	459	425	32	192	224	19	182	201
Youghal	701	922	884	91	422	513	69	302	371
Kerry	6,203	8,075	7,830	871	3,929	4,800	545	2,485	3,030
Cahirciveen	333	405	396	33	165	198	18	180	198
Dingle	267	444	401	31	181	212	25	164	189
Kenmare	217	305	280	17	123	140	18	122	140
Killarney	955	1,327	1,218	138	565	703	78	437	515
Killorglin	378	539	500	37	257	294	26	180	206
Listowel	1,010	1,406	1,375	180	720	900	108	367	475
Tralee	3,043	3,649	3,660	435	1,918	2,353	272	1,035	1,307
State	154,319	197,992	195,598	26,727	100,824	127,551	14,253	53,794	68,047

¹ Dunmanway local office has closed with effect from October 2007.

Table 7 Summary of average net weekly changes on the Live Register classified by sex

	Number of weeks	Males		Females		Total	
		Live Register	Average net weekly change	Live Register	Average net weekly change	Live Register	Average net weekly change
2006 April	4	92,419	- 261	62,147	+ 16	154,566	- 244
May	4	91,492	- 232	61,068	- 270	152,560	- 502
June	5	93,747	+ 451	69,312	+ 1,649	163,059	+ 2,100
July	4	94,750	+ 251	74,196	+ 1,221	168,946	+ 1,472
August	4	95,026	+ 69	74,588	+ 98	169,614	+ 167
September	5	89,810	- 1,043	62,497	- 2,418	152,307	- 3,461
October	4	88,128	- 421	60,378	- 530	148,506	- 950
November	4	88,583	+ 114	59,946	- 108	148,529	+ 6
December	5	92,499	+ 783	62,890	+ 589	155,389	+ 1,372
2007 January	4	95,824	+ 831	62,928	+ 10	158,752	+ 841
February	4	95,639	- 46	63,760	+ 208	159,399	+ 162
March	5	94,790	- 170	61,079	- 536	155,869	- 706
April	4	94,122	- 167	60,197	- 221	154,319	- 388
May	4	93,827	- 74	60,183	- 4	154,010	- 77
June	5	97,962	+ 827	68,401	+ 1,644	166,363	+ 2,471
July	4	100,643	+ 670	73,950	+ 1,387	174,593	+ 2,058
August	5	101,592	+ 190	72,614	- 267	174,206	- 77
September	4	98,015	- 894	62,637	- 2,494	160,652	- 3,389
October	4	97,124	- 223	60,325	- 578	157,449	- 801
November	5	101,418	+ 859	60,304	- 4	161,722	+ 855
December	4	106,698	+ 1,320	63,678	+ 844	170,376	+ 2,164
2008 January	4	116,160	+ 2,366	65,289	+ 403	181,449	+ 2,768
February	5	122,520	+ 1,272	66,965	+ 335	189,485	+ 1,607
March	4	127,020	+ 1,125	70,972	+ 1,002	197,992	+ 2,127
April	4	127,551	+ 133	68,047	- 731	195,598	- 599

Background Notes

Source and scope of the Live Register The Live Register is compiled from returns made directly to the Central Statistics Office by each local office of 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 period for the Live register results are as follows:
 April 2008 - 29th March 2008 to the 25th April 2008
 April 2007 - 31st March 2007 to the 27th April 2007.

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).

Standardised unemployment rates The Standardised Unemployment Rate (SUR) series in Table 3 is based on the estimated number of persons unemployed expressed as a percentage of the total economically active population (i.e. the Labour Force), using internationally comparable definitions of employment and unemployment, as recommended by the International Labour Office. Benchmark estimates of the SUR for January, April, July and October of each year are calculated using seasonally adjusted data from the Quarterly National Household Survey. The monthly trend in the seasonally adjusted Live Register is then used to estimate the monthly SUR between successive surveys.

This approach was temporarily suspended following the rapid decline in the Live Register after September 1996. A linear interpolation estimation approach was used between April 1996 and April 1997, as the Live Register series could not be used as an indicator of monthly trends in unemployment during that period. The traditional estimation approach has been used from April 1997 onwards.

QNHS The Quarterly National Household Survey, which began in September 1997, has now replaced the Labour Force Survey and provides quarterly estimates of the unemployment rate. The estimates (adjusted for seasonality) are:

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	%	%	%	%
1998	8.7	8.0	7.2	6.5
1999	5.9	5.9	5.4	5.1
2000	4.8	4.4	4.0	3.9
2001	3.7	3.8	4.0	4.0
2002	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.6
2003	4.8	4.5	4.8	4.6
2004	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.4
2005	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.5
2006	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.3
2007	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.6

Seasonal adjustment The seasonal adjustment of the Live Register is completed using the X-11 Variant of the US Bureau of Census Method 2 (Additive Option). The seasonally adjusted series are updated twice yearly, in January and July; pending the next updating, seasonal adjustment for intervening months is carried out using projected seasonal factors. In Tables 2a, b and c, the seasonally adjusted totals are the sum of the relevant seasonally adjusted series for males and females, under and over 25 years.

Casual and part-time workers The casual and part-time workers' figure is based on an estimate supplied by the Department of Social and Family Affairs. People may apply for Jobseekers Benefit/Allowance if they only work for part of a week and be included on the Live Register.

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. A classification by area of residence of persons on the Live Register was published until January 1989 but was then discontinued.

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