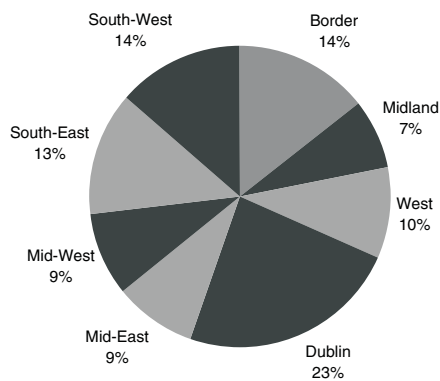




Live Register Geographic Analysis August 2008

Live Register by Regional Authority



	August 2008	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and Western	78,506	+ 3,031	+ 23,599
Border	35,850	+ 1,384	+ 10,887
Midland	18,492	+ 736	+ 5,832
West	24,164	+ 911	+ 6,880
Southern and Eastern	168,878	+ 6,113	+ 49,579
Dublin	58,128	+ 2,019	+ 14,560
Mid-East	22,223	+ 1,243	+ 7,735
Mid-West	22,093	+ 1,026	+ 6,678
South-East	32,724	+ 490	+ 10,440
South-West	33,710	+ 1,335	+ 10,166
Total	247,384	+ 9,144	+ 73,178

Live Register increases across all regions in August

The unadjusted Live Register increased to 247,384 in August from 238,240 in July, a monthly increase of 9,144 (+3.8%). This increase was reflected in all regions, with the largest percentage increase in the Mid-East region (+5.9%). The smallest percentage increase was in the South-East region (+1.5%).

In the year to August 2008, the unadjusted Live Register increased by 73,178 (+42.0%). All regions showed annual increases with the largest percentage increase in the Mid-East region (+53.4%). The Dublin region had the smallest percentage increase (+33.4%).

Other features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males increased in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Mid-East region (+7.7%), while the smallest percentage increase was in the South-East region (+2.6%). *See table 1.*
- ◆ The number of females increased in seven regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Mid-East region (+3.2%) while the only percentage decrease was in the South-East region (-0.2%). *See table 1.*
- ◆ Amongst counties, the largest percentage increases were in Meath (+8.6%) and Sligo (+6.5%). The only percentage decrease was in Waterford (-3.5%). *See table 3.*

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 figure, for March to May 2008, is 115,500 persons unemployed.

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Table 1 Persons on the Live Register classified by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	August 2007	July 2008	August 2008	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland & Western	31,192	46,257	48,676	+ 2,419	+ 17,484	11,110	37,566
Border	14,352	21,216	22,400	+	+	5,121	17,279
Midland	7,056	10,947	11,516	+	+	2,764	8,752
West	9,784	14,094	14,760	+	+	3,225	11,535
Southern & Eastern	70,400	101,697	106,643	+ 4,946	+ 36,243	23,152	83,491
Dublin	27,046	36,089	37,638	+	+	8,216	29,422
Mid-East	8,164	12,721	13,700	+	+	2,899	10,801
Mid-West	8,777	12,767	13,618	+	+	3,036	10,582
South-East	12,628	20,164	20,681	+	+	4,724	15,957
South-West	13,785	19,956	21,006	+	+	4,277	16,729
Total	101,592	147,954	155,319	+ 7,365	+ 53,727	34,262	121,057
Females							
Border, Midland & Western	23,715	29,218	29,830	+ 612	+ 6,115	7,214	22,616
Border	10,611	13,250	13,450	+	+	3,318	10,132
Midland	5,604	6,809	6,976	+	+	1,800	5,176
West	7,500	9,159	9,404	+	+	2,096	7,308
Southern & Eastern	48,899	61,068	62,235	+ 1,167	+ 13,336	13,560	48,675
Dublin	16,522	20,020	20,490	+	+	4,490	16,000
Mid-East	6,324	8,259	8,523	+	+	1,658	6,865
Mid-West	6,638	8,300	8,475	+	+	1,925	6,550
South-East	9,656	12,070	12,043	-	+	2,835	9,208
South-West	9,759	12,419	12,704	+	+	2,652	10,052
Total	72,614	90,286	92,065	+ 1,779	+ 19,451	20,774	71,291
All Persons							
Border, Midland & Western	54,907	75,475	78,506	+ 3,031	+ 23,599	18,324	60,182
Border	24,963	34,466	35,850	+	+	8,439	27,411
Midland	12,660	17,756	18,492	+	+	4,564	13,928
West	17,284	23,253	24,164	+	+	5,321	18,843
Southern & Eastern	119,299	162,765	168,878	+ 6,113	+ 49,579	36,712	132,166
Dublin	43,568	56,109	58,128	+	+	12,706	45,422
Mid-East	14,488	20,980	22,223	+	+	4,557	17,666
Mid-West	15,415	21,067	22,093	+	+	4,961	17,132
South-East	22,284	32,234	32,724	+	+	7,559	25,165
South-West	23,544	32,375	33,710	+	+	6,929	26,781
Total	174,206	238,240	247,384	+ 9,144	+ 73,178	55,036	192,348

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

Table 2 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	August 2007	July 2008	August 2008	Monthly change	Annual change	25 years & over	Under 25 years
Provinces							
Leinster	90,125	122,093	127,101	+	+	28,332	98,769
Munster	49,038	67,752	70,010	+	+	15,145	54,865
Connacht	20,884	28,288	29,499	+	+	6,479	23,020
Ulster	14,159	20,107	20,774	+	+	5,080	15,694
Total	174,206	238,240	247,384	+ 9,144	+ 73,178	55,036	192,348

Table 3 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age Group and Local Office of Registration

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	August 2007	July 2008	August 2008	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	54,907	75,475	78,506	11,110	37,566	48,676	7,214	22,616	29,830
Border	24,963	34,466	35,850	5,121	17,279	22,400	3,318	10,132	13,450
Cavan	2,649	4,064	4,172	573	2,030	2,603	409	1,160	1,569
Ballyconnell	514	702	751	88	364	452	69	230	299
Cavan	2,135	3,362	3,421	485	1,666	2,151	340	930	1,270
Donegal	9,151	12,475	12,955	1,991	6,067	8,058	1,295	3,602	4,897
Ballybofey	855	1,430	1,495	271	676	947	201	347	548
Ballyshannon	544	723	720	126	318	444	63	213	276
Buncrana	1,794	2,711	2,766	461	1,309	1,770	287	709	996
Donegal	630	765	818	103	338	441	76	301	377
Dunfanaghy	729	935	970	152	472	624	73	273	346
Dungloe	1,216	1,486	1,561	174	765	939	95	527	622
Killybegs	869	1,009	998	99	522	621	71	306	377
Letterkenny	2,514	3,416	3,627	605	1,667	2,272	429	926	1,355
Leitrim	1,391	2,000	2,104	250	1,051	1,301	154	649	803
Carrick-on-Shannon	1,017	1,494	1,558	185	775	960	114	484	598
Manorhamilton	374	506	546	65	276	341	40	165	205
Louth	7,204	9,324	9,741	1,398	4,799	6,197	803	2,741	3,544
Ardee	865	1,166	1,253	198	588	786	114	353	467
Drogheda	3,376	4,381	4,544	631	2,193	2,824	360	1,360	1,720
Dundalk	2,963	3,777	3,944	569	2,018	2,587	329	1,028	1,357
Monaghan	2,359	3,568	3,647	456	1,716	2,172	356	1,119	1,475
Carrickmacross	598	872	905	113	392	505	94	306	400
Castleblayney	706	939	969	113	447	560	109	300	409
Clones	250	473	449	62	215	277	49	123	172
Monaghan	805	1,284	1,324	168	662	830	104	390	494
Sligo	2,209	3,035	3,231	453	1,616	2,069	301	861	1,162
Sligo	1,825	2,413	2,582	392	1,298	1,690	238	654	892
Tubbercurry	384	622	649	61	318	379	63	207	270
Midland	12,660	17,756	18,492	2,764	8,752	11,516	1,800	5,176	6,976
Laoighis	2,663	4,251	4,437	692	2,111	2,803	455	1,179	1,634
Portllington	1,030	1,669	1,745	302	773	1,075	201	469	670
Portlaoise	1,200	1,963	2,070	294	1,055	1,349	190	531	721
Rathdowney	433	619	622	96	283	379	64	179	243
Longford	2,388	3,209	3,286	476	1,648	2,124	291	871	1,162
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Offaly	3,256	4,497	4,705	678	2,254	2,932	482	1,291	1,773
Birr	932	1,261	1,261	180	564	744	151	366	517
Edenderry	826	1,068	1,126	144	542	686	96	344	440
Tullamore	1,498	2,168	2,318	354	1,148	1,502	235	581	816
Westmeath	4,353	5,799	6,064	918	2,739	3,657	572	1,835	2,407
Athlone	1,727	2,252	2,352	357	1,046	1,403	224	725	949
Castlepollard	457	656	702	114	319	433	70	199	269
Mullingar	2,169	2,891	3,010	447	1,374	1,821	278	911	1,189
West	17,284	23,253	24,164	3,225	11,535	14,760	2,096	7,308	9,404
Galway	10,440	13,934	14,460	1,866	6,864	8,730	1,309	4,421	5,730
Ballinasloe	987	1,363	1,449	228	678	906	109	434	543
Clifden	596	765	786	99	406	505	68	213	281
Galway	6,185	8,188	8,443	1,091	3,996	5,087	847	2,509	3,356
Gort	618	790	832	95	343	438	64	330	394
Loughrea	773	1,073	1,127	116	542	658	98	371	469
Tuam	1,281	1,755	1,823	237	899	1,136	123	564	687

Table 3 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age Group and Local Office of Registration

-continued NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	Males						Females		
	August 2007	July 2008	August 2008	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	5,305	7,137	7,447	1,045	3,568	4,613	607	2,227	2,834
Achill	241	302	312	48	166	214	19	79	98
Ballina	1,445	1,842	1,964	305	959	1,264	185	515	700
Ballinrobe	380	530	547	53	272	325	40	182	222
Belmullet	508	604	604	71	311	382	49	173	222
Castlebar	930	1,306	1,373	171	621	792	118	463	581
Claremorris	476	692	721	108	351	459	46	216	262
Swinford	764	1,037	1,076	165	480	645	97	334	431
Westport	561	824	850	124	408	532	53	265	318
Roscommon	1,539	2,182	2,257	314	1,103	1,417	180	660	840
Boyle	404	562	575	87	256	343	51	181	232
Castlereagh	685	1,009	1,053	133	527	660	89	304	393
Roscommon	450	611	629	94	320	414	40	175	215
Southern and Eastern	119,299	162,765	168,878	23,152	83,491	106,643	13,560	48,675	62,235
Dublin	43,568	56,109	58,128	8,216	29,422	37,638	4,490	16,000	20,490
Dublin	43,568	56,109	58,128	8,216	29,422	37,638	4,490	16,000	20,490
Bishop Square	3,687	4,684	4,873	611	2,588	3,199	322	1,352	1,674
Cumberland Street	5,336	6,536	6,737	908	3,428	4,336	505	1,896	2,401
Navan Road	2,710	3,465	3,591	489	1,914	2,403	285	903	1,188
Blanchardstown	3,772	5,064	5,218	688	2,491	3,179	455	1,584	2,039
Thomas Street	2,268	2,715	2,811	331	1,652	1,983	208	620	828
Tara Street	1,166	1,529	1,640	172	853	1,025	107	508	615
Tallaght	4,010	5,379	5,402	897	2,798	3,695	491	1,216	1,707
Ballymun	1,577	1,791	1,815	368	905	1,273	175	367	542
Clondalkin	3,842	5,172	5,467	881	2,692	3,573	520	1,374	1,894
Rathfarnham	2,125	2,843	2,948	332	1,315	1,647	163	1,138	1,301
Kilbarrack	2,339	2,964	3,053	407	1,518	1,925	168	960	1,128
Dun Laoghaire	2,875	3,742	3,980	396	1,944	2,340	190	1,450	1,640
Balbriggan	1,566	2,090	2,202	252	1,104	1,356	141	705	846
Ballyfermot	1,398	1,804	1,857	391	962	1,353	173	331	504
Finglas	2,461	3,375	3,484	565	1,767	2,332	327	825	1,152
Coolock	2,436	2,956	3,050	528	1,491	2,019	260	771	1,031
Mid-East	14,488	20,980	22,223	2,899	10,801	13,700	1,658	6,865	8,523
Kildare	6,187	9,096	9,538	1,290	4,570	5,860	764	2,914	3,678
Athy	1,028	1,428	1,453	213	717	930	115	408	523
Maynooth	1,855	2,783	2,896	376	1,246	1,622	251	1,023	1,274
Newbridge	3,304	4,885	5,189	701	2,607	3,308	398	1,483	1,881
Meath	3,549	5,320	5,777	703	2,783	3,486	446	1,845	2,291
Kells	632	940	1,013	125	492	617	92	304	396
Navan	1,917	2,785	3,074	394	1,530	1,924	205	945	1,150
Trim	1,000	1,595	1,690	184	761	945	149	596	745
Wicklow	4,752	6,564	6,908	906	3,448	4,354	448	2,106	2,554
Arklow	1,331	1,942	2,048	285	1,057	1,342	153	553	706
Baltinglass	526	781	798	107	385	492	74	232	306
Bray	2,002	2,663	2,819	349	1,353	1,702	143	974	1,117
Wicklow	893	1,178	1,243	165	653	818	78	347	425
Mid-West	15,415	21,067	22,093	3,036	10,582	13,618	1,925	6,550	8,475
Clare	4,479	6,023	6,283	808	2,950	3,758	486	2,039	2,525
Ennis	2,738	3,629	3,761	474	1,760	2,234	302	1,225	1,527
Ennistymon	617	878	902	101	432	533	57	312	369
Kilrush	622	787	829	133	373	506	71	252	323
Tulla	502	729	791	100	385	485	56	250	306
Limerick	8,362	11,448	12,048	1,737	5,969	7,706	1,091	3,251	4,342
Kilmallock	937	1,286	1,300	210	610	820	97	383	480
Limerick	6,282	8,530	8,970	1,277	4,467	5,744	837	2,389	3,226
Newcastle West	1,143	1,632	1,778	250	892	1,142	157	479	636

Table 3 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	August 2007	July 2008	August 2008	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,574	3,596	3,762	491	1,663	2,154	348	1,260	1,608
Nenagh	939	1,303	1,407	162	622	784	118	505	623
Roscrea	514	734	763	94	334	428	72	263	335
Thurles	1,121	1,559	1,592	235	707	942	158	492	650
South-East	22,284	32,234	32,724	4,724	15,957	20,681	2,835	9,208	12,043
Carlow	2,488	3,749	3,817	577	1,849	2,426	372	1,019	1,391
Bagenalstown	521	824	818	123	374	497	90	231	321
Carlow	1,392	2,082	2,155	344	1,085	1,429	208	518	726
Tullow	575	843	844	110	390	500	74	270	344
Kilkenny	2,715	3,954	4,133	563	2,125	2,688	354	1,091	1,445
Kilkenny	2,250	3,315	3,472	464	1,791	2,255	304	913	1,217
Thomastown	465	639	661	99	334	433	50	178	228
South Tipperary	3,233	4,572	4,810	786	2,424	3,210	402	1,198	1,600
Cahir	449	631	661	93	329	422	54	185	239
Carrick-on-Suir	915	1,278	1,319	211	685	896	92	331	423
Cashel	361	514	559	96	264	360	52	147	199
Clonmel	958	1,346	1,426	256	709	965	131	330	461
Tipperary	550	803	845	130	437	567	73	205	278
Waterford	6,846	9,738	9,397	1,308	4,570	5,878	759	2,760	3,519
Dungarvan	1,039	1,355	1,352	165	659	824	120	408	528
Waterford	5,807	8,383	8,045	1,143	3,911	5,054	639	2,352	2,991
Wexford	7,002	10,221	10,567	1,490	4,989	6,479	948	3,140	4,088
Enniscorthy	1,879	2,643	2,733	437	1,331	1,768	268	697	965
Gorey	1,323	2,003	2,106	267	967	1,234	174	698	872
New Ross	1,319	1,898	1,960	268	926	1,194	185	581	766
Wexford	2,481	3,677	3,768	518	1,765	2,283	321	1,164	1,485
South-West	23,544	32,375	33,710	4,277	16,729	21,006	2,652	10,052	12,704
Cork	17,142	23,581	24,464	3,143	12,162	15,305	1,912	7,247	9,159
Bandon	509	878	901	104	440	544	81	276	357
Bantry	334	489	521	41	222	263	30	228	258
Bantry (SWLO)	153	186	187	10	81	91	4	92	96
Carrigaline	725	1,163	1,176	138	565	703	79	394	473
Clonakilty	492	642	652	47	274	321	46	285	331
Cobh	420	539	570	71	279	350	57	163	220
Cork	8,375	11,338	11,900	1,773	6,277	8,050	983	2,867	3,850
Dunmanway ¹	201	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fermoy	1,055	1,470	1,538	212	724	936	110	492	602
Kinsale	561	758	800	57	332	389	42	369	411
Macroon	509	816	852	87	385	472	58	322	380
Mallow	929	1,291	1,319	203	647	850	128	341	469
Midleton	1,139	1,602	1,611	150	838	988	99	524	623
Newmarket	555	836	855	89	398	487	62	306	368
Skibbereen	371	537	544	40	218	258	38	248	286
Youghal	814	1,036	1,038	121	482	603	95	340	435
Kerry	6,402	8,794	9,246	1,134	4,567	5,701	740	2,805	3,545
Cahirciveen	280	386	392	41	191	232	17	143	160
Dingle	251	364	397	30	205	235	18	144	162
Kenmare	167	245	258	29	125	154	15	89	104
Killarney	902	1,306	1,409	182	629	811	132	466	598
Killorglin	389	613	658	59	350	409	40	209	249
Listowel	1,122	1,640	1,666	232	841	1,073	126	467	593
Tralee	3,291	4,240	4,466	561	2,226	2,787	392	1,287	1,679
State	174,206	238,240	247,384	34,262	121,057	155,319	20,774	71,291	92,065

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

Background Notes

Source and scope of the Live Register	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 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	<p>The reference periods for the Live register results are as follows: August 2008 – 26th July to the 29th August August 2007 – 28th July to the 31st August.</p>
Descriptive articles	<p>The compilation basis for the Live Register statistics from May 1992 onwards is described in the September 1992 issue of the <i>Statistical Bulletin</i>. 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 <i>Statistical Bulletin</i>.</p>
Unemployment statistics	<p>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).</p>
Casual and part-time workers	<p>The ‘casual and part-time workers’ figure is based on an estimate supplied by Department of Social and Family Affairs. People may apply for Jobseekers Benefit / Assistance if they only work for part of a week and be included on the Live Register.</p>
Live Register Area Analysis	<p>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.</p>

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		Southern and Eastern NUTS2 Region	
Border	Cavan Donegal Leitrim Louth Monaghan Sligo	Dublin	Dublin City Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Fingal South Dublin
Midland	Laoighis Longford Offaly Westmeath	Mid-East	Kildare Meath Wicklow
West	Galway City Galway County Mayo Roscommon	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