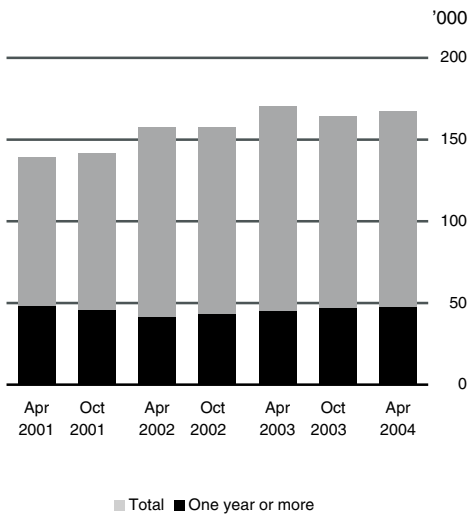




Live Register Age by Duration Analysis April 2004

Duration of Continuous Registration



	Under 1 year	1 year or more	Total
April 2003	125,450	44,834	170,284
October 2003	117,803	46,772	164,575
April 2004	119,817	47,239	167,056

Increase in both short-term and long-term claimants

The increase of 2,481 in the Live Register in the six months to April 2004 was comprised of an increase of 2,014 (+1.7%) in short-term claimants and an increase of 467 (+1.0%) for persons signing on for one year or more.

In April 2004, 28.3% of all claimants were long-term, which compares to 28.4% in October 2003 and 26.3% in April 2003. *See table 1 and graph.*

Other features include:

- ◆ Of all persons on the Live Register, 32.6% of males and 22.1% of females were long-term claimants. *See table 1.*
- ◆ In the year to April 2004, the number of short-term claimants decreased by 5,633 while long-term claimants increased by 2,405. *See table 1.*
- ◆ In the six months to April 2004, the number of males signing on increased in all age groups. Overall the number of males increased by 2,248 (+2.3%). Males aged 35-44 (+3.1%) showed the largest percentage increase, while those aged 45-54 (+0.1%) showed the lowest increase. Overall the number of females increased by 233 (+0.3%). Females aged 55-59 (+6.3%) showed the largest increase, while those aged 20-24 (-4.4%) showed the largest decrease. *See table 2.*
- ◆ For all persons making claims for one year or more the largest percentages are among the 25-34 (25.7%) and 45-54 (25.1%) age groups. Those aged under 20 years (2.0%) and those aged 60-64 (4.8%) show the lowest percentages. *See table 5a.*
- ◆ Of all persons making claims for under 1 year, the largest percentages are among the 25-34 (28.3%) and 35-44 (22.3%) age groups. Those aged 60-64 (4.6%) and those aged under 20 years (5.6%) had the lowest percentages. *See table 5a.*
- ◆ There were 37.5% (62,709) of all claimants on the Live Register for less than three months and 11.2% (18,772) of all claimants registered for 3 years or more. *See table 5b.*

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 Unemployment Assistance or Benefit. Unemployment is measured by the Quarterly National Household Survey and the latest figure for March to May 2004 is 84,200 persons unemployed.

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Table 1 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex and Duration of Continuous Registration

Sex/Duration	October 2001	April 2002	October 2002	April 2003	October 2003	April 2004
Males						
Less than one year	53,472	67,867	64,586	69,822	64,449	66,197
One year or more	30,061	27,736	29,107	30,468	31,489	31,989
Total	83,533	95,603	93,693	100,290	95,938	98,186
Females						
Less than one year	42,628	48,596	50,106	55,628	53,354	53,620
One year or more	15,342	13,293	13,866	14,366	15,283	15,250
Total	57,970	61,889	63,972	69,994	68,637	68,870
All Persons						
Less than one year	96,100	116,463	114,692	125,450	117,803	119,817
One year or more	45,403	41,029	42,973	44,834	46,772	47,239
Total	141,503	157,492	157,665	170,284	164,575	167,056

Table 2 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex and Age

Sex/Age	October 2001	April 2002	October 2002	April 2003	October 2003	April 2004
Males						
Under 20 years	3,067	3,956	3,762	4,143	3,937	4,028
20 - 24 years	11,222	14,093	13,454	14,581	13,964	14,376
25 - 34 years	21,514	26,585	25,774	27,793	25,718	26,462
35 - 44 years	18,495	20,484	20,157	21,494	20,929	21,586
45 - 54 years	18,012	19,206	18,740	19,697	19,108	19,127
55 - 59 years	6,736	6,713	7,012	7,451	7,274	7,455
60 - 64 years	4,487	4,566	4,794	5,131	5,008	5,152
Total	83,533	95,603	93,693	100,290	95,938	98,186
Females						
Under 20 years	2,652	3,109	3,147	3,453	3,550	3,559
20 - 24 years	8,156	8,908	9,526	9,882	10,316	9,857
25 - 34 years	15,984	17,832	18,245	19,270	18,718	18,418
35 - 44 years	15,036	15,823	16,100	17,736	17,189	17,238
45 - 54 years	10,433	10,630	10,942	12,656	12,141	12,737
55 - 59 years	3,611	3,538	3,811	4,401	4,202	4,467
60 - 64 years	2,098	2,049	2,201	2,596	2,521	2,594
Total	57,970	61,889	63,972	69,994	68,637	68,870
All Persons						
Under 20 years	5,719	7,065	6,909	7,596	7,487	7,587
20 - 24 years	19,378	23,001	22,980	24,463	24,280	24,233
25 - 34 years	37,498	44,417	44,019	47,063	44,436	44,880
35 - 44 years	33,531	36,307	36,257	39,230	38,118	38,824
45 - 54 years	28,445	29,836	29,682	32,353	31,249	31,864
55 - 59 years	10,347	10,251	10,823	11,852	11,476	11,922
60 - 64 years	6,585	6,615	6,995	7,727	7,529	7,746
Total	141,503	157,492	157,665	170,284	164,575	167,056

Table 3 Persons on the Live Register in each Regional Authority classified by Sex and Duration of Continuous Registration, April 2004

Sex/Duration	Border	Dublin	Mid-East	Midland	Mid-West	South-East	South-West	West	Total
Males									
Less than one year	10,037	18,590	5,149	3,958	5,823	8,106	8,502	6,032	66,197
One year or more	4,993	8,837	1,968	1,648	2,492	4,130	4,634	3,287	31,989
Total	15,030	27,427	7,117	5,606	8,315	12,236	13,136	9,319	98,186
Females									
Less than one year	7,844	12,704	4,593	3,764	4,957	7,033	7,654	5,071	53,620
One year or more	2,484	3,510	1,075	974	1,348	2,201	1,963	1,695	15,250
Total	10,328	16,214	5,668	4,738	6,305	9,234	9,617	6,766	68,870
All Persons									
Less than one year	17,881	31,294	9,742	7,722	10,780	15,139	16,156	11,103	119,817
One year or more	7,477	12,347	3,043	2,622	3,840	6,331	6,597	4,982	47,239
Total	25,358	43,641	12,785	10,344	14,620	21,470	22,753	16,085	167,056

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register in each Regional Authority classified by Age and Sex, April 2004

Sex/Age	Border	Dublin	Mid-East	Midland	Mid-West	South-East	South-West	West	Total
Males									
Under 20 years	639	1,245	285	262	342	554	416	285	4,028
20 - 24 years	2,226	4,344	1,042	879	1,227	1,835	1,674	1,149	14,376
25 - 34 years	3,792	8,328	1,870	1,400	2,316	3,086	3,372	2,298	26,462
35 - 44 years	3,452	5,825	1,522	1,224	1,837	2,739	2,900	2,087	21,586
45 - 54 years	3,117	4,313	1,342	1,082	1,583	2,622	2,933	2,135	19,127
55 - 59 years	1,148	1,903	598	448	572	840	1,129	817	7,455
60 - 64 years	656	1,469	458	311	438	560	712	548	5,152
Total	15,030	27,427	7,117	5,606	8,315	12,236	13,136	9,319	98,186
Females									
Under 20 years	595	946	266	318	300	495	409	230	3,559
20 - 24 years	1,613	2,329	724	679	868	1,413	1,308	923	9,857
25 - 34 years	2,732	4,399	1,598	1,228	1,692	2,506	2,521	1,742	18,418
35 - 44 years	2,567	3,712	1,468	1,213	1,737	2,333	2,457	1,751	17,238
45 - 54 years	1,862	2,780	1,003	876	1,134	1,740	1,900	1,442	12,737
55 - 59 years	619	1,190	388	278	385	492	694	421	4,467
60 - 64 years	340	858	221	146	189	255	328	257	2,594
Total	10,328	16,214	5,668	4,738	6,305	9,234	9,617	6,766	68,870
All Persons									
Under 20 years	1,234	2,191	551	580	642	1,049	825	515	7,587
20 - 24 years	3,839	6,673	1,766	1,558	2,095	3,248	2,982	2,072	24,233
25 - 34 years	6,524	12,727	3,468	2,628	4,008	5,592	5,893	4,040	44,880
35 - 44 years	6,019	9,537	2,990	2,437	3,574	5,072	5,357	3,838	38,824
45 - 54 years	4,979	7,093	2,345	1,958	2,717	4,362	4,833	3,577	31,864
55 - 59 years	1,767	3,093	986	726	957	1,332	1,823	1,238	11,922
60 - 64 years	996	2,327	679	457	627	815	1,040	805	7,746
Total	25,358	43,641	12,785	10,344	14,620	21,470	22,753	16,085	167,056

Table 5a Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age and Duration of Continuous Registration, April 2004

Sex/Age	Duration of Continuous Registration		Total
	Under 1 year	1 year or more	
Males			
Under 20 years	3,538	490	4,028
20 - 24 years	11,224	3,152	14,376
25 - 34 years	18,717	7,745	26,462
35 - 44 years	13,813	7,773	21,586
45 - 54 years	10,749	8,378	19,127
55 - 59 years	4,638	2,817	7,455
60 - 64 years	3,518	1,634	5,152
Total	66,197	31,989	98,186
Females			
Under 20 years	3,127	432	3,559
20 - 24 years	7,832	2,025	9,857
25 - 34 years	15,139	3,279	18,418
35 - 44 years	12,876	4,362	17,238
45 - 54 years	9,270	3,467	12,737
55 - 59 years	3,397	1,070	4,467
60 - 64 years	1,979	615	2,594
Total	53,620	15,250	68,870
All Persons			
Under 20 years	6,665	922	7,587
20 - 24 years	19,056	5,177	24,233
25 - 34 years	33,856	11,024	44,880
35 - 44 years	26,689	12,135	38,824
45 - 54 years	20,019	11,845	31,864
55 - 59 years	8,035	3,887	11,922
60 - 64 years	5,497	2,249	7,746
Total	119,817	47,239	167,056

Table 5b Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age and Duration of Continuous Registration (Detailed), April 2004

Sex/Age	Duration of Continuous Registration						Total
	Under 3 months	3 - < 6 months	6 - < 12 months	1 - < 2 years	2 - < 3 years	3 years and over	
Males							
Under 20 years	1,797	889	852	490	0	0	4,028
20 - 24 years	5,746	2,723	2,755	1,735	813	604	14,376
25 - 34 years	9,432	4,397	4,888	3,591	1,501	2,653	26,462
35 - 44 years	6,766	3,103	3,944	3,120	1,418	3,235	21,586
45 - 54 years	5,179	2,494	3,076	2,546	1,197	4,635	19,127
55 - 59 years	2,237	1,032	1,369	961	348	1,508	7,455
60 - 64 years	1,673	844	1,001	729	210	695	5,152
Total	32,830	15,482	17,885	13,172	5,487	13,330	98,186
Females							
Under 20 years	1,516	800	811	431	1	0	3,559
20 - 24 years	4,376	1,566	1,890	1,163	497	365	9,857
25 - 34 years	8,376	3,140	3,623	1,885	495	899	18,418
35 - 44 years	7,067	2,510	3,299	1,936	633	1,793	17,238
45 - 54 years	5,438	1,678	2,154	1,262	461	1,744	12,737
55 - 59 years	1,967	584	846	496	146	428	4,467
60 - 64 years	1,139	360	480	300	102	213	2,594
Total	29,879	10,638	13,103	7,473	2,335	5,442	68,870
All Persons							
Under 20 years	3,313	1,689	1,663	921	1	0	7,587
20 - 24 years	10,122	4,289	4,645	2,898	1,310	969	24,233
25 - 34 years	17,808	7,537	8,511	5,476	1,996	3,552	44,880
35 - 44 years	13,833	5,613	7,243	5,056	2,051	5,028	38,824
45 - 54 years	10,617	4,172	5,230	3,808	1,658	6,379	31,864
55 - 59 years	4,204	1,616	2,215	1,457	494	1,936	11,922
60 - 64 years	2,812	1,204	1,481	1,029	312	908	7,746
Total	62,709	26,120	30,988	20,645	7,822	18,772	167,056

Table 6a Persons on the Live Register classified by Type of Claim, Age and Duration of Continuous Registration, April 2004

Type of Claim and Age	Duration of Continuous Registration						Total
	Under 3 months	3 - < 6 months	6 - < 12 months	1 - < 2 years	2 - < 3 years	3 years and over	
Unemployment Benefit							
Under 20 years	670	317	237	63	0	0	1,287
20 - 24 years	5,474	2,165	1,948	540	3	0	10,130
25 - 34 years	11,101	4,478	4,545	1,436	9	4	21,573
35 - 44 years	9,093	3,406	3,976	1,322	6	3	17,806
45 - 54 years	7,136	2,504	2,872	1,020	10	0	13,542
55 - 59 years	2,771	1,025	1,289	496	6	0	5,587
60 - 64 years	1,961	805	995	407	6	0	4,174
Total	38,206	14,700	15,862	5,284	40	7	74,099
Unemployment Assistance							
Under 20 years	2,632	1,369	1,424	858	1	0	6,284
20 - 24 years	4,585	2,110	2,673	2,344	1,304	969	13,985
25 - 34 years	6,290	2,862	3,723	3,826	1,876	3,413	21,990
35 - 44 years	4,016	1,757	2,673	3,074	1,685	3,986	17,191
45 - 54 years	2,882	1,252	1,808	2,268	1,378	5,546	15,134
55 - 59 years	1,073	367	582	657	373	1,705	4,757
60 - 64 years	586	189	255	354	190	743	2,317
Total	22,064	9,906	13,138	13,381	6,807	16,362	81,658
Other Registrants							
Under 20 years	11	3	2	0	0	0	16
20 - 24 years	63	14	24	14	3	0	118
25 - 34 years	417	197	243	214	111	135	1,317
35 - 44 years	724	450	594	660	360	1,039	3,827
45 - 54 years	599	416	550	520	270	833	3,188
55 - 59 years	360	224	344	304	115	231	1,578
60 - 64 years	265	210	231	268	116	165	1,255
Total	2,439	1,514	1,988	1,980	975	2,403	11,299

Table 6b Number of Males on the Live Register classified by Type of Claim, Age and Duration of Continuous Registration, April 2004

Type of Claim and Age	Duration of Continuous Registration						Total
	Under 3 months	3 - < 6 months	6 - < 12 months	1 - < 2 years	2 - < 3 years	3 years and over	
Unemployment Benefit							
Under 20 years	369	178	100	27	0	0	674
20 - 24 years	3,095	1,332	1,094	280	0	0	5,801
25 - 34 years	5,095	2,296	2,100	601	3	3	10,098
35 - 44 years	3,721	1,656	1,770	564	0	1	7,712
45 - 54 years	3,001	1,380	1,506	568	1	0	6,456
55 - 59 years	1,332	631	782	283	2	0	3,030
60 - 64 years	1,111	569	673	274	2	0	2,629
Total	17,724	8,042	8,025	2,597	8	4	36,400
Unemployment Assistance							
Under 20 years	1,423	709	751	463	0	0	3,346
20 - 24 years	2,634	1,384	1,656	1,454	813	604	8,545
25 - 34 years	4,289	2,084	2,773	2,979	1,491	2,648	16,264
35 - 44 years	2,959	1,388	2,128	2,513	1,401	3,202	13,591
45 - 54 years	2,001	986	1,403	1,822	1,120	4,472	11,804
55 - 59 years	739	286	433	541	294	1,426	3,719
60 - 64 years	409	159	201	298	148	624	1,839
Total	14,454	6,996	9,345	10,070	5,267	12,976	59,108
Other Registrants							
Under 20 years	5	2	1	0	0	0	8
20 - 24 years	17	7	5	1	0	0	30
25 - 34 years	48	17	15	11	7	2	100
35 - 44 years	86	59	46	43	17	32	283
45 - 54 years	177	128	167	156	76	163	867
55 - 59 years	166	115	154	137	52	82	706
60 - 64 years	153	116	127	157	60	71	684
Total	652	444	515	505	212	350	2,678

Table 6c Number of Females on the Live Register classified by Type of Claim, Age and Duration of Continuous Registration, April 2004

Type of Claim and Age	Duration of Continuous Registration						Total
	Under 3 months	3 - < 6 months	6 - < 12 months	1 - < 2 years	2 - < 3 years	3 years and over	
Unemployment Benefit							
Under 20 years	301	139	137	36	0	0	613
20 - 24 years	2,379	833	854	260	3	0	4,329
25 - 34 years	6,006	2,182	2,445	835	6	1	11,475
35 - 44 years	5,372	1,750	2,206	758	6	2	10,094
45 - 54 years	4,135	1,124	1,366	452	9	0	7,086
55 - 59 years	1,439	394	507	213	4	0	2,557
60 - 64 years	850	236	322	133	4	0	1,545
Total	20,482	6,658	7,837	2,687	32	3	37,699
Unemployment Assistance							
Under 20 years	1,209	660	673	395	1	0	2,938
20 - 24 years	1,951	726	1,017	890	491	365	5,440
25 - 34 years	2,001	778	950	847	385	765	5,726
35 - 44 years	1,057	369	545	561	284	784	3,600
45 - 54 years	881	266	405	446	258	1,074	3,330
55 - 59 years	334	81	149	116	79	279	1,038
60 - 64 years	177	30	54	56	42	119	478
Total	7,610	2,910	3,793	3,311	1,540	3,386	22,550
Other Registrants							
Under 20 years	6	1	1	0	0	0	8
20 - 24 years	46	7	19	13	3	0	88
25 - 34 years	369	180	228	203	104	133	1,217
35 - 44 years	638	391	548	617	343	1,007	3,544
45 - 54 years	422	288	383	364	194	670	2,321
55 - 59 years	194	109	190	167	63	149	872
60 - 64 years	112	94	104	111	56	94	571
Total	1,787	1,070	1,473	1,475	763	2,053	8,621

Table 7 Persons on the Live Register in each Regional Authority classified by Sex and Duration of Continuous Registration, April 2004

Regional Authority	Duration of Continuous Registration						Total
	Under 3 months	3 - < 6 months	6 - < 12 months	1 - < 2 years	2 - < 3 years	3 years and over	
Border							
Males	5,203	2,116	2,718	1,853	827	2,313	15,030
Females	4,558	1,455	1,831	1,096	373	1,015	10,328
Total	9,761	3,571	4,549	2,949	1,200	3,328	25,358
Dublin							
Males	8,641	4,597	5,352	3,999	1,556	3,282	27,427
Females	6,441	2,856	3,407	2,033	505	972	16,214
Total	15,082	7,453	8,759	6,032	2,061	4,254	43,641
Mid-East							
Males	2,524	1,276	1,349	906	381	681	7,117
Females	2,413	981	1,199	678	132	265	5,668
Total	4,937	2,257	2,548	1,584	513	946	12,785
Midland							
Males	2,023	911	1,024	721	290	637	5,606
Females	2,113	728	923	475	161	338	4,738
Total	4,136	1,639	1,947	1,196	451	975	10,344
Mid-West							
Males	2,949	1,368	1,506	1,139	484	869	8,315
Females	2,781	955	1,221	668	217	463	6,305
Total	5,730	2,323	2,727	1,807	701	1,332	14,620
South-East							
Males	4,197	1,877	2,032	1,541	726	1,863	12,236
Females	4,217	1,254	1,562	872	376	953	9,234
Total	8,414	3,131	3,594	2,413	1,102	2,816	21,470
South-West							
Males	4,453	1,926	2,123	1,742	708	2,184	13,136
Females	4,678	1,335	1,641	936	296	731	9,617
Total	9,131	3,261	3,764	2,678	1,004	2,915	22,753
West							
Males	2,840	1,411	1,781	1,271	515	1,501	9,319
Females	2,678	1,074	1,319	715	275	705	6,766
Total	5,518	2,485	3,100	1,986	790	2,206	16,085
State							
Males	32,830	15,482	17,885	13,172	5,487	13,330	98,186
Females	29,879	10,638	13,103	7,473	2,335	5,442	68,870
Total	62,709	26,120	30,988	20,645	7,822	18,772	167,056

Background Notes

Source and scope of the Live Register	<p>Live Register statistics are compiled from returns made directly to the Central Statistics Office by each local office of the Department of Social and Family Affairs. The Live Register comprises persons under 65 years of age in the following classes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All Claimants for Unemployment Benefit (UB) excluding systematic short-time workers; ● Applicants for Unemployment Assistance (UA) excluding smallholders and self-employed persons; ● Other registrants including applicants for credited Social Welfare contributions but excluding those directly involved in an industrial dispute.
Age by Duration Analysis	<p>The monthly Live Register statistics relate to the situation on the last Friday of the month.</p> <p>The current series of half-yearly age by duration analyses of the Live Register was introduced in April 1989. At that time, January and July age analyses which did not cover duration were discontinued and more detailed duration categories were included in the April and October statistics. The age by duration analysis usually relates to the second-last Friday of April and October. The totals in the release are therefore, normally close but not identical to the corresponding end-of-month Live Register totals.</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>Unemployment is measured by the Quarterly National Household Survey (formerly the annual Labour Force Survey). 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 Unemployment Assistance or Unemployment Benefit.</p>
NUTS2 and NUTS3 regions	<p>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. <i>See overleaf.</i></p>

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 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