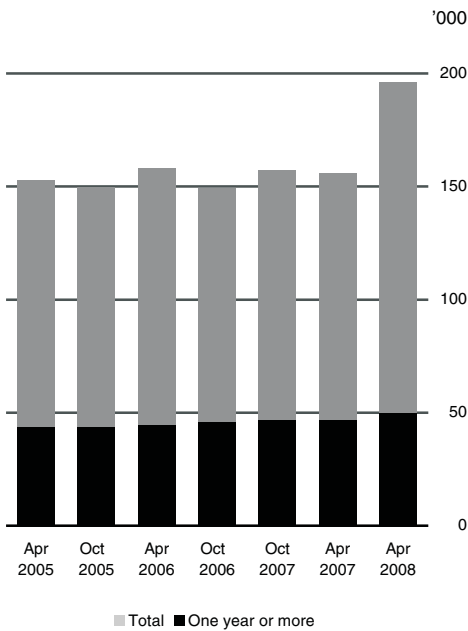




Live Register Age by Duration April 2008

Duration of Continuous Registration



	Under 1 year	1 year or more	Total
April 2007	109,371	46,596	155,967
October 2007	110,612	46,774	157,386
April 2008	146,833	49,555	196,388

Short term claimants increase by 34.3% in year to April 2008

There was an increase of 37,462 (+34.3%) in short term claimants on the Live Register in the year to April 2008. This represented over ninety percent of the total increase on the Live Register over the year. Almost all (36,221) of this increase occurred between October 2007 and April 2008. *See table 1 and graph opposite.*

The number of long term claimants increased by 2,959 (+6.4%) in the year to April 2008, with 2,781 of the increase occurring between October 2007 and April 2008. *See table 1 and graph opposite.*

In the six months to April 2008, the number of short term male claimants increased by 28,412 (+44.2%), while the comparable increase for females was 7,809 (+16.9%). *See table 1.*

Other features include:

- ◆ In April 2008 74.8% of all claimants on the Live Register were short term, an increase from 70.3% in October 2007. *See table 1.*
- ◆ In the six months to April 2008, the number of long term male claimants increased by 2,543 (+7.8%), while the comparable increase for females was 238 (+1.7%). *See table 1.*
- ◆ The largest percentage increases in male claimants occurred in the 20-24 and 25-34 age groups, both of which increased by just under 40% in the six months to April 2008. *See table 2.*
- ◆ Among female claimants the largest percentage increase in the six months to April 2008 occurred in the 25-34 age group (+17.4%). *See table 2.*
- ◆ For short term claimants, there were increases in all age groups over the six month period. The largest percentage change was among the 25-34 year age group (+40.4%) . Those aged 60-64 (+24.0%) had the lowest percentage change. *See table 3a.*
- ◆ The largest percentage change for long term claimants over the six month period was among the 55-59 year age group (+14.4%), while those aged under 20 years (-3.3%) showed the only percentage decrease. *See table 3b.*

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 September to November 2007 is 101,000 persons unemployed.

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

Sex/Duration	April 2007	October 2007	April 2008	Oct 07 -Apr 08	Annual
	'000			% change	
Males					
Less than one year	61,879	64,272	92,684	+ 44.2	+ 49.8
One year or more	32,757	32,638	35,181	+ 7.8	+ 7.4
Total	94,636	96,910	127,865	+ 31.9	+ 35.1
Females					
Less than one year	47,492	46,340	54,149	+ 16.9	+ 14.0
One year or more	13,839	14,136	14,374	+ 1.7	+ 3.9
Total	61,331	60,476	68,523	+ 13.3	+ 11.7
All Persons					
Less than one year	109,371	110,612	146,833	+ 32.7	+ 34.3
One year or more	46,596	46,774	49,555	+ 5.9	+ 6.4
Total	155,967	157,386	196,388	+ 24.8	+ 25.9

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

Sex/Age	April 2007	October 2007	April 2008	Oct 07 -Apr 08	Annual
	'000			% Change	
Males					
Under 20 years	4,255	4,281	5,679	+ 32.7	+ 33.5
20 - 24 years	14,309	15,193	21,148	+ 39.2	+ 47.8
25 - 34 years	25,992	27,257	37,937	+ 39.2	+ 46.0
35 - 44 years	21,094	21,282	27,594	+ 29.7	+ 30.8
45 - 54 years	17,465	17,501	21,273	+ 21.6	+ 21.8
55 - 59 years	6,386	6,273	7,869	+ 25.4	+ 23.2
60 - 64 years	5,135	5,123	6,365	+ 24.2	+ 24.0
Total	94,636	96,910	127,865	+ 31.9	+ 35.1
Females					
Under 20 years	3,265	3,203	3,560	+ 11.1	+ 9.0
20 - 24 years	8,870	9,474	10,697	+ 12.9	+ 20.6
25 - 34 years	15,447	15,372	18,050	+ 17.4	+ 16.9
35 - 44 years	14,172	13,716	15,189	+ 10.7	+ 7.2
45 - 54 years	11,802	11,140	12,310	+ 10.5	+ 4.3
55 - 59 years	4,567	4,330	5,010	+ 15.7	+ 9.7
60 - 64 years	3,208	3,241	3,707	+ 14.4	+ 15.6
Total	61,331	60,476	68,523	+ 13.3	+ 11.7
All Persons					
Under 20 years	7,520	7,484	9,239	+ 23.5	+ 22.9
20 - 24 years	23,179	24,667	31,845	+ 29.1	+ 37.4
25 - 34 years	41,439	42,629	55,987	+ 31.3	+ 35.1
35 - 44 years	35,266	34,998	42,783	+ 22.2	+ 21.3
45 - 54 years	29,267	28,641	33,583	+ 17.3	+ 14.7
55 - 59 years	10,953	10,603	12,879	+ 21.5	+ 17.6
60 - 64 years	8,343	8,364	10,072	+ 20.4	+ 20.7
Total	155,967	157,386	196,388	+ 24.8	+ 25.9

Table 3a Persons on the Live Register Under 1 year Duration of Continuous Registration classified by Sex and Age

Sex/Age	Under 1 Year				
	'000			% change	
	April 2007	October 2007	April 2008	Oct 07-Apr 08	Annual
Males					
Under 20 years	3,727	3,682	5,082	+ 38.0	+ 36.4
20 - 24 years	10,669	11,472	16,920	+ 47.5	+ 58.6
25 - 34 years	17,849	19,052	29,140	+ 52.9	+ 63.3
35 - 44 years	13,054	13,246	18,956	+ 43.1	+ 45.2
45 - 54 years	9,303	9,447	12,921	+ 36.8	+ 38.9
55 - 59 years	3,904	3,908	5,125	+ 31.1	+ 31.3
60 - 64 years	3,373	3,465	4,540	+ 31.0	+ 34.6
Total	61,879	64,272	92,684	+ 44.2	+ 49.8
Females					
Under 20 years	2,824	2,765	3,154	+ 14.1	+ 11.7
20 - 24 years	6,738	7,241	8,412	+ 16.2	+ 24.8
25 - 34 years	12,624	12,453	15,085	+ 21.1	+ 19.5
35 - 44 years	10,940	10,435	11,909	+ 14.1	+ 8.9
45 - 54 years	8,488	7,816	9,061	+ 15.9	+ 6.8
55 - 59 years	3,443	3,185	3,740	+ 17.4	+ 8.6
60 - 64 years	2,435	2,445	2,788	+ 14.0	+ 14.5
Total	47,492	46,340	54,149	+ 16.9	+ 14.0
All Persons					
Under 20 years	6,551	6,447	8,236	+ 27.7	+ 25.7
20 - 24 years	17,407	18,713	25,332	+ 35.4	+ 45.5
25 - 34 years	30,473	31,505	44,225	+ 40.4	+ 45.1
35 - 44 years	23,994	23,681	30,865	+ 30.3	+ 28.6
45 - 54 years	17,791	17,263	21,982	+ 27.3	+ 23.6
55 - 59 years	7,347	7,093	8,865	+ 25.0	+ 20.7
60 - 64 years	5,808	5,910	7,328	+ 24.0	+ 26.2
Total	109,371	110,612	146,833	+ 32.7	+ 34.3

Table 3b Persons on the Live Register with 1 year or more Duration of Continuous Registration classified by Sex and Age

Sex/Age	1 Year or more				
	'000			% change	
	April 2007	October 2007	April 2008	Oct 07-Apr 08	Annual
Males					
Under 20 years	528	599	597	- 0.3	+ 13.1
20 - 24 years	3,640	3,721	4,228	+ 13.6	+ 16.2
25 - 34 years	8,143	8,205	8,797	+ 7.2	+ 8.0
35 - 44 years	8,040	8,036	8,638	+ 7.5	+ 7.4
45 - 54 years	8,162	8,054	8,352	+ 3.7	+ 2.3
55 - 59 years	2,482	2,365	2,744	+ 16.0	+ 10.6
60 - 64 years	1,762	1,658	1,825	+ 10.1	+ 3.6
Total	32,757	32,638	35,181	+ 7.8	+ 7.4
Females					
Under 20 years	441	438	406	- 7.3	- 7.9
20 - 24 years	2,132	2,233	2,285	+ 2.3	+ 7.2
25 - 34 years	2,823	2,919	2,965	+ 1.6	+ 5.0
35 - 44 years	3,232	3,281	3,280	+ 0.0	+ 1.5
45 - 54 years	3,314	3,324	3,249	- 2.3	- 2.0
55 - 59 years	1,124	1,145	1,270	+ 10.9	+ 13.0
60 - 64 years	773	796	919	+ 15.5	+ 18.9
Total	13,839	14,136	14,374	+ 1.7	+ 3.9
All Persons					
Under 20 years	969	1,037	1,003	- 3.3	+ 3.5
20 - 24 years	5,772	5,954	6,513	+ 9.4	+ 12.8
25 - 34 years	10,966	11,124	11,762	+ 5.7	+ 7.3
35 - 44 years	11,272	11,317	11,918	+ 5.3	+ 5.7
45 - 54 years	11,476	11,378	11,601	+ 2.0	+ 1.1
55 - 59 years	3,606	3,510	4,014	+ 14.4	+ 11.3
60 - 64 years	2,535	2,454	2,744	+ 11.8	+ 8.2
Total	46,596	46,774	49,555	+ 5.9	+ 6.4

Background Notes

Source and scope of the Live Register

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:

- 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.

The monthly Live Register statistics relate to the situation on the last Friday of the month.

Age by Duration Analysis

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.

Tables by more detailed duration and region, as well as time series, can be found in the Labour Market section of the CSO website www.cso.ie

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

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 Jobseekers Benefit or Jobseekers Allowance.

NUTS2 and NUTS3 regions

Regional analysis can now be found in the additional tables on the CSO website www.cso.ie.

The Regional classifications 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. See *overleaf*.

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