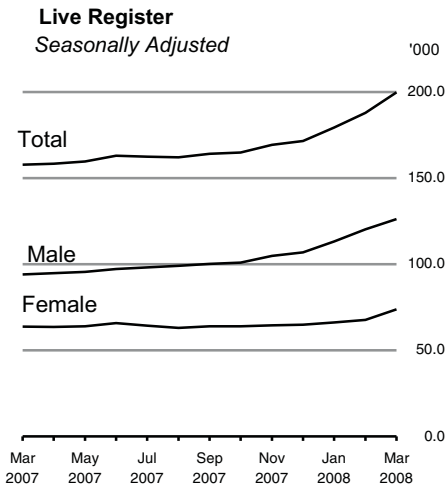




## Live Register March 2008



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
<b>March 2007</b>	155,869	157,800
<b>February 2008</b>	189,485	187,900
<b>March 2008</b>	197,992	199,900
<b>Change in month</b>	+8,507	+12,000
<b>Change in year</b>	+42,123	+42,100

### Seasonally Adjusted Live Register increases by 12,000 in March

The seasonally adjusted Live Register total increased from 187,900 in February to 199,900 in March, an increase of 12,000. This compares with an increase of 8,500 in February. *See table 2a and graph opposite.*

In the year to March 2008, there was an unadjusted increase of 42,123 (+27.0%). This compares with an unadjusted increase of 30,086 (+18.9%) in the year to February 2008.

Other features include:

- ◆ The monthly increase in the Seasonally Adjusted series consisted of increases of 6,000 for both males and females. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in March 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 10,000 males and 13,917 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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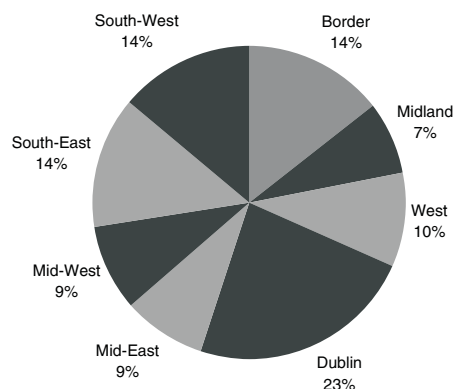
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## Live Register by Regional Authority



	March 2008	Monthly Change	Annual Change
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>62,433</b>	<b>+ 2,487</b>	<b>+ 13,789</b>
Border	28,653	+ 1,220	+ 5,926
Midland	14,816	+ 601	+ 4,025
West	18,964	+ 666	+ 3,838
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>135,559</b>	<b>+ 6,020</b>	<b>+ 28,334</b>
Dublin	46,505	+ 1,888	+ 7,584
Mid-East	17,010	+ 730	+ 4,332
Mid-West	17,538	+ 790	+ 3,843
South-East	27,254	+ 1,827	+ 6,756
South-West	27,252	+ 785	+ 5,819
<b>Total</b>	<b>197,992</b>	<b>+ 8,507</b>	<b>+ 42,123</b>

## Unadjusted monthly increases in all regions

There was an unadjusted monthly increase of 8,507 (+4.5%) on the Live Register in March 2008, which reflected increases in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the South-East region (+7.2%) while the smallest percentage increase was in the South-West region (+3.0%).

Other features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males increased in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the South-East region (+6.8%), while the smallest percentage increase was in the South-West region (+2.4%).
- ◆ The number of females increased in all regions. The largest percentage increases were in the Mid-West and South-East regions (both +7.8%), while the smallest percentage increase was in the West region (+3.5%).
- ◆ Amongst counties, the largest percentage increases were in Waterford (+13.5%) and Roscommon (+9.9%). The only percentage decrease was in Kerry (-0.2%). See tables 4 and 6.

**Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register**

Category	March 2007	February 2008	March 2008	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
JB Claims	30,760	48,263	51,090	+ 2,827	+ 20,330
JA Applications	61,503	71,441	73,047	+ 1,606	+ 11,544
Other Registrants	2,527	2,816	2,883	+ 67	+ 356
<b>Total</b>	<b>94,790</b>	<b>122,520</b>	<b>127,020</b>	<b>+ 4,500</b>	<b>+ 32,230</b>
<b>Females</b>					
JB Claims	31,011	34,566	37,908	+ 3,342	+ 6,897
JA Applications	23,493	25,762	26,276	+ 514	+ 2,783
Other Registrants	6,575	6,637	6,788	+ 151	+ 213
<b>Total</b>	<b>61,079</b>	<b>66,965</b>	<b>70,972</b>	<b>+ 4,007</b>	<b>+ 9,893</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
JB Claims	61,771	82,829	88,998	+ 6,169	+ 27,227
JA Applications	84,996	97,203	99,323	+ 2,120	+ 14,327
Other Registrants	9,102	9,453	9,671	+ 218	+ 569
<b>Total</b>	<b>155,869</b>	<b>189,485</b>	<b>197,992</b>	<b>+ 8,507</b>	<b>+ 42,123</b>

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

Category	March 2007	February 2008	March 2008	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
JB Claims	4,915	8,673	9,237	+ 564	+ 4,322
JA Applications	13,671	16,831	17,300	+ 469	+ 3,629
Other Registrants	37	44	53	+ 9	+ 16
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,623</b>	<b>25,548</b>	<b>26,590</b>	<b>+ 1,042</b>	<b>+ 7,967</b>
<b>Females</b>					
JB Claims	3,413	4,289	4,388	+ 99	+ 975
JA Applications	8,702	9,575	9,750	+ 175	+ 1,048
Other Registrants	80	79	95	+ 16	+ 15
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,195</b>	<b>13,943</b>	<b>14,233</b>	<b>+ 290</b>	<b>+ 2,038</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
JB Claims	8,328	12,962	13,625	+ 663	+ 5,297
JA Applications	22,373	26,406	27,050	+ 644	+ 4,677
Other Registrants	117	123	148	+ 25	+ 31
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,818</b>	<b>39,491</b>	<b>40,823</b>	<b>+ 1,332</b>	<b>+ 10,005</b>

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

Category	March 2007	February 2008	March 2008	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
JB Claims	25,845	39,590	41,853	+ 2,263	+ 16,008
JA Applications	47,832	54,610	55,747	+ 1,137	+ 7,915
Other Registrants	2,490	2,772	2,830	+ 58	+ 340
<b>Total</b>	<b>76,167</b>	<b>96,972</b>	<b>100,430</b>	<b>+ 3,458</b>	<b>+ 24,263</b>
<b>Females</b>					
JB Claims	27,598	30,277	33,520	+ 3,243	+ 5,922
JA Applications	14,791	16,187	16,526	+ 339	+ 1,735
Other Registrants	6,495	6,558	6,693	+ 135	+ 198
<b>Total</b>	<b>48,884</b>	<b>53,022</b>	<b>56,739</b>	<b>+ 3,717</b>	<b>+ 7,855</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
JB Claims	53,443	69,867	75,373	+ 5,506	+ 21,930
JA Applications	62,623	70,797	72,273	+ 1,476	+ 9,650
Other Registrants	8,985	9,330	9,523	+ 193	+ 538
<b>Total</b>	<b>125,051</b>	<b>149,994</b>	<b>157,169</b>	<b>+ 7,175</b>	<b>+ 32,118</b>

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

	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series <sup>1</sup>			
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	
2006	March	93,500	62,100	155,500	92,700	64,800	157,500	
	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	

<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>			
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	
2006	March	18,200	12,600	30,800	18,000	13,100	31,000	
	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	

<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>			
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	
2006	March	75,300	49,500	124,700	74,700	51,700	126,400	
	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	

<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>	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 <sup>1</sup>	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.6	
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 <sup>1</sup>	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 <sup>1</sup>	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.3	4.6 <sup>2</sup>	
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	

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

<sup>2</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>	March 2007	February 2008	March 2008	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
<b>Males</b>							
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>28,646</b>	<b>38,254</b>	<b>39,620</b>	<b>+ 1,366</b>	<b>+ 10,974</b>	<b>8,541</b>	<b>31,079</b>
Border	13,530	17,511	18,126	+ 615	+ 4,596	3,830	14,296
Midland	6,138	9,167	9,486	+ 319	+ 3,348	2,247	7,239
West	8,978	11,576	12,008	+ 432	+ 3,030	2,464	9,544
<b>Southern &amp; Eastern</b>	<b>66,144</b>	<b>84,266</b>	<b>87,400</b>	<b>+ 3,134</b>	<b>+ 21,256</b>	<b>18,049</b>	<b>69,351</b>
Dublin	25,441	30,036	30,904	+ 868	+ 5,463	6,495	24,409
Mid-East	7,474	10,327	10,747	+ 420	+ 3,273	2,252	8,495
Mid-West	8,276	10,745	11,069	+ 324	+ 2,793	2,301	8,768
South-East	12,109	16,307	17,420	+ 1,113	+ 5,311	3,741	13,679
South-West	12,844	16,851	17,260	+ 409	+ 4,416	3,260	14,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>94,790</b>	<b>122,520</b>	<b>127,020</b>	<b>+ 4,500</b>	<b>+ 32,230</b>	<b>26,590</b>	<b>100,430</b>
<b>Females</b>							
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>19,998</b>	<b>21,692</b>	<b>22,813</b>	<b>+ 1,121</b>	<b>+ 2,815</b>	<b>4,775</b>	<b>18,038</b>
Border	9,197	9,922	10,527	+ 605	+ 1,330	2,154	8,373
Midland	4,653	5,048	5,330	+ 282	+ 677	1,224	4,106
West	6,148	6,722	6,956	+ 234	+ 808	1,397	5,559
<b>Southern &amp; Eastern</b>	<b>41,081</b>	<b>45,273</b>	<b>48,159</b>	<b>+ 2,886</b>	<b>+ 7,078</b>	<b>9,458</b>	<b>38,701</b>
Dublin	13,480	14,581	15,601	+ 1,020	+ 2,121	3,196	12,405
Mid-East	5,204	5,953	6,263	+ 310	+ 1,059	1,110	5,153
Mid-West	5,419	6,003	6,469	+ 466	+ 1,050	1,303	5,166
South-East	8,389	9,120	9,834	+ 714	+ 1,445	2,083	7,751
South-West	8,589	9,616	9,992	+ 376	+ 1,403	1,766	8,226
<b>Total</b>	<b>61,079</b>	<b>66,965</b>	<b>70,972</b>	<b>+ 4,007</b>	<b>+ 9,893</b>	<b>14,233</b>	<b>56,739</b>
<b>All Persons</b>							
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>48,644</b>	<b>59,946</b>	<b>62,433</b>	<b>+ 2,487</b>	<b>+ 13,789</b>	<b>13,316</b>	<b>49,117</b>
Border	22,727	27,433	28,653	+ 1,220	+ 5,926	5,984	22,669
Midland	10,791	14,215	14,816	+ 601	+ 4,025	3,471	11,345
West	15,126	18,298	18,964	+ 666	+ 3,838	3,861	15,103
<b>Southern &amp; Eastern</b>	<b>107,225</b>	<b>129,539</b>	<b>135,559</b>	<b>+ 6,020</b>	<b>+ 28,334</b>	<b>27,507</b>	<b>108,052</b>
Dublin	38,921	44,617	46,505	+ 1,888	+ 7,584	9,691	36,814
Mid-East	12,678	16,280	17,010	+ 730	+ 4,332	3,362	13,648
Mid-West	13,695	16,748	17,538	+ 790	+ 3,843	3,604	13,934
South-East	20,498	25,427	27,254	+ 1,827	+ 6,756	5,824	21,430
South-West	21,433	26,467	27,252	+ 785	+ 5,819	5,026	22,226
<b>Total</b>	<b>155,869</b>	<b>189,485</b>	<b>197,992</b>	<b>+ 8,507</b>	<b>+ 42,123</b>	<b>40,823</b>	<b>157,169</b>

<sup>1</sup> The composition of the regions is described in the Background Notes.

**Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province**

Provinces	March 2007	February 2008	March 2008	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
<b>Provinces</b>							
Leinster	80,201	97,426	101,527	+ 4,101	+ 21,326	21,518	80,009
Munster	44,365	54,269	57,008	+ 2,739	+ 12,643	11,148	45,860
Connacht	18,159	22,283	23,169	+ 886	+ 5,010	4,694	18,475
Ulster	13,144	15,507	16,288	+ 781	+ 3,144	3,463	12,825
<b>Total</b>	<b>155,869</b>	<b>189,485</b>	<b>197,992</b>	<b>+ 8,507</b>	<b>+ 42,123</b>	<b>40,823</b>	<b>157,169</b>

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	March 2007	February 2008	March 2008	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>48,644</b>	<b>59,946</b>	<b>62,433</b>	<b>8,541</b>	<b>31,079</b>	<b>39,620</b>	<b>4,775</b>	<b>18,038</b>	<b>22,813</b>
<b>Border</b>	<b>22,727</b>	<b>27,433</b>	<b>28,653</b>	<b>3,830</b>	<b>14,296</b>	<b>18,126</b>	<b>2,154</b>	<b>8,373</b>	<b>10,527</b>
Cavan	2,380	2,950	3,162	403	1,585	1,988	253	921	1,174
Ballyconnell	441	500	517	50	280	330	40	147	187
Cavan	1,939	2,450	2,645	353	1,305	1,658	213	774	987
Donegal	8,696	9,957	10,352	1,484	4,995	6,479	817	3,056	3,873
Ballybofey	782	1,042	1,074	179	504	683	123	268	391
Ballyshannon	536	662	704	110	299	409	63	232	295
Buncrana	1,669	2,110	2,223	331	1,094	1,425	186	612	798
Donegal	596	634	651	73	269	342	49	260	309
Dunfanaghy	789	815	838	124	413	537	45	256	301
Dungloe	1,203	1,262	1,314	134	676	810	63	441	504
Killybegs	807	795	813	77	409	486	39	288	327
Letterkenny	2,314	2,637	2,735	456	1,331	1,787	249	699	948
Leitrim	1,159	1,575	1,696	193	889	1,082	95	519	614
Carrick-on-Shannon	860	1,158	1,267	146	651	797	72	398	470
Manorhamilton	299	417	429	47	238	285	23	121	144
Louth	6,550	7,941	8,160	1,106	4,121	5,227	582	2,351	2,933
Ardee	782	991	1,000	135	476	611	74	315	389
Drogheda	3,083	3,759	3,902	526	1,916	2,442	280	1,180	1,460
Dundalk	2,685	3,191	3,258	445	1,729	2,174	228	856	1,084
Monaghan	2,068	2,600	2,774	310	1,385	1,695	196	883	1,079
Carrickmacross	532	652	678	79	301	380	44	254	298
Castleblayney	631	702	741	75	375	450	58	233	291
Clones	207	304	328	50	159	209	32	87	119
Monaghan	698	942	1,027	106	550	656	62	309	371
Sligo	1,874	2,410	2,509	334	1,321	1,655	211	643	854
Sligo	1,524	1,911	1,981	288	1,048	1,336	176	469	645
Tubbercurry	350	499	528	46	273	319	35	174	209
<b>Midland</b>	<b>10,791</b>	<b>14,215</b>	<b>14,816</b>	<b>2,247</b>	<b>7,239</b>	<b>9,486</b>	<b>1,224</b>	<b>4,106</b>	<b>5,330</b>
Laoighis	2,108	3,249	3,374	534	1,624	2,158	300	916	1,216
Portarlington	865	1,309	1,356	229	635	864	129	363	492
Portlaoise	902	1,444	1,520	226	751	977	127	416	543
Rathdowney	341	496	498	79	238	317	44	137	181
Longford	2,021	2,665	2,710	394	1,434	1,828	207	675	882
Longford	2,021	2,665	2,710	394	1,434	1,828	207	675	882
Offaly	2,829	3,727	3,867	582	1,898	2,480	318	1,069	1,387
Birr	817	1,025	1,055	165	494	659	90	306	396
Edenderry	694	901	973	129	496	625	67	281	348
Tullamore	1,318	1,801	1,839	288	908	1,196	161	482	643
Westmeath	3,833	4,574	4,865	737	2,283	3,020	399	1,446	1,845
Athlone	1,478	1,716	1,831	279	878	1,157	144	530	674
Castlepollard	406	512	556	83	246	329	47	180	227
Mullingar	1,949	2,346	2,478	375	1,159	1,534	208	736	944
<b>West</b>	<b>15,126</b>	<b>18,298</b>	<b>18,964</b>	<b>2,464</b>	<b>9,544</b>	<b>12,008</b>	<b>1,397</b>	<b>5,559</b>	<b>6,956</b>
Galway	9,122	10,938	11,189	1,442	5,595	7,037	886	3,266	4,152
Ballinasloe	896	1,109	1,157	191	572	763	84	310	394
Clifden	659	758	723	91	369	460	59	204	263
Galway	5,178	6,198	6,346	816	3,177	3,993	563	1,790	2,353
Gort	519	653	647	64	282	346	28	273	301
Loughrea	731	890	912	104	448	552	69	291	360
Tuam	1,139	1,330	1,404	176	747	923	83	398	481

**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	March 2007	February 2008	March 2008	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	4,694	5,647	5,893	770	2,979	3,749	389	1,755	2,144
Achill	221	257	283	33	153	186	19	78	97
Ballina	1,323	1,548	1,601	240	826	1,066	134	401	535
Ballinrobe	337	437	460	45	234	279	34	147	181
Belmullet	441	489	510	51	284	335	25	150	175
Castlebar	779	918	951	122	452	574	58	319	377
Claremorris	427	552	577	80	278	358	39	180	219
Swinford	648	783	862	128	399	527	46	289	335
Westport	518	663	649	71	353	424	34	191	225
Roscommon	1,310	1,713	1,882	252	970	1,222	122	538	660
Boyle	349	434	457	59	229	288	26	143	169
Castlerea	598	787	916	114	471	585	70	261	331
Roscommon	363	492	509	79	270	349	26	134	160
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>107,225</b>	<b>129,539</b>	<b>135,559</b>	<b>18,049</b>	<b>69,351</b>	<b>87,400</b>	<b>9,458</b>	<b>38,701</b>	<b>48,159</b>
<b>Dublin</b>	<b>38,921</b>	<b>44,617</b>	<b>46,505</b>	<b>6,495</b>	<b>24,409</b>	<b>30,904</b>	<b>3,196</b>	<b>12,405</b>	<b>15,601</b>
Dublin	38,921	44,617	46,505	6,495	24,409	30,904	3,196	12,405	15,601
Bishop Square	3,209	3,586	3,784	454	2,152	2,606	191	987	1,178
Cumberland Street	4,792	5,433	5,580	709	2,950	3,659	369	1,552	1,921
Navan Road	2,458	2,760	2,927	395	1,632	2,027	204	696	900
Blanchardstown	3,321	3,944	3,985	530	2,017	2,547	321	1,117	1,438
Thomas Street	2,056	2,162	2,242	259	1,363	1,622	155	465	620
Tara Street	1,064	1,172	1,218	124	693	817	54	347	401
Tallaght	3,525	4,291	4,456	753	2,318	3,071	357	1,028	1,385
Ballymun	1,519	1,546	1,570	302	788	1,090	154	326	480
Clondalkin	3,509	4,237	4,438	789	2,182	2,971	405	1,062	1,467
Rathfarnham	1,707	2,048	2,196	210	1,024	1,234	100	862	962
Kilbarrack	2,132	2,266	2,445	295	1,280	1,575	124	746	870
Dun Laoghaire	2,266	2,741	3,000	274	1,538	1,812	92	1,096	1,188
Balbriggan	1,432	1,665	1,735	182	877	1,059	111	565	676
Ballyfermot	1,327	1,524	1,562	325	823	1,148	146	268	414
Finglas	2,282	2,736	2,779	478	1,470	1,948	196	635	831
Coolock	2,322	2,506	2,588	416	1,302	1,718	217	653	870
<b>Mid-East</b>	<b>12,678</b>	<b>16,280</b>	<b>17,010</b>	<b>2,252</b>	<b>8,495</b>	<b>10,747</b>	<b>1,110</b>	<b>5,153</b>	<b>6,263</b>
Kildare	5,375	7,110	7,327	985	3,604	4,589	490	2,248	2,738
Athy	907	1,187	1,223	190	601	791	83	349	432
Maynooth	1,570	2,013	2,117	249	965	1,214	137	766	903
Newbridge	2,898	3,910	3,987	546	2,038	2,584	270	1,133	1,403
Meath	3,070	4,121	4,472	548	2,213	2,761	299	1,412	1,711
Kells	525	688	758	93	384	477	65	216	281
Navan	1,696	2,204	2,388	303	1,208	1,511	146	731	877
Trim	849	1,229	1,326	152	621	773	88	465	553
Wicklow	4,233	5,049	5,211	719	2,678	3,397	321	1,493	1,814
Arklow	1,256	1,566	1,595	239	818	1,057	102	436	538
Baltinglass	487	589	604	94	298	392	57	155	212
Bray	1,689	1,921	2,030	242	1,038	1,280	99	651	750
Wicklow	801	973	982	144	524	668	63	251	314
<b>Mid-West</b>	<b>13,695</b>	<b>16,748</b>	<b>17,538</b>	<b>2,301</b>	<b>8,768</b>	<b>11,069</b>	<b>1,303</b>	<b>5,166</b>	<b>6,469</b>
Clare	4,102	5,072	5,126	598	2,463	3,061	323	1,742	2,065
Ennis	2,387	2,946	3,012	376	1,434	1,810	183	1,019	1,202
Ennistymon	644	807	772	62	368	430	50	292	342
Kilrush	588	709	722	98	346	444	59	219	278
Tulla	483	610	620	62	315	377	31	212	243
Limerick	7,252	9,004	9,583	1,348	5,000	6,348	763	2,472	3,235
Kilmallock	821	994	1,082	137	549	686	75	321	396
Limerick	5,362	6,630	7,101	1,008	3,732	4,740	582	1,779	2,361
Newcastle West	1,069	1,380	1,400	203	719	922	106	372	478



**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	March 2007	February 2008	March 2008	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,341	2,672	2,829	355	1,305	1,660	217	952	1,169
Nenagh	905	1,023	1,057	114	474	588	74	395	469
Roscrea	465	536	588	76	272	348	44	196	240
Thurles	971	1,113	1,184	165	559	724	99	361	460
<b>South-East</b>	<b>20,498</b>	<b>25,427</b>	<b>27,254</b>	<b>3,741</b>	<b>13,679</b>	<b>17,420</b>	<b>2,083</b>	<b>7,751</b>	<b>9,834</b>
Carlow	2,023	2,747	2,960	431	1,467	1,898	236	826	1,062
Bagenalstown	441	570	639	98	308	406	58	175	233
Carlow	1,118	1,579	1,678	261	861	1,122	136	420	556
Tullow	464	598	643	72	298	370	42	231	273
Kilkenny	2,514	3,167	3,312	453	1,740	2,193	242	877	1,119
Kilkenny	2,097	2,674	2,772	374	1,479	1,853	210	709	919
Thomastown	417	493	540	79	261	340	32	168	200
South Tipperary	2,956	3,653	3,817	610	1,945	2,555	320	942	1,262
Cahir	391	469	493	62	245	307	35	151	186
Carrick-on-Suir	894	1,020	1,070	155	569	724	72	274	346
Cashel	311	393	408	76	184	260	39	109	148
Clonmel	841	1,138	1,167	213	612	825	110	232	342
Tipperary	519	633	679	104	335	439	64	176	240
Waterford	6,281	7,401	8,401	1,049	4,439	5,488	539	2,374	2,913
Dungarvan	940	1,072	1,154	121	623	744	70	340	410
Waterford	5,341	6,329	7,247	928	3,816	4,744	469	2,034	2,503
Wexford	6,724	8,459	8,764	1,198	4,088	5,286	746	2,732	3,478
Enniscorthy	1,736	2,166	2,225	327	1,110	1,437	195	593	788
Gorey	1,247	1,547	1,612	215	717	932	127	553	680
New Ross	1,207	1,490	1,592	206	738	944	147	501	648
Wexford	2,534	3,256	3,335	450	1,523	1,973	277	1,085	1,362
<b>South-West</b>	<b>21,433</b>	<b>26,467</b>	<b>27,252</b>	<b>3,260</b>	<b>14,000</b>	<b>17,260</b>	<b>1,766</b>	<b>8,226</b>	<b>9,992</b>
Cork	14,885	18,378	19,177	2,393	10,033	12,426	1,205	5,546	6,751
Bandon	484	693	710	81	356	437	44	229	273
Bantry	357	410	415	23	189	212	16	187	203
Bantry (SWLO)	142	161	184	9	76	85	5	94	99
Carrigaline	612	815	874	92	466	558	36	280	316
Clonakilty	452	500	527	33	215	248	32	247	279
Cobh	379	461	479	69	253	322	30	127	157
Cork	7,048	8,620	9,037	1,365	5,032	6,397	618	2,022	2,640
Dunmanway <sup>1</sup>	199	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fermoy	892	1,111	1,179	160	601	761	68	350	418
Kinsale	593	661	659	42	280	322	22	315	337
Macroom	418	633	664	54	315	369	37	258	295
Mallow	771	1,044	1,085	150	584	734	86	265	351
Midleton	963	1,277	1,323	125	703	828	68	427	495
Newmarket	456	650	660	60	336	396	48	216	264
Skibbereen	398	444	459	36	202	238	22	199	221
Youghal	721	898	922	94	425	519	73	330	403
Kerry	6,548	8,089	8,075	867	3,967	4,834	561	2,680	3,241
Cahiriveen	364	411	405	35	161	196	19	190	209
Dingle	325	456	444	29	192	221	35	188	223
Kenmare	263	322	305	20	129	149	19	137	156
Killarney	1,085	1,449	1,327	140	593	733	85	509	594
Killorglin	413	527	539	43	259	302	32	205	237
Listowel	1,028	1,385	1,406	177	738	915	108	383	491
Tralee	3,070	3,539	3,649	423	1,895	2,318	263	1,068	1,331
<b>State</b>	<b>155,869</b>	<b>189,485</b>	<b>197,992</b>	<b>26,590</b>	<b>100,430</b>	<b>127,020</b>	<b>14,233</b>	<b>56,739</b>	<b>70,972</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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	March	5	93,461	- 380	62,082	- 434	155,543	- 815
	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

## 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:  
 March 2008 - 1<sup>st</sup> March 2008 to the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2008  
 March 2007 - 24<sup>th</sup> February 2007 to the 30<sup>th</sup> March 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**

<b>Border</b>	Cavan Donegal Leitrim Louth Monaghan Sligo
<b>Midland</b>	Laoighis Longford Offaly Westmeath
<b>West</b>	Galway City Galway County Mayo Roscommon

**Southern and Eastern NUTS2 Region**

<b>Dublin</b>	Dublin City Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Fingal South Dublin
<b>Mid-East</b>	Kildare Meath Wicklow
<b>Mid-West</b>	Clare Limerick City Limerick County North Tipperary
<b>South-East</b>	Carlow Kilkenny South Tipperary Waterford City Waterford County Wexford
<b>South-West</b>	Cork City Cork County Kerry