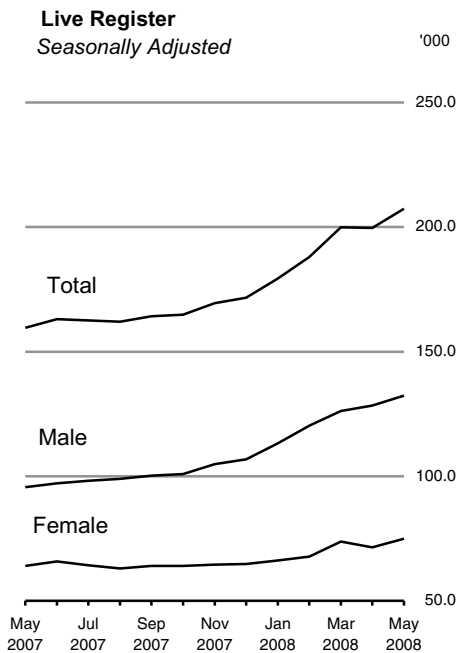




Live Register May 2008



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
May 2007	154,010	159,600
April 2008	195,598	199,700
May 2008	201,756	207,300
Change in month	+6,158	+7,600
Change in year	+47,746	+47,700

Seasonally adjusted Live Register surpasses 200,000 in May

The seasonally adjusted Live Register total increased from 199,700 in April to 207,300 in May, an increase of 7,600. By comparison, the average monthly increase in the seasonally adjusted Live Register during 2008 was 7,000 up to April. *See table 2a and graph opposite.*

In the year to May 2008, there was an unadjusted increase of 47,746 (+31.0%). This compares with an unadjusted increase of 41,279 (+26.7%) in the year to April 2008.

Other features include:

- ◆ The monthly increase in the seasonally adjusted series consisted of an increase of 4,100 males and an increase of 3,400 females. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in May was 5.4%. This compares with 4.8% in the first quarter of 2008, 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 10,462 males and 13,980 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 December to February 2008, is 106,200 persons unemployed.

For more information contact Tricia Brew at 021 453 5490, Niamh Jones at 021 453 5486 or Brendan Curtin at 021 453 5577.

Published by the Central Statistics Office, Ireland.

Ardee Road
Dublin 6
Ireland

Skehard Road
Cork
Ireland

LoCall: 1890 313 414 (ROI)
0870 876 0256 (UK/NL)

Tel: +353 1 498 4000
Fax: +353 1 498 4229

Tel: +353 21 453 5000
Fax: +353 21 453 5492

Both offices may be contacted through any of these telephone numbers.

CSO on the Web: www.cso.ie
and go to

Labour Market and Earnings: Labour Market

Director General: Gerard O'Hanlon

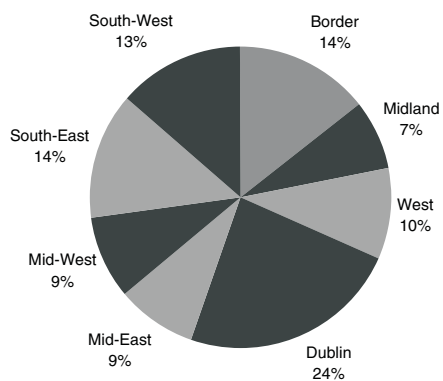
Enquiries:

Live Register Statistics
Queries and Sales

Live Register Section, ext 5491
Email labour@cso.ie
Information Section, ext 5021
information@cso.ie

© Central Statistics Office
The contents of this release may be quoted provided the source is given clearly and accurately. Reproduction for own or internal use is permitted.

Live Register by Regional Authority



	May 2008	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and Western	63,772	+ 1,631	+ 15,628
Border	29,198	+ 585	+ 6,786
Midland	15,109	+ 348	+ 4,331
West	19,465	+ 698	+ 4,511
Southern and Eastern	137,984	+ 4,527	+ 32,118
Dublin	47,859	+ 1,512	+ 8,782
Mid-East	17,523	+ 467	+ 4,820
Mid-West	17,869	+ 877	+ 4,515
South-East	27,538	+ 1,257	+ 7,538
South-West	27,195	+ 414	+ 6,463
Total	201,756	+ 6,158	+ 47,746

Unadjusted monthly increases in all regions

There was an unadjusted monthly increase of 6,158 (+3.1%) on the Live Register in May 2008, which reflected increases in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Mid-West region (+5.2%) while the smallest percentage increase was in the South-West region (+1.5%).

Other features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males increased in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the South-East region (+4.3%), while the smallest percentage increase was in the South-West region (+1.1%).
- ◆ The number of females increased in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Mid-West region (+7.8%) while the smallest percentage increase was in the South-West region (+2.4%).
- ◆ Amongst counties, the largest percentage increases were in Carlow (+7.9%) and Tipperary North (+7.0%). The largest percentage decreases were in Kerry (-2.4%) and Louth (-0.5%). See tables 4 and 6.

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	May 2007	April 2008	May 2008	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	30,060	50,477	51,465	+ 988	+ 21,405
JA Applications	61,289	74,126	76,240	+ 2,114	+ 14,951
Other Registrants	2,478	2,948	2,969	+ 21	+ 491
Total	93,827	127,551	130,674	+ 3,123	+ 36,847
Females					
JB Claims	30,073	34,711	36,234	+ 1,523	+ 6,161
JA Applications	23,591	26,644	28,071	+ 1,427	+ 4,480
Other Registrants	6,519	6,692	6,777	+ 85	+ 258
Total	60,183	68,047	71,082	+ 3,035	+ 10,899
All Persons					
JB Claims	60,133	85,188	87,699	+ 2,511	+ 27,566
JA Applications	84,880	100,770	104,311	+ 3,541	+ 19,431
Other Registrants	8,997	9,640	9,746	+ 106	+ 749
Total	154,010	195,598	201,756	+ 6,158	+ 47,746

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

Category	May 2007	April 2008	May 2008	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	4,816	9,168	9,399	+ 231	+ 4,583
JA Applications	13,504	17,503	17,993	+ 490	+ 4,489
Other Registrants	39	56	44	- 12	+ 5
Total	18,359	26,727	27,436	+ 709	+ 9,077
Females					
JB Claims	3,368	4,251	4,695	+ 444	+ 1,327
JA Applications	8,766	9,914	10,519	+ 605	+ 1,753
Other Registrants	68	88	80	- 8	+ 12
Total	12,202	14,253	15,294	+ 1,041	+ 3,092
All Persons					
JB Claims	8,184	13,419	14,094	+ 675	+ 5,910
JA Applications	22,270	27,417	28,512	+ 1,095	+ 6,242
Other Registrants	107	144	124	- 20	+ 17
Total	30,561	40,980	42,730	+ 1,750	+ 12,169

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

Category	May 2007	April 2008	May 2008	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	25,244	41,309	42,066	+ 757	+ 16,822
JA Applications	47,785	56,623	58,247	+ 1,624	+ 10,462
Other Registrants	2,439	2,892	2,925	+ 33	+ 486
Total	75,468	100,824	103,238	+ 2,414	+ 27,770
Females					
JB Claims	26,705	30,460	31,539	+ 1,079	+ 4,834
JA Applications	14,825	16,730	17,552	+ 822	+ 2,727
Other Registrants	6,451	6,604	6,697	+ 93	+ 246
Total	47,981	53,794	55,788	+ 1,994	+ 7,807
All Persons					
JB Claims	51,949	71,769	73,605	+ 1,836	+ 21,656
JA Applications	62,610	73,353	75,799	+ 2,446	+ 13,189
Other Registrants	8,890	9,496	9,622	+ 126	+ 732
Total	123,449	154,618	159,026	+ 4,408	+ 35,577

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	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
	May	130,700	71,100	201,800	132,400	74,900	207,300

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	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
	May	27,400	15,300	42,700	28,000	16,000	43,900

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	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
	May	103,200	55,800	159,000	104,400	58,900	163,400

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

Table 3 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates (SUR)¹

Month	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
January ²	4.4	4.8	4.6	4.3	4.5	4.4	4.8 ³
February	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.9
March	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.5	5.3
April ²	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.6	5.2
May	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.6	5.4
June	4.3	4.7	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.6	
July ²	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	4.4	4.6	
October ²	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.3	4.6	
November	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.5	4.3	4.6	
December	4.7	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.6	
Annual average	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.6	

¹ Table contains revised figures.

² Benchmark Labour Force Survey/Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) estimates.

³ The latest QNHS estimate of the unemployment rate (adjusted for seasonality) is: December-February 2008, 4.8%.

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register classified by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	May 2007	April 2008	May 2008	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland & Western	28,266	40,020	40,613	+ 593	+ 12,347	8,851	31,762
Border	13,305	18,421	18,678	+	257	5,373	3,957
Midland	6,217	9,544	9,672	+	128	3,455	2,311
West	8,744	12,055	12,263	+	208	3,519	2,583
Southern & Eastern	65,561	87,531	90,061	+ 2,530	+ 24,500	18,585	71,476
Dublin	25,586	31,333	32,231	+	898	6,645	6,660
Mid-East	7,516	10,893	11,203	+	310	3,687	2,351
Mid-West	8,112	10,987	11,397	+	410	3,285	2,398
South-East	11,827	17,025	17,749	+	724	5,922	3,913
South-West	12,520	17,293	17,481	+	188	4,961	3,263
Total	93,827	127,551	130,674	+ 3,123	+ 36,847	27,436	103,238
Females							
Border, Midland & Western	19,878	22,121	23,159	+ 1,038	+ 3,281	5,261	17,898
Border	9,107	10,192	10,520	+	328	1,413	2,362
Midland	4,561	5,217	5,437	+	220	876	1,336
West	6,210	6,712	7,202	+	490	992	1,563
Southern & Eastern	40,305	45,926	47,923	+ 1,997	+ 7,618	10,033	37,890
Dublin	13,491	15,014	15,628	+	614	2,137	3,432
Mid-East	5,187	6,163	6,320	+	157	1,133	1,190
Mid-West	5,242	6,005	6,472	+	467	1,230	1,377
South-East	8,173	9,256	9,789	+	533	1,616	2,214
South-West	8,212	9,488	9,714	+	226	1,502	1,820
Total	60,183	68,047	71,082	+ 3,035	+ 10,899	15,294	55,788
All Persons							
Border, Midland & Western	48,144	62,141	63,772	+ 1,631	+ 15,628	14,112	49,660
Border	22,412	28,613	29,198	+	585	6,786	6,319
Midland	10,778	14,761	15,109	+	348	4,331	3,647
West	14,954	18,767	19,465	+	698	4,511	4,146
Southern & Eastern	105,866	133,457	137,984	+ 4,527	+ 32,118	28,618	109,366
Dublin	39,077	46,347	47,859	+	1,512	8,782	10,092
Mid-East	12,703	17,056	17,523	+	467	4,820	3,541
Mid-West	13,354	16,992	17,869	+	877	4,515	3,775
South-East	20,000	26,281	27,538	+	1,257	7,538	6,127
South-West	20,732	26,781	27,195	+	414	6,463	5,083
Total	154,010	195,598	201,756	+ 6,158	+ 47,746	42,730	159,026

¹ The composition of the regions is described in the Background Notes.**Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province**

Provinces	May 2007	April 2008	May 2008	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	80,105	101,139	104,220	+	3,081	24,115	22,522
Munster	43,102	55,183	56,933	+	1,750	13,831	11,467
Connacht	18,007	22,956	23,731	+	775	5,724	5,026
Ulster	12,796	16,320	16,872	+	552	4,076	3,715
Total	154,010	195,598	201,756	+ 6,158	+ 47,746	42,730	159,026

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	May 2007	April 2008	May 2008	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	48,144	62,141	63,772	8,851	31,762	40,613	5,261	17,898	23,159
Border	22,412	28,613	29,198	3,957	14,721	18,678	2,362	8,158	10,520
Cavan	2,343	3,214	3,343	452	1,711	2,163	284	896	1,180
Ballyconnell	428	525	566	60	313	373	45	148	193
Cavan	1,915	2,689	2,777	392	1,398	1,790	239	748	987
Donegal	8,432	10,279	10,577	1,511	5,197	6,708	888	2,981	3,869
Ballybofey	740	1,081	1,185	223	560	783	143	259	402
Ballyshannon	510	690	666	97	303	400	63	203	266
Buncrana	1,592	2,215	2,243	316	1,124	1,440	205	598	803
Donegal	587	640	651	74	264	338	57	256	313
Dunfanaghy	712	824	828	137	413	550	46	232	278
Dungloe	1,161	1,271	1,325	129	691	820	56	449	505
Killybegs	866	876	895	78	480	558	48	289	337
Letterkenny	2,264	2,682	2,784	457	1,362	1,819	270	695	965
Leitrim	1,165	1,668	1,681	193	866	1,059	110	512	622
Carrick-on-Shannon	870	1,232	1,255	139	644	783	80	392	472
Manorhamilton	295	436	426	54	222	276	30	120	150
Louth	6,563	8,104	8,060	1,109	4,083	5,192	615	2,253	2,868
Ardee	758	991	970	143	465	608	81	281	362
Drogheda	3,098	3,859	3,759	521	1,855	2,376	293	1,090	1,383
Dundalk	2,707	3,254	3,331	445	1,763	2,208	241	882	1,123
Monaghan	2,021	2,827	2,952	349	1,486	1,835	231	886	1,117
Carrickmacross	499	688	727	85	327	412	65	250	315
Castleblayney	613	750	767	91	377	468	61	238	299
Clones	197	354	372	53	192	245	29	98	127
Monaghan	712	1,035	1,086	120	590	710	76	300	376
Sligo	1,888	2,521	2,585	343	1,378	1,721	234	630	864
Sligo	1,521	2,008	2,063	299	1,106	1,405	199	459	658
Tubbercurry	367	513	522	44	272	316	35	171	206
Midland	10,778	14,761	15,109	2,311	7,361	9,672	1,336	4,101	5,437
Laoighis	2,173	3,479	3,573	561	1,770	2,331	335	907	1,242
Portllington	873	1,389	1,430	251	673	924	143	363	506
Portlaoise	946	1,593	1,635	229	859	1,088	142	405	547
Rathdowney	354	497	508	81	238	319	50	139	189
Longford	2,026	2,745	2,769	405	1,424	1,829	222	718	940
Longford	2,026	2,745	2,769	405	1,424	1,829	222	718	940
Offaly	2,846	3,767	3,794	578	1,845	2,423	348	1,023	1,371
Birr	803	1,009	984	152	441	593	102	289	391
Edenderry	690	916	926	120	466	586	62	278	340
Tullamore	1,353	1,842	1,884	306	938	1,244	184	456	640
Westmeath	3,733	4,770	4,973	767	2,322	3,089	431	1,453	1,884
Athlone	1,409	1,759	1,848	295	861	1,156	148	544	692
Castlepollard	401	550	587	101	269	370	56	161	217
Mullingar	1,923	2,461	2,538	371	1,192	1,563	227	748	975
West	14,954	18,767	19,465	2,583	9,680	12,263	1,563	5,639	7,202
Galway	9,122	11,195	11,684	1,553	5,741	7,294	996	3,394	4,390
Ballinasloe	843	1,115	1,158	193	561	754	89	315	404
Clifden	593	736	721	94	372	466	58	197	255
Galway	5,320	6,379	6,822	916	3,344	4,260	668	1,894	2,562
Gort	536	644	657	69	270	339	38	280	318
Loughrea	701	915	910	97	456	553	71	286	357
Tuam	1,129	1,406	1,416	184	738	922	72	422	494

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	May 2007	April 2008	May 2008	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	4,521	5,795	5,998	799	3,022	3,821	436	1,741	2,177
Achill	217	271	270	34	143	177	16	77	93
Ballina	1,262	1,587	1,598	237	819	1,056	143	399	542
Ballinrobe	316	451	447	47	230	277	31	139	170
Belmullet	448	496	501	48	272	320	38	143	181
Castlebar	762	981	1,065	142	500	642	82	341	423
Claremorris	380	575	584	87	287	374	38	172	210
Swinford	653	807	858	130	410	540	60	258	318
Westport	483	627	675	74	361	435	28	212	240
Roscommon	1,311	1,777	1,783	231	917	1,148	131	504	635
Boyle	345	432	443	53	210	263	32	148	180
Castlerea	583	866	840	106	442	548	70	222	292
Roscommon	383	479	500	72	265	337	29	134	163
Southern and Eastern	105,866	133,457	137,984	18,585	71,476	90,061	10,033	37,890	47,923
Dublin	39,077	46,347	47,859	6,660	25,571	32,231	3,432	12,196	15,628
Dublin	39,077	46,347	47,859	6,660	25,571	32,231	3,432	12,196	15,628
Bishop Square	3,234	3,767	3,935	460	2,288	2,748	220	967	1,187
Cumberland Street	4,781	5,587	5,731	714	3,095	3,809	410	1,512	1,922
Navan Road	2,529	2,898	3,023	419	1,692	2,111	217	695	912
Blanchardstown	3,401	4,153	4,224	545	2,156	2,701	346	1,177	1,523
Thomas Street	2,030	2,229	2,365	278	1,444	1,722	167	476	643
Tara Street	1,035	1,198	1,227	132	682	814	60	353	413
Tallaght	3,577	4,450	4,565	740	2,446	3,186	378	1,001	1,379
Ballymun	1,540	1,597	1,659	327	820	1,147	168	344	512
Clondalkin	3,564	4,442	4,505	761	2,264	3,025	404	1,076	1,480
Rathfarnham	1,681	2,113	2,217	228	1,071	1,299	112	806	918
Kilbarrack	2,061	2,341	2,443	306	1,311	1,617	127	699	826
Dun Laoghaire	2,344	2,842	3,016	293	1,596	1,889	105	1,022	1,127
Balbriggan	1,377	1,712	1,769	202	910	1,112	115	542	657
Ballyfermot	1,335	1,561	1,579	326	853	1,179	143	257	400
Finglas	2,281	2,862	2,961	503	1,573	2,076	235	650	885
Coolock	2,307	2,595	2,640	426	1,370	1,796	225	619	844
Mid-East	12,703	17,056	17,523	2,351	8,852	11,203	1,190	5,130	6,320
Kildare	5,411	7,330	7,614	1,044	3,812	4,856	529	2,229	2,758
Athy	934	1,234	1,254	202	628	830	98	326	424
Maynooth	1,519	2,077	2,147	276	989	1,265	139	743	882
Newbridge	2,958	4,019	4,213	566	2,195	2,761	292	1,160	1,452
Meath	3,076	4,511	4,500	563	2,230	2,793	328	1,379	1,707
Kells	541	788	767	106	405	511	66	190	256
Navan	1,722	2,401	2,396	305	1,201	1,506	158	732	890
Trim	813	1,322	1,337	152	624	776	104	457	561
Wicklow	4,216	5,215	5,409	744	2,810	3,554	333	1,522	1,855
Arklow	1,250	1,587	1,662	259	867	1,126	101	435	536
Baltinglass	466	635	648	97	315	412	60	176	236
Bray	1,696	2,017	2,085	241	1,090	1,331	109	645	754
Wicklow	804	976	1,014	147	538	685	63	266	329
Mid-West	13,354	16,992	17,869	2,398	8,999	11,397	1,377	5,095	6,472
Clare	3,865	4,889	5,036	613	2,441	3,054	340	1,642	1,982
Ennis	2,358	2,861	2,993	376	1,435	1,811	193	989	1,182
Ennistymon	550	748	756	69	371	440	49	267	316
Kilrush	530	657	651	98	310	408	62	181	243
Tulla	427	623	636	70	325	395	36	205	241
Limerick	7,243	9,373	9,911	1,423	5,198	6,621	815	2,475	3,290
Kilmallock	828	1,024	1,094	167	548	715	77	302	379
Limerick	5,400	6,926	7,350	1,051	3,884	4,935	619	1,796	2,415
Newcastle West	1,015	1,423	1,467	205	766	971	119	377	496

Table 6 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		
	May 2007	April 2008	May 2008	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,246	2,730	2,922	362	1,360	1,722	222	978	1,200
Nenagh	850	1,007	1,089	122	489	611	76	402	478
Roscrea	452	554	568	68	273	341	46	181	227
Thurles	944	1,169	1,265	172	598	770	100	395	495
South-East	20,000	26,281	27,538	3,913	13,836	17,749	2,214	7,575	9,789
Carlow	2,090	2,939	3,170	477	1,588	2,065	266	839	1,105
Bagenalstown	442	643	676	101	334	435	67	174	241
Carlow	1,157	1,657	1,793	297	924	1,221	144	428	572
Tullow	491	639	701	79	330	409	55	237	292
Kilkenny	2,454	3,271	3,476	485	1,839	2,324	270	882	1,152
Kilkenny	2,035	2,734	2,920	410	1,559	1,969	230	721	951
Thomastown	419	537	556	75	280	355	40	161	201
South Tipperary	2,852	3,734	3,890	603	2,061	2,664	327	899	1,226
Cahir	361	483	571	66	316	382	44	145	189
Carrick-on-Suir	850	1,073	1,103	152	599	751	74	278	352
Cashel	301	410	438	79	212	291	40	107	147
Clonmel	846	1,122	1,131	200	600	800	104	227	331
Tipperary	494	646	647	106	334	440	65	142	207
Waterford	6,164	7,676	7,979	1,075	4,022	5,097	604	2,278	2,882
Dungarvan	906	1,090	1,125	129	600	729	80	316	396
Waterford	5,258	6,586	6,854	946	3,422	4,368	524	1,962	2,486
Wexford	6,440	8,661	9,023	1,273	4,326	5,599	747	2,677	3,424
Enniscorthy	1,713	2,254	2,345	361	1,178	1,539	195	611	806
Gorey	1,205	1,598	1,642	216	756	972	131	539	670
New Ross	1,163	1,580	1,723	229	849	1,078	143	502	645
Wexford	2,359	3,229	3,313	467	1,543	2,010	278	1,025	1,303
South-West	20,732	26,781	27,195	3,263	14,218	17,481	1,820	7,894	9,714
Cork	14,780	18,951	19,552	2,424	10,343	12,767	1,266	5,519	6,785
Bandon	483	697	725	97	363	460	56	209	265
Bantry	308	441	396	32	189	221	19	156	175
Bantry (SWLO)	137	174	163	6	76	82	4	77	81
Carrigaline	630	878	873	106	459	565	37	271	308
Clonakilty	419	526	547	33	244	277	28	242	270
Cobh	350	462	456	64	230	294	41	121	162
Cork	7,151	8,969	9,368	1,338	5,302	6,640	648	2,080	2,728
Dunmanway ¹	190	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fermoy	912	1,148	1,179	157	598	755	73	351	424
Kinsale	579	679	709	49	304	353	26	330	356
Macroom	402	638	678	60	317	377	36	265	301
Mallow	748	1,046	1,082	166	570	736	85	261	346
Midleton	961	1,340	1,357	115	731	846	74	437	511
Newmarket	460	644	693	67	354	421	43	229	272
Skibbereen	333	425	428	35	192	227	22	179	201
Youghal	717	884	898	99	414	513	74	311	385
Kerry	5,952	7,830	7,643	839	3,875	4,714	554	2,375	2,929
Cahirciveen	311	396	367	34	160	194	13	160	173
Dingle	242	401	371	24	174	198	21	152	173
Kenmare	197	280	228	17	114	131	12	85	97
Killarney	871	1,218	1,092	129	521	650	75	367	442
Killorglin	362	500	457	28	245	273	24	160	184
Listowel	942	1,375	1,382	176	713	889	123	370	493
Tralee	3,027	3,660	3,746	431	1,948	2,379	286	1,081	1,367
State	154,010	195,598	201,756	27,436	103,238	130,674	15,294	55,788	71,082

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	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
	May	5	130,674	+ 625	71,082	+ 607	201,756	+ 1,232

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 periods for the Live register results are as follows:
 May 2008 - 26th April 2008 to the 30th May 2008
 May 2007 - 28st April 2007 to the 25th May 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	4.4	4.4	4.5
2006	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.3
2007	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.6
2008	4.8			

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