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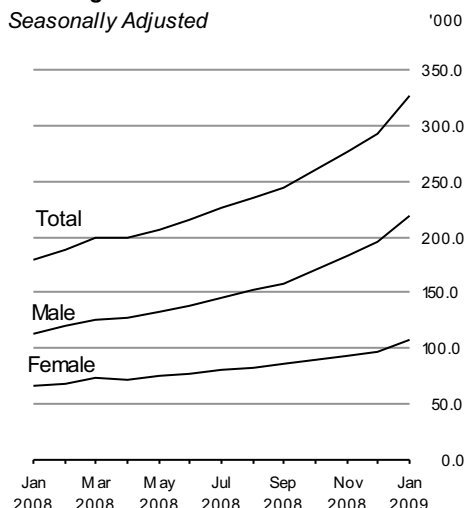
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Live Register

January 2009

Live Register

Seasonally Adjusted



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
January 2008	181,449	179,600
December 2008	291,363	293,100
January 2009	327,861	326,100
Change in month	+36,498	+33,000
Change in year	+146,412	+146,500

Seasonally adjusted Live Register rises by 33,000 in January

The seasonally adjusted Live Register total increased from 293,100 in December to 326,100 in January, an increase of 33,000. *See table 2a and graph opposite.*

In the year to January 2009, there was an unadjusted increase of 146,412 (+80.7%). This compares with an unadjusted increase of 120,987 (+71.0%) in the year to December 2008.

Other features include:

- ◆ The monthly increase in the seasonally adjusted series consisted of an increase of 22,900 males and an increase of 10,100 females. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in January was 9.2%. This compares with 6.3% in the third 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 22,807 males and 22,619 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 June to August 2008, is 143,500 persons unemployed.

Additional Live Register tables for January 2009 will be available on Friday 6th February 2009.

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Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	January 2008	December 2008	January 2009		Monthly change		Annual change
Males							
JB Claims	44,346	90,170	106,151	+	15,981	+	61,805
JA Applications	68,958	101,415	111,383	+	9,968	+	42,425
Other Registrants	2,856	3,746	3,771	+	25	+	915
Total	116,160	195,331	221,305	+	25,974	+	105,145
Females							
JB Claims	33,442	52,007	58,692	+	6,685	+	25,250
JA Applications	25,135	36,104	39,813	+	3,709	+	14,678
Other Registrants	6,712	7,921	8,051	+	130	+	1,339
Total	65,289	96,032	106,556	+	10,524	+	41,267
All Persons							
JB Claims	77,788	142,177	164,843	+	22,666	+	87,055
JA Applications	94,093	137,519	151,196	+	13,677	+	57,103
Other Registrants	9,568	11,667	11,822	+	155	+	2,254
Total	181,449	291,363	327,861	+	36,498	+	146,412

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

Category	January 2008	December 2008	January 2009		Monthly change		Annual change
Males							
JB Claims	7,688	15,885	17,835	+	1,950	+	10,147
JA Applications	16,019	25,459	28,599	+	3,140	+	12,580
Other Registrants	43	94	102	+	8	+	59
Total	23,750	41,438	46,536	+	5,098	+	22,786
Females							
JB Claims	3,838	6,833	8,225	+	1,392	+	4,387
JA Applications	9,277	13,938	15,710	+	1,772	+	6,433
Other Registrants	80	102	116	+	14	+	36
Total	13,195	20,873	24,051	+	3,178	+	10,856
All Persons							
JB Claims	11,526	22,718	26,060	+	3,342	+	14,534
JA Applications	25,296	39,397	44,309	+	4,912	+	19,013
Other Registrants	123	196	218	+	22	+	95
Total	36,945	62,311	70,587	+	8,276	+	33,642

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

Category	January 2008	December 2008	January 2009		Monthly change		Annual change
Males							
JB Claims	36,658	74,285	88,316	+	14,031	+	51,658
JA Applications	52,939	75,956	82,784	+	6,828	+	29,845
Other Registrants	2,813	3,652	3,669	+	17	+	856
Total	92,410	153,893	174,769	+	20,876	+	82,359
Females							
JB Claims	29,604	45,174	50,467	+	5,293	+	20,863
JA Applications	15,858	22,166	24,103	+	1,937	+	8,245
Other Registrants	6,632	7,819	7,935	+	116	+	1,303
Total	52,094	75,159	82,505	+	7,346	+	30,411
All Persons							
JB Claims	66,262	119,459	138,783	+	19,324	+	72,521
JA Applications	68,797	98,122	106,887	+	8,765	+	38,090
Other Registrants	9,445	11,471	11,604	+	133	+	2,159
Total	144,504	229,052	257,274	+	28,222	+	112,770

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
2007	January	95,800	62,900	158,800	92,900	64,000	156,900
	February	95,600	63,800	159,400	92,900	64,800	157,700
	March	94,800	61,100	155,900	93,700	63,700	157,400
	April	94,100	60,200	154,300	94,700	63,900	158,600
	May	93,800	60,200	154,000	95,400	63,900	159,300
	June	98,000	68,400	166,400	97,000	64,600	161,500
	July	100,600	74,000	174,600	98,000	64,000	162,000
	August	101,600	72,600	174,200	98,900	63,100	162,100
	September	98,000	62,600	160,700	100,500	64,200	164,700
	October	97,100	60,300	157,400	101,700	63,900	165,600
	November	101,400	60,300	161,700	105,200	64,700	169,900
	December	106,700	63,700	170,400	106,800	65,200	172,100
2008	January	116,200	65,300	181,400	113,200	66,400	179,600
	February	122,500	67,000	189,500	119,800	68,000	187,800
	March	127,000	71,000	198,000	125,900	73,600	199,500
	April	127,600	68,000	195,600	128,100	71,700	199,800
	May	130,700	71,100	201,800	132,200	74,800	207,000
	June	139,900	80,900	220,800	138,900	76,900	215,800
	July	148,000	90,300	238,200	145,300	80,300	225,600
	August	155,300	92,100	247,400	152,600	82,600	235,200
	September	156,100	84,200	240,200	158,500	85,800	244,400
	October	165,300	86,600	252,000	170,000	90,200	260,300
	November	179,200	89,400	268,600	183,000	93,700	276,700
	December	195,300	96,000	291,400	195,500	97,600	293,100
2009	January	221,300	106,600	327,900	218,400	107,700	326,100

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2008 (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
2007	January	18,600	12,500	31,100	18,100	12,800	30,900
	February	18,600	12,500	31,100	18,000	12,700	30,700
	March	18,600	12,200	30,800	18,300	12,700	31,000
	April	18,500	12,000	30,500	18,700	12,900	31,600
	May	18,400	12,200	30,600	18,800	12,900	31,700
	June	19,800	14,100	33,900	19,300	13,100	32,400
	July	20,600	14,800	35,300	19,600	12,800	32,400
	August	20,900	14,900	35,800	19,900	12,800	32,700
	September	19,900	13,400	33,200	20,200	13,000	33,200
	October	19,400	12,500	31,800	20,500	13,100	33,600
	November	20,200	12,100	32,200	21,300	13,200	34,500
	December	21,200	12,100	33,300	21,800	13,300	35,200
2008	January	23,800	13,200	36,900	23,300	13,500	36,800
	February	25,500	13,900	39,500	24,900	14,200	39,100
	March	26,600	14,200	40,800	26,300	14,700	41,000
	April	26,700	14,300	41,000	26,900	15,100	42,000
	May	27,400	15,300	42,700	27,900	16,000	43,900
	June	30,300	17,900	48,200	29,800	16,900	46,700
	July	32,400	19,900	52,300	31,400	17,900	49,400
	August	34,300	20,800	55,000	33,200	18,700	51,900
	September	34,000	19,700	53,700	34,300	19,300	53,600
	October	35,200	19,300	54,500	36,400	20,000	56,300
	November	37,900	20,100	57,900	39,000	21,200	60,200
	December	41,400	20,900	62,300	42,100	22,100	64,200
2009	January	46,500	24,100	70,600	46,100	24,400	70,400

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2008 (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
2007	January	77,200	50,500	127,600	74,800	51,300	126,000
	February	77,000	51,300	128,300	74,900	52,200	127,000
	March	76,200	48,900	125,100	75,400	51,000	126,300
	April	75,600	48,200	123,800	76,000	51,000	127,000
	May	75,500	48,000	123,400	76,600	51,000	127,600
	June	78,200	54,300	132,500	77,700	51,500	129,200
	July	80,100	59,200	139,300	78,400	51,200	129,600
	August	80,700	57,700	138,400	79,100	50,300	129,400
	September	78,200	49,200	127,400	80,300	51,200	131,500
	October	77,800	47,800	125,600	81,200	50,800	132,000
	November	81,300	48,200	129,500	83,900	51,500	135,400
	December	85,500	51,600	137,100	85,000	51,900	136,900
2008	January	92,400	52,100	144,500	90,000	52,900	142,900
	February	97,000	53,000	150,000	94,800	53,900	148,700
	March	100,400	56,700	157,200	99,600	58,900	158,500
	April	100,800	53,800	154,600	101,200	56,600	157,800
	May	103,200	55,800	159,000	104,300	58,800	163,200
	June	109,700	63,000	172,600	109,100	60,100	169,200
	July	115,500	70,400	185,900	113,900	62,400	176,200
	August	121,100	71,300	192,300	119,400	63,900	183,300
	September	122,100	64,500	186,600	124,200	66,500	190,700
	October	130,100	67,300	197,400	133,700	70,300	204,000
	November	141,300	69,300	210,700	144,000	72,600	216,600
	December	153,900	75,200	229,100	153,400	75,500	228,900
2009	January	174,800	82,500	257,300	172,300	83,300	255,700

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2008 (See Background Notes).

Table 3 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates (SUR)¹

Month	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
January ²	4.8	4.6	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.9	9.2
February	4.7	4.5	4.3	4.5	4.6	5.0	
March	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.6	5.4	
April ²	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.7	5.4	
May	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.6	5.7	
June	4.7	4.4	4.3	4.5	4.5	6.0	
July ²	4.8	4.4	4.3	4.5	4.4	6.3 ³	
August	4.7	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	6.7	
September	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.5	6.9	
October ²	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.3	4.6	7.4	
November	4.5	4.3	4.5	4.3	4.7	7.8	
December	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.7	8.3	
Annual average	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.6	6.3	

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: June-August 2008, 6.3%.

Table 4 Summary of average net weekly changes on the Live Register classified by sex

		Males		Females		Total	
Number of weeks		Live Register	Average ¹ net weekly change	Live Register	Average ¹ net weekly change	Live Register	Average ¹ net weekly change
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		
	June	4	139,936 + 2,316	80,875 + 2,448	220,811 + 4,764		
	July	4	147,954 + 2,005	90,286 + 2,353	238,240 + 4,357		
	August	5	155,319 + 1,473	92,065 + 356	247,384 + 1,829		
	September	4	156,055 + 184	84,162 - 1,976	240,217 - 1,792		
	October	5	165,338 + 1,857	86,613 + 490	251,951 + 2,347		
	November	4	179,189 + 3,463	89,397 + 696	268,586 + 4,159		
	December	4	195,331 + 4,036	96,032 + 1,659	291,363 + 5,694		
2009	January	5	221,305 + 5,195	106,556 + 2,105	327,861 + 7,300		

¹ Average net weekly changes are calculated by dividing the total monthly change by the number of weeks in the reference month.

Background Notes

Source and scope of the Live Register The live register is compiled from returns made for each local office to the Central Statistics Office by 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:
January 2009 – 27th December 2008 to 30th January 2009
January 2008 – 29th December 2007 to the 25th January 2008.

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	4.3	4.5
2006	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.3
2007	4.5	4.7	4.4	4.6
2008	4.9	5.4	6.3	

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.