

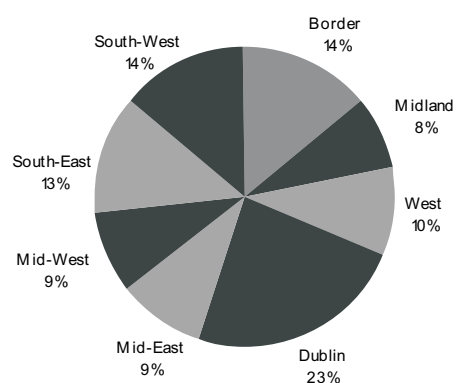


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Live Register by Regional Authority



Live Register Additional Tables

February 2009

	February 2009	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and Western	111,672	+ 7,642	+ 51,726
Border	51,277	+ 3,502	+ 23,844
Midland	26,612	+ 1,829	+ 12,397
West	33,783	+ 2,311	+ 15,485
Southern and Eastern	242,765	+ 18,934	+ 113,226
Dublin	82,570	+ 7,325	+ 37,953
Mid-East	33,300	+ 2,574	+ 17,020
Mid-West	31,365	+ 2,162	+ 14,617
South-East	46,075	+ 3,093	+ 20,648
South-West	49,455	+ 3,780	+ 22,988
Total	354,437	+ 26,576	+ 164,952

Live Register increases across all regions in February

The unadjusted Live Register increased to 354,437 in February from 327,861 in January, a monthly increase of 26,576 (+8.1%). This increase was reflected in all regions, with the largest percentage increase in the Dublin region (+9.7%). The smallest percentage increase was in the South-East region (+7.2%). *See table 1.*

In the year to February 2009, the unadjusted Live Register increased by 164,952 (+87.1%). All regions showed annual increases with the largest percentage increase in the Mid-East region (+104.5%). The South-East region had the smallest percentage increase (+81.2%). *See table 1.*

Other features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males increased in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Dublin region (+9.2%), while the smallest percentage increases were in the Mid-West and South-East regions (both +7.4%). *See table 1.*
- ◆ The number of females increased in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Dublin region (+10.9%), while the smallest percentage increase was in the West region (+5.7%). *See table 1.*
- ◆ Amongst counties, the largest percentage increase was in Carlow (+10.5%), while the smallest percentage increase was in Donegal (+4.7%). *See table 3.*

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 2008 is 170,600 persons unemployed.

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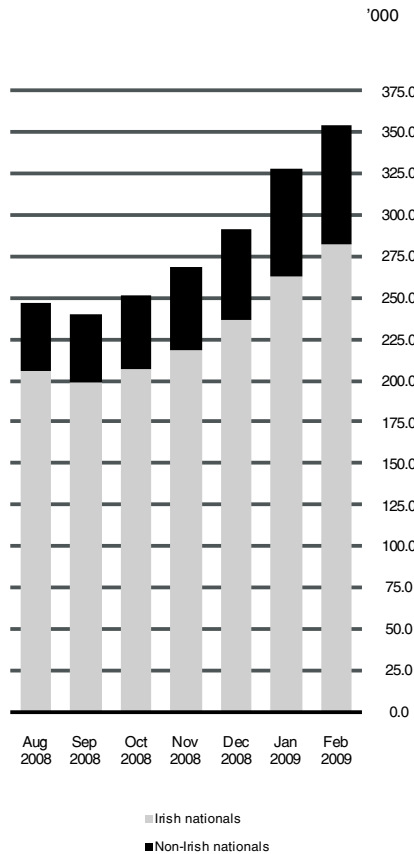
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Live Register by nationality



Rise in both Irish nationals and non-Irish nationals on Live Register in February

In February 2009 there were 282,721 Irish nationals and 71,716 non-Irish nationals on the Live Register. This represents a monthly increase of 19,194 (+7.3%) in Irish nationals and 7,382 (+11.5%) in non-Irish nationals. *See table 4 and graph opposite.*

In the year to February 2009 the number of Irish nationals on the Live Register increased by 122,959, while the corresponding annual increase for non-Irish nationals was 41,993.

Among non-Irish nationals the largest number on the Live Register were nationals from the EU Accession states (41,057) while the smallest number were from the EU15 states outside of Ireland and the UK (4,052).

Non-Irish nationals represented 20.2% of all persons on the Live Register in February 2009. Estimates from the Quarterly National Household Survey for September to November 2008 show that non-Irish nationals represented an estimated 16.0% of all persons in the labour force aged between 17 and 65 years (the relevant age range for the Live Register).

Table 1 Persons on the Live Register classified by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	February 2008	January 2009	February 2009		Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males								
Border, Midland and Western	38,254	70,301	75,773	+	5,472	+ 37,519	16,356	59,417
Border	17,511	32,338	34,755	+	2,417	+	7,648	27,107
Midland	9,167	16,871	18,206	+	1,335	+	3,920	14,286
West	11,576	21,092	22,812	+	1,720	+	4,788	18,024
Southern and Eastern	84,266	151,004	163,536	+	12,532	+ 79,270	33,574	129,962
Dublin	30,036	51,400	56,118	+	4,718	+	11,766	44,352
Mid-East	10,327	20,679	22,437	+	1,758	+	4,456	17,981
Mid-West	10,745	19,559	21,013	+	1,454	+	4,498	16,515
South-East	16,307	29,196	31,354	+	2,158	+	6,683	24,671
South-West	16,851	30,170	32,614	+	2,444	+	6,171	26,443
Total	122,520	221,305	239,309	+	18,004	+ 116,789	49,930	189,379
Females								
Border, Midland and Western	21,692	33,729	35,899	+	2,170	+ 14,207	8,640	27,259
Border	9,922	15,437	16,522	+	1,085	+	3,963	12,559
Midland	5,048	7,912	8,406	+	494	+	2,211	6,195
West	6,722	10,380	10,971	+	591	+	2,466	8,505
Southern and Eastern	45,273	72,827	79,229	+	6,402	+ 33,956	17,417	61,812
Dublin	14,581	23,845	26,452	+	2,607	+	6,040	20,412
Mid-East	5,953	10,047	10,863	+	816	+	2,238	8,625
Mid-West	6,003	9,644	10,352	+	708	+	2,346	8,006
South-East	9,120	13,786	14,721	+	935	+	3,406	11,315
South-West	9,616	15,505	16,841	+	1,336	+	3,387	13,454
Total	66,965	106,556	115,128	+	8,572	+ 48,163	26,057	89,071
All Persons								
Border, Midland and Western	59,946	104,030	111,672	+	7,642	+ 51,726	24,996	86,676
Border	27,433	47,775	51,277	+	3,502	+	11,611	39,666
Midland	14,215	24,783	26,612	+	1,829	+	6,131	20,481
West	18,298	31,472	33,783	+	2,311	+	7,254	26,529
Southern and Eastern	129,539	223,831	242,765	+	18,934	+ 113,226	50,991	191,774
Dublin	44,617	75,245	82,570	+	7,325	+	17,806	64,764
Mid-East	16,280	30,726	33,300	+	2,574	+	6,694	26,606
Mid-West	16,748	29,203	31,365	+	2,162	+	6,844	24,521
South-East	25,427	42,982	46,075	+	3,093	+	10,089	35,986
South-West	26,467	45,675	49,455	+	3,780	+	9,558	39,897
Total	189,485	327,861	354,437	+	26,576	+ 164,952	75,987	278,450

¹ The composition of the regions is described in the Background Notes.

Table 2 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	February 2008	January 2009	February 2009	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	97,426	168,994	183,652	+ 14,658	+ 86,226	39,648	144,004
Munster	54,269	92,883	100,253	+ 7,370	+ 45,984	20,641	79,612
Connacht	22,283	38,399	41,203	+ 2,804	+ 18,920	8,866	32,337
Ulster	15,507	27,585	29,329	+ 1,744	+ 13,822	6,832	22,497
Total	189,485	327,861	354,437	+ 26,576	+ 164,952	75,987	278,450

Table 3 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age Group and Local Office of Registration

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	February 2008	January 2009	February 2009	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	59,946	104,030	111,672	16,356	59,417	75,773	8,640	27,259	35,899
Border	27,433	47,775	51,277	7,648	27,107	34,755	3,963	12,559	16,522
Cavan	2,950	5,802	6,348	904	3,447	4,351	515	1,482	1,997
Ballyconnell	500	1,044	1,125	150	624	774	67	284	351
Cavan	2,450	4,758	5,223	754	2,823	3,577	448	1,198	1,646
Donegal	9,957	16,772	17,559	2,889	8,844	11,733	1,449	4,377	5,826
Ballybofey	1,042	2,101	2,253	429	1,160	1,589	222	442	664
Ballyshannon	662	1,152	1,193	171	571	742	111	340	451
Buncrana	2,110	3,951	4,229	772	2,214	2,986	323	920	1,243
Donegal	634	1,155	1,224	166	555	721	105	398	503
Dunfanaghy	815	1,304	1,344	207	695	902	85	357	442
Dungloe	1,262	1,744	1,805	236	926	1,162	90	553	643
Killybegs	795	1,096	1,122	134	553	687	81	354	435
Letterkenney	2,637	4,269	4,389	774	2,170	2,944	432	1,013	1,445
Leitrim	1,575	2,836	3,014	394	1,674	2,068	158	788	946
Carrick-on-Shannon	1,158	2,099	2,266	293	1,243	1,536	122	608	730
Manorhamilton	417	737	748	101	431	532	36	180	216
Louth	7,941	13,263	14,528	2,049	7,824	9,873	1,118	3,537	4,655
Ardee	991	1,804	1,984	274	1,128	1,402	143	439	582
Drogheda	3,759	6,288	6,975	905	3,762	4,667	505	1,803	2,308
Dundalk	3,191	5,171	5,569	870	2,934	3,804	470	1,295	1,765
Monaghan	2,600	5,011	5,422	726	2,985	3,711	349	1,362	1,711
Carrickmacross	652	1,333	1,432	177	772	949	85	398	483
Castleblayney	702	1,286	1,426	215	770	985	106	335	441
Clones	304	587	621	104	341	445	42	134	176
Monaghan	942	1,805	1,943	230	1,102	1,332	116	495	611
Sligo	2,410	4,091	4,406	686	2,333	3,019	374	1,013	1,387
Sligo	1,911	3,291	3,565	577	1,871	2,448	314	803	1,117
Tubbercurry	499	800	841	109	462	571	60	210	270
Midland	14,215	24,783	26,612	3,920	14,286	18,206	2,211	6,195	8,406
Laoighis	3,249	6,142	6,569	1,035	3,559	4,594	513	1,462	1,975
Portllington	1,309	2,368	2,576	400	1,381	1,781	225	570	795
Portlaoise	1,444	2,941	3,099	477	1,713	2,190	218	691	909
Rathdowney	496	833	894	158	465	623	70	201	271
Longford	2,665	4,320	4,665	622	2,627	3,249	348	1,068	1,416
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Offaly	3,727	6,279	6,758	1,011	3,674	4,685	580	1,493	2,073
Birr	1,025	1,665	1,755	283	888	1,171	169	415	584
Edenderry	901	1,726	1,898	252	1,086	1,338	151	409	560
Tullamore	1,801	2,888	3,105	476	1,700	2,176	260	669	929
Westmeath	4,574	8,042	8,620	1,252	4,426	5,678	770	2,172	2,942
Athlone	1,716	3,083	3,270	498	1,631	2,129	320	821	1,141
Castlepollard	512	1,090	1,149	172	570	742	100	307	407
Mullingar	2,346	3,869	4,201	582	2,225	2,807	350	1,044	1,394
West	18,298	31,472	33,783	4,788	18,024	22,812	2,466	8,505	10,971
Galway	10,938	18,432	19,956	2,766	10,553	13,319	1,510	5,127	6,637
Ballinasloe	1,109	1,940	2,098	354	1,101	1,455	155	488	643
Clifden	758	1,126	1,119	145	555	700	85	334	419
Galway	6,198	9,967	10,810	1,527	5,656	7,183	936	2,691	3,627
Gort	653	1,113	1,173	134	573	707	65	401	466
Loughrea	890	1,762	2,026	241	1,139	1,380	119	527	646
Tuam	1,330	2,524	2,730	365	1,529	1,894	150	686	836

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-continued				Males			Females		
NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	February 2008	January 2009	February 2009	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	5,647	9,946	10,489	1,487	5,654	7,141	732	2,616	3,348
Achill	257	355	364	49	212	261	21	82	103
Ballina	1,548	2,555	2,668	411	1,469	1,880	202	586	788
Ballinrobe	437	858	918	110	507	617	61	240	301
Belmullet	489	714	741	97	402	499	40	202	242
Castlebar	918	1,742	1,864	259	966	1,225	156	483	639
Claremorris	552	1,044	1,112	169	616	785	59	268	327
Swinford	783	1,302	1,354	188	732	920	87	347	434
Westport	663	1,376	1,468	204	750	954	106	408	514
Roscommon	1,713	3,094	3,338	535	1,817	2,352	224	762	986
Boyle	434	785	849	143	449	592	48	209	257
Castlerea	787	1,343	1,441	225	798	1,023	102	316	418
Roscommon	492	966	1,048	167	570	737	74	237	311
Southern and Eastern	129,539	223,831	242,765	33,574	129,962	163,536	17,417	61,812	79,229
Dublin	44,617	75,245	82,570	11,766	44,352	56,118	6,040	20,412	26,452
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Bishop Square	3,586	6,342	6,916	864	3,847	4,711	445	1,760	2,205
Cumberland Street	5,433	8,232	9,133	1,154	4,958	6,112	683	2,338	3,021
Navan Road	2,760	4,575	5,098	653	2,837	3,490	355	1,253	1,608
Blanchardstown	3,944	6,695	7,307	1,004	3,854	4,858	590	1,859	2,449
Thomas Street	2,162	3,425	3,655	423	2,114	2,537	273	845	1,118
Tara Street	1,172	1,999	2,160	219	1,151	1,370	112	678	790
Tallaght	4,291	7,261	7,974	1,326	4,363	5,689	648	1,637	2,285
Ballymun	1,546	2,219	2,359	459	1,202	1,661	242	456	698
Clondalkin	4,237	7,551	8,316	1,313	4,397	5,710	674	1,932	2,606
Rathfarnham	2,048	3,603	3,954	499	1,982	2,481	221	1,252	1,473
Kilbarrack	2,266	3,847	4,155	612	2,237	2,849	257	1,049	1,306
Dun Laoghaire	2,741	5,187	5,855	632	3,074	3,706	268	1,881	2,149
Balbriggan	1,665	3,186	3,554	446	1,914	2,360	219	975	1,194
Ballyfermot	1,524	2,524	2,728	586	1,449	2,035	248	445	693
Finglas	2,736	4,580	5,040	820	2,731	3,551	409	1,080	1,489
Coolock	2,506	4,019	4,366	756	2,242	2,998	396	972	1,368
Mid-East	16,280	30,726	33,300	4,456	17,981	22,437	2,238	8,625	10,863
Kildare	7,110	13,279	14,428	1,972	7,649	9,621	1,025	3,782	4,807
Athy	1,187	1,968	2,075	277	1,135	1,412	143	520	663
Maynooth	2,013	4,188	4,591	668	2,320	2,988	310	1,293	1,603
Newbridge	3,910	7,123	7,762	1,027	4,194	5,221	572	1,969	2,541
Meath	4,121	8,219	8,897	1,153	4,933	6,086	590	2,221	2,811
Kells	688	1,477	1,565	199	889	1,088	117	360	477
Navan	2,204	4,303	4,683	626	2,625	3,251	292	1,140	1,432
Trim	1,229	2,439	2,649	328	1,419	1,747	181	721	902
Wicklow	5,049	9,228	9,975	1,331	5,399	6,730	623	2,622	3,245
Arklow	1,566	2,739	2,924	404	1,610	2,014	200	710	910
Baltinglass	589	996	1,042	146	581	727	69	246	315
Bray	1,921	3,850	4,231	546	2,219	2,765	244	1,222	1,466
Wicklow	973	1,643	1,778	235	989	1,224	110	444	554
Mid-West	16,748	29,203	31,365	4,498	16,515	21,013	2,346	8,006	10,352
Clare	5,072	8,489	8,932	1,193	4,552	5,745	598	2,589	3,187
Ennis	2,946	4,863	5,136	677	2,600	3,277	343	1,516	1,859
Ennistymon	807	1,348	1,412	155	724	879	91	442	533
Kilrush	709	1,174	1,216	194	632	826	98	292	390
Tulla	610	1,104	1,168	167	596	763	66	339	405
Limerick	9,004	15,786	17,223	2,539	9,311	11,850	1,371	4,002	5,373
Kilmallock	994	1,956	2,130	341	1,124	1,465	145	520	665
Limerick	6,630	11,259	12,228	1,788	6,587	8,375	1,028	2,825	3,853
Newcastle West	1,380	2,571	2,865	410	1,600	2,010	198	657	855

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NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	February 2008	January 2009	February 2009	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,672	4,928	5,210	766	2,652	3,418	377	1,415	1,792
Nenagh	1,023	1,956	2,093	291	1,047	1,338	143	612	755
Roscrea	536	890	994	146	493	639	82	273	355
Thurles	1,113	2,082	2,123	329	1,112	1,441	152	530	682
South-East	25,427	42,982	46,075	6,683	24,671	31,354	3,406	11,315	14,721
Carlow	2,747	4,853	5,363	822	2,978	3,800	376	1,187	1,563
Bagenalstown	570	1,110	1,212	192	676	868	85	259	344
Carlow	1,579	2,608	2,951	469	1,643	2,112	215	624	839
Tullow	598	1,135	1,200	161	659	820	76	304	380
Kilkenny	3,167	5,613	5,986	793	3,349	4,142	420	1,424	1,844
Kilkenny	2,674	4,667	4,949	630	2,763	3,393	363	1,193	1,556
Thomastown	493	946	1,037	163	586	749	57	231	288
South Tipperary	3,653	6,547	6,931	1,167	3,802	4,969	508	1,454	1,962
Cahir	469	954	1,034	163	589	752	66	216	282
Carrick-on-Suir	1,020	1,606	1,705	267	923	1,190	113	402	515
Cashel	393	818	845	146	450	596	54	195	249
Clonmel	1,138	1,917	2,023	369	1,076	1,445	176	402	578
Tipperary	633	1,252	1,324	222	764	986	99	239	338
Waterford	7,401	11,458	12,502	1,682	6,706	8,388	882	3,232	4,114
Dungarvan	1,072	1,710	1,840	272	1,013	1,285	114	441	555
Waterford	6,329	9,748	10,662	1,410	5,693	7,103	768	2,791	3,559
Wexford	8,459	14,511	15,293	2,219	7,836	10,055	1,220	4,018	5,238
Enniscorthy	2,166	3,625	3,857	614	2,103	2,717	298	842	1,140
Gorey	1,547	2,966	3,192	405	1,649	2,054	226	912	1,138
New Ross	1,490	2,501	2,671	385	1,388	1,773	221	677	898
Wexford	3,256	5,419	5,573	815	2,696	3,511	475	1,587	2,062
South-West	26,467	45,675	49,455	6,171	26,443	32,614	3,387	13,454	16,841
Cork	18,378	32,018	34,657	4,394	18,829	23,223	2,347	9,087	11,434
Bandon	693	1,224	1,297	181	742	923	76	298	374
Bantry	410	794	874	101	423	524	54	296	350
Bantry (SWLO)	161	266	277	22	128	150	13	114	127
Carrigaline	815	1,622	1,770	203	940	1,143	116	511	627
Clonakilty	500	949	1,010	73	516	589	55	366	421
Cobh	461	782	820	100	439	539	67	214	281
Cork	8,620	14,381	15,699	2,207	8,738	10,945	1,148	3,606	4,754
Fermoy	1,111	1,888	2,044	280	1,099	1,379	124	541	665
Kinsale	661	1,064	1,126	84	542	626	54	446	500
Macroom	633	1,284	1,396	176	791	967	72	357	429
Mallow	1,044	1,908	2,073	272	1,142	1,414	160	499	659
Midleton	1,277	2,328	2,466	252	1,356	1,608	140	718	858
Newmarket	650	1,380	1,495	178	789	967	95	433	528
Skibbereen	444	783	851	90	441	531	49	271	320
Youghal	898	1,365	1,459	175	743	918	124	417	541
Kerry	8,089	13,657	14,798	1,777	7,614	9,391	1,040	4,367	5,407
Cahirciveen	411	635	668	76	295	371	38	259	297
Dingle	456	700	735	49	348	397	37	301	338
Kenmare	322	659	729	70	325	395	53	281	334
Killarney	1,449	2,756	2,996	329	1,363	1,692	239	1,065	1,304
Killorglin	527	1,066	1,156	132	626	758	62	336	398
Listowel	1,385	2,268	2,639	374	1,473	1,847	152	640	792
Tralee	3,539	5,573	5,875	747	3,184	3,931	459	1,485	1,944
State	189,485	327,861	354,437	49,930	189,379	239,309	26,057	89,071	115,128

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register classified by nationality

		Nationality						
		Non-Irish nationals						
		United Kingdom	EU15 excl. Irl. & UK	Accession states EU15 to EU27	Other	Non-Irish nationals	Irish nationals	Total Persons
2007	February	7,569	1,527	4,696	5,890	19,682	139,717	159,399
	March	7,483	1,447	5,242	5,678	19,850	136,019	155,869
	April	7,401	1,458	5,386	5,593	19,838	134,481	154,319
	May	7,367	1,462	5,506	5,743	20,078	133,932	154,010
	June	7,841	1,567	5,860	6,453	21,721	144,642	166,363
	July	8,137	1,614	6,139	6,601	22,491	152,103	174,594
	August	8,246	1,640	6,544	6,627	23,057	151,149	174,206
	September	7,732	1,497	6,326	5,902	21,457	138,994	160,451
	October	7,612	1,473	6,542	5,408	21,035	136,414	157,449
	November	7,851	1,516	7,433	5,439	22,239	139,483	161,722
	December	8,150	1,610	7,934	5,540	23,234	147,142	170,376
	2008	January	8,756	1,759	10,064	5,909	26,488	154,961
February		9,073	1,858	12,545	6,247	29,723	159,762	189,485
March		9,349	1,959	13,403	6,408	31,119	166,873	197,992
April		9,401	1,921	14,166	6,483	31,971	163,627	195,598
May		9,600	1,945	14,738	6,996	33,279	168,477	201,756
June		10,268	2,146	15,623	7,831	35,868	184,943	220,811
July		10,969	2,327	16,953	8,215	38,464	199,776	238,240
August		11,426	2,446	18,581	8,648	41,101	206,283	247,384
September		11,186	2,419	19,381	8,228	41,214	199,003	240,217
October		11,584	2,654	22,285	8,077	44,600	207,351	251,951
November		12,372	2,902	26,089	8,513	49,876	218,710	268,586
December		13,279	3,211	28,950	9,015	54,455	236,908	291,363
2009	January	14,807	3,651	35,826	10,050	64,334	263,527	327,861
	February	15,707	4,052	41,057	10,900	71,716	282,721	354,437

Background Notes

Source and scope of the Live Register	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 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	<p>The reference periods for the Live register results are as follows:</p> <p>February 2009 – 31st January 2009 to 27th February 2009</p> <p>February 2008 – 26th January 2008 to the 29th February 2008.</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>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).</p>
Live Register Area Analysis	<p>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 e.g. the figure for the Cork City Local Office of Registration refers to all persons signing on in Cork City but may include persons not resident in Cork city. A classification by area of residence of persons on the Live Register was published until January 1989 but was then discontinued.</p>
Nationality	<p>Data in the nationality table is sourced from information collected by the Department of Social and Family Affairs on the nationality of claimants when they first sign on the Live Register.</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.</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 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