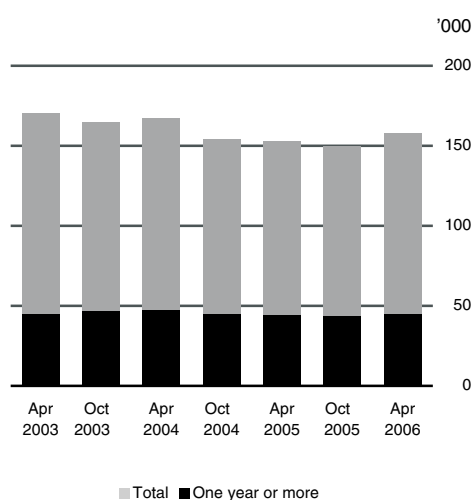


Live Register Age by Duration April 2006

Duration of Continuous Registration



	Under 1 year	1 year or more	Total
April 2005	108,909	43,800	152,709
October 2005	106,302	43,540	149,842
April 2006	113,473	44,591	158,064

Increase in both short-term and long-term claimants

There was an increase of 8,222 in the Live Register in the six months to April 2006. This rise comprised increases of 7,171 (+6.7%) in short-term claimants and of 1,051 (+2.4%) for persons signing on for one year or more.

In April 2006, 28.2% of all claimants were long-term, which compares with 29.1% in October 2005 and 28.7% in April 2005. *See table 1 and graph.*

Other features include:

- ◆ Of all claimants on the Live Register in April 2006, 33.4% of males and 20.7% of females were long-term claimants. *See table 1.*
- ◆ In the year to April 2006, the number of short-term claimants increased by 4,564 (+4.2%) while the number of long-term claimants increased by 791 (+1.8%). *See table 1.*
- ◆ In the six months to April 2006, the total number of males signing on increased by 4,636 (+5.2%). The largest increase was in the age group 60-64 (+7.4%), while the lowest increase was for those aged 45-54 (+4.2%). *See table 2.*
- ◆ The number of females increased by 3,586 (+5.9%) in the six months to April 2006. Females aged 60-64 (+17.3%) showed the largest increase, while the lowest increase was for females aged 20-24 years (+0.6%). *See table 2.*
- ◆ For all persons making claims for 1 year or more, the largest percentage was among the 25-34 year age group (27.9%). Those aged 60-64 years (5.0%) showed the lowest percentage. *See table 5a.*
- ◆ Of all persons making claims for under 1 year, the largest percentage was among the 45-54 year age group (25.2%). Those aged under 20 years (2.0%) had the lowest percentage. *See table 5a.*
- ◆ There were 39.5% (62,391) of all claimants on the Live Register registered for less than three months and 11.6% (18,289) of all claimants registered for 3 years or more. *See table 5b.*

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 Unemployment Assistance or Benefit. Unemployment is measured by the Quarterly National Household Survey and the latest figure for September to November 2005 is 91,300 persons unemployed.

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

Sex/Duration	April 2003	October 2003	April 2004	October 2004	April 2005	October 2005	April 2006
Males							
Less than one year	69,822	64,449	66,197	59,478	60,621	58,473	62,174
One year or more	30,468	31,489	31,989	30,529	30,448	30,301	31,236
Total	100,290	95,938	98,186	90,007	91,069	88,774	93,410
Females							
Less than one year	55,628	53,354	53,620	49,889	48,288	47,829	51,299
One year or more	14,366	15,283	15,250	14,148	13,352	13,239	13,355
Total	69,994	68,637	68,870	64,037	61,640	61,068	64,654
All Persons							
Less than one year	125,450	117,803	119,817	109,367	108,909	106,302	113,473
One year or more	44,834	46,772	47,239	44,677	43,800	43,540	44,591
Total	170,284	164,575	167,056	154,044	152,709	149,842	158,064

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

Sex/Age	April 2003	October 2003	April 2004	October 2004	April 2005	October 2005	April 2006
Males							
Under 20 years	4,143	3,937	4,028	3,597	3,866	3,946	4,166
20 - 24 years	14,581	13,964	14,376	12,883	13,450	13,028	13,710
25 - 34 years	27,793	25,718	26,462	23,742	24,573	24,270	25,450
35 - 44 years	21,494	20,929	21,586	19,742	19,982	19,615	20,799
45 - 54 years	19,697	19,108	19,127	18,027	17,606	16,982	17,697
55 - 59 years	7,451	7,274	7,455	7,090	6,810	6,371	6,689
60 - 64 years	5,131	5,008	5,152	4,926	4,782	4,562	4,899
Total	100,290	95,938	98,186	90,007	91,069	88,774	93,410
Females							
Under 20 years	3,453	3,550	3,559	3,277	3,231	3,242	3,352
20 - 24 years	9,882	10,316	9,857	9,624	9,059	9,104	9,163
25 - 34 years	19,270	18,718	18,418	16,747	16,042	16,194	16,526
35 - 44 years	17,736	17,189	17,238	15,611	14,929	14,435	15,218
45 - 54 years	12,656	12,141	12,737	11,864	11,609	11,298	12,549
55 - 59 years	4,401	4,202	4,467	4,299	4,228	4,188	4,788
60 - 64 years	2,596	2,521	2,594	2,615	2,542	2,607	3,058
Total	69,994	68,637	68,870	64,037	61,640	61,068	64,654
All Persons							
Under 20 years	7,596	7,487	7,587	6,874	7,097	7,188	7,518
20 - 24 years	24,463	24,280	24,233	22,507	22,509	22,132	22,873
25 - 34 years	47,063	44,436	44,880	40,489	40,615	40,464	41,976
35 - 44 years	39,230	38,118	38,824	35,353	34,911	34,050	36,017
45 - 54 years	32,353	31,249	31,864	29,891	29,215	28,280	30,246
55 - 59 years	11,852	11,476	11,922	11,389	11,038	10,559	11,477
60 - 64 years	7,727	7,529	7,746	7,541	7,324	7,169	7,957
Total	170,284	164,575	167,056	154,044	152,709	149,842	158,064

Table 3 Persons on the Live Register in each Regional Authority classified by Sex and Duration of Continuous Registration, April 2006

Sex/Duration	Border	Dublin	Mid-East	Midland	Mid-West	South-East	South-West	West	Total
Males									
Less than one year	8,886	17,033	4,830	4,090	5,054	8,123	8,590	5,568	62,174
One year or more	4,495	9,034	2,168	1,704	2,572	3,989	4,279	2,995	31,236
Total	13,381	26,067	6,998	5,794	7,626	12,112	12,869	8,563	93,410
Females									
Less than one year	7,494	11,925	4,456	3,838	4,487	7,044	7,299	4,756	51,299
One year or more	2,069	3,146	969	956	1,187	1,780	1,705	1,543	13,355
Total	9,563	15,071	5,425	4,794	5,674	8,824	9,004	6,299	64,654
All Persons									
Less than one year	16,380	28,958	9,286	7,928	9,541	15,167	15,889	10,324	113,473
One year or more	6,564	12,180	3,137	2,660	3,759	5,769	5,984	4,538	44,591
Total	22,944	41,138	12,423	10,588	13,300	20,936	21,873	14,862	158,064

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register in each Regional Authority classified by Age and Sex, April 2006

Sex/Age	Border	Dublin	Mid-East	Midland	Mid-West	South-East	South-West	West	Total
Males									
Under 20 years	605	1,194	296	319	307	620	450	375	4,166
20 - 24 years	1,920	4,039	947	979	1,167	1,800	1,687	1,171	13,710
25 - 34 years	3,506	7,786	1,851	1,497	2,083	3,151	3,402	2,174	25,450
35 - 44 years	3,041	5,730	1,602	1,247	1,689	2,704	2,841	1,945	20,799
45 - 54 years	2,718	4,137	1,308	1,075	1,476	2,419	2,742	1,822	17,697
55 - 59 years	977	1,770	559	390	506	830	1,028	629	6,689
60 - 64 years	614	1,411	435	287	398	588	719	447	4,899
Total	13,381	26,067	6,998	5,794	7,626	12,112	12,869	8,563	93,410
Females									
Under 20 years	474	907	205	309	313	507	350	287	3,352
20 - 24 years	1,458	2,117	681	746	786	1,262	1,203	910	9,163
25 - 34 years	2,450	3,830	1,446	1,259	1,443	2,270	2,312	1,516	16,526
35 - 44 years	2,284	3,264	1,393	1,083	1,392	2,130	2,196	1,476	15,218
45 - 54 years	1,840	2,772	1,017	875	1,090	1,762	1,863	1,330	12,549
55 - 59 years	684	1,250	419	325	418	543	673	476	4,788
60 - 64 years	373	931	264	197	232	350	407	304	3,058
Total	9,563	15,071	5,425	4,794	5,674	8,824	9,004	6,299	64,654
All Persons									
Under 20 years	1,079	2,101	501	628	620	1,127	800	662	7,518
20 - 24 years	3,378	6,156	1,628	1,725	1,953	3,062	2,890	2,081	22,873
25 - 34 years	5,956	11,616	3,297	2,756	3,526	5,421	5,714	3,690	41,976
35 - 44 years	5,325	8,994	2,995	2,330	3,081	4,834	5,037	3,421	36,017
45 - 54 years	4,558	6,909	2,325	1,950	2,566	4,181	4,605	3,152	30,246
55 - 59 years	1,661	3,020	978	715	924	1,373	1,701	1,105	11,477
60 - 64 years	987	2,342	699	484	630	938	1,126	751	7,957
Total	22,944	41,138	12,423	10,588	13,300	20,936	21,873	14,862	158,064

Table 5a Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age and Duration of Continuous Registration, April 2006

Sex/Age	Duration of Continuous Registration		Total
	Under 1 year	1 year or more	
Males			
Under 20 years	3,666	500	4,166
20 - 24 years	10,419	3,291	13,710
25 - 34 years	17,884	7,566	25,450
35 - 44 years	13,193	7,606	20,799
45 - 54 years	9,656	8,041	17,697
55 - 59 years	4,122	2,567	6,689
60 - 64 years	3,234	1,665	4,899
Total	62,174	31,236	93,410
Females			
Under 20 years	2,967	385	3,352
20 - 24 years	7,185	1,978	9,163
25 - 34 years	13,786	2,740	16,526
35 - 44 years	11,804	3,414	15,218
45 - 54 years	9,368	3,181	12,549
55 - 59 years	3,788	1,000	4,788
60 - 64 years	2,401	657	3,058
Total	51,299	13,355	64,654
All Persons			
Under 20 years	6,633	885	7,518
20 - 24 years	17,604	5,269	22,873
25 - 34 years	31,670	10,306	41,976
35 - 44 years	24,997	11,020	36,017
45 - 54 years	19,024	11,222	30,246
55 - 59 years	7,910	3,567	11,477
60 - 64 years	5,635	2,322	7,957
Total	113,473	44,591	158,064

Table 5b Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age and Duration of Continuous Registration (Detailed), April 2006

Sex/Age	Duration of Continuous Registration						Total
	Under 3 months	3 - < 6 months	6 - < 12 months	1 - < 2 years	2 - < 3 years	3 years and over	
Males							
Under 20 years	1,767	934	965	500	0	0	4,166
20 - 24 years	5,296	2,551	2,572	1,647	850	794	13,710
25 - 34 years	8,961	4,283	4,640	3,147	1,444	2,975	25,450
35 - 44 years	6,594	3,056	3,543	2,687	1,432	3,487	20,799
45 - 54 years	4,963	2,109	2,584	2,409	1,369	4,263	17,697
55 - 59 years	2,219	872	1,031	794	422	1,351	6,689
60 - 64 years	1,672	725	837	673	251	741	4,899
Total	31,472	14,530	16,172	11,857	5,768	13,611	93,410
Females							
Under 20 years	1,463	714	790	385	0	0	3,352
20 - 24 years	4,111	1,437	1,637	957	533	488	9,163
25 - 34 years	8,156	2,619	3,011	1,397	493	850	16,526
35 - 44 years	7,114	2,069	2,621	1,579	563	1,272	15,218
45 - 54 years	6,127	1,401	1,840	1,162	546	1,473	12,549
55 - 59 years	2,452	572	764	439	164	397	4,788
60 - 64 years	1,496	354	551	348	111	198	3,058
Total	30,919	9,166	11,214	6,267	2,410	4,678	64,654
All Persons							
Under 20 years	3,230	1,648	1,755	885	0	0	7,518
20 - 24 years	9,407	3,988	4,209	2,604	1,383	1,282	22,873
25 - 34 years	17,117	6,902	7,651	4,544	1,937	3,825	41,976
35 - 44 years	13,708	5,125	6,164	4,266	1,995	4,759	36,017
45 - 54 years	11,090	3,510	4,424	3,571	1,915	5,736	30,246
55 - 59 years	4,671	1,444	1,795	1,233	586	1,748	11,477
60 - 64 years	3,168	1,079	1,388	1,021	362	939	7,957
Total	62,391	23,696	27,386	18,124	8,178	18,289	158,064

Table 6a Persons on the Live Register classified by Type of Claim, Age and Duration of Continuous Registration, April 2006

Type of Claim and Age	Duration of Continuous Registration						Total
	Under 3 months	3 - < 6 months	6 - < 12 months	1 - < 2 years	2 - < 3 years	3 years and over	
Unemployment Benefit							
Under 20 years	462	153	84	8	0	0	707
20 - 24 years	4,605	1,665	1,247	90	2	0	7,609
25 - 34 years	10,326	3,551	3,316	736	2	1	17,932
35 - 44 years	8,831	2,779	2,953	839	6	0	15,408
45 - 54 years	7,634	2,020	2,168	628	5	1	12,456
55 - 59 years	3,232	880	995	302	1	0	5,410
60 - 64 years	2,205	692	813	290	1	0	4,001
Total	37,295	11,740	11,576	2,893	17	2	63,523
Unemployment Assistance							
Under 20 years	2,756	1,491	1,671	877	0	0	6,795
20 - 24 years	4,729	2,303	2,944	2,509	1,381	1,281	15,147
25 - 34 years	6,534	3,204	4,195	3,640	1,877	3,752	23,202
35 - 44 years	4,358	2,075	2,796	2,900	1,684	4,144	17,957
45 - 54 years	2,941	1,140	1,784	2,406	1,606	5,022	14,899
55 - 59 years	1,097	347	493	643	451	1,537	4,568
60 - 64 years	676	169	256	382	220	768	2,471
Total	23,091	10,729	14,139	13,357	7,219	16,504	85,039
Other Registrants							
Under 20 years	12	4	0	0	0	0	16
20 - 24 years	73	20	18	5	0	1	117
25 - 34 years	257	147	140	168	58	72	842
35 - 44 years	519	271	415	527	305	615	2,652
45 - 54 years	515	350	472	537	304	713	2,891
55 - 59 years	342	217	307	288	134	211	1,499
60 - 64 years	287	218	319	349	141	171	1,485
Total	2,005	1,227	1,671	1,874	942	1,783	9,502

Table 6b Number of Males on the Live Register classified by Type of Claim, Age and Duration of Continuous Registration, April 2006

Type of Claim and Age	Duration of Continuous Registration						Total
	Under 3 months	3 - < 6 months	6 - < 12 months	1 - < 2 years	2 - < 3 years	3 years and over	
Unemployment Benefit							
Under 20 years	249	100	50	5	0	0	404
20 - 24 years	2,538	1,061	739	49	1	0	4,388
25 - 34 years	4,596	1,949	1,567	283	1	1	8,397
35 - 44 years	3,370	1,353	1,287	325	0	0	6,335
45 - 54 years	2,850	1,105	1,114	350	2	0	5,421
55 - 59 years	1,353	518	535	168	0	0	2,574
60 - 64 years	1,080	467	490	196	1	0	2,234
Total	16,036	6,553	5,782	1,376	5	1	29,753
Unemployment Assistance							
Under 20 years	1,512	831	915	495	0	0	3,753
20 - 24 years	2,739	1,485	1,831	1,598	849	793	9,295
25 - 34 years	4,339	2,320	3,061	2,859	1,439	2,970	16,988
35 - 44 years	3,159	1,667	2,209	2,316	1,411	3,466	14,228
45 - 54 years	1,982	881	1,333	1,882	1,268	4,131	11,477
55 - 59 years	714	245	371	498	359	1,274	3,461
60 - 64 years	445	143	194	303	170	652	1,907
Total	14,890	7,572	9,914	9,951	5,496	13,286	61,109
Other Registrants							
Under 20 years	6	3	0	0	0	0	9
20 - 24 years	19	5	2	0	0	1	27
25 - 34 years	26	14	12	5	4	4	65
35 - 44 years	65	36	47	46	21	21	236
45 - 54 years	131	123	137	177	99	132	799
55 - 59 years	152	109	125	128	63	77	654
60 - 64 years	147	115	153	174	80	89	758
Total	546	405	476	530	267	324	2,548

Table 6c Number of Females on the Live Register classified by Type of Claim, Age and Duration of Continuous Registration, April 2006

Type of Claim and Age	Duration of Continuous Registration						Total
	Under 3 months	3 - < 6 months	6 - < 12 months	1 - < 2 years	2 - < 3 years	3 years and over	
Unemployment Benefit							
Under 20 years	213	53	34	3	0	0	303
20 - 24 years	2,067	604	508	41	1	0	3,221
25 - 34 years	5,730	1,602	1,749	453	1	0	9,535
35 - 44 years	5,461	1,426	1,666	514	6	0	9,073
45 - 54 years	4,784	915	1,054	278	3	1	7,035
55 - 59 years	1,879	362	460	134	1	0	2,836
60 - 64 years	1,125	225	323	94	0	0	1,767
Total	21,259	5,187	5,794	1,517	12	1	33,770
Unemployment Assistance							
Under 20 years	1,244	660	756	382	0	0	3,042
20 - 24 years	1,990	818	1,113	911	532	488	5,852
25 - 34 years	2,195	884	1,134	781	438	782	6,214
35 - 44 years	1,199	408	587	584	273	678	3,729
45 - 54 years	959	259	451	524	338	891	3,422
55 - 59 years	383	102	122	145	92	263	1,107
60 - 64 years	231	26	62	79	50	116	564
Total	8,201	3,157	4,225	3,406	1,723	3,218	23,930
Other Registrants							
Under 20 years	6	1	0	0	0	0	7
20 - 24 years	54	15	16	5	0	0	90
25 - 34 years	231	133	128	163	54	68	777
35 - 44 years	454	235	368	481	284	594	2,416
45 - 54 years	384	227	335	360	205	581	2,092
55 - 59 years	190	108	182	160	71	134	845
60 - 64 years	140	103	166	175	61	82	727
Total	1,459	822	1,195	1,344	675	1,459	6,954

Table 7 Persons on the Live Register in each Regional Authority classified by Sex and Duration of Continuous Registration, April 2006

Regional Authority	Duration of Continuous Registration						Total
	Under 3 months	3 - < 6 months	6 - < 12 months	1 - < 2 years	2 - < 3 years	3 years and over	
Border							
Males	4,750	2,011	2,125	1,730	771	1,994	13,381
Females	4,678	1,323	1,493	903	363	803	9,563
Total	9,428	3,334	3,618	2,633	1,134	2,797	22,944
Dublin							
Males	7,920	4,165	4,948	3,446	1,828	3,760	26,067
Females	6,696	2,262	2,967	1,602	600	944	15,071
Total	14,616	6,427	7,915	5,048	2,428	4,704	41,138
Mid-East							
Males	2,491	1,086	1,253	899	432	837	6,998
Females	2,707	739	1,010	519	181	269	5,425
Total	5,198	1,825	2,263	1,418	613	1,106	12,423
Midland							
Males	2,049	1,036	1,005	719	283	702	5,794
Females	2,270	733	835	467	161	328	4,794
Total	4,319	1,769	1,840	1,186	444	1,030	10,588
Mid-West							
Males	2,517	1,208	1,329	995	512	1,065	7,626
Females	2,725	807	955	563	233	391	5,674
Total	5,242	2,015	2,284	1,558	745	1,456	13,300
South-East							
Males	4,289	1,795	2,039	1,508	722	1,759	12,112
Females	4,511	1,172	1,361	781	304	695	8,824
Total	8,800	2,967	3,400	2,289	1,026	2,454	20,936
South-West							
Males	4,709	1,908	1,973	1,469	713	2,097	12,869
Females	4,662	1,210	1,427	762	295	648	9,004
Total	9,371	3,118	3,400	2,231	1,008	2,745	21,873
West							
Males	2,747	1,321	1,500	1,091	507	1,397	8,563
Females	2,670	920	1,166	670	273	600	6,299
Total	5,417	2,241	2,666	1,761	780	1,997	14,862
State							
Males	31,472	14,530	16,172	11,857	5,768	13,611	93,410
Females	30,919	9,166	11,214	6,267	2,410	4,678	64,654
Total	62,391	23,696	27,386	18,124	8,178	18,289	158,064

Background Notes

Source and scope of the Live Register	<p>Live Register statistics are compiled from returns made directly to the Central Statistics Office by each local office of the Department of Social and Family Affairs. The Live Register comprises persons under 65 years of age in the following classes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All Claimants for Unemployment Benefit (UB) excluding systematic short-time workers; ● Applicants for Unemployment Assistance (UA) excluding smallholders and self-employed persons; ● Other registrants including applicants for credited Social Welfare contributions but excluding those directly involved in an industrial dispute. <p>The monthly Live Register statistics relate to the situation on the last Friday of the month.</p>
Age by Duration Analysis	<p>The current series of half-yearly age by duration analyses of the Live Register was introduced in April 1989. At that time, January and July age analyses which did not cover duration were discontinued and more detailed duration categories were included in the April and October statistics. The age by duration analysis usually relates to the second-last Friday of April and October. The totals in the release are therefore, normally close but not identical to the corresponding end-of-month Live Register totals.</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>Unemployment is measured by the Quarterly National Household Survey (formerly the annual Labour Force Survey). The Live Register is not designed to measure unemployment. It includes part-time workers (those who work up to three days a week), seasonal and casual workers entitled to Unemployment Assistance or Unemployment Benefit.</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. <i>See overleaf.</i></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