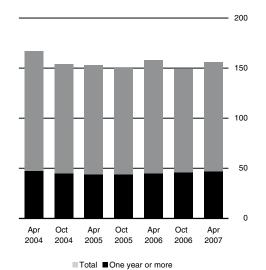


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Live Register Age by Duration April 2007

	Under 1 year	1 year or more	Total
April 2006	113,473	44,591	158,064
October 2006 April 2007	103,725 109,371	45,544 46,596	149,269 155,967

Increase in both short-term and long-term claimants

There was an increase of 6,698 in the Live Register in the six months to April 2007. This rise comprised increases of 5646 (+5.4%) in short-term claimants and of 1,052 (+2.3%) for persons signing on for one year or more.

In April 2007, 29.9% of all claimants were long-term, which compares with 30.5% in October 2006 and 28.2% in April 2006. *See table 1 and graph.*

Other features include:

- ♦ Of all claimants on the Live Register in April 2007, 34.6% of males and 22.6% of females were long-term claimants. *See table 1*.
- ♦ In the year to April 2007, the number of short-term claimants decreased by 4,102 (-3.6%) while the number of long-term claimants increased by 2,005 (+4.5%). See table 1.
- ♦ In the six months to April 2007, the total number of males signing on increased by 5,954 (+6.7%). The largest percentage increase was in the age group 20-24 (+8.5%), while the lowest increase was for those aged 55-59 (+2.8%). See table 2.
- ♦ The number of females signing on increased by 744 (+1.2%) in the six months to April 2007. Females aged 60-64 (+9.0%) showed the largest percentage increase, while the largest decrease was for females aged 20-24 years (-4.2%). See table 2.
- ♦ For all persons making claims for 1 year or more, the largest percentage was among the 45-54 year age group (24.6%). Those aged under 20 years (2.1%) showed the lowest percentage. See table 5a.
- ♦ Of all persons making claims for under 1 year, the largest percentage was among the 25-34 year age group (27.9%). Those aged 60-64 (5.3%) had the lowest percentage. See table 5a.
- ♦ There were 38.7% (60,313) of all claimants on the Live Register registered for less than three months and 12.4% (19,311) 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 Jobseekers Benefit or Assistance. Unemployment is measured by the Quarterly National Household Survey and the latest figure for December to February 2007 is 91,800 persons unemployed.

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

Sex/Duration	April 2004	October 2004	April 2005	October 2005	April 2006	October 2006	April 2007
Males							
Less than one year	66,197	59,478	60,621	58,473	62,174	57,050	61,879
One year or more	31,989	30,529	30,448	30,301	31,236	31,632	32,757
Total	98,186	90,007	91,069	88,774	93,410	88,682	94,636
Females							
Less than one year	53,620	49,889	48,288	47,829	51,299	46,675	47,492
One year or more	15,250	14,148	13,352	13,239	13,355	13,912	13,839
Total	68,870	64,037	61,640	61,068	64,654	60,587	61,331
All Persons							
Less than one year	119,817	109,367	108,909	106,302	113,473	103,725	109,371
One year or more	47,239	44,677	43,800	43,540	44,591	45,544	46,596
Total	167,056	154,044	152,709	149,842	158,064	149,269	155,967

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

Sex/Age	April 2004	October 2004	April 2005	October 2005	April 2006	October 2006	April 2007
Males							
Under 20 years	4,028	3,597	3,866	3,946	4,166	3,961	4,255
20 - 24 years	14,376	12,883	13,450	13,028	13,710	13,193	14,309
25 - 34 years	26,462	23,742	24,573	24,270	25,450	24,076	25,992
35 - 44 years	21,586	19,742	19,982	19,615	20,799	19,638	21,094
45 - 54 years	19,127	18,027	17,606	16,982	17,697	16,795	17,465
55 - 59 years	7,455	7,090	6,810	6,371	6,689	6,213	6,386
60 - 64 years	5,152	4,926	4,782	4,562	4,899	4,806	5,135
Total	98,186	90,007	91,069	88,774	93,410	88,682	94,636
Females							
Under 20 years	3,559	3,277	3,231	3,242	3,352	3,216	3,265
20 - 24 years	9,857	9,624	9,059	9,104	9,163	9,258	8,870
25 - 34 years	18,418	16,747	16,042	16,194	16,526	15,555	15,447
35 - 44 years	17,238	15,611	14,929	14,435	15,218	14,048	14,172
45 - 54 years	12,737	11,864	11,609	11,298	12,549	11,328	11,802
55 - 59 years	4,467	4,299	4,228	4,188	4,788	4,238	4,567
60 - 64 years	2,594	2,615	2,542	2,607	3,058	2,944	3,208
Total	68,870	64,037	61,640	61,068	64,654	60,587	61,331
All Persons							
Under 20 years	7,587	6,874	7,097	7,188	7,518	7,177	7,520
20 - 24 years	24,233	22,507	22,509	22,132	22,873	22,451	23,179
25 - 34 years	44,880	40,489	40,615	40,464	41,976	39,631	41,439
35 - 44 years	38,824	35,353	34,911	34,050	36,017	33,686	35,266
45 - 54 years	31,864	29,891	29,215	28,280	30,246	28,123	29,267
55 - 59 years	11,922	11,389	11,038	10,559	11,477	10,451	10,953
60 - 64 years	7,746	7,541	7,324	7,169	7,957	7,750	8,343
Total	167,056	154,044	152,709	149,842	158,064	149,269	155,967

Table 3 Persons on the Live Register in each Regional Authority classified by Sex and Duration of Continuous Registration, April 2007

Sex/Duration	Border	Dublin	Mid-East	Midland	Mid-West	South- East	South- West	West	Total
Males									
Less than one year	9,040	15,966	5,179	4,236	5,504	7,837	8,367	5,750	61,879
One year or more	4,472	9,644	2,321	1,901	2,684	4,228	4,404	3,103	32,757
Total	13,512	25,610	7,500	6,137	8,188	12,065	12,771	8,853	94,636
Females									
Less than one year	7,091	10,536	4,319	3,606	4,101	6,565	6,805	4,469	47,492
One year or more	2,112	3,245	991	1,045	1,236	1,852	1,771	1,587	13,839
Total	9,203	13,781	5,310	4,651	5,337	8,417	8,576	6,056	61,331
All Persons									
Less than one year	16,131	26,502	9,498	7,842	9,605	14,402	15,172	10,219	109,371
One year or more	6,584	12,889	3,312	2,946	3,920	6,080	6,175	4,690	46,596
Total	22,715	39,391	12,810	10,788	13,525	20,482	21,347	14,909	155,967

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register in each Regional Authority classified by Age and Sex, April 2007

Sex/Age	Border	Dublin	Mid-East	Midland	Mid-West	South- East	South- West	West	Total
Males									
Under 20 years	649	1,163	317	338	400	557	433	398	4,255
20 - 24 years	1,963	3,989	1,102	1,009	1,291	1,858	1,780	1,317	14,309
25 - 34 years	3,557	7,507	2,031	1,645	2,301	3,209	3,387	2,355	25,992
35 - 44 years	3,023	5,692	1,716	1,359	1,825	2,674	2,837	1,968	21,094
45 - 54 years	2,702	4,098	1,325	1,109	1,512	2,382	2,575	1,762	17,465
55 - 59 years	930	1,646	538	397	463	804	1,013	595	6,386
60 - 64 years	688	1,515	471	280	396	581	746	458	5,135
Total	13,512	25,610	7,500	6,137	8,188	12,065	12,771	8,853	94,636
Females									
Under 20 years	498	836	233	303	321	472	356	246	3,265
20 - 24 years	1,349	1,962	640	772	825	1,326	1,114	882	8,870
25 - 34 years	2,342	3,403	1,453	1,175	1,341	2,141	2,065	1,527	15,447
35 - 44 years	2,163	2,896	1,347	1,087	1,236	1,923	2,084	1,436	14,172
45 - 54 years	1,774	2,571	965	804	1,037	1,633	1,807	1,211	11,802
55 - 59 years	677	1,191	364	307	340	559	698	431	4,567
60 - 64 years	400	922	308	203	237	363	452	323	3,208
Total	9,203	13,781	5,310	4,651	5,337	8,417	8,576	6,056	61,331
All Persons									
Under 20 years	1,147	1,999	550	641	721	1,029	789	644	7,520
20 - 24 years	3,312	5,951	1,742	1,781	2,116	3,184	2,894	2,199	23,179
25 - 34 years	5,899	10,910	3,484	2,820	3,642	5,350	5,452	3,882	41,439
35 - 44 years	5,186	8,588	3,063	2,446	3,061	4,597	4,921	3,404	35,266
45 - 54 years	4,476	6,669	2,290	1,913	2,549	4,015	4,382	2,973	29,267
55 - 59 years	1,607	2,837	902	704	803	1,363	1,711	1,026	10,953
60 - 64 years	1,088	2,437	779	483	633	944	1,198	781	8,343
Total	22,715	39,391	12,810	10,788	13,525	20,482	21,347	14,909	155,967

Table 5a Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age and Duration of Continuous Registration, April 2007

	Duration of Contin	nuous Registration	
Sex/Age	Under 1 year	1 year or more	Total
Males			
Under 20 years	3,727	528	4,255
20 - 24 years	10,669	3,640	14,309
25 - 34 years	17,849	8,143	25,992
35 - 44 years	13,054	8,040	21,094
45 - 54 years	9,303	8,162	17,465
55 - 59 years	3,904	2,482	6,386
60 - 64 years	3,373	1,762	5,135
Total	61,879	32,757	94,636
Females			
Under 20 years	2,824	441	3,265
20 - 24 years	6,738	2,132	8,870
25 - 34 years	12,624	2,823	15,447
35 - 44 years	10,940	3,232	14,172
45 - 54 years	8,488	3,314	11,802
55 - 59 years	3,443	1,124	4,567
60 - 64 years	2,435	773	3,208
Total	47,492	13,839	61,331
All Persons			
Under 20 years	6,551	969	7,520
20 - 24 years	17,407	5,772	23,179
25 - 34 years	30,473	10,966	41,439
35 - 44 years	23,994	11,272	35,266
45 - 54 years	17,791	11,476	29,267
55 - 59 years	7,347	3,606	10,953
60 - 64 years	5,808	2,535	8,343
Total	109,371	46,596	155,967

Table 5b Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age and Duration of Continuous Registration (Detailed), April 2007

		Duration	of Continuous	s Registration			
Sex/Age	Under 3 months	3 - < 6 months	6 - < 12 months	1 - < 2 years	2 - < 3 years	3 years and over	Total
Males							
Under 20 years	1,851	923	953	528	0	0	4,255
20 - 24 years	5,660	2,502	2,507	1,800	943	897	14,309
25 - 34 years	9,422	4,072	4,355	3,332	1,636	3,175	25,992
35 - 44 years	6,755	2,914	3,385	2,858	1,445	3,737	21,094
45 - 54 years	4,846	2,054	2,403	2,266	1,490	4,406	17,465
55 - 59 years	2,077	836	991	772	368	1,342	6,386
60 - 64 years	1,711	717	945	636	309	817	5,135
Total	32,322	14,018	15,539	12,192	6,191	14,374	94,636
Females							
Under 20 years	1,395	665	764	441	0	0	3,265
20 - 24 years	3,838	1,358	1,542	1,019	571	542	8,870
25 - 34 years	7,501	2,320	2,803	1,417	479	927	15,447
35 - 44 years	6,371	1,911	2,658	1,380	610	1,242	14,172
45 - 54 years	5,315	1,394	1,779	1,177	574	1,563	11,802
55 - 59 years	2,125	567	751	484	203	437	4,567
60 - 64 years	1,446	398	591	370	177	226	3,208
Total	27,991	8,613	10,888	6,288	2,614	4,937	61,331
All Persons							
Under 20 years	3,246	1,588	1,717	969	0	0	7,520
20 - 24 years	9,498	3,860	4,049	2,819	1,514	1,439	23,179
25 - 34 years	16,923	6,392	7,158	4,749	2,115	4,102	41,439
35 - 44 years	13,126	4,825	6,043	4,238	2,055	4,979	35,266
45 - 54 years	10,161	3,448	4,182	3,443	2,064	5,969	29,267
55 - 59 years	4,202	1,403	1,742	1,256	571	1,779	10,953
60 - 64 years	3,157	1,115	1,536	1,006	486	1,043	8,343
Total	60,313	22,631	26,427	18,480	8,805	19,311	155,967

Table 6a Persons on the Live Register classified by Type of Claim, Age and Duration of Continuous Registration, April 2007

Type of Claim		Duration of	Continuous Re	egistration			
and Age	Under 3 months	3 - < 6 months	6 - < 12 months	1 - < 2 years	2 - < 3 years	3 years and over	Total
Jobseekers Benefit 1							
Under 20 years	474	154	65	2	0	0	695
20 - 24 years	4,761	1,623	1,196	74	3	0	7,657
25 - 34 years	10,494	3,481	3,348	691	4	0	18,018
35 - 44 years	8,450	2,788	3,087	823	5	0	15,153
45 - 54 years	6,776	2,045	2,052	602	3	1	11,479
55 - 59 years	2,765	861	914	320	2	0	4,862
60 - 64 years	2,138	740	919	288	2	1	4,088
Total	35,858	11,692	11,581	2,800	19	2	61,952
Jobseekers Assistance ²							
Under 20 years	2,760	1,433	1,650	967	0	0	6,810
20 - 24 years	4,663	2,219	2,838	2,736	1,510	1,439	15,405
25 - 34 years	6,194	2,776	3,673	3,952	2,056	4,053	22,704
35 - 44 years	4,201	1,766	2,520	3,025	1,754	4,407	17,673
45 - 54 years	2,976	1,122	1,692	2,344	1,740	5,231	15,105
55 - 59 years	1,138	323	501	615	407	1,503	4,487
60 - 64 years	727	146	253	342	275	845	2,588
Total	22,659	9,785	13,127	13,981	7,742	17,478	84,772
Other Registrants							
Under 20 years	12	1	2	0	0	0	15
20 - 24 years	74	18	15	9	1	0	117
25 - 34 years	235	135	137	106	55	49	717
35 - 44 years	475	271	436	390	296	572	2,440
45 - 54 years	409	281	438	497	321	737	2,683
55 - 59 years	299	219	327	321	162	276	1,604
60 - 64 years	292	229	364	376	209	197	1,667
Total	1,796	1,154	1,719	1,699	1,044	1,831	9,243

¹ Jobseekers Benefit, previously called Unemployment Benefit (UB).

 $^{^{2}\,\,}$ Jobseekers Assistance, previously called Unemployment Assistance (UA).

Table 6b Number of Males on the Live Register classified by Type of Claim, Age and Duration of Continuous Registration, April 2007

Type of Claim		Duration	of Continuous	Registration			
and Age	Under 3 months	3 - < 6 months	6 - < 12 months	1 - < 2 years	2 - < 3 years	3 years and over	Total
Jobseekers Benefit ¹							
Under 20 years	285	108	43	2	0	0	438
20 - 24 years	2,715	1,018	709	39	1	0	4,482
25 - 34 years	5,111	1,940	1,596	295	2	0	8,944
35 - 44 years	3,639	1,484	1,388	367	2	0	6,880
45 - 54 years	2,778	1,107	1,037	330	0	0	5,252
55 - 59 years	1,229	499	500	192	0	0	2,420
60 - 64 years	1,078	484	556	183	1	1	2,303
Total	16,835	6,640	5,829	1,408	6	1	30,719
Jobseekers Assistance ²							
Under 20 years	1,561	815	910	526	0	0	3,812
20 - 24 years	2,914	1,476	1,796	1,761	942	897	9,786
25 - 34 years	4,278	2,117	2,746	3,031	1,633	3,171	16,976
35 - 44 years	3,052	1,398	1,955	2,453	1,425	3,718	14,001
45 - 54 years	1,954	858	1,249	1,794	1,395	4,269	11,519
55 - 59 years	722	241	349	450	306	1,223	3,291
60 - 64 years	480	112	194	260	208	715	1,969
Total	14,961	7,017	9,199	10,275	5,909	13,993	61,354
Other Registrants							
Under 20 years	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
20 - 24 years	31	8	2	0	0	0	41
25 - 34 years	33	15	13	6	1	4	72
35 - 44 years	64	32	42	38	18	19	213
45 - 54 years	114	89	117	142	95	137	694
55 - 59 years	126	96	142	130	62	119	675
60 - 64 years	153	121	195	193	100	101	863
Total	526	361	511	509	276	380	2,563

¹ Jobseekers Benefit, previously called Unemployment Benefit (UB).

 $^{^{2}\,\,}$ Jobseekers Assistance previously called Unemployment Assistance (UA).

Table 6c Number of Females on the Live Register classified by Type of Claim, Age and Duration of Continuous Registration, April 2007

Type of Claim		Duration	of Continuous	Registration			
and Age	Under 3 months	3 - < 6 months	6 - < 12 months	1 - < 2 years	2 - < 3 years	3 years and over	Total
Jobseekers Benefit ¹							
Under 20 years	189	46	22	0	0	0	257
20 - 24 years	2,046	605	487	35	2	0	3,175
25 - 34 years	5,383	1,541	1,752	396	2	0	9,074
35 - 44 years	4,811	1,304	1,699	456	3	0	8,273
45 - 54 years	3,998	938	1,015	272	3	1	6,227
55 - 59 years	1,536	362	414	128	2	0	2,442
60 - 64 years	1,060	256	363	105	1	0	1,785
Total	19,023	5,052	5,752	1,392	13	1	31,233
Jobseekers Assistance ²							
Under 20 years	1,199	618	740	441	0	0	2,998
20 - 24 years	1,749	743	1,042	975	568	542	5,619
25 - 34 years	1,916	659	927	921	423	882	5,728
35 - 44 years	1,149	368	565	572	329	689	3,672
45 - 54 years	1,022	264	443	550	345	962	3,586
55 - 59 years	416	82	152	165	101	280	1,196
60 - 64 years	247	34	59	82	67	130	619
Total	7,698	2,768	3,928	3,706	1,833	3,485	23,418
Other Registrants							
Under 20 years	7	1	2	0	0	0	10
20 - 24 years	43	10	13	9	1	0	76
25 - 34 years	202	120	124	100	54	45	645
35 - 44 years	411	239	394	352	278	553	2,227
45 - 54 years	295	192	321	355	226	600	1,989
55 - 59 years	173	123	185	191	100	157	929
60 - 64 years	139	108	169	183	109	96	804
Total	1,270	793	1,208	1,190	768	1,451	6,680

¹ Jobseekers Benefit previously called Unemployment Benefit (UB).

 $^{^{2}\,\,}$ Jobseekers Assistance previously called Unemployment Assistance (UA).

Table 7 Persons on the Live Register in each Regional Authority classified by Sex and Duration of Continuous Registration, April 2007

		Durat	ion of Continuo	us Registration	า		
Regional Authority	Under 3 months	3 - < 6 months	6 - < 12 months	1 - < 2 years	2 - < 3 years	3 years and over	Total
Border							
Males	4,700	2,093	2,247	1,679	859	1,934	13,512
Females	4,233	1,247	1,611	907	418	787	9,203
Total	8,933	3,340	3,858	2,586	1,277	2,721	22,715
Dublin							
Males	8,060	3,619	4,287	3,746	1,786	4,112	25,610
Females	5,993	1,951	2,592	1,572	635	1,038	13,781
Total	14,053	5,570	6,879	5,318	2,421	5,150	39,391
Mid-East							
Males	2,797	1,111	1,271	897	470	954	7,500
Females	2,518	806	995	496	178	317	5,310
Total	5,315	1,917	2,266	1,393	648	1,271	12,810
Midland							
Males	2,220	929	1,087	768	399	734	6,137
Females	2,007	711	888	514	187	344	4,651
Total	4,227	1,640	1,975	1,282	586	1,078	10,788
Mid-West							
Males	2,824	1,304	1,376	1,024	512	1,148	8,188
Females	2,381	777	943	569	245	422	5,337
Total	5,205	2,081	2,319	1,593	757	1,570	13,525
South-East							
Males	4,302	1,678	1,857	1,491	806	1,931	12,065
Females	4,153	1,091	1,321	819	322	711	8,417
Total	8,455	2,769	3,178	2,310	1,128	2,642	20,482
South-West							
Males	4,605	1,842	1,920	1,491	775	2,138	12,771
Females	4,201	1,177	1,427	769	311	691	8,576
Total	8,806	3,019	3,347	2,260	1,086	2,829	21,347
West							
Males	2,814	1,442	1,494	1,096	584	1,423	8,853
Females	2,505	853	1,111	642	318	627	6,056
Total	5,319	2,295	2,605	1,738	902	2,050	14,909
State							
Males	32,322	14,018	15,539	12,192	6,191	14,374	94,636
Females	27,991	8,613	10,888	6,288	2,614	4,937	61,331
Total	60,313	22,631	26,427	18,480	8,805	19,311	155,967

Background Notes

Source and scope of the Live Register

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:

- All Claimants for Jobseekers Benefit (JB) excluding systematic short-time workers;
- Applicants for Jobseekers Assistance (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.

The monthly Live Register statistics relate to the situation on the last Friday of the month.

Age by Duration Analysis

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.

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

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 Jobseekers Benefit or Jobseekers Assistance.

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. *See overleaf*.

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