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Live Register Age by Duration

	Under 1 year	1 year or more	Total
October 2006	103,725	45,544	149,269
April 2007	109,371	46,596	155,967
October 2007	110,612	46,774	157,386

Increase in both short-term and long-term claimants

There was an increase of 1,419 in the Live Register in the six months to October 2007. This rise comprised increases of 1,241 (+1.1%) in short-term claimants and of 178 (+0.4%) for persons signing on for one year or more.

In October 2007, 29.7% of all claimants were long-term, which compares with 29.9% in April 2007 and 30.5% in October 2006. *See table 1 and graph opposite*.

Other features include:

- ♦ Of all claimants on the Live Register in October 2007, 33.7% of males and 23.4% of females were long-term claimants. *See table 1*.
- ♦ In the year to October 2007, the number of short-term claimants increased by 6,887 (+6.6%) while the number of long-term claimants increased by 1,230 (+2.7%). See table 1.
- ♦ In the six months to October 2007, the total number of males signing on increased by 2,274 (+2.4%). The largest percentage increase was in the age group 20-24 (+6.2%), while the largest decrease was for those aged 55-59 (-1.8%). See table 2.
- ♦ The number of females signing on decreased by 855 (-1.4%) in the six months to October 2007. Females aged 20-24 (+6.8%) showed the largest percentage increase, while the largest decrease was for females aged 45-54 years (-5.6%). See table 2.
- ◆ For all persons making claims for 1 year or more, the largest percentage was among the 45-54 year age group (24.3%). Those aged under 20 years (2.2%) 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 (28.5%). Those aged 60-64 (5.3%) had the lowest percentage. See table 5a.
- ♦ There were 39.8% (62,672) of all claimants on the Live Register registered for less than three months and 12.5% (19,746) 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 Allowance. Unemployment is measured by the Quarterly National Household Survey and the latest figure for June to August 2007 is 106,100 persons unemployed.

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

Sex/Duration	October 2004	April 2005	October 2005	April 2006	October 2006	April 2007	October 2007
Males							
Less than one year	59,478	60,621	58,473	62,174	57,050	61,879	64,272
One year or more	30,529	30,448	30,301	31,236	31,632	32,757	32,638
Total	90,007	91,069	88,774	93,410	88,682	94,636	96,910
Females							
Less than one year	49,889	48,288	47,829	51,299	46,675	47,492	46,340
One year or more	14,148	13,352	13,239	13,355	13,912	13,839	14,136
Total	64,037	61,640	61,068	64,654	60,587	61,331	60,476
All Persons							
Less than one year	109,367	108,909	106,302	113,473	103,725	109,371	110,612
One year or more	44,677	43,800	43,540	44,591	45,544	46,596	46,774
Total	154,044	152,709	149,842	158,064	149,269	155,967	157,386

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

Sex/Age	October 2004	April 2005	October 2005	April 2006	October 2006	April 2007	October 2007
Males							
Under 20 years	3,597	3,866	3,946	4,166	3,961	4,255	4,281
20 - 24 years	12,883	13,450	13,028	13,710	13,193	14,309	15,193
25 - 34 years	23,742	24,573	24,270	25,450	24,076	25,992	27,257
35 - 44 years	19,742	19,982	19,615	20,799	19,638	21,094	21,282
45 - 54 years	18,027	17,606	16,982	17,697	16,795	17,465	17,501
55 - 59 years	7,090	6,810	6,371	6,689	6,213	6,386	6,273
60 - 64 years	4,926	4,782	4,562	4,899	4,806	5,135	5,123
Total	90,007	91,069	88,774	93,410	88,682	94,636	96,910
Females							
Under 20 years	3,277	3,231	3,242	3,352	3,216	3,265	3,203
20 - 24 years	9,624	9,059	9,104	9,163	9,258	8,870	9,474
25 - 34 years	16,747	16,042	16,194	16,526	15,555	15,447	15,372
35 - 44 years	15,611	14,929	14,435	15,218	14,048	14,172	13,716
45 - 54 years	11,864	11,609	11,298	12,549	11,328	11,802	11,140
55 - 59 years	4,299	4,228	4,188	4,788	4,238	4,567	4,330
60 - 64 years	2,615	2,542	2,607	3,058	2,944	3,208	3,241
Total	64,037	61,640	61,068	64,654	60,587	61,331	60,476
All Persons							
Under 20 years	6,874	7,097	7,188	7,518	7,177	7,520	7,484
20 - 24 years	22,507	22,509	22,132	22,873	22,451	23,179	24,667
25 - 34 years	40,489	40,615	40,464	41,976	39,631	41,439	42,629
35 - 44 years	35,353	34,911	34,050	36,017	33,686	35,266	34,998
45 - 54 years	29,891	29,215	28,280	30,246	28,123	29,267	28,641
55 - 59 years	11,389	11,038	10,559	11,477	10,451	10,953	10,603
60 - 64 years	7,541	7,324	7,169	7,957	7,750	8,343	8,364
Total	154,044	152,709	149,842	158,064	149,269	155,967	157,386

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

Sex/Duration	Border	Dublin	Mid-East	Midland	Mid-West	South- East	South- West	West	Total
Males									
Less than one year	9,189	16,223	5,570	4,879	5,385	8,137	8,914	5,975	64,272
One year or more	4,445	9,370	2,374	2,035	2,747	4,145	4,364	3,158	32,638
Total	13,634	25,593	7,944	6,914	8,132	12,282	13,278	9,133	96,910
Females									
Less than one year	6,822	10,366	4,194	3,673	4,036	6,262	6,489	4,498	46,340
One year or more	2,200	3,338	1,023	1,055	1,310	1,818	1,761	1,631	14,136
Total	9,022	13,704	5,217	4,728	5,346	8,080	8,250	6,129	60,476
All Persons									
Less than one year	16,011	26,589	9,764	8,552	9,421	14,399	15,403	10,473	110,612
One year or more	6,645	12,708	3,397	3,090	4,057	5,963	6,125	4,789	46,774
Total	22,656	39,297	13,161	11,642	13,478	20,362	21,528	15,262	157,386

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

Sex/Age	Border	Dublin	Mid-East	Midland	Mid-West	South- East	South- West	West	Total
Males									
Under 20 years	638	1,114	365	363	373	600	446	382	4,281
20 - 24 years	2,144	4,056	1,215	1,148	1,306	1,934	1,965	1,425	15,193
25 - 34 years	3,662	7,611	2,216	1,892	2,293	3,356	3,751	2,476	27,257
35 - 44 years	3,018	5,550	1,767	1,553	1,794	2,696	2,903	2,001	21,282
45 - 54 years	2,632	4,076	1,385	1,208	1,477	2,391	2,582	1,750	17,501
55 - 59 years	883	1,678	516	436	488	755	922	595	6,273
60 - 64 years	657	1,508	480	314	401	550	709	504	5,123
Total	13,634	25,593	7,944	6,914	8,132	12,282	13,278	9,133	96,910
Females									
Under 20 years	504	820	233	283	275	495	342	251	3,203
20 - 24 years	1,435	2,083	717	811	908	1,323	1,191	1,006	9,474
25 - 34 years	2,223	3,380	1,464	1,269	1,321	2,091	2,098	1,526	15,372
35 - 44 years	2,086	2,889	1,258	1,084	1,253	1,786	1,947	1,413	13,716
45 - 54 years	1,725	2,435	884	796	984	1,511	1,644	1,161	11,140
55 - 59 years	624	1,128	369	293	346	517	620	433	4,330
60 - 64 years	425	969	292	192	259	357	408	339	3,241
Total	9,022	13,704	5,217	4,728	5,346	8,080	8,250	6,129	60,476
All Persons									
Under 20 years	1,142	1,934	598	646	648	1,095	788	633	7,484
20 - 24 years	3,579	6,139	1,932	1,959	2,214	3,257	3,156	2,431	24,667
25 - 34 years	5,885	10,991	3,680	3,161	3,614	5,447	5,849	4,002	42,629
35 - 44 years	5,104	8,439	3,025	2,637	3,047	4,482	4,850	3,414	34,998
45 - 54 years	4,357	6,511	2,269	2,004	2,461	3,902	4,226	2,911	28,641
55 - 59 years	1,507	2,806	885	729	834	1,272	1,542	1,028	10,603
60 - 64 years	1,082	2,477	772	506	660	907	1,117	843	8,364
Total	22,656	39,297	13,161	11,642	13,478	20,362	21,528	15,262	157,386

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

	Duration of Contin	nuous Registration		
Sex/Age	Under 1 year	1 year or more	Total	
Males				
Under 20 years	3,682	599	4,281	
20 - 24 years	11,472	3,721	15,193	
25 - 34 years	19,052	8,205	27,257	
35 - 44 years	13,246	8,036	21,282	
45 - 54 years	9,447	8,054	17,501	
55 - 59 years	3,908	2,365	6,273	
60 - 64 years	3,465	1,658	5,123	
Total	64,272	32,638	96,910	
Females				
Under 20 years	2,765	438	3,203	
20 - 24 years	7,241	2,233	9,474	
25 - 34 years	12,453	2,919	15,372	
35 - 44 years	10,435	3,281	13,716	
45 - 54 years	7,816	3,324	11,140	
55 - 59 years	3,185	1,145	4,330	
60 - 64 years	2,445	796	3,241	
Total	46,340	14,136	60,476	
All Persons				
Under 20 years	6,447	1,037	7,484	
20 - 24 years	18,713	5,954	24,667	
25 - 34 years	31,505	11,124	42,629	
35 - 44 years	23,681	11,317	34,998	
45 - 54 years	17,263	11,378	28,641	
55 - 59 years	7,093	3,510	10,603	
60 - 64 years	5,910	2,454	8,364	
Total	110,612	46,774	157,386	

Table 5b Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age and Duration of Continuous Registration (Detailed), October 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	2,059	796	827	599	0	0	4,281
20 - 24 years	6,247	2,694	2,531	1,755	1,020	946	15,193
25 - 34 years	10,240	4,553	4,259	3,262	1,638	3,305	27,257
35 - 44 years	6,973	3,004	3,269	2,707	1,504	3,825	21,282
45 - 54 years	5,125	1,876	2,446	2,145	1,402	4,507	17,501
55 - 59 years	2,192	742	974	711	365	1,289	6,273
60 - 64 years	1,833	707	925	609	263	786	5,123
Total	34,669	14,372	15,231	11,788	6,192	14,658	96,910
Females							
Under 20 years	1,474	648	643	438	0	0	3,203
20 - 24 years	4,360	1,626	1,255	1,003	629	601	9,474
25 - 34 years	7,510	2,516	2,427	1,393	538	988	15,372
35 - 44 years	6,165	2,078	2,192	1,473	571	1,237	13,716
45 - 54 years	4,942	1,381	1,493	1,147	618	1,559	11,140
55 - 59 years	2,027	529	629	503	201	441	4,330
60 - 64 years	1,525	402	518	371	163	262	3,241
Total	28,003	9,180	9,157	6,328	2,720	5,088	60,476
All Persons							
Under 20 years	3,533	1,444	1,470	1,037	0	0	7,484
20 - 24 years	10,607	4,320	3,786	2,758	1,649	1,547	24,667
25 - 34 years	17,750	7,069	6,686	4,655	2,176	4,293	42,629
35 - 44 years	13,138	5,082	5,461	4,180	2,075	5,062	34,998
45 - 54 years	10,067	3,257	3,939	3,292	2,020	6,066	28,641
55 - 59 years	4,219	1,271	1,603	1,214	566	1,730	10,603
60 - 64 years	3,358	1,109	1,443	980	426	1,048	8,364
Total	62,672	23,552	24,388	18,116	8,912	19,746	157,386

Table 6a Persons on the Live Register classified by Type of Claim, Age and Duration of Continuous Registration, October 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							
Under 20 years	395	152	97	1	0	0	645
20 - 24 years	4,912	1,790	1,281	74	1	0	8,058
25 - 34 years	10,537	3,855	3,292	721	13	1	18,419
35 - 44 years	8,267	2,788	2,916	893	14	3	14,881
45 - 54 years	6,388	1,838	2,097	586	6	2	10,917
55 - 59 years	2,598	723	897	269	5	3	4,495
60 - 64 years	2,112	691	918	296	4	0	4,021
Total	35,209	11,837	11,498	2,840	43	9	61,436
Jobseekers Allowance ¹							
Under 20 years	3,119	1,291	1,371	1,036	0	0	6,817
20 - 24 years	5,642	2,511	2,495	2,676	1,645	1,547	16,516
25 - 34 years	6,960	3,098	3,267	3,837	2,119	4,241	23,522
35 - 44 years	4,445	1,960	2,182	2,879	1,814	4,529	17,809
45 - 54 years	3,219	1,110	1,511	2,250	1,702	5,345	15,137
55 - 59 years	1,238	319	418	607	390	1,453	4,425
60 - 64 years	774	176	213	326	211	804	2,504
Total	25,397	10,465	11,457	13,611	7,881	17,919	86,730
Other Registrants							
Under 20 years	19	1	2	0	0	0	22
20 - 24 years	53	19	10	8	3	0	93
25 - 34 years	253	116	127	97	44	51	688
35 - 44 years	426	334	363	408	247	530	2,308
45 - 54 years	460	309	331	456	312	719	2,587
55 - 59 years	383	229	288	338	171	274	1,683
60 - 64 years	472	242	312	358	211	244	1,839
Total	2,066	1,250	1,433	1,665	988	1,818	9,220

¹ Jobseekers Allowance previously called Jobseekers Assistance

Table 6b Number of Males on the Live Register classified by Type of Claim, Age and Duration of Continuous Registration, October 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							
Under 20 years	240	100	59	1	0	0	400
20 - 24 years	2,848	1,148	810	38	0	0	4,844
25 - 34 years	5,390	2,221	1,701	309	7	1	9,629
35 - 44 years	3,730	1,447	1,477	385	4	3	7,046
45 - 54 years	2,833	989	1,193	284	1	0	5,300
55 - 59 years	1,230	428	542	143	1	1	2,345
60 - 64 years	1,087	438	595	181	1	0	2,302
Total	17,358	6,771	6,377	1,341	14	5	31,866
Jobseekers Allowance ¹							
Under 20 years	1,808	695	767	598	0	0	3,868
20 - 24 years	3,380	1,544	1,717	1,715	1,020	946	10,322
25 - 34 years	4,806	2,317	2,549	2,946	1,631	3,299	17,548
35 - 44 years	3,178	1,524	1,762	2,285	1,477	3,804	14,030
45 - 54 years	2,150	807	1,157	1,728	1,318	4,374	11,534
55 - 59 years	786	215	307	429	295	1,184	3,216
60 - 64 years	502	133	171	240	163	665	1,874
Total	16,610	7,235	8,430	9,941	5,904	14,272	62,392
Other Registrants							
Under 20 years	11	1	1	0	0	0	13
20 - 24 years	19	2	4	2	0	0	27
25 - 34 years	44	15	9	7	0	5	80
35 - 44 years	65	33	30	37	23	18	206
45 - 54 years	142	80	96	133	83	133	667
55 - 59 years	176	99	125	139	69	104	712
60 - 64 years	244	136	159	188	99	121	947
Total	701	366	424	506	274	381	2,652

¹ Jobseekers Allowance previously called Jobseekers Assistance

Table 6c Number of Females on the Live Register classified by Type of Claim, Age and Duration of Continuous Registration, October 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							
Under 20 years	155	52	38	0	0	0	245
20 - 24 years	2,064	642	471	36	1	0	3,214
25 - 34 years	5,147	1,634	1,591	412	6	0	8,790
35 - 44 years	4,537	1,341	1,439	508	10	0	7,835
45 - 54 years	3,555	849	904	302	5	2	5,617
55 - 59 years	1,368	295	355	126	4	2	2,150
60 - 64 years	1,025	253	323	115	3	0	1,719
Total	17,851	5,066	5,121	1,499	29	4	29,570
Jobseekers Allowance ¹							
Under 20 years	1,311	596	604	438	0	0	2,949
20 - 24 years	2,262	967	778	961	625	601	6,194
25 - 34 years	2,154	781	718	891	488	942	5,974
35 - 44 years	1,267	436	420	594	337	725	3,779
45 - 54 years	1,069	303	354	522	384	971	3,603
55 - 59 years	452	104	111	178	95	269	1,209
60 - 64 years	272	43	42	86	48	139	630
Total	8,787	3,230	3,027	3,670	1,977	3,647	24,338
Other Registrants							
Under 20 years	8	0	1	0	0	0	9
20 - 24 years	34	17	6	6	3	0	66
25 - 34 years	209	101	118	90	44	46	608
35 - 44 years	361	301	333	371	224	512	2,102
45 - 54 years	318	229	235	323	229	586	1,920
55 - 59 years	207	130	163	199	102	170	971
60 - 64 years	228	106	153	170	112	123	892
Total	1,365	884	1,009	1,159	714	1,437	6,568

¹ Jobseekers Allowance previously called Jobseekers Assistance

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

		Durat	ion of Continuo	ous 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	5,116	1,949	2,124	1,697	815	1,933	13,634
Females	4,294	1,227	1,301	975	463	762	9,022
Total	9,410	3,176	3,425	2,672	1,278	2,695	22,656
Dublin							
Males	8,223	3,882	4,118	3,348	1,823	4,199	25,593
Females	5,959	2,272	2,135	1,562	648	1,128	13,704
Total	14,182	6,154	6,253	4,910	2,471	5,327	39,297
Mid-East							
Males	3,061	1,182	1,327	906	485	983	7,944
Females	2,468	820	906	515	182	326	5,217
Total	5,529	2,002	2,233	1,421	667	1,309	13,161
Midland							
Males	2,603	1,145	1,131	841	401	793	6,914
Females	2,159	726	788	487	208	360	4,728
Total	4,762	1,871	1,919	1,328	609	1,153	11,642
Mid-West							
Males	2,824	1,188	1,373	1,012	525	1,210	8,132
Females	2,377	853	806	603	241	466	5,346
Total	5,201	2,041	2,179	1,615	766	1,676	13,478
South-East							
Males	4,613	1,683	1,841	1,420	785	1,940	12,282
Females	4,014	1,043	1,205	756	347	715	8,080
Total	8,627	2,726	3,046	2,176	1,132	2,655	20,362
South-West							
Males	5,131	1,893	1,890	1,481	769	2,114	13,278
Females	4,187	1,186	1,116	754	336	671	8,250
Total	9,318	3,079	3,006	2,235	1,105	2,785	21,528
West							
Males	3,098	1,450	1,427	1,083	589	1,486	9,133
Females	2,545	1,053	900	676	295	660	6,129
Total	5,643	2,503	2,327	1,759	884	2,146	15,262
State							
Males	34,669	14,372	15,231	11,788	6,192	14,658	96,910
Females	28,003	9,180	9,157	6,328	2,720	5,088	60,476
Total	62,672	23,552	24,388	18,116	8,912	19,746	157,386

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 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.

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 Allowance.

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