



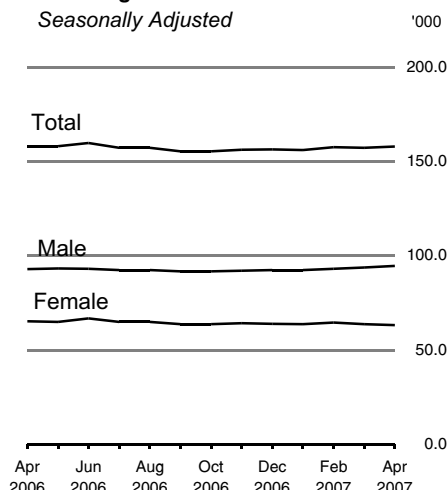
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## Live Register April 2007

### Live Register

Seasonally Adjusted



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
<b>April 2006</b>	154,566	158,400
<b>March 2007</b>	155,869	157,500
<b>April 2007</b>	154,319	158,200
<b>Change in month</b>	-1,550	+700
<b>Change in year</b>	-247	-200

### Slight increase in Seasonally Adjusted Live Register in April

The seasonally adjusted Live Register total increased from 157,500 in March to 158,200 in April, an increase of 700. This compares with a decrease of 300 in March. *See table 2a and graph opposite.*

In the year to April 2007, there was an unadjusted decrease of 247 (-0.2%). This compares with an unadjusted increase of 326 (+0.2%) in the year to March 2007.

Other features include:

- ◆ The monthly increase in the Seasonally Adjusted series consisted of an increase of 1,000 males and a decrease of 400 females. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in April was 4.3%. This compares with 4.2%, 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 7,897 males and 12,487 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 Assistance. Unemployment is measured by the Quarterly National Household Survey and the latest seasonally adjusted figure, for September to November 2006, is 90,600 persons unemployed.

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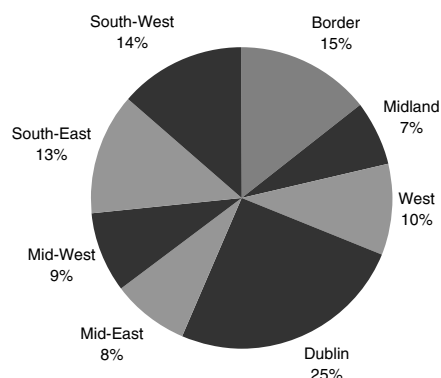
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## Live Register by Regional Authority



	April 2007	Monthly Change	Annual Change
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>48,021</b>	<b>- 623</b>	<b>+ 687</b>
Border	22,418	- 309	- 44
Midland	10,766	- 25	+ 445
West	14,837	- 289	+ 286
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>106,298</b>	<b>- 927</b>	<b>- 934</b>
Dublin	38,933	+ 12	- 1,347
Mid-East	12,726	+ 48	+ 440
Mid-West	13,394	- 301	+ 497
South-East	20,183	- 315	- 210
South-West	21,062	- 371	- 314
<b>Total</b>	<b>154,319</b>	<b>- 1,550</b>	<b>- 247</b>

## Unadjusted monthly decreases in six regions

There was an unadjusted monthly decrease of 1,550 (-1.0%) on the Live Register in April 2007, which reflected decreases in six regions. The largest percentage decrease was in the Mid-West region (-2.2%) while the largest percentage increase was in the Mid-East region (+0.4%).

Other features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males decreased in five regions. The largest percentage decrease was in the West region (-2.0%), while the largest percentage increases were in the Midland and Dublin regions (+0.3%).
- ◆ The number of females decreased in seven regions. The largest percentage decrease was in the Mid-West region (-2.8%) while the only percentage increase was in the Mid-East region (+0.7%).
- ◆ Amongst counties, the largest percentage decreases were in Kerry (-5.3%) and Clare (-4.6%). The largest percentage increases were in Laoighis (+3.5%) and Carlow (+2.1%). *See tables 4 and 6.*

**Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register**

Category	April 2006	March 2007	April 2007	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
JB Claims <sup>1</sup>	29,029	30,760	30,307	- 453	+ 1278
JA Applications <sup>2</sup>	60,842	61,503	61,279	- 224	+ 437
Other Registrants	2,548	2,527	2,536	+ 9	- 12
<b>Total</b>	<b>92,419</b>	<b>94,790</b>	<b>94,122</b>	<b>- 668</b>	<b>+ 1703</b>
<b>Females</b>					
JB Claims	31,558	31,011	30,234	- 777	- 1,324
JA Applications	23,755	23,493	23,374	- 119	- 381
Other Registrants	6,834	6,575	6,589	+ 14	- 245
<b>Total</b>	<b>62,147</b>	<b>61,079</b>	<b>60,197</b>	<b>- 882</b>	<b>- 1,950</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
JB Claims	60,587	61,771	60,541	- 1,230	- 46
JA Applications	84,597	84,996	84,653	- 343	+ 56
Other Registrants	9,382	9,102	9,125	+ 23	- 257
<b>Total</b>	<b>154,566</b>	<b>155,869</b>	<b>154,319</b>	<b>- 1,550</b>	<b>- 247</b>

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

Category	April 2006	March 2007	April 2007	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
JB Claims	4,752	4,915	4,879	- 36	+ 127
JA Applications	12,967	13,671	13,549	- 122	+ 582
Other Registrants	35	37	48	+ 11	+ 13
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,754</b>	<b>18,623</b>	<b>18,476</b>	<b>- 147</b>	<b>+ 722</b>
<b>Females</b>					
JB Claims	3,447	3,413	3,324	- 89	- 123
JA Applications	8,811	8,702	8,621	- 81	- 190
Other Registrants	99	80	89	+ 9	- 10
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,357</b>	<b>12,195</b>	<b>12,034</b>	<b>- 161</b>	<b>- 323</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
JB Claims	8,199	8,328	8,203	- 125	+ 4
JA Applications	21,778	22,373	22,170	- 203	+ 392
Other Registrants	134	117	137	+ 20	+ 3
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,111</b>	<b>30,818</b>	<b>30,510</b>	<b>- 308</b>	<b>+ 399</b>

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

Category	April 2006	March 2007	April 2007	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
JB Claims	24,277	25,845	25,428	- 417	+ 1,151
JA Applications	47,875	47,832	47,730	- 102	- 145
Other Registrants	2,513	2,490	2,488	- 2	- 25
<b>Total</b>	<b>74,665</b>	<b>76,167</b>	<b>75,646</b>	<b>- 521</b>	<b>+ 981</b>
<b>Females</b>					
JB Claims	28,111	27,598	26,910	- 688	- 1,201
JA Applications	14,944	14,791	14,753	- 38	- 191
Other Registrants	6,735	6,495	6,500	+ 5	- 235
<b>Total</b>	<b>49,790</b>	<b>48,884</b>	<b>48,163</b>	<b>- 721</b>	<b>- 1,627</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
JB Claims	52,388	53,443	52,338	- 1,105	- 50
JA Applications	62,819	62,623	62,483	- 140	- 336
Other Registrants	9,248	8,985	8,988	+ 3	- 260
<b>Total</b>	<b>124,455</b>	<b>125,051</b>	<b>123,809</b>	<b>- 1,242</b>	<b>- 646</b>

<sup>1</sup> JB (Jobseekers Benefit) previously called UB (Unemployment Benefit).<sup>2</sup> JA (Jobseekers Assistance) previously called UA (Unemployment Assistance).

**Table 2a Total persons on the Live Register - Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted**

	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series <sup>1</sup>		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2005	April	90,600	61,000	151,600	91,300	64,100	155,300
	May	89,800	61,000	150,800	91,700	65,000	156,800
	June	92,100	67,200	159,300	91,700	64,700	156,400
	July	94,100	74,400	168,500	91,900	65,200	157,200
	August	94,700	74,700	169,400	92,100	65,200	157,400
	September	90,200	63,200	153,300	92,200	64,400	156,600
	October	88,700	60,900	149,600	92,500	64,200	156,700
	November	89,400	60,700	150,100	92,900	65,000	157,900
2006	December	92,400	63,400	155,800	92,500	64,600	157,000
	January	95,900	64,200	160,100	92,700	65,000	157,600
	February	95,400	64,300	159,600	92,900	65,000	157,900
	March	93,500	62,100	155,500	92,500	64,700	157,200
	April	92,400	62,100	154,600	93,100	65,300	158,400
	May	91,500	61,100	152,600	93,400	65,000	158,400
	June	93,700	69,300	163,100	93,200	66,900	160,100
	July	94,800	74,200	168,900	92,500	64,900	157,400
2007	August	95,000	74,600	169,600	92,500	65,000	157,400
	September	89,800	62,500	152,300	91,800	63,800	155,600
	October	88,100	60,400	148,500	91,900	63,700	155,600
	November	88,600	59,900	148,500	92,100	64,300	156,400
	December	92,500	62,900	155,400	92,600	64,000	156,700
	January	95,800	62,900	158,800	92,600	63,700	156,300
	February	95,600	63,800	159,400	93,200	64,600	157,800
	March	94,800	61,100	155,900	93,800	63,700	157,500
2007	April	94,100	60,200	154,300	94,800	63,300	158,200

<sup>1</sup> Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2006 (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 <sup>1</sup>		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2005	April	17,200	12,100	29,300	17,400	13,000	30,400
	May	16,900	12,200	29,100	17,500	13,000	30,400
	June	17,900	13,800	31,700	17,500	13,000	30,500
	July	18,400	14,800	33,200	17,400	12,800	30,300
	August	18,500	15,000	33,500	17,600	12,900	30,400
	September	17,500	13,100	30,600	17,700	12,700	30,400
	October	17,000	12,100	29,100	18,000	12,900	30,900
	November	17,100	11,900	28,900	18,200	13,000	31,200
2006	December	17,300	11,700	29,000	18,000	12,900	30,900
	January	18,500	12,700	31,300	17,800	12,900	30,700
	February	18,600	12,900	31,500	18,000	13,000	31,000
	March	18,200	12,600	30,800	18,000	13,100	31,000
	April	17,800	12,400	30,100	18,000	13,200	31,200
	May	17,600	12,400	30,000	18,100	13,100	31,200
	June	18,400	14,200	32,600	18,000	13,300	31,400
	July	18,700	14,800	33,600	17,800	12,900	30,700
2007	August	18,800	14,900	33,700	17,800	12,800	30,600
	September	17,600	13,200	30,900	17,800	12,800	30,600
	October	16,900	12,200	29,200	18,000	13,000	31,000
	November	16,900	11,800	28,600	18,000	12,900	30,900
	December	17,500	11,600	29,100	18,200	12,800	31,000
	January	18,600	12,500	31,100	17,900	12,700	30,600
	February	18,600	12,500	31,100	18,000	12,600	30,600
	March	18,600	12,200	30,800	18,400	12,700	31,000
2007	April	18,500	12,000	30,500	18,700	12,900	31,600

<sup>1</sup> Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2006 (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 <sup>1</sup>		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2005	April	73,500	48,900	122,300	73,900	51,100	125,000
	May	72,900	48,800	121,700	74,300	52,000	126,300
	June	74,300	53,300	127,600	74,200	51,700	125,900
	July	75,800	59,600	135,400	74,500	52,400	126,900
	August	76,100	59,800	135,900	74,600	52,400	127,000
	September	72,700	50,100	122,700	74,500	51,700	126,200
	October	71,800	48,700	120,500	74,500	51,300	125,800
	November	72,300	48,800	121,100	74,600	52,000	126,700
	December	75,100	51,800	126,800	74,500	51,700	126,200
2006	January	77,400	51,500	128,900	74,900	52,000	126,900
	February	76,800	51,300	128,100	74,900	52,000	126,900
	March	75,300	49,500	124,700	74,600	51,600	126,200
	April	74,700	49,800	124,500	75,100	52,000	127,200
	May	73,900	48,700	122,600	75,200	51,900	127,200
	June	75,400	55,100	130,400	75,200	53,600	128,800
	July	76,000	59,400	135,400	74,700	52,100	126,700
	August	76,200	59,700	135,900	74,600	52,200	126,800
	September	72,200	49,300	121,500	74,000	51,000	125,000
	October	71,200	48,100	119,300	73,900	50,700	124,600
	November	71,700	48,200	119,900	74,100	51,400	125,500
	December	75,000	51,300	126,300	74,500	51,200	125,700
2007	January	77,200	50,500	127,600	74,700	51,000	125,700
	February	77,000	51,300	128,300	75,100	52,000	127,200
	March	76,200	48,900	125,100	75,500	51,100	126,500
	April	75,600	48,200	123,800	76,100	50,400	126,600

<sup>1</sup> Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2006 (See Background Notes).

**Table 3 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates (SUR)**

Month	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
January <sup>1</sup>	3.7	4.4	4.7	4.5	4.2	4.4	4.2
February	3.7	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.3
March	3.7	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.2
April <sup>1</sup>	3.8	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.3
May	3.9	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.5	
June	3.9	4.3	4.7	4.4	4.3	4.5	
July <sup>1</sup>	4.0	4.3	4.8	4.4	4.3	4.4	
August	3.9	4.4	4.7	4.4	4.4	4.4	
September	3.9	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.3	
October <sup>1</sup>	4.0	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.2 <sup>2</sup>	
November	4.2	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.5	4.2	
December	4.3	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.2	
Annual average	3.9	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.4	

<sup>1</sup> Benchmark Labour Force Survey/Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) estimates.

<sup>2</sup> The latest QNHS estimate of the unemployment rate (adjusted for seasonality) is: September-November 2006, 4.2%.

**Table 4 Persons on the Live Register classified by Region**

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions <sup>1</sup>	April 2006	March 2007	April 2007	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
<b>Males</b>							
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>27,414</b>	<b>28,646</b>	<b>28,328</b>	- 318	+ 914	<b>5,639</b>	<b>22,689</b>
Border	13,228	13,530	13,370	- 160	+ 142	2,574	10,796
Midland	5,746	6,138	6,157	+ 19	+ 411	1,348	4,809
West	8,440	8,978	8,801	- 177	+ 361	1,717	7,084
<b>Southern &amp; Eastern</b>	<b>65,005</b>	<b>66,144</b>	<b>65,794</b>	- 350	+ 789	<b>12,837</b>	<b>52,957</b>
Dublin	25,832	25,441	25,517	+ 76	- 315	5,140	20,377
Mid-East	6,968	7,474	7,485	+ 11	+ 517	1,414	6,071
Mid-West	7,509	8,276	8,128	- 148	+ 619	1,683	6,445
South-East	11,972	12,109	11,955	- 154	- 17	2,393	9,562
South-West	12,724	12,844	12,709	- 135	- 15	2,207	10,502
<b>Total</b>	<b>92,419</b>	<b>94,790</b>	<b>94,122</b>	- 668	+ 1,703	<b>18,476</b>	<b>75,646</b>
<b>Females</b>							
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>19,920</b>	<b>19,998</b>	<b>19,693</b>	- 305	- 227	<b>4,023</b>	<b>15,670</b>
Border	9,234	9,197	9,048	- 149	- 186	1,807	7,241
Midland	4,575	4,653	4,609	- 44	+ 34	1,081	3,528
West	6,111	6,148	6,036	- 112	- 75	1,135	4,901
<b>Southern &amp; Eastern</b>	<b>42,227</b>	<b>41,081</b>	<b>40,504</b>	- 577	- 1,723	<b>8,011</b>	<b>32,493</b>
Dublin	14,448	13,480	13,416	- 64	- 1,032	2,775	10,641
Mid-East	5,318	5,204	5,241	+ 37	- 77	874	4,367
Mid-West	5,388	5,419	5,266	- 153	- 122	1,127	4,139
South-East	8,421	8,389	8,228	- 161	- 193	1,789	6,439
South-West	8,652	8,589	8,353	- 236	- 299	1,446	6,907
<b>Total</b>	<b>62,147</b>	<b>61,079</b>	<b>60,197</b>	- 882	- 1,950	<b>12,034</b>	<b>48,163</b>
<b>All Persons</b>							
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>47,334</b>	<b>48,644</b>	<b>48,021</b>	- 623	+ 687	<b>9,662</b>	<b>38,359</b>
Border	22,462	22,727	22,418	- 309	- 44	4,381	18,037
Midland	10,321	10,791	10,766	- 25	+ 445	2,429	8,337
West	14,551	15,126	14,837	- 289	+ 286	2,852	11,985
<b>Southern &amp; Eastern</b>	<b>107,232</b>	<b>107,225</b>	<b>106,298</b>	- 927	- 934	<b>20,848</b>	<b>85,450</b>
Dublin	40,280	38,921	38,933	+ 12	- 1,347	7,915	31,018
Mid-East	12,286	12,678	12,726	+ 48	+ 440	2,288	10,438
Mid-West	12,897	13,695	13,394	- 301	+ 497	2,810	10,584
South-East	20,393	20,498	20,183	- 315	- 210	4,182	16,001
South-West	21,376	21,433	21,062	- 371	- 314	3,653	17,409
<b>Total</b>	<b>154,566</b>	<b>155,869</b>	<b>154,319</b>	- 1,550	- 247	<b>30,510</b>	<b>123,809</b>

<sup>1</sup> The composition of the regions is described in the Background Notes.

**Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province**

Provinces	April 2006	March 2007	April 2007	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
<b>Provinces</b>							
Leinster	80,713	80,201	80,105	- 96	- 608	16,200	63,905
Munster	43,629	44,365	43,531	- 834	- 98	8,385	35,146
Connacht	17,433	18,159	17,841	- 318	+ 408	3,423	14,418
Ulster	12,791	13,144	12,842	- 302	+ 51	2,502	10,340
<b>Total</b>	<b>154,566</b>	<b>155,869</b>	<b>154,319</b>	- 1,550	- 247	<b>30,510</b>	<b>123,809</b>

**Table 6 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age Group and Local Office of Registration**

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	April 2006	March 2007	April 2007	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>47,334</b>	<b>48,644</b>	<b>48,021</b>	<b>5,639</b>	<b>22,689</b>	<b>28,328</b>	<b>4,023</b>	<b>15,670</b>	<b>19,693</b>
<b>Border</b>	<b>22,462</b>	<b>22,727</b>	<b>22,418</b>	<b>2,574</b>	<b>10,796</b>	<b>13,370</b>	<b>1,807</b>	<b>7,241</b>	<b>9,048</b>
Cavan	2,224	2,380	2,325	241	1,098	1,339	177	809	986
Ballyconnell <sup>1</sup>	440	441	440	33	225	258	37	145	182
Cavan	1,784	1,939	1,885	208	873	1,081	140	664	804
Donegal	8,498	8,696	8,488	972	4,059	5,031	760	2,697	3,457
Ballybofey	705	782	732	118	324	442	104	186	290
Ballyshannon	478	536	516	53	206	259	59	198	257
Buncrana	1,578	1,669	1,608	154	774	928	169	511	680
Donegal	422	596	587	46	214	260	37	290	327
Dunfanaghy	731	789	740	103	357	460	48	232	280
Dungloe	1,269	1,203	1,201	105	626	731	54	416	470
Killybegs	983	807	838	62	454	516	39	283	322
Letterkenny	2,332	2,314	2,266	331	1,104	1,435	250	581	831
Leitrim	1,040	1,159	1,135	91	530	621	74	440	514
Carrick-on-Shannon	773	860	841	69	382	451	56	334	390
Manorhamilton	267	299	294	22	148	170	18	106	124
Louth	6,789	6,550	6,572	808	3,214	4,022	500	2,050	2,550
Ardee	774	782	763	83	336	419	63	281	344
Drogheda	3,276	3,083	3,128	349	1,492	1,841	248	1,039	1,287
Dundalk	2,739	2,685	2,681	376	1,386	1,762	189	730	919
Monaghan	2,069	2,068	2,029	194	949	1,143	158	728	886
Carrickmacross	535	532	532	34	227	261	38	233	271
Castleblayney	623	631	616	61	291	352	62	202	264
Clones	223	207	197	18	96	114	16	67	83
Monaghan	688	698	684	81	335	416	42	226	268
Sligo	1,842	1,874	1,869	268	946	1,214	138	517	655
Sligo	1,517	1,524	1,515	233	789	1,022	113	380	493
Tubbercurry	325	350	354	35	157	192	25	137	162
<b>Midland</b>	<b>10,321</b>	<b>10,791</b>	<b>10,766</b>	<b>1,348</b>	<b>4,809</b>	<b>6,157</b>	<b>1,081</b>	<b>3,528</b>	<b>4,609</b>
Laoighis	2,030	2,108	2,182	281	925	1,206	229	747	976
Portllington	779	865	896	120	370	490	89	317	406
Portlaoise	927	902	935	121	393	514	100	321	421
Rathdowney	324	341	351	40	162	202	40	109	149
Longford	2,002	2,021	2,025	258	939	1,197	201	627	828
Longford	2,002	2,021	2,025	258	939	1,197	201	627	828
Offaly	2,760	2,829	2,824	334	1,334	1,668	263	893	1,156
Birr	880	817	814	96	367	463	79	272	351
Edenderry	672	694	688	73	352	425	45	218	263
Tullamore	1,208	1,318	1,322	165	615	780	139	403	542
Westmeath	3,529	3,833	3,735	475	1,611	2,086	388	1,261	1,649
Athlone	1,375	1,478	1,411	184	619	803	158	450	608
Castlepollard	352	406	404	39	177	216	35	153	188
Mullingar	1,802	1,949	1,920	252	815	1,067	195	658	853
<b>West</b>	<b>14,551</b>	<b>15,126</b>	<b>14,837</b>	<b>1,717</b>	<b>7,084</b>	<b>8,801</b>	<b>1,135</b>	<b>4,901</b>	<b>6,036</b>
Galway	8,561	9,122	8,998	1,048	4,296	5,344	728	2,926	3,654
Ballinasloe	878	896	868	135	404	539	79	250	329
Clifden	672	659	606	65	313	378	48	180	228
Galway	4,848	5,178	5,134	621	2,527	3,148	451	1,535	1,986
Gort	471	519	523	43	206	249	20	254	274
Loughrea	675	731	721	70	325	395	53	273	326
Tuam	1,017	1,139	1,146	114	521	635	77	434	511

<sup>1</sup> Ballyconnell replaces previous office Belturbet with effect from September 2006.

**Table 6 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age Group and Local Office of Registration**

-continued				Males			Females		
NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	April 2006	March 2007	April 2007	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	4,819	4,694	4,568	518	2,183	2,701	326	1,541	1,867
Achill	241	221	220	17	135	152	13	55	68
Ballina	1,351	1,323	1,267	187	642	829	112	326	438
Ballinrobe	366	337	325	28	130	158	23	144	167
Belmullet	519	441	447	34	241	275	30	142	172
Castlebar	793	779	763	88	305	393	62	308	370
Claremorris	373	427	394	40	188	228	19	147	166
Swinford	611	648	649	80	273	353	52	244	296
Westport	565	518	503	44	269	313	15	175	190
Roscommon	1,171	1,310	1,271	151	605	756	81	434	515
Boyle	329	349	333	34	161	195	17	121	138
Castlerea	521	598	579	65	278	343	40	196	236
Roscommon	321	363	359	52	166	218	24	117	141
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>107,232</b>	<b>107,225</b>	<b>106,298</b>	<b>12,837</b>	<b>52,957</b>	<b>65,794</b>	<b>8,011</b>	<b>32,493</b>	<b>40,504</b>
<b>Dublin</b>	<b>40,280</b>	<b>38,921</b>	<b>38,933</b>	<b>5,140</b>	<b>20,377</b>	<b>25,517</b>	<b>2,775</b>	<b>10,641</b>	<b>13,416</b>
Dublin	40,280	38,921	38,933	5,140	20,377	25,517	2,775	10,641	13,416
Bishop Square	3,363	3,209	3,201	351	1,850	2,201	162	838	1,000
Cumberland Street	5,102	4,792	4,771	619	2,477	3,096	318	1,357	1,675
Navan Road	2,495	2,458	2,478	316	1,403	1,719	189	570	759
Blanchardstown	3,694	3,321	3,323	415	1,603	2,018	272	1,033	1,305
Thomas Street	2,162	2,056	2,020	217	1,244	1,461	136	423	559
Tara Street	1,129	1,064	1,074	107	628	735	48	291	339
Tallaght	3,436	3,525	3,556	598	1,825	2,423	296	837	1,133
Ballymun	1,562	1,519	1,541	289	752	1,041	154	346	500
Clondalkin	3,622	3,509	3,522	582	1,717	2,299	334	889	1,223
Rathfarnham	1,767	1,707	1,703	158	798	956	81	666	747
Kilbarrack	2,276	2,132	2,085	206	1,116	1,322	110	653	763
Dun Laoghaire	2,408	2,266	2,284	174	1,240	1,414	66	804	870
Balbriggan	1,361	1,432	1,414	136	699	835	81	498	579
Ballyfermot	1,274	1,327	1,356	258	684	942	148	266	414
Finglas	2,255	2,282	2,306	376	1,192	1,568	185	553	738
Coolock	2,374	2,322	2,299	338	1,149	1,487	195	617	812
<b>Mid-East</b>	<b>12,286</b>	<b>12,678</b>	<b>12,726</b>	<b>1,414</b>	<b>6,071</b>	<b>7,485</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>4,367</b>	<b>5,241</b>
Kildare	4,840	5,375	5,434	594	2,521	3,115	389	1,930	2,319
Athy	864	907	922	102	449	551	68	303	371
Maynooth	1,423	1,570	1,576	167	677	844	98	634	732
Newbridge	2,553	2,898	2,936	325	1,395	1,720	223	993	1,216
Meath	3,065	3,070	3,081	333	1,404	1,737	229	1,115	1,344
Kells	581	525	522	59	225	284	48	190	238
Navan	1,708	1,696	1,706	188	831	1,019	117	570	687
Trim	776	849	853	86	348	434	64	355	419
Wicklow	4,381	4,233	4,211	487	2,146	2,633	256	1,322	1,578
Arklow	1,245	1,256	1,234	154	615	769	75	390	465
Baltinglass	430	487	481	66	226	292	49	140	189
Bray	1,876	1,689	1,694	175	868	1,043	84	567	651
Wicklow	830	801	802	92	437	529	48	225	273
<b>Mid-West</b>	<b>12,897</b>	<b>13,695</b>	<b>13,394</b>	<b>1,683</b>	<b>6,445</b>	<b>8,128</b>	<b>1,127</b>	<b>4,139</b>	<b>5,266</b>
Clare	3,703	4,102	3,915	418	1,771	2,189	278	1,448	1,726
Ennis	2,215	2,387	2,342	281	1,035	1,316	154	872	1,026
Ennistymon	552	644	579	39	271	310	38	231	269
Kilrush	543	588	542	60	249	309	56	177	233
Tulla	393	483	452	38	216	254	30	168	198
Limerick	6,863	7,252	7,227	1,004	3,673	4,677	652	1,898	2,550
Kilmallock	773	821	855	104	403	507	81	267	348
Limerick	5,189	5,362	5,338	783	2,767	3,550	467	1,321	1,788
Newcastle West	901	1,069	1,034	117	503	620	104	310	414



**Table 6 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age Group and Local Office of Registration**

-continued	Males						Females		
NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	April 2006	March 2007	April 2007	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,331	2,341	2,252	261	1,001	1,262	197	793	990
Nenagh	868	905	872	78	386	464	73	335	408
Roscrea	506	465	453	56	192	248	40	165	205
Thurles	957	971	927	127	423	550	84	293	377
<b>South-East</b>	<b>20,393</b>	<b>20,498</b>	<b>20,183</b>	<b>2,393</b>	<b>9,562</b>	<b>11,955</b>	<b>1,789</b>	<b>6,439</b>	<b>8,228</b>
Carlow	2,039	2,023	2,066	248	950	1,198	201	667	868
Bagenalstown	473	441	433	47	208	255	38	140	178
Carlow	1,087	1,118	1,154	158	544	702	118	334	452
Tullow	479	464	479	43	198	241	45	193	238
Kilkenny	2,469	2,514	2,455	296	1,191	1,487	220	748	968
Kilkenny	2,067	2,097	2,052	250	1,014	1,264	189	599	788
Thomastown	402	417	403	46	177	223	31	149	180
South Tipperary	3,185	2,956	2,852	404	1,400	1,804	270	778	1,048
Cahir	399	391	350	44	155	199	33	118	151
Carrick-on-Suir	956	894	863	99	455	554	61	248	309
Cashel	336	311	304	50	136	186	30	88	118
Clonmel	923	841	830	138	410	548	86	196	282
Tipperary	571	519	505	73	244	317	60	128	188
Waterford	6,171	6,281	6,223	759	3,066	3,825	489	1,909	2,398
Dungarvan	1,055	940	925	88	483	571	56	298	354
Waterford	5,116	5,341	5,298	671	2,583	3,254	433	1,611	2,044
Wexford	6,529	6,724	6,587	686	2,955	3,641	609	2,337	2,946
Enniscorthy	1,699	1,736	1,721	208	801	1,009	184	528	712
Gorey	1,143	1,247	1,214	119	519	638	101	475	576
New Ross	1,199	1,207	1,189	121	524	645	116	428	544
Wexford	2,488	2,534	2,463	238	1,111	1,349	208	906	1,114
<b>South-West</b>	<b>21,376</b>	<b>21,433</b>	<b>21,062</b>	<b>2,207</b>	<b>10,502</b>	<b>12,709</b>	<b>1,446</b>	<b>6,907</b>	<b>8,353</b>
Cork	15,463	14,885	14,859	1,614	7,578	9,192	1,000	4,667	5,667
Bandon	492	484	482	51	256	307	22	153	175
Bantry	348	357	335	20	141	161	18	156	174
Bantry (SWLO)	144	142	140	3	56	59	3	78	81
Carrigaline <sup>2</sup>	706	612	634	65	330	395	27	212	239
Clonakilty	435	452	435	22	192	214	14	207	221
Cobh	367	379	361	58	174	232	27	102	129
Cork	7,532	7,048	7,180	960	3,874	4,834	552	1,794	2,346
Dunmanway	223	199	189	19	75	94	11	84	95
Fermoy	892	892	884	108	419	527	53	304	357
Kinsale	594	593	582	17	241	258	27	297	324
Macroom	359	418	402	29	196	225	26	151	177
Mallow	773	771	773	90	413	503	56	214	270
Midleton	1,095	963	956	59	495	554	66	336	402
Newmarket	486	456	452	47	218	265	29	158	187
Skibbereen	373	398	353	22	160	182	12	159	171
Youghal	644	721	701	44	338	382	57	262	319
Kerry	5,913	6,548	6,203	593	2,924	3,517	446	2,240	2,686
Cahirciveen	334	364	333	15	137	152	15	166	181
Dingle	271	325	267	16	116	132	11	124	135
Kenmare	181	263	217	17	88	105	10	102	112
Killarney	878	1,085	955	88	390	478	67	410	477
Killorglin	389	413	378	18	185	203	21	154	175
Listowel	912	1,028	1,010	121	496	617	103	290	393
Tralee	2,948	3,070	3,043	318	1,512	1,830	219	994	1,213
<b>State</b>	<b>154,566</b>	<b>155,869</b>	<b>154,319</b>	<b>18,476</b>	<b>75,646</b>	<b>94,122</b>	<b>12,034</b>	<b>48,163</b>	<b>60,197</b>

<sup>2</sup> Carrigaline replaces previous office Passage West with effect from November 2006.

**Table 7 Summary of average net weekly changes on the Live Register classified by sex**

		Number of weeks	Males		Females		Total	
			Live Register	Average net weekly change	Live Register	Average net weekly change	Live Register	Average net weekly change
2005	April	5	90,623	- 433	60,996	- 779	151,619	- 1,211
	May	4	89,780	- 211	61,046	+ 13	150,826	- 198
	June	4	92,145	+ 591	67,155	+ 1,527	159,300	+ 2,119
	July	5	94,124	+ 396	74,385	+ 1,446	168,509	+ 1,842
	August	4	94,672	+ 137	74,721	+ 84	169,393	+ 221
	September	5	90,179	- 899	63,156	- 2,313	153,335	- 3,212
	October	4	88,749	- 358	60,895	- 565	149,644	- 923
	November	4	89,377	+ 157	60,696	- 50	150,073	+ 107
	December	5	92,392	+ 603	63,441	+ 549	155,833	+ 1,152
2006	January	4	95,920	+ 882	64,219	+ 195	160,139	+ 1,077
	February	4	95,363	- 139	64,254	+ 9	159,617	- 131
	March	5	93,461	- 380	62,082	- 434	155,543	- 815
	April	4	92,419	- 261	62,147	+ 16	154,566	- 244
	May	4	91,492	- 232	61,068	- 270	152,560	- 502
	June	5	93,747	+ 451	69,312	+ 1,649	163,059	+ 2,100
	July	4	94,750	+ 251	74,196	+ 1,221	168,946	+ 1,472
	August	4	95,026	+ 69	74,588	+ 98	169,614	+ 167
	September	5	89,810	- 1,043	62,497	- 2,418	152,307	- 3,461
	October	4	88,128	- 421	60,378	- 530	148,506	- 950
	November	4	88,583	+ 114	59,946	- 108	148,529	+ 6
	December	5	92,499	+ 783	62,890	+ 589	155,389	+ 1,372
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

## Background Notes

**Source and scope of the Live Register** The Live Register is compiled from returns made directly to the Central Statistics Office by each local office of 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 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.

**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 Assistance 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	4.7	4.5	4.8	4.5
2004	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.4
2005	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.5
2006	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.2

**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/Assistance if they only work for part of a week and be included on the Live Register.

**Live Register Area Analysis** 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. A classification by area of residence of persons on the Live Register was published until January 1989 but was then discontinued.

**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.

#### **Border, Midland and Western NUTS2 Region**

<b>Border</b>	Cavan Donegal Leitrim Louth Monaghan Sligo
<b>Midland</b>	Laoighis Longford Offaly Westmeath
<b>West</b>	Galway City Galway County Mayo Roscommon

#### **Southern and Eastern NUTS2 Region**

<b>Dublin</b>	Dublin City Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Fingal South Dublin
<b>Mid-East</b>	Kildare Meath Wicklow
<b>Mid-West</b>	Clare Limerick City Limerick County North Tipperary
<b>South-East</b>	Carlow Kilkenny South Tipperary Waterford City Waterford County Wexford
<b>South-West</b>	Cork City Cork County Kerry