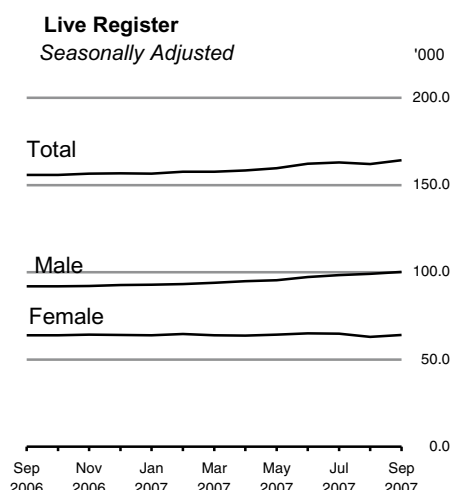




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Live Register September 2007



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
September 2006	152,307	155,800
August 2007	174,206	162,000
September 2007	160,652	164,200
Change in month	-13,554	+2,200
Change in year	+8,345	+8,400

Seasonally Adjusted Live Register increases in September

The seasonally adjusted Live Register total increased from 162,000 in August to 164,200 in September, an increase of 2,200. This compares with a decrease of 1,000 in August. *See table 2a and graph opposite.*

In the year to September 2007, there was an unadjusted increase of 8,345 (+5.5%). This compares with an unadjusted increase of 4,592 (+2.7%) in the year to August 2007.

Other features include:

- ◆ The monthly increase in the Seasonally Adjusted series consisted of increases of 1,100 males and 1,100 females. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in September was 4.7%. This compares with 4.6%, 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 7,686 males and 11,582 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 Allowance. Unemployment is measured by the Quarterly National Household Survey and the latest seasonally adjusted figure, for March to May 2007, is 100,900 persons unemployed.

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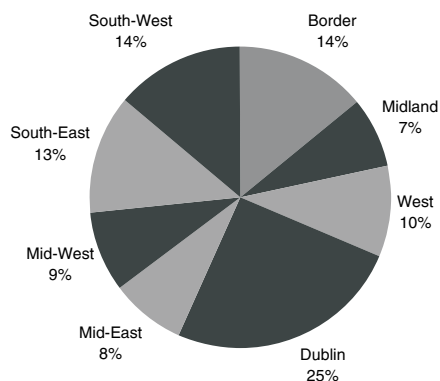
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Live Register by Regional Authority



	September 2007	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and Western	50,309	- 4,598	+ 3,332
Border	22,899	- 2,064	+ 878
Midland	11,763	- 897	+ 1,319
West	15,647	- 1,637	+ 1,135
Southern and Eastern	110,343	- 8,956	+ 5,013
Dublin	40,522	- 3,046	+ 1,287
Mid-East	13,295	- 1,193	+ 1,304
Mid-West	13,720	- 1,695	+ 577
South-East	20,621	- 1,663	+ 445
South-West	22,185	- 1,359	+ 1,400
Total	160,652	- 13,554	+ 8,345

Unadjusted monthly decreases in all regions

There was an unadjusted monthly decrease of 13,554 (-7.8%) on the Live Register in September 2007, which reflected decreases in all regions. The largest percentage decrease was in the Mid-West region (-11.0%) while the smallest percentage decrease was in the South-West region (-5.8%).

Other features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males decreased in all regions. The largest percentage decrease was in the Mid-West region (-6.0%), while the smallest percentage decrease was in the South-West region (-1.7%).
- ◆ The number of females decreased in all regions. The largest percentage decrease was in the Mid-West region (-17.5%) while the smallest percentage decrease was in the South-West region (-11.5%).
- ◆ Amongst counties, the largest percentage decreases were in Sligo (-13.3%) and Tipperary North (-12.5%). The smallest percentage decreases were in Wexford (-4.2%) and Cavan (-4.9%). *See tables 4 and 6.*

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	September 2006	August 2007	September 2007	Monthly change		Annual change	
Males							
JB Claims	26,992	33,757	32,059	-	1,698	+	5,067
JA Applications	60,297	65,285	63,347	-	1,938	+	3,050
Other Registrants	2,521	2,550	2,609	+	59	+	88
Total	89,810	101,592	98,015	-	3577	+	8,205
Females							
JB Claims	30,275	37,834	30,671	-	7,163	+	396
JA Applications	25,146	27,413	25,288	-	2,125	+	142
Other Registrants	7,076	7,367	6,678	-	689	-	398
Total	62,497	72,614	62,637	-	9,977	+	140
All Persons							
JB Claims	57,267	71,591	62,730	-	8,861	+	5,463
JA Applications	85,443	92,698	88,635	-	4,063	+	3,192
Other Registrants	9,597	9,917	9,287	-	630	-	310
Total	152,307	174,206	160,652	-	13,554	+	8,345

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

Category	September 2006	August 2007	September 2007	Monthly change		Annual change	
Males							
JB Claims	4,400	5,900	5,372	-	528	+	972
JA Applications	13,178	14,943	14,433	-	510	+	1,255
Other Registrants	37	44	45	+	1	+	8
Total	17,615	20,887	19,850	-	1,037	+	2,235
Females							
JB Claims	3,605	4,366	3,716	-	650	+	111
JA Applications	9,545	10,475	9,584	-	891	+	39
Other Registrants	90	104	90	-	14	-	0
Total	13,240	14,945	13,390	-	1,555	+	150
All Persons							
JB Claims	8,005	10,266	9,088	-	1,178	+	1,083
JA Applications	22,723	25,418	24,017	-	1,401	+	1,294
Other Registrants	127	148	135	-	13	+	8
Total	30,855	35,832	33,240	-	2,592	+	2,385

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

Category	September 2006	August 2007	September 2007	Monthly change		Annual change	
Males							
JB Claims	22,592	27,857	26,687	-	1,170	+	4,095
JA Applications	47,119	50,342	48,914	-	1,428	+	1,795
Other Registrants	2,484	2,506	2,564	+	58	+	80
Total	72,195	80,705	78,165	-	2,540	+	5,970
Females							
JB Claims	26,670	33,468	26,955	-	6,513	+	285
JA Applications	15,601	16,938	15,704	-	1,234	+	103
Other Registrants	6,986	7,263	6,588	-	675	-	398
Total	49,257	57,669	49,247	-	8,422	-	10
All Persons							
JB Claims	49,262	61,325	53,642	-	7,683	+	4,380
JA Applications	62,720	67,280	64,618	-	2,662	+	1,898
Other Registrants	9,470	9,769	9,152	-	617	-	318
Total	121,452	138,374	127,412	-	10,962	+	5,960

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

	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series ¹		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2005	September	90,200	63,200	153,300	92,300	64,500	156,800
	October	88,700	60,900	149,600	92,600	64,200	156,800
	November	89,400	60,700	150,100	92,900	65,100	157,900
	December	92,400	63,400	155,800	92,500	64,600	157,100
2006	January	95,900	64,200	160,100	92,800	65,100	157,900
	February	95,400	64,300	159,600	92,900	65,000	157,900
	March	93,500	62,100	155,500	92,500	64,800	157,300
	April	92,400	62,100	154,600	93,000	65,600	158,600
	May	91,500	61,100	152,600	93,200	65,100	158,300
	June	93,700	69,300	163,100	93,000	65,900	159,000
	July	94,800	74,200	168,900	92,500	65,000	157,500
	August	95,000	74,600	169,600	92,500	65,000	157,500
	September	89,800	62,500	152,300	91,900	63,900	155,800
	October	88,100	60,400	148,500	92,000	63,800	155,700
	November	88,600	59,900	148,500	92,100	64,300	156,500
	December	92,500	62,900	155,400	92,700	64,100	156,700
2007	January	95,800	62,900	158,800	92,800	63,900	156,600
	February	95,600	63,800	159,400	93,200	64,500	157,700
	March	94,800	61,100	155,900	93,900	63,800	157,700
	April	94,100	60,200	154,300	94,800	63,600	158,400
	May	93,800	60,200	154,000	95,500	64,200	159,700
	June	98,000	68,400	166,400	97,200	65,000	162,200
	July	100,600	74,000	174,600	98,300	64,700	163,000
	August	101,600	72,600	174,200	99,000	63,000	162,000
	September	98,000	62,600	160,700	100,100	64,100	164,200

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2007 (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 ¹		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2005	September	17,500	13,100	30,600	17,700	12,700	30,500
	October	17,000	12,100	29,100	18,000	12,900	30,900
	November	17,100	11,900	28,900	18,200	13,000	31,100
	December	17,300	11,700	29,000	17,900	12,800	30,800
2006	January	18,500	12,700	31,300	17,900	12,900	30,800
	February	18,600	12,900	31,500	18,000	13,000	31,000
	March	18,200	12,600	30,800	17,900	13,100	31,000
	April	17,800	12,400	30,100	18,000	13,200	31,100
	May	17,600	12,400	30,000	18,100	13,100	31,200
	June	18,400	14,200	32,600	18,000	13,300	31,300
	July	18,700	14,800	33,600	17,900	12,900	30,800
	August	18,800	14,900	33,700	17,900	12,800	30,700
	September	17,600	13,200	30,900	17,800	12,900	30,700
	October	16,900	12,200	29,200	18,000	13,000	31,000
	November	16,900	11,800	28,600	18,000	12,900	30,800
	December	17,500	11,600	29,100	18,100	12,800	30,900
2007	January	18,600	12,500	31,100	18,000	12,700	30,700
	February	18,600	12,500	31,100	18,100	12,600	30,600
	March	18,600	12,200	30,800	18,300	12,600	31,000
	April	18,500	12,000	30,500	18,700	12,800	31,500
	May	18,400	12,200	30,600	18,900	12,900	31,800
	June	19,800	14,100	33,900	19,300	13,200	32,500
	July	20,600	14,800	35,300	19,700	12,900	32,500
	August	20,900	14,900	35,800	19,900	12,900	32,800
	September	19,900	13,400	33,200	20,100	13,000	33,100

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2007 (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 ¹		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2005	September	72,700	50,100	122,700	74,500	51,800	126,300
	October	71,800	48,700	120,500	74,500	51,400	125,900
	November	72,300	48,800	121,100	74,700	52,100	126,800
	December	75,100	51,800	126,800	74,600	51,800	126,300
2006	January	77,400	51,500	128,900	74,900	52,200	127,100
	February	76,800	51,300	128,100	74,900	51,900	126,800
	March	75,300	49,500	124,700	74,600	51,800	126,400
	April	74,700	49,800	124,500	75,100	52,400	127,500
	May	73,900	48,700	122,600	75,100	52,000	127,100
	June	75,400	55,100	130,400	75,000	52,600	127,700
	July	76,000	59,400	135,400	74,600	52,100	126,700
	August	76,200	59,700	135,900	74,600	52,200	126,800
	September	72,200	49,300	121,500	74,100	51,100	125,100
	October	71,200	48,100	119,300	74,000	50,800	124,800
	November	71,700	48,200	119,900	74,200	51,500	125,600
	December	75,000	51,300	126,300	74,500	51,300	125,800
2007	January	77,200	50,500	127,600	74,700	51,200	125,900
	February	77,000	51,300	128,300	75,200	51,900	127,100
	March	76,200	48,900	125,100	75,500	51,200	126,700
	April	75,600	48,200	123,800	76,100	50,800	126,900
	May	75,500	48,000	123,400	76,600	51,200	127,800
	June	78,200	54,300	132,500	77,900	51,800	129,700
	July	80,100	59,200	139,300	78,700	51,800	130,500
	August	80,700	57,700	138,400	79,100	50,100	129,200
	September	78,200	49,200	127,400	80,000	51,100	131,100

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2007 (See Background Notes).

Table 3 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates (SUR)

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

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

² The latest QNHS estimate of the unemployment rate (adjusted for seasonality) is: March - May 2007, 4.6%.

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register classified by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	September 2006	August 2007	September 2007	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland & Western	26,730	31,192	29,880	- 1,312	+ 3,150	6,213	23,667
Border	12812	14352	13701	- 651	+ 889	2833	10,868
Midland	5703	7056	6894	- 162	+ 1,191	1527	5,367
West	8215	9784	9285	- 499	+ 1,070	1853	7,432
Southern & Eastern	63,080	70,400	68,135	- 2,265	+ 5,055	13,637	54,498
Dublin	24,766	27,046	26,136	- 910	+ 1,370	5,278	20,858
Mid-East	6,773	8,164	7,870	- 294	+ 1,097	1,564	6,306
Mid-West	7,672	8,777	8,246	- 531	+ 574	1,720	6,526
South-East	11,713	12,628	12,337	- 291	+ 624	2,592	9,745
South-West	12,156	13,785	13,546	- 239	+ 1,390	2,483	11,063
Total	89,810	101,592	98,015	- 3,577	+ 8,205	19,850	78,165
Females							
Border, Midland & Western	20,247	23,715	20,429	- 3,286	+ 182	4,518	15,911
Border	9,209	10,611	9,198	- 1,413	- 11	2,021	7,177
Midland	4,741	5,604	4,869	- 735	+ 128	1,150	3,719
West	6,297	7,500	6,362	- 1,138	+ 65	1,347	5,015
Southern & Eastern	42,250	48,899	42,208	- 6,691	- 42	8,872	33,336
Dublin	14,469	16,522	14,386	- 2,136	- 83	3,065	11,321
Mid-East	5,218	6,324	5,425	- 899	+ 207	1,008	4,417
Mid-West	5,471	6,638	5,474	- 1,164	+ 3	1,244	4,230
South-East	8,463	9,656	8,284	- 1,372	- 179	1,910	6,374
South-West	8,629	9,759	8,639	- 1,120	+ 10	1,645	6,994
Total	62,497	72,614	62,637	- 9,977	+ 140	13,390	49,247
All Persons							
Border, Midland & Western	46,977	54,907	50,309	- 4,598	+ 3,332	10,731	39,578
Border	22,021	24,963	22,899	- 2,064	+ 878	4,854	18,045
Midland	10,444	12,660	11,763	- 897	+ 1,319	2,677	9,086
West	14,512	17,284	15,647	- 1,637	+ 1,135	3,200	12,447
Southern & Eastern	105,330	119,299	110,343	- 8,956	+ 5,013	22,509	87,834
Dublin	39,235	43,568	40,522	- 3,046	+ 1,287	8,343	32,179
Mid-East	11,991	14,488	13,295	- 1,193	+ 1,304	2,572	10,723
Mid-West	13,143	15,415	13,720	- 1,695	+ 577	2,964	10,756
South-East	20,176	22,284	20,621	- 1,663	+ 445	4,502	16,119
South-West	20,785	23,544	22,185	- 1,359	+ 1,400	4,128	18,057
Total	152,307	174,206	160,652	- 13,554	+ 8,345	33,240	127,412

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

Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	September 2006	August 2007	September 2007	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	79,053	90,125	83,675	- 6,450	+ 4,622	17,509	66,166
Munster	43,231	49,038	45,069	- 3,969	+ 1,838	9,079	35,990
Connacht	17,438	20,884	18,871	- 2,013	+ 1,433	3,868	15,003
Ulster	12,585	14,159	13,037	- 1,122	+ 452	2,784	10,253
Total	152,307	174,206	160,652	- 13,554	+ 8,345	33,240	127,412

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	September 2006	August 2007	September 2007	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	46,977	54,907	50,309	6,213	23,667	29,880	4,518	15,911	20,429
Border	22,021	24,963	22,899	2,833	10,868	13,701	2,021	7,177	9,198
Cavan	2,242	2,649	2,519	303	1,176	1,479	239	801	1,040
Ballyconnell ¹	447	514	460	40	229	269	50	141	191
Cavan	1,795	2,135	2,059	263	947	1,210	189	660	849
Donegal	8,340	9,151	8,370	1,018	3,913	4,931	795	2,644	3,439
Ballybofey	759	855	754	114	318	432	118	204	322
Ballyshannon	450	544	491	71	193	264	47	180	227
Buncrana	1,647	1,794	1,650	173	784	957	175	518	693
Donegal	423	630	559	56	213	269	39	251	290
Dunfanaghy	741	729	707	104	322	426	49	232	281
Dungloe	1,214	1,216	1,150	111	596	707	45	398	443
Killybegs	847	869	763	61	387	448	44	271	315
Letterkenney	2,259	2,514	2,296	328	1,100	1,428	278	590	868
Leitrim	1,095	1,391	1,309	121	624	745	100	464	564
Carrick-on-Shannon	791	1,017	971	89	458	547	74	350	424
Manorhamilton	304	374	338	32	166	198	26	114	140
Louth	6,510	7,204	6,638	881	3,192	4,073	521	2,044	2,565
Ardee	735	865	802	104	354	458	63	281	344
Drogheda	3,126	3,376	3,114	398	1,428	1,826	243	1,045	1,288
Dundalk	2,649	2,963	2,722	379	1,410	1,789	215	718	933
Monaghan	2,003	2,359	2,148	235	1,013	1,248	194	706	900
Carrickmacross	515	598	550	48	242	290	47	213	260
Castleblayney	640	706	625	69	302	371	64	190	254
Clones	208	250	238	31	117	148	27	63	90
Monaghan	640	805	735	87	352	439	56	240	296
Sligo	1,831	2,209	1,915	275	950	1,225	172	518	690
Sligo	1,514	1,825	1,581	240	801	1,041	135	405	540
Tubbercurry	317	384	334	35	149	184	37	113	150
Midland	10,444	12,660	11,763	1,527	5,367	6,894	1,150	3,719	4,869
Laoighis	2,037	2,663	2,429	315	1,102	1,417	244	768	1,012
Portllington	791	1,030	939	125	422	547	99	293	392
Portlaoise	904	1,200	1,090	139	488	627	99	364	463
Rathdowney	342	433	400	51	192	243	46	111	157
Longford	1,961	2,388	2,267	303	1,100	1,403	202	662	864
Longford	1,961	2,388	2,267	303	1,100	1,403	202	662	864
Offaly	2,783	3,256	3,066	376	1,414	1,790	310	966	1,276
Birr	847	932	874	101	384	485	94	295	389
Edenderry	683	826	767	90	361	451	66	250	316
Tullamore	1,253	1,498	1,425	185	669	854	150	421	571
Westmeath	3,663	4,353	4,001	533	1,751	2,284	394	1,323	1,717
Athlone	1,461	1,727	1,502	206	684	890	146	466	612
Castlepollard	389	457	433	55	188	243	35	155	190
Mullingar	1,813	2,169	2,066	272	879	1,151	213	702	915
West	14,512	17,284	15,647	1,853	7,432	9,285	1,347	5,015	6,362
Galway	8,608	10,440	9,399	1,126	4,409	5,535	861	3,003	3,864
Ballinasloe	857	987	919	137	431	568	85	266	351
Clifden	603	596	584	70	292	362	51	171	222
Galway	4,908	6,185	5,453	664	2,621	3,285	521	1,647	2,168
Gort	468	618	539	45	209	254	39	246	285
Loughrea	666	773	722	81	316	397	70	255	325
Tuam	1,106	1,281	1,182	129	540	669	95	418	513

¹ 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	September 2006	August 2007	September 2007	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	4,640	5,305	4,838	542	2,356	2,898	386	1,554	1,940
Achill	202	241	211	18	130	148	11	52	63
Ballina	1,313	1,445	1,348	182	682	864	130	354	484
Ballinrobe	365	380	334	32	151	183	26	125	151
Belmullet	502	508	473	50	246	296	37	140	177
Castlebar	794	930	827	83	350	433	71	323	394
Claremorris	362	476	452	52	209	261	33	158	191
Swinford	619	764	677	87	302	389	56	232	288
Westport	483	561	516	38	286	324	22	170	192
Roscommon	1,264	1,539	1,410	185	667	852	100	458	558
Boyle	364	404	361	42	171	213	23	125	148
Castlerea	574	685	657	83	313	396	50	211	261
Roscommon	326	450	392	60	183	243	27	122	149
Southern and Eastern	105,330	119,299	110,343	13,637	54,498	68,135	8,872	33,336	42,208
Dublin	39,235	43,568	40,522	5,278	20,858	26,136	3,065	11,321	14,386
Dublin	39,235	43,568	40,522	5,278	20,858	26,136	3,065	11,321	14,386
Bishop Square	3,419	3,687	3,420	365	1,937	2,302	204	914	1,118
Cumberland Street	4,937	5,336	5,015	609	2,569	3,178	378	1,459	1,837
Navan Road	2,535	2,710	2,573	294	1,427	1,721	208	644	852
Blanchardstown	3,486	3,772	3,474	421	1,670	2,091	306	1,077	1,383
Thomas Street	2,061	2,268	2,124	257	1,278	1,535	141	448	589
Tara Street	1,177	1,166	1,091	97	632	729	59	303	362
Tallaght	3,423	4,010	3,736	617	1,875	2,492	344	900	1,244
Ballymun	1,511	1,577	1,499	279	729	1,008	152	339	491
Clondalkin	3,412	3,842	3,694	602	1,765	2,367	355	972	1,327
Rathfarnham	1,768	2,125	1,883	170	869	1,039	91	753	844
Kilbarrack	2,115	2,339	2,111	238	1,096	1,334	108	669	777
Dun Laoghaire	2,315	2,875	2,482	217	1,307	1,524	82	876	958
Balbriggan	1,338	1,566	1,471	141	723	864	109	498	607
Ballyfermot	1,262	1,398	1,305	256	666	922	131	252	383
Finglas	2,222	2,461	2,315	394	1,147	1,541	196	578	774
Coolock	2,254	2,436	2,329	321	1,168	1,489	201	639	840
Mid-East	11,991	14,488	13,295	1,564	6,306	7,870	1,008	4,417	5,425
Kildare	4,987	6,187	5,735	687	2,637	3,324	460	1,951	2,411
Athy	878	1,028	1,006	122	494	616	77	313	390
Maynooth	1,468	1,855	1,669	195	698	893	149	627	776
Newbridge	2,641	3,304	3,060	370	1,445	1,815	234	1,011	1,245
Meath	2,892	3,549	3,181	328	1,492	1,820	249	1,112	1,361
Kells	540	632	565	60	245	305	68	192	260
Navan	1,546	1,917	1,737	178	870	1,048	119	570	689
Trim	806	1,000	879	90	377	467	62	350	412
Wicklow	4,112	4,752	4,379	549	2,177	2,726	299	1,354	1,653
Arklow	1,163	1,331	1,233	163	598	761	70	402	472
Baltinglass	437	526	477	70	209	279	58	140	198
Bray	1,736	2,002	1,821	198	947	1,145	115	561	676
Wicklow	776	893	848	118	423	541	56	251	307
Mid-West	13,143	15,415	13,720	1,720	6,526	8,246	1,244	4,230	5,474
Clare	3,686	4,479	4,074	461	1,868	2,329	301	1,444	1,745
Ennis	2,222	2,738	2,448	297	1,096	1,393	168	887	1,055
Ennistymon	506	617	589	51	273	324	48	217	265
Kilrush	555	622	573	71	275	346	53	174	227
Tulla	403	502	464	42	224	266	32	166	198
Limerick	7,205	8,362	7,395	1,002	3,660	4,662	744	1,989	2,733
Kilmallock	798	937	822	102	393	495	75	252	327
Limerick	5,530	6,282	5,526	772	2,777	3,549	543	1,434	1,977
Newcastle West	877	1,143	1,047	128	490	618	126	303	429

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	September 2006	August 2007	September 2007	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,252	2,574	2,251	257	998	1,255	199	797	996
Nenagh	806	939	806	67	366	433	55	318	373
Roscrea	471	514	445	52	196	248	42	155	197
Thurles	975	1,121	1,000	138	436	574	102	324	426
South-East	20,176	22,284	20,621	2,592	9,745	12,337	1,910	6,374	8,284
Carlow	1,953	2,488	2,273	292	1,044	1,336	246	691	937
Bagenalstown	438	521	459	51	211	262	56	141	197
Carlow	1,050	1,392	1,255	185	596	781	131	343	474
Tullow	465	575	559	56	237	293	59	207	266
Kilkenny	2,545	2,715	2,479	311	1,209	1,520	229	730	959
Kilkenny	2,145	2,250	2,039	257	1,012	1,269	190	580	770
Thomastown	400	465	440	54	197	251	39	150	189
South Tipperary	2,974	3,233	2,963	404	1,417	1,821	293	849	1,142
Cahir	389	449	413	46	188	234	43	136	179
Carrick-on-Suir	911	915	881	94	452	546	70	265	335
Cashel	302	361	317	53	148	201	37	79	116
Clonmel	877	958	848	139	383	522	91	235	326
Tipperary	495	550	504	72	246	318	52	134	186
Waterford	6,329	6,846	6,201	792	3,046	3,838	498	1,865	2,363
Dungarvan	1,010	1,039	898	80	484	564	50	284	334
Waterford	5,319	5,807	5,303	712	2,562	3,274	448	1,581	2,029
Wexford	6,375	7,002	6,705	793	3,029	3,822	644	2,239	2,883
Enniscorthy	1,664	1,879	1,797	237	833	1,070	188	539	727
Gorey	1,154	1,323	1,244	139	536	675	103	466	569
New Ross	1,176	1,319	1,277	157	566	723	134	420	554
Wexford	2,381	2,481	2,387	260	1,094	1,354	219	814	1,033
South-West	20,785	23,544	22,185	2,483	11,063	13,546	1,645	6,994	8,639
Cork	15,195	17,142	16,227	1,867	8,162	10,029	1,207	4,991	6,198
Bandon	502	509	573	59	290	349	31	193	224
Bantry	290	334	302	11	141	152	13	137	150
Bantry (SWLO)	114	153	123	5	45	50	2	71	73
Carrigaline ²	658	725	677	62	350	412	41	224	265
Clonakilty	440	492	474	25	197	222	26	226	252
Cobh	333	420	364	52	181	233	31	100	131
Cork	7,413	8,375	7,958	1,158	4,241	5,399	653	1,906	2,559
Dunmanway ³	209	201	201	19	73	92	14	95	109
Fermoy	884	1,055	1,000	120	472	592	76	332	408
Kinsale	600	561	550	14	223	237	25	288	313
Macroom	428	509	517	37	234	271	30	216	246
Mallow	711	929	819	97	432	529	70	220	290
Midleton	1,052	1,139	1,059	84	547	631	72	356	428
Newmarket	499	555	491	47	228	275	46	170	216
Skibbereen	357	371	353	24	145	169	17	167	184
Youghal	705	814	766	53	363	416	60	290	350
Kerry	5,590	6,402	5,958	616	2,901	3,517	438	2,003	2,441
Cahirciveen	298	280	277	24	124	148	13	116	129
Dingle	214	251	241	15	122	137	8	96	104
Kenmare	132	167	154	9	75	84	4	66	70
Killarney	746	902	843	105	362	467	57	319	376
Killorglin	354	389	365	13	183	196	17	152	169
Listowel	904	1,122	1,026	113	518	631	107	288	395
Tralee	2,942	3,291	3,052	337	1,517	1,854	232	966	1,198
State	152,307	174,206	160,652	19,850	78,165	98,015	13,390	49,247	62,637

² Carrigaline replaces previous office Passage West with effect from November 2006.³ September figures for Dunmanway relate to August as updated detail is not available at present.

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	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
	May	4	93,827	- 74	60,183	- 4	154,010	- 77
	June	5	97,962	+ 827	68,401	+ 1,644	166,363	+ 2,471
	July	4	100,643	+ 670	73,950	+ 1,387	174,593	+ 2,058
	August	5	101,592	+ 190	72,614	- 267	174,206	- 77
	September	4	98,015	- 894	62,637	- 2,494	160,652	- 3,389

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 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.

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 Allowance 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	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.5
2006	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.2
2007	4.4	4.6		

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/Allowance 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

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