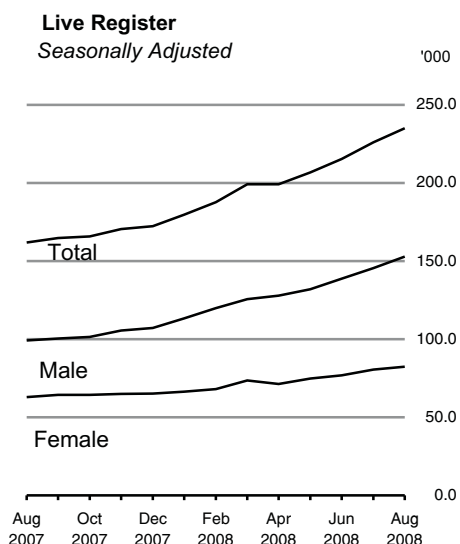




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Live Register August 2008



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
August 2007	174,206	161,900
July 2008	238,240	226,000
August 2008	247,384	235,100
Change in month	+9,144	+9,100
Change in year	+73,178	+73,200

Standardised unemployment rises to 6.1% in August

The seasonally adjusted Live Register total increased from 226,000 in July to 235,100 in August, an increase of 9,100. *See table 2a and graph opposite.*

In the year to August 2008, there was an unadjusted increase of 73,178 (+42.0%). This compares with an unadjusted increase of 63,647 (+36.5%) in the year to July 2008.

Other features include:

- ◆ The monthly increase in the seasonally adjusted series consisted of an increase of 7,400 males and an increase of 1,700 females. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in August was 6.1%. This compares with 5.1% in the second quarter of 2008, 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 12,047 males and 14,921 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 2008, is 115,100 persons unemployed.

Live Register geographic tables for August 2008 will be available on Friday 5th September 2008.

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Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	August 2007	July 2008	August 2008	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	33,757	60,438	64,063	+ 3,625	+ 30,306
JA Applications	65,285	84,341	87,980	+ 3,639	+ 22,695
Other Registrants	2,550	3,175	3,276	+ 101	+ 726
Total	101,592	147,954	155,319	+ 7,365	+ 53,727
Females					
JB Claims	37,834	49,019	49,226	+ 207	+ 11,392
JA Applications	27,413	33,472	34,887	+ 1,415	+ 7,474
Other Registrants	7,367	7,795	7,952	+ 157	+ 585
Total	72,614	90,286	92,065	+ 1,779	+ 19,451
All Persons					
JB Claims	71,591	109,457	113,289	+ 3,832	+ 41,698
JA Applications	92,698	117,813	122,867	+ 5,054	+ 30,169
Other Registrants	9,917	10,970	11,228	+ 258	+ 1,311
Total	174,206	238,240	247,384	+ 9,144	+ 73,178

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

Category	August 2007	July 2008	August 2008	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	5,900	11,695	12,563	+ 868	+ 6,663
JA Applications	14,943	20,677	21,624	+ 947	+ 6,681
Other Registrants	44	63	75	+ 12	+ 31
Total	20,887	32,435	34,262	+ 1,827	+ 13,375
Females					
JB Claims	4,366	6,796	7,166	+ 370	+ 2,800
JA Applications	10,475	12,975	13,482	+ 507	+ 3,007
Other Registrants	104	102	126	+ 24	+ 22
Total	14,945	19,873	20,774	+ 901	+ 5,829
All Persons					
JB Claims	10,266	18,491	19,729	+ 1,238	+ 9,463
JA Applications	25,418	33,652	35,106	+ 1,454	+ 9,688
Other Registrants	148	165	201	+ 36	+ 53
Total	35,832	52,308	55,036	+ 2,728	+ 19,204

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

Category	August 2007	July 2008	August 2008	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	27,857	48,743	51,500	+ 2,757	+ 23,643
JA Applications	50,342	63,664	66,356	+ 2,692	+ 16,014
Other Registrants	2,506	3,112	3,201	+ 89	+ 695
Total	80,705	115,519	121,057	+ 5,538	+ 40,352
Females					
JB Claims	33,468	42,223	42,060	- 163	+ 8,592
JA Applications	16,938	20,497	21,405	+ 908	+ 4,467
Other Registrants	7,263	7,693	7,826	+ 133	+ 563
Total	57,669	70,413	71,291	+ 878	+ 13,622
All Persons					
JB Claims	61,325	90,966	93,560	+ 2,594	+ 32,235
JA Applications	67,280	84,161	87,761	+ 3,600	+ 20,481
Other Registrants	9,769	10,805	11,027	+ 222	+ 1,258
Total	138,374	185,932	192,348	+ 6,416	+ 53,974

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
2006	August	95,000	74,600	169,600	92,500	64,900	157,400
	September	89,800	62,500	152,300	92,300	64,100	156,300
	October	88,100	60,400	148,500	92,400	64,200	156,600
	November	88,600	59,900	148,500	92,600	64,500	157,100
	December	92,500	62,900	155,400	92,900	64,400	157,300
2007	January	95,800	62,900	158,800	92,900	64,000	156,900
	February	95,600	63,800	159,400	93,000	64,800	157,800
	March	94,800	61,100	155,900	93,500	63,600	157,100
	April	94,100	60,200	154,300	94,400	63,600	158,000
	May	93,800	60,200	154,000	95,200	63,900	159,100
	June	98,000	68,400	166,400	96,800	64,400	161,100
	July	100,600	74,000	174,600	98,100	64,300	162,400
	August	101,600	72,600	174,200	99,100	62,900	161,900
	September	98,000	62,600	160,700	100,500	64,300	164,800
	October	97,100	60,300	157,400	101,500	64,300	165,700
	November	101,400	60,300	161,700	105,500	64,900	170,400
	December	106,700	63,700	170,400	107,200	65,200	172,400
2008	January	116,200	65,300	181,400	113,300	66,400	179,700
	February	122,500	67,000	189,500	119,800	68,000	187,800
	March	127,000	71,000	198,000	125,700	73,500	199,200
	April	127,600	68,000	195,600	127,800	71,400	199,200
	May	130,700	71,100	201,800	132,000	74,800	206,800
	June	139,900	80,900	220,800	138,700	76,800	215,400
	July	148,000	90,300	238,200	145,400	80,600	226,000
	August	155,300	92,100	247,400	152,800	82,300	235,100

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2008 (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
2006	August	18,800	14,900	33,700	17,800	12,800	30,700
	September	17,600	13,200	30,900	17,900	12,900	30,800
	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	12,900	31,000
2007	January	18,600	12,500	31,100	18,100	12,700	30,800
	February	18,600	12,500	31,100	18,000	12,600	30,700
	March	18,600	12,200	30,800	18,300	12,600	30,900
	April	18,500	12,000	30,500	18,600	12,800	31,500
	May	18,400	12,200	30,600	18,800	12,800	31,600
	June	19,800	14,100	33,900	19,200	13,100	32,300
	July	20,600	14,800	35,300	19,600	12,900	32,500
	August	20,900	14,900	35,800	19,900	12,900	32,800
	September	19,900	13,400	33,200	20,200	13,100	33,200
	October	19,400	12,500	31,800	20,400	13,200	33,600
	November	20,200	12,100	32,200	21,300	13,200	34,600
	December	21,200	12,100	33,300	21,900	13,400	35,200
2008	January	23,800	13,200	36,900	23,200	13,500	36,700
	February	25,500	13,900	39,500	24,900	14,100	39,000
	March	26,600	14,200	40,800	26,300	14,700	40,900
	April	26,700	14,300	41,000	26,900	15,000	41,900
	May	27,400	15,300	42,700	27,900	15,900	43,800
	June	30,300	17,900	48,200	29,700	16,800	46,600
	July	32,400	19,900	52,300	31,500	18,000	49,500
	August	34,300	20,800	55,000	33,300	18,700	52,000

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2008 (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
2006	August	76,200	59,700	135,900	74,700	52,100	126,800
	September	72,200	49,300	121,500	74,300	51,200	125,500
	October	71,200	48,100	119,300	74,300	51,200	125,600
	November	71,700	48,200	119,900	74,600	51,600	126,200
	December	75,000	51,300	126,300	74,800	51,500	126,300
2007	January	77,200	50,500	127,600	74,800	51,300	126,100
	February	77,000	51,300	128,300	74,900	52,200	127,100
	March	76,200	48,900	125,100	75,200	51,000	126,200
	April	75,600	48,200	123,800	75,800	50,800	126,600
	May	75,500	48,000	123,400	76,400	51,100	127,500
	June	78,200	54,300	132,500	77,500	51,300	128,900
	July	80,100	59,200	139,300	78,400	51,500	129,900
	August	80,700	57,700	138,400	79,100	50,000	129,100
	September	78,200	49,200	127,400	80,400	51,200	131,600
	October	77,800	47,800	125,600	81,000	51,100	132,100
	November	81,300	48,200	129,500	84,200	51,600	135,800
	December	85,500	51,600	137,100	85,300	51,800	137,200
2008	January	92,400	52,100	144,500	90,100	52,900	143,000
	February	97,000	53,000	150,000	94,900	53,900	148,800
	March	100,400	56,700	157,200	99,500	58,800	158,300
	April	100,800	53,800	154,600	101,000	56,400	157,300
	May	103,200	55,800	159,000	104,100	58,900	163,000
	June	109,700	63,000	172,600	108,900	59,900	168,900
	July	115,500	70,400	185,900	113,900	62,700	176,500
	August	121,100	71,300	192,300	119,500	63,600	183,000

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2008 (See Background Notes).

Table 3 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates (SUR)¹

Month	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
January ²	4.4	4.8	4.6	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.8
February	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.9
March	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.5	5.2
April ²	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.6	5.1 ³
May	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.5	5.3
June	4.3	4.7	4.4	4.3	4.6	4.5	5.5
July ²	4.3	4.8	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.5	5.8
August	4.4	4.7	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.5	6.1
September	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.6	
October ²	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.3	4.6	
November	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.5	4.3	4.7	
December	4.7	4.5	4.3	4.5	4.4	4.6	
Annual average	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.5	

¹ Table contains revised figures.

² Benchmark Labour Force Survey/Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) estimates.

³ The latest QNHS estimate of the unemployment rate (adjusted for seasonality) is: March-May 2008, 5.1%.

Table 4 Summary of average net weekly changes on the Live Register classified by sex

	Number of weeks	Males		Females		Total	
		Live Register	Average ¹ net weekly change	Live Register	Average ¹ net weekly change	Live Register	Average ¹ net weekly change
2006 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
October	4	97,124	- 223	60,325	- 578	157,449	- 801
November	5	101,418	+ 859	60,304	- 4	161,722	+ 855
December	4	106,698	+ 1,320	63,678	+ 844	170,376	+ 2,164
2008 January	4	116,160	+ 2,366	65,289	+ 403	181,449	+ 2,768
February	5	122,520	+ 1,272	66,965	+ 335	189,485	+ 1,607
March	4	127,020	+ 1,125	70,972	+ 1,002	197,992	+ 2,127
April	4	127,551	+ 133	68,047	- 731	195,598	- 599
May	5	130,674	+ 625	71,082	+ 607	201,756	+ 1,232
June	4	139,936	+ 2,316	80,875	+ 2,448	220,811	+ 4,764
July	4	147,954	+ 2,005	90,286	+ 2,353	238,240	+ 4,357
August	5	155,319	+ 1,473	92,065	+ 356	247,384	+ 1,829

¹ Average net weekly changes are calculated by dividing the total monthly change by the number of weeks in the reference month.

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.

Reference Period The reference periods for the Live register results are as follows:

August 2008 - 26th July to the 29th August

August 2007 - 28th July to the 31st August

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	4.8	4.5	4.8	4.6
2004	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.4
2005	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.5
2006	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.3
2007	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.6
2008	4.8	5.1		

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.