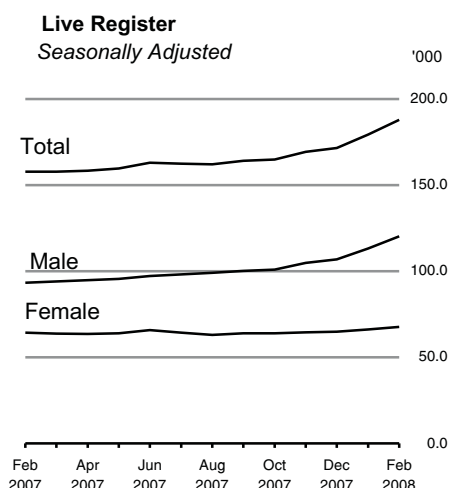




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Live Register February 2008



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
February 2007	159,399	157,800
January 2008	181,449	179,400
February 2008	189,485	187,900
Change in month	+8,036	+8,500
Change in year	+30,086	+30,100

Further sharp increase in the Live Register in February

The seasonally adjusted Live Register total increased from 179,400 in January to 187,900 in February, an increase of 8,500. This compares with an increase of 7,800 in January. *See table 2a and graph opposite.*

In the year to February 2008, there was an unadjusted increase of 30,086 (+18.9%). This compares with an unadjusted increase of 22,697 (+14.3%) in the year to January 2008.

Other features include:

- ◆ The monthly increase in the Seasonally Adjusted series consisted of an increase of 7,000 males and 1,500 females. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in February was 5.2%. 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 9,810 males and 13,792 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 September-November 2007, is 102,500 persons unemployed.

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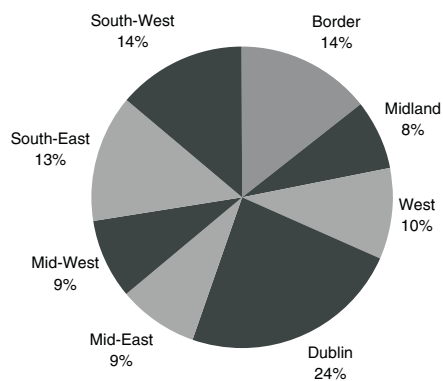
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Live Register by Regional Authority



	February 2008	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and Western	59,946	+ 2,858	+ 10,386
Border	27,433	+ 1,303	+ 4,242
Midland	14,215	+ 795	+ 3,298
West	18,298	+ 760	+ 2,846
Southern and Eastern	129,539	+ 5,178	+ 19,700
Dublin	44,617	+ 1,685	+ 4,947
Mid-East	16,280	+ 841	+ 3,487
Mid-West	16,748	+ 733	+ 2,815
South-East	25,427	+ 1,052	+ 4,401
South-West	26,467	+ 867	+ 4,050
Total	189,485	+ 8,036	+ 30,086

Unadjusted monthly increases in all regions

There was an unadjusted monthly increase of 8,036 (+4.4%) on the Live Register in February 2008, which reflected increases in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Midland region (+5.9%) while the smallest percentage increase was in the South-West region (+3.4%).

Other features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males increased in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Midland region (+7.7%), while the smallest percentage increase was in the Dublin region (+4.3%).
- ◆ The number of females increased in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Dublin region (+3.1%) while the smallest percentage increase was in the South-West region (+1.2%).
- ◆ Amongst counties, the largest percentage increases were in Roscommon (+8.1%) and Monaghan (+8.0%). The smallest percentage increases were in Wicklow (+1.3%) and Kerry (+2.0%). See tables 4 and 6.

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	February 2007	January 2008	February 2008	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	31,288	44,346	48,263	+ 3,917	+ 16,975
JA Applications	61,764	68,958	71,441	+ 2,483	+ 9,677
Other Registrants	2,587	2,856	2,816	- 40	+ 229
Total	95,639	116,160	122,520	+ 6,360	+ 26,881
Females					
JB Claims	33,146	33,442	34,566	+ 1,124	+ 1,420
JA Applications	23,845	25,135	25,762	+ 627	+ 1,917
Other Registrants	6,769	6,712	6,637	- 75	- 132
Total	63,760	65,289	66,965	+ 1,676	+ 3,205
All Persons					
JB Claims	64,434	77,788	82,829	+ 5,041	+ 18,395
JA Applications	85,609	94,093	97,203	+ 3,110	+ 11,594
Other Registrants	9,356	9,568	9,453	- 115	+ 97
Total	159,399	181,449	189,485	+ 8,036	+ 30,086

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

Category	February 2007	January 2008	February 2008	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	4,917	7,688	8,673	+ 985	+ 3,756
JA Applications	13,699	16,019	16,831	+ 812	+ 3,132
Other Registrants	32	43	44	+ 1	+ 12
Total	18,648	23,750	25,548	+ 1,798	+ 6,900
Females					
JB Claims	3,605	3,838	4,289	+ 451	+ 684
JA Applications	8,785	9,277	9,575	+ 298	+ 790
Other Registrants	82	80	79	- 1	- 3
Total	12,472	13,195	13,943	+ 748	+ 1,471
All Persons					
JB Claims	8,522	11,526	12,962	+ 1,436	+ 4,440
JA Applications	22,484	25,296	26,406	+ 1,110	+ 3,922
Other Registrants	114	123	123	0	+ 9
Total	31,120	36,945	39,491	+ 2,546	+ 8,371

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

Category	February 2007	January 2008	February 2008	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	26,371	36,658	39,590	+ 2,932	+ 13,219
JA Applications	48,065	52,939	54,610	+ 1,671	+ 6,545
Other Registrants	2,555	2,813	2,772	- 41	+ 217
Total	76,991	92,410	96,972	+ 4,562	+ 19,981
Females					
JB Claims	29,541	29,604	30,277	+ 673	+ 736
JA Applications	15,060	15,858	16,187	+ 329	+ 1,127
Other Registrants	6,687	6,632	6,558	- 74	- 129
Total	51,288	52,094	53,022	+ 928	+ 1,734
All Persons					
JB Claims	55,912	66,262	69,867	+ 3,605	+ 13,955
JA Applications	63,125	68,797	70,797	+ 2,000	+ 7,672
Other Registrants	9,242	9,445	9,330	- 115	+ 88
Total	128,279	144,504	149,994	+ 5,490	+ 21,715

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	February	95,400	64,300	159,600	93,000	64,900	157,900
	March	93,500	62,100	155,500	92,700	64,800	157,500
	April	92,400	62,100	154,600	93,100	65,500	158,600
	May	91,500	61,100	152,600	93,300	64,900	158,200
	June	93,700	69,300	163,100	93,000	66,700	159,700
	July	94,800	74,200	168,900	92,300	64,600	156,900
	August	95,000	74,600	169,600	92,400	65,000	157,500
	September	89,800	62,500	152,300	92,000	63,900	155,800
	October	88,100	60,400	148,500	91,900	63,900	155,900
	November	88,600	59,900	148,500	92,000	64,200	156,200
	December	92,500	62,900	155,400	92,600	64,000	156,600
2007	January	95,800	62,900	158,800	92,800	63,800	156,600
	February	95,600	63,800	159,400	93,300	64,400	157,800
	March	94,800	61,100	155,900	94,000	63,800	157,800
	April	94,100	60,200	154,300	94,800	63,600	158,400
	May	93,800	60,200	154,000	95,600	64,000	159,600
	June	98,000	68,400	166,400	97,200	65,800	163,000
	July	100,600	74,000	174,600	98,200	64,300	162,500
	August	101,600	72,600	174,200	99,000	63,000	162,000
	September	98,000	62,600	160,700	100,200	64,000	164,200
	October	97,100	60,300	157,400	100,900	64,000	164,900
	November	101,400	60,300	161,700	104,900	64,500	169,400
	December	106,700	63,700	170,400	106,800	64,800	171,600
2008	January	116,200	65,300	181,400	113,200	66,200	179,400
	February	122,500	67,000	189,500	120,200	67,700	187,900

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 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
2006	February	18,600	12,900	31,500	18,000	13,100	31,100
	March	18,200	12,600	30,800	18,000	13,100	31,000
	April	17,800	12,400	30,100	18,000	13,200	31,100
	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	17,800	12,900	30,800
	August	18,800	14,900	33,700	17,900	12,800	30,700
	September	17,600	13,200	30,900	17,900	12,900	30,700
	October	16,900	12,200	29,200	17,900	12,900	30,900
	November	16,900	11,800	28,600	17,900	12,900	30,700
	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	30,700
	March	18,600	12,200	30,800	18,400	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	32,600
	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
	October	19,400	12,500	31,800	20,300	13,200	33,500
	November	20,200	12,100	32,200	21,200	13,200	34,300
	December	21,200	12,100	33,300	21,800	13,300	35,000
2008	January	23,800	13,200	36,900	23,200	13,400	36,600
	February	25,500	13,900	39,500	25,000	14,100	39,100

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 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
2006	February	76,800	51,300	128,100	75,000	51,900	126,800
	March	75,300	49,500	124,700	74,700	51,700	126,400
	April	74,700	49,800	124,500	75,100	52,300	127,500
	May	73,900	48,700	122,600	75,200	51,800	127,000
	June	75,400	55,100	130,400	75,000	53,400	128,400
	July	76,000	59,400	135,400	74,500	51,700	126,200
	August	76,200	59,700	135,900	74,600	52,200	126,800
	September	72,200	49,300	121,500	74,100	51,000	125,100
	October	71,200	48,100	119,300	74,000	51,000	125,000
	November	71,700	48,200	119,900	74,200	51,300	125,500
	December	75,000	51,300	126,300	74,500	51,300	125,700
2007	January	77,200	50,500	127,600	74,800	51,100	125,900
	February	77,000	51,300	128,300	75,200	51,800	127,000
	March	76,200	48,900	125,100	75,600	51,200	126,800
	April	75,600	48,200	123,800	76,100	50,800	126,900
	May	75,500	48,000	123,400	76,700	51,100	127,800
	June	78,200	54,300	132,500	77,800	52,600	130,400
	July	80,100	59,200	139,300	78,500	51,400	129,900
	August	80,700	57,700	138,400	79,000	50,100	129,100
	September	78,200	49,200	127,400	80,100	51,000	131,100
	October	77,800	47,800	125,600	80,600	50,800	131,400
	November	81,300	48,200	129,500	83,700	51,300	135,000
	December	85,500	51,600	137,100	85,000	51,600	136,600
2008	January	92,400	52,100	144,500	90,000	52,800	142,800
	February	97,000	53,000	150,000	95,200	53,600	148,800

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2007 (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	5.0
February	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.5	5.2
March	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.6	
April ²	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.6	
May	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.6	
June	4.3	4.7	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.6	
July ²	4.3	4.8	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.5	
August	4.4	4.7	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.5	
September	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.3	4.5	
October ²	4.6	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.3	4.6 ³	
November	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.5	4.3	4.7	
December	4.7	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.8	
Annual average	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.6	

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: September-November 2007, 4.6%.

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register classified by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions¹	February 2007	January 2008	February 2008		Monthly change		Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males									
Border, Midland & Western	28,874	35,985	38,254	+	2,269	+	9,380	8,208	30,046
Border	13,665	16,492	17,511	+	1,019	+	3,846	3,686	13,825
Midland	6,174	8,509	9,167	+	658	+	2,993	2,150	7,017
West	9,035	10,984	11,576	+	592	+	2,541	2,372	9,204
Southern & Eastern	66,765	80,175	84,266	+	4,091	+	17,501	17,340	66,926
Dublin	25,483	28,786	30,036	+	1,250	+	4,553	6,250	23,786
Mid-East	7,419	9,659	10,327	+	668	+	2,908	2,122	8,205
Mid-West	8,336	10,155	10,745	+	590	+	2,409	2,186	8,559
South-East	12,313	15,481	16,307	+	826	+	3,994	3,581	12,726
South-West	13,214	16,094	16,851	+	757	+	3,637	3,201	13,650
Total	95,639	116,160	122,520	+	6,360	+	26,881	25,548	96,972
Females									
Border, Midland & Western	20,686	21,103	21,692	+	589	+	1,006	4,635	17,057
Border	9,526	9,638	9,922	+	284	+	396	2,104	7,818
Midland	4,743	4,911	5,048	+	137	+	305	1,177	3,871
West	6,417	6,554	6,722	+	168	+	305	1,354	5,368
Southern & Eastern	43,074	44,186	45,273	+	1,087	+	2,199	9,308	35,965
Dublin	14,187	14,146	14,581	+	435	+	394	3,132	11,449
Mid-East	5,374	5,780	5,953	+	173	+	579	1,078	4,875
Mid-West	5,597	5,860	6,003	+	143	+	406	1,280	4,723
South-East	8,713	8,894	9,120	+	226	+	407	2,048	7,072
South-West	9,203	9,506	9,616	+	110	+	413	1,770	7,846
Total	63,760	65,289	66,965	+	1,676	+	3,205	13,943	53,022
All Persons									
Border, Midland & Western	49,560	57,088	59,946	+	2,858	+	10,386	12,843	47,103
Border	23,191	26,130	27,433	+	1,303	+	4,242	5,790	21,643
Midland	10,917	13,420	14,215	+	795	+	3,298	3,327	10,888
West	15,452	17,538	18,298	+	760	+	2,846	3,726	14,572
Southern & Eastern	109,839	124,361	129,539	+	5,178	+	19,700	26,648	102,891
Dublin	39,670	42,932	44,617	+	1,685	+	4,947	9,382	35,235
Mid-East	12,793	15,439	16,280	+	841	+	3,487	3,200	13,080
Mid-West	13,933	16,015	16,748	+	733	+	2,815	3,466	13,282
South-East	21,026	24,375	25,427	+	1,052	+	4,401	5,629	19,798
South-West	22,417	25,600	26,467	+	867	+	4,050	4,971	21,496
Total	159,399	181,449	189,485	+	8,036	+	30,086	39,491	149,994

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

Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	February 2007	January 2008	February 2008	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	81,509	92,940	97,426	+ 4,486	+ 15,917	20,732	76,694
Munster	45,841	52,231	54,269	+ 2,038	+ 8,428	10,886	43,383
Connacht	18,551	21,413	22,283	+ 870	+ 3,732	4,516	17,767
Ulster	13,498	14,865	15,507	+ 642	+ 2,009	3,357	12,150
Total	159,399	181,449	189,485	+ 8,036	+ 30,086	39,491	149,994

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	February 2007	January 2008	February 2008	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	49,560	57,088	59,946	8,208	30,046	38,254	4,635	17,057	21,692
Border	23,191	26,130	27,433	3,686	13,825	17,511	2,104	7,818	9,922
Cavan	2,422	2,806	2,950	386	1,491	1,877	237	836	1,073
Ballyconnell	462	496	500	48	278	326	38	136	174
Cavan	1,960	2,310	2,450	338	1,213	1,551	199	700	899
Donegal	8,963	9,651	9,957	1,408	4,873	6,281	836	2,840	3,676
Ballybofey	827	942	1,042	186	489	675	121	246	367
Ballyshannon	566	642	662	101	283	384	62	216	278
Buncrana	1,707	1,928	2,110	303	1,062	1,365	189	556	745
Donegal	610	632	634	73	265	338	50	246	296
Dunfanaghy	797	842	815	121	395	516	45	254	299
Dungloe	1,233	1,232	1,262	126	670	796	55	411	466
Killybegs	852	812	795	72	402	474	39	282	321
Letterkenny	2,371	2,621	2,637	426	1,307	1,733	275	629	904
Leitrim	1,193	1,514	1,575	173	820	993	90	492	582
Carrick-on-Shannon	883	1,133	1,158	126	589	715	69	374	443
Manorhamilton	310	381	417	47	231	278	21	118	139
Louth	6,594	7,390	7,941	1,089	4,061	5,150	554	2,237	2,791
Ardee	783	879	991	135	477	612	70	309	379
Drogheda	3,153	3,468	3,759	509	1,877	2,386	263	1,110	1,373
Dundalk	2,658	3,043	3,191	445	1,707	2,152	221	818	1,039
Monaghan	2,113	2,408	2,600	304	1,311	1,615	186	799	985
Carrickmacross	527	635	652	79	290	369	39	244	283
Castleblayney	637	677	702	75	352	427	59	216	275
Clones	221	277	304	41	155	196	29	79	108
Monaghan	728	819	942	109	514	623	59	260	319
Sligo	1,906	2,361	2,410	326	1,269	1,595	201	614	815
Sligo	1,562	1,883	1,911	279	1,015	1,294	173	444	617
Tubbercurry	344	478	499	47	254	301	28	170	198
Midland	10,917	13,420	14,215	2,150	7,017	9,167	1,177	3,871	5,048
Laoighis	2,160	3,030	3,249	507	1,584	2,091	279	879	1,158
Portarlinton	847	1,228	1,309	211	632	843	114	352	466
Portlaoise	942	1,336	1,444	217	711	928	120	396	516
Rathdowney	371	466	496	79	241	320	45	131	176
Longford	2,022	2,560	2,665	389	1,409	1,798	206	661	867
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Offaly	2,887	3,529	3,727	554	1,838	2,392	319	1,016	1,335
Birr	865	1,006	1,025	159	485	644	87	294	381
Edenderry	700	879	901	123	443	566	64	271	335
Tullamore	1,322	1,644	1,801	272	910	1,182	168	451	619
Westmeath	3,848	4,301	4,574	700	2,186	2,886	373	1,315	1,688
Athlone	1,482	1,616	1,716	268	845	1,113	138	465	603
Castlepollard	422	491	512	78	232	310	38	164	202
Mullingar	1,944	2,194	2,346	354	1,109	1,463	197	686	883
West	15,452	17,538	18,298	2,372	9,204	11,576	1,354	5,368	6,722
Galway	9,223	10,575	10,938	1,418	5,451	6,869	849	3,220	4,069
Ballinasloe	907	1,048	1,109	193	564	757	70	282	352
Clifden	715	782	758	92	359	451	64	243	307
Galway	5,192	6,001	6,198	789	3,111	3,900	545	1,753	2,298
Gort	529	627	653	71	282	353	31	269	300
Loughrea	738	838	890	102	443	545	60	285	345
Tuam	1,142	1,279	1,330	171	692	863	79	388	467

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	February 2007	January 2008	February 2008	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	4,855	5,379	5,647	727	2,884	3,611	383	1,653	2,036
Achill	230	247	257	26	146	172	12	73	85
Ballina	1,368	1,481	1,548	226	815	1,041	133	374	507
Ballinrobe	375	393	437	44	210	254	32	151	183
Belmullet	449	478	489	50	271	321	28	140	168
Castlebar	783	897	918	118	429	547	55	316	371
Claremorris	439	506	552	78	267	345	36	171	207
Swinford	655	765	783	115	379	494	48	241	289
Westport	556	612	663	70	367	437	39	187	226
Roscommon	1,374	1,584	1,713	227	869	1,096	122	495	617
Boyle	382	412	434	59	201	260	30	144	174
Castlerea	626	705	787	99	407	506	67	214	281
Roscommon	366	467	492	69	261	330	25	137	162
Southern and Eastern	109,839	124,361	129,539	17,340	66,926	84,266	9,308	35,965	45,273
Dublin	39,670	42,932	44,617	6,250	23,786	30,036	3,132	11,449	14,581
Dublin	39,670	42,932	44,617	6,250	23,786	30,036	3,132	11,449	14,581
Bishop Square	3,243	3,502	3,586	433	2,054	2,487	188	911	1,099
Cumberland Street	4,842	5,225	5,433	709	2,885	3,594	378	1,461	1,839
Navan Road	2,450	2,665	2,760	352	1,573	1,925	192	643	835
Blanchardstown	3,417	3,736	3,944	529	2,000	2,529	314	1,101	1,415
Thomas Street	2,097	2,126	2,162	254	1,320	1,574	150	438	588
Tara Street	1,117	1,137	1,172	117	683	800	50	322	372
Tallaght	3,598	4,123	4,291	739	2,270	3,009	354	928	1,282
Ballymun	1,499	1,501	1,546	302	776	1,078	152	316	468
Clondalkin	3,483	3,991	4,237	736	2,108	2,844	397	996	1,393
Rathfarnham	1,771	1,948	2,048	194	1,014	1,208	96	744	840
Kilbarrack	2,195	2,205	2,266	269	1,239	1,508	113	645	758
Dun Laoghaire	2,492	2,707	2,741	243	1,474	1,717	88	936	1,024
Balbriggan	1,476	1,595	1,665	182	862	1,044	107	514	621
Ballyfermot	1,338	1,453	1,524	321	796	1,117	152	255	407
Finglas	2,312	2,620	2,736	464	1,453	1,917	204	615	819
Coolock	2,340	2,398	2,506	406	1,279	1,685	197	624	821
Mid-East	12,793	15,439	16,280	2,122	8,205	10,327	1,078	4,875	5,953
Kildare	5,359	6,606	7,110	910	3,502	4,412	493	2,205	2,698
Athy	936	1,147	1,187	159	598	757	84	346	430
Maynooth	1,565	1,931	2,013	233	918	1,151	134	728	862
Newbridge	2,858	3,528	3,910	518	1,986	2,504	275	1,131	1,406
Meath	3,069	3,848	4,121	528	2,082	2,610	278	1,233	1,511
Kells	535	667	688	97	343	440	61	187	248
Navan	1,659	2,027	2,204	289	1,146	1,435	131	638	769
Trim	875	1,154	1,229	142	593	735	86	408	494
Wicklow	4,365	4,985	5,049	684	2,621	3,305	307	1,437	1,744
Arklow	1,293	1,500	1,566	234	814	1,048	97	421	518
Baltinglass	490	582	589	90	288	378	57	154	211
Bray	1,761	1,937	1,921	218	1,011	1,229	89	603	692
Wicklow	821	966	973	142	508	650	64	259	323
Mid-West	13,933	16,015	16,748	2,186	8,559	10,745	1,280	4,723	6,003
Clare	4,249	4,877	5,072	578	2,469	3,047	345	1,680	2,025
Ennis	2,459	2,803	2,946	365	1,422	1,787	192	967	1,159
Ennistymon	690	792	807	53	394	447	57	303	360
Kilrush	612	700	709	96	346	442	65	202	267
Tulla	488	582	610	64	307	371	31	208	239
Limerick	7,375	8,545	9,004	1,272	4,812	6,084	728	2,192	2,920
Kilmallock	871	988	994	131	505	636	74	284	358
Limerick	5,434	6,255	6,630	954	3,585	4,539	544	1,547	2,091
Newcastle West	1,070	1,302	1,380	187	722	909	110	361	471

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	February 2007	January 2008	February 2008	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,309	2,593	2,672	336	1,278	1,614	207	851	1,058
Nenagh	888	978	1,023	108	488	596	73	354	427
Roscrea	470	505	536	63	260	323	43	170	213
Thurles	951	1,110	1,113	165	530	695	91	327	418
South-East	21,026	24,375	25,427	3,581	12,726	16,307	2,048	7,072	9,120
Carlow	2,057	2,614	2,747	419	1,388	1,807	213	727	940
Bagenalstown	444	559	570	85	286	371	51	148	199
Carlow	1,133	1,473	1,579	267	813	1,080	124	375	499
Tullow	480	582	598	67	289	356	38	204	242
Kilkenny	2,610	3,006	3,167	418	1,702	2,120	230	817	1,047
Kilkenny	2,176	2,540	2,674	348	1,460	1,808	204	662	866
Thomastown	434	466	493	70	242	312	26	155	181
South Tipperary	3,059	3,524	3,653	591	1,857	2,448	323	882	1,205
Cahir	410	452	469	63	226	289	38	142	180
Carrick-on-Suir	913	1,005	1,020	143	535	678	73	269	342
Cashel	332	376	393	80	181	261	42	90	132
Clonmel	866	1,068	1,138	206	603	809	105	224	329
Tipperary	538	623	633	99	312	411	65	157	222
Waterford	6,432	7,092	7,401	1,004	3,794	4,798	531	2,072	2,603
Dungarvan	997	1,041	1,072	114	599	713	61	298	359
Waterford	5,435	6,051	6,329	890	3,195	4,085	470	1,774	2,244
Wexford	6,868	8,139	8,459	1,149	3,985	5,134	751	2,574	3,325
Enniscorthy	1,738	2,075	2,166	317	1,077	1,394	193	579	772
Gorey	1,236	1,459	1,547	193	719	912	126	509	635
New Ross	1,255	1,447	1,490	192	699	891	151	448	599
Wexford	2,639	3,158	3,256	447	1,490	1,937	281	1,038	1,319
South-West	22,417	25,600	26,467	3,201	13,650	16,851	1,770	7,846	9,616
Cork	15,453	17,670	18,378	2,321	9,741	12,062	1,188	5,128	6,316
Bandon	507	660	693	83	361	444	44	205	249
Bantry	369	396	410	23	180	203	16	191	207
Bantry (SWLO)	151	161	161	6	69	75	6	80	86
Carrigaline	623	773	815	91	432	523	36	256	292
Clonakilty	469	515	500	32	213	245	27	228	255
Cobh	388	441	461	70	247	317	29	115	144
Cork	7,235	8,224	8,620	1,325	4,853	6,178	600	1,842	2,442
Dunmanway ¹	233	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fermoy	931	1,092	1,111	151	593	744	66	301	367
Kinsale	626	659	661	33	283	316	23	322	345
Macroom	429	593	633	57	301	358	41	234	275
Mallow	771	957	1,044	148	564	712	89	243	332
Midleton	1,070	1,282	1,277	121	692	813	66	398	464
Newmarket	501	624	650	58	336	394	45	211	256
Skibbereen	419	413	444	37	191	228	24	192	216
Youghal	731	880	898	86	426	512	76	310	386
Kerry	6,964	7,930	8,089	880	3,909	4,789	582	2,718	3,300
Cahiriveen	366	399	411	36	168	204	20	187	207
Dingle	357	431	456	29	193	222	37	197	234
Kenmare	299	336	322	24	133	157	27	138	165
Killarney	1,235	1,468	1,449	142	618	760	103	586	689
Killorglin	460	508	527	34	252	286	34	207	241
Listowel	1,069	1,357	1,385	181	718	899	106	380	486
Tralee	3,178	3,431	3,539	434	1,827	2,261	255	1,023	1,278
State	159,399	181,449	189,485	25,548	96,972	122,520	13,943	53,022	66,965

¹ Dunmanway local office has closed with effect from October 2007.

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
2006	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
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

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 period for the Live register results are as follows:
February 2008 - 26th January 2008 to the 29th February 2008
February 2007 - 27th January 2007 to the 23rd February 2007.

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

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