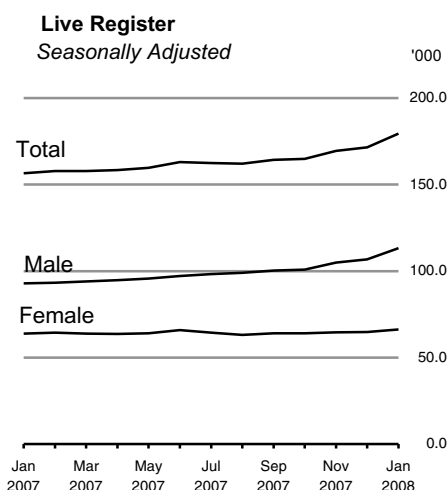




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Live Register January 2008



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
January 2007	158,752	156,600
December 2007	170,376	171,600
January 2008	181,449	179,400
Change in month	+11,073	+7,800
Change in year	+22,697	+22,800

Seasonally Adjusted Live Register increases in January

The seasonally adjusted Live Register total increased from 171,600 in December to 179,400 in January, an increase of 7,800. This compares with an increase of 2,200 in December. *See table 2a and graph opposite.*

In the year to January 2008, there was an unadjusted increase of 22,697 (+14.3%). This compares with an unadjusted increase of 14,987 (+9.6%) in the year to December 2007.

Other features include:

- ◆ The monthly increase in the Seasonally Adjusted series consisted of an increase of 6,400 males and 1,400 females. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in January was 4.9%. This compares with 4.4%, 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 8,756 males and 12,840 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 June-August 2007, is 97,700 persons unemployed.

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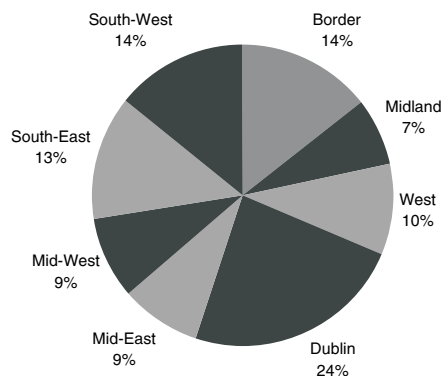
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Live Register by Regional Authority



	January 2008	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and Western	57,088	+ 3,721	+ 7,582
Border	26,130	+ 1,668	+ 2,796
Midland	13,420	+ 871	+ 2,596
West	17,538	+ 1,182	+ 2,190
Southern and Eastern	124,361	+ 7,352	+ 15,115
Dublin	42,932	+ 2,100	+ 3,633
Mid-East	15,439	+ 1,210	+ 2,791
Mid-West	16,015	+ 615	+ 2,213
South-East	24,375	+ 1,811	+ 3,391
South-West	25,600	+ 1,616	+ 3,087
Total	181,449	+ 11,073	+ 22,697

Unadjusted monthly increases in all regions

There was an unadjusted monthly increase of 11,073 (+6.5%) on the Live Register in January 2008, which reflected increases in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Mid-East region (+8.5%) while the smallest percentage increase was in the Mid-West region (+4.0%).

Other features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males increased in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Mid-East region (+12.0%), while the smallest percentage increase was in the Dublin region (+7.0%).
- ◆ The number of females increased in 7 regions. The largest percentage increase was in the West region (+4.4%) while the only percentage decrease was in the Mid-West region (-2.2%).
- ◆ Amongst counties, the largest percentage increases were in Kilkenny (+11.7%) and Sligo (+10.5%). The smallest percentage increases were in Limerick (+3.8%) and Clare (+3.9%). *See tables 4 and 6.*

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	January 2007	December 2007	January 2008	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	31,280	38,009	44,346	+ 6,337	+ 13,066
JA Applications	61,920	65,796	68,958	+ 3,162	+ 7,038
Other Registrants	2,624	2,893	2,856	- 37	+ 232
Total	95,824	106,698	116,160	+ 9,462	+ 20,336
Females					
JB Claims	32,129	32,638	33,442	+ 804	+ 1,313
JA Applications	23,920	24,267	25,135	+ 868	+ 1,215
Other Registrants	6,879	6,773	6,712	- 61	- 167
Total	62,928	63,678	65,289	+ 1,611	+ 2,361
All Persons					
JB Claims	63,409	70,647	77,788	+ 7,141	+ 14,379
JA Applications	85,840	90,063	94,093	+ 4,030	+ 8,253
Other Registrants	9,503	9,666	9,568	- 98	+ 65
Total	158,752	170,376	181,449	+ 11,073	+ 22,697

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

Category	January 2007	December 2007	January 2008	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	4,923	6,105	7,688	+ 1,583	+ 2,765
JA Applications	13,696	15,006	16,019	+ 1,013	+ 2,323
Other Registrants	28	57	43	- 14	+ 15
Total	18,647	21,168	23,750	+ 2,582	+ 5,103
Females					
JB Claims	3,548	3,213	3,838	+ 625	+ 290
JA Applications	8,833	8,822	9,277	+ 455	+ 444
Other Registrants	82	86	80	- 6	- 2
Total	12,463	12,121	13,195	+ 1,074	+ 732
All Persons					
JB Claims	8,471	9,318	11,526	+ 2,208	+ 3,055
JA Applications	22,529	23,828	25,296	+ 1,468	+ 2,767
Other Registrants	110	143	123	- 20	+ 13
Total	31,110	33,289	36,945	+ 3,656	+ 5,835

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

Category	January 2007	December 2007	January 2008	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	26,357	31,904	36,658	+ 4,754	+ 10,301
JA Applications	48,224	50,790	52,939	+ 2,149	+ 4,715
Other Registrants	2,596	2,836	2,813	- 23	+ 217
Total	77,177	85,530	92,410	+ 6,880	+ 15,233
Females					
JB Claims	28,581	29,425	29,604	+ 179	+ 1,023
JA Applications	15,087	15,445	15,858	+ 413	+ 771
Other Registrants	6,797	6,687	6,632	- 55	- 165
Total	50,465	51,557	52,094	+ 537	+ 1,629
All Persons					
JB Claims	54,938	61,329	66,262	+ 4,933	+ 11,324
JA Applications	63,311	66,235	68,797	+ 2,562	+ 5,486
Other Registrants	9,393	9,523	9,445	- 78	+ 52
Total	127,642	137,087	144,504	+ 7,417	+ 16,862

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	January	95,900	64,200	160,100	92,800	65,100	157,900
	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

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	January	18,500	12,700	31,300	17,900	13,000	30,900
	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

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	January	77,400	51,500	128,900	74,900	52,100	127,000
	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

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	4.7	4.5	4.2	4.4	4.4	4.9
February	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.5	
March	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.5	
April ²	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.5	
May	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.5	
June	4.3	4.7	4.4	4.3	4.5	4.5	
July ²	4.3	4.8	4.4	4.3	4.5	4.4 ³	
August	4.4	4.7	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	
September	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.5	
October ²	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.2	4.5	
November	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.5	4.3	4.6	
December	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.7	
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: June - August 2007, 4.4%.

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register classified by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	January 2007	December 2007	January 2008		Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males								
Border, Midland & Western	28,949	32,953	35,985	+	3,032	+	7,036	28,431
Border	13,806	15,134	16,492	+	1,358	+	2,686	13,070
Midland	6,136	7,742	8,509	+	767	+	2,373	6,559
West	9,007	10,077	10,984	+	907	+	1,977	8,802
Southern & Eastern	66,875	73,745	80,175	+	6,430	+	13,300	63,979
Dublin	25,483	26,904	28,786	+	1,882	+	3,303	22,882
Mid-East	7,382	8,624	9,659	+	1,035	+	2,277	7,731
Mid-West	8,344	9,410	10,155	+	745	+	1,811	8,121
South-East	12,384	13,935	15,481	+	1,546	+	3,097	12,119
South-West	13,282	14,872	16,094	+	1,222	+	2,812	13,126
Total	95,824	106,698	116,160	+	9,462	+	20,336	92,410
Females								
Border, Midland & Western	20,557	20,414	21,103	+	689	+	546	16,710
Border	9,528	9,328	9,638	+	310	+	110	7,624
Midland	4,688	4,807	4,911	+	104	+	223	3,801
West	6,341	6,279	6,554	+	275	+	213	5,285
Southern & Eastern	42,371	43,264	44,186	+	922	+	1,815	35,384
Dublin	13,816	13,928	14,146	+	218	+	330	11,194
Mid-East	5,266	5,605	5,780	+	175	+	514	4,788
Mid-West	5,458	5,990	5,860	-	130	+	402	4,610
South-East	8,600	8,629	8,894	+	265	+	294	6,975
South-West	9,231	9,112	9,506	+	394	+	275	7,817
Total	62,928	63,678	65,289	+	1,611	+	2,361	52,094
All Persons								
Border, Midland & Western	49,506	53,367	57,088	+	3,721	+	7,582	45,141
Border	23,334	24,462	26,130	+	1,668	+	2,796	20,694
Midland	10,824	12,549	13,420	+	871	+	2,596	10,360
West	15,348	16,356	17,538	+	1,182	+	2,190	14,087
Southern & Eastern	109,246	117,009	124,361	+	7,352	+	15,115	99,363
Dublin	39,299	40,832	42,932	+	2,100	+	3,633	34,076
Mid-East	12,648	14,229	15,439	+	1,210	+	2,791	12,519
Mid-West	13,802	15,400	16,015	+	615	+	2,213	12,731
South-East	20,984	22,564	24,375	+	1,811	+	3,391	19,094
South-West	22,513	23,984	25,600	+	1,616	+	3,087	20,943
Total	158,752	170,376	181,449	+	11,073	+	22,697	144,504

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

Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	January 2007	December 2007	January 2008		Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces								
Leinster	81,053	87,153	92,940	+	5,787	+	11,887	73,579
Munster	45,786	49,297	52,231	+	2,934	+	6,445	41,990
Connacht	18,451	19,934	21,413	+	1,479	+	2,962	17,208
Ulster	13,462	13,992	14,865	+	873	+	1,403	11,727
Total	158,752	170,376	181,449	+	11,073	+	22,697	144,504

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	January 2007	December 2007	January 2008	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	49,506	53,367	57,088	7,554	28,431	35,985	4,393	16,710	21,103
Border	23,334	24,462	26,130	3,422	13,070	16,492	2,014	7,624	9,638
Cavan	2,350	2,628	2,806	364	1,374	1,738	226	842	1,068
Ballyconnell	464	467	496	46	268	314	42	140	182
Cavan	1,886	2,161	2,310	318	1,106	1,424	184	702	886
Donegal	9,019	9,107	9,651	1,296	4,731	6,027	816	2,808	3,624
Ballybofey	833	870	942	158	453	611	110	221	331
Ballyshannon	588	602	642	94	270	364	62	216	278
Buncrana	1,684	1,761	1,928	247	964	1,211	177	540	717
Donegal	622	605	632	72	258	330	54	248	302
Dunfanaghy	824	852	842	128	401	529	52	261	313
Dungloe	1,270	1,200	1,232	125	644	769	58	405	463
Killybegs	869	753	812	65	414	479	47	286	333
Letterkenny	2,329	2,464	2,621	407	1,327	1,734	256	631	887
Leitrim	1,196	1,442	1,514	156	777	933	91	490	581
Carrick-on-Shannon	885	1,079	1,133	120	568	688	70	375	445
Manorhamilton	311	363	381	36	209	245	21	115	136
Louth	6,769	6,892	7,390	1,010	3,746	4,756	534	2,100	2,634
Ardee	800	836	879	125	423	548	64	267	331
Drogheda	3,232	3,205	3,468	462	1,698	2,160	256	1,052	1,308
Dundalk	2,737	2,851	3,043	423	1,625	2,048	214	781	995
Monaghan	2,093	2,257	2,408	266	1,211	1,477	170	761	931
Carrickmacross	527	586	635	67	297	364	39	232	271
Castleblayney	628	637	677	73	344	417	54	206	260
Clones	228	265	277	41	135	176	24	77	101
Monaghan	710	769	819	85	435	520	53	246	299
Sligo	1,907	2,136	2,361	330	1,231	1,561	177	623	800
Sligo	1,563	1,705	1,883	279	1,005	1,284	145	454	599
Tubbercurry	344	431	478	51	226	277	32	169	201
Midland	10,824	12,549	13,420	1,950	6,559	8,509	1,110	3,801	4,911
Laoighis	2,127	2,787	3,030	458	1,462	1,920	258	852	1,110
Portarlington	843	1,127	1,228	193	580	773	105	350	455
Portlaoise	915	1,233	1,336	197	660	857	108	371	479
Rathdowney	369	427	466	68	222	290	45	131	176
Longford	1,995	2,378	2,560	367	1,326	1,693	196	671	867
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Offaly	2,857	3,282	3,529	507	1,742	2,249	299	981	1,280
Birr	874	943	1,006	151	471	622	89	295	384
Edenderry	692	823	879	116	432	548	63	268	331
Tullamore	1,291	1,516	1,644	240	839	1,079	147	418	565
Westmeath	3,845	4,102	4,301	618	2,029	2,647	357	1,297	1,654
Athlone	1,499	1,510	1,616	235	784	1,019	131	466	597
Castlepollard	417	474	491	76	217	293	38	160	198
Mullingar	1,929	2,118	2,194	307	1,028	1,335	188	671	859
West	15,348	16,356	17,538	2,182	8,802	10,984	1,269	5,285	6,554
Galway	9,246	9,755	10,575	1,310	5,235	6,545	803	3,227	4,030
Ballinasloe	884	1,005	1,048	171	536	707	72	269	341
Clifden	732	721	782	88	370	458	68	256	324
Galway	5,236	5,468	6,001	727	3,010	3,737	507	1,757	2,264
Gort	521	578	627	68	268	336	27	264	291
Loughrea	746	800	838	100	401	501	57	280	337
Tuam	1,127	1,183	1,279	156	650	806	72	401	473

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	January 2007	December 2007	January 2008	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	4,760	5,089	5,379	659	2,766	3,425	362	1,592	1,954
Achill	223	233	247	25	145	170	7	70	77
Ballina	1,351	1,373	1,481	219	779	998	123	360	483
Ballinrobe	374	387	393	31	194	225	31	137	168
Belmullet	456	471	478	49	256	305	32	141	173
Castlebar	744	858	897	107	424	531	59	307	366
Claremorris	408	477	506	62	255	317	33	156	189
Swinford	655	742	765	110	377	487	43	235	278
Westport	549	548	612	56	336	392	34	186	220
Roscommon	1,342	1,512	1,584	213	801	1,014	104	466	570
Boyle	377	389	412	47	200	247	25	140	165
Castlerea	610	690	705	91	355	446	56	203	259
Roscommon	355	433	467	75	246	321	23	123	146
Southern and Eastern	109,246	117,009	124,361	16,196	63,979	80,175	8,802	35,384	44,186
Dublin	39,299	40,832	42,932	5,904	22,882	28,786	2,952	11,194	14,146
Dublin	39,299	40,832	42,932	5,904	22,882	28,786	2,952	11,194	14,146
Bishop Square	3,258	3,335	3,502	413	1,994	2,407	194	901	1,095
Cumberland Street	4,844	5,029	5,225	657	2,765	3,422	365	1,438	1,803
Navan Road	2,413	2,616	2,665	338	1,527	1,865	188	612	800
Blanchardstown	3,442	3,436	3,736	483	1,886	2,369	289	1,078	1,367
Thomas Street	2,092	2,025	2,126	255	1,303	1,558	140	428	568
Tara Street	1,138	1,079	1,137	123	669	792	43	302	345
Tallaght	3,536	3,903	4,123	706	2,161	2,867	341	915	1,256
Ballymun	1,477	1,466	1,501	286	751	1,037	149	315	464
Clondalkin	3,476	3,675	3,991	674	2,010	2,684	366	941	1,307
Rathfarnham	1,720	2,008	1,948	172	958	1,130	80	738	818
Kilbarrack	2,111	2,148	2,205	264	1,217	1,481	96	628	724
Dun Laoghaire	2,424	2,533	2,707	249	1,444	1,693	79	935	1,014
Balbriggan	1,467	1,521	1,595	163	827	990	94	511	605
Ballyfermot	1,306	1,322	1,453	311	753	1,064	140	249	389
Finglas	2,300	2,448	2,620	430	1,395	1,825	197	598	795
Coolock	2,295	2,288	2,398	380	1,222	1,602	191	605	796
Mid-East	12,648	14,229	15,439	1,928	7,731	9,659	992	4,788	5,780
Kildare	5,292	6,061	6,606	809	3,242	4,051	448	2,107	2,555
Athy	930	1,072	1,147	150	581	731	84	332	416
Maynooth	1,563	1,767	1,931	215	871	1,086	130	715	845
Newbridge	2,799	3,222	3,528	444	1,790	2,234	234	1,060	1,294
Meath	3,017	3,557	3,848	462	1,915	2,377	243	1,228	1,471
Kells	536	615	667	94	330	424	55	188	243
Navan	1,622	1,874	2,027	243	1,051	1,294	104	629	733
Trim	859	1,068	1,154	125	534	659	84	411	495
Wicklow	4,339	4,611	4,985	657	2,574	3,231	301	1,453	1,754
Arklow	1,258	1,382	1,500	215	777	992	86	422	508
Baltinglass	490	530	582	84	283	367	57	158	215
Bray	1,777	1,784	1,937	216	1,013	1,229	100	608	708
Wicklow	814	915	966	142	501	643	58	265	323
Mid-West	13,802	15,400	16,015	2,034	8,121	10,155	1,250	4,610	5,860
Clare	4,202	4,696	4,877	543	2,345	2,888	343	1,646	1,989
Ennis	2,404	2,691	2,803	337	1,331	1,668	196	939	1,135
Ennistymon	697	763	792	54	376	430	53	309	362
Kilrush	617	690	700	94	343	437	63	200	263
Tulla	484	552	582	58	295	353	31	198	229
Limerick	7,278	8,236	8,545	1,169	4,541	5,710	716	2,119	2,835
Kilmallock	871	976	988	127	511	638	82	268	350
Limerick	5,347	6,123	6,255	879	3,352	4,231	521	1,503	2,024
Newcastle West	1,060	1,137	1,302	163	678	841	113	348	461

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	January 2007	December 2007	January 2008	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,322	2,468	2,593	322	1,235	1,557	191	845	1,036
Nenagh	873	929	978	92	482	574	62	342	404
Roscrea	455	489	505	60	238	298	42	165	207
Thurles	994	1,050	1,110	170	515	685	87	338	425
South-East	20,984	22,564	24,375	3,362	12,119	15,481	1,919	6,975	8,894
Carlow	1,992	2,448	2,614	384	1,322	1,706	201	707	908
Bagenalstown	435	505	559	80	278	358	49	152	201
Carlow	1,082	1,365	1,473	241	758	999	116	358	474
Tullow	475	578	582	63	286	349	36	197	233
Kilkenny	2,632	2,692	3,006	374	1,615	1,989	216	801	1,017
Kilkenny	2,212	2,249	2,540	319	1,381	1,700	193	647	840
Thomastown	420	443	466	55	234	289	23	154	177
South Tipperary	3,072	3,288	3,524	570	1,786	2,356	291	877	1,168
Cahir	399	401	452	56	222	278	36	138	174
Carrick-on-Suir	913	972	1,005	150	522	672	67	266	333
Cashel	326	368	376	78	171	249	37	90	127
Clonmel	895	938	1,068	192	559	751	94	223	317
Tipperary	539	609	623	94	312	406	57	160	217
Waterford	6,399	6,625	7,092	935	3,583	4,518	504	2,070	2,574
Dungarvan	1,010	992	1,041	113	571	684	57	300	357
Waterford	5,389	5,633	6,051	822	3,012	3,834	447	1,770	2,217
Wexford	6,889	7,511	8,139	1,099	3,813	4,912	707	2,520	3,227
Enniscorthy	1,722	1,930	2,075	310	1,022	1,332	193	550	743
Gorey	1,234	1,319	1,459	196	657	853	105	501	606
New Ross	1,208	1,403	1,447	183	682	865	140	442	582
Wexford	2,725	2,859	3,158	410	1,452	1,862	269	1,027	1,296
South-West	22,513	23,984	25,600	2,968	13,126	16,094	1,689	7,817	9,506
Cork	15,392	16,696	17,670	2,141	9,295	11,436	1,136	5,098	6,234
Bandon	496	631	660	78	340	418	33	209	242
Bantry	373	358	396	18	167	185	14	197	211
Bantry (SWLO)	136	134	161	8	73	81	4	76	80
Carrigaline	637	714	773	84	408	492	32	249	281
Clonakilty	469	497	515	32	213	245	31	239	270
Cobh	394	378	441	66	229	295	30	116	146
Cork	7,229	7,816	8,224	1,204	4,612	5,816	582	1,826	2,408
Dunmanway ¹	234	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fermoy	902	1,078	1,092	146	572	718	67	307	374
Kinsale	615	639	659	33	282	315	17	327	344
Macroom	419	574	593	48	277	325	33	235	268
Mallow	763	908	957	135	521	656	74	227	301
Midleton	1,064	1,182	1,282	115	690	805	75	402	477
Newmarket	507	544	624	59	326	385	38	201	239
Skibbereen	416	394	413	32	167	199	26	188	214
Youghal	738	849	880	83	418	501	80	299	379
Kerry	7,121	7,288	7,930	827	3,831	4,658	553	2,719	3,272
Cahirciveen	381	363	399	35	163	198	16	185	201
Dingle	371	388	431	27	184	211	27	193	220
Kenmare	305	269	336	24	137	161	23	152	175
Killarney	1,315	1,306	1,468	143	619	762	101	605	706
Killorglin	463	471	508	26	241	267	32	209	241
Listowel	1,102	1,252	1,357	171	719	890	112	355	467
Tralee	3,184	3,239	3,431	401	1,768	2,169	242	1,020	1,262
State	158,752	170,376	181,449	23,750	92,410	116,160	13,195	52,094	65,289

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

		Males		Females		Total	
Number of weeks		Live Register	Average net weekly change	Live Register	Average net weekly change	Live Register	Average net weekly change
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		
	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		

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:
January 2008 - 29th December 2007 to the 25th January 2008
January 2007 - 30th December 2006 to the 26th January 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	4.7	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	4.5	4.2
2007	4.4	4.5	4.4	

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