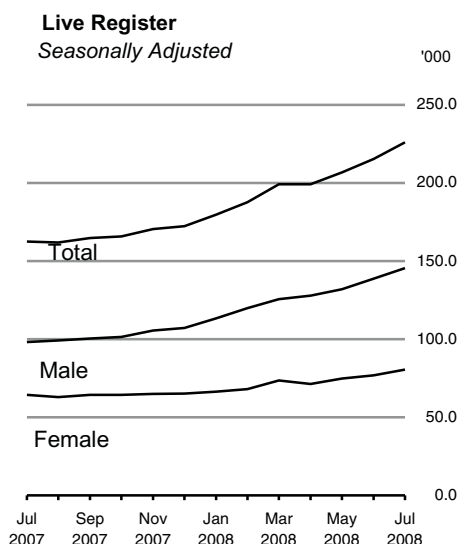




Live Register July 2008



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
July 2007	174,593	162,400
June 2008	220,811	215,400
July 2008	238,240	226,000
Change in month	+17,429	+10,600
Change in year	+63,647	+63,600

Seasonally adjusted Live Register rises to 226,000 in July

The seasonally adjusted Live Register total increased from 215,400 in June to 226,000 in July, an increase of 10,600. *See table 2a and graph opposite.*

In the year to July 2008, there was an unadjusted increase of 63,647 (+36.5%). This compares with an unadjusted increase of 54,448 (+32.7%) in the year to June 2008.

Other features include:

- ◆ The monthly increase in the seasonally adjusted series consisted of an increase of 6,700 males and an increase of 3,800 females. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in July was 5.9%. This compares with 4.8% in the first 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 11,289 males and 14,565 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 December to February 2008, is 106,200 persons unemployed.

Tables 1-3 of this release are the same as those presented in the July 2008 Live Register State Figures (web publication) on Wednesday 30th July 2008. In addition, a geographic breakdown of live register data and average net weekly changes are included in tables 4-7 of this release.

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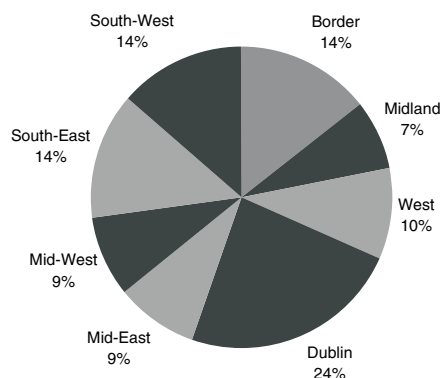
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Live Register by Regional Authority



	July 2008	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and Western	75,475	+ 5,632	+ 20,588
Border	34,466	+ 2,665	+ 9,282
Midland	17,756	+ 1,211	+ 5,257
West	23,253	+ 1,756	+ 6,049
Southern and Eastern	162,765	+ 11,797	+ 43,059
Dublin	56,109	+ 3,837	+ 12,491
Mid-East	20,980	+ 1,821	+ 6,481
Mid-West	21,067	+ 1,530	+ 5,648
South-East	32,234	+ 2,175	+ 9,742
South-West	32,375	+ 2,434	+ 8,697
Total	238,240	+ 17,429	+ 63,647

Unadjusted monthly increases in all regions

There was an unadjusted monthly increase of 17,429 (+7.9%) on the Live Register in July 2008, which reflected increases in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Mid-East region (+9.5%) while the smallest percentage increase was in the South-East region (+7.2%).

Other features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males increased in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Mid-East region (+7.2%), while the smallest percentage increase was in the Dublin region (+4.9%).
- ◆ The number of females increased in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Mid-East region (+13.2%) while the smallest percentage increase was in the Midland region (+10.2%).
- ◆ Amongst counties, the largest percentage increases were in Monaghan (+11.4%) and Wicklow (+10.6%). The smallest percentage increases were in Westmeath (+5.7%) and Waterford (+6.1%). See tables 4 and 6.

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	July 2007	June 2008	July 2008	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	33,571	56,219	60,438	+ 4,219	+ 26,867
JA Applications	64,573	80,688	84,341	+ 3,653	+ 19,768
Other Registrants	2,499	3,029	3,175	+ 146	+ 676
Total	100,643	139,936	147,954	+ 8,018	+ 47,311
Females					
JB Claims	39,511	42,515	49,019	+ 6,504	+ 9,508
JA Applications	27,008	31,184	33,472	+ 2,288	+ 6,464
Other Registrants	7,431	7,176	7,795	+ 619	+ 364
Total	73,950	80,875	90,286	+ 9,411	+ 16,336
All Persons					
JB Claims	73,082	98,734	109,457	+ 10,723	+ 36,375
JA Applications	91,581	111,872	117,813	+ 5,941	+ 26,232
Other Registrants	9,930	10,205	10,970	+ 765	+ 1,040
Total	174,593	220,811	238,240	+ 17,429	+ 63,647

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

Category	July 2007	June 2008	July 2008	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	5,783	10,771	11,695	+ 924	+ 5,912
JA Applications	14,722	19,460	20,677	+ 1,217	+ 5,955
Other Registrants	47	55	63	+ 8	+ 16
Total	20,552	30,286	32,435	+ 2,149	+ 11,883
Females					
JB Claims	4,318	5,817	6,796	+ 979	+ 2,478
JA Applications	10,360	11,986	12,975	+ 989	+ 2,615
Other Registrants	103	102	102	0	- 1
Total	14,781	17,905	19,873	+ 1,968	+ 5,092
All Persons					
JB Claims	10,101	16,588	18,491	+ 1,903	+ 8,390
JA Applications	25,082	31,446	33,652	+ 2,206	+ 8,570
Other Registrants	150	157	165	+ 8	+ 15
Total	35,333	48,191	52,308	+ 4,117	+ 16,975

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

Category	July 2007	June 2008	July 2008	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	27,788	45,448	48,743	+ 3,295	+ 20,955
JA Applications	49,851	61,228	63,664	+ 2,436	+ 13,813
Other Registrants	2,452	2,974	3,112	+ 138	+ 660
Total	80,091	109,650	115,519	+ 5,869	+ 35,428
Females					
JB Claims	35,193	36,698	42,223	+ 5,525	+ 7,030
JA Applications	16,648	19,198	20,497	+ 1,299	+ 3,849
Other Registrants	7,328	7,074	7,693	+ 619	+ 365
Total	59,169	62,970	70,413	+ 7,443	+ 11,244
All Persons					
JB Claims	62,981	82,146	90,966	+ 8,820	+ 27,985
JA Applications	66,499	80,426	84,161	+ 3,735	+ 17,662
Other Registrants	9,780	10,048	10,805	+ 757	+ 1,025
Total	139,260	172,620	185,932	+ 13,312	+ 46,672

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	July	94,800	74,200	168,900	92,200	64,700	156,800
	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

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	July	18,700	14,800	33,600	17,800	12,900	30,700
	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

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	July	76,000	59,400	135,400	74,400	51,800	126,200
	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

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	4.4	4.8 ³
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	4.4	4.4	4.6	5.2
May	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.6	5.4
June	4.3	4.7	4.4	4.3	4.6	4.5	5.6
July ²	4.3	4.8	4.4	4.4	4.6	4.5	5.9
August	4.4	4.7	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.5	
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	4.6	
December	4.7	4.5	4.3	4.4	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: December-February 2008, 4.8%.

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register classified by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	July 2007	June 2008	July 2008	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland & Western	30,797	43,534	46,257	+ 2,723	+ 15,460	10,527	35,730
Border	14,325	19,918	21,216	+	1,298	4,797	16,419
Midland	6,843	10,368	10,947	+	579	2,631	8,316
West	9,629	13,248	14,094	+	846	3,099	10,995
Southern & Eastern	69,846	96,402	101,697	+ 5,295	+ 31,851	21,908	79,789
Dublin	26,841	34,392	36,089	+	1,697	7,790	28,299
Mid-East	8,139	11,866	12,721	+	855	2,699	10,022
Mid-West	8,671	12,124	12,767	+	643	2,829	9,938
South-East	12,553	19,197	20,164	+	967	4,525	15,639
South-West	13,642	18,823	19,956	+	1,133	4,065	15,891
Total	100,643	139,936	147,954	+ 8,018	+ 47,311	32,435	115,519
Females							
Border, Midland & Western	24,090	26,309	29,218	+ 2,909	+ 5,128	6,958	22,260
Border	10,859	11,883	13,250	+	1,367	3,177	10,073
Midland	5,656	6,177	6,809	+	632	1,747	5,062
West	7,575	8,249	9,159	+	910	2,034	7,125
Southern & Eastern	49,860	54,566	61,068	+ 6,502	+ 11,208	12,915	48,153
Dublin	16,777	17,880	20,020	+	2,140	4,261	15,759
Mid-East	6,360	7,293	8,259	+	966	1,572	6,687
Mid-West	6,748	7,413	8,300	+	887	1,803	6,497
South-East	9,939	10,862	12,070	+	1,208	2,749	9,321
South-West	10,036	11,118	12,419	+	1,301	2,530	9,889
Total	73,950	80,875	90,286	+ 9,411	+ 16,336	19,873	70,413
All Persons							
Border, Midland & Western	54,887	69,843	75,475	+ 5,632	+ 20,588	17,485	57,990
Border	25,184	31,801	34,466	+	2,665	7,974	26,492
Midland	12,499	16,545	17,756	+	1,211	4,378	13,378
West	17,204	21,497	23,253	+	1,756	5,133	18,120
Southern & Eastern	119,706	150,968	162,765	+ 11,797	+ 43,059	34,823	127,942
Dublin	43,618	52,272	56,109	+	3,837	12,051	44,058
Mid-East	14,499	19,159	20,980	+	1,821	4,271	16,709
Mid-West	15,419	19,537	21,067	+	1,530	4,632	16,435
South-East	22,492	30,059	32,234	+	2,175	7,274	24,960
South-West	23,678	29,941	32,375	+	2,434	6,595	25,780
Total	174,593	220,811	238,240	+ 17,429	+ 63,647	52,308	185,932

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

Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	July 2007	June 2008	July 2008	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	90,181	113,176	122,093	+	8,917	26,897	95,196
Munster	49,257	62,954	67,752	+	4,798	14,371	53,381
Connacht	20,807	26,162	28,288	+	2,126	6,236	22,052
Ulster	14,348	18,519	20,107	+	1,588	4,804	15,303
Total	174,593	220,811	238,240	+ 17,429	+ 63,647	52,308	185,932

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	July 2007	June 2008	July 2008	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	54,887	69,843	75,475	10,527	35,730	46,257	6,958	22,260	29,218
Border	25,184	31,801	34,466	4,797	16,419	21,216	3,177	10,073	13,250
Cavan	2,702	3,771	4,064	531	1,934	2,465	406	1,193	1,599
Ballyconnell	507	636	702	76	337	413	69	220	289
Cavan	2,195	3,135	3,362	455	1,597	2,052	337	973	1,310
Donegal	9,274	11,545	12,475	1,858	5,786	7,644	1,222	3,609	4,831
Ballybofey	888	1,298	1,430	259	624	883	199	348	547
Ballyshannon	527	713	723	126	310	436	65	222	287
Buncrana	1,818	2,503	2,711	422	1,283	1,705	280	726	1,006
Donegal	648	706	765	85	302	387	77	301	378
Dunfanaghy	735	873	935	146	457	603	70	262	332
Dungloe	1,247	1,409	1,486	153	732	885	85	516	601
Killybegs	884	953	1,009	98	529	627	72	310	382
Letterkenny	2,527	3,090	3,416	569	1,549	2,118	374	924	1,298
Leitrim	1,380	1,831	2,000	239	981	1,220	148	632	780
Carrick-on-Shannon	1,016	1,364	1,494	174	734	908	109	477	586
Manorhamilton	364	467	506	65	247	312	39	155	194
Louth	7,233	8,617	9,324	1,305	4,557	5,862	762	2,700	3,462
Ardee	876	1,070	1,166	180	526	706	114	346	460
Drogheda	3,371	4,000	4,381	600	2,105	2,705	343	1,333	1,676
Dundalk	2,986	3,547	3,777	525	1,926	2,451	305	1,021	1,326
Monaghan	2,372	3,203	3,568	430	1,656	2,086	357	1,125	1,482
Carrickmacross	601	827	872	102	379	481	96	295	391
Castleblayney	696	820	939	111	429	540	99	300	399
Clones	274	421	473	66	218	284	53	136	189
Monaghan	801	1,135	1,284	151	630	781	109	394	503
Sligo	2,223	2,834	3,035	434	1,505	1,939	282	814	1,096
Sligo	1,829	2,248	2,413	375	1,197	1,572	219	622	841
Tubbercurry	394	586	622	59	308	367	63	192	255
Midland	12,499	16,545	17,756	2,631	8,316	10,947	1,747	5,062	6,809
Laoighis	2,600	3,894	4,251	659	2,005	2,664	430	1,157	1,587
Portllington	1,009	1,556	1,669	294	750	1,044	181	444	625
Portlaoise	1,157	1,780	1,963	270	977	1,247	188	528	716
Rathdowney	434	558	619	95	278	373	61	185	246
Longford	2,334	2,961	3,209	456	1,611	2,067	286	856	1,142
Longford	2,334	2,961	3,209	456	1,611	2,067	286	856	1,142
Offaly	3,208	4,206	4,497	653	2,128	2,781	470	1,246	1,716
Birr	931	1,127	1,261	182	554	736	153	372	525
Edenderry	800	992	1,068	139	513	652	87	329	416
Tullamore	1,477	2,087	2,168	332	1,061	1,393	230	545	775
Westmeath	4,357	5,484	5,799	863	2,572	3,435	561	1,803	2,364
Athlone	1,755	2,095	2,252	338	989	1,327	218	707	925
Castlepollard	453	656	656	104	289	393	70	193	263
Mullingar	2,149	2,733	2,891	421	1,294	1,715	273	903	1,176
West	17,204	21,497	23,253	3,099	10,995	14,094	2,034	7,125	9,159
Galway	10,400	12,940	13,934	1,821	6,563	8,384	1,268	4,282	5,550
Ballinasloe	987	1,244	1,363	212	626	838	115	410	525
Clifden	602	751	765	100	390	490	61	214	275
Galway	6,125	7,648	8,188	1,089	3,852	4,941	830	2,417	3,247
Gort	615	743	790	86	314	400	61	329	390
Loughrea	800	968	1,073	113	518	631	93	349	442
Tuam	1,271	1,586	1,755	221	863	1,084	108	563	671

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

-continued NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	Males						Females		
	July 2007	June 2008	July 2008	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	5,279	6,576	7,137	977	3,369	4,346	596	2,195	2,791
Achill	240	282	302	46	150	196	22	84	106
Ballina	1,421	1,704	1,842	268	881	1,149	180	513	693
Ballinrobe	386	504	530	45	256	301	42	187	229
Belmullet	543	552	604	69	309	378	54	172	226
Castlebar	930	1,205	1,306	176	575	751	114	441	555
Claremorris	462	628	692	102	342	444	40	208	248
Swinford	757	950	1,037	156	461	617	92	328	420
Westport	540	751	824	115	395	510	52	262	314
Roscommon	1,525	1,981	2,182	301	1,063	1,364	170	648	818
Boyle	401	504	562	76	258	334	48	180	228
Castlereagh	683	924	1,009	130	498	628	87	294	381
Roscommon	441	553	611	95	307	402	35	174	209
Southern and Eastern	119,706	150,968	162,765	21,908	79,789	101,697	12,915	48,153	61,068
Dublin	43,618	52,272	56,109	7,790	28,299	36,089	4,261	15,759	20,020
Dublin	43,618	52,272	56,109	7,790	28,299	36,089	4,261	15,759	20,020
Bishop Square	3,734	4,367	4,684	559	2,479	3,038	308	1,338	1,646
Cumberland Street	5,309	6,106	6,536	827	3,356	4,183	480	1,873	2,353
Navan Road	2,743	3,251	3,465	467	1,863	2,330	268	867	1,135
Blanchardstown	3,795	4,651	5,064	681	2,412	3,093	435	1,536	1,971
Thomas Street	2,251	2,579	2,715	321	1,593	1,914	209	592	801
Tara Street	1,114	1,377	1,529	165	804	969	81	479	560
Tallaght	3,990	5,027	5,379	888	2,740	3,628	468	1,283	1,751
Ballymun	1,570	1,721	1,791	359	884	1,243	177	371	548
Clondalkin	3,876	4,863	5,172	843	2,536	3,379	478	1,315	1,793
Rathfarnham	2,086	2,591	2,843	299	1,248	1,547	165	1,131	1,296
Kilbarrack	2,358	2,733	2,964	381	1,460	1,841	165	958	1,123
Dun Laoghaire	2,873	3,360	3,742	349	1,806	2,155	172	1,415	1,587
Balbriggan	1,562	1,923	2,090	235	1,030	1,265	132	693	825
Ballyfermot	1,374	1,719	1,804	378	920	1,298	175	331	506
Finglas	2,478	3,168	3,375	554	1,718	2,272	296	807	1,103
Coolock	2,505	2,836	2,956	484	1,450	1,934	252	770	1,022
Mid-East	14,499	19,159	20,980	2,699	10,022	12,721	1,572	6,687	8,259
Kildare	6,195	8,324	9,096	1,223	4,292	5,515	746	2,835	3,581
Athy	1,006	1,317	1,428	209	701	910	119	399	518
Maynooth	1,810	2,510	2,783	371	1,177	1,548	249	986	1,235
Newbridge	3,379	4,497	4,885	643	2,414	3,057	378	1,450	1,828
Meath	3,568	4,901	5,320	627	2,506	3,133	409	1,778	2,187
Kells	632	864	940	110	458	568	83	289	372
Navan	1,928	2,610	2,785	354	1,352	1,706	192	887	1,079
Trim	1,008	1,427	1,595	163	696	859	134	602	736
Wicklow	4,736	5,934	6,564	849	3,224	4,073	417	2,074	2,491
Arklow	1,358	1,754	1,942	274	990	1,264	139	539	678
Baltinglass	530	704	781	106	367	473	72	236	308
Bray	1,954	2,376	2,663	315	1,274	1,589	135	939	1,074
Wicklow	894	1,100	1,178	154	593	747	71	360	431
Mid-West	15,419	19,537	21,067	2,829	9,938	12,767	1,803	6,497	8,300
Clare	4,421	5,505	6,023	777	2,753	3,530	473	2,020	2,493
Ennis	2,688	3,293	3,629	473	1,641	2,114	291	1,224	1,515
Ennistymon	614	806	878	92	418	510	57	311	368
Kilrush	638	728	787	125	350	475	73	239	312
Tulla	481	678	729	87	344	431	52	246	298
Limerick	8,421	10,710	11,448	1,600	5,612	7,212	1,010	3,226	4,236
Kilmallock	928	1,219	1,286	197	598	795	101	390	491
Limerick	6,349	7,928	8,530	1,177	4,206	5,383	763	2,384	3,147
Newcastle West	1,144	1,563	1,632	226	808	1,034	146	452	598

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	July 2007	June 2008	July 2008	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,577	3,322	3,596	452	1,573	2,025	320	1,251	1,571
Nenagh	943	1,222	1,303	139	563	702	107	494	601
Roscrea	502	659	734	94	321	415	66	253	319
Thurles	1,132	1,441	1,559	219	689	908	147	504	651
South-East	22,492	30,059	32,234	4,525	15,639	20,164	2,749	9,321	12,070
Carlow	2,506	3,395	3,749	550	1,781	2,331	352	1,066	1,418
Bagenalstown	562	741	824	116	370	486	92	246	338
Carlow	1,352	1,908	2,082	331	1,034	1,365	186	531	717
Tullow	592	746	843	103	377	480	74	289	363
Kilkenny	2,766	3,643	3,954	529	2,023	2,552	335	1,067	1,402
Kilkenny	2,296	3,059	3,315	440	1,712	2,152	288	875	1,163
Thomastown	470	584	639	89	311	400	47	192	239
South Tipperary	3,283	4,294	4,572	726	2,269	2,995	394	1,183	1,577
Cahir	456	623	631	85	302	387	56	188	244
Carrick-on-Suir	943	1,216	1,278	199	654	853	91	334	425
Cashel	368	491	514	84	251	335	47	132	179
Clonmel	938	1,244	1,346	237	665	902	125	319	444
Tipperary	578	720	803	121	397	518	75	210	285
Waterford	6,877	9,182	9,738	1,272	4,834	6,106	752	2,880	3,632
Dungarvan	1,066	1,256	1,355	158	657	815	115	425	540
Waterford	5,811	7,926	8,383	1,114	4,177	5,291	637	2,455	3,092
Wexford	7,060	9,545	10,221	1,448	4,732	6,180	916	3,125	4,041
Enniscorthy	1,843	2,475	2,643	436	1,268	1,704	256	683	939
Gorey	1,326	1,805	2,003	261	884	1,145	174	684	858
New Ross	1,367	1,809	1,898	241	886	1,127	179	592	771
Wexford	2,524	3,456	3,677	510	1,694	2,204	307	1,166	1,473
South-West	23,678	29,941	32,375	4,065	15,891	19,956	2,530	9,889	12,419
Cork	17,360	21,762	23,581	3,006	11,587	14,593	1,796	7,192	8,988
Bandon	534	811	878	105	414	519	80	279	359
Bantry	339	404	489	40	206	246	27	216	243
Bantry (SWLO)	136	174	186	10	83	93	4	89	93
Carrigaline	729	1,008	1,163	147	548	695	77	391	468
Clonakilty	487	598	642	44	270	314	41	287	328
Cobh	422	524	539	67	261	328	47	164	211
Cork	8,475	10,540	11,338	1,674	5,927	7,601	929	2,808	3,737
Dunmanway ¹	238	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fermoy	1,062	1,330	1,470	183	699	882	106	482	588
Kinsale	566	723	758	57	317	374	32	352	384
Macroon	492	737	816	81	359	440	53	323	376
Mallow	948	1,206	1,291	192	637	829	116	346	462
Midleton	1,144	1,492	1,602	155	807	962	97	543	640
Newmarket	579	753	836	91	380	471	58	307	365
Skibbereen	385	488	537	44	210	254	34	249	283
Youghal	824	974	1,036	116	469	585	95	356	451
Kerry	6,318	8,179	8,794	1,059	4,304	5,363	734	2,697	3,431
Cahirciveen	283	376	386	44	173	217	18	151	169
Dingle	246	349	364	28	182	210	17	137	154
Kenmare	170	225	245	32	121	153	11	81	92
Killarney	896	1,140	1,306	165	586	751	124	431	555
Killorglin	388	533	613	54	328	382	33	198	231
Listowel	1,089	1,507	1,640	223	805	1,028	150	462	612
Tralee	3,246	4,049	4,240	513	2,109	2,622	381	1,237	1,618
State	174,593	220,811	238,240	32,435	115,519	147,954	19,873	70,413	90,286

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 ¹ net weekly change	Live Register	Average ¹ net weekly change	Live Register	Average ¹ net weekly change
2006	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		
	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		

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:

July 2008 - 28th June 2008 to the 25th July 2008

July 2007 - 30th June 2007 to the 27th July 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	4.4	4.4	4.5
2006	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.3
2007	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.6
2008	4.8			

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