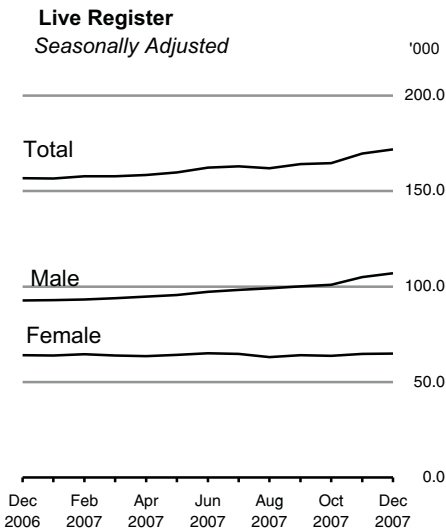




Live Register December 2007



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
December 2006	155,389	156,700
November 2007	161,722	169,700
December 2007	170,376	171,800
Change in month	+8,654	+2,100
Change in year	+14,987	+15,100

Seasonally Adjusted Live Register increases in December

The seasonally adjusted Live Register total increased from 169,700 in November to 171,800 in December, an increase of 2,100. This compares with an increase of 5,000 in November. *See table 2a and graph opposite.*

In the year to December 2007, there was an unadjusted increase of 14,987 (+9.6%). This compares with an unadjusted increase 13,193 (+8.9%) in the year to November 2007.

Other features include:

- ◆ The monthly increase in the Seasonally Adjusted series consisted of an increase of 1,900 males and 200 females. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in December was 4.7%. 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 8,153 males and 12,304 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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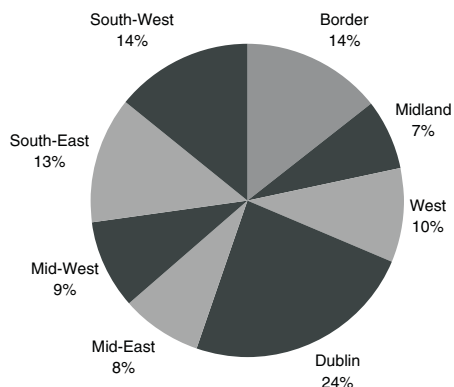
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Live Register by Regional Authority



	December 2007	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and Western	53,367	+ 2,564	+ 5,133
Border	24,462	+ 1,222	+ 1,812
Midland	12,549	+ 553	+ 2,006
West	16,356	+ 789	+ 1,315
Southern and Eastern	117,009	+ 6,090	+ 9,854
Dublin	40,832	+ 1,556	+ 2,327
Mid-East	14,229	+ 799	+ 1,780
Mid-West	15,400	+ 1,095	+ 1,704
South-East	22,564	+ 1,304	+ 2,060
South-West	23,984	+ 1,336	+ 1,983
Total	170,376	+ 8,654	+ 14,987

Unadjusted monthly increases in all regions

There was an unadjusted monthly increase of 8,654 (+5.4%) on the Live Register in December 2007, which reflected increases in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Mid-West region (+7.7%) while the smallest percentage increase was in the Dublin 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-West region (+7.2%), while the smallest percentage increase was in the Dublin region (+3.4%).
- ◆ The number of females increased in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Mid-West region (+8.3%) while the smallest percentage increase was in the Border region (+4.0%).
- ◆ Amongst counties, the largest percentage increases were in Leitrim (+9.7%) and Tipperary North (+8.8%). The smallest percentage increases were in Longford (+3.5%) and Dublin (+4.0%). *See tables 4 and 6.*

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	December 2006	November 2007	December 2007	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	29,218	34,573	38,009	+ 3,436	+ 8,791
JA Applications	60,629	64,101	65,796	+ 1,695	+ 5,167
Other Registrants	2,652	2,744	2,893	+ 149	+ 241
Total	92,499	101,418	106,698	+ 5,280	+ 14,199
Females					
JB Claims	32,305	29,804	32,638	+ 2,834	+ 333
JA Applications	23,493	23,939	24,267	+ 328	+ 774
Other Registrants	7,092	6,561	6,773	+ 212	- 319
Total	62,890	60,304	63,678	+ 3,374	+ 788
All Persons					
JB Claims	61,523	64,377	70,647	+ 6,270	+ 9,124
JA Applications	84,122	88,040	90,063	+ 2,023	+ 5,941
Other Registrants	9,744	9,305	9,666	+ 361	- 78
Total	155,389	161,722	170,376	+ 8,654	+ 14,987

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

Category	December 2006	November 2007	December 2007	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	4,278	5,566	6,105	+ 539	+ 1,827
JA Applications	13,183	14,547	15,006	+ 459	+ 1,823
Other Registrants	34	46	57	+ 11	+ 23
Total	17,495	20,159	21,168	+ 1,009	+ 3,673
Females					
JB Claims	3,004	3,169	3,213	+ 44	+ 209
JA Applications	8,529	8,834	8,822	- 12	+ 293
Other Registrants	86	74	86	+ 12	0
Total	11,619	12,077	12,121	+ 44	+ 502
All Persons					
JB Claims	7,282	8,735	9,318	+ 583	+ 2,036
JA Applications	21,712	23,381	23,828	+ 447	+ 2,116
Other Registrants	120	120	143	+ 23	+ 23
Total	29,114	32,236	33,289	+ 1,053	+ 4,175

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

Category	December 2006	November 2007	December 2007	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	24,940	29,007	31,904	+ 2,897	+ 6,964
JA Applications	47,446	49,554	50,790	+ 1,236	+ 3,344
Other Registrants	2,618	2,698	2,836	+ 138	+ 218
Total	75,004	81,259	85,530	+ 4,271	+ 10,526
Females					
JB Claims	29,301	26,635	29,425	+ 2,790	+ 124
JA Applications	14,964	15,105	15,445	+ 340	+ 481
Other Registrants	7,006	6,487	6,687	+ 200	- 319
Total	51,271	48,227	51,557	+ 3,330	+ 286
All Persons					
JB Claims	54,241	55,642	61,329	+ 5,687	+ 7,088
JA Applications	62,410	64,659	66,235	+ 1,576	+ 3,825
Other Registrants	9,624	9,185	9,523	+ 338	- 101
Total	126,275	129,486	137,087	+ 7,601	+ 10,812

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

	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series ¹		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2005	December	92,400	63,400	155,800	92,500	64,600	157,100
2006	January	95,900	64,200	160,100	92,800	65,100	157,900
	February	95,400	64,300	159,600	92,900	65,000	157,900
	March	93,500	62,100	155,500	92,500	64,800	157,300
	April	92,400	62,100	154,600	93,000	65,600	158,600
	May	91,500	61,100	152,600	93,200	65,100	158,300
	June	93,700	69,300	163,100	93,000	65,900	159,000
	July	94,800	74,200	168,900	92,500	65,000	157,500
	August	95,000	74,600	169,600	92,500	65,000	157,500
	September	89,800	62,500	152,300	91,900	63,900	155,800
	October	88,100	60,400	148,500	92,000	63,800	155,700
	November	88,600	59,900	148,500	92,100	64,300	156,500
	December	92,500	62,900	155,400	92,700	64,100	156,700
2007	January	95,800	62,900	158,800	92,800	63,900	156,600
	February	95,600	63,800	159,400	93,200	64,500	157,700
	March	94,800	61,100	155,900	93,900	63,800	157,700
	April	94,100	60,200	154,300	94,800	63,600	158,400
	May	93,800	60,200	154,000	95,500	64,200	159,700
	June	98,000	68,400	166,400	97,200	65,000	162,200
	July	100,600	74,000	174,600	98,300	64,700	163,000
	August	101,600	72,600	174,200	99,000	63,000	162,000
	September	98,000	62,600	160,700	100,100	64,100	164,200
	October	97,100	60,300	157,400	101,000	63,700	164,700
	November	101,400	60,300	161,700	105,000	64,700	169,700
	December	106,700	63,700	170,400	106,900	64,900	171,800

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

Table 2b Persons under 25 years of age on the Live Register - Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted

	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series ¹		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2005	December	17,300	11,700	29,000	17,900	12,800	30,800
2006	January	18,500	12,700	31,300	17,900	12,900	30,800
	February	18,600	12,900	31,500	18,000	13,000	31,000
	March	18,200	12,600	30,800	17,900	13,100	31,000
	April	17,800	12,400	30,100	18,000	13,200	31,100
	May	17,600	12,400	30,000	18,100	13,100	31,200
	June	18,400	14,200	32,600	18,000	13,300	31,300
	July	18,700	14,800	33,600	17,900	12,900	30,800
	August	18,800	14,900	33,700	17,900	12,800	30,700
	September	17,600	13,200	30,900	17,800	12,900	30,700
	October	16,900	12,200	29,200	18,000	13,000	31,000
	November	16,900	11,800	28,600	18,000	12,900	30,800
	December	17,500	11,600	29,100	18,100	12,800	30,900
2007	January	18,600	12,500	31,100	18,000	12,700	30,700
	February	18,600	12,500	31,100	18,100	12,600	30,600
	March	18,600	12,200	30,800	18,300	12,600	31,000
	April	18,500	12,000	30,500	18,700	12,800	31,500
	May	18,400	12,200	30,600	18,900	12,900	31,800
	June	19,800	14,100	33,900	19,300	13,200	32,500
	July	20,600	14,800	35,300	19,700	12,900	32,500
	August	20,900	14,900	35,800	19,900	12,900	32,800
	September	19,900	13,400	33,200	20,100	13,000	33,100
	October	19,400	12,500	31,800	20,400	13,200	33,600
	November	20,200	12,100	32,200	21,300	13,200	34,500
	December	21,200	12,100	33,300	21,800	13,300	35,100

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

Table 2c Persons 25 years of age and over on the Live Register - Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted

	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series ¹		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2005	December	75,100	51,800	126,800	74,600	51,800	126,300
2006	January	77,400	51,500	128,900	74,900	52,200	127,100
	February	76,800	51,300	128,100	74,900	51,900	126,800
	March	75,300	49,500	124,700	74,600	51,800	126,400
	April	74,700	49,800	124,500	75,100	52,400	127,500
	May	73,900	48,700	122,600	75,100	52,000	127,100
	June	75,400	55,100	130,400	75,000	52,600	127,700
	July	76,000	59,400	135,400	74,600	52,100	126,700
	August	76,200	59,700	135,900	74,600	52,200	126,800
	September	72,200	49,300	121,500	74,100	51,100	125,100
	October	71,200	48,100	119,300	74,000	50,800	124,800
	November	71,700	48,200	119,900	74,200	51,500	125,600
	December	75,000	51,300	126,300	74,500	51,300	125,800
2007	January	77,200	50,500	127,600	74,700	51,200	125,900
	February	77,000	51,300	128,300	75,200	51,900	127,100
	March	76,200	48,900	125,100	75,500	51,200	126,700
	April	75,600	48,200	123,800	76,100	50,800	126,900
	May	75,500	48,000	123,400	76,600	51,200	127,800
	June	78,200	54,300	132,500	77,900	51,800	129,700
	July	80,100	59,200	139,300	78,700	51,800	130,500
	August	80,700	57,700	138,400	79,100	50,100	129,200
	September	78,200	49,200	127,400	80,000	51,100	131,100
	October	77,800	47,800	125,600	80,600	50,500	131,100
	November	81,300	48,200	129,500	83,700	51,500	135,200
	December	85,500	51,600	137,100	85,100	51,600	136,700

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

Table 3 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates (SUR)

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

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

² 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	December 2006	November 2007	December 2007	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland & Western	27,829	31,227	32,953	+ 1,726	+ 5,124	6,703	26,250
Border	13,239	14,275	15,134	+	+	3,046	12,088
Midland	5,875	7,384	7,742	+	+	1,687	6,055
West	8,715	9,568	10,077	+	+	1,970	8,107
Southern & Eastern	64,670	70,191	73,745	+ 3,554	+ 9,075	14,465	59,280
Dublin	24,605	26,011	26,904	+	+	5,326	21,578
Mid-East	7,103	8,230	8,624	+	+	1,676	6,948
Mid-West	8,124	8,775	9,410	+	+	1,865	7,545
South-East	11,951	13,155	13,935	+	+	2,975	10,960
South-West	12,887	14,020	14,872	+	+	2,623	12,249
Total	92,499	101,418	106,698	+ 5,280	+ 14,199	21,168	85,530
Females							
Border, Midland & Western	20,405	19,576	20,414	+ 838	+ 9	4,065	16,349
Border	9,411	8,965	9,328	+	-	1,859	7,469
Midland	4,668	4,612	4,807	+	+	1,031	3,776
West	6,326	5,999	6,279	+	-	1,175	5,104
Southern & Eastern	42,485	40,728	43,264	+ 2,536	+ 779	8,056	35,208
Dublin	13,900	13,265	13,928	+	+	2,685	11,243
Mid-East	5,346	5,200	5,605	+	+	912	4,693
Mid-West	5,572	5,530	5,990	+	+	1,179	4,811
South-East	8,553	8,105	8,629	+	+	1,767	6,862
South-West	9,114	8,628	9,112	+	-	1,513	7,599
Total	62,890	60,304	63,678	+ 3,374	+ 788	12,121	51,557
All Persons							
Border, Midland & Western	48,234	50,803	53,367	+ 2,564	+ 5,133	10,768	42,599
Border	22,650	23,240	24,462	+	+	4,905	19,557
Midland	10,543	11,996	12,549	+	+	2,718	9,831
West	15,041	15,567	16,356	+	+	3,145	13,211
Southern & Eastern	107,155	110,919	117,009	+ 6,090	+ 9,854	22,521	94,488
Dublin	38,505	39,276	40,832	+	+	8,011	32,821
Mid-East	12,449	13,430	14,229	+	+	2,588	11,641
Mid-West	13,696	14,305	15,400	+	+	3,044	12,356
South-East	20,504	21,260	22,564	+	+	4,742	17,822
South-West	22,001	22,648	23,984	+	+	4,136	19,848
Total	155,389	161,722	170,376	+ 8,654	+ 14,987	33,289	137,087

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

Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	December 2006	November 2007	December 2007	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	79,265	83,199	87,153	+	+	17,290	69,863
Munster	44,969	46,325	49,297	+	+	9,308	39,989
Connacht	18,085	18,924	19,934	+	+	3,816	16,118
Ulster	13,070	13,274	13,992	+	+	2,875	11,117
Total	155,389	161,722	170,376	+ 8,654	+ 14,987	33,289	137,087

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	December 2006	November 2007	December 2007	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	48,234	50,803	53,367	6,703	26,250	32,953	4,065	16,349	20,414
Border	22,650	23,240	24,462	3,046	12,088	15,134	1,859	7,469	9,328
Cavan	2,287	2,505	2,628	329	1,267	1,596	212	820	1,032
Ballyconnell	450	437	467	38	248	286	43	138	181
Cavan	1,837	2,068	2,161	291	1,019	1,310	169	682	851
Donegal	8,774	8,661	9,107	1,161	4,353	5,514	788	2,805	3,593
Ballybofey	806	799	870	149	401	550	102	218	320
Ballyshannon	577	555	602	83	247	330	60	212	272
Buncrana	1,623	1,708	1,761	215	851	1,066	171	524	695
Donegal	597	589	605	63	244	307	50	248	298
Dunfanaghy	814	804	852	121	395	516	61	275	336
Dungloe	1,250	1,181	1,200	115	626	741	58	401	459
Killybegs	847	722	753	62	371	433	43	277	320
Letterkenny	2,260	2,303	2,464	353	1,218	1,571	243	650	893
Leitrim	1,185	1,314	1,442	148	723	871	91	480	571
Carrick-on-Shannon	874	971	1,079	119	530	649	70	360	430
Manorhamilton	311	343	363	29	193	222	21	120	141
Louth	6,536	6,609	6,892	891	3,491	4,382	468	2,042	2,510
Ardee	777	794	836	108	402	510	60	266	326
Drogheda	3,073	3,092	3,205	394	1,556	1,950	218	1,037	1,255
Dundalk	2,686	2,723	2,851	389	1,533	1,922	190	739	929
Monaghan	2,009	2,108	2,257	230	1,133	1,363	155	739	894
Carrickmacross	511	550	586	52	273	325	35	226	261
Castleblayney	616	595	637	67	329	396	51	190	241
Clones	232	241	265	35	135	170	21	74	95
Monaghan	650	722	769	76	396	472	48	249	297
Sligo	1,859	2,043	2,136	287	1,121	1,408	145	583	728
Sligo	1,500	1,649	1,705	238	923	1,161	113	431	544
Tubbercurry	359	394	431	49	198	247	32	152	184
Midland	10,543	11,996	12,549	1,687	6,055	7,742	1,031	3,776	4,807
Laoighis	2,034	2,654	2,787	400	1,320	1,720	236	831	1,067
Portllington	794	1,047	1,127	179	510	689	98	340	438
Portlaoise	882	1,199	1,233	161	605	766	98	369	467
Rathdowney	358	408	427	60	205	265	40	122	162
Longford	1,941	2,297	2,378	328	1,228	1,556	173	649	822
Longford	1,941	2,297	2,378	328	1,228	1,556	173	649	822
Offaly	2,768	3,136	3,282	430	1,608	2,038	288	956	1,244
Birr	871	883	943	128	433	561	83	299	382
Edenderry	673	776	823	100	412	512	57	254	311
Tullamore	1,224	1,477	1,516	202	763	965	148	403	551
Westmeath	3,800	3,909	4,102	529	1,899	2,428	334	1,340	1,674
Athlone	1,491	1,432	1,510	198	718	916	108	486	594
Castlepollard	411	439	474	58	214	272	35	167	202
Mullingar	1,898	2,038	2,118	273	967	1,240	191	687	878
West	15,041	15,567	16,356	1,970	8,107	10,077	1,175	5,104	6,279
Galway	9,046	9,326	9,755	1,182	4,792	5,974	741	3,040	3,781
Ballinasloe	885	931	1,005	163	503	666	68	271	339
Clifden	683	694	721	81	340	421	61	239	300
Galway	5,095	5,262	5,468	656	2,739	3,395	451	1,622	2,073
Gort	512	559	578	48	250	298	27	253	280
Loughrea	738	765	800	90	373	463	62	275	337
Tuam	1,133	1,115	1,183	144	587	731	72	380	452

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	December 2006	November 2007	December 2007	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	4,710	4,831	5,089	589	2,569	3,158	340	1,591	1,931
Achill	226	225	233	21	140	161	8	64	72
Ballina	1,295	1,348	1,373	198	707	905	121	347	468
Ballinrobe	378	340	387	33	185	218	28	141	169
Belmullet	456	464	471	47	254	301	31	139	170
Castlebar	737	807	858	94	393	487	56	315	371
Claremorris	419	442	477	52	235	287	27	163	190
Swinford	669	684	742	99	354	453	43	246	289
Westport	530	521	548	45	301	346	26	176	202
Roscommon	1,285	1,410	1,512	199	746	945	94	473	567
Boyle	376	373	389	46	185	231	28	130	158
Castlereagh	578	637	690	82	342	424	46	220	266
Roscommon	331	400	433	71	219	290	20	123	143
Southern and Eastern	107,155	110,919	117,009	14,465	59,280	73,745	8,056	35,208	43,264
Dublin	38,505	39,276	40,832	5,326	21,578	26,904	2,685	11,243	13,928
Dublin	38,505	39,276	40,832	5,326	21,578	26,904	2,685	11,243	13,928
Bishop Square	3,298	3,111	3,335	360	1,884	2,244	170	921	1,091
Cumberland Street	4,725	4,906	5,029	613	2,620	3,233	336	1,460	1,796
Navan Road	2,420	2,544	2,616	323	1,486	1,809	177	630	807
Blanchardstown	3,254	3,335	3,436	437	1,731	2,168	259	1,009	1,268
Thomas Street	2,041	1,989	2,025	233	1,238	1,471	137	417	554
Tara Street	1,121	1,078	1,079	104	637	741	44	294	338
Tallaght	3,495	3,720	3,903	644	2,012	2,656	309	938	1,247
Ballymun	1,473	1,439	1,466	276	743	1,019	142	305	447
Clondalkin	3,354	3,553	3,675	597	1,838	2,435	320	920	1,240
Rathfarnham	1,815	1,773	2,008	163	918	1,081	77	850	927
Kilbarrack	2,121	2,095	2,148	254	1,170	1,424	85	639	724
Dun Laoghaire	2,303	2,458	2,533	211	1,362	1,573	72	888	960
Balbriggan	1,431	1,442	1,521	143	778	921	80	520	600
Ballyfermot	1,226	1,280	1,322	258	703	961	119	242	361
Finglas	2,201	2,322	2,448	387	1,282	1,669	180	599	779
Coolock	2,227	2,231	2,288	323	1,176	1,499	178	611	789
Mid-East	12,449	13,430	14,229	1,676	6,948	8,624	912	4,693	5,605
Kildare	5,187	5,731	6,061	724	2,894	3,618	411	2,032	2,443
Athy	925	1,019	1,072	148	527	675	79	318	397
Maynooth	1,518	1,631	1,767	189	769	958	109	700	809
Newbridge	2,744	3,081	3,222	387	1,598	1,985	223	1,014	1,237
Meath	3,038	3,301	3,557	380	1,698	2,078	225	1,254	1,479
Kells	557	564	615	71	290	361	51	203	254
Navan	1,602	1,780	1,874	206	938	1,144	97	633	730
Trim	879	957	1,068	103	470	573	77	418	495
Wicklow	4,224	4,398	4,611	572	2,356	2,928	276	1,407	1,683
Arklow	1,248	1,322	1,382	180	710	890	72	420	492
Baltinglass	476	475	530	76	244	320	58	152	210
Bray	1,702	1,721	1,784	196	928	1,124	89	571	660
Wicklow	798	880	915	120	474	594	57	264	321
Mid-West	13,696	14,305	15,400	1,865	7,545	9,410	1,179	4,811	5,990
Clare	4,073	4,406	4,696	523	2,186	2,709	313	1,674	1,987
Ennis	2,349	2,542	2,691	328	1,237	1,565	169	957	1,126
Ennistymon	660	713	763	57	361	418	48	297	345
Kilrush	616	639	690	88	317	405	64	221	285
Tulla	448	512	552	50	271	321	32	199	231
Limerick	7,314	7,630	8,236	1,060	4,238	5,298	680	2,258	2,938
Kilmallock	881	872	976	119	476	595	77	304	381
Limerick	5,382	5,704	6,123	799	3,199	3,998	496	1,629	2,125
Newcastle West	1,051	1,054	1,137	142	563	705	107	325	432

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-continued NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	December 2006	November 2007	December 2007	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,309	2,269	2,468	282	1,121	1,403	186	879	1,065
Nenagh	854	826	929	82	420	502	60	367	427
Roscrea	451	454	489	54	220	274	39	176	215
Thurles	1,004	989	1,050	146	481	627	87	336	423
South-East	20,504	21,260	22,564	2,975	10,960	13,935	1,767	6,862	8,629
Carlow	1,965	2,310	2,448	330	1,203	1,533	177	738	915
Bagenalstown	429	470	505	64	253	317	38	150	188
Carlow	1,066	1,274	1,365	212	677	889	101	375	476
Tullow	470	566	578	54	273	327	38	213	251
Kilkenny	2,557	2,536	2,692	332	1,402	1,734	189	769	958
Kilkenny	2,140	2,112	2,249	283	1,184	1,467	166	616	782
Thomastown	417	424	443	49	218	267	23	153	176
South Tipperary	3,006	3,048	3,288	505	1,619	2,124	275	889	1,164
Cahir	386	363	401	52	176	228	33	140	173
Carrick-on-Suir	890	909	972	139	504	643	65	264	329
Cashel	321	337	368	77	155	232	34	102	136
Clonmel	877	894	938	152	469	621	90	227	317
Tipperary	532	545	609	85	315	400	53	156	209
Waterford	6,266	6,324	6,625	860	3,269	4,129	488	2,008	2,496
Dungarvan	1,020	927	992	99	524	623	56	313	369
Waterford	5,246	5,397	5,633	761	2,745	3,506	432	1,695	2,127
Wexford	6,710	7,042	7,511	948	3,467	4,415	638	2,458	3,096
Enniscorthy	1,664	1,876	1,930	268	939	1,207	178	545	723
Gorey	1,213	1,268	1,319	164	578	742	85	492	577
New Ross	1,212	1,324	1,403	171	643	814	139	450	589
Wexford	2,621	2,574	2,859	345	1,307	1,652	236	971	1,207
South-West	22,001	22,648	23,984	2,623	12,249	14,872	1,513	7,599	9,112
Cork	15,208	15,846	16,696	1,911	8,698	10,609	1,037	5,050	6,087
Bandon	500	615	631	63	323	386	27	218	245
Bantry	347	344	358	13	163	176	11	171	182
Bantry (SWLO)	134	128	134	6	61	67	3	64	67
Carrigaline	608	665	714	72	381	453	31	230	261
Clonakilty	451	473	497	25	207	232	32	233	265
Cobh	361	353	378	55	197	252	26	100	126
Cork	7,169	7,445	7,816	1,101	4,353	5,454	527	1,835	2,362
Dunmanway ¹	242	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fermoy	900	1,012	1,078	137	549	686	58	334	392
Kinsale	601	621	639	26	265	291	22	326	348
Macroom	443	510	574	41	278	319	24	231	255
Mallow	738	845	908	126	489	615	74	219	293
Midleton	1,028	1,171	1,182	98	603	701	77	404	481
Newmarket	514	489	544	50	274	324	30	190	220
Skibbereen	411	363	394	25	151	176	23	195	218
Youghal	761	812	849	73	404	477	72	300	372
Kerry	6,793	6,802	7,288	712	3,551	4,263	476	2,549	3,025
Cahirciveen	363	348	363	25	147	172	17	174	191
Dingle	326	348	388	25	159	184	19	185	204
Kenmare	270	254	269	14	112	126	18	125	143
Killarney	1,153	1,166	1,306	118	547	665	82	559	641
Killorglin	444	440	471	19	210	229	27	215	242
Listowel	1,139	1,128	1,252	146	691	837	100	315	415
Tralee	3,098	3,118	3,239	365	1,685	2,050	213	976	1,189
State	155,389	161,722	170,376	21,168	85,530	106,698	12,121	51,557	63,678

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
2005 December	5	92,392	+ 603	63,441	+ 549	155,833	+ 1,152
2006 January	4	95,920	+ 882	64,219	+ 195	160,139	+ 1,077
February	4	95,363	- 139	64,254	+ 9	159,617	- 131
March	5	93,461	- 380	62,082	- 434	155,543	- 815
April	4	92,419	- 261	62,147	+ 16	154,566	- 244
May	4	91,492	- 232	61,068	- 270	152,560	- 502
June	5	93,747	+ 451	69,312	+ 1,649	163,059	+ 2,100
July	4	94,750	+ 251	74,196	+ 1,221	168,946	+ 1,472
August	4	95,026	+ 69	74,588	+ 98	169,614	+ 167
September	5	89,810	- 1,043	62,497	- 2,418	152,307	- 3,461
October	4	88,128	- 421	60,378	- 530	148,506	- 950
November	4	88,583	+ 114	59,946	- 108	148,529	+ 6
December	5	92,499	+ 783	62,890	+ 589	155,389	+ 1,372
2007 January	4	95,824	+ 831	62,928	+ 10	158,752	+ 841
February	4	95,639	- 46	63,760	+ 208	159,399	+ 162
March	5	94,790	- 170	61,079	- 536	155,869	- 706
April	4	94,122	- 167	60,197	- 221	154,319	- 388
May	4	93,827	- 74	60,183	- 4	154,010	- 77
June	5	97,962	+ 827	68,401	+ 1,644	166,363	+ 2,471
July	4	100,643	+ 670	73,950	+ 1,387	174,593	+ 2,058
August	5	101,592	+ 190	72,614	- 267	174,206	- 77
September	4	98,015	- 894	62,637	- 2,494	160,652	- 3,389
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

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:
December 2007 - 1st December to the 28th December
December 2006 - 25th November to the 29th December.

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