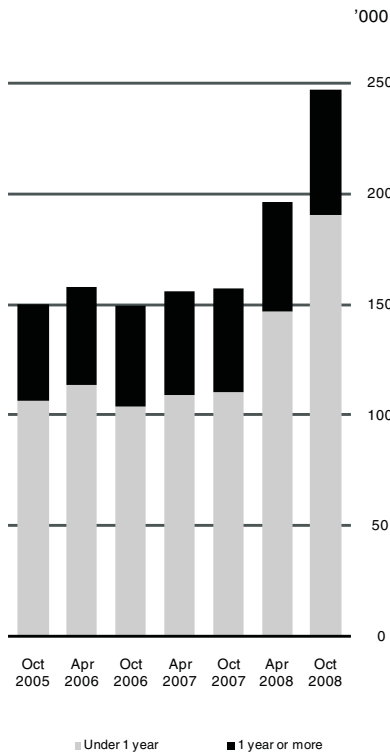




**Duration of continuous registration  
2005 to 2008**



## Live Register Age by Duration October 2008

	Under 1 year	1 year or more	Total
<b>October 2007</b>	110,612	46,774	157,386
<b>April 2008</b>	146,833	49,555	196,388
<b>October 2008</b>	190,396	56,133	246,529

### Short term claimants increase by 72.1% in year to October 2008

There was an increase of 79,784 (+72.1%) in short term claimants on the Live Register in the year to October 2008. This represented ninety percent of the total increase on the Live Register over the year. Almost 55% (43,563) of this short term increase occurred between April 2008 and October 2008. *See table 1 and graph opposite.*

The number of long term claimants increased by 9,359 (+20.0%) in the year to October 2008, with 6,578 of the increase occurring between April 2008 and October 2008. *See table 1 and graph opposite.*

In the six months to October 2008, the number of short term male claimants increased by 29,674 (+32.0%), while the comparable increase for females was 13,889 (+25.6%). *See table 1.*

Other features include:

- ◆ In October 2008 77.2% of all claimants on the Live Register were short term, an increase from 74.8% in April 2008. *See table 1.*
- ◆ In the six months to October 2008, the number of long term male claimants increased by 4,849 (+13.8%), while the comparable increase for females was 1,729 (+12.0%). *See table 1.*
- ◆ The largest percentage increases in male claimants occurred in the 25-34 age groups, which increased by 32.7% in the six months to October 2008. *See table 2.*
- ◆ Among female claimants the largest percentage increase in the six months to October 2008 occurred in the 20-24 age group (+37.4%). *See table 2.*
- ◆ For short term claimants, there were increases in all age groups over the six month period. The largest percentage change was among the 20-24 year age group (+37.6%). Those aged 55-59 (+14.9%) had the lowest percentage change. *See table 3a.*
- ◆ The largest percentage change for long term claimants over the six month period was among those aged under 20 years (+27.9%), while those in the 45-54 age group showed the lowest percentage change (+6.5%). *See table 3b.*

**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 figure for June - August 2008 is 160,600 persons unemployed.

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**Table 1 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex and Duration of Continuous Registration**

Sex/Duration	October 2007	April 2008	October 2008	Apr 08 -Oct 08	Annual
		'000		% change	
<b>Males</b>					
Less than one year	64,272	92,684	122,358	+ 32.0	+ 90.4
One year or more	32,638	35,181	40,030	+ 13.8	+ 22.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>96,910</b>	<b>127,865</b>	<b>162,388</b>	<b>+ 27.0</b>	<b>+ 67.6</b>
<b>Females</b>					
Less than one year	46,340	54,149	68,038	+ 25.6	+ 46.8
One year or more	14,136	14,374	16,103	+ 12.0	+ 13.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>60,476</b>	<b>68,523</b>	<b>84,141</b>	<b>+ 22.8</b>	<b>+ 39.1</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
Less than one year	110,612	146,833	190,396	+ 29.7	+ 72.1
One year or more	46,774	49,555	56,133	+ 13.3	+ 20.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>157,386</b>	<b>196,388</b>	<b>246,529</b>	<b>+ 25.5</b>	<b>+ 56.6</b>

**Table 2 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex and Age**

Sex/Age	October 2007	April 2008	October 2008	Apr 08 -Oct 08	Annual
		'000		% Change	
<b>Males</b>					
Under 20 years	4,281	5,679	6,985	+ 23.0	+ 63.2
20 - 24 years	15,193	21,148	27,792	+ 31.4	+ 82.9
25 - 34 years	27,257	37,937	50,339	+ 32.7	+ 84.7
35 - 44 years	21,282	27,594	34,915	+ 26.5	+ 64.1
45 - 54 years	17,501	21,273	25,437	+ 19.6	+ 45.3
55 - 59 years	6,273	7,869	9,287	+ 18.0	+ 48.0
60 - 64 years	5,123	6,365	7,633	+ 19.9	+ 49.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>96,910</b>	<b>127,865</b>	<b>162,388</b>	<b>+ 27.0</b>	<b>+ 67.6</b>
<b>Females</b>					
Under 20 years	3,203	3,560	4,513	+ 26.8	+ 40.9
20 - 24 years	9,474	10,697	14,700	+ 37.4	+ 55.2
25 - 34 years	15,372	18,050	23,500	+ 30.2	+ 52.9
35 - 44 years	13,716	15,189	17,699	+ 16.5	+ 29.0
45 - 54 years	11,140	12,310	13,861	+ 12.6	+ 24.4
55 - 59 years	4,330	5,010	5,550	+ 10.8	+ 28.2
60 - 64 years	3,241	3,707	4,318	+ 16.5	+ 33.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>60,476</b>	<b>68,523</b>	<b>84,141</b>	<b>+ 22.8</b>	<b>+ 39.1</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
Under 20 years	7,484	9,239	11,498	+ 24.5	+ 53.6
20 - 24 years	24,667	31,845	42,492	+ 33.4	+ 72.3
25 - 34 years	42,629	55,987	73,839	+ 31.9	+ 73.2
35 - 44 years	34,998	42,783	52,614	+ 23.0	+ 50.3
45 - 54 years	28,641	33,583	39,298	+ 17.0	+ 37.2
55 - 59 years	10,603	12,879	14,837	+ 15.2	+ 39.9
60 - 64 years	8,364	10,072	11,951	+ 18.7	+ 42.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>157,386</b>	<b>196,388</b>	<b>246,529</b>	<b>+ 25.5</b>	<b>+ 56.6</b>

**Table 3a Persons on the Live Register Under 1 year Duration of Continuous Registration classified by Sex and Age**

Sex/Age	Under 1 Year				
	'000			% change	
	October 2007	April 2008	October 2008	Apr 08-Oct 08	Annual
<b>Males</b>					
Under 20 years	3,682	5,082	6,232	+ 22.6	+ 69.3
20 - 24 years	11,472	16,920	22,820	+ 34.9	+ 98.9
25 - 34 years	19,052	29,140	39,930	+ 37.0	+ 109.6
35 - 44 years	13,246	18,956	25,256	+ 33.2	+ 90.7
45 - 54 years	9,447	12,921	16,566	+ 28.2	+ 75.4
55 - 59 years	3,908	5,125	6,125	+ 19.5	+ 56.7
60 - 64 years	3,465	4,540	5,429	+ 19.6	+ 56.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>64,272</b>	<b>92,684</b>	<b>122,358</b>	<b>+ 32.0</b>	<b>+ 90.4</b>
<b>Females</b>					
Under 20 years	2,765	3,154	3,983	+ 26.3	+ 44.1
20 - 24 years	7,241	8,412	12,041	+ 43.1	+ 66.3
25 - 34 years	12,453	15,085	20,196	+ 33.9	+ 62.2
35 - 44 years	10,435	11,909	14,201	+ 19.2	+ 36.1
45 - 54 years	7,816	9,061	10,380	+ 14.6	+ 32.8
55 - 59 years	3,185	3,740	4,058	+ 8.5	+ 27.4
60 - 64 years	2,445	2,788	3,179	+ 14.0	+ 30.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>46,340</b>	<b>54,149</b>	<b>68,038</b>	<b>+ 25.6</b>	<b>+ 46.8</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
Under 20 years	6,447	8,236	10,215	+ 24.0	+ 58.4
20 - 24 years	18,713	25,332	34,861	+ 37.6	+ 86.3
25 - 34 years	31,505	44,225	60,126	+ 36.0	+ 90.8
35 - 44 years	23,681	30,865	39,457	+ 27.8	+ 66.6
45 - 54 years	17,263	21,982	26,946	+ 22.6	+ 56.1
55 - 59 years	7,093	8,865	10,183	+ 14.9	+ 43.6
60 - 64 years	5,910	7,328	8,608	+ 17.5	+ 45.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>110,612</b>	<b>146,833</b>	<b>190,396</b>	<b>+ 29.7</b>	<b>+ 72.1</b>

**Table 3b Persons on the Live Register with 1 year or more Duration of Continuous Registration classified by Sex and Age**

Sex/Age	1 Year or more				
	'000			% change	
	October 2007	April 2008	October 2008	Apr 08-Oct 08	Annual
<b>Males</b>					
Under 20 years	599	597	753	+ 26.1	+ 25.7
20 - 24 years	3,721	4,228	4,972	+ 17.6	+ 33.6
25 - 34 years	8,205	8,797	10,409	+ 18.3	+ 26.9
35 - 44 years	8,036	8,638	9,659	+ 11.8	+ 20.2
45 - 54 years	8,054	8,352	8,871	+ 6.2	+ 10.1
55 - 59 years	2,365	2,744	3,162	+ 15.2	+ 33.7
60 - 64 years	1,658	1,825	2,204	+ 20.8	+ 32.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,638</b>	<b>35,181</b>	<b>40,030</b>	<b>+ 13.8</b>	<b>+ 22.6</b>
<b>Females</b>					
Under 20 years	438	406	530	+ 30.5	+ 21.0
20 - 24 years	2,233	2,285	2,659	+ 16.4	+ 19.1
25 - 34 years	2,919	2,965	3,304	+ 11.4	+ 13.2
35 - 44 years	3,281	3,280	3,498	+ 6.6	+ 6.6
45 - 54 years	3,324	3,249	3,481	+ 7.1	+ 4.7
55 - 59 years	1,145	1,270	1,492	+ 17.5	+ 30.3
60 - 64 years	796	919	1,139	+ 23.9	+ 43.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,136</b>	<b>14,374</b>	<b>16,103</b>	<b>+ 12.0</b>	<b>+ 13.9</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
Under 20 years	1,037	1,003	1,283	+ 27.9	+ 23.7
20 - 24 years	5,954	6,513	7,631	+ 17.2	+ 28.2
25 - 34 years	11,124	11,762	13,713	+ 16.6	+ 23.3
35 - 44 years	11,317	11,918	13,157	+ 10.4	+ 16.3
45 - 54 years	11,378	11,601	12,352	+ 6.5	+ 8.6
55 - 59 years	3,510	4,014	4,654	+ 15.9	+ 32.6
60 - 64 years	2,454	2,744	3,343	+ 21.8	+ 36.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>46,774</b>	<b>49,555</b>	<b>56,133</b>	<b>+ 13.3</b>	<b>+ 20.0</b>

## Background Notes

### Source and scope of the Live Register

Live Register statistics are compiled from returns made directly to the Central Statistics Office by each local office of the Department of Social and Family Affairs. The Live Register 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.

The monthly Live Register statistics relate to the situation on the last Friday of the month.

### Age by Duration Analysis

The current series of half-yearly age by duration analyses of the Live Register was introduced in April 1989. At that time, January and July age analyses which did not cover duration were discontinued and more detailed duration categories were included in the April and October statistics. The age by duration analysis usually relates to the second-last Friday of April and October. The totals in the release are therefore, normally close but not identical to the corresponding end-of-month Live Register totals.

Live Register Age by Duration data is now available on CSO Main Dissemination Database. Further tables relating to Regional and Scheme data will be available in the near future on the CSO website. [www.cso.ie](http://www.cso.ie)

### 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

**Unemployment is measured by the Quarterly National Household Survey** (formerly the annual Labour Force Survey). 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 Jobseekers Allowance.

### NUTS2 and NUTS3 regions

Regional analysis can now be found in the additional tables on the CSO website [www.cso.ie](http://www.cso.ie).

The Regional classifications 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. *See overleaf.*

**Border, Midland and Western NUTS2 Region**

<b>Border</b>	Cavan Donegal Leitrim Louth Monaghan Sligo
<b>Midland</b>	Laoighis Longford Offaly Westmeath
<b>West</b>	Galway City Galway County Mayo Roscommon

**Southern and Eastern NUTS2 Region**

<b>Dublin</b>	Dublin City Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Fingal South Dublin
<b>Mid-East</b>	Kildare Meath Wicklow
<b>Mid-West</b>	Clare Limerick City Limerick County North Tipperary
<b>South-East</b>	Carlow Kilkenny South Tipperary Waterford City Waterford County Wexford
<b>South-West</b>	Cork City Cork County Kerry