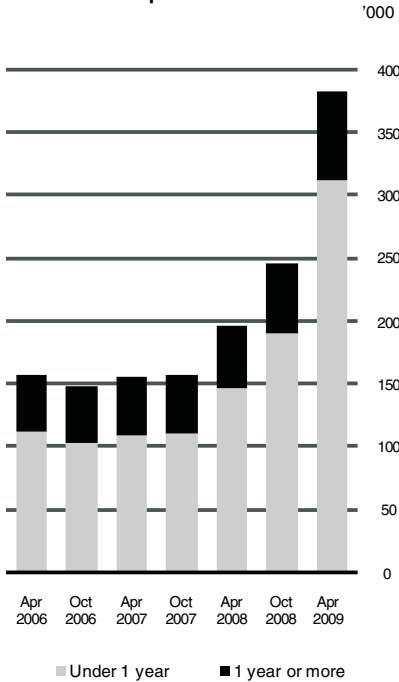




## Live Register Age by Duration April 2009

Duration of continuous registration  
April 2006 to 2009



	Under 1 year	1 year or more	Total
April 2008	146,833	49,555	196,388
October 2008	190,396	56,133	246,529
April 2009	313,285	70,828	384,113

### Short term claimants increase by 113.4% in year to April 2009

There was an increase of 166,452 (+113.4%) in short term claimants on the Live Register in the year to April 2009. This represented 88.7% of the total increase on the Live Register over the year. Almost three-quarters (122,889) of this short term increase occurred between October 2008 and April 2009. *See table 1 and graph opposite.*

The number of long term claimants increased by 21,273 (+42.9%) in the year to April 2009, with 14,695 of the increase occurring between October 2008 and April 2009. *See table 1 and graph opposite.*

In the six months to April 2009, the number of short term male claimants increased by 84,875 (+69.4%), while the comparable increase for females was 38,014 (+55.9%). *See table 1.*

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Other features include:

- ◆ In April 2009 81.6% of all claimants on the Live Register were short term, an increase from 77.2% in October 2008. *See table 1.*
- ◆ In the six months to April 2009, the number of long term male claimants increased by 11,174 (+27.9%), while the comparable increase for females was 3,521 (+21.9%). *See table 1.*
- ◆ The largest percentage increases in male claimants occurred in the 25-34 year age group, which increased by 71.2% in the six months to April 2009. *See table 2.*
- ◆ Among female claimants the largest percentage increase in the six months to April 2009 also occurred in the 25-34 year age group (+64.1%). *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 25-34 year age group (+77.5%). Those aged 60-64 (+37.6%) had the lowest percentage change. *See table 3a.*
- ◆ The largest percentage change for long term claimants over the six month period was among the 20-24 year age group (+34.2%), while those in the 45-54 year age group showed the lowest percentage change (+17.2%). *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 September to November 2008 is 170,600 persons unemployed.

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

Sex/Duration	April 2008	October 2008	April 2009	Oct 08 -Apr 09	Annual
	Persons			% change	
<b>Males</b>					
Less than one year	92,684	122,358	207,233	+ 69.4	+ 123.6
One year or more	35,181	40,030	51,204	+ 27.9	+ 45.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>127,865</b>	<b>162,388</b>	<b>258,437</b>	<b>+ 59.1</b>	<b>+ 102.1</b>
<b>Females</b>					
Less than one year	54,149	68,038	106,052	+ 55.9	+ 95.9
One year or more	14,374	16,103	19,624	+ 21.9	+ 36.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>68,523</b>	<b>84,141</b>	<b>125,676</b>	<b>+ 49.4</b>	<b>+ 83.4</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
Less than one year	146,833	190,396	313,285	+ 64.5	+ 113.4
One year or more	49,555	56,133	70,828	+ 26.2	+ 42.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>196,388</b>	<b>246,529</b>	<b>384,113</b>	<b>+ 55.8</b>	<b>+ 95.6</b>

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

Sex/Age	April 2008	October 2008	April 2009	Oct 08 -Apr 09	Annual
	Persons			% Change	
<b>Males</b>					
Under 20 years	5,679	6,985	10,157	+ 45.4	+ 78.9
20 - 24 years	21,148	27,792	42,932	+ 54.5	+ 103.0
25 - 34 years	37,937	50,339	86,178	+ 71.2	+ 127.2
35 - 44 years	27,594	34,915	56,340	+ 61.4	+ 104.2
45 - 54 years	21,273	25,437	38,642	+ 51.9	+ 81.6
55 - 59 years	7,869	9,287	13,623	+ 46.7	+ 73.1
60 - 64 years	6,365	7,633	10,565	+ 38.4	+ 66.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>127,865</b>	<b>162,388</b>	<b>258,437</b>	<b>+ 59.1</b>	<b>+ 102.1</b>
<b>Females</b>					
Under 20 years	3,560	4,513	5,857	+ 29.8	+ 64.5
20 - 24 years	10,697	14,700	21,782	+ 48.2	+ 103.6
25 - 34 years	18,050	23,500	38,569	+ 64.1	+ 113.7
35 - 44 years	15,189	17,699	25,788	+ 45.7	+ 69.8
45 - 54 years	12,310	13,861	20,301	+ 46.5	+ 64.9
55 - 59 years	5,010	5,550	7,693	+ 38.6	+ 53.6
60 - 64 years	3,707	4,318	5,686	+ 31.7	+ 53.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>68,523</b>	<b>84,141</b>	<b>125,676</b>	<b>+ 49.4</b>	<b>+ 83.4</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
Under 20 years	9,239	11,498	16,014	+ 39.3	+ 73.3
20 - 24 years	31,845	42,492	64,714	+ 52.3	+ 103.2
25 - 34 years	55,987	73,839	124,747	+ 68.9	+ 122.8
35 - 44 years	42,783	52,614	82,128	+ 56.1	+ 92.0
45 - 54 years	33,583	39,298	58,943	+ 50.0	+ 75.5
55 - 59 years	12,879	14,837	21,316	+ 43.7	+ 65.5
60 - 64 years	10,072	11,951	16,251	+ 36.0	+ 61.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>196,388</b>	<b>246,529</b>	<b>384,113</b>	<b>+ 55.8</b>	<b>+ 95.6</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				
	Persons			% change	
	April 2008	October 2008	April 2009	Oct 08-Apr 09	Annual
<b>Males</b>					
Under 20 years	5,082	6,232	9,118	+ 46.3	+ 79.4
20 - 24 years	16,920	22,820	36,106	+ 58.2	+ 113.4
25 - 34 years	29,140	39,930	72,315	+ 81.1	+ 148.2
35 - 44 years	18,956	25,256	44,140	+ 74.8	+ 132.9
45 - 54 years	12,921	16,566	28,172	+ 70.1	+ 118.0
55 - 59 years	5,125	6,125	9,719	+ 58.7	+ 89.6
60 - 64 years	4,540	5,429	7,663	+ 41.1	+ 68.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>92,684</b>	<b>122,358</b>	<b>207,233</b>	<b>+ 69.4</b>	<b>+ 123.6</b>
<b>Females</b>					
Under 20 years	3,154	3,983	5,230	+ 31.3	+ 65.8
20 - 24 years	8,412	12,041	18,364	+ 52.5	+ 118.3
25 - 34 years	15,085	20,196	34,436	+ 70.5	+ 128.3
35 - 44 years	11,909	14,201	21,644	+ 52.4	+ 81.7
45 - 54 years	9,061	10,380	16,298	+ 57.0	+ 79.9
55 - 59 years	3,740	4,058	5,895	+ 45.3	+ 57.6
60 - 64 years	2,788	3,179	4,185	+ 31.6	+ 50.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>54,149</b>	<b>68,038</b>	<b>106,052</b>	<b>+ 55.9</b>	<b>+ 95.9</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
Under 20 years	8,236	10,215	14,348	+ 40.5	+ 74.2
20 - 24 years	25,332	34,861	54,470	+ 56.2	+ 115.0
25 - 34 years	44,225	60,126	106,751	+ 77.5	+ 141.4
35 - 44 years	30,865	39,457	65,784	+ 66.7	+ 113.1
45 - 54 years	21,982	26,946	44,470	+ 65.0	+ 102.3
55 - 59 years	8,865	10,183	15,614	+ 53.3	+ 76.1
60 - 64 years	7,328	8,608	11,848	+ 37.6	+ 61.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>146,833</b>	<b>190,396</b>	<b>313,285</b>	<b>+ 64.5</b>	<b>+ 113.4</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				
	Persons			% change	
	April 2008	October 2008	April 2009	Oct 08-Apr 09	Annual
<b>Males</b>					
Under 20 years	597	753	1,039	+ 38.0	+ 74.0
20 - 24 years	4,228	4,972	6,826	+ 37.3	+ 61.4
25 - 34 years	8,797	10,409	13,863	+ 33.2	+ 57.6
35 - 44 years	8,638	9,659	12,200	+ 26.3	+ 41.2
45 - 54 years	8,352	8,871	10,470	+ 18.0	+ 25.4
55 - 59 years	2,744	3,162	3,904	+ 23.5	+ 42.3
60 - 64 years	1,825	2,204	2,902	+ 31.7	+ 59.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,181</b>	<b>40,030</b>	<b>51,204</b>	<b>+ 27.9</b>	<b>+ 45.5</b>
<b>Females</b>					
Under 20 years	406	530	627	+ 18.3	+ 54.4
20 - 24 years	2,285	2,659	3,418	+ 28.5	+ 49.6
25 - 34 years	2,965	3,304	4,133	+ 25.1	+ 39.4
35 - 44 years	3,280	3,498	4,144	+ 18.5	+ 26.3
45 - 54 years	3,249	3,481	4,003	+ 15.0	+ 23.2
55 - 59 years	1,270	1,492	1,798	+ 20.5	+ 41.6
60 - 64 years	919	1,139	1,501	+ 31.8	+ 63.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,374</b>	<b>16,103</b>	<b>19,624</b>	<b>+ 21.9</b>	<b>+ 36.5</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
Under 20 years	1,003	1,283	1,666	+ 29.9	+ 66.1
20 - 24 years	6,513	7,631	10,244	+ 34.2	+ 57.3
25 - 34 years	11,762	13,713	17,996	+ 31.2	+ 53.0
35 - 44 years	11,918	13,157	16,344	+ 24.2	+ 37.1
45 - 54 years	11,601	12,352	14,473	+ 17.2	+ 24.8
55 - 59 years	4,014	4,654	5,702	+ 22.5	+ 42.1
60 - 64 years	2,744	3,343	4,403	+ 31.7	+ 60.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>49,555</b>	<b>56,133</b>	<b>70,828</b>	<b>+ 26.2</b>	<b>+ 42.9</b>

## Background Notes

### Source and scope of the Live Register

The Live Register is compiled from returns made for each local office directly to the Central Statistics Office by 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.

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.

Tables by more detailed duration and region, as well as time series, can be found in the Labour Market section of 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