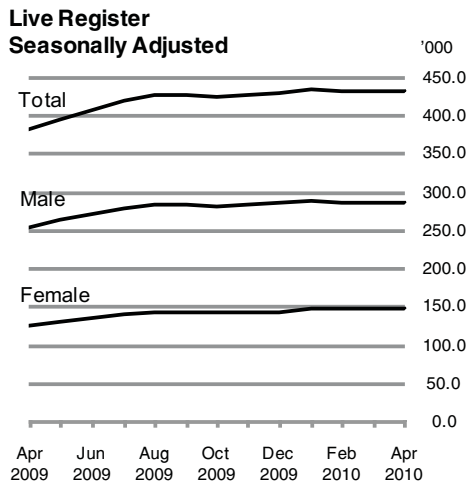


Live Register April 2010



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
April 2009	381,876	381,900
March 2010	435,121	433,000
April 2010	432,657	432,500
Change in month	- 2,464	- 500
Change in year	+ 50,781	+ 50,600

Standardised unemployment rate remains at 13.4% in April

The seasonally adjusted Live Register total decreased from 433,000 in March to 432,500 in April, a decrease of 500. *See table 2a and graph opposite.*

In the year to April 2010 there was an unadjusted increase in the Live Register of 50,781 (+13.3%). This compares with an increase of 65,918 (+17.9%) in the year to March 2010.

Other features include:

- ◆ There was a decrease of 1,500 males and an increase of 900 females in the seasonally adjusted series in April. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The average net weekly decrease in the seasonally adjusted series in April 2010 was 100, which compares with a weekly increase of 150 in the previous month. *See table 2a and background notes.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in April was 13.4%. This compares with 13.1% in the fourth quarter of 2009, 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 41,713 males and 37,396 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 October to December 2009, is 281,700 persons unemployed.

Additional Live Register tables for April 2010 will be available on Tuesday 11th May 2010.

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Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	April 2009	March 2010	April 2010	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	124,588	92,871	87,321	- 5,550	- 37,267
JA Applications	129,151	189,865	192,591	+ 2,726	+ 63,440
Other Registrants	4,096	7,480	7,916	+ 436	+ 3,820
Total	257,835	290,216	287,828	- 2,388	+ 29,993
Females					
JB Claims	68,902	63,013	61,339	- 1,674	- 7,563
JA Applications	46,383	67,721	68,869	+ 1,148	+ 22,486
Other Registrants	8,756	14,171	14,621	+ 450	+ 5,865
Total	124,041	144,905	144,829	- 76	+ 20,788
All Persons					
JB Claims	193,490	155,884	148,660	- 7,224	- 44,830
JA Applications	175,534	257,586	261,460	+ 3,874	+ 85,926
Other Registrants	12,852	21,651	22,537	+ 886	+ 9,685
Total	381,876	435,121	432,657	- 2,464	+ 50,781

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

Category	April 2009	March 2010	April 2010	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	19,197	10,453	9,429	- 1,024	- 9,768
JA Applications	33,573	44,259	43,804	- 455	+ 10,231
Other Registrants	101	157	165	+ 8	+ 64
Total	52,871	54,869	53,398	- 1,471	+ 527
Females					
JB Claims	9,102	6,411	6,039	- 372	- 3,063
JA Applications	18,166	23,471	23,311	- 160	+ 5,145
Other Registrants	148	240	250	+ 10	+ 102
Total	27,416	30,122	29,600	- 522	+ 2,184
All Persons					
JB Claims	28,299	16,864	15,468	- 1,396	- 12,831
JA Applications	51,739	67,730	67,115	- 615	+ 15,376
Other Registrants	249	397	415	+ 18	+ 166
Total	80,287	84,991	82,998	- 1,993	+ 2,711

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

Category	April 2009	March 2010	April 2010	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
JB Claims	105,391	82,418	77,892	- 4,526	- 27,499
JA Applications	95,578	145,606	148,787	+ 3,181	+ 53,209
Other Registrants	3,995	7,323	7,751	+ 428	+ 3,756
Total	204,964	235,347	234,430	- 917	+ 29,466
Females					
JB Claims	59,800	56,602	55,300	- 1,302	- 4,500
JA Applications	28,217	44,250	45,558	+ 1,308	+ 17,341
Other Registrants	8,608	13,931	14,371	+ 440	+ 5,763
Total	96,625	114,783	115,229	+ 446	+ 18,604
All Persons					
JB Claims	165,191	139,020	133,192	- 5,828	- 31,999
JA Applications	123,795	189,856	194,345	+ 4,489	+ 70,550
Other Registrants	12,603	21,254	22,122	+ 868	+ 9,519
Total	301,589	350,130	349,659	- 471	+ 48,070

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	
2008	April	127,600	68,000	195,600	125,300	70,900	196,100	
	May	130,700	71,100	201,800	130,000	73,700	203,700	
	June	139,900	80,900	220,800	137,300	76,100	213,400	
	July	148,000	90,300	238,200	145,200	79,800	225,000	
	August	155,300	92,100	247,400	153,800	82,800	236,600	
	September	156,100	84,200	240,200	161,000	86,300	247,400	
	October	164,700	85,900	250,700	172,600	90,700	263,300	
	November	178,500	88,700	267,200	185,500	94,500	280,000	
	December	194,600	95,400	290,000	197,000	98,000	295,100	
	2009	January	220,400	105,900	326,300	216,700	107,400	324,100
		February	238,200	114,300	352,500	233,400	114,700	348,100
		March	250,500	118,700	369,200	246,800	120,500	367,400
April		257,800	124,000	381,900	255,100	126,800	381,900	
May		265,500	128,700	394,100	264,500	131,100	395,600	
June		275,400	140,000	415,500	272,600	135,100	407,700	
July		281,300	151,100	432,400	278,600	140,500	419,100	
August		284,200	152,600	436,700	282,800	143,400	426,200	
September		278,000	141,900	419,900	283,300	144,100	427,400	
October		273,600	138,800	412,400	281,800	143,600	425,400	
November		276,100	137,400	413,500	283,300	143,400	426,800	
December		282,900	140,700	423,600	285,500	143,400	428,900	
2010	January	291,600	145,300	436,900	287,900	146,800	434,700	
	February	290,900	146,100	437,000	285,900	146,500	432,400	
	March	290,200	144,900	435,100	286,400	146,700	433,000	
	April	287,800	144,800	432,700	284,900	147,600	432,500	

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2009 (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	
2008	April	26,700	14,300	41,000	26,500	15,000	41,500	
	May	27,400	15,300	42,700	27,600	15,800	43,400	
	June	30,300	17,900	48,200	29,400	16,500	45,900	
	July	32,400	19,900	52,300	31,200	17,700	48,900	
	August	34,300	20,800	55,000	33,300	18,600	51,900	
	September	34,000	19,700	53,700	34,900	19,400	54,200	
	October	35,100	19,200	54,200	36,900	20,100	57,000	
	November	37,700	19,900	57,600	39,500	21,400	60,900	
	December	41,300	20,700	62,000	42,400	22,200	64,600	
	2009	January	46,400	23,900	70,300	45,800	24,400	70,100
		February	49,700	25,900	75,600	48,700	26,200	74,800
		March	52,500	26,800	79,300	51,800	27,200	79,000
April		52,900	27,400	80,300	52,600	28,100	80,700	
May		54,400	29,500	83,900	54,500	29,900	84,500	
June		57,900	33,200	91,100	56,900	31,700	88,700	
July		59,300	35,400	94,600	58,000	33,100	91,200	
August		59,400	35,600	95,000	58,400	33,400	91,800	
September		56,700	33,100	89,800	57,600	32,800	90,500	
October		54,100	30,800	84,900	56,000	31,800	87,800	
November		53,500	29,900	83,400	55,300	31,400	86,700	
December		54,800	29,600	84,400	55,900	31,100	87,000	
2010	January	55,200	30,700	85,900	54,600	31,200	85,800	
	February	54,600	30,500	85,100	53,500	30,800	84,300	
	March	54,900	30,100	85,000	54,100	30,500	84,700	
	April	53,400	29,600	83,000	53,100	30,300	83,400	

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2009 (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
2008	April	100,800	53,800	154,600	98,800	55,900	154,700
	May	103,200	55,800	159,000	102,400	57,900	160,300
	June	109,700	63,000	172,600	107,900	59,700	167,600
	July	115,500	70,400	185,900	114,000	62,200	176,100
	August	121,100	71,300	192,300	120,500	64,200	184,800
	September	122,100	64,500	186,600	126,200	67,000	193,200
	October	129,700	66,800	196,400	135,700	70,600	206,300
	November	140,800	68,800	209,600	146,000	73,200	219,200
	December	153,300	74,700	228,000	154,700	75,800	230,500
2009	January	174,000	82,000	256,000	171,000	83,000	254,000
	February	188,500	88,400	276,900	184,700	88,500	273,300
	March	198,000	91,900	289,900	195,000	93,300	288,300
	April	205,000	96,600	301,600	202,600	98,700	301,200
	May	211,100	99,200	310,300	210,000	101,100	311,100
	June	217,500	106,800	324,400	215,700	103,400	319,100
	July	222,000	115,700	337,800	220,500	107,400	327,900
	August	224,800	116,900	341,800	224,400	110,000	334,500
	September	221,300	108,700	330,000	225,600	111,300	336,900
	October	219,500	108,000	327,500	225,800	111,900	337,600
	November	222,600	107,500	330,100	228,000	112,100	340,100
		December	228,000	111,100	339,200	229,500	112,400
2010	January	236,400	114,600	351,000	233,300	115,600	348,900
	February	236,300	115,600	351,800	232,400	115,700	348,100
	March	235,300	114,800	350,100	232,200	116,100	348,400
	April	234,400	115,200	349,700	231,900	117,300	349,100

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2009 (see Background Notes).

Table 3 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates (SUR)

Month	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
	%	%	%	%	%	%
January	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.8	9.4	13.4
February ¹	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.9	10.2	13.4
March	4.4	4.4	4.5	5.2	10.8	13.4
April	4.4	4.4	4.5	5.2	11.2	13.4
May ¹	4.6	4.5	4.5	5.5	11.6	
June	4.5	4.5	4.5	5.9	12.0	
July	4.5	4.5	4.5	6.4	12.3	
August ¹	4.4	4.5	4.5	6.8	12.5	
September	4.4	4.5	4.6	7.2	12.7	
October	4.3	4.4	4.7	7.6	12.8	
November ¹	4.3	4.3	4.8	8.1	13.1 ²	
December	4.3	4.4	4.8	8.5	13.2	
Annual average	4.4	4.4	4.6	6.3	11.8	

¹ Benchmark Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) calendar quarter estimates.

² The latest QNHS estimate of the unemployment rate (adjusted for seasonality) is: October-December 2009, 13.1%.

Table 4 Summary of average net weekly changes on the Live Register classified by sex

		Number of weeks	Males		Females		Total	
			Live Register	Average ¹ net weekly change	Live Register	Average ¹ net weekly change	Live Register	Average ¹ net weekly change
2008	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
	August	5	155,319	+ 1,473	92,065	+ 356	247,384	+ 1,829
	September	4	156,055	+ 184	84,162	- 1,976	240,217	- 1,792
	October	5	164,734	+ 1,736	85,946	+ 357	250,680	+ 2,093
	November	4	178,499	+ 3,441	88,690	+ 686	267,189	+ 4,127
	December	4	194,581	+ 4,021	95,437	+ 1,687	290,018	+ 5,707
2009	January	5	220,412	+ 5,166	105,860	+ 2,085	326,272	+ 7,251
	February	4	238,200	+ 4,447	114,253	+ 2,098	352,453	+ 6,545
	March	4	250,485	+ 3,071	118,718	+ 1,116	369,203	+ 4,188
	April	4	257,835	+ 1,838	124,041	+ 1,331	381,876	+ 3,168
	May	5	265,473	+ 1,528	128,661	+ 924	394,134	+ 2,452
	June	4	275,435	+ 2,491	140,027	+ 2,842	415,462	+ 5,332
	July	5	281,337	+ 1,180	151,084	+ 2,211	432,421	+ 3,392
	August	4	284,172	+ 709	152,553	+ 367	436,725	+ 1,076
	September	4	278,003	- 1,542	141,851	- 2,676	419,854	- 4,218
	October	5	273,595	- 882	138,812	- 608	412,407	- 1,489
	November	4	276,093	+ 625	137,412	- 350	413,505	+ 275
	December	4	282,854	+ 1,690	140,741	+ 832	423,595	+ 2,523
2010	January	5	291,648	+ 1,759	145,288	+ 909	436,936	+ 2,668
	February	4	290,867	- 195	146,089	+ 200	436,956	+ 5
	March	4	290,216	- 163	144,905	- 296	435,121	- 459
	April	5	287,828	- 478	144,829	- 15	432,657	- 493

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 for each local office to the Central Statistics Office by the Department of Social Protection. 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 insurance contributions but excluding those directly involved in an industrial dispute.

Reference Period The reference periods for the Live Register results are as follows:
 April 2010 – 27th March 2010 to 30th April 2010
 April 2009 – 28th March 2009 to 24th April 2009

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 February, May, August and November of each year are calculated using seasonally adjusted data from the Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS). The monthly trend in the seasonally adjusted Live Register is then used to estimate the monthly SUR between successive surveys. The traditional estimation approach has been used from April 1997 onwards.

QNHS The QNHS, which began in September 1997, replaced the Labour Force Survey and provides quarterly estimates of the unemployment rate. Up to and including the fourth quarter of 2008 the QNHS operated on a seasonal quarter basis. As of the first quarter 2009 the QNHS is now undertaken on a calendar quarter basis.

The calendar reference quarters for survey results are:

Q1 - January to March, Q2 - April to June, Q3 - July to September and Q4 - October to December.

The estimates (adjusted for seasonality) over the past 5 years are:

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	%	%	%	%
2005	4.2	4.6	4.4	4.3
2006	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.3
2007	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.8
2008	4.9	5.5	6.8	8.1
2009	10.2	11.6	12.5	13.1

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 Protection. People may apply for Jobseekers Benefit/Allowance if they only work for part of a week and be included on the Live Register.