

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	August 2008	July 2009	August 2009		Monthly change		Annual change
Males							
JB Claims	64,063	120,833	118,211	-	2,622	+	54,148
JA Applications	87,980	157,616	162,877	+	5,261	+	74,897
Other Registrants	3,276	4,921	5,187	+	266	+	1,911
Total	155,319	283,370	286,275	+	2,905	+	130,956
Females							
JB Claims	49,226	78,729	77,864	-	865	+	28,638
JA Applications	34,887	62,562	64,415	+	1,853	+	29,528
Other Registrants	7,952	11,074	11,502	+	428	+	3,550
Total	92,065	152,365	153,781	+	1,416	+	61,716
All Persons							
JB Claims	113,289	199,562	196,075	-	3,487	+	82,786
JA Applications	122,867	220,178	227,292	+	7,114	+	104,425
Other Registrants	11,228	15,995	16,689	+	694	+	5,461
Total	247,384	435,735	440,056	+	4,321	+	192,672

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

Category	August 2008	July 2009	August 2009		Monthly change		Annual change
Males							
JB Claims	12,563	17,821	16,940	-	881	+	4,377
JA Applications	21,624	41,782	42,760	+	978	+	21,136
Other Registrants	75	116	126	+	10	+	51
Total	34,262	59,719	59,826	+	107	+	25,564
Females							
JB Claims	7,166	10,476	10,182	-	294	+	3,016
JA Applications	13,482	24,997	25,505	+	508	+	12,023
Other Registrants	126	220	232	+	12	+	106
Total	20,774	35,693	35,919	+	226	+	15,145
All Persons							
JB Claims	19,729	28,297	27,122	-	1,175	+	7,393
JA Applications	35,106	66,779	68,265	+	1,486	+	33,159
Other Registrants	201	336	358	+	22	+	157
Total	55,036	95,412	95,745	+	333	+	40,709

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

Category	August 2008	July 2009	August 2009		Monthly change		Annual change
Males							
JB Claims	51,500	103,012	101,271	-	1,741	+	49,771
JA Applications	66,356	115,834	120,117	+	4,283	+	53,761
Other Registrants	3,201	4,805	5,061	+	256	+	1,860
Total	121,057	223,651	226,449	+	2,798	+	105,392
Females							
JB Claims	42,060	68,253	67,682	-	571	+	25,622
JA Applications	21,405	37,565	38,910	+	1,345	+	17,505
Other Registrants	7,826	10,854	11,270	+	416	+	3,444
Total	71,291	116,672	117,862	+	1,190	+	46,571
All Persons							
JB Claims	93,560	171,265	168,953	-	2,312	+	75,393
JA Applications	87,761	153,399	159,027	+	5,628	+	71,266
Other Registrants	11,027	15,659	16,331	+	672	+	5,304
Total	192,348	340,323	344,311	+	3,988	+	151,963

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
2007	August	101,600	72,600	174,200	99,600	63,200	162,700
	September	98,000	62,600	160,700	101,400	64,600	166,000
	October	97,100	60,300	157,400	102,500	64,500	167,000
	November	101,400	60,300	161,700	106,100	65,200	171,300
	December	106,700	63,700	170,400	107,600	65,500	173,200
2008	January	116,200	65,300	181,400	112,800	66,500	179,300
	February	122,500	67,000	189,500	118,700	67,500	186,300
	March	127,000	71,000	198,000	124,800	73,200	197,900
	April	127,600	68,000	195,600	127,000	71,400	198,400
	May	130,700	71,100	201,800	131,700	74,200	205,900
	June	139,900	80,900	220,800	138,500	76,600	215,100
	July	148,000	90,300	238,200	145,500	80,400	225,900
	August	155,300	92,100	247,400	153,400	82,700	236,100
	September	156,100	84,200	240,200	159,600	86,200	245,800
	October	165,300	86,600	252,000	170,900	90,900	261,800
	November	179,200	89,400	268,600	184,000	94,300	278,300
	December	195,300	96,000	291,400	196,400	98,000	294,300
2009	January	221,300	106,600	327,900	217,900	107,800	325,700
	February	239,300	115,100	354,400	235,400	115,600	351,000
	March	251,700	119,600	371,300	249,300	121,800	371,000
	April	259,300	125,200	384,400	258,600	128,600	387,200
	May	267,100	129,800	396,900	268,100	132,900	400,900
	June	277,400	141,200	418,600	275,900	136,900	412,900
	July	283,400	152,400	435,700	281,000	142,400	423,400
	August	286,300	153,800	440,100	284,400	144,400	428,800

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to June 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
2007	August	20,900	14,900	35,800	19,900	12,800	32,800
	September	19,900	13,400	33,200	20,300	13,000	33,300
	October	19,400	12,500	31,800	20,700	13,200	33,900
	November	20,200	12,100	32,200	21,500	13,300	34,800
	December	21,200	12,100	33,300	22,000	13,500	35,500
2008	January	23,800	13,200	36,900	23,200	13,500	36,700
	February	25,500	13,900	39,500	24,700	14,100	38,800
	March	26,600	14,200	40,800	26,100	14,700	40,800
	April	26,700	14,300	41,000	26,800	15,100	41,900
	May	27,400	15,300	42,700	27,900	15,900	43,800
	June	30,300	17,900	48,200	29,600	16,600	46,300
	July	32,400	19,900	52,300	31,400	17,900	49,400
	August	34,300	20,800	55,000	33,300	18,700	52,000
	September	34,000	19,700	53,700	34,500	19,300	53,800
	October	35,200	19,300	54,500	36,600	20,100	56,600
	November	37,900	20,100	57,900	39,200	21,300	60,500
	December	41,400	20,900	62,300	42,300	22,200	64,500
2009	January	46,500	24,100	70,600	45,900	24,400	70,300
	February	49,900	26,100	76,000	49,000	26,300	75,300
	March	52,700	27,000	79,700	52,200	27,400	79,600
	April	53,100	27,600	80,800	53,200	28,400	81,600
	May	54,700	29,800	84,400	55,200	30,300	85,500
	June	58,200	33,500	91,800	57,600	32,200	89,800
	July	59,700	35,700	95,400	58,700	33,700	92,500
	August	59,800	35,900	95,700	58,900	33,800	92,700

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to June 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
2007	August	80,700	57,700	138,400	79,600	50,300	130,000
	September	78,200	49,200	127,400	81,100	51,600	132,600
	October	77,800	47,800	125,600	81,800	51,300	133,100
	November	81,300	48,200	129,500	84,700	51,900	136,500
	December	85,500	51,600	137,100	85,600	52,100	137,700
2008	January	92,400	52,100	144,500	89,600	53,000	142,700
	February	97,000	53,000	150,000	94,100	53,400	147,500
	March	100,400	56,700	157,200	98,700	58,500	157,200
	April	100,800	53,800	154,600	100,200	56,400	156,600
	May	103,200	55,800	159,000	103,800	58,400	162,200
	June	109,700	63,000	172,600	108,900	60,000	168,900
	July	115,500	70,400	185,900	114,100	62,500	176,500
	August	121,100	71,300	192,300	120,100	64,000	184,000
	September	122,100	64,500	186,600	125,100	66,900	192,000
	October	130,100	67,300	197,400	134,300	70,800	205,200
	November	141,300	69,300	210,700	144,800	73,000	217,800
	December	153,900	75,200	229,100	154,000	75,800	229,800
2009	January	174,800	82,500	257,300	172,000	83,400	255,400
	February	189,400	89,100	278,500	186,300	89,400	275,700
	March	199,000	92,600	291,600	197,100	94,300	291,400
	April	206,200	97,500	303,700	205,500	100,100	305,600
	May	212,400	100,100	312,400	212,900	102,500	315,500
	June	219,100	107,700	326,800	218,400	104,700	323,100
	July	223,700	116,700	340,300	222,200	108,700	330,900
	August	226,400	117,900	344,300	225,500	110,600	336,100

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2009 (See Background Notes).

Table 3 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates (SUR)

Month	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
	%	%	%	%	%	%
January	-	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.8	9.4
February ¹	4.9	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.9	10.2 ²
March	4.7	4.4	4.4	4.5	5.2	10.7
April	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.5	5.3	11.2
May ¹	4.3	4.5	4.4	4.6	5.5	11.6
June	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.5	5.9	11.9
July	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.5	6.4	12.2
August ¹	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.5	6.8	12.4
September	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.6	7.1	
October	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.6	7.6	
November ¹	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.8	8.1	
December	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.8	8.6	
Annual average	-	4.4	4.4	4.6	6.4	

¹ Benchmark Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) revised calendar quarter estimates from February 2004.

² The latest QNHS estimate of the unemployment rate (adjusted for seasonality) is: January-March 2009, 10.2%.

Table 4 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	
2007	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
	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	165,338	+ 1,857	86,613	+ 490	251,951	+ 2,347
	November	4	179,189	+ 3,463	89,397	+ 696	268,586	+ 4,159
	December	4	195,331	+ 4,036	96,032	+ 1,659	291,363	+ 5,694
2009	January	5	221,305	+ 5,195	106,556	+ 2,105	327,861	+ 7,300
	February	4	239,309	+ 4,501	115,128	+ 2,143	354,437	+ 6,644
	March	4	251,659	+ 3,088	119,612	+ 1,121	371,271	+ 4,209
	April	4	259,291	+ 1,908	125,157	+ 1,386	384,448	+ 3,294
	May	5	267,065	+ 1,555	129,806	+ 930	396,871	+ 2,485
	June	4	277,367	+ 2,576	141,225	+ 2,855	418,592	+ 5,430
	July	5	283,370	+ 1,201	152,365	+ 2,228	435,735	+ 3,429
	August	4	286,275	+ 726	153,781	+ 354	440,056	+ 1,080

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 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:
August 2009 – 1st August 2009 to 28th August 2009
August 2008 – 26th July 2008 to the 29th August 2008

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 February, May, August and November 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 (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 calendar quarter estimates (adjusted for seasonality) are:

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	%	%	%	%
2004	4.9	4.3	4.3	4.5
2005	4.2	4.5	4.4	4.3
2006	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.3
2007	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.8
2008	4.9	5.5	6.8	8.1
2009	10.2			

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.