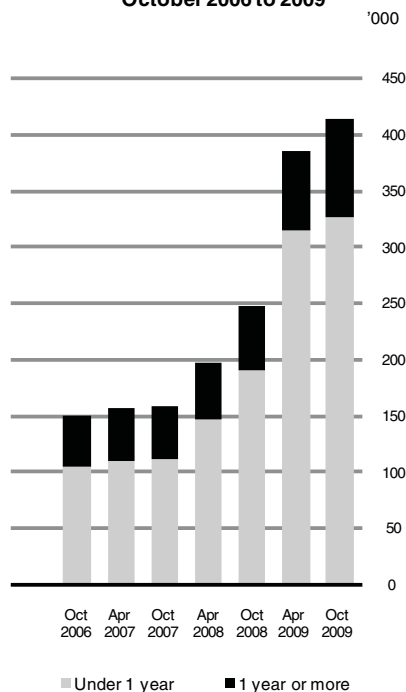


Duration of continuous registration
October 2006 to 2009



Live Register Age by Duration October 2009

	Under 1 year	1 year or more	Total
October 2008	190,396	56,133	246,529
April 2009	313,285	70,828	384,113
October 2009	324,993	87,414	412,407

Short term claimants increase by 70.7% in year to October 2009

There was an increase of 134,597 (+70.7%) in short term claimants on the Live Register in the year to October 2009. This represented 81.1% of the total increase on the Live Register over the year. Of this short term annual increase 8.7% (11,708) occurred between April 2009 and October 2009. *See table 1 and graph opposite.*

The number of long term claimants increased by 31,281 (+55.7%) in the year to October 2009, with 53.0% (16,586) of the increase occurring between April 2009 and October 2009. *See table 1 and graph opposite.*

In the six months to October 2009, the number of short term male claimants increased by 1.1% (2,347), while the comparable increase for females was 8.8% (9,361). *See table 1.*

Other features include:

- ◆ In October 2009 78.8% of all claimants on the Live Register were short term, a decrease from 81.6% in April 2009. *See table 1.*
- ◆ In the six months to October 2009, the number of long term male claimants increased by 12,811 (+25.0%), while the comparable increase for females was 3,775 (+19.2%). *See table 1.*
- ◆ The largest percentage increases in male claimants occurred in the 60-64 year age group, which increased by 13.0% in the six months to October 2009. *See table 2.*
- ◆ Among female claimants the largest percentage increase in the six months to October 2009 occurred in the 20-24 year age group (+14.7%). *See table 2.*
- ◆ For short term claimants, the only age group to show a decrease over the six month period was those aged under 20 years (-10.6%). The largest percentage increase was among the 60-64 year age group (+12.8%). *See table 3a.*
- ◆ All age groups showed increases in long term claimants over the six month period. The largest percentage was among the under 20 years age group (+53.0%), while those in the 45-54 year age group showed the lowest percentage change (+12.0%). *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 April to June 2009 is 264,600 persons unemployed.

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

Sex/Duration	October 2008	April 2009	October 2009 ¹	Apr 09 - Oct 09	Annual
	Persons			% change	
Males					
Less than one year	122,358	207,233	209,580	+ 1.1	+ 71.3
One year or more	40,030	51,204	64,015	+ 25.0	+ 59.9
Total	162,388	258,437	273,595	+ 5.9	+ 68.5
Females					
Less than one year	68,038	106,052	115,413	+ 8.8	+ 69.6
One year or more	16,103	19,624	23,399	+ 19.2	+ 45.3
Total	84,141	125,676	138,812	+ 10.5	+ 65.0
All Persons					
Less than one year	190,396	313,285	324,993	+ 3.7	+ 70.7
One year or more	56,133	70,828	87,414	+ 23.4	+ 55.7
Total	246,529	384,113	412,407	+ 7.4	+ 67.3

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

Sex/Age	October 2008	April 2009	October 2009 ¹	Apr 09 - Oct 09	Annual
	Persons			% Change	
Males					
Under 20 years	6,985	10,157	9,514	- 6.3	+ 36.2
20 - 24 years	27,792	42,932	44,592	+ 3.9	+ 60.4
25 - 34 years	50,339	86,178	90,303	+ 4.8	+ 79.4
35 - 44 years	34,915	56,340	60,527	+ 7.4	+ 73.4
45 - 54 years	25,437	38,642	41,486	+ 7.4	+ 63.1
55 - 59 years	9,287	13,623	15,237	+ 11.8	+ 64.1
60 - 64 years	7,633	10,565	11,936	+ 13.0	+ 56.4
Total	162,388	258,437	273,595	+ 5.9	+ 68.5
Females					
Under 20 years	4,513	5,857	5,856	- 0.0	+ 29.8
20 - 24 years	14,700	21,782	24,986	+ 14.7	+ 70.0
25 - 34 years	23,500	38,569	42,724	+ 10.8	+ 81.8
35 - 44 years	17,699	25,788	28,527	+ 10.6	+ 61.2
45 - 54 years	13,861	20,301	21,832	+ 7.5	+ 57.5
55 - 59 years	5,550	7,693	8,511	+ 10.6	+ 53.4
60 - 64 years	4,318	5,686	6,376	+ 12.1	+ 47.7
Total	84,141	125,676	138,812	+ 10.5	+ 65.0
All Persons					
Under 20 years	11,498	16,014	15,370	- 4.0	+ 33.7
20 - 24 years	42,492	64,714	69,578	+ 7.5	+ 63.7
25 - 34 years	73,839	124,747	133,027	+ 6.6	+ 80.2
35 - 44 years	52,614	82,128	89,054	+ 8.4	+ 69.3
45 - 54 years	39,298	58,943	63,318	+ 7.4	+ 61.1
55 - 59 years	14,837	21,316	23,748	+ 11.4	+ 60.1
60 - 64 years	11,951	16,251	18,312	+ 12.7	+ 53.2
Total	246,529	384,113	412,407	+ 7.4	+ 67.3

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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	
	October 2008	April 2009	October ¹ 2009	Apr 09 - Oct 09	Annual
Males					
Under 20 years	6,232	9,118	7,925	- 13.1	+ 27.2
20 - 24 years	22,820	36,106	34,759	- 3.7	+ 52.3
25 - 34 years	39,930	72,315	72,419	+ 0.1	+ 81.4
35 - 44 years	25,256	44,140	45,546	+ 3.2	+ 80.3
45 - 54 years	16,566	28,172	29,585	+ 5.0	+ 78.6
55 - 59 years	6,125	9,719	10,663	+ 9.7	+ 74.1
60 - 64 years	5,429	7,663	8,683	+ 13.3	+ 59.9
Total	122,358	207,233	209,580	+ 1.1	+ 71.3
Females					
Under 20 years	3,983	5,230	4,896	- 6.4	+ 22.9
20 - 24 years	12,041	18,364	20,189	+ 9.9	+ 67.7
25 - 34 years	20,196	34,436	37,612	+ 9.2	+ 86.2
35 - 44 years	14,201	21,644	24,125	+ 11.5	+ 69.9
45 - 54 years	10,380	16,298	17,521	+ 7.5	+ 68.8
55 - 59 years	4,058	5,895	6,387	+ 8.3	+ 57.4
60 - 64 years	3,179	4,185	4,683	+ 11.9	+ 47.3
Total	68,038	106,052	115,413	+ 8.8	+ 69.6
All Persons					
Under 20 years	10,215	14,348	12,821	- 10.6	+ 25.5
20 - 24 years	34,861	54,470	54,948	+ 0.9	+ 57.6
25 - 34 years	60,126	106,751	110,031	+ 3.1	+ 83.0
35 - 44 years	39,457	65,784	69,671	+ 5.9	+ 76.6
45 - 54 years	26,946	44,470	47,106	+ 5.9	+ 74.8
55 - 59 years	10,183	15,614	17,050	+ 9.2	+ 67.4
60 - 64 years	8,608	11,848	13,366	+ 12.8	+ 55.3
Total	190,396	313,285	324,993	+ 3.7	+ 70.7

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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	
	October 2008	April 2009	October ¹ 2009	Apr 09 -Oct 09	Annual
Males					
Under 20 years	753	1,039	1,589	+ 52.9	+111.0
20 - 24 years	4,972	6,826	9,833	+ 44.1	+ 97.8
25 - 34 years	10,409	13,863	17,884	+ 29.0	+ 71.8
35 - 44 years	9,659	12,200	14,981	+ 22.8	+ 55.1
45 - 54 years	8,871	10,470	11,901	+ 13.7	+ 34.2
55 - 59 years	3,162	3,904	4,574	+ 17.2	+ 44.7
60 - 64 years	2,204	2,902	3,253	+ 12.1	+ 47.6
Total	40,030	51,204	64,015	+ 25.0	+ 59.9
Females					
Under 20 years	530	627	960	+ 53.1	+ 81.1
20 - 24 years	2,659	3,418	4,797	+ 40.3	+ 80.4
25 - 34 years	3,304	4,133	5,112	+ 23.7	+ 54.7
35 - 44 years	3,498	4,144	4,402	+ 6.2	+ 25.8
45 - 54 years	3,481	4,003	4,311	+ 7.7	+ 23.8
55 - 59 years	1,492	1,798	2,124	+ 18.1	+ 42.4
60 - 64 years	1,139	1,501	1,693	+ 12.8	+ 48.6
Total	16,103	19,624	23,399	+ 19.2	+ 45.3
All Persons					
Under 20 years	1,283	1,666	2,549	+ 53.0	+ 98.7
20 - 24 years	7,631	10,244	14,630	+ 42.8	+ 91.7
25 - 34 years	13,713	17,996	22,996	+ 27.8	+ 67.7
35 - 44 years	13,157	16,344	19,383	+ 18.6	+ 47.3
45 - 54 years	12,352	14,473	16,212	+ 12.0	+ 31.3
55 - 59 years	4,654	5,702	6,698	+ 17.5	+ 43.9
60 - 64 years	3,343	4,403	4,946	+ 12.3	+ 48.0
Total	56,133	70,828	87,414	+ 23.4	+ 55.7

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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 was historically related 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.

New collection methods, employed by the Department of Social and Family Affairs (DSFA) for the compilation of the Live Register, have permitted the age by duration analysis to match the corresponding end of month Live Register totals from October 2009. This has led to a slight break in series. It should also be noted that there are no age by duration revisions available for periods before October 2009, but the effect of this on data presented is of a low order of magnitude. (See October 2009 Live Register Background Notes for more information).

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.

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.

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

Border	Cavan Donegal Leitrim Louth Monaghan Sligo
Midland	Laois 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