

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY  
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**ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 9th OCTOBER 2007**

**Question**

Will the Minister inform members of the number of young people under 21 registered as unemployed as at 1st September 2007 and each of the preceding five years?

**Answer**

I am afraid that I cannot give figures for people registering as unemployed with the Department who are under the age of 21 as at 1st September. The mechanism for recording unemployment statistics works on age bands and I can give figures for people under 24 for the past five years at the end of August each year.

2007		168
2006		170
	2005	153
2004	163	
		2003 101

My only comments on these figures are that they may not be typical of youth unemployment as they relate to the summer months and may be influenced by seasonal work and the relatively large number of students looking for work. Monthly averages for the years in question are

2007	N/A
2006	104
2005	105
2004	151
2003	94.