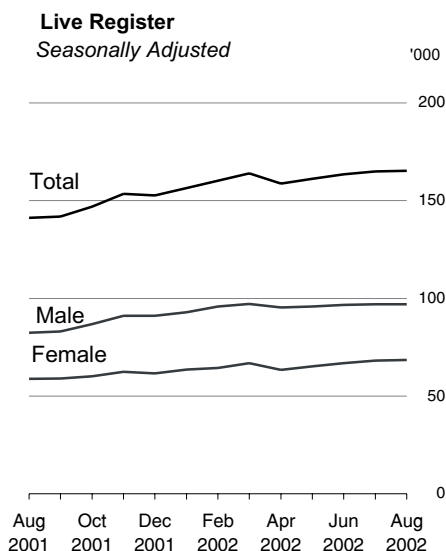




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Live Register Analysis August 2002



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
August 2001	149,439	141,200
July 2002	172,098	165,000
August 2002	173,563	165,300
Change in month	+ 1,465	+ 300
Change in year	+ 24,124	+ 24,100

Seasonally Adjusted Live Register increases by 300

The Live Register increased by 1,465 (+0.9%) persons in the month to 173,563. This compares to an increase of 2,338 (+1.6%) for August of last year. In the year to August 2002 there was an increase of 24,124.

The underlying upward movement in the series continues with the seasonally adjusted monthly total increasing slightly from 165,000 in July to 165,300 in August, an increase of 300. *See table 2a and graph opposite.*

Other features include:

- ◆ The increase of 1,465 comprised increases of 765 males and 700 females. *See table 1a.*
- ◆ The annual increase of 24,124 comprised increases of 14,489 males and 9,635 females. *See table 1a.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in August was 4.4%. This compares with 4.2% in April 2002, based on 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 7,930 males and 11,143 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 Unemployment Assistance or Benefit. Unemployment is measured by the Quarterly National Household Survey and the latest figure, for March- May 2002 is 77,200 persons unemployed.

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	August 2002	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and West	56,496	+ 215	+ 4,818
Border	27,515	- 33	+ 1,842
Midland	10,460	+ 113	+ 1,168
West	18,521	+ 135	+ 1,808
Eastern and Southern	117,067	+ 1,250	+ 19,306
Dublin	43,803	+ 435	+ 8,386
Mid-East	11,955	+ 45	+ 2,287
Mid-West	14,907	+ 174	+ 2,195
South-East	21,840	+ 171	+ 2,777
South-West	24,562	+ 425	+ 3,661
Total	173,563	+ 1,465	+ 24,124

Monthly increases in all but one region

The monthly increase of 1,465 persons on the Live Register reflected increases in all regions except the Border region where there was a slight monthly decrease of -0.1%. The largest percentage monthly increases were in the South West (+1.8%), the Mid-West (+1.2%) and the Midland region (+1.1%).

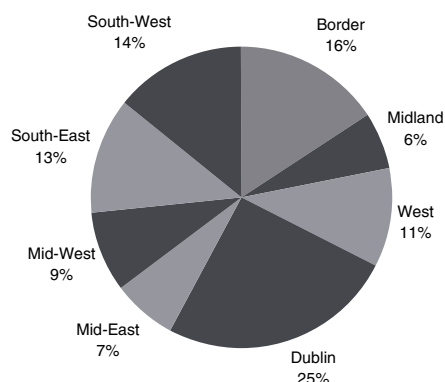
The national annual percentage increase was 16.1%.

In the year to August 2002, the Live Register increased in all regions. The largest annual percentage increases at a regional level were in Dublin (+23.7%), the Mid-East (+23.7%) and the South-West (+17.5%). See table 4.

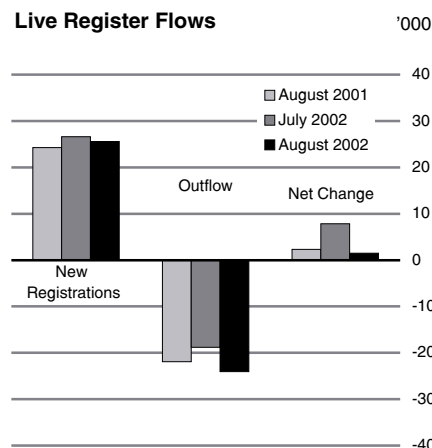
Other regional features include:

- ◆ In August, the number of male claimants increased in all but the Border and Mid-East regions. The largest percentage increase occurred in the Midland region (+1.8%). See table 4.
- ◆ The number of female claimants increased in the month in all but the Border region. The largest percentage increase happened in the South-West (+3.0%). See table 4.

Live Register by Regional Authority



Live Register Flows



	New Registrations	Outflow (derived)	Net Change
Males	14,085	13,320	+ 765
Females	11,455	10,755	+ 700
Total	25,540	24,075	+ 1,465

New registrations exceed outflows:

A total of 25,540 persons joined the Live Register in August 2002. With 24,075 persons leaving the Register there is a net increase of 1,465 persons in the month. This compares with a monthly increase of 2,338 in August 2001.

Other features of the flows on and off the Register include:

- ◆ The average weekly increase of 293 in the Live Register was comprised of 153 males and 140 females. This compares to an average weekly increase of 468 for August of last year, which was comprised of 343 males and 125 females. See tables 8 and 9.
- ◆ In August 2002, there were weekly averages of 5,108 new claimants joining the Register and 4,815 persons leaving. See table 8.

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	August 2001	July 2002	August 2002	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	29,345	38,209	38,293	+ 84	+ 8,948
UA Applications	52,500	57,121	57,784	+ 663	+ 5,284
Other Registrants	2,437	2,676	2,694	+ 18	+ 257
Total	84,282	98,006	98,771	+ 765	+ 14,489
Females					
UB Claims	33,737	41,067	41,509	+ 442	+ 7,772
UA Applications	21,684	23,364	23,561	+ 197	+ 1,877
Other Registrants	9,736	9,661	9,722	+ 61	- 14
Total	65,157	74,092	74,792	+ 700	+ 9,635
All Persons					
UB Claims	63,082	79,276	79,802	+ 526	+ 16,720
UA Applications	74,184	80,485	81,345	+ 860	+ 7,161
Other Registrants	12,173	12,337	12,416	+ 79	+ 243
Total	149,439	172,098	173,563	+ 1,465	+ 24,124

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

Category	August 2001	July 2002	August 2002	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	5,075	7,153	7,093	- 60	+ 2,018
UA Applications	9,955	11,770	11,886	+ 116	+ 1,931
Other Registrants	42	55	52	- 3	+ 10
Total	15,072	18,978	19,031	+ 53	+ 3,959
Females					
UB Claims	4,130	5,566	5,752	+ 186	+ 1,622
UA Applications	7,862	9,005	9,074	+ 69	+ 1,212
Other Registrants	136	127	124	- 3	- 12
Total	12,128	14,698	14,950	+ 252	+ 2,822
All Persons					
UB Claims	9,205	12,719	12,845	+ 126	+ 3,640
UA Applications	17,817	20,775	20,960	+ 185	+ 3,143
Other Registrants	178	182	176	- 6	- 2
Total	27,200	33,676	33,981	+ 305	+ 6,781

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

Category	August 2001	July 2002	August 2002	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	24,270	31,056	31,200	+ 144	+ 6,930
UA Applications	42,545	45,351	45,898	+ 547	+ 3,353
Other Registrants	2,395	2,621	2,642	+ 21	+ 247
Total	69,210	79,028	79,740	+ 712	+ 10,530
Females					
UB Claims	29,607	35,501	35,757	+ 256	+ 6,150
UA Applications	13,822	14,359	14,487	+ 128	+ 665
Other Registrants	9,600	9,534	9,598	+ 64	- 2
Total	53,029	59,394	59,842	+ 448	+ 6,813
All Persons					
UB Claims	53,877	66,557	66,957	+ 400	+ 13,080
UA Applications	56,367	59,710	60,385	+ 675	+ 4,018
Other Registrants	11,995	12,155	12,240	+ 85	+ 245
Total	122,239	138,422	139,582	+ 1,160	+ 17,343

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
2000	September	82,700	62,200	144,900	83,500	62,700	146,200
	October	80,000	59,200	139,200	82,900	61,200	144,100
	November	79,300	57,700	137,000	82,400	61,000	143,400
	December	82,000	59,600	141,600	80,500	59,300	139,900
2001	January	83,300	58,800	142,100	79,400	59,000	138,400
	February	81,200	58,300	139,500	78,800	58,700	137,500
	March	79,900	55,900	135,900	80,000	57,800	137,700
	April	80,100	56,500	136,600	80,600	58,500	139,100
	May	78,700	55,000	133,700	81,200	58,700	139,900
	June	80,400	60,500	140,900	81,200	58,800	140,000
	July	82,600	64,500	147,100	81,400	58,600	140,000
	August	84,300	65,200	149,400	82,400	58,800	141,200
	September	82,200	58,300	140,600	83,000	58,900	141,900
	October	83,900	57,900	141,800	86,800	60,100	146,900
	November	88,100	59,000	147,100	91,100	62,400	153,500
	December	91,400	61,000	152,400	91,100 ²	61,600 ²	152,700 ²
2002	January	96,600	63,300	160,000	92,800	63,600	156,400
	February	98,200	64,100	162,300	95,800	64,400	160,200
	March	97,200	65,100	162,300	97,200	66,900	164,000
	April	94,800	61,500	156,200	95,300	63,400	158,700
	May	93,400	61,600	154,900	95,900	65,200	161,100
	June	95,800	68,500	164,300	96,600	66,800	163,400
	July	98,000	74,100	172,100	96,900	68,200	165,000
	August	98,800	74,800	173,600	96,900	68,400	165,300

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2002 (See Background Notes).² Based on estimated data for December 2001**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
2000	September	13,400	11,000	24,400	13,200	10,600	23,800
	October	12,500	10,200	22,700	13,500	10,600	24,100
	November	12,400	9,700	22,000	13,500	10,600	24,100
	December	12,900	9,500	22,400	13,100	10,200	23,300
2001	January	13,600	10,000	23,600	12,800	10,100	22,900
	February	13,300	10,000	23,200	12,800	10,100	22,800
	March	12,900	9,600	22,500	13,000	10,100	23,100
	April	13,000	9,600	22,600	13,300	10,400	23,700
	May	12,800	9,500	22,300	13,700	10,400	24,000
	June	13,700	11,000	24,700	13,600	10,300	23,900
	July	14,600	11,800	26,500	13,700	10,300	24,000
	August	15,100	12,100	27,200	14,000	10,400	24,400
	September	14,400	11,000	25,400	14,200	10,600	24,800
	October	14,600	10,900	25,400	15,500	11,300	26,800
	November	15,600	11,000	26,600	16,700	11,900	28,600
	December	16,400	11,100	27,500	16,800 ²	11,900 ²	28,700 ²
2002	January	18,200	12,300	30,500	17,500	12,300	29,800
	February	18,900	12,600	31,400	18,300	12,700	31,000
	March	18,500	12,300	30,800	18,500	12,900	31,400
	April	17,800	11,800	29,600	18,100	12,600	30,700
	May	17,300	11,800	29,100	18,000	12,700	30,700
	June	18,000	13,400	31,400	18,000	12,700	30,700
	July	19,000	14,700	33,700	18,100	13,100	31,200
	August	19,000	15,000	34,000	18,000	13,200	31,200

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2002 (See Background Notes).² Based on estimated data for December 2001

Table 2c Persons 25 years of age or over on the Live Register - Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted

	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series ¹		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2000	September	69,300	51,200	120,500	70,300	52,100	122,400
	October	67,500	49,000	116,500	69,400	50,600	120,000
	November	66,900	48,000	114,900	68,900	50,400	119,300
	December	69,100	50,000	119,100	67,400	49,100	116,500
2001	January	69,700	48,800	118,500	66,600	49,000	115,600
	February	67,900	48,400	116,300	66,000	48,600	114,600
	March	67,000	46,400	113,400	67,000	47,600	114,600
	April	67,100	46,900	114,000	67,300	48,100	115,400
	May	65,800	45,600	111,400	67,600	48,300	115,900
	June	66,700	49,500	116,200	67,700	48,500	116,100
	July	67,900	52,700	120,600	67,700	48,400	116,000
	August	69,200	53,000	122,200	68,400	48,500	116,800
	September	67,800	47,300	115,100	68,800	48,300	117,100
	October	69,300	47,100	116,400	71,300	48,800	120,000
	November	72,500	48,000	120,500	74,400	50,400	124,900
	December	75,000	49,900	124,900	74,300 ²	49,700 ²	123,900 ²
2002	January	78,400	51,100	129,500	75,300	51,300	126,600
	February	79,400	51,600	130,900	77,500	51,700	129,200
	March	78,700	52,800	131,500	78,600	54,000	132,600
	April	76,900	49,700	126,600	77,100	50,900	128,000
	May	76,100	49,800	125,900	77,800	52,500	130,400
	June	77,700	55,100	132,900	78,600	54,100	132,700
	July	79,000	59,400	138,400	78,800	55,000	133,800
	August	79,700	59,800	139,600	78,900	55,200	134,100

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2002 (See Background Notes).

² Based on estimated data for December 2001

Table 3 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates¹

Month	1997 ³	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002 ⁴
	%	%	%	%	%	%
January	10.7	8.5	6.3	4.6	3.6	4.2
February	10.6	8.2	6.1	4.5	3.6	4.3
March	10.5	8.0	5.9	4.4	3.6	4.4
April ²	10.3	7.8	5.7	4.3	3.7	4.2
May	10.1	7.6	5.7	4.2	3.7	4.3
June	9.9	7.5	5.5	4.1	3.7	4.4
July	9.7	7.3	5.4	4.0	3.7	4.4
August	9.5	7.1	5.3	4.0	3.7	4.4
September	9.3	6.9	5.2	3.8	3.8	
October	9.1	6.7	5.0	3.8	3.9	
November	8.9	6.6	4.9	3.8	4.1	
December	8.7	6.5	4.7	3.7	4.1 ⁵	
Annual average	9.8	7.4	5.5	4.1	3.8	

¹ Table contains revised figures

² Benchmark Labour Force Survey/Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) estimates.

³ Interpolated data for May 1996 to March 1997 (see Background Notes).

⁴ The latest QNHS estimate of the unemployment rate (unadjusted for seasonality) is: March - May 2002, 4.2%

⁵ Based on estimated data for December 2001

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions¹	August 2001	July 2002	August 2002		Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males								
Border, Midland & Western	29,038	31,569	31,736	+	167	+ 2,698	6,168	25,568
Border	14,711	15,870	15,864	-	6	+	3,173	12,691
Midland	4,809	5,413	5,509	+	96	+	1,109	4,400
West	9,518	10,286	10,363	+	77	+	1,886	8,477
Eastern & Southern	55,244	66,437	67,035	+	598	+ 11,791	12,863	54,172
Dublin	20,748	25,807	26,163	+	356	+	5,064	21,099
Mid-East	4,901	6,410	6,408	-	2	+	1,205	5,203
Mid-West	6,978	8,134	8,214	+	80	+	1,631	6,583
South-East	10,423	12,059	12,096	+	37	+	2,411	9,685
South-West	12,194	14,027	14,154	+	127	+	2,552	11,602
Total	84,282	98,006	98,771	+	765	+ 14,489	19,031	79,740
Females								
Border, Midland & Western	22,640	24,712	24,760	+	48	+ 2,120	5,333	19,427
Border	10,962	11,678	11,651	-	27	+	2,558	9,093
Midland	4,483	4,934	4,951	+	17	+	1,055	3,896
West	7,195	8,100	8,158	+	58	+	1,720	6,438
Eastern & Southern	42,517	49,380	50,032	+	652	+ 7,515	9,617	40,415
Dublin	14,669	17,561	17,640	+	79	+	3,272	14,368
Mid-East	4,767	5,500	5,547	+	47	+	976	4,571
Mid-West	5,734	6,599	6,693	+	94	+	1,258	5,435
South-East	8,640	9,610	9,744	+	134	+	2,005	7,739
South-West	8,707	10,110	10,408	+	298	+	2,106	8,302
Total	65,157	74,092	74,792	+	700	+ 9,635	14,950	59,842
All Persons								
Border, Midland & Western	51,678	56,281	56,496	+	215	+ 4,818	11,501	44,995
Border	25,673	27,548	27,515	-	33	+	5,731	21,784
Midland	9,292	10,347	10,460	+	113	+	2,164	8,296
West	16,713	18,386	18,521	+	135	+	3,606	14,915
Eastern & Southern	97,761	115,817	117,067	+	1,250	+ 19,306	22,480	94,587
Dublin	35,417	43,368	43,803	+	435	+	8,336	35,467
Mid-East	9,668	11,910	11,955	+	45	+	2,181	9,774
Mid-West	12,712	14,733	14,907	+	174	+	2,889	12,018
South-East	19,063	21,669	21,840	+	171	+	4,416	17,424
South-West	20,901	24,137	24,562	+	425	+	4,658	19,904
Total	149,439	172,098	173,563	+	1,465	+ 24,124	33,981	139,582

¹ The composition of the regions is described in the background notes

Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	August 2001	July 2002	August 2002	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	71,300	85,361	86,066	+ 705	+ 14,766	16,649	69,417
Munster	42,739	48,853	49,547	+ 694	+ 6,808	9,610	39,937
Connacht	20,351	22,375	22,535	+ 160	+ 2,184	4,347	18,188
Ulster	15,049	15,509	15,415	- 94	+ 366	3,375	12,040
Total	149,439	172,098	173,563	+ 1,465	+ 24,124	33,981	139,582

Table 6 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age Group and Local Office of Registration

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	August 2001	July 2002	August 2002	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	51,678	56,281	56,496	6,168	25,568	31,736	5,333	19,427	24,760
Border	25,673	27,548	27,515	3,173	12,691	15,864	2,558	9,093	11,651
Cavan	1,903	2,112	2,168	209	1,044	1,253	167	748	915
Belturbet	379	432	442	32	215	247	34	161	195
Cavan	1,524	1,680	1,726	177	829	1,006	133	587	720
Donegal	10,297	10,605	10,499	1,297	4,980	6,277	1,131	3,091	4,222
Ballybofey	1,080	1,034	1,039	151	462	613	126	300	426
Ballyshannon	514	558	537	65	251	316	56	165	221
Buncrana	2,036	1,982	1,941	191	841	1,032	295	614	909
Donegal	546	577	579	70	253	323	63	193	256
Dunfanaghy	903	994	988	136	509	645	72	271	343
Dungloe	1,564	1,661	1,629	182	832	1,014	95	520	615
Killybegs	1,078	1,085	1,065	96	571	667	63	335	398
Letterkenney	2,576	2,714	2,721	406	1,261	1,667	361	693	1,054
Leitrim	1,208	1,384	1,363	104	668	772	80	511	591
Carrick-on-Shannon	939	1,065	1,049	83	515	598	58	393	451
Manorhamilton	269	319	314	21	153	174	22	118	140
Louth	6,986	8,050	8,086	934	3,614	4,548	681	2,857	3,538
Ardee	730	897	919	119	382	501	76	342	418
Drogheda	2,614	3,225	3,307	372	1,392	1,764	271	1,272	1,543
Dundalk	3,642	3,928	3,860	443	1,840	2,283	334	1,243	1,577
Monaghan	2,849	2,792	2,748	309	1,220	1,529	262	957	1,219
Carrickmacross	729	789	784	61	356	417	66	301	367
Castleblayney	872	865	831	95	375	470	87	274	361
Clones	320	310	307	38	150	188	24	95	119
Monaghan	928	828	826	115	339	454	85	287	372
Sligo	2,430	2,605	2,651	320	1,165	1,485	237	929	1,166
Sligo	2,027	2,205	2,248	287	977	1,264	211	773	984
Tubbercurry	403	400	403	33	188	221	26	156	182
Midland	9,292	10,347	10,460	1,109	4,400	5,509	1,055	3,896	4,951
Laoighis	1,963	2,203	2,190	254	919	1,173	222	795	1,017
Portarlinton	657	786	749	83	265	348	80	321	401
Portlaoise	947	1,059	1,076	135	481	616	108	352	460
Rathdowney	359	358	365	36	173	209	34	122	156
Longford	1,707	1,921	1,966	221	876	1,097	191	678	869
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Offaly	2,558	2,697	2,726	300	1,143	1,443	278	1,005	1,283
Birr	822	846	854	99	356	455	93	306	399
Edenderry	623	646	670	65	284	349	65	256	321
Tullamore	1,113	1,205	1,202	136	503	639	120	443	563
Westmeath	3,064	3,526	3,578	334	1,462	1,796	364	1,418	1,782
Athlone	1,405	1,601	1,644	158	635	793	161	690	851
Castlepollard	233	234	243	16	101	117	27	99	126
Mullingar	1,426	1,691	1,691	160	726	886	176	629	805
West	16,713	18,386	18,521	1,886	8,477	10,363	1,720	6,438	8,158
Galway	8,777	10,048	10,246	1,167	4,566	5,733	1,052	3,461	4,513
Ballinasloe	1,009	1,000	1,003	114	470	584	95	324	419
Clifden	690	694	712	67	424	491	34	187	221
Galway	4,765	5,930	6,047	794	2,569	3,363	743	1,941	2,684
Gort	408	431	448	22	178	200	22	226	248
Loughrea	700	756	766	72	327	399	57	310	367
Tuam	1,205	1,237	1,270	98	598	696	101	473	574

Table 6 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age Group and Local Office of Registration

-continued				Males			Females		
NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	August 2001	July 2002	August 2002	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	6,401	6,711	6,618	580	3,128	3,708	526	2,384	2,910
Achill	311	337	336	32	195	227	29	80	109
Ballina	1,955	2,005	1,976	181	965	1,146	160	670	830
Ballinrobe	426	474	481	34	230	264	38	179	217
Belmullet	858	790	791	61	412	473	59	259	318
Castlebar	911	1,094	1,055	111	433	544	103	408	511
Claremorris	528	566	534	34	240	274	27	233	260
Swinford	900	854	874	93	347	440	72	362	434
Westport	512	591	571	34	306	340	38	193	231
Roscommon	1,535	1,627	1,657	139	783	922	142	593	735
Boyle	440	443	447	41	214	255	29	163	192
Castlerea	765	797	806	60	382	442	79	285	364
Roscommon	330	387	404	38	187	225	34	145	179
Eastern and Southern	97,761	115,817	117,067	12,863	54,172	67,035	9,617	40,415	50,032
Dublin	35,417	43,368	43,803	5,064	21,099	26,163	3,272	14,368	17,640
Dublin	35,417	43,368	43,803	5,064	21,099	26,163	3,272	14,368	17,640
Gardiner Street	2,959	3,367	3,484	475	1,695	2,170	281	1,033	1,314
Bishop Square	3,548	4,358	4,379 ¹	478	2,266	2,744	304	1,331	1,635
Cumberland Street	4,473	5,024	5,137	550	2,597	3,147	355	1,635	1,990
Navan Road	4,961	2,995	2,970	310	1,588	1,898	219	853	1,072
Blanchardstown	*	2,959	3,018 ²	387	1,249	1,636	255	1,127	1,382
Thomas Street	1,940	2,290	2,299	237	1,311	1,548	194	557	751
Tara Street	1,206	1,534	1,519	139	805	944	77	498	575
Tallaght	3,011	3,486	3,456	613	1,513	2,126	370	960	1,330
Ballymun	1,279	1,505	1,474	261	726	987	159	328	487
Clondalkin	1,522	2,564	2,627	335	1,177	1,512	215	900	1,115
Rathfarnham	1,759	2,223	2,275	162	990	1,152	122	1,001	1,123
Kilbarrack	2,528	2,974	3,005	295	1,405	1,700	197	1,108	1,305
Dun Laoghaire	2,808	3,684	3,685	252	1,677	1,929	154	1,602	1,756
Balbriggan	997	1,234	1,239	104	515	619	91	529	620
Ballyfermot	907	1,075	1,133	156	605	761	101	271	372
Finglas	1,519	2,096	2,103	310	980	1,290	178	635	813
Mid-East	9,668	11,910	11,955	1,205	5,203	6,408	976	4,571	5,547
Kildare	3,575	4,487	4,436	449	1,842	2,291	381	1,764	2,145
Athy	626	810	795	99	386	485	82	228	310
Maynooth	1,068	1,307	1,302	109	501	610	111	581	692
Newbridge	1,881	2,370	2,339	241	955	1,196	188	955	1,143
Meath	2,262	3,113	3,123	318	1,365	1,683	283	1,157	1,440
Kells	413	504	511	49	238	287	34	190	224
Navan	1,287	1,863	1,860	202	836	1,038	174	648	822
Trim	562	746	752	67	291	358	75	319	394
Wicklow	3,831	4,310	4,396	438	1,996	2,434	312	1,650	1,962
Arklow	952	1,086	1,099	118	517	635	99	365	464
Baltinglass	360	403	407	37	168	205	25	177	202
Bray	1,768	1,990	2,030	174	907	1,081	123	826	949
Wicklow	751	831	860	109	404	513	65	282	347
Mid-West	12,712	14,733	14,907	1,631	6,583	8,214	1,258	5,435	6,693
Clare	3,207	3,669	3,752	351	1,672	2,023	289	1,440	1,729
Ennis	1,840	2,226	2,295	245	956	1,201	193	901	1,094
Ennistymon	519	540	533	34	270	304	35	194	229
Kilrush	554	527	543	55	266	321	30	192	222
Tulla	294	376	381	17	180	197	31	153	184
Limerick	7,403	8,583	8,593	988	3,832	4,820	744	3,029	3,773
Kilmallock	754	910	897	84	393	477	84	336	420
Limerick	5,860	6,742	6,769	832	3,000	3,832	558	2,379	2,937
Newcastle West	789	931	927	72	439	511	102	314	416

¹ Bishop Square replaces previous offices Werburgh Street and Victoria Street with effect from March 2002² Previous figures for the Blanchardstown Office were included in the Navan Road figures

Table 6 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age Group and Local Office of Registration

-continued				Males			Females		
NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	August 2001	July 2002	August 2002	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Tipperary N.R.	2,102	2,481	2,562	292	1,079	1,371	225	966	1,191
Nenagh	695	909	937	86	399	485	75	377	452
Roscrea	432	443	477	51	195	246	39	192	231
Thurles	975	1,129	1,148	155	485	640	111	397	508
South-East	19,063	21,669	21,840	2,411	9,685	12,096	2,005	7,739	9,744
Carlow	1,988	2,265	2,298	247	981	1,228	220	850	1,070
Bagenalstown	444	540	540	57	255	312	46	182	228
Carlow	1,179	1,296	1,328	144	559	703	136	489	625
Tullow	365	429	430	46	167	213	38	179	217
Kilkenny	2,050	2,408	2,431	306	1,154	1,460	204	767	971
Callan	329	348	344	31	185	216	25	103	128
Kilkenny	1,302	1,602	1,603	214	748	962	141	500	641
Thomastown	419	458	484	61	221	282	38	164	202
Tipperary S.R.	3,485	3,839	3,837	484	1,727	2,211	381	1,245	1,626
Cahir	449	501	506	56	234	290	49	167	216
Carrick-on-Suir	934	993	1,004	97	504	601	82	321	403
Cashel	322	371	354	41	146	187	39	128	167
Clonmel	1,121	1,284	1,268	195	537	732	138	398	536
Tipperary	659	690	705	95	306	401	73	231	304
Waterford	5,641	6,144	6,241	674	2,744	3,418	524	2,299	2,823
Dungarvan	922	1,007	1,056	80	449	529	95	432	527
Waterford	4,719	5,137	5,185	594	2,295	2,889	429	1,867	2,296
Wexford	5,899	7,013	7,033	700	3,079	3,779	676	2,578	3,254
Enniscorthy	1,576	1,764	1,766	212	809	1,021	204	541	745
Gorey	888	1,075	1,099	108	455	563	107	429	536
New Ross	1,182	1,357	1,322	131	582	713	127	482	609
Wexford	2,253	2,817	2,846	249	1,233	1,482	238	1,126	1,364
South-West	20,901	24,137	24,562	2,552	11,602	14,154	2,106	8,302	10,408
Cork	15,811	18,480	18,631	1,963	8,680	10,643	1,626	6,362	7,988
Bandon	553	572	579	48	274	322	37	220	257
Bantry	330	363	403	18	173	191	17	195	212
Bantry (SWLO)	145	190	194	8	79	87	12	95	107
Clonakilty	395	437	450	37	186	223	36	191	227
Cobh	455	434	446	77	212	289	36	121	157
Cork	8,213	9,846	9,718	1,193	4,910	6,103	930	2,685	3,615
Dunmanway	197	239	245	16	75	91	18	136	154
Fermoy	714	782	807	78	370	448	77	282	359
Kinsale	631	649	643	36	276	312	42	289	331
Macroom	426	603	627	36	214	250	37	340	377
Mallow	731	812	822	94	405	499	75	248	323
Midleton	845	1,052	1,067	99	461	560	98	409	507
Newmarket	477	505	664	55	249	304	76	284	360
Passage West	703	864	855	84	349	433	54	368	422
Skibbereen	413	444	432	25	152	177	17	238	255
Youghal	583	688	679	59	295	354	64	261	325
Kerry	5,090	5,657	5,931	589	2,922	3,511	480	1,940	2,420
Cahiriveen	330	328	339	17	188	205	24	110	134
Dingle	176	219	213	4	118	122	4	87	91
Kenmare	138	152	144	6	72	78	9	57	66
Killarney	663	866	1,013	104	432	536	101	376	477
Killorglin	353	397	415	24	211	235	30	150	180
Listowel	889	971	976	101	499	600	88	288	376
Tralee	2,541	2,724	2,831	333	1,402	1,735	224	872	1,096
State	149,439	172,098	173,563	19,031	79,740	98,771	14,950	59,842	74,792

**Table 7 Flows on and off the Live Register in the 5 weeks from
26 July 2002 to 30 August 2002**

	Total	New Registrations	Net Change	Outflow (derived)
Border, Midland & Western	56,496	7,323	+ 215	7,108
Border	27,515	3,043	- 33	3,076
Midland	10,460	1,606	+ 113	1,493
West	18,521	2,674	+ 135	2,539
Eastern & Southern	117,067	18,217	+ 1,250	16,967
Dublin	43,803	7,169	+ 435	6,734
Mid-East	11,955	1,807	+ 45	1,762
Mid-West	14,907	2,257	+ 174	2,083
South-East	21,840	3,116	+ 171	2,945
South-West	24,562	3,868	+ 425	3,443
Sex				
Males	98,771	14,085	+ 765	13,320
Females	74,792	11,455	+ 700	10,755
Total	173,563	25,540	+ 1,465	24,075

Table 8 Summary of Flows on and off the Live Register and Average Weekly Flow

		Number of weeks	New Registrations (count)		Outflow (derived)		Average weekly change in the Live Register	
			Number	Weekly average	Number	Weekly average		
2000	August	4	17,211	4,303	18,099	4,525	-	222
	September	5	21,396	4,279	35,490	7,098	-	2,819
	October	4	18,230	4,558	23,973	5,993	-	1,436
	November	4	19,685	4,921	21,912	5,478	-	557
	December	5	21,494	4,299	16,870	3,374	+	925
2001	January	4	22,001	5,500	21,516	5,379	+	121
	February	4	18,740	4,685	21,296	5,324	-	639
	March	5	21,971	4,394	25,601	5,120	-	726
	April	4	21,584	5,396	20,908	5,227	+	169
	May	4	17,324	4,331	20,194	5,049	-	718
	June	5	28,982	5,796	21,808	4,362	+	1,435
	July	4	23,354	5,839	17,118	4,280	+	1,559
	August	5	24,272	4,854	21,934	4,387	+	468
	September	4	19,341	4,835	28,230	7,058	-	2,222
	October	4	26,253	6,563	24,968	6,242	+	321
	November	5	32,936	6,587	27,650	5,530	+	1,057
	December	3	19,527	6,509	14,242	4,747	+	1,762
2002	January	5	31,817	6,363	24,263	4,853	+	1,511
	February	4	25,468	6,367	23,091	5,773	+	594
	March	5	29,785	5,957	29,870	5,974	-	17
	April	4	20,108	5,027	26,123	6,531	-	1,504
	May	5	25,082	5,016	26,375	5,275	-	259
	June	4	27,530	6,883	18,197	4,549	+	2,333
	July	4	26,633	6,658	18,812	4,703	+	1,955
	August	5	25,540	5,108	24,075	4,815	+	293

Table 9 Summary of Flows on and off the Live Register classified by Sex

		Number of weeks	Males				Females			
			Live Register	New Regis- trations	Outflow (derived)	Average weekly change	Live Register	New Regis- trations	Outflow (derived)	Average weekly change
2000	August	4	87,939	9,060	9,580	- 130	71,087	8,151	8,519	- 92
	September	5	82,714	11,158	16,383	- 1,045	62,218	10,238	19,107	- 1,774
	October	4	80,037	9,808	12,485	- 669	59,152	8,422	11,488	- 766
	November	4	79,308	10,500	11,229	- 182	57,654	9,185	10,683	- 375
	December	5	82,017	11,877	9,168	+ 542	59,569	9,617	7,702	+ 383
2001	January	4	83,260	11,971	10,728	+ 311	58,811	10,030	10,788	- 190
	February	4	81,172	10,148	12,236	- 522	58,343	8,592	9,060	- 117
	March	5	79,943	12,878	14,107	- 246	55,942	9,093	11,494	- 480
	April	4	80,104	10,975	10,814	+ 40	56,457	10,609	10,094	+ 129
	May	4	78,660	9,828	11,272	- 361	55,031	7,496	8,922	- 357
	June	5	80,355	14,056	12,361	+ 339	60,510	14,926	9,447	+ 1,096
	July	4	82,567	11,677	9,465	+ 553	64,534	11,677	7,653	+ 1,006
	August	5	84,282	13,303	11,588	+ 343	65,157	10,969	10,346	+ 125
	September	4	82,227	10,675	12,730	- 514	58,323	8,666	15,500	- 1,709
	October	4	83,894	15,411	13,744	+ 417	57,941	10,842	11,224	- 96
	November	5	88,103	19,170	14,961	+ 842	59,018	13,766	12,689	+ 215
	December	3	91,394	11,237	7,946	+ 1,097	61,012	8,290	6,296	+ 665
2002	January	5	96,623	17,938	12,709	+ 1,046	63,337	13,879	11,554	+ 465
	February	4	98,215	14,912	13,320	+ 398	64,122	10,556	9,771	+ 196
	March	5	97,183	16,518	17,550	- 206	65,069	13,267	12,320	+ 189
	April	4	94,778	11,351	13,756	- 601	61,459	8,757	12,367	- 903
	May	5	93,356	14,356	15,778	- 284	61,588	10,726	10,597	+ 26
	June	4	95,765	13,087	10,678	+ 602	68,512	14,443	7,519	+ 1,731
	July	4	98,006	13,099	10,858	+ 560	74,092	13,534	7,954	+ 1,395
	August	5	98,771	14,085	13,320	+ 153	74,792	11,455	10,755	+ 140

Table 10 Persons working on systematic short-time basis excluded from the Live Register

	Month	Males	Females	Total
2000	September	722	1,635	2,357
	October	778	1,585	2,363
	November	849	1,618	2,467
	December	1,027	1,599	2,626
2001	January	1,262	1,711	2,973
	February	1,263	1,816	3,079
	March	1,103	1,751	2,854
	April	1,094	1,724	2,818
	May	1,102	1,736	2,838
	June	941	1,707	2,648
	July	862	1,734	2,596
	August	1,135	1,880	3,015
	September	1,033	1,870	2,903
	October	1,061	1,857	2,918
	November	1,229	2,077	3,306
	December	1,390	2,046	3,436
2002	January	1,476	2,132	3,608
	February	1,516	2,062	3,578
	March	1,504	2,098	3,602
	April	1,472	1,974	3,446
	May	1,550	1,785	3,335
	June	1,474	1,580	3,054
	July	1,444	1,632	3,076
	August	1,195	1,590	2,785

Table 11 Smallholders/Farm Assists and Self-Employed Persons applying for Unemployment Assistance and Other Registrants excluded from the Live Register

	Month	Smallholders/ Farm Assists ¹	Self-Employed	Others	Total
2000	September	8,018	1,771	759	10,548
	October	8,031	1,758	700	10,489
	November	8,058	1,767	689	10,514
	December	8,094	1,765	726	10,585
2001	January	8,112	1,717	683	10,512
	February	8,127	1,691	659	10,477
	March	8,212	1,669	661	10,542
	April	8,439	1,637	659	10,735
	May	8,509	1,614	642	10,765
	June	8,551	1,584	666	10,801
	July	8,552	1,548	710	10,810
	August	8,538	1,544	718	10,800
	September	8,540	1,529	661	10,730
	October	8,524	1,520	688	10,732
	November	8,513	1,523	685	10,721
	December	8,514	1,536	715	10,765
2002	January	8,521	1,522	758	10,801
	February	8,537	1,542	792	10,871
	March	8,536	1,545	785	10,866
	April	8,558	1,558	767	10,883
	May	8,561	1,541	764	10,866
	June	8,513	1,533	795	10,841
	July	8,513	1,566	855	10,934
	August	8,566	1,561	861	10,988

¹ Farm Assist Scheme was introduced in April 1999.

Table 12 Persons Under 65 Years, other than Smallholders/Farm Assists, on the Pre-Retirement Allowance Scheme (PRETA) or on the Pre-Retirement Credits Scheme (PRECS), excluded from the Live Register

	Month	PRETA	PRECS	Total	Males	Females
2000	September	11,536	7,475	19,011	13,765	5,246
	October	12,677	7,575	20,252	14,746	5,506
	November	12,652	7,624	20,276	14,777	5,499
	December	12,521	7,660	20,181	14,682	5,499
2001	January	12,470	7,736	20,206	14,654	5,552
	February	12,496	7,925	20,421	14,714	5,707
	March	12,527	7,845	20,372	14,739	5,633
	April	12,496	7,756	20,252	14,617	5,635
	May	12,436	7,791	20,227	14,560	5,667
	June	12,371	7,848	20,219	14,547	5,672
	July	12,299	7,851	20,150	14,492	5,658
	August	12,182	7,901	20,083	14,414	5,669
	September	12,104	7,875	19,979	14,343	5,636
	October	12,006	7,904	19,910	14,270	5,640
	November	11,954	8,007	19,961	14,013	5,948
	December	11,860	8,040	19,900	14,226	5,674
2002	January	11,758	7,981	19,739	14,102	5,637
	February	11,742	7,934	19,676	14,059	5,617
	March	11,685	7,879	19,564	14,001	5,563
	April	11,666	7,823	19,489	13,923	5,566
	May	11,616	7,688	19,304	13,780	5,524
	June	11,538	7,696	19,234	13,714	5,520
	July	11,456	7,721	19,177	13,679	5,498
	August	11,349	7,757	19,106	13,603	5,503

Background Notes

Source and scope of the Live Register The Live Register is compiled from returns made directly to the Central Statistics Office by each local office of the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs. It comprises persons under 65 years of age in the following classes:

- ◆ All Claimants for Unemployment Benefit (UB) excluding systematic short-time workers (*see Table 10*)
- ◆ Applicants for Unemployment Assistance (UA) excluding smallholders/farm assists and other self-employed persons (*see Table 11*)
- ◆ Other registrants including applicants for credited Social Welfare contributions but excluding those directly involved in an industrial dispute (*see Table 11*).

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 Unemployment Assistance or Unemployment 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 April of each year are calculated from the Labour Force Survey/Quarterly National Household Survey. The monthly trend in the seasonally adjusted Live Register has been traditionally 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, which began in September 1997, has now replaced the Labour Force Survey and provides quarterly estimates of the unemployment rate. The estimates (unadjusted for seasonality) are:

Year	Q1 %	Q2 %	Q3 %	Q4 %
1998	8.5	7.8	7.6	6.4
1999	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.1
2000	4.7	4.3	4.3	3.9
2001	3.7	3.7	4.3	4.0
2002	4.4	4.2		

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.

Because QNHS estimates are not yet adjusted for seasonality, only the March-May unemployment rates, which are directly comparable with April LFS data, have been incorporated in the calculation of the monthly SUR.

Casual and part time workers	The casual and part time workers' figure is based on an estimate supplied by the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs. People may apply for Unemployment Benefit / Assistance if they only work for part of a week and be included on the Live Register.
History of Flow Analysis	The flow analysis of the Live Register had been published monthly as a separate release since January 1989. Similar details were previously included in the Industrial Analysis of the Live Register, which was discontinued.
Live Register Flow Analysis	Changes in the level of flows on and off the Live Register in any month reflect conditions in the labour market and aspects of the social insurance system such as transfers to or from other welfare schemes, exhaustion of Unemployment Benefit (UB) entitlement without qualifying for Unemployment Assistance (UA) etc.
New registrations	The aggregate of <i>new registrations</i> for each Friday in a given month is used in conjunction with the <i>net change</i> over the same period to calculate the <i>outflow</i> from the register. A <i>new registration</i> is defined as anybody on the Live Register on a particular Friday who was not on it on the previous Friday.
Live Register Area Analysis	The basis of the area classification used in this release is the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs local office of registration. The areas served by Local Employment Offices do not correspond to specific geographic boundaries. Therefore, registrants at a given local office do not necessarily come from a particular region or area which can be precisely delineated. A classification by area of residence of persons on the Live Register was published until January 1989 but was then discontinued.
NUTS2 and NUTS3 regions	The regional classifications in this release 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. <i>See overleaf.</i>

Border, Midland and Western NUTS2 Region

Border	Cavan Donegal Leitrim Louth Monaghan Sligo
Midland	Laoighis Longford Offaly Westmeath
West	Galway County Borough Galway County Mayo Roscommon

Eastern and Southern NUTS2 Region

Dublin	Dublin Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Fingal South Dublin
Mid-East	Kildare Meath Wicklow
Mid-West	Clare Limerick County Borough Limerick County Tipperary North Riding
South-East	Carlow Kilkenny Tipperary South Riding Waterford County Borough Waterford County Wexford
South-West	Cork County Borough Cork County Kerry