



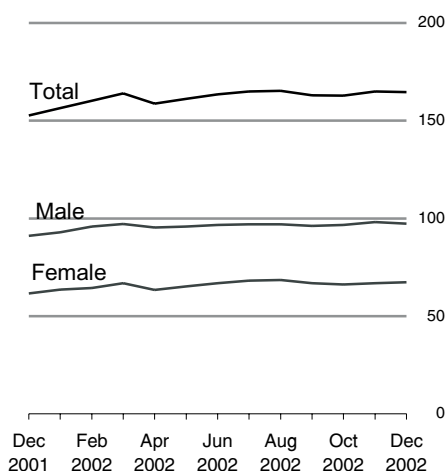
Live Register Analysis

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	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
December 2001	152,406	152,700*
November 2002	158,636	165,000
December 2002	166,142	164,700
Change in month	+ 7,506	- 300
Change in year	+ 13,736	+ 12,000

*Based on estimated data for December 2001

Increase in Unadjusted Live Register for December

The Live Register increased by 7,506 (+4.7%) persons in December to 166,142. When seasonal factors are taken into account the seasonally adjusted total fell from 165,000 in November to 164,700 this month, a fall of 300. *See table 2a and graph opposite.*

In the year to December 2002 there was an increase of 13,736 (+9.0%). This compares to an annual increase of 11,515 (+7.8%) recorded in the year to November 2002.

Other features include:

- ◆ The monthly increase of 7,506 comprised increases of 3,957 females and 3,549 males. *See table 1a*
- ◆ The monthly decrease of 300 in the Seasonally Adjusted series comprised an increase of 500 females and a decrease of 800 males. *See table 2a*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in December 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 7,911 males and 11,941 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 June-August 2002, is 86,700 persons unemployed.

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	December 2002	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and West	52,676	+ 1,953	+ 2,508
Border	25,614	+ 1,061	+ 492
Midland	9,804	+ 407	+ 979
West	17,258	+ 485	+ 1,037
Eastern and Southern	113,466	+ 5,553	+ 11,228
Dublin	41,455	+ 1,504	+ 5,859
Mid-East	11,548	+ 621	+ 1,167
Mid-West	14,954	+ 1,339	+ 2,464
South-East	21,349	+ 1,022	+ 438
South-West	24,160	+ 1,067	+ 1,300
Total	166,142	+ 7,506	+ 13,736

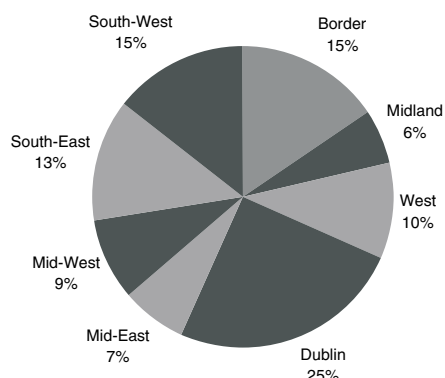
Monthly increases in all regions

The monthly increase of 7,506 persons on the Live Register reflected increases in all regions. The largest monthly increases were in the Mid-West (+9.8%) and the Mid-East (+5.7%). The lowest increases were in the West (+2.9%) and Dublin (+3.8%).

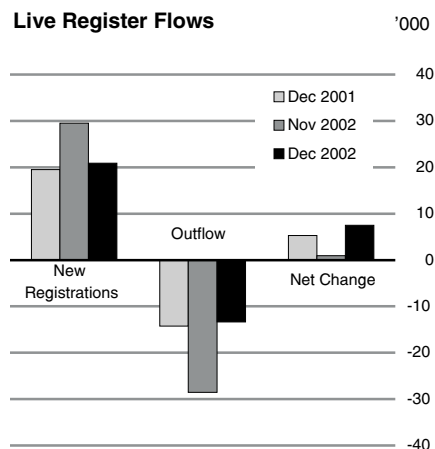
Other area features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males increased in all regions. The largest increases were in the Mid-West (+7.8%) and Mid-East (+5.2%) while the lowest increases were in the West (+2.5%) and Dublin (+2.7%).
- ◆ The number of females increased in all regions. The largest increases were in the Mid-West (+12.8%) and South-East (+6.7%) while the lowest increases were in the West (+3.5%) and in the Border (+5.0%).
- ◆ There were increases in all counties. The largest increases were in Tipperary N.R. (+18.4%) and Clare (+9.9%) while the lowest increases were in Galway (+1.3%) and Cavan (+2.0%). *See tables 4 and 6.*

Live Register by Regional Authority



Live Register Flows



	New Registrations	Outflow (derived)	Net Change
Males	11,279	7,730	+ 3,549
Females	9,605	5,648	+ 3,957
Total	20,884	13,378	+ 7,506

New registrations exceed outflows

A total of 20,884 persons joined the Live Register in December 2002. With 13,378 persons leaving the Register there is a net increase of 7,506 persons in the month.

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

- ◆ The average weekly increase of 1,877 in the Live Register was comprised of 989 females and 887 males. *See tables 8 and 9.*
- ◆ In the month there were weekly averages of 5,221 new claimants joining the Register and 3,345 persons leaving. *See table 8.*

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	December 2001	November 2002	December 2002	Monthly change		Annual change	
Males							
UB Claims	35,064	35,853	38,217	+	2,364	+	3,153
UA Applications	53,709	56,542	57,599	+	1,057	+	3,890
Other Registrants	2,621	2,726	2,854	+	128	+	233
Total	91,394	95,121	98,670	+	3,549	+	7,276
Females							
UB Claims	31,645	33,889	37,154	+	3,265	+	5,509
UA Applications	20,250	21,063	21,298	+	235	+	1,048
Other Registrants	9,117	8,563	9,020	+	457	-	97
Total	61,012	63,515	67,472	+	3,957	+	6,460
All Persons							
UB Claims	66,709	69,742	75,371	+	5,629	+	8,662
UA Applications	73,959	77,605	78,897	+	1,292	+	4,938
Other Registrants	11,738	11,289	11,874	+	585	+	136
Total	152,406	158,636	166,142	+	7,506	+	13,736

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

Category	December 2001	November 2002	December 2002	Monthly change		Annual change	
Males							
UB Claims	5,953	6,092	6,460	+	368	+	507
UA Applications	10,378	11,153	11,475	+	322	+	1,097
Other Registrants	65	39	52	+	13	-	13
Total	16,396	17,284	17,987	+	703	+	1,591
Females							
UB Claims	3,864	4,469	4,609	+	140	+	745
UA Applications	7,143	7,640	7,668	+	28	+	525
Other Registrants	106	108	116	+	8	+	10
Total	11,113	12,217	12,393	+	176	+	1,280
All Persons							
UB Claims	9,817	10,561	11,069	+	508	+	1,252
UA Applications	17,521	18,793	19,143	+	350	+	1,622
Other Registrants	171	147	168	+	21	-	3
Total	27,509	29,501	30,380	+	879	+	2,871

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

Category	December 2001	November 2002	December 2002	Monthly change		Annual change	
Males							
UB Claims	29,111	29,761	31,757	+	1,996	+	2,646
UA Applications	43,331	45,389	46,124	+	735	+	2,793
Other Registrants	2,556	2,687	2,802	+	115	+	246
Total	74,998	77,837	80,683	+	2,846	+	5,685
Females							
UB Claims	27,781	29,420	32,545	+	3,125	+	4,764
UA Applications	13,107	13,423	13,630	+	207	+	523
Other Registrants	9,011	8,455	8,904	+	449	-	107
Total	49,899	51,298	55,079	+	3,781	+	5,180
All Persons							
UB Claims	56,892	59,181	64,302	+	5,121	+	7,410
UA Applications	56,438	58,812	59,754	+	942	+	3,316
Other Registrants	11,567	11,142	11,706	+	564	+	139
Total	124,897	129,135	135,762	+	6,627	+	10,865

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	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
	September	95,300	66,100	161,400	96,100	66,800	162,900
	October	93,800	63,900	157,700	96,700	66,100	162,800
	November	95,100	63,500	158,600	98,100	66,900	165,000
	December	98,700	67,500	166,100	97,300	67,400	164,700

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	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
	September	17,900	13,600	31,400	17,700	13,100	30,900
	October	17,200	12,500	29,600	18,100	12,900	31,000
	November	17,300	12,200	29,500	18,400	13,100	31,500
	December	18,000	12,400	30,400	18,200	13,100	31,300

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	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
	September	77,400	52,600	130,000	78,400	53,600	132,000
	October	76,700	51,400	128,100	78,600	53,100	131,800
	November	77,800	51,300	129,100	79,800	53,800	133,500
	December	80,700	55,100	135,800	79,100	54,300	133,400

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	4.3
October	9.1	6.7	5.0	3.8	3.9	4.3
November	8.9	6.6	4.9	3.8	4.1	4.4
December	8.7	6.5	4.7	3.7	4.1 ⁵	4.4
Annual average	9.8	7.4	5.5	4.1	3.8	4.3

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: June - August 2002, 4.6%.

⁵ Based on estimated data for December 2001.

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	December 2001	November 2002	December 2002	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland & Western	29,614	30,083	31,108	+ 1,025	+ 1,494	5,559	25,549
Border	14,958	14,827	15,403	+ 576	+ 445	2881	12522
Midland	4,971	5,308	5,508	+ 200	+ 537	1000	4508
West	9,685	9,948	10,197	+ 249	+ 512	1678	8519
Eastern & Southern	61,780	65,038	67,562	+ 2,524	+ 5,782	12,428	55,134
Dublin	22,184	25,129	25,807	+ 678	+ 3,623	4797	21010
Mid-East	6,059	6,215	6,538	+ 323	+ 479	1160	5378
Mid-West	7,370	7,979	8,599	+ 620	+ 1,229	1632	6967
South-East	12,265	11,870	12,323	+ 453	+ 58	2422	9901
South-West	13,902	13,845	14,295	+ 450	+ 393	2417	11878
Total	91,394	95,121	98,670	+ 3,549	+ 7,276	17987	80683
Females							
Border, Midland & Western	20,554	20,640	21,568	+ 928	+ 1,014	4,151	17,417
Border	10,164	9,726	10,211	+ 485	+ 47	2048	8163
Midland	3,854	4,089	4,296	+ 207	+ 442	858	3438
West	6,536	6,825	7,061	+ 236	+ 525	1245	5816
Eastern & Southern	40,458	42,875	45,904	+ 3,029	+ 5,446	8,242	37,662
Dublin	13,412	14,822	15,648	+ 826	+ 2,236	2770	12878
Mid-East	4,322	4,712	5,010	+ 298	+ 688	852	4158
Mid-West	5,120	5,636	6,355	+ 719	+ 1,235	1088	5267
South-East	8,646	8,457	9,026	+ 569	+ 380	1801	7225
South-West	8,958	9,248	9,865	+ 617	+ 907	1731	8134
Total	61,012	63,515	67,472	+ 3,957	+ 6,460	12393	55079
All Persons							
Border, Midland & Western	50,168	50,723	52,676	+ 1,953	+ 2,508	9,710	42,966
Border	25,122	24,553	25,614	+ 1,061	+ 492	4,929	20,685
Midland	8,825	9,397	9,804	+ 407	+ 979	1,858	7,946
West	16,221	16,773	17,258	+ 485	+ 1,037	2,923	14,335
Eastern & Southern	102,238	107,913	113,466	+ 5,553	+ 11,228	20,670	92,796
Dublin	35,596	39,951	41,455	+ 1,504	+ 5,859	7,567	33,888
Mid-East	10,381	10,927	11,548	+ 621	+ 1,167	2,012	9,536
Mid-West	12,490	13,615	14,954	+ 1,339	+ 2,464	2,720	12,234
South-East	20,911	20,327	21,349	+ 1,022	+ 438	4,223	17,126
South-West	22,860	23,093	24,160	+ 1,067	+ 1,300	4,148	20,012
Total	152,406	158,636	166,142	+ 7,506	+ 13,736	30,380	135,762

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

Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	December 2001	November 2002	December 2002	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	72,456	78,551	81,970	+ 3,419	+ 9,514	15,114	66,856
Munster	45,796	45,981	48,859	+ 2,878	+ 3,063	8,812	40,047
Connacht	19,672	20,286	20,893	+ 607	+ 1,221	3,567	17,326
Ulster	14,482	13,818	14,420	+ 602	- 62	2,887	11,533
Total	152,406	158,636	166,142	+ 7,506	+ 13,736	30,380	135,762

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	December 2001	November 2002	December 2002	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	50,168	50,723	52,676	5,559	25,549	31,108	4,151	17,417	21,568
Border	25,122	24,553	25,614	2,881	12,522	15,403	2,048	8,163	10,211
Cavan	1,834	1,963	2,002	200	1,029	1,229	138	635	773
Belturbet	380	414	406	35	217	252	25	129	154
Cavan	1,454	1,549	1,596	165	812	977	113	506	619
Donegal	9,896	9,418	9,897	1,172	4,882	6,054	884	2,959	3,843
Ballybofey	1,031	974	968	138	485	623	89	256	345
Ballyshannon	570	562	566	59	269	328	64	174	238
Buncrana	1,862	1,670	1,814	194	831	1,025	222	567	789
Donegal	556	535	552	62	256	318	40	194	234
Dunfanaghy	992	996	1,064	142	513	655	71	338	409
Dungloe	1,675	1,484	1,606	148	829	977	81	548	629
Killybegs	823	776	845	79	445	524	47	274	321
Letterkenney	2,387	2,421	2,482	350	1,254	1,604	270	608	878
Leitrim	1,108	1,212	1,247	86	624	710	88	449	537
Carrick-on-Shannon	859	925	962	69	477	546	68	348	416
Manorhamilton	249	287	285	17	147	164	20	101	121
Louth	7,189	7,222	7,559	828	3,621	4,449	570	2,540	3,110
Ardee	729	761	797	95	363	458	69	270	339
Drogheda	2,819	2,963	3,179	314	1,447	1,761	223	1,195	1,418
Dundalk	3,641	3,498	3,583	419	1,811	2,230	278	1,075	1,353
Monaghan	2,752	2,437	2,521	301	1,238	1,539	192	790	982
Carrickmacross	774	716	736	62	354	416	56	264	320
Castleblayney	848	724	753	86	373	459	61	233	294
Clones	289	276	303	43	168	211	17	75	92
Monaghan	841	721	729	110	343	453	58	218	276
Sligo	2,343	2,301	2,388	294	1,128	1,422	176	790	966
Sligo	1,950	1,960	2,019	258	935	1,193	160	666	826
Tubbercurry	393	341	369	36	193	229	16	124	140
Midland	8,825	9,397	9,804	1,000	4,508	5,508	858	3,438	4,296
Laoighis	1,850	1,948	2,049	229	926	1,155	200	694	894
Portarlinton	635	682	739	70	305	375	73	291	364
Portlaoise	896	903	940	123	437	560	91	289	380
Rathdowney	319	363	370	36	184	220	36	114	150
Longford	1,674	1,751	1,810	208	880	1,088	142	580	722
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Offaly	2,341	2,515	2,640	256	1,257	1,513	228	899	1,127
Birr	733	761	822	81	378	459	87	276	363
Edenderry	627	631	667	64	315	379	61	227	288
Tullamore	981	1,123	1,151	111	564	675	80	396	476
Westmeath	2,960	3,183	3,305	307	1,445	1,752	288	1,265	1,553
Athlone	1,241	1,429	1,516	156	648	804	115	597	712
Castlepollard	232	236	267	14	113	127	26	114	140
Mullingar	1,487	1,518	1,522	137	684	821	147	554	701
West	16,221	16,773	17,258	1,678	8,519	10,197	1,245	5,816	7,061
Galway	8,625	9,281	9,403	996	4,535	5,531	773	3,099	3,872
Ballinasloe	920	1,007	1,026	112	530	642	77	307	384
Clifden	794	799	840	76	471	547	47	246	293
Galway	4,708	5,174	5,188	632	2,411	3,043	509	1,636	2,145
Gort	394	441	441	30	171	201	19	221	240
Loughrea	675	693	714	55	337	392	45	277	322
Tuam	1,134	1,167	1,194	91	615	706	76	412	488

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-continued				Males			Females		
NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	December 2001	November 2002	December 2002	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	6,094	6,057	6,342	564	3,196	3,760	378	2,204	2,582
Achill	285	321	326	27	200	227	20	79	99
Ballina	1,853	1,808	1,849	180	978	1,158	114	577	691
Ballinrobe	419	396	397	32	203	235	13	149	162
Belmullet	825	729	749	63	411	474	39	236	275
Castlebar	888	907	979	108	428	536	80	363	443
Claremorris	500	479	517	22	231	253	23	241	264
Swinford	779	800	867	92	391	483	53	331	384
Westport	545	617	658	40	354	394	36	228	264
Roscommon	1,502	1,435	1,513	118	788	906	94	513	607
Boyle	400	379	392	27	215	242	11	139	150
Castlerea	789	694	766	55	401	456	54	256	310
Roscommon	313	362	355	36	172	208	29	118	147
Eastern and Southern	102,238	107,913	113,466	12,428	55,134	67,562	8,242	37,662	45,904
Dublin	35,596	39,951	41,455	4,797	21,010	25,807	2,770	12,878	15,648
Dublin	35,596	39,951	41,455	4,797	21,010	25,807	2,770	12,878	15,648
Gardiner Street	2,873	3,268	2,808	420	1,360	1,780	221	807	1,028
Bishop Square	3,463	3,869	4,051 ¹	414	2,209	2,623	264	1,164	1,428
Cumberland Street	4,797	4,725	5,361	582	2,806	3,388	332	1,641	1,973
Navan Road	4,872	2,698	2,663	274	1,499	1,773	166	724	890
Blanchardstown	*	2,871	2,971 ²	346	1,326	1,672	234	1,065	1,299
Thomas Street	1,943	2,241	2,324	257	1,363	1,620	163	541	704
Tara Street	1,299	1,375	1,449	137	790	927	61	461	522
Tallaght	2,882	3,027	3,145	573	1,438	2,011	323	811	1,134
Ballymun	1,293	1,421	1,455	243	728	971	160	324	484
Clondalkin	1,573	2,473	2,586	322	1,220	1,542	200	844	1,044
Rathfarnham	1,727	1,890	2,110	149	1,012	1,161	89	860	949
Kilbarrack	2,531	2,763	2,935	274	1,488	1,762	147	1,026	1,173
Dun Laoghaire	2,759	3,162	3,292	252	1,627	1,879	117	1,296	1,413
Balbriggan	1,082	1,183	1,261	103	556	659	75	527	602
Ballyfermot	892	1,027	1,078	145	609	754	80	244	324
Finglas	1,610	1,958	1,966	306	979	1,285	138	543	681
Mid-East	10,381	10,927	11,548	1,160	5,378	6,538	852	4,158	5,010
Kildare	3,697	4,061	4,362	450	1,929	2,379	349	1,634	1,983
Athy	617	770	787	99	399	498	81	208	289
Maynooth	1,100	1,191	1,281	122	516	638	87	556	643
Newbridge	1,980	2,100	2,294	229	1,014	1,243	181	870	1,051
Meath	2,855	2,734	2,844	247	1,311	1,558	211	1,075	1,286
Kells	425	475	518	42	255	297	26	195	221
Navan	1,844	1,604	1,638	139	764	903	122	613	735
Trim	586	655	688	66	292	358	63	267	330
Wicklow	3,829	4,132	4,342	463	2,138	2,601	292	1,449	1,741
Arklow	1,044	1,154	1,200	129	637	766	91	343	434
Baltinglass	408	389	412	36	170	206	37	169	206
Bray	1,641	1,767	1,883	190	914	1,104	95	684	779
Wicklow	736	822	847	108	417	525	69	253	322
Mid-West	12,490	13,615	14,954	1,632	6,967	8,599	1,088	5,267	6,355
Clare	3,473	3,692	4,058	384	1,851	2,235	279	1,544	1,823
Ennis	1,961	2,136	2,366	244	1,038	1,282	183	901	1,084
Ennistymon	643	615	661	59	293	352	41	268	309
Kilrush	538	559	615	63	313	376	32	207	239
Tulla	331	382	416	18	207	225	23	168	191
Limerick	6,954	7,714	8,281	980	3,935	4,915	611	2,755	3,366
Kilmallock	770	806	905	86	464	550	63	292	355
Limerick	5,402	6,088	6,526	839	3,037	3,876	476	2,174	2,650
Newcastle West	782	820	850	55	434	489	72	289	361

¹ Bishop Square replaces previous offices Werburgh Street and Victoria Street with effect from March 2002.² Previous figures for the Blanchardstown Office were included in the Navan Road figures.

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-continued				Males			Females		
NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	December 2001	November 2002	December 2002	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,063	2,209	2,615	268	1,181	1,449	198	968	1,166
Nenagh	684	837	933	84	433	517	65	351	416
Roscrea	362	384	597	43	236	279	41	277	318
Thurles	1,017	988	1,085	141	512	653	92	340	432
South-East	20,911	20,327	21,349	2,422	9,901	12,323	1,801	7,225	9,026
Carlow	2,026	1,978	2,079	245	889	1,134	198	747	945
Bagenalstown	453	487	521	47	270	317	42	162	204
Carlow	1,181	1,083	1,143	149	458	607	115	421	536
Tullow	392	408	415	49	161	210	41	164	205
Kilkenny	2,182	2,335	2,467	300	1,254	1,554	184	729	913
Callan	327	318	326	37	185	222	21	83	104
Kilkenny	1,425	1,586	1,699	212	859	1,071	130	498	628
Thomastown	430	431	442	51	210	261	33	148	181
South Tipperary	3,403	3,552	3,671	467	1,784	2,251	310	1,110	1,420
Cahir	438	478	469	44	226	270	41	158	199
Carrick-on-Suir	961	951	977	109	516	625	74	278	352
Cashel	313	354	364	49	160	209	31	124	155
Clonmel	1,107	1,126	1,183	174	557	731	115	337	452
Tipperary	584	643	678	91	325	416	49	213	262
Waterford	7,043	5,721	6,074	701	2,784	3,485	466	2,123	2,589
Dungarvan	1,307	932	989	79	462	541	83	365	448
Waterford	5,736	4,789	5,085	622	2,322	2,944	383	1,758	2,141
Wexford	6,257	6,741	7,058	709	3,190	3,899	643	2,516	3,159
Enniscorthy	1,654	1,634	1,661	198	790	988	182	491	673
Gorey	967	1,145	1,172	110	538	648	99	425	524
New Ross	1,174	1,277	1,318	128	582	710	122	486	608
Wexford	2,462	2,685	2,907	273	1,280	1,553	240	1,114	1,354
South-West	22,860	23,093	24,160	2,417	11,878	14,295	1,731	8,134	9,865
Cork	16,698	16,795	17,456	1,794	8,676	10,470	1,243	5,743	6,986
Bandon	501	514	530	42	250	292	34	204	238
Bantry	360	382	388	19	170	189	12	187	199
Bantry (SWLO)	165	198	194	7	84	91	12	91	103
Clonakilty	366	396	412	28	178	206	28	178	206
Cobh	456	478	475	76	242	318	35	122	157
Cork	8,647	8,469	8,718	1,065	4,690	5,755	656	2,307	2,963
Dunmanway	223	232	246	16	99	115	24	107	131
Fermoy	792	796	822	71	414	485	57	280	337
Kinsale	672	661	705	42	304	346	50	309	359
Macroom	611	583	613	22	259	281	35	297	332
Mallow	746	781	829	103	434	537	63	229	292
Midleton	931	1,003	1,077	98	455	553	85	439	524
Newmarket	441	485	507	48	239	287	35	185	220
Passage West	709	796	802	72	360	432	37	333	370
Skibbereen	395	392	417	20	161	181	20	216	236
Youghal	683	629	721	65	337	402	60	259	319
Kerry	6,162	6,298	6,704	623	3,202	3,825	488	2,391	2,879
Cahirciveen	395	392	408	16	184	200	24	184	208
Dingle	308	305	343	20	149	169	18	156	174
Kenmare	243	185	188	7	69	76	9	103	112
Killarney	1,171	1,159	1,320	109	502	611	113	596	709
Killorglin	450	457	507	28	237	265	30	212	242
Listowel	1,008	1,029	1,109	129	603	732	85	292	377
Tralee	2,587	2,771	2,829	314	1,458	1,772	209	848	1,057
State	152,406	158,636	166,142	17,987	80,683	98,670	12,393	55,079	67,472

**Table 7 Flows on and off the Live Register in the 4 weeks from
29 November 2002 to 27 December 2002**

	Total	New Registrations	Net Change	Outflow (derived)
Border, Midland & Western	52,676	6,216	+ 1,953	4,263
Border	25,614	2,829	+ 1,061	1,768
Midland	9,804	1,335	+ 407	928
West	17,258	2,052	+ 485	1,567
Eastern & Southern	113,466	14,668	+ 5,553	9,115
Dublin	41,455	5,060	+ 1,504	3,556
Mid-East	11,548	1,557	+ 621	936
Mid-West	14,954	2,449	+ 1,339	1,110
South-East	21,349	2,601	+ 1,022	1,579
South-West	24,160	3,001	+ 1,067	1,934
Sex				
Males	98,670	11,279	+ 3,549	7,730
Females	67,472	9,605	+ 3,957	5,648
Total	166,142	20,884	+ 7,506	13,378

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	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
	September	4	21,098	5,275	33,229	8,307	-	3,033
	October	4	23,160	5,790	26,886	6,722	-	932
	November	5	29,506	5,901	28,576	5,715	+	186
	December	4	20,884	5,221	13,378	3,345	+	1,877

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	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
	September	4	95,289	11,521	15,003	- 871	66,143	9,577	18,226	- 2,162
	October	4	93,829	13,201	14,661	- 365	63,877	9,959	12,225	- 567
	November	5	95,121	16,591	15,299	+ 258	63,515	12,915	13,277	- 72
	December	4	98,670	11,279	7,730	+ 887	67,472	9,605	5,648	+ 989

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

	Month	Males	Females	Total
2000	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
	September	1,093	1,630	2,723
	October	1,227	1,773	3,000
	November	1,104	1,650	2,754
	December	999	1,608	2,607

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	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
	September	8,607	1,553	830	10,990
	October	8,719	1,546	850	11,115
	November	8,732	1,544	870	11,146
	December	8,770	1,550	921	11,241

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	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
	September	11,313	7,708	19,021	13,597	5,424
	October	11,329	7,742	19,071	13,639	5,432
	November	11,312	7,817	19,129	13,659	5,470
	December	11,247	7,718	18,965	13,518	5,447

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 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	4.6	

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 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 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 below.</i>

Border, Midland and Western NUTS2 Region

Border	Cavan Donegal Leitrim Louth Monaghan Sligo
Midland	Laoighis Longford Offaly Westmeath
West	Galway City 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 City Limerick County North Tipperary
South-East	Carlow Kilkenny South Tipperary Waterford City Waterford County Wexford
South-West	Cork City Cork County Kerry