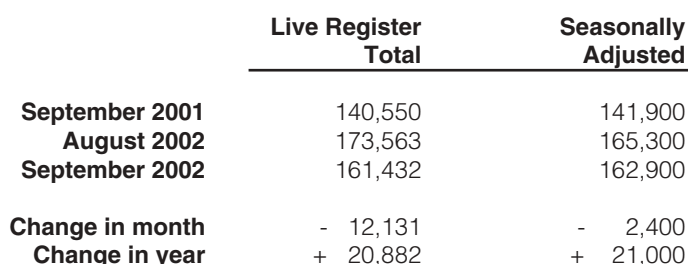




# Live Register Analysis

September 2002



The Live Register decreased by 12,131 (-7.0%) persons in September to 161,432. This compares to a fall of 8,889 (-5.9%) for September of last year. When seasonal factors are taken into account the seasonally adjusted total fell from 165,300 in August to 162,900 in September, a fall of 2,400. *See table 2a and graph opposite.*

In the year to September 2002 there was an increase of 20,882 (+14.9%). This compares to an annual increase of 24,124 (+16.1%) recorded in the year to August 2002.

Other features include:

- ◆ The decrease of 12,131 comprised decreases of 8,649 females and 3,482 males. *See table 1a.*
- ◆ The annual increase of 20,882 comprised increases of 13,062 males and 7,820 females. *See table 1a.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in September was 4.3%. 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 7,763 males and 11,271 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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	September 2002	Monthly Change	Annual Change
<b>Border, Midland and West</b>	<b>52,046</b>	<b>- 4,450</b>	<b>+ 3,558</b>
Border	25,416	- 2,099	+ 1,247
Midland	9,618	- 842	+ 974
West	17,012	- 1,509	+ 1,337
<b>Eastern and Southern</b>	<b>109,386</b>	<b>- 7,681</b>	<b>+ 17,324</b>
Dublin	41,478	- 2,325	+ 7,979
Mid-East	10,939	- 1,016	+ 2,013
Mid-West	13,617	- 1,290	+ 1,745
South-East	20,437	- 1,403	+ 2,323
South-West	22,915	- 1,647	+ 3,264
<b>Total</b>	<b>161,432</b>	<b>- 12,131</b>	<b>+ 20,882</b>

## Monthly decreases in all regions

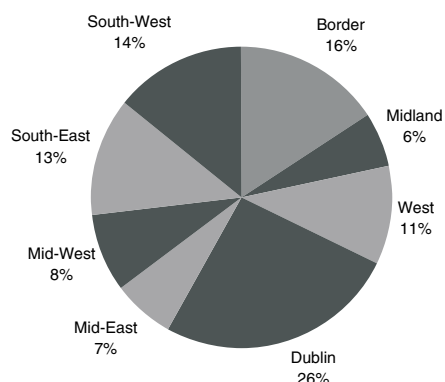
The monthly decrease of 12,131 persons on the Live Register reflected decreases in all regions. The largest monthly decreases were in the Mid West (-8.7%) and the Mid-East (-8.5%) while the lowest decreases were in Dublin (-5.3%) and the South-East (-6.4%).

In the year to September 2002, the Live Register increased in all regions. The largest annual increases at a regional level were in Dublin (+23.8%) and the Mid-East (+22.6%) while the lowest increases were in the Border (+5.2%) and the West (+8.5%). *See table 4.*

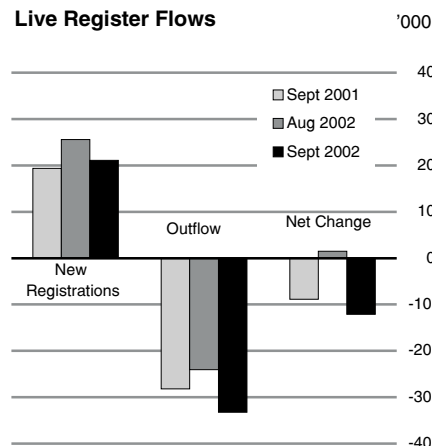
Other area features include:

- ◆ In September the number of male and female claimants fell in all regions.
- ◆ There were monthly decreases in all counties. The largest decreases were in North Tipperary (-12.3%) and Roscommon (-11.2%) while the lowest decreases were in Wexford (-4.6%) and Dublin (-5.3%).
- ◆ In the year to September 2002 there were annual increases in all counties except Monaghan (-9.0%). The largest increases were in Meath (+35.7%) and Kildare (+24.3%) while the lowest increases were in Donegal (+0.4%) and Mayo (+2.4%). *See tables 4 and 6.*

**Live Register by Regional Authority**



**Live Register Flows**



	New Registrations	Outflow (derived)	Net Change
<b>Males</b>	11,521	15,003	- 3,482
<b>Females</b>	9,577	18,226	- 8,649
<b>Total</b>	21,098	33,229	- 12,131

## Outflows exceed new registrations:

A total of 21,098 persons joined the Live Register in September 2002. With 33,229 persons leaving the Register there is a net decrease of 12,131 persons in the month. This compares with a monthly increase of 1,465 in August 2002.

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

- ◆ The average weekly decrease of 3,033 in the Live Register was comprised of 2,162 females and 871 males. This compares to an average weekly decrease of 2,222 for September of last year, which was comprised of 1,709 females and 514 males. *See tables 8 and 9.*
- ◆ In September 2002, there were weekly averages of 5,275 new claimants joining the Register and 8,307 persons leaving. *See table 8.*

**Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register**

Category	September 2001	August 2002	September 2002	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
UB Claims	28,183	38,293	35,896	- 2,397	+ 7,713
UA Applications	51,629	57,784	56,746	- 1,038	+ 5,117
Other Registrants	2,415	2,694	2,647	- 47	+ 232
<b>Total</b>	<b>82,227</b>	<b>98,771</b>	<b>95,289</b>	<b>- 3,482</b>	<b>+ 13,062</b>
<b>Females</b>					
UB Claims	28,916	41,509	35,098	- 6,411	+ 6,182
UA Applications	20,372	23,561	22,214	- 1,347	+ 1,842
Other Registrants	9,035	9,722	8,831	- 891	- 204
<b>Total</b>	<b>58,323</b>	<b>74,792</b>	<b>66,143</b>	<b>- 8,649</b>	<b>+ 7,820</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
UB Claims	57,099	79,802	70,994	- 8,808	+ 13,895
UA Applications	72,001	81,345	78,960	- 2,385	+ 6,959
Other Registrants	11,450	12,416	11,478	- 938	+ 28
<b>Total</b>	<b>140,550</b>	<b>173,563</b>	<b>161,432</b>	<b>- 12,131</b>	<b>+ 20,882</b>

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

Category	September 2001	August 2002	September 2002	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
UB Claims	4,865	7,093	6,468	- 625	+ 1,603
UA Applications	9,485	11,886	11,368	- 518	+ 1,883
Other Registrants	38	52	38	- 14	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,388</b>	<b>19,031</b>	<b>17,874</b>	<b>- 1,157</b>	<b>+ 3,486</b>
<b>Females</b>					
UB Claims	3,743	5,752	5,078	- 674	+ 1,335
UA Applications	7,161	9,074	8,362	- 712	+ 1,201
Other Registrants	114	124	112	- 12	- 2
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,018</b>	<b>14,950</b>	<b>13,552</b>	<b>- 1,398</b>	<b>+ 2,534</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
UB Claims	8,608	12,845	11,546	- 1,299	+ 2,938
UA Applications	16,646	20,960	19,730	- 1,230	+ 3,084
Other Registrants	152	176	150	- 26	- 2
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,406</b>	<b>33,981</b>	<b>31,426</b>	<b>- 2,555</b>	<b>+ 6,020</b>

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

Category	September 2001	August 2002	September 2002	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
UB Claims	23,318	31,200	29,428	- 1,772	+ 6,110
UA Applications	42,144	45,898	45,378	- 520	+ 3,234
Other Registrants	2,377	2,642	2,609	- 33	+ 232
<b>Total</b>	<b>67,839</b>	<b>79,740</b>	<b>77,415</b>	<b>- 2,325</b>	<b>+ 9,576</b>
<b>Females</b>					
UB Claims	25,173	35,757	30,020	- 5,737	+ 4,847
UA Applications	13,211	14,487	13,852	- 635	+ 641
Other Registrants	8,921	9,598	8,719	- 879	- 202
<b>Total</b>	<b>47,305</b>	<b>59,842</b>	<b>52,591</b>	<b>- 7,251</b>	<b>+ 5,286</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
UB Claims	48,491	66,957	59,448	- 7,509	+ 10,957
UA Applications	55,355	60,385	59,230	- 1,155	+ 3,875
Other Registrants	11,298	12,240	11,328	- 912	+ 30
<b>Total</b>	<b>115,144</b>	<b>139,582</b>	<b>130,006</b>	<b>- 9,576</b>	<b>+ 14,862</b>

**Table 2a Total persons on the Live Register - Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted**

	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series <sup>1</sup>		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2000	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 <sup>2</sup>	61,600 <sup>2</sup>	152,700 <sup>2</sup>
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

<sup>1</sup> Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2002 (See Background Notes).<sup>2</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2000	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 <sup>2</sup>	11,900 <sup>2</sup>	28,700 <sup>2</sup>
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

<sup>1</sup> Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2002 (See Background Notes).<sup>2</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2000	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 <sup>2</sup>	49,700 <sup>2</sup>	123,900 <sup>2</sup>
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

<sup>1</sup> Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2002 (See Background Notes).

<sup>2</sup> Based on estimated data for December 2001

**Table 3 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates<sup>1</sup>**

Month	1997 <sup>3</sup>	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002 <sup>4</sup>
	%	%	%	%	%	%
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 <sup>2</sup>	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	
November	8.9	6.6	4.9	3.8	4.1	
December	8.7	6.5	4.7	3.7	4.1 <sup>5</sup>	
Annual average	9.8	7.4	5.5	4.1	3.8	

<sup>1</sup> Table contains revised figures

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

<sup>3</sup> Interpolated data for May 1996 to March 1997 (see Background Notes).

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

<sup>5</sup> Based on estimated data for December 2001

**Table 4 Persons on the Live Register by Region**

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions <sup>1</sup>	September 2001	August 2002	September 2002	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
<b>Males</b>							
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>28,092</b>	<b>31,736</b>	<b>30,296</b>	<b>- 1,440</b>	<b>+ 2,204</b>	<b>5,685</b>	<b>24,611</b>
Border	14,168	15,864	15,159	- 705	+ 991	2,928	12,231
Midland	4,635	5,509	5,292	- 217	+ 657	1,032	4,260
West	9,289	10,363	9,845	- 518	+ 556	1,725	8,120
<b>Eastern &amp; Southern</b>	<b>54,135</b>	<b>67,035</b>	<b>64,993</b>	<b>- 2,042</b>	<b>+ 10,858</b>	<b>12,189</b>	<b>52,804</b>
Dublin	20,449	26,163	25,597	- 566	+ 5,148	4,848	20,749
Mid-East	4,777	6,408	6,133	- 275	+ 1,356	1,132	5,001
Mid-West	6,843	8,214	7,831	- 383	+ 988	1,539	6,292
South-East	10,172	12,096	11,715	- 381	+ 1,543	2,268	9,447
South-West	11,894	14,154	13,717	- 437	+ 1,823	2,402	11,315
<b>Total</b>	<b>82,227</b>	<b>98,771</b>	<b>95,289</b>	<b>- 3,482</b>	<b>+ 13,062</b>	<b>17,874</b>	<b>77,415</b>
<b>Females</b>							
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>20,396</b>	<b>24,760</b>	<b>21,750</b>	<b>- 3,010</b>	<b>+ 1,354</b>	<b>4,729</b>	<b>17,021</b>
Border	10,001	11,651	10,257	- 1,394	+ 256	2,246	8,011
Midland	4,009	4,951	4,326	- 625	+ 317	982	3,344
West	6,386	8,158	7,167	- 991	+ 781	1,501	5,666
<b>Eastern &amp; Southern</b>	<b>37,927</b>	<b>50,032</b>	<b>44,393</b>	<b>- 5,639</b>	<b>+ 6,466</b>	<b>8,823</b>	<b>35,570</b>
Dublin	13,050	17,640	15,881	- 1,759	+ 2,831	3,098	12,783
Mid-East	4,149	5,547	4,806	- 741	+ 657	869	3,937
Mid-West	5,029	6,693	5,786	- 907	+ 757	1,136	4,650
South-East	7,942	9,744	8,722	- 1,022	+ 780	1,797	6,925
South-West	7,757	10,408	9,198	- 1,210	+ 1,441	1,923	7,275
<b>Total</b>	<b>58,323</b>	<b>74,792</b>	<b>66,143</b>	<b>- 8,649</b>	<b>+ 7,820</b>	<b>13,552</b>	<b>52,591</b>
<b>All Persons</b>							
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>48,488</b>	<b>56,496</b>	<b>52,046</b>	<b>- 4,450</b>	<b>+ 3,558</b>	<b>10,414</b>	<b>41,632</b>
Border	24,169	27,515	25,416	- 2,099	+ 1,247	5,174	20,242
Midland	8,644	10,460	9,618	- 842	+ 974	2,014	7,604
West	15,675	18,521	17,012	- 1,509	+ 1,337	3,226	13,786
<b>Eastern &amp; Southern</b>	<b>92,062</b>	<b>117,067</b>	<b>109,386</b>	<b>- 7,681</b>	<b>+ 17,324</b>	<b>21,012</b>	<b>88,374</b>
Dublin	33,499	43,803	41,478	- 2,325	+ 7,979	7,946	33,532
Mid-East	8,926	11,955	10,939	- 1,016	+ 2,013	2,001	8,938
Mid-West	11,872	14,907	13,617	- 1,290	+ 1,745	2,675	10,942
South-East	18,114	21,840	20,437	- 1,403	+ 2,323	4,065	16,372
South-West	19,651	24,562	22,915	- 1,647	+ 3,264	4,325	18,590
<b>Total</b>	<b>140,550</b>	<b>173,563</b>	<b>161,432</b>	<b>- 12,131</b>	<b>+ 20,882</b>	<b>31,426</b>	<b>130,006</b>

<sup>1</sup> The composition of the regions is described in the background notes

**Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province**

Provinces	September 2001	August 2002	September 2002	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
<b>Provinces</b>							
Leinster	67,399	86,066	80,758	- 5,308	+ 13,359	15,683	65,075
Munster	40,069	49,547	45,868	- 3,679	+ 5,799	8,857	37,011
Connacht	18,992	22,535	20,682	- 1,853	+ 1,690	3,904	16,778
Ulster	14,090	15,415	14,124	- 1,291	+ 34	2,982	11,142
<b>Total</b>	<b>140,550</b>	<b>173,563</b>	<b>161,432</b>	<b>- 12,131</b>	<b>+ 20,882</b>	<b>31,426</b>	<b>130,006</b>

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	September 2001	August 2002	September 2002	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>48,488</b>	<b>56,496</b>	<b>52,046</b>	<b>5,685</b>	<b>24,611</b>	<b>30,296</b>	<b>4,729</b>	<b>17,021</b>	<b>21,750</b>
<b>Border</b>	<b>24,169</b>	<b>27,515</b>	<b>25,416</b>	<b>2,928</b>	<b>12,231</b>	<b>15,159</b>	<b>2,246</b>	<b>8,011</b>	<b>10,257</b>
Cavan	1,770	2,168	2,003	184	1,020	1,204	144	655	799
Belturbet	364	442	411	27	213	240	28	143	171
Cavan	1,406	1,726	1,592	157	807	964	116	512	628
Donegal	9,620	10,499	9,663	1,173	4,777	5,950	982	2,731	3,713
Ballybofey	997	1,039	953	142	447	589	108	256	364
Ballyshannon	476	537	542	74	252	326	59	157	216
Buncrana	1,853	1,941	1,760	172	800	972	247	541	788
Donegal	525	579	535	68	242	310	52	173	225
Dunfanaghy	891	988	938	128	492	620	62	256	318
Dungloe	1,482	1,629	1,546	153	813	966	86	494	580
Killybegs	979	1,065	953	80	527	607	60	286	346
Letterkenney	2,417	2,721	2,436	356	1,204	1,560	308	568	876
Leitrim	1,047	1,363	1,278	98	642	740	72	466	538
Carrick-on-Shannon	822	1,049	987	80	493	573	51	363	414
Manorhamilton	225	314	291	18	149	167	21	103	124
Louth	6,762	8,086	7,622	891	3,547	4,438	623	2,561	3,184
Ardee	709	919	824	113	351	464	67	293	360
Drogheda	2,547	3,307	3,138	344	1,381	1,725	247	1,166	1,413
Dundalk	3,506	3,860	3,660	434	1,815	2,249	309	1,102	1,411
Monaghan	2,700	2,748	2,458	280	1,150	1,430	219	809	1,028
Carrickmacross	703	784	720	57	337	394	55	271	326
Castleblayney	829	831	738	81	340	421	75	242	317
Clones	309	307	275	36	143	179	16	80	96
Monaghan	859	826	725	106	330	436	73	216	289
Sligo	2,270	2,651	2,392	302	1,095	1,397	206	789	995
Sligo	1,886	2,248	2,017	273	914	1,187	180	650	830
Tubbercurry	384	403	375	29	181	210	26	139	165
<b>Midland</b>	<b>8,644</b>	<b>10,460</b>	<b>9,618</b>	<b>1,032</b>	<b>4,260</b>	<b>5,292</b>	<b>982</b>	<b>3,344</b>	<b>4,326</b>
Laoighis	1,872	2,190	1,963	221	858	1,079	218	666	884
Portarlington	613	749	680	73	258	331	73	276	349
Portlaoise	901	1,076	940	106	437	543	109	288	397
Rathdowney	358	365	343	42	163	205	36	102	138
Longford	1,650	1,966	1,820	210	837	1,047	168	605	773
Longford	1,650	1,966	1,820	210	837	1,047	168	605	773
Offaly	2,345	2,726	2,543	272	1,140	1,412	259	872	1,131
Birr	705	854	799	89	348	437	95	267	362
Edenderry	580	670	640	50	286	336	70	234	304
Tullamore	1,060	1,202	1,104	133	506	639	94	371	465
Westmeath	2,777	3,578	3,292	329	1,425	1,754	337	1,201	1,538
Athlone	1,218	1,644	1,485	160	615	775	147	563	710
Castlepollard	208	243	229	15	98	113	26	90	116
Mullingar	1,351	1,691	1,578	154	712	866	164	548	712
<b>West</b>	<b>15,675</b>	<b>18,521</b>	<b>17,012</b>	<b>1,725</b>	<b>8,120</b>	<b>9,845</b>	<b>1,501</b>	<b>5,666</b>	<b>7,167</b>
Galway	8,344	10,246	9,472	1,085	4,376	5,461	961	3,050	4,011
Ballinasloe	930	1,003	910	99	442	541	81	288	369
Clifden	692	712	674	58	414	472	30	172	202
Galway	4,489	6,047	5,574	733	2,477	3,210	678	1,686	2,364
Gort	401	448	408	23	161	184	20	204	224
Loughrea	685	766	718	68	318	386	52	280	332
Tuam	1,147	1,270	1,188	104	564	668	100	420	520



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-continued				Males			Females		
NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	September 2001	August 2002	September 2002	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	5,923	6,618	6,068	519	3,024	3,543	414	2,111	2,525
Achill	282	336	301	27	180	207	24	70	94
Ballina	1,806	1,976	1,823	165	938	1,103	129	591	720
Ballinrobe	397	481	418	32	209	241	24	153	177
Belmullet	805	791	739	58	401	459	41	239	280
Castlebar	868	1,055	980	96	443	539	88	353	441
Claremorris	495	534	480	31	215	246	25	209	234
Swinford	802	874	780	81	328	409	56	315	371
Westport	468	571	547	29	310	339	27	181	208
Roscommon	1,408	1,657	1,472	121	720	841	126	505	631
Boyle	390	447	384	33	199	232	17	135	152
Castlerea	722	806	731	53	355	408	72	251	323
Roscommon	296	404	357	35	166	201	37	119	156
<b>Eastern and Southern</b>	<b>92,062</b>	<b>117,067</b>	<b>109,386</b>	<b>12,189</b>	<b>52,804</b>	<b>64,993</b>	<b>8,823</b>	<b>35,570</b>	<b>44,393</b>
<b>Dublin</b>	<b>33,499</b>	<b>43,803</b>	<b>41,478</b>	<b>4,848</b>	<b>20,749</b>	<b>25,597</b>	<b>3,098</b>	<b>12,783</b>	<b>15,881</b>
Dublin	33,499	43,803	41,478	4,848	20,749	25,597	3,098	12,783	15,881
Gardiner Street	2,860	3,484	3,366	492	1,678	2,170	273	923	1,196
Bishop Square	3,294	4,379	4,101 <sup>1</sup>	457	2,218	2,675	281	1,145	1,426
Cumberland Street	4,364	5,137	4,926	511	2,557	3,068	328	1,530	1,858
Navan Road	4,712	2,970	2,816	273	1,538	1,811	224	781	1,005
Blanchardstown	*	3,018	2,925 <sup>2</sup>	368	1,257	1,625	256	1,044	1,300
Thomas Street	1,815	2,299	2,220	225	1,294	1,519	185	516	701
Tara Street	1,203	1,519	1,462	125	798	923	61	478	539
Tallaght	2,767	3,456	3,208	585	1,463	2,048	344	816	1,160
Ballymun	1,257	1,474	1,426	251	703	954	157	315	472
Clondalkin	1,401	2,627	2,550	335	1,167	1,502	218	830	1,048
Rathfarnham	1,557	2,275	1,955	145	953	1,098	111	746	857
Kilbarrack	2,362	3,005	2,817	287	1,391	1,678	167	972	1,139
Dun Laoghaire	2,544	3,685	3,336	234	1,623	1,857	143	1,336	1,479
Balbriggan	977	1,239	1,220	101	530	631	85	504	589
Ballyfermot	867	1,133	1,091	154	598	752	96	243	339
Finglas	1,519	2,103	2,059	305	981	1,286	169	604	773
<b>Mid-East</b>	<b>8,926</b>	<b>11,955</b>	<b>10,939</b>	<b>1,132</b>	<b>5,001</b>	<b>6,133</b>	<b>869</b>	<b>3,937</b>	<b>4,806</b>
Kildare	3,315	4,436	4,121	415	1,787	2,202	362	1,557	1,919
Athy	597	795	786	104	393	497	83	206	289
Maynooth	955	1,302	1,176	85	488	573	99	504	603
Newbridge	1,763	2,339	2,159	226	906	1,132	180	847	1,027
Meath	2,084	3,123	2,829	297	1,277	1,574	246	1,009	1,255
Kells	362	511	463	43	226	269	29	165	194
Navan	1,201	1,860	1,695	193	774	967	145	583	728
Trim	521	752	671	61	277	338	72	261	333
Wicklow	3,527	4,396	3,989	420	1,937	2,357	261	1,371	1,632
Arklow	891	1,099	1,023	112	508	620	78	325	403
Baltinglass	347	407	379	32	162	194	27	158	185
Bray	1,616	2,030	1,797	169	869	1,038	102	657	759
Wicklow	673	860	790	107	398	505	54	231	285
<b>Mid-West</b>	<b>11,872</b>	<b>14,907</b>	<b>13,617</b>	<b>1,539</b>	<b>6,292</b>	<b>7,831</b>	<b>1,136</b>	<b>4,650</b>	<b>5,786</b>
Clare	3,033	3,752	3,442	328	1,607	1,935	263	1,244	1,507
Ennis	1,735	2,295	2,068	224	920	1,144	171	753	924
Ennistymon	499	533	504	37	247	284	29	191	220
Kilrush	515	543	522	53	267	320	36	166	202
Tulla	284	381	348	14	173	187	27	134	161
Limerick	6,719	8,593	7,927	957	3,661	4,618	688	2,621	3,309
Kilmallock	679	897	781	85	352	437	74	270	344
Limerick	5,303	6,769	6,281	811	2,875	3,686	530	2,065	2,595
Newcastle West	737	927	865	61	434	495	84	286	370

<sup>1</sup> Bishop Square replaces previous offices Werburgh Street and Victoria Street with effect from March 2002<sup>2</sup> 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	September 2001	August 2002	September 2002	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,120	2,562	2,248	254	1,024	1,278	185	785	970
Nenagh	656	937	844	80	387	467	65	312	377
Roscrea	387	477	417	43	184	227	29	161	190
Thurles	1,077	1,148	987	131	453	584	91	312	403
<b>South-East</b>	<b>18,114</b>	<b>21,840</b>	<b>20,437</b>	<b>2,268</b>	<b>9,447</b>	<b>11,715</b>	<b>1,797</b>	<b>6,925</b>	<b>8,722</b>
Carlow	1,800	2,298	2,100	215	927	1,142	215	743	958
Bagenalstown	418	540	515	47	251	298	55	162	217
Carlow	1,048	1,328	1,185	125	515	640	124	421	545
Tullow	334	430	400	43	161	204	36	160	196
Kilkenny	1,947	2,431	2,293	297	1,137	1,434	177	682	859
Callan	322	344	314	30	177	207	24	83	107
Kilkenny	1,228	1,603	1,523	211	746	957	118	448	566
Thomastown	397	484	456	56	214	270	35	151	186
South Tipperary	3,260	3,837	3,527	446	1,692	2,138	321	1,068	1,389
Cahir	397	506	459	51	218	269	42	148	190
Carrick-on-Suir	906	1,004	962	96	510	606	73	283	356
Cashel	307	354	336	41	158	199	29	108	137
Clonmel	1,030	1,268	1,142	172	517	689	117	336	453
Tipperary	620	705	628	86	289	375	60	193	253
Waterford	5,286	6,241	5,809	630	2,704	3,334	460	2,015	2,475
Dungarvan	861	1,056	935	76	437	513	68	354	422
Waterford	4,425	5,185	4,874	554	2,267	2,821	392	1,661	2,053
Wexford	5,821	7,033	6,708	680	2,987	3,667	624	2,417	3,041
Enniscorthy	1,567	1,766	1,683	205	781	986	187	510	697
Gorey	865	1,099	1,050	104	446	550	99	401	500
New Ross	1,176	1,322	1,303	128	575	703	124	476	600
Wexford	2,213	2,846	2,672	243	1,185	1,428	214	1,030	1,244
<b>South-West</b>	<b>19,651</b>	<b>24,562</b>	<b>22,915</b>	<b>2,402</b>	<b>11,315</b>	<b>13,717</b>	<b>1,923</b>	<b>7,275</b>	<b>9,198</b>
Cork	14,739	18,631	17,412	1,864	8,500	10,364	1,488	5,560	7,048
Bandon	528	579	552	49	265	314	35	203	238
Bantry	314	403	381	17	174	191	18	172	190
Bantry (SWLO)	143	194	173	8	72	80	10	83	93
Clonakilty	365	450	398	33	167	200	32	166	198
Cobh	419	446	422	72	214	286	29	107	136
Cork	7,704	9,718	9,246	1,142	4,876	6,018	886	2,342	3,228
Dunmanway	179	245	216	17	71	88	20	108	128
Fermoy	653	807	733	68	350	418	60	255	315
Kinsale	622	643	631	36	276	312	38	281	319
Macroom	372	627	573	27	208	235	32	306	338
Mallow	668	822	790	100	395	495	67	228	295
Midleton	785	1,067	987	92	449	541	93	353	446
Newmarket	385	664	514	52	221	273	47	194	241
Passage West	676	855	798	75	343	418	48	332	380
Skibbereen	378	432	396	23	149	172	19	205	224
Youghal	548	679	602	53	270	323	54	225	279
Kerry	4,912	5,931	5,503	538	2,815	3,353	435	1,715	2,150
Cahirciveen	344	339	318	17	171	188	21	109	130
Dingle	165	213	205	7	118	125	6	74	80
Kenmare	124	144	142	6	71	77	9	56	65
Killarney	654	1,013	843	86	375	461	83	299	382
Killorglin	335	415	376	18	205	223	18	135	153
Listowel	857	976	927	101	501	602	85	240	325
Tralee	2,433	2,831	2,692	303	1,374	1,677	213	802	1,015
<b>State</b>	<b>140,550</b>	<b>173,563</b>	<b>161,432</b>	<b>17,874</b>	<b>77,415</b>	<b>95,289</b>	<b>13,552</b>	<b>52,591</b>	<b>66,143</b>

**Table 7 Flows on and off the Live Register in the 4 weeks from  
30 August 2002 to 27 September 2002**

	Total	New Registrations	Net Change	Outflow (derived)
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>52,046</b>	<b>6,067</b>	<b>- 4,450</b>	<b>10,517</b>
Border	25,416	2,700	- 2,099	4,799
Midland	9,618	1,246	- 842	2,088
West	17,012	2,121	- 1,509	3,630
<b>Eastern &amp; Southern</b>	<b>109,386</b>	<b>15,031</b>	<b>- 7,681</b>	<b>22,712</b>
Dublin	41,478	5,832	- 2,325	8,157
Mid-East	10,939	1,563	- 1,016	2,579
Mid-West	13,617	1,911	- 1,290	3,201
South-East	20,437	2,634	- 1,403	4,037
South-West	22,915	3,091	- 1,647	4,738
<b>Sex</b>				
Males	95,289	11,521	- 3,482	15,003
Females	66,143	9,577	- 8,649	18,226
<b>Total</b>	<b>161,432</b>	<b>21,098</b>	<b>- 12,131</b>	<b>33,229</b>

**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	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
	September	4	21,098	5,275	33,229	8,307	-	3,033

**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	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
	September	4	95,289	11,521	15,003	- 871	66,143	9,577	18,226	- 2,162

**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
	September	1,093	1,630	2,723

**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 <sup>1</sup>	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
	September	8,607	1,553	830	10,990

<sup>1</sup> 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
	September	11,313	7,708	19,021	13,597	5,424

## 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		

**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.

<b>Casual and part time workers</b>	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.
<b>History of Flow Analysis</b>	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.
<b>Live Register Flow Analysis</b>	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.
<b>New registrations</b>	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.
<b>Live Register Area Analysis</b>	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.
<b>NUTS2 and NUTS3 regions</b>	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**

<b>Border</b>	Cavan Donegal Leitrim Louth Monaghan Sligo
<b>Midland</b>	Laoighis Longford Offaly Westmeath
<b>West</b>	Galway City Galway County Mayo Roscommon

**Eastern and Southern NUTS2 Region**

<b>Dublin</b>	Dublin Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Fingal South Dublin
<b>Mid-East</b>	Kildare Meath Wicklow
<b>Mid-West</b>	Clare Limerick City Limerick County North Tipperary
<b>South-East</b>	Carlow Kilkenny South Tipperary Waterford City Waterford County Wexford
<b>South-West</b>	Cork City Cork County Kerry