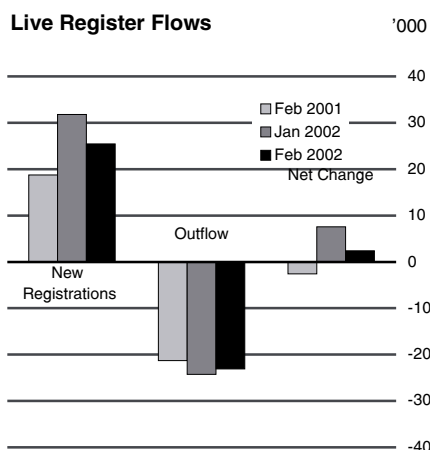




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Live Register Flow Analysis February 2002



	New Registrations	Outflow (derived)	Net Change
Men	14,912	13,320	+1,592
Women	10,556	9,771	+785
Total	25,468	23,091	+2,377

New registrations exceed outflows

A total of 25,468 persons joined the Live Register in February 2002. This was offset by 23,091 persons leaving the Register giving a net increase of 2,377 persons in the month. This compares with a monthly decrease of 2,556 in February 2001.

Other features include:

- The Live Register increased on average by 594 persons per week during February 2002. This compares with an average weekly decrease of 639 persons one year previously. *See table 2.*
- In February 2002, there were an average of 6,367 new claimants per week and 5,773 persons leaving the Register. *See table 2.*
- On average, the number of male registrants increased by 398 per week, while the number of female registrants increased by 196 per week. *See table 3.*

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 September - November 2001 is 72,600 persons unemployed.

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**Table 1 Flows on and off the Live Register in the 4 weeks from
25 January 2002 to 22 February 2002**

	Total	New Registrations	Net Change	Outflow (derived)
Border, Midland & Western	52,756	6,863	+ 152	6,711
Border	26,241	3,040	- 17	3,057
Midland	9,541	1,457	+ 71	1,386
West	16,974	2,366	+ 98	2,268
Eastern & Southern	109,581	18,605	+ 2,225	16,380
Dublin	39,291	6,854	+ 920	5,934
Mid-East	11,577	2,075	+ 286	1,789
Mid-West	13,414	2,300	+ 322	1,978
South-East	20,760	2,840	+ 161	2,679
South-West	24,539	4,536	+ 536	4,000
Sex				
Males	98,215	14,912	+ 1,592	13,320
Females	64,122	10,556	+ 785	9,771
Total	162,337	25,468	+ 2,377	23,091

Table 2 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	April	4	20,945	5,236	22,638	5,660	-	423
	May	4	16,359	4,090	25,284	6,321	-	2,231
	June	5	28,251	5,650	24,369	4,874	+	776
	July	4	21,628	5,407	18,467	4,617	+	790
	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	+
2002	January	5	31,817	6,363	24,263	4,853	+	1,511
	February	4	25,468	6,367	23,091	5,773	+	594

Table 3 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	April	4	92,053	10,082	12,465	- 596	69,743	10,863	10,173	+ 173
	May	4	88,077	8,879	12,855	- 994	64,794	7,480	12,429	- 1,237
	June	5	87,917	13,246	13,406	- 32	68,836	15,005	10,963	+ 808
	July	4	88,459	10,491	9,949	+ 136	71,455	11,137	8,518	+ 655
	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

Background Notes

Source and scope of the Live Register	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All claimants for Unemployment Benefit (UB) excluding systematic short-time workers; • Applicants for Unemployment Assistance (UA) excluding smallholders and self-employed persons; • Other registrants including applicants for credited Social Welfare contributions but excluding those directly involved in an industrial dispute.
Live Register Flow Analysis	<p>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 Disability Benefit, exhaustion of Unemployment Benefit (UB) entitlement without qualifying for Unemployment Assistance (UA) etc.</p>
New Registrations	<p>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.</p>
Unemployment Statistics	<p>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).</p>
History	<p>The flow analysis of the Live Register has 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.</p>
Descriptive articles	<p>The compilation basis for the Live Register statistics from May 1992 onwards is described in the September 1992 issue of the <i>Statistical Bulletin</i>. 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 <i>Statistical Bulletin</i>.</p>