

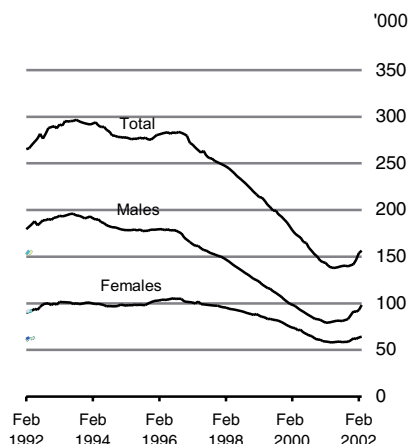


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Live Register Statement February 2002

Live Register
Seasonally Adjusted



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
February 2001	139,515	137,900
January 2002	159,960	156,300
February 2002	162,337	160,800
Change in month	+ 2,377	+4,500
Change in year	+22,822	+22,900

Live Register increases in February

The Live Register increased by 2,377 persons in February 2002 to 162,337. After adjusting for seasonal factors, the Live Register showed an increase of 4,500 in the month. The seasonally adjusted total increased from 156,300 in January to 160,800 in February.

In the year to February 2002 the Live Register increased by 22,822 persons. *See table 1a.*

Other features include:

- During February the increase of 2,377 reflected an increase of 1,592 males and 785 females. The monthly increase of 4,500 in the seasonally adjusted figure comprised an increase of 3,500 males and 1,000 females. *See tables 1a and 4a.*
- Against the overall monthly increase the Live Register decreased slightly in the Border region. *See table 2.*
- The standardised unemployment rate in February was 4.2%. This compares with 3.7% in April 2001, based on the Quarterly National Household Survey. *See Table 8 and 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 September - November 2001 is 72,600 persons unemployed.

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Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	February 2001	January 2002	February 2002	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	25,856	38,471	39,695	+ 1,224	+ 13,839
UA Applications	52,976	55,602	55,986	+ 384	+ 3,010
Other Registrants	2,340	2,550	2,534	- 16	+ 194
Total	81,172	96,623	98,215	+ 1,592	+ 17,043
Females					
UB Claims	28,831	33,784	34,815	+ 1,031	+ 5,984
UA Applications	20,436	20,813	20,808	- 5	+ 372
Other Registrants	9,076	8,740	8,499	- 241	- 577
Total	58,343	63,337	64,122	+ 785	+ 5,779
All Persons					
UB Claims	54,687	72,255	74,510	+ 2,255	+ 19,823
UA Applications	73,412	76,415	76,794	+ 379	+ 3,382
Other Registrants	11,416	11,290	11,033	- 257	- 383
Total	139,515	159,960	162,337	+ 2,377	+ 22,822

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

Category	February 2001	January 2002	February 2002	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	4,119	7,184	7,657	+ 473	+ 3,538
UA Applications	9,121	10,939	11,140	+ 201	+ 2,019
Other Registrants	27	68	57	- 11	+ 30
Total	13,267	18,191	18,854	+ 663	+ 5,587
Females					
UB Claims	3,088	4,682	4,969	+ 287	+ 1,881
UA Applications	6,745	7,491	7,494	+ 3	+ 749
Other Registrants	139	95	106	+ 11	- 33
Total	9,972	12,268	12,569	+ 301	+ 2,597
All Persons					
UB Claims	7,207	11,866	12,626	+ 760	+ 5,419
UA Applications	15,866	18,430	18,634	+ 204	+ 2,768
Other Registrants	166	163	163	0	- 3
Total	23,239	30,459	31,423	+ 964	+ 8,184

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

Category	February 2001	January 2002	February 2002	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	21,737	31,287	32,038	+ 751	+ 10,301
UA Applications	43,855	44,663	44,846	+ 183	+ 991
Other Registrants	2,313	2,482	2,477	- 5	+ 164
Total	67,905	78,432	79,361	+ 929	+ 11,456
Females					
UB Claims	25,743	29,102	29,846	+ 744	+ 4,103
UA Applications	13,691	13,322	13,314	- 8	- 377
Other Registrants	8,937	8,645	8,393	- 252	- 544
Total	48,371	51,069	51,553	+ 484	+ 3,182
All Persons					
UB Claims	47,480	60,389	61,884	+ 1,495	+ 14,404
UA Applications	57,546	57,985	58,160	+ 175	+ 614
Other Registrants	11,250	11,127	10,870	- 257	- 380
Total	116,276	129,501	130,914	+ 1,413	+ 14,638

Table 2 Persons on the Live Register by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	February 2001	January 2002	February 2002	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
Border, Midland & Western	27,522	31,331	31,532	+ 201	+ 4,010
Border	14,014	15,790	15,852	+ 62	+ 1,838
Midland	4,526	5,394	5,446	+ 52	+ 920
West	8,982	10,147	10,234	+ 87	+ 1,252
Eastern & Southern	53,650	65,292	66,683	+ 1,391	+ 13,033
Dublin	19,874	24,185	24,665	+ 480	+ 4,791
Mid-East	4,879	6,637	6,800	+ 163	+ 1,921
Mid-West	6,453	7,742	7,951	+ 209	+ 1,498
South-East	10,651	12,008	12,178	+ 170	+ 1,527
South-West	11,793	14,720	15,089	+ 369	+ 3,296
Total	81,172	96,623	98,215	+ 1,592	+ 17,043
Females					
Border, Midland & Western	20,161	21,273	21,224	- 49	+ 1,063
Border	10,028	10,468	10,389	- 79	+ 361
Midland	3,905	4,076	4,095	+ 19	+ 190
West	6,228	6,729	6,740	+ 11	+ 512
Eastern & Southern	38,182	42,064	42,898	+ 834	+ 4,716
Dublin	12,617	14,186	14,626	+ 440	+ 2,009
Mid-East	4,023	4,654	4,777	+ 123	+ 754
Mid-West	4,950	5,350	5,463	+ 113	+ 513
South-East	8,429	8,591	8,582	- 9	+ 153
South-West	8,163	9,283	9,450	+ 167	+ 1,287
Total	58,343	63,337	64,122	+ 785	+ 5,779
All Persons					
Border, Midland & Western	47,683	52,604	52,756	+ 152	+ 5,073
Border	24,042	26,258	26,241	- 17	+ 2,199
Midland	8,431	9,470	9,541	+ 71	+ 1,110
West	15,210	16,876	16,974	+ 98	+ 1,764
Eastern & Southern	91,832	107,356	109,581	+ 2,225	+ 17,749
Dublin	32,491	38,371	39,291	+ 920	+ 6,800
Mid-East	8,902	11,291	11,577	+ 286	+ 2,675
Mid-West	11,403	13,092	13,414	+ 322	+ 2,011
South-East	19,080	20,599	20,760	+ 161	+ 1,680
South-West	19,956	24,003	24,539	+ 536	+ 4,583
Total	139,515	159,960	162,337	+ 2,377	+ 22,822

¹ The composition of the regions is described in the Live Register Area Analysis release

Table 3 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	February 2001	January 2002	February 2002	Monthly change	Annual change
Provinces					
Leinster	65,910	78,015	79,504	+ 1,489	+ 13,594
Munster	40,461	46,615	47,436	+ 821	+ 6,975
Connacht	18,805	20,422	20,518	+ 96	+ 1,713
Ulster	14,339	14,908	14,879	- 29	+ 540
Total	139,515	159,960	162,337	+ 2,377	+ 22,822

Table 4a Total persons on the Live Register - Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted

	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series ¹		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2000	April	92,100	69,700	161,800	92,700	71,800	164,600
	May	88,100	64,800	152,900	90,800	68,700	159,500
	June	87,900	68,800	156,800	88,900	67,200	156,100
	July	88,500	71,500	159,900	87,000	65,500	152,400
	August	87,900	71,100	159,000	85,600	64,700	150,300
	September	82,700	62,200	144,900	83,400	62,500	145,900
	October	80,000	59,200	139,200	82,900	61,100	144,000
	November	79,300	57,700	137,000	82,400	61,000	143,500
	December	82,000	59,600	141,600	80,600	59,400	140,000
2001	January	83,300	58,800	142,100	79,400	59,000	138,400
	February	81,200	58,300	139,500	79,100	58,800	137,900
	March	79,900	55,900	135,900	80,100	58,000	138,200
	April	80,100	56,500	136,600	80,800	58,500	139,300
	May	78,700	55,000	133,700	81,300	58,800	140,100
	June	80,400	60,500	140,900	81,300	58,900	140,200
	July	82,600	64,500	147,100	81,100	58,500	139,500
	August	84,300	65,200	149,400	81,900	58,700	140,600
	September	82,200	58,300	140,600	83,000	58,600	141,400
	October	83,900	57,900	141,800	86,800	59,900	146,700
	November	88,100	59,000	147,100	91,200	62,400	153,600
	December	91,400	61,000	152,400	91,100 ²	61,700 ²	152,800 ²
2002	January	96,600	63,300	160,000	92,700	63,600	156,300
	February	98,200	64,100	162,300	96,200	64,600	160,800

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2001 (See Background Notes).

² Based on estimated data for December 2001

Table 4b 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	April	14,700	11,400	26,100	15,000	12,300	27,300
	May	13,900	10,800	24,700	14,900	11,900	26,800
	June	14,400	12,000	26,300	14,200	11,200	25,400
	July	14,900	12,500	27,400	13,900	10,800	24,700
	August	14,800	12,600	27,400	13,600	10,700	24,300
	September	13,400	11,000	24,400	13,200	10,500	23,700
	October	12,500	10,200	22,700	13,500	10,700	24,200
	November	12,400	9,700	22,000	13,500	10,600	24,100
	December	12,900	9,500	22,400	13,200	10,300	23,400
2001	January	13,600	10,000	23,600	12,700	10,000	22,800
	February	13,300	10,000	23,200	12,800	10,100	23,000
	March	12,900	9,600	22,500	13,100	10,200	23,300
	April	13,000	9,600	22,600	13,300	10,400	23,700
	May	12,800	9,500	22,300	13,700	10,500	24,200
	June	13,700	11,000	24,700	13,500	10,300	23,800
	July	14,600	11,800	26,500	13,600	10,200	23,800
	August	15,100	12,100	27,200	13,900	10,300	24,200
	September	14,400	11,000	25,400	14,200	10,500	24,700
	October	14,600	10,900	25,400	16,500	11,300	27,900
	November	15,600	11,000	26,600	16,700	11,900	28,600
	December	16,400	11,100	27,500	16,900 ²	12,000 ²	28,800 ²
2002	January	18,200	12,300	30,500	17,400	12,300	29,700
	February	18,900	12,600	31,400	18,400	12,700	31,200

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2001 (See Background Notes).

² Based on estimated data for December 2001

Table 4c 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	April	77,400	58,300	135,700	77,700	59,600	137,300
	May	74,200	54,000	128,200	76,000	56,800	132,700
	June	73,600	56,900	130,400	74,700	56,000	130,700
	July	73,600	58,900	132,500	73,100	54,600	127,700
	August	73,200	58,500	131,700	72,000	54,000	126,000
	September	69,300	51,200	120,500	70,200	52,000	122,200
	October	67,500	49,000	116,500	69,400	50,400	119,800
	November	66,900	48,000	114,900	68,900	50,500	119,400
	December	69,100	50,000	119,100	67,400	49,200	116,600
2001	January	69,700	48,800	118,500	66,600	49,000	115,600
	February	67,900	48,400	116,300	66,300	48,600	114,900
	March	67,000	46,400	113,400	67,100	47,800	114,900
	April	67,100	46,900	114,000	67,400	48,100	115,600
	May	65,800	45,600	111,400	67,600	48,300	115,900
	June	66,700	49,500	116,200	67,800	48,600	116,400
	July	67,900	52,700	120,600	67,400	48,300	115,700
	August	69,200	53,000	122,200	68,000	48,500	116,500
	September	67,800	47,300	115,100	68,800	48,100	116,900
	October	69,300	47,100	116,400	70,300	48,600	118,800
	November	72,500	48,000	120,500	74,500	50,500	124,900
	December	75,000	49,900	124,900	74,300 ²	49,700 ²	124,000 ²
2002	January	78,400	51,100	129,500	75,400	51,200	126,600
	February	79,400	51,600	130,900	77,800	51,800	129,600

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2001 (See Background Notes).

² Based on estimated data for December 2001

Table 5 Persons working on systematic short-time basis excluded from the Live Register

	Month	Males	Females	Total
2000	April	961	2,079	3,040
	May	771	2,023	2,794
	June	909	1,883	2,792
	July	909	1,823	2,732
	August	894	1,741	2,635
	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

Table 6 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	April	8,211	1,944	761	10,916
	May	8,143	1,890	735	10,768
	June	8,093	1,842	738	10,673
	July	8,096	1,811	762	10,669
	August	8,047	1,787	759	10,593
	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

¹Farm Assist Scheme was introduced in April 1999.

Table 7 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	April	11,645	7,367	19,012	13,894	5,118
	May	11,636	7,328	18,964	13,818	5,146
	June	11,741	7,273	19,014	13,860	5,154
	July	11,723	7,432	19,155	13,944	5,211
	August	11,745	7,454	19,199	13,928	5,271
	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

Table 8 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates¹

Month	1997 ³	1998	1999	2000	2001 ⁴	2002 ⁴
	%	%	%	%	%	%
January	10.7	8.5	6.3	4.6	3.6	4.1
February	10.6	8.2	6.1	4.5	3.6	4.2
March	10.5	8.0	5.9	4.4	3.6	
April ²	10.3	7.8	5.7	4.3	3.7	
May	10.1	7.6	5.7	4.2	3.7	
June	9.9	7.5	5.5	4.1	3.7	
July	9.7	7.3	5.4	4.0	3.7	
August	9.5	7.1	5.3	3.9	3.7	
September	9.3	6.9	5.2	3.8	3.7	
October	9.1	6.7	5.0	3.8	3.9	
November	8.9	6.6	4.8	3.8	4.0	
December	8.7	6.5	4.7	3.7	4.0 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: September - November 2001, 4.0%.

⁵ Based on estimated data for December 2001

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 5*);
- Applicants for Unemployment Assistance (UA) excluding smallholders/farm assists and self-employed persons (*see Table 6*);
- Other registrants including applicants for credited Social Welfare contributions but excluding those directly involved in an industrial dispute (*see Table 6*).

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 Unemployment is measured by the Quarterly National Household Survey (formerly the annual Labour Force Survey). 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 Unemployment Benefit.

Standardised unemployment rates The Standardised Unemployment Rate (SUR) series in Table 8 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:

1997				Q4: 10.4%
1998	Q1: 8.5%	Q2: 7.8%	Q3: 7.6%	Q4: 6.4%
1999	Q1: 5.8%	Q2: 5.7%	Q3: 5.7%	Q4: 5.1%
2000	Q1: 4.7%	Q2: 4.3%	Q3: 4.3%	Q4: 3.9%
2001	Q1: 3.7%	Q2: 3.7%	Q3: 4.3%	Q4: 4.0%

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 4a, 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.