

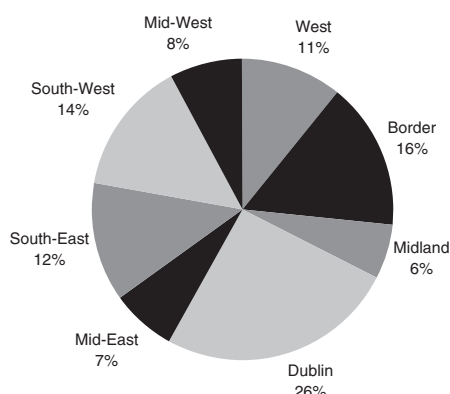


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Live Register Area Analysis December 1999

Live Register by Regional Authority



	December 1999	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and West	57,139	+ 1,518	- 9,337
Border	27,681	+ 577	- 4,781
Midland	10,091	+ 313	- 1,691
West	19,367	+ 628	- 2,865
Eastern and Southern	119,400	+ 3,235	- 29,876
Dublin	45,483	+ 693	- 14,761
Mid-East	11,884	+ 363	- 3,375
Mid-West	13,616	+ 481	- 2,183
South-East	22,975	+ 1,140	- 3,760
South-West	25,442	+ 558	- 5,797
Total	176,539	+ 4,753	- 39,213

Seasonal increase in all regions

The Live Register increased by 4,753 in December 1999, in line with the seasonal increase normally seen in the December figures. The number of persons signing on increased in all regions and all counties during the month.

At the end of 1999, there were 176,539 persons signing on. Just over two-thirds of claimants were in the Eastern and Southern NUTS-2 region (119,400) and the rest (57,139) were in the Border, Midlands and West.

During the course of 1999, the Live Register fell by over 18%. The annual decrease of over 39,200 persons was the largest on record and the figures fell in all regions. The Register fell by almost 20% in the Eastern and Southern region during 1999 and by 14% in the Border, Midlands and West.

At NUTS-3 level, the figures fell by almost a quarter in the Dublin region while the smallest percentage fall in the year was in the West (12.9%).

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 1999, is 101,100 persons unemployed.

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Table 1 Persons on the Live Register by Region by NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions

Regions	December 1998	November 1999	December 1999	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
Border, Midland & Western	39,330	32,235	33,125	+ 890	- 6,205
Border	19,334	15,908	16,289	+ 381	- 3,045
Midland	6,792	5,262	5,466	+ 204	- 1,326
West	13,204	11,065	11,370	+ 305	- 1,834
Eastern & Southern	87,445	66,469	67,904	+ 1,435	- 19,541
Dublin	36,802	27,233	27,235	+ 2	- 9,567
Mid-East	8,563	6,272	6,430	+ 158	- 2,133
Mid-West	8,992	7,202	7,493	+ 291	- 1,499
South-East	15,297	11,929	12,548	+ 619	- 2,749
South-West	17,791	13,833	14,198	+ 365	- 3,593
Total Males	126,775	98,704	101,029	+ 2,325	- 25,746
Females					
Border, Midland & Western	27,146	23,386	24,014	+ 628	- 3,132
Border	13,128	11,196	11,392	+ 196	- 1,736
Midland	4,990	4,516	4,625	+ 109	- 365
West	9,028	7,674	7,997	+ 323	- 1,031
Eastern & Southern	61,831	49,696	51,496	+ 1,800	- 10,335
Dublin	23,442	17,557	18,248	+ 691	- 5,194
Mid-East	6,696	5,249	5,454	+ 205	- 1,242
Mid-West	6,807	5,933	6,123	+ 190	- 684
South-East	11,438	9,906	10,427	+ 521	- 1,011
South-West	13,448	11,051	11,244	+ 193	- 2,204
Total Females	88,977	73,082	75,510	+ 2,428	- 13,467
All Persons					
Border, Midland & Western	66,476	55,621	57,139	+ 1,518	- 9,337
Border	32,462	27,104	27,681	+ 577	- 4,781
Midland	11,782	9,778	10,091	+ 313	- 1,691
West	22,232	18,739	19,367	+ 628	- 2,865
Eastern & Southern	149,276	116,165	119,400	+ 3,235	- 29,876
Dublin	60,244	44,790	45,483	+ 693	- 14,761
Mid-East	15,259	11,521	11,884	+ 363	- 3,375
Mid-West	15,799	13,135	13,616	+ 481	- 2,183
South-East	26,735	21,835	22,975	+ 1,140	- 3,760
South-West	31,239	24,884	25,442	+ 558	- 5,797
State	215,752	171,786	176,539	+ 4,753	- 39,213

Table 2 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age Group and NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions on 31st December 1999

Regions	All Persons			Males			Females		
	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland & Western	9,650	47,489	57,139	5,328	27,797	33,125	4,322	19,692	24,014
Border	5,027	22,654	27,681	2,842	13,447	16,289	2,185	9,207	11,392
Midland	1,772	8,319	10,091	916	4,550	5,466	856	3,769	4,625
West	2,851	16,516	19,367	1,570	9,800	11,370	1,281	6,716	7,997
Eastern & Southern	18,963	100,437	119,400	10,592	57,312	67,904	8,371	43,125	51,496
Dublin	7,285	38,198	45,483	4,369	22,866	27,235	2,916	15,332	18,248
Mid-East	1,835	10,049	11,884	995	5,435	6,430	840	4,614	5,454
Mid-West	2,029	11,587	13,616	1,130	6,363	7,493	899	5,224	6,123
South-East	4,143	18,832	22,975	2,179	10,369	12,548	1,964	8,463	10,427
South-West	3,671	21,771	25,442	1,919	12,279	14,198	1,752	9,492	11,244
State	28,613	147,926	176,539	15,920	85,109	101,029	12,693	62,817	75,510

Table 3 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age Group, and Province on 31st December 1999

Provinces	All Persons			Males			Females		
	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Leinster	14,328	72,234	86,562	8,104	41,576	49,680	6,224	30,658	36,882
Munster	7,641	42,308	49,949	4,097	23,560	27,657	3,544	18,748	22,292
Connacht	3,502	20,065	23,567	1,961	11,667	13,628	1,541	8,398	9,939
Ulster	3,142	13,319	16,461	1,758	8,306	10,064	1,384	5,013	6,397
State	28,613	147,926	176,539	15,920	85,109	101,029	12,693	62,817	75,510

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age Group and Local Office of Registration

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	December 1998	November 1999	December 1999	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	66,476	55,621	57,139	5,328	27,797	33,125	4,322	19,692	24,014
Border	32,462	27,104	27,681	2,842	13,447	16,289	2,185	9,207	11,392
Cavan	2,370	1,950	2,019	150	1,049	1,199	138	682	820
Belturbet	485	386	400	25	219	244	26	130	156
Cavan	1,885	1,564	1,619	125	830	955	112	552	664
Donegal	13,485	11,431	11,699	1,334	5,975	7,309	1,027	3,363	4,390
Ballybofey	1,718	1,565	1,553	186	782	968	161	424	585
Ballyshannon	738	682	697	68	369	437	61	199	260
Buncrana	3,058	2,008	2,041	228	1,095	1,323	177	541	718
Donegal	677	602	610	44	300	344	47	219	266
Dunfanaghy	978	932	970	121	479	600	59	311	370
Dungloe	1,819	1,696	1,785	161	955	1,116	116	553	669
Killybegs	1,213	1,054	1,138	137	594	731	87	320	407
Letterkenny	3,284	2,892	2,905	389	1,401	1,790	319	796	1,115
Leitrim	1,669	1,360	1,406	80	655	735	69	602	671
Carrick-on-Shannon	1,190	1,013	1,056	61	490	551	54	451	505
Manorhamilton	479	347	350	19	165	184	15	151	166
Louth	8,583	6,878	7,020	693	3,274	3,967	541	2,512	3,053
Ardee	946	768	790	65	361	426	72	292	364
Drogheda	3,469	2,731	2,744	252	1,206	1,458	197	1,089	1,286
Dundalk	4,168	3,379	3,486	376	1,707	2,083	272	1,131	1,403
Monaghan	3,195	2,738	2,743	274	1,282	1,556	219	968	1,187
Carrickmacross	819	684	673	46	304	350	48	275	323
Castleblayney	965	868	880	100	403	503	70	307	377
Clones	368	310	322	37	160	197	30	95	125
Monaghan	1,043	876	868	91	415	506	71	291	362
Sligo	3,160	2,747	2,794	311	1,212	1,523	191	1,080	1,271
Sligo	2,694	2,314	2,365	284	1,014	1,298	177	890	1,067
Tubbercurry	466	433	429	27	198	225	14	190	204
Midland	11,782	9,778	10,091	916	4,550	5,466	856	3,769	4,625
Laoighis	2,575	2,089	2,131	176	971	1,147	169	815	984
Portllington	969	821	813	50	334	384	53	376	429
Portlaoise	1,161	902	941	99	441	540	71	330	401
Rathdowney	445	366	377	27	196	223	45	109	154
Longford	2,166	1,976	2,054	187	926	1,113	187	754	941
Longford	2,166	1,976	2,054	187	926	1,113	187	754	941
Offaly	3,376	2,546	2,623	232	1,261	1,493	234	896	1,130
Birr	983	706	734	79	332	411	77	246	323
Edenderry	860	671	689	49	331	380	58	251	309
Tullamore	1,533	1,169	1,200	104	598	702	99	399	498
Westmeath	3,665	3,167	3,283	321	1,392	1,713	266	1,304	1,570
Athlone	1,633	1,337	1,404	168	566	734	86	584	670
Castlepollard	268	264	274	19	122	141	21	112	133
Mullingar	1,764	1,566	1,605	134	704	838	159	608	767
West	22,232	18,739	19,367	1,570	9,800	11,370	1,281	6,716	7,997
Galway	11,789	9,731	9,862	897	4,992	5,889	780	3,193	3,973
Ballinasloe	1,161	999	1,052	124	562	686	94	272	366
Clifden	1,051	960	1,026	88	603	691	64	271	335
Galway	6,648	5,344	5,287	512	2,536	3,048	492	1,747	2,239
Gort	625	492	499	24	217	241	19	239	258
Loughrea	910	733	764	57	376	433	51	280	331
Tuam	1,394	1,203	1,234	92	698	790	60	384	444

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age Group and Local Office of Registration
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NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	December 1998	November 1999	December 1999	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	8,449	7,241	7,629	571	3,824	4,395	391	2,843	3,234
Achill	397	326	363	32	215	247	11	105	116
Ballina	2,693	2,287	2,397	234	1,168	1,402	143	852	995
Ballinrobe	552	491	513	26	284	310	21	182	203
Belmullet	1,030	985	1,004	76	556	632	44	328	372
Castlebar	1,064	833	903	53	410	463	55	385	440
Claremorris	683	578	656	49	271	320	25	311	336
Swinford	1,047	973	1,011	68	475	543	63	405	468
Westport	983	768	782	33	445	478	29	275	304
Roscommon	1,994	1,767	1,876	102	984	1,086	110	680	790
Boyle	553	527	552	28	282	310	24	218	242
Castlerea	1,061	904	956	60	516	576	63	317	380
Roscommon	380	336	368	14	186	200	23	145	168
Eastern and Southern	149,276	116,165	119,400	10,592	57,312	67,904	8,371	43,125	51,496
Dublin	60,244	44,790	45,483	4,369	22,866	27,235	2,916	15,332	18,248
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Gardiner Street	4,269	3,463	3,497	355	1,729	2,084	237	1,176	1,413
Werburgh Street	4,984	3,619	3,629	325	2,001	2,326	167	1,136	1,303
Victoria Street	1,968	1,395	1,414	137	747	884	90	440	530
Cumberland Street	7,007	5,263	5,259	425	2,685	3,110	325	1,824	2,149
Navan Road	7,158	5,923	6,151	588	3,156	3,744	444	1,963	2,407
Thomas Street	4,167	2,955	2,942	284	1,703	1,987	223	732	955
Tara Street	2,265	1,526	1,488	109	846	955	80	453	533
Tallaght ¹	4,901	3,842	3,844	571	1,681	2,252	368	1,224	1,592
Ballymun	1,837	1,514	1,477	197	820	1,017	126	334	460
Clondalkin	3,536	2,588	2,574	373	1,178	1,551	232	791	1,023
Rathfarnham	2,925	1,917	2,058	106	853	959	88	1,011	1,099
Kilbarrack	3,250	2,625	2,758	229	1,286	1,515	131	1,112	1,243
Dun Laoghaire	4,687	3,347	3,554	205	1,701	1,906	125	1,523	1,648
Balbriggan	1,563	1,157	1,194	84	547	631	54	509	563
Ballyfermot	2,711	1,677	1,668	180	928	1,108	124	436	560
Finglas	3,016	1,979	1,976	201	1,005	1,206	102	668	770
Mid-East	15,259	11,521	11,884	995	5,435	6,430	840	4,614	5,454
Kildare	5,839	4,154	4,347	408	1,856	2,264	349	1,734	2,083
Athy	1,018	809	828	102	392	494	80	254	334
Kildare	795	611	646	76	312	388	53	205	258
Maynooth	1,516	986	1,051	74	401	475	76	500	576
Newbridge	2,510	1,748	1,822	156	751	907	140	775	915
Meath	3,393	2,734	2,753	204	1,316	1,520	174	1,059	1,233
Kells	659	568	556	37	287	324	32	200	232
Navan	1,813	1,439	1,449	118	677	795	98	556	654
Trim	921	727	748	49	352	401	44	303	347
Wicklow	6,027	4,633	4,784	383	2,263	2,646	317	1,821	2,138
Arklow	1,277	1,060	1,081	85	549	634	111	336	447
Baltinglass	574	497	521	31	210	241	36	244	280
Blessington ¹	260	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bray	3,004	2,285	2,352	184	1,089	1,273	115	964	1,079
Wicklow	912	791	830	83	415	498	55	277	332
Mid-West	15,799	13,135	13,616	1,130	6,363	7,493	899	5,224	6,123
Clare	4,245	3,494	3,602	261	1,656	1,917	223	1,462	1,685
Ennis	2,150	1,752	1,795	143	738	881	128	786	914
Ennistymon	874	697	747	52	363	415	42	290	332
Kilrush	781	693	700	49	386	435	35	230	265
Tulla	440	352	360	17	169	186	18	156	174
Limerick	8,787	7,359	7,595	664	3,595	4,259	495	2,841	3,336
Kilmallock	1,033	838	872	64	401	465	70	337	407
Limerick	6,505	5,489	5,690	553	2,677	3,230	353	2,107	2,460
Newcastle West	1,249	1,032	1,033	47	517	564	72	397	469

¹ Claims transferred from Blessington to Tallaght with effect from 30th August, 1999

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age Group and Local Office of Registration
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NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	December 1998	November 1999	December 1999	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Tipperary N.R.	2,767	2,282	2,419	205	1,112	1,317	181	921	1,102
Nenagh	920	751	800	60	373	433	50	317	367
Roscrea	515	470	504	35	207	242	45	217	262
Thurles	1,332	1,061	1,115	110	532	642	86	387	473
South-East	26,735	21,835	22,975	2,179	10,369	12,548	1,964	8,463	10,427
Carlow	3,050	2,343	2,496	227	1,081	1,308	201	987	1,188
Bagenalstown	701	506	562	46	257	303	40	219	259
Carlow	1,746	1,337	1,422	134	612	746	110	566	676
Tullow	603	500	512	47	212	259	51	202	253
Kilkenny	3,472	2,664	2,703	240	1,246	1,486	226	991	1,217
Callan	525	394	402	32	232	264	23	115	138
Kilkenny	2,408	1,837	1,849	175	813	988	168	693	861
Thomastown	539	433	452	33	201	234	35	183	218
Tipperary S.R.	5,114	4,110	4,318	437	2,042	2,479	326	1,513	1,839
Cahir	633	507	556	57	249	306	33	217	250
Carrick-on-Suir	1,132	978	993	102	499	601	72	320	392
Cashel	455	358	390	40	180	220	34	136	170
Clonmel	2,084	1,541	1,638	171	745	916	143	579	722
Tipperary	810	726	741	67	369	436	44	261	305
Waterford	7,257	6,134	6,573	611	2,876	3,487	567	2,519	3,086
Dungarvan	1,024	921	933	96	453	549	72	312	384
Waterford	6,233	5,213	5,640	515	2,423	2,938	495	2,207	2,702
Wexford	7,842	6,584	6,885	664	3,124	3,788	644	2,453	3,097
Enniscorthy	2,102	1,798	1,836	206	883	1,089	190	557	747
Gorey	1,134	1,007	1,035	94	460	554	100	381	481
New Ross	1,567	1,310	1,339	116	631	747	111	481	592
Wexford	3,039	2,469	2,675	248	1,150	1,398	243	1,034	1,277
South-West	31,239	24,884	25,442	1,919	12,279	14,198	1,752	9,492	11,244
Cork	22,138	17,666	17,855	1,309	8,642	9,951	1,230	6,674	7,904
Bandon	612	513	511	27	269	296	28	187	215
Bantry	434	387	402	13	175	188	24	190	214
Bantry (SWLO) ²	0	255	258	12	116	128	4	126	130
Clonakilty	498	437	446	22	188	210	26	210	236
Cobh	603	544	540	62	202	264	43	233	276
Cork	12,156	9,124	9,079	767	4,743	5,510	657	2,912	3,569
Dunmanway	316	261	271	13	136	149	10	112	122
Fermoy	889	714	701	52	313	365	47	289	336
Kinsale	679	643	655	34	268	302	52	301	353
Macroom	522	386	437	27	221	248	21	168	189
Mallow	1,205	881	944	70	491	561	85	298	383
Midleton	1,143	958	961	59	390	449	83	429	512
Newmarket	847	666	702	31	327	358	39	305	344
Passage West	827	729	737	42	298	340	39	358	397
Skibbereen	646	558	577	32	216	248	37	292	329
Youghal	761	610	634	46	289	335	35	264	299
Kerry	9,101	7,218	7,587	610	3,637	4,247	522	2,818	3,340
Cahirciveen	504	467	480	20	210	230	26	224	250
Dingle ³	151	306	339	16	146	162	23	154	177
Kenmare ²	693	292	306	12	148	160	13	133	146
Killarney	1,508	1,175	1,280	68	510	578	84	618	702
Killorglin	722	558	577	32	304	336	29	212	241
Listowel	1,484	1,293	1,380	137	716	853	103	424	527
Tralee ³	4,039	3,127	3,225	325	1,603	1,928	244	1,053	1,297
State	215,752	171,786	176,539	15,920	85,109	101,029	12,693	62,817	75,510

² Claims transferred from Kenmare to Bantry Control Office with effect from 27th August, 1999

³ Claims transferred from Tralee to Dingle with effect from 25th December, 1998

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; • 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 Area Analysis	The basis of the area classification used in this release is the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs local office of registration. The areas served by Local Employment Offices do not correspond to specific geographic boundaries. Therefore, registrants at a given local office do not necessarily come from a particular region or area which can be precisely delineated. A classification by area of residence of persons on the Live Register was published until January 1989 but was then discontinued.
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.
Descriptive Articles	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>.
NUTS2 and NUTS3 regions	The regional classifications in this release are based on the NUTS (Nomenclature of Territorial Units) classification used by Eurostat. The NUTS3 regions correspond to the eight Regional Authorities established under the Local Government Act, 1991 (Regional Authorities) (Establishment) Order, 1993, which came into operation on 1 January 1994. The NUTS2 regions, which were proposed by Government and agreed by Eurostat in 1999, are groupings of the NUTS3 regions. <i>See overleaf.</i>

Border, Midland and Western NUTS2 Region

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

Eastern and Southern NUTS2 Region

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