



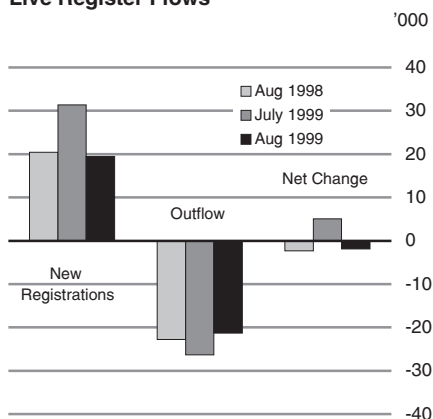
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Live Register Flows



Live Register Flow Analysis

August 1999

	New Registrations	Outflow (derived)	Net Change
Men	9,981	11,340	-1,359
Women	9,467	9,997	-530
Total	19,448	21,337	-1,889

New registrations down in August

During August there were 19,448 new registrants on the Live Register, compared with 31,380 for the five week July 1999 period. The number of persons leaving the register was 21,337, compared with 26,340 for July 1999.

In August the average weekly change in the register was a fall of 472 compared with +1,008 for July 1999 and -580 for August 1998. *See Table 2.*

The number of new registrations averaged 4,862 per week in August, compared with 5,113 in the same period last year. There were 5,334 persons leaving the register on average per week for the four week period, compared with 5,693 for August 1998. *See Table 2.*

Other features include:

- ◆ The number of new registrations was split fairly evenly between men and women. *See Table 1.*
- ◆ The average weekly change for men was -340 for August 1999 compared with -398 for August 1998. The average weekly decrease for females was 133. *See Table 3.*

Revisions to earlier months

The published Live Register figures from April to July 1999 inclusive have been revised to take account of the erroneous inclusion in the Register of some persons in receipt of Back to Work Allowances. The error arose during the introduction of new computerised procedures to pay these cases in the local offices of the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs (DSCFA). The revisions involve the following reductions to the overall monthly figures: April -304; May -1,095; June -1,876; July -2,672. Revised figures by Local Office and Region are not yet available but will be incorporated into the Live Register Area Analysis Release which will be issued, with a delay of one week, on 17 September 1999.

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 figures are, Dec-Feb 1998/99, 95,100.

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**Table 1 Flows on and off the Live Register in the 4 weeks from
30 July to 27 August 1999 ¹**

	Total	New Registrations	Net Change	Outflow (derived)
Sex				
Males	111,249	9,981	- 1,359	11,340
Females	87,421	9,467	- 530	9,997
Total	198,670	19,448	- 1,889	21,337

¹ Regional Analysis, currently unavailable, shall be incorporated in the Live Register Area Analysis. See note on front page.

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		
1998	January	5	30,449	6,090	31,652	6,330	-	240
	February	4	21,749	5,437	26,505	6,626	-	1,189
	March	4	18,674	4,669	25,663	6,416	-	1,747
	April	4	22,826	5,707	26,281	6,570	-	864
	May	5	24,155	4,831	31,541	6,308	-	1,477
	June	4	27,713	6,928	22,717	5,679	+	1,249
	July	5	31,044	6,209	27,168	5,434	+	775
	August	4	20,451	5,113	22,770	5,693	-	580
	September	4	22,690	5,673	34,010	8,503	-	2,830
	October	5	30,695	6,139	37,410	7,482	-	1,343
	November	4	22,668	5,667	27,953	6,988	-	1,321
	December	4	26,030	6,508	17,452	4,363	+	2,145
1999	January	5	29,598	5,920	31,336	6,267	-	347
	February	4	21,117	5,279	27,520	6,880	-	1,601
	March	4	17,983	4,496	24,360	6,090	-	1,594
	April ¹	5	29,002	5,800	33,688	6,738	-	938
	May ¹	4	19,776	4,944	24,094	6,024	-	1,080
	June ¹	4	25,921	6,480	22,632	5,658	+	822
	July ¹	5	31,380	6,276	26,340	5,268	+	1,008
	August	4	19,448	4,862	21,337	5,334	-	472

¹ Revised, see note on front page.

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
1998	January	5	150,968	16,480	16,492	- 2	95,559	13,969	15,160	- 238
	February	4	147,685	11,634	14,917	- 821	94,086	10,115	11,588	- 368
	March	4	142,952	10,404	15,137	- 1,183	91,830	8,270	10,526	- 564
	April	4	139,908	11,256	14,300	- 761	91,419	11,570	11,981	- 103
	May	5	135,337	13,378	17,949	- 914	88,604	10,777	13,592	- 563
	June	4	135,504	13,334	13,167	+ 42	93,433	14,379	9,550	+ 1,207
	July	5	136,025	15,819	15,298	+ 104	96,788	15,225	11,870	+ 671
	August	4	134,434	10,834	12,425	- 398	96,060	9,617	10,345	- 182
	September	4	130,080	12,106	16,460	- 1,089	89,094	10,584	17,550	- 1,742
	October	5	125,684	15,967	20,363	- 879	86,775	14,728	17,047	- 464
	November	4	122,955	12,559	15,288	- 682	84,219	10,109	12,665	- 639
	December	4	126,775	13,436	9,616	+ 955	88,977	12,594	7,836	+ 1,190
1999	January	5	127,166	15,919	15,528	+ 78	86,848	13,679	15,808	- 426
	February	4	122,583	11,112	15,695	- 1,146	85,028	10,005	11,825	- 455
	March	4	118,224	9,749	14,108	- 1,090	83,010	8,234	10,252	- 505
	April ¹	5	115,770	15,181	17,635	- 491	80,778	13,821	16,053	- 446
	May ¹	4	112,718	10,906	13,958	- 763	79,512	8,870	10,136	- 317
	June ¹	4	111,859	12,260	13,119	- 215	83,660	13,667	9,519	+ 1,037
	July ¹	5	112,608	15,361	14,612	+ 150	87,951	16,019	11,728	+ 858
	August	4	111,249	9,981	11,340	- 340	87,241	9,467	9,997	- 133

¹ Revised, see note on front page.

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>