

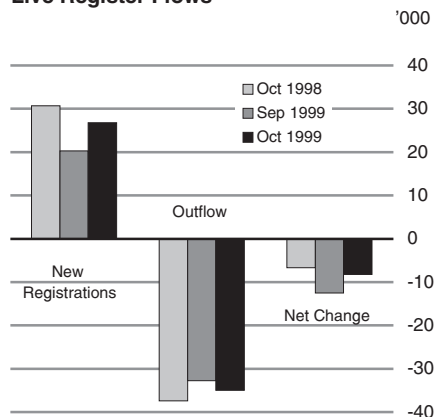


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Live Register Flows



Live Register Flow Analysis October 1999

	New Registrations	Outflow (derived)	Net Change
Men	13,301	18,462	-5,161
Women	13,463	16,540	-3,077
Total	26,764	35,002	-8,238

Further seasonal increase in persons leaving the Register

During October just over 35,000 persons left the Live Register; this was offset by 26,764 new registrants, resulting in a net monthly decrease of 8,238. The higher outflow in October mainly reflects the beginning of term in the third level education sector.

In October the Register decreased on average by 1,648 persons per week, compared to 1,343 for the same period last year. *See Table 2.*

On average there were 5,353 new registrations per week in October and the number of persons leaving the Register averaged at 7,000 per week. *See Table 2.*

Other features include:

- ◆ The number of new registrations in October was split evenly between men and women. *See Table 1.*
- ◆ During October 18,462 men and 16,540 women left the Register. *See Table 3.*
- ◆ The average weekly decrease for October was 1,032 for men and 615 for women. *See Table 3.*
- ◆ So far this year the average number per week of new registrations was 5,483 compared to 5,692 for the same period last year.

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 1999, is 96,900 persons unemployed.

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Table 1 Flows on and off the Live Register in the 5 weeks from 24 September to 29 October 1999

	Total	New Registrations	Net Change	Outflow (derived)
Border, Midland & Western	56,954	8,291	- 2,254	10,545
Border	27,799	3,882	- 1,149	5,031
Midland	9,960	1,481	- 448	1,929
West	19,195	2,928	- 657	3,585
Eastern & Southern	120,991	18,473	- 5,984	24,457
Dublin	47,566	6,772	- 2,745	9,517
Mid-East	12,161	1,884	- 623	2,507
Mid-West	13,411	2,389	- 760	3,149
South-East	22,569	3,341	- 638	3,979
South-West	25,284	4,087	- 1,218	5,305
Sex				
Males	101,264	13,301	- 5,161	18,462
Females	76,681	13,463	- 3,077	16,540
Total	177,945	26,764	- 8,238	35,002

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	5	29,002	5,800	33,688	6,738	-	938
	May	4	19,776	4,944	24,094	6,024	-	1,080
	June	4	25,927	6,482	22,638	5,660	+	822
	July	5	31,380	6,276	26,340	5,268	+	1,008
	August	4	19,448	4,862	21,337	5,334	-	472
	September	4	20,270	5,068	32,757	8,189	-	3,122
	October	5	26,764	5,353	35,002	7,000	-	1,648

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	5	115,770	15,181	17,635	- 491	80,778	13,821	16,053	- 446
	May ¹	4	112,719	10,906	13,957	- 763	79,511	8,870	10,137	- 317
	June ¹	4	111,861	12,260	13,118	- 215	83,658	13,667	9,520	+ 1,037
	July ¹	5	112,609	15,361	14,613	+ 150	87,950	16,019	11,727	+ 858
	August ¹	4	111,249	9,981	11,341	- 340	87,241	9,467	9,996	- 132
	September	4	106,425	10,397	15,221	- 1,206	79,758	9,873	17,536	- 1,916
	October	5	101,264	13,301	18,462	- 1,032	76,681	13,463	16,540	- 615

¹ Revised due to revisions made by the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs.

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>