

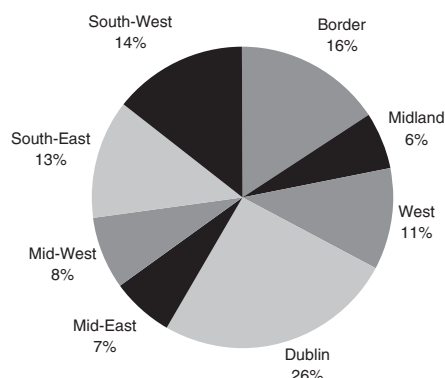


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Live Register Area Analysis March 2000

Live Register by Regional Authority



	March 2000	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and West	53,512	- 2,489	- 8,078
Border	26,006	1,162	- 3,746
Midland	9,651	- 480	- 1,342
West	17,855	- 847	- 2,990
Eastern and Southern	109,977	- 6,115	- 29,667
Dublin	42,031	- 2,325	- 14,111
Mid-East	10,870	- 725	- 3,494
Mid-West	12,724	- 714	- 2,513
South-East	20,928	- 1,129	- 3,732
South-West	23,424	- 1,222	- 5,817
Total	163,489	- 8,604	- 37,745

Continued decrease in Live Register in all regions

The monthly decrease of 8,604 in the Live Register in March was spread across all regions. The largest percentage fall was in the Mid-East region (-6.3%) and the smallest fall was in the Border region (-4.3%).

The total of 163,489 persons on the Live Register in March represents an annual drop of 37,745. In percentage terms the annual decreases ranged from 12% in the Midland region to 25% in the Dublin region.

Other features include:

- ◆ In the Border and Midland regions, more than 18.0% of persons signing on are aged under 25. This compares with 16.5% nationally. *See Table 2.*
- ◆ The monthly decrease for females was greatest in the Dublin region (-7.0%). *See Table 1.*
- ◆ For males, the greatest monthly decrease was in the Midland region (-6.4%). *See Table 1.*

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 1999, is 88,700 persons unemployed.

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions	March 1999	February 2000	March 2000	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
Border, Midland & Western	36,743	32,690	31,151	- 1,539	- 5,592
Border	18,025	15,967	15,276	- 691	- 2,749
Midland	6,254	5,603	5,245	- 358	- 1,009
West	12,464	11,120	10,630	- 490	- 1,834
Eastern & Southern	81,481	66,424	63,285	- 3,139	- 18,196
Dublin	34,438	26,938	25,836	- 1,102	- 8,602
Mid-East	7,961	6,299	5,932	- 367	- 2,029
Mid-West	8,558	7,482	7,112	- 370	- 1,446
South-East	13,916	12,005	11,325	- 680	- 2,591
South-West	16,608	13,700	13,080	- 620	- 3,528
Total	118,224	99,114	94,436	- 4,678	- 23,788
Females					
Border, Midland & Western	24,847	23,311	22,361	- 950	- 2,486
Border	11,727	11,201	10,730	- 471	- 997
Midland	4,739	4,528	4,406	- 122	- 333
West	8,381	7,582	7,225	- 357	- 1,156
Eastern & Southern	58,163	49,668	46,692	- 2,976	- 11,471
Dublin	21,704	17,418	16,195	- 1,223	- 5,509
Mid-East	6,403	5,296	4,938	- 358	- 1,465
Mid-West	6,679	5,956	5,612	- 344	- 1,067
South-East	10,744	10,052	9,603	- 449	- 1,141
South-West	12,633	10,946	10,344	- 602	- 2,289
Total	83,010	72,979	69,053	- 3,926	- 13,957
All Persons					
Border, Midland & Western	61,590	56,001	53,512	- 2,489	- 8,078
Border	29,752	27,168	26,006	- 1,162	- 3,746
Midland	10,993	10,131	9,651	- 480	- 1,342
West	20,845	18,702	17,855	- 847	- 2,990
Eastern & Southern	139,644	116,092	109,977	- 6,115	- 29,667
Dublin	56,142	44,356	42,031	- 2,325	- 14,111
Mid-East	14,364	11,595	10,870	- 725	- 3,494
Mid-West	15,237	13,438	12,724	- 714	- 2,513
South-East	24,660	22,057	20,928	- 1,129	- 3,732
South-West	29,241	24,646	23,424	- 1,222	- 5,817
Total	201,234	172,093	163,489	- 8,604	- 37,745

Table 2 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age Group and NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions on 31st March 2000

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	9,188	44,324	53,512	5,150	26,001	31,151	4,038	18,323	22,361
Border	4,861	21,145	26,006	2,767	12,509	15,276	2,094	8,636	10,730
Midland	1,764	7,887	9,651	921	4,324	5,245	843	3,563	4,406
West	2,563	15,292	17,855	1,462	9,168	10,630	1,101	6,124	7,225
Eastern & Southern	17,794	92,183	109,977	10,051	53,234	63,285	7,743	38,949	46,692
Dublin	6,844	35,187	42,031	4,220	21,616	25,836	2,624	13,571	16,195
Mid-East	1,694	9,176	10,870	904	5,028	5,932	790	4,148	4,938
Mid-West	2,105	10,619	12,724	1,193	5,919	7,112	912	4,700	5,612
South-East	3,749	17,179	20,928	1,957	9,368	11,325	1,792	7,811	9,603
South-West	3,402	20,022	23,424	1,777	11,303	13,080	1,625	8,719	10,344
State	26,982	136,507	163,489	15,201	79,235	94,436	11,781	57,272	69,053

Table 3 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age Group and Province on 31st March 2000

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	13,554	66,718	80,272	7,782	38,934	46,716	5,772	27,784	33,556
Munster	7,275	38,784	46,059	3,928	21,699	25,627	3,347	17,085	20,432
Connacht	3,189	18,503	21,692	1,827	10,831	12,658	1,362	7,672	9,034
Ulster	2,964	12,502	15,466	1,664	7,771	9,435	1,300	4,731	6,031
State	26,982	136,507	163,489	15,201	79,235	94,436	11,781	57,272	69,053

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	March 1999	February 2000	March 2000	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	61,590	56,001	53,512	5,150	26,001	31,151	4,038	18,323	22,361
Border	29,752	27,168	26,006	2,767	12,509	15,276	2,094	8,636	10,730
Cavan	2,237	2,004	1,922	147	988	1,135	136	651	787
Belturbet	411	397	381	28	205	233	26	122	148
Cavan	1,826	1,607	1,541	119	783	902	110	529	639
Donegal	11,623	11,413	10,980	1,256	5,584	6,840	970	3,170	4,140
Ballybofey	1,585	1,437	1,337	135	687	822	133	382	515
Ballyshannon	756	677	612	64	323	387	52	173	225
Buncrana	2,087	2,082	2,032	240	1,045	1,285	192	555	747
Donegal	630	579	558	38	270	308	34	216	250
Dunfanaghy	858	941	888	111	458	569	44	275	319
Dungloe	1,621	1,712	1,647	143	882	1,025	97	525	622
Killybegs	1,236	1,127	1,127	132	584	716	97	314	411
Letterkenny	2,850	2,858	2,779	393	1,335	1,728	321	730	1,051
Leitrim	1,599	1,335	1,233	61	568	629	57	547	604
Carrick-on-Shannon	1,169	1,032	969	46	448	494	46	429	475
Manorhamilton	430	303	264	15	120	135	11	118	129
Louth	8,087	7,052	6,703	738	3,075	3,813	533	2,357	2,890
Ardee	895	851	799	79	326	405	77	317	394
Drogheda	3,292	2,793	2,601	255	1,155	1,410	195	996	1,191
Dundalk	3,900	3,408	3,303	404	1,594	1,998	261	1,044	1,305
Monaghan	3,115	2,678	2,564	261	1,199	1,460	194	910	1,104
Carrickmacross	792	694	657	44	285	329	52	276	328
Castleblayney	951	851	828	98	380	478	60	290	350
Clones	377	297	278	29	144	173	22	83	105
Monaghan	995	836	801	90	390	480	60	261	321
Sligo	3,091	2,686	2,604	304	1,095	1,399	204	1,001	1,205
Sligo	2,671	2,296	2,241	277	939	1,216	186	839	1,025
Tubbercurry	420	390	363	27	156	183	18	162	180
Midland	10,993	10,131	9,651	921	4,324	5,245	843	3,563	4,406
Laoighis	2,331	2,192	2,028	180	923	1,103	168	757	925
Portarlington	829	786	734	41	307	348	51	335	386
Portlaoise	1,098	1,034	951	117	439	556	79	316	395
Rathdowney	404	372	343	22	177	199	38	106	144
Longford	2,052	2,052	1,938	186	827	1,013	198	727	925
Longford	2,052	2,052	1,938	186	827	1,013	198	727	925
Offaly	3,166	2,628	2,539	237	1,213	1,450	215	874	1,089
Birr	894	740	722	77	337	414	67	241	308
Edenderry	828	666	641	53	296	349	55	237	292
Tullamore	1,444	1,222	1,176	107	580	687	93	396	489
Westmeath	3,444	3,259	3,146	318	1,361	1,679	262	1,205	1,467
Athlone	1,519	1,391	1,362	172	543	715	100	547	647
Castlepollard	280	283	272	15	131	146	20	106	126
Mullingar	1,645	1,585	1,512	131	687	818	142	552	694
West	20,845	18,702	17,855	1,462	9,168	10,630	1,101	6,124	7,225
Galway	10,979	9,493	9,014	826	4,634	5,460	653	2,901	3,554
Ballinasloe	1,092	1,023	980	106	519	625	76	279	355
Clifden	966	988	907	74	543	617	44	246	290
Galway	6,231	5,083	4,837	502	2,383	2,885	415	1,537	1,952
Gort	554	484	449	21	193	214	18	217	235
Loughrea	875	762	710	41	364	405	43	262	305
Tuam	1,261	1,153	1,131	82	632	714	57	360	417

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	March 1999	February 2000	March 2000	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	8,015	7,379	7,099	533	3,635	4,168	343	2,588	2,931
Achill	364	329	321	27	194	221	8	92	100
Ballina	2,663	2,295	2,198	209	1,116	1,325	123	750	873
Ballinrobe	498	491	455	23	258	281	15	159	174
Belmullet	1,059	1,001	988	80	546	626	40	322	362
Castlebar	942	861	877	57	389	446	60	371	431
Claremorris	602	640	577	35	263	298	24	255	279
Swinford	1,012	997	934	73	441	514	44	376	420
Westport	875	765	749	29	428	457	29	263	292
Roscommon	1,851	1,830	1,742	103	899	1,002	105	635	740
Boyle	514	535	522	25	268	293	26	203	229
Castlerea	994	965	893	65	467	532	60	301	361
Roscommon	343	330	327	13	164	177	19	131	150
Eastern and Southern	139,644	116,092	109,977	10,051	53,234	63,285	7,743	38,949	46,692
Dublin	56,142	44,356	42,031	4,220	21,616	25,836	2,624	13,571	16,195
Dublin	56,142	44,356	42,031	4,220	21,616	25,836	2,624	13,571	16,195
Gardiner Street	4,082	3,492	3,369	350	1,719	2,069	204	1,096	1,300
Werburgh Street	4,560	3,529	3,333	293	1,898	2,191	132	1,010	1,142
Victoria Street	1,809	1,386	1,328	130	709	839	75	414	489
Cumberland Street	6,611	5,189	4,933	424	2,588	3,012	311	1,610	1,921
Navan Road	6,986	6,140	5,934	609	3,090	3,699	401	1,834	2,235
Thomas Street	3,861	2,848	2,746	277	1,646	1,923	184	639	823
Tara Street	2,019	1,418	1,307	97	744	841	59	407	466
Tallaght ¹	4,630	3,907	3,670	602	1,646	2,248	353	1,069	1,422
Ballymun	1,781	1,441	1,385	182	771	953	126	306	432
Clondalkin	3,287	2,534	2,438	345	1,130	1,475	223	740	963
Rathfarnham	2,596	1,932	1,716	77	777	854	75	787	862
Kilbarrack	3,058	2,674	2,586	218	1,226	1,444	117	1,025	1,142
Dun Laoghaire	4,222	3,310	3,035	167	1,546	1,713	101	1,221	1,322
Balbriggan	1,509	1,144	1,075	77	504	581	44	450	494
Ballyfermot	2,428	1,519	1,367	167	739	906	111	350	461
Finglas	2,703	1,893	1,809	205	883	1,088	108	613	721
Mid-East	14,364	11,595	10,870	904	5,028	5,932	790	4,148	4,938
Kildare	5,476	4,128	3,849	359	1,683	2,042	302	1,505	1,807
Athy	1,011	803	747	88	360	448	74	225	299
Kildare	679	583	93	15	30	45	6	42	48
Maynooth	1,480	975	910	66	384	450	57	403	460
Newbridge	2,306	1,767	2,099	190	909	1,099	165	835	1,000
Meath	3,221	2,782	2,570	170	1,230	1,400	196	974	1,170
Kells	657	589	525	31	260	291	43	191	234
Navan	1,655	1,445	1,328	96	637	733	102	493	595
Trim	909	748	717	43	333	376	51	290	341
Wicklow	5,667	4,685	4,451	375	2,115	2,490	292	1,669	1,961
Arklow	1,259	1,071	1,034	96	525	621	99	314	413
Baltinglass	595	526	495	32	206	238	37	220	257
Blessington ¹	222	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bray	2,715	2,272	2,117	159	983	1,142	109	866	975
Wicklow	876	816	805	88	401	489	47	269	316
Mid-West	15,237	13,438	12,724	1,193	5,919	7,112	912	4,700	5,612
Clare	3,992	3,624	3,403	271	1,544	1,815	233	1,355	1,588
Ennis	2,037	1,810	1,723	159	688	847	133	743	876
Ennistymon	795	746	665	45	324	369	45	251	296
Kilrush	734	697	680	52	364	416	38	226	264
Tulla	426	371	335	15	168	183	17	135	152
Limerick	8,607	7,404	7,024	705	3,311	4,016	515	2,493	3,008
Kilmallock	1,000	849	798	61	384	445	73	280	353
Limerick	6,386	5,556	5,292	595	2,471	3,066	369	1,857	2,226
Newcastle West	1,221	999	934	49	456	505	73	356	429

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	March 1999	February 2000	March 2000	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Tipperary N.R.	2,638	2,410	2,297	217	1,064	1,281	164	852	1,016
Nenagh	878	807	747	47	353	400	47	300	347
Roscrea	502	493	501	57	217	274	36	191	227
Thurles	1,258	1,110	1,049	113	494	607	81	361	442
South-East	24,660	22,057	20,928	1,957	9,368	11,325	1,792	7,811	9,603
Carlow	2,894	2,451	2,312	191	1,024	1,215	186	911	1,097
Bagenalstown	640	528	499	39	226	265	34	200	234
Carlow	1,706	1,439	1,341	115	598	713	104	524	628
Tullow	548	484	472	37	200	237	48	187	235
Kilkenny	3,124	2,561	2,358	217	1,054	1,271	202	885	1,087
Callan	500	402	383	30	217	247	22	114	136
Kilkenny	2,119	1,728	1,578	152	661	813	150	615	765
Thomastown	505	431	397	35	176	211	30	156	186
Tipperary S.R.	4,631	4,144	3,938	398	1,807	2,205	302	1,431	1,733
Cahir	566	538	516	60	222	282	35	199	234
Carrick-on-Suir	1,016	950	872	87	446	533	48	291	339
Cashel	410	368	357	37	169	206	33	118	151
Clonmel	1,885	1,539	1,480	152	635	787	134	559	693
Tipperary	754	749	713	62	335	397	52	264	316
Waterford	6,706	6,172	5,973	560	2,670	3,230	508	2,235	2,743
Dungarvan	974	852	826	84	408	492	62	272	334
Waterford	5,732	5,320	5,147	476	2,262	2,738	446	1,963	2,409
Wexford	7,305	6,729	6,347	591	2,813	3,404	594	2,349	2,943
Enniscorthy	1,983	1,889	1,779	195	845	1,040	187	552	739
Gorey	1,069	994	955	80	426	506	93	356	449
New Ross	1,463	1,267	1,209	90	574	664	88	457	545
Wexford	2,790	2,579	2,404	226	968	1,194	226	984	1,210
South-West	29,241	24,646	23,424	1,777	11,303	13,080	1,625	8,719	10,344
Cork	20,915	17,460	16,811	1,262	8,139	9,401	1,203	6,207	7,410
Bandon	572	510	489	25	249	274	28	187	215
Bantry	423	440	398	18	178	196	20	182	202
Bantry (SWLO) ²	0	261	262	18	111	129	6	127	133
Clonakilty	425	433	406	20	165	185	24	197	221
Cobh	605	495	482	54	189	243	38	201	239
Cork	11,565	8,892	8,733	765	4,590	5,355	680	2,698	3,378
Dunmanway	271	325	304	14	109	123	14	167	181
Fermoy	788	696	654	43	289	332	46	276	322
Kinsale	626	676	658	39	273	312	44	302	346
Macroom	502	413	361	15	181	196	16	149	165
Mallow	1,117	917	863	67	441	508	78	277	355
Midleton	1,032	901	839	57	339	396	70	373	443
Newmarket	843	640	582	25	272	297	32	253	285
Passage West	832	712	690	38	289	327	38	325	363
Skibbereen	611	564	540	27	199	226	35	279	314
Youghal	703	585	550	37	265	302	34	214	248
Kerry	8,326	7,186	6,613	515	3,164	3,679	422	2,512	2,934
Cahiriveen	481	454	436	15	195	210	24	202	226
Dingle	340	311	273	11	127	138	14	121	135
Kenmare ²	674	305	260	11	121	132	10	118	128
Killarney	1,246	1,214	1,060	58	426	484	53	523	576
Killorglin	635	542	491	32	256	288	15	188	203
Listowel	1,333	1,269	1,200	99	615	714	93	393	486
Tralee	3,617	3,091	2,893	289	1,424	1,713	213	967	1,180
State	201,234	172,093	163,489	15,201	79,235	94,436	11,781	57,272	69,053

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

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