

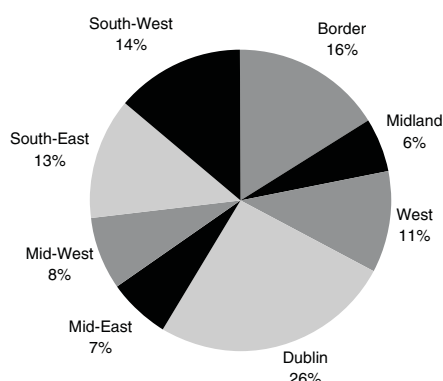


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Live Register Area Analysis May 2000

Live Register by Regional Authority



	May 2000	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and West	50,298	- 2,478	- 9,027
Border	24,630	- 1,180	- 4,293
Midland	8,988	- 319	- 1,683
West	16,680	- 979	- 3,051
Eastern and Southern	102,573	- 6,447	- 30,332
Dublin	39,435	- 2,460	- 14,180
Mid-East	10,039	- 777	- 3,744
Mid-West	11,999	- 642	- 2,197
South-East	19,815	- 1,198	- 3,919
South-West	21,285	- 1,370	- 6,292
Total	152,871	- 8,925	- 39,359

Continued decrease in all regions

The monthly decrease of 8,925 persons on the Live Register was spread across all regions. The largest percentage fall was in the Mid-East region (-7.2%), and the smallest percentage fall was in the Midland region (-3.4%).

The total of 152,871 persons on the Live Register in May represents an annual decrease of 39,359. In percentage terms the annual decreases ranged from 14.8% in the Border region to 27.2% in the Mid-East region.

Other features include:

- ◆ The monthly decrease for females was greatest in the South-West region (-9%). *See Table 1.*
- ◆ The monthly decrease for males was greatest in the Mid-East region (-6%). *See Table 1.*
- ◆ Contrary to the overall trend, the numbers on the Live Register slightly increased during May in five of the Local Offices of Registration. *See Table 4.*

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 December 1999 - February 2000, is 81,500 persons unemployed.

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions	May 1999	April 2000	May 2000	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
Border, Midland & Western	35,110	30,440	29,195	- 1,245	- 5,915
Border	17,495	15,023	14,483	- 540	- 3,012
Midland	5,895	5,006	4,810	- 196	- 1,085
West	11,720	10,411	9,902	- 509	- 1,818
Eastern & Southern	77,609	61,613	58,882	- 2,731	- 18,727
Dublin	32,801	25,205	24,153	- 1,052	- 8,648
Mid-East	7,624	5,755	5,408	- 347	- 2,216
Mid-West	7,968	6,874	6,599	- 275	- 1,369
South-East	13,384	11,245	10,645	- 600	- 2,739
South-West	15,832	12,534	12,077	- 457	- 3,755
Total	112,719	92,053	88,077	- 3,976	- 24,642
Females					
Border, Midland & Western	24,215	22,336	21,103	- 1,233	- 3,112
Border	11,428	10,787	10,147	- 640	- 1,281
Midland	4,776	4,301	4,178	- 123	- 598
West	8,011	7,248	6,778	- 470	- 1,233
Eastern & Southern	55,296	47,407	43,691	- 3,716	- 11,605
Dublin	20,814	16,690	15,282	- 1,408	- 5,532
Mid-East	6,159	5,061	4,631	- 430	- 1,528
Mid-West	6,228	5,767	5,400	- 367	- 828
South-East	10,350	9,768	9,170	- 598	- 1,180
South-West	11,745	10,121	9,208	- 913	- 2,537
Total	79,511	69,743	64,794	- 4,949	- 14,717
All Persons					
Border, Midland & Western	59,325	52,776	50,298	- 2,478	- 9,027
Border	28,923	25,810	24,630	- 1,180	- 4,293
Midland	10,671	9,307	8,988	- 319	- 1,683
West	19,731	17,659	16,680	- 979	- 3,051
Eastern & Southern	132,905	109,020	102,573	- 6,447	- 30,332
Dublin	53,615	41,895	39,435	- 2,460	- 14,180
Mid-East	13,783	10,816	10,039	- 777	- 3,744
Mid-West	14,196	12,641	11,999	- 642	- 2,197
South-East	23,734	21,013	19,815	- 1,198	- 3,919
South-West	27,577	22,655	21,285	- 1,370	- 6,292
Total	192,230	161,796	152,871	- 8,925	- 39,359

Table 2 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age Group and NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions on 26th May 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	8,352	41,946	50,298	4,689	24,506	29,195	3,663	17,440	21,103
Border	4,404	20,226	24,630	2,535	11,948	14,483	1,869	8,278	10,147
Midland	1,594	7,394	8,988	814	3,996	4,810	780	3,398	4,178
West	2,354	14,326	16,680	1,340	8,562	9,902	1,014	5,764	6,778
Eastern & Southern	16,339	86,234	102,573	9,215	49,667	58,882	7,124	36,567	43,691
Dublin	6,366	33,069	39,435	3,947	20,206	24,153	2,419	12,863	15,282
Mid-East	1,531	8,508	10,039	814	4,594	5,408	717	3,914	4,631
Mid-West	1,910	10,089	11,999	1,049	5,550	6,599	861	4,539	5,400
South-East	3,508	16,307	19,815	1,817	8,828	10,645	1,691	7,479	9,170
South-West	3,024	18,261	21,285	1,588	10,489	12,077	1,436	7,772	9,208
State	24,691	128,180	152,871	13,904	74,173	88,077	10,787	54,007	64,794

Table 3 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age Group and Province on 26th May 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	12,406	62,640	75,046	7,146	36,198	43,344	5,260	26,442	31,702
Munster	6,677	36,175	42,852	3,567	20,370	23,937	3,110	15,805	18,915
Connacht	2,929	17,475	20,404	1,675	10,196	11,871	1,254	7,279	8,533
Ulster	2,679	11,890	14,569	1,516	7,409	8,925	1,163	4,481	5,644
State	24,691	128,180	152,871	13,904	74,173	88,077	10,787	54,007	64,794

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	May 1999	April 2000	May 2000	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	59,325	52,776	50,298	4,689	24,506	29,195	3,663	17,440	21,103
Border	28,923	25,810	24,630	2,535	11,948	14,483	1,869	8,278	10,147
Cavan	2,198	1,856	1,764	128	913	1,041	95	628	723
Belturbet	418	374	365	27	197	224	19	122	141
Cavan	1,780	1,482	1,399	101	716	817	76	506	582
Donegal	11,469	10,830	10,365	1,128	5,381	6,509	882	2,974	3,856
Ballybofey	1,536	1,302	1,269	122	656	778	127	364	491
Ballyshannon	717	595	572	58	303	361	53	158	211
Buncrana	2,029	2,069	1,919	197	998	1,195	181	543	724
Donegal	636	526	504	37	251	288	29	187	216
Dunfanaghy	830	864	808	98	430	528	38	242	280
Dungloe	1,647	1,608	1,563	138	843	981	86	496	582
Killybegs	1,262	1,124	1,143	123	629	752	80	311	391
Letterkenny	2,812	2,742	2,587	355	1,271	1,626	288	673	961
Leitrim	1,472	1,252	1,163	50	539	589	51	523	574
Carrick-on-Shannon	1,071	972	909	38	423	461	41	407	448
Manorhamilton	401	280	254	12	116	128	10	116	126
Louth	7,854	6,688	6,337	684	2,905	3,589	466	2,282	2,748
Ardee	872	774	726	66	314	380	63	283	346
Drogheda	3,167	2,577	2,404	222	1,052	1,274	170	960	1,130
Dundalk	3,815	3,337	3,207	396	1,539	1,935	233	1,039	1,272
Monaghan	2,989	2,493	2,440	260	1,115	1,375	186	879	1,065
Carrickmacross	778	625	627	43	260	303	43	281	324
Castleblayney	915	813	800	97	368	465	57	278	335
Clones	363	272	257	28	131	159	22	76	98
Monaghan	933	783	756	92	356	448	64	244	308
Sligo	2,941	2,691	2,561	285	1,095	1,380	189	992	1,181
Sligo	2,533	2,319	2,202	258	941	1,199	170	833	1,003
Tubbercurry	408	372	359	27	154	181	19	159	178
Midland	10,671	9,307	8,988	814	3,996	4,810	780	3,398	4,178
Laoighis	2,368	1,992	1,945	160	869	1,029	179	737	916
Portllington	858	713	693	38	277	315	55	323	378
Portlaoise	1,089	946	926	103	427	530	85	311	396
Rathdowney	421	333	326	19	165	184	39	103	142
Longford	2,131	1,937	1,874	167	826	993	179	702	881
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Offaly	2,926	2,455	2,345	215	1,078	1,293	206	846	1,052
Birr	799	712	693	72	301	373	69	251	320
Edenderry	782	620	597	48	276	324	47	226	273
Tullamore	1,345	1,123	1,055	95	501	596	90	369	459
Westmeath	3,246	2,923	2,824	272	1,223	1,495	216	1,113	1,329
Athlone	1,436	1,240	1,232	150	517	667	75	490	565
Castlepollard	260	257	236	12	102	114	15	107	122
Mullingar	1,550	1,426	1,356	110	604	714	126	516	642
West	19,731	17,659	16,680	1,340	8,562	9,902	1,014	5,764	6,778
Galway	10,348	8,921	8,498	783	4,350	5,133	616	2,749	3,365
Ballinasloe	1,041	945	917	116	464	580	72	265	337
Clifden	895	880	847	69	530	599	40	208	248
Galway	5,839	4,853	4,613	472	2,261	2,733	402	1,478	1,880
Gort	522	425	396	20	169	189	15	192	207
Loughrea	810	695	653	38	323	361	36	256	292
Tuam	1,241	1,123	1,072	68	603	671	51	350	401

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	Males						Females		
	May 1999	April 2000	May 2000	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	7,606	6,992	6,555	476	3,380	3,856	299	2,400	2,699
Achill	363	335	321	24	191	215	11	95	106
Ballina	2,478	2,167	2,039	198	1,061	1,259	111	669	780
Ballinrobe	474	444	402	20	230	250	11	141	152
Belmullet	1,024	977	950	70	533	603	34	313	347
Castlebar	899	860	805	52	334	386	55	364	419
Claremorris	555	576	510	26	244	270	14	226	240
Swinford	971	921	850	61	398	459	42	349	391
Westport	842	712	678	25	389	414	21	243	264
Roscommon	1,777	1,746	1,627	81	832	913	99	615	714
Boyle	534	525	490	23	244	267	29	194	223
Castlerea	936	901	834	48	437	485	53	296	349
Roscommon	307	320	303	10	151	161	17	125	142
Eastern and Southern	132,905	109,020	102,573	9,215	49,667	58,882	7,124	36,567	43,691
Dublin	53,615	41,895	39,435	3,947	20,206	24,153	2,419	12,863	15,282
Dublin	53,615	41,895	39,435	3,947	20,206	24,153	2,419	12,863	15,282
Gardiner Street	3,869	3,375	3,274	349	1,636	1,985	212	1,077	1,289
Werburgh Street	4,368	3,308	3,138	261	1,789	2,050	129	959	1,088
Victoria Street	1,692	1,301	1,193	99	635	734	74	385	459
Cumberland Street	6,303	4,899	4,616	400	2,410	2,810	279	1,527	1,806
Navan Road	6,860	5,880	5,647	571	2,924	3,495	379	1,773	2,152
Thomas Street	3,749	2,693	2,554	249	1,505	1,754	182	618	800
Tara Street	1,941	1,294	1,211	97	674	771	52	388	440
Tallaght ¹	4,551	3,587	3,384	545	1,572	2,117	327	940	1,267
Ballymun	1,712	1,336	1,301	178	722	900	121	280	401
Clondalkin	3,165	2,355	2,237	324	1,049	1,373	187	677	864
Rathfarnham	2,432	1,836	1,617	68	724	792	60	765	825
Kilbarrack	2,962	2,627	2,443	220	1,154	1,374	105	964	1,069
Dun Laoghaire	3,889	3,235	2,865	163	1,454	1,617	77	1,171	1,248
Balbriggan	1,371	1,058	1,021	70	499	569	39	413	452
Ballyfermot	2,223	1,306	1,213	162	629	791	96	326	422
Finglas	2,528	1,805	1,721	191	830	1,021	100	600	700
Mid-East	13,783	10,816	10,039	814	4,594	5,408	717	3,914	4,631
Kildare	5,381	3,738	3,530	321	1,526	1,847	282	1,401	1,683
Athy	1,002	729	704	87	331	418	71	215	286
Kildare ²	737	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maynooth	1,422	900	832	42	370	412	52	368	420
Newbridge ²	2,220	2,109	1,994	192	825	1,017	159	818	977
Meath	3,081	2,565	2,346	143	1,107	1,250	175	921	1,096
Kells	603	498	467	13	241	254	43	170	213
Navan	1,613	1,361	1,226	93	574	667	90	469	559
Trim	865	706	653	37	292	329	42	282	324
Wicklow	5,321	4,513	4,163	350	1,961	2,311	260	1,592	1,852
Arklow	1,141	1,039	977	82	492	574	91	312	403
Baltinglass	563	493	467	34	188	222	33	212	245
Blessington ¹	206	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bray	2,568	2,175	1,961	159	899	1,058	96	807	903
Wicklow	843	806	758	75	382	457	40	261	301
Mid-West	14,196	12,641	11,999	1,049	5,550	6,599	861	4,539	5,400
Clare	3,608	3,185	3,012	240	1,399	1,639	179	1,194	1,373
Ennis	1,908	1,673	1,598	146	656	802	105	691	796
Ennistymon	646	582	542	42	283	325	29	188	217
Kilrush	645	603	562	38	304	342	32	188	220
Tulla	409	327	310	14	156	170	13	127	140
Limerick	8,126	7,232	6,797	624	3,168	3,792	515	2,490	3,005
Kilmallock	930	864	856	78	389	467	84	305	389
Limerick	6,099	5,445	5,080	511	2,355	2,866	374	1,840	2,214
Newcastle West	1,097	923	861	35	424	459	57	345	402

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

² Claims transferred from Kildare to Newbridge with effect from 31st March, 2000

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	May 1999	April 2000	May 2000	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Tipperary N.R.	2,462	2,224	2,190	185	983	1,168	167	855	1,022
Nenagh	825	722	705	43	331	374	44	287	331
Roscrea	503	460	486	33	184	217	46	223	269
Thurles	1,134	1,042	999	109	468	577	77	345	422
South-East	23,734	21,013	19,815	1,817	8,828	10,645	1,691	7,479	9,170
Carlow	2,775	2,323	2,174	157	920	1,077	173	924	1,097
Bagenalstown	620	507	487	35	216	251	30	206	236
Carlow	1,625	1,353	1,246	89	518	607	104	535	639
Tullow	530	463	441	33	186	219	39	183	222
Kilkenny	2,983	2,413	2,173	195	951	1,146	182	845	1,027
Callan	447	380	366	23	218	241	21	104	125
Kilkenny	2,054	1,676	1,453	145	578	723	134	596	730
Thomastown	482	357	354	27	155	182	27	145	172
Tipperary S.R.	4,575	3,922	3,816	393	1,750	2,143	315	1,358	1,673
Cahir	570	531	533	68	230	298	40	195	235
Carrick-on-Suir	1,017	889	885	83	433	516	65	304	369
Cashel	399	363	308	30	140	170	26	112	138
Clonmel	1,866	1,435	1,406	150	641	791	124	491	615
Tipperary	723	704	684	62	306	368	60	256	316
Waterford	6,387	6,102	5,752	537	2,581	3,118	498	2,136	2,634
Dungarvan	943	875	840	76	407	483	76	281	357
Waterford	5,444	5,227	4,912	461	2,174	2,635	422	1,855	2,277
Wexford	7,014	6,253	5,900	535	2,626	3,161	523	2,216	2,739
Enniscorthy	1,913	1,759	1,687	175	803	978	174	535	709
Gorey	1,038	950	919	80	407	487	90	342	432
New Ross	1,407	1,220	1,121	91	524	615	77	429	506
Wexford	2,656	2,324	2,173	189	892	1,081	182	910	1,092
South-West	27,577	22,655	21,285	1,588	10,489	12,077	1,436	7,772	9,208
Cork	20,147	16,376	15,498	1,139	7,610	8,749	1,055	5,694	6,749
Bandon	571	485	491	27	249	276	27	188	215
Bantry	406	380	348	12	167	179	11	158	169
Bantry (SWLO) ³	0	261	222	10	85	95	5	122	127
Clonakilty	420	407	384	21	155	176	22	186	208
Cobh	567	452	439	49	163	212	38	189	227
Cork	11,154	8,494	8,026	682	4,349	5,031	584	2,411	2,995
Dunmanway	268	261	252	9	102	111	12	129	141
Fermoy	766	654	651	45	279	324	50	277	327
Kinsale	651	640	607	31	256	287	37	283	320
Macroom	470	372	353	13	176	189	14	150	164
Mallow	1,010	840	810	64	393	457	76	277	353
Midleton	964	842	817	62	333	395	68	354	422
Newmarket	798	530	470	21	215	236	25	209	234
Passage West	812	684	626	39	258	297	31	298	329
Skibbereen	604	528	497	24	180	204	25	268	293
Youghal	686	546	505	30	250	280	30	195	225
Kerry	7,430	6,279	5,787	449	2,879	3,328	381	2,078	2,459
Cahiriveen	432	412	386	16	189	205	14	167	181
Dingle	286	249	211	12	106	118	10	83	93
Kenmare ³	561	204	165	5	86	91	1	73	74
Killarney	989	960	853	55	360	415	55	383	438
Killorglin	551	458	413	22	242	264	8	141	149
Listowel	1,241	1,101	1,021	73	542	615	80	326	406
Tralee	3,370	2,895	2,738	266	1,354	1,620	213	905	1,118
State	192,230	161,796	152,871	13,904	74,173	88,077	10,787	54,007	64,794

³ 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 Laoghaire-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