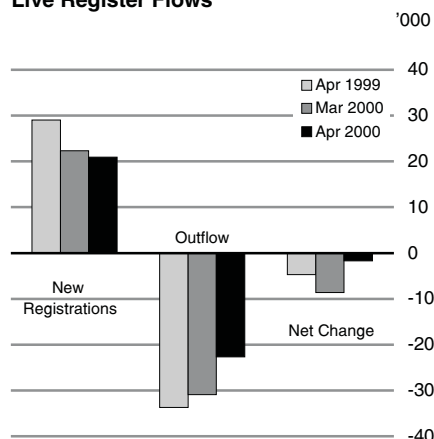




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Live Register Flows



Live Register Flow Analysis April 2000

	New Registrations	Outflow (derived)	Net Change
Men	10,082	12,465	-2,383
Women	10,863	10,173	+690
Total	20,945	22,638	-1,693

New registrations increase for females

During April there were 20,945 new registrations on the Live Register, while 22,638 people left the Register giving a net decrease of 1,693 in the month. This compares with a monthly decrease of 4,686 in April 1999.

While the total number of new registrations was lower in April than in March, there were different trends for men and women. The number of men joining the Live Register decreased in April from 12,404 to 10,082, but the number of women joining the Live Register increased from 9,924 in March to 10,863 in April. This reflects the later than usual Easter holiday this year which affected employment in the educational sector at the end of April. *See Table 2.*

Other features include:

- ◆ On average, the Live Register fell by 423 persons per week during April. This compares to an average weekly decrease of 1,721 during March. *See Table 2.*
- ◆ During April the number of female registrants increased by 173 per week. This compares to an average weekly decrease of 785 in March and an average weekly decrease of 446 during April 1999. *See Table 3.*
- ◆ Outflows from the Live Register were also down in April, with 5,660 people per week leaving the Register compared with 6,186 in March.

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 Flows on and off the Live Register in the 4 weeks from
31 March 2000 to 28 April 2000**

	Total	New Registrations	Net Change	Outflow (derived)
Border, Midland & Western	52,776	6,239	- 736	6,975
Border	25,810	2,807	- 196	3,003
Midland	9,307	1,173	- 344	1,517
West	17,659	2,259	- 196	2,455
Eastern & Southern	109,020	14,706	- 957	15,663
Dublin	41,895	5,568	- 136	5,704
Mid-East	10,816	1,595	- 54	1,649
Mid-West	12,641	1,879	- 83	1,962
South-East	21,013	2,575	+ 85	2,490
South-West	22,655	3,089	- 769	3,858
Sex				
Males	92,053	10,082	- 2,383	12,465
Females	69,743	10,863	+ 690	10,173
Total	161,796	20,945	- 1,693	22,638

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		
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
	November	4	20,289	5,072	26,448	6,612	-	1,540
	December	5	22,561	4,512	17,808	3,562	+	950
2000	January	4	25,728	6,432	26,105	6,526	-	94
	February	4	20,915	5,229	24,984	6,246	-	1,017
	March	5	22,328	4,466	30,932	6,186	-	1,721
	April	4	20,945	5,236	22,638	5,660	-	423

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
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	4	112,719	10,906	13,957	- 763	79,511	8,870	10,137	- 317
	June	4	111,861	12,260	13,118	- 215	83,658	13,667	9,520	+ 1,037
	July	5	112,609	15,361	14,613	+ 150	87,950	16,019	11,727	+ 858
	August	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
	November	4	98,704	11,085	13,645	- 640	73,082	9,204	12,803	- 900
	December	5	101,029	11,809	9,484	+ 465	75,510	10,752	8,324	+ 486
2000	January	4	102,382	14,387	13,034	+ 338	73,780	11,341	13,071	- 433
	February	4	99,114	10,855	14,123	- 817	72,979	10,060	10,861	- 200
	March	5	94,436	12,404	17,082	- 936	69,053	9,924	13,850	- 785
	April	4	92,053	10,082	12,465	- 596	69,743	10,863	10,173	+ 173

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>