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Live Register Flow Analysis

April 2001

	New Registrations	Outflow (derived)	Net Change
Men	10,975	10,814	+161
Women	10,609	10,094	+515
Total	21,584	20,908	+676

New registrations exceed outflows by 676

A total of 21,584 persons joined the Live Register in April 2001. This was offset by 20,908 persons leaving the Register giving a net increase of 676 persons in the month. This compares with a monthly decrease of 423 in April 2000.

Other features include:

- ♦ On a weekly basis, new registrations were higher and outflows from the Register were lower in April this year than in April 2000.
- ♦ In April, there were 5,396 new claimants per week. This was 160 per week higher than the April 2000 figure of 5,236 new claimants per week. *See Table 2*.
- ♦ In April 2001 an average of 5,227 people per week left the Live Register, compared with 5,660 in April 2000. *See Table 2*.
- ♦ On average, the number of male registrants increased by 40 per week in April 2001, while the number of female registrants increased by 129 per week. See Table 3.

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 2000 is 68,800 persons unemployed.

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Table 1 Flows on and off the Live Register in the 4 weeks from 30 March to 27 April 2001

	Total	New Registrations	Ch	Net nange	Outflow (derived)
Border, Midland & Western	47,627	6,823	+	334	6,489
Border	23,926	3,030	+	126	2,904
Midland	8,593	1,437	+	66	1,371
West	15,108	2,356	+	142	2,214
Eastern & Southern	88,934	14,761	+	342	14,419
Dublin	31,590	5,746	+	309	5,437
Mid-East	8,603	1,502	+	33	1,469
Mid-West	11,063	1,906	-	44	1,950
South-East	18,346	2,479	-	48	2,527
South-West	19,332	3,128	+	92	3,036
Sex					
Males	80,104	10,975	+	161	10,814
Females	56,457	10,609	+	515	10,094
Total	136,561	21,584	+	676	20,908

 Table 2
 Summary of Flows on and off the Live Register and Average Weekly Flow

		Number	New Regist	rations (count)	Outflow (derived)		Average weekly	
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		weeks	Number	average	Number	average	Live	Register
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
	May	4	16,359	4,090	25,284	6,321	-	2,231
	June	5	28,251	5,650	24,369	4,874	+	776
	July	4	21,628	5,407	18,467	4,617	+	790
	August	4	17,211	4,303	18,099	4,525	-	222
	September	5	21,396	4,279	35,490	7,098	-	2,819
	October	4	18,230	4,558	23,973	5,993	-	1,436
	November	4	19,685	4,921	21,912	5,478	-	557
	December	5	21,494	4,299	16,870	3,374	+	925
2001	January	4	22,001	5,500	21,516	5,379	+	121
	February	4	18,740	4,685	21,296	5,324	-	639
	March	5	21,971	4,394	25,601	5,120	-	726
	April	4	21,584	5,396	20,908	5,227	+	169

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
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
	May	4	88,077	8,879	12,855	- 994	64,794	7,480	12,429	- 1,237
	June	5	87,917	13,246	13,406	- 32	68,836	15,005	10,963	+ 808
	July	4	88,459	10,491	9,949	+ 136	71,455	11,137	8,518	+ 655
	August	4	87,939	9,060	9,580	- 130	71,087	8,151	8,519	- 92
	September	5	82,714	11,158	16,383	- 1,045	62,218	10,238	19,107	- 1,774
	October	4	80,037	9,808	12,485	- 669	59,152	8,422	11,488	- 766
	November	4	79,308	10,500	11,229	- 182	57,654	9,185	10,683	- 375
	December	5	82,017	11,877	9,168	+ 542	59,569	9,617	7,702	+ 383
2001	January	4	83,260	11,971	10,728	+ 311	58,811	10,030	10,788	- 190
	February	4	81,172	10,148	12,236	- 522	58,343	8,592	9,060	- 117
	March	5	79,943	12,878	14,107	- 246	55,942	9,093	11,494	- 480
	April	4	80,104	10,975	10,814	+ 40	56,457	10,609	10,094	+ 129

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 selfemployed persons;
- Other registrants including applicants for credited Social Welfare contributions but excluding those directly involved in an industrial dispute.

Live Register Flow Analysis

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.

New Registrations

The aggregate of *new registrations* for each Friday in a given month is used in conjunction with the *net change* over the same period to calculate the *outflow* from the register. A *new registration* is defined as anybody on the Live Register on a particular Friday who was not on it on the previous Friday.

Unemployment Statistics

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).

History

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.

Descriptive articles

The compilation basis for the Live Register statistics from May 1992 onwards is described in the September 1992 issue of the *Statistical Bulletin*. 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 *Statistical Bulletin*.