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## Live Register Flow Analysis

August 2001

	New Registrations	Outflow (derived)	Net Change
Men	13,303	11,588	+1,715
Women	10,969	10,346	+623
Total	24,272	21,934	+2,338

#### New registrations exceed outflows

A total of 24,272 persons joined the Live Register in August 2001. This was offset by 21,934 persons leaving the Register giving a net increase of 2,338 persons in the month. This compares with a monthly decrease of 888 in August 2000.

Other features include:

- ♦ The Live Register increased on average by 468 persons per week during August. This compares with an average weekly increase of 1,559 persons during July. See table 2.
- ♦ In August, there were an average of 4,854 new claimants per week and 4,387 people leaving the Live Register. *See table 2*.
- ◆ On average, the number of male registrants increased by 343 per week in August, while the number of female registrants increased by 125 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 March - May 2001 is 65,400 persons unemployed.

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Table 1 Flows on and off the Live Register in the 5 weeks from 27 July 2001 to 31 August 2001

	Total	New Registrations	Net Change	Outflow (derived)
Border, Midland & Western	51,678	7,385	+ 617	6,768
Border	25,673	3,474	+ 282	3,192
Midland	9,292	1,435	+ 151	1,284
West	16,713	2,476	+ 184	2,292
Eastern & Southern	97,761	16,887	+ 1,721	15,166
Dublin	35,417	6,505	+ 613	5,892
Mid-East	9,668	1,799	+ 184	1,615
Mid-West	12,712	2,378	+ 461	1,917
South-East	19,063	2,616	- 29	2,645
South-West	20,901	3,589	+ 492	3,097
Sex				
Males	84,282	13,303	+ 1,715	11,588
Females	65,157	10,969	+ 623	10,346
Total	149,439	24,272	+ 2,338	21,934

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

		Number	New Regist	istrations (count) Outflow (derived)			Average wee		
		of		Weekly		Weekly	change in the		
	January	weeks	Number	average 6,432	Number	average	Live Register		
2000		4	25,728		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	
	May	4	17,324	4,331	20,194	5,049	-	718	
	June	5	28,982	5,796	21,808	4,362	+	1,435	
	July	4	23,354	5,839	17,118	4,280	+	1,559	
	August	5	24,272	4,854	21,934	4,387	+	468	

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)	W	erage reekly nange	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
	May	4	78,660	9,828	11,272	-	361	55,031	7,496	8,922	- 357
	June	5	80,355	14,056	12,361	+	339	60,510	14,926	9,447	+ 1,096
	July	4	82,567	11,677	9,465	+	553	64,534	11,677	7,653	+ 1,006
	August	5	84,282	13,303	11,588	+	343	65,157	10,969	10,346	+ 125

### **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*.