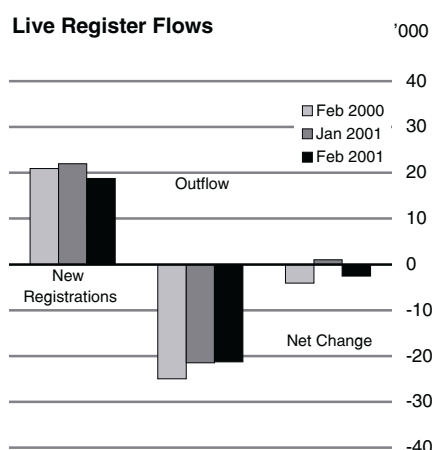




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## Live Register Flow Analysis February 2001



	New Registrations	Outflow (derived)	Net Change
Men	10,148	12,236	-2,088
Women	8,592	9,060	-468
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,740</b>	<b>21,296</b>	<b>-2,556</b>

### Fall in new registrations and outflows

A total of 21,296 persons signed off the Live Register during February 2001. This was offset by 18,740 new registrants, giving a net decrease of 2,556. This compares with a monthly decrease of 4,069 in February 2000.

On average the register decreased by 639 persons per week in February, compared with an average weekly increase of 121 persons in January.

Other features include:

- ◆ Both new registrants (4,685 per week) and outflows (5,324 per week) were lower in February this year, compared with February 2000 when there were 5,229 new registrants per week and 6,246 persons leaving the Register. *See Table 2.*
- ◆ On average, the number of male claimants decreased by 522 per week, while the number of female claimants decreased by 117 per week in February 2001. *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  
26 January 2001 to 23 February 2001**

	Total	New Registrations	Net Change	Outflow (derived)
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>47,683</b>	<b>5,579</b>	<b>- 991</b>	<b>6,570</b>
Border	24,042	2,627	- 394	3,021
Midland	8,431	1,131	- 72	1,203
West	15,210	1,821	- 525	2,346
<b>Eastern &amp; Southern</b>	<b>91,832</b>	<b>13,161</b>	<b>- 1,565</b>	<b>14,726</b>
Dublin	32,491	4,920	- 235	5,155
Mid-East	8,902	1,435	- 250	1,685
Mid-West	11,403	1,684	- 228	1,912
South-East	19,080	2,417	- 302	2,719
South-West	19,956	2,705	- 550	3,255
<b>Sex</b>				
Males	81,172	10,148	- 2,088	12,236
Females	58,343	8,592	- 468	9,060
<b>Total</b>	<b>139,515</b>	<b>18,740</b>	<b>- 2,556</b>	<b>21,296</b>

**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	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
	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

**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	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
	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

## Background Notes

<b>Source and scope of the Live Register</b>	<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"> <li>• All claimants for Unemployment Benefit (UB) excluding systematic short-time workers;</li> <li>• Applicants for Unemployment Assistance (UA) excluding smallholders and self-employed persons;</li> <li>• Other registrants including applicants for credited Social Welfare contributions but excluding those directly involved in an industrial dispute.</li> </ul>
<b>Live Register Flow Analysis</b>	<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>
<b>New Registrations</b>	<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>
<b>Unemployment Statistics</b>	<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>
<b>History</b>	<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>
<b>Descriptive articles</b>	<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>