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## Live Register Flow Analysis

January 2001

	New Registrations	Outflow (derived)	Net Change
Men	11,971	10,728	+1,243
Women	10,030	10,788	-758
Total	22,001	21,516	+485

### Seasonal increase in outflows

A total of 22,001 persons joined the Live Register in January 2001. This was offset by 21,516 persons leaving the Register giving a net increase of 485 persons in the month. Outflows were higher in January 2001 than in December 2000, when 16,870 persons left the Live Register and there was a net increase of 4,624.

This year's January increase of 485 compares with a decrease of 377 in January 2000.

Other features include:

- ♦ The 21,516 departures from the Live Register comprised 10,728 males and 10,788 females. *See Table 1*.
- ♦ The number of males on the Live Register increased by 311 per week during January while the number of females decreased by 190. *See Table 3*.
- ♦ On average there were 5,500 new claimants each week in January with 5,379 persons leaving the Register. *See Table 2*.

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 June-August 2000 is 77,700 persons unemployed.

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Table 1 Flows on and off the Live Register in the 4 weeks from 29 December 2000 to 26 January 2001

	Total	New Registrations	Net Change	Outflow (derived)	
Border, Midland & Western	48,674	7,179	+ 673	6,506	
Border	24,436	3,491	+ 467	3,024	
Midland	8,503	1,451	+ 150	1,301	
West	15,735	2,237	+ 56	2,181	
Eastern & Southern	93,397	14,822	- 188	15,010	
Dublin	32,726	5,102	- 460	5,562	
Mid-East	9,152	1,677	+ 48	1,629	
Mid-West	11,631	2,010	+ 219	1,791	
South-East	19,382	2,846	+ 62	2,784	
South-West	20,506	3,187	- 57	3,244	
Sex					
Males	83,260	11,971	+ 1,243	10,728	
Females	58,811	10,030	- 758	10,788	
Total	142,071	22,001	+ 485	21,516	

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

		Number	New Regist	rations (count)	Outflow (de	Average weekly		
		of weeks	Number	Weekly average	Number	Weekly average	chang	je in the Register
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

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)	V	rerage veekly hange	Live Register	New Regis- trations	Outflow (derived)	١	verage weekly hange
1999	December		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

# **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*.