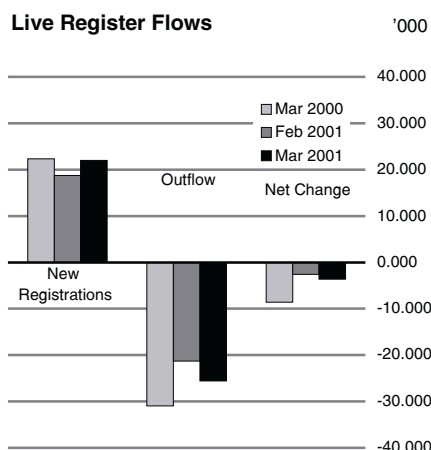




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Live Register Flow Analysis March 2001



	New Registrations	Outflow (derived)	Net Change
Men	12,878	14,107	-1,229
Women	9,093	11,494	-2,401
Total	21,971	25,601	-3,630

Fall in new registrations and outflows

During March a total of 25,601 persons left the Live Register. This was offset by 21,971 new registrations, giving a net decrease of 3,630. This compares with a monthly decrease of 8,604 in March 2000.

Other features include:

- ◆ The weekly number of new claimants was slightly lower in March this year than in 2000, at 4,394 persons per week compared with 4,466. Outflows from the Register were considerably lower in March this year, at 5,120 persons per week compared with 6,186 in March 2000. *See Table 2.*
- ◆ In March, the number of males on the Live Register fell by 246 per week while the number of females fell by 480. *See Table 3.*
- ◆ There was a net outflow from the register for all regions with the exception of the Midland region. *See Table 1.*

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 5 weeks from
23 February 2001 to 30 March 2001**

	Total	New Registrations	Net Change	Outflow (derived)
Border, Midland & Western	47,293	7,306	- 390	7,696
Border	23,800	3,539	- 242	3,781
Midland	8,527	1,526	+ 96	1,430
West	14,966	2,241	- 244	2,485
Eastern & Southern	88,592	14,665	- 3,240	17,905
Dublin	31,281	5,322	- 1,210	6,532
Mid-East	8,570	1,621	- 332	1,953
Mid-West	11,107	1,969	- 296	2,265
South-East	18,394	2,764	- 686	3,450
South-West	19,240	2,989	- 716	3,705
Sex				
Males	79,943	12,878	- 1,229	14,107
Females	55,942	9,093	- 2,401	11,494
Total	135,885	21,971	- 3,630	25,601

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	
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

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

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>