

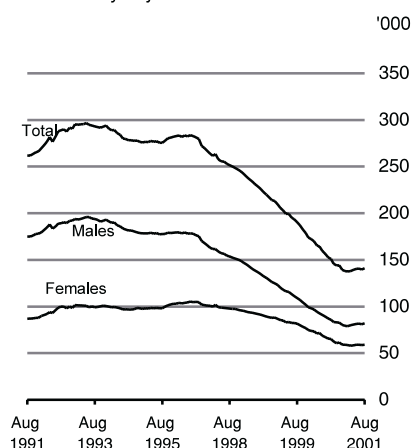


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Live Register Statement August 2001

Live Register
Seasonally Adjusted



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
August 2000	159,026	150,900
July 2001	147,101	139,800
August 2001	149,439	141,200
Change in month	+2,338	+1,400
Change in year	-9,587	-9,700

Live Register increases by over 2,000 in August

The Live Register increased by 2,338 persons in August 2001 to 149,439. After adjusting for seasonal factors, the Live Register showed an increase of 1,400 in the month. The seasonally adjusted total increased from 139,800 in July to 141,200 in August.

In the year to August 2001, the Live Register decreased by 9,587 persons. *See table 1a.*

Other features include:

- ◆ During August the increase of 2,338 reflected an increase of 1,715 males and 623 females. The monthly increase of 1,400 in the seasonally adjusted figure comprised an increase of 1,000 males and 400 females. *See tables 1a and 4a.*
- ◆ Against the overall monthly increase the Live Register decreased slightly in the South-East. *See table 2.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in August was 3.7%. This compares with 3.7% in April 2001, based on the Quarterly National Household Survey. *See table 8 and Background Notes.*

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 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	August 2000	July 2001	August 2001	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	25,640	28,169	29,345	+ 1,176	+ 3,705
UA Applications	59,629	51,985	52,500	+ 515	- 7,129
Other Registrants	2,670	2,413	2,437	+ 24	- 233
Total	87,939	82,567	84,282	+ 1,715	- 3,657
Females					
UB Claims	34,575	33,368	33,737	+ 369	- 838
UA Applications	25,436	21,516	21,684	+ 168	- 3,752
Other Registrants	11,076	9,650	9,736	+ 86	- 1,340
Total	71,087	64,534	65,157	+ 623	- 5,930
All Persons					
UB Claims	60,215	61,537	63,082	+ 1,545	+ 2,867
UA Applications	85,065	73,501	74,184	+ 683	- 10,881
Other Registrants	13,746	12,063	12,173	+ 110	- 1,573
Total	159,026	147,101	149,439	+ 2,338	- 9,587

Table 1b Persons under 25 years of age on the Live Register

Category	August 2000	July 2001	August 2001	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	4,082	4,782	5,075	+ 293	+ 993
UA Applications	10,662	9,814	9,955	+ 141	- 707
Other Registrants	31	41	42	+ 1	+ 11
Total	14,775	14,637	15,072	+ 435	+ 297
Females					
UB Claims	3,575	3,923	4,130	+ 207	+ 555
UA Applications	8,855	7,792	7,862	+ 70	- 993
Other Registrants	166	132	136	+ 4	- 30
Total	12,596	11,847	12,128	+ 281	- 468
All Persons					
UB Claims	7,657	8,705	9,205	+ 500	+ 1,548
UA Applications	19,517	17,606	17,817	+ 211	- 1,700
Other Registrants	197	173	178	+ 5	- 19
Total	27,371	26,484	27,200	+ 716	- 171

Table 1c Persons 25 years of age and over on the Live Register

Category	August 2000	July 2001	August 2001	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	21,558	23,387	24,270	+ 883	+ 2,712
UA Applications	48,967	42,171	42,545	+ 374	- 6,422
Other Registrants	2,639	2,372	2,395	+ 23	- 244
Total	73,164	67,930	69,210	+ 1,280	- 3,954
Females					
UB Claims	31,000	29,445	29,607	+ 162	- 1,393
UA Applications	16,581	13,724	13,822	+ 98	- 2,759
Other Registrants	10,910	9,518	9,600	+ 82	- 1,310
Total	58,491	52,687	53,029	+ 342	- 5,462
All Persons					
UB Claims	52,558	52,832	53,877	+ 1,045	+ 1,319
UA Applications	65,548	55,895	56,367	+ 472	- 9,181
Other Registrants	13,549	11,890	11,995	+ 105	- 1,554
Total	131,655	120,617	122,239	+ 1,622	- 9,416

Table 2 Persons on the Live Register by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	August 2000	July 2001	August 2001		Monthly change	Annual change
Males						
Border, Midland & Western	29,668	28,588	29,038	+	450	- 630
Border	14,724	14,508	14,711	+	203	- 13
Midland	4,864	4,690	4,809	+	119	- 55
West	10,080	9,390	9,518	+	128	- 562
Eastern & Southern	58,271	53,979	55,244	+	1,265	- 3,027
Dublin	23,498	20,289	20,748	+	459	- 2,750
Mid-East	5,299	4,801	4,901	+	100	- 398
Mid-West	6,783	6,672	6,978	+	306	+ 195
South-East	10,728	10,335	10,423	+	88	- 305
South-West	11,963	11,882	12,194	+	312	+ 231
Total	87,939	82,567	84,282	+	1,715	- 3,657
Females						
Border, Midland & Western	23,357	22,473	22,640	+	167	- 717
Border	11,069	10,883	10,962	+	79	- 107
Midland	4,608	4,451	4,483	+	32	- 125
West	7,680	7,139	7,195	+	56	- 485
Eastern & Southern	47,730	42,061	42,517	+	456	- 5,213
Dublin	17,005	14,515	14,669	+	154	- 2,336
Mid-East	5,188	4,683	4,767	+	84	- 421
Mid-West	6,075	5,579	5,734	+	155	- 341
South-East	9,816	8,757	8,640	-	117	- 1,176
South-West	9,646	8,527	8,707	+	180	- 939
Total	71,087	64,534	65,157	+	623	- 5,930
All Persons						
Border, Midland & Western	53,025	51,061	51,678	+	617	- 1,347
Border	25,793	25,391	25,673	+	282	- 120
Midland	9,472	9,141	9,292	+	151	- 180
West	17,760	16,529	16,713	+	184	- 1,047
Eastern & Southern	106,001	96,040	97,761	+	1,721	- 8,240
Dublin	40,503	34,804	35,417	+	613	- 5,086
Mid-East	10,487	9,484	9,668	+	184	- 819
Mid-West	12,858	12,251	12,712	+	461	- 146
South-East	20,544	19,092	19,063	-	29	- 1,481
South-West	21,609	20,409	20,901	+	492	- 708
Total	159,026	147,101	149,439	+	2,338	- 9,587

¹ The composition of the regions is described in the Live Register Area Analysis release

Table 3 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	August 2000	July 2001	August 2001		Monthly change	Annual change
Provinces						
Leinster	77,644	70,159	71,300	+	1,141	- 6,344
Munster	44,492	41,777	42,739	+	962	- 1,753
Connacht	21,760	20,129	20,351	+	222	- 1,409
Ulster	15,130	15,036	15,049	+	13	- 81
Total	159,026	147,101	149,439	+	2,338	- 9,587

Table 4a Total persons on the Live Register - Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted

	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series ¹		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2000	January	102,400	73,800	176,200	98,300	73,800	172,100
	February	99,100	73,000	172,100	96,800	73,300	170,000
	March	94,400	69,100	163,500	94,400	71,000	165,400
	April	92,100	69,700	161,800	92,700	71,800	164,500
	May	88,100	64,800	152,900	91,000	68,700	159,600
	June	87,900	68,800	156,800	89,100	67,400	156,500
	July	88,500	71,500	159,900	87,000	65,600	152,700
	August	87,900	71,100	159,000	85,700	65,100	150,900
	September	82,700	62,200	144,900	83,300	62,400	145,700
	October	80,000	59,200	139,200	83,100	60,800	144,000
	November	79,300	57,700	137,000	82,600	61,300	144,000
	December	82,000	59,600	141,600	80,400	58,900	139,300
2001	January	83,300	58,800	142,100	79,200	58,900	138,100
	February	81,200	58,300	139,500	78,800	58,600	137,500
	March	79,900	55,900	135,900	80,000	58,000	137,900
	April	80,100	56,500	136,600	80,800	58,500	139,300
	May	78,700	55,000	133,700	81,400	58,900	140,300
	June	80,400	60,500	140,900	81,600	59,000	140,600
	July	82,600	64,500	147,100	81,100	58,700	139,800
	August	84,300	65,200	149,400	82,100	59,100	141,200

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2001 (See Background Notes).

Table 4b Persons under 25 years of age on the Live Register - Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted

	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series ¹		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2000	January	17,000	13,000	29,900	16,100	13,000	29,100
	February	16,200	12,700	28,900	15,700	12,800	28,500
	March	15,200	11,800	27,000	15,300	12,400	27,700
	April	14,700	11,400	26,100	15,000	12,300	27,300
	May	13,900	10,800	24,700	15,000	11,900	26,800
	June	14,400	12,000	26,300	14,300	11,200	25,500
	July	14,900	12,500	27,400	13,800	10,800	24,600
	August	14,800	12,600	27,400	13,500	10,700	24,200
	September	13,400	11,000	24,400	13,100	10,500	23,500
	October	12,500	10,200	22,700	13,600	10,700	24,400
	November	12,400	9,700	22,000	13,600	10,700	24,300
	December	12,900	9,500	22,400	13,100	10,200	23,300
2001	January	13,600	10,000	23,600	12,700	10,000	22,700
	February	13,300	10,000	23,200	12,800	10,100	22,900
	March	12,900	9,600	22,500	13,100	10,200	23,300
	April	13,000	9,600	22,600	13,400	10,400	23,800
	May	12,800	9,500	22,300	13,800	10,500	24,300
	June	13,700	11,000	24,700	13,600	10,300	23,900
	July	14,600	11,800	26,500	13,600	10,100	23,700
	August	15,100	12,100	27,200	13,800	10,200	24,000

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2001 (See Background Notes).

Table 4c Persons 25 years of age or over on the Live Register - Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted

	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series ¹		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2000	January	85,400	60,800	146,200	82,200	60,900	143,100
	February	82,900	60,300	143,200	81,100	60,400	141,500
	March	79,200	57,300	136,500	79,100	58,600	137,700
	April	77,400	58,300	135,700	77,700	59,500	137,200
	May	74,200	54,000	128,200	76,000	56,800	132,800
	June	73,600	56,900	130,400	74,900	56,100	131,000
	July	73,600	58,900	132,500	73,200	54,900	128,100
	August	73,200	58,500	131,700	72,200	54,400	126,600
	September	69,300	51,200	120,500	70,200	52,000	122,200
	October	67,500	49,000	116,500	69,500	50,100	119,600
	November	66,900	48,000	114,900	69,000	50,600	119,600
	December	69,100	50,000	119,100	67,200	48,800	116,000
2001	January	69,700	48,800	118,500	66,400	48,900	115,300
	February	67,900	48,400	116,300	66,100	48,500	114,600
	March	67,000	46,400	113,400	66,900	47,800	114,700
	April	67,100	46,900	114,000	67,400	48,100	115,500
	May	65,800	45,600	111,400	67,600	48,400	116,000
	June	66,700	49,500	116,200	68,000	48,700	116,700
	July	67,900	52,700	120,600	67,600	48,600	116,100
	August	69,200	53,000	122,200	68,200	48,900	117,200

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2001 (See Background Notes).

Table 5 Persons working on systematic short-time basis excluded from the Live Register

	Month	Males	Females	Total
2000	January	948	2,197	3,145
	February	954	2,247	3,201
	March	1,210	2,127	3,337
	April	961	2,079	3,040
	May	771	2,023	2,794
	June	909	1,883	2,792
	July	909	1,823	2,732
	August	894	1,741	2,635
	September	722	1,635	2,357
	October	778	1,585	2,363
	November	849	1,618	2,467
	December	1,027	1,599	2,626
2001	January	1,262	1,711	2,973
	February	1,263	1,816	3,079
	March	1,103	1,751	2,854
	April	1,094	1,724	2,818
	May	1,102	1,736	2,838
	June	941	1,707	2,648
	July	862	1,734	2,596
	August	1,135	1,880	3,015

Table 6 Smallholders/Farm Assists and Self-Employed Persons applying for Unemployment Assistance and Other Registrants excluded from the Live Register

	Month	Smallholders/ Farm Assists ¹	Self-Employed	Others	Total
2000	January	8,456	2,102	771	11,329
	February	8,332	2,049	754	11,135
	March	8,262	2,020	738	11,020
	April	8,211	1,944	761	10,916
	May	8,143	1,890	735	10,768
	June	8,093	1,842	738	10,673
	July	8,096	1,811	762	10,669
	August	8,047	1,787	759	10,593
	September	8,018	1,771	759	10,548
	October	8,031	1,758	700	10,489
	November	8,058	1,767	689	10,514
	December	8,094	1,765	726	10,585
2001	January	8,112	1,717	683	10,512
	February	8,127	1,691	659	10,477
	March	8,212	1,669	661	10,542
	April	8,439	1,637	659	10,735
	May	8,509	1,614	642	10,765
	June	8,551	1,584	666	10,801
	July	8,552	1,548	710	10,810
	August	8,538	1,544	718	10,800

¹Farm Assist Scheme was introduced in April 1999.

Table 7 Persons Under 65 Years, other than Smallholders/Farm Assists, on the Pre-Retirement Allowance Scheme (PRETA) or on the Pre-Retirement Credits Scheme (PRECS), excluded from the Live Register

	Month	PRETA	PRECS	Total	Males	Females
2000	January	11,548	7,347	18,895	13,943	4,952
	February	11,608	7,461	19,069	14,033	5,036
	March	11,622	7,389	19,011	13,951	5,060
	April	11,645	7,367	19,012	13,894	5,118
	May	11,636	7,328	18,964	13,818	5,146
	June	11,741	7,273	19,014	13,860	5,154
	July	11,723	7,432	19,155	13,944	5,211
	August	11,745	7,454	19,199	13,928	5,271
	September	11,536	7,475	19,011	13,765	5,246
	October	12,677	7,575	20,252	14,746	5,506
	November	12,652	7,624	20,276	14,777	5,499
	December	12,521	7,660	20,181	14,682	5,499
2001	January	12,470	7,736	20,206	14,654	5,552
	February	12,496	7,925	20,421	14,714	5,707
	March	12,527	7,845	20,372	14,739	5,633
	April	12,496	7,756	20,252	14,617	5,635
	May	12,436	7,791	20,227	14,560	5,667
	June	12,371	7,848	20,219	14,547	5,672
	July	12,299	7,851	20,150	14,492	5,658
	August	12,182	7,901	20,083	14,414	5,669

Table 8 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates

Month	1996 ³	1997 ³	1998	1999	2000	2001 ⁴
	%	%	%	%	%	%
January	12.0	10.7	8.5	6.3	4.6	3.6
February	12.0	10.6	8.2	6.1	4.5	3.6
March	11.8	10.5	8.0	5.9	4.4	3.6
April ²	11.9	10.3	7.8	5.7	4.3	3.6
May	11.8	10.1	7.6	5.7	4.2	3.7
June	11.6	9.9	7.5	5.5	4.1	3.7
July	11.5	9.7	7.3	5.4	4.0	3.6
August	11.4	9.5	7.1	5.3	3.9	3.7
September	11.2	9.3	6.9	5.2	3.8	
October	11.1	9.1	6.7	5.0	3.8	
November	11.0	8.9	6.6	4.9	3.8	
December	10.9	8.7	6.5	4.7	3.6	
Annual average	11.5	9.8	7.4	5.5	4.1	

¹ Table contains revised figures

² Benchmark Labour Force Survey/Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) estimates.

³ Interpolated data for May 1996 to March 1997 (see Background Notes).

⁴ The latest QNHS estimate of the unemployment rate (unadjusted for seasonality) is: March-May 2001, 3.7%.

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 (*see Table 5*);
- Applicants for Unemployment Assistance (UA) excluding smallholders/farm assists and self-employed persons (*see Table 6*);
- Other registrants including applicants for credited Social Welfare contributions but excluding those directly involved in an industrial dispute (*see Table 6*).

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*.

Unemployment statistics Unemployment is measured by the Quarterly National Household Survey (formerly the annual Labour Force Survey). 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 Unemployment Benefit.

Standardised unemployment rates The Standardised Unemployment Rate (SUR) series in Table 8 is based on the estimated number of persons unemployed expressed as a percentage of the total economically active population (i.e. the labour force), using internationally comparable definitions of employment and unemployment, as recommended by the International Labour Office. Benchmark estimates of the SUR for April of each year are calculated from the Labour Force Survey/Quarterly National Household Survey. The monthly trend in the seasonally adjusted Live Register has been traditionally used to estimate the monthly SUR between successive surveys.

This approach was temporarily suspended following the rapid decline in the Live Register after September 1996. A linear interpolation estimation approach was used between April 1996 and April 1997, as the Live Register series could not be used as an indicator of monthly trends in unemployment during that period. The traditional estimation approach has been used from April 1997 onwards.

QNHS The Quarterly National Household Survey, which began in September 1997, has now replaced the Labour Force Survey and provides quarterly estimates of the unemployment rate. The estimates (unadjusted for seasonality) are:

1997				Q4: 10.4%
1998	Q1: 8.5%	Q2: 7.8%	Q3: 7.6%	Q4: 6.4%
1999	Q1: 5.8%	Q2: 5.7%	Q3: 5.7%	Q4: 5.1%
2000	Q1: 4.7%	Q2: 4.3%	Q3: 4.3%	Q4: 3.9%
2001	Q1: 3.7%	Q2: 3.7%		

Seasonal adjustment The seasonal adjustment of the Live Register is completed using the X-11 Variant of the US Bureau of Census Method 2 (Additive Option). The seasonally adjusted series are updated twice yearly, in January and July; pending the next updating, seasonal adjustment for intervening months is carried out using projected seasonal factors. In Tables 4a, b and c the seasonally adjusted totals are the sum of the relevant seasonally adjusted series for males and females, under and over 25 years.

Because QNHS estimates are not yet adjusted for seasonality, only the March–May unemployment rates, which are directly comparable with April LFS data, have been incorporated in the calculation of the monthly SUR.