

	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
December 2000	141,586	139,300
November 2001	147,121	154,100
December 2001	152,406	N/A
Change in month	+ 5,285	N/A
Change in year	+10,820	N/A

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Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	December 2000	November 2001	December 2001	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	24,921	33,028	35,064	+ 2,036	+ 10,143
UA Applications	54,619	52,546	53,709	+ 1,163	- 910
Other Registrants	2,477	2,529	2,621	+ 92	+ 144
Total	82,017	88,103	91,394	+ 3,291	+ 9,377
Females					
UB Claims	28,858	30,078	31,645	+ 1,567	+ 2,787
UA Applications	20,912	20,086	20,250	+ 164	- 662
Other Registrants	9,799	8,854	9,117	+ 263	- 682
Total	59,569	59,018	61,012	+ 1,994	+ 1,443
All Persons					
UB Claims	53,779	63,106	66,709	+ 3,603	+ 12,930
UA Applications	75,531	72,632	73,959	+ 1,327	- 1,572
Other Registrants	12,276	11,383	11,738	+ 355	- 538
Total	141,586	147,121	152,406	+ 5,285	+ 10,820

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

Category	December 2000	November 2001	December 2001	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	3,546	5,585	5,953	+ 368	+ 2,407
UA Applications	9,320	9,968	10,378	+ 410	+ 1,058
Other Registrants	35	53	65	+ 12	+ 30
Total	12,901	15,606	16,396	+ 790	+ 3,495
Females					
UB Claims	2,710	3,808	3,864	+ 56	+ 1,154
UA Applications	6,703	7,120	7,143	+ 23	+ 440
Other Registrants	130	101	106	+ 5	- 24
Total	9,543	11,029	11,113	+ 84	+ 1,570
All Persons					
UB Claims	6,256	9,393	9,817	+ 424	+ 3,561
UA Applications	16,023	17,088	17,521	+ 433	+ 1,498
Other Registrants	165	154	171	+ 17	+ 6
Total	22,444	26,635	27,509	+ 874	+ 5,065

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

Category	December 2000	November 2001	December 2001	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	21,375	27,443	29,111	+ 1,668	+ 7,736
UA Applications	45,299	42,578	43,331	+ 753	- 1,968
Other Registrants	2,442	2,476	2,556	+ 80	+ 114
Total	69,116	72,497	74,998	+ 2,501	+ 5,882
Females					
UB Claims	26,148	26,270	27,781	+ 1,511	+ 1,633
UA Applications	14,209	12,966	13,107	+ 141	- 1,102
Other Registrants	9,669	8,753	9,011	+ 258	- 658
Total	50,026	47,989	49,899	+ 1,910	- 127
All Persons					
UB Claims	47,523	53,713	56,892	+ 3,179	+ 9,369
UA Applications	59,508	55,544	56,438	+ 894	- 3,070
Other Registrants	12,111	11,229	11,567	+ 338	- 544
Total	119,142	120,486	124,897	+ 4,411	+ 5,755

Table 2 Persons on the Live Register by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	December 2000	November 2001	December 2001		Monthly change		Annual change
Males							
Border, Midland & Western	27,762	28,757	29,614	+	857	+	1,852
Border	14,063	14,474	14,958	+	484	+	895
Midland	4,450	4,908	4,971	+	63	+	521
West	9,249	9,375	9,685	+	310	+	436
Eastern & Southern	54,255	59,346	61,780	+	2,434	+	7,525
Dublin	20,153	21,381	22,184	+	803	+	2,031
Mid-East	4,949	5,555	6,059	+	504	+	1,110
Mid-West	6,406	7,182	7,370	+	188	+	964
South-East	10,675	11,742	12,265	+	523	+	1,590
South-West	12,072	13,486	13,902	+	416	+	1,830
Total	82,017	88,103	91,394	+	3,291	+	9,377
Females							
Border, Midland & Western	20,239	20,001	20,554	+	553	+	315
Border	9,906	9,837	10,164	+	327	+	258
Midland	3,903	3,797	3,854	+	57	-	49
West	6,430	6,367	6,536	+	169	+	106
Eastern & Southern	39,330	39,017	40,458	+	1,441	+	1,128
Dublin	13,033	12,888	13,412	+	524	+	379
Mid-East	4,155	4,097	4,322	+	225	+	167
Mid-West	5,006	4,982	5,120	+	138	+	114
South-East	8,645	8,275	8,646	+	371	+	1
South-West	8,491	8,775	8,958	+	183	+	467
Total	59,569	59,018	61,012	+	1,994	+	1,443
All Persons							
Border, Midland & Western	48,001	48,758	50,168	+	1,410	+	2,167
Border	23,969	24,311	25,122	+	811	+	1,153
Midland	8,353	8,705	8,825	+	120	+	472
West	15,679	15,742	16,221	+	479	+	542
Eastern & Southern	93,585	98,363	102,238	+	3,875	+	8,653
Dublin	33,186	34,269	35,596	+	1,327	+	2,410
Mid-East	9,104	9,652	10,381	+	729	+	1,277
Mid-West	11,412	12,164	12,490	+	326	+	1,078
South-East	19,320	20,017	20,911	+	894	+	1,591
South-West	20,563	22,261	22,860	+	599	+	2,297
Total	141,586	147,121	152,406	+	5,285	+	10,820

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	December 2000	November 2001	December 2001		Monthly change		Annual change
Provinces							
Leinster	66,667	69,735	72,456	+	2,721	+	5,789
Munster	41,346	44,253	45,796	+	1,543	+	4,450
Connacht	19,267	19,109	19,672	+	563	+	405
Ulster	14,306	14,024	14,482	+	458	+	176
Total	141,586	147,121	152,406	+	5,285	+	10,820

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
	September	82,200	58,300	140,600	82,800	58,600	141,400
	October	83,900	57,900	141,800	87,000	59,600	146,600
	November	88,100	59,000	147,100	91,400	62,700	154,100
	December	91,400	61,000	152,400	N/A ²	N/A ²	N/A ²

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2001 (See Background Notes).² See introductory text**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
	September	14,400	11,000	25,400	14,100	10,500	24,600
	October	14,600	10,900	25,400	15,600	11,400	27,100
	November	15,600	11,000	26,600	16,900	12,100	28,900
	December	16,400	11,100	27,500	N/A ²	N/A ²	N/A ²

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2001 (See Background Notes).² See introductory text

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
	September	67,800	47,300	115,100	68,700	48,100	116,900
	October	69,300	47,100	116,400	71,300	48,200	119,500
	November	72,500	48,000	120,500	74,600	50,600	125,200
	December	75,000	49,900	124,900	N/A ²	N/A ²	N/A ²

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

² See introductory text

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
	September	1,033	1,870	2,903
	October	1,061	1,857	2,918
	November	1,229	2,077	3,306
	December	1,390	2,046	3,436

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
	September	8,540	1,529	661	10,730
	October	8,524	1,520	688	10,732
	November	8,513	1,523	685	10,721
	December	8,514	1,536	715	10,765

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
	September	12,104	7,875	19,979	14,343	5,636
	October	12,006	7,904	19,910	14,270	5,640
	November	11,954	8,007	19,961	14,013	5,948
	December	11,860	8,040	19,900	14,226	5,674

Table 8 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates¹

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	3.7
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	3.7
August	11.4	9.5	7.1	5.3	3.9	3.7
September	11.2	9.3	6.9	5.2	3.8	3.7
October	11.1	9.1	6.7	5.0	3.8	3.9
November	11.0	8.9	6.6	4.9	3.8	4.1
December	10.9	8.7	6.5	4.7	3.7	⁵ 4.1
Annual average	11.5	9.8	7.4	5.5	4.1	3.8

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: June-August 2001, 4.3%.

⁵ Estimated, see introductory text

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%	Q3: 4.3%	

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.