

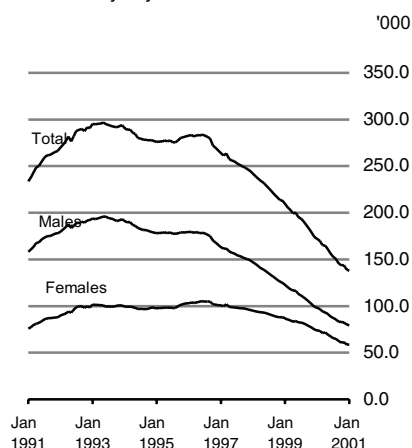


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## Live Register Statement January 2001

**Live Register**  
Seasonally Adjusted



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
January 2000	176,162	171,900
December 2000	141,586	139,100
January 2001	142,071	137,800
Change in month	+485	-1,300
Change in year	-34,091	-34,100

### Small increase in January

The Live Register increased by 485 persons in January 2001 to 142,071. When seasonal factors are taken into account, the Register fell by 1,300 in the month to 137,800. This is the lowest seasonally adjusted figure since December 1981 (137,100).

In the year to January 2001, the Live Register decreased by 34,091 persons. See *Table 1a*.

Other features include:

- ◆ During January the number of registrants under 25 increased by 1,125 while the number aged 25 or over decreased by 640, giving a net increase of 485 persons in the month. See *Table 1a, 1b and 1c*.
- ◆ The monthly increase of 485 in January reflected an increase of 1,243 males and a decrease of 758 females. The monthly fall of 1,300 in the seasonally adjusted figure comprised a fall of 1,200 males and 100 females. See *Tables 1a and 4a*.
- ◆ Against the overall monthly increase the Live Register decreased in Dublin and the South-West. See *Table 2*.
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in January was 3.6%. This compares with 4.3% in April 2000, 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 June-August 2000 is 77,000 persons unemployed.

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**Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register**

Category	January 2000	December 2000	January 2001	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
UB Claims	29,332	24,921	26,230	+ 1,309	- 3,102
UA Applications	70,183	54,619	54,644	+ 25	- 15,539
Other Registrants	2,867	2,477	2,386	- 91	- 481
<b>Total</b>	<b>102,382</b>	<b>82,017</b>	<b>83,260</b>	<b>+ 1,243</b>	<b>- 19,122</b>
<b>Females</b>					
UB Claims	34,352	28,858	28,448	- 410	- 5,904
UA Applications	28,193	20,912	21,001	+ 89	- 7,192
Other Registrants	11,235	9,799	9,362	- 437	- 1,873
<b>Total</b>	<b>73,780</b>	<b>59,569</b>	<b>58,811</b>	<b>- 758</b>	<b>- 14,969</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
UB Claims	63,684	53,779	54,678	+ 899	- 9,006
UA Applications	98,376	75,531	75,645	+ 114	- 22,731
Other Registrants	14,102	12,276	11,748	- 528	- 2,354
<b>Total</b>	<b>176,162</b>	<b>141,586</b>	<b>142,071</b>	<b>+ 485</b>	<b>- 34,091</b>

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

Category	January 2000	December 2000	January 2001	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
UB Claims	4,711	3,546	4,097	+ 551	- 614
UA Applications	12,206	9,320	9,437	+ 117	- 2,769
Other Registrants	38	35	31	- 4	- 7
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,955</b>	<b>12,901</b>	<b>13,565</b>	<b>+ 664</b>	<b>- 3,390</b>
<b>Females</b>					
UB Claims	3,688	2,710	2,992	+ 282	- 696
UA Applications	9,138	6,703	6,877	+ 174	- 2,261
Other Registrants	166	130	135	+ 5	- 31
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,992</b>	<b>9,543</b>	<b>10,004</b>	<b>+ 461</b>	<b>- 2,988</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
UB Claims	8,399	6,256	7,089	+ 833	- 1,310
UA Applications	21,344	16,023	16,314	+ 291	- 5,030
Other Registrants	204	165	166	+ 1	- 38
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,947</b>	<b>22,444</b>	<b>23,569</b>	<b>+ 1,125</b>	<b>- 6,378</b>

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

Category	January 2000	December 2000	January 2001	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
UB Claims	24,621	21,375	22,133	+ 758	- 2,488
UA Applications	57,977	45,299	45,207	- 92	- 12,770
Other Registrants	2,829	2,442	2,355	- 87	- 474
<b>Total</b>	<b>85,427</b>	<b>69,116</b>	<b>69,695</b>	<b>+ 579</b>	<b>- 15,732</b>
<b>Females</b>					
UB Claims	30,664	26,148	25,456	- 692	- 5,208
UA Applications	19,055	14,209	14,124	- 85	- 4,931
Other Registrants	11,069	9,669	9,227	- 442	- 1,842
<b>Total</b>	<b>60,788</b>	<b>50,026</b>	<b>48,807</b>	<b>- 1,219</b>	<b>- 11,981</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
UB Claims	55,285	47,523	47,589	+ 66	- 7,696
UA Applications	77,032	59,508	59,331	- 177	- 17,701
Other Registrants	13,898	12,111	11,582	- 529	- 2,316
<b>Total</b>	<b>146,215</b>	<b>119,142</b>	<b>118,502</b>	<b>- 640</b>	<b>- 27,713</b>

**Table 2 Persons on the Live Register by Region**

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions <sup>1</sup>	January 2000	December 2000	January 2001	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>33,548</b>	<b>27,762</b>	<b>28,296</b>	<b>+ 534</b>	<b>- 5,252</b>
Border	16,404	14,063	14,352	+ 289	- 2,052
Midland	5,755	4,450	4,592	+ 142	- 1,163
West	11,389	9,249	9,352	+ 103	- 2,037
<b>Eastern &amp; Southern</b>	<b>68,834</b>	<b>54,255</b>	<b>54,964</b>	<b>+ 709</b>	<b>- 13,870</b>
Dublin	27,576	20,153	20,341	+ 188	- 7,235
Mid-East	6,629	4,949	5,084	+ 135	- 1,545
Mid-West	7,739	6,406	6,635	+ 229	- 1,104
South-East	12,582	10,675	10,831	+ 156	- 1,751
South-West	14,308	12,072	12,073	+ 1	- 2,235
<b>Total</b>	<b>102,382</b>	<b>82,017</b>	<b>83,260</b>	<b>+ 1,243</b>	<b>- 19,122</b>
<b>Females</b>					
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>23,733</b>	<b>20,239</b>	<b>20,378</b>	<b>+ 139</b>	<b>- 3,355</b>
Border	11,277	9,906	10,084	+ 178	- 1,193
Midland	4,592	3,903	3,911	+ 8	- 681
West	7,864	6,430	6,383	- 47	- 1,481
<b>Eastern &amp; Southern</b>	<b>50,047</b>	<b>39,330</b>	<b>38,433</b>	<b>- 897</b>	<b>- 11,614</b>
Dublin	17,512	13,033	12,385	- 648	- 5,127
Mid-East	5,320	4,155	4,068	- 87	- 1,252
Mid-West	5,951	5,006	4,996	- 10	- 955
South-East	10,169	8,645	8,551	- 94	- 1,618
South-West	11,095	8,491	8,433	- 58	- 2,662
<b>Total</b>	<b>73,780</b>	<b>59,569</b>	<b>58,811</b>	<b>- 758</b>	<b>- 14,969</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>57,281</b>	<b>48,001</b>	<b>48,674</b>	<b>+ 673</b>	<b>- 8,607</b>
Border	27,681	23,969	24,436	+ 467	- 3,245
Midland	10,347	8,353	8,503	+ 150	- 1,844
West	19,253	15,679	15,735	+ 56	- 3,518
<b>Eastern &amp; Southern</b>	<b>118,881</b>	<b>93,585</b>	<b>93,397</b>	<b>- 188</b>	<b>- 25,484</b>
Dublin	45,088	33,186	32,726	- 460	- 12,362
Mid-East	11,949	9,104	9,152	+ 48	- 2,797
Mid-West	13,690	11,412	11,631	+ 219	- 2,059
South-East	22,751	19,320	19,382	+ 62	- 3,369
South-West	25,403	20,563	20,506	- 57	- 4,897
<b>Total</b>	<b>176,162</b>	<b>141,586</b>	<b>142,071</b>	<b>+ 485</b>	<b>- 34,091</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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	January 2000	December 2000	January 2001	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Provinces</b>					
Leinster	86,631	66,667	66,644	- 23	- 19,987
Munster	49,695	41,346	41,508	+ 162	- 8,187
Connacht	23,375	19,267	19,424	+ 157	- 3,951
Ulster	16,461	14,306	14,495	+ 189	- 1,966
<b>Total</b>	<b>176,162</b>	<b>141,586</b>	<b>142,071</b>	<b>+ 485</b>	<b>- 34,091</b>

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

	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series <sup>1</sup>		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
1999	December	101,000	75,500	176,500	99,200	74,700	174,000
2000	January	102,400	73,800	176,200	98,200	73,700	171,900
	February	99,100	73,000	172,100	96,600	73,400	170,000
	March	94,400	69,100	163,500	94,500	70,900	165,300
	April	92,100	69,700	161,800	92,900	71,800	164,700
	May	88,100	64,800	152,900	91,600	69,200	160,800
	June	87,900	68,800	156,800	89,000	67,500	156,600
	July	88,500	71,500	159,900	87,000	65,700	152,700
	August	87,900	71,100	159,000	85,700	65,000	150,700
	September	82,700	62,200	144,900	83,200	62,300	145,600
	October	80,000	59,200	139,200	82,900	60,700	143,700
	November	79,300	57,700	137,000	82,500	61,300	143,700
	December	82,000	59,600	141,600	80,300	58,800	139,100
2001	January	83,300	58,800	142,100	79,100	58,700	137,800

<sup>1</sup> Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2000 (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 <sup>1</sup>		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
1999	December	15,900	12,700	28,600	16,200	13,300	29,400
2000	January	17,000	13,000	29,900	16,000	12,900	28,900
	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	15,100	12,300	27,400
	May	13,900	10,800	24,700	15,500	12,300	27,700
	June	14,400	12,000	26,300	14,100	11,100	25,200
	July	14,900	12,500	27,400	13,700	10,700	24,400
	August	14,800	12,600	27,400	13,400	10,600	24,000
	September	13,400	11,000	24,400	13,000	10,400	23,500
	October	12,500	10,200	22,700	13,600	10,800	24,300
	November	12,400	9,700	22,000	13,600	10,800	24,400
	December	12,900	9,500	22,400	13,200	10,100	23,300
2001	January	13,600	10,000	23,600	12,600	9,900	22,500

<sup>1</sup> Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2000 (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 <sup>1</sup>		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
1999	December	85,100	62,800	147,900	83,100	61,500	144,600
2000	January	85,400	60,800	146,200	82,200	60,800	143,000
	February	82,900	60,300	143,200	81,000	60,500	141,500
	March	79,200	57,300	136,500	79,200	58,500	137,600
	April	77,400	58,300	135,700	77,800	59,500	137,300
	May	74,200	54,000	128,200	76,200	56,900	133,100
	June	73,600	56,900	130,400	75,000	56,400	131,400
	July	73,600	58,900	132,500	73,300	55,000	128,300
	August	73,200	58,500	131,700	72,200	54,400	126,700
	September	69,300	51,200	120,500	70,200	51,900	122,100
	October	67,500	49,000	116,500	69,400	50,000	119,400
	November	66,900	48,000	114,900	68,800	50,500	119,300
	December	69,100	50,000	119,100	67,100	48,700	115,800
2001	January	69,700	48,800	118,500	66,400	48,800	115,300

<sup>1</sup> Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2000 (See Background Notes).

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

	Month	Males	Females	Total
1999	December	916	2,235	3,151
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

**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 <sup>1</sup>	Self-Employed	Others	Total
1999	December	8,446	2,122	789	11,357
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

<sup>1</sup>Farm 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
1999	December	11,581	7,331	18,912	13,934	4,978
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

**Table 8 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates<sup>1</sup>**

Month	1996 <sup>3</sup>	1997 <sup>3</sup>	1998	1999	2000 <sup>4</sup>	2001
	%	%	%	%	%	%
January	12.0	10.7	8.5	6.3	4.6	3.6
February	12.0	10.6	8.2	6.1	4.5	
March	11.8	10.5	8.0	5.9	4.3	
April <sup>2</sup>	11.9	10.3	7.8	5.7	4.3	
May	11.8	10.1	7.6	5.7	4.2	
June	11.6	9.9	7.5	5.5	4.1	
July	11.5	9.7	7.3	5.4	4.0	
August	11.4	9.5	7.1	5.3	3.9	
September	11.2	9.3	6.9	5.2	3.8	
October	11.1	9.1	6.7	5.0	3.7	
November	11.0	8.9	6.6	4.9	3.7	
December	10.9	8.7	6.4	4.7	3.6	
Annual average	11.5	9.8	7.4	5.5	4.1	

<sup>1</sup> Table contains revised Standardised Unemployment Rates.

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

<sup>3</sup> Interpolated data for May 1996 to March 1997 (see Background Notes).

<sup>4</sup> The latest QNHS estimate of the unemployment rate (unadjusted for seasonality) is: June-August 2000, 4.3%.

## 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%	

**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.