

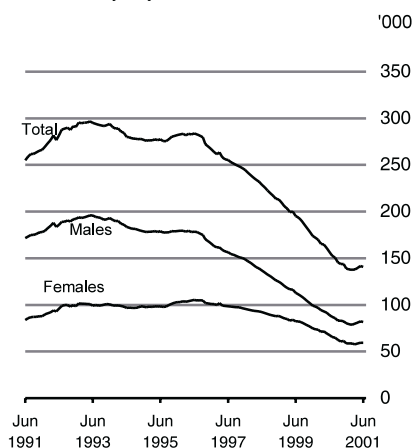


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Live Register Statement June 2001

Live Register
Seasonally Adjusted



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
June 2000	156,753	156,600
May 2001	133,691	141,600
June 2001	140,865	140,600
Change in month	+7,174	-1,000
Change in year	-15,888	-16,000

Live Register increases in June

The Live Register increased by 7,174 persons in June 2001 to 140,865. However, after adjusting for seasonal factors the Register decreased by 1,000 in the month. The seasonally adjusted total decreased from 141,600 in May to 140,600 in June.

In the year to June 2001, the Live Register decreased by 15,888 persons. *See table 1a.*

Other features include:

- ◆ During June, the increase of 7,174 persons on the Live Register reflected an increase of 1,695 males and 5,479 females. After adjusting for seasonality, there was an underlying monthly decrease of 700 for males and 200 for females. *See tables 1a and 4a.*
- ◆ The monthly increase in the Live Register was reflected across all regions. *See table 2.*
- ◆ Against the overall annual decrease in the Live Register, the number of male UB claimants increased by 1,860 in the year. *See table 1a.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in June was 3.7%. 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 December – February 2001 is 65,600 persons unemployed.

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Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	June 2000	May 2001	June 2001	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	25,016	25,502	26,876	+ 1,374	+ 1,860
UA Applications	60,275	50,858	51,167	+ 309	- 9,108
Other Registrants	2,626	2,300	2,312	+ 12	- 314
Total	87,917	78,660	80,355	+ 1,695	- 7,562
Females					
UB Claims	32,997	27,081	30,621	+ 3,540	- 2,376
UA Applications	25,114	19,233	20,749	+ 1,516	- 4,365
Other Registrants	10,725	8,717	9,140	+ 423	- 1,585
Total	68,836	55,031	60,510	+ 5,479	- 8,326
All Persons					
UB Claims	58,013	52,583	57,497	+ 4,914	- 516
UA Applications	85,389	70,091	71,916	+ 1,825	- 13,473
Other Registrants	13,351	11,017	11,452	+ 435	- 1,899
Total	156,753	133,691	140,865	+ 7,174	- 15,888

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

Category	June 2000	May 2001	June 2001	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	3,943	4,027	4,362	+ 335	+ 419
UA Applications	10,377	8,780	9,277	+ 497	- 1,100
Other Registrants	36	31	30	- 1	- 6
Total	14,356	12,838	13,669	+ 831	- 687
Females					
UB Claims	3,336	3,036	3,529	+ 493	+ 193
UA Applications	8,489	6,298	7,356	+ 1,058	- 1,133
Other Registrants	138	131	126	- 5	- 12
Total	11,963	9,465	11,011	+ 1,546	- 952
All Persons					
UB Claims	7,279	7,063	7,891	+ 828	+ 612
UA Applications	18,866	15,078	16,633	+ 1,555	- 2,233
Other Registrants	174	162	156	- 6	- 18
Total	26,319	22,303	24,680	+ 2,377	- 1,639

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

Category	June 2000	May 2001	June 2001	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	21,073	21,475	22,514	+ 1,039	+ 1,441
UA Applications	49,898	42,078	41,890	- 188	- 8,008
Other Registrants	2,590	2,269	2,282	+ 13	- 308
Total	73,561	65,822	66,686	+ 864	- 6,875
Females					
UB Claims	29,661	24,045	27,092	+ 3,047	- 2,569
UA Applications	16,625	12,935	13,393	+ 458	- 3,232
Other Registrants	10,587	8,586	9,014	+ 428	- 1,573
Total	56,873	45,566	49,499	+ 3,933	- 7,374
All Persons					
UB Claims	50,734	45,520	49,606	+ 4,086	- 1,128
UA Applications	66,523	55,013	55,283	+ 270	- 11,240
Other Registrants	13,177	10,855	11,296	+ 441	- 1,881
Total	130,434	111,388	116,185	+ 4,797	- 14,249

Table 2 Persons on the Live Register by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	June 2000	May 2001	June 2001	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
Border, Midland & Western	29,361	27,249	27,884	+ 635	- 1,477
Border	14,536	13,956	14,169	+	- 367
Midland	4,806	4,481	4,562	+	- 244
West	10,019	8,812	9,153	+	- 866
Eastern & Southern	58,556	51,411	52,471	+ 1,060	- 6,085
Dublin	23,730	19,222	19,577	+	- 4,153
Mid-East	5,431	4,581	4,614	+	- 817
Mid-West	6,730	6,322	6,434	+	- 296
South-East	10,649	10,072	10,134	+	- 515
South-West	12,016	11,214	11,712	+	- 304
Total	87,917	78,660	80,355	+ 1,695	- 7,562
Females					
Border, Midland & Western	22,448	19,499	21,324	+ 1,825	- 1,124
Border	10,715	9,631	10,348	+	- 367
Midland	4,402	3,847	4,185	+	- 217
West	7,331	6,021	6,791	+	- 540
Eastern & Southern	46,388	35,532	39,186	+ 3,654	- 7,202
Dublin	16,375	11,833	13,224	+	- 3,151
Mid-East	4,980	3,818	4,265	+	- 715
Mid-West	5,770	4,661	5,186	+	- 584
South-East	9,608	7,799	8,421	+	- 1,187
South-West	9,655	7,421	8,090	+	- 1,565
Total	68,836	55,031	60,510	+ 5,479	- 8,326
All Persons					
Border, Midland & Western	51,809	46,748	49,208	+ 2,460	- 2,601
Border	25,251	23,587	24,517	+	- 734
Midland	9,208	8,328	8,747	+	- 461
West	17,350	14,833	15,944	+	- 1,406
Eastern & Southern	104,944	86,943	91,657	+ 4,714	- 13,287
Dublin	40,105	31,055	32,801	+	- 7,304
Mid-East	10,411	8,399	8,879	+	- 1,532
Mid-West	12,500	10,983	11,620	+	- 880
South-East	20,257	17,871	18,555	+	- 1,702
South-West	21,671	18,635	19,802	+	- 1,869
Total	156,753	133,691	140,865	+ 7,174	- 15,888

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	June 2000	May 2001	June 2001	Monthly change	Annual change
Provinces					
Leinster	76,513	63,287	66,482	+	- 10,031
Munster	43,993	38,193	40,364	+	- 3,629
Connacht	21,231	18,204	19,432	+	- 1,799
Ulster	15,016	14,007	14,587	+	- 429
Total	156,753	133,691	140,865	+ 7,174	- 15,888

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	98,200	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
	February	81,200	58,300	139,500	78,700	58,800	137,500
	March	79,900	55,900	135,900	80,000	57,800	137,800
	April	80,100	56,500	136,600	80,900	58,600	139,500
	May	78,700	55,000	133,700	82,200	59,400	141,600
	June	80,400	60,500	140,900	81,500	59,200	140,600

¹ 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 ¹		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
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
	February	13,300	10,000	23,200	12,700	10,100	22,900
	March	12,900	9,600	22,500	13,000	10,200	23,200
	April	13,000	9,600	22,600	13,400	10,500	23,900
	May	12,800	9,500	22,300	14,400	10,900	25,300
	June	13,700	11,000	24,700	13,400	10,200	23,600

¹ 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 ¹		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
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
	February	67,900	48,400	116,300	66,000	48,600	114,600
	March	67,000	46,400	113,400	67,000	47,600	114,600
	April	67,100	46,900	114,000	67,600	48,100	115,600
	May	65,800	45,600	111,400	67,800	48,500	116,300
	June	66,700	49,500	116,200	68,100	49,000	117,100

¹ 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
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

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

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

Table 8 **Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates**

Month	1996 ²	1997 ²	1998	1999	2000 ³	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	3.6
March	11.8	10.5	8.0	5.9	4.3	3.6
April ¹	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	
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	

¹ Benchmark Labour Force Survey/Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) estimates.

² Interpolated data for May 1996 to March 1997 (see Background Notes).

³ The latest QNHS estimate of the unemployment rate (unadjusted for seasonality) is: December-February 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%			

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.