



Live Register Analysis

March 2002

Year	Total (thousands)	Males (thousands)	Females (thousands)
1992	280	180	100
1994	300	200	120
1996	280	180	100
1998	220	140	80
2000	160	100	60
2002	150	100	50

	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
March 2001	135,885	138,200
February 2002	162,337	160,800
March 2002	162,252	164,600
Change in month	- 85	+ 3,800
Change in year	+26,367	+26,400

The Live Register decreased by 85 persons in March to 162,252. After adjusting for seasonal factors, the Live Register showed an increase of 3,800 in the month. The seasonally adjusted total increased from 160,800 in February to 164,600 in March.

In the year to March 2002, the Live Register increased by 26,367 persons to 162,252.

Other features include:

- During March the decrease of 85 reflected a decrease of 1,032 males and an increase of 947 females. The monthly increase of 3,800 in the seasonally adjusted figure comprised an increase of 1,200 males and 2,600 females. *See tables 1 and 2.*
- The annual increase of 26,367 comprised an increase of 17,240 males and 9,127 females. *See table 1.*
- The standardised unemployment rate in March was 4.3%. This compares with 3.7% in April 2001, based on the Quarterly National Household Survey. *See table 3 and background notes.*
- In the month the estimated number of casual and part-time workers on the Live Register was 8,756 males and 12,102 females. *See 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 September - November 2001 is 72,600 persons unemployed.

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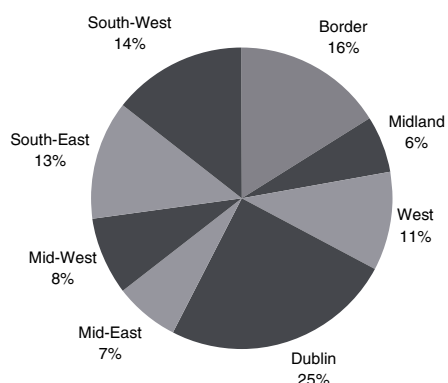
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Live Register by Regional Authority



	March 2002	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and West	52,977	+ 221	+ 5,684
Border	26,313	+ 72	+ 2,513
Midland	9,621	+ 80	+ 1,094
West	17,043	+ 69	+ 2,077
Eastern and Southern	109,275	- 306	+ 20,683
Dublin	40,101	+ 810	+ 8,820
Mid-East	11,375	- 202	+ 2,805
Mid-West	13,602	+ 188	+ 2,495
South-East	20,775	+ 15	+ 2,381
South-West	23,422	- 1,117	+ 4,182
Total	162,252	- 85	+ 26,367

Monthly decreases in two regions

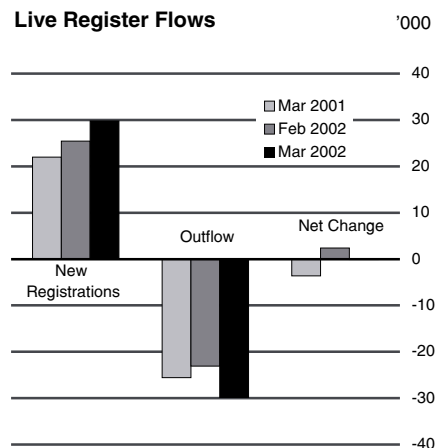
The monthly decrease of 85 persons on the Live Register reflected increases in six regions and decreases in two regions (the Mid-East and the South-West). The largest monthly decrease was in the South-West (-4.6%).

In the year to March 2002, the Live Register increased in all regions. The overall national increase was 19.4%. The largest annual percentage increases were in the Mid-East (+32.7%) and in the Dublin (+28.2%) regions. *See table 4.*

Other regional features include:

- During March, the number of male claimants increased slightly in Dublin and the Mid-West and decreased in all other regions. *See table 4.*
- The number of female claimants increased in all regions with the exception of the South-West where it decreased. *See table 4.*

Live Register Flows



	New Registrations	Outflow (derived)	Net Change
Men	16,518	17,550	- 1,032
Women	13,267	12,320	+ 947
Total	29,785	29,870	- 85

Outflows exceed new registrations

A total of 29,785 persons joined the Live Register in March 2002. This was offset by 29,870 persons leaving the Register giving a net decrease of 85 persons in the month. This compares with a monthly decrease of 3,630 in March 2001.

Other attributes include:

- The Live Register decreased on average by 17 persons per week during March 2002. In comparison there was an average weekly decrease of 726 persons one year previously. *See table 8.*
- In March 2002, there were on average 5,957 new claimants per week and 5,974 persons leaving the Register. This compares to a weekly average of 4,394 new claimants and 5,120 persons leaving the Live Register in March 2001. *See table 8.*
- On average, the number of male registrants decreased by 206 per week, while the number of female registrants increased by 189 per week. *See table 9.*

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	March 2001	February 2002	March 2002	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	25,994	39,695	39,039	- 656	+ 13,045
UA Applications	51,683	55,986	55,606	- 380	+ 3,923
Other Registrants	2,266	2,534	2,538	+ 4	+ 272
Total	79,943	98,215	97,183	- 1,032	+ 17,240
Females					
UB Claims	27,527	34,815	36,058	+ 1,243	+ 8,531
UA Applications	19,602	20,808	20,511	- 297	+ 909
Other Registrants	8,813	8,499	8,500	+ 1	- 313
Total	55,942	64,122	65,069	+ 947	+ 9,127
All Persons					
UB Claims	53,521	74,510	75,097	+ 587	+ 21,576
UA Applications	71,285	76,794	76,117	- 677	+ 4,832
Other Registrants	11,079	11,033	11,038	+ 5	- 41
Total	135,885	162,337	162,252	- 85	+ 26,367

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

Category	March 2001	February 2002	March 2002	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	4,086	7,657	7,440	- 217	+ 3,354
UA Applications	8,806	11,140	10,970	- 170	+ 2,164
Other Registrants	30	57	51	- 6	+ 21
Total	12,922	18,854	18,461	- 393	+ 5,539
Females					
UB Claims	3,018	4,969	4,923	- 46	+ 1,905
UA Applications	6,393	7,494	7,293	- 201	+ 900
Other Registrants	140	106	99	- 7	- 41
Total	9,551	12,569	12,315	- 254	+ 2,764
All Persons					
UB Claims	7,104	12,626	12,363	- 263	+ 5,259
UA Applications	15,199	18,634	18,263	- 371	+ 3,064
Other Registrants	170	163	150	- 13	- 20
Total	22,473	31,423	30,776	- 647	+ 8,303

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

Category	March 2001	February 2002	March 2002	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	21,908	32,038	31,599	- 439	+ 9,691
UA Applications	42,877	44,846	44,636	- 210	+ 1,759
Other Registrants	2,236	2,477	2,487	+ 10	+ 251
Total	67,021	79,361	78,722	- 639	+ 11,701
Females					
UB Claims	24,509	29,846	31,135	+ 1,289	+ 6,626
UA Applications	13,209	13,314	13,218	- 96	+ 9
Other Registrants	8,673	8,393	8,401	+ 8	- 272
Total	46,391	51,553	52,754	+ 1,201	+ 6,363
All Persons					
UB Claims	46,417	61,884	62,734	+ 850	+ 16,317
UA Applications	56,086	58,160	57,854	- 306	+ 1,768
Other Registrants	10,909	10,870	10,888	+ 18	- 21
Total	113,412	130,914	131,476	+ 562	+ 18,064

Table 2a Total persons on the Live Register - Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted

	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series ¹		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2000	May	88,100	64,800	152,900	90,800	68,700	159,500
	June	87,900	68,800	156,800	88,900	67,200	156,100
	July	88,500	71,500	159,900	87,000	65,500	152,400
	August	87,900	71,100	159,000	85,600	64,700	150,300
	September	82,700	62,200	144,900	83,400	62,500	145,900
	October	80,000	59,200	139,200	82,900	61,100	144,000
	November	79,300	57,700	137,000	82,400	61,000	143,500
	December	82,000	59,600	141,600	80,600	59,400	140,000
2001	January	83,300	58,800	142,100	79,400	59,000	138,400
	February	81,200	58,300	139,500	79,100	58,800	137,900
	March	79,900	55,900	135,900	80,100	58,000	138,200
	April	80,100	56,500	136,600	80,800	58,500	139,300
	May	78,700	55,000	133,700	81,300	58,800	140,100
	June	80,400	60,500	140,900	81,300	58,900	140,200
	July	82,600	64,500	147,100	81,100	58,500	139,500
	August	84,300	65,200	149,400	81,900	58,700	140,600
	September	82,200	58,300	140,600	83,000	58,600	141,400
	October	83,900	57,900	141,800	86,800	59,900	146,700
	November	88,100	59,000	147,100	91,200	62,400	153,600
	December	91,400	61,000	152,400	91,100 ²	61,700 ²	152,800 ²
2002	January	96,600	63,300	160,000	92,700	63,600	156,300
	February	98,200	64,100	162,300	96,200	64,600	160,800
	March	97,200	65,100	162,300	97,400	67,200	164,600

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2001 (See Background Notes).² Based on estimated data for December 2001**Table 2b 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	May	13,900	10,800	24,700	14,900	11,900	26,800
	June	14,400	12,000	26,300	14,200	11,200	25,400
	July	14,900	12,500	27,400	13,900	10,800	24,700
	August	14,800	12,600	27,400	13,600	10,700	24,300
	September	13,400	11,000	24,400	13,200	10,500	23,700
	October	12,500	10,200	22,700	13,500	10,700	24,200
	November	12,400	9,700	22,000	13,500	10,600	24,100
	December	12,900	9,500	22,400	13,200	10,300	23,400
2001	January	13,600	10,000	23,600	12,700	10,000	22,800
	February	13,300	10,000	23,200	12,800	10,100	23,000
	March	12,900	9,600	22,500	13,100	10,200	23,300
	April	13,000	9,600	22,600	13,300	10,400	23,700
	May	12,800	9,500	22,300	13,700	10,500	24,200
	June	13,700	11,000	24,700	13,500	10,300	23,800
	July	14,600	11,800	26,500	13,600	10,200	23,800
	August	15,100	12,100	27,200	13,900	10,300	24,200
	September	14,400	11,000	25,400	14,200	10,500	24,700
	October	14,600	10,900	25,400	16,500	11,300	27,900
	November	15,600	11,000	26,600	16,700	11,900	28,600
	December	16,400	11,100	27,500	16,900 ²	12,000 ²	28,800 ²
2002	January	18,200	12,300	30,500	17,400	12,300	29,700
	February	18,900	12,600	31,400	18,400	12,700	31,200
	March	18,500	12,300	30,800	18,600	13,000	31,600

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2001 (See Background Notes).² Based on estimated data for December 2001

Table 2c 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	May	74,200	54,000	128,200	76,000	56,800	132,700
	June	73,600	56,900	130,400	74,700	56,000	130,700
	July	73,600	58,900	132,500	73,100	54,600	127,700
	August	73,200	58,500	131,700	72,000	54,000	126,000
	September	69,300	51,200	120,500	70,200	52,000	122,200
	October	67,500	49,000	116,500	69,400	50,400	119,800
	November	66,900	48,000	114,900	68,900	50,500	119,400
	December	69,100	50,000	119,100	67,400	49,200	116,600
2001	January	69,700	48,800	118,500	66,600	49,000	115,600
	February	67,900	48,400	116,300	66,300	48,600	114,900
	March	67,000	46,400	113,400	67,100	47,800	114,900
	April	67,100	46,900	114,000	67,400	48,100	115,600
	May	65,800	45,600	111,400	67,600	48,300	115,900
	June	66,700	49,500	116,200	67,800	48,600	116,400
	July	67,900	52,700	120,600	67,400	48,300	115,700
	August	69,200	53,000	122,200	68,000	48,500	116,500
	September	67,800	47,300	115,100	68,800	48,100	116,900
	October	69,300	47,100	116,400	70,300	48,600	118,800
	November	72,500	48,000	120,500	74,500	50,500	124,900
	December	75,000	49,900	124,900	74,300 ²	49,700 ²	124,000 ²
2002	January	78,400	51,100	129,500	75,400	51,200	126,600
	February	79,400	51,600	130,900	77,800	51,800	129,600
	March	78,700	52,800	131,500	78,800	54,200	133,000

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

² Based on estimated data for December 2001

Table 3 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates¹

Month	1997 ³	1998	1999	2000	2001 ⁴	2002 ⁴
	%	%	%	%	%	%
January	10.7	8.5	6.3	4.6	3.6	4.1
February	10.6	8.2	6.1	4.5	3.6	4.2
March	10.5	8.0	5.9	4.4	3.6	4.3
April ²	10.3	7.8	5.7	4.3	3.7	
May	10.1	7.6	5.7	4.2	3.7	
June	9.9	7.5	5.5	4.1	3.7	
July	9.7	7.3	5.4	4.0	3.7	
August	9.5	7.1	5.3	3.9	3.7	
September	9.3	6.9	5.2	3.8	3.7	
October	9.1	6.7	5.0	3.8	3.9	
November	8.9	6.6	4.8	3.8	4.0	
December	8.7	6.5	4.7	3.7	4.0 ⁵	
Annual average	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: September - November 2001, 4.0%.

⁵ Based on estimated data for December 2001

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	March 2001	February 2002	March 2002	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland & Western	27,540	31,532	31,441	- 91	+ 3,901	5,874	25,567
Border	13,983	15,852	15,779	- 73	+ 1,796	3,088	12,691
Midland	4,658	5,446	5,444	- 2	+ 786	1,075	4,369
West	8,899	10,234	10,218	- 16	+ 1,319	1,711	8,507
Eastern & Southern	52,403	66,683	65,742	- 941	+ 13,339	12,587	53,155
Dublin	19,443	24,665	24,866	+ 201	+ 5,423	4,861	20,005
Mid-East	4,713	6,800	6,590	- 210	+ 1,877	1,259	5,331
Mid-West	6,361	7,951	7,989	+ 38	+ 1,628	1,542	6,447
South-East	10,422	12,178	11,992	- 186	+ 1,570	2,439	9,553
South-West	11,464	15,089	14,305	- 784	+ 2,841	2,486	11,819
Total	79,943	98,215	97,183	- 1,032	+ 17,240	18,461	78,722
Females							
Border, Midland & Western	19,753	21,224	21,536	+ 312	+ 1,783	4,212	17,324
Border	9,817	10,389	10,534	+ 145	+ 717	2,142	8,392
Midland	3,869	4,095	4,177	+ 82	+ 308	827	3,350
West	6,067	6,740	6,825	+ 85	+ 758	1,243	5,582
Eastern & Southern	36,189	42,898	43,533	+ 635	+ 7,344	8,103	35,430
Dublin	11,838	14,626	15,235	+ 609	+ 3,397	2,821	12,414
Mid-East	3,857	4,777	4,785	+ 8	+ 928	872	3,913
Mid-West	4,746	5,463	5,613	+ 150	+ 867	983	4,630
South-East	7,972	8,582	8,783	+ 201	+ 811	1,785	6,998
South-West	7,776	9,450	9,117	- 333	+ 1,341	1,642	7,475
Total	55,942	64,122	65,069	+ 947	+ 9,127	12,315	52,754
All Persons							
Border, Midland & Western	47,293	52,756	52,977	+ 221	+ 5,684	10,086	42,891
Border	23,800	26,241	26,313	+ 72	+ 2,513	5,230	21,083
Midland	8,527	9,541	9,621	+ 80	+ 1,094	1,902	7,719
West	14,966	16,974	17,043	+ 69	+ 2,077	2,954	14,089
Eastern & Southern	88,592	109,581	109,275	- 306	+ 20,683	20,690	88,585
Dublin	31,281	39,291	40,101	+ 810	+ 8,820	7,682	32,419
Mid-East	8,570	11,577	11,375	- 202	+ 2,805	2,131	9,244
Mid-West	11,107	13,414	13,602	+ 188	+ 2,495	2,525	11,077
South-East	18,394	20,760	20,775	+ 15	+ 2,381	4,224	16,551
South-West	19,240	24,539	23,422	- 1,117	+ 4,182	4,128	19,294
Total	135,885	162,337	162,252	- 85	+ 26,367	30,776	131,476

¹ The composition of the regions is described in the background notes

Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	March 2001	February 2002	March 2002	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	64,099	79,504	80,285	+ 781	+ 16,186	15,648	64,637
Munster	39,134	47,436	46,530	- 906	+ 7,396	8,559	37,971
Connacht	18,472	20,518	20,610	+ 92	+ 2,138	3,599	17,011
Ulster	14,180	14,879	14,827	- 52	+ 647	2,970	11,857
Total	135,885	162,337	162,252	- 85	+ 26,367	30,776	131,476

Table 6 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age Group and Local Office of Registration

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	March 2001	February 2002	March 2002	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	47,293	52,756	52,977	5,874	25,567	31,441	4,212	17,324	21,536
Border	23,800	26,241	26,313	3,088	12,691	15,779	2,142	8,392	10,534
Cavan	1,762	1,945	1,982	211	1,001	1,212	136	634	770
Belturbet	357	394	433	33	216	249	36	148	184
Cavan	1,405	1,551	1,549	178	785	963	100	486	586
Donegal	9,969	10,133	10,108	1,182	5,014	6,196	928	2,984	3,912
Ballybofey	1,124	1,039	1,019	135	509	644	94	281	375
Ballyshannon	567	601	588	77	276	353	61	174	235
Buncrana	1,963	1,879	1,892	191	858	1,049	246	597	843
Donegal	529	569	566	63	256	319	48	199	247
Dunfanaghy	901	1,022	995	125	512	637	60	298	358
Dungloe	1,468	1,585	1,520	145	819	964	67	489	556
Killybegs	1,031	927	1,004	95	521	616	64	324	388
Letterkenny	2,386	2,511	2,524	351	1,263	1,614	288	622	910
Leitrim	1,212	1,112	1,128	88	567	655	52	421	473
Carrick-on-Shannon	931	845	853	69	428	497	41	315	356
Manorhamilton	281	267	275	19	139	158	11	106	117
Louth	6,114	7,818	7,919	990	3,621	4,611	625	2,683	3,308
Ardee	705	833	839	95	372	467	81	291	372
Drogheda	2,209	3,170	3,186	405	1,377	1,782	227	1,177	1,404
Dundalk	3,200	3,815	3,894	490	1,872	2,362	317	1,215	1,532
Monaghan	2,449	2,801	2,737	328	1,332	1,660	185	892	1,077
Carrickmacross	649	801	780	69	376	445	44	291	335
Castleblayney	796	857	841	99	425	524	53	264	317
Clones	274	290	294	48	145	193	21	80	101
Monaghan	730	853	822	112	386	498	67	257	324
Sligo	2,294	2,432	2,439	289	1,156	1,445	216	778	994
Sligo	1,892	2,032	2,056	261	950	1,211	197	648	845
Tubbercurry	402	400	383	28	206	234	19	130	149
Midland	8,527	9,541	9,621	1,075	4,369	5,444	827	3,350	4,177
Laoighis	1,912	2,026	2,028	257	901	1,158	186	684	870
Portarlington	610	684	736	82	311	393	56	287	343
Portlaoise	923	996	960	137	436	573	89	298	387
Rathdowney	379	346	332	38	154	192	41	99	140
Longford	1,681	1,724	1,726	201	830	1,031	125	570	695
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Offaly	2,252	2,530	2,459	270	1,158	1,428	181	850	1,031
Birr	756	775	770	81	360	441	64	265	329
Edenderry	541	674	655	56	304	360	57	238	295
Tullamore	955	1,081	1,034	133	494	627	60	347	407
Westmeath	2,682	3,261	3,408	347	1,480	1,827	335	1,246	1,581
Athlone	1,158	1,344	1,374	139	578	717	118	539	657
Castlepollard	220	245	228	19	107	126	25	77	102
Mullingar	1,304	1,672	1,806	189	795	984	192	630	822
West	14,966	16,974	17,043	1,711	8,507	10,218	1,243	5,582	6,825
Galway	7,550	9,085	9,089	1,026	4,377	5,403	789	2,897	3,686
Ballinasloe	878	965	965	114	495	609	69	287	356
Clifden	833	826	780	76	434	510	44	226	270
Galway	3,786	5,000	5,098	659	2,367	3,026	546	1,526	2,072
Gort	368	440	437	20	185	205	23	209	232
Loughrea	620	684	664	69	303	372	43	249	292
Tuam	1,065	1,170	1,145	88	593	681	64	400	464

Table 6 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age Group and Local Office of Registration

-continued				Males			Females		
NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	March 2001	February 2002	March 2002	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	5,956	6,344	6,420	571	3,313	3,884	371	2,165	2,536
Achill	305	317	319	37	189	226	14	79	93
Ballina	1,834	1,880	1,894	182	1,016	1,198	108	588	696
Ballinrobe	363	454	434	22	241	263	21	150	171
Belmullet	787	810	811	69	441	510	47	254	301
Castlebar	770	931	959	107	438	545	81	333	414
Claremorris	514	543	547	33	282	315	16	216	232
Swinford	838	807	810	70	364	434	41	335	376
Westport	545	602	646	51	342	393	43	210	253
Roscommon	1,460	1,545	1,534	114	817	931	83	520	603
Boyle	446	405	408	32	216	248	17	143	160
Castlerea	689	780	760	50	408	458	49	253	302
Roscommon	325	360	366	32	193	225	17	124	141
Eastern and Southern	88,592	109,581	109,275	12,587	53,155	65,742	8,103	35,430	43,533
Dublin	31,281	39,291	40,101	4,861	20,005	24,866	2,821	12,414	15,235
Dublin	31,281	39,291	40,101	4,861	20,005	24,866	2,821	12,414	15,235
Gardiner Street	2,685	3,189	3,253	479	1,616	2,095	256	902	1,158
Bishop Square	3,077	3,752	3,913 ¹	413	2,146	2,559	240	1,114	1,354
Cumberland Street	3,926	5,302	4,825	506	2,479	2,985	323	1,517	1,840
Navan Road	4,446	5,353	2,730 ²	286	1,547	1,833	177	720	897
Blanchardstown			2,653 ³	361	1,152	1,513	208	932	1,140
Thomas Street	1,761	2,211	2,204	254	1,261	1,515	176	513	689
Tara Street	973	1,344	1,388	122	719	841	63	484	547
Tallaght	2,598	3,169	3,248	613	1,506	2,119	322	807	1,129
Ballymun	1,163	1,446	1,485	265	759	1,024	159	302	461
Clondalkin	1,658	1,731	2,465	355	1,073	1,428	202	835	1,037
Rathfarnham	1,393	1,862	1,958	154	877	1,031	97	830	927
Kilbarrack	2,160	2,730	2,668	270	1,282	1,552	168	948	1,116
Dun Laoghaire	2,436	3,037	3,140	215	1,516	1,731	108	1,301	1,409
Balbriggan	913	1,201	1,225	126	543	669	82	474	556
Ballyfermot	810	1,018	1,022	144	566	710	81	231	312
Finglas	1,282	1,946	1,924	298	963	1,261	159	504	663
Mid-East	8,570	11,577	11,375	1,259	5,331	6,590	872	3,913	4,785
Kildare	3,217	4,282	4,286	492	1,947	2,439	359	1,488	1,847
Athy	579	730	737	94	385	479	60	198	258
Maynooth	873	1,229	1,232	117	530	647	109	476	585
Newbridge	1,765	2,323	2,317	281	1,032	1,313	190	814	1,004
Meath	1,912	3,182	2,954	300	1,428	1,728	225	1,001	1,226
Kells	348	497	459	38	238	276	24	159	183
Navan	1,066	1,966	1,793	193	876	1,069	141	583	724
Trim	498	719	702	69	314	383	60	259	319
Wicklow	3,441	4,113	4,135	467	1,956	2,423	288	1,424	1,712
Arklow	943	1,086	1,082	122	513	635	95	352	447
Baltinglass	340	483	450	52	201	253	43	154	197
Bray	1,479	1,746	1,817	180	849	1,029	91	697	788
Wicklow	679	798	786	113	393	506	59	221	280
Mid-West	11,107	13,414	13,602	1,542	6,447	7,989	983	4,630	5,613
Clare	2,845	3,729	3,708	399	1,720	2,119	248	1,341	1,589
Ennis	1,428	2,143	2,158	246	967	1,213	161	784	945
Ennistymon	586	678	641	57	302	359	41	241	282
Kilrush	550	570	555	69	279	348	29	178	207
Tulla	281	338	354	27	172	199	17	138	155
Limerick	6,153	7,506	7,676	896	3,708	4,604	546	2,526	3,072
Kilmallock	717	819	874	90	425	515	61	298	359
Limerick	4,667	5,732	5,878	728	2,794	3,522	407	1,949	2,356
Newcastle West	769	955	924	78	489	567	78	279	357

¹ Bishop Square replaces previous offices Werburgh Street and Victoria Street with effect from March 2002² The figure quoted for February 2002 includes the figure for the new Blanchardstown Local Office (opened on the last week of February 2002)³ Previous figures for the Blanchardstown Office were included in the Navan Road figures

Table 6 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age Group and Local Office of Registration

-continued				Males			Females		
NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	March 2001	February 2002	March 2002	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Tipperary N.R.	2,109	2,179	2,218	247	1,019	1,266	189	763	952
Nenagh	676	713	760	70	356	426	60	274	334
Roscrea	483	393	388	34	168	202	38	148	186
Thurles	950	1,073	1,070	143	495	638	91	341	432
South-East	18,394	20,760	20,775	2,439	9,553	11,992	1,785	6,998	8,783
Carlow	1,901	2,198	2,246	248	989	1,237	207	802	1,009
Bagenalstown	456	496	508	52	254	306	36	166	202
Carlow	1,114	1,295	1,309	153	568	721	124	464	588
Tullow	331	407	429	43	167	210	47	172	219
Kilkenny	1,991	2,326	2,322	296	1,141	1,437	176	709	885
Callan	339	348	331	32	184	216	20	95	115
Kilkenny	1,282	1,541	1,537	210	751	961	123	453	576
Thomastown	370	437	454	54	206	260	33	161	194
Tipperary S.R.	3,320	3,640	3,650	468	1,750	2,218	288	1,144	1,432
Cahir	423	489	485	52	248	300	35	150	185
Carrick-on-Suir	841	958	940	101	499	600	64	276	340
Cashel	280	338	351	32	149	181	34	136	170
Clonmel	1,150	1,197	1,225	184	563	747	108	370	478
Tipperary	626	658	649	99	291	390	47	212	259
Waterford	5,467	5,843	5,856	671	2,679	3,350	479	2,027	2,506
Dungarvan	830	967	952	100	434	534	73	345	418
Waterford	4,637	4,876	4,904	571	2,245	2,816	406	1,682	2,088
Wexford	5,715	6,753	6,701	756	2,994	3,750	635	2,316	2,951
Enniscorthy	1,541	1,718	1,740	230	823	1,053	172	515	687
Gorey	846	1,105	1,097	118	497	615	110	372	482
New Ross	1,161	1,276	1,299	141	585	726	117	456	573
Wexford	2,167	2,654	2,565	267	1,089	1,356	236	973	1,209
South-West	19,240	24,539	23,422	2,486	11,819	14,305	1,642	7,475	9,117
Cork	13,722	18,224	17,429	1,937	8,827	10,764	1,248	5,417	6,665
Bandon	513	546	532	43	280	323	20	189	209
Bantry	350	402	390	15	167	182	17	191	208
Bantry (SWLO)	189	192	197	9	92	101	7	89	96
Clonakilty	362	394	381	32	155	187	22	172	194
Cobh	369	474	477	71	258	329	29	119	148
Cork	6,855	9,709	9,099	1,208	5,007	6,215	721	2,163	2,884
Dunmanway	198	223	204	9	86	95	8	101	109
Fermoy	616	801	749	78	353	431	69	249	318
Kinsale	613	680	665	36	286	322	38	305	343
Macroom	356	639	632	33	243	276	40	316	356
Mallow	699	817	823	96	432	528	60	235	295
Midleton	764	971	992	105	444	549	77	366	443
Newmarket	398	488	453	38	225	263	29	161	190
Passage West	547	736	738	71	339	410	36	292	328
Skibbereen	401	440	427	21	160	181	19	227	246
Youghal	492	712	670	72	300	372	56	242	298
Kerry	5,518	6,315	5,993	549	2,992	3,541	394	2,058	2,452
Cahiriveen	463	394	377	17	192	209	11	157	168
Dingle	219	313	301	13	137	150	8	143	151
Kenmare	190	261	215	11	82	93	14	108	122
Killarney	823	1,187	1,042	84	432	516	73	453	526
Killorglin	418	486	431	23	213	236	14	181	195
Listowel	958	991	965	103	535	638	68	259	327
Tralee	2,447	2,683	2,662	298	1,401	1,699	206	757	963
State	135,885	162,337	162,252	18,461	78,722	97,183	12,315	52,754	65,069

**Table 7 Flows on and off the Live Register in the 5 weeks from
22 February 2002 to 28 March 2002**

	Total	New Registrations	Net Change	Outflow (derived)
Border, Midland & Western	52,977	8,546	+ 221	8,325
Border	26,313	3,790	+ 72	3,718
Midland	9,621	1,902	+ 80	1,822
West	17,043	2,854	+ 69	2,785
Eastern & Southern	109,275	21,239	- 306	21,545
Dublin	40,101	8,097	+ 810	7,287
Mid-East	11,375	2,314	- 202	2,516
Mid-West	13,602	2,518	+ 188	2,330
South-East	20,775	4,514	+ 15	4,499
South-West	23,422	3,796	- 1,117	4,913
Sex				
Males	97,183	16,518	- 1,032	17,550
Females	65,069	13,267	+ 947	12,320
Total	162,252	29,785	- 85	29,870

Table 8 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	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
	April	4	21,584	5,396	20,908	5,227	+	169
	May	4	17,324	4,331	20,194	5,049	-	718
	June	5	28,982	5,796	21,808	4,362	+	1,435
	July	4	23,354	5,839	17,118	4,280	+	1,559
	August	5	24,272	4,854	21,934	4,387	+	468
	September	4	19,341	4,835	28,230	7,058	-	2,222
	October	4	26,253	6,563	24,968	6,242	+	321
	November	5	32,936	6,587	27,650	5,530	+	1,057
		December	3	19,527	6,509	14,242	4,747	+
2002	January	5	31,817	6,363	24,263	4,853	+	1,511
	February	4	25,468	6,367	23,091	5,773	+	594
	March	5	29,785	5,957	29,870	5,974	-	17

Table 9 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	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
	April	4	80,104	10,975	10,814	+ 40	56,457	10,609	10,094	+ 129
	May	4	78,660	9,828	11,272	- 361	55,031	7,496	8,922	- 357
	June	5	80,355	14,056	12,361	+ 339	60,510	14,926	9,447	+ 1,096
	July	4	82,567	11,677	9,465	+ 553	64,534	11,677	7,653	+ 1,006
	August	5	84,282	13,303	11,588	+ 343	65,157	10,969	10,346	+ 125
	September	4	82,227	10,675	12,730	- 514	58,323	8,666	15,500	- 1,709
	October	4	83,894	15,411	13,744	+ 417	57,941	10,842	11,224	- 96
	November	5	88,103	19,170	14,961	+ 842	59,018	13,766	12,689	+ 215
	December	3	91,394	11,237	7,946	+ 1,097	61,012	8,290	6,296	+ 665
2002	January	5	96,623	17,938	12,709	+ 1,046	63,337	13,879	11,554	+ 465
	February	4	98,215	14,912	13,320	+ 398	64,122	10,556	9,771	+ 196
	March	5	97,183	16,518	17,550	- 206	65,069	13,267	12,320	+ 189

Table 10 Persons working on systematic short-time basis excluded from the Live Register

	Month	Males	Females	Total
2000	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
2002	January	1,476	2,132	3,608
	February	1,516	2,062	3,578
	March	1,504	2,098	3,602

Table 11 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	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
2002	January	8,521	1,522	758	10,801
	February	8,537	1,542	792	10,871
	March	8,536	1,545	785	10,866

¹ Farm Assist Scheme was introduced in April 1999.

Table 12 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	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
2002	January	11,758	7,981	19,739	14,102	5,637
	February	11,742	7,934	19,676	14,059	5,617
	March	11,685	7,879	19,564	14,001	5,563

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 10*)
- Applicants for Unemployment Assistance (UA) excluding smallholders/farm assists and other self-employed persons (*see Table 11*)
- Other registrants including applicants for credited Social Welfare contributions but excluding those directly involved in an industrial dispute (*see Table 11*).

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 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).

Standardised unemployment rates The Standardised Unemployment Rate (SUR) series in Table 3 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%	Q4: 4.0%

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 2a, 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.

Casual and part time workers The casual and part time workers' figure is based on an estimate supplied by the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs. People may apply for Unemployment Benefit / Assistance if they only work for part of a week and be included on the Live Register.

History of Flow Analysis The flow analysis of the Live Register had 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.

Live Register Flow Analysis 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 other welfare schemes, exhaustion of Unemployment Benefit (UB) entitlement without qualifying for Unemployment Assistance (UA) etc.

New registrations The aggregate of *new registrations* for each Friday in a given month is used in conjunction with the *net change* over the same period to calculate the *outflow* from the register. A *new registration* is defined as anybody on the Live Register on a particular Friday who was not on it on the previous Friday.

Live Register Area Analysis The basis of the area classification used in this release is the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs local office of registration. The areas served by Local Employment Offices do not correspond to specific geographic boundaries. Therefore, registrants at a given local office do not necessarily come from a particular region or area which can be precisely delineated. A classification by area of residence of persons on the Live Register was published until January 1989 but was then discontinued.

NUTS2 and NUTS3 regions The regional classifications in this release are based on the NUTS (Nomenclature of Territorial Units) classification used by Eurostat. The NUTS3 regions correspond to the eight Regional Authorities established under the Local Government Act, 1991 (Regional Authorities) (Establishment) Order, 1993, which came into operation on 1 January 1994. The NUTS2 regions, which were proposed by Government and agreed by Eurostat in 1999, are groupings of the NUTS3 regions. *See overleaf.*

Border, Midland and Western NUTS2 Region

Border	Cavan
	Donegal
	Leitrim
	Louth
	Monaghan
	Sligo
Midland	Laoighis
	Longford
	Offaly
	Westmeath
West	Galway County Borough
	Galway County
	Mayo
	Roscommon

Eastern and Southern NUTS2 Region

Dublin	Dublin
	Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown
	Fingal
	South Dublin
Mid-East	Kildare
	Meath
	Wicklow
Mid-West	Clare
	Limerick County Borough
	Limerick County
	Tipperary North Riding
South-East	Carlow
	Kilkenny
	Tipperary South Riding
	Waterford County Borough
	Waterford County
	Wexford
South-West	Cork County Borough
	Cork County
	Kerry