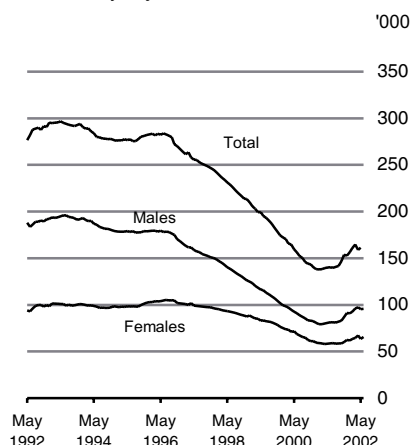




Live Register Analysis May 2002

Live Register
Seasonally Adjusted



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
May 2001	133,691	140,100
April 2002	156,237	159,000
May 2002	154,944	161,300
Change in month	- 1,293	+ 2,300
Change in year	+ 21,253	+ 21,200

Unadjusted Live Register decreases in May

The Live Register decreased by 1,293 persons in the month to 154,944. The change for the year to May 2002, shows an increase of 21,253.

The seasonally adjusted total increased from 159,000 in April to 161,300 in May, an increase of 2,300.

Other features include:

- ◆ During May the decrease of 1,293 reflected a decrease of 1,422 males and an increase of 129 females. The monthly increase of 2,300 in the seasonally adjusted figure comprised increases of 1,900 females and 400 males. *See tables 1 and 2a.*
- ◆ The annual increase of 21,253 comprised increases of 14,696 males and 6,557 females. *See table 1.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in May was 4.2%. 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 8,252 males and 11,707 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 December - February 2002 is 80,000 persons unemployed.

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	May 2002	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and West	51,130	+ 151	+ 4,382
Border	25,518	+ 112	+ 1,931
Midland	9,406	+ 13	+ 1,078
West	16,206	+ 26	+ 1,373
Eastern and Southern	103,814	- 1,444	+ 16,871
Dublin	38,559	- 387	+ 7,504
Mid-East	10,860	- 140	+ 2,461
Mid-West	13,024	+ 90	+ 2,041
South-East	19,680	- 342	+ 1,809
South-West	21,691	- 665	+ 3,056
Total	154,944	- 1,293	+ 21,253

Monthly decreases in four regions

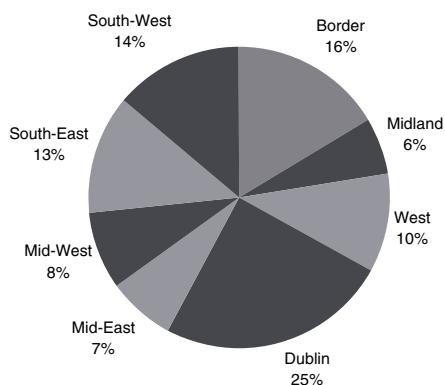
The monthly decrease of 1,293 persons on the Live Register reflected decreases in four of the eight regions. The decreases totalled 1,534 and the increases totalled 241. The largest monthly decrease was in the South-West (-665), while the largest monthly increase was in the Border region (+112).

In the year to May 2002, the Live Register increased in all regions. The overall national increase was 15.9%. The largest annual percentage increases were in the Mid-East (+29.3%) and Dublin (+24.2%) regions. *See table 4.*

Other regional features include:

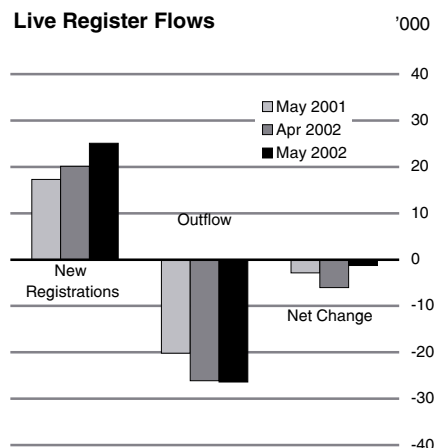
- ◆ In May, the number of male claimants increased slightly in the Mid-West and Border and decreased in all other regions. *See table 4.*
- ◆ The number of female claimants increased in all regions in the month with the exception of the South-East and South-West regions where the numbers decreased. *See table 4.*

Live Register by Regional Authority



	New Registrations	Outflow (derived)	Net Change
Men	14,356	15,778	- 1,422
Women	10,726	10,597	+ 129
Total	25,082	26,375	- 1,293

Live Register Flows



Outflows exceed new registrations

A total of 25,082 persons joined the Live Register in May 2002. This was offset by 26,375 persons leaving the Register giving a net decrease of 1,293 persons in the month. This compares with a monthly decrease of 2,870 in May 2001.

Other attributes include:

- ◆ The Live Register decreased on average by 259 persons per week during May 2002. *See table 8.*
- ◆ In May 2002, there were on average 5,016 new claimants per week and 5,275 persons leaving the Register. *See table 8.*
- ◆ On average, the number of male registrants decreased by 284 per week, while the number of female registrants increased by 26 per week. *See table 9.*

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	May 2001	April 2002	May 2002	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	25,502	37,120	35,936	- 1,184	+ 10,434
UA Applications	50,858	55,096	54,898	- 198	+ 4,040
Other Registrants	2,300	2,562	2,522	- 40	+ 222
Total	78,660	94,778	93,356	- 1,422	+ 14,696
Females					
UB Claims	27,081	33,106	33,159	+ 53	+ 6,078
UA Applications	19,233	20,075	20,197	+ 122	+ 964
Other Registrants	8,717	8,278	8,232	- 46	- 485
Total	55,031	61,459	61,588	+ 129	+ 6,557
All Persons					
UB Claims	52,583	70,226	69,095	- 1,131	+ 16,512
UA Applications	70,091	75,171	75,095	- 76	+ 5,004
Other Registrants	11,017	10,840	10,754	- 86	- 263
Total	133,691	156,237	154,944	- 1,293	+ 21,253

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

Category	May 2001	April 2002	May 2002	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	4,027	7,066	6,591	- 475	+ 2,564
UA Applications	8,780	10,724	10,617	- 107	+ 1,837
Other Registrants	31	46	50	+ 4	+ 19
Total	12,838	17,836	17,258	- 578	+ 4,420
Females					
UB Claims	3,036	4,657	4,562	- 95	+ 1,526
UA Applications	6,298	7,050	7,149	+ 99	+ 851
Other Registrants	131	102	107	+ 5	- 24
Total	9,465	11,809	11,818	+ 9	+ 2,353
All Persons					
UB Claims	7,063	11,723	11,153	- 570	+ 4,090
UA Applications	15,078	17,774	17,766	- 8	+ 2,688
Other Registrants	162	148	157	+ 9	- 5
Total	22,303	29,645	29,076	- 569	+ 6,773

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

Category	May 2001	April 2002	May 2002	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	21,475	30,054	29,345	- 709	+ 7,870
UA Applications	42,078	44,372	44,281	- 91	+ 2,203
Other Registrants	2,269	2,516	2,472	- 44	+ 203
Total	65,822	76,942	76,098	- 844	+ 10,276
Females					
UB Claims	24,045	28,449	28,597	+ 148	+ 4,552
UA Applications	12,935	13,025	13,048	+ 23	+ 113
Other Registrants	8,586	8,176	8,125	- 51	- 461
Total	45,566	49,650	49,770	+ 120	+ 4,204
All Persons					
UB Claims	45,520	58,503	57,942	- 561	+ 12,422
UA Applications	55,013	57,397	57,329	- 68	+ 2,316
Other Registrants	10,855	10,692	10,597	- 95	- 258
Total	111,388	126,592	125,868	- 724	+ 14,480

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	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	141,600
	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
	April	94,800	61,500	156,200	95,500	63,500	159,000
	May	93,400	61,600	154,900	95,900	65,400	161,300

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	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
	April	17,800	11,800	29,600	18,200	12,600	30,800
	May	17,300	11,800	29,100	18,100	12,800	30,900

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	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
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
	April	76,900	49,700	126,600	77,300	50,900	128,200
	May	76,100	49,800	125,900	77,800	52,500	130,300

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	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	4.2
May	10.1	7.6	5.7	4.2	3.7	4.2
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: December - February 2002, 4.4%.

⁵ Based on estimated data for December 2001

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	May 2001	April 2002	May 2002	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland & Western	27,249	30,390	30,270	- 120	+ 3,021	5,573	24,697
Border	13,956	15,312	15,383	+ 71	+ 1,427	2,966	12,417
Midland	4,481	5,294	5,263	- 31	+ 782	998	4,265
West	8,812	9,784	9,624	- 160	+ 812	1,609	8,015
Eastern & Southern	51,411	64,388	63,086	- 1,302	+ 11,675	11,685	51,401
Dublin	19,222	24,728	24,285	- 443	+ 5,063	4,572	19,713
Mid-East	4,581	6,453	6,287	- 166	+ 1,706	1,176	5,111
Mid-West	6,322	7,688	7,733	+ 45	+ 1,411	1,464	6,269
South-East	10,072	11,740	11,452	- 288	+ 1,380	2,229	9,223
South-West	11,214	13,779	13,329	- 450	+ 2,115	2,244	11,085
Total	78,660	94,778	93,356	- 1,422	+ 14,696	17,258	76,098
Females							
Border, Midland & Western	19,499	20,589	20,860	+ 271	+ 1,361	4,212	16,648
Border	9,631	10,094	10,135	+ 41	+ 504	2,110	8,025
Midland	3,847	4,099	4,143	+ 44	+ 296	852	3,291
West	6,021	6,396	6,582	+ 186	+ 561	1,250	5,332
Eastern & Southern	35,532	40,870	40,728	- 142	+ 5,196	7,606	33,122
Dublin	11,833	14,218	14,274	+ 56	+ 2,441	2,642	11,632
Mid-East	3,818	4,547	4,573	+ 26	+ 755	795	3,778
Mid-West	4,661	5,246	5,291	+ 45	+ 630	965	4,326
South-East	7,799	8,282	8,228	- 54	+ 429	1,673	6,555
South-West	7,421	8,577	8,362	- 215	+ 941	1,531	6,831
Total	55,031	61,459	61,588	+ 129	+ 6,557	11,818	49,770
All Persons							
Border, Midland & Western	46,748	50,979	51,130	+ 151	+ 4,382	9,785	41,345
Border	23,587	25,406	25,518	+ 112	+ 1,931	5,076	20,442
Midland	8,328	9,393	9,406	+ 13	+ 1,078	1,850	7,556
West	14,833	16,180	16,206	+ 26	+ 1,373	2,859	13,347
Eastern & Southern	86,943	105,258	103,814	- 1,444	+ 16,871	19,291	84,523
Dublin	31,055	38,946	38,559	- 387	+ 7,504	7,214	31,345
Mid-East	8,399	11,000	10,860	- 140	+ 2,461	1,971	8,889
Mid-West	10,983	12,934	13,024	+ 90	+ 2,041	2,429	10,595
South-East	17,871	20,022	19,680	- 342	+ 1,809	3,902	15,778
South-West	18,635	22,356	21,691	- 665	+ 3,056	3,775	17,916
Total	133,691	156,237	154,944	- 1,293	+ 21,253	29,076	125,868

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

Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	May 2001	April 2002	May 2002	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	63,287	77,921	77,083	- 838	+ 13,796	14,672	62,411
Munster	38,193	44,411	43,749	- 662	+ 5,556	7,999	35,750
Connacht	18,204	19,661	19,739	+ 78	+ 1,535	3,472	16,267
Ulster	14,007	14,244	14,373	+ 129	+ 366	2,933	11,440
Total	133,691	156,237	154,944	- 1,293	+ 21,253	29,076	125,868

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	May 2001	April 2002	May 2002	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	46,748	50,979	51,130	5,573	24,697	30,270	4,212	16,648	20,860
Border	23,587	25,406	25,518	2,966	12,417	15,383	2,110	8,025	10,135
Cavan	1,746	1,904	1,891	199	960	1,159	127	605	732
Belturbet	345	403	407	32	201	233	30	144	174
Cavan	1,401	1,501	1,484	167	759	926	97	461	558
Donegal	9,856	9,729	9,899	1,185	4,980	6,165	910	2,824	3,734
Ballybofey	1,134	966	955	130	467	597	99	259	358
Ballyshannon	524	571	549	75	254	329	49	171	220
Buncrana	1,913	1,849	1,816	178	838	1,016	243	557	800
Donegal	527	564	554	59	259	318	44	192	236
Dunfanaghy	845	924	946	133	489	622	61	263	324
Dungloe	1,446	1,507	1,615	164	872	1,036	69	510	579
Killybegs	1,077	979	1,061	99	584	683	62	316	378
Letterkenny	2,390	2,369	2,403	347	1,217	1,564	283	556	839
Leitrim	1,145	1,099	1,212	86	628	714	65	433	498
Carrick-on-Shannon	872	827	936	68	488	556	48	332	380
Manorhamilton	273	272	276	18	140	158	17	101	118
Louth	6,209	7,681	7,612	939	3,514	4,453	591	2,568	3,159
Ardee	667	822	810	95	358	453	74	283	357
Drogheda	2,265	3,046	3,046	361	1,334	1,695	215	1,136	1,351
Dundalk	3,277	3,813	3,756	483	1,822	2,305	302	1,149	1,451
Monaghan	2,405	2,611	2,583	292	1,217	1,509	220	854	1,074
Carrickmacross	626	746	747	60	351	411	49	287	336
Castleblayney	784	793	796	88	380	468	75	253	328
Clones	268	286	274	39	141	180	20	74	94
Monaghan	727	786	766	105	345	450	76	240	316
Sligo	2,226	2,382	2,321	265	1,118	1,383	197	741	938
Sligo	1,835	2,014	1,959	241	932	1,173	177	609	786
Tubbercurry	391	368	362	24	186	210	20	132	152
Midland	8,328	9,393	9,406	998	4,265	5,263	852	3,291	4,143
Laoighis	1,808	2,037	2,054	241	906	1,147	190	717	907
Portllington	584	766	736	81	278	359	68	309	377
Portlaoise	858	940	990	127	468	595	91	304	395
Rathdowney	366	331	328	33	160	193	31	104	135
Longford	1,573	1,659	1,728	195	874	1,069	122	537	659
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Offaly	2,320	2,521	2,435	262	1,111	1,373	209	853	1,062
Birr	739	737	717	85	315	400	69	248	317
Edenderry	535	620	595	44	272	316	53	226	279
Tullamore	1,046	1,164	1,123	133	524	657	87	379	466
Westmeath	2,627	3,176	3,189	300	1,374	1,674	331	1,184	1,515
Athlone	1,085	1,350	1,393	128	557	685	140	568	708
Castlepollard	226	229	218	12	99	111	24	83	107
Mullingar	1,316	1,597	1,578	160	718	878	167	533	700
West	14,833	16,180	16,206	1,609	8,015	9,624	1,250	5,332	6,582
Galway	7,481	8,619	8,674	958	4,146	5,104	780	2,790	3,570
Ballinasloe	892	916	906	100	462	562	67	277	344
Clifden	750	750	716	64	434	498	31	187	218
Galway	3,796	4,840	4,957	639	2,255	2,894	552	1,511	2,063
Gort	354	412	393	16	162	178	24	191	215
Loughrea	602	633	651	63	290	353	35	263	298
Tuam	1,087	1,068	1,051	76	543	619	71	361	432

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	May 2001	April 2002	May 2002	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	5,980	6,079	6,055	541	3,091	3,632	369	2,054	2,423
Achill	295	307	305	31	185	216	19	70	89
Ballina	1,875	1,821	1,849	174	976	1,150	116	583	699
Ballinrobe	375	395	389	23	204	227	27	135	162
Belmullet	829	771	778	65	418	483	53	242	295
Castlebar	806	912	931	109	422	531	69	331	400
Claremorris	497	503	471	30	246	276	13	182	195
Swinford	803	762	763	70	328	398	41	324	365
Westport	500	608	569	39	312	351	31	187	218
Roscommon	1,372	1,482	1,477	110	778	888	101	488	589
Boyle	415	409	407	31	215	246	20	141	161
Castlerea	682	726	729	52	388	440	52	237	289
Roscommon	275	347	341	27	175	202	29	110	139
Eastern and Southern	86,943	105,258	103,814	11,685	51,401	63,086	7,606	33,122	40,728
Dublin	31,055	38,946	38,559	4,572	19,713	24,285	2,642	11,632	14,274
Dublin	31,055	38,946	38,559	4,572	19,713	24,285	2,642	11,632	14,274
Gardiner Street	2,671	3,100	3,045	425	1,570	1,995	222	828	1,050
Bishop Square	3,162	3,860	3,734 ¹	405	2,057	2,462	241	1,031	1,272
Cumberland Street	3,980	4,675	4,598	477	2,425	2,902	295	1,401	1,696
Navan Road	4,516	2,767	2,747	300	1,556	1,856	162	729	891
Blanchardstown	.	2,610	2,613 ²	342	1,174	1,516	204	893	1,097
Thomas Street	1,738	2,161	2,100	217	1,241	1,458	153	489	642
Tara Street	1,038	1,325	1,327	115	711	826	47	454	501
Tallaght	2,524	3,148	3,109	594	1,441	2,035	312	762	1,074
Ballymun	1,163	1,450	1,467	256	739	995	163	309	472
Clondalkin	1,471	2,434	2,302	306	1,052	1,358	195	749	944
Rathfarnham	1,391	1,708	1,739	132	854	986	81	672	753
Kilbarrack	2,144	2,600	2,634	276	1,304	1,580	151	903	1,054
Dun Laoghaire	2,357	3,014	3,048	189	1,507	1,696	117	1,235	1,352
Balbriggan	914	1,208	1,154	100	538	638	62	454	516
Ballyfermot	802	983	993	141	563	704	85	204	289
Finglas	1,296	1,903	1,949	297	981	1,278	152	519	671
Mid-East	8,399	11,000	10,860	1,176	5,111	6,287	795	3,778	4,573
Kildare	3,162	4,132	4,083	439	1,846	2,285	305	1,493	1,798
Athy	562	753	733	96	380	476	61	196	257
Maynooth	906	1,200	1,172	110	502	612	83	477	560
Newbridge	1,694	2,179	2,178	233	964	1,197	161	820	981
Meath	1,910	2,877	2,927	302	1,395	1,697	225	1,005	1,230
Kells	363	461	474	43	246	289	25	160	185
Navan	1,060	1,747	1,793	192	863	1,055	138	600	738
Trim	487	669	660	67	286	353	62	245	307
Wicklow	3,327	3,991	3,850	435	1,870	2,305	265	1,280	1,545
Arklow	883	1,060	1,019	120	490	610	89	320	409
Baltinglass	326	431	379	35	165	200	34	145	179
Bray	1,446	1,747	1,707	174	841	1,015	85	607	692
Wicklow	672	753	745	106	374	480	57	208	265
Mid-West	10,983	12,934	13,024	1,464	6,269	7,733	965	4,326	5,291
Clare	2,778	3,424	3,464	324	1,657	1,981	244	1,239	1,483
Ennis	1,492	2,044	2,049	210	933	1,143	151	755	906
Ennistymon	495	579	560	40	276	316	42	202	244
Kilrush	527	480	532	53	281	334	30	168	198
Tulla	264	321	323	21	167	188	21	114	135
Limerick	6,263	7,382	7,423	905	3,621	4,526	543	2,354	2,897
Kilmallock	701	771	808	89	390	479	62	267	329
Limerick	4,795	5,738	5,780	755	2,792	3,547	406	1,827	2,233
Newcastle West	767	873	835	61	439	500	75	260	335

¹ Bishop Square replaces previous offices Werburgh Street and Victoria Street with effect from March 2002² 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	May 2001	April 2002	May 2002	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Tipperary N.R.	1,942	2,128	2,137	235	991	1,226	178	733	911
Nenagh	650	732	742	70	343	413	57	272	329
Roscrea	420	390	399	41	180	221	37	141	178
Thurles	872	1,006	996	124	468	592	84	320	404
South-East	17,871	20,022	19,680	2,229	9,223	11,452	1,673	6,555	8,228
Carlow	1,820	2,128	2,064	225	941	1,166	182	716	898
Bagenalstown	430	471	467	47	241	288	33	146	179
Carlow	1,079	1,248	1,194	134	539	673	110	411	521
Tullow	311	409	403	44	161	205	39	159	198
Kilkenny	1,948	2,228	2,163	269	1,083	1,352	159	652	811
Callan	332	334	327	31	183	214	20	93	113
Kilkenny	1,227	1,450	1,401	188	688	876	108	417	525
Thomastown	389	444	435	50	212	262	31	142	173
Tipperary S.R.	3,283	3,490	3,514	437	1,689	2,126	296	1,092	1,388
Cahir	423	475	464	45	235	280	40	144	184
Carrick-on-Suir	887	903	930	96	481	577	68	285	353
Cashel	288	324	330	38	152	190	25	115	140
Clonmel	1,087	1,171	1,153	173	532	705	106	342	448
Tipperary	598	617	637	85	289	374	57	206	263
Waterford	5,292	5,631	5,520	628	2,613	3,241	434	1,845	2,279
Dungarvan	843	904	909	86	435	521	75	313	388
Waterford	4,449	4,727	4,611	542	2,178	2,720	359	1,532	1,891
Wexford	5,528	6,545	6,419	670	2,897	3,567	602	2,250	2,852
Enniscorthy	1,466	1,694	1,662	208	764	972	185	505	690
Gorey	820	1,032	987	93	451	544	94	349	443
New Ross	1,134	1,239	1,221	127	559	686	109	426	535
Wexford	2,108	2,580	2,549	242	1,123	1,365	214	970	1,184
South-West	18,635	22,356	21,691	2,244	11,085	13,329	1,531	6,831	8,362
Cork	13,761	16,783	16,434	1,754	8,361	10,115	1,186	5,133	6,319
Bandon	516	507	512	39	272	311	17	184	201
Bantry	336	356	342	16	151	167	12	163	175
Bantry (SWLO)	171	191	186	6	82	88	8	90	98
Clonakilty	342	373	365	27	157	184	25	156	181
Cobh	330	435	417	70	219	289	32	96	128
Cork	6,872	8,817	8,603	1,083	4,741	5,824	688	2,091	2,779
Dunmanway	190	217	207	11	77	88	11	108	119
Fermoy	618	699	689	61	334	395	65	229	294
Kinsale	614	638	630	35	279	314	35	281	316
Macroom	367	597	554	28	205	233	26	295	321
Mallow	687	771	772	86	421	507	54	211	265
Midleton	718	938	941	87	432	519	75	347	422
Newmarket	393	440	434	46	203	249	29	156	185
Passage West	554	726	755	77	343	420	41	294	335
Skibbereen	360	406	391	23	157	180	10	201	211
Youghal	693	672	636	59	288	347	58	231	289
Kerry	4,874	5,573	5,257	490	2,724	3,214	345	1,698	2,043
Cahiriveen	385	345	319	12	170	182	7	130	137
Dingle	187	238	209	7	114	121	4	84	88
Kenmare	135	176	147	4	67	71	6	70	76
Killarney	611	913	783	62	334	396	67	320	387
Killorglin	355	380	362	20	191	211	13	138	151
Listowel	873	922	906	93	495	588	76	242	318
Tralee	2,328	2,599	2,531	292	1,353	1,645	172	714	886
State	133,691	156,237	154,944	17,258	76,098	93,356	11,818	49,770	61,588

**Table 7 Flows on and off the Live Register in the 5 weeks from
26 April 2002 to 31 May 2002**

	Total	New Registrations	Net Change	Outflow (derived)
Border, Midland & Western	51,130	8,087	+ 151	7,936
Border	25,518	3,547	+ 112	3,435
Midland	9,406	1,975	+ 13	1,962
West	16,206	2,565	+ 26	2,539
Eastern & Southern	103,814	16,995	- 1,444	18,439
Dublin	38,559	6,606	- 387	6,993
Mid-East	10,860	1,874	- 140	2,014
Mid-West	13,024	2,385	+ 90	2,295
South-East	19,680	2,784	- 342	3,126
South-West	21,691	3,346	- 665	4,011
Sex				
Males	93,356	14,356	- 1,422	15,778
Females	61,588	10,726	+ 129	10,597
Total	154,944	25,082	- 1,293	26,375

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	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	+	1,762
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
	April	4	20,108	5,027	26,123	6,531	-	1,504
	May	5	25,082	5,016	26,375	5,275	-	259

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	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
	April	4	94,778	11,351	13,756	-	601	61,459	8,757	12,367	-	903
	May	5	93,356	14,356	15,778	-	284	61,588	10,726	10,597	+	26

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

	Month	Males	Females	Total
2000	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
	April	1,472	1,974	3,446
	May	1,550	1,785	3,335

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	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
	April	8,558	1,558	767	10,883
	May	8,561	1,541	764	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	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
	April	11,666	7,823	19,489	13,923	5,566
	May	11,616	7,688	19,304	13,780	5,524

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:

Year	Q1 %	Q2 %	Q3 %	Q4 %
1998	8.5	7.8	7.6	6.4
1999	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.1
2000	4.7	4.3	4.3	3.9
2001	3.7	3.7	4.3	4.0
2002	4.4			

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 <i>new registrations</i> for each Friday in a given month is used in conjunction with the <i>net change</i> over the same period to calculate the <i>outflow</i> from the register. A <i>new registration</i> 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. <i>See overleaf.</i>

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