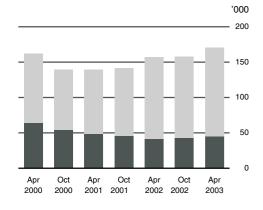


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#### **Duration of Continuous Registration**



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### Live Register Age by Duration Analysis April 2003

	Under 1 year	1 year or more	Total
April 2002	116,463	41,029	157,492
October 2002	114,692	42,973	157,665
April 2003	125,450	44,834	170,284

### Increase for both short and long-term claimants

The increase of 12,619 in the Live Register in the six months to April 2003 comprised an increase of 1,861 (+4.3%) in long-term claimants and an increase of 10,758 (+9.4%) for persons signing on for less than one year.

In April 2003, 26.3% of all claimants were long-term which compares to 27.3% in October 2002 and 26.1% in April 2002. See table 1 and graph.

Other features include:

- Some 30.4% of males and 20.5% of females on the Live Register are long-term claimants. See table 1.
- In the year to April 2003, the number of short-term claimants increased by 8,987 while long-term claimants increased by 3,805. See table 1.
- ♦ In the six months to April 2003, the numbers of males and females signing on increased in all age groups. The number of males increased by 6,597 (+7.0%) and the number of females increased by 6,022 (+9.4%). For males, in terms of percentage increases, those aged under 20 years (+10.1%) showed the highest increase while those aged 45 to 54 (+5.1%) showed the lowest. For females, those aged 60 to 64 years (+17.9%) showed the highest increase while those aged 20 to 24 years (+3.7%) showed the lowest percentage increase. See table 2.
- Of all persons making claims for over 1 year the largest percentages are among the 45 to 54 (26.4%) and 35 to 44 (25.6%) age groups while those aged under 20 years (1.8%) and those aged 60 to 64 (5.0%) show the lowest percentages. See table 5a.
- Of all persons making claims for under 1 year largest percentages are among the 25 to 34 (29.3%) and 35 to 44 (22.1%) age groups while those aged 60 to 64 (4.4%) and those aged under 20 years (5.4%) show the lowest percentages. See table 5a.
- ♦ Almost 40% (68,007) of all claimants have been on the Live Register for less than three months. There are 11.6% (19,720) of all claimants registered for 3 years or more. See table 5b.

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 to February 2003 is 84,900 persons unemployed.

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Table 1 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex and Duration of Continuous Registration

Sex/Duration	October 2000	April 2001	October 2001	April 2002	October 2002	April 2003
Males						
Less than one year	45,206	49,209	53,472	67,867	64,586	69,822
One year or more	35,138	31,669	30,061	27,736	29,107	30,468
Total	80,344	80,878	83,533	95,603	93,693	100,290
Females						
Less than one year	40,462	42,088	42,628	48,596	50,106	55,628
One year or more	18,904	16,553	15,342	13,293	13,866	14,366
Total	59,366	58,641	57,970	61,889	63,972	69,994
All Persons						
Less than one year	85,668	91,297	96,100	116,463	114,692	125,450
One year or more	54,042	48,222	45,403	41,029	42,973	44,834
Total	139,710	139,519	141,503	157,492	157,665	170,284

Table 2 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex and Age

Sex/Age	October 2000	April 2001	October 2001	April 2002	October 2002	April 2003
Males						
Under 20 years	2,644	2,731	3,067	3,956	3,762	4,143
20 - 24 years	10,002	10,311	11,222	14,093	13,454	14,581
25 - 34 years	20,144	20,557	21,514	26,585	25,774	27,793
35 - 44 years	18,444	18,311	18,495	20,484	20,157	21,494
45 - 54 years	18,543	18,058	18,012	19,206	18,740	19,697
55 - 59 years	6,301	6,472	6,736	6,713	7,012	7,451
60 - 64 years	4,266	4,438	4,487	4,566	4,794	5,131
Total	80,344	80,878	83,533	95,603	93,693	100,290
Females						
Under 20 years	2,380	2,338	2,652	3,109	3,147	3,453
20 - 24 years	7,811	7,377	8,156	8,908	9,526	9,882
25 - 34 years	16,854	16,146	15,984	17,832	18,245	19,270
35 - 44 years	15,759	15,579	15,036	15,823	16,100	17,736
45 - 54 years	10,983	11,171	10,433	10,630	10,942	12,656
55 - 59 years	3,556	3,865	3,611	3,538	3,811	4,401
60 - 64 years	2,023	2,165	2,098	2,049	2,201	2,596
Total	59,366	58,641	57,970	61,889	63,972	69,994
All Persons						
Under 20 years	5,024	5,069	5,719	7,065	6,909	7,596
20 - 24 years	17,813	17,688	19,378	23,001	22,980	24,463
25 - 34 years	36,998	36,703	37,498	44,417	44,019	47,063
35 - 44 years	34,203	33,890	33,531	36,307	36,257	39,230
45 - 54 years	29,526	29,229	28,445	29,836	29,682	32,353
55 - 59 years	9,857	10,337	10,347	10,251	10,823	11,852
60 - 64 years	6,289	6,603	6,585	6,615	6,995	7,727
Total	139,710	139,519	141,503	157,492	157,665	170,284

Table 3 Persons on the Live Register in each Regional Authority classified by Sex and Duration of Continuous Registration, April 2003

Sex/Duration	Border	Dublin	Mid-East	Midland	Mid-West	South- East	South- West	West	Total
Males									_
Less than one year	10,256	19,198	5,199	3,907	6,499	8,338	9,703	6,722	69,822
One year or more	5,155	8,094	1,693	1,470	2,312	3,979	4,529	3,236	30,468
Total	15,411	27,292	6,892	5,377	8,811	12,317	14,232	9,958	100,290
Females									
Less than one year	7,977	13,829	4,520	3,574	5,458	7,007	8,146	5,117	55,628
One year or more	2,417	3,153	914	870	1,271	2,192	1,812	1,737	14,366
Total	10,394	16,982	5,434	4,444	6,729	9,199	9,958	6,854	69,994
All Persons									
Less than one year	18,233	33,027	9,719	7,481	11,957	15,345	17,849	11,839	125,450
One year or more	7,572	11,247	2,607	2,340	3,583	6,171	6,341	4,973	44,834
Total	25,805	44,274	12,326	9,821	15,540	21,516	24,190	16,812	170,284

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register in each Regional Authority classified by Age and Sex, April 2003

Sex/Age	Border	Dublin	Mid-East	Midland	Mid-West	South- East	South- West	West	Total
Males									
Under 20 years	719	1,165	254	249	366	559	507	324	4,143
20 - 24 years	2,264	4,168	1,022	763	1,336	1,824	1,945	1,259	14,581
25 - 34 years	4,007	8,576	1,906	1,386	2,470	3,206	3,764	2,478	27,793
35 - 44 years	3,409	5,485	1,508	1,196	1,840	2,698	3,114	2,244	21,494
45 - 54 years	3,285	4,402	1,255	1,082	1,668	2,647	3,101	2,257	19,697
55 - 59 years	1,074	1,963	560	396	684	813	1,123	838	7,451
60 - 64 years	653	1,533	387	305	447	570	678	558	5,131
Total	15,411	27,292	6,892	5,377	8,811	12,317	14,232	9,958	100,290
Females									
Under 20 years	533	909	249	270	317	479	426	270	3,453
20 - 24 years	1,635	2,303	682	662	892	1,357	1,384	967	9,882
25 - 34 years	2,848	4,778	1,570	1,200	1,817	2,502	2,766	1,789	19,270
35 - 44 years	2,575	3,974	1,450	1,173	1,802	2,459	2,544	1,759	17,736
45 - 54 years	1,877	2,922	971	768	1,201	1,677	1,871	1,369	12,656
55 - 59 years	596	1,267	329	225	444	489	630	421	4,401
60 - 64 years	330	829	183	146	256	236	337	279	2,596
Total	10,394	16,982	5,434	4,444	6,729	9,199	9,958	6,854	69,994
All Persons									
Under 20 years	1,252	2,074	503	519	683	1,038	933	594	7,596
20 - 24 years	3,899	6,471	1,704	1,425	2,228	3,181	3,329	2,226	24,463
25 - 34 years	6,855	13,354	3,476	2,586	4,287	5,708	6,530	4,267	47,063
35 - 44 years	5,984	9,459	2,958	2,369	3,642	5,157	5,658	4,003	39,230
45 - 54 years	5,162	7,324	2,226	1,850	2,869	4,324	4,972	3,626	32,353
55 - 59 years	1,670	3,230	889	621	1,128	1,302	1,753	1,259	11,852
60 - 64 years	983	2,362	570	451	703	806	1,015	837	7,727
Total	25,805	44,274	12,326	9,821	15,540	21,516	24,190	16,812	170,284

Table 5a Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age and Duration of Continuous Registration, April 2003

	Duration of Contin	nuous Registration	
Sex/Age	Under 1 year	1 year or more	Total
Males			
Under 20 years	3,681	462	4,143
20 - 24 years	11,796	2,785	14,581
25 - 34 years	20,599	7,194	27,793
35 - 44 years	14,275	7,219	21,494
45 - 54 years	11,192	8,505	19,697
55 - 59 years	4,745	2,706	7,451
60 - 64 years	3,534	1,597	5,131
Total	69,822	30,468	100,290
Females			
Under 20 years	3,118	335	3,453
20 - 24 years	8,218	1,664	9,882
25 - 34 years	16,200	3,070	19,270
35 - 44 years	13,461	4,275	17,736
45 - 54 years	9,312	3,344	12,656
55 - 59 years	3,373	1,028	4,401
60 - 64 years	1,946	650	2,596
Total	55,628	14,366	69,994
All Persons			
Under 20 years	6,799	797	7,596
20 - 24 years	20,014	4,449	24,463
25 - 34 years	36,799	10,264	47,063
35 - 44 years	27,736	11,494	39,230
45 - 54 years	20,504	11,849	32,353
55 - 59 years	8,118	3,734	11,852
60 - 64 years	5,480	2,247	7,727
Total	125,450	44,834	170,284

Table 5b Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age and Duration of Continuous Registration (Detailed), April 2003

		Duration	of Continuous	s Registration			
Sex/Age	Under 3 months	3 - < 6 months	6 - < 12 months	1 - < 2 years	2 - < 3 years	3 years and over	Total
Males							
Under 20 years	1,937	915	829	452	8	2	4,143
20 - 24 years	6,249	2,909	2,638	1,649	570	566	14,581
25 - 34 years	10,382	4,885	5,332	3,539	1,138	2,517	27,793
35 - 44 years	7,053	3,321	3,901	2,836	1,018	3,365	21,494
45 - 54 years	5,585	2,553	3,054	2,266	1,039	5,200	19,697
55 - 59 years	2,268	1,038	1,439	864	283	1,559	7,451
60 - 64 years	1,675	764	1,095	656	221	720	5,131
Total	35,149	16,385	18,288	12,262	4,277	13,929	100,290
Females							
Under 20 years	1,673	681	764	335	0	0	3,453
20 - 24 years	4,790	1,627	1,801	1,025	334	305	9,882
25 - 34 years	9,336	3,274	3,590	1,686	425	959	19,270
35 - 44 years	7,798	2,510	3,153	1,686	627	1,962	17,736
45 - 54 years	5,946	1,534	1,832	1,044	456	1,844	12,656
55 - 59 years	2,131	549	693	424	128	476	4,401
60 - 64 years	1,184	329	433	310	95	245	2,596
Total	32,858	10,504	12,266	6,510	2,065	5,791	69,994
All Persons							
Under 20 years	3,610	1,596	1,593	787	8	2	7,596
20 - 24 years	11,039	4,536	4,439	2,674	904	871	24,463
25 - 34 years	19,718	8,159	8,922	5,225	1,563	3,476	47,063
35 - 44 years	14,851	5,831	7,054	4,522	1,645	5,327	39,230
45 - 54 years	11,531	4,087	4,886	3,310	1,495	7,044	32,353
55 - 59 years	4,399	1,587	2,132	1,288	411	2,035	11,852
60 - 64 years	2,859	1,093	1,528	966	316	965	7,727
Total	68,007	26,889	30,554	18,772	6,342	19,720	170,284

Table 6a Persons on the Live Register classified by Type of Claim, Age and Duration of Continuous Registration, April 2003

Type of Claim and Age		Duration of	Continuous Re	egistration			
and Age	Under 3 months	3 - < 6 months	6 - < 12 months	1 - < 2 years	2 - < 3 years	3 years and over	Total
Unemployment Benefit							
Under 20 years	1,145	317	217	56	0	0	1,735
20 - 24 years	6,448	2,303	1,750	509	2	0	11,012
25 - 34 years	12,833	4,825	4,737	1,510	14	0	23,919
35 - 44 years	10,085	3,517	3,826	1,241	11	1	18,681
45 - 54 years	8,084	2,524	2,704	849	7	0	14,168
55 - 59 years	3,057	1,013	1,270	476	3	1	5,820
60 - 64 years	1,992	743	1,026	391	1	1	4,154
Total	43,644	15,242	15,530	5,032	38	3	79,489
Unemployment Assistance							
Under 20 years	2,441	1,271	1,374	729	8	2	5,825
20 - 24 years	4,525	2,204	2,672	2,153	902	871	13,327
25 - 34 years	6,479	3,115	3,964	3,474	1,436	3,302	21,770
35 - 44 years	4,041	1,906	2,621	2,692	1,205	4,211	16,676
45 - 54 years	2,835	1,181	1,716	1,995	1,189	6,188	15,104
55 - 59 years	991	350	552	553	279	1,707	4,432
60 - 64 years	590	153	258	290	184	752	2,227
Total	21,902	10,180	13,157	11,886	5,203	17,033	79,361
Other Registrants							
Under 20 years	24	8	2	2	0	0	36
20 - 24 years	66	29	17	12	0	0	124
25 - 34 years	406	219	221	241	113	174	1,374
35 - 44 years	725	408	607	589	429	1,115	3,873
45 - 54 years	612	382	466	466	299	856	3,081
55 - 59 years	351	224	310	259	129	327	1,600
60 - 64 years	277	197	244	285	131	212	1,346
Total	2,461	1,467	1,867	1,854	1,101	2,684	11,434

Table 6b Number of Males on the Live Register classified by Type of Claim, Age and Duration of Continuous Registration, April 2003

Type of Claim		Duration	of Continuous	Registration			
and Age	Under 3 months	3 - < 6 months	6 - < 12 months	1 - < 2 years	2 - < 3 years	3 years and over	Total
Unemployment Benefit							
Under 20 years	633	178	110	31	0	0	952
20 - 24 years	3,601	1,451	993	290	1	0	6,336
25 - 34 years	5,874	2,541	2,341	757	6	0	11,519
35 - 44 years	3,971	1,724	1,762	565	3	1	8,026
45 - 54 years	3,417	1,475	1,544	492	3	0	6,931
55 - 59 years	1,410	655	835	298	0	1	3,199
60 - 64 years	1,096	515	740	270	0	0	2,621
Total	20,002	8,539	8,325	2,703	13	2	39,584
Unemployment Assistance							
Under 20 years	1,286	734	718	420	8	2	3,168
20 - 24 years	2,628	1,452	1,642	1,359	569	566	8,216
25 - 34 years	4,456	2,326	2,976	2,771	1,130	2,514	16,173
35 - 44 years	3,000	1,544	2,101	2,236	993	3,324	13,198
45 - 54 years	1,994	952	1,368	1,624	958	5,020	11,916
55 - 59 years	695	281	447	437	223	1,437	3,520
60 - 64 years	421	128	216	231	151	631	1,778
Total	14,480	7,417	9,468	9,078	4,032	13,494	57,969
Other Registrants							
Under 20 years	18	3	1	1	0	0	23
20 - 24 years	20	6	3	0	0	0	29
25 - 34 years	52	18	15	11	2	3	101
35 - 44 years	82	53	38	35	22	40	270
45 - 54 years	174	126	142	150	78	180	850
55 - 59 years	163	102	157	129	60	121	732
60 - 64 years	158	121	139	155	70	89	732
Total	667	429	495	481	232	433	2,737

Table 6c Number of Females on the Live Register classified by Type of Claim, Age and Duration of Continuous Registration, April 2003

Type of Claim and Age		Duration	of Continuous	Registration			
and Age	Under 3 months	3 - < 6 months	6 - < 12 months	1 - < 2 years	2 - < 3 years	3 years and over	Total
Unemployment Benefit							
Under 20 years	512	139	107	25	0	0	783
20 - 24 years	2,847	852	757	219	1	0	4,676
25 - 34 years	6,959	2,284	2,396	753	8	0	12,400
35 - 44 years	6,114	1,793	2,064	676	8	0	10,655
45 - 54 years	4,667	1,049	1,160	357	4	0	7,237
55 - 59 years	1,647	358	435	178	3	0	2,621
60 - 64 years	896	228	286	121	1	1	1,533
Total	23,642	6,703	7,205	2,329	25	1	39,905
Unemployment Assistance							
Under 20 years	1,155	537	656	309	0	0	2,657
20 - 24 years	1,897	752	1,030	794	333	305	5,111
25 - 34 years	2,023	789	988	703	306	788	5,597
35 - 44 years	1,041	362	520	456	212	887	3,478
45 - 54 years	841	229	348	371	231	1,168	3,188
55 - 59 years	296	69	105	116	56	270	912
60 - 64 years	169	25	42	59	33	121	449
Total	7,422	2,763	3,689	2,808	1,171	3,539	21,392
Other Registrants							
Under 20 years	6	5	1	1	0	0	13
20 - 24 years	46	23	14	12	0	0	95
25 - 34 years	354	201	206	230	111	171	1,273
35 - 44 years	643	355	569	554	407	1,075	3,603
45 - 54 years	438	256	324	316	221	676	2,231
55 - 59 years	188	122	153	130	69	206	868
60 - 64 years	119	76	105	130	61	123	614
Total	1,794	1,038	1,372	1,373	869	2,251	8,697

Table 7 Persons on the Live Register in each Regional Authority classified by Sex and Duration of Continuous Registration, April 2003

		Durat	ion of Continuo	ous Registration	า		
Regional Authority	Under 3 months	3 - < 6 months	6 - < 12 months	1 - < 2 years	2 - < 3 years	3 years and over	Total
Border							
Males	5,502	2,268	2,486	1,867	795	2,493	15,411
Females	4,845	1,403	1,729	1,008	358	1,051	10,394
Total	10,347	3,671	4,215	2,875	1,153	3,544	25,805
Dublin							
Males	9,188	4,541	5,469	3,534	984	3,576	27,292
Females	7,841	2,744	3,244	1,650	413	1,090	16,982
Total	17,029	7,285	8,713	5,184	1,397	4,666	44,274
Mid-East							
Males	2,772	1,223	1,204	848	223	622	6,892
Females	2,710	804	1,006	488	115	311	5,434
Total	5,482	2,027	2,210	1,336	338	933	12,326
Midland							
Males	1,882	963	1,062	638	232	600	5,377
Females	2,110	667	797	413	137	320	4,444
Total	3,992	1,630	1,859	1,051	369	920	9,821
Mid-West							
Males	3,180	1,701	1,618	1,076	386	850	8,811
Females	3,155	1,142	1,161	572	206	493	6,729
Total	6,335	2,843	2,779	1,648	592	1,343	15,540
South-East							
Males	4,329	1,842	2,167	1,501	624	1,854	12,317
Females	4,440	1,143	1,424	895	310	987	9,199
Total	8,769	2,985	3,591	2,396	934	2,841	21,516
South-West							
Males	5,074	2,184	2,445	1,598	615	2,316	14,232
Females	4,948	1,556	1,642	802	259	751	9,958
Total	10,022	3,740	4,087	2,400	874	3,067	24,190
West							
Males	3,222	1,663	1,837	1,200	418	1,618	9,958
Females	2,809	1,045	1,263	682	267	788	6,854
Total	6,031	2,708	3,100	1,882	685	2,406	16,812
State							
Males	35,149	16,385	18,288	12,262	4,277	13,929	100,290
Females	32,858	10,504	12,266	6,510	2,065	5,791	69,994
Total	68,007	26,889	30,554	18,772	6,342	19,720	170,284

### **Background Notes**

# Source and scope of the Live Register

Live Register statistics are compiled from returns made directly to the Central Statistics Office by each local office of the Department of Social and Family Affairs. The Live Register comprises persons under 65 years of age in the following classes:

- All Claimants for Unemployment Benefit (UB) excluding systematic short-time workers;
- Applicants for Unemployment Assistance (UA) excluding smallholders and self-employed persons;
- Other registrants including applicants for credited Social Welfare contributions but excluding those directly involved in an industrial dispute.

The monthly Live Register statistics relate to the situation on the last Friday of the month.

#### Age by Duration Analysis

The current series of half-yearly age by duration analyses of the Live Register was introduced in April 1989. At that time, January and July age analyses which did not cover duration were discontinued and more detailed duration categories were included in the April and October statistics. The age by duration analysis usually relates to the second-last Friday of April and October. The totals in the release are therefore, normally close but not identical to the corresponding end-of-month Live Register totals.

## 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.

# 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

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**Eastern and Southern NUTS2 Region** 

Border Cavan Dublin

Donegal Leitrim Louth Monaghan Sligo

Midland Laoighis

Longford Offaly Westmeath

West Galway City

Galway County

Mayo

Roscommon

**Dublin** Dublin

Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown

Fingal South Dublin

Mid-East Kildare

Meath Wicklow

Mid-West Clare

Limerick City Limerick County North Tipperary

South-East Carlow

Kilkenny South Tipperary Waterford City Waterford County

Wexford

South-West Cork City

Cork County

Kerry