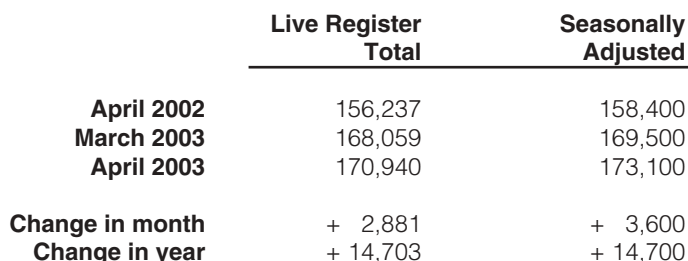




# Live Register Analysis

April 2003



The Live Register increased by 2,881 (+1.7%) persons in April to 170,940. When seasonal factors are taken into account the seasonally adjusted total increased from 169,500 in March to 173,100 this month, an increase of 3,600. *See table 2a and graph opposite.*

Other features include:

- ◆ The monthly increase of 2,881 comprised of an increase on 3,012 females and a decrease of 131 males. *See table 1a.*
- ◆ The monthly increase in the Seasonally Adjusted series of 3,600 comprised increases of 3,200 females and 400 males. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in April was 4.6%. This compares with 4.2% in April 2002, 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 8,922 males and 13,186 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 2002, is 84,100 persons unemployed.

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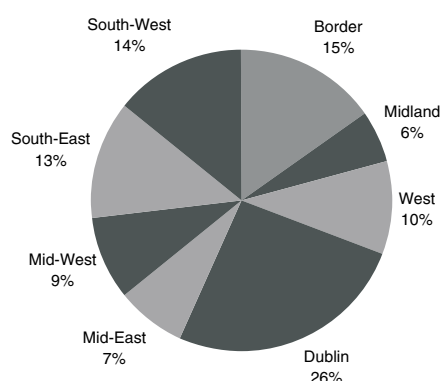
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	April 2003	Monthly Change	Annual Change
<b>Border, Midland and West</b>	<b>52,729</b>	<b>+ 650</b>	<b>+ 1,750</b>
Border	25,996	+ 623	+ 590
Midland	9,847	+ 27	+ 454
West	16,886	0	+ 706
<b>Eastern and Southern</b>	<b>118,211</b>	<b>+ 2,231</b>	<b>+ 12,953</b>
Dublin	44,372	+ 1,194	+ 5,426
Mid-East	12,472	+ 451	+ 1,472
Mid-West	15,476	+ 239	+ 2,542
South-East	21,672	+ 414	+ 1,650
South-West	24,219	- 67	+ 1,863
<b>Total</b>	<b>170,940</b>	<b>+ 2,881</b>	<b>+ 14,703</b>

#### Live Register by Regional Authority



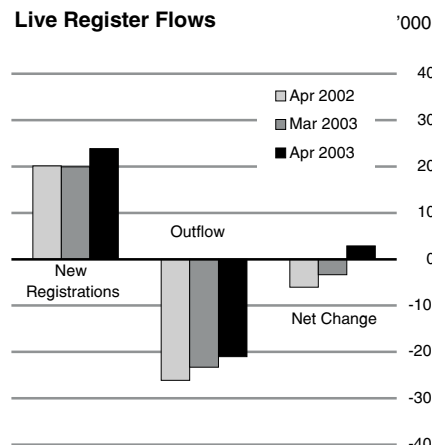
#### Monthly increases in most regions

The monthly increase of 2,881 persons on the Live Register reflected increases in all but two regions. The largest increases were in the Mid-East (+3.8%) and Dublin (+2.8%) while there was no change in the West and a fall (-0.3%) in the South-West region.

Other area features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males fell in five of the eight regions. The largest fall was in the Midland (-1.9%) while the largest increase was in the Border (+1.3%) region.
- ◆ The number of females increased in all regions. The largest increases were in the Mid-East (+7.2%) and Dublin (+6.0%) while the lowest increases were in the South-West (+1.8%) and West (+2.0%).
- ◆ There were monthly increases in most counties. The largest increases occurred in Meath (+6.7%) and Monaghan (+4.8%) while the largest decreases were in Kerry (-3.8%) and Leitrim (-1.3%). See tables 4 and 6.

#### Live Register Flows



	New Registrations	Outflow (derived)	Net Change
<b>Males</b>	12,152	12,283	- 131
<b>Females</b>	11,717	8,705	+ 3,012
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,869</b>	<b>20,988</b>	<b>+ 2,881</b>

#### New registrations exceed outflows

A total of 23,869 persons joined the Live Register in April 2003. With 20,988 persons leaving the Register there is a net increase of 2,881 persons in the month.

Other features of the flows on and off the Register include:

- ◆ The average weekly increase of 720 in the Live Register was comprised of a weekly increase of 753 females and a weekly decrease of 33 males. See tables 8 and 9.
- ◆ In the month there were weekly averages of 5,967 new claimants joining the Register and 5,247 persons leaving. See table 8.

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

Category	April 2002	March 2003	April 2003	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
UB Claims	37,120	39,810	39,493	- 317	+ 2,373
UA Applications	55,096	58,029	58,076	+ 47	+ 2,980
Other Registrants	2,562	2,620	2,759	+ 139	+ 197
<b>Total</b>	<b>94,778</b>	<b>100,459</b>	<b>100,328</b>	<b>- 131</b>	<b>+ 5,550</b>
<b>Females</b>					
UB Claims	33,106	37,964	40,375	+ 2,411	+ 7,269
UA Applications	20,075	21,336	21,454	+ 118	+ 1,379
Other Registrants	8,278	8,300	8,783	+ 483	+ 505
<b>Total</b>	<b>61,459</b>	<b>67,600</b>	<b>70,612</b>	<b>+ 3,012</b>	<b>+ 9,153</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
UB Claims	70,226	77,774	79,868	+ 2,094	+ 9,642
UA Applications	75,171	79,365	79,530	+ 165	+ 4,359
Other Registrants	10,840	10,920	11,542	+ 622	+ 702
<b>Total</b>	<b>156,237</b>	<b>168,059</b>	<b>170,940</b>	<b>+ 2,881</b>	<b>+ 14,703</b>

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

Category	April 2002	March 2003	April 2003	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
UB Claims	7,066	7,353	7,222	- 131	+ 156
UA Applications	10,724	11,497	11,416	- 81	+ 692
Other Registrants	46	47	54	+ 7	+ 8
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,836</b>	<b>18,897</b>	<b>18,692</b>	<b>- 205</b>	<b>+ 856</b>
<b>Females</b>					
UB Claims	4,657	5,458	5,451	- 7	+ 794
UA Applications	7,050	7,785	7,792	+ 7	+ 742
Other Registrants	102	108	110	+ 2	+ 8
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,809</b>	<b>13,351</b>	<b>13,353</b>	<b>+ 2</b>	<b>+ 1,544</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
UB Claims	11,723	12,811	12,673	- 138	+ 950
UA Applications	17,774	19,282	19,208	- 74	+ 1,434
Other Registrants	148	155	164	+ 9	+ 16
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,645</b>	<b>32,248</b>	<b>32,045</b>	<b>- 203</b>	<b>+ 2,400</b>

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

Category	April 2002	March 2003	April 2003	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
UB Claims	30,054	32,457	32,271	- 186	+ 2,217
UA Applications	44,372	46,532	46,660	+ 128	+ 2,288
Other Registrants	2,516	2,573	2,705	+ 132	+ 189
<b>Total</b>	<b>76,942</b>	<b>81,562</b>	<b>81,636</b>	<b>+ 74</b>	<b>+ 4,694</b>
<b>Females</b>					
UB Claims	28,449	32,506	34,924	+ 2,418	+ 6,475
UA Applications	13,025	13,551	13,662	+ 111	+ 637
Other Registrants	8,176	8,192	8,673	+ 481	+ 497
<b>Total</b>	<b>49,650</b>	<b>54,249</b>	<b>57,259</b>	<b>+ 3,010</b>	<b>+ 7,609</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
UB Claims	58,503	64,963	67,195	+ 2,232	+ 8,692
UA Applications	57,397	60,083	60,322	+ 239	+ 2,925
Other Registrants	10,692	10,765	11,378	+ 613	+ 686
<b>Total</b>	<b>126,592</b>	<b>135,811</b>	<b>138,895</b>	<b>+ 3,084</b>	<b>+ 12,303</b>

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

	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series <sup>1</sup>		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2001	April	80,100	56,500	136,600	80,400	58,500	138,900
	May	78,700	55,000	133,700	81,100	58,800	139,900
	June	80,400	60,500	140,900	81,300	58,800	140,200
	July	82,600	64,500	147,100	81,500	58,500	140,000
	August	84,300	65,200	149,400	82,600	58,600	141,100
	September	82,200	58,300	140,600	83,600	59,100	142,800
	October	83,900	57,900	141,800	87,100	60,500	147,500
	November	88,100	59,000	147,100	90,800	62,300	153,100
	December	91,400	61,000	152,400	91,100 <sup>2</sup>	61,500 <sup>2</sup>	152,600 <sup>2</sup>
2002	January	96,600	63,300	160,000	92,600	63,600	156,200
	February	98,200	64,100	162,300	95,700	64,300	160,000
	March	97,200	65,100	162,300	96,800	66,900	163,700
	April	94,800	61,500	156,200	95,000	63,400	158,400
	May	93,400	61,600	154,900	95,700	65,400	161,100
	June	95,800	68,500	164,300	96,700	66,800	163,500
	July	98,000	74,100	172,100	97,000	68,000	165,100
	August	98,800	74,800	173,600	97,100	68,100	165,300
	September	95,300	66,100	161,400	96,800	67,100	163,900
	October	93,800	63,900	157,700	97,000	66,500	163,500
	November	95,100	63,500	158,600	97,700	66,700	164,400
	December	98,700	67,500	166,100	97,300	67,300	164,700
2003	January	102,300	68,400	170,700	98,400	68,600	167,000
	February	102,000	69,400	171,400	99,500	69,500	169,000
	March	100,500	67,600	168,100	100,100	69,400	169,500
	April	100,300	70,600	170,900	100,500	72,600	173,100

<sup>1</sup> Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2002 (See Background Notes).<sup>2</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2001	April	13,000	9,600	22,600	13,200	10,300	23,500
	May	12,800	9,500	22,300	13,600	10,400	24,000
	June	13,700	11,000	24,700	13,600	10,400	24,000
	July	14,600	11,800	26,500	13,800	10,300	24,100
	August	15,100	12,100	27,200	14,100	10,400	24,600
	September	14,400	11,000	25,400	14,500	10,600	25,100
	October	14,600	10,900	25,400	15,600	11,400	26,900
	November	15,600	11,000	26,600	16,600	11,800	28,500
	December	16,400	11,100	27,500	16,800 <sup>2</sup>	11,900 <sup>2</sup>	28,700 <sup>2</sup>
2002	January	18,200	12,300	30,500	17,300	12,300	29,600
	February	18,900	12,600	31,400	18,300	12,600	30,800
	March	18,500	12,300	30,800	18,400	12,800	31,300
	April	17,800	11,800	29,600	18,000	12,500	30,500
	May	17,300	11,800	29,100	18,000	12,700	30,700
	June	18,000	13,400	31,400	18,000	12,800	30,800
	July	19,000	14,700	33,700	18,200	13,200	31,400
	August	19,000	15,000	34,000	18,100	13,300	31,400
	September	17,900	13,600	31,400	18,000	13,200	31,200
	October	17,200	12,500	29,600	18,100	13,000	31,100
	November	17,300	12,200	29,500	18,200	13,000	31,200
	December	18,000	12,400	30,400	18,200	13,100	31,200
2003	January	19,400	13,400	32,800	18,600	13,400	32,000
	February	19,300	13,600	32,900	18,700	13,600	32,300
	March	18,900	13,400	32,200	18,900	13,900	32,700
	April	18,700	13,400	32,000	18,900	14,100	32,900

<sup>1</sup> Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2002 (See Background Notes).<sup>2</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2001	April	67,100	46,900	114,000	67,200	48,100	115,300
	May	65,800	45,600	111,400	67,500	48,400	115,900
	June	66,700	49,500	116,200	67,700	48,400	116,100
	July	67,900	52,700	120,600	67,700	48,100	115,900
	August	69,200	53,000	122,200	68,400	48,100	116,600
	September	67,800	47,300	115,100	69,100	48,500	117,600
	October	69,300	47,100	116,400	71,500	49,100	120,600
	November	72,500	48,000	120,500	74,200	50,400	124,600
	December	75,000	49,900	124,900	74,300 <sup>2</sup>	49,600 <sup>2</sup>	124,000 <sup>2</sup>
2002	January	78,400	51,100	129,500	75,300	51,300	126,600
	February	79,400	51,600	130,900	77,400	51,700	129,200
	March	78,700	52,800	131,500	78,400	54,000	132,400
	April	76,900	49,700	126,600	77,000	50,900	127,900
	May	76,100	49,800	125,900	77,700	52,600	130,400
	June	77,700	55,100	132,900	78,700	54,000	132,700
	July	79,000	59,400	138,400	78,900	54,800	133,700
	August	79,700	59,800	139,600	79,000	54,900	133,900
	September	77,400	52,600	130,000	78,800	53,900	132,700
	October	76,700	51,400	128,100	78,900	53,500	132,400
	November	77,800	51,300	129,100	79,400	53,700	133,100
	December	80,700	55,100	135,800	79,200	54,300	133,400
2003	January	82,900	55,000	137,900	79,800	55,200	135,000
	February	82,700	55,700	138,400	80,800	55,900	136,700
	March	81,600	54,200	135,800	81,200	55,500	136,800
	April	81,600	57,300	138,900	81,700	58,500	140,200

<sup>1</sup> Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2002 (See Background Notes).

<sup>2</sup> Based on estimated data for December 2001.

**Table 3 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates<sup>1</sup>**

Month	1997 <sup>3</sup>	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003 <sup>4</sup>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
January	10.7	8.5	6.3	4.6	3.6	4.2	4.5
February	10.6	8.2	6.1	4.5	3.6	4.3	4.5
March	10.5	8.0	5.9	4.4	3.6	4.4	4.5
April <sup>2</sup>	10.3	7.8	5.7	4.3	3.7	4.2	4.6
May	10.1	7.6	5.7	4.2	3.7	4.3	
June	9.9	7.5	5.5	4.1	3.7	4.4	
July	9.7	7.3	5.4	4.0	3.7	4.4	
August	9.5	7.1	5.3	4.0	3.7	4.4	
September	9.3	6.9	5.2	3.9	3.8	4.4	
October	9.1	6.8	5.0	3.8	3.9	4.4	
November	8.9	6.6	4.9	3.8	4.1	4.4	
December	8.7	6.5	4.7	3.7	4.1 <sup>5</sup>	4.4	
Annual average	9.8	7.4	5.5	4.1	3.8	4.3	

<sup>1</sup> Table contains revised figures.

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

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

<sup>4</sup> The latest QNHS estimate of the unemployment rate (unadjusted for seasonality) is: September - November 2002, 4.5%.

<sup>5</sup> Based on estimated data for December 2001.

**Table 4 Persons on the Live Register by Region**

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions <sup>1</sup>	April 2002	March 2003	April 2003	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
<b>Males</b>							
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>30,390</b>	<b>30,854</b>	<b>30,810</b>	- 44	+ 420	<b>5,549</b>	<b>25,261</b>
Border	15,312	15,272	15,469	+ 197	+ 157	2,962	12,507
Midland	5,294	5,486	5,382	- 104	+ 88	1,014	4,368
West	9,784	10,096	9,959	- 137	+ 175	1,573	8,386
<b>Eastern &amp; Southern</b>	<b>64,388</b>	<b>69,605</b>	<b>69,518</b>	- 87	+ 5,130	<b>13,143</b>	<b>56,375</b>
Dublin	24,728	27,068	27,288	+ 220	+ 2,560	5,372	21,916
Mid-East	6,453	6,876	6,959	+ 83	+ 506	1,270	5,689
Mid-West	7,688	8,848	8,719	- 129	+ 1,031	1,679	7,040
South-East	11,740	12,378	12,362	- 16	+ 622	2,393	9,969
South-West	13,779	14,435	14,190	- 245	+ 411	2,429	11,761
<b>Total</b>	<b>94,778</b>	<b>100,459</b>	<b>100,328</b>	- 131	+ 5,550	<b>18692</b>	<b>81636</b>
<b>Females</b>							
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>20,589</b>	<b>21,225</b>	<b>21,919</b>	+ 694	+ 1,330	<b>4,348</b>	<b>17,571</b>
Border	10,094	10,101	10,527	+ 426	+ 433	2,188	8,339
Midland	4,099	4,334	4,465	+ 131	+ 366	930	3,535
West	6,396	6,790	6,927	+ 137	+ 531	1,230	5,697
<b>Eastern &amp; Southern</b>	<b>40,870</b>	<b>46,375</b>	<b>48,693</b>	+ 2,318	+ 7,823	<b>9,005</b>	<b>39,688</b>
Dublin	14,218	16,110	17,084	+ 974	+ 2,866	3,230	13,854
Mid-East	4,547	5,145	5,513	+ 368	+ 966	950	4,563
Mid-West	5,246	6,389	6,757	+ 368	+ 1,511	1,200	5,557
South-East	8,282	8,880	9,310	+ 430	+ 1,028	1,836	7,474
South-West	8,577	9,851	10,029	+ 178	+ 1,452	1,789	8,240
<b>Total</b>	<b>61,459</b>	<b>67,600</b>	<b>70,612</b>	+ 3,012	+ 9,153	<b>13353</b>	<b>57259</b>
<b>All Persons</b>							
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>50,979</b>	<b>52,079</b>	<b>52,729</b>	+ 650	+ 1,750	<b>9,897</b>	<b>42,832</b>
Border	25,406	25,373	25,996	+ 623	+ 590	5,150	20,846
Midland	9,393	9,820	9,847	+ 27	+ 454	1,944	7,903
West	16,180	16,886	16,886	0	+ 706	2,803	14,083
<b>Eastern &amp; Southern</b>	<b>105,258</b>	<b>115,980</b>	<b>118,211</b>	+ 2,231	+ 12,953	<b>22,148</b>	<b>96,063</b>
Dublin	38,946	43,178	44,372	+ 1,194	+ 5,426	8,602	35,770
Mid-East	11,000	12,021	12,472	+ 451	+ 1,472	2,220	10,252
Mid-West	12,934	15,237	15,476	+ 239	+ 2,542	2,879	12,597
South-East	20,022	21,258	21,672	+ 414	+ 1,650	4,229	17,443
South-West	22,356	24,286	24,219	- 67	+ 1,863	4,218	20,001
<b>Total</b>	<b>156,237</b>	<b>168,059</b>	<b>170,940</b>	+ 2,881	+ 14,703	<b>32,045</b>	<b>138,895</b>

<sup>1</sup> The composition of the regions is described in the background notes.

**Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province**

Provinces	April 2002	March 2003	April 2003	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
<b>Provinces</b>							
Leinster	77,921	84,072	86,127	+ 2,055	+ 8,206	16,575	69,552
Munster	44,411	49,077	49,518	+ 441	+ 5,107	8,995	40,523
Connacht	19,661	20,461	20,516	+ 55	+ 855	3,419	17,097
Ulster	14,244	14,449	14,779	+ 330	+ 535	3,056	11,723
<b>Total</b>	<b>156,237</b>	<b>168,059</b>	<b>170,940</b>	+ 2,881	+ 14,703	<b>32,045</b>	<b>138,895</b>

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	April 2002	March 2003	April 2003	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>50,979</b>	<b>52,079</b>	<b>52,729</b>	<b>5,549</b>	<b>25,261</b>	<b>30,810</b>	<b>4,348</b>	<b>17,571</b>	<b>21,919</b>
<b>Border</b>	<b>25,406</b>	<b>25,373</b>	<b>25,996</b>	<b>2,962</b>	<b>12,507</b>	<b>15,469</b>	<b>2,188</b>	<b>8,339</b>	<b>10,527</b>
Cavan	1,904	1,993	2,056	192	1,015	1,207	177	672	849
Belturbet	403	403	410	37	218	255	32	123	155
Cavan	1,501	1,590	1,646	155	797	952	145	549	694
Donegal	9,729	9,964	10,111	1,231	4,959	6,190	931	2,990	3,921
Ballybofey	966	978	938	128	463	591	98	249	347
Ballyshannon	571	556	540	48	259	307	51	182	233
Buncrana	1,849	1,794	1,833	181	832	1,013	228	592	820
Donegal	564	543	542	62	245	307	48	187	235
Dunfanaghy	924	1,024	1,016	129	519	648	68	300	368
Dungloe	1,507	1,573	1,608	167	825	992	78	538	616
Killybegs	979	967	1,056	122	574	696	56	304	360
Letterkenney	2,369	2,529	2,578	394	1,242	1,636	304	638	942
Leitrim	1,099	1,193	1,177	84	596	680	58	439	497
Carrick-on-Shannon	827	929	903	62	460	522	43	338	381
Manorhamilton	272	264	274	22	136	158	15	101	116
Louth	7,681	7,349	7,587	857	3,522	4,379	621	2,587	3,208
Ardee	822	827	904	107	379	486	90	328	418
Drogheda	3,046	3,127	3,221	335	1,412	1,747	270	1,204	1,474
Dundalk	3,813	3,395	3,462	415	1,731	2,146	261	1,055	1,316
Monaghan	2,611	2,492	2,612	305	1,250	1,555	220	837	1,057
Carrickmacross	746	722	753	62	353	415	58	280	338
Castleblayney	793	744	756	91	352	443	70	243	313
Clones	286	293	345	37	211	248	20	77	97
Monaghan	786	733	758	115	334	449	72	237	309
Sligo	2,382	2,382	2,453	293	1,165	1,458	181	814	995
Sligo	2,014	2,026	2,088	261	979	1,240	161	687	848
Tubbercurry	368	356	365	32	186	218	20	127	147
<b>Midland</b>	<b>9,393</b>	<b>9,820</b>	<b>9,847</b>	<b>1,014</b>	<b>4,368</b>	<b>5,382</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>3,535</b>	<b>4,465</b>
Laoighis	2,037	2,108	2,117	234	918	1,152	214	751	965
Portarlington	766	828	833	78	317	395	96	342	438
Portlaoise	940	901	920	116	418	534	95	291	386
Rathdowney	331	379	364	40	183	223	23	118	141
Longford	1,659	1,787	1,828	208	838	1,046	151	631	782
Longford	1,659	1,787	1,828	208	838	1,046	151	631	782
Offaly	2,521	2,622	2,609	257	1,208	1,465	238	906	1,144
Birr	737	818	818	82	367	449	91	278	369
Edenderry	620	672	659	57	307	364	52	243	295
Tullamore	1,164	1,132	1,132	118	534	652	95	385	480
Westmeath	3,176	3,303	3,293	315	1,404	1,719	327	1,247	1,574
Athlone	1,350	1,521	1,483	158	631	789	127	567	694
Castlepollard	229	281	273	18	126	144	25	104	129
Mullingar	1,597	1,501	1,537	139	647	786	175	576	751
<b>West</b>	<b>16,180</b>	<b>16,886</b>	<b>16,886</b>	<b>1,573</b>	<b>8,386</b>	<b>9,959</b>	<b>1,230</b>	<b>5,697</b>	<b>6,927</b>
Galway	8,619	9,391	9,340	938	4,586	5,524	748	3,068	3,816
Ballinasloe	916	967	983	107	472	579	78	326	404
Clifden	750	820	772	73	459	532	40	200	240
Galway	4,840	5,295	5,270	606	2,537	3,143	506	1,621	2,127
Gort	412	437	425	19	166	185	16	224	240
Loughrea	633	737	719	52	343	395	44	280	324
Tuam	1,068	1,135	1,171	81	609	690	64	417	481

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-continued				Males			Females		
NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	April 2002	March 2003	April 2003	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	6,079	6,073	6,126	517	3,080	3,597	381	2,148	2,529
Achill	307	340	334	26	200	226	21	87	108
Ballina	1,821	1,793	1,799	161	941	1,102	124	573	697
Ballinrobe	395	417	375	26	198	224	20	131	151
Belmullet	771	675	680	47	380	427	35	218	253
Castlebar	912	925	940	113	418	531	75	334	409
Claremorris	503	476	496	29	215	244	19	233	252
Swinford	762	810	843	77	377	454	48	341	389
Westport	608	637	659	38	351	389	39	231	270
Roscommon	1,482	1,422	1,420	118	720	838	101	481	582
Boyle	409	355	369	28	204	232	18	119	137
Castlerea	726	695	710	51	371	422	48	240	288
Roscommon	347	372	341	39	145	184	35	122	157
<b>Eastern and Southern</b>	<b>105,258</b>	<b>115,980</b>	<b>118,211</b>	<b>13,143</b>	<b>56,375</b>	<b>69,518</b>	<b>9,005</b>	<b>39,688</b>	<b>48,693</b>
<b>Dublin</b>	<b>38,946</b>	<b>43,178</b>	<b>44,372</b>	<b>5,372</b>	<b>21,916</b>	<b>27,288</b>	<b>3,230</b>	<b>13,854</b>	<b>17,084</b>
Dublin	38,946	43,178	44,372	5,372	21,916	27,288	3,230	13,854	17,084
Bishop Square	3,860	4,224	4,403	483	2,352	2,835	290	1,278	1,568
Cumberland Street	4,675	5,566	5,671	650	2,915	3,565	386	1,720	2,106
Navan Road	2,767	2,748	2,865	322	1,560	1,882	198	785	983
Blanchardstown	2,610	3,133	3,220	412	1,378	1,790	302	1,128	1,430
Thomas Street	2,161	2,420	2,453	279	1,414	1,693	183	577	760
Tara Street	1,325	1,487	1,478	146	783	929	81	468	549
Tallaght	3,148	3,332	3,386	620	1,501	2,121	356	909	1,265
Ballymun	1,450	1,539	1,510	268	747	1,015	149	346	495
Clondalkin	2,434	2,823	2,896	380	1,328	1,708	261	927	1,188
Rathfarnham	1,708	2,114	2,235	175	1,043	1,218	111	906	1,017
Kilbarrack	2,600	2,937	3,004	312	1,471	1,783	153	1,068	1,221
Dun Laoghaire	3,014	3,345	3,487	242	1,670	1,912	147	1,428	1,575
Balbriggan	1,208	1,279	1,295	113	562	675	83	537	620
Ballyfermot	983	1,211	1,276	199	678	877	110	289	399
Finglas	1,903	2,108	2,161	314	1,068	1,382	173	606	779
Coolock	3,100	2,912	3,032 <sup>1</sup>	457	1,446	1,903	247	882	1,129
<b>Mid-East</b>	<b>11,000</b>	<b>12,021</b>	<b>12,472</b>	<b>1,270</b>	<b>5,689</b>	<b>6,959</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>4,563</b>	<b>5,513</b>
Kildare	4,132	4,600	4,723	501	2,066	2,567	377	1,779	2,156
Athy	753	825	859	124	397	521	84	254	338
Maynooth	1,200	1,335	1,373	121	557	678	91	604	695
Newbridge	2,179	2,440	2,491	256	1,112	1,368	202	921	1,123
Meath	2,877	3,051	3,256	271	1,478	1,749	239	1,268	1,507
Kells	461	544	568	43	279	322	31	215	246
Navan	1,747	1,747	1,881	154	864	1,018	133	730	863
Trim	669	760	807	74	335	409	75	323	398
Wicklow	3,991	4,370	4,493	498	2,145	2,643	334	1,516	1,850
Arklow	1,060	1,204	1,212	143	602	745	108	359	467
Baltinglass	431	467	458	48	184	232	44	182	226
Bray	1,747	1,851	1,941	187	941	1,128	119	694	813
Wicklow	753	848	882	120	418	538	63	281	344
<b>Mid-West</b>	<b>12,934</b>	<b>15,237</b>	<b>15,476</b>	<b>1,679</b>	<b>7,040</b>	<b>8,719</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>5,557</b>	<b>6,757</b>
Clare	3,424	4,021	4,123	401	1,826	2,227	289	1,607	1,896
Ennis	2,044	2,435	2,464	267	1,029	1,296	189	979	1,168
Ennistymon	579	622	615	51	295	346	31	238	269
Kilrush	480	538	624	64	301	365	41	218	259
Tulla	321	426	420	19	201	220	28	172	200
Limerick	7,382	8,572	8,664	986	4,057	5,043	694	2,927	3,621
Kilmallock	771	946	936	100	451	551	69	316	385
Limerick	5,738	6,720	6,812	825	3,154	3,979	537	2,296	2,833
Newcastle West	873	906	916	61	452	513	88	315	403

<sup>1</sup> Coolock replaces previous office Gardiner Street with effect from April 2003.



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NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	April 2002	March 2003	April 2003	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,128	2,644	2,689	292	1,157	1,449	217	1,023	1,240
Nenagh	732	962	953	78	417	495	65	393	458
Roscrea	390	530	558	49	203	252	41	265	306
Thurles	1,006	1,152	1,178	165	537	702	111	365	476
South-East	20,022	21,258	21,672	2,393	9,969	12,362	1,836	7,474	9,310
Carlow	2,128	2,195	2,292	255	990	1,245	229	818	1,047
Bagenalstown	471	557	577	68	268	336	51	190	241
Carlow	1,248	1,197	1,275	143	543	686	128	461	589
Tullow	409	441	440	44	179	223	50	167	217
Kilkenny	2,228	2,463	2,461	327	1,225	1,552	206	703	909
Callan	334	323	338	39	197	236	20	82	102
Kilkenny	1,450	1,705	1,683	229	828	1,057	151	475	626
Thomastown	444	435	440	59	200	259	35	146	181
South Tipperary	3,490	3,612	3,725	448	1,815	2,263	296	1,166	1,462
Cahir	475	439	451	44	208	252	42	157	199
Carrick-on-Suir	903	925	924	91	498	589	63	272	335
Cashel	324	378	380	42	169	211	29	140	169
Clonmel	1,171	1,235	1,291	176	649	825	115	351	466
Tipperary	617	635	679	95	291	386	47	246	293
Waterford	5,631	5,942	6,098	702	2,802	3,504	452	2,142	2,594
Dungarvan	904	954	997	82	468	550	72	375	447
Waterford	4,727	4,988	5,101	620	2,334	2,954	380	1,767	2,147
Wexford	6,545	7,046	7,096	661	3,137	3,798	653	2,645	3,298
Enniscorthy	1,694	1,666	1,702	195	796	991	184	527	711
Gorey	1,032	1,202	1,192	102	515	617	105	470	575
New Ross	1,239	1,246	1,266	112	564	676	107	483	590
Wexford	2,580	2,932	2,936	252	1,262	1,514	257	1,165	1,422
South-West	22,356	24,286	24,219	2,429	11,761	14,190	1,789	8,240	10,029
Cork	16,783	17,748	17,928	1,871	8,767	10,638	1,323	5,967	7,290
Bandon	507	533	549	49	270	319	38	192	230
Bantry	356	414	398	20	165	185	22	191	213
Bantry (SWLO)	191	211	218	10	85	95	11	112	123
Clonakilty	373	427	437	30	180	210	27	200	227
Cobh	435	467	453	60	246	306	29	118	147
Cork	8,817	9,001	9,207	1,172	4,811	5,983	723	2,501	3,224
Dunmanway	217	212	208	11	80	91	16	101	117
Fermoy	699	737	769	67	375	442	58	269	327
Kinsale	638	687	687	42	293	335	47	305	352
Macroom	597	518	528	18	219	237	30	261	291
Mallow	771	848	852	97	428	525	72	255	327
Midleton	938	1,083	1,060	79	464	543	70	447	517
Newmarket	440	516	481	41	219	260	28	193	221
Passage West	726	894	901	93	412	505	58	338	396
Skibbereen	406	433	418	18	160	178	16	224	240
Youghal	672	767	762	64	360	424	78	260	338
Kerry	5,573	6,538	6,291	558	2,994	3,552	466	2,273	2,739
Cahiriveen	345	402	401	10	178	188	20	193	213
Dingle	238	333	309	9	149	158	13	138	151
Kenmare	176	222	168	11	59	70	6	92	98
Killarney	913	1,137	1,053	79	421	500	87	466	553
Killorglin	380	477	476	29	220	249	24	203	227
Listowel	922	1,065	974	119	487	606	85	283	368
Tralee	2,599	2,902	2,910	301	1,480	1,781	231	898	1,129
State	156,237	168,059	170,940	18,692	81,636	100,328	13,353	57,259	70,612

**Table 7 Flows on and off the Live Register in the 4 weeks from  
28 March 2003 to 25 April 2003**

	Total	New Registrations	Net Change	Outflow (derived)
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>52,729</b>	<b>6,879</b>	<b>+ 650</b>	<b>6,229</b>
Border	25,996	3,302	+ 623	2,679
Midland	9,847	1,318	+ 27	1,291
West	16,886	2,259	0	2,259
<b>Eastern &amp; Southern</b>	<b>118,211</b>	<b>16,990</b>	<b>+ 2,231</b>	<b>14,759</b>
Dublin	44,372	6,574	+ 1,194	5,380
Mid-East	12,472	1,928	+ 451	1,477
Mid-West	15,476	2,234	+ 239	1,995
South-East	21,672	2,867	+ 414	2,453
South-West	24,219	3,387	- 67	3,454
<b>Sex</b>				
Males	100,328	12,152	- 131	12,283
Females	70,612	11,717	+ 3,012	8,705
<b>Total</b>	<b>170,940</b>	<b>23,869</b>	<b>+ 2,881</b>	<b>20,988</b>

**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		
2001	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
	June	4	27,530	6,883	18,197	4,549	+	2,333
	July	4	26,633	6,658	18,812	4,703	+	1,955
	August	5	25,540	5,108	24,075	4,815	+	293
	September	4	21,098	5,275	33,229	8,307	-	3,033
	October	4	23,160	5,790	26,886	6,722	-	932
	November	5	29,506	5,901	28,576	5,715	+	186
	December	4	20,884	5,221	13,378	3,345	+	1,877
2003	January	5	32,776	6,555	28,217	5,643	+	912
	February	4	23,767	5,942	23,074	5,769	+	173
	March	4	19,946	4,987	23,281	5,820	-	834
	April	4	23,869	5,967	20,988	5,247	+	720

**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
2001	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
	June	4	95,765	13,087	10,678	+ 602	68,512	14,443	7,519	+ 1,731
	July	4	98,006	13,099	10,858	+ 560	74,092	13,534	7,954	+ 1,395
	August	5	98,771	14,085	13,320	+ 153	74,792	11,455	10,755	+ 140
	September	4	95,289	11,521	15,003	- 871	66,143	9,577	18,226	- 2,162
	October	4	93,829	13,201	14,661	- 365	63,877	9,959	12,225	- 567
	November	5	95,121	16,591	15,299	+ 258	63,515	12,915	13,277	- 72
	December	4	98,670	11,279	7,730	+ 887	67,472	9,605	5,648	+ 989
2003	January	5	102,335	18,502	14,837	+ 733	68,366	14,274	13,380	+ 179
	February	4	102,026	13,047	13,356	- 77	69,368	10,720	9,718	+ 251
	March	4	100,459	11,655	13,222	- 392	67,600	8,291	10,059	- 442
	April	4	100,328	12,152	12,283	- 33	70,612	11,717	8,705	+ 753

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

	Month	Males	Females	Total
2001	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
	June	1,474	1,580	3,054
	July	1,444	1,632	3,076
	August	1,195	1,590	2,785
	September	1,093	1,630	2,723
	October	1,227	1,773	3,000
	November	1,104	1,650	2,754
	December	999	1,608	2,607
2003	January	1,167	1,731	2,898
	February	1,311	1,931	3,242
	March	1,404	1,898	3,302
	April	1,361	1,841	3,202

**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 <sup>1</sup>	Self-Employed	Others	Total
2001	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
	June	8,513	1,533	795	10,841
	July	8,513	1,566	855	10,934
	August	8,566	1,561	861	10,988
	September	8,607	1,553	830	10,990
	October	8,719	1,546	850	11,115
	November	8,732	1,544	870	11,146
	December	8,770	1,550	921	11,241
2003	January	8,779	1,551	907	11,237
	February	8,777	1,573	915	11,265
	March	8,798	1,627	891	11,316
	April	8,773	1,620	948	11,341

<sup>1</sup> 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
2001	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
	June	11,538	7,696	19,234	13,714	5,520
	July	11,456	7,721	19,177	13,679	5,498
	August	11,349	7,757	19,106	13,603	5,503
	September	11,313	7,708	19,021	13,597	5,424
	October	11,329	7,742	19,071	13,639	5,432
	November	11,312	7,817	19,129	13,659	5,470
	December	11,247	7,718	18,965	13,518	5,447
2003	January	11,213	7,763	18,976	13,523	5,453
	February	11,228	7,690	18,918	13,489	5,429
	March	11,232	7,692	18,924	13,484	5,440
	April	11,265	7,695	18,960	13,342	5,618

## 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 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	4.2	4.6	4.5

**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.

<b>Casual and part time workers</b>	The casual and part time workers' figure is based on an estimate supplied by the Department of Social 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.
<b>History of Flow Analysis</b>	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.
<b>Live Register Flow Analysis</b>	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.
<b>New registrations</b>	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.
<b>Live Register Area Analysis</b>	The basis of the area classification used in this release is the Department of Social 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.
<b>NUTS2 and NUTS3 regions</b>	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 below.</i>

**Border, Midland and Western NUTS2 Region**

<b>Border</b>	Cavan Donegal Leitrim Louth Monaghan Sligo
<b>Midland</b>	Laoighis Longford Offaly Westmeath
<b>West</b>	Galway City Galway County Mayo Roscommon

**Eastern and Southern NUTS2 Region**

<b>Dublin</b>	Dublin Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Fingal South Dublin
<b>Mid-East</b>	Kildare Meath Wicklow
<b>Mid-West</b>	Clare Limerick City Limerick County North Tipperary
<b>South-East</b>	Carlow Kilkenny South Tipperary Waterford City Waterford County Wexford
<b>South-West</b>	Cork City Cork County Kerry