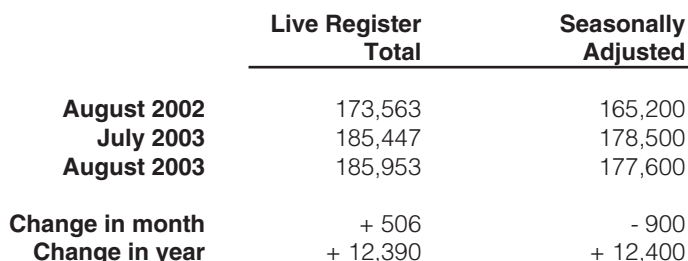




Live Register Analysis

August 2003



The Live Register increased by 506 (+0.3%) persons in August to 185,953. This compares to an increase of 1,465 (+0.9%) for August of last year. When seasonal factors are taken into account the seasonally adjusted total fell from 178,500 in July to 177,600 this month, a decrease of 900. *See table 2a and graph opposite.*

Other features include:

- ◆ The monthly increase of 506 comprised increases of 330 females and 176 males. *See table 1a.*
- ◆ The monthly decrease in the Seasonally Adjusted series comprised decreases of 500 in males and 500 in females. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in August was 4.5%. This compares with 4.4% in April 2003, 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 8,377 males and 12,552 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 March-May 2003 is 81,400 persons unemployed.

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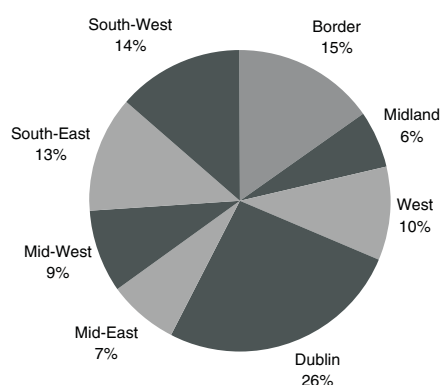
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	August 2003	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and West	58,432	+ 332	+ 1,936
Border	28,177	+ 155	+ 662
Midland	11,500	+ 133	+ 1,040
West	18,755	+ 44	+ 234
Eastern and Southern	127,521	+ 174	+ 10,454
Dublin	48,729	+ 203	+ 4,926
Mid-East	13,838	+ 169	+ 1,883
Mid-West	16,525	+ 8	+ 1,618
South-East	23,314	+ 46	+ 1,474
South-West	25,115	- 252	+ 553
Total	185,953	+ 506	+ 12,390

Live Register by Regional Authority



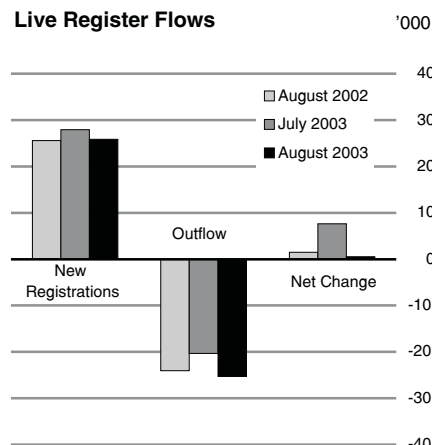
Monthly increases in all but one region

The monthly increase of 506 persons on the Live Register reflected increases in seven of the eight regions. The largest percentage increases were in the Mid-East (+1.2%) and Midland (+1.2%) regions. The lowest increase was in the Mid-West (+0.05%) while there was a decrease in the South-West (-1.0%).

Other area features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males increased in five of the eight regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Mid-East (+1.3%) while the largest decrease was in the South-West (-1.4%).
- ◆ The number of females increased in seven of the eight regions. The largest increase was in the Midland (+1.4%) while there was a decrease in the South-West (-0.5%).
- ◆ There were monthly increases in most counties. The largest percentage increases were in Meath (+2.9%) and Roscommon (+2.7%) while the largest decreases occurred in Kerry (-1.1%) and Cork (-1.0%). See tables 4 and 6.

Live Register Flows



	New Registrations	Outflow (derived)	Net Change
Males	14,131	13,955	+ 176
Females	11,685	11,355	+ 330
Total	25,816	25,310	+ 506

New registrations exceed outflows

A total of 25,816 persons joined the Live Register in August 2003. With 25,310 persons leaving the Register there is a net increase of 506 persons in the month.

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

- ◆ The average weekly increase of 101 in the Live Register was comprised of 66 females and 35 males. See tables 8 and 9.
- ◆ In the month there were weekly averages of 5,163 new claimants joining the Register and 5,062 persons leaving. See table 8.

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	August 2002	July 2003	August 2003	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	38,293	40,312	40,297	- 15	+ 2,004
UA Applications	57,784	60,490	60,601	+ 111	+ 2,817
Other Registrants	2,694	2,788	2,868	+ 80	+ 174
Total	98,771	103,590	103,766	+ 176	+ 4,995
Females					
UB Claims	41,509	47,126	46,958	- 168	+ 5,449
UA Applications	23,561	24,726	25,034	+ 308	+ 1,473
Other Registrants	9,722	10,005	10,195	+ 190	+ 473
Total	74,792	81,857	82,187	+ 330	+ 7,395
All Persons					
UB Claims	79,802	87,438	87,255	- 183	+ 7,453
UA Applications	81,345	85,216	85,635	+ 419	+ 4,290
Other Registrants	12,416	12,793	13,063	+ 270	+ 647
Total	173,563	185,447	185,953	+ 506	+ 12,390

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

Category	August 2002	July 2003	August 2003	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	7,093	7,909	7,936	+ 27	+ 843
UA Applications	11,886	12,516	12,471	- 45	+ 585
Other Registrants	52	45	51	+ 6	- 1
Total	19,031	20,470	20,458	- 12	+ 1,427
Females					
UB Claims	5,752	7,014	7,033	+ 19	+ 1,281
UA Applications	9,074	9,661	9,705	+ 44	+ 631
Other Registrants	124	146	153	+ 7	+ 29
Total	14,950	16,821	16,891	+ 70	+ 1,941
All Persons					
UB Claims	12,845	14,923	14,969	+ 46	+ 2,124
UA Applications	20,960	22,177	22,176	- 1	+ 1,216
Other Registrants	176	191	204	+ 13	+ 28
Total	33,981	37,291	37,349	+ 58	+ 3,368

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

Category	August 2002	July 2003	August 2003	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	31,200	32,403	32,361	- 42	+ 1,161
UA Applications	45,898	47,974	48,130	+ 156	+ 2,232
Other Registrants	2,642	2,743	2,817	+ 74	+ 175
Total	79,740	83,120	83,308	+ 188	+ 3,568
Females					
UB Claims	35,757	40,112	39,925	- 187	+ 4,168
UA Applications	14,487	15,065	15,329	+ 264	+ 842
Other Registrants	9,598	9,859	10,042	+ 183	+ 444
Total	59,842	65,036	65,296	+ 260	+ 5,454
All Persons					
UB Claims	66,957	72,515	72,286	- 229	+ 5,329
UA Applications	60,385	63,039	63,459	+ 420	+ 3,074
Other Registrants	12,240	12,602	12,859	+ 257	+ 619
Total	139,582	148,156	148,604	+ 448	+ 9,022

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
2001	August	84,300	65,200	149,400	82,600	58,400	141,000
	September	82,200	58,300	140,600	83,700	59,100	142,800
	October	83,900	57,900	141,800	87,100	60,500	147,700
	November	88,100	59,000	147,100	90,900	62,400	153,300
	December	91,400	61,000	152,400	91,300 ²	61,800 ²	153,100 ²
2002	January	96,600	63,300	160,000	92,800	63,600	156,300
	February	98,200	64,100	162,300	95,400	64,200	159,600
	March	97,200	65,100	162,300	96,600	67,200	163,800
	April	94,800	61,500	156,200	94,900	63,300	158,200
	May	93,400	61,600	154,900	95,900	65,400	161,300
	June	95,800	68,500	164,300	96,600	66,200	162,800
	July	98,000	74,100	172,100	97,100	68,000	165,100
	August	98,800	74,800	173,600	97,200	68,000	165,200
	September	95,300	66,100	161,400	96,900	67,000	164,000
	October	93,800	63,900	157,700	97,100	66,600	163,700
	November	95,100	63,500	158,600	97,800	66,800	164,600
	December	98,700	67,500	166,100	97,500	67,700	165,200
2003	January	102,300	68,400	170,700	98,500	68,600	167,200
	February	102,000	69,400	171,400	99,100	69,400	168,500
	March	100,500	67,600	168,100	99,800	69,700	169,500
	April	100,300	70,600	170,900	100,400	72,400	172,800
	May	98,300	67,800	166,100	100,800	71,700	172,500
	June	101,600	76,300	177,900	102,300	73,900	176,200
	July	103,600	81,900	185,400	102,700	75,800	178,500
	August	103,800	82,200	186,000	102,200	75,300	177,600

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2003 (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
2001	August	15,100	12,100	27,200	14,200	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	27,000
	November	15,600	11,000	26,600	16,600	11,900	28,500
	December	16,400	11,100	27,500	16,800 ²	12,000 ²	28,800 ²
2002	January	18,200	12,300	30,500	17,300	12,300	29,600
	February	18,900	12,600	31,400	18,200	12,600	30,800
	March	18,500	12,300	30,800	18,300	12,800	31,200
	April	17,800	11,800	29,600	18,000	12,500	30,600
	May	17,300	11,800	29,100	18,000	12,800	30,700
	June	18,000	13,400	31,400	18,000	12,700	30,700
	July	19,000	14,700	33,700	18,200	13,200	31,400
	August	19,000	15,000	34,000	18,200	13,300	31,400
	September	17,900	13,600	31,400	18,100	13,200	31,300
	October	17,200	12,500	29,600	18,200	13,000	31,100
	November	17,300	12,200	29,500	18,300	13,000	31,300
	December	18,000	12,400	30,400	18,200	13,100	31,400
2003	January	19,400	13,400	32,800	18,600	13,400	32,000
	February	19,300	13,600	32,900	18,600	13,600	32,200
	March	18,900	13,400	32,200	18,700	13,800	32,600
	April	18,700	13,400	32,000	18,900	14,100	32,900
	May	18,400	13,300	31,700	19,100	14,200	33,300
	June	19,600	15,600	35,200	19,600	14,900	34,500
	July	20,500	16,800	37,300	19,700	15,300	35,000
	August	20,500	16,900	37,300	19,600	15,200	34,800

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2003 (See Background Notes).² Based on estimated data for December 2001.

Table 2c Persons 25 years of age and over on the Live Register - Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted

	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series ¹		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2001	August	69,200	53,000	122,200	68,500	48,000	116,500
	September	67,800	47,300	115,100	69,200	48,500	117,700
	October	69,300	47,100	116,400	71,500	49,200	120,700
	November	72,500	48,000	120,500	74,200	50,500	124,800
	December	75,000	49,900	124,900	74,400 ²	49,900 ²	124,300 ²
2002	January	78,400	51,100	129,500	75,400	51,300	126,700
	February	79,400	51,600	130,900	77,200	51,700	128,800
	March	78,700	52,800	131,500	78,300	54,300	132,600
	April	76,900	49,700	126,600	76,900	50,800	127,600
	May	76,100	49,800	125,900	77,900	52,700	130,600
	June	77,700	55,100	132,900	78,600	53,500	132,100
	July	79,000	59,400	138,400	78,900	54,800	133,700
	August	79,700	59,800	139,600	79,000	54,700	133,700
	September	77,400	52,600	130,000	78,900	53,800	132,700
	October	76,700	51,400	128,100	78,900	53,600	132,600
	November	77,800	51,300	129,100	79,500	53,800	133,300
	December	80,700	55,100	135,800	79,300	54,500	133,800
2003	January	82,900	55,000	137,900	80,000	55,200	135,200
	February	82,700	55,700	138,400	80,500	55,800	136,300
	March	81,600	54,200	135,800	81,100	55,900	136,900
	April	81,600	57,300	138,900	81,500	58,300	139,800
	May	79,900	54,500	134,400	81,700	57,500	139,200
	June	82,000	60,700	142,700	82,700	59,000	141,700
	July	83,100	65,000	148,200	83,000	60,500	143,500
	August	83,300	65,300	148,600	82,600	60,100	142,700

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2003 (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	2003 ⁴
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
January	10.7	8.5	6.3	4.6	3.7	4.2	4.3
February	10.6	8.2	6.1	4.5	3.6	4.3	4.3
March	10.5	8.0	5.9	4.4	3.6	4.4	4.3
April ²	10.3	7.8	5.7	4.3	3.7	4.2	4.4
May	10.1	7.6	5.7	4.2	3.7	4.3	4.4
June	9.9	7.5	5.5	4.1	3.7	4.3	4.5
July	9.7	7.3	5.4	4.0	3.7	4.4	4.5
August	9.5	7.1	5.3	4.0	3.7	4.3	4.5
September	9.3	6.9	5.2	3.9	3.8	4.3	
October	9.1	6.8	5.0	3.8	3.9	4.3	
November	8.9	6.6	4.9	3.8	4.1	4.3	
December	8.7	6.5	4.7	3.7	4.1 ⁵	4.3	
Annual average	9.8	7.4	5.5	4.1	3.8	4.3	

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: March - May 2003, 4.4%.

⁵ Based on estimated data for December 2001.

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	August 2002	July 2003	August 2003	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland & Western	31,736	32,242	32,414	+ 172	+ 678	6,266	26,148
Border	15,864	16,006	16,096	+	90	232	3,249
Midland	5,509	5,851	5,907	+	56	398	1,189
West	10,363	10,385	10,411	+	26	48	1,828
Eastern & Southern	67,035	71,348	71,352	+ 4	+ 4,317	14,192	57,160
Dublin	26,163	28,548	28,737	+	189	2,574	5,958
Mid-East	6,408	7,145	7,236	+	91	828	1,382
Mid-West	8,214	8,835	8,802	-	33	588	1,821
South-East	12,096	12,597	12,547	-	50	451	2,516
South-West	14,154	14,223	14,030	-	193	124	2,515
Total	98,771	103,590	103,766	+ 176	+ 4,995	20,458	83,308
Females							
Border, Midland & Western	24,760	25,858	26,018	+ 160	+ 1,258	5,715	20,303
Border	11,651	12,016	12,081	+	65	430	2,788
Midland	4,951	5,516	5,593	+	77	642	1,288
West	8,158	8,326	8,344	+	18	186	1,639
Eastern & Southern	50,032	55,999	56,169	+ 170	+ 6,137	11,176	44,993
Dublin	17,640	19,978	19,992	+	14	2,352	4,006
Mid-East	5,547	6,524	6,602	+	78	1,055	1,235
Mid-West	6,693	7,682	7,723	+	41	1,030	1,473
South-East	9,744	10,671	10,767	+	96	1,023	2,276
South-West	10,408	11,144	11,085	-	59	677	2,186
Total	74,792	81,857	82,187	+ 330	+ 7,395	16,891	65,296
All Persons							
Border, Midland & Western	56,496	58,100	58,432	+ 332	+ 1,936	11,981	46,451
Border	27,515	28,022	28,177	+	155	662	6,037
Midland	10,460	11,367	11,500	+	133	1,040	2,477
West	18,521	18,711	18,755	+	44	234	3,467
Eastern & Southern	117,067	127,347	127,521	+ 174	+ 10,454	25,368	102,153
Dublin	43,803	48,526	48,729	+	203	4,926	9,964
Mid-East	11,955	13,669	13,838	+	169	1,883	2,617
Mid-West	14,907	16,517	16,525	+	8	1,618	3,294
South-East	21,840	23,268	23,314	+	46	1,474	4,792
South-West	24,562	25,367	25,115	-	252	553	4,701
Total	173,563	185,447	185,953	+ 506	+ 12,390	37,349	148,604

¹ The composition of the regions is described in the Background Notes.

Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	August 2002	July 2003	August 2003	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	86,066	94,400	95,031	+	631	8,965	19,404
Munster	49,547	52,418	52,187	-	231	2,640	10,128
Connacht	22,535	22,691	22,739	+	48	204	4,282
Ulster	15,415	15,938	15,996	+	58	581	3,535
Total	173,563	185,447	185,953	+ 506	+ 12,390	37,349	148,604

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	August 2002	July 2003	August 2003	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	56,496	58,100	58,432	6,266	26,148	32,414	5,715	20,303	26,018
Border	27,515	28,022	28,177	3,249	12,847	16,096	2,788	9,293	12,081
Cavan	2,168	2,204	2,225	205	1,035	1,240	215	770	985
Belturbet	442	453	463	27	248	275	45	143	188
Cavan	1,726	1,751	1,762	178	787	965	170	627	797
Donegal	10,499	10,907	10,931	1,311	5,143	6,454	1,154	3,323	4,477
Ballybofey	1,039	995	983	133	456	589	121	273	394
Ballyshannon	537	506	502	51	234	285	55	162	217
Buncrana	1,941	2,005	1,978	198	847	1,045	275	658	933
Donegal	579	569	579	69	253	322	65	192	257
Dunfanaghy	988	1,047	1,051	127	521	648	85	318	403
Dungloe	1,629	1,793	1,789	188	890	1,078	114	597	711
Killybegs	1,065	1,083	1,039	98	561	659	62	318	380
Letterkenny	2,721	2,909	3,010	447	1,381	1,828	377	805	1,182
Leitrim	1,363	1,290	1,319	108	576	684	110	525	635
Carrick-on-Shannon	1,049	986	1,006	79	450	529	84	393	477
Manorhamilton	314	304	313	29	126	155	26	132	158
Louth	8,086	8,104	8,197	933	3,671	4,604	754	2,839	3,593
Ardee	919	976	984	115	400	515	93	376	469
Drogheda	3,307	3,553	3,688	404	1,550	1,954	360	1,374	1,734
Dundalk	3,860	3,575	3,525	414	1,721	2,135	301	1,089	1,390
Monaghan	2,748	2,827	2,840	336	1,248	1,584	314	942	1,256
Carrickmacross	784	788	797	66	357	423	79	295	374
Castleblayney	831	799	816	97	342	439	99	278	377
Clones	307	358	347	52	189	241	30	76	106
Monaghan	826	882	880	121	360	481	106	293	399
Sligo	2,651	2,690	2,665	356	1,174	1,530	241	894	1,135
Sligo	2,248	2,288	2,277	319	994	1,313	212	752	964
Tubbercurry	403	402	388	37	180	217	29	142	171
Midland	10,460	11,367	11,500	1,189	4,718	5,907	1,288	4,305	5,593
Laoighis	2,190	2,353	2,404	254	967	1,221	292	891	1,183
Portarlington	749	913	943	95	333	428	128	387	515
Portlaoise	1,076	1,051	1,070	123	443	566	136	368	504
Rathdowney	365	389	391	36	191	227	28	136	164
Longford	1,966	2,008	2,022	228	878	1,106	211	705	916
Longford	1,966	2,008	2,022	228	878	1,106	211	705	916
Offaly	2,726	3,067	3,079	306	1,324	1,630	326	1,123	1,449
Birr	854	964	949	91	405	496	115	338	453
Edenderry	670	731	736	68	309	377	66	293	359
Tullamore	1,202	1,372	1,394	147	610	757	145	492	637
Westmeath	3,578	3,939	3,995	401	1,549	1,950	459	1,586	2,045
Athlone	1,644	1,793	1,783	183	666	849	209	725	934
Castlepollard	243	321	340	29	140	169	37	134	171
Mullingar	1,691	1,825	1,872	189	743	932	213	727	940
West	18,521	18,711	18,755	1,828	8,583	10,411	1,639	6,705	8,344
Galway	10,246	10,635	10,573	1,086	4,769	5,855	1,027	3,691	4,718
Ballinasloe	1,003	1,229	1,239	140	521	661	112	466	578
Clifden	712	738	741	60	440	500	51	190	241
Galway	6,047	6,098	5,984	711	2,659	3,370	667	1,947	2,614
Gort	448	514	510	29	189	218	26	266	292
Loughrea	766	790	777	50	321	371	71	335	406
Tuam	1,270	1,266	1,322	96	639	735	100	487	587

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	August 2002	July 2003	August 2003	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	6,618	6,507	6,571	597	3,047	3,644	492	2,435	2,927
Achill	336	355	387	40	219	259	27	101	128
Ballina	1,976	1,853	1,870	170	882	1,052	159	659	818
Ballinrobe	481	431	431	33	209	242	24	165	189
Belmullet	791	746	752	70	387	457	59	236	295
Castlebar	1,055	1,119	1,123	126	460	586	100	437	537
Claremorris	534	506	533	36	221	257	31	245	276
Swinford	874	840	837	97	339	436	55	346	401
Westport	571	657	638	25	330	355	37	246	283
Roscommon	1,657	1,569	1,611	145	767	912	120	579	699
Boyle	447	421	438	38	215	253	26	159	185
Castlerea	806	756	755	56	383	439	53	263	316
Roscommon	404	392	418	51	169	220	41	157	198
Eastern and Southern	117,067	127,347	127,521	14,192	57,160	71,352	11,176	44,993	56,169
Dublin	43,803	48,526	48,729	5,958	22,779	28,737	4,006	15,986	19,992
Dublin	43,803	48,526	48,729	5,958	22,779	28,737	4,006	15,986	19,992
Bishop Square	4,379	5,182	5,086	565	2,580	3,145	386	1,555	1,941
Cumberland Street	5,137	6,093	6,160	714	3,021	3,735	486	1,939	2,425
Navan Road	2,970	2,926	2,874	305	1,561	1,866	217	791	1,008
Blanchardstown	3,018	3,501	3,529	444	1,449	1,893	338	1,298	1,636
Thomas Street	2,299	2,735	2,744	327	1,498	1,825	232	687	919
Tara Street	1,519	1,602	1,627	160	817	977	100	550	650
Tallaght	3,456	3,804	3,815	698	1,575	2,273	431	1,111	1,542
Ballymun	1,474	1,575	1,550	264	772	1,036	147	367	514
Clondalkin	2,627	3,137	3,217	436	1,359	1,795	328	1,094	1,422
Rathfarnham	2,275	2,634	2,674	222	1,152	1,374	168	1,132	1,300
Kilbarrack	3,005	3,306	3,310	362	1,499	1,861	218	1,231	1,449
Dun Laoghaire	3,685	3,825	3,828	287	1,691	1,978	208	1,642	1,850
Balbriggan	1,239	1,348	1,339	116	555	671	89	579	668
Ballyfermot	1,133	1,312	1,363	210	669	879	160	324	484
Finglas	2,103	2,348	2,439	374	1,109	1,483	197	759	956
Coolock	3,484	3,198	3,174 ¹	474	1,472	1,946	301	927	1,228
Mid-East	11,955	13,669	13,838	1,382	5,854	7,236	1,235	5,367	6,602
Kildare	4,436	5,182	5,201	537	2,099	2,636	514	2,051	2,565
Athy	795	906	889	117	390	507	97	285	382
Maynooth	1,302	1,529	1,573	154	556	710	151	712	863
Newbridge	2,339	2,747	2,739	266	1,153	1,419	266	1,054	1,320
Meath	3,123	3,583	3,686	336	1,542	1,878	314	1,494	1,808
Kells	511	635	663	56	282	338	50	275	325
Navan	1,860	2,035	2,095	208	907	1,115	169	811	980
Trim	752	913	928	72	353	425	95	408	503
Wicklow	4,396	4,904	4,951	509	2,213	2,722	407	1,822	2,229
Arklow	1,099	1,302	1,299	130	620	750	132	417	549
Baltinglass	407	450	430	37	168	205	45	180	225
Bray	2,030	2,229	2,268	227	995	1,222	153	893	1,046
Wicklow	860	923	954	115	430	545	77	332	409
Mid-West	14,907	16,517	16,525	1,821	6,981	8,802	1,473	6,250	7,723
Clare	3,752	4,303	4,306	430	1,826	2,256	340	1,710	2,050
Ennis	2,295	2,629	2,636	289	1,039	1,328	226	1,082	1,308
Ennistymon	533	551	572	48	272	320	26	226	252
Kilrush	543	684	671	72	315	387	55	229	284
Tulla	381	439	427	21	200	221	33	173	206
Limerick	8,593	9,262	9,273	1,100	3,978	5,078	838	3,357	4,195
Kilmallock	897	1,017	1,042	127	451	578	85	379	464
Limerick	6,769	7,217	7,221	884	3,085	3,969	636	2,616	3,252
Newcastle West	927	1,028	1,010	89	442	531	117	362	479

¹ Coolock replaces previous office Gardiner Street with effect from April 2003.

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	August 2002	July 2003	August 2003	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,562	2,952	2,946	291	1,177	1,468	295	1,183	1,478
Nenagh	937	1,077	1,079	76	446	522	104	453	557
Roscrea	477	609	608	53	210	263	59	286	345
Thurles	1,148	1,266	1,259	162	521	683	132	444	576
South-East	21,840	23,268	23,314	2,516	10,031	12,547	2,276	8,491	10,767
Carlow	2,298	2,524	2,509	283	987	1,270	290	949	1,239
Bagenalstown	540	626	626	75	270	345	62	219	281
Carlow	1,328	1,417	1,400	164	541	705	163	532	695
Tullow	430	481	483	44	176	220	65	198	263
Kilkenny	2,431	2,785	2,851	337	1,297	1,634	300	917	1,217
Callan	344	382	387	38	200	238	32	117	149
Kilkenny	1,603	1,917	1,977	249	897	1,146	220	611	831
Thomastown	484	486	487	50	200	250	48	189	237
South Tipperary	3,837	4,090	4,067	474	1,816	2,290	431	1,346	1,777
Cahir	506	503	498	51	225	276	58	164	222
Carrick-on-Suir	1,004	1,001	1,010	95	482	577	92	341	433
Cashel	354	422	431	53	184	237	43	151	194
Clonmel	1,268	1,413	1,359	171	630	801	157	401	558
Tipperary	705	751	769	104	295	399	81	289	370
Waterford	6,241	6,444	6,480	712	2,783	3,495	516	2,469	2,985
Dungarvan	1,056	1,102	1,096	91	457	548	90	458	548
Waterford	5,185	5,342	5,384	621	2,326	2,947	426	2,011	2,437
Wexford	7,033	7,425	7,407	710	3,148	3,858	739	2,810	3,549
Enniscorthy	1,766	1,806	1,832	218	798	1,016	236	580	816
Gorey	1,099	1,241	1,245	112	511	623	119	503	622
New Ross	1,322	1,356	1,334	122	579	701	118	515	633
Wexford	2,846	3,022	2,996	258	1,260	1,518	266	1,212	1,478
South-West	24,562	25,367	25,115	2,515	11,515	14,030	2,186	8,899	11,085
Cork	18,631	19,220	19,035	1,935	8,675	10,610	1,644	6,781	8,425
Bandon	579	616	607	56	265	321	51	235	286
Bantry	403	400	400	28	164	192	19	189	208
Bantry (SWLO)	194	212	210	7	82	89	12	109	121
Clonakilty	450	477	483	36	195	231	37	215	252
Cobh	446	473	471	66	239	305	40	126	166
Cork	9,718	10,021	9,794	1,201	4,821	6,022	923	2,849	3,772
Dunmanway	245	225	220	20	73	93	21	106	127
Fermoy	807	870	897	88	367	455	84	358	442
Kinsale	643	674	661	39	269	308	44	309	353
Macroom	627	541	565	29	228	257	32	276	308
Mallow	822	881	868	86	422	508	90	270	360
Midleton	1,067	1,102	1,088	89	437	526	80	482	562
Newmarket	664	541	561	42	225	267	51	243	294
Passage West	855	928	906	67	391	458	62	386	448
Skibbereen	432	458	461	14	159	173	19	269	288
Youghal	679	801	843	67	338	405	79	359	438
Kerry	5,931	6,147	6,080	580	2,840	3,420	542	2,118	2,660
Cahirciveen	339	357	347	14	165	179	30	138	168
Dingle	213	238	250	13	122	135	12	103	115
Kenmare	144	154	137	9	60	69	6	62	68
Killarney	1,013	902	875	83	356	439	81	355	436
Killorglin	415	427	411	27	184	211	30	170	200
Listowel	976	1,035	1,028	99	503	602	105	321	426
Tralee	2,831	3,034	3,032	335	1,450	1,785	278	969	1,247
State	173,563	185,447	185,953	20,458	83,308	103,766	16,891	65,296	82,187

**Table 7 Flows on and off the Live Register in the 5 weeks from
25 July 2003 to 29 August 2003**

	Total	New Registrations	Net Change	Outflow (derived)
Border, Midland & Western	58,432	7,615	+ 332	7,283
Border	28,177	3,528	+ 155	3,373
Midland	11,500	1,609	+ 133	1,476
West	18,755	2,478	+ 44	2,434
Eastern & Southern	127,521	18,201	+ 174	18,027
Dublin	48,729	7,193	+ 203	6,990
Mid-East	13,838	2,170	+ 169	2,001
Mid-West	16,525	2,373	+ 8	2,365
South-East	23,314	3,107	+ 46	3,061
South-West	25,115	3,358	- 252	3,610
Sex				
Males	103,766	14,131	+ 176	13,955
Females	82,187	11,685	+ 330	11,355
Total	185,953	25,816	+ 506	25,310

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	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
	May	5	25,089	5,018	29,924	5,985	-	967
	June	4	30,455	7,614	18,708	4,677	+	2,937
	July	4	27,917	6,979	20,322	5,081	+	1,899
	August	5	25,816	5,163	25,310	5,062	+	101

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	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
	May	5	98,261	13,804	15,871	- 413	67,844	11,285	14,053	- 554
	June	4	101,574	14,455	11,142	+ 828	76,278	16,000	7,566	+ 2,109
	July	4	103,590	13,372	11,356	+ 504	81,857	14,545	8,966	+ 1,395
	August	5	103,766	14,131	13,955	+ 35	82,187	11,685	11,355	+ 66

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

	Month	Males	Females	Total
2001	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
	May	1,278	1,698	2,976
	June	1,506	1,748	3,254
	July	1,255	1,724	2,979
	August	1,127	1,594	2,721

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
2001	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
	May	8,820	1,659	920	11,399
	June	8,811	1,684	953	11,448
	July	8,825	1,712	983	11,520
	August	8,811	1,721	970	11,502

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
2001	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	11,246	7,695	18,941	13,328	5,613
	May	11,202	7,997	19,199	13,529	5,670
	June	11,179	8,063	19,242	13,554	5,688
	July	11,112	7,945	19,057	13,473	5,584
	August	11,064	7,842	18,906	13,349	5,557

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
2003	4.6	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.

Casual and part time workers	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.
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 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 below.</i>

Border, Midland and Western NUTS2 Region

Border	Cavan Donegal Leitrim Louth Monaghan Sligo
Midland	Laoighis Longford Offaly Westmeath
West	Galway City 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 City Limerick County North Tipperary
South-East	Carlow Kilkenny South Tipperary Waterford City Waterford County Wexford
South-West	Cork City Cork County Kerry