

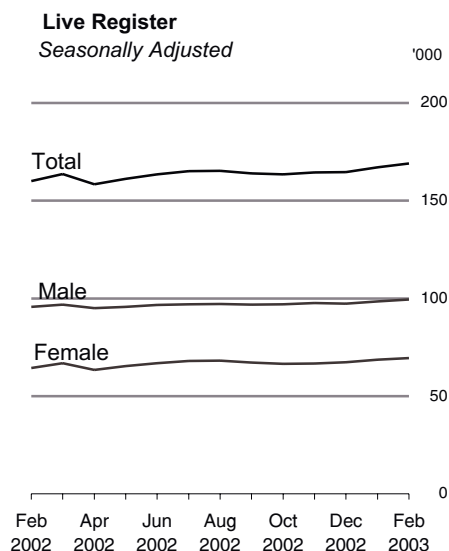


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## Live Register Analysis

### February 2003



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
<b>February 2002</b>	162,337	160,000
<b>January 2003</b>	170,701	167,000
<b>February 2003</b>	171,394	169,000
<b>Change in month</b>	+ 693	+ 2,000
<b>Change in year</b>	+ 9,057	+ 9,000

### Seasonally adjusted Live Register increases by 2000

The Live Register increased by 693 (+0.4%) persons in February to 171,394. When seasonal factors are taken into account the seasonally adjusted total increased from 167,000 in January to 169,000 this month, an increase of 2,000. *See table 2a and graph opposite.*

This month's change compares to an increase of 2,377 (+1.5%) for February 2002. In the year to February 2003 there was an increase of 9,057 (+5.6%). This compares to an annual increase of 10,741 (+6.7%) recorded in the year to January 2003.

Other features include:

- ◆ The monthly increase of 693 comprised a decrease of 309 males and an increase of 1,002 females. *See table 1a.*
- ◆ The monthly increase in the Seasonally Adjusted series of 2,000 comprised increases of 1,100 males and 900 females. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in February was 4.5%. 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 8,642 males and 13,091 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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	February 2003	Monthly Change	Annual Change
<b>Border, Midland and West</b>	<b>53,099</b>	<b>- 61</b>	<b>+ 343</b>
Border	25,698	- 158	- 543
Midland	10,161	+ 137	+ 620
West	17,240	- 40	+ 266
<b>Eastern and Southern</b>	<b>118,295</b>	<b>+ 754</b>	<b>+ 8,714</b>
Dublin	43,852	+ 582	+ 4,561
Mid-East	12,238	+ 187	+ 661
Mid-West	15,722	+ 219	+ 2,308
South-East	21,614	- 39	+ 854
South-West	24,869	- 195	+ 330
<b>Total</b>	<b>171,394</b>	<b>+ 693</b>	<b>+ 9,057</b>

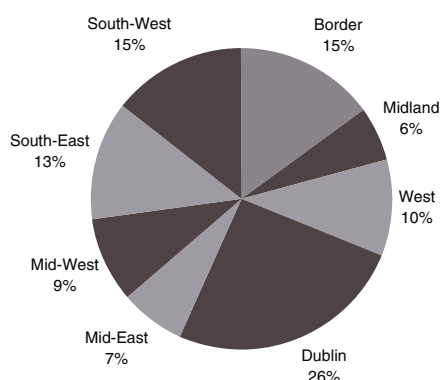
## Monthly increases in four regions

The monthly increase of 693 persons on the Live Register is comprised of increases in four regions and decreases in four regions. The largest monthly percentage increases were in the Mid-East (+1.6%) and the Mid-West (+1.4%). The largest monthly percentage decreases were in the South-West (-0.8%) and Border (-0.6%).

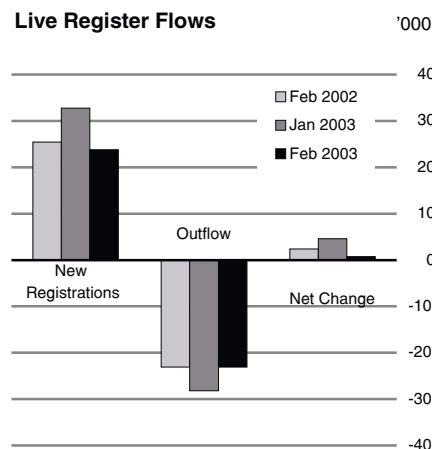
Other area features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males decreased in five regions. The largest decreases were in the South-West (-1.5%) and South-East (-1.3%) while the largest increases were in the Mid-East (+0.8%) and Dublin (+0.7%).
- ◆ The number of females increased in all but two regions. The largest increases were in the Midland (+3.5%) and Mid-West (+3.1%) while the largest decrease was in the West (-0.2%).
- ◆ At county level the largest monthly increases were in Westmeath (+3.3%) and Laoighis (+3.3%). The largest decreases were in Roscommon (-2.8%) and Leitrim (-2.4%). Dublin with an increase of 582 persons shows the largest change in terms of actual numbers. *See tables 4 and 6.*

**Live Register by Regional Authority**



**Live Register Flows**



	New Registrations	Outflow (derived)	Net Change
<b>Males</b>	13,047	13,356	- 309
<b>Females</b>	10,720	9,718	+ 1,002
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,767</b>	<b>23,074</b>	<b>+ 693</b>

## New registrations exceed outflows

A total of 23,767 persons joined the Live Register in February 2003. With 23,074 persons leaving the Register there is a net increase of 693 persons in the month.

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

- ◆ The average weekly increase of 173 in the Live Register comprised of an increase of 251 females and a decrease of 77 males. *See tables 8 and 9.*
- ◆ In the month there were weekly averages of 5,942 new claimants joining the Register and 5,769 persons leaving. *See table 8.*

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

Category	February 2002	January 2003	February 2003	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
UB Claims	39,695	40,940	40,691	- 249	+ 996
UA Applications	55,986	58,714	58,687	- 27	+ 2,701
Other Registrants	2,534	2,681	2,648	- 33	+ 114
<b>Total</b>	<b>98,215</b>	<b>102,335</b>	<b>102,026</b>	<b>- 309</b>	<b>+ 3,811</b>
<b>Females</b>					
UB Claims	34,815	38,242	39,248	+ 1,006	+ 4,433
UA Applications	20,808	21,635	21,671	+ 36	+ 863
Other Registrants	8,499	8,489	8,449	- 40	- 50
<b>Total</b>	<b>64,122</b>	<b>68,366</b>	<b>69,368</b>	<b>+ 1,002</b>	<b>+ 5,246</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
UB Claims	74,510	79,182	79,939	+ 757	+ 5,429
UA Applications	76,794	80,349	80,358	+ 9	+ 3,564
Other Registrants	11,033	11,170	11,097	- 73	+ 64
<b>Total</b>	<b>162,337</b>	<b>170,701</b>	<b>171,394</b>	<b>+ 693</b>	<b>+ 9,057</b>

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

Category	February 2002	January 2003	February 2003	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
UB Claims	7,657	7,574	7,579	+ 5	- 78
UA Applications	11,140	11,816	11,693	- 123	+ 553
Other Registrants	57	40	47	+ 7	- 10
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,854</b>	<b>19,430</b>	<b>19,319</b>	<b>- 111</b>	<b>+ 465</b>
<b>Females</b>					
UB Claims	4,969	5,351	5,600	+ 249	+ 631
UA Applications	7,494	7,915	7,916	+ 1	+ 422
Other Registrants	106	111	111	0	+ 5
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,569</b>	<b>13,377</b>	<b>13,627</b>	<b>+ 250</b>	<b>+ 1,058</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
UB Claims	12,626	12,925	13,179	+ 254	+ 553
UA Applications	18,634	19,731	19,609	- 122	+ 975
Other Registrants	163	151	158	+ 7	- 5
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,423</b>	<b>32,807</b>	<b>32,946</b>	<b>+ 139</b>	<b>+ 1,523</b>

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

Category	February 2002	January 2003	February 2003	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
UB Claims	32,038	33,366	33,112	- 254	+ 1,074
UA Applications	44,846	46,898	46,994	+ 96	+ 2,148
Other Registrants	2,477	2,641	2,601	- 40	+ 124
<b>Total</b>	<b>79,361</b>	<b>82,905</b>	<b>82,707</b>	<b>- 198</b>	<b>+ 3,346</b>
<b>Females</b>					
UB Claims	29,846	32,891	33,648	+ 757	+ 3,802
UA Applications	13,314	13,720	13,755	+ 35	+ 441
Other Registrants	8,393	8,378	8,338	- 40	- 55
<b>Total</b>	<b>51,553</b>	<b>54,989</b>	<b>55,741</b>	<b>+ 752</b>	<b>+ 4,188</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
UB Claims	61,884	66,257	66,760	+ 503	+ 4,876
UA Applications	58,160	60,618	60,749	+ 131	+ 2,589
Other Registrants	10,870	11,019	10,939	- 80	+ 69
<b>Total</b>	<b>130,914</b>	<b>137,894</b>	<b>138,448</b>	<b>+ 554</b>	<b>+ 7,534</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	February	81,200	58,300	139,500	78,700	58,600	137,300
	March	79,900	55,900	135,900	79,700	57,800	137,400
	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

<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	February	13,300	10,000	23,200	12,700	10,000	22,700
	March	12,900	9,600	22,500	12,900	10,100	23,000
	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

<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	February	67,900	48,400	116,300	66,000	48,600	114,600
	March	67,000	46,400	113,400	66,700	47,700	114,400
	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

<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	
April <sup>2</sup>	10.3	7.8	5.7	4.3	3.7	4.2	
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>	February 2002	January 2003	February 2003	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
<b>Males</b>							
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>31,532</b>	<b>31,529</b>	<b>31,337</b>	- 192	- 195	<b>5,746</b>	<b>25,591</b>
Border	15,852	15,545	15,390	- 155	- 462	2,935	12,455
Midland	5,446	5,727	5,713	- 14	+ 267	1,110	4,603
West	10,234	10,257	10,234	- 23	0	1,701	8,533
<b>Eastern &amp; Southern</b>	<b>66,683</b>	<b>70,806</b>	<b>70,689</b>	- 117	+ 4,006	<b>13,573</b>	<b>57,116</b>
Dublin	24,665	27,158	27,349	+ 191	+ 2,684	5,344	22,005
Mid-East	6,800	6,971	7,024	+ 53	+ 224	1,327	5,697
Mid-West	7,951	9,140	9,160	+ 20	+ 1,209	1,825	7,335
South-East	12,178	12,694	12,534	- 160	+ 356	2,525	10,009
South-West	15,089	14,843	14,622	- 221	- 467	2,552	12,070
<b>Total</b>	<b>98,215</b>	<b>102,335</b>	<b>102,026</b>	- 309	+ 3,811	<b>19,319</b>	<b>82,707</b>
<b>Females</b>							
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>21,224</b>	<b>21,631</b>	<b>21,762</b>	+ 131	+ 538	<b>4,487</b>	<b>17,275</b>
Border	10,389	10,311	10,308	- 3	- 81	2,180	8,128
Midland	4,095	4,297	4,448	+ 151	+ 353	989	3,459
West	6,740	7,023	7,006	- 17	+ 266	1,318	5,688
<b>Eastern &amp; Southern</b>	<b>42,898</b>	<b>46,735</b>	<b>47,606</b>	+ 871	+ 4,708	<b>9,140</b>	<b>38,466</b>
Dublin	14,626	16,112	16,503	+ 391	+ 1,877	3,204	13,299
Mid-East	4,777	5,080	5,214	+ 134	+ 437	909	4,305
Mid-West	5,463	6,363	6,562	+ 199	+ 1,099	1,238	5,324
South-East	8,582	8,959	9,080	+ 121	+ 498	1,897	7,183
South-West	9,450	10,221	10,247	+ 26	+ 797	1,892	8,355
<b>Total</b>	<b>64,122</b>	<b>68,366</b>	<b>69,368</b>	+ 1,002	+ 5,246	<b>13,627</b>	<b>55,741</b>
<b>All Persons</b>							
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>52,756</b>	<b>53,160</b>	<b>53,099</b>	- 61	+ 343	<b>10,233</b>	<b>42,866</b>
Border	26,241	25,856	25,698	- 158	- 543	5,115	20,583
Midland	9,541	10,024	10,161	+ 137	+ 620	2,099	8,062
West	16,974	17,280	17,240	- 40	+ 266	3,019	14,221
<b>Eastern &amp; Southern</b>	<b>109,581</b>	<b>117,541</b>	<b>118,295</b>	+ 754	+ 8,714	<b>22,713</b>	<b>95,582</b>
Dublin	39,291	43,270	43,852	+ 582	+ 4,561	8,548	35,304
Mid-East	11,577	12,051	12,238	+ 187	+ 661	2,236	10,002
Mid-West	13,414	15,503	15,722	+ 219	+ 2,308	3,063	12,659
South-East	20,760	21,653	21,614	- 39	+ 854	4,422	17,192
South-West	24,539	25,064	24,869	- 195	+ 330	4,444	20,425
<b>Total</b>	<b>162,337</b>	<b>170,701</b>	<b>171,394</b>	+ 693	+ 9,057	<b>32,946</b>	<b>138,448</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	February 2002	January 2003	February 2003	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
<b>Provinces</b>							
Leinster	79,504	84,926	85,752	+ 826	+ 6,248	16,783	68,969
Munster	47,436	50,280	50,231	- 49	+ 2,795	9,467	40,764
Connacht	20,518	20,902	20,852	- 50	+ 334	3,650	17,202
Ulster	14,879	14,593	14,559	- 34	- 320	3,046	11,513
<b>Total</b>	<b>162,337</b>	<b>170,701</b>	<b>171,394</b>	+ 693	+ 9,057	<b>32,946</b>	<b>138,448</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	February 2002	January 2003	February 2003	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>52,756</b>	<b>53,160</b>	<b>53,099</b>	<b>5,746</b>	<b>25,591</b>	<b>31,337</b>	<b>4,487</b>	<b>17,275</b>	<b>21,762</b>
<b>Border</b>	<b>26,241</b>	<b>25,856</b>	<b>25,698</b>	<b>2,935</b>	<b>12,455</b>	<b>15,390</b>	<b>2,180</b>	<b>8,128</b>	<b>10,308</b>
Cavan	1,945	2,007	2,007	190	1,019	1,209	165	633	798
Belturbet	394	396	416	33	217	250	34	132	166
Cavan	1,551	1,611	1,591	157	802	959	131	501	632
Donegal	10,133	10,048	10,013	1,208	4,867	6,075	952	2,986	3,938
Ballybofey	1,039	967	975	131	489	620	103	252	355
Ballyshannon	601	570	569	52	265	317	54	198	252
Buncrana	1,879	1,876	1,864	198	842	1,040	235	589	824
Donegal	569	554	551	57	264	321	41	189	230
Dunfanaghy	1,022	1,079	1,089	144	535	679	72	338	410
Dungloe	1,585	1,566	1,544	153	794	947	69	528	597
Killybegs	927	927	838	80	426	506	62	270	332
Letterkenney	2,511	2,509	2,583	393	1,252	1,645	316	622	938
Leitrim	1,112	1,241	1,211	85	611	696	70	445	515
Carrick-on-Shannon	845	953	942	68	479	547	50	345	395
Manorhamilton	267	288	269	17	132	149	20	100	120
Louth	7,818	7,641	7,527	854	3,581	4,435	584	2,508	3,092
Ardee	833	807	833	96	367	463	75	295	370
Drogheda	3,170	3,238	3,216	333	1,439	1,772	248	1,196	1,444
Dundalk	3,815	3,596	3,478	425	1,775	2,200	261	1,017	1,278
Monaghan	2,801	2,538	2,539	307	1,207	1,514	224	801	1,025
Carrickmacross	801	722	734	70	343	413	60	261	321
Castleblayney	857	757	741	84	347	431	70	240	310
Clones	290	310	304	40	171	211	23	70	93
Monaghan	853	749	760	113	346	459	71	230	301
Sligo	2,432	2,381	2,401	291	1,170	1,461	185	755	940
Sligo	2,032	2,006	2,030	258	978	1,236	164	630	794
Tubbercurry	400	375	371	33	192	225	21	125	146
<b>Midland</b>	<b>9,541</b>	<b>10,024</b>	<b>10,161</b>	<b>1,110</b>	<b>4,603</b>	<b>5,713</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>3,459</b>	<b>4,448</b>
Laoighis	2,026	2,131	2,201	259	974	1,233	240	728	968
Portarlinton	684	775	841	83	325	408	111	322	433
Portlaoise	996	978	977	124	456	580	103	294	397
Rathdowney	346	378	383	52	193	245	26	112	138
Longford	1,724	1,853	1,816	201	868	1,069	150	597	747
Longford	1,724	1,853	1,816	201	868	1,069	150	597	747
Offaly	2,530	2,738	2,733	286	1,297	1,583	249	901	1,150
Birr	775	853	868	88	407	495	90	283	373
Edenderry	674	678	678	62	328	390	61	227	288
Tullamore	1,081	1,207	1,187	136	562	698	98	391	489
Westmeath	3,261	3,302	3,411	364	1,464	1,828	350	1,233	1,583
Athlone	1,344	1,512	1,541	180	665	845	139	557	696
Castlepollard	245	275	275	18	121	139	27	109	136
Mullingar	1,672	1,515	1,595	166	678	844	184	567	751
<b>West</b>	<b>16,974</b>	<b>17,280</b>	<b>17,240</b>	<b>1,701</b>	<b>8,533</b>	<b>10,234</b>	<b>1,318</b>	<b>5,688</b>	<b>7,006</b>
Galway	9,085	9,494	9,505	999	4,616	5,615	818	3,072	3,890
Ballinasloe	965	1,011	1,003	112	495	607	83	313	396
Clifden	826	859	832	79	455	534	48	250	298
Galway	5,000	5,218	5,305	645	2,518	3,163	547	1,595	2,142
Gort	440	473	466	24	184	208	25	233	258
Loughrea	684	752	727	56	339	395	48	284	332
Tuam	1,170	1,181	1,172	83	625	708	67	397	464



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-continued				Males			Females		
NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	February 2002	January 2003	February 2003	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	6,344	6,267	6,258	561	3,177	3,738	398	2,122	2,520
Achill	317	340	339	28	210	238	16	85	101
Ballina	1,880	1,832	1,819	185	958	1,143	128	548	676
Ballinrobe	454	399	407	31	214	245	23	139	162
Belmullet	810	730	699	56	400	456	34	209	243
Castlebar	931	955	967	116	427	543	82	342	424
Claremorris	543	501	497	24	221	245	19	233	252
Swinford	807	820	826	84	375	459	49	318	367
Westport	602	690	704	37	372	409	47	248	295
Roscommon	1,545	1,519	1,477	141	740	881	102	494	596
Boyle	405	397	378	27	208	235	15	128	143
Castlerea	780	745	721	67	365	432	52	237	289
Roscommon	360	377	378	47	167	214	35	129	164
<b>Eastern and Southern</b>	<b>109,581</b>	<b>117,541</b>	<b>118,295</b>	<b>13,573</b>	<b>57,116</b>	<b>70,689</b>	<b>9,140</b>	<b>38,466</b>	<b>47,606</b>
<b>Dublin</b>	<b>39,291</b>	<b>43,270</b>	<b>43,852</b>	<b>5,344</b>	<b>22,005</b>	<b>27,349</b>	<b>3,204</b>	<b>13,299</b>	<b>16,503</b>
Dublin	39,291	43,270	43,852	5,344	22,005	27,349	3,204	13,299	16,503
Gardiner Street	3,189	2,913	3,002	478	1,437	1,915	261	826	1,087
Bishop Square	3,752	4,256	4,277 <sup>1</sup>	491	2,313	2,804	282	1,191	1,473
Cumberland Street	5,302	5,621	5,639	642	2,976	3,618	377	1,644	2,021
Navan Road	5,353	2,747	2,781	297	1,552	1,849	190	742	932
Blanchardstown	*	3,145	3,163 <sup>2</sup>	384	1,389	1,773	293	1,097	1,390
Thomas Street	2,211	2,447	2,470	273	1,420	1,693	189	588	777
Tara Street	1,344	1,495	1,529	146	826	972	82	475	557
Tallaght	3,169	3,347	3,395	641	1,508	2,149	384	862	1,246
Ballymun	1,446	1,521	1,517	269	734	1,003	169	345	514
Clondalkin	1,731	2,773	2,827	370	1,325	1,695	233	899	1,132
Rathfarnham	1,862	2,024	2,142	183	1,043	1,226	112	804	916
Kilbarrack	2,730	2,984	3,037	305	1,514	1,819	161	1,057	1,218
Dun Laoghaire	3,037	3,420	3,449	259	1,679	1,938	131	1,380	1,511
Balbriggan	1,201	1,303	1,315	118	576	694	77	544	621
Ballyfermot	1,018	1,186	1,193	171	652	823	104	266	370
Finglas	1,946	2,088	2,116	317	1,061	1,378	159	579	738
<b>Mid-East</b>	<b>11,577</b>	<b>12,051</b>	<b>12,238</b>	<b>1,327</b>	<b>5,697</b>	<b>7,024</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>4,305</b>	<b>5,214</b>
Kildare	4,282	4,600	4,698	536	2,092	2,628	367	1,703	2,070
Athy	730	861	835	121	396	517	82	236	318
Maynooth	1,229	1,312	1,361	135	556	691	90	580	670
Newbridge	2,323	2,427	2,502	280	1,140	1,420	195	887	1,082
Meath	3,182	3,017	3,052	290	1,394	1,684	229	1,139	1,368
Kells	497	557	540	54	260	314	30	196	226
Navan	1,966	1,756	1,754	170	810	980	125	649	774
Trim	719	704	758	66	324	390	74	294	368
Wicklow	4,113	4,434	4,488	501	2,211	2,712	313	1,463	1,776
Arklow	1,086	1,253	1,217	145	620	765	89	363	452
Baltinglass	483	456	467	49	195	244	41	182	223
Bray	1,746	1,864	1,938	194	960	1,154	112	672	784
Wicklow	798	861	866	113	436	549	71	246	317
<b>Mid-West</b>	<b>13,414</b>	<b>15,503</b>	<b>15,722</b>	<b>1,825</b>	<b>7,335</b>	<b>9,160</b>	<b>1,238</b>	<b>5,324</b>	<b>6,562</b>
Clare	3,729	4,264	4,289	417	1,914	2,331	304	1,654	1,958
Ennis	2,143	2,536	2,586	279	1,097	1,376	207	1,003	1,210
Ennistymon	678	674	660	55	301	356	35	269	304
Kilrush	570	622	612	64	301	365	36	211	247
Tulla	338	432	431	19	215	234	26	171	197
Limerick	7,506	8,540	8,760	1,095	4,221	5,316	721	2,723	3,444
Kilmallock	819	948	961	119	474	593	78	290	368
Limerick	5,732	6,709	6,879	907	3,290	4,197	552	2,130	2,682
Newcastle West	955	883	920	69	457	526	91	303	394

<sup>1</sup> Bishop Square replaces previous offices Werburgh Street and Victoria Street with effect from March 2002.<sup>2</sup> Previous figures for the Blanchardstown Office were included in the Navan Road figures.



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

-continued	Males						Females		
NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	February 2002	January 2003	February 2003	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,179	2,699	2,673	313	1,200	1,513	213	947	1,160
Nenagh	713	977	979	102	441	543	67	369	436
Roscrea	393	599	557	48	220	268	36	253	289
Thurles	1,073	1,123	1,137	163	539	702	110	325	435
<b>South-East</b>	<b>20,760</b>	<b>21,653</b>	<b>21,614</b>	<b>2,525</b>	<b>10,009</b>	<b>12,534</b>	<b>1,897</b>	<b>7,183</b>	<b>9,080</b>
Carlow	2,198	2,112	2,173	260	979	1,239	203	731	934
Bagenalstown	496	558	558	65	272	337	44	177	221
Carlow	1,295	1,142	1,189	145	536	681	112	396	508
Tullow	407	412	426	50	171	221	47	158	205
Kilkenny	2,326	2,512	2,532	337	1,277	1,614	199	719	918
Callan	348	316	328	38	185	223	20	85	105
Kilkenny	1,541	1,752	1,770	242	889	1,131	145	494	639
Thomastown	437	444	434	57	203	260	34	140	174
South Tipperary	3,640	3,775	3,732	476	1,814	2,290	312	1,130	1,442
Cahir	489	472	468	40	221	261	46	161	207
Carrick-on-Suir	958	955	934	101	496	597	66	271	337
Cashel	338	386	399	52	186	238	36	125	161
Clonmel	1,197	1,282	1,263	181	612	793	117	353	470
Tipperary	658	680	668	102	299	401	47	220	267
Waterford	5,843	5,938	5,908	701	2,738	3,439	471	1,998	2,469
Dungarvan	967	967	955	87	443	530	74	351	425
Waterford	4,876	4,971	4,953	614	2,295	2,909	397	1,647	2,044
Wexford	6,753	7,316	7,269	751	3,201	3,952	712	2,605	3,317
Enniscorthy	1,718	1,619	1,653	185	755	940	193	520	713
Gorey	1,105	1,224	1,230	125	538	663	111	456	567
New Ross	1,276	1,327	1,262	126	560	686	119	457	576
Wexford	2,654	3,146	3,124	315	1,348	1,663	289	1,172	1,461
<b>South-West</b>	<b>24,539</b>	<b>25,064</b>	<b>24,869</b>	<b>2,552</b>	<b>12,070</b>	<b>14,622</b>	<b>1,892</b>	<b>8,355</b>	<b>10,247</b>
Cork	18,224	18,089	18,005	1,913	8,855	10,768	1,370	5,867	7,237
Bandon	546	542	542	43	259	302	40	200	240
Bantry	402	463	478	23	193	216	25	237	262
Bantry (SWLO)	192	216	217	11	89	100	13	104	117
Clonakilty	394	428	433	29	183	212	26	195	221
Cobh	474	484	473	65	247	312	27	134	161
Cork	9,709	8,987	9,042	1,152	4,797	5,949	748	2,345	3,093
Dunmanway	223	253	241	15	105	120	21	100	121
Fermoy	801	819	768	69	403	472	52	244	296
Kinsale	680	704	702	44	298	342	52	308	360
Macroom	639	589	538	19	219	238	32	268	300
Mallow	817	893	859	102	441	543	70	246	316
Midleton	971	1,131	1,108	107	464	571	86	451	537
Newmarket	488	545	524	53	248	301	35	188	223
Passage West	736	847	873	80	403	483	59	331	390
Skibbereen	440	454	477	31	179	210	21	246	267
Youghal	712	734	730	70	327	397	63	270	333
Kerry	6,315	6,975	6,864	639	3,215	3,854	522	2,488	3,010
Cahirciveen	394	434	428	14	184	198	24	206	230
Dingle	313	365	363	20	160	180	28	155	183
Kenmare	261	233	229	13	79	92	9	128	137
Killarney	1,187	1,402	1,296	107	501	608	103	585	688
Killorglin	486	521	517	27	239	266	25	226	251
Listowel	991	1,122	1,095	132	565	697	90	308	398
Tralee	2,683	2,898	2,936	326	1,487	1,813	243	880	1,123
<b>State</b>	<b>162,337</b>	<b>170,701</b>	<b>171,394</b>	<b>19,319</b>	<b>82,707</b>	<b>102,026</b>	<b>13,627</b>	<b>55,741</b>	<b>69,368</b>

**Table 7 Flows on and off the Live Register in the 4 weeks from  
31 January 2003 to 28 February 2003**

	Total	New Registrations	Net Change	Outflow (derived)
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>53,099</b>	<b>6,905</b>	<b>- 61</b>	<b>6,966</b>
Border	25,698	3,175	- 158	3,333
Midland	10,161	1,547	+ 137	1,410
West	17,240	2,183	- 40	2,223
<b>Eastern &amp; Southern</b>	<b>118,295</b>	<b>16,862</b>	<b>+ 754</b>	<b>16,108</b>
Dublin	43,852	6,520	+ 582	5,938
Mid-East	12,238	1,957	+ 187	1,770
Mid-West	15,722	2,326	+ 219	2,107
South-East	21,614	2,855	- 39	2,894
South-West	24,869	3,204	- 195	3,399
<b>Sex</b>				
Males	102,026	13,047	- 309	13,356
Females	69,368	10,720	+ 1,002	9,718
<b>Total</b>	<b>171,394</b>	<b>23,767</b>	<b>+ 693</b>	<b>23,074</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	February	4	18,740	4,685	21,296	5,324	-	639
	March	5	21,971	4,394	25,601	5,120	-	726
	April	4	21,584	5,396	20,908	5,227	+	169
	May	4	17,324	4,331	20,194	5,049	-	718
	June	5	28,982	5,796	21,808	4,362	+	1,435
	July	4	23,354	5,839	17,118	4,280	+	1,559
	August	5	24,272	4,854	21,934	4,387	+	468
	September	4	19,341	4,835	28,230	7,058	-	2,222
	October	4	26,253	6,563	24,968	6,242	+	321
	November	5	32,936	6,587	27,650	5,530	+	1,057
	December	3	19,527	6,509	14,242	4,747	+	1,762
	2002	January	5	31,817	6,363	24,263	4,853	+
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

**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	February	4	81,172	10,148	12,236	- 522	58,343	8,592	9,060	- 117
	March	5	79,943	12,878	14,107	- 246	55,942	9,093	11,494	- 480
	April	4	80,104	10,975	10,814	+ 40	56,457	10,609	10,094	+ 129
	May	4	78,660	9,828	11,272	- 361	55,031	7,496	8,922	- 357
	June	5	80,355	14,056	12,361	+ 339	60,510	14,926	9,447	+ 1,096
	July	4	82,567	11,677	9,465	+ 553	64,534	11,677	7,653	+ 1,006
	August	5	84,282	13,303	11,588	+ 343	65,157	10,969	10,346	+ 125
	September	4	82,227	10,675	12,730	- 514	58,323	8,666	15,500	- 1,709
	October	4	83,894	15,411	13,744	+ 417	57,941	10,842	11,224	- 96
	November	5	88,103	19,170	14,961	+ 842	59,018	13,766	12,689	+ 215
	December	3	91,394	11,237	7,946	+ 1,097	61,012	8,290	6,296	+ 665
2002	January	5	96,623	17,938	12,709	+ 1,046	63,337	13,879	11,554	+ 465
	February	4	98,215	14,912	13,320	+ 398	64,122	10,556	9,771	+ 196
	March	5	97,183	16,518	17,550	- 206	65,069	13,267	12,320	+ 189
	April	4	94,778	11,351	13,756	- 601	61,459	8,757	12,367	- 903
	May	5	93,356	14,356	15,778	- 284	61,588	10,726	10,597	+ 26
	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

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

	Month	Males	Females	Total
2001	February	1,263	1,816	3,079
	March	1,103	1,751	2,854
	April	1,094	1,724	2,818
	May	1,102	1,736	2,838
	June	941	1,707	2,648
	July	862	1,734	2,596
	August	1,135	1,880	3,015
	September	1,033	1,870	2,903
	October	1,061	1,857	2,918
	November	1,229	2,077	3,306
	December	1,390	2,046	3,436
2002	January	1,476	2,132	3,608
	February	1,516	2,062	3,578
	March	1,504	2,098	3,602
	April	1,472	1,974	3,446
	May	1,550	1,785	3,335
	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

**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	February	8,127	1,691	659	10,477
	March	8,212	1,669	661	10,542
	April	8,439	1,637	659	10,735
	May	8,509	1,614	642	10,765
	June	8,551	1,584	666	10,801
	July	8,552	1,548	710	10,810
	August	8,538	1,544	718	10,800
	September	8,540	1,529	661	10,730
	October	8,524	1,520	688	10,732
	November	8,513	1,523	685	10,721
	December	8,514	1,536	715	10,765
2002	January	8,521	1,522	758	10,801
	February	8,537	1,542	792	10,871
	March	8,536	1,545	785	10,866
	April	8,558	1,558	767	10,883
	May	8,561	1,541	764	10,866
	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

<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	February	12,496	7,925	20,421	14,714	5,707
	March	12,527	7,845	20,372	14,739	5,633
	April	12,496	7,756	20,252	14,617	5,635
	May	12,436	7,791	20,227	14,560	5,667
	June	12,371	7,848	20,219	14,547	5,672
	July	12,299	7,851	20,150	14,492	5,658
	August	12,182	7,901	20,083	14,414	5,669
	September	12,104	7,875	19,979	14,343	5,636
	October	12,006	7,904	19,910	14,270	5,640
	November	11,954	8,007	19,961	14,013	5,948
	December	11,860	8,040	19,900	14,226	5,674
2002	January	11,758	7,981	19,739	14,102	5,637
	February	11,742	7,934	19,676	14,059	5,617
	March	11,685	7,879	19,564	14,001	5,563
	April	11,666	7,823	19,489	13,923	5,566
	May	11,616	7,688	19,304	13,780	5,524
	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

## 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.

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

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

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

#### 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