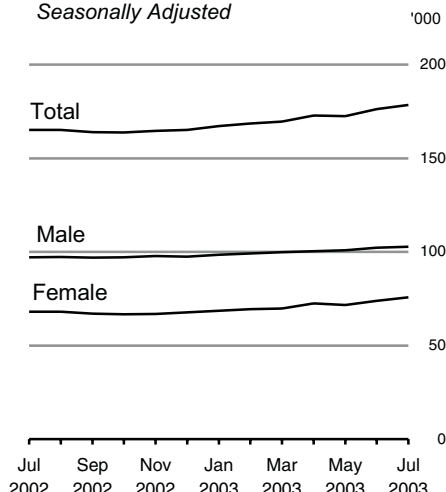




Live Register Analysis July 2003

Live Register

Seasonally Adjusted



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
July 2002	172,098	165,100
June 2003	177,852	176,200
July 2003	185,447	178,500
Change in month	+ 7,595	+ 2,300
Change in year	+ 13,349	+ 13,400

Live Register increases in July

The Live Register increased by 7,595 (4.3%) persons in July to 185,447. This compares to an increase of 7,821 (4.8%) for July of last year. When seasonal factors are taken into account the seasonally adjusted total rose from 176,200 in June to 178,500 this month, a rise of 2,300 (+1.3%). *See table 2a and graph opposite.*

In the year to July 2003 there was an increase of 13,349 (+7.8%). This compares to an annual increase of 24,997 (+17.0%) in the year to July 2002 and to an annual increase last month, June 2003, of 13,575 (+8.3%).

Other features include:

- ◆ The monthly increase of 7,595 comprised increases of 5,579 females and 2,016 males. *See table 1a.*
- ◆ The monthly increase in the Seasonally Adjusted series of 2,300 comprised increases of 1,900 females and 400 males. The increase in females was comprised of 400 aged under 25 and 1,500 aged over 25 while the increase for males was comprised of 100 and 300 respectively. *See table 2a, 2b and 2c.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in July was 4.8%. 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 8,811 males and 12,886 females. *See background notes.*

The Live Register is not designed to measure unemployment. It includes part-time workers (those who work up to three days a week), seasonal and casual workers entitled to Unemployment Assistance or Benefit. Unemployment is measured by the Quarterly National Household Survey and the latest figure, for December to February 2003 is 84,900 persons unemployed.

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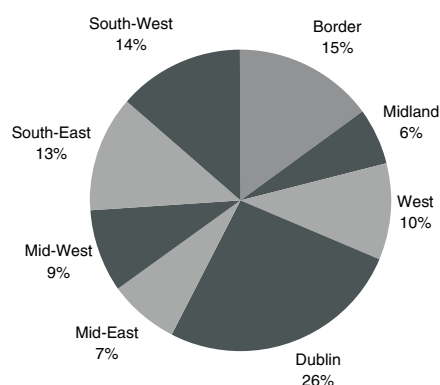
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	July 2003	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and West	58,100	+ 2,302	+ 1,819
Border	28,022	+ 918	+ 474
Midland	11,367	+ 716	+ 1,020
West	18,711	+ 668	+ 325
Eastern and Southern	127,347	+ 5,293	+ 11,530
Dublin	48,526	+ 2,191	+ 5,158
Mid-East	13,669	+ 843	+ 1,759
Mid-West	16,517	+ 727	+ 1,784
South-East	23,268	+ 791	+ 1,599
South-West	25,367	+ 741	+ 1,230
Total	185,447	+ 7,595	+ 13,349

Live Register by Regional Authority



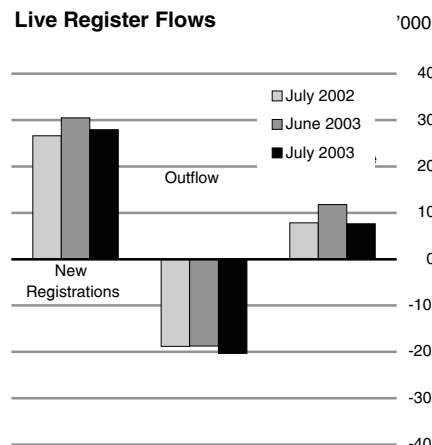
Monthly increases in all regions

The monthly increase of 7,595 persons on the Live Register reflected increases in all regions. The largest percentage increases were in the Midland (+6.7%) and Mid-East (+6.6%) regions. The lowest regional increases were in the Border (+3.4%) and South-West (+3.0%).

Other area features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males increased in all regions. The largest increases were in the Midland (+4.4%) and Mid-East (+3.3%) regions. The lowest regional increases were in the South-East (+0.9%) and the South-West (+0.4%).
- ◆ The number of females increased in all regions. The largest increases were in the Mid-East (+10.4%) and Midland (+9.3%) regions while the lowest regional increases were in the Border (+5.6%) and West (+6.4%).
- ◆ There were monthly increases in all counties. The largest were in Meath (+8.2%) and Westmeath (+8.1%). The lowest increases occurred in Waterford (+1.2%) and Mayo (+2.1%). *See tables 4 and 6.*

Live Register Flows



	New Registrations	Outflow (derived)	Net Change
Males	13,372	11,356	+ 2,016
Females	14,545	8,966	+ 5,579
Total	27,917	20,322	+ 7,595

New registrations greater than outflows

A total of 27,917 persons joined the Live Register in July 2003. With 20,322 persons leaving the Register there is a net increase of 7,595 persons in the month.

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

- ◆ The average weekly increase of 1,899 in the Live Register was comprised of 1,395 females and 504 males. *See tables 8 and 9.*
- ◆ In the month there were weekly averages of 6,979 new claimants joining the Register and 5,081 persons leaving. *See table 8.*

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	July 2002	June 2003	July 2003	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	38,209	39,061	40,312	+ 1,251	+ 2,103
UA Applications	57,121	59,751	60,490	+ 739	+ 3,369
Other Registrants	2,676	2,762	2,788	+ 26	+ 112
Total	98,006	101,574	103,590	+ 2,016	+ 5,584
Females					
UB Claims	41,067	43,210	47,126	+ 3,916	+ 6,059
UA Applications	23,364	23,710	24,726	+ 1,016	+ 1,362
Other Registrants	9,661	9,358	10,005	+ 647	+ 344
Total	74,092	76,278	81,857	+ 5,579	+ 7,765
All Persons					
UB Claims	79,276	82,271	87,438	+ 5,167	+ 8,162
UA Applications	80,485	83,461	85,216	+ 1,755	+ 4,731
Other Registrants	12,337	12,120	12,793	+ 673	+ 456
Total	172,098	177,852	185,447	+ 7,595	+ 13,349

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

Category	July 2002	June 2003	July 2003	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	7,153	7,382	7,909	+ 527	+ 756
UA Applications	11,770	12,174	12,516	+ 342	+ 746
Other Registrants	55	58	45	- 13	- 10
Total	18,978	19,614	20,470	+ 856	+ 1,492
Females					
UB Claims	5,566	6,354	7,014	+ 660	+ 1,448
UA Applications	9,005	9,106	9,661	+ 555	+ 656
Other Registrants	127	120	146	+ 26	+ 19
Total	14,698	15,580	16,821	+ 1,241	+ 2,123
All Persons					
UB Claims	12,719	13,736	14,923	+ 1,187	+ 2,204
UA Applications	20,775	21,280	22,177	+ 897	+ 1,402
Other Registrants	182	178	191	+ 13	+ 9
Total	33,676	35,194	37,291	+ 2,097	+ 3,615

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

Category	July 2002	June 2003	July 2003	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	31,056	31,679	32,403	+ 724	+ 1,347
UA Applications	45,351	47,577	47,974	+ 397	+ 2,623
Other Registrants	2,621	2,704	2,743	+ 39	+ 122
Total	79,028	81,960	83,120	+ 1,160	+ 4,092
Females					
UB Claims	35,501	36,856	40,112	+ 3,256	+ 4,611
UA Applications	14,359	14,604	15,065	+ 461	+ 706
Other Registrants	9,534	9,238	9,859	+ 621	+ 325
Total	59,394	60,698	65,036	+ 4,338	+ 5,642
All Persons					
UB Claims	66,557	68,535	72,515	+ 3,980	+ 5,958
UA Applications	59,710	62,181	63,039	+ 858	+ 3,329
Other Registrants	12,155	11,942	12,602	+ 660	+ 447
Total	138,422	142,658	148,156	+ 5,498	+ 9,734

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	July	82,600	64,500	147,100	81,600	58,500	140,000
	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

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	July	14,600	11,800	26,500	13,800	10,300	24,100
	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

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	July	67,900	52,700	120,600	67,800	48,200	115,900
	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

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	4.5
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 ²	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	4.6
June	9.9	7.5	5.5	4.1	3.7	4.3	4.7
July	9.7	7.3	5.4	4.0	3.7	4.4	4.8
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 ⁵	4.4	
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: December - February 2003, 4.6%.

⁵ Based on estimated data for December 2001.

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	July 2002	June 2003	July 2003	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland & Western	31,569	31,551	32,242	+ 691	+ 673	6,254	25,988
Border	15,870	15,727	16,006	+	279	3,271	12,735
Midland	5,413	5,604	5,851	+	247	1,160	4,691
West	10,286	10,220	10,385	+	165	1,823	8,562
Eastern & Southern	66,437	70,023	71,348	+ 1,325	+ 4,911	14,216	57,132
Dublin	25,807	27,828	28,548	+	720	5,946	22,602
Mid-East	6,410	6,916	7,145	+	229	1,357	5,788
Mid-West	8,134	8,626	8,835	+	209	1,828	7,007
South-East	12,059	12,483	12,597	+	114	2,501	10,096
South-West	14,027	14,170	14,223	+	53	2,584	11,639
Total	98,006	101,574	103,590	+ 2,016	+ 5,584	20,470	83,120
Females							
Border, Midland & Western	24,712	24,247	25,858	+ 1,611	+ 1,146	5,690	20,168
Border	11,678	11,377	12,016	+	639	2,768	9,248
Midland	4,934	5,047	5,516	+	469	1,257	4,259
West	8,100	7,823	8,326	+	503	1,665	6,661
Eastern & Southern	49,380	52,031	55,999	+ 3,968	+ 6,619	11,131	44,868
Dublin	17,561	18,507	19,978	+	1,471	4,015	15,963
Mid-East	5,500	5,910	6,524	+	614	1,203	5,321
Mid-West	6,599	7,164	7,682	+	518	1,448	6,234
South-East	9,610	9,994	10,671	+	677	2,241	8,430
South-West	10,110	10,456	11,144	+	688	2,224	8,920
Total	74,092	76,278	81,857	+ 5,579	+ 7,765	16,821	65,036
All Persons							
Border, Midland & Western	56,281	55,798	58,100	+ 2,302	+ 1,819	11,944	46,156
Border	27,548	27,104	28,022	+	918	6,039	21,983
Midland	10,347	10,651	11,367	+	716	2,417	8,950
West	18,386	18,043	18,711	+	668	3,488	15,223
Eastern & Southern	115,817	122,054	127,347	+ 5,293	+ 11,530	25,347	102,000
Dublin	43,368	46,335	48,526	+	2,191	9,961	38,565
Mid-East	11,910	12,826	13,669	+	843	2,560	11,109
Mid-West	14,733	15,790	16,517	+	727	3,276	13,241
South-East	21,669	22,477	23,268	+	791	4,742	18,526
South-West	24,137	24,626	25,367	+	741	4,808	20,559
Total	172,098	177,852	185,447	+ 7,595	+ 13,349	37,291	148,156

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

Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	July 2002	June 2003	July 2003	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	85,361	89,760	94,400	+	4,640	19,236	75,164
Munster	48,853	50,703	52,418	+	1,715	10,220	42,198
Connacht	22,375	21,886	22,691	+	805	4,283	18,408
Ulster	15,509	15,503	15,938	+	435	3,552	12,386
Total	172,098	177,852	185,447	+ 7,595	+ 13,349	37,291	148,156

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	July 2002	June 2003	July 2003	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	56,281	55,798	58,100	6,254	25,988	32,242	5,690	20,168	25,858
Border	27,548	27,104	28,022	3,271	12,735	16,006	2,768	9,248	12,016
Cavan	2,112	2,135	2,204	197	1,011	1,208	213	783	996
Belturbet	432	444	453	29	234	263	41	149	190
Cavan	1,680	1,691	1,751	168	777	945	172	634	806
Donegal	10,605	10,680	10,907	1,337	5,111	6,448	1,143	3,316	4,459
Ballybofey	1,034	975	995	141	459	600	120	275	395
Ballyshannon	558	522	506	54	231	285	56	165	221
Buncrana	1,982	1,948	2,005	213	871	1,084	277	644	921
Donegal	577	547	569	67	252	319	57	193	250
Dunfanaghy	994	1,049	1,047	120	521	641	82	324	406
Dungloe	1,661	1,742	1,793	175	897	1,072	110	611	721
Killybegs	1,085	1,114	1,083	112	588	700	62	321	383
Letterkenny	2,714	2,783	2,909	455	1,292	1,747	379	783	1,162
Leitrim	1,384	1,233	1,290	102	576	678	94	518	612
Carrick-on-Shannon	1,065	936	986	77	443	520	72	394	466
Manorhamilton	319	297	304	25	133	158	22	124	146
Louth	8,050	7,758	8,104	937	3,626	4,563	755	2,786	3,541
Ardee	897	947	976	113	403	516	97	363	460
Drogheda	3,225	3,379	3,553	384	1,488	1,872	348	1,333	1,681
Dundalk	3,928	3,432	3,575	440	1,735	2,175	310	1,090	1,400
Monaghan	2,792	2,688	2,827	345	1,219	1,564	317	946	1,263
Carrickmacross	789	765	788	67	340	407	77	304	381
Castleblayney	865	775	799	97	330	427	98	274	372
Clones	310	338	358	48	198	246	31	81	112
Monaghan	828	810	882	133	351	484	111	287	398
Sligo	2,605	2,610	2,690	353	1,192	1,545	246	899	1,145
Sligo	2,205	2,227	2,288	317	1,002	1,319	213	756	969
Tubbercurry	400	383	402	36	190	226	33	143	176
Midland	10,347	10,651	11,367	1,160	4,691	5,851	1,257	4,259	5,516
Laoighis	2,203	2,193	2,353	241	971	1,212	270	871	1,141
Portarlinton	786	875	913	88	330	418	121	374	495
Portlaoise	1,059	955	1,051	115	453	568	122	361	483
Rathdowney	358	363	389	38	188	226	27	136	163
Longford	1,921	1,905	2,008	215	888	1,103	206	699	905
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Offaly	2,697	2,910	3,067	295	1,301	1,596	335	1,136	1,471
Birr	846	940	964	99	398	497	122	345	467
Edenderry	646	709	731	61	313	374	71	286	357
Tullamore	1,205	1,261	1,372	135	590	725	142	505	647
Westmeath	3,526	3,643	3,939	409	1,531	1,940	446	1,553	1,999
Athlone	1,601	1,650	1,793	192	667	859	210	724	934
Castlepollard	234	303	321	20	137	157	36	128	164
Mullingar	1,691	1,690	1,825	197	727	924	200	701	901
West	18,386	18,043	18,711	1,823	8,562	10,385	1,665	6,661	8,326
Galway	10,048	10,175	10,635	1,104	4,783	5,887	1,064	3,684	4,748
Ballinasloe	1,000	1,147	1,229	139	511	650	107	472	579
Clifden	694	727	738	63	436	499	55	184	239
Galway	5,930	5,893	6,098	727	2,697	3,424	703	1,971	2,674
Gort	431	480	514	28	194	222	29	263	292
Loughrea	756	743	790	53	336	389	74	327	401
Tuam	1,237	1,185	1,266	94	609	703	96	467	563

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	July 2002	June 2003	July 2003	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	6,711	6,375	6,507	576	3,049	3,625	483	2,399	2,882
Achill	337	349	355	35	199	234	29	92	121
Ballina	2,005	1,808	1,853	170	893	1,063	146	644	790
Ballinrobe	474	407	431	34	212	246	24	161	185
Belmullet	790	732	746	64	395	459	56	231	287
Castlebar	1,094	1,066	1,119	125	458	583	106	430	536
Claremorris	566	499	506	33	207	240	30	236	266
Swinford	854	862	840	87	350	437	52	351	403
Westport	591	652	657	28	335	363	40	254	294
Roscommon	1,627	1,493	1,569	143	730	873	118	578	696
Boyle	443	382	421	41	207	248	23	150	173
Castlerea	797	749	756	58	373	431	57	268	325
Roscommon	387	362	392	44	150	194	38	160	198
Eastern and Southern	115,817	122,054	127,347	14,216	57,132	71,348	11,131	44,868	55,999
Dublin	43,368	46,335	48,526	5,946	22,602	28,548	4,015	15,963	19,978
Dublin	43,368	46,335	48,526	5,946	22,602	28,548	4,015	15,963	19,978
Bishop Square	4,358	4,900	5,182	586	2,613	3,199	386	1,597	1,983
Cumberland Street	5,024	5,807	6,093	709	2,994	3,703	487	1,903	2,390
Navan Road	2,995	2,868	2,926	317	1,576	1,893	240	793	1,033
Blanchardstown	2,959	3,337	3,501	438	1,431	1,869	355	1,277	1,632
Thomas Street	2,290	2,627	2,735	332	1,491	1,823	230	682	912
Tara Street	1,534	1,568	1,602	167	804	971	101	530	631
Tallaght	3,486	3,599	3,804	666	1,584	2,250	452	1,102	1,554
Ballymun	1,505	1,548	1,575	274	753	1,027	157	391	548
Clondalkin	2,564	2,970	3,137	420	1,337	1,757	304	1,076	1,380
Rathfarnham	2,223	2,408	2,634	237	1,124	1,361	173	1,100	1,273
Kilbarrack	2,974	3,101	3,306	353	1,483	1,836	213	1,257	1,470
Dun Laoghaire	3,684	3,651	3,825	294	1,674	1,968	194	1,663	1,857
Balbriggan	1,234	1,274	1,348	111	561	672	82	594	676
Ballyfermot	1,075	1,289	1,312	204	651	855	145	312	457
Finglas	2,096	2,252	2,348	360	1,061	1,421	189	738	927
Coolock	3,367	3,136	3,198	478	1,465	1,943	307	948	1,255
Mid-East	11,910	12,826	13,669	1,357	5,788	7,145	1,203	5,321	6,524
Kildare	4,487	4,930	5,182	529	2,090	2,619	498	2,065	2,563
Athy	810	883	906	112	405	517	101	288	389
Maynooth	1,307	1,496	1,529	145	544	689	129	711	840
Newbridge	2,370	2,551	2,747	272	1,141	1,413	268	1,066	1,334
Meath	3,113	3,311	3,583	323	1,492	1,815	300	1,468	1,768
Kells	504	608	635	57	270	327	46	262	308
Navan	1,863	1,832	2,035	193	868	1,061	160	814	974
Trim	746	871	913	73	354	427	94	392	486
Wicklow	4,310	4,585	4,904	505	2,206	2,711	405	1,788	2,193
Arklow	1,086	1,228	1,302	140	630	770	126	406	532
Baltinglass	403	425	450	40	172	212	55	183	238
Bray	1,990	2,047	2,229	220	986	1,206	146	877	1,023
Wicklow	831	885	923	105	418	523	78	322	400
Mid-West	14,733	15,790	16,517	1,828	7,007	8,835	1,448	6,234	7,682
Clare	3,669	4,147	4,303	430	1,815	2,245	330	1,728	2,058
Ennis	2,226	2,511	2,629	285	1,039	1,324	221	1,084	1,305
Ennistymon	540	568	551	51	260	311	26	214	240
Kilrush	527	639	684	70	327	397	53	234	287
Tulla	376	429	439	24	189	213	30	196	226
Limerick	8,583	8,786	9,262	1,101	3,996	5,097	815	3,350	4,165
Kilmallock	910	933	1,017	118	472	590	73	354	427
Limerick	6,742	6,902	7,217	903	3,062	3,965	627	2,625	3,252
Newcastle West	931	951	1,028	80	462	542	115	371	486

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	July 2002	June 2003	July 2003	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,481	2,857	2,952	297	1,196	1,493	303	1,156	1,459
Nenagh	909	1,069	1,077	76	448	524	107	446	553
Roscrea	443	571	609	54	216	270	60	279	339
Thurles	1,129	1,217	1,266	167	532	699	136	431	567
South-East	21,669	22,477	23,268	2,501	10,096	12,597	2,241	8,430	10,671
Carlow	2,265	2,431	2,524	276	996	1,272	291	961	1,252
Bagenalstown	540	606	626	72	277	349	67	210	277
Carlow	1,296	1,355	1,417	161	539	700	161	556	717
Tullow	429	470	481	43	180	223	63	195	258
Kilkenny	2,408	2,614	2,785	324	1,305	1,629	268	888	1,156
Callan	348	351	382	35	198	233	28	121	149
Kilkenny	1,602	1,775	1,917	237	898	1,135	197	585	782
Thomastown	458	488	486	52	209	261	43	182	225
South Tipperary	3,839	3,917	4,090	478	1,838	2,316	421	1,353	1,774
Cahir	501	488	503	52	224	276	58	169	227
Carrick-on-Suir	993	963	1,001	92	480	572	97	332	429
Cashel	371	400	422	47	178	225	39	158	197
Clonmel	1,284	1,352	1,413	191	654	845	150	418	568
Tipperary	690	714	751	96	302	398	77	276	353
Waterford	6,144	6,370	6,444	715	2,772	3,487	522	2,435	2,957
Dungarvan	1,007	1,062	1,102	93	462	555	92	455	547
Waterford	5,137	5,308	5,342	622	2,310	2,932	430	1,980	2,410
Wexford	7,013	7,145	7,425	708	3,185	3,893	739	2,793	3,532
Enniscorthy	1,764	1,758	1,806	205	814	1,019	229	558	787
Gorey	1,075	1,217	1,241	107	516	623	116	502	618
New Ross	1,357	1,276	1,356	130	585	715	126	515	641
Wexford	2,817	2,894	3,022	266	1,270	1,536	268	1,218	1,486
South-West	24,137	24,626	25,367	2,584	11,639	14,223	2,224	8,920	11,144
Cork	18,480	18,626	19,220	1,986	8,772	10,758	1,673	6,789	8,462
Bandon	572	576	616	55	268	323	59	234	293
Bantry	363	401	400	27	164	191	21	188	209
Bantry (SWLO)	190	210	212	7	79	86	11	115	126
Clonakilty	437	461	477	33	194	227	33	217	250
Cobh	434	472	473	70	230	300	41	132	173
Cork	9,846	9,731	10,021	1,262	4,935	6,197	958	2,866	3,824
Dunmanway	239	202	225	16	77	93	20	112	132
Fermoy	782	818	870	76	371	447	76	347	423
Kinsale	649	675	674	33	281	314	46	314	360
Macroom	603	523	541	27	199	226	36	279	315
Mallow	812	852	881	86	421	507	83	291	374
Midleton	1,052	1,087	1,102	91	437	528	82	492	574
Newmarket	505	500	541	42	224	266	46	229	275
Passage West	864	904	928	76	400	476	59	393	452
Skibbereen	444	450	458	18	150	168	22	268	290
Youghal	688	764	801	67	342	409	80	312	392
Kerry	5,657	6,000	6,147	598	2,867	3,465	551	2,131	2,682
Cahirciveen	328	360	357	17	174	191	31	135	166
Dingle	219	254	238	7	119	126	12	100	112
Kenmare	152	145	154	10	64	74	6	74	80
Killarney	866	894	902	82	367	449	85	368	453
Killorglin	397	419	427	29	196	225	31	171	202
Listowel	971	1,011	1,035	105	505	610	106	319	425
Tralee	2,724	2,917	3,034	348	1,442	1,790	280	964	1,244
State	172,098	177,852	185,447	20,470	83,120	103,590	16,821	65,036	81,857

**Table 7 Flows on and off the Live Register in the 4 weeks from
27 June 2003 to 25 July 2003**

	Total	New Registrations	Net Change	Outflow (derived)
Border, Midland & Western	58,100	8,244	+ 2,302	5,942
Border	28,022	3,563	+ 918	2,645
Midland	11,367	1,932	+ 716	1,216
West	18,711	2,749	+ 668	2,081
Eastern & Southern	127,347	19,673	+ 5,293	14,380
Dublin	48,526	7,613	+ 2,191	5,422
Mid-East	13,669	2,452	+ 843	1,609
Mid-West	16,517	2,624	+ 727	1,897
South-East	23,268	3,277	+ 791	2,486
South-West	25,367	3,707	+ 741	2,966
Sex				
Males	103,590	13,372	+ 2,016	11,356
Females	81,857	14,545	+ 5,579	8,966
Total	185,447	27,917	+ 7,595	20,322

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	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
	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

Table 9 Summary of Flows on and off the Live Register classified by Sex

			Males				Females				
			Number of weeks	Live Register	New Regis- trations	Outflow (derived)	Average weekly change	Live Register	New Regis- trations	Outflow (derived)	Average weekly change
2001	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	
	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	

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

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

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	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
	May	8,820	1,659	920	11,399
	June	8,811	1,684	953	11,448
	July	8,825	1,712	983	11,520

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	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*	11,246	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

* Table contains revised figures.

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			

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