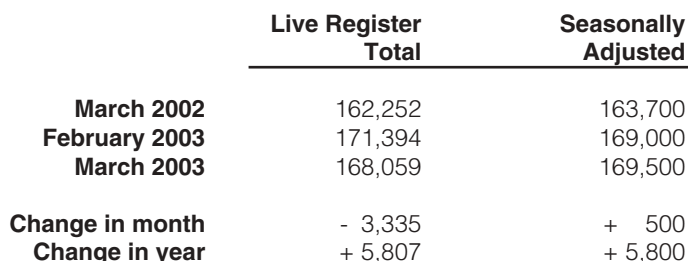




Live Register Analysis

March 2003



- ◆ The monthly decrease of 3,335 comprised decreases of 1,768 females and 1,567 males. *See table 1a*
- ◆ The monthly increase in the Seasonally Adjusted series of 500 was comprised of an increase of 600 males and a decrease of 100 females. *See table 2a*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in March 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 8,880 males and 13,165 females. *See background notes.*

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	March 2003	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and West	52,079	- 1,020	- 898
Border	25,373	- 325	- 940
Midland	9,820	- 341	+ 199
West	16,886	- 354	- 157
Eastern and Southern	115,980	- 2,315	+ 6,705
Dublin	43,178	- 674	+ 3,077
Mid-East	12,021	- 217	+ 646
Mid-West	15,237	- 485	+ 1,635
South-East	21,258	- 356	+ 483
South-West	24,286	- 583	+ 864
Total	168,059	- 3,335	+ 5,807

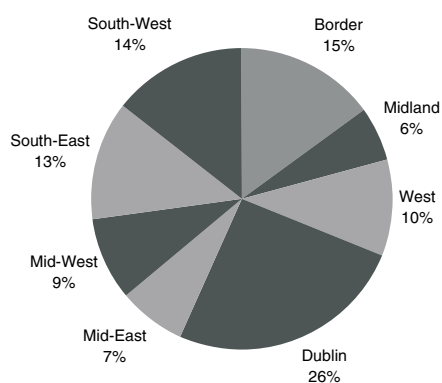
Monthly decreases in all regions

The monthly decrease of 3,335 persons on the Live Register reflected decreases in all regions. The largest percentage decreases were in the Midlands (-3.4%) and the Mid-West (-3.1%) while the lowest decreases were in the Border (-1.3%) and Dublin (-1.5%) regions.

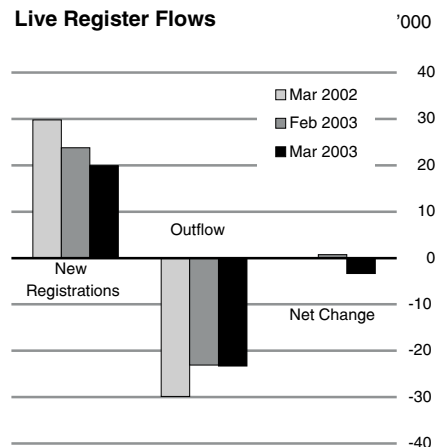
Other area features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males decreased in all regions. The largest decreases were in the Midland (-4.0%) and Mid-West (-3.4%) regions while the lowest decreases were in the Border (-0.8%) and Dublin (-1.0%).
- ◆ The number of females also decreased in all regions. The largest decreases were in the South-West (-3.9%) and the West (-3.1%) while the lowest decreases were in the Mid-East (-1.3%) and Border (-2.0%).
- ◆ There were monthly decreases in the large majority of counties. The largest decreases were in Clare (-6.2%) and Kerry (-4.7%) while there were increases in Carlow (+1.0%) and Waterford (+0.6%). *See tables 4 and 6.*

Live Register by Regional Authority



Live Register Flows



	New Registrations	Outflow (derived)	Net Change
Males	11,655	13,222	- 1,567
Females	8,291	10,059	- 1,768
Total	19,946	23,281	- 3,335

Outflows exceed new registrations

A total of 19,946 persons joined the Live Register in March 2003. With 23,281 persons leaving the Register there is a net decrease of 3,335 persons in the month.

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

- ◆ The average weekly decrease of 834 in the Live Register was comprised of 442 females and 392 males. *See tables 8 and 9.*
- ◆ In the month there were weekly averages of 4,987 new claimants joining the Register and 5,820 persons leaving. *See table 8.*

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	March 2002	February 2003	March 2003	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	39,039	40,691	39,810	- 881	+ 771
UA Applications	55,606	58,687	58,029	- 658	+ 2,423
Other Registrants	2,538	2,648	2,620	- 28	+ 82
Total	97,183	102,026	100,459	- 1,567	+ 3,276
Females					
UB Claims	36,058	39,248	37,964	- 1,284	+ 1,906
UA Applications	20,511	21,671	21,336	- 335	+ 825
Other Registrants	8,500	8,449	8,300	- 149	- 200
Total	65,069	69,368	67,600	- 1,768	+ 2,531
All Persons					
UB Claims	75,097	79,939	77,774	- 2,165	+ 2,677
UA Applications	76,117	80,358	79,365	- 993	+ 3,248
Other Registrants	11,038	11,097	10,920	- 177	- 118
Total	162,252	171,394	168,059	- 3,335	+ 5,807

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

Category	March 2002	February 2003	March 2003	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	7,440	7,579	7,353	- 226	- 87
UA Applications	10,970	11,693	11,497	- 196	+ 527
Other Registrants	51	47	47	0	- 4
Total	18,461	19,319	18,897	- 422	+ 436
Females					
UB Claims	4,923	5,600	5,458	- 142	+ 535
UA Applications	7,293	7,916	7,785	- 131	+ 492
Other Registrants	99	111	108	- 3	+ 9
Total	12,315	13,627	13,351	- 276	+ 1,036
All Persons					
UB Claims	12,363	13,179	12,811	- 368	+ 448
UA Applications	18,263	19,609	19,282	- 327	+ 1,019
Other Registrants	150	158	155	- 3	+ 5
Total	30,776	32,946	32,248	- 698	+ 1,472

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

Category	March 2002	February 2003	March 2003	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	31,599	33,112	32,457	- 655	+ 858
UA Applications	44,636	46,994	46,532	- 462	+ 1,896
Other Registrants	2,487	2,601	2,573	- 28	+ 86
Total	78,722	82,707	81,562	- 1,145	+ 2,840
Females					
UB Claims	31,135	33,648	32,506	- 1,142	+ 1,371
UA Applications	13,218	13,755	13,551	- 204	+ 333
Other Registrants	8,401	8,338	8,192	- 146	- 209
Total	52,754	55,741	54,249	- 1,492	+ 1,495
All Persons					
UB Claims	62,734	66,760	64,963	- 1,797	+ 2,229
UA Applications	57,854	60,749	60,083	- 666	+ 2,229
Other Registrants	10,888	10,939	10,765	- 174	- 123
Total	131,476	138,448	135,811	- 2,637	+ 4,335

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	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 ²	61,500 ²	152,600 ²
2002	January	96,600	63,300	160,000	92,600	63,600	156,200
	February	98,200	64,100	162,300	95,700	64,300	160,000
	March	97,200	65,100	162,300	96,800	66,900	163,700
	April	94,800	61,500	156,200	95,000	63,400	158,400
	May	93,400	61,600	154,900	95,700	65,400	161,100
	June	95,800	68,500	164,300	96,700	66,800	163,500
	July	98,000	74,100	172,100	97,000	68,000	165,100
	August	98,800	74,800	173,600	97,100	68,100	165,300
	September	95,300	66,100	161,400	96,800	67,100	163,900
	October	93,800	63,900	157,700	97,000	66,500	163,500
	November	95,100	63,500	158,600	97,700	66,700	164,400
	December	98,700	67,500	166,100	97,300	67,300	164,700
2003	January	102,300	68,400	170,700	98,400	68,600	167,000
	February	102,000	69,400	171,400	99,500	69,500	169,000
	March	100,500	67,600	168,100	100,100	69,400	169,500

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

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2002 (See Background Notes).² 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 ¹		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2001	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 ²	49,600 ²	124,000 ²
2002	January	78,400	51,100	129,500	75,300	51,300	126,600
	February	79,400	51,600	130,900	77,400	51,700	129,200
	March	78,700	52,800	131,500	78,400	54,000	132,400
	April	76,900	49,700	126,600	77,000	50,900	127,900
	May	76,100	49,800	125,900	77,700	52,600	130,400
	June	77,700	55,100	132,900	78,700	54,000	132,700
	July	79,000	59,400	138,400	78,900	54,800	133,700
	August	79,700	59,800	139,600	79,000	54,900	133,900
	September	77,400	52,600	130,000	78,800	53,900	132,700
	October	76,700	51,400	128,100	78,900	53,500	132,400
	November	77,800	51,300	129,100	79,400	53,700	133,100
	December	80,700	55,100	135,800	79,200	54,300	133,400
2003	January	82,900	55,000	137,900	79,800	55,200	135,000
	February	82,700	55,700	138,400	80,800	55,900	136,700
	March	81,600	54,200	135,800	81,200	55,500	136,800

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2002 (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	3.6	4.2	4.5
February	10.6	8.2	6.1	4.5	3.6	4.3	4.5
March	10.5	8.0	5.9	4.4	3.6	4.4	4.5
April ²	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 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: September - November 2002, 4.5%.

⁵ Based on estimated data for December 2001.

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	March 2002	February 2003	March 2003	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland & Western	31,441	31,337	30,854	- 483	- 587	5,644	25,210
Border	15,779	15,390	15,272	- 118	- 507	2,969	12,303
Midland	5,444	5,713	5,486	- 227	+ 42	1,032	4,454
West	10,218	10,234	10,096	- 138	- 122	1,643	8,453
Eastern & Southern	65,742	70,689	69,605	- 1,084	+ 3,863	13,253	56,352
Dublin	24,866	27,349	27,068	- 281	+ 2,202	5,271	21,797
Mid-East	6,590	7,024	6,876	- 148	+ 286	1,294	5,582
Mid-West	7,989	9,160	8,848	- 312	+ 859	1,741	7,107
South-East	11,992	12,534	12,378	- 156	+ 386	2,455	9,923
South-West	14,305	14,622	14,435	- 187	+ 130	2,492	11,943
Total	97,183	102,026	100,459	- 1,567	+ 3,276	18,897	81,562
Females							
Border, Midland & Western	21,536	21,762	21,225	- 537	- 311	4,341	16,884
Border	10,534	10,308	10,101	- 207	- 433	2,144	7,957
Midland	4,177	4,448	4,334	- 114	+ 157	943	3,391
West	6,825	7,006	6,790	- 216	- 35	1,254	5,536
Eastern & Southern	43,533	47,606	46,375	- 1,231	+ 2,842	9,010	37,365
Dublin	15,235	16,503	16,110	- 393	+ 875	3,167	12,943
Mid-East	4,785	5,214	5,145	- 69	+ 360	920	4,225
Mid-West	5,613	6,562	6,389	- 173	+ 776	1,221	5,168
South-East	8,783	9,080	8,880	- 200	+ 97	1,871	7,009
South-West	9,117	10,247	9,851	- 396	+ 734	1,831	8,020
Total	65,069	69,368	67,600	- 1,768	+ 2,531	13,351	54,249
All Persons							
Border, Midland & Western	52,977	53,099	52,079	- 1,020	- 898	9,985	42,094
Border	26,313	25,698	25,373	- 325	- 940	5,113	20,260
Midland	9,621	10,161	9,820	- 341	+ 199	1,975	7,845
West	17,043	17,240	16,886	- 354	- 157	2,897	13,989
Eastern & Southern	109,275	118,295	115,980	- 2,315	+ 6,705	22,263	93,717
Dublin	40,101	43,852	43,178	- 674	+ 3,077	8,438	34,740
Mid-East	11,375	12,238	12,021	- 217	+ 646	2,214	9,807
Mid-West	13,602	15,722	15,237	- 485	+ 1,635	2,962	12,275
South-East	20,775	21,614	21,258	- 356	+ 483	4,326	16,932
South-West	23,422	24,869	24,286	- 583	+ 864	4,323	19,963
Total	162,252	171,394	168,059	- 3,335	+ 5,807	32,248	135,811

¹ The composition of the regions is described in the background notes.

Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	March 2002	February 2003	March 2003	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	80,285	85,752	84,072	- 1,680	+ 3,787	16,450	67,622
Munster	46,530	50,231	49,077	- 1,154	+ 2,547	9,218	39,859
Connacht	20,610	20,852	20,461	- 391	- 149	3,504	16,957
Ulster	14,827	14,559	14,449	- 110	- 378	3,076	11,373
Total	162,252	171,394	168,059	- 3,335	+ 5,807	32,248	135,811

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	March 2002	February 2003	March 2003	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	52,977	53,099	52,079	5,644	25,210	30,854	4,341	16,884	21,225
Border	26,313	25,698	25,373	2,969	12,303	15,272	2,144	7,957	10,101
Cavan	1,982	2,007	1,993	186	1,011	1,197	171	625	796
Belturbet	433	416	403	34	216	250	33	120	153
Cavan	1,549	1,591	1,590	152	795	947	138	505	643
Donegal	10,108	10,013	9,964	1,255	4,868	6,123	942	2,899	3,841
Ballybofey	1,019	975	978	134	495	629	105	244	349
Ballyshannon	588	569	556	53	266	319	50	187	237
Buncrana	1,892	1,864	1,794	184	817	1,001	230	563	793
Donegal	566	551	543	65	242	307	48	188	236
Dunfanaghy	995	1,089	1,024	143	515	658	72	294	366
Dungloe	1,520	1,544	1,573	164	815	979	71	523	594
Killybegs	1,004	838	967	116	501	617	62	288	350
Letterkenney	2,524	2,583	2,529	396	1,217	1,613	304	612	916
Leitrim	1,128	1,211	1,193	79	601	680	66	447	513
Carrick-on-Shannon	853	942	929	64	466	530	50	349	399
Manorhamilton	275	269	264	15	135	150	16	98	114
Louth	7,919	7,527	7,349	847	3,454	4,301	583	2,465	3,048
Ardee	839	833	827	96	352	448	81	298	379
Drogheda	3,186	3,216	3,127	331	1,382	1,713	242	1,172	1,414
Dundalk	3,894	3,478	3,395	420	1,720	2,140	260	995	1,255
Monaghan	2,737	2,539	2,492	312	1,201	1,513	210	769	979
Carrickmacross	780	734	722	68	341	409	54	259	313
Castleblayney	841	741	744	91	349	440	66	238	304
Clones	294	304	293	41	171	212	19	62	81
Monaghan	822	760	733	112	340	452	71	210	281
Sligo	2,439	2,401	2,382	290	1,168	1,458	172	752	924
Sligo	2,056	2,030	2,026	255	986	1,241	153	632	785
Tubbercurry	383	371	356	35	182	217	19	120	139
Midland	9,621	10,161	9,820	1,032	4,454	5,486	943	3,391	4,334
Laoighis	2,028	2,201	2,108	245	933	1,178	224	706	930
Portarlinton	736	841	828	81	327	408	98	322	420
Portlaoise	960	977	901	114	416	530	99	272	371
Rathdowney	332	383	379	50	190	240	27	112	139
Longford	1,726	1,816	1,787	192	838	1,030	151	606	757
Longford	1,726	1,816	1,787	192	838	1,030	151	606	757
Offaly	2,459	2,733	2,622	262	1,246	1,508	245	869	1,114
Birr	770	868	818	80	377	457	92	269	361
Edenderry	655	678	672	59	324	383	60	229	289
Tullamore	1,034	1,187	1,132	123	545	668	93	371	464
Westmeath	3,408	3,411	3,303	333	1,437	1,770	323	1,210	1,533
Athlone	1,374	1,541	1,521	164	654	818	133	570	703
Castlepollard	228	275	281	19	134	153	24	104	128
Mullingar	1,806	1,595	1,501	150	649	799	166	536	702
West	17,043	17,240	16,886	1,643	8,453	10,096	1,254	5,536	6,790
Galway	9,089	9,505	9,391	987	4,631	5,618	771	3,002	3,773
Ballinasloe	965	1,003	967	106	480	586	77	304	381
Clifden	780	832	820	81	454	535	45	240	285
Galway	5,098	5,305	5,295	641	2,568	3,209	521	1,565	2,086
Gort	437	466	437	22	175	197	20	220	240
Loughrea	664	727	737	54	355	409	42	286	328
Tuam	1,145	1,172	1,135	83	599	682	66	387	453

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	March 2002	February 2003	March 2003	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	6,420	6,258	6,073	528	3,106	3,634	378	2,061	2,439
Achill	319	339	340	29	209	238	18	84	102
Ballina	1,894	1,819	1,793	174	943	1,117	118	558	676
Ballinrobe	434	407	417	28	224	252	24	141	165
Belmullet	811	699	675	52	382	434	31	210	241
Castlebar	959	967	925	113	415	528	78	319	397
Claremorris	547	497	476	30	211	241	21	214	235
Swinford	810	826	810	75	378	453	48	309	357
Westport	646	704	637	27	344	371	40	226	266
Roscommon	1,534	1,477	1,422	128	716	844	105	473	578
Boyle	408	378	355	27	198	225	18	112	130
Castlerea	760	721	695	53	355	408	52	235	287
Roscommon	366	378	372	48	163	211	35	126	161
Eastern and Southern	109,275	118,295	115,980	13,253	56,352	69,605	9,010	37,365	46,375
Dublin	40,101	43,852	43,178	5,271	21,797	27,068	3,167	12,943	16,110
Dublin	40,101	43,852	43,178	5,271	21,797	27,068	3,167	12,943	16,110
Gardiner Street	3,253	3,002	2,912	458	1,416	1,874	238	800	1,038
Bishop Square	3,913	4,277	4,224	446	2,317	2,763	282	1,179	1,461
Cumberland Street	4,825	5,639	5,566	655	2,902	3,557	386	1,623	2,009
Navan Road	2,730	2,781	2,748	298	1,532	1,830	187	731	918
Blanchardstown	2,653	3,163	3,133	395	1,359	1,754	304	1,075	1,379
Thomas Street	2,204	2,470	2,420	277	1,383	1,660	183	577	760
Tara Street	1,388	1,529	1,487	146	815	961	78	448	526
Tallaght	3,248	3,395	3,332	623	1,500	2,123	361	848	1,209
Ballymun	1,485	1,517	1,539	269	752	1,021	162	356	518
Clondalkin	2,465	2,827	2,823	359	1,329	1,688	245	890	1,135
Rathfarnham	1,958	2,142	2,114	188	1,050	1,238	98	778	876
Kilbarrack	2,668	3,037	2,937	305	1,479	1,784	149	1,004	1,153
Dun Laoghaire	3,140	3,449	3,345	255	1,677	1,932	143	1,270	1,413
Balbriggan	1,225	1,315	1,279	116	565	681	79	519	598
Ballyfermot	1,022	1,193	1,211	176	663	839	109	263	372
Finglas	1,924	2,116	2,108	305	1,058	1,363	163	582	745
Mid-East	11,375	12,238	12,021	1,294	5,582	6,876	920	4,225	5,145
Kildare	4,286	4,698	4,600	522	2,049	2,571	367	1,662	2,029
Athy	737	835	825	129	380	509	82	234	316
Maynooth	1,232	1,361	1,335	132	559	691	83	561	644
Newbridge	2,317	2,502	2,440	261	1,110	1,371	202	867	1,069
Meath	2,954	3,052	3,051	278	1,382	1,660	236	1,155	1,391
Kells	459	540	544	47	273	320	29	195	224
Navan	1,793	1,754	1,747	164	790	954	131	662	793
Trim	702	758	760	67	319	386	76	298	374
Wicklow	4,135	4,488	4,370	494	2,151	2,645	317	1,408	1,725
Arklow	1,082	1,217	1,204	138	612	750	101	353	454
Baltinglass	450	467	467	50	192	242	41	184	225
Bray	1,817	1,938	1,851	187	927	1,114	108	629	737
Wicklow	786	866	848	119	420	539	67	242	309
Mid-West	13,602	15,722	15,237	1,741	7,107	8,848	1,221	5,168	6,389
Clare	3,708	4,289	4,021	386	1,804	2,190	275	1,556	1,831
Ennis	2,158	2,586	2,435	256	1,052	1,308	181	946	1,127
Ennistymon	641	660	622	47	293	340	35	247	282
Kilrush	555	612	538	57	256	313	32	193	225
Tulla	354	431	426	26	203	229	27	170	197
Limerick	7,676	8,760	8,572	1,056	4,129	5,185	720	2,667	3,387
Kilmallock	874	961	946	120	469	589	73	284	357
Limerick	5,878	6,879	6,720	871	3,214	4,085	556	2,079	2,635
Newcastle West	924	920	906	65	446	511	91	304	395

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	March 2002	February 2003	March 2003	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,218	2,673	2,644	299	1,174	1,473	226	945	1,171
Nenagh	760	979	962	90	432	522	68	372	440
Roscrea	388	557	530	46	207	253	43	234	277
Thurles	1,070	1,137	1,152	163	535	698	115	339	454
South-East	20,775	21,614	21,258	2,455	9,923	12,378	1,871	7,009	8,880
Carlow	2,246	2,173	2,195	260	988	1,248	205	742	947
Bagenalstown	508	558	557	67	276	343	46	168	214
Carlow	1,309	1,189	1,197	142	531	673	114	410	524
Tullow	429	426	441	51	181	232	45	164	209
Kilkenny	2,322	2,532	2,463	334	1,234	1,568	204	691	895
Callan	331	328	323	37	187	224	19	80	99
Kilkenny	1,537	1,770	1,705	239	849	1,088	150	467	617
Thomastown	454	434	435	58	198	256	35	144	179
South Tipperary	3,650	3,732	3,612	457	1,750	2,207	295	1,110	1,405
Cahir	485	468	439	41	208	249	43	147	190
Carrick-on-Suir	940	934	925	93	496	589	69	267	336
Cashel	351	399	378	45	172	217	30	131	161
Clonmel	1,225	1,263	1,235	183	599	782	108	345	453
Tipperary	649	668	635	95	275	370	45	220	265
Waterford	5,856	5,908	5,942	703	2,801	3,504	478	1,960	2,438
Dungarvan	952	955	954	82	460	542	72	340	412
Waterford	4,904	4,953	4,988	621	2,341	2,962	406	1,620	2,026
Wexford	6,701	7,269	7,046	701	3,150	3,851	689	2,506	3,195
Enniscorthy	1,740	1,653	1,666	194	783	977	189	500	689
Gorey	1,097	1,230	1,202	118	528	646	111	445	556
New Ross	1,299	1,262	1,246	121	555	676	114	456	570
Wexford	2,565	3,124	2,932	268	1,284	1,552	275	1,105	1,380
South-West	23,422	24,869	24,286	2,492	11,943	14,435	1,831	8,020	9,851
Cork	17,429	18,005	17,748	1,892	8,861	10,753	1,329	5,666	6,995
Bandon	532	542	533	46	263	309	40	184	224
Bantry	390	478	414	20	175	195	21	198	219
Bantry (SWLO)	197	217	211	11	85	96	13	102	115
Clonakilty	381	433	427	30	178	208	24	195	219
Cobh	477	473	467	69	248	317	27	123	150
Cork	9,099	9,042	9,001	1,162	4,836	5,998	714	2,289	3,003
Dunmanway	204	241	212	13	82	95	22	95	117
Fermoy	749	768	737	62	374	436	55	246	301
Kinsale	665	702	687	44	296	340	45	302	347
Macroom	632	538	518	20	215	235	29	254	283
Mallow	823	859	848	94	445	539	68	241	309
Midleton	992	1,108	1,083	90	477	567	83	433	516
Newmarket	453	524	516	50	243	293	30	193	223
Passage West	738	873	894	82	421	503	63	328	391
Skibbereen	427	477	433	24	163	187	20	226	246
Youghal	670	730	767	75	360	435	75	257	332
Kerry	5,993	6,864	6,538	600	3,082	3,682	502	2,354	2,856
Cahirciveen	377	428	402	10	172	182	24	196	220
Dingle	301	363	333	15	152	167	21	145	166
Kenmare	215	229	222	13	76	89	7	126	133
Killarney	1,042	1,296	1,137	89	443	532	90	515	605
Killorglin	431	517	477	29	224	253	23	201	224
Listowel	965	1,095	1,065	126	547	673	88	304	392
Tralee	2,662	2,936	2,902	318	1,468	1,786	249	867	1,116
State	162,252	171,394	168,059	18,897	81,562	100,459	13,351	54,249	67,600

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

	Total	New Registrations	Net Change	Outflow (derived)
Border, Midland & Western	52,079	5,696	- 1,020	6,716
Border	25,373	2,583	- 325	2,908
Midland	9,820	1,120	- 341	1,461
West	16,886	1,993	- 354	2,347
Eastern & Southern	115,980	14,250	- 2,315	16,565
Dublin	43,178	5,500	- 674	6,174
Mid-East	12,021	1,692	- 217	1,909
Mid-West	15,237	1,828	- 485	2,313
South-East	21,258	2,284	- 356	2,640
South-West	24,286	2,946	- 583	3,529
Sex				
Males	100,459	11,655	- 1,567	13,222
Females	67,600	8,291	- 1,768	10,059
Total	168,059	19,946	- 3,335	23,281

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	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	+	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

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	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
	March	4	100,459	11,655	13,222	- 392	67,600	8,291	10,059	- 442

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

	Month	Males	Females	Total
2001	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
	March	1,404	1,898	3,302

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	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
	March	8,798	1,627	891	11,316

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	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
	March	11,232	7,692	18,924	13,484	5,440

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 <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