

5 December 2003

# Live Register '000 Seasonally Adjusted '000 Total 150.0 Male 100.0 Female 100.0

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Nov	Jan	Mar	May	Jul	Sep	Nov	
2002	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	

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# Live Register Analysis

November 2003

	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
November 2002	158,636	164,600
October 2003	166,552	172,600
November 2003	164,541	170,400
Change in month Change in year	- 2,011 + 5,905	- 2,200 + 5,800

# Decrease of over 2,000 in Seasonally Adjusted Live Register

The Live Register decreased by 2,011 (-1.2%) persons in November to 164,541. This compares with an increase of 930 (+0.6%) in November of last year. When seasonal factors are taken into account the seasonally adjusted total fell from 172,600 in October to 170,400 this month, a decrease of 2,200. *See table 2a and graph opposite.* 

In the year to November 2003 there was an increase of 5,905 (+3.7%). This compares to an annual increase of 8,846 (+5.6%) recorded in the year to October 2003.

Other features include:

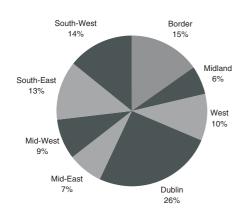
- ◆ The monthly fall of 2,011 comprised decreases of 1,869 females and 142 males. *See table 1a.*
- ◆ The monthly fall in the Seasonally Adjusted series of 2,200 comprised decreases of 1,400 females and 800 males. *See table 2a.*
- ♦ The standardised unemployment rate in November was 4.3%. This compares with 4.4% in April 2003, based on the Quarterly National Household Survey. *See table 3 and background notes*.
- ♦ In the month the estimated number of casual and part-time workers on the Live Register was 8,299 males and 13,387 females. *See background notes*.

The Live Register is not designed to measure unemployment. It includes part-time workers (those who work up to three days a week), seasonal and casual workers entitled to Unemployment Assistance or Benefit. Unemployment is measured by the Quarterly National Household Survey and the latest figure, for March-May 2003 is 81,400 persons unemployed.

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# Live Register by Regional Authority



_	November 2003	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and Western	51,487	- 666	+ 764
Border	25,108	- 296	+ 555
Midland	10,099	- 177	+ 702
West	16,280	- 193	- 493
Southern and Eastern	113,054	- 1,345	+ 5,141
Dublin	42,331	- 876	+ 2,380
Mid-East	12,245	- 95	+ 1,318
Mid-West	14,345	- 153	+ 730
South-East	21,037	- 208	+ 710
South-West	23,096	- 13	+ 3
Total	164,541	- 2,011	+ 5,905

# Monthly decreases in all regions

The monthly decrease of 2,011 persons on the Live Register reflected decreases in all regions. The largest percentage decreases were in the Dublin (-2.0%) and Midland (-1.7%) regions. The lowest decreases were in the South-West (-0.1%) and Mid-East (-0.8%) regions.

Other area features in the month include:

- ♦ The number of males decreased in four regions and increased in four regions. The largest percentage decrease was in the Border (-1.0%) while the largest increase was in the Mid-West (+1.1%).
- ♦ The number of females decreased in all regions. The largest decrease was in Dublin (-4.4%) while the lowest decrease was in the South-West (-1.0%).
- ♦ There were decreases in most counties with just four counties recording monthly increases. The largest decreases were in Laoighis (-2.9%) and Cork (-2.5%) while the largest increases were in Kerry (+6.5%) and Clare (+0.8%). See tables 4 and 6.

Live Register	Flows		,	000
		□ November 2002	_	40
		October 2003	_	30
_		■ November 2003	_	20
-	Outflow	Net Change	_	10
New			_	0
Registrations	- 111		_	-10
	- 111		_	-20
				-30
				-40

,	New Registrations	Outflow (derived)	Net Change
Males	12,611	12,753	- 142
Females	9,760	11,629	- 1,869
Total	22,371	24,382	- 2,011

# Outflows exceed new registrations

A total of 22,371 persons joined the Live Register in November 2003. With 24,382 persons leaving the Register there is a net decrease of 2,011 persons in the month.

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

- ◆ The average weekly decrease of 503 in the Live Register was comprised of 467 females and 36 males. *See tables 8 and 9.*
- ♦ In the month there were weekly averages of 5,593 new claimants joining the Register and 6,096 persons leaving. *See table 8*.

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	November 2002	October 2003	November 2003	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	35,853	35,906	35,626	- 280	- 227
UA Applications	56,542	57,574	57,704	+ 130	+ 1,162
Other Registrants	2,726	2,781	2,789	+ 8	+ 63
Total	95,121	96,261	96,119	- 142	+ 998
Females					
UB Claims	33,889	38,804	37,440	- 1,364	+ 3,551
UA Applications	21,063	22,290	22,097	- 193	+ 1,034
Other Registrants	8,563	9,197	8,885	- 312	+ 322
Total	63,515	70,291	68,422	- 1,869	+ 4,907
All Persons					
UB Claims	69,742	74,710	73,066	- 1,644	+ 3,324
UA Applications	77,605	79,864	79,801	- 63	+ 2,196
Other Registrants	11,289	11,978	11,674	- 304	+ 385
Total	158,636	166,552	164,541	- 2,011	+ 5,905

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

Category	November 2002	October 2003	November 2003		onthly lange		Annual change
Males							
UB Claims	6,092	6,400	6,234	-	166	+	142
UA Applications	11,153	11,367	11,378	+	11	+	225
Other Registrants	39	36	39	+	3		0
Total	17,284	17,803	17,651	-	152	+	367
Females							
UB Claims	4,469	5,397	5,186	-	211	+	717
UA Applications	7,640	8,276	8,163	-	113	+	523
Other Registrants	108	127	106	-	21	-	2
Total	12,217	13,800	13,455	-	345	+	1,238
All Persons							
UB Claims	10,561	11,797	11,420	-	377	+	859
UA Applications	18,793	19,643	19,541	-	102	+	748
Other Registrants	147	163	145	-	18	-	2
Total	29,501	31,603	31,106	-	497	+	1,605

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

Category	November 2002	October 2003	November 2003	Monthly change		Annual change
Males						
UB Claims	29,761	29,506	29,392	- 114	-	369
UA Applications	45,389	46,207	46,326	+ 119	+	937
Other Registrants	2,687	2,745	2,750	+ 5	+	63
Total	77,837	78,458	78,468	+ 10	+	631
Females						
UB Claims	29,420	33,407	32,254	- 1,153	+	2,834
UA Applications	13,423	14,014	13,934	- 80	+	511
Other Registrants	8,455	9,070	8,779	- 291	+	324
Total	51,298	56,491	54,967	- 1,524	+	3,669
All Persons						
UB Claims	59,181	62,913	61,646	- 1,267	+	2,465
UA Applications	58,812	60,221	60,260	+ 39	+	1,448
Other Registrants	11,142	11,815	11,529	- 286	+	387
Total	129,135	134,949	133,435	- 1,514	+	4,300

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

			Unadjusted Series		Seaso	nally Adjusted Se	ries <sup>1</sup>
	Month	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2001	November	88,100	59,000	147,100	90,900	62,400	153,300
	December	91,400	61,000	152,400	91,300 <sup>2</sup>	61,800 <sup>2</sup>	153,100 <sup>2</sup>
2002	January	96,600	63,300	160,000	92,800	63,600	156,300
	February	98,200	64,100	162,300	95,400	64,200	159,600
	March	97,200	65,100	162,300	96,600	67,200	163,800
	April	94,800	61,500	156,200	94,900	63,300	158,200
	May	93,400	61,600	154,900	95,900	65,400	161,300
	June	95,800	68,500	164,300	96,600	66,200	162,800
	July	98,000	74,100	172,100	97,100	68,000	165,100
	August	98,800	74,800	173,600	97,200	68,000	165,200
	September	95,300	66,100	161,400	96,900	67,000	164,000
	October	93,800	63,900	157,700	97,100	66,600	163,700
	November	95,100	63,500	158,600	97,800	66,800	164,600
	December	98,700	67,500	166,100	97,500	67,700	165,200
2003	January	102,300	68,400	170,700	98,500	68,600	167,200
	February	102,000	69,400	171,400	99,100	69,400	168,500
	March	100,500	67,600	168,100	99,800	69,700	169,500
	April	100,300	70,600	170,900	100,400	72,400	172,800
	May	98,300	67,800	166,100	100,800	71,700	172,500
	June	101,600	76,300	177,900	102,300	73,900	176,200
	July	103,600	81,900	185,400	102,700	75,800	178,500
	August	103,800	82,200	186,000	102,200	75,300	177,600
	September	98,800	72,100	170,800	100,500	73,000	173,500
	October	96,300	70,300	166,600	99,500	73,100	172,600
	November	96,100	68,400	164,500	98,700	71,700	170,400

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2003 (See Background Notes).

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

			Unadjusted Series		Seasonally Adjusted Series <sup>1</sup>			
	Month	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	
2001	November	15,600	11,000	26,600	16,600	11,900	28,500	
	December	16,400	11,100	27,500	16,800 <sup>2</sup>	12,000 <sup>2</sup>	28,800 <sup>2</sup>	
2002	January	18,200	12,300	30,500	17,300	12,300	29,600	
	February	18,900	12,600	31,400	18,200	12,600	30,800	
	March	18,500	12,300	30,800	18,300	12,800	31,200	
	April	17,800	11,800	29,600	18,000	12,500	30,600	
	May	17,300	11,800	29,100	18,000	12,800	30,700	
	June	18,000	13,400	31,400	18,000	12,700	30,700	
	July	19,000	14,700	33,700	18,200	13,200	31,400	
	August	19,000	15,000	34,000	18,200	13,300	31,400	
	September	17,900	13,600	31,400	18,100	13,200	31,300	
	October	17,200	12,500	29,600	18,200	13,000	31,100	
	November	17,300	12,200	29,500	18,300	13,000	31,300	
	December	18,000	12,400	30,400	18,200	13,100	31,400	
2003	January	19,400	13,400	32,800	18,600	13,400	32,000	
	February	19,300	13,600	32,900	18,600	13,600	32,200	
	March	18,900	13,400	32,200	18,700	13,800	32,600	
	April	18,700	13,400	32,000	18,900	14,100	32,900	
	May	18,400	13,300	31,700	19,100	14,200	33,300	
	June	19,600	15,600	35,200	19,600	14,900	34,500	
	July	20,500	16,800	37,300	19,700	15,300	35,000	
	August	20,500	16,900	37,300	19,600	15,200	34,800	
	September	19,100	15,000	34,100	19,300	14,700	34,000	
	October	17,800	13,800	31,600	18,800	14,300	33,100	
	November	17,700	13,500	31,100	18,600	14,200	32,900	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2003 (See Background Notes).

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$  Based on estimated data for December 2001.

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

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

			Unadjusted Series		Seaso	nally Adjusted Se	ries <sup>1</sup>
	Month	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2001	November	72,500	48,000	120,500	74,200	50,500	124,800
	December	75,000	49,900	124,900	74,400 <sup>2</sup>	49,900 <sup>2</sup>	124,300 <sup>2</sup>
2002	January	78,400	51,100	129,500	75,400	51,300	126,700
	February	79,400	51,600	130,900	77,200	51,700	128,800
	March	78,700	52,800	131,500	78,300	54,300	132,600
	April	76,900	49,700	126,600	76,900	50,800	127,600
	May	76,100	49,800	125,900	77,900	52,700	130,600
	June	77,700	55,100	132,900	78,600	53,500	132,100
	July	79,000	59,400	138,400	78,900	54,800	133,700
	August	79,700	59,800	139,600	79,000	54,700	133,700
	September	77,400	52,600	130,000	78,900	53,800	132,700
	October	76,700	51,400	128,100	78,900	53,600	132,600
	November	77,800	51,300	129,100	79,500	53,800	133,300
	December	80,700	55,100	135,800	79,300	54,500	133,800
2003	January	82,900	55,000	137,900	80,000	55,200	135,200
	February	82,700	55,700	138,400	80,500	55,800	136,300
	March	81,600	54,200	135,800	81,100	55,900	136,900
	April	81,600	57,300	138,900	81,500	58,300	139,800
	May	79,900	54,500	134,400	81,700	57,500	139,200
	June	82,000	60,700	142,700	82,700	59,000	141,700
	July	83,100	65,000	148,200	83,000	60,500	143,500
	August	83,300	65,300	148,600	82,600	60,100	142,700
	September	79,700	57,000	136,700	81,200	58,300	139,500
	October	78,500	56,500	134,900	80,700	58,800	139,500
	November	78,500	55,000	133,400	80,100	57,500	137,600

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2003 (See Background Notes).

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

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Table contains revised figures.

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

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

Interpolated data for May 1996 to March 1997 (See Background Notes).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The latest QNHS estimate of the unemployment rate (unadjusted for seasonality) is: March - May 2003, 4.4%.

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

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register classified by Region

NUTS2 and	November	October	November	Monthly		Annual	Under 25	25 years
NUTS3 Regions <sup>1</sup>	2002	2003	2003	change		change	years	& over
Males								
Border, Midland & Western	30,083	29,961	29,696	- 265	-	387	5,146	24,550
Border	14,827	14,911	14,757	- 154	_	70	2,671	12,086
Midland	5,308	5,507	5,484	- 23	+	176	1,016	4,468
West	9,948	9,543	9,455	- 88	-	493	1,459	7,996
Southern & Eastern	65,038	66,300	66,423	+ 123	+	1,385	12,505	53,918
Dublin	25,129	26,439	26,293	- 146	+	1,164	5,240	21,053
Mid-East	6,215	6,710	6.746	+ 36	+	531	1,244	5,502
Mid-West	7,979	7,892	7,979	+ 87		0	1,506	6,473
South-East	11,870	11,928	11,989	+ 61	+	119	2,306	9,683
South-West	13,845	13,331	13,416	+ 85	_	429	2,209	11,207
Total	95,121	96,261	96,119	- 142	+	998	17,651	78,468
Total	93,121	90,201	90,119	- 142	-	990	17,051	70,400
Females								
Border, Midland & Western	20,640	22,192	21,791	- 401	+	1,151	4,479	17,312
Border	9,726	10,493	10,351	- 142	+	625	2,252	8,099
Midland	4,089	4,769	4,615	- 154	+	526	985	3,630
West	6,825	6,930	6,825	- 105		0	1,242	5,583
Southern & Eastern	42,875	48,099	46,631	- 1,468	+	3,756	8,976	37,655
Dublin	14,822	16,768	16,038	- 730	+	1,216	3,199	12,839
Mid-East	4,712	5,630	5,499	- 131	+	787	985	4,514
Mid-West	5,636	6,606	6,366	- 240	+	730	1,203	5,163
South-East	8,457	9,317	9.048	- 269	+	591	1,868	7,180
South-West	9,248	9,778	9,680	- 98	+	432	1,721	7,959
Total	63,515	70,291	68,422	- 1,869	+	4,907	13,455	54,967
All Persons								
Border, Midland & Western	50,723	52,153	51,487	- 666	+	764	9,625	41,862
Border	24,553	25,404	25,108	- 296	+	555	4,923	20,185
Midland	9,397	10,276	10,099	- 177	+	702	2,001	8,098
West	16,773	16,473	16,280	- 193	-	493	2,701	13,579
Southern & Eastern	107,913	114,399	113,054	- 1,345	+	5,141	21,481	91,573
Dublin	39,951	43,207	42,331	- 876	+	2,380	8,439	33,892
Mid-East	10,927	12,340	12,245	- 95	+	1,318	2,229	10,016
Mid-West	13,615	14,498	14,345	- 153	+	730	2,709	11,636
South-East	20,327	21,245	21,037	- 208	+	710	4,174	16,863
South-West	23,093	23,109	23,096	- 13	+	3	3,930	19,166
Total	158,636	166,552	164,541	- 2,011	+	5,905	31,106	133,435

 $<sup>^{\</sup>mbox{\scriptsize 1}}$  The composition of the regions is described in the Background Notes.

Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	November 2002	October 2003	November 2003	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	78,551	84,969	83,605	- 1,364	+ 5,054	16,370	67,235
Munster	45,981	47,149	46,895	- 254	+ 914	8,533	38,362
Connacht	20,286	19,840	19,602	- 238	- 684	3,306	16,296
Ulster	13,818	14,594	14,439	- 155	+ 621	2,897	11,542
Total	158,636	166,552	164,541	- 2,011	+ 5,905	31,106	133,435

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

					Males			Females	
NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	November 2002	October 2003	November 2003	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	50,723	52,153	51,487	5,146	24,550	29,696	4,479	17,312	21,791
Border	24,553	25,404	25,108	2,671	12,086	14,757	2,252	8,099	10,351
Cavan	1,963	2,072	2,028	174	1,014	1,188	177	663	840
Belturbet	414	427	430	33	243	276	25	129	154
Cavan	1,549	1,645	1,598	141	771	912	152	534	686
Donegal	9,418	9,975	9,923	1,069	4,846	5,915	978	3,030	4,008
Ballybofey	974	900	850	98	428	526	98	226	324
Ballyshannon	562	494	541	61	246	307	61	173	234
Buncrana	1,670	1,811	1,764	162	790	952	219	593	812
Donegal	535	503	498	50	232	282	44	172	216
Dunfanaghy Dungloe	996 1,484	1,024 1,614	1,077 1,599	115 155	535 822	650 977	78 98	349 524	427 622
Killybegs	776	854	832	49	433	482	54	296	350
Letterkenny	2,421	2,775	2,762	379	1,360	1,739	326	697	1,023
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Leitrim	1,212	1,159	1,154	91	525	616	81	457	538
Carrick-on-Shannon	925	906	888	75	401	476	68	344	412
Manorhamilton	287	253	266	16	124	140	13	113	126
Louth	7,222	7,443	7,347	807	3,472	4,279	614	2,454	3,068
Ardee	761	881	867	98	367	465	78	324	402
Drogheda	2,963	3,448	3,431	348	1,514	1,862	299	1,270	1,569
Dundalk	3,498	3,114	3,049	361	1,591	1,952	237	860	1,097
Monaghan	2,437	2,547	2,488	279	1,161	1,440	220	828	1,048
Carrickmacross	716	657	647	43	290	333	50	264	314
Castleblayney	724	771	738	91	317	408	79	251	330
Clones	276	304	300	42	181	223	19	58	77
Monaghan	721	815	803	103	373	476	72	255	327
Sligo	2,301	2,208	2,168	251	1,068	1,319	182	667	849
Sligo	1,960	1,851	1,814	223	885	1,108	161	545	706
Tubbercurry	341	357	354	28	183	211	21	122	143
Midland	9,397	10,276	10,099	1,016	4,468	5,484	985	3,630	4,615
Laoighis	1,948	2,146	2,084	231	896	1,127	219	738	957
Portarlington	682	799	780	75	307	382	103	295	398
Portlaoise	903	977	956	120	417	537	99	320	419
Rathdowney	363	370	348	36	172	208	17	123	140
Longford	1,751	1,793	1,753	170	824	994	167	592	759
Longford	1,751	1,793	1,753	170	824	994	167	592	759
Offaly	2,515	2,776	2,721	258	1,258	1,516	266	939	1,205
Birr	761	881	870	85	386	471	101	298	399
Edenderry	631	675	669	67	301	368	54	247	301
Tullamore	1,123	1,220	1,182	106	571	677	111	394	505
Westmeath	3,183	3,561	3,541	357	1,490	1,847	333	1,361	1,694
Athlone	1,429	1,514	1,526	167	634	801	129	596	725
Castlepollard	236	319	310	22	137	159	27	124	151
Mullingar	1,518	1,728	1,705	168	719	887	177	641	818
West	16,773	16,473	16,280	1,459	7,996	9,455	1,242	5,583	6,825
Galway	9,281	9,242	9,177	904	4,450	5,354	795	3,028	3,823
Ballinasloe	1,007	1,127	1,093	117	506	623	83	387	470
Clifden	799	771	843	78	458	536	53	254	307
Galway	5,174	4,950	4,867	539	2,383	2,922	499	1,446	1,945
Gort	441	484	462	23	177	200	26	236	262
Loughrea	693	689	694	50	307	357	54	283	337
Tuam	1,167	1,221	1,218	97	619	716	80	422	502

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-continued					Males			Females	
NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	November 2002	October 2003	November 2003	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Мауо	6,057	5,882	5,787	454	2,867	3,321	364	2,102	2,466
Achill	321	326	332	22	194	216	20	96	116
Ballina	1,808	1,676	1,650	137	846	983	132	535	667
Ballinrobe	396	400	407	30	203	233	23	151	174
Belmullet	729	645	643	55	335	390	44	209	253
Castlebar	907	960	933	91	430	521	59	353	412
Claremorris	479	469	442	21	200	221	13	208	221
Swinford	800	782	755	71	330	401	40	314	354
Westport	617	624	625	27	329	356	33	236	269
Roscommon	1,435	1,349	1,316	101	679	780	83	453	536
Boyle	379	371	371	21	199	220	16	135	151
Castlerea	694	648	624	46	339	385	42	197	239
Roscommon	362	330	321	34	141	175	25	121	146
Southern and Eastern	107,913	114,399	113,054	12,505	53,918	66,423	8,976	37,655	46,631
Dublin	39,951	43,207	42,331	5,240	21,053	26,293	3,199	12,839	16,038
Dublin	39,951	43,207	42,331	5,240	21,053	26,293	3,199	12,839	16,038
Bishop Square	3,869	4,376	4,220	448	2,258	2,706	275	1,239	1,514
Cumberland Street	4,725	5,664	5,543	680	2,789	3,469	429	1,645	2,074
Navan Road	2,698	2,604	2,589	285	1,457	1,742	196	651	847
Blanchardstown	2,871	3,270	3,153	384	1,385	1,769	278	1,106	1,384
Thomas Street	2,241	2,453	2,449	288	1,385	1,673	196	580	776
Tara Street	1,375	1,406	1,404	133	757	890	71	443	514
Tallaght	3,027	3,296	3,244	579	1,472	2,051	348	845	1,193
Ballymun	1,421	1,437	1,452	231	711	942	138	372	510
Clondalkin	2,473	2,899	2,824	390	1,307	1,697	249	878	1,127
Rathfarnham	1,890	2,146	2,102	186	1,018	1,204	122	776	898
Kilbarrack	2,763	2,923	2,861	315	1,396	1,711	155	995	1,150
Dun Laoghaire	3,162	3,174	3,168	239	1,527	1,766	144	1,258	1,402
Balbriggan	1,183	1,244	1,238	121	551	672	66	500	566
Ballyfermot	1,027	1,278	1,186	188	605	793	146	247	393
Finglas	1,958	2,208	2,162	354	1,076	1,430	156	576	732
Coolock	3,268	2,829	2,736 1	419	1,359	1,778	230	728	958
Mid-East	10,927	12,340	12,245	1,244	5,502	6,746	985	4,514	5,499
Kildare	4,061	4,657	4,569	483	1,879	2,362	433	1,774	2,207
Athy	770	815	814	102	360	462	83	269	352
Maynooth	1,191	1,426	1,385	147	540	687	116	582	698
Newbridge	2,100	2,416	2,370	234	979	1,213	234	923	1,157
Meath	2,734	3,219	3,206	275	1,426	1,701	223	1,282	1,505
Kells	475	584	581	39	267	306	40	235	275
Navan	1,604	1,847	1,831	173	825	998	118	715	833
Trim	655	788	794	63	334	397	65	332	397
Wicklow	4,132	4,464	4,470	486	2,197	2,683	329	1,458	1,787
Arklow	1,154	1,255	1,288	152	643	795	106	387	493
Baltinglass	389	411	410	31	172	203	36	171	207
Bray	1,767	1,908	1,908	188	955	1,143	120	645	765
Wicklow	822	890	864	115	427	542	67	255	322
Mid-West	13,615	14,498	14,345	1,506	6,473	7,979	1,203	5,163	6,366
Clare	3,692	4,028	4,060	372	1,810	2,182	296	1,582	1,878
Ennis	2,136	2,375	2,360	233	999	1,232	183	945	1,128
Ennistymon	615	639	664	45	312	357	35	272	307
Kilrush	559	612	622	62	313	375	51	196	247
Tulla	382	402	414	32	186	218	27	169	196
Limerick	7,714	7,854	7,697	876	3,534	4,410	681	2,606	3,287
Kilmallock	806	870	861	92	405	497	76	288	364
Limerick	6,088	6,157	5,987	727	2,714	3,441	521	2,025	2,546
Newcastle West	820	827	849	57	415	472	84	293	377

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	November 2002	October 2003	November 2003	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,209	2,616	2,588	258	1,129	1,387	226	975	1,201
Nenagh	837	959	953	66	414	480	82	391	473
Roscrea Thurles	384 988	541 1,116	505 1,130	49 143	194 521	243 664	37 107	225 359	262 466
South-East	20,327	21,245	21,037	2,306	9,683	11,989	1,868	7,180	9,048
Carlow	1,978	2,170	2,119	233	938	1,171	190	758	948
Bagenalstown	487	541	544	49	275	324	46	174	220
Carlow	1,083	1,187	1,150	137	489	626	99	425	524
Tullow	408	442	425	47	174	221	45	159	204
Kilkenny	2,335	2,642	2,606	299	1,283	1,582	229	795	1,024
Callan	318	378	380	35	213	248	26	106	132
Kilkenny Thomastown	1,586 431	1,849 415	1,801 425	225 39	875 195	1,100 234	168 35	533 156	701 191
South Tipperary Cahir	3,552 478	3,668 470	3,686 504	451 51	1,765 243	2,216 294	347 47	1,123 163	1,470 210
Carrick-on-Suir	951	944	951	99	501	600	74	277	351
Cashel	354	413	409	55	186	241	34	134	168
Clonmel	1,126	1,110	1,106	150	525	675	123	308	431
Tipperary	643	731	716	96	310	406	69	241	310
Waterford	5,721	5,874	5,768	641	2,684	3,325	455	1,988	2,443
Dungarvan	932	998	976	90	459	549	81	346	427
Waterford	4,789	4,876	4,792	551	2,225	2,776	374	1,642	2,016
Wexford	6,741	6,891	6,858	682	3,013	3,695	647	2,516	3,163
Enniscorthy	1,634	1,720	1,729	211	767	978	206	545	751
Gorey New Ross	1,145 1,277	1,198 1,300	1,176 1,260	111 123	505 574	616 697	117 99	443 464	560 563
Wexford	2,685	2,673	2,693	237	1,167	1,404	225	1,064	1,289
South-West	23,093	23,109	23,096	2,209	11,207	13,416	1,721	7,959	9,680
Cork	16,795	16,934	16,517	1,618	8,133	9,751	1,213	5,553	6,766
Bandon	514	513	512	55	258	313	26	173	199
Bantry	382	383	390	25	161	186	20	184	204
Bantry (SWLO) Clonakilty	198 396	200 470	208 480	10 28	94 202	104 230	11 34	93 216	104 250
Cobh	478	404	400	59	202	261	38	101	139
Cork	8,469	8,510	8,144	964	4,382	5,346	641	2,157	2,798
Dunmanway	232	205	203	17	71	88	15	100	115
Fermoy	796	833	841	71	406	477	60	304	364
Kinsale	661	637	659	41	273	314	44	301	345
Macroom Mallow	583 781	520 782	487 760	23 79	206 393	229 472	23 84	235 204	258
Midleton	1,003	1,011	1,006	79 72	429	501	69	436	288 505
Newmarket	485	483	473	32	212	244	34	195	229
Passage West	796	827	810	70	379	449	47	314	361
Skibbereen	392	403	389	14	135	149	11	229	240
Youghal	629	753	755	58	330	388	56	311	367
Kerry	6,298	6,175	6,579	591	3,074	3,665	508	2,406	2,914
Cahirciveen	392	488	444	9	183	192	28	224	252
Dingle Kenmare	305 185	275 144	357 182	17 2	167 72	184 74	14 8	159	173 108
Kenmare Killarney	1,159	971	1,185	88	469	74 557	111	100 517	628
Killorglin	457	434	445	21	195	216	20	209	229
Listowel	1,029	983	1,025	128	523	651	86	288	374
Tralee	2,771	2,880	2,941	326	1,465	1,791	241	909	1,150
State	158,636	166,552	164,541	17,651	78,468	96,119	13,455	54,967	68,422

Table 7 Flows on and off the Live Register in the 4 weeks from 31 October 2003 to 28 November 2003

	Total	New Registrations	Net Change	Outflow (derived)
Border, Midland & Western	51,487	6,649	- 666	7,315
Border	25,108	3,046	- 296	3,342
Midland	10,099	1,359	- 177	1,536
West	16,280	2,244	- 193	2,437
Southern & Eastern	113,054	15,722	- 1,345	17,067
Dublin	42,331	5,817	- 876	6,693
Mid-East	12,245	1,760	- 95	1,855
Mid-West	14,345	2,056	- 153	2,209
South-East	21,037	2,671	- 208	2,879
South-West	23,096	3,418	- 13	3,431
Sex				
Males	96,119	12,611	- 142	12,753
Females	68,422	9,760	- 1,869	11,629
Total	164,541	22,371	- 2,011	24,382

 Table 8
 Summary of Flows on and off the Live Register and Average Weekly Flow

		Number	New Registrations (count) Outflow (d		erived)	Average	e weekly	
		of weeks	Number	Weekly average	Number	Weekly average	chang	ge in the Register
2001	November	5	32,936	6,587	27,650	5,530	+	1,057
	December	3	19,527	6,509	14,242	4,747	+	1,762
2002	January	5	31,817	6,363	24,263	4,853	+	1,511
	February	4	25,468	6,367	23,091	5,773	+	594
	March	5	29,785	5,957	29,870	5,974	_	17
	April	4	20,108	5,027	26,123	6,531	_	1,504
	May	5	25,082	5,016	26,375	5,275	-	259
	June	4	27,530	6,883	18,197	4,549	+	2,333
	July	4	26,633	6,658	18,812	4,703	+	1,955
	August	5	25,540	5,108	24,075	4,815	+	293
	September	4	21,098	5,275	33,229	8,307	-	3,033
	October	4	23,160	5,790	26,886	6,722	-	932
	November	5	29,506	5,901	28,576	5,715	+	186
	December	4	20,884	5,221	13,378	3,345	+	1,877
2003	January	5	32,776	6,555	28,217	5,643	+	912
	February	4	23,767	5,942	23,074	5,769	+	173
	March	4	19,946	4,987	23,281	5,820	-	834
	April	4	23,869	5,967	20,988	5,247	+	720
	May	5	25,089	5,018	29,924	5,985	-	967
	June	4	30,455	7,614	18,708	4,677	+	2,937
	July	4	27,917	6,979	20,322	5,081	+	1,899
	August	5	25,816	5,163	25,310	5,062	+	101
	September	4	22,248	5,562	37,379	9,345	-	3,783
	October	5	22,329	4,466	26,599	5,320	-	854
	November	4	22,371	5,593	24,382	6,096	-	503

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

		Number		Ма	es			Fem	ales	
		of weeks	Live Register	New Regis- trations	Outflow (derived)	Average weekly change	Live Register	New Regis- trations	Outflow (derived)	Average weekly change
2001	November	5	88,103	19,170	14,961	+ 842	59,018	13,766	12,689	+ 215
	December	3	91,394	11,237	7,946	+ 1,097	61,012	8,290	6,296	+ 665
2002	January	5	96,623	17,938	12,709	+ 1,046	63,337	13,879	11,554	+ 465
	February	4	98,215	14,912	13,320	+ 398	64,122	10,556	9,771	+ 196
	March	5	97,183	16,518	17,550	- 206	65,069	13,267	12,320	+ 189
	April	4	94,778	11,351	13,756	- 601	61,459	8,757	12,367	- 903
	May	5	93,356	14,356	15,778	- 284	61,588	10,726	10,597	+ 26
	June	4	95,765	13,087	10,678	+ 602	68,512	14,443	7,519	+ 1,731
	July	4	98,006	13,099	10,858	+ 560	74,092	13,534	7,954	+ 1,395
	August	5	98,771	14,085	13,320	+ 153	74,792	11,455	10,755	+ 140
	September	4	95,289	11,521	15,003	- 871	66,143	9,577	18,226	- 2,162
	October	4	93,829	13,201	14,661	- 365	63,877	9,959	12,225	- 567
	November	5	95,121	16,591	15,299	+ 258	63,515	12,915	13,277	- 72
	December	4	98,670	11,279	7,730	+ 887	67,472	9,605	5,648	+ 989
2003	January	5	102,335	18,502	14,837	+ 733	68,366	14,274	13,380	+ 179
	February	4	102,026	13,047	13,356	- 77	69,368	10,720	9,718	+ 251
	March	4	100,459	11,655	13,222	- 392	67,600	8,291	10,059	- 442
	April	4	100,328	12,152	12,283	- 33	70,612	11,717	8,705	+ 753
	May	5	98,261	13,804	15,871	- 413	67,844	11,285	14,053	- 554
	June	4	101,574	14,455	11,142	+ 828	76,278	16,000	7,566	+ 2,109
	July	4	103,590	13,372	11,356	+ 504	81,857	14,545	8,966	+ 1,395
	August	5	103,766	14,131	13,955	+ 35	82,187	11,685	11,355	+ 66
	September	4	98,759	11,878	16,885	- 1,252	72,063	10,370	20,494	- 2,531
	October	5	96,261	11,697	14,195	- 500	70,291	10,632	12,404	- 354
	November	4	96,119	12,611	12,753	- 36	68,422	9,760	11,629	- 467

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

	Month	Males	Females	Total
2001	November	1,229	2,077	3,306
	December	1,390	2,046	3,436
2002	January	1,476	2,132	3,608
	February	1,516	2,062	3,578
	March	1,504	2,098	3,602
	April	1,472	1,974	3,446
	May	1,550	1,785	3,335
	June	1,474	1,580	3,054
	July	1,444	1,632	3,076
	August	1,195	1,590	2,785
	September	1,093	1,630	2,723
	October	1,227	1,773	3,000
	November	1,104	1,650	2,754
	December	999	1,608	2,607
2003	January	1,167	1,731	2,898
	February	1,311	1,931	3,242
	March	1,404	1,898	3,302
	April	1,361	1,841	3,202
	May	1,278	1,698	2,976
	June	1,506	1,748	3,254
	July	1,255	1,724	2,979
	August	1,127	1,594	2,721
	September	1,006	1,504	2,510
	October	873	1,414	2,287
	November	868	1,422	2,290

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	November	8,513	1,523	685	10,721
	December	8,514	1,536	715	10,765
2002	January	8,521	1,522	758	10,801
	February	8,537	1,542	792	10,871
	March	8,536	1,545	785	10,866
	April	8,558	1,558	767	10,883
	May	8,561	1,541	764	10,866
	June	8,513	1,533	795	10,841
	July	8,513	1,566	855	10,934
	August	8,566	1,561	861	10,988
	September	8,607	1,553	830	10,990
	October	8,719	1,546	850	11,115
	November	8,732	1,544	870	11,146
	December	8,770	1,550	921	11,241
2003	January	8,779	1,551	907	11,237
	February	8,777	1,573	915	11,265
	March	8,798	1,627	891	11,316
	April	8,773	1,620	948	11,341
	May	8,820	1,659	920	11,399
	June	8,811	1,684	953	11,448
	July	8,825	1,712	983	11,520
	August	8,811	1,721	970	11,502
	September	8,796	1,724	915	11,435
	October	8,783	1,727	917	11,427
	November	8,813	1,742	912	11,467

<sup>&</sup>lt;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	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
J	July	11,456	7,721	19,177	13,679	5,498
	August	11,349	7,757	19,106	13,603	5,503
	September	11,313	7,708	19,021	13,597	5,424
	October	11,329	7,742	19,071	13,639	5,432
	November	11,312	7,817	19,129	13,659	5,470
	December	11,247	7,718	18,965	13,518	5,447
2003	January	11,213	7,763	18,976	13,523	5,453
	February	11,228	7,690	18,918	13,489	5,429
	March	11,232	7,692	18,924	13,484	5,440
	April	11,246	7,695	18,941	13,328	5,613
	May	11,202	7,997	19,199	13,529	5,670
	June	11,179	8,063	19,242	13,554	5,688
	July	11,112	7,945	19,057	13,473	5,584
	August	11,064	7,842	18,906	13,349	5,557
	September	11,021	7,903	18,924	13,345	5,579
	October	10,979	7,970	18,949	13,336	5,613
	November	11,008	8,021	19,029	13,378	5,651

Central Statistics Office Live Register Analysis

# **Background Notes**

Live Register

**Source and** The Live Register is compiled from returns made directly to the Central Statistics Office by each scope of the 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** 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.

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**Unemployment** 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

The Standardised Unemployment Rate (SUR) series in Table 3 is based on the estimated number unemployment of persons unemployed expressed as a percentage of the total economically active population (i.e. the Labour Force), using internationally comparable definitions of employment and unemployment, as recommended by the International Labour Office. Benchmark estimates of the SUR for April of each year are calculated from the Labour Force Survey/Quarterly National Household Survey. The monthly trend in the seasonally adjusted Live Register has been traditionally used to estimate the monthly SUR between successive surveys.

> This approach was temporarily suspended following the rapid decline in the Live Register after September 1996. A linear interpolation estimation approach was used between April 1996 and April 1997, as the Live Register series could not be used as an indicator of monthly trends in unemployment during that period. The traditional estimation approach has been used from April 1997 onwards.

QNHS The Quarterly National Household Survey, which began in September 1997, has now replaced the Labour Force Survey and provides quarterly estimates of the unemployment rate . The estimates (unadjusted for seasonality) are:

Year	Q1 %	Q2 %	Q3 %	Q4 %
1998	8.5	7.8	7.6	6.4
1999	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.1
2000	4.7	4.3	4.3	3.9
2001	3.7	3.7	4.3	4.0
2002	4.4	4.2	4.6	4.5
2003	4.6	4.4		

**Seasonal** The seasonal adjustment of the Live Register is completed using the X-11 Variant of the US Buadjustment reau 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.

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# 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.

# Flow Analysis

**History of** 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** Changes in the level of flows on and off the Live Register in any month reflect conditions in the Flow Analysis 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 boundries. 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

# Southern and Eastern NUTS2 Region

Border	Cavan	Dublin	Dublin
	Donegal		Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown
	Leitrim		Fingal
	Louth		South Dublin
	Monaghan		
	Sligo	Mid-East	Kildare
	Sligo	Wiid-East	Meath
Midland	Logiahia		Wicklow
Midialid	Laoighis		WICKIOW
	Longford	BACK BASE	C1
	Offaly	Mid-West	Clare
	Westmeath		Limerick City
			Limerick County
West	Galway City		North Tipperary
	Galway County		
	Mayo	South-East	Carlow
	Roscommon		Kilkenny
			South Tipperary
			Waterford City
			Waterford County
			Wexford
			Wexford
		South-West	Cork City
		20222 656	Cork County
			Kerry
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