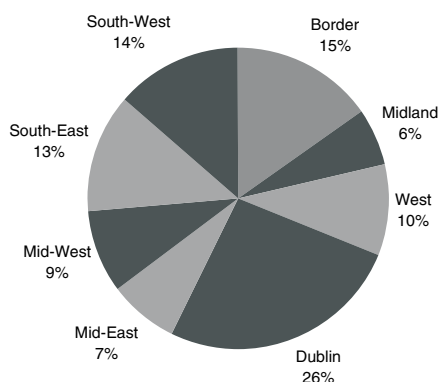


Live Register by Regional Authority



	April 2004	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and Western	51,118	- 1,271	- 1,611
Border	24,981	- 717	- 1,015
Midland	10,173	- 158	+ 326
West	15,964	- 396	- 922
Southern and Eastern	113,542	- 2,949	- 4,669
Dublin	43,096	- 581	- 1,276
Mid-East	12,581	- 76	+ 109
Mid-West	14,369	- 571	- 1,107
South-East	21,156	- 561	- 516
South-West	22,340	- 1,160	- 1,879
Total	164,660	- 4,220	- 6,280

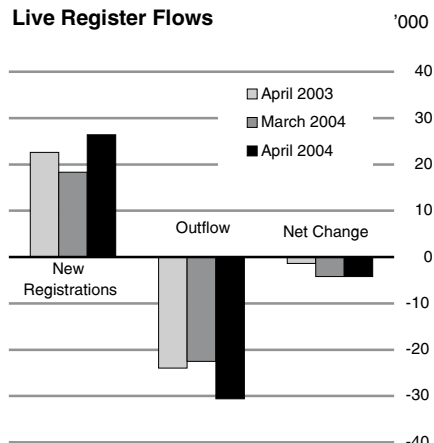
Monthly decreases in all regions

The monthly decrease of 4,220 persons on the Live Register reflected decreases in all regions. The largest percentage decreases were in the South-West (-4.9%) and Mid-West (-3.8%) while the lowest decreases were in the Mid-East (-0.6%) and Dublin (-1.3%).

Other area features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males decreased in all regions. The largest percentage decrease was in the South-West (-4.9%) while the lowest decrease was in the Mid-East (-0.8%).
- ◆ The number of females showed a similar pattern with decreases in all regions. The largest decrease was in the South-West (-4.9%) while the lowest decrease was in the Mid-East (-0.3%).
- ◆ There were monthly decreases in all but two counties. The largest percentage decreases were in Kerry (-7.1%) and Limerick (-4.3%) while there were monthly increases in Kildare (+0.9%) and Westmeath (+0.4%). See tables 4 and 6.

Live Register Flows



	New Registrations	Outflow (derived)	Net Change
Males	13,627	16,230	- 2,603
Females	12,741	14,358	- 1,617
Total	26,368	30,588	- 4,220

Outflows exceed new registrants

A total of 26,368 persons joined the Live Register in April 2004. With 30,588 persons leaving the Register there is a net decrease of 4,220 persons in the month.

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

- ◆ The average weekly decrease of 844 in the Live Register was comprised of 521 males and 323 females. See tables 8 and 9.
- ◆ In the month there were weekly averages of 5,274 new claimants joining the Register and 6,118 persons leaving. See table 8.

Tables

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	April 2003	March 2004	April 2004	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	39,493	37,655	35,478	- 2,177	- 4,015
UA Applications	58,076	59,376	58,918	- 458	+ 842
Other Registrants	2,759	2,661	2,693	+ 32	- 66
Total	100,328	99,692	97,089	- 2,603	- 3,239
Females					
UB Claims	40,375	38,185	36,596	- 1,589	- 3,779
UA Applications	21,454	22,554	22,423	- 131	+ 969
Other Registrants	8,783	8,449	8,552	+ 103	- 231
Total	70,612	69,188	67,571	- 1,617	- 3,041
All Persons					
UB Claims	79,868	75,840	72,074	- 3,766	- 7,794
UA Applications	79,530	81,930	81,341	- 589	+ 1,811
Other Registrants	11,542	11,110	11,245	+ 135	- 297
Total	170,940	168,880	164,660	- 4,220	- 6,280

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

Category	April 2003	March 2004	April 2004	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	7,222	6,852	6,211	- 641	- 1,011
UA Applications	11,416	12,095	11,848	- 247	+ 432
Other Registrants	54	36	35	- 1	- 19
Total	18,692	18,983	18,094	- 889	- 598
Females					
UB Claims	5,451	5,210	4,798	- 412	- 653
UA Applications	7,792	8,476	8,333	- 143	+ 541
Other Registrants	110	92	92	0	- 18
Total	13,353	13,778	13,223	- 555	- 130
All Persons					
UB Claims	12,673	12,062	11,009	- 1,053	- 1,664
UA Applications	19,208	20,571	20,181	- 390	+ 973
Other Registrants	164	128	127	- 1	- 37
Total	32,045	32,761	31,317	- 1,444	- 728

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

Category	April 2003	March 2004	April 2004	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	32,271	30,803	29,267	- 1,536	- 3,004
UA Applications	46,660	47,281	47,070	- 211	+ 410
Other Registrants	2,705	2,625	2,658	+ 33	- 47
Total	81,636	80,709	78,995	- 1,714	- 2,641
Females					
UB Claims	34,924	32,975	31,798	- 1,177	- 3,126
UA Applications	13,662	14,078	14,090	+ 12	+ 428
Other Registrants	8,673	8,357	8,460	+ 103	- 213
Total	57,259	55,410	54,348	- 1,062	- 2,911
All Persons					
UB Claims	67,195	63,778	61,065	- 2,713	- 6,130
UA Applications	60,322	61,359	61,160	- 199	+ 838
Other Registrants	11,378	10,982	11,118	+ 136	- 260
Total	138,895	136,119	133,343	- 2,776	- 5,552

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	
2002	April	94,800	61,500	156,200	94,700	63,300	158,000	
	May	93,400	61,600	154,900	95,700	65,300	161,000	
	June	95,800	68,500	164,300	96,400	66,200	162,600	
	July	98,000	74,100	172,100	97,000	67,500	164,500	
	August	98,800	74,800	173,600	97,300	67,700	165,000	
	September	95,300	66,100	161,400	97,400	67,400	164,800	
	October	93,800	63,900	157,700	97,300	66,700	164,100	
	November	95,100	63,500	158,600	97,800	67,000	164,900	
	December	98,700	67,500	166,100	97,500	67,800	165,300	
	2003	January	102,300	68,400	170,700	98,500	68,700	167,100
		February	102,000	69,400	171,400	98,900	69,500	168,400
		March	100,500	67,600	168,100	99,700	69,900	169,600
April		100,300	70,600	170,900	100,200	72,400	172,500	
May		98,300	67,800	166,100	100,600	71,500	172,100	
June		101,600	76,300	177,900	102,200	73,800	176,000	
July		103,600	81,900	185,400	102,600	75,200	177,800	
August		103,800	82,200	186,000	102,400	75,100	177,500	
September		98,800	72,100	170,800	101,000	73,400	174,400	
October		96,300	70,300	166,600	99,800	73,200	173,000	
November		96,100	68,400	164,500	98,800	72,000	170,700	
December		99,200	71,500	170,600	98,000	71,800	169,800	
2004	January	102,500	72,000	174,500	98,700	72,300	171,000	
	February	101,600	71,600	173,100	98,400	71,600	170,100	
	March	99,700	69,200	168,900	98,900	71,500	170,400	
	April	97,100	67,600	164,700	96,900	69,300	166,200	

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2003 (See Background Notes).

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	
2002	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	12,700	30,700	
	July	19,000	14,700	33,700	18,200	13,100	31,300	
	August	19,000	15,000	34,000	18,200	13,200	31,400	
	September	17,900	13,600	31,400	18,200	13,300	31,400	
	October	17,200	12,500	29,600	18,200	13,100	31,300	
	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	18,500	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	13,900	32,600
April		18,700	13,400	32,000	18,800	14,000	32,900	
May		18,400	13,300	31,700	19,100	14,100	33,200	
June		19,600	15,600	35,200	19,600	14,900	34,500	
July		20,500	16,800	37,300	19,700	15,200	34,900	
August		20,500	16,900	37,300	19,700	15,200	34,900	
September		19,100	15,000	34,100	19,400	14,800	34,200	
October		17,800	13,800	31,600	18,900	14,400	33,300	
November		17,700	13,500	31,100	18,600	14,300	32,900	
December		18,100	13,400	31,400	18,300	14,100	32,400	
2004	January	19,500	14,200	33,800	18,600	14,300	32,900	
	February	19,300	14,200	33,600	18,600	14,200	32,900	
	March	19,000	13,800	32,800	18,800	14,300	33,100	
	April	18,100	13,200	31,300	18,200	13,900	32,100	

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2003 (See Background Notes).

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
2002	April	76,900	49,700	126,600	76,700	50,700	127,500
	May	76,100	49,800	125,900	77,700	52,600	130,300
	June	77,700	55,100	132,900	78,500	53,500	131,900
	July	79,000	59,400	138,400	78,800	54,400	133,200
	August	79,700	59,800	139,600	79,100	54,500	133,600
	September	77,400	52,600	130,000	79,300	54,100	133,300
	October	76,700	51,400	128,100	79,100	53,700	132,800
	November	77,800	51,300	129,100	79,600	54,000	133,600
	December	80,700	55,100	135,800	79,300	54,600	134,000
2003	January	82,900	55,000	137,900	79,900	55,200	135,200
	February	82,700	55,700	138,400	80,300	55,900	136,200
	March	81,600	54,200	135,800	81,000	56,100	137,000
	April	81,600	57,300	138,900	81,400	58,300	139,700
	May	79,900	54,500	134,400	81,500	57,400	138,900
	June	82,000	60,700	142,700	82,600	58,900	141,500
	July	83,100	65,000	148,200	82,900	60,000	142,900
	August	83,300	65,300	148,600	82,700	59,900	142,600
	September	79,700	57,000	136,700	81,700	58,600	140,200
	October	78,500	56,500	134,900	80,900	58,900	139,800
	November	78,500	55,000	133,400	80,200	57,700	137,800
		December	81,100	58,100	139,200	79,700	57,700
2004	January	83,000	57,800	140,800	80,100	58,000	138,100
	February	82,200	57,300	139,500	79,800	57,400	137,200
	March	80,700	55,400	136,100	80,100	57,200	137,300
	April	79,000	54,300	133,300	78,700	55,400	134,100

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2003 (See Background Notes).

Table 3 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates (SUR)

Month	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
January ¹	8.7	5.9	4.8	3.7	4.4	4.6	4.6
February	8.5	5.9	4.7	3.7	4.5	4.6	4.5
March	8.3	5.9	4.5	3.8	4.6	4.5	4.6
April ¹	8.0	5.9	4.4	3.8	4.4	4.5	4.4
May	7.8	5.8	4.3	3.9	4.4	4.6	
June	7.5	5.6	4.2	4.0	4.4	4.8	
July ¹	7.2	5.4	4.1	4.0	4.4	4.9	
August	7.0	5.3	4.0	4.0	4.5	4.8	
September	6.7	5.3	4.0	4.0	4.5	4.7	
October ¹	6.5	5.2	3.9	4.0	4.6	4.6 ²	
November	6.3	5.0	3.9	4.2	4.6	4.6	
December	6.1	4.9	3.8	4.3	4.6	4.5	
Annual average	7.4	5.5	4.2	4.0	4.5	4.6	

¹ Benchmark Labour Force Survey/Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) estimates.

² The latest QNHS estimate of the unemployment rate (adjusted for seasonality) is: September - November 2003, 4.6%.

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register classified by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	April 2003	March 2004	April 2004	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland & Western	30,810	30,454	29,637	- 817	- 1,173	5,343	24,294
Border	15,469	15,260	14,822	- 438	- 647	2,796	12,026
Midland	5,382	5,658	5,518	- 140	+ 136	1,114	4,404
West	9,959	9,536	9,297	- 239	- 662	1,433	7,864
Southern & Eastern	69,518	69,238	67,452	- 1,786	- 2,066	12,751	54,701
Dublin	27,288	27,556	27,151	- 405	- 137	5,489	21,662
Mid-East	6,959	7,075	7,017	- 58	+ 58	1,294	5,723
Mid-West	8,719	8,537	8,229	- 308	- 490	1,563	6,666
South-East	12,362	12,441	12,098	- 343	- 264	2,347	9,751
South-West	14,190	13,629	12,957	- 672	- 1,233	2,058	10,899
Total	100,328	99,692	97,089	- 2,603	- 3,239	18,094	78,995
Females							
Border, Midland & Western	21,919	21,935	21,481	- 454	- 438	4,286	17,195
Border	10,527	10,438	10,159	- 279	- 368	2,164	7,995
Midland	4,465	4,673	4,655	- 18	+ 190	982	3,673
West	6,927	6,824	6,667	- 157	- 260	1,140	5,527
Southern & Eastern	48,693	47,253	46,090	- 1,163	- 2,603	8,937	37,153
Dublin	17,084	16,121	15,945	- 176	- 1,139	3,246	12,699
Mid-East	5,513	5,582	5,564	- 18	+ 51	971	4,593
Mid-West	6,757	6,403	6,140	- 263	- 617	1,154	4,986
South-East	9,310	9,276	9,058	- 218	- 252	1,882	7,176
South-West	10,029	9,871	9,383	- 488	- 646	1,684	7,699
Total	70,612	69,188	67,571	- 1,617	- 3,041	13,223	54,348
All Persons							
Border, Midland & Western	52,729	52,389	51,118	- 1,271	- 1,611	9,629	41,489
Border	25,996	25,698	24,981	- 717	- 1,015	4,960	20,021
Midland	9,847	10,331	10,173	- 158	+ 326	2,096	8,077
West	16,886	16,360	15,964	- 396	- 922	2,573	13,391
Southern & Eastern	118,211	116,491	113,542	- 2,949	- 4,669	21,688	91,854
Dublin	44,372	43,677	43,096	- 581	- 1,276	8,735	34,361
Mid-East	12,472	12,657	12,581	- 76	+ 109	2,265	10,316
Mid-West	15,476	14,940	14,369	- 571	- 1,107	2,717	11,652
South-East	21,672	21,717	21,156	- 561	- 516	4,229	16,927
South-West	24,219	23,500	22,340	- 1,160	- 1,879	3,742	18,598
Total	170,940	168,880	164,660	- 4,220	- 6,280	31,317	133,343

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

Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	April 2003	March 2004	April 2004	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	86,127	86,279	84,994	- 1,285	- 1,133	16,934	68,060
Munster	49,518	48,188	46,204	- 1,984	- 3,314	8,363	37,841
Connacht	20,516	19,743	19,231	- 512	- 1,285	3,170	16,061
Ulster	14,779	14,670	14,231	- 439	- 548	2,850	11,381
Total	170,940	168,880	164,660	- 4,220	- 6,280	31,317	133,343

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	April 2003	March 2004	April 2004	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	52,729	52,389	51,118	5,343	24,294	29,637	4,286	17,195	21,481
Border	25,996	25,698	24,981	2,796	12,026	14,822	2,164	7,995	10,159
Cavan	2,056	2,125	2,110	192	1,034	1,226	172	712	884
Belturbet	410	448	443	32	245	277	27	139	166
Cavan	1,646	1,677	1,667	160	789	949	145	573	718
Donegal	10,111	10,037	9,662	1,077	4,818	5,895	917	2,850	3,767
Ballybofey	938	830	812	107	374	481	108	223	331
Ballyshannon	540	549	501	49	240	289	58	154	212
Buncrana	1,833	1,795	1,708	144	808	952	194	562	756
Donegal	542	503	468	58	210	268	40	160	200
Dunfanaghy	1,016	1,006	964	106	515	621	60	283	343
Dungloe	1,608	1,561	1,498	161	787	948	73	477	550
Killybegs	1,056	1,015	1,030	68	565	633	74	323	397
Letterkenny	2,578	2,778	2,681	384	1,319	1,703	310	668	978
Leitrim	1,177	1,197	1,152	83	533	616	80	456	536
Carrick-on-Shannon	903	905	884	68	402	470	66	348	414
Manorhamilton	274	292	268	15	131	146	14	108	122
Louth	7,587	7,645	7,483	897	3,481	4,378	616	2,489	3,105
Ardee	904	951	918	120	382	502	78	338	416
Drogheda	3,221	3,505	3,428	367	1,498	1,865	280	1,283	1,563
Dundalk	3,462	3,189	3,137	410	1,601	2,011	258	868	1,126
Monaghan	2,612	2,508	2,459	277	1,126	1,403	215	841	1,056
Carrickmacross	753	679	653	46	273	319	55	279	334
Castleblayney	756	756	751	92	333	425	70	256	326
Clones	345	320	315	48	183	231	22	62	84
Monaghan	758	753	740	91	337	428	68	244	312
Sligo	2,453	2,186	2,115	270	1,034	1,304	164	647	811
Sligo	2,088	1,823	1,763	240	854	1,094	141	528	669
Tubbercurry	365	363	352	30	180	210	23	119	142
Midland	9,847	10,331	10,173	1,114	4,404	5,518	982	3,673	4,655
Laoighis	2,117	2,101	2,078	246	909	1,155	220	703	923
Portarlington	833	785	770	68	336	404	93	273	366
Portlaoise	920	935	933	136	382	518	97	318	415
Rathdowney	364	381	375	42	191	233	30	112	142
Longford	1,828	1,761	1,725	199	779	978	165	582	747
Longford	1,828	1,761	1,725	199	779	978	165	582	747
Offaly	2,609	2,824	2,711	276	1,238	1,514	248	949	1,197
Birr	818	898	862	92	380	472	91	299	390
Edenderry	659	686	686	63	312	375	49	262	311
Tullamore	1,132	1,240	1,163	121	546	667	108	388	496
Westmeath	3,293	3,645	3,659	393	1,478	1,871	349	1,439	1,788
Athlone	1,483	1,549	1,506	166	611	777	130	599	729
Castlepollard	273	326	349	29	135	164	38	147	185
Mullingar	1,537	1,770	1,804	198	732	930	181	693	874
West	16,886	16,360	15,964	1,433	7,864	9,297	1,140	5,527	6,667
Galway	9,340	9,175	8,957	892	4,400	5,292	709	2,956	3,665
Ballinasloe	983	1,097	1,047	101	485	586	85	376	461
Clifden	772	884	789	73	449	522	49	218	267
Galway	5,270	4,907	4,878	555	2,402	2,957	444	1,477	1,921
Gort	425	455	439	24	181	205	21	213	234
Loughrea	719	674	651	52	291	343	41	267	308
Tuam	1,171	1,158	1,153	87	592	679	69	405	474

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	April 2003	March 2004	April 2004	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	6,126	5,863	5,693	435	2,806	3,241	347	2,105	2,452
Achill	334	315	302	23	181	204	17	81	98
Ballina	1,799	1,697	1,680	145	849	994	128	558	686
Ballinrobe	375	406	390	26	186	212	15	163	178
Belmullet	680	616	594	47	312	359	42	193	235
Castlebar	940	964	936	79	417	496	64	376	440
Claremorris	496	488	476	22	215	237	20	219	239
Swinford	843	746	727	59	322	381	38	308	346
Westport	659	631	588	34	324	358	23	207	230
Roscommon	1,420	1,322	1,314	106	658	764	84	466	550
Boyle	369	344	354	31	179	210	15	129	144
Castlerea	710	627	629	45	336	381	42	206	248
Roscommon	341	351	331	30	143	173	27	131	158
Southern and Eastern	118,211	116,491	113,542	12,751	54,701	67,452	8,937	37,153	46,090
Dublin	44,372	43,677	43,096	5,489	21,662	27,151	3,246	12,699	15,945
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Bishop Square	4,403	4,134	4,074	450	2,263	2,713	256	1,105	1,361
Cumberland Street	5,671	5,726	5,654	690	2,901	3,591	409	1,654	2,063
Navan Road	2,865	2,679	2,773	337	1,568	1,905	204	664	868
Blanchardstown	3,220	3,490	3,378	413	1,433	1,846	327	1,205	1,532
Thomas Street	2,453	2,460	2,434	277	1,405	1,682	193	559	752
Tara Street	1,478	1,354	1,352	109	745	854	85	413	498
Tallaght	3,386	3,476	3,513	627	1,638	2,265	375	873	1,248
Ballymun	1,510	1,499	1,488	261	748	1,009	137	342	479
Clondalkin	2,896	3,106	3,059	432	1,403	1,835	287	937	1,224
Rathfarnham	2,235	2,086	2,046	178	1,020	1,198	111	737	848
Kilbarrack	3,004	2,930	2,805	323	1,400	1,723	154	928	1,082
Dun Laoghaire	3,487	3,014	2,949	244	1,408	1,652	104	1,193	1,297
Balbriggan	1,295	1,296	1,249	134	553	687	70	492	562
Ballyfermot	1,276	1,273	1,256	181	650	831	150	275	425
Finglas	2,161	2,347	2,299	396	1,137	1,533	183	583	766
Coolock	3,032	2,807	2,767	437	1,390	1,827	201	739	940
Mid-East	12,472	12,657	12,581	1,294	5,723	7,017	971	4,593	5,564
Kildare	4,723	4,745	4,788	505	2,005	2,510	426	1,852	2,278
Athy	859	873	868	104	390	494	89	285	374
Maynooth	1,373	1,573	1,610	164	595	759	133	718	851
Newbridge	2,491	2,299	2,310	237	1,020	1,257	204	849	1,053
Meath	3,256	3,329	3,253	297	1,436	1,733	232	1,288	1,520
Kells	568	611	600	51	271	322	40	238	278
Navan	1,881	1,911	1,866	177	840	1,017	125	724	849
Trim	807	807	787	69	325	394	67	326	393
Wicklow	4,493	4,583	4,540	492	2,282	2,774	313	1,453	1,766
Arklow	1,212	1,312	1,301	148	650	798	109	394	503
Baltinglass	458	449	448	44	199	243	40	165	205
Bray	1,941	1,951	1,927	193	991	1,184	113	630	743
Wicklow	882	871	864	107	442	549	51	264	315
Mid-West	15,476	14,940	14,369	1,563	6,666	8,229	1,154	4,986	6,140
Clare	4,123	4,160	4,029	358	1,827	2,185	294	1,550	1,844
Ennis	2,464	2,445	2,375	234	1,018	1,252	182	941	1,123
Ennistymon	615	670	633	39	306	345	43	245	288
Kilrush	624	629	625	63	297	360	52	213	265
Tulla	420	416	396	22	206	228	17	151	168
Limerick	8,664	8,154	7,800	964	3,705	4,669	638	2,493	3,131
Kilmallock	936	880	854	94	435	529	70	255	325
Limerick	6,812	6,322	6,052	793	2,823	3,616	493	1,943	2,436
Newcastle West	916	952	894	77	447	524	75	295	370

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	April 2003	March 2004	April 2004	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,689	2,626	2,540	241	1,134	1,375	222	943	1,165
Nenagh	953	947	929	58	407	465	71	393	464
Roscrea	558	501	507	49	215	264	37	206	243
Thurles	1,178	1,178	1,104	134	512	646	114	344	458
South-East	21,672	21,717	21,156	2,347	9,751	12,098	1,882	7,176	9,058
Carlow	2,292	2,309	2,305	251	1,007	1,258	222	825	1,047
Bagenalstown	577	572	576	54	282	336	52	188	240
Carlow	1,275	1,280	1,272	149	539	688	122	462	584
Tullow	440	457	457	48	186	234	48	175	223
Kilkenny	2,461	2,618	2,564	283	1,258	1,541	217	806	1,023
Callan	338	371	367	27	210	237	24	106	130
Kilkenny	1,683	1,839	1,802	224	860	1,084	166	552	718
Thomastown	440	408	395	32	188	220	27	148	175
South Tipperary	3,725	3,839	3,733	435	1,820	2,255	322	1,156	1,478
Cahir	451	507	523	42	260	302	49	172	221
Carrick-on-Suir	924	949	942	92	506	598	67	277	344
Cashel	380	416	394	56	191	247	21	126	147
Clonmel	1,291	1,200	1,181	159	569	728	115	338	453
Tipperary	679	767	693	86	294	380	70	243	313
Waterford	6,098	5,909	5,762	684	2,714	3,398	463	1,901	2,364
Dungarvan	997	971	965	90	468	558	70	337	407
Waterford	5,101	4,938	4,797	594	2,246	2,840	393	1,564	1,957
Wexford	7,096	7,042	6,792	694	2,952	3,646	658	2,488	3,146
Enniscorthy	1,702	1,749	1,701	228	758	986	194	521	715
Gorey	1,192	1,239	1,220	115	520	635	124	461	585
New Ross	1,266	1,148	1,118	90	517	607	93	418	511
Wexford	2,936	2,906	2,753	261	1,157	1,418	247	1,088	1,335
South-West	24,219	23,500	22,340	2,058	10,899	12,957	1,684	7,699	9,383
Cork	17,928	16,910	16,218	1,512	7,972	9,484	1,227	5,507	6,734
Bandon	549	526	500	44	250	294	36	170	206
Bantry	398	420	370	23	148	171	22	177	199
Bantry (SWLO)	218	219	202	7	91	98	7	97	104
Clonakilty	437	474	451	22	198	220	23	208	231
Cobh	453	424	364	50	173	223	38	103	141
Cork	9,207	8,317	8,066	921	4,299	5,220	667	2,179	2,846
Dunmanway	208	186	180	10	71	81	14	85	99
Fermoy	769	820	795	66	403	469	57	269	326
Kinsale	687	679	652	33	269	302	41	309	350
Macroom	528	515	477	19	218	237	23	217	240
Mallow	852	862	782	89	410	499	71	212	283
Midleton	1,060	1,049	1,021	74	434	508	77	436	513
Newmarket	481	503	495	37	218	255	33	207	240
Passage West	901	799	780	53	353	406	46	328	374
Skibbereen	418	393	389	17	137	154	13	222	235
Youghal	762	724	694	47	300	347	59	288	347
Kerry	6,291	6,590	6,122	546	2,927	3,473	457	2,192	2,649
Cahiriveen	401	450	396	11	175	186	22	188	210
Dingle	309	334	279	10	147	157	11	111	122
Kenmare	168	197	138	8	52	60	7	71	78
Killarney	1,053	1,180	999	69	413	482	95	422	517
Killorglin	476	450	421	24	178	202	25	194	219
Listowel	974	1,029	982	118	493	611	71	300	371
Tralee	2,910	2,950	2,907	306	1,469	1,775	226	906	1,132
State	170,940	168,880	164,660	18,094	78,995	97,089	13,223	54,348	67,571

Table 7 Flows on and off the Live Register in the 5 weeks from 27 March 2004 to 30 April 2004

	Total	New Registrations	Net Change	Outflow (derived)
Border, Midland & Western	51,118	7,730	- 1,271	9,001
Border	24,981	3,375	- 717	4,092
Midland	10,173	1,843	- 158	2,001
West	15,964	2,512	- 396	2,908
Southern & Eastern	113,542	18,638	- 2,949	21,587
Dublin	43,096	7,267	- 581	7,848
Mid-East	12,581	2,203	- 76	2,279
Mid-West	14,369	2,442	- 571	3,013
South-East	21,156	3,203	- 561	3,764
South-West	22,340	3,523	- 1,160	4,683
Sex				
Males	97,089	13,627	- 2,603	16,230
Females	67,571	12,741	- 1,617	14,358
Total	164,660	26,368	- 4,220	30,588

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		
2003	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
	December	4	20,761	5,190	14,698	3,675	+ 1,516
2004	January	5	30,801	6,160	26,876	5,375	+ 785
	February	4	22,603	5,651	24,005	6,001	- 351
	March	4	18,295	4,574	22,542	5,636	- 1,062
	April	5	26,368	5,274	30,588	6,118	- 844

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
2002	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
	December	4	99,153	11,110	8,076	+ 759	71,451	9,651	6,622	+ 757
2004	January	5	102,527	17,250	13,876	+ 675	72,002	13,551	13,000	+ 110
	February	4	101,561	12,555	13,521	- 242	71,566	10,048	10,484	- 109
	March	4	99,692	10,836	12,705	- 467	69,188	7,459	9,837	- 595
	April	5	97,089	13,627	16,230	- 521	67,571	12,741	14,358	- 323

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
- ◆ Applicants for Unemployment Assistance (UA) excluding smallholders/farm assists and other self-employed persons
- ◆ Other registrants including applicants for credited Social Welfare contributions but excluding those directly involved in an industrial dispute.

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 January, April, July and October of each year are calculated using seasonally adjusted data from the Quarterly National Household Survey. The monthly trend in the seasonally adjusted Live Register is then 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 (adjusted for seasonality) are:

Year	Q1 %	Q2 %	Q3 %	Q4 %
1998	8.7	8.0	7.2	6.5
1999	5.9	5.9	5.4	5.2
2000	4.8	4.4	4.1	3.9
2001	3.7	3.8	4.0	4.0
2002	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.6
2003	4.6	4.6	4.9	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 *new registrations* for each Friday in a given month is used in conjunction with the *net change* over the same period to calculate the *outflow* from the register. A *new registration* is defined as anybody on the Live Register on a particular Friday who was not on it on the previous Friday.
- Live Register Area Analysis** The basis of the area classification used in this release is the Department of Social and Family Affairs local office of registration. The areas served by Local Employment Offices do not correspond to specific geographic boundaries. Therefore, registrants at a given local office do not necessarily come from a particular region or area which can be precisely delineated. A classification by area of residence of persons on the Live Register was published until January 1989 but was then discontinued.
- NUTS2 and NUTS3 regions** The regional classifications in this release are based on the NUTS (Nomenclature of Territorial Units) classification used by Eurostat. The NUTS3 regions correspond to the eight Regional Authorities established under the Local Government Act, 1991 (Regional Authorities) (Establishment) Order, 1993, which came into operation on 1 January 1994. The NUTS2 regions, which were proposed by Government and agreed by Eurostat in 1999, are groupings of the NUTS3 regions. *See next page.*

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

Southern and Eastern 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