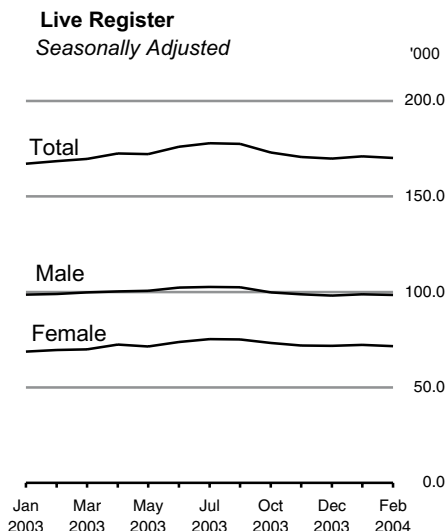




## Live Register Analysis February 2004



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
<b>February 2003</b>	171,394	168,400
<b>January 2004</b>	174,529	171,000
<b>February 2004</b>	173,127	170,100
<b>Change in month</b>	- 1,402	- 900
<b>Change in year</b>	+ 1,733	+ 1,700

### Live Register decreases in February

The Live Register decreased by 1,402 (-0.8%) persons in February to 173,127. This compares with a corresponding increase of 693 (+0.4%) in February of last year. When seasonal factors are taken into account the seasonally adjusted total fell from 171,000 in January to 170,100 this month, a decrease of 900. *See table 2a and graph opposite.*

In the year to February 2004 there was an increase of 1,733 (+1.0%). This compares to an annual increase of 3,828 (+2.2%) recorded in the year to January 2004. The annual increase recorded to February 2003 was 9,057 (+5.6%).

Other features include:

- ◆ The monthly decrease of 1,402 comprised decreases of 966 males and 436 females. *See table 1a.*
- ◆ The monthly decrease in the Seasonally Adjusted series comprised decreases of 300 males and 700 females. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in February was 4.7%. This compares with 4.9% in July 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 8,968 males and 14,038 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 seasonally adjusted figure, for June-August 2003 is 92,400 persons unemployed.

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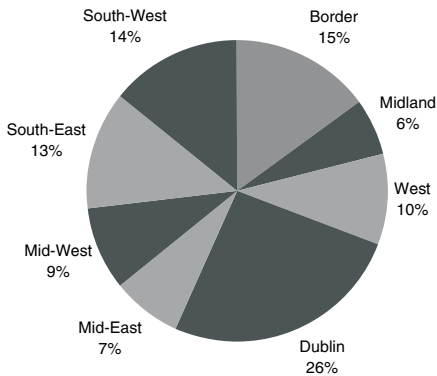
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### Live Register by Regional Authority



	February 2004	Monthly Change	Annual Change
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>53,588</b>	<b>- 444</b>	<b>+ 489</b>
Border	26,048	- 162	+ 350
Midland	10,681	- 62	+ 520
West	16,859	- 220	- 381
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>119,539</b>	<b>- 958</b>	<b>+ 1,244</b>
Dublin	44,597	- 507	+ 745
Mid-East	12,902	- 92	+ 664
Mid-West	15,268	- 10	- 454
South-East	22,246	- 253	+ 632
South-West	24,526	- 96	- 343
<b>Total</b>	<b>173,127</b>	<b>- 1,402</b>	<b>+ 1,733</b>

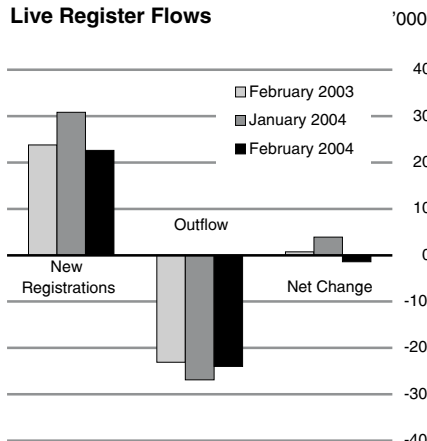
### Monthly decreases in all regions

The monthly decrease of 1,402 persons on the Live Register reflected decreases in all regions. The largest percentage decreases were in the West (-1.3%) and South-East (-1.1%). The lowest decreases were in the Mid-West (-0.1%) and South-West (-0.4%).

Other area features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males decreased in all but one region. The largest percentage decrease was in Dublin (-1.3%) while there was an increase of 0.4% in the Mid-West.
- ◆ The number of females decreased in six regions. The largest decrease was in the West (-1.5%) while there was an increase of 0.2% in the South-West.
- ◆ There were monthly decreases in 19 counties. The largest decreases were in Kerry (-3.0%) and Roscommon (-2.6%) while the largest increases were in Limerick (+1.3%) and Monaghan (+1.1%). *See tables 4 and 6.*

### Live Register Flows



	New Registrations	Outflow (derived)	Net Change
<b>Males</b>	12,555	13,521	- 966
<b>Females</b>	10,048	10,484	- 436
<b>Total</b>	22,603	24,005	- 1,402

### Outflows exceed new registrants

A total of 22,603 persons joined the Live Register in February 2004. With 24,005 persons leaving the Register there is a net decrease of 1,402 persons in the month.

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

- ◆ The average weekly decrease of 351 in the Live Register was comprised of 242 males and 109 females. *See tables 8 and 9.*
- ◆ In the month there were weekly averages of 5,651 new claimants joining the Register and 6,001 persons leaving. *See table 8.*

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

Category	February 2003	January 2004	February 2004	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
UB Claims	40,691	39,359	38,796	- 563	- 1,895
UA Applications	58,687	60,268	60,038	- 230	+ 1,351
Other Registrants	2,648	2,900	2,727	- 173	+ 79
<b>Total</b>	<b>102,026</b>	<b>102,527</b>	<b>101,561</b>	<b>- 966</b>	<b>- 465</b>
<b>Females</b>					
UB Claims	39,248	40,319	39,976	- 343	+ 728
UA Applications	21,671	22,804	22,871	+ 67	+ 1,200
Other Registrants	8,449	8,879	8,719	- 160	+ 270
<b>Total</b>	<b>69,368</b>	<b>72,002</b>	<b>71,566</b>	<b>- 436</b>	<b>+ 2,198</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
UB Claims	79,939	79,678	78,772	- 906	- 1,167
UA Applications	80,358	83,072	82,909	- 163	+ 2,551
Other Registrants	11,097	11,779	11,446	- 333	+ 349
<b>Total</b>	<b>171,394</b>	<b>174,529</b>	<b>173,127</b>	<b>- 1,402</b>	<b>+ 1,733</b>

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

Category	February 2003	January 2004	February 2004	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
UB Claims	7,579	7,221	7,077	- 144	- 502
UA Applications	11,693	12,257	12,222	- 35	+ 529
Other Registrants	47	49	39	- 10	- 8
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,319</b>	<b>19,527</b>	<b>19,338</b>	<b>- 189</b>	<b>+ 19</b>
<b>Females</b>					
UB Claims	5,600	5,582	5,517	- 65	- 83
UA Applications	7,916	8,562	8,632	+ 70	+ 716
Other Registrants	111	103	99	- 4	- 12
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,627</b>	<b>14,247</b>	<b>14,248</b>	<b>+ 1</b>	<b>+ 621</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
UB Claims	13,179	12,803	12,594	- 209	- 585
UA Applications	19,609	20,819	20,854	+ 35	+ 1,245
Other Registrants	158	152	138	- 14	- 20
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,946</b>	<b>33,774</b>	<b>33,586</b>	<b>- 188</b>	<b>+ 640</b>

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

Category	February 2003	January 2004	February 2004	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
UB Claims	33,112	32,138	31,719	- 419	- 1,393
UA Applications	46,994	48,011	47,816	- 195	+ 822
Other Registrants	2,601	2,851	2,688	- 163	+ 87
<b>Total</b>	<b>82,707</b>	<b>83,000</b>	<b>82,223</b>	<b>- 777</b>	<b>- 484</b>
<b>Females</b>					
UB Claims	33,648	34,737	34,459	- 278	+ 811
UA Applications	13,755	14,242	14,239	- 3	+ 484
Other Registrants	8,338	8,776	8,620	- 156	+ 282
<b>Total</b>	<b>55,741</b>	<b>57,755</b>	<b>57,318</b>	<b>- 437</b>	<b>+ 1,577</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
UB Claims	66,760	66,875	66,178	- 697	- 582
UA Applications	60,749	62,253	62,055	- 198	+ 1,306
Other Registrants	10,939	11,627	11,308	- 319	+ 369
<b>Total</b>	<b>138,448</b>	<b>140,755</b>	<b>139,541</b>	<b>- 1,214</b>	<b>+ 1,093</b>

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

	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series <sup>1</sup>		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2002	February	98,200	64,100	162,300	95,200	64,300	159,500
	March	97,200	65,100	162,300	96,500	67,400	163,900
	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
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

<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2002	February	18,900	12,600	31,400	18,200	12,600	30,800
	March	18,500	12,300	30,800	18,300	12,800	31,100
	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
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

<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2002	February	79,400	51,600	130,900	77,100	51,700	128,800
	March	78,700	52,800	131,500	78,200	54,500	132,800
	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
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	137,400
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

<sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>	8.7	5.9	4.8	3.7	4.4	4.6	4.7
February	8.5	5.9	4.7	3.7	4.5	4.6	4.7
March	8.3	5.9	4.5	3.8	4.6	4.6	
April <sup>1</sup>	8.0	5.9	4.4	3.8	4.4	4.6	
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 <sup>1</sup>	7.2	5.4	4.1	4.1	4.4	4.9 <sup>2</sup>	
August	7.0	5.3	4.0	4.0	4.5	4.9	
September	6.7	5.3	3.9	4.0	4.5	4.8	
October <sup>1</sup>	6.5	5.1	3.9	4.0	4.5	4.8	
November	6.2	5.0	3.9	4.2	4.5	4.7	
December	6.1	4.9	3.8	4.3	4.5	4.7	
Annual average	7.4	5.5	4.2	4.0	4.5	4.7	

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

<sup>2</sup> The latest QNHS estimate of the unemployment rate (adjusted for seasonality) is: June - August 2003, 4.9%.

**Table 4 Persons on the Live Register classified by Region**

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions <sup>1</sup>	February 2003	January 2004	February 2004	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
<b>Males</b>							
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>31,337</b>	<b>31,285</b>	<b>30,985</b>	- 300	- 352	<b>5,635</b>	<b>25,350</b>
Border	15,390	15,527	15,406	- 121	+ 16	2,948	12,458
Midland	5,713	5,891	5,827	- 64	+ 114	1,150	4,677
West	10,234	9,867	9,752	- 115	- 482	1,537	8,215
<b>Southern &amp; Eastern</b>	<b>70,689</b>	<b>71,242</b>	<b>70,576</b>	- 666	- 113	<b>13,703</b>	<b>56,873</b>
Dublin	27,349	28,199	27,836	- 363	+ 487	5,722	22,114
Mid-East	7,024	7,213	7,141	- 72	+ 117	1,351	5,790
Mid-West	9,160	8,626	8,663	+ 37	- 497	1,695	6,968
South-East	12,534	12,907	12,756	- 151	+ 222	2,557	10,199
South-West	14,622	14,297	14,180	- 117	- 442	2,378	11,802
<b>Total</b>	<b>102,026</b>	<b>102,527</b>	<b>101,561</b>	- 966	- 465	<b>19,338</b>	<b>82,223</b>
<b>Females</b>							
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>21,762</b>	<b>22,747</b>	<b>22,603</b>	- 144	+ 841	<b>4,661</b>	<b>17,942</b>
Border	10,308	10,683	10,642	- 41	+ 334	2,337	8,305
Midland	4,448	4,852	4,854	+ 2	+ 406	1,064	3,790
West	7,006	7,212	7,107	- 105	+ 101	1,260	5,847
<b>Southern &amp; Eastern</b>	<b>47,606</b>	<b>49,255</b>	<b>48,963</b>	- 292	+ 1,357	<b>9,587</b>	<b>39,376</b>
Dublin	16,503	16,905	16,761	- 144	+ 258	3,391	13,370
Mid-East	5,214	5,781	5,761	- 20	+ 547	1,018	4,743
Mid-West	6,562	6,652	6,605	- 47	+ 43	1,228	5,377
South-East	9,080	9,592	9,490	- 102	+ 410	2,010	7,480
South-West	10,247	10,325	10,346	+ 21	+ 99	1,940	8,406
<b>Total</b>	<b>69,368</b>	<b>72,002</b>	<b>71,566</b>	- 436	+ 2,198	<b>14,248</b>	<b>57,318</b>
<b>All Persons</b>							
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>53,099</b>	<b>54,032</b>	<b>53,588</b>	- 444	+ 489	<b>10,296</b>	<b>43,292</b>
Border	25,698	26,210	26,048	- 162	+ 350	5,285	20,763
Midland	10,161	10,743	10,681	- 62	+ 520	2,214	8,467
West	17,240	17,079	16,859	- 220	- 381	2,797	14,062
<b>Southern &amp; Eastern</b>	<b>118,295</b>	<b>120,497</b>	<b>119,539</b>	- 958	+ 1,244	<b>23,290</b>	<b>96,249</b>
Dublin	43,852	45,104	44,597	- 507	+ 745	9,113	35,484
Mid-East	12,238	12,994	12,902	- 92	+ 664	2,369	10,533
Mid-West	15,722	15,278	15,268	- 10	- 454	2,923	12,345
South-East	21,614	22,499	22,246	- 253	+ 632	4,567	17,679
South-West	24,869	24,622	24,526	- 96	- 343	4,318	20,208
<b>Total</b>	<b>171,394</b>	<b>174,529</b>	<b>173,127</b>	- 1,402	+ 1,733	<b>33,586</b>	<b>139,541</b>

<sup>1</sup> The composition of the regions is described in the Background Notes.

**Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province**

Provinces	February 2003	January 2004	February 2004	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
<b>Provinces</b>							
Leinster	85,752	89,055	88,194	- 861	+ 2,442	17,773	70,421
Munster	50,231	49,926	49,727	- 199	- 504	9,292	40,435
Connacht	20,852	20,536	20,279	- 257	- 573	3,445	16,834
Ulster	14,559	15,012	14,927	- 85	+ 368	3,076	11,851
<b>Total</b>	<b>171,394</b>	<b>174,529</b>	<b>173,127</b>	- 1,402	+ 1,733	<b>33,586</b>	<b>139,541</b>

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	February 2003	January 2004	February 2004	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>53,099</b>	<b>54,032</b>	<b>53,588</b>	<b>5,635</b>	<b>25,350</b>	<b>30,985</b>	<b>4,661</b>	<b>17,942</b>	<b>22,603</b>
<b>Border</b>	<b>25,698</b>	<b>26,210</b>	<b>26,048</b>	<b>2,948</b>	<b>12,458</b>	<b>15,406</b>	<b>2,337</b>	<b>8,305</b>	<b>10,642</b>
Cavan	2,007	2,175	2,147	201	1,050	1,251	174	722	896
Belturbet	416	449	464	43	249	292	31	141	172
Cavan	1,591	1,726	1,683	158	801	959	143	581	724
Donegal	10,013	10,331	10,246	1,178	4,990	6,168	993	3,085	4,078
Ballybofey	975	890	877	120	407	527	115	235	350
Ballyshannon	569	588	572	63	260	323	68	181	249
Buncrana	1,864	1,821	1,866	167	872	1,039	217	610	827
Donegal	551	519	498	59	223	282	43	173	216
Dunfanaghy	1,089	1,091	1,069	119	540	659	68	342	410
Dungloe	1,544	1,633	1,573	173	820	993	76	504	580
Killybegs	838	900	940	55	479	534	74	332	406
Letterkenny	2,583	2,889	2,851	422	1,389	1,811	332	708	1,040
Leitrim	1,211	1,205	1,196	92	557	649	91	456	547
Carrick-on-Shannon	942	902	892	68	407	475	74	343	417
Manorhamilton	269	303	304	24	150	174	17	113	130
Louth	7,527	7,741	7,701	901	3,609	4,510	660	2,531	3,191
Ardee	833	931	928	117	387	504	83	341	424
Drogheda	3,216	3,582	3,588	382	1,587	1,969	308	1,311	1,619
Dundalk	3,478	3,228	3,185	402	1,635	2,037	269	879	1,148
Monaghan	2,539	2,506	2,534	298	1,178	1,476	232	826	1,058
Carrickmacross	734	692	704	52	299	351	67	286	353
Castleblayney	741	747	743	89	340	429	73	241	314
Clones	304	317	316	50	176	226	22	68	90
Monaghan	760	750	771	107	363	470	70	231	301
Sligo	2,401	2,252	2,224	278	1,074	1,352	187	685	872
Sligo	2,030	1,890	1,866	248	893	1,141	161	564	725
Tubbercurry	371	362	358	30	181	211	26	121	147
<b>Midland</b>	<b>10,161</b>	<b>10,743</b>	<b>10,681</b>	<b>1,150</b>	<b>4,677</b>	<b>5,827</b>	<b>1,064</b>	<b>3,790</b>	<b>4,854</b>
Laoighis	2,201	2,231	2,189	254	953	1,207	231	751	982
Portarlington	841	842	826	79	343	422	96	308	404
Portlaoise	977	995	967	137	407	544	107	316	423
Rathdowney	383	394	396	38	203	241	28	127	155
Longford	1,816	1,875	1,851	211	842	1,053	184	614	798
Longford	1,816	1,875	1,851	211	842	1,053	184	614	798
Offaly	2,733	2,877	2,881	292	1,322	1,614	282	985	1,267
Birr	868	907	905	94	404	498	101	306	407
Edenderry	678	692	709	64	323	387	57	265	322
Tullamore	1,187	1,278	1,267	134	595	729	124	414	538
Westmeath	3,411	3,760	3,760	393	1,560	1,953	367	1,440	1,807
Athlone	1,541	1,596	1,601	178	655	833	144	624	768
Castlepollard	275	325	328	16	144	160	37	131	168
Mullingar	1,595	1,839	1,831	199	761	960	186	685	871
<b>West</b>	<b>17,240</b>	<b>17,079</b>	<b>16,859</b>	<b>1,537</b>	<b>8,215</b>	<b>9,752</b>	<b>1,260</b>	<b>5,847</b>	<b>7,107</b>
Galway	9,505	9,602	9,410	945	4,500	5,445	805	3,160	3,965
Ballinasloe	1,003	1,131	1,125	111	523	634	92	399	491
Clifden	832	946	913	94	481	575	51	287	338
Galway	5,305	5,128	5,044	578	2,416	2,994	520	1,530	2,050
Gort	466	483	471	28	191	219	22	230	252
Loughrea	727	728	700	42	316	358	46	296	342
Tuam	1,172	1,186	1,157	92	573	665	74	418	492

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NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	February 2003	January 2004	February 2004	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	6,258	6,074	6,083	480	3,012	3,492	369	2,222	2,591
Achill	339	343	331	25	203	228	19	84	103
Ballina	1,819	1,739	1,764	162	892	1,054	134	576	710
Ballinrobe	407	439	426	34	203	237	20	169	189
Belmullet	699	624	627	42	335	377	48	202	250
Castlebar	967	979	1,000	95	441	536	64	400	464
Claremorris	497	516	500	22	234	256	13	231	244
Swinford	826	786	774	64	355	419	43	312	355
Westport	704	648	661	36	349	385	28	248	276
Roscommon	1,477	1,403	1,366	112	703	815	86	465	551
Boyle	378	382	357	26	184	210	15	132	147
Castlerea	721	662	664	50	362	412	43	209	252
Roscommon	378	359	345	36	157	193	28	124	152
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>118,295</b>	<b>120,497</b>	<b>119,539</b>	<b>13,703</b>	<b>56,873</b>	<b>70,576</b>	<b>9,587</b>	<b>39,376</b>	<b>48,963</b>
<b>Dublin</b>	<b>43,852</b>	<b>45,104</b>	<b>44,597</b>	<b>5,722</b>	<b>22,114</b>	<b>27,836</b>	<b>3,391</b>	<b>13,370</b>	<b>16,761</b>
Dublin	43,852	45,104	44,597	5,722	22,114	27,836	3,391	13,370	16,761
Bishop Square	4,277	4,367	4,262	489	2,328	2,817	285	1,160	1,445
Cumberland Street	5,639	5,877	5,816	699	2,938	3,637	442	1,737	2,179
Navan Road	2,781	2,697	2,688	303	1,512	1,815	192	681	873
Blanchardstown	3,163	3,560	3,540	439	1,515	1,954	331	1,255	1,586
Thomas Street	2,470	2,478	2,482	291	1,409	1,700	188	594	782
Tara Street	1,529	1,443	1,410	137	761	898	81	431	512
Tallaght	3,395	3,631	3,502	657	1,603	2,260	384	858	1,242
Ballymun	1,517	1,521	1,513	249	768	1,017	136	360	496
Clondalkin	2,827	3,187	3,153	460	1,443	1,903	300	950	1,250
Rathfarnham	2,142	2,237	2,155	191	1,043	1,234	110	811	921
Kilbarrack	3,037	3,024	2,944	337	1,468	1,805	163	976	1,139
Dun Laoghaire	3,449	3,248	3,292	282	1,530	1,812	142	1,338	1,480
Balbriggan	1,315	1,341	1,353	145	595	740	80	533	613
Ballyfermot	1,193	1,261	1,289	200	657	857	150	282	432
Finglas	2,116	2,349	2,374	405	1,162	1,567	182	625	807
Coolock	3,002	2,883	2,824 <sup>1</sup>	438	1,382	1,820	225	779	1,004
<b>Mid-East</b>	<b>12,238</b>	<b>12,994</b>	<b>12,902</b>	<b>1,351</b>	<b>5,790</b>	<b>7,141</b>	<b>1,018</b>	<b>4,743</b>	<b>5,761</b>
Kildare	4,698	4,921	4,832	516	2,034	2,550	432	1,850	2,282
Athy	835	887	879	97	401	498	89	292	381
Maynooth	1,361	1,548	1,535	180	593	773	105	657	762
Newbridge	2,502	2,486	2,418	239	1,040	1,279	238	901	1,139
Meath	3,052	3,359	3,391	302	1,498	1,800	240	1,351	1,591
Kells	540	597	620	55	285	340	45	235	280
Navan	1,754	1,930	1,938	167	877	1,044	126	768	894
Trim	758	832	833	80	336	416	69	348	417
Wicklow	4,488	4,714	4,679	533	2,258	2,791	346	1,542	1,888
Arklow	1,217	1,340	1,319	156	632	788	122	409	531
Baltinglass	467	457	465	50	199	249	40	176	216
Bray	1,938	2,023	2,015	226	987	1,213	123	679	802
Wicklow	866	894	880	101	440	541	61	278	339
<b>Mid-West</b>	<b>15,722</b>	<b>15,278</b>	<b>15,268</b>	<b>1,695</b>	<b>6,968</b>	<b>8,663</b>	<b>1,228</b>	<b>5,377</b>	<b>6,605</b>
Clare	4,289	4,349	4,281	407	1,910	2,317	307	1,657	1,964
Ennis	2,586	2,529	2,508	265	1,065	1,330	180	998	1,178
Ennistymon	660	731	700	48	323	371	48	281	329
Kilrush	612	649	638	68	306	374	55	209	264
Tulla	431	440	435	26	216	242	24	169	193
Limerick	8,760	8,166	8,271	1,015	3,849	4,864	682	2,725	3,407
Kilmallock	961	962	928	111	461	572	72	284	356
Limerick	6,879	6,264	6,394	816	2,925	3,741	529	2,124	2,653
Newcastle West	920	940	949	88	463	551	81	317	398

<sup>1</sup> Coolock replaces previous office Gardiner Street with effect from April 2003.



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NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	February 2003	January 2004	February 2004	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,673	2,763	2,716	273	1,209	1,482	239	995	1,234
Nenagh	979	1,002	981	69	439	508	70	403	473
Roscrea	557	531	527	51	208	259	42	226	268
Thurles	1,137	1,230	1,208	153	562	715	127	366	493
<b>South-East</b>	<b>21,614</b>	<b>22,499</b>	<b>22,246</b>	<b>2,557</b>	<b>10,199</b>	<b>12,756</b>	<b>2,010</b>	<b>7,480</b>	<b>9,490</b>
Carlow	2,173	2,314	2,323	289	1,014	1,303	225	795	1,020
Bagenalstown	558	580	583	60	288	348	57	178	235
Carlow	1,189	1,276	1,281	171	544	715	118	448	566
Tullow	426	458	459	58	182	240	50	169	219
Kilkenny	2,532	2,767	2,701	305	1,331	1,636	238	827	1,065
Callan	328	399	377	35	202	237	29	111	140
Kilkenny	1,770	1,927	1,894	234	923	1,157	176	561	737
Thomastown	434	441	430	36	206	242	33	155	188
South Tipperary	3,732	3,901	3,889	495	1,864	2,359	325	1,205	1,530
Cahir	468	534	524	49	248	297	48	179	227
Carrick-on-Suir	934	970	971	103	519	622	59	290	349
Cashel	399	444	427	58	203	261	28	138	166
Clonmel	1,263	1,196	1,207	180	570	750	121	336	457
Tipperary	668	757	760	105	324	429	69	262	331
Waterford	5,908	6,125	6,044	724	2,810	3,534	507	2,003	2,510
Dungarvan	955	1,028	995	97	464	561	91	343	434
Waterford	4,953	5,097	5,049	627	2,346	2,973	416	1,660	2,076
Wexford	7,269	7,392	7,289	744	3,180	3,924	715	2,650	3,365
Enniscorthy	1,653	1,826	1,792	235	820	1,055	202	535	737
Gorey	1,230	1,258	1,279	123	545	668	135	476	611
New Ross	1,262	1,243	1,184	105	549	654	97	433	530
Wexford	3,124	3,065	3,034	281	1,266	1,547	281	1,206	1,487
<b>South-West</b>	<b>24,869</b>	<b>24,622</b>	<b>24,526</b>	<b>2,378</b>	<b>11,802</b>	<b>14,180</b>	<b>1,940</b>	<b>8,406</b>	<b>10,346</b>
Cork	18,005	17,474	17,596	1,764	8,593	10,357	1,399	5,840	7,239
Bandon	542	512	529	49	262	311	32	186	218
Bantry	478	419	419	26	149	175	22	222	244
Bantry (SWLO)	217	234	239	9	111	120	13	106	119
Clonakilty	433	485	479	21	203	224	30	225	255
Cobh	473	452	447	61	220	281	47	119	166
Cork	9,042	8,536	8,658	1,098	4,553	5,651	759	2,248	3,007
Dunmanway	241	221	222	17	88	105	16	101	117
Fermoy	768	890	861	68	444	512	63	286	349
Kinsale	702	682	690	39	280	319	51	320	371
Macroom	538	535	518	19	234	253	30	235	265
Mallow	859	883	867	94	461	555	77	235	312
Midleton	1,108	1,070	1,100	82	477	559	75	466	541
Newmarket	524	544	539	38	239	277	41	221	262
Passage West	873	845	856	68	402	470	55	331	386
Skibbereen	477	410	418	18	151	169	14	235	249
Youghal	730	756	754	57	319	376	74	304	378
Kerry	6,864	7,148	6,930	614	3,209	3,823	541	2,566	3,107
Cahiriveen	428	464	448	12	193	205	27	216	243
Dingle	363	377	363	16	166	182	19	162	181
Kenmare	229	224	229	7	83	90	13	126	139
Killarney	1,296	1,399	1,346	95	526	621	124	601	725
Killorglin	517	498	469	27	206	233	22	214	236
Listowel	1,095	1,095	1,039	137	519	656	88	295	383
Tralee	2,936	3,091	3,036	320	1,516	1,836	248	952	1,200
<b>State</b>	<b>171,394</b>	<b>174,529</b>	<b>173,127</b>	<b>19,338</b>	<b>82,223</b>	<b>101,561</b>	<b>14,248</b>	<b>57,318</b>	<b>71,566</b>

**Table 7 Flows on and off the Live Register in the 4 weeks from 30 January 2004 to 27 February 2004**

	Total	New Registrations	Net Change	Outflow (derived)
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>53,588</b>	<b>6,380</b>	<b>- 444</b>	<b>6,824</b>
Border	26,048	2,943	- 162	3,105
Midland	10,681	1,443	- 62	1,505
West	16,859	1,994	- 220	2,214
<b>Southern &amp; Eastern</b>	<b>119,539</b>	<b>16,223</b>	<b>- 958</b>	<b>17,181</b>
Dublin	44,597	6,132	- 507	6,639
Mid-East	12,902	1,892	- 92	1,984
Mid-West	15,268	2,139	- 10	2,149
South-East	22,246	2,691	- 253	2,944
South-West	24,526	3,369	- 96	3,465
<b>Sex</b>				
Males	101,561	12,555	- 966	13,521
Females	71,566	10,048	- 436	10,484
<b>Total</b>	<b>173,127</b>	<b>22,603</b>	<b>- 1,402</b>	<b>24,005</b>

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

	Number of weeks	New Registrations (count)		Outflow (derived)		Average weekly change in the Live Register	
		Number	Weekly average	Number	Weekly average		
2002	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
	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

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

	Number of weeks	Males				Females						
		Live Register	New Registrations	Outflow (derived)	Average weekly change	Live Register	New Registrations	Outflow (derived)	Average weekly change			
2002	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
	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

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

	Month	Males	Females	Total
2002	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
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
December		903	1,507	2,410
2004	January	1,065	1,680	2,745
	February	1,141	1,607	2,748

**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
2002	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
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
December		8,833	1,759	946	11,538
2004	January	8,811	1,779	924	11,514
	February	8,839	1,791	934	11,564

<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
2002	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
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
December		10,977	8,019	18,996	13,349	5,647
2004	January	11,030	8,027	19,057	13,394	5,663
	February	11,082	8,056	19,138	13,462	5,676

## 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 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	5.1
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	

**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.

<b>Casual and part-time workers</b>	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.
<b>History of Flow Analysis</b>	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.
<b>Live Register Flow Analysis</b>	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.
<b>New registrations</b>	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.
<b>Live Register Area Analysis</b>	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.
<b>NUTS2 and NUTS3 regions</b>	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**

<b>Border</b>	Cavan Donegal Leitrim Louth Monaghan Sligo
<b>Midland</b>	Laoighis Longford Offaly Westmeath
<b>West</b>	Galway City Galway County Mayo Roscommon

**Southern and Eastern NUTS2 Region**

<b>Dublin</b>	Dublin Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Fingal South Dublin
<b>Mid-East</b>	Kildare Meath Wicklow
<b>Mid-West</b>	Clare Limerick City Limerick County North Tipperary
<b>South-East</b>	Carlow Kilkenny South Tipperary Waterford City Waterford County Wexford
<b>South-West</b>	Cork City Cork County Kerry