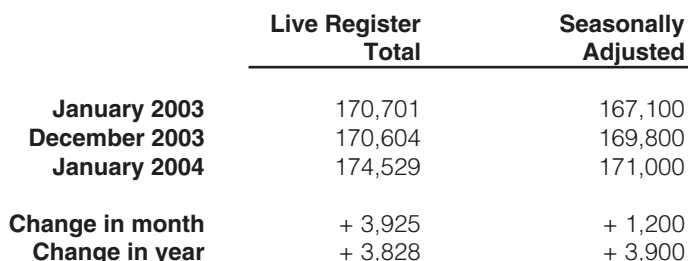




# Live Register Analysis

January 2004



The Live Register increased by 3,925 (+2.3%) persons in January to 174,529. This compares with a corresponding increase of 4,559 (+2.7%) in January of last year. When seasonal factors are taken into account the seasonally adjusted total increased from 169,800 in December to 171,000 this month, an increase of 1,200. *See table 2a and graph opposite.*

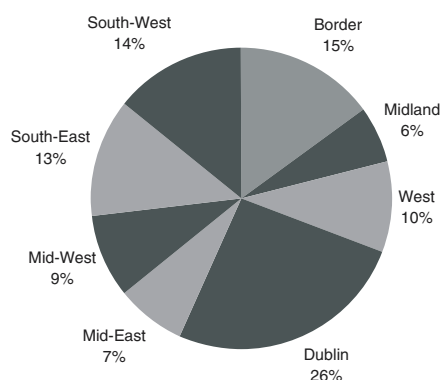
- ◆ The monthly increase of 3,925 comprised increases of 3,374 males and 551 females. *See table 1a.*
- ◆ The monthly increase in the Seasonally Adjusted series of 1,200 comprised increases of 700 males and 500 females. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in January was 4.7%. This 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 8,647 males and 13,777 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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### Live Register by Regional Authority



	January 2004	Monthly Change	Annual Change
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>54,032</b>	<b>+ 967</b>	<b>+ 872</b>
Border	26,210	+ 472	+ 354
Midland	10,743	+ 259	+ 719
West	17,079	+ 236	- 201
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>120,497</b>	<b>+ 2,958</b>	<b>+ 2,956</b>
Dublin	45,104	+ 1,542	+ 1,834
Mid-East	12,994	+ 375	+ 943
Mid-West	15,278	+ 236	- 225
South-East	22,499	+ 469	+ 846
South-West	24,622	+ 336	- 442
<b>Total</b>	<b>174,529</b>	<b>+ 3,925</b>	<b>+ 3,828</b>

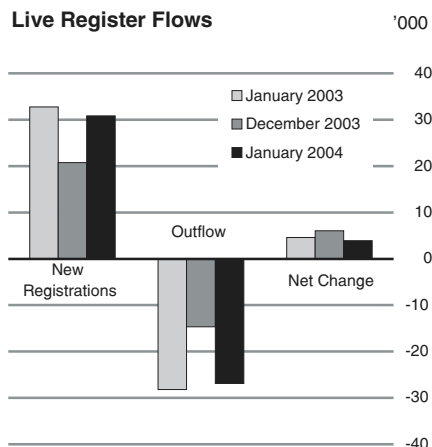
### Monthly increases in all regions

The monthly increase of 3,925 persons on the Live Register reflected increases in all regions. The largest percentage changes were in Dublin (+3.5%) and the Mid-East (+3.0%). The lowest increases were in the South-West (+1.4%) and the West (+1.4%).

Other area features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males increased in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in Dublin (+5.3%) while the lowest increase was in the West (+1.3%).
- ◆ The number of females increased in all but one region. The largest increase was in the Mid-East (+1.7%) while there was a decrease in the Mid-West (-1.1%).
- ◆ There were increases in all but two counties. The largest increases were in Meath (+4.4%) and Carlow (+3.9%) while there were decreases in Leitrim (-2.1%) and Mayo (-0.5%). See tables 4 and 6.

### Live Register Flows



	New Registrations	Outflow (derived)	Net Change
<b>Males</b>	17,250	13,876	+ 3,374
<b>Females</b>	13,551	13,000	+ 551
<b>Total</b>	30,801	26,876	+ 3,925

### New registrants exceed outflows

A total of 30,801 persons joined the Live Register in January 2004. With 26,876 persons leaving the Register there is a net increase of 3,925 persons in the month.

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

- ◆ The average weekly increase of 785 in the Live Register was comprised of 675 males and 110 females. See tables 8 and 9.
- ◆ In the month there were weekly averages of 6,160 new claimants joining the Register and 5,375 persons leaving. See table 8.

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

Category	January 2003	December 2003	January 2004	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
UB Claims	40,940	37,687	39,359	+ 1,672	- 1,581
UA Applications	58,714	58,562	60,268	+ 1,706	+ 1,554
Other Registrants	2,681	2,904	2,900	- 4	+ 219
<b>Total</b>	<b>102,335</b>	<b>99,153</b>	<b>102,527</b>	<b>+ 3,374</b>	<b>+ 192</b>
<b>Females</b>					
UB Claims	38,242	40,094	40,319	+ 225	+ 2,077
UA Applications	21,635	22,163	22,804	+ 641	+ 1,169
Other Registrants	8,489	9,194	8,879	- 315	+ 390
<b>Total</b>	<b>68,366</b>	<b>71,451</b>	<b>72,002</b>	<b>+ 551</b>	<b>+ 3,636</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
UB Claims	79,182	77,781	79,678	+ 1,897	+ 496
UA Applications	80,349	80,725	83,072	+ 2,347	+ 2,723
Other Registrants	11,170	12,098	11,779	- 319	+ 609
<b>Total</b>	<b>170,701</b>	<b>170,604</b>	<b>174,529</b>	<b>+ 3,925</b>	<b>+ 3,828</b>

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

Category	January 2003	December 2003	January 2004	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
UB Claims	7,574	6,480	7,221	+ 741	- 353
UA Applications	11,816	11,528	12,257	+ 729	+ 441
Other Registrants	40	51	49	- 2	+ 9
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,430</b>	<b>18,059</b>	<b>19,527</b>	<b>+ 1,468</b>	<b>+ 97</b>
<b>Females</b>					
UB Claims	5,351	5,204	5,582	+ 378	+ 231
UA Applications	7,915	8,068	8,562	+ 494	+ 647
Other Registrants	111	112	103	- 9	- 8
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,377</b>	<b>13,384</b>	<b>14,247</b>	<b>+ 863</b>	<b>+ 870</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
UB Claims	12,925	11,684	12,803	+ 1,119	- 122
UA Applications	19,731	19,596	20,819	+ 1,223	+ 1,088
Other Registrants	151	163	152	- 11	+ 1
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,807</b>	<b>31,443</b>	<b>33,774</b>	<b>+ 2,331</b>	<b>+ 967</b>

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

Category	January 2003	December 2003	January 2004	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
UB Claims	33,366	31,207	32,138	+ 931	- 1,228
UA Applications	46,898	47,034	48,011	+ 977	+ 1,113
Other Registrants	2,641	2,853	2,851	- 2	+ 210
<b>Total</b>	<b>82,905</b>	<b>81,094</b>	<b>83,000</b>	<b>+ 1,906</b>	<b>+ 95</b>
<b>Females</b>					
UB Claims	32,891	34,890	34,737	- 153	+ 1,846
UA Applications	13,720	14,095	14,242	+ 147	+ 522
Other Registrants	8,378	9,082	8,776	- 306	+ 398
<b>Total</b>	<b>54,989</b>	<b>58,067</b>	<b>57,755</b>	<b>- 312</b>	<b>+ 2,766</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
UB Claims	66,257	66,097	66,875	+ 778	+ 618
UA Applications	60,618	61,129	62,253	+ 1,124	+ 1,635
Other Registrants	11,019	11,935	11,627	- 308	+ 608
<b>Total</b>	<b>137,894</b>	<b>139,161</b>	<b>140,755</b>	<b>+ 1,594</b>	<b>+ 2,861</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	January	96,600	63,300	160,000	92,700	63,600	156,300
	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	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

<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	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	31,100
	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	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

<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	January	78,400	51,100	129,500	75,400	51,300	126,700
	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	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	137,400
2004	January	83,000	57,800	140,800	80,100	58,000	138,100

<sup>1</sup> Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2003 (See Background Notes).

**Table 3 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates<sup>1</sup> (SUR)**

Month	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
January <sup>2</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	
March	8.3	5.9	4.5	3.8	4.6	4.6	
April <sup>2</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>2</sup>	7.2	5.4	4.1	4.1	4.4	4.9 <sup>3</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>2</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> Table contains revised figures.

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

<sup>3</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>	January 2003	December 2003	January 2004	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
<b>Males</b>							
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>31,529</b>	<b>30,554</b>	<b>31,285</b>	<b>+ 731</b>	<b>- 244</b>	<b>5,723</b>	<b>25,562</b>
Border	15,545	15,118	15,527	+ 409	- 18	2,996	12,531
Midland	5,727	5,696	5,891	+ 195	+ 164	1,155	4,736
West	10,257	9,740	9,867	+ 127	- 390	1,572	8,295
<b>Southern &amp; Eastern</b>	<b>70,806</b>	<b>68,599</b>	<b>71,242</b>	<b>+ 2,643</b>	<b>+ 436</b>	<b>13,804</b>	<b>57,438</b>
Dublin	27,158	26,780	28,199	+ 1,419	+ 1,041	5,824	22,375
Mid-East	6,971	6,934	7,213	+ 279	+ 242	1,352	5,861
Mid-West	9,140	8,315	8,626	+ 311	- 514	1,695	6,931
South-East	12,694	12,462	12,907	+ 445	+ 213	2,575	10,332
South-West	14,843	14,108	14,297	+ 189	- 546	2,358	11,939
<b>Total</b>	<b>102,335</b>	<b>99,153</b>	<b>102,527</b>	<b>+ 3,374</b>	<b>+ 192</b>	<b>19,527</b>	<b>83,000</b>
<b>Females</b>							
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>21,631</b>	<b>22,511</b>	<b>22,747</b>	<b>+ 236</b>	<b>+ 1,116</b>	<b>4,721</b>	<b>18,026</b>
Border	10,311	10,620	10,683	+ 63	+ 372	2,361	8,322
Midland	4,297	4,788	4,852	+ 64	+ 555	1,067	3,785
West	7,023	7,103	7,212	+ 109	+ 189	1,293	5,919
<b>Southern &amp; Eastern</b>	<b>46,735</b>	<b>48,940</b>	<b>49,255</b>	<b>+ 315</b>	<b>+ 2,520</b>	<b>9,526</b>	<b>39,729</b>
Dublin	16,112	16,782	16,905	+ 123	+ 793	3,384	13,521
Mid-East	5,080	5,685	5,781	+ 96	+ 701	1,014	4,767
Mid-West	6,363	6,727	6,652	- 75	+ 289	1,226	5,426
South-East	8,959	9,568	9,592	+ 24	+ 633	2,015	7,577
South-West	10,221	10,178	10,325	+ 147	+ 104	1,887	8,438
<b>Total</b>	<b>68,366</b>	<b>71,451</b>	<b>72,002</b>	<b>+ 551</b>	<b>+ 3,636</b>	<b>14,247</b>	<b>57,755</b>
<b>All Persons</b>							
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>53,160</b>	<b>53,065</b>	<b>54,032</b>	<b>+ 967</b>	<b>+ 872</b>	<b>10,444</b>	<b>43,588</b>
Border	25,856	25,738	26,210	+ 472	+ 354	5,357	20,853
Midland	10,024	10,484	10,743	+ 259	+ 719	2,222	8,521
West	17,280	16,843	17,079	+ 236	- 201	2,865	14,214
<b>Southern &amp; Eastern</b>	<b>117,541</b>	<b>117,539</b>	<b>120,497</b>	<b>+ 2,958</b>	<b>+ 2,956</b>	<b>23,330</b>	<b>97,167</b>
Dublin	43,270	43,562	45,104	+ 1,542	+ 1,834	9,208	35,896
Mid-East	12,051	12,619	12,994	+ 375	+ 943	2,366	10,628
Mid-West	15,503	15,042	15,278	+ 236	- 225	2,921	12,357
South-East	21,653	22,030	22,499	+ 469	+ 846	4,590	17,909
South-West	25,064	24,286	24,622	+ 336	- 442	4,245	20,377
<b>Total</b>	<b>170,701</b>	<b>170,604</b>	<b>174,529</b>	<b>+ 3,925</b>	<b>+ 3,828</b>	<b>33,774</b>	<b>140,755</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	January 2003	December 2003	January 2004	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
<b>Provinces</b>							
Leinster	84,926	86,257	89,055	+ 2,798	+ 4,129	17,931	71,124
Munster	50,280	49,274	49,926	+ 652	- 354	9,205	40,721
Connacht	20,902	20,310	20,536	+ 226	- 366	3,499	17,037
Ulster	14,593	14,763	15,012	+ 249	+ 419	3,139	11,873
<b>Total</b>	<b>170,701</b>	<b>170,604</b>	<b>174,529</b>	<b>+ 3,925</b>	<b>+ 3,828</b>	<b>33,774</b>	<b>140,755</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	January 2003	December 2003	January 2004	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>53,160</b>	<b>53,065</b>	<b>54,032</b>	<b>5,723</b>	<b>25,562</b>	<b>31,285</b>	<b>4,721</b>	<b>18,026</b>	<b>22,747</b>
<b>Border</b>	<b>25,856</b>	<b>25,738</b>	<b>26,210</b>	<b>2,996</b>	<b>12,531</b>	<b>15,527</b>	<b>2,361</b>	<b>8,322</b>	<b>10,683</b>
Cavan	2,007	2,128	2,175	206	1,076	1,282	177	716	893
Belturbet	396	437	449	41	244	285	28	136	164
Cavan	1,611	1,691	1,726	165	832	997	149	580	729
Donegal	10,048	10,149	10,331	1,207	4,979	6,186	1,027	3,118	4,145
Ballybofey	967	866	890	122	422	544	115	231	346
Ballyshannon	570	569	588	70	264	334	70	184	254
Buncrana	1,876	1,817	1,821	174	820	994	223	604	827
Donegal	554	509	519	57	243	300	47	172	219
Dunfanaghy	1,079	1,094	1,091	125	545	670	76	345	421
Dungloe	1,566	1,617	1,633	179	833	1,012	85	536	621
Killybegs	927	834	900	53	455	508	65	327	392
Letterkenny	2,509	2,843	2,889	427	1,397	1,824	346	719	1,065
Leitrim	1,241	1,231	1,205	99	566	665	84	456	540
Carrick-on-Shannon	953	932	902	74	422	496	65	341	406
Manorhamilton	288	299	303	25	144	169	19	115	134
Louth	7,641	7,508	7,741	919	3,619	4,538	665	2,538	3,203
Ardee	807	882	931	114	392	506	82	343	425
Drogheda	3,238	3,460	3,582	392	1,571	1,963	318	1,301	1,619
Dundalk	3,596	3,166	3,228	413	1,656	2,069	265	894	1,159
Monaghan	2,538	2,486	2,506	298	1,171	1,469	224	813	1,037
Carrickmacross	722	679	692	52	303	355	67	270	337
Castleblayney	757	739	747	94	335	429	74	244	318
Clones	310	308	317	47	183	230	22	65	87
Monaghan	749	760	750	105	350	455	61	234	295
Sligo	2,381	2,236	2,252	267	1,120	1,387	184	681	865
Sligo	2,006	1,884	1,890	236	939	1,175	159	556	715
Tubbercurry	375	352	362	31	181	212	25	125	150
<b>Midland</b>	<b>10,024</b>	<b>10,484</b>	<b>10,743</b>	<b>1,155</b>	<b>4,736</b>	<b>5,891</b>	<b>1,067</b>	<b>3,785</b>	<b>4,852</b>
Laoighis	2,131	2,196	2,231	255	990	1,245	234	752	986
Portarlinton	775	814	842	82	354	436	106	300	406
Portlaoise	978	1,008	995	133	435	568	102	325	427
Rathdowney	378	374	394	40	201	241	26	127	153
Longford	1,853	1,820	1,875	203	873	1,076	185	614	799
Longford	1,853	1,820	1,875	203	873	1,076	185	614	799
Offaly	2,738	2,840	2,877	283	1,314	1,597	294	986	1,280
Birr	853	898	907	90	404	494	109	304	413
Edenderry	678	695	692	69	313	382	61	249	310
Tullamore	1,207	1,247	1,278	124	597	721	124	433	557
Westmeath	3,302	3,628	3,760	414	1,559	1,973	354	1,433	1,787
Athlone	1,512	1,572	1,596	196	645	841	139	616	755
Castlepollard	275	312	325	16	149	165	33	127	160
Mullingar	1,515	1,744	1,839	202	765	967	182	690	872
<b>West</b>	<b>17,280</b>	<b>16,843</b>	<b>17,079</b>	<b>1,572</b>	<b>8,295</b>	<b>9,867</b>	<b>1,293</b>	<b>5,919</b>	<b>7,212</b>
Galway	9,494	9,348	9,602	950	4,599	5,549	828	3,225	4,053
Ballinasloe	1,011	1,139	1,131	112	526	638	89	404	493
Clifden	859	891	946	93	497	590	54	302	356
Galway	5,218	4,970	5,128	568	2,485	3,053	528	1,547	2,075
Gort	473	463	483	31	193	224	26	233	259
Loughrea	752	714	728	45	322	367	53	308	361
Tuam	1,181	1,171	1,186	101	576	677	78	431	509



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-continued				Males			Females		
NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	January 2003	December 2003	January 2004	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	6,267	6,106	6,074	496	2,991	3,487	371	2,216	2,587
Achill	340	365	343	28	205	233	20	90	110
Ballina	1,832	1,688	1,739	159	873	1,032	137	570	707
Ballinrobe	399	450	439	35	207	242	25	172	197
Belmullet	730	645	624	46	342	388	42	194	236
Castlebar	955	991	979	97	440	537	57	385	442
Claremorris	501	503	516	27	235	262	19	235	254
Swinford	820	843	786	67	358	425	42	319	361
Westport	690	621	648	37	331	368	29	251	280
Roscommon	1,519	1,389	1,403	126	705	831	94	478	572
Boyle	397	381	382	27	197	224	15	143	158
Castlerea	745	645	662	65	342	407	50	205	255
Roscommon	377	363	359	34	166	200	29	130	159
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>117,541</b>	<b>117,539</b>	<b>120,497</b>	<b>13,804</b>	<b>57,438</b>	<b>71,242</b>	<b>9,526</b>	<b>39,729</b>	<b>49,255</b>
<b>Dublin</b>	<b>43,270</b>	<b>43,562</b>	<b>45,104</b>	<b>5,824</b>	<b>22,375</b>	<b>28,199</b>	<b>3,384</b>	<b>13,521</b>	<b>16,905</b>
Dublin	43,270	43,562	45,104	5,824	22,375	28,199	3,384	13,521	16,905
Bishop Square	4,256	4,239	4,367	498	2,363	2,861	285	1,221	1,506
Cumberland Street	5,621	5,658	5,877	730	2,964	3,694	433	1,750	2,183
Navan Road	2,747	2,630	2,697	296	1,538	1,834	190	673	863
Blanchardstown	3,145	3,224	3,560	424	1,545	1,969	326	1,265	1,591
Thomas Street	2,447	2,445	2,478	290	1,407	1,697	191	590	781
Tara Street	1,495	1,467	1,443	147	769	916	77	450	527
Tallaght	3,347	3,401	3,631	697	1,641	2,338	397	896	1,293
Ballymun	1,521	1,445	1,521	253	755	1,008	143	370	513
Clondalkin	2,773	2,955	3,187	476	1,448	1,924	291	972	1,263
Rathfarnham	2,024	2,260	2,237	203	1,084	1,287	128	822	950
Kilbarrack	2,984	2,991	3,024	338	1,488	1,826	157	1,041	1,198
Dun Laoghaire	3,420	3,287	3,248	291	1,562	1,853	140	1,255	1,395
Balbriggan	1,303	1,321	1,341	138	582	720	76	545	621
Ballyfermot	1,186	1,187	1,261	213	641	854	138	269	407
Finglas	2,088	2,218	2,349	388	1,158	1,546	179	624	803
Coolock	2,913	2,834	2,883 <sup>1</sup>	442	1,430	1,872	233	778	1,011
<b>Mid-East</b>	<b>12,051</b>	<b>12,619</b>	<b>12,994</b>	<b>1,352</b>	<b>5,861</b>	<b>7,213</b>	<b>1,014</b>	<b>4,767</b>	<b>5,781</b>
Kildare	4,600	4,752	4,921	523	2,072	2,595	428	1,898	2,326
Athy	861	815	887	93	409	502	83	302	385
Maynooth	1,312	1,503	1,548	176	595	771	107	670	777
Newbridge	2,427	2,434	2,486	254	1,068	1,322	238	926	1,164
Meath	3,017	3,218	3,359	297	1,498	1,795	240	1,324	1,564
Kells	557	592	597	51	273	324	41	232	273
Navan	1,756	1,813	1,930	173	884	1,057	128	745	873
Trim	704	813	832	73	341	414	71	347	418
Wicklow	4,434	4,649	4,714	532	2,291	2,823	346	1,545	1,891
Arklow	1,253	1,326	1,340	148	653	801	116	423	539
Baltinglass	456	417	457	44	193	237	38	182	220
Bray	1,864	2,016	2,023	222	1,006	1,228	127	668	795
Wicklow	861	890	894	118	439	557	65	272	337
<b>Mid-West</b>	<b>15,503</b>	<b>15,042</b>	<b>15,278</b>	<b>1,695</b>	<b>6,931</b>	<b>8,626</b>	<b>1,226</b>	<b>5,426</b>	<b>6,652</b>
Clare	4,264	4,219	4,349	439	1,926	2,365	315	1,669	1,984
Ennis	2,536	2,451	2,529	290	1,056	1,346	184	999	1,183
Ennistymon	674	698	731	53	340	393	50	288	338
Kilrush	622	640	649	64	317	381	58	210	268
Tulla	432	430	440	32	213	245	23	172	195
Limerick	8,540	8,123	8,166	970	3,790	4,760	676	2,730	3,406
Kilmallock	948	956	962	111	482	593	75	294	369
Limerick	6,709	6,280	6,264	788	2,857	3,645	513	2,106	2,619
Newcastle West	883	887	940	71	451	522	88	330	418

<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	January 2003	December 2003	January 2004	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,699	2,700	2,763	286	1,215	1,501	235	1,027	1,262
Nenagh	977	1,000	1,002	77	435	512	77	413	490
Roscrea	599	530	531	54	205	259	36	236	272
Thurles	1,123	1,170	1,230	155	575	730	122	378	500
<b>South-East</b>	<b>21,653</b>	<b>22,030</b>	<b>22,499</b>	<b>2,575</b>	<b>10,332</b>	<b>12,907</b>	<b>2,015</b>	<b>7,577</b>	<b>9,592</b>
Carlow	2,112	2,227	2,314	288	1,038	1,326	212	776	988
Bagenalstown	558	566	580	61	293	354	50	176	226
Carlow	1,142	1,208	1,276	169	563	732	112	432	544
Tullow	412	453	458	58	182	240	50	168	218
Kilkenny	2,512	2,716	2,767	314	1,350	1,664	255	848	1,103
Callan	316	391	399	37	215	252	29	118	147
Kilkenny	1,752	1,890	1,927	240	930	1,170	191	566	757
Thomastown	444	435	441	37	205	242	35	164	199
South Tipperary	3,775	3,848	3,901	491	1,897	2,388	335	1,178	1,513
Cahir	472	521	534	52	261	313	48	173	221
Carrick-on-Suir	955	1,001	970	103	518	621	71	278	349
Cashel	386	415	444	55	216	271	30	143	173
Clonmel	1,282	1,168	1,196	179	568	747	122	327	449
Tipperary	680	743	757	102	334	436	64	257	321
Waterford	5,938	6,098	6,125	724	2,858	3,582	489	2,054	2,543
Dungarvan	967	1,028	1,028	106	477	583	86	359	445
Waterford	4,971	5,070	5,097	618	2,381	2,999	403	1,695	2,098
Wexford	7,316	7,141	7,392	758	3,189	3,947	724	2,721	3,445
Enniscorthy	1,619	1,796	1,826	230	815	1,045	214	567	781
Gorey	1,224	1,202	1,258	130	521	651	135	472	607
New Ross	1,327	1,287	1,243	108	578	686	96	461	557
Wexford	3,146	2,856	3,065	290	1,275	1,565	279	1,221	1,500
<b>South-West</b>	<b>25,064</b>	<b>24,286</b>	<b>24,622</b>	<b>2,358</b>	<b>11,939</b>	<b>14,297</b>	<b>1,887</b>	<b>8,438</b>	<b>10,325</b>
Cork	18,089	17,200	17,474	1,729	8,602	10,331	1,327	5,816	7,143
Bandon	542	522	512	40	258	298	30	184	214
Bantry	463	398	419	25	154	179	23	217	240
Bantry (SWLO)	216	218	234	9	110	119	12	103	115
Clonakilty	428	491	485	22	199	221	35	229	264
Cobh	484	455	452	65	229	294	43	115	158
Cork	8,987	8,419	8,536	1,055	4,539	5,594	711	2,231	2,942
Dunmanway	253	223	221	18	85	103	16	102	118
Fermoy	819	864	890	72	457	529	65	296	361
Kinsale	704	679	682	41	278	319	47	316	363
Macroom	589	548	535	22	240	262	29	244	273
Mallow	893	819	883	94	469	563	83	237	320
Midleton	1,131	1,049	1,070	81	472	553	65	452	517
Newmarket	545	499	544	40	253	293	42	209	251
Passage West	847	831	845	70	382	452	53	340	393
Skibbereen	454	399	410	15	141	156	10	244	254
Youghal	734	786	756	60	336	396	63	297	360
Kerry	6,975	7,086	7,148	629	3,337	3,966	560	2,622	3,182
Cahiriveen	434	500	464	14	197	211	32	221	253
Dingle	365	379	377	16	169	185	19	173	192
Kenmare	233	198	224	5	82	87	14	123	137
Killarney	1,402	1,316	1,399	96	557	653	131	615	746
Killorglin	521	500	498	26	218	244	25	229	254
Listowel	1,122	1,132	1,095	145	562	707	89	299	388
Tralee	2,898	3,061	3,091	327	1,552	1,879	250	962	1,212
<b>State</b>	<b>170,701</b>	<b>170,604</b>	<b>174,529</b>	<b>19,527</b>	<b>83,000</b>	<b>102,527</b>	<b>14,247</b>	<b>57,755</b>	<b>72,002</b>

**Table 7 Flows on and off the Live Register in the 5 weeks from  
26 December 2003 to 30 January 2004**

	Total	New Registrations	Net Change	Outflow (derived)
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>54,032</b>	<b>8,873</b>	<b>+ 967</b>	<b>7,906</b>
Border	26,210	4,079	+ 472	3,607
Midland	10,743	1,900	+ 259	1,641
West	17,079	2,894	+ 236	2,658
<b>Southern &amp; Eastern</b>	<b>120,497</b>	<b>21,928</b>	<b>+ 2,958</b>	<b>18,970</b>
Dublin	45,104	8,364	+ 1,542	6,822
Mid-East	12,994	2,568	+ 375	2,193
Mid-West	15,278	2,781	+ 236	2,545
South-East	22,499	3,834	+ 469	3,365
South-West	24,622	4,381	+ 336	4,045
<b>Sex</b>				
Males	102,527	17,250	+ 3,374	13,876
Females	72,002	13,551	+ 551	13,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>174,529</b>	<b>30,801</b>	<b>+ 3,925</b>	<b>26,876</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	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
	December	4	20,761	5,190	14,698	3,675	+	1,516
2004	January	5	30,801	6,160	26,876	5,375	+	785

**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	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
	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

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

	Month	Males	Females	Total
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
	December	903	1,507	2,410
2004	January	1,065	1,680	2,745

**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	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
	December	8,833	1,759	946	11,538
2004	January	8,811	1,779	924	11,514

<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	January	11,758	7,981	19,739	14,102	5,637
	February	11,742	7,934	19,676	14,059	5,617
	March	11,685	7,879	19,564	14,001	5,563
	April	11,666	7,823	19,489	13,923	5,566
	May	11,616	7,688	19,304	13,780	5,524
	June	11,538	7,696	19,234	13,714	5,520
	July	11,456	7,721	19,177	13,679	5,498
	August	11,349	7,757	19,106	13,603	5,503
	September	11,313	7,708	19,021	13,597	5,424
	October	11,329	7,742	19,071	13,639	5,432
	November	11,312	7,817	19,129	13,659	5,470
	December	11,247	7,718	18,965	13,518	5,447
2003	January	11,213	7,763	18,976	13,523	5,453
	February	11,228	7,690	18,918	13,489	5,429
	March	11,232	7,692	18,924	13,484	5,440
	April	11,246	7,695	18,941	13,328	5,613
	May	11,202	7,997	19,199	13,529	5,670
	June	11,179	8,063	19,242	13,554	5,688
	July	11,112	7,945	19,057	13,473	5,584
	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

## 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