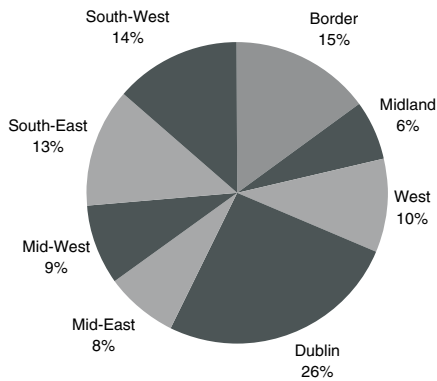




### Live Register by Regional Authority



	July 2004	Monthly Change	Annual Change
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>55,891</b>	<b>+ 3,041</b>	<b>- 2,209</b>
Border	26,816	+ 1,240	- 1,206
Midland	11,290	+ 782	- 77
West	17,785	+ 1,019	- 926
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>121,610</b>	<b>+ 5,508</b>	<b>- 5,737</b>
Dublin	45,618	+ 1,575	- 2,908
Mid-East	13,838	+ 991	+ 169
Mid-West	15,487	+ 634	- 1,030
South-East	22,603	+ 1,052	- 665
South-West	24,064	+ 1,256	- 1,303
<b>Total</b>	<b>177,501</b>	<b>+ 8,549</b>	<b>- 7,946</b>

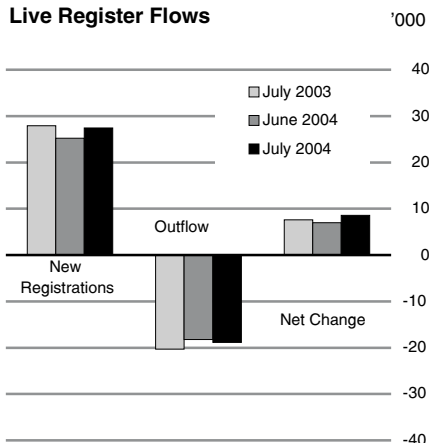
### Monthly increase in all regions

The monthly increase of 8,549 persons on the Live Register reflected increases in all regions. The largest monthly increases were in the Mid-East (+7.7%) and Midland (+7.4%) regions, while the lowest increases occurred in the Dublin (+3.6%) and Mid-West (+4.3%) regions.

Other area features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males increased in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Midland region (+4.4%), while the lowest percentage increase was in the Dublin region (+0.1%).
- ◆ The number of females increased in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Mid East (+13.7%), while the lowest percentage increases were in the Border, Dublin and Mid-West regions (+9.1% each).
- ◆ There were increases in all counties. The largest percentage increases were in Roscommon (+9.1%), Meath (+8.5%) and Longford (8.5%), while the lowest increases occurred in North Tipperary (1.8%), Kerry (+2.4%) and Donegal (+3.2%). See tables 4 and 6.

### Live Register Flows



	New Registrations	Outflow (derived)	Net Change
<b>Males</b>	12,352	10,864	+ 1,488
<b>Females</b>	15,063	8,002	+ 7,061
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,415</b>	<b>18,866</b>	<b>+ 8,549</b>

### New registrants exceed outflows

A total of 27,415 persons joined the Live Register in July 2004. With 18,866 persons leaving the Register there is a net increase of 8,549 persons in the month.

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

- ◆ The average weekly increase of 1,710 in the Live Register was comprised of 1,412 females and 298 males. See tables 8 and 9.
- ◆ In the month there were weekly averages of 5,483 new claimants joining the Register and 3,773 persons leaving. See table 8.

## Tables

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

Category	July 2003	June 2004	July 2004	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
UB Claims	40,312	33,955	34,627	+ 672	- 5,685
UA Applications	60,490	59,980	60,650	+ 670	+ 160
Other Registrants	2,788	2,711	2,857	+ 146	+ 69
<b>Total</b>	<b>103,590</b>	<b>96,646</b>	<b>98,134</b>	<b>+ 1,488</b>	<b>- 5,456</b>
<b>Females</b>					
UB Claims	47,126	39,369	44,352	+ 4,983	- 2,774
UA Applications	24,726	24,443	25,744	+ 1,301	+ 1,018
Other Registrants	10,005	8,494	9,271	+ 777	- 734
<b>Total</b>	<b>81,857</b>	<b>72,306</b>	<b>79,367</b>	<b>+ 7,061</b>	<b>- 2,490</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
UB Claims	87,438	73,324	78,979	+ 5,655	- 8,459
UA Applications	85,216	84,423	86,394	+ 1,971	+ 1,178
Other Registrants	12,793	11,205	12,128	+ 923	- 665
<b>Total</b>	<b>185,447</b>	<b>168,952</b>	<b>177,501</b>	<b>+ 8,549</b>	<b>- 7,946</b>

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

Category	July 2003	June 2004	July 2004	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
UB Claims	7,909	5,948	6,026	+ 78	- 1,883
UA Applications	12,516	12,349	12,743	+ 394	+ 227
Other Registrants	45	47	56	+ 9	+ 11
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,470</b>	<b>18,344</b>	<b>18,825</b>	<b>+ 481</b>	<b>- 1,645</b>
<b>Females</b>					
UB Claims	7,014	5,254	5,691	+ 437	- 1,323
UA Applications	9,661	9,425	10,210	+ 785	+ 549
Other Registrants	146	113	132	+ 19	- 14
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,821</b>	<b>14,792</b>	<b>16,033</b>	<b>+ 1,241</b>	<b>- 788</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
UB Claims	14,923	11,202	11,717	+ 515	- 3,206
UA Applications	22,177	21,774	22,953	+ 1,179	+ 776
Other Registrants	191	160	188	+ 28	- 3
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,291</b>	<b>33,136</b>	<b>34,858</b>	<b>+ 1,722</b>	<b>- 2,433</b>

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

Category	July 2003	June 2004	July 2004	Monthly change	Annual change
<b>Males</b>					
UB Claims	32,403	28,007	28,601	+ 594	- 3,802
UA Applications	47,974	47,631	47,907	+ 276	- 67
Other Registrants	2,743	2,664	2,801	+ 137	+ 58
<b>Total</b>	<b>83,120</b>	<b>78,302</b>	<b>79,309</b>	<b>+ 1,007</b>	<b>- 3,811</b>
<b>Females</b>					
UB Claims	40,112	34,115	38,661	+ 4,546	- 1,451
UA Applications	15,065	15,018	15,534	+ 516	+ 469
Other Registrants	9,859	8,381	9,139	+ 758	- 720
<b>Total</b>	<b>65,036</b>	<b>57,514</b>	<b>63,334</b>	<b>+ 5,820</b>	<b>- 1,702</b>
<b>All Persons</b>					
UB Claims	72,515	62,122	67,262	+ 5,140	- 5,253
UA Applications	63,039	62,649	63,441	+ 792	+ 402
Other Registrants	12,602	11,045	11,940	+ 895	- 662
<b>Total</b>	<b>148,156</b>	<b>135,816</b>	<b>142,643</b>	<b>+ 6,827</b>	<b>- 5,513</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	July	98,000	74,100	172,100	96,700	67,300	164,000
	August	98,800	74,800	173,600	96,900	67,400	164,300
	September	95,300	66,100	161,400	97,200	67,100	164,300
	October	93,800	63,900	157,700	97,400	66,700	164,100
	November	95,100	63,500	158,600	98,100	67,100	165,200
	December	98,700	67,500	166,100	98,000	68,200	166,200
2003	January	102,300	68,400	170,700	98,700	68,700	167,400
	February	102,000	69,400	171,400	99,000	69,600	168,600
	March	100,500	67,600	168,100	99,500	69,800	169,300
	April	100,300	70,600	170,900	100,500	72,900	173,500
	May	98,300	67,800	166,100	100,600	71,400	172,000
	June	101,600	76,300	177,900	101,900	73,500	175,400
	July	103,600	81,900	185,400	102,300	75,000	177,300
	August	103,800	82,200	186,000	102,000	74,700	176,700
	September	98,800	72,100	170,800	100,800	73,100	173,900
	October	96,300	70,300	166,600	99,900	73,200	173,100
	November	96,100	68,400	164,500	99,100	72,100	171,100
	December	99,200	71,500	170,600	98,500	72,300	170,800
2004	January	102,500	72,000	174,500	98,900	72,400	171,200
	February	101,600	71,600	173,100	98,500	71,800	170,300
	March	99,700	69,200	168,900	98,600	71,400	170,000
	April	97,100	67,600	164,700	97,300	69,900	167,300
	May	95,100	66,900	162,000	97,500	70,400	167,800
	June	96,600	72,300	169,000	96,900	69,500	166,400
	July	98,100	79,400	177,500	96,800	72,500	169,300

<sup>1</sup> Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2004 (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	July	19,000	14,700	33,700	18,100	13,000	31,100
	August	19,000	15,000	34,000	18,100	13,100	31,200
	September	17,900	13,600	31,400	18,100	13,200	31,300
	October	17,200	12,500	29,600	18,300	13,100	31,300
	November	17,300	12,200	29,500	18,400	13,100	31,500
	December	18,000	12,400	30,400	18,400	13,300	31,600
2003	January	19,400	13,400	32,800	18,600	13,500	32,000
	February	19,300	13,600	32,900	18,600	13,600	32,300
	March	18,900	13,400	32,200	18,600	13,800	32,400
	April	18,700	13,400	32,000	18,900	14,100	33,100
	May	18,400	13,300	31,700	19,100	14,100	33,200
	June	19,600	15,600	35,200	19,500	14,800	34,300
	July	20,500	16,800	37,300	19,600	15,200	34,800
	August	20,500	16,900	37,300	19,600	15,000	34,600
	September	19,100	15,000	34,100	19,300	14,700	34,000
	October	17,800	13,800	31,600	18,900	14,400	33,300
	November	17,700	13,500	31,100	18,700	14,400	33,100
	December	18,100	13,400	31,400	18,500	14,300	32,700
2004	January	19,500	14,200	33,800	18,700	14,300	33,000
	February	19,300	14,200	33,600	18,600	14,300	32,900
	March	19,000	13,800	32,800	18,700	14,200	32,900
	April	18,100	13,200	31,300	18,300	14,000	32,400
	May	17,700	13,300	30,900	18,400	14,100	32,500
	June	18,300	14,800	33,100	18,200	14,000	32,300
	July	18,800	16,000	34,900	18,000	14,400	32,300

<sup>1</sup> Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2004 (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	July	79,000	59,400	138,400	78,600	54,300	132,900
	August	79,700	59,800	139,600	78,800	54,300	133,100
	September	77,400	52,600	130,000	79,100	53,900	133,000
	October	76,700	51,400	128,100	79,100	53,600	132,700
	November	77,800	51,300	129,100	79,700	54,000	133,700
	December	80,700	55,100	135,800	79,600	55,000	134,600
2003	January	82,900	55,000	137,900	80,100	55,300	135,400
	February	82,700	55,700	138,400	80,400	56,000	136,400
	March	81,600	54,200	135,800	80,900	56,000	136,900
	April	81,600	57,300	138,900	81,600	58,800	140,400
	May	79,900	54,500	134,400	81,500	57,200	138,800
	June	82,000	60,700	142,700	82,400	58,700	141,100
	July	83,100	65,000	148,200	82,700	59,800	142,500
	August	83,300	65,300	148,600	82,400	59,600	142,100
	September	79,700	57,000	136,700	81,500	58,400	139,900
	October	78,500	56,500	134,900	81,000	58,800	139,700
	November	78,500	55,000	133,400	80,300	57,700	138,000
	December	81,100	58,100	139,200	80,000	58,000	138,100
2004	January	83,000	57,800	140,800	80,200	58,000	138,200
	February	82,200	57,300	139,500	79,900	57,600	137,500
	March	80,700	55,400	136,100	80,000	57,200	137,100
	April	79,000	54,300	133,300	79,000	55,900	134,900
	May	77,500	53,600	131,000	79,100	56,300	135,400
	June	78,300	57,500	135,800	78,700	55,400	134,100
	July	79,300	63,300	142,600	78,900	58,100	137,000

<sup>1</sup> Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2004 (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	4.4 <sup>3</sup>
February	8.5	5.9	4.7	3.7	4.4	4.6	4.4
March	8.2	5.9	4.5	3.7	4.5	4.5	4.4
April <sup>2</sup>	8.0	5.9	4.4	3.8	4.4	4.6	4.3
May	7.7	5.8	4.2	3.9	4.3	4.6	4.3
June	7.5	5.5	4.1	3.9	4.3	4.7	4.3
July <sup>2</sup>	7.2	5.4	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.8	4.4
August	7.0	5.3	4.0	3.9	4.4	4.7	
September	6.7	5.2	3.9	3.9	4.5	4.6	
October <sup>2</sup>	6.5	5.1	3.9	4.0	4.6	4.5	
November	6.2	5.0	3.9	4.2	4.6	4.5	
December	6.1	4.9	3.8	4.3	4.6	4.4	
Annual average	7.4	5.5	4.2	3.9	4.4	4.6	

<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: December - February 2004, 4.4%.

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions <sup>1</sup>	July 2003	June 2004	July 2004	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
<b>Males</b>							
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>32,242</b>	<b>29,606</b>	<b>30,423</b>	<b>+ 817</b>	<b>- 1,819</b>	<b>5,767</b>	<b>24,656</b>
Border	16,006	14,785	15,048	+ 263	- 958	2,962	12,086
Midland	5,851	5,451	5,691	+ 240	- 160	1,196	4,495
West	10,385	9,370	9,684	+ 314	- 701	1,609	8,075
<b>Southern &amp; Eastern</b>	<b>71,348</b>	<b>67,040</b>	<b>67,711</b>	<b>+ 671</b>	<b>- 3,637</b>	<b>13,058</b>	<b>54,653</b>
Dublin	28,548	27,044	27,065	+ 21	- 1,483	5,458	21,607
Mid-East	7,145	7,007	7,199	+ 192	+ 54	1,359	5,840
Mid-West	8,835	8,145	8,170	+ 25	- 665	1,675	6,495
South-East	12,597	11,979	12,141	+ 162	- 456	2,367	9,774
South-West	14,223	12,865	13,136	+ 271	- 1,087	2,199	10,937
<b>Total</b>	<b>103,590</b>	<b>96,646</b>	<b>98,134</b>	<b>+ 1,488</b>	<b>- 5,456</b>	<b>18,825</b>	<b>79,309</b>
<b>Females</b>							
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>25,858</b>	<b>23,244</b>	<b>25,468</b>	<b>+ 2,224</b>	<b>- 390</b>	<b>5,548</b>	<b>19,920</b>
Border	12,016	10,791	11,768	+ 977	- 248	2,767	9,001
Midland	5,516	5,057	5,599	+ 542	+ 83	1,229	4,370
West	8,326	7,396	8,101	+ 705	- 225	1,552	6,549
<b>Southern &amp; Eastern</b>	<b>55,999</b>	<b>49,062</b>	<b>53,899</b>	<b>+ 4,837</b>	<b>- 2,100</b>	<b>10,485</b>	<b>43,414</b>
Dublin	19,978	16,999	18,553	+ 1,554	- 1,425	3,646	14,907
Mid-East	6,524	5,840	6,639	+ 799	+ 115	1,174	5,465
Mid-West	7,682	6,708	7,317	+ 609	- 365	1,416	5,901
South-East	10,671	9,572	10,462	+ 890	- 209	2,158	8,304
South-West	11,144	9,943	10,928	+ 985	- 216	2,091	8,837
<b>Total</b>	<b>81,857</b>	<b>72,306</b>	<b>79,367</b>	<b>+ 7,061</b>	<b>- 2,490</b>	<b>16,033</b>	<b>63,334</b>
<b>All Persons</b>							
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>58,100</b>	<b>52,850</b>	<b>55,891</b>	<b>+ 3,041</b>	<b>- 2,209</b>	<b>11,315</b>	<b>44,576</b>
Border	28,022	25,576	26,816	+ 1,240	- 1,206	5,729	21,087
Midland	11,367	10,508	11,290	+ 782	- 77	2,425	8,865
West	18,711	16,766	17,785	+ 1,019	- 926	3,161	14,624
<b>Southern &amp; Eastern</b>	<b>127,347</b>	<b>116,102</b>	<b>121,610</b>	<b>+ 5,508</b>	<b>- 5,737</b>	<b>23,543</b>	<b>98,067</b>
Dublin	48,526	44,043	45,618	+ 1,575	- 2,908	9,104	36,514
Mid-East	13,669	12,847	13,838	+ 991	+ 169	2,533	11,305
Mid-West	16,517	14,853	15,487	+ 634	- 1,030	3,091	12,396
South-East	23,268	21,551	22,603	+ 1,052	- 665	4,525	18,078
South-West	25,367	22,808	24,064	+ 1,256	- 1,303	4,290	19,774
<b>Total</b>	<b>185,447</b>	<b>168,952</b>	<b>177,501</b>	<b>+ 8,549</b>	<b>- 7,946</b>	<b>34,858</b>	<b>142,643</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	July 2003	June 2004	July 2004	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
<b>Provinces</b>							
Leinster	94,400	86,634	90,947	+ 4,313	- 3,453	18,243	72,704
Munster	52,418	47,369	49,738	+ 2,369	- 2,680	9,391	40,347
Connacht	22,691	20,119	21,348	+ 1,229	- 1,343	3,868	17,480
Ulster	15,938	14,830	15,468	+ 638	- 470	3,356	12,112
<b>Total</b>	<b>185,447</b>	<b>168,952</b>	<b>177,501</b>	<b>+ 8,549</b>	<b>- 7,946</b>	<b>34,858</b>	<b>142,643</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	July 2003	June 2004	July 2004	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>58,100</b>	<b>52,850</b>	<b>55,891</b>	<b>5,767</b>	<b>24,656</b>	<b>30,423</b>	<b>5,548</b>	<b>19,920</b>	<b>25,468</b>
<b>Border</b>	<b>28,022</b>	<b>25,576</b>	<b>26,816</b>	<b>2,962</b>	<b>12,086</b>	<b>15,048</b>	<b>2,767</b>	<b>9,001</b>	<b>11,768</b>
Cavan	2,204	2,190	2,348	195	1,046	1,241	224	883	1,107
Belturbet	453	460	489	33	261	294	39	156	195
Cavan	1,751	1,730	1,859	162	785	947	185	727	912
Donegal	10,907	10,146	10,473	1,182	4,958	6,140	1,134	3,199	4,333
Ballybofey	995	856	924	118	373	491	139	294	433
Ballyshannon	506	490	487	46	236	282	64	141	205
Buncrana	2,005	1,838	1,964	176	825	1,001	283	680	963
Donegal	569	461	487	70	216	286	47	154	201
Dunfanaghy	1,047	968	965	119	494	613	78	274	352
Dungloe	1,793	1,569	1,589	171	816	987	95	507	602
Killybegs	1,083	1,120	1,109	88	642	730	67	312	379
Letterkenny	2,909	2,844	2,948	394	1,356	1,750	361	837	1,198
Leitrim	1,290	1,169	1,244	95	534	629	95	520	615
Carrick-on-Shannon	986	891	943	73	395	468	75	400	475
Manorhamilton	304	278	301	22	139	161	20	120	140
Louth	8,104	7,393	7,785	909	3,431	4,340	757	2,688	3,445
Ardee	976	895	952	126	370	496	99	357	456
Drogheda	3,553	3,367	3,564	368	1,506	1,874	340	1,350	1,690
Dundalk	3,575	3,131	3,269	415	1,555	1,970	318	981	1,299
Monaghan	2,827	2,494	2,647	302	1,081	1,383	319	945	1,264
Carrickmacross	788	651	697	56	270	326	75	296	371
Castleblayney	799	759	792	100	317	417	97	278	375
Clones	358	331	336	44	174	218	33	85	118
Monaghan	882	753	822	102	320	422	114	286	400
Sligo	2,690	2,184	2,319	279	1,036	1,315	238	766	1,004
Sligo	2,288	1,816	1,942	245	856	1,101	209	632	841
Tubbercurry	402	368	377	34	180	214	29	134	163
<b>Midland</b>	<b>11,367</b>	<b>10,508</b>	<b>11,290</b>	<b>1,196</b>	<b>4,495</b>	<b>5,691</b>	<b>1,229</b>	<b>4,370</b>	<b>5,599</b>
Laoighis	2,353	2,110	2,288	263	900	1,163	258	867	1,125
Portarlington	913	783	871	81	330	411	111	349	460
Portlaoise	1,051	953	1,017	139	391	530	105	382	487
Rathdowney	389	374	400	43	179	222	42	136	178
Longford	2,008	1,797	1,949	219	810	1,029	217	703	920
Longford	2,008	1,797	1,949	219	810	1,029	217	703	920
Offaly	3,067	2,788	2,995	298	1,288	1,586	306	1,103	1,409
Birr	964	877	946	93	395	488	120	338	458
Edenderry	731	684	793	67	358	425	69	299	368
Tullamore	1,372	1,227	1,256	138	535	673	117	466	583
Westmeath	3,939	3,813	4,058	416	1,497	1,913	448	1,697	2,145
Athlone	1,793	1,638	1,762	203	621	824	193	745	938
Castlepollard	321	349	379	22	155	177	43	159	202
Mullingar	1,825	1,826	1,917	191	721	912	212	793	1,005
<b>West</b>	<b>18,711</b>	<b>16,766</b>	<b>17,785</b>	<b>1,609</b>	<b>8,075</b>	<b>9,684</b>	<b>1,552</b>	<b>6,549</b>	<b>8,101</b>
Galway	10,635	9,656	10,240	1,005	4,663	5,668	967	3,605	4,572
Ballinasloe	1,229	1,029	1,084	105	467	572	94	418	512
Clifden	738	748	750	77	432	509	43	198	241
Galway	6,098	5,579	5,943	656	2,654	3,310	662	1,971	2,633
Gort	514	466	461	22	179	201	24	236	260
Loughrea	790	652	718	43	312	355	60	303	363
Tuam	1,266	1,182	1,284	102	619	721	84	479	563



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-continued			Males				Females		
NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	July 2003	June 2004	July 2004	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	6,507	5,778	6,092	478	2,748	3,226	480	2,386	2,866
Achill	355	284	298	21	170	191	17	90	107
Ballina	1,853	1,668	1,762	167	805	972	158	632	790
Ballinrobe	431	396	434	33	174	207	31	196	227
Belmullet	746	604	639	48	333	381	49	209	258
Castlebar	1,119	1,024	1,080	86	417	503	101	476	577
Claremorris	506	449	466	24	197	221	26	219	245
Swinford	840	749	795	67	323	390	59	346	405
Westport	657	604	618	32	329	361	39	218	257
Roscommon	1,569	1,332	1,453	126	664	790	105	558	663
Boyle	421	379	420	41	193	234	18	168	186
Castlerea	756	618	671	50	314	364	59	248	307
Roscommon	392	335	362	35	157	192	28	142	170
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>127,347</b>	<b>116,102</b>	<b>121,610</b>	<b>13,058</b>	<b>54,653</b>	<b>67,711</b>	<b>10,485</b>	<b>43,414</b>	<b>53,899</b>
<b>Dublin</b>	<b>48,526</b>	<b>44,043</b>	<b>45,618</b>	<b>5,458</b>	<b>21,607</b>	<b>27,065</b>	<b>3,646</b>	<b>14,907</b>	<b>18,553</b>
Dublin	48,526	44,043	45,618	5,458	21,607	27,065	3,646	14,907	18,553
Bishop Square	5,182	4,260	4,451	459	2,315	2,774	316	1,361	1,677
Cumberland Street	6,093	5,710	5,768	663	2,858	3,521	431	1,816	2,247
Navan Road	2,926	2,794	2,850	341	1,569	1,910	228	712	940
Blanchardstown	3,501	3,357	3,558	405	1,458	1,863	374	1,321	1,695
Thomas Street	2,735	2,539	2,514	273	1,401	1,674	203	637	840
Tara Street	1,602	1,423	1,437	126	746	872	88	477	565
Tallaght	3,804	3,609	3,702	631	1,598	2,229	423	1,050	1,473
Ballymun	1,575	1,536	1,529	262	733	995	143	391	534
Clondalkin	3,137	3,130	3,287	445	1,432	1,877	317	1,093	1,410
Rathfarnham	2,634	2,321	2,492	201	1,050	1,251	146	1,095	1,241
Kilbarrack	3,306	2,809	2,950	304	1,359	1,663	171	1,116	1,287
Dun Laoghaire	3,825	3,043	3,329	253	1,444	1,697	144	1,488	1,632
Balbriggan	1,348	1,233	1,306	145	538	683	82	541	623
Ballyfermot	1,312	1,256	1,260	179	615	794	159	307	466
Finglas	2,348	2,270	2,346	370	1,115	1,485	190	671	861
Coolock	3,198	2,753	2,839	401	1,376	1,777	231	831	1,062
<b>Mid-East</b>	<b>13,669</b>	<b>12,847</b>	<b>13,838</b>	<b>1,359</b>	<b>5,840</b>	<b>7,199</b>	<b>1,174</b>	<b>5,465</b>	<b>6,639</b>
Kildare	5,182	4,912	5,294	550	2,097	2,647	484	2,163	2,647
Athy	906	879	948	113	404	517	109	322	431
Maynooth	1,529	1,645	1,827	175	641	816	163	848	1,011
Newbridge	2,747	2,388	2,519	262	1,052	1,314	212	993	1,205
Meath	3,583	3,275	3,553	320	1,470	1,790	266	1,497	1,763
Kells	635	599	660	50	271	321	56	283	339
Navan	2,035	1,880	2,055	201	888	1,089	146	820	966
Trim	913	796	838	69	311	380	64	394	458
Wicklow	4,904	4,660	4,991	489	2,273	2,762	424	1,805	2,229
Arklow	1,302	1,330	1,404	163	664	827	140	437	577
Baltinglass	450	443	465	39	175	214	63	188	251
Bray	2,229	2,011	2,178	192	999	1,191	135	852	987
Wicklow	923	876	944	95	435	530	86	328	414
<b>Mid-West</b>	<b>16,517</b>	<b>14,853</b>	<b>15,487</b>	<b>1,675</b>	<b>6,495</b>	<b>8,170</b>	<b>1,416</b>	<b>5,901</b>	<b>7,317</b>
Clare	4,303	3,848	4,028	346	1,695	2,041	320	1,667	1,987
Ennis	2,629	2,300	2,446	232	974	1,206	199	1,041	1,240
Ennistymon	551	591	597	38	280	318	40	239	279
Kilrush	684	584	599	52	263	315	56	228	284
Tulla	439	373	386	24	178	202	25	159	184
Limerick	9,262	8,269	8,674	1,046	3,705	4,751	820	3,103	3,923
Kilmallock	1,017	859	939	106	417	523	90	326	416
Limerick	7,217	6,502	6,776	873	2,863	3,736	618	2,422	3,040
Newcastle West	1,028	908	959	67	425	492	112	355	467

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-continued			Males				Females		
NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	July 2003	June 2004	July 2004	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,952	2,736	2,785	283	1,095	1,378	276	1,131	1,407
Nenagh	1,077	1,053	1,055	83	423	506	86	463	549
Roscrea	609	534	562	65	199	264	56	242	298
Thurles	1,266	1,149	1,168	135	473	608	134	426	560
<b>South-East</b>	<b>23,268</b>	<b>21,551</b>	<b>22,603</b>	<b>2,367</b>	<b>9,774</b>	<b>12,141</b>	<b>2,158</b>	<b>8,304</b>	<b>10,462</b>
Carlow	2,524	2,395	2,516	269	1,000	1,269	277	970	1,247
Bagenalstown	626	579	631	57	284	341	54	236	290
Carlow	1,417	1,328	1,342	154	531	685	154	503	657
Tullow	481	488	543	58	185	243	69	231	300
Kilkenny	2,785	2,618	2,805	305	1,253	1,558	268	979	1,247
Callan	382	376	394	41	197	238	29	127	156
Kilkenny	1,917	1,831	1,981	227	870	1,097	205	679	884
Thomastown	486	411	430	37	186	223	34	173	207
South Tipperary	4,090	3,764	3,926	444	1,762	2,206	376	1,344	1,720
Cahir	503	512	552	50	247	297	63	192	255
Carrick-on-Suir	1,001	950	976	78	506	584	64	328	392
Cashel	422	390	412	53	181	234	31	147	178
Clonmel	1,413	1,210	1,261	165	540	705	151	405	556
Tipperary	751	702	725	98	288	386	67	272	339
Waterford	6,444	5,944	6,261	664	2,744	3,408	526	2,327	2,853
Dungarvan	1,102	965	1,030	89	427	516	86	428	514
Waterford	5,342	4,979	5,231	575	2,317	2,892	440	1,899	2,339
Wexford	7,425	6,830	7,095	685	3,015	3,700	711	2,684	3,395
Enniscorthy	1,806	1,782	1,830	218	779	997	240	593	833
Gorey	1,241	1,210	1,263	111	516	627	124	512	636
New Ross	1,356	1,159	1,247	106	564	670	107	470	577
Wexford	3,022	2,679	2,755	250	1,156	1,406	240	1,109	1,349
<b>South-West</b>	<b>25,367</b>	<b>22,808</b>	<b>24,064</b>	<b>2,199</b>	<b>10,937</b>	<b>13,136</b>	<b>2,091</b>	<b>8,837</b>	<b>10,928</b>
Cork	19,220	16,830	17,943	1,658	8,141	9,799	1,548	6,596	8,144
Bandon	616	519	566	46	252	298	46	222	268
Bantry	400	341	379	25	136	161	25	193	218
Bantry (SWLO)	212	205	227	6	97	103	13	111	124
Clonakilty	477	456	476	26	197	223	28	225	253
Cobh	473	380	414	54	197	251	37	126	163
Cork	10,021	8,711	9,230	1,059	4,486	5,545	899	2,786	3,685
Dunmanway	225	176	210	8	76	84	19	107	126
Fermoy	870	806	882	65	397	462	68	352	420
Kinsale	674	649	662	31	273	304	38	320	358
Macroom	541	497	529	24	210	234	31	264	295
Mallow	881	785	846	79	411	490	86	270	356
Midleton	1,102	1,029	1,100	67	446	513	76	511	587
Newmarket	541	469	521	45	203	248	42	231	273
Passage West	928	755	787	53	324	377	59	351	410
Skibbereen	458	361	425	23	141	164	20	241	261
Youghal	801	691	689	47	295	342	61	286	347
Kerry	6,147	5,978	6,121	541	2,796	3,337	543	2,241	2,784
Cahiriveen	357	393	388	10	176	186	25	177	202
Dingle	238	256	244	6	131	137	8	99	107
Kenmare	154	109	123	6	54	60	11	52	63
Killarney	902	877	907	75	369	444	86	377	463
Killorglin	427	387	411	21	160	181	29	201	230
Listowel	1,035	979	1,004	118	454	572	105	327	432
Tralee	3,034	2,977	3,044	305	1,452	1,757	279	1,008	1,287
<b>State</b>	<b>185,447</b>	<b>168,952</b>	<b>177,501</b>	<b>18,825</b>	<b>79,309</b>	<b>98,134</b>	<b>16,033</b>	<b>63,334</b>	<b>79,367</b>

**Table 7 Flows on and off the Live Register in the 5 weeks from 26th June 2004 to 30th July 2004**

	Total	New Registrations	Net Change	Outflow (derived)
<b>Border, Midland &amp; Western</b>	<b>55,891</b>	<b>8,209</b>	<b>+ 3,041</b>	<b>5,168</b>
Border	26,816	3,662	+ 1,240	2,422
Midland	11,290	1,802	+ 782	1,020
West	17,785	2,745	+ 1,019	1,726
<b>Southern &amp; Eastern</b>	<b>121,610</b>	<b>19,206</b>	<b>+ 5,508</b>	<b>13,698</b>
Dublin	45,618	7,008	+ 1,575	5,433
Mid-East	13,838	2,423	+ 991	1,432
Mid-West	15,487	2,580	+ 634	1,946
South-East	22,603	3,346	+ 1,052	2,294
South-West	24,064	3,849	+ 1,256	2,593
<b>Sex</b>				
Males	98,134	12,352	+ 1,488	10,864
Females	79,367	15,063	+ 7,061	8,002
<b>Total</b>	<b>177,501</b>	<b>27,415</b>	<b>+ 8,549</b>	<b>18,866</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		
2003	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
	May	4	18,902	4,726	21,590	5,398	- 672
	June	4	25,244	6,311	18,264	4,566	+ 1,745
	July	5	27,415	5,483	18,866	3,773	+ 1,710

**Table 9 Summary of Flows on and off the Live Register classified by Sex<sup>1</sup>**

	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 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
May	4	95,122	10,553	12,520	- 492	66,850	8,349	9,070	- 180
June	4	96,646	12,025	10,501	+ 381	72,306	13,219	7,763	+ 1,364
July	5	98,134	12,352	10,864	+ 298	79,367	15,063	8,002	+ 1,412

<sup>1</sup>From next month, Tables 7-9 will be removed from the Live Register publication. For details, please see background notes.

## 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	5.1
2000	4.8	4.4	4.0	3.9
2001	3.7	3.8	4.0	4.0
2002	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.6
2003	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.5
2004	4.4			

**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.
- Tables 7, 8 & 9 to be removed** From next month, Tables 7-9 will be removed from the Live Register publication. These tables will be replaced with a new table that will provide summary data on average weekly changes to the Live Register in the month.
- This change to the publication is for operational reasons and will help to ensure the continued timeliness of the Live Register publication. While this data will no longer be included in the published release, users can obtain updated copies of these tables on request from this office.
- 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**

<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