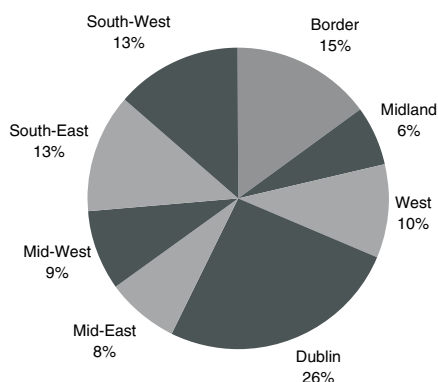


Live Register by Regional Authority



	June 2004	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and Western	52,850	+ 2,409	- 2,948
Border	25,576	+ 1,066	- 1,528
Midland	10,508	+ 489	- 143
West	16,766	+ 854	- 1,277
Southern and Eastern	116,102	+ 4,571	- 5,952
Dublin	44,043	+ 1,673	- 2,292
Mid-East	12,847	+ 422	+ 21
Mid-West	14,853	+ 802	- 937
South-East	21,551	+ 691	- 926
South-West	22,808	+ 983	- 1,818
Total	168,952	+ 6,980	- 8,900

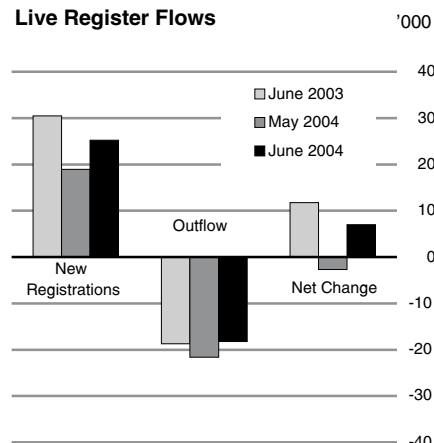
Monthly increase in all regions

The monthly increase of 6,980 persons on the Live Register reflected increases in all regions. The largest percentage increases were in the Mid-West (+5.7%) and West (+5.4%) while the lowest increases were in the South-East (+3.3%) and Mid-East (+3.4%).

Other area features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males increased in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the West (+2.6%), while the lowest percentage increase was in the Mid-East (+0.7%).
- ◆ The number of females increased in all regions. The largest percentage increase was in the Mid-West (11.4%), while the lowest percentage increase was in the South-East (+6.4%).
- ◆ There were monthly increases in all counties. The largest percentage increases were in Limerick (+8.6%) and Cavan (+6.7%), while the lowest increases were in Clare (+0.3%) and in Louth (+0.9%). See tables 4 and 6.

Live Register Flows



	New Registrations	Outflow (derived)	Net Change
Males	12,025	10,501	+ 1,524
Females	13,219	7,763	+ 5,456
Total	25,244	18,264	+ 6,980

New registrants exceed outflows

A total of 25,244 persons joined the Live Register in June 2004. With 18,264 persons leaving the Register there is a net increase of 6,980 persons in the month.

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

- ◆ The average weekly increase of 1,745 in the Live Register was comprised of 1,364 females and 381 males. See tables 8 and 9.
- ◆ In the month there were weekly averages of 6,311 new claimants joining the Register and 4,566 persons leaving. See table 8.

Tables

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	June 2003	May 2004	June 2004	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	39,061	33,828	33,955	+ 127	- 5,106
UA Applications	59,751	58,612	59,980	+ 1,368	+ 229
Other Registrants	2,762	2,682	2,711	+ 29	- 51
Total	101,574	95,122	96,646	+ 1,524	- 4,928
Females					
UB Claims	43,210	35,896	39,369	+ 3,473	- 3,841
UA Applications	23,710	22,728	24,443	+ 1,715	+ 733
Other Registrants	9,358	8,226	8,494	+ 268	- 864
Total	76,278	66,850	72,306	+ 5,456	- 3,972
All Persons					
UB Claims	82,271	69,724	73,324	+ 3,600	- 8,947
UA Applications	83,461	81,340	84,423	+ 3,083	+ 962
Other Registrants	12,120	10,908	11,205	+ 297	- 915
Total	177,852	161,972	168,952	+ 6,980	- 8,900

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

Category	June 2003	May 2004	June 2004	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	7,382	5,848	5,948	+ 100	- 1,434
UA Applications	12,174	11,771	12,349	+ 578	+ 175
Other Registrants	58	37	47	+ 10	- 11
Total	19,614	17,656	18,344	+ 688	- 1,270
Females					
UB Claims	6,354	4,692	5,254	+ 562	- 1,100
UA Applications	9,106	8,482	9,425	+ 943	+ 319
Other Registrants	120	94	113	+ 19	- 7
Total	15,580	13,268	14,792	+ 1,524	- 788
All Persons					
UB Claims	13,736	10,540	11,202	+ 662	- 2,534
UA Applications	21,280	20,253	21,774	+ 1,521	+ 494
Other Registrants	178	131	160	+ 29	- 18
Total	35,194	30,924	33,136	+ 2,212	- 2,058

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

Category	June 2003	May 2004	June 2004	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	31,679	27,980	28,007	+ 27	- 3,672
UA Applications	47,577	46,841	47,631	+ 790	+ 54
Other Registrants	2,704	2,645	2,664	+ 19	- 40
Total	81,960	77,466	78,302	+ 836	- 3,658
Females					
UB Claims	36,856	31,204	34,115	+ 2,911	- 2,741
UA Applications	14,604	14,246	15,018	+ 772	+ 414
Other Registrants	9,238	8,132	8,381	+ 249	- 857
Total	60,698	53,582	57,514	+ 3,932	- 3,184
All Persons					
UB Claims	68,535	59,184	62,122	+ 2,938	- 6,413
UA Applications	62,181	61,087	62,649	+ 1,562	+ 468
Other Registrants	11,942	10,777	11,045	+ 268	- 897
Total	142,658	131,048	135,816	+ 4,768	- 6,842

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

	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series ¹		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2002	June	95,800	68,500	164,300	96,400	66,200	162,600
	July	98,000	74,100	172,100	97,000	67,500	164,500
	August	98,800	74,800	173,600	97,300	67,700	165,000
	September	95,300	66,100	161,400	97,400	67,400	164,800
	October	93,800	63,900	157,700	97,300	66,700	164,100
	November	95,100	63,500	158,600	97,800	67,000	164,900
	December	98,700	67,500	166,100	97,500	67,800	165,300
2003	January	102,300	68,400	170,700	98,500	68,700	167,100
	February	102,000	69,400	171,400	98,900	69,500	168,400
	March	100,500	67,600	168,100	99,700	69,900	169,600
	April	100,300	70,600	170,900	100,200	72,400	172,500
	May	98,300	67,800	166,100	100,600	71,500	172,100
	June	101,600	76,300	177,900	102,200	73,800	176,000
	July	103,600	81,900	185,400	102,600	75,200	177,800
	August	103,800	82,200	186,000	102,400	75,100	177,500
	September	98,800	72,100	170,800	101,000	73,400	174,400
	October	96,300	70,300	166,600	99,800	73,200	173,000
	November	96,100	68,400	164,500	98,800	72,000	170,700
	December	99,200	71,500	170,600	98,000	71,800	169,800
2004	January	102,500	72,000	174,500	98,700	72,300	171,000
	February	101,600	71,600	173,100	98,400	71,600	170,100
	March	99,700	69,200	168,900	98,900	71,500	170,400
	April	97,100	67,600	164,700	96,900	69,300	166,200
	May	95,100	66,900	162,000	97,500	70,500	168,000
	June	96,600	72,300	169,000	97,200	69,800	167,000

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

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

	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series ¹		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2002	June	18,000	13,400	31,400	18,000	12,700	30,700
	July	19,000	14,700	33,700	18,200	13,100	31,300
	August	19,000	15,000	34,000	18,200	13,200	31,400
	September	17,900	13,600	31,400	18,200	13,300	31,400
	October	17,200	12,500	29,600	18,200	13,100	31,300
	November	17,300	12,200	29,500	18,300	13,000	31,300
	December	18,000	12,400	30,400	18,200	13,100	31,400
2003	January	19,400	13,400	32,800	18,500	13,400	32,000
	February	19,300	13,600	32,900	18,600	13,600	32,200
	March	18,900	13,400	32,200	18,700	13,900	32,600
	April	18,700	13,400	32,000	18,800	14,000	32,900
	May	18,400	13,300	31,700	19,100	14,100	33,200
	June	19,600	15,600	35,200	19,600	14,900	34,500
	July	20,500	16,800	37,300	19,700	15,200	34,900
	August	20,500	16,900	37,300	19,700	15,200	34,900
	September	19,100	15,000	34,100	19,400	14,800	34,200
	October	17,800	13,800	31,600	18,900	14,400	33,300
	November	17,700	13,500	31,100	18,600	14,300	32,900
	December	18,100	13,400	31,400	18,300	14,100	32,400
2004	January	19,500	14,200	33,800	18,600	14,300	32,900
	February	19,300	14,200	33,600	18,600	14,200	32,900
	March	19,000	13,800	32,800	18,800	14,300	33,100
	April	18,100	13,200	31,300	18,200	13,900	32,100
	May	17,700	13,300	30,900	18,400	14,100	32,500
	June	18,300	14,800	33,100	18,300	14,100	32,400

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

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

	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series ¹		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2002	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
	February	82,200	57,300	139,500	79,800	57,400	137,200
	March	80,700	55,400	136,100	80,100	57,200	137,300
	April	79,000	54,300	133,300	78,700	55,400	134,100
	May	77,500	53,600	131,000	79,100	56,400	135,500
	June	78,300	57,500	135,800	78,900	55,700	134,600

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

Table 3 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates¹ (SUR)

Month	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
January ²	8.7	5.9	4.8	3.7	4.4	4.6	4.4 ³
February	8.5	5.9	4.7	3.7	4.5	4.6	4.4
March	8.2	5.9	4.5	3.7	4.5	4.6	4.4
April ²	8.0	5.9	4.4	3.8	4.4	4.6	4.3
May	7.8	5.8	4.2	3.9	4.4	4.6	4.3
June	7.5	5.5	4.1	3.9	4.3	4.7	4.3
July ²	7.2	5.4	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.8	
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 ²	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	4.2	4.6	4.4	
Annual average	7.4	5.5	4.2	3.9	4.4	4.6	

¹ Table contains revised figures.

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

³ 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 ¹	June 2003	May 2004	June 2004	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland & Western	31,551	28,975	29,606	+ 631	- 1,945	5,585	24,021
Border	15,727	14,455	14,785	+ 330	- 942	2,896	11,889
Midland	5,604	5,384	5,451	+ 67	- 153	1,137	4,314
West	10,220	9,136	9,370	+ 234	- 850	1,552	7,818
Southern & Eastern	70,023	66,147	67,040	+ 893	- 2,983	12,759	54,281
Dublin	27,828	26,648	27,044	+ 396	- 784	5,462	21,582
Mid-East	6,916	6,955	7,007	+ 52	+ 91	1,316	5,691
Mid-West	8,626	8,028	8,145	+ 117	- 481	1,609	6,536
South-East	12,483	11,860	11,979	+ 119	- 504	2,292	9,687
South-West	14,170	12,656	12,865	+ 209	- 1,305	2,080	10,785
Total	101,574	95,122	96,646	+ 1,524	- 4,928	18,344	78,302
Females							
Border, Midland & Western	24,247	21,466	23,244	+ 1,778	- 1,003	5,066	18,178
Border	11,377	10,055	10,791	+ 736	- 586	2,512	8,279
Midland	5,047	4,635	5,057	+ 422	+ 10	1,124	3,933
West	7,823	6,776	7,396	+ 620	- 427	1,430	5,966
Southern & Eastern	52,031	45,384	49,062	+ 3,678	- 2,969	9,726	39,336
Dublin	18,507	15,722	16,999	+ 1,277	- 1,508	3,436	13,563
Mid-East	5,910	5,470	5,840	+ 370	- 70	1,034	4,806
Mid-West	7,164	6,023	6,708	+ 685	- 456	1,348	5,360
South-East	9,994	9,000	9,572	+ 572	- 422	2,031	7,541
South-West	10,456	9,169	9,943	+ 774	- 513	1,877	8,066
Total	76,278	66,850	72,306	+ 5,456	- 3,972	14,792	57,514
All Persons							
Border, Midland & Western	55,798	50,441	52,850	+ 2,409	- 2,948	10,651	42,199
Border	27,104	24,510	25,576	+ 1,066	- 1,528	5,408	20,168
Midland	10,651	10,019	10,508	+ 489	- 143	2,261	8,247
West	18,043	15,912	16,766	+ 854	- 1,277	2,982	13,784
Southern & Eastern	122,054	111,531	116,102	+ 4,571	- 5,952	22,485	93,617
Dublin	46,335	42,370	44,043	+ 1,673	- 2,292	8,898	35,145
Mid-East	12,826	12,425	12,847	+ 422	+ 21	2,350	10,497
Mid-West	15,790	14,051	14,853	+ 802	- 937	2,957	11,896
South-East	22,477	20,860	21,551	+ 691	- 926	4,323	17,228
South-West	24,626	21,825	22,808	+ 983	- 1,818	3,957	18,851
Total	177,852	161,972	168,952	+ 6,980	- 8,900	33,136	135,816

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

Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	June 2003	May 2004	June 2004	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	89,760	83,667	86,634	+ 2,967	- 3,126	17,441	69,193
Munster	50,703	45,213	47,369	+ 2,156	- 3,334	8,827	38,542
Connacht	21,886	19,076	20,119	+ 1,043	- 1,767	3,624	16,495
Ulster	15,503	14,016	14,830	+ 814	- 673	3,244	11,586
Total	177,852	161,972	168,952	+ 6,980	- 8,900	33,136	135,816

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	June 2003	May 2004	June 2004	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	55,798	50,441	52,850	5,585	24,021	29,606	5,066	18,178	23,244
Border	27,104	24,510	25,576	2,896	11,889	14,785	2,512	8,279	10,791
Cavan	2,135	2,052	2,190	193	1,015	1,208	207	775	982
Belturbet	444	433	460	33	251	284	33	143	176
Cavan	1,691	1,619	1,730	160	764	924	174	632	806
Donegal	10,680	9,576	10,146	1,187	4,902	6,089	1,079	2,978	4,057
Ballybofey	975	784	856	117	361	478	131	247	378
Ballyshannon	522	479	490	47	232	279	66	145	211
Buncrana	1,948	1,714	1,838	171	792	963	256	619	875
Donegal	547	438	461	66	214	280	41	140	181
Dunfanaghy	1,049	942	968	115	496	611	76	281	357
Dungloe	1,742	1,516	1,569	172	822	994	88	487	575
Killybegs	1,114	1,086	1,120	95	631	726	73	321	394
Letterkenny	2,783	2,617	2,844	404	1,354	1,758	348	738	1,086
Leitrim	1,233	1,115	1,169	97	518	615	87	467	554
Carrick-on-Shannon	936	855	891	73	390	463	70	358	428
Manorhamilton	297	260	278	24	128	152	17	109	126
Louth	7,758	7,330	7,393	855	3,378	4,233	667	2,493	3,160
Ardee	947	906	895	116	363	479	91	325	416
Drogheda	3,379	3,343	3,367	342	1,480	1,822	296	1,249	1,545
Dundalk	3,432	3,081	3,131	397	1,535	1,932	280	919	1,199
Monaghan	2,688	2,388	2,494	301	1,066	1,367	277	850	1,127
Carrickmacross	765	613	651	59	251	310	65	276	341
Castleblayney	775	733	759	97	320	417	90	252	342
Clones	338	320	331	50	176	226	28	77	105
Monaghan	810	722	753	95	319	414	94	245	339
Sligo	2,610	2,049	2,184	263	1,010	1,273	195	716	911
Sligo	2,227	1,703	1,816	233	831	1,064	169	583	752
Tubbercurry	383	346	368	30	179	209	26	133	159
Midland	10,651	10,019	10,508	1,137	4,314	5,451	1,124	3,933	5,057
Laoighis	2,193	2,057	2,110	248	864	1,112	238	760	998
Portarlington	875	752	783	79	305	384	107	292	399
Portlaoise	955	931	953	126	386	512	88	353	441
Rathdowney	363	374	374	43	173	216	43	115	158
Longford	1,905	1,725	1,797	205	776	981	194	622	816
Longford	1,905	1,725	1,797	205	776	981	194	622	816
Offaly	2,910	2,654	2,788	280	1,206	1,486	279	1,023	1,302
Birr	940	828	877	90	359	449	107	321	428
Edenderry	709	653	684	59	302	361	55	268	323
Tullamore	1,261	1,173	1,227	131	545	676	117	434	551
Westmeath	3,643	3,583	3,813	404	1,468	1,872	413	1,528	1,941
Athlone	1,650	1,484	1,638	195	604	799	174	665	839
Castlepollard	303	347	349	24	146	170	40	139	179
Mullingar	1,690	1,752	1,826	185	718	903	199	724	923
West	18,043	15,912	16,766	1,552	7,818	9,370	1,430	5,966	7,396
Galway	10,175	9,056	9,656	975	4,482	5,457	905	3,294	4,199
Ballinasloe	1,147	994	1,029	106	455	561	97	371	468
Clifden	727	769	748	77	430	507	46	195	241
Galway	5,893	5,082	5,579	616	2,544	3,160	605	1,814	2,419
Gort	480	439	466	27	186	213	28	225	253
Loughrea	743	628	652	45	291	336	49	267	316
Tuam	1,185	1,144	1,182	104	576	680	80	422	502

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

-continued			Males				Females		
NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	June 2003	May 2004	June 2004	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	6,375	5,571	5,778	459	2,705	3,164	432	2,182	2,614
Achill	349	284	284	21	164	185	20	79	99
Ballina	1,808	1,655	1,668	152	805	957	147	564	711
Ballinrobe	407	377	396	28	168	196	28	172	200
Belmullet	732	597	604	49	312	361	43	200	243
Castlebar	1,066	937	1,024	84	423	507	84	433	517
Claremorris	499	447	449	18	199	217	20	212	232
Swinford	862	697	749	70	316	386	51	312	363
Westport	652	577	604	37	318	355	39	210	249
Roscommon	1,493	1,285	1,332	118	631	749	93	490	583
Boyle	382	376	379	43	176	219	16	144	160
Castlerea	749	592	618	40	312	352	53	213	266
Roscommon	362	317	335	35	143	178	24	133	157
Southern and Eastern	122,054	111,531	116,102	12,759	54,281	67,040	9,726	39,336	49,062
Dublin	46,335	42,370	44,043	5,462	21,582	27,044	3,436	13,563	16,999
Dublin	46,335	42,370	44,043	5,462	21,582	27,044	3,436	13,563	16,999
Bishop Square	4,900	4,062	4,260	457	2,285	2,742	277	1,241	1,518
Cumberland Street	5,807	5,519	5,710	684	2,897	3,581	432	1,697	2,129
Navan Road	2,868	2,712	2,794	337	1,552	1,889	220	685	905
Blanchardstown	3,337	3,252	3,357	401	1,416	1,817	331	1,209	1,540
Thomas Street	2,627	2,455	2,539	285	1,425	1,710	202	627	829
Tara Street	1,568	1,360	1,423	122	770	892	93	438	531
Tallaght	3,599	3,438	3,609	658	1,624	2,282	397	930	1,327
Ballymun	1,548	1,483	1,536	282	749	1,031	141	364	505
Clondalkin	2,970	3,012	3,130	427	1,409	1,836	303	991	1,294
Rathfarnham	2,408	2,085	2,321	194	1,045	1,239	132	950	1,082
Kilbarrack	3,101	2,691	2,809	291	1,373	1,664	158	987	1,145
Dun Laoghaire	3,651	2,907	3,043	225	1,390	1,615	123	1,305	1,428
Balbriggan	1,274	1,206	1,233	136	544	680	67	486	553
Ballyfermot	1,289	1,206	1,256	184	635	819	152	285	437
Finglas	2,252	2,264	2,270	367	1,100	1,467	185	618	803
Coolock	3,136	2,718	2,753	412	1,368	1,780	223	750	973
Mid-East	12,826	12,425	12,847	1,316	5,691	7,007	1,034	4,806	5,840
Kildare	4,930	4,708	4,912	527	2,020	2,547	438	1,927	2,365
Athy	883	868	879	106	393	499	93	287	380
Maynooth	1,496	1,557	1,645	160	601	761	141	743	884
Newbridge	2,551	2,283	2,388	261	1,026	1,287	204	897	1,101
Meath	3,311	3,193	3,275	293	1,432	1,725	245	1,305	1,550
Kells	608	580	599	47	264	311	45	243	288
Navan	1,832	1,837	1,880	183	854	1,037	128	715	843
Trim	871	776	796	63	314	377	72	347	419
Wicklow	4,585	4,524	4,660	496	2,239	2,735	351	1,574	1,925
Arklow	1,228	1,294	1,330	152	650	802	121	407	528
Baltinglass	425	433	443	45	179	224	47	172	219
Bray	2,047	1,955	2,011	194	981	1,175	118	718	836
Wicklow	885	842	876	105	429	534	65	277	342
Mid-West	15,790	14,051	14,853	1,609	6,536	8,145	1,348	5,360	6,708
Clare	4,147	3,835	3,848	323	1,707	2,030	301	1,517	1,818
Ennis	2,511	2,273	2,300	213	964	1,177	194	929	1,123
Ennistymon	568	594	591	37	285	322	41	228	269
Kilrush	639	588	584	56	272	328	52	204	256
Tulla	429	380	373	17	186	203	14	156	170
Limerick	8,786	7,615	8,269	1,020	3,696	4,716	770	2,783	3,553
Kilmallock	933	811	859	87	419	506	81	272	353
Limerick	6,902	5,941	6,502	855	2,862	3,717	590	2,195	2,785
Newcastle West	951	863	908	78	415	493	99	316	415

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

-continued			Males				Females		
NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	June 2003	May 2004	June 2004	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,857	2,601	2,736	266	1,133	1,399	277	1,060	1,337
Nenagh	1,069	985	1,053	85	439	524	94	435	529
Roscrea	571	506	534	54	208	262	51	221	272
Thurles	1,217	1,110	1,149	127	486	613	132	404	536
South-East	22,477	20,860	21,551	2,292	9,687	11,979	2,031	7,541	9,572
Carlow	2,431	2,262	2,395	243	1,005	1,248	265	882	1,147
Bagenalstown	606	544	579	54	270	324	55	200	255
Carlow	1,355	1,254	1,328	140	552	692	150	486	636
Tullow	470	464	488	49	183	232	60	196	256
Kilkenny	2,614	2,545	2,618	294	1,219	1,513	244	861	1,105
Callan	351	352	376	34	200	234	29	113	142
Kilkenny	1,775	1,796	1,831	219	836	1,055	187	589	776
Thomastown	488	397	411	41	183	224	28	159	187
South Tipperary	3,917	3,625	3,764	424	1,748	2,172	360	1,232	1,592
Cahir	488	502	512	47	240	287	61	164	225
Carrick-on-Suir	963	916	950	70	504	574	65	311	376
Cashel	400	367	390	55	175	230	29	131	160
Clonmel	1,352	1,156	1,210	157	546	703	134	373	507
Tipperary	714	684	702	95	283	378	71	253	324
Waterford	6,370	5,712	5,944	647	2,740	3,387	482	2,075	2,557
Dungarvan	1,062	971	965	90	433	523	74	368	442
Waterford	5,308	4,741	4,979	557	2,307	2,864	408	1,707	2,115
Wexford	7,145	6,716	6,830	684	2,975	3,659	680	2,491	3,171
Enniscorthy	1,758	1,720	1,782	218	774	992	225	565	790
Gorey	1,217	1,199	1,210	112	515	627	119	464	583
New Ross	1,276	1,119	1,159	98	541	639	105	415	520
Wexford	2,894	2,678	2,679	256	1,145	1,401	231	1,047	1,278
South-West	24,626	21,825	22,808	2,080	10,785	12,865	1,877	8,066	9,943
Cork	18,626	15,983	16,830	1,543	7,987	9,530	1,364	5,936	7,300
Bandon	576	497	519	45	247	292	37	190	227
Bantry	401	336	341	20	131	151	23	167	190
Bantry (SWLO)	210	199	205	6	93	99	7	99	106
Clonakilty	461	440	456	28	194	222	25	209	234
Cobh	472	382	380	56	182	238	37	105	142
Cork	9,731	8,062	8,711	961	4,458	5,419	787	2,505	3,292
Dunmanway	202	167	176	9	68	77	12	87	99
Fermoy	818	795	806	64	380	444	57	305	362
Kinsale	675	623	649	35	263	298	39	312	351
Macroom	523	439	497	21	205	226	27	244	271
Mallow	852	736	785	84	392	476	73	236	309
Midleton	1,087	1,033	1,029	64	427	491	78	460	538
Newmarket	500	461	469	35	195	230	34	205	239
Passage West	904	754	755	51	332	383	51	321	372
Skibbereen	450	365	361	16	121	137	14	210	224
Youghal	764	694	691	48	299	347	63	281	344
Kerry	6,000	5,842	5,978	537	2,798	3,335	513	2,130	2,643
Cahiriveen	360	403	393	11	179	190	22	181	203
Dingle	254	268	256	10	139	149	10	97	107
Kenmare	145	112	109	3	49	52	8	49	57
Killarney	894	893	877	67	365	432	88	357	445
Killorglin	419	372	387	21	156	177	27	183	210
Listowel	1,011	944	979	115	461	576	101	302	403
Tralee	2,917	2,850	2,977	310	1,449	1,759	257	961	1,218
State	177,852	161,972	168,952	18,344	78,302	96,646	14,792	57,514	72,306

Table 7 Flows on and off the Live Register in the 4 weeks from 29th May 2004 to 25th June 2004

	Total	New Registrations	Net Change	Outflow (derived)
Border, Midland & Western	52,850	7,750	+ 2,409	5,341
Border	25,576	3,455	+ 1,066	2,389
Midland	10,508	1,667	+ 489	1,178
West	16,766	2,628	+ 854	1,774
Southern & Eastern	116,102	17,494	+ 4,571	12,923
Dublin	44,043	6,445	+ 1,673	4,772
Mid-East	12,847	1,957	+ 422	1,535
Mid-West	14,853	2,514	+ 802	1,712
South-East	21,551	2,971	+ 691	2,280
South-West	22,808	3,607	+ 983	2,624
Sex				
Males	96,646	12,025	+ 1,524	10,501
Females	72,306	13,219	+ 5,456	7,763
Total	168,952	25,244	+ 6,980	18,264

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	June	4	27,530	6,883	18,197	4,549	+ 2,333
	July	4	26,633	6,658	18,812	4,703	+ 1,955
	August	5	25,540	5,108	24,075	4,815	+ 293
	September	4	21,098	5,275	33,229	8,307	- 3,033
	October	4	23,160	5,790	26,886	6,722	- 932
	November	5	29,506	5,901	28,576	5,715	+ 186
	December	4	20,884	5,221	13,378	3,345	+ 1,877
2003	January	5	32,776	6,555	28,217	5,643	+ 912
	February	4	23,767	5,942	23,074	5,769	+ 173
	March	4	19,946	4,987	23,281	5,820	- 834
	April	4	23,869	5,967	20,988	5,247	+ 720
	May	5	25,089	5,018	29,924	5,985	- 967
	June	4	30,455	7,614	18,708	4,677	+ 2,937
	July	4	27,917	6,979	20,322	5,081	+ 1,899
	August	5	25,816	5,163	25,310	5,062	+ 101
	September	4	22,248	5,562	37,379	9,345	- 3,783
	October	5	22,329	4,466	26,599	5,320	- 854
	November	4	22,371	5,593	24,382	6,096	- 503
	December	4	20,761	5,190	14,698	3,675	+ 1,516
2004	January	5	30,801	6,160	26,876	5,375	+ 785
	February	4	22,603	5,651	24,005	6,001	- 351
	March	4	18,295	4,574	22,542	5,636	- 1,062
	April	5	26,368	5,274	30,588	6,118	- 844
	May	4	18,902	4,726	21,590	5,398	- 672
	June	4	25,244	6,311	18,264	4,566	+ 1,745

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	June	4	95,765	13,087	10,678	+ 602	68,512	14,443	7,519	+ 1,731
	July	4	98,006	13,099	10,858	+ 560	74,092	13,534	7,954	+ 1,395
	August	5	98,771	14,085	13,320	+ 153	74,792	11,455	10,755	+ 140
	September	4	95,289	11,521	15,003	- 871	66,143	9,577	18,226	- 2,162
	October	4	93,829	13,201	14,661	- 365	63,877	9,959	12,225	- 567
	November	5	95,121	16,591	15,299	+ 258	63,515	12,915	13,277	- 72
	December	4	98,670	11,279	7,730	+ 887	67,472	9,605	5,648	+ 989
2003	January	5	102,335	18,502	14,837	+ 733	68,366	14,274	13,380	+ 179
	February	4	102,026	13,047	13,356	- 77	69,368	10,720	9,718	+ 251
	March	4	100,459	11,655	13,222	- 392	67,600	8,291	10,059	- 442
	April	4	100,328	12,152	12,283	- 33	70,612	11,717	8,705	+ 753
	May	5	98,261	13,804	15,871	- 413	67,844	11,285	14,053	- 554
	June	4	101,574	14,455	11,142	+ 828	76,278	16,000	7,566	+ 2,109
	July	4	103,590	13,372	11,356	+ 504	81,857	14,545	8,966	+ 1,395
	August	5	103,766	14,131	13,955	+ 35	82,187	11,685	11,355	+ 66
	September	4	98,759	11,878	16,885	- 1,252	72,063	10,370	20,494	- 2,531
	October	5	96,261	11,697	14,195	- 500	70,291	10,632	12,404	- 354
	November	4	96,119	12,611	12,753	- 36	68,422	9,760	11,629	- 467
	December	4	99,153	11,110	8,076	+ 759	71,451	9,651	6,622	+ 757
2004	January	5	102,527	17,250	13,876	+ 675	72,002	13,551	13,000	+ 110
	February	4	101,561	12,555	13,521	- 242	71,566	10,048	10,484	- 109
	March	4	99,692	10,836	12,705	- 467	69,188	7,459	9,837	- 595
	April	5	97,089	13,627	16,230	- 521	67,571	12,741	14,358	- 323
	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

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

Border, Midland and Western NUTS2 Region

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

Southern and Eastern NUTS2 Region

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