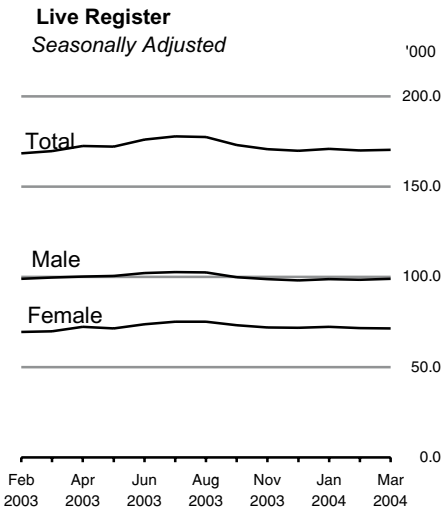




Live Register Analysis March 2004



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
March 2003	168,059	169,600
February 2004	173,127	170,100
March 2004	168,880	170,400
Change in month	- 4,247	+ 300
Change in year	+ 821	+ 800

Decrease of 4,247 in unadjusted Live Register

The Live Register decreased by 4,247 (-2.5%) persons in March to 168,880. This compares with a corresponding fall of 3,335 (-1.9%) in March of last year. When seasonal factors are taken into account the seasonally adjusted total increased from 170,100 in February to 170,400 this month, an increase of 300. See table 2a and graph opposite.

In the year to March 2004 there was an increase of 821 (+0.5%). This compares to an annual increase of 1,733(+1.0%) recorded in the year to February 2004.

Other features include:

- ◆ The monthly decrease of 4,247 comprised decreases of 2,378 females and 1,869 males. See table 1a.
- ◆ The monthly increase in the Seasonally Adjusted series was comprised of an increase of 500 males and a decrease of 100 females. See table 2a.
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in March was 4.6%. This compares with 4.6% in October 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 9,080 males and 13,990 females. See background notes.

Tables 10-12 heretofore in this release are no longer included. Those tables related to schemes that were/are not part of the Live Register count. For more details 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 September-November 2003 is 88,000 persons unemployed.

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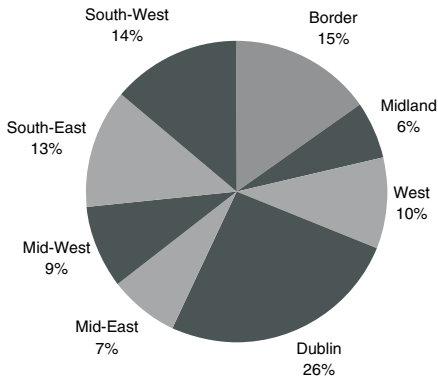
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Live Register by Regional Authority



	March 2004	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and Western	52,389	- 1,199	+ 310
Border	25,698	- 350	+ 325
Midland	10,331	- 350	+ 511
West	16,360	- 499	- 526
Southern and Eastern	116,491	- 3,048	+ 511
Dublin	43,677	- 920	+ 499
Mid-East	12,657	- 245	+ 636
Mid-West	14,940	- 328	- 297
South-East	21,717	- 529	+ 459
South-West	23,500	- 1,026	- 786
Total	168,880	- 4,247	+ 821

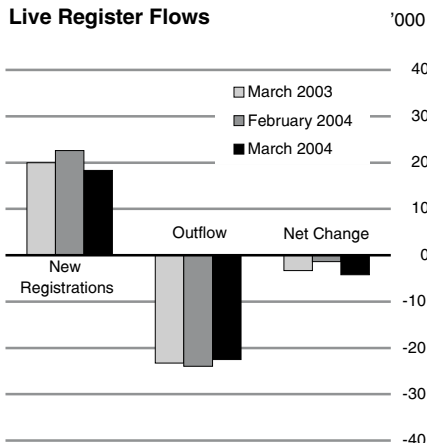
Monthly decreases in all regions

The monthly decrease of 4,247 persons on the Live Register reflected decreases in all regions. The largest percentage decreases were in the South-West (-4.2%) and Midland (-3.3%) regions. The lowest decreases were in the Border (-1.3%) and Mid-East (-1.9%) regions.

Other area features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males fell in all regions. The largest percentage decrease was in the South-West (-3.9%) while the lowest decrease was in the Mid-East (-0.9%).
- ◆ The number of females fell in all regions. The largest decrease was in the South-West (-4.6%) while the lowest decrease was in the Border (-1.9%) region.
- ◆ There were monthly decreases in all but one county. The largest percentage decreases were in Longford (-4.9%) and Kerry (-4.9%) while there was an increase in Leitrim (+0.1%). *See tables 4 and 6.*

Live Register Flows



	New Registrations	Outflow (derived)	Net Change
Males	10,836	12,705	- 1,869
Females	7,459	9,837	- 2,378
Total	18,295	22,542	- 4,247

Outflows exceed new registrants

A total of 18,295 persons joined the Live Register in March 2004. With 22,542 persons leaving the Register there is a net decrease of 4,247 persons in the month.

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

- ◆ The average weekly decrease of 1,062 in the Live Register was comprised of 595 females and 467 males. *See tables 8 and 9.*
- ◆ In the month there were weekly averages of 4,574 new claimants joining the Register and 5,636 persons leaving. *See table 8.*

Tables

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	March 2003	February 2004	March 2004	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	39,810	38,796	37,655	- 1,141	- 2,155
UA Applications	58,029	60,038	59,376	- 662	+ 1,347
Other Registrants	2,620	2,727	2,661	- 66	+ 41
Total	100,459	101,561	99,692	- 1,869	- 767
Females					
UB Claims	37,964	39,976	38,185	- 1,791	+ 221
UA Applications	21,336	22,871	22,554	- 317	+ 1,218
Other Registrants	8,300	8,719	8,449	- 270	+ 149
Total	67,600	71,566	69,188	- 2,378	+ 1,588
All Persons					
UB Claims	77,774	78,772	75,840	- 2,932	- 1,934
UA Applications	79,365	82,909	81,930	- 979	+ 2,565
Other Registrants	10,920	11,446	11,110	- 336	+ 190
Total	168,059	173,127	168,880	- 4,247	+ 821

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

Category	March 2003	February 2004	March 2004	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	7,353	7,077	6,852	- 225	- 501
UA Applications	11,497	12,222	12,095	- 127	+ 598
Other Registrants	47	39	36	- 3	- 11
Total	18,897	19,338	18,983	- 355	+ 86
Females					
UB Claims	5,458	5,517	5,210	- 307	- 248
UA Applications	7,785	8,632	8,476	- 156	+ 691
Other Registrants	108	99	92	- 7	- 16
Total	13,351	14,248	13,778	- 470	+ 427
All Persons					
UB Claims	12,811	12,594	12,062	- 532	- 749
UA Applications	19,282	20,854	20,571	- 283	+ 1,289
Other Registrants	155	138	128	- 10	- 27
Total	32,248	33,586	32,761	- 825	+ 513

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

Category	March 2003	February 2004	March 2004	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	32,457	31,719	30,803	- 916	- 1,654
UA Applications	46,532	47,816	47,281	- 535	+ 749
Other Registrants	2,573	2,688	2,625	- 63	+ 52
Total	81,562	82,223	80,709	- 1,514	- 853
Females					
UB Claims	32,506	34,459	32,975	- 1,484	+ 469
UA Applications	13,551	14,239	14,078	- 161	+ 527
Other Registrants	8,192	8,620	8,357	- 263	+ 165
Total	54,249	57,318	55,410	- 1,908	+ 1,161
All Persons					
UB Claims	64,963	66,178	63,778	- 2,400	- 1,185
UA Applications	60,083	62,055	61,359	- 696	+ 1,276
Other Registrants	10,765	11,308	10,982	- 326	+ 217
Total	135,811	139,541	136,119	- 3,422	+ 308

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	
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
	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

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	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
	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

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	
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
	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

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	4.6
February	8.5	5.9	4.7	3.7	4.5	4.6	4.5
March	8.3	5.9	4.5	3.8	4.6	4.5	4.6
April ²	8.0	5.9	4.4	3.8	4.4	4.5	
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 ²	7.2	5.4	4.1	4.0	4.4	4.9	
August	7.0	5.3	4.0	4.0	4.5	4.8	
September	6.7	5.3	4.0	4.0	4.5	4.7	
October ²	6.5	5.2	3.9	4.0	4.6	4.6 ³	
November	6.3	5.0	3.9	4.2	4.6	4.6	
December	6.1	4.9	3.8	4.3	4.6	4.5	
Annual average	7.4	5.5	4.2	4.0	4.5	4.6	

¹ This 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: September - November 2003, 4.6%.

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register classified by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	March 2003	February 2004	March 2004	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland & Western	30,854	30,985	30,454	- 531	- 400	5,568	24,886
Border	15,272	15,406	15,260	- 146	- 12	2,932	12,328
Midland	5,486	5,827	5,658	- 169	+ 172	1,136	4,522
West	10,096	9,752	9,536	- 216	- 560	1,500	8,036
Southern & Eastern	69,605	70,576	69,238	- 1,338	- 367	13,415	55,823
Dublin	27,068	27,836	27,556	- 280	+ 488	5,676	21,880
Mid-East	6,876	7,141	7,075	- 66	+ 199	1,347	5,728
Mid-West	8,848	8,663	8,537	- 126	- 311	1,670	6,867
South-East	12,378	12,756	12,441	- 315	+ 63	2,488	9,953
South-West	14,435	14,180	13,629	- 551	- 806	2,234	11,395
Total	100,459	101,561	99,692	- 1,869	- 767	18,983	80,709
Females							
Border, Midland & Western	21,225	22,603	21,935	- 668	+ 710	4,484	17,451
Border	10,101	10,642	10,438	- 204	+ 337	2,297	8,141
Midland	4,334	4,854	4,673	- 181	+ 339	1,019	3,654
West	6,790	7,107	6,824	- 283	+ 34	1,168	5,656
Southern & Eastern	46,375	48,963	47,253	- 1,710	+ 878	9,294	37,959
Dublin	16,110	16,761	16,121	- 640	+ 11	3,306	12,815
Mid-East	5,145	5,761	5,582	- 179	+ 437	999	4,583
Mid-West	6,389	6,605	6,403	- 202	+ 14	1,207	5,196
South-East	8,880	9,490	9,276	- 214	+ 396	1,950	7,326
South-West	9,851	10,346	9,871	- 475	+ 20	1,832	8,039
Total	67,600	71,566	69,188	- 2,378	+ 1,588	13,778	55,410
All Persons							
Border, Midland & Western	52,079	53,588	52,389	- 1,199	+ 310	10,052	42,337
Border	25,373	26,048	25,698	- 350	+ 325	5,229	20,469
Midland	9,820	10,681	10,331	- 350	+ 511	2,155	8,176
West	16,886	16,859	16,360	- 499	- 526	2,668	13,692
Southern & Eastern	115,980	119,539	116,491	- 3,048	+ 511	22,709	93,782
Dublin	43,178	44,597	43,677	- 920	+ 499	8,982	34,695
Mid-East	12,021	12,902	12,657	- 245	+ 636	2,346	10,311
Mid-West	15,237	15,268	14,940	- 328	- 297	2,877	12,063
South-East	21,258	22,246	21,717	- 529	+ 459	4,438	17,279
South-West	24,286	24,526	23,500	- 1,026	- 786	4,066	19,434
Total	168,059	173,127	168,880	- 4,247	+ 821	32,761	136,119

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

Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	March 2003	February 2004	March 2004	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	84,072	88,194	86,279	- 1,915	+ 2,207	17,438	68,841
Munster	49,077	49,727	48,188	- 1,539	- 889	8,961	39,227
Connacht	20,461	20,279	19,743	- 536	- 718	3,302	16,441
Ulster	14,449	14,927	14,670	- 257	+ 221	3,060	11,610
Total	168,059	173,127	168,880	- 4,247	+ 821	32,761	136,119

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	March 2003	February 2004	March 2004	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	52,079	53,588	52,389	5,568	24,886	30,454	4,484	17,451	21,935
Border	25,373	26,048	25,698	2,932	12,328	15,260	2,297	8,141	10,438
Cavan	1,993	2,147	2,125	209	1,039	1,248	179	698	877
Belturbet	403	464	448	42	245	287	28	133	161
Cavan	1,590	1,683	1,677	167	794	961	151	565	716
Donegal	9,964	10,246	10,037	1,177	4,938	6,115	972	2,950	3,922
Ballybofey	978	877	830	118	383	501	106	223	329
Ballyshannon	556	572	549	64	255	319	61	169	230
Buncrana	1,794	1,866	1,795	154	843	997	211	587	798
Donegal	543	498	503	62	220	282	44	177	221
Dunfanaghy	1,024	1,069	1,006	114	524	638	61	307	368
Dungloe	1,573	1,573	1,561	179	823	1,002	75	484	559
Killybegs	967	940	1,015	70	542	612	78	325	403
Letterkenny	2,529	2,851	2,778	416	1,348	1,764	336	678	1,014
Leitrim	1,193	1,196	1,197	90	560	650	88	459	547
Carrick-on-Shannon	929	892	905	66	418	484	71	350	421
Manorhamilton	264	304	292	24	142	166	17	109	126
Louth	7,349	7,701	7,645	894	3,571	4,465	641	2,539	3,180
Ardee	827	928	951	114	385	499	83	369	452
Drogheda	3,127	3,588	3,505	374	1,544	1,918	292	1,295	1,587
Dundalk	3,395	3,185	3,189	406	1,642	2,048	266	875	1,141
Monaghan	2,492	2,534	2,508	294	1,162	1,456	229	823	1,052
Carrickmacross	722	704	679	50	290	340	61	278	339
Castleblayney	744	743	756	95	342	437	72	247	319
Clones	293	316	320	50	182	232	25	63	88
Monaghan	733	771	753	99	348	447	71	235	306
Sligo	2,382	2,224	2,186	268	1,058	1,326	188	672	860
Sligo	2,026	1,866	1,823	239	875	1,114	160	549	709
Tubbercurry	356	358	363	29	183	212	28	123	151
Midland	9,820	10,681	10,331	1,136	4,522	5,658	1,019	3,654	4,673
Laoighis	2,108	2,189	2,101	249	918	1,167	232	702	934
Portarlington	828	826	785	71	336	407	96	282	378
Portlaoise	901	967	935	135	388	523	106	306	412
Rathdowney	379	396	381	43	194	237	30	114	144
Longford	1,787	1,851	1,761	212	795	1,007	173	581	754
Longford	1,787	1,851	1,761	212	795	1,007	173	581	754
Offaly	2,622	2,881	2,824	286	1,320	1,606	251	967	1,218
Birr	818	905	898	93	419	512	89	297	386
Edenderry	672	709	686	59	316	375	51	260	311
Tullamore	1,132	1,267	1,240	134	585	719	111	410	521
Westmeath	3,303	3,760	3,645	389	1,489	1,878	363	1,404	1,767
Athlone	1,521	1,601	1,549	175	624	799	140	610	750
Castlepollard	281	328	326	22	140	162	36	128	164
Mullingar	1,501	1,831	1,770	192	725	917	187	666	853
West	16,886	16,859	16,360	1,500	8,036	9,536	1,168	5,656	6,824
Galway	9,391	9,410	9,175	923	4,433	5,356	756	3,063	3,819
Ballinasloe	967	1,125	1,097	104	512	616	89	392	481
Clifden	820	913	884	90	477	567	53	264	317
Galway	5,295	5,044	4,907	562	2,361	2,923	476	1,508	1,984
Gort	437	471	455	25	188	213	25	217	242
Loughrea	737	700	674	52	309	361	41	272	313
Tuam	1,135	1,157	1,158	90	586	676	72	410	482

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	March 2003	February 2004	March 2004	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	6,073	6,083	5,863	470	2,925	3,395	333	2,135	2,468
Achill	340	331	315	23	195	218	18	79	97
Ballina	1,793	1,764	1,697	159	862	1,021	123	553	676
Ballinrobe	417	426	406	29	196	225	13	168	181
Belmullet	675	627	616	46	327	373	44	199	243
Castlebar	925	1,000	964	86	437	523	61	380	441
Claremorris	476	500	488	19	227	246	13	229	242
Swinford	810	774	746	72	339	411	35	300	335
Westport	637	661	631	36	342	378	26	227	253
Roscommon	1,422	1,366	1,322	107	678	785	79	458	537
Boyle	355	357	344	27	175	202	13	129	142
Castlereagh	695	664	627	45	335	380	44	203	247
Roscommon	372	345	351	35	168	203	22	126	148
Southern and Eastern	115,980	119,539	116,491	13,415	55,823	69,238	9,294	37,959	47,253
Dublin	43,178	44,597	43,677	5,676	21,880	27,556	3,306	12,815	16,121
Dublin	43,178	44,597	43,677	5,676	21,880	27,556	3,306	12,815	16,121
Bishop Square	4,224	4,262	4,134	471	2,290	2,761	260	1,113	1,373
Cumberland Street	5,566	5,816	5,726	709	2,908	3,617	425	1,684	2,109
Navan Road	2,748	2,688	2,679	304	1,535	1,839	185	655	840
Blanchardstown	3,133	3,540	3,490	450	1,482	1,932	332	1,226	1,558
Thomas Street	2,420	2,482	2,460	296	1,398	1,694	191	575	766
Tara Street	1,487	1,410	1,354	121	754	875	71	408	479
Tallaght	3,332	3,502	3,476	631	1,622	2,253	382	841	1,223
Ballymun	1,539	1,513	1,499	254	758	1,012	135	352	487
Clondalkin	2,823	3,153	3,106	457	1,448	1,905	287	914	1,201
Rathfarnham	2,114	2,155	2,086	189	1,020	1,209	104	773	877
Kilbarrack	2,937	2,944	2,930	332	1,459	1,791	165	974	1,139
Dun Laoghaire	3,345	3,292	3,014	270	1,460	1,730	128	1,156	1,284
Balbriggan	1,279	1,353	1,296	141	567	708	83	505	588
Ballyfermot	1,211	1,289	1,273	192	653	845	153	275	428
Finglas	2,108	2,374	2,347	409	1,138	1,547	190	610	800
Coolock	2,912	2,824	2,807 ¹	450	1,388	1,838	215	754	969
Mid-East	12,021	12,902	12,657	1,347	5,728	7,075	999	4,583	5,582
Kildare	4,600	4,832	4,745	500	1,983	2,483	431	1,831	2,262
Athy	825	879	873	99	398	497	93	283	376
Maynooth	1,335	1,535	1,573	179	596	775	112	686	798
Newbridge	2,440	2,418	2,299	222	989	1,211	226	862	1,088
Meath	3,051	3,391	3,329	313	1,476	1,789	244	1,296	1,540
Kells	544	620	611	55	287	342	45	224	269
Navan	1,747	1,938	1,911	183	861	1,044	124	743	867
Trim	760	833	807	75	328	403	75	329	404
Wicklow	4,370	4,679	4,583	534	2,269	2,803	324	1,456	1,780
Arklow	1,204	1,319	1,312	159	639	798	116	398	514
Baltinglass	467	465	449	46	198	244	40	165	205
Bray	1,851	2,015	1,951	216	982	1,198	114	639	753
Wicklow	848	880	871	113	450	563	54	254	308
Mid-West	15,237	15,268	14,940	1,670	6,867	8,537	1,207	5,196	6,403
Clare	4,021	4,281	4,160	392	1,865	2,257	314	1,589	1,903
Ennis	2,435	2,508	2,445	259	1,046	1,305	184	956	1,140
Ennistymon	622	700	670	43	311	354	50	266	316
Kilrush	538	638	629	65	302	367	53	209	262
Tulla	426	435	416	25	206	231	27	158	185
Limerick	8,572	8,271	8,154	1,022	3,840	4,862	666	2,626	3,292
Kilmallock	946	928	880	106	443	549	68	263	331
Limerick	6,720	6,394	6,322	830	2,929	3,759	519	2,044	2,563
Newcastle West	906	949	952	86	468	554	79	319	398

¹ Coolock replaces previous office Gardiner Street with effect from April 2003.

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

-continued NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	March 2003	February 2004	March 2004	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,644	2,716	2,626	256	1,162	1,418	227	981	1,208
Nenagh	962	981	947	59	416	475	65	407	472
Roscrea	530	527	501	56	199	255	37	209	246
Thurles	1,152	1,208	1,178	141	547	688	125	365	490
South-East	21,258	22,246	21,717	2,488	9,953	12,441	1,950	7,326	9,276
Carlow	2,195	2,323	2,309	278	1,006	1,284	226	799	1,025
Bagenalstown	557	583	572	57	284	341	54	177	231
Carlow	1,197	1,281	1,280	167	540	707	122	451	573
Tullow	441	459	457	54	182	236	50	171	221
Kilkenny	2,463	2,701	2,618	294	1,286	1,580	222	816	1,038
Callan	323	377	371	31	202	233	27	111	138
Kilkenny	1,705	1,894	1,839	228	885	1,113	166	560	726
Thomastown	435	430	408	35	199	234	29	145	174
South Tipperary	3,612	3,889	3,839	481	1,831	2,312	329	1,198	1,527
Cahir	439	524	507	47	241	288	49	170	219
Carrick-on-Suir	925	971	949	104	505	609	57	283	340
Cashel	378	427	416	57	195	252	24	140	164
Clonmel	1,235	1,207	1,200	176	564	740	123	337	460
Tipperary	635	760	767	97	326	423	76	268	344
Waterford	5,942	6,044	5,909	715	2,755	3,470	493	1,946	2,439
Dungarvan	954	995	971	99	457	556	86	329	415
Waterford	4,988	5,049	4,938	616	2,298	2,914	407	1,617	2,024
Wexford	7,046	7,289	7,042	720	3,075	3,795	680	2,567	3,247
Enniscorthy	1,666	1,792	1,749	237	788	1,025	197	527	724
Gorey	1,202	1,279	1,239	116	529	645	132	462	594
New Ross	1,246	1,184	1,148	98	536	634	87	427	514
Wexford	2,932	3,034	2,906	269	1,222	1,491	264	1,151	1,415
South-West	24,286	24,526	23,500	2,234	11,395	13,629	1,832	8,039	9,871
Cork	17,748	17,596	16,910	1,642	8,292	9,934	1,317	5,659	6,976
Bandon	533	529	526	49	259	308	37	181	218
Bantry	414	419	420	28	152	180	26	214	240
Bantry (SWLO)	211	239	219	10	100	110	11	98	109
Clonakilty	427	479	474	23	199	222	25	227	252
Cobh	467	447	424	49	208	257	48	119	167
Cork	9,001	8,658	8,317	1,000	4,420	5,420	713	2,184	2,897
Dunmanway	212	222	186	13	76	89	14	83	97
Fermoy	737	861	820	65	421	486	59	275	334
Kinsale	687	690	679	41	280	321	43	315	358
Macroom	518	518	515	18	232	250	25	240	265
Mallow	848	867	862	98	463	561	73	228	301
Midleton	1,083	1,100	1,049	86	453	539	74	436	510
Newmarket	516	539	503	41	216	257	39	207	246
Passage West	894	856	799	53	370	423	50	326	376
Skibbereen	433	418	393	15	138	153	13	227	240
Youghal	767	754	724	53	305	358	67	299	366
Kerry	6,538	6,930	6,590	592	3,103	3,695	515	2,380	2,895
Cahirciveen	402	448	450	13	192	205	26	219	245
Dingle	333	363	334	14	161	175	17	142	159
Kenmare	222	229	197	8	71	79	12	106	118
Killarney	1,137	1,346	1,180	92	474	566	113	501	614
Killorglin	477	469	450	27	195	222	20	208	228
Listowel	1,065	1,039	1,029	130	519	649	81	299	380
Tralee	2,902	3,036	2,950	308	1,491	1,799	246	905	1,151
State	168,059	173,127	168,880	18,983	80,709	99,692	13,778	55,410	69,188

Table 7 Flows on and off the Live Register in the 4 weeks from 27 February 2004 to 26 March 2004

	Total	New Registrations	Net Change	Outflow (derived)
Border, Midland & Western	52,389	5,311	- 1,199	6,510
Border	25,698	2,444	- 350	2,794
Midland	10,331	1,184	- 350	1,534
West	16,360	1,683	- 499	2,182
Southern & Eastern	116,491	12,984	- 3,048	16,032
Dublin	43,677	5,061	- 920	5,981
Mid-East	12,657	1,596	- 245	1,841
Mid-West	14,940	1,732	- 328	2,060
South-East	21,717	2,094	- 529	2,623
South-West	23,500	2,501	- 1,026	3,527
Sex				
Males	99,692	10,836	- 1,869	12,705
Females	69,188	7,459	- 2,378	9,837
Total	168,880	18,295	- 4,247	22,542

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	
March	5	29,785	5,957	29,870	5,974	- 17
April	4	20,108	5,027	26,123	6,531	- 1,504
May	5	25,082	5,016	26,375	5,275	- 259
June	4	27,530	6,883	18,197	4,549	+ 2,333
July	4	26,633	6,658	18,812	4,703	+ 1,955
August	5	25,540	5,108	24,075	4,815	+ 293
September	4	21,098	5,275	33,229	8,307	- 3,033
October	4	23,160	5,790	26,886	6,722	- 932
November	5	29,506	5,901	28,576	5,715	+ 186
December	4	20,884	5,221	13,378	3,345	+ 1,877
2003 January	5	32,776	6,555	28,217	5,643	+ 912
February	4	23,767	5,942	23,074	5,769	+ 173
March	4	19,946	4,987	23,281	5,820	- 834
April	4	23,869	5,967	20,988	5,247	+ 720
May	5	25,089	5,018	29,924	5,985	- 967
June	4	30,455	7,614	18,708	4,677	+ 2,937
July	4	27,917	6,979	20,322	5,081	+ 1,899
August	5	25,816	5,163	25,310	5,062	+ 101
September	4	22,248	5,562	37,379	9,345	- 3,783
October	5	22,329	4,466	26,599	5,320	- 854
November	4	22,371	5,593	24,382	6,096	- 503
December	4	20,761	5,190	14,698	3,675	+ 1,516
2004 January	5	30,801	6,160	26,876	5,375	+ 785
February	4	22,603	5,651	24,005	6,001	- 351
March	4	18,295	4,574	22,542	5,636	- 1,062

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	February	4	98,215	14,912	13,320	+ 398	64,122	10,556	9,771	+ 196
	March	5	97,183	16,518	17,550	- 206	65,069	13,267	12,320	+ 189
	April	4	94,778	11,351	13,756	- 601	61,459	8,757	12,367	- 903
	May	5	93,356	14,356	15,778	- 284	61,588	10,726	10,597	+ 26
	June	4	95,765	13,087	10,678	+ 602	68,512	14,443	7,519	+ 1,731
	July	4	98,006	13,099	10,858	+ 560	74,092	13,534	7,954	+ 1,395
	August	5	98,771	14,085	13,320	+ 153	74,792	11,455	10,755	+ 140
	September	4	95,289	11,521	15,003	- 871	66,143	9,577	18,226	- 2,162
	October	4	93,829	13,201	14,661	- 365	63,877	9,959	12,225	- 567
	November	5	95,121	16,591	15,299	+ 258	63,515	12,915	13,277	- 72
	December	4	98,670	11,279	7,730	+ 887	67,472	9,605	5,648	+ 989
2003	January	5	102,335	18,502	14,837	+ 733	68,366	14,274	13,380	+ 179
	February	4	102,026	13,047	13,356	- 77	69,368	10,720	9,718	+ 251
	March	4	100,459	11,655	13,222	- 392	67,600	8,291	10,059	- 442
	April	4	100,328	12,152	12,283	- 33	70,612	11,717	8,705	+ 753
	May	5	98,261	13,804	15,871	- 413	67,844	11,285	14,053	- 554
	June	4	101,574	14,455	11,142	+ 828	76,278	16,000	7,566	+ 2,109
	July	4	103,590	13,372	11,356	+ 504	81,857	14,545	8,966	+ 1,395
	August	5	103,766	14,131	13,955	+ 35	82,187	11,685	11,355	+ 66
	September	4	98,759	11,878	16,885	- 1,252	72,063	10,370	20,494	- 2,531
	October	5	96,261	11,697	14,195	- 500	70,291	10,632	12,404	- 354
	November	4	96,119	12,611	12,753	- 36	68,422	9,760	11,629	- 467
	December	4	99,153	11,110	8,076	+ 759	71,451	9,651	6,622	+ 757
2004	January	5	102,527	17,250	13,876	+ 675	72,002	13,551	13,000	+ 110
	February	4	101,561	12,555	13,521	- 242	71,566	10,048	10,484	- 109
	March	4	99,692	10,836	12,705	- 467	69,188	7,459	9,837	- 595

Background Notes

Source and scope of the Live Register The Live Register is compiled from returns made directly to the Central Statistics Office by each local office of the Department of Social and Family Affairs. It comprises persons under 65 years of age in the following classes:

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

Descriptive articles The compilation basis for the Live Register statistics from May 1992 onwards is described in the September 1992 issue of the *Statistical Bulletin*. The March 1980 issue contained a description of the basis used up to April 1992 while a more comprehensive treatment of Live Register statistics appeared in the "Report of the Inter-Departmental Study Group on Unemployment Statistics" (Stationery Office Dublin, Prl.7925, April 1979). The results of a special study of the differences between the Labour Force Survey (LFS) Estimates of Unemployment and the Live Register are contained in the December 1996 issue of the *Statistical Bulletin*.

Unemployment statistics The Live Register is not designed to measure unemployment. It includes part-time (those who work up to three days a week), seasonal and casual workers entitled to Unemployment Assistance or Unemployment Benefit. **Unemployment is measured by the Quarterly National Household Survey** (formerly the Annual Labour Force Survey).

Standardised unemployment rates The Standardised Unemployment Rate (SUR) series in Table 3 is based on the estimated number of persons unemployed expressed as a percentage of the total economically active population (i.e. the Labour Force), using internationally comparable definitions of employment and unemployment, as recommended by the International Labour Office. Benchmark estimates of the SUR for January, April, July and October of each year are calculated using seasonally adjusted data from the Quarterly National Household Survey. The monthly trend in the seasonally adjusted Live Register is then used to estimate the monthly SUR between successive surveys.

This approach was temporarily suspended following the rapid decline in the Live Register after September 1996. A linear interpolation estimation approach was used between April 1996 and April 1997, as the Live Register series could not be used as an indicator of monthly trends in unemployment during that period. The traditional estimation approach has been used from April 1997 onwards.

QNHS The Quarterly National Household Survey, which began in September 1997, has now replaced the Labour Force Survey and provides quarterly estimates of the unemployment rate. The estimates (adjusted for seasonality) are:

Year	Q1 %	Q2 %	Q3 %	Q4 %
1998	8.7	8.0	7.2	6.5
1999	5.9	5.9	5.4	5.2
2000	4.8	4.4	4.1	3.9
2001	3.7	3.8	4.0	4.0
2002	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.6
2003	4.6	4.6	4.9	4.6

Seasonal adjustment The seasonal adjustment of the Live Register is completed using the X-11 Variant of the US Bureau of Census Method 2 (Additive Option). The seasonally adjusted series are updated twice yearly, in January and July; pending the next updating, seasonal adjustment for intervening months is carried out using projected seasonal factors. In Tables 2a, b and c, the seasonally adjusted totals are the sum of the relevant seasonally adjusted series for males and females, under and over 25 years.

- Casual and part-time workers** The casual and part-time workers' figure is based on an estimate supplied by the Department of Social and Family Affairs. People may apply for Unemployment Benefit / Assistance if they only work for part of a week and be included on the Live Register.
- History of Flow Analysis** The flow analysis of the Live Register had been published monthly as a separate release since January 1989. Similar details were previously included in the Industrial Analysis of the Live Register, which was discontinued.
- Live Register Flow Analysis** Changes in the level of flows on and off the Live Register in any month reflect conditions in the labour market and aspects of the social insurance system such as transfers to or from other welfare schemes, exhaustion of Unemployment Benefit (UB) entitlement without qualifying for Unemployment Assistance (UA) etc.
- New registrations** The aggregate of *new registrations* for each Friday in a given month is used in conjunction with the *net change* over the same period to calculate the *outflow* from the register. A *new registration* is defined as anybody on the Live Register on a particular Friday who was not on it on the previous Friday.
- Live Register Area Analysis** The basis of the area classification used in this release is the Department of Social and Family Affairs local office of registration. The areas served by Local Employment Offices do not correspond to specific geographic boundaries. Therefore, registrants at a given local office do not necessarily come from a particular region or area which can be precisely delineated. A classification by area of residence of persons on the Live Register was published until January 1989 but was then discontinued.
- Tables 10-12 Removed** Tables 10-12 heretofore in this release related to schemes that are not part of the Live Register count. These tables had included schemes relating to persons working on systematic short-time basis, smallholders/farm assists and self-employed persons applying for unemployment assistance and other registrants excluded from the Live Register. They also included persons aged under 65 years other than smallholders/farm assists and persons on the pre-retirement allowance scheme (PRETA) or on the pre-retirement credits scheme (PRECS).
- 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. The intention of this change is to improve the focus and usefulness of the Live Register publication for all users.
- 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