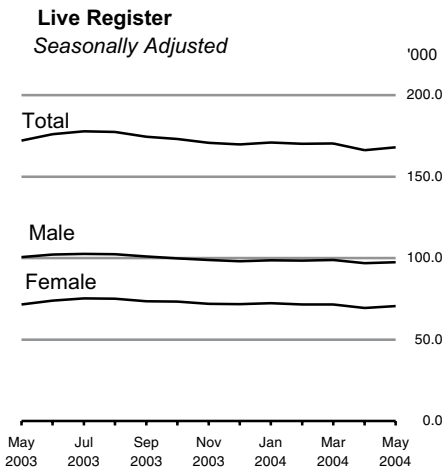




Live Register Analysis May 2004



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
May 2003	166,105	172,100
April 2004	164,660	166,200
May 2004	161,972	168,000
Change in month	- 2,688	+ 1,800
Change in year	- 4,133	- 4,100

Fall in unadjusted Live Register

The Live Register decreased by 2,688 (-1.6%) persons in May to 161,972. This compares with a corresponding decrease of 4,835 (-2.8%) in May of last year. When seasonal factors are taken into account the seasonally adjusted total increased from 166,200 in April to 168,000 this month, an increase of 1,800. See table 2a and graph opposite.

In the year to May 2004 there was a decrease of 4,133 (-2.5%). This compares to an annual decrease of 6,280 (-3.7%) recorded in the year to April 2004.

Other features include:

- ◆ The monthly decrease of 2,688 comprised decreases of 1,967 males and 721 females. See table 1a.
- ◆ The monthly increase in the Seasonally Adjusted series of 1,800 comprised increases of 1,200 females and 600 males. See table 2a.
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in May was 4.5%. 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 8,766 males and 13,441 females. See background notes.

The Live Register is not designed to measure unemployment. It includes part-time workers (those who work up to three days a week), seasonal and casual workers entitled to Unemployment Assistance or Benefit. Unemployment is measured by the Quarterly National Household Survey and the latest seasonally adjusted figure, for September-November 2003 is 88,000 persons unemployed.

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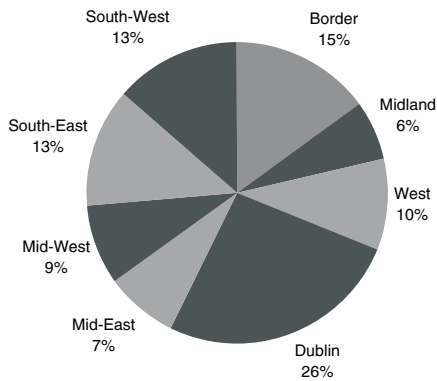
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Live Register by Regional Authority



	May 2004	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and Western	50,441	- 677	- 1,465
Border	24,510	- 471	- 808
Midland	10,019	- 154	+ 216
West	15,912	- 52	- 873
Southern and Eastern	111,531	- 2,011	- 2,668
Dublin	42,370	- 726	- 913
Mid-East	12,425	- 156	+ 423
Mid-West	14,051	- 318	- 559
South-East	20,860	- 296	- 315
South-West	21,825	- 515	- 1,304
Total	161,972	- 2,688	- 4,133

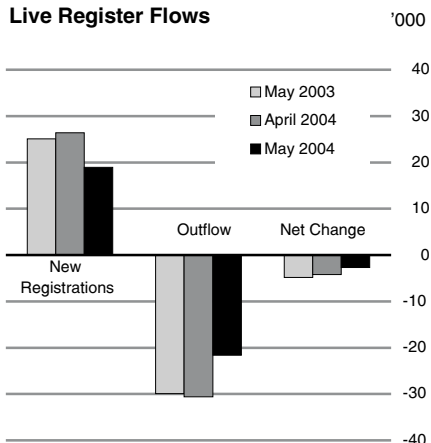
Monthly decreases in all regions

The monthly decrease of 2,688 persons on the Live Register reflected decreases in all regions. The largest percentage decreases were in the South-West (-2.3%) and Mid-West (-2.2%) while the lowest decreases were in the West (-0.3%) and Mid-East (-1.2%).

Other area features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males decreased in all regions. The largest percentage decrease was in the Border (-2.5%) while the lowest percentage decrease was in the Mid-East (-0.9%).
- ◆ The number of females decreased in all but one region. The largest decrease was in the South-West (-2.3%) while there was a monthly increase in the West (+1.6%).
- ◆ There were monthly decreases in all but three counties. The largest percentage decreases were in Clare (-4.8%) and Kerry (-4.6%) while there were increases in North Tipperary (+2.4%) and Galway (+1.1%).

Live Register Flows



	New Registrations	Outflow (derived)	Net Change
Males	10,553	12,520	- 1,967
Females	8,349	9,070	- 721
Total	18,902	21,590	- 2,688

Outflows exceed new registrants

A total of 18,902 persons joined the Live Register in May 2004. With 21,590 persons leaving the Register there is a net decrease of 2,688 persons in the month.

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

- ◆ The average weekly decrease of 672 in the Live Register was comprised of 492 males and 180 females. *See tables 8 and 9.*
- ◆ In the month there were weekly averages of 4,726 new claimants joining the Register and 5,398 persons leaving. *See table 8.*

Tables

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	May 2003	April 2004	May 2004	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	37,472	35,478	33,828	- 1,650	- 3,644
UA Applications	58,125	58,918	58,612	- 306	+ 487
Other Registrants	2,664	2,693	2,682	- 11	+ 18
Total	98,261	97,089	95,122	- 1,967	- 3,139
Females					
UB Claims	37,597	36,596	35,896	- 700	- 1,701
UA Applications	21,602	22,423	22,728	+ 305	+ 1,126
Other Registrants	8,645	8,552	8,226	- 326	- 419
Total	67,844	67,571	66,850	- 721	- 994
All Persons					
UB Claims	75,069	72,074	69,724	- 2,350	- 5,345
UA Applications	79,727	81,341	81,340	- 1	+ 1,613
Other Registrants	11,309	11,245	10,908	- 337	- 401
Total	166,105	164,660	161,972	- 2,688	- 4,133

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

Category	May 2003	April 2004	May 2004	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	6,862	6,211	5,848	- 363	- 1,014
UA Applications	11,469	11,848	11,771	- 77	+ 302
Other Registrants	45	35	37	+ 2	- 8
Total	18,376	18,094	17,656	- 438	- 720
Females					
UB Claims	5,365	4,798	4,692	- 106	- 673
UA Applications	7,838	8,333	8,482	+ 149	+ 644
Other Registrants	98	92	94	+ 2	- 4
Total	13,301	13,223	13,268	+ 45	- 33
All Persons					
UB Claims	12,227	11,009	10,540	- 469	- 1,687
UA Applications	19,307	20,181	20,253	+ 72	+ 946
Other Registrants	143	127	131	+ 4	- 12
Total	31,677	31,317	30,924	- 393	- 753

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

Category	May 2003	April 2004	May 2004	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	30,610	29,267	27,980	- 1,287	- 2,630
UA Applications	46,656	47,070	46,841	- 229	+ 185
Other Registrants	2,619	2,658	2,645	- 13	+ 26
Total	79,885	78,995	77,466	- 1,529	- 2,419
Females					
UB Claims	32,232	31,798	31,204	- 594	- 1,028
UA Applications	13,764	14,090	14,246	+ 156	+ 482
Other Registrants	8,547	8,460	8,132	- 328	- 415
Total	54,543	54,348	53,582	- 766	- 961
All Persons					
UB Claims	62,842	61,065	59,184	- 1,881	- 3,658
UA Applications	60,420	61,160	61,087	- 73	+ 667
Other Registrants	11,166	11,118	10,777	- 341	- 389
Total	134,428	133,343	131,048	- 2,295	- 3,380

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	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
	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

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	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
	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

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	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
	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

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

Table 3 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates (SUR)

Month	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
January ¹	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 ¹	8.0	5.9	4.4	3.8	4.4	4.5	4.4
May	7.8	5.8	4.3	3.9	4.4	4.6	4.5
June	7.5	5.6	4.2	4.0	4.4	4.8	
July ¹	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 ¹	6.5	5.2	3.9	4.0	4.6	4.6 ²	
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 Benchmark Labour Force Survey/Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) estimates.

² 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	May 2003	April 2004	May 2004	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland & Western	30,490	29,637	28,975	- 662	- 1,515	5,210	23,765
Border	15,203	14,822	14,455	- 367	- 748	2,683	11,772
Midland	5,399	5,518	5,384	- 134	- 15	1,106	4,278
West	9,888	9,297	9,136	- 161	- 752	1,421	7,715
Southern & Eastern	67,771	67,452	66,147	- 1,305	- 1,624	12,446	53,701
Dublin	26,890	27,151	26,648	- 503	- 242	5,363	21,285
Mid-East	6,733	7,017	6,955	- 62	+ 222	1,300	5,655
Mid-West	8,286	8,229	8,028	- 201	- 258	1,541	6,487
South-East	12,135	12,098	11,860	- 238	- 275	2,250	9,610
South-West	13,727	12,957	12,656	- 301	- 1,071	1,992	10,664
Total	98,261	97,089	95,122	- 1,967	- 3,139	17,656	77,466
Females							
Border, Midland & Western	21,416	21,481	21,466	- 15	+ 50	4,382	17,084
Border	10,115	10,159	10,055	- 104	- 60	2,141	7,914
Midland	4,404	4,655	4,635	- 20	+ 231	1,005	3,630
West	6,897	6,667	6,776	+ 109	- 121	1,236	5,540
Southern & Eastern	46,428	46,090	45,384	- 706	- 1,044	8,886	36,498
Dublin	16,393	15,945	15,722	- 223	- 671	3,228	12,494
Mid-East	5,269	5,564	5,470	- 94	+ 201	966	4,504
Mid-West	6,324	6,140	6,023	- 117	- 301	1,182	4,841
South-East	9,040	9,058	9,000	- 58	- 40	1,863	7,137
South-West	9,402	9,383	9,169	- 214	- 233	1,647	7,522
Total	67,844	67,571	66,850	- 721	- 994	13,268	53,582
All Persons							
Border, Midland & Western	51,906	51,118	50,441	- 677	- 1,465	9,592	40,849
Border	25,318	24,981	24,510	- 471	- 808	4,824	19,686
Midland	9,803	10,173	10,019	- 154	+ 216	2,111	7,908
West	16,785	15,964	15,912	- 52	- 873	2,657	13,255
Southern & Eastern	114,199	113,542	111,531	- 2,011	- 2,668	21,332	90,199
Dublin	43,283	43,096	42,370	- 726	- 913	8,591	33,779
Mid-East	12,002	12,581	12,425	- 156	+ 423	2,266	10,159
Mid-West	14,610	14,369	14,051	- 318	- 559	2,723	11,328
South-East	21,175	21,156	20,860	- 296	- 315	4,113	16,747
South-West	23,129	22,340	21,825	- 515	- 1,304	3,639	18,186
Total	166,105	164,660	161,972	- 2,688	- 4,133	30,924	131,048

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

Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	May 2003	April 2004	May 2004	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	84,119	84,994	83,667	- 1,327	- 452	16,718	66,949
Munster	47,357	46,204	45,213	- 991	- 2,144	8,194	37,019
Connacht	20,285	19,231	19,076	- 155	- 1,209	3,213	15,863
Ulster	14,344	14,231	14,016	- 215	- 328	2,799	11,217
Total	166,105	164,660	161,972	- 2,688	- 4,133	30,924	131,048

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	May 2003	April 2004	May 2004	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	51,906	51,118	50,441	5,210	23,765	28,975	4,382	17,084	21,466
Border	25,318	24,981	24,510	2,683	11,772	14,455	2,141	7,914	10,055
Cavan	1,941	2,110	2,052	180	998	1,178	166	708	874
Belturbet	403	443	433	30	243	273	24	136	160
Cavan	1,538	1,667	1,619	150	755	905	142	572	714
Donegal	9,882	9,662	9,576	1,040	4,779	5,819	910	2,847	3,757
Ballybofey	905	812	784	106	351	457	105	222	327
Ballyshannon	514	501	479	46	228	274	59	146	205
Buncrana	1,832	1,708	1,714	143	774	917	213	584	797
Donegal	515	468	438	54	205	259	39	140	179
Dunfanaghy	964	964	942	99	504	603	59	280	339
Dungloe	1,556	1,498	1,516	149	813	962	74	480	554
Killybegs	1,059	1,030	1,086	80	613	693	70	323	393
Letterkenny	2,537	2,681	2,617	363	1,291	1,654	291	672	963
Leitrim	1,132	1,152	1,115	79	512	591	74	450	524
Carrick-on-Shannon	868	884	855	63	383	446	61	348	409
Manorhamilton	264	268	260	16	129	145	13	102	115
Louth	7,474	7,483	7,330	860	3,413	4,273	609	2,448	3,057
Ardee	905	918	906	123	366	489	82	335	417
Drogheda	3,207	3,428	3,343	345	1,494	1,839	267	1,237	1,504
Dundalk	3,362	3,137	3,081	392	1,553	1,945	260	876	1,136
Monaghan	2,521	2,459	2,388	277	1,075	1,352	226	810	1,036
Carrickmacross	735	653	613	48	251	299	49	265	314
Castleblayney	729	751	733	89	318	407	79	247	326
Clones	319	315	320	51	184	235	26	59	85
Monaghan	738	740	722	89	322	411	72	239	311
Sligo	2,368	2,115	2,049	247	995	1,242	156	651	807
Sligo	2,013	1,763	1,703	219	820	1,039	133	531	664
Tubbercurry	355	352	346	28	175	203	23	120	143
Midland	9,803	10,173	10,019	1,106	4,278	5,384	1,005	3,630	4,635
Laoighis	2,055	2,078	2,057	251	874	1,125	224	708	932
Portarlington	818	770	752	78	312	390	93	269	362
Portlaoise	885	933	931	132	378	510	94	327	421
Rathdowney	352	375	374	41	184	225	37	112	149
Longford	1,779	1,725	1,725	201	769	970	169	586	755
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Offaly	2,699	2,711	2,654	271	1,178	1,449	252	953	1,205
Birr	856	862	828	87	354	441	90	297	387
Edenderry	666	686	653	55	301	356	48	249	297
Tullamore	1,177	1,163	1,173	129	523	652	114	407	521
Westmeath	3,270	3,659	3,583	383	1,457	1,840	360	1,383	1,743
Athlone	1,461	1,506	1,484	178	594	772	143	569	712
Castlepollard	282	349	347	26	141	167	40	140	180
Mullingar	1,527	1,804	1,752	179	722	901	177	674	851
West	16,785	15,964	15,912	1,421	7,715	9,136	1,236	5,540	6,776
Galway	9,414	8,957	9,056	891	4,365	5,256	792	3,008	3,800
Ballinasloe	1,021	1,047	994	97	446	543	87	364	451
Clifden	738	789	769	74	441	515	47	207	254
Galway	5,402	4,878	5,082	558	2,434	2,992	522	1,568	2,090
Gort	432	439	439	21	181	202	22	215	237
Loughrea	706	651	628	44	287	331	40	257	297
Tuam	1,115	1,153	1,144	97	576	673	74	397	471

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	May 2003	April 2004	May 2004	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	5,999	5,693	5,571	420	2,712	3,132	357	2,082	2,439
Achill	328	302	284	19	169	188	18	78	96
Ballina	1,737	1,680	1,655	140	824	964	135	556	691
Ballinrobe	359	390	377	24	176	200	20	157	177
Belmullet	690	594	597	48	313	361	40	196	236
Castlebar	956	936	937	71	415	486	62	389	451
Claremorris	453	476	447	23	200	223	17	207	224
Swinford	815	727	697	59	300	359	39	299	338
Westport	661	588	577	36	315	351	26	200	226
Roscommon	1,372	1,314	1,285	110	638	748	87	450	537
Boyle	354	354	376	37	193	230	17	129	146
Castlerea	683	629	592	41	314	355	44	193	237
Roscommon	335	331	317	32	131	163	26	128	154
Southern and Eastern	114,199	113,542	111,531	12,446	53,701	66,147	8,886	36,498	45,384
Dublin	43,283	43,096	42,370	5,363	21,285	26,648	3,228	12,494	15,722
Dublin	43,283	43,096	42,370	5,363	21,285	26,648	3,228	12,494	15,722
Bishop Square	4,484	4,074	4,062	449	2,252	2,701	269	1,092	1,361
Cumberland Street	5,398	5,654	5,519	668	2,845	3,513	407	1,599	2,006
Navan Road	2,764	2,773	2,712	322	1,546	1,868	191	653	844
Blanchardstown	3,151	3,378	3,252	398	1,385	1,783	315	1,154	1,469
Thomas Street	2,472	2,434	2,455	283	1,392	1,675	196	584	780
Tara Street	1,447	1,352	1,360	105	743	848	94	418	512
Tallaght	3,275	3,513	3,438	631	1,600	2,231	375	832	1,207
Ballymun	1,502	1,488	1,483	272	735	1,007	134	342	476
Clondalkin	2,796	3,059	3,012	420	1,379	1,799	282	931	1,213
Rathfarnham	2,116	2,046	2,085	181	1,019	1,200	111	774	885
Kilbarrack	2,875	2,805	2,691	295	1,348	1,643	150	898	1,048
Dun Laoghaire	3,330	2,949	2,907	240	1,401	1,641	107	1,159	1,266
Balbriggan	1,243	1,249	1,206	129	535	664	66	476	542
Ballyfermot	1,219	1,256	1,206	172	638	810	134	262	396
Finglas	2,178	2,299	2,264	379	1,107	1,486	189	589	778
Coolock	3,033	2,767	2,718	419	1,360	1,779	208	731	939
Mid-East	12,002	12,581	12,425	1,300	5,655	6,955	966	4,504	5,470
Kildare	4,632	4,788	4,708	513	1,979	2,492	409	1,807	2,216
Athy	854	868	868	104	385	489	91	288	379
Maynooth	1,350	1,610	1,557	167	588	755	117	685	802
Newbridge	2,428	2,310	2,283	242	1,006	1,248	201	834	1,035
Meath	3,086	3,253	3,193	305	1,437	1,742	218	1,233	1,451
Kells	551	600	580	46	271	317	39	224	263
Navan	1,728	1,866	1,837	188	845	1,033	115	689	804
Trim	807	787	776	71	321	392	64	320	384
Wicklow	4,284	4,540	4,524	482	2,239	2,721	339	1,464	1,803
Arklow	1,170	1,301	1,294	148	642	790	121	383	504
Baltinglass	422	448	433	45	182	227	39	167	206
Bray	1,857	1,927	1,955	188	992	1,180	118	657	775
Wicklow	835	864	842	101	423	524	61	257	318
Mid-West	14,610	14,369	14,051	1,541	6,487	8,028	1,182	4,841	6,023
Clare	3,840	4,029	3,835	332	1,736	2,068	293	1,474	1,767
Ennis	2,333	2,375	2,273	216	973	1,189	185	899	1,084
Ennistymon	559	633	594	40	290	330	38	226	264
Kilrush	547	625	588	56	276	332	54	202	256
Tulla	401	396	380	20	197	217	16	147	163
Limerick	8,097	7,800	7,615	943	3,616	4,559	656	2,400	3,056
Kilmallock	895	854	811	84	411	495	67	249	316
Limerick	6,310	6,052	5,941	791	2,774	3,565	506	1,870	2,376
Newcastle West	892	894	863	68	431	499	83	281	364

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	May 2003	April 2004	May 2004	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,673	2,540	2,601	266	1,135	1,401	233	967	1,200
Nenagh	973	929	985	74	428	502	77	406	483
Roscrea	531	507	506	52	214	266	39	201	240
Thurles	1,169	1,104	1,110	140	493	633	117	360	477
South-East	21,175	21,156	20,860	2,250	9,610	11,860	1,863	7,137	9,000
Carlow	2,257	2,305	2,262	235	972	1,207	233	822	1,055
Bagenalstown	554	576	544	49	265	314	48	182	230
Carlow	1,266	1,272	1,254	134	526	660	133	461	594
Tullow	437	457	464	52	181	233	52	179	231
Kilkenny	2,439	2,564	2,545	282	1,225	1,507	218	820	1,038
Callan	322	367	352	31	197	228	23	101	124
Kilkenny	1,671	1,802	1,796	216	846	1,062	168	566	734
Thomastown	446	395	397	35	182	217	27	153	180
South Tipperary	3,730	3,733	3,625	410	1,755	2,165	322	1,138	1,460
Cahir	484	523	502	41	248	289	52	161	213
Carrick-on-Suir	921	942	916	75	497	572	60	284	344
Cashel	373	394	367	48	182	230	20	117	137
Clonmel	1,287	1,181	1,156	156	541	697	122	337	459
Tipperary	665	693	684	90	287	377	68	239	307
Waterford	5,888	5,762	5,712	651	2,703	3,354	449	1,909	2,358
Dungarvan	972	965	971	85	460	545	76	350	426
Waterford	4,916	4,797	4,741	566	2,243	2,809	373	1,559	1,932
Wexford	6,861	6,792	6,716	672	2,955	3,627	641	2,448	3,089
Enniscorthy	1,672	1,701	1,720	218	759	977	200	543	743
Gorey	1,142	1,220	1,199	113	515	628	121	450	571
New Ross	1,224	1,118	1,119	92	529	621	93	405	498
Wexford	2,823	2,753	2,678	249	1,152	1,401	227	1,050	1,277
South-West	23,129	22,340	21,825	1,992	10,664	12,656	1,647	7,522	9,169
Cork	17,380	16,218	15,983	1,465	7,833	9,298	1,200	5,485	6,685
Bandon	542	500	497	46	238	284	32	181	213
Bantry	382	370	336	23	138	161	18	157	175
Bantry (SWLO)	198	202	199	7	91	98	6	95	101
Clonakilty	420	451	440	25	185	210	25	205	230
Cobh	444	364	382	58	197	255	33	94	127
Cork	9,018	8,066	8,062	887	4,269	5,156	684	2,222	2,906
Dunmanway	196	180	167	11	66	77	12	78	90
Fermoy	742	795	795	68	387	455	53	287	340
Kinsale	673	652	623	34	256	290	36	297	333
Macroom	468	477	439	20	202	222	18	199	217
Mallow	801	782	736	78	385	463	67	206	273
Midleton	989	1,021	1,033	65	447	512	78	443	521
Newmarket	466	495	461	32	202	234	33	194	227
Passage West	874	780	754	46	347	393	38	323	361
Skibbereen	407	389	365	15	128	143	8	214	222
Youghal	760	694	694	50	295	345	59	290	349
Kerry	5,749	6,122	5,842	527	2,831	3,358	447	2,037	2,484
Cahiriveen	378	396	403	10	183	193	17	193	210
Dingle	259	279	268	9	149	158	13	97	110
Kenmare	147	138	112	5	45	50	6	56	62
Killarney	880	999	893	65	387	452	84	357	441
Killorglin	411	421	372	22	165	187	22	163	185
Listowel	912	982	944	117	469	586	79	279	358
Tralee	2,762	2,907	2,850	299	1,433	1,732	226	892	1,118
State	166,105	164,660	161,972	17,656	77,466	95,122	13,268	53,582	66,850

Table 7 Flows on and off the Live Register in the 4 weeks from 1st May 2004 to 28th May 2004

	Total	New Registrations	Net Change	Outflow (derived)
Border, Midland & Western	50,441	5,516	- 677	6,193
Border	24,510	2,408	- 471	2,879
Midland	10,019	1,225	- 154	1,379
West	15,912	1,883	- 52	1,935
Southern & Eastern	111,531	13,386	-2,011	15,397
Dublin	42,370	5,139	- 726	5,865
Mid-East	12,425	1,573	- 156	1,729
Mid-West	14,051	1,740	- 318	2,058
South-East	20,860	2,318	- 296	2,614
South-West	21,825	2,616	- 515	3,131
Sex				
Males	95,122	10,553	-1,967	12,520
Females	66,850	8,349	- 721	9,070
Total	161,972	18,902	-2,688	21,590

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	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
	April	5	26,368	5,274	30,588	6,118	- 844
	May	4	18,902	4,726	21,590	5,398	- 672

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	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
	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

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.
- 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