

Table 1 Persons on the Live Register by NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions

Regions	February 1999	January 2000	February 2000	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
Border, Midland & Western	38,030	33,548	32,690	- 858	- 5,340
Border	18,610	16,404	15,967	- 437	- 2,643
Midland	6,521	5,755	5,603	- 152	- 918
West	12,899	11,389	11,120	- 269	- 1,779
Eastern & Southern	84,553	68,834	66,424	- 2,410	- 18,129
Dublin	35,639	27,576	26,938	- 638	- 8,701
Mid-East	8,374	6,629	6,299	- 330	- 2,075
Mid-West	8,821	7,739	7,482	- 257	- 1,339
South-East	14,450	12,582	12,005	- 577	- 2,445
South-West	17,269	14,308	13,700	- 608	- 3,569
Total males	122,583	102,382	99,114	- 3,268	- 23,469
Females					
Border, Midland & Western	25,579	23,733	23,311	- 422	- 2,268
Border	11,943	11,277	11,201	- 76	- 742
Midland	4,874	4,592	4,528	- 64	- 346
West	8,762	7,864	7,582	- 282	- 1,180
Eastern & Southern	59,449	50,047	49,668	- 379	- 9,781
Dublin	22,214	17,512	17,418	- 94	- 4,796
Mid-East	6,544	5,320	5,296	- 24	- 1,248
Mid-West	6,808	5,951	5,956	+ 5	- 852
South-East	10,866	10,169	10,052	- 117	- 814
South-West	13,017	11,095	10,946	- 149	- 2,071
Total females	85,028	73,780	72,979	- 801	- 12,049
All persons					
Border, Midland & Western	63,609	57,281	56,001	- 1,280	- 7,608
Border	30,553	27,681	27,168	- 513	- 3,385
Midland	11,395	10,347	10,131	- 216	- 1,264
West	21,661	19,253	18,702	- 551	- 2,959
Eastern & Southern	144,002	118,881	116,092	- 2,789	- 27,910
Dublin	57,853	45,088	44,356	- 732	- 13,497
Mid-East	14,918	11,949	11,595	- 354	- 3,323
Mid-West	15,629	13,690	13,438	- 252	- 2,191
South-East	25,316	22,751	22,057	- 694	- 3,259
South-West	30,286	25,403	24,646	- 757	- 5,640
State	207,611	176,162	172,093	- 4,069	- 35,518

Table 2 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age Group and NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions on 25th February 2000

Regions	All Persons			Males			Females		
	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland & Western	9,759	46,242	56,001	5,476	27,214	32,690	4,283	19,028	23,311
Border	5,142	22,026	27,168	2,943	13,024	15,967	2,199	9,002	11,201
Midland	1,866	8,265	10,131	985	4,618	5,603	881	3,647	4,528
West	2,751	15,951	18,702	1,548	9,572	11,120	1,203	6,379	7,582
Eastern & Southern	19,124	96,968	116,092	10,733	55,691	66,424	8,391	41,277	49,668
Dublin	7,290	37,066	44,356	4,418	22,520	26,938	2,872	14,546	17,418
Mid-East	1,902	9,693	11,595	1,023	5,276	6,299	879	4,417	5,296
Mid-West	2,201	11,237	13,438	1,240	6,242	7,482	961	4,995	5,956
South-East	4,061	17,996	22,057	2,127	9,878	12,005	1,934	8,118	10,052
South-West	3,670	20,976	24,646	1,925	11,775	13,700	1,745	9,201	10,946
State	28,883	143,210	172,093	16,209	82,905	99,114	12,674	60,305	72,979

Table 3 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age Group, and Province on 25th February 2000

Provinces	All Persons			Males			Females		
	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Leinster	14,595	70,280	84,875	8,312	40,817	49,129	6,283	29,463	35,746
Munster	7,746	40,654	48,400	4,176	22,718	26,894	3,570	17,936	21,506
Connacht	3,412	19,311	22,723	1,942	11,312	13,254	1,470	7,999	9,469
Ulster	3,130	12,965	16,095	1,779	8,058	9,837	1,351	4,907	6,258
State	28,883	143,210	172,093	16,209	82,905	99,114	12,674	60,305	72,979

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age Group and Local Office of Registration

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	February 1999	January 2000	February 2000	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	63,609	57,281	56,001	5,476	27,214	32,690	4,283	19,028	23,311
Border	30,553	27,681	27,168	2,943	13,024	15,967	2,199	9,002	11,201
Cavan	2,324	2,088	2,004	167	1,019	1,186	151	667	818
Belturbet	430	400	397	35	207	242	33	122	155
Cavan	1,894	1,688	1,607	132	812	944	118	545	663
Donegal	11,966	11,642	11,413	1,334	5,798	7,132	995	3,286	4,281
Ballybofey	1,632	1,526	1,437	154	742	896	137	404	541
Ballyshannon	770	696	677	76	350	426	57	194	251
Buncrana	2,199	2,019	2,082	251	1,084	1,335	177	570	747
Donegal	657	602	579	43	279	322	42	215	257
Dunfanaghy	910	964	941	120	480	600	52	289	341
Dungloe	1,671	1,731	1,712	154	909	1,063	104	545	649
Killybegs	1,251	1,189	1,127	133	589	722	96	309	405
Letterkenny	2,876	2,915	2,858	403	1,365	1,768	330	760	1,090
Leitrim	1,635	1,379	1,335	84	606	690	62	583	645
Carrick-on-Shannon	1,186	1,064	1,032	61	468	529	51	452	503
Manorhamilton	449	315	303	23	138	161	11	131	142
Louth	8,381	7,098	7,052	770	3,226	3,996	581	2,475	3,056
Ardee	943	805	851	80	353	433	93	325	418
Drogheda	3,411	2,829	2,793	282	1,227	1,509	211	1,073	1,284
Dundalk	4,027	3,464	3,408	408	1,646	2,054	277	1,077	1,354
Monaghan	3,167	2,731	2,678	278	1,241	1,519	205	954	1,159
Carrickmacross	797	691	694	49	295	344	58	292	350
Castleblayney	978	859	851	98	393	491	59	301	360
Clones	369	338	297	36	152	188	24	85	109
Monaghan	1,023	843	836	95	401	496	64	276	340
Sligo	3,080	2,743	2,686	310	1,134	1,444	205	1,037	1,242
Sligo	2,634	2,323	2,296	279	968	1,247	186	863	1,049
Tubbercurry	446	420	390	31	166	197	19	174	193
Midland	11,395	10,347	10,131	985	4,618	5,603	881	3,647	4,528
Laoighis	2,395	2,291	2,192	200	1,027	1,227	169	796	965
Portarlinton	855	824	786	50	319	369	55	362	417
Portlaoise	1,122	998	1,034	124	502	626	76	332	408
Rathdowney	418	469	372	26	206	232	38	102	140
Longford	2,116	2,076	2,052	195	903	1,098	214	740	954
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Offaly	3,333	2,675	2,628	254	1,246	1,500	224	904	1,128
Birr	943	733	740	86	342	428	69	243	312
Edenderry	872	686	666	54	316	370	53	243	296
Tullamore	1,518	1,256	1,222	114	588	702	102	418	520
Westmeath	3,551	3,305	3,259	336	1,442	1,778	274	1,207	1,481
Athlone	1,554	1,416	1,391	179	581	760	101	530	631
Castlepollard	262	270	283	16	137	153	20	110	130
Mullingar	1,735	1,619	1,585	141	724	865	153	567	720
West	21,661	19,253	18,702	1,548	9,572	11,120	1,203	6,379	7,582
Galway	11,365	9,770	9,493	899	4,865	5,764	709	3,020	3,729
Ballinasloe	1,112	1,037	1,023	119	539	658	88	277	365
Clifden	1,018	1,027	988	89	577	666	52	270	322
Galway	6,463	5,262	5,083	535	2,499	3,034	441	1,608	2,049
Gort	573	508	484	24	216	240	17	227	244
Loughrea	891	762	762	45	394	439	50	273	323
Tuam	1,308	1,174	1,153	87	640	727	61	365	426

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NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	February 1999	January 2000	February 2000	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	8,373	7,569	7,379	548	3,749	4,297	369	2,713	3,082
Achill	372	339	329	26	198	224	9	96	105
Ballina	2,820	2,387	2,295	216	1,141	1,357	136	802	938
Ballinrobe	521	480	491	25	278	303	14	174	188
Belmullet	1,084	1,009	1,001	80	552	632	41	328	369
Castlebar	997	896	861	54	389	443	55	363	418
Claremorris	621	657	640	45	288	333	31	276	307
Swinford	1,028	994	997	76	469	545	57	395	452
Westport	930	807	765	26	434	460	26	279	305
Roscommon	1,923	1,914	1,830	101	958	1,059	125	646	771
Boyle	547	553	535	28	276	304	32	199	231
Castlerea	1,020	995	965	67	511	578	74	313	387
Roscommon	356	366	330	6	171	177	19	134	153
Eastern and Southern	144,002	118,881	116,092	10,733	55,691	66,424	8,391	41,277	49,668
Dublin	57,853	45,088	44,356	4,418	22,520	26,938	2,872	14,546	17,418
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Gardiner Street	4,138	3,507	3,492	371	1,760	2,131	230	1,131	1,361
Werburgh Street	4,732	3,594	3,529	322	1,984	2,306	153	1,070	1,223
Victoria Street	1,865	1,383	1,386	139	725	864	86	436	522
Cumberland Street	6,723	5,298	5,189	452	2,686	3,138	328	1,723	2,051
Navan Road	7,076	6,144	6,140	608	3,153	3,761	441	1,938	2,379
Thomas Street	4,016	2,889	2,848	277	1,671	1,948	217	683	900
Tara Street	2,101	1,472	1,418	110	805	915	72	431	503
Tallaght ¹	4,769	3,961	3,907	621	1,718	2,339	377	1,191	1,568
Ballymun	1,822	1,504	1,441	207	783	990	126	325	451
Clondalkin	3,425	2,605	2,534	347	1,182	1,529	239	766	1,005
Rathfarnham	2,673	1,886	1,932	100	839	939	79	914	993
Kilbarrack	3,182	2,714	2,674	203	1,274	1,477	126	1,071	1,197
Dun Laoghaire	4,378	3,355	3,310	193	1,640	1,833	114	1,363	1,477
Balbriggan	1,556	1,183	1,144	84	526	610	56	478	534
Ballyfermot	2,547	1,634	1,519	177	823	1,000	120	399	519
Finglas	2,850	1,959	1,893	207	951	1,158	108	627	735
Mid-East	14,918	11,949	11,595	1,023	5,276	6,299	879	4,417	5,296
Kildare	5,739	4,382	4,128	416	1,763	2,179	343	1,606	1,949
Athy	1,037	881	803	105	373	478	78	247	325
Kildare	762	644	583	81	269	350	54	179	233
Maynooth	1,525	998	975	80	391	471	66	438	504
Newbridge	2,415	1,859	1,767	150	730	880	145	742	887
Meath	3,309	2,782	2,782	204	1,295	1,499	209	1,074	1,283
Kells	684	591	589	42	285	327	43	219	262
Navan	1,685	1,432	1,445	116	667	783	112	550	662
Trim	940	759	748	46	343	389	54	305	359
Wicklow	5,870	4,785	4,685	403	2,218	2,621	327	1,737	2,064
Arklow	1,303	1,076	1,071	97	547	644	108	319	427
Baltinglass	607	561	526	35	214	249	42	235	277
Blessington ¹	257	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bray	2,800	2,322	2,272	186	1,050	1,236	123	913	1,036
Wicklow	903	826	816	85	407	492	54	270	324
Mid-West	15,629	13,690	13,438	1,240	6,242	7,482	961	4,995	5,956
Clare	4,216	3,607	3,624	298	1,639	1,937	242	1,445	1,687
Ennis	2,171	1,806	1,810	177	722	899	143	768	911
Ennistymon	844	762	746	48	365	413	46	287	333
Kilrush	756	688	697	52	376	428	39	230	269
Tulla	445	351	371	21	176	197	14	160	174
Limerick	8,681	7,578	7,404	724	3,468	4,192	542	2,670	3,212
Kilmallock	977	965	849	67	396	463	69	317	386
Limerick	6,461	5,560	5,556	603	2,569	3,172	405	1,979	2,384
Newcastle West	1,243	1,053	999	54	503	557	68	374	442

¹ Claims transferred from Blessington to Tallaght with effect from 30th August, 1999

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NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	February 1999	January 2000	February 2000	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Tipperary N.R.	2,732	2,505	2,410	218	1,135	1,353	177	880	1,057
Nenagh	906	846	807	60	397	457	50	300	350
Roscrea	528	523	493	44	210	254	38	201	239
Thurles	1,298	1,136	1,110	114	528	642	89	379	468
South-East	25,316	22,751	22,057	2,127	9,878	12,005	1,934	8,118	10,052
Carlow	3,002	2,500	2,451	222	1,067	1,289	202	960	1,162
Bagenalstown	652	561	528	44	242	286	37	205	242
Carlow	1,766	1,423	1,439	137	622	759	119	561	680
Tullow	584	516	484	41	203	244	46	194	240
Kilkenny	3,278	2,726	2,561	247	1,135	1,382	228	951	1,179
Callan	525	406	402	32	234	266	22	114	136
Kilkenny	2,237	1,862	1,728	179	708	887	172	669	841
Thomastown	516	458	431	36	193	229	34	168	202
Tipperary S.R.	4,778	4,341	4,144	424	1,926	2,350	302	1,492	1,794
Cahir	579	577	538	60	227	287	37	214	251
Carrick-on-Suir	1,044	997	950	99	488	587	57	306	363
Cashel	409	383	368	36	178	214	31	123	154
Clonmel	1,953	1,614	1,539	154	673	827	130	582	712
Tipperary	793	770	749	75	360	435	47	267	314
Waterford	6,772	6,261	6,172	587	2,775	3,362	562	2,248	2,810
Dungarvan	979	897	852	78	426	504	69	279	348
Waterford	5,793	5,364	5,320	509	2,349	2,858	493	1,969	2,462
Wexford	7,486	6,923	6,729	647	2,975	3,622	640	2,467	3,107
Enniscorthy	2,017	1,926	1,889	207	894	1,101	205	583	788
Gorey	1,111	1,042	994	89	449	538	91	365	456
New Ross	1,502	1,281	1,267	101	599	700	95	472	567
Wexford	2,856	2,674	2,579	250	1,033	1,283	249	1,047	1,296
South-West	30,286	25,403	24,646	1,925	11,775	13,700	1,745	9,201	10,946
Cork	21,528	17,944	17,460	1,347	8,389	9,736	1,251	6,473	7,724
Bandon	586	538	510	24	262	286	33	191	224
Bantry	429	417	440	23	195	218	25	197	222
Bantry (SWLO) ²	0	259	261	18	115	133	7	121	128
Clonakilty	463	433	433	21	172	193	23	217	240
Cobh	615	520	495	64	182	246	41	208	249
Cork	11,802	9,107	8,892	782	4,619	5,401	672	2,819	3,491
Dunmanway	277	267	325	13	125	138	13	174	187
Fermoy	860	729	696	50	305	355	51	290	341
Kinsale	678	682	676	35	281	316	49	311	360
Macroom	522	434	413	23	209	232	30	151	181
Mallow	1,136	978	917	79	459	538	83	296	379
Midleton	1,112	951	901	64	372	436	79	386	465
Newmarket	886	668	640	34	298	332	33	275	308
Passage West	816	732	712	44	296	340	39	333	372
Skibbereen	608	601	564	29	215	244	37	283	320
Youghal	738	628	585	44	284	328	36	221	257
Kerry	8,758	7,459	7,186	578	3,386	3,964	494	2,728	3,222
Cahirciveen	506	481	454	16	198	214	27	213	240
Dingle	352	320	311	14	141	155	19	137	156
Kenmare ²	712	308	305	14	143	157	9	139	148
Killarney	1,393	1,284	1,214	61	471	532	72	610	682
Killorglin	692	572	542	33	283	316	21	205	226
Listowel	1,394	1,309	1,269	114	656	770	101	398	499
Tralee	3,709	3,185	3,091	326	1,494	1,820	245	1,026	1,271
State	207,611	176,162	172,093	16,209	82,905	99,114	12,674	60,305	72,979

² Claims transferred from Kenmare to Bantry Control Office with effect from 27th August, 1999

Background Notes

Source and Scope of the Live Register	<p>The Live Register is compiled from returns made directly to the Central Statistics Office by each local office of the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs. It comprises persons under 65 years of age in the following classes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All claimants for Unemployment Benefit (UB) excluding systematic short-time workers;• Applicants for Unemployment Assistance (UA) excluding smallholders and self-employed persons;• Other registrants including applicants for credited Social Welfare contributions but excluding those directly involved in an industrial dispute.
Live Register Area Analysis	<p>The basis of the area classification used in this release is the Department of Social, Community 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.</p>
Unemployment Statistics	<p>Unemployment is measured by the Quarterly National Household survey (formerly the annual Labour Force Survey). 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 Unemployment Benefit.</p>
Descriptive Articles	<p>The compilation basis for the Live Register statistics from May 1992 onwards is described in the September 1992 issue of the <i>Statistical Bulletin</i>. 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 <i>Statistical Bulletin</i>.</p>
NUTS2 and NUTS3 regions	<p>The regional classifications in this release are based on the NUTS (Nomenclature of Territorial Units) classification used by Eurostat. The NUTS3 regions correspond to the eight Regional Authorities established under the Local Government Act, 1991 (Regional Authorities) (Establishment) Order, 1993, which came into operation on 1 January 1994. The NUTS2 regions, which were proposed by Government and agreed by Eurostat in 1999, are groupings of the NUTS3 regions. <i>See overleaf.</i></p>

Border, Midland and Western NUTS2 Region

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

Eastern and Southern NUTS2 Region

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