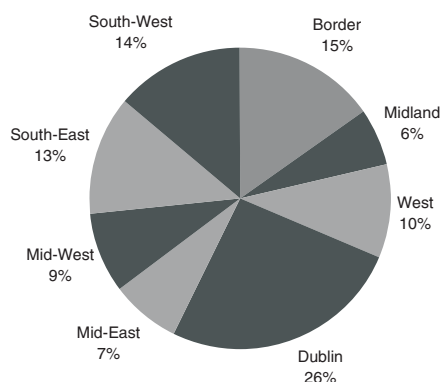


Live Register by Regional Authority



	October 2003	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and West	52,153	- 1,042	+ 1,662
Border	25,404	- 512	+ 931
Midland	10,276	- 283	+ 922
West	16,473	- 247	- 191
Eastern and Southern	114,399	- 3,228	+ 7,184
Dublin	43,207	- 2,210	+ 2,995
Mid-East	12,340	- 232	+ 1,494
Mid-West	14,498	- 350	+ 1,152
South-East	21,245	- 319	+ 1,155
South-West	23,109	- 117	+ 388
Total	166,552	- 4,270	+ 8,846

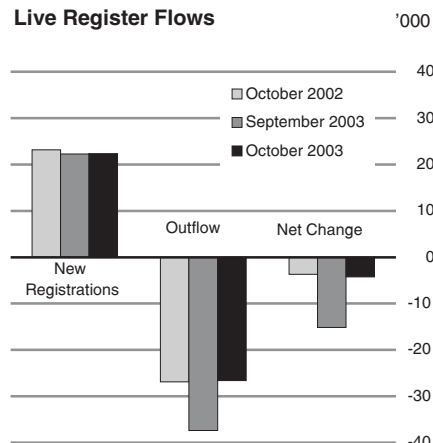
Monthly decreases in all regions

The monthly decrease of 4,270 persons on the Live Register reflected decreases in all regions. The largest percentage decreases were in the Dublin (-4.9%) and the Midland (-2.7%) regions. The lowest decreases were in the South-West (-0.5%), South-East (-1.5%) and West (-1.5%).

Other area features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males decreased in all regions. The largest decrease was in Dublin (-4.5%) while the lowest decrease was in the South-West (-0.6%).
- ◆ The number of females decreased in all regions. The largest decrease was in Dublin (-5.5%) while the lowest decrease was in the South-West (-0.4%).
- ◆ There were decreases in most counties with just five counties showing monthly increases. The largest percentage decreases were in Sligo (-5.9%), Dublin (-4.9%) and Limerick (-4.9%) while the largest increases were in Kerry (+9.1%) and Clare (+2.0%).

Live Register Flows



	New Registrations	Outflow (derived)	Net Change
Males	11,697	14,195	- 2,498
Females	10,632	12,404	- 1,772
Total	22,329	26,599	- 4,270

Outflows exceed new registrations

A total of 22,329 persons joined the Live Register in October 2003. With 26,599 persons leaving the Register there is a net decrease of 4,270 persons in the month.

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

- ◆ The average weekly decrease of 854 in the Live Register was comprised of 500 males and 354 females. *See tables 8 and 9.*
- ◆ In the month there were weekly averages of 4,466 new claimants joining the Register and 5,320 persons leaving. *See table 8.*

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	October 2002	September 2003	October 2003	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	35,295	37,183	35,906	- 1,277	+ 611
UA Applications	55,884	58,761	57,574	- 1,187	+ 1,690
Other Registrants	2,650	2,815	2,781	- 34	+ 131
Total	93,829	98,759	96,261	- 2,498	+ 2,432
Females					
UB Claims	33,997	39,243	38,804	- 439	+ 4,807
UA Applications	21,262	23,462	22,290	- 1,172	+ 1,028
Other Registrants	8,618	9,358	9,197	- 161	+ 579
Total	63,877	72,063	70,291	- 1,772	+ 6,414
All Persons					
UB Claims	69,292	76,426	74,710	- 1,716	+ 5,418
UA Applications	77,146	82,223	79,864	- 2,359	+ 2,718
Other Registrants	11,268	12,173	11,978	- 195	+ 710
Total	157,706	170,822	166,552	- 4,270	+ 8,846

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

Category	October 2002	September 2003	October 2003	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	6,048	7,142	6,400	- 742	+ 352
UA Applications	11,070	11,861	11,367	- 494	+ 297
Other Registrants	40	47	36	- 11	- 4
Total	17,158	19,050	17,803	- 1,247	+ 645
Females					
UB Claims	4,606	6,054	5,397	- 657	+ 791
UA Applications	7,765	8,863	8,276	- 587	+ 511
Other Registrants	106	132	127	- 5	+ 21
Total	12,477	15,049	13,800	- 1,249	+ 1,323
All Persons					
UB Claims	10,654	13,196	11,797	- 1,399	+ 1,143
UA Applications	18,835	20,724	19,643	- 1,081	+ 808
Other Registrants	146	179	163	- 16	+ 17
Total	29,635	34,099	31,603	- 2,496	+ 1,968

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

Category	October 2002	September 2003	October 2003	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	29,247	30,041	29,506	- 535	+ 259
UA Applications	44,814	46,900	46,207	- 693	+ 1,393
Other Registrants	2,610	2,768	2,745	- 23	+ 135
Total	76,671	79,709	78,458	- 1,251	+ 1,787
Females					
UB Claims	29,391	33,189	33,407	+ 218	+ 4,016
UA Applications	13,497	14,599	14,014	- 585	+ 517
Other Registrants	8,512	9,226	9,070	- 156	+ 558
Total	51,400	57,014	56,491	- 523	+ 5,091
All Persons					
UB Claims	58,638	63,230	62,913	- 317	+ 4,275
UA Applications	58,311	61,499	60,221	- 1,278	+ 1,910
Other Registrants	11,122	11,994	11,815	- 179	+ 693
Total	128,071	136,723	134,949	- 1,774	+ 6,878

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
2001	October	83,900	57,900	141,800	87,100	60,500	147,700
	November	88,100	59,000	147,100	90,900	62,400	153,300
	December	91,400	61,000	152,400	91,300 ²	61,800 ²	153,100 ²
2002	January	96,600	63,300	160,000	92,800	63,600	156,300
	February	98,200	64,100	162,300	95,400	64,200	159,600
	March	97,200	65,100	162,300	96,600	67,200	163,800
	April	94,800	61,500	156,200	94,900	63,300	158,200
	May	93,400	61,600	154,900	95,900	65,400	161,300
	June	95,800	68,500	164,300	96,600	66,200	162,800
	July	98,000	74,100	172,100	97,100	68,000	165,100
	August	98,800	74,800	173,600	97,200	68,000	165,200
	September	95,300	66,100	161,400	96,900	67,000	164,000
	October	93,800	63,900	157,700	97,100	66,600	163,700
	November	95,100	63,500	158,600	97,800	66,800	164,600
	December	98,700	67,500	166,100	97,500	67,700	165,200
2003	January	102,300	68,400	170,700	98,500	68,600	167,200
	February	102,000	69,400	171,400	99,100	69,400	168,500
	March	100,500	67,600	168,100	99,800	69,700	169,500
	April	100,300	70,600	170,900	100,400	72,400	172,800
	May	98,300	67,800	166,100	100,800	71,700	172,500
	June	101,600	76,300	177,900	102,300	73,900	176,200
	July	103,600	81,900	185,400	102,700	75,800	178,500
	August	103,800	82,200	186,000	102,200	75,300	177,600
	September	98,800	72,100	170,800	100,500	73,000	173,500
	October	96,300	70,300	166,600	99,500	73,100	172,600

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2003 (See Background Notes).² Based on estimated data for December 2001.**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
2001	October	14,600	10,900	25,400	15,600	11,400	27,000
	November	15,600	11,000	26,600	16,600	11,900	28,500
	December	16,400	11,100	27,500	16,800 ²	12,000 ²	28,800 ²
2002	January	18,200	12,300	30,500	17,300	12,300	29,600
	February	18,900	12,600	31,400	18,200	12,600	30,800
	March	18,500	12,300	30,800	18,300	12,800	31,200
	April	17,800	11,800	29,600	18,000	12,500	30,600
	May	17,300	11,800	29,100	18,000	12,800	30,700
	June	18,000	13,400	31,400	18,000	12,700	30,700
	July	19,000	14,700	33,700	18,200	13,200	31,400
	August	19,000	15,000	34,000	18,200	13,300	31,400
	September	17,900	13,600	31,400	18,100	13,200	31,300
	October	17,200	12,500	29,600	18,200	13,000	31,100
	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	18,600	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	13,800	32,600
	April	18,700	13,400	32,000	18,900	14,100	32,900
	May	18,400	13,300	31,700	19,100	14,200	33,300
	June	19,600	15,600	35,200	19,600	14,900	34,500
	July	20,500	16,800	37,300	19,700	15,300	35,000
	August	20,500	16,900	37,300	19,600	15,200	34,800
	September	19,100	15,000	34,100	19,300	14,700	34,000
	October	17,800	13,800	31,600	18,800	14,300	33,100

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2003 (See Background Notes).² Based on estimated data for December 2001.

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
2001	October	69,300	47,100	116,400	71,500	49,200	120,700
	November	72,500	48,000	120,500	74,200	50,500	124,800
	December	75,000	49,900	124,900	74,400 ²	49,900 ²	124,300 ²
2002	January	78,400	51,100	129,500	75,400	51,300	126,700
	February	79,400	51,600	130,900	77,200	51,700	128,800
	March	78,700	52,800	131,500	78,300	54,300	132,600
	April	76,900	49,700	126,600	76,900	50,800	127,600
	May	76,100	49,800	125,900	77,900	52,700	130,600
	June	77,700	55,100	132,900	78,600	53,500	132,100
	July	79,000	59,400	138,400	78,900	54,800	133,700
	August	79,700	59,800	139,600	79,000	54,700	133,700
	September	77,400	52,600	130,000	78,900	53,800	132,700
	October	76,700	51,400	128,100	78,900	53,600	132,600
	November	77,800	51,300	129,100	79,500	53,800	133,300
	December	80,700	55,100	135,800	79,300	54,500	133,800
2003	January	82,900	55,000	137,900	80,000	55,200	135,200
	February	82,700	55,700	138,400	80,500	55,800	136,300
	March	81,600	54,200	135,800	81,100	55,900	136,900
	April	81,600	57,300	138,900	81,500	58,300	139,800
	May	79,900	54,500	134,400	81,700	57,500	139,200
	June	82,000	60,700	142,700	82,700	59,000	141,700
	July	83,100	65,000	148,200	83,000	60,500	143,500
	August	83,300	65,300	148,600	82,600	60,100	142,700
	September	79,700	57,000	136,700	81,200	58,300	139,500
	October	78,500	56,500	134,900	80,700	58,800	139,500

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

² Based on estimated data for December 2001.

Table 3 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates¹

Month	1997 ³	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003 ⁴
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
January	10.7	8.5	6.3	4.6	3.7	4.2	4.3
February	10.6	8.2	6.1	4.5	3.6	4.3	4.3
March	10.5	8.0	5.9	4.4	3.6	4.4	4.3
April ²	10.3	7.8	5.7	4.3	3.7	4.2	4.4
May	10.1	7.6	5.7	4.2	3.7	4.3	4.4
June	9.9	7.5	5.5	4.1	3.7	4.3	4.5
July	9.7	7.3	5.4	4.0	3.7	4.4	4.5
August	9.5	7.1	5.3	4.0	3.7	4.3	4.5
September	9.3	6.9	5.2	3.9	3.8	4.3	4.4
October	9.1	6.8	5.0	3.8	3.9	4.3	4.4
November	8.9	6.6	4.9	3.8	4.1	4.3	
December	8.7	6.5	4.7	3.7	4.1 ⁵	4.3	
Annual average	9.8	7.4	5.5	4.1	3.8	4.3	

¹ Table contains revised figures.

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

³ Interpolated data for May 1996 to March 1997 (See Background Notes).

⁴ The latest QNHS estimate of the unemployment rate (unadjusted for seasonality) is: March - May 2003, 4.4%.

⁵ Based on estimated data for December 2001.

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	October 2002	September 2003	October 2003	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland & Western	29,654	30,586	29,961	- 625	+ 307	5,242	24,719
Border	14,711	15,250	14,911	- 339	+ 200	2,702	12,209
Midland	5,206	5,656	5,507	- 149	+ 301	1,046	4,461
West	9,737	9,680	9,543	- 137	- 194	1,494	8,049
Eastern & Southern	64,175	68,173	66,300	- 1,873	+ 2,125	12,561	53,739
Dublin	24,994	27,675	26,439	- 1,236	+ 1,445	5,338	21,101
Mid-East	6,135	6,871	6,710	- 161	+ 575	1,238	5,472
Mid-West	7,737	8,145	7,892	- 253	+ 155	1,489	6,403
South-East	11,658	12,075	11,928	- 147	+ 270	2,282	9,646
South-West	13,651	13,407	13,331	- 76	- 320	2,214	11,117
Total	93,829	98,759	96,261	- 2,498	+ 2,432	17,803	78,458
Females							
Border, Midland & Western	20,837	22,609	22,192	- 417	+ 1,355	4,582	17,610
Border	9,762	10,666	10,493	- 173	+ 731	2,264	8,229
Midland	4,148	4,903	4,769	- 134	+ 621	1,024	3,745
West	6,927	7,040	6,930	- 110	+ 3	1,294	5,636
Eastern & Southern	43,040	49,454	48,099	- 1,355	+ 5,059	9,218	38,881
Dublin	15,218	17,742	16,768	- 974	+ 1,550	3,338	13,430
Mid-East	4,711	5,701	5,630	- 71	+ 919	989	4,641
Mid-West	5,609	6,703	6,606	- 97	+ 997	1,230	5,376
South-East	8,432	9,489	9,317	- 172	+ 885	1,911	7,406
South-West	9,070	9,819	9,778	- 41	+ 708	1,750	8,028
Total	63,877	72,063	70,291	- 1,772	+ 6,414	13,800	56,491
All Persons							
Border, Midland & Western	50,491	53,195	52,153	- 1,042	+ 1,662	9,824	42,329
Border	24,473	25,916	25,404	- 512	+ 931	4,966	20,438
Midland	9,354	10,559	10,276	- 283	+ 922	2,070	8,206
West	16,664	16,720	16,473	- 247	- 191	2,788	13,685
Eastern & Southern	107,215	117,627	114,399	- 3,228	+ 7,184	21,779	92,620
Dublin	40,212	45,417	43,207	- 2,210	+ 2,995	8,676	34,531
Mid-East	10,846	12,572	12,340	- 232	+ 1,494	2,227	10,113
Mid-West	13,346	14,848	14,498	- 350	+ 1,152	2,719	11,779
South-East	20,090	21,564	21,245	- 319	+ 1,155	4,193	17,052
South-West	22,721	23,226	23,109	- 117	+ 388	3,964	19,145
Total	157,706	170,822	166,552	- 4,270	+ 8,846	31,603	134,949

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

Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	October 2002	September 2003	October 2003	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	78,578	87,998	84,969	- 3,029	+ 6,391	16,720	68,249
Munster	45,223	47,806	47,149	- 657	+ 1,926	8,567	38,582
Connacht	20,167	20,271	19,840	- 431	- 327	3,395	16,445
Ulster	13,738	14,747	14,594	- 153	+ 856	2,921	11,673
Total	157,706	170,822	166,552	- 4,270	+ 8,846	31,603	134,949

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	October 2002	September 2003	October 2003	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	50,491	53,195	52,153	5,242	24,719	29,961	4,582	17,610	22,192
Border	24,473	25,916	25,404	2,702	12,209	14,911	2,264	8,229	10,493
Cavan	1,974	2,038	2,072	177	1,029	1,206	174	692	866
Belturbet	393	423	427	27	245	272	27	128	155
Cavan	1,581	1,615	1,645	150	784	934	147	564	711
Donegal	9,355	10,187	9,975	1,078	4,903	5,981	968	3,026	3,994
Ballybofey	950	923	900	110	445	555	109	236	345
Ballyshannon	525	494	494	48	235	283	53	158	211
Buncrana	1,725	1,827	1,811	168	804	972	226	613	839
Donegal	515	512	503	47	233	280	47	176	223
Dunfanaghy	913	1,014	1,024	116	528	644	65	315	380
Dungloe	1,461	1,673	1,614	154	825	979	95	540	635
Killybegs	875	985	854	61	452	513	56	285	341
Letterkenny	2,391	2,759	2,775	374	1,381	1,755	317	703	1,020
Leitrim	1,218	1,205	1,159	84	529	613	82	464	546
Carrick-on-Shannon	929	931	906	69	410	479	68	359	427
Manorhamilton	289	274	253	15	119	134	14	105	119
Louth	7,232	7,618	7,443	818	3,501	4,319	620	2,504	3,124
Ardee	790	917	881	98	376	474	76	331	407
Drogheda	2,948	3,430	3,448	354	1,510	1,864	302	1,282	1,584
Dundalk	3,494	3,271	3,114	366	1,615	1,981	242	891	1,133
Monaghan	2,409	2,522	2,547	293	1,170	1,463	231	853	1,084
Carrickmacross	725	717	657	41	294	335	50	272	322
Castleblayney	696	740	771	98	330	428	86	257	343
Clones	260	311	304	43	174	217	24	63	87
Monaghan	728	754	815	111	372	483	71	261	332
Sligo	2,285	2,346	2,208	252	1,077	1,329	189	690	879
Sligo	1,920	1,986	1,851	228	893	1,121	164	566	730
Tubbercurry	365	360	357	24	184	208	25	124	149
Midland	9,354	10,559	10,276	1,046	4,461	5,507	1,024	3,745	4,769
Laoighis	1,909	2,218	2,146	220	897	1,117	224	805	1,029
Portarlinton	662	849	799	77	289	366	106	327	433
Portlaoise	891	1,007	977	112	420	532	94	351	445
Rathdowney	356	362	370	31	188	219	24	127	151
Longford	1,752	1,871	1,793	181	838	1,019	174	600	774
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Offaly	2,478	2,864	2,776	266	1,267	1,533	272	971	1,243
Birr	784	871	881	89	389	478	104	299	403
Edenderry	620	702	675	65	300	365	49	261	310
Tullamore	1,074	1,291	1,220	112	578	690	119	411	530
Westmeath	3,215	3,606	3,561	379	1,459	1,838	354	1,369	1,723
Athlone	1,476	1,536	1,514	167	611	778	148	588	736
Castlepollard	228	317	319	22	146	168	28	123	151
Mullingar	1,511	1,753	1,728	190	702	892	178	658	836
West	16,664	16,720	16,473	1,494	8,049	9,543	1,294	5,636	6,930
Galway	9,236	9,426	9,242	914	4,440	5,354	815	3,073	3,888
Ballinasloe	941	1,120	1,127	126	504	630	91	406	497
Clifden	690	729	771	63	459	522	41	208	249
Galway	5,284	5,180	4,950	552	2,368	2,920	508	1,522	2,030
Gort	408	488	484	30	189	219	27	238	265
Loughrea	716	683	689	49	311	360	59	270	329
Tuam	1,197	1,226	1,221	94	609	703	89	429	518

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	October 2002	September 2003	October 2003	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	5,990	5,915	5,882	474	2,912	3,386	388	2,108	2,496
Achill	305	343	326	26	199	225	20	81	101
Ballina	1,778	1,711	1,676	147	864	1,011	136	529	665
Ballinrobe	380	385	400	25	204	229	24	147	171
Belmullet	740	668	645	51	347	398	45	202	247
Castlebar	953	960	960	99	425	524	66	370	436
Claremorris	480	455	469	22	210	232	15	222	237
Swinford	776	775	782	78	322	400	48	334	382
Westport	578	618	624	26	341	367	34	223	257
Roscommon	1,438	1,379	1,349	106	697	803	91	455	546
Boyle	360	372	371	23	206	229	22	120	142
Castlerea	704	672	648	48	349	397	44	207	251
Roscommon	374	335	330	35	142	177	25	128	153
Eastern and Southern	107,215	117,627	114,399	12,561	53,739	66,300	9,218	38,881	48,099
Dublin	40,212	45,417	43,207	5,338	21,101	26,439	3,338	13,430	16,768
Dublin	40,212	45,417	43,207	5,338	21,101	26,439	3,338	13,430	16,768
Bishop Square	3,891	4,700	4,376	468	2,311	2,779	283	1,314	1,597
Cumberland Street	4,755	5,875	5,664	662	2,814	3,476	449	1,739	2,188
Navan Road	2,695	2,779	2,604	294	1,421	1,715	197	692	889
Blanchardstown	2,863	3,371	3,270	394	1,410	1,804	297	1,169	1,466
Thomas Street	2,181	2,491	2,453	295	1,374	1,669	188	596	784
Tara Street	1,384	1,503	1,406	140	748	888	81	437	518
Tallaght	3,062	3,534	3,296	576	1,469	2,045	348	903	1,251
Ballymun	1,418	1,505	1,437	244	709	953	129	355	484
Clondalkin	2,560	3,066	2,899	396	1,288	1,684	270	945	1,215
Rathfarnham	1,888	2,245	2,146	183	1,001	1,184	129	833	962
Kilbarrack	2,780	3,051	2,923	313	1,404	1,717	183	1,023	1,206
Dun Laoghaire	3,232	3,425	3,174	263	1,513	1,776	145	1,253	1,398
Balbriggan	1,221	1,297	1,244	124	558	682	63	499	562
Ballyfermot	1,033	1,287	1,278	204	645	849	163	266	429
Finglas	1,998	2,336	2,208	363	1,061	1,424	171	613	784
Coolock	3,251	2,952	2,829 ¹	419	1,375	1,794	242	793	1,035
Mid-East	10,846	12,572	12,340	1,238	5,472	6,710	989	4,641	5,630
Kildare	3,975	4,718	4,657	484	1,872	2,356	444	1,857	2,301
Athy	770	838	815	101	370	471	85	259	344
Maynooth	1,153	1,444	1,426	143	536	679	120	627	747
Newbridge	2,052	2,436	2,416	240	966	1,206	239	971	1,210
Meath	2,854	3,297	3,219	282	1,415	1,697	229	1,293	1,522
Kells	475	570	584	44	269	313	37	234	271
Navan	1,719	1,928	1,847	178	821	999	133	715	848
Trim	660	799	788	60	325	385	59	344	403
Wicklow	4,017	4,557	4,464	472	2,185	2,657	316	1,491	1,807
Arklow	1,026	1,234	1,255	136	635	771	106	378	484
Baltinglass	388	399	411	28	175	203	41	167	208
Bray	1,799	2,035	1,908	192	939	1,131	104	673	777
Wicklow	804	889	890	116	436	552	65	273	338
Mid-West	13,346	14,848	14,498	1,489	6,403	7,892	1,230	5,376	6,606
Clare	3,402	3,950	4,028	379	1,783	2,162	293	1,573	1,866
Ennis	2,031	2,387	2,375	238	997	1,235	190	950	1,140
Ennistymon	519	571	639	50	312	362	28	249	277
Kilrush	511	608	612	58	303	361	46	205	251
Tulla	341	384	402	33	171	204	29	169	198
Limerick	7,784	8,263	7,854	848	3,511	4,359	710	2,785	3,495
Kilmallock	789	903	870	83	398	481	83	306	389
Limerick	6,157	6,508	6,157	709	2,717	3,426	540	2,191	2,731
Newcastle West	838	852	827	56	396	452	87	288	375

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			Males				Females		
NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	October 2002	September 2003	October 2003	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,160	2,635	2,616	262	1,109	1,371	227	1,018	1,245
Nenagh	804	966	959	69	417	486	75	398	473
Roscrea	382	537	541	52	188	240	40	261	301
Thurles	974	1,132	1,116	141	504	645	112	359	471
South-East	20,090	21,564	21,245	2,282	9,646	11,928	1,911	7,406	9,317
Carlow	1,977	2,247	2,170	223	930	1,153	215	802	1,017
Bagenalstown	493	562	541	49	269	318	42	181	223
Carlow	1,101	1,243	1,187	133	490	623	118	446	564
Tullow	383	442	442	41	171	212	55	175	230
Kilkenny	2,315	2,629	2,642	300	1,287	1,587	235	820	1,055
Callan	313	367	378	38	201	239	26	113	139
Kilkenny	1,544	1,822	1,849	228	895	1,123	177	549	726
Thomastown	458	440	415	34	191	225	32	158	190
South Tipperary	3,486	3,682	3,668	427	1,728	2,155	331	1,182	1,513
Cahir	454	446	470	40	226	266	44	160	204
Carrick-on-Suir	946	937	944	97	492	589	68	287	355
Cashel	347	419	413	47	181	228	35	150	185
Clonmel	1,123	1,169	1,110	147	529	676	119	315	434
Tipperary	616	711	731	96	300	396	65	270	335
Waterford	5,670	6,050	5,874	654	2,691	3,345	472	2,057	2,529
Dungarvan	909	962	998	92	466	558	80	360	440
Waterford	4,761	5,088	4,876	562	2,225	2,787	392	1,697	2,089
Wexford	6,642	6,956	6,891	678	3,010	3,688	658	2,545	3,203
Enniscorthy	1,639	1,711	1,720	204	770	974	202	544	746
Gorey	1,079	1,195	1,198	113	501	614	124	460	584
New Ross	1,275	1,287	1,300	132	587	719	103	478	581
Wexford	2,649	2,763	2,673	229	1,152	1,381	229	1,063	1,292
South-West	22,721	23,226	23,109	2,214	11,117	13,331	1,750	8,028	9,778
Cork	16,806	17,565	16,934	1,675	8,194	9,869	1,270	5,795	7,065
Bandon	544	545	513	51	247	298	27	188	215
Bantry	357	395	383	20	167	187	17	179	196
Bantry (SWLO)	183	191	200	12	84	96	10	94	104
Clonakilty	398	456	470	28	200	228	33	209	242
Cobh	445	452	404	54	207	261	38	105	143
Cork	8,761	8,932	8,510	1,039	4,441	5,480	698	2,332	3,030
Dunmanway	212	198	205	16	74	90	15	100	115
Fermoy	741	831	833	71	378	449	63	321	384
Kinsale	626	635	637	36	267	303	34	300	334
Macroom	566	533	520	24	219	243	29	248	277
Mallow	770	809	782	85	397	482	76	224	300
Midleton	953	1,018	1,011	71	443	514	71	426	497
Newmarket	490	524	483	30	213	243	40	200	240
Passage West	797	843	827	66	385	451	52	324	376
Skibbereen	364	401	403	12	145	157	12	234	246
Youghal	599	802	753	60	327	387	55	311	366
Kerry	5,915	5,661	6,175	539	2,923	3,462	480	2,233	2,713
Cahirciveen	514	357	488	9	201	210	37	241	278
Dingle	212	231	275	10	148	158	8	109	117
Kenmare	156	116	144	2	57	59	8	77	85
Killarney	898	808	971	76	400	476	89	406	495
Killorglin	387	373	434	22	198	220	20	194	214
Listowel	954	949	983	104	496	600	87	296	383
Tralee	2,794	2,827	2,880	316	1,423	1,739	231	910	1,141
State	157,706	170,822	166,552	17,803	78,458	96,261	13,800	56,491	70,291

Table 7 Flows on and off the Live Register in the 5 weeks from 26 September 2003 to 31 October 2003

	Total	New Registrations	Net Change	Outflow (derived)
Border, Midland & Western	52,153	6,557	- 1,042	7,599
Border	25,404	2,780	- 512	3,292
Midland	10,276	1,419	- 283	1,702
West	16,473	2,358	- 247	2,605
Eastern & Southern	114,399	15,772	- 3,228	19,000
Dublin	43,207	5,800	- 2,210	8,010
Mid-East	12,340	1,900	- 232	2,132
Mid-West	14,498	2,062	- 350	2,412
South-East	21,245	2,333	- 319	2,652
South-West	23,109	3,677	- 117	3,794
Sex				
Males	96,261	11,697	- 2,498	14,195
Females	70,291	10,632	- 1,772	12,404
Total	166,552	22,329	- 4,270	26,599

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		
2001	October	4	26,253	6,563	24,968	6,242	+ 321
	November	5	32,936	6,587	27,650	5,530	+ 1,057
	December	3	19,527	6,509	14,242	4,747	+ 1,762
2002	January	5	31,817	6,363	24,263	4,853	+ 1,511
	February	4	25,468	6,367	23,091	5,773	+ 594
	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

Table 9 Summary of Flows on and off the Live Register classified by Sex

	Number of weeks	Males				Females				
		Live Register	New Registrations	Outflow (derived)	Average weekly change	Live Register	New Registrations	Outflow (derived)	Average weekly change	
2001	October	4	83,894	15,411	13,744	+ 417	57,941	10,842	11,224	- 96
	November	5	88,103	19,170	14,961	+ 842	59,018	13,766	12,689	+ 215
	December	3	91,394	11,237	7,946	+ 1,097	61,012	8,290	6,296	+ 665
2002	January	5	96,623	17,938	12,709	+ 1,046	63,337	13,879	11,554	+ 465
	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

Table 10 Persons working on systematic short-time basis excluded from the Live Register

	Month	Males	Females	Total
2001	October	1,061	1,857	2,918
	November	1,229	2,077	3,306
	December	1,390	2,046	3,436
2002	January	1,476	2,132	3,608
	February	1,516	2,062	3,578
	March	1,504	2,098	3,602
	April	1,472	1,974	3,446
	May	1,550	1,785	3,335
	June	1,474	1,580	3,054
	July	1,444	1,632	3,076
	August	1,195	1,590	2,785
	September	1,093	1,630	2,723
	October	1,227	1,773	3,000
	November	1,104	1,650	2,754
	December	999	1,608	2,607
2003	January	1,167	1,731	2,898
	February	1,311	1,931	3,242
	March	1,404	1,898	3,302
	April	1,361	1,841	3,202
	May	1,278	1,698	2,976
	June	1,506	1,748	3,254
	July	1,255	1,724	2,979
	August	1,127	1,594	2,721
	September	1,006	1,504	2,510
	October	873	1,414	2,287

Table 11 Smallholders/Farm Assists and Self-Employed Persons applying for Unemployment Assistance and Other Registrants excluded from the Live Register

	Month	Smallholders/ Farm Assists ¹	Self-Employed	Others	Total
2001	October	8,524	1,520	688	10,732
	November	8,513	1,523	685	10,721
	December	8,514	1,536	715	10,765
2002	January	8,521	1,522	758	10,801
	February	8,537	1,542	792	10,871
	March	8,536	1,545	785	10,866
	April	8,558	1,558	767	10,883
	May	8,561	1,541	764	10,866
	June	8,513	1,533	795	10,841
	July	8,513	1,566	855	10,934
	August	8,566	1,561	861	10,988
	September	8,607	1,553	830	10,990
	October	8,719	1,546	850	11,115
	November	8,732	1,544	870	11,146
	December	8,770	1,550	921	11,241
2003	January	8,779	1,551	907	11,237
	February	8,777	1,573	915	11,265
	March	8,798	1,627	891	11,316
	April	8,773	1,620	948	11,341
	May	8,820	1,659	920	11,399
	June	8,811	1,684	953	11,448
	July	8,825	1,712	983	11,520
	August	8,811	1,721	970	11,502
	September	8,796	1,724	915	11,435
	October	8,783	1,727	917	11,427

¹ Farm Assist Scheme was introduced in April 1999.

Table 12 Persons Under 65 Years, other than Smallholders/Farm Assists, on the Pre-Retirement Allowance Scheme (PRETA) or on the Pre-Retirement Credits Scheme (PRECS), excluded from the Live Register

	Month	PRETA	PRECS	Total	Males	Females
2001	October	12,006	7,904	19,910	14,270	5,640
	November	11,954	8,007	19,961	14,013	5,948
	December	11,860	8,040	19,900	14,226	5,674
2002	January	11,758	7,981	19,739	14,102	5,637
	February	11,742	7,934	19,676	14,059	5,617
	March	11,685	7,879	19,564	14,001	5,563
	April	11,666	7,823	19,489	13,923	5,566
	May	11,616	7,688	19,304	13,780	5,524
	June	11,538	7,696	19,234	13,714	5,520
	July	11,456	7,721	19,177	13,679	5,498
	August	11,349	7,757	19,106	13,603	5,503
	September	11,313	7,708	19,021	13,597	5,424
	October	11,329	7,742	19,071	13,639	5,432
	November	11,312	7,817	19,129	13,659	5,470
	December	11,247	7,718	18,965	13,518	5,447
2003	January	11,213	7,763	18,976	13,523	5,453
	February	11,228	7,690	18,918	13,489	5,429
	March	11,232	7,692	18,924	13,484	5,440
	April	11,246	7,695	18,941	13,328	5,613
	May	11,202	7,997	19,199	13,529	5,670
	June	11,179	8,063	19,242	13,554	5,688
	July	11,112	7,945	19,057	13,473	5,584
	August	11,064	7,842	18,906	13,349	5,557
	September	11,021	7,903	18,924	13,345	5,579
	October	10,979	7,970	18,949	13,336	5,613

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 (*see Table 10*)
- ◆ Applicants for Unemployment Assistance (UA) excluding smallholders/farm assists and other self-employed persons (*see Table 11*)
- ◆ Other registrants including applicants for credited Social Welfare contributions but excluding those directly involved in an industrial dispute (*see Table 11*).

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 April of each year are calculated from the Labour Force Survey/Quarterly National Household Survey. The monthly trend in the seasonally adjusted Live Register has been traditionally 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 (unadjusted for seasonality) are:

Year	Q1 %	Q2 %	Q3 %	Q4 %
1998	8.5	7.8	7.6	6.4
1999	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.1
2000	4.7	4.3	4.3	3.9
2001	3.7	3.7	4.3	4.0
2002	4.4	4.2	4.6	4.5
2003	4.6	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 below.*

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

Eastern and Southern 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