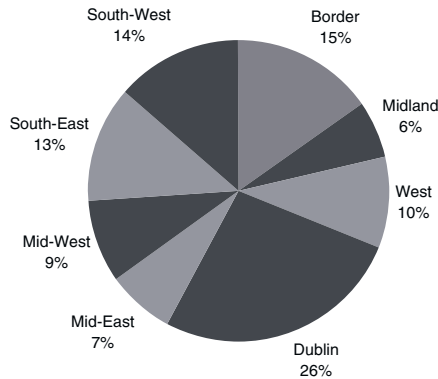


Live Register by Regional Authority



	September 2003	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Midland and West	53,195	- 5,237	+ 1,149
Border	25,916	- 2,261	+ 500
Midland	10,559	- 941	+ 941
West	16,720	- 2,035	- 292
and Southern	117,627	- 9,894	+ 8,241
Dublin	45,417	- 3,312	+ 3,939
Mid-East	12,572	- 1,266	+ 1,633
Mid-West	14,848	- 1,677	+ 1,231
South-East	21,564	- 1,750	+ 1,127
South-West	23,226	- 1,889	+ 311
Total	170,822	- 15,131	+ 9,390

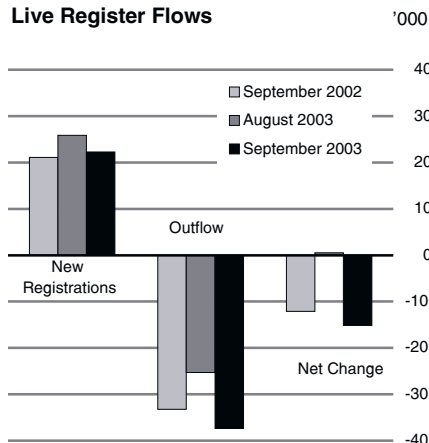
Monthly decreases in all regions

The monthly decrease of 15,131 persons on the Live Register reflected decreases in all regions. The highest percentage falls were in the West (-10.9%) and the Mid-West (-10.1%). The lowest decreases were in Dublin (-6.8%) and in the South-East (-7.5%) and the South-West (-7.5%).

Other area features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males decreased in all regions. The highest percentage fall was in the Mid-West (-7.5%) while the lowest fall was in Dublin (-3.7%).
- ◆ The number of females decreased in all regions. The highest percentage fall here was in the West (-15.6%) while the lowest fall was in Dublin (-11.3%).
- ◆ There were monthly decreases in all counties. The highest percentage decreases were in Roscommon (-14.4%) and Sligo (-12.0%) while the lowest decreases occurred in Wexford (-6.1%) and Waterford (-6.6%). *See tables 4 and 6.*

Live Register Flows



	New Registrations	Outflow (derived)	Net Change
Males	11,878	16,885	- 5,007
Females	10,370	20,494	- 10,124
Total	22,248	37,379	- 15,131

Outflows exceed new registrations

A total of 22,248 persons joined the Live Register in September 2003. With 37,379 persons leaving the Register there is a net decrease of 15,131 persons in the month.

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

- ◆ The average weekly decrease of 3,783 in the Live Register was comprised of 2,531 females and 1,252 males. *See tables 8 and 9.*
- ◆ In the month there were weekly averages of 5,562 new claimants joining the Register and 9,345 persons leaving. *See table 8.*

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	September 2002	August 2003	September 2003	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	35,896	40,297	37,183	- 3,114	+ 1,287
UA Applications	56,746	60,601	58,761	- 1,840	+ 2,015
Other Registrants	2,647	2,868	2,815	- 53	+ 168
Total	95,289	103,766	98,759	- 5,007	+ 3,470
Females					
UB Claims	35,098	46,958	39,243	- 7,715	+ 4,145
UA Applications	22,214	25,034	23,462	- 1,572	+ 1,248
Other Registrants	8,831	10,195	9,358	- 837	+ 527
Total	66,143	82,187	72,063	- 10,124	+ 5,920
All Persons					
UB Claims	70,994	87,255	76,426	- 10,829	+ 5,432
UA Applications	78,960	85,635	82,223	- 3,412	+ 3,263
Other Registrants	11,478	13,063	12,173	- 890	+ 695
Total	161,432	185,953	170,822	- 15,131	+ 9,390

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

Category	September 2002	August 2003	September 2003	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	6,468	7,936	7,142	- 794	+ 674
UA Applications	11,368	12,471	11,861	- 610	+ 493
Other Registrants	38	51	47	- 4	+ 9
Total	17,874	20,458	19,050	- 1,408	+ 1,176
Females					
UB Claims	5,078	7,033	6,054	- 979	+ 976
UA Applications	8,362	9,705	8,863	- 842	+ 501
Other Registrants	112	153	132	- 21	+ 20
Total	13,552	16,891	15,049	- 1,842	+ 1,497
All Persons					
UB Claims	11,546	14,969	13,196	- 1,773	+ 1,650
UA Applications	19,730	22,176	20,724	- 1,452	+ 994
Other Registrants	150	204	179	- 25	+ 29
Total	31,426	37,349	34,099	- 3,250	+ 2,673

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

Category	September 2002	August 2003	September 2003	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	29,428	32,361	30,041	- 2,320	+ 613
UA Applications	45,378	48,130	46,900	- 1,230	+ 1,522
Other Registrants	2,609	2,817	2,768	- 49	+ 159
Total	77,415	83,308	79,709	- 3,599	+ 2,294
Females					
UB Claims	30,020	39,925	33,189	- 6,736	+ 3,169
UA Applications	13,852	15,329	14,599	- 730	+ 747
Other Registrants	8,719	10,042	9,226	- 816	+ 507
Total	52,591	65,296	57,014	- 8,282	+ 4,423
All Persons					
UB Claims	59,448	72,286	63,230	- 9,056	+ 3,782
UA Applications	59,230	63,459	61,499	- 1,960	+ 2,269
Other Registrants	11,328	12,859	11,994	- 865	+ 666
Total	130,006	148,604	136,723	- 11,881	+ 6,717

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	September	82,200	58,300	140,600	83,700	59,100	142,800
	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
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

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	September	14,400	11,000	25,400	14,500	10,600	25,100
	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
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

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	September	67,800	47,300	115,100	69,200	48,500	117,700
	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
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

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	
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	September 2002	August 2003	September 2003	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland & Western	30,296	32,414	30,586	- 1,828	+ 290	5,640	24,946
Border	15,159	16,096	15,250	- 846	+ 91	2,933	12,317
Midland	5,292	5,907	5,656	- 251	+ 364	1,105	4,551
West	9,845	10,411	9,680	- 731	- 165	1,602	8,078
Eastern & Southern	64,993	71,352	68,173	- 3,179	+ 3,180	13,410	54,763
Dublin	25,597	28,737	27,675	- 1,062	+ 2,078	5,737	21,938
Mid-East	6,133	7,236	6,871	- 365	+ 738	1,310	5,561
Mid-West	7,831	8,802	8,145	- 657	+ 314	1,665	6,480
South-East	11,715	12,547	12,075	- 472	+ 360	2,356	9,719
South-West	13,717	14,030	13,407	- 623	- 310	2,342	11,065
Total	95,289	103,766	98,759	- 5,007	+ 3,470	19,050	79,709
Females							
Border, Midland & Western	21,750	26,018	22,609	- 3,409	+ 859	4,921	17,688
Border	10,257	12,081	10,666	- 1,415	+ 409	2,435	8,231
Midland	4,326	5,593	4,903	- 690	+ 577	1,113	3,790
West	7,167	8,344	7,040	- 1,304	- 127	1,373	5,667
Eastern & Southern	44,393	56,169	49,454	- 6,715	+ 5,061	10,128	39,326
Dublin	15,881	19,992	17,742	- 2,250	+ 1,861	3,714	14,028
Mid-East	4,806	6,602	5,701	- 901	+ 895	1,065	4,636
Mid-West	5,786	7,723	6,703	- 1,020	+ 917	1,352	5,351
South-East	8,722	10,767	9,489	- 1,278	+ 767	2,061	7,428
South-West	9,198	11,085	9,819	- 1,266	+ 621	1,936	7,883
Total	66,143	82,187	72,063	- 10,124	+ 5,920	15,049	57,014
All Persons							
Border, Midland & Western	52,046	58,432	53,195	- 5,237	+ 1,149	10,561	42,634
Border	25,416	28,177	25,916	- 2,261	+ 500	5,368	20,548
Midland	9,618	11,500	10,559	- 941	+ 941	2,218	8,341
West	17,012	18,755	16,720	- 2,035	- 292	2,975	13,745
Eastern & Southern	109,386	127,521	117,627	- 9,894	+ 8,241	23,538	94,089
Dublin	41,478	48,729	45,417	- 3,312	+ 3,939	9,451	35,966
Mid-East	10,939	13,838	12,572	- 1,266	+ 1,633	2,375	10,197
Mid-West	13,617	16,525	14,848	- 1,677	+ 1,231	3,017	11,831
South-East	20,437	23,314	21,564	- 1,750	+ 1,127	4,417	17,147
South-West	22,915	25,115	23,226	- 1,889	+ 311	4,278	18,948
Total	161,432	185,953	170,822	- 15,131	+ 9,390	34,099	136,723

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

Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	September 2002	August 2003	September 2003	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	80,758	95,031	87,998	- 7,033	+ 7,240	17,983	70,015
Munster	45,868	52,187	47,806	- 4,381	+ 1,938	9,291	38,515
Connacht	20,682	22,739	20,271	- 2,468	- 411	3,689	16,582
Ulster	14,124	15,996	14,747	- 1,249	+ 623	3,136	11,611
Total	161,432	185,953	170,822	- 15,131	+ 9,390	34,099	136,723

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	September 2002	August 2003	September 2003	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	52,046	58,432	53,195	5,640	24,946	30,586	4,921	17,688	22,609
Border	25,416	28,177	25,916	2,933	12,317	15,250	2,435	8,231	10,666
Cavan	2,003	2,225	2,038	200	998	1,198	176	664	840
Belturbet	411	463	423	29	235	264	33	126	159
Cavan	1,592	1,762	1,615	171	763	934	143	538	681
Donegal	9,663	10,931	10,187	1,181	4,963	6,144	1,032	3,011	4,043
Ballybofey	953	983	923	101	465	566	112	245	357
Ballyshannon	542	502	494	48	235	283	53	158	211
Buncrana	1,760	1,978	1,827	186	806	992	235	600	835
Donegal	535	579	512	63	228	291	53	168	221
Dunfanaghy	938	1,051	1,014	111	524	635	76	303	379
Dungloe	1,546	1,789	1,673	175	832	1,007	103	563	666
Killybegs	953	1,039	985	89	535	624	61	300	361
Letterkenny	2,436	3,010	2,759	408	1,338	1,746	339	674	1,013
Leitrim	1,278	1,319	1,205	96	546	642	96	467	563
Carrick-on-Shannon	987	1,006	931	71	421	492	77	362	439
Manorhamilton	291	313	274	25	125	150	19	105	124
Louth	7,622	8,197	7,618	855	3,554	4,409	663	2,546	3,209
Ardee	824	984	917	109	387	496	84	337	421
Drogheda	3,138	3,688	3,430	360	1,502	1,862	311	1,257	1,568
Dundalk	3,660	3,525	3,271	386	1,665	2,051	268	952	1,220
Monaghan	2,458	2,840	2,522	293	1,160	1,453	254	815	1,069
Carrickmacross	720	797	717	52	340	392	54	271	325
Castleblayney	738	816	740	93	319	412	87	241	328
Clones	275	347	311	47	173	220	30	61	91
Monaghan	725	880	754	101	328	429	83	242	325
Sligo	2,392	2,665	2,346	308	1,096	1,404	214	728	942
Sligo	2,017	2,277	1,986	279	919	1,198	189	599	788
Tubbercurry	375	388	360	29	177	206	25	129	154
Midland	9,618	11,500	10,559	1,105	4,551	5,656	1,113	3,790	4,903
Laoighis	1,963	2,404	2,218	238	921	1,159	258	801	1,059
Portarlinton	680	943	849	86	294	380	118	351	469
Portlaoise	940	1,070	1,007	118	439	557	117	333	450
Rathdowney	343	391	362	34	188	222	23	117	140
Longford	1,820	2,022	1,871	211	852	1,063	190	618	808
Longford	1,820	2,022	1,871	211	852	1,063	190	618	808
Offaly	2,543	3,079	2,864	278	1,297	1,575	278	1,011	1,289
Birr	799	949	871	87	391	478	103	290	393
Edenderry	640	736	702	63	313	376	52	274	326
Tullamore	1,104	1,394	1,291	128	593	721	123	447	570
Westmeath	3,292	3,995	3,606	378	1,481	1,859	387	1,360	1,747
Athlone	1,485	1,783	1,536	166	629	795	159	582	741
Castlepollard	229	340	317	28	134	162	33	122	155
Mullingar	1,578	1,872	1,753	184	718	902	195	656	851
West	17,012	18,755	16,720	1,602	8,078	9,680	1,373	5,667	7,040
Galway	9,472	10,573	9,426	951	4,486	5,437	879	3,110	3,989
Ballinasloe	910	1,239	1,120	127	496	623	105	392	497
Clifden	674	741	729	60	438	498	41	190	231
Galway	5,574	5,984	5,180	599	2,436	3,035	567	1,578	2,145
Gort	408	510	488	31	200	231	21	236	257
Loughrea	718	777	683	44	298	342	58	283	341
Tuam	1,188	1,322	1,226	90	618	708	87	431	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	September 2002	August 2003	September 2003	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	6,068	6,571	5,915	531	2,912	3,443	396	2,076	2,472
Achill	301	387	343	38	199	237	18	88	106
Ballina	1,823	1,870	1,711	160	861	1,021	136	554	690
Ballinrobe	418	431	385	26	202	228	22	135	157
Belmullet	739	752	668	62	360	422	40	206	246
Castlebar	980	1,123	960	103	429	532	70	358	428
Claremorris	480	533	455	28	201	229	22	204	226
Swinford	780	837	775	86	321	407	55	313	368
Westport	547	638	618	28	339	367	33	218	251
Roscommon	1,472	1,611	1,379	120	680	800	98	481	579
Boyle	384	438	372	28	191	219	26	127	153
Castlereagh	731	755	672	50	349	399	47	226	273
Roscommon	357	418	335	42	140	182	25	128	153
Eastern and Southern	109,386	127,521	117,627	13,410	54,763	68,173	10,128	39,326	49,454
Dublin	41,478	48,729	45,417	5,737	21,938	27,675	3,714	14,028	17,742
Dublin	41,478	48,729	45,417	5,737	21,938	27,675	3,714	14,028	17,742
Bishop Square	4,101	5,086	4,700	546	2,473	3,019	311	1,370	1,681
Cumberland Street	4,926	6,160	5,875	683	2,896	3,579	477	1,819	2,296
Navan Road	2,816	2,874	2,779	296	1,520	1,816	214	749	963
Blanchardstown	2,925	3,529	3,371	425	1,435	1,860	329	1,182	1,511
Thomas Street	2,220	2,744	2,491	294	1,394	1,688	194	609	803
Tara Street	1,462	1,627	1,503	156	777	933	94	476	570
Tallaght	3,208	3,815	3,534	649	1,536	2,185	405	944	1,349
Ballymun	1,426	1,550	1,505	258	739	997	151	357	508
Clondalkin	2,550	3,217	3,066	435	1,355	1,790	301	975	1,276
Rathfarnham	1,955	2,674	2,245	212	1,069	1,281	140	824	964
Kilbarrack	2,817	3,310	3,051	347	1,448	1,795	204	1,052	1,256
Dun Laoghaire	3,336	3,828	3,425	277	1,605	1,882	178	1,365	1,543
Balbriggan	1,220	1,339	1,297	121	537	658	87	552	639
Ballyfermot	1,091	1,363	1,287	222	649	871	160	256	416
Finglas	2,059	2,439	2,336	368	1,094	1,462	200	674	874
Coolock	3,366	3,174	2,952 ¹	448	1,411	1,859	269	824	1,093
Mid-East	10,939	13,838	12,572	1,310	5,561	6,871	1,065	4,636	5,701
Kildare	4,121	5,201	4,718	518	1,918	2,436	461	1,821	2,282
Athy	786	889	838	110	381	491	90	257	347
Maynooth	1,176	1,573	1,444	149	544	693	128	623	751
Newbridge	2,159	2,739	2,436	259	993	1,252	243	941	1,184
Meath	2,829	3,686	3,297	318	1,451	1,769	258	1,270	1,528
Kells	463	663	570	46	262	308	39	223	262
Navan	1,695	2,095	1,928	204	870	1,074	140	714	854
Trim	671	928	799	68	319	387	79	333	412
Wicklow	3,989	4,951	4,557	474	2,192	2,666	346	1,545	1,891
Arklow	1,023	1,299	1,234	130	616	746	108	380	488
Baltinglass	379	430	399	30	165	195	39	165	204
Bray	1,797	2,268	2,035	205	985	1,190	127	718	845
Wicklow	790	954	889	109	426	535	72	282	354
Mid-West	13,617	16,525	14,848	1,665	6,480	8,145	1,352	5,351	6,703
Clare	3,442	4,306	3,950	409	1,739	2,148	312	1,490	1,802
Ennis	2,068	2,636	2,387	271	986	1,257	208	922	1,130
Ennistymon	504	572	571	42	280	322	23	226	249
Kilrush	522	671	608	69	296	365	54	189	243
Tulla	348	427	384	27	177	204	27	153	180
Limerick	7,927	9,273	8,263	986	3,635	4,621	786	2,856	3,642
Kilmallock	781	1,042	903	107	404	511	80	312	392
Limerick	6,281	7,221	6,508	811	2,838	3,649	614	2,245	2,859
Newcastle West	865	1,010	852	68	393	461	92	299	391

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	September 2002	August 2003	September 2003	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,248	2,946	2,635	270	1,106	1,376	254	1,005	1,259
Nenagh	844	1,079	966	78	418	496	77	393	470
Roscrea	417	608	537	49	188	237	52	248	300
Thurles	987	1,259	1,132	143	500	643	125	364	489
South-East	20,437	23,314	21,564	2,356	9,719	12,075	2,061	7,428	9,489
Carlow	2,100	2,509	2,247	261	945	1,206	254	787	1,041
Bagenalstown	515	626	562	61	271	332	50	180	230
Carlow	1,185	1,400	1,243	154	499	653	147	443	590
Tullow	400	483	442	46	175	221	57	164	221
Kilkenny	2,293	2,851	2,629	294	1,276	1,570	250	809	1,059
Callan	314	387	367	34	200	234	27	106	133
Kilkenny	1,523	1,977	1,822	219	878	1,097	183	542	725
Thomastown	456	487	440	41	198	239	40	161	201
South Tipperary	3,527	4,067	3,682	440	1,708	2,148	357	1,177	1,534
Cahir	459	498	446	34	207	241	52	153	205
Carrick-on-Suir	962	1,010	937	96	473	569	70	298	368
Cashel	336	431	419	52	187	239	41	139	180
Clonmel	1,142	1,359	1,169	157	561	718	125	326	451
Tipperary	628	769	711	101	280	381	69	261	330
Waterford	5,809	6,480	6,050	684	2,755	3,439	515	2,096	2,611
Dungarvan	935	1,096	962	87	440	527	88	347	435
Waterford	4,874	5,384	5,088	597	2,315	2,912	427	1,749	2,176
Wexford	6,708	7,407	6,956	677	3,035	3,712	685	2,559	3,244
Enniscorthy	1,683	1,832	1,711	202	756	958	206	547	753
Gorey	1,050	1,245	1,195	105	502	607	127	461	588
New Ross	1,303	1,334	1,287	124	580	704	112	471	583
Wexford	2,672	2,996	2,763	246	1,197	1,443	240	1,080	1,320
South-West	22,915	25,115	23,226	2,342	11,065	13,407	1,936	7,883	9,819
Cork	17,412	19,035	17,565	1,810	8,308	10,118	1,465	5,982	7,447
Bandon	552	607	545	49	251	300	36	209	245
Bantry	381	400	395	26	164	190	17	188	205
Bantry (SWLO)	173	210	191	9	78	87	13	91	104
Clonakilty	398	483	456	35	191	226	33	197	230
Cobh	422	471	452	67	224	291	41	120	161
Cork	9,246	9,794	8,932	1,105	4,567	5,672	822	2,438	3,260
Dunmanway	216	220	198	16	68	84	17	97	114
Fermoy	733	897	831	81	361	442	72	317	389
Kinsale	631	661	635	38	266	304	38	293	331
Macroom	573	565	533	27	224	251	31	251	282
Mallow	790	868	809	90	406	496	87	226	313
Midleton	987	1,088	1,018	78	442	520	76	422	498
Newmarket	514	561	524	47	216	263	40	221	261
Passage West	798	906	843	64	383	447	55	341	396
Skibbereen	396	461	401	13	145	158	13	230	243
Youghal	602	843	802	65	322	387	74	341	415
Kerry	5,503	6,080	5,661	532	2,757	3,289	471	1,901	2,372
Cahiriveen	318	347	357	10	172	182	30	145	175
Dingle	205	250	231	9	128	137	6	88	94
Kenmare	142	137	116	3	58	61	4	51	55
Killarney	843	875	808	78	331	409	77	322	399
Killorglin	376	411	373	23	184	207	21	145	166
Listowel	927	1,028	949	97	489	586	88	275	363
Tralee	2,692	3,032	2,827	312	1,395	1,707	245	875	1,120
State	161,432	185,953	170,822	19,050	79,709	98,759	15,049	57,014	72,063

Table 7 Flows on and off the Live Register in the 4 weeks from 29 August 2003 to 26 September 2003

	Total	New Registrations	Net Change	Outflow (derived)
Border, Midland & Western	53,195	6,633	- 5,237	11,870
Border	25,916	2,979	- 2,261	5,240
Midland	10,559	1,447	- 941	2,388
West	16,720	2,207	- 2,035	4,242
Eastern & Southern	117,627	15,615	- 9,894	25,509
Dublin	45,417	5,981	- 3,312	9,293
Mid-East	12,572	1,760	- 1,266	3,026
Mid-West	14,848	2,025	- 1,677	3,702
South-East	21,564	2,742	- 1,750	4,492
South-West	23,226	3,107	- 1,889	4,996
Sex				
Males	98,759	11,878	- 5,007	16,885
Females	72,063	10,370	- 10,124	20,494
Total	170,822	22,248	- 15,131	37,379

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	September	4	19,341	4,835	28,230	7,058	- 2,222
	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

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
2001	September	4	82,227	10,675	12,730	- 514	58,323	8,666	15,500	- 1,709
	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

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

	Month	Males	Females	Total
2001	September	1,033	1,870	2,903
	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

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	September	8,540	1,529	661	10,730
	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

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	September	12,104	7,875	19,979	14,343	5,636
	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

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