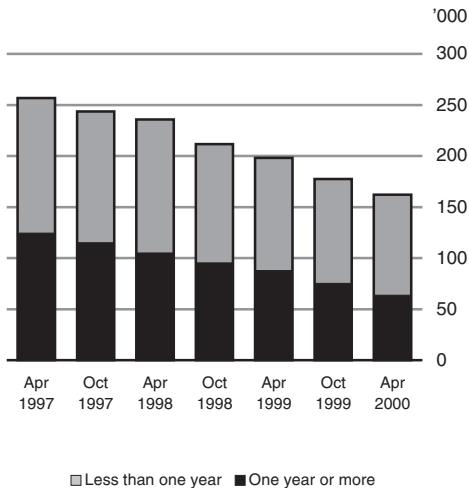




Live Register Age by Duration Analysis April 2000

Duration of Continuous Registration



	Under 1 year	1 year or more	Total
April 1999	110,446	87,630	198,076
October 1999	102,183	75,109	177,292
April 2000	98,507	63,600	162,107

Continued falls in both long and short-term claimants

In the twelve months to April 2000, the decrease of 35,969 persons on the Live Register comprised of a fall of 11,939 for short-term claimants and 24,030 for long-term claimants (i.e. those signing on for more than one year).

In April 2000, less than 40% of claimants were long-term. This compares with 44% one year previously when there were 87,630 persons signing on for over a year, and 45% in April 1998 when there were 105,081 long-term claimants. *See Table 1.*

Other features include:

- ◆ In April 2000, 45% of males and 31% of females on the Live Register were long-term claimants. *See Table 1.*
- ◆ In the year to April 2000, the number of men and women claimants fell in almost all of the age groups but there was a slight increase for women aged 55 and over. The steepest falls for both men and women were in the 25 to 34 age group. *See Table 2.*
- ◆ One quarter of male claimants have been on the register for under three months. A further quarter have been on the register for three years or more. This compares with 36% of female claimants who have been signing on for less than three months and 13% who have been signing on for three or more years. *See Table 5b.*
- ◆ Overall, 20% of claimants have been on the Live Register for three or more years. At regional level, the percentage signing on for three or more years ranges from 16% in the Mid-East region to 24% in the South-West. *See Table 7.*

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 figure, for Dec-Feb 2000, is 81,500 persons unemployed.

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Table 1 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex and Duration of Continuous Registration

Sex/Duration	October 1997	April 1998	October 1998	April 1999	October 1999	April 2000
Males						
Less than one year	70,938	70,829	62,255	58,551	52,032	50,554
One year or more	78,128	70,442	63,503	58,019	49,522	41,692
Total	149,066	141,271	125,758	116,570	101,554	92,246
Females						
Less than one year	57,413	59,951	53,860	51,895	50,151	47,953
One year or more	37,002	34,639	31,852	29,611	25,587	21,908
Total	94,415	94,590	85,712	81,506	75,738	69,861
All Persons						
Less than one year	128,351	130,780	116,115	110,446	102,183	98,507
One year or more	115,130	105,081	95,355	87,630	75,109	63,600
Total	243,481	235,861	211,470	198,076	177,292	162,107

Table 2 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex and Age

Sex/Age	October 1997	April 1998	October 1998	April 1999	October 1999	April 2000
Males						
Under 20 years	7,168	5,914	4,938	4,510	3,476	3,169
20 - 24 years	23,636	21,633	18,561	16,411	13,155	11,436
25 - 34 years	41,517	38,676	34,354	31,380	26,291	23,639
35 - 44 years	35,140	33,044	29,655	27,636	23,893	21,778
45 - 54 years	29,160	29,264	26,624	24,942	23,364	21,266
55 - 59 years	8,310	8,267	7,401	7,403	7,063	6,723
60 - 64 years	4,135	4,473	4,225	4,288	4,312	4,235
Total	149,066	141,271	125,758	116,570	101,554	92,246
Females						
Under 20 years	5,910	4,995	4,334	3,709	3,096	2,837
20 - 24 years	17,642	16,218	13,850	12,150	10,729	8,677
25 - 34 years	29,238	29,298	26,688	25,392	22,957	20,337
35 - 44 years	21,743	22,492	21,302	20,884	19,949	18,861
45 - 54 years	13,615	14,608	13,547	13,357	12,899	12,925
55 - 59 years	4,298	4,677	3,956	3,961	3,965	4,039
60 - 64 years	1,969	2,302	2,035	2,053	2,143	2,185
Total	94,415	94,590	85,712	81,506	75,738	69,861
All Persons						
Under 20 years	13,078	10,909	9,272	8,219	6,572	6,006
20 - 24 years	41,278	37,851	32,411	28,561	23,884	20,113
25 - 34 years	70,755	67,974	61,042	56,772	49,248	43,976
35 - 44 years	56,883	55,536	50,957	48,520	43,842	40,639
45 - 54 years	42,775	43,872	40,171	38,299	36,263	34,191
55 - 59 years	12,608	12,944	11,357	11,364	11,028	10,762
60 - 64 years	6,104	6,775	6,260	6,341	6,455	6,420
Total	243,481	235,861	211,470	198,076	177,292	162,107

Table 3 Persons on the Live Register in each Regional Authority classified by Sex and Duration of Continuous Registration, April 2000

Sex/Duration	Border	Dublin	Mid-East	Midland	Mid-West	South-East	South-West	West	Total
Males									
Less than one year	8,469	13,300	3,183	2,912	4,121	6,549	6,404	5,616	50,554
One year or more	6,557	11,996	2,601	2,111	2,744	4,620	6,267	4,796	41,692
Total	15,026	25,296	5,784	5,023	6,865	11,169	12,671	10,412	92,246
Females									
Less than one year	7,412	11,939	3,602	2,828	3,857	7,022	6,570	4,723	47,953
One year or more	3,368	4,805	1,474	1,468	1,921	2,667	3,651	2,554	21,908
Total	10,780	16,744	5,076	4,296	5,778	9,689	10,221	7,277	69,861
All Persons									
Less than one year	15,881	25,239	6,785	5,740	7,978	13,571	12,974	10,339	98,507
One year or more	9,925	16,801	4,075	3,579	4,665	7,287	9,918	7,350	63,600
Total	25,806	42,040	10,860	9,319	12,643	20,858	22,892	17,689	162,107

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register in each Regional Authority classified by Age and Sex, April 2000

Sex/Age	Border	Dublin	Mid-East	Midland	Mid-West	South-East	South-West	West	Total
Males									
Under 20 years	565	696	227	252	215	504	430	280	3,169
20 - 24 years	2,093	3,340	671	621	881	1,409	1,301	1,120	11,436
25 - 34 years	3,731	7,013	1,523	1,248	1,712	2,782	3,166	2,464	23,639
35 - 44 years	3,490	5,707	1,444	1,206	1,581	2,641	3,150	2,559	21,778
45 - 54 years	3,535	5,352	1,205	1,153	1,572	2,624	3,187	2,638	21,266
55 - 59 years	1,044	1,815	463	355	519	728	939	860	6,723
60 - 64 years	568	1,373	251	188	385	481	498	491	4,235
Total	15,026	25,296	5,784	5,023	6,865	11,169	12,671	10,412	92,246
Females									
Under 20 years	495	564	218	228	198	491	421	222	2,837
20 - 24 years	1,568	2,026	580	565	663	1,249	1,171	855	8,677
25 - 34 years	3,101	4,778	1,583	1,206	1,640	2,906	3,163	1,960	20,337
35 - 44 years	2,786	4,256	1,464	1,174	1,582	2,716	2,787	2,096	18,861
45 - 54 years	1,928	3,268	819	782	1,115	1,688	1,891	1,434	12,925
55 - 59 years	600	1,096	292	245	379	425	529	473	4,039
60 - 64 years	302	756	120	96	201	214	259	237	2,185
Total	10,780	16,744	5,076	4,296	5,778	9,689	10,221	7,277	69,861
All Persons									
Under 20 years	1,060	1,260	445	480	413	995	851	502	6,006
20 - 24 years	3,661	5,366	1,251	1,186	1,544	2,658	2,472	1,975	20,113
25 - 34 years	6,832	11,791	3,106	2,454	3,352	5,688	6,329	4,424	43,976
35 - 44 years	6,276	9,963	2,908	2,380	3,163	5,357	5,937	4,655	40,639
45 - 54 years	5,463	8,620	2,024	1,935	2,687	4,312	5,078	4,072	34,191
55 - 59 years	1,644	2,911	755	600	898	1,153	1,468	1,333	10,762
60 - 64 years	870	2,129	371	284	586	695	757	728	6,420
Total	25,806	42,040	10,860	9,319	12,643	20,858	22,892	17,689	162,107

Table 5a Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age and Duration of Continuous Registration, April 2000

Sex/Age	Duration of Continuous Registration		Total
	Under 1 year	1 year or more	
Males			
Under 20 years	2,790	379	3,169
20 - 24 years	8,239	3,197	11,436
25 - 34 years	14,322	9,317	23,639
35 - 44 years	11,010	10,768	21,778
45 - 54 years	8,541	12,725	21,266
55 - 59 years	3,337	3,386	6,723
60 - 64 years	2,315	1,920	4,235
Total	50,554	41,692	92,246
Females			
Under 20 years	2,511	326	2,837
20 - 24 years	6,520	2,157	8,677
25 - 34 years	14,656	5,681	20,337
35 - 44 years	12,211	6,650	18,861
45 - 54 years	8,029	4,896	12,925
55 - 59 years	2,603	1,436	4,039
60 - 64 years	1,423	762	2,185
Total	47,953	21,908	69,861
All Persons			
Under 20 years	5,301	705	6,006
20 - 24 years	14,759	5,354	20,113
25 - 34 years	28,978	14,998	43,976
35 - 44 years	23,221	17,418	40,639
45 - 54 years	16,570	17,621	34,191
55 - 59 years	5,940	4,822	10,762
60 - 64 years	3,738	2,682	6,420
Total	98,507	63,600	162,107

Table 5b Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age and Duration of Continuous Registration (Detailed), April 2000

Sex/Age	Duration of Continuous Registration						Total
	Under 3 months	3 - < 6 months	6 - < 12 months	1 - < 2 years	2 - < 3 years	3 years and over	
Males							
Under 20 years	1,379	747	664	321	39	19	3,169
20 - 24 years	4,122	2,223	1,894	1,287	762	1,148	11,436
25 - 34 years	6,708	3,793	3,821	2,948	1,530	4,839	23,639
35 - 44 years	5,015	2,930	3,065	2,553	1,403	6,812	21,778
45 - 54 years	3,789	2,206	2,546	2,358	2,473	7,894	21,266
55 - 59 years	1,497	890	950	875	919	1,592	6,723
60 - 64 years	990	585	740	600	442	878	4,235
Total	23,500	13,374	13,680	10,942	7,568	23,182	92,246
Females							
Under 20 years	1,277	633	601	270	37	19	2,837
20 - 24 years	3,488	1,555	1,477	978	552	627	8,677
25 - 34 years	7,686	3,225	3,745	2,388	981	2,312	20,337
35 - 44 years	6,290	2,694	3,227	2,492	1,127	3,031	18,861
45 - 54 years	4,452	1,614	1,963	1,620	918	2,358	12,925
55 - 59 years	1,443	551	609	518	347	571	4,039
60 - 64 years	747	276	400	334	142	286	2,185
Total	25,383	10,548	12,022	8,600	4,104	9,204	69,861
All Persons							
Under 20 years	2,656	1,380	1,265	591	76	38	6,006
20 - 24 years	7,610	3,778	3,371	2,265	1,314	1,775	20,113
25 - 34 years	14,394	7,018	7,566	5,336	2,511	7,151	43,976
35 - 44 years	11,305	5,624	6,292	5,045	2,530	9,843	40,639
45 - 54 years	8,241	3,820	4,509	3,978	3,391	10,252	34,191
55 - 59 years	2,940	1,441	1,559	1,393	1,266	2,163	10,762
60 - 64 years	1,737	861	1,140	934	584	1,164	6,420
Total	48,883	23,922	25,702	19,542	11,672	32,386	162,107

Table 6a Persons on the Live Register classified by Type of Claim, Age and Duration of Continuous Registration, April 2000

Type of Claim and Age	Duration of Continuous Registration						Total
	Under 3 months	3 - < 6 months	6 - < 12 months	1 - < 2 years	2 - < 3 years	3 years and over	
Unemployment Benefit							
Under 20 years	620	272	195	47	0	0	1,134
20 - 24 years	3,403	1,603	1,107	368	19	0	6,500
25 - 34 years	8,831	3,912	4,022	1,558	47	0	18,370
35 - 44 years	7,402	3,392	3,446	1,492	75	0	15,807
45 - 54 years	5,335	2,348	2,476	1,014	54	0	11,227
55 - 59 years	1,969	939	878	454	22	0	4,262
60 - 64 years	1,187	592	711	352	11	0	2,853
Total	28,747	13,058	12,835	5,285	228	0	60,153
Unemployment Assistance							
Under 20 years	2,020	1,103	1,068	542	75	35	4,843
20 - 24 years	4,159	2,141	2,240	1,865	1,280	1,761	13,446
25 - 34 years	5,134	2,801	3,140	3,302	2,129	6,656	23,162
35 - 44 years	3,267	1,743	2,155	2,635	1,818	8,441	20,059
45 - 54 years	2,328	1,090	1,506	2,276	2,908	9,242	19,350
55 - 59 years	700	333	431	662	1,029	1,754	4,909
60 - 64 years	385	152	238	355	421	941	2,492
Total	17,993	9,363	10,778	11,637	9,660	28,830	88,261
Other Registrants							
Under 20 years	16	5	2	2	1	3	29
20 - 24 years	48	34	24	32	15	14	167
25 - 34 years	429	305	404	476	335	495	2,444
35 - 44 years	636	489	691	918	637	1,402	4,773
45 - 54 years	578	382	527	688	429	1,010	3,614
55 - 59 years	271	169	250	277	215	409	1,591
60 - 64 years	165	117	191	227	152	223	1,075
Total	2,143	1,501	2,089	2,620	1,784	3,556	13,693

Table 6b Number of Males on the Live Register classified by Type of Claim, Age and Duration of Continuous Registration, April 2000

Type of Claim and Age	Duration of Continuous Registration						Total
	Under 3 months	3 - < 6 months	6 - < 12 months	1 - < 2 years	2 - < 3 years	3 years and over	
Unemployment Benefit							
Under 20 years	344	143	106	29	0	0	622
20 - 24 years	1,872	920	594	176	5	0	3,567
25 - 34 years	3,280	1,700	1,562	538	14	0	7,094
35 - 44 years	2,638	1,545	1,379	510	21	0	6,093
45 - 54 years	2,005	1,283	1,293	452	20	0	5,053
55 - 59 years	900	573	521	237	10	0	2,241
60 - 64 years	629	408	455	209	3	0	1,704
Total	11,668	6,572	5,910	2,151	73	0	26,374
Unemployment Assistance							
Under 20 years	1,028	602	557	292	39	19	2,537
20 - 24 years	2,241	1,296	1,298	1,109	756	1,147	7,847
25 - 34 years	3,395	2,062	2,222	2,387	1,495	4,811	16,372
35 - 44 years	2,307	1,317	1,607	1,958	1,334	6,705	15,228
45 - 54 years	1,625	804	1,124	1,725	2,316	7,680	15,274
55 - 59 years	474	247	314	512	829	1,447	3,823
60 - 64 years	277	120	187	285	358	782	2,009
Total	11,347	6,448	7,309	8,268	7,127	22,591	63,090
Other Registrants							
Under 20 years	7	2	1	0	0	0	10
20 - 24 years	9	7	2	2	1	1	22
25 - 34 years	33	31	37	23	21	28	173
35 - 44 years	70	68	79	85	48	107	457
45 - 54 years	159	119	129	181	137	214	939
55 - 59 years	123	70	115	126	80	145	659
60 - 64 years	84	57	98	106	81	96	522
Total	485	354	461	523	368	591	2,782

Table 6c Number of Females on the Live Register classified by Type of Claim, Age and Duration of Continuous Registration, April 2000

Type of Claim and Age	Duration of Continuous Registration						Total
	Under 3 months	3 - < 6 months	6 - < 12 months	1 - < 2 years	2 - < 3 years	3 years and over	
Unemployment Benefit							
Under 20 years	276	129	89	18	0	0	512
20 - 24 years	1,531	683	513	192	14	0	2,933
25 - 34 years	5,551	2,212	2,460	1,020	33	0	11,276
35 - 44 years	4,764	1,847	2,067	982	54	0	9,714
45 - 54 years	3,330	1,065	1,183	562	34	0	6,174
55 - 59 years	1,069	366	357	217	12	0	2,021
60 - 64 years	558	184	256	143	8	0	1,149
Total	17,079	6,486	6,925	3,134	155	0	33,779
Unemployment Assistance							
Under 20 years	992	501	511	250	36	16	2,306
20 - 24 years	1,918	845	942	756	524	614	5,599
25 - 34 years	1,739	739	918	915	634	1,845	6,790
35 - 44 years	960	426	548	677	484	1,736	4,831
45 - 54 years	703	286	382	551	592	1,562	4,076
55 - 59 years	226	86	117	150	200	307	1,086
60 - 64 years	108	32	51	70	63	159	483
Total	6,646	2,915	3,469	3,369	2,533	6,239	25,171
Other Registrants							
Under 20 years	9	3	1	2	1	3	19
20 - 24 years	39	27	22	30	14	13	145
25 - 34 years	396	274	367	453	314	467	2,271
35 - 44 years	566	421	612	833	589	1,295	4,316
45 - 54 years	419	263	398	507	292	796	2,675
55 - 59 years	148	99	135	151	135	264	932
60 - 64 years	81	60	93	121	71	127	553
Total	1,658	1,147	1,628	2,097	1,416	2,965	10,911

Table 7 Persons on the Live Register in each Regional Authority classified by Sex and Duration of Continuous Registration, April 2000

Regional Authority	Duration of Continuous Registration						Total
	Under 3 months	3 - < 6 months	6 - < 12 months	1 - < 2 years	2 - < 3 years	3 years and over	
Border							
Males	3,952	2,273	2,244	1,976	1,235	3,346	15,026
Females	4,017	1,633	1,762	1,298	600	1,470	10,780
Total	7,969	3,906	4,006	3,274	1,835	4,816	25,806
Dublin							
Males	6,133	3,682	3,485	2,853	2,241	6,902	25,296
Females	6,803	2,403	2,733	1,903	871	2,031	16,744
Total	12,936	6,085	6,218	4,756	3,112	8,933	42,040
Mid-East							
Males	1,463	837	883	836	486	1,279	5,784
Females	1,683	886	1,033	697	333	444	5,076
Total	3,146	1,723	1,916	1,533	819	1,723	10,860
Midland							
Males	1,261	755	896	645	391	1,075	5,023
Females	1,268	699	861	614	248	606	4,296
Total	2,529	1,454	1,757	1,259	639	1,681	9,319
Mid-West							
Males	1,828	1,164	1,129	810	526	1,408	6,865
Females	1,783	962	1,112	851	370	700	5,778
Total	3,611	2,126	2,241	1,661	896	2,108	12,643
South-East							
Males	3,557	1,441	1,551	1,169	855	2,596	11,169
Females	4,260	1,338	1,424	975	506	1,186	9,689
Total	7,817	2,779	2,975	2,144	1,361	3,782	20,858
South-West							
Males	2,866	1,683	1,855	1,505	996	3,766	12,671
Females	3,143	1,534	1,893	1,347	666	1,638	10,221
Total	6,009	3,217	3,748	2,852	1,662	5,404	22,892
West							
Males	2,440	1,539	1,637	1,148	838	2,810	10,412
Females	2,426	1,093	1,204	915	510	1,129	7,277
Total	4,866	2,632	2,841	2,063	1,348	3,939	17,689
State							
Males	23,500	13,374	13,680	10,942	7,568	23,182	92,246
Females	25,383	10,548	12,022	8,600	4,104	9,204	69,861
Total	48,883	23,922	25,702	19,542	11,672	32,386	162,107

Background Notes

Source and scope of the Live Register

Live Register statistics are compiled from returns made directly to the Central Statistics Office by each local office of the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs. The Live Register 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 and self-employed persons;
- Other registrants including applicants for credited Social Welfare contributions but excluding those directly involved in an industrial dispute.

The monthly Live Register statistics relate to the situation on the last Friday of the month.

Age by Duration Analysis

The current series of half-yearly age by duration analyses of the Live Register was introduced in April 1989. At that time, January and July age analyses which did not cover duration were discontinued and more detailed duration categories were included in the April and October statistics. The age by duration analysis usually relates to the second-last Friday of April and October. The totals in the release are therefore, normally close but not identical to the corresponding end-of-month Live Register totals.

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

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.