

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions	April 1999	March 2000	April 2000	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
Border, Midland & Western	35,725	31,151	30,440	- 711	- 5,285
Border	17,677	15,276	15,023	- 253	- 2,654
Midland	6,044	5,245	5,006	- 239	- 1,038
West	12,004	10,630	10,411	- 219	- 1,593
Eastern & Southern	80,045	63,285	61,613	- 1,672	- 18,432
Dublin	33,748	25,836	25,205	- 631	- 8,543
Mid-East	7,794	5,932	5,755	- 177	- 2,039
Mid-West	8,407	7,112	6,874	- 238	- 1,533
South-East	13,701	11,325	11,245	- 80	- 2,456
South-West	16,395	13,080	12,534	- 546	- 3,861
Total	115,770	94,436	92,053	- 2,383	- 23,717
Females					
Border, Midland & Western	24,292	22,361	22,336	- 25	- 1,956
Border	11,505	10,730	10,787	+ 57	- 718
Midland	4,645	4,406	4,301	- 105	- 344
West	8,142	7,225	7,248	+ 23	- 894
Eastern & Southern	56,486	46,692	47,407	+ 715	- 9,079
Dublin	21,005	16,195	16,690	+ 495	- 4,315
Mid-East	6,264	4,938	5,061	+ 123	- 1,203
Mid-West	6,463	5,612	5,767	+ 155	- 696
South-East	10,619	9,603	9,768	+ 165	- 851
South-West	12,135	10,344	10,121	- 223	- 2,014
Total	80,778	69,053	69,743	+ 690	- 11,035
All Persons					
Border, Midland & Western	60,017	53,512	52,776	- 736	- 7,241
Border	29,182	26,006	25,810	- 196	- 3,372
Midland	10,689	9,651	9,307	- 344	- 1,382
West	20,146	17,855	17,659	- 196	- 2,487
Eastern & Southern	136,531	109,977	109,020	- 957	- 27,511
Dublin	54,753	42,031	41,895	- 136	- 12,858
Mid-East	14,058	10,870	10,816	- 54	- 3,242
Mid-West	14,870	12,724	12,641	- 83	- 2,229
South-East	24,320	20,928	21,013	+ 85	- 3,307
South-West	28,530	23,424	22,655	- 769	- 5,875
Total	196,548	163,489	161,796	- 1,693	- 34,752

Table 2 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age Group and NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions on 28th April 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	8,867	43,909	52,776	4,950	25,490	30,440	3,917	18,419	22,336
Border	4,727	21,083	25,810	2,687	12,336	15,023	2,040	8,747	10,787
Midland	1,681	7,626	9,307	862	4,144	5,006	819	3,482	4,301
West	2,459	15,200	17,659	1,401	9,010	10,411	1,058	6,190	7,248
Eastern & Southern	17,247	91,773	109,020	9,737	51,876	61,613	7,510	39,897	47,407
Dublin	6,651	35,244	41,895	4,077	21,128	25,205	2,574	14,116	16,690
Mid-East	1,642	9,174	10,816	874	4,881	5,755	768	4,293	5,061
Mid-West	2,014	10,627	12,641	1,126	5,748	6,874	888	4,879	5,767
South-East	3,716	17,297	21,013	1,968	9,277	11,245	1,748	8,020	9,768
South-West	3,224	19,431	22,655	1,692	10,842	12,534	1,532	8,589	10,121
State	26,114	135,682	161,796	14,687	77,366	92,053	11,427	58,316	69,743

Table 3 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age Group and Province on 28th April 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	13,127	66,568	79,695	7,523	37,963	45,486	5,604	28,605	34,209
Munster	7,045	38,275	45,320	3,807	21,070	24,877	3,238	17,205	20,443
Connacht	3,097	18,505	21,602	1,768	10,708	12,476	1,329	7,797	9,126
Ulster	2,845	12,334	15,179	1,589	7,625	9,214	1,256	4,709	5,965
State	26,114	135,682	161,796	14,687	77,366	92,053	11,427	58,316	69,743

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

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	April 1999	March 2000	April 2000	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	60,017	53,512	52,776	4,950	25,490	30,440	3,917	18,419	22,336
Border	29,182	26,006	25,810	2,687	12,336	15,023	2,040	8,747	10,787
Cavan	2,207	1,922	1,856	130	937	1,067	111	678	789
Belturbet	406	381	374	23	199	222	21	131	152
Cavan	1,801	1,541	1,482	107	738	845	90	547	637
Donegal	11,501	10,980	10,830	1,202	5,538	6,740	954	3,136	4,090
Ballybofey	1,558	1,337	1,302	123	676	799	128	375	503
Ballyshannon	737	612	595	58	323	381	53	161	214
Buncrana	2,033	2,032	2,069	215	1,054	1,269	204	596	800
Donegal	631	558	526	41	262	303	32	191	223
Dunfanaghy	856	888	864	114	450	564	44	256	300
Dungloe	1,602	1,647	1,608	135	857	992	93	523	616
Killybegs	1,244	1,127	1,124	138	596	734	87	303	390
Letterkenny	2,840	2,779	2,742	378	1,320	1,698	313	731	1,044
Leitrim	1,515	1,233	1,252	58	576	634	63	555	618
Carrick-on-Shannon	1,110	969	972	41	451	492	50	430	480
Manorhamilton	405	264	280	17	125	142	13	125	138
Louth	7,983	6,703	6,688	731	3,013	3,744	513	2,431	2,944
Ardee	878	799	774	74	328	402	73	299	372
Drogheda	3,267	2,601	2,577	253	1,131	1,384	181	1,012	1,193
Dundalk	3,838	3,303	3,337	404	1,554	1,958	259	1,120	1,379
Monaghan	2,999	2,564	2,493	257	1,150	1,407	191	895	1,086
Carrickmacross	778	657	625	42	262	304	44	277	321
Castleblayney	931	828	813	94	373	467	62	284	346
Clones	368	278	272	30	143	173	20	79	99
Monaghan	922	801	783	91	372	463	65	255	320
Sligo	2,977	2,604	2,691	309	1,122	1,431	208	1,052	1,260
Sligo	2,577	2,241	2,319	279	963	1,242	189	888	1,077
Tubbercurry	400	363	372	30	159	189	19	164	183
Midland	10,689	9,651	9,307	862	4,144	5,006	819	3,482	4,301
Laoighis	2,288	2,028	1,992	168	893	1,061	165	766	931
Portarlinton	824	734	713	43	283	326	52	335	387
Portlaoise	1,063	951	946	106	438	544	76	326	402
Rathdowney	401	343	333	19	172	191	37	105	142
Longford	2,062	1,938	1,937	180	840	1,020	190	727	917
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Offaly	3,016	2,539	2,455	227	1,164	1,391	212	852	1,064
Birr	839	722	712	73	324	397	67	248	315
Edenderry	821	641	620	48	288	336	53	231	284
Tullamore	1,356	1,176	1,123	106	552	658	92	373	465
Westmeath	3,323	3,146	2,923	287	1,247	1,534	252	1,137	1,389
Athlone	1,444	1,362	1,240	151	516	667	93	480	573
Castlepollard	268	272	257	13	116	129	19	109	128
Mullingar	1,611	1,512	1,426	123	615	738	140	548	688
West	20,146	17,855	17,659	1,401	9,010	10,411	1,058	6,190	7,248
Galway	10,547	9,014	8,921	795	4,526	5,321	628	2,972	3,600
Ballinasloe	1,029	980	945	105	488	593	73	279	352
Clifden	916	907	880	72	541	613	38	229	267
Galway	5,968	4,837	4,853	487	2,333	2,820	413	1,620	2,033
Gort	524	449	425	20	184	204	13	208	221
Loughrea	847	710	695	42	350	392	37	266	303
Tuam	1,263	1,131	1,123	69	630	699	54	370	424

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NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	Males						Females		
	April 1999	March 2000	April 2000	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	7,844	7,099	6,992	512	3,578	4,090	322	2,580	2,902
Achill	376	321	335	29	200	229	10	96	106
Ballina	2,612	2,198	2,167	210	1,106	1,316	114	737	851
Ballinrobe	473	455	444	19	252	271	15	158	173
Belmullet	1,083	988	977	78	541	619	43	315	358
Castlebar	915	877	860	55	361	416	56	388	444
Claremorris	582	577	576	34	266	300	20	256	276
Swinford	963	934	921	68	438	506	40	375	415
Westport	840	749	712	19	414	433	24	255	279
Roscommon	1,755	1,742	1,746	94	906	1,000	108	638	746
Boyle	519	522	525	25	268	293	29	203	232
Castlereagh	925	893	901	56	478	534	58	309	367
Roscommon	311	327	320	13	160	173	21	126	147
Eastern and Southern	136,531	109,977	109,020	9,737	51,876	61,613	7,510	39,897	47,407
Dublin	54,753	42,031	41,895	4,077	21,128	25,205	2,574	14,116	16,690
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Gardiner Street	3,964	3,369	3,375	341	1,682	2,023	220	1,132	1,352
Werburgh Street	4,425	3,333	3,308	264	1,874	2,138	138	1,032	1,170
Victoria Street	1,734	1,328	1,301	113	688	801	85	415	500
Cumberland Street	6,455	4,933	4,899	403	2,543	2,946	308	1,645	1,953
Navan Road	6,935	5,934	5,880	580	3,033	3,613	394	1,873	2,267
Thomas Street	3,808	2,746	2,693	261	1,599	1,860	185	648	833
Tara Street	1,995	1,307	1,294	100	730	830	53	411	464
Tallaght ¹	4,599	3,670	3,587	586	1,611	2,197	339	1,051	1,390
Ballymun	1,744	1,385	1,336	169	745	914	120	302	422
Clondalkin	3,170	2,438	2,355	331	1,080	1,411	205	739	944
Rathfarnham	2,498	1,716	1,836	69	766	835	74	927	1,001
Kilbarrack	3,045	2,586	2,627	235	1,184	1,419	113	1,095	1,208
Dun Laoghaire	4,058	3,035	3,235	179	1,551	1,730	94	1,411	1,505
Balbriggan	1,415	1,075	1,058	75	490	565	44	449	493
Ballyfermot	2,325	1,367	1,306	172	690	862	101	343	444
Finglas	2,583	1,809	1,805	199	862	1,061	101	643	744
Mid-East	14,058	10,870	10,816	874	4,881	5,755	768	4,293	5,061
Kildare	5,378	3,849	3,738	332	1,602	1,934	294	1,510	1,804
Athy	1,001	747	729	86	347	433	72	224	296
Kildare ²	679	93	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maynooth	1,453	910	900	49	379	428	53	419	472
Newbridge ²	2,245	2,099	2,109	197	876	1,073	169	867	1,036
Meath	3,131	2,570	2,565	161	1,192	1,353	190	1,022	1,212
Kells	630	525	498	22	245	267	40	191	231
Navan	1,620	1,328	1,361	99	634	733	101	527	628
Trim	881	717	706	40	313	353	49	304	353
Wicklow	5,549	4,451	4,513	381	2,087	2,468	284	1,761	2,045
Arklow	1,196	1,034	1,039	86	526	612	97	330	427
Baltinglass	587	495	493	31	204	235	33	225	258
Blessington ¹	213	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bray	2,685	2,117	2,175	182	956	1,138	111	926	1,037
Wicklow	868	805	806	82	401	483	43	280	323
Mid-West	14,870	12,724	12,641	1,126	5,748	6,874	888	4,879	5,767
Clare	3,832	3,403	3,185	246	1,459	1,705	200	1,280	1,480
Ennis	1,993	1,723	1,673	146	680	826	118	729	847
Ennistymon	709	665	582	40	303	343	34	205	239
Kilrush	695	680	603	44	312	356	33	214	247
Tulla	435	335	327	16	164	180	15	132	147
Limerick	8,451	7,024	7,232	678	3,305	3,983	536	2,713	3,249
Kilmallock	979	798	864	70	400	470	73	321	394
Limerick	6,301	5,292	5,445	567	2,455	3,022	397	2,026	2,423
Newcastle West	1,171	934	923	41	450	491	66	366	432

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

² Claims transferred from Kildare to Newbridge with effect from 31st March, 2000

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NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	April 1999	March 2000	April 2000	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Tipperary N.R.	2,587	2,297	2,224	202	984	1,186	152	886	1,038
Nenagh	868	747	722	53	328	381	44	297	341
Roscrea	521	501	460	33	179	212	31	217	248
Thurles	1,198	1,049	1,042	116	477	593	77	372	449
South-East	24,320	20,928	21,013	1,968	9,277	11,245	1,748	8,020	9,768
Carlow	2,846	2,312	2,323	181	993	1,174	176	973	1,149
Bagenalstown	638	499	507	42	224	266	29	212	241
Carlow	1,655	1,341	1,353	108	574	682	104	567	671
Tullow	553	472	463	31	195	226	43	194	237
Kilkenny	3,062	2,358	2,413	216	1,050	1,266	201	946	1,147
Callan	495	383	380	27	220	247	21	112	133
Kilkenny	2,080	1,578	1,676	157	682	839	150	687	837
Thomastown	487	397	357	32	148	180	30	147	177
Tipperary S.R.	4,692	3,938	3,922	398	1,797	2,195	304	1,423	1,727
Cahir	604	516	531	62	228	290	39	202	241
Carrick-on-Suir	1,045	872	889	83	451	534	50	305	355
Cashel	411	357	363	36	159	195	36	132	168
Clonmel	1,885	1,480	1,435	149	641	790	123	522	645
Tipperary	747	713	704	68	318	386	56	262	318
Waterford	6,563	5,973	6,102	591	2,683	3,274	514	2,314	2,828
Dungarvan	972	826	875	81	412	493	72	310	382
Waterford	5,591	5,147	5,227	510	2,271	2,781	442	2,004	2,446
Wexford	7,157	6,347	6,253	582	2,754	3,336	553	2,364	2,917
Enniscorthy	1,949	1,779	1,759	189	840	1,029	180	550	730
Gorey	1,047	955	950	85	413	498	95	357	452
New Ross	1,429	1,209	1,220	93	568	661	75	484	559
Wexford	2,732	2,404	2,324	215	933	1,148	203	973	1,176
South-West	28,530	23,424	22,655	1,692	10,842	12,534	1,532	8,589	10,121
Cork	20,748	16,811	16,376	1,213	7,845	9,058	1,113	6,205	7,318
Bandon	574	489	485	21	251	272	23	190	213
Bantry	410	398	380	14	178	192	17	171	188
Bantry (SWLO) ³	0	262	261	15	105	120	6	135	141
Clonakilty	431	406	407	19	164	183	21	203	224
Cobh	614	482	452	51	176	227	32	193	225
Cork	11,463	8,733	8,494	745	4,394	5,139	640	2,715	3,355
Dunmanway	284	304	261	13	99	112	13	136	149
Fermoy	795	654	654	45	288	333	47	274	321
Kinsale	641	658	640	31	271	302	40	298	338
Macroom	497	361	372	14	184	198	17	157	174
Mallow	1,070	863	840	64	407	471	72	297	369
Midleton	998	839	842	62	347	409	67	366	433
Newmarket	817	582	530	23	239	262	25	243	268
Passage West	824	690	684	41	279	320	34	330	364
Skibbereen	620	540	528	22	197	219	30	279	309
Youghal	710	550	546	33	266	299	29	218	247
Kerry	7,782	6,613	6,279	479	2,997	3,476	419	2,384	2,803
Cahirciveen	455	436	412	15	192	207	21	184	205
Dingle	327	273	249	11	116	127	11	111	122
Kenmare ³	597	260	204	7	96	103	6	95	101
Killarney	1,065	1,060	960	59	379	438	56	466	522
Killorglin	583	491	458	27	249	276	13	169	182
Listowel	1,282	1,200	1,101	80	568	648	89	364	453
Tralee	3,473	2,893	2,895	280	1,397	1,677	223	995	1,218
State	196,548	163,489	161,796	14,687	77,366	92,053	11,427	58,316	69,743

³ Claims transferred from Kenmare to Bantry Control Office with effect from 27th August, 1999

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, Community and Family Affairs. It comprises persons under 65 years of age in the following classes:

- All claimants for Unemployment Benefit (UB) excluding systematic short-time workers;
- Applicants for Unemployment Assistance (UA) excluding smallholders 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

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.

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.

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*.

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 overleaf.*

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 Laoghaire-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