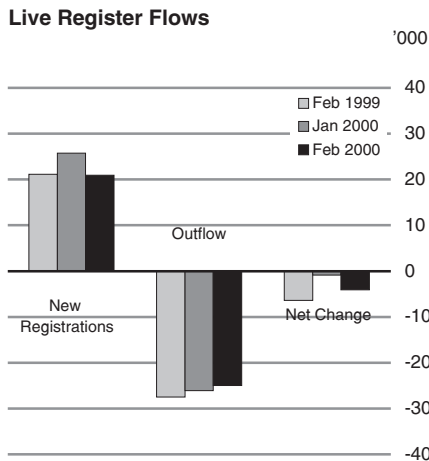




Live Register Flow Analysis February 2000



	New Registrations	Outflow (derived)	Net Change
Men	10,855	14,123	-3,268
Women	10,060	10,861	-801
Total	<u>20,915</u>	<u>24,984</u>	<u>-4,069</u>

Outflows exceed new registrations

During February a total of 24,984 persons left the Live Register. This was offset by 20,915 new registrations, giving a net decrease of 4,069. This compares with a monthly decrease of 6,403 in February 1999.

The average weekly decrease during February was 1,017 persons compared with the decrease in January of just 94 per week. This is in line with seasonal trends. *See Table 2.*

Other features include:

- ◆ Nearly 30% of the 20,915 new claimants in the month were in the Dublin area (5,843). *See Table 1.*
- ◆ In February the number of new male registrants was 10,855 and 14,123 men left the Register, resulting in an average weekly decrease of 817. This compares with 1,146 per week in February 1999. *See Table 3.*
- ◆ On average the weekly decrease in females signing on was 200 compared to a decrease of 455 per week in February of the previous year. *See Table 3.*

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 September-November 1999, is 88,700 persons unemployed.

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Table 1 Flows on and off the Live Register in the 4 weeks from 28 January 2000 to 25 February 2000

	Total	New Registrations	Net Change	Outflow (derived)
Border, Midland & Western	56,001	6,236	- 1,280	7,516
Border	27,168	2,845	- 513	3,358
Midland	10,131	1,399	- 216	1,615
West	18,702	1,992	- 551	2,543
Eastern & Southern	116,092	14,679	- 2,789	17,468
Dublin	44,356	5,843	- 732	6,575
Mid-East	11,595	1,523	- 354	1,877
Mid-West	13,438	1,921	- 252	2,173
South-East	22,057	2,447	- 694	3,141
South-West	24,646	2,945	- 757	3,702
Sex				
Males	99,114	10,855	- 3,268	14,123
Females	72,979	10,060	- 801	10,861
Total	172,093	20,915	- 4,069	24,984

Table 2 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		
1999	January	5	29,598	5,920	31,336	6,267	- 347
	February	4	21,117	5,279	27,520	6,880	- 1,601
	March	4	17,983	4,496	24,360	6,090	- 1,594
	April	5	29,002	5,800	33,688	6,738	- 938
	May	4	19,776	4,944	24,094	6,024	- 1,080
	June	4	25,927	6,482	22,638	5,660	+ 822
	July	5	31,380	6,276	26,340	5,268	+ 1,008
	August	4	19,448	4,862	21,337	5,334	- 472
	September	4	20,270	5,068	32,757	8,189	- 3,122
	October	5	26,764	5,353	35,002	7,000	- 1,648
	November	4	20,289	5,072	26,448	6,612	- 1,540
	December	5	22,561	4,512	17,808	3,562	+ 950
2000	January	4	25,728	6,432	26,105	6,526	- 94
	February	4	20,915	5,229	24,984	6,246	- 1,017

Table 3 Summary of Flows on and off the Live Register classified by Sex

		Males				Females				
	Number of weeks	Live Register	New Registrations	Outflow (derived)	Average weekly change	Live Register	New Registrations	Outflow (derived)	Average weekly change	
		1999	January	5	127,166	15,919	15,528	+ 78	86,848	13,679
	February	4	122,583	11,112	15,695	- 1,146	85,028	10,005	11,825	- 455
	March	4	118,224	9,749	14,108	- 1,090	83,010	8,234	10,252	- 505
	April	5	115,770	15,181	17,635	- 491	80,778	13,821	16,053	- 446
	May	4	112,719	10,906	13,957	- 763	79,511	8,870	10,137	- 317
	June	4	111,861	12,260	13,118	- 215	83,658	13,667	9,520	+ 1,037
	July	5	112,609	15,361	14,613	+ 150	87,950	16,019	11,727	+ 858
	August	4	111,249	9,981	11,341	- 340	87,241	9,467	9,996	- 132
	September	4	106,425	10,397	15,221	- 1,206	79,758	9,873	17,536	- 1,916
	October	5	101,264	13,301	18,462	- 1,032	76,681	13,463	16,540	- 615
	November	4	98,704	11,085	13,645	- 640	73,082	9,204	12,803	- 900
	December	5	101,029	11,809	9,484	+ 465	75,510	10,752	8,324	+ 486
2000	January	4	102,382	14,387	13,034	+ 338	73,780	11,341	13,071	- 433
	February	4	99,114	10,855	14,123	- 817	72,979	10,060	10,861	- 200

Background Notes

Source and scope of the Live Register	<p>The Live Register is compiled from returns made directly to the Central Statistics Office by each local office of the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs. It comprises persons under 65 years of age in the following classes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All claimants for Unemployment Benefit (UB) excluding systematic short-time workers;• Applicants for Unemployment Assistance (UA) excluding smallholders and self-employed persons;• Other registrants including applicants for credited Social Welfare contributions but excluding those directly involved in an industrial dispute.
Live Register Flow Analysis	<p>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 Disability Benefit, exhaustion of Unemployment Benefit (UB) entitlement without qualifying for Unemployment Assistance (UA) etc.</p>
New Registrations	<p>The aggregate of <i>new registrations</i> for each Friday in a given month is used in conjunction with the <i>net change</i> over the same period to calculate the <i>outflow</i> from the register. A <i>new registration</i> is defined as anybody on the Live Register on a particular Friday who was not on it on the previous Friday.</p>
Unemployment Statistics	<p>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).</p>
History	<p>The flow analysis of the Live Register has 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.</p>
Descriptive articles	<p>The compilation basis for the Live Register statistics from May 1992 onwards is described in the September 1992 issue of the <i>Statistical Bulletin</i>. The March 1980 issue contained a description of the basis used up to April 1992 while a more comprehensive treatment of Live Register statistics appeared in the "Report of the Inter-Departmental Study Group on Unemployment Statistics" (Stationery Office Dublin, Prl. 7925, April 1979). The results of a special study of the differences between the Labour Force Survey (LFS) Estimates of Unemployment and the Live Register are contained in the December 1996 issue of the <i>Statistical Bulletin</i>.</p>