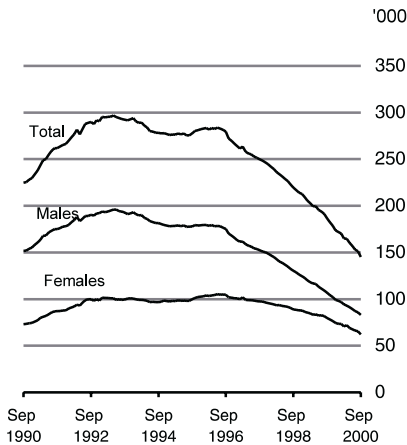




Live Register Statement September 2000

Live Register
Seasonally Adjusted



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
September 1999	186,183	186,400
August 2000	159,026	151,200
September 2000	144,932	145,100
Change in month	-14,094	-6,100
Change in year	-41,251	-41,300

Lowest Live Register figure since December 1981

There were 144,932 persons on the Live Register at the end of September this year. This is the lowest Live Register total since December 1981, when there were 141,146 people signing on. It also represents the largest ever monthly and annual falls in the Live Register.

During September, the Live Register fell by 14,094 persons and, over the course of the past twelve months, it has fallen overall by 41,251 persons.

Much of the decrease in September is due to the seasonal effect of schools and colleges re-opening after the summer holidays. After adjusting the figures for seasonal factors, the underlying trend in September was a decrease of 6,100.

Other features include:

- ◆ There were 24,423 persons under 25 signing on at the end of September. This is the lowest figure for this age group since July 1980, when there were 24,244 persons under 25 on the Live Register. *See tables 1a and 1b.*
- ◆ The number of male claimants fell by 5,225 in September and the number of female claimants fell by 8,869. *See table 1a.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in September was 3.8%. This compares with 4.3% in April 2000, based on the Quarterly National Household Survey. *See table 8 and Background Notes.*

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 March-May 2000, is 74,900 persons unemployed.

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Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	September 1999	August 2000	September 2000	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	26,953	25,640	23,268	- 2,372	- 3,685
UA Applications	76,405	59,629	56,911	- 2,718	- 19,494
Other Registrants	3,067	2,670	2,535	- 135	- 532
Total	106,425	87,939	82,714	- 5,225	- 23,711
Females					
UB Claims	34,885	34,575	28,882	- 5,693	- 6,003
UA Applications	32,535	25,436	23,280	- 2,156	- 9,255
Other Registrants	12,338	11,076	10,056	- 1,020	- 2,282
Total	79,758	71,087	62,218	- 8,869	- 17,540
All Persons					
UB Claims	61,838	60,215	52,150	- 8,065	- 9,688
UA Applications	108,940	85,065	80,191	- 4,874	- 28,749
Other Registrants	15,405	13,746	12,591	- 1,155	- 2,814
Total	186,183	159,026	144,932	- 14,094	- 41,251

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

Category	September 1999	August 2000	September 2000	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	4,409	4,082	3,563	- 519	- 846
UA Applications	14,118	10,662	9,807	- 855	- 4,311
Other Registrants	42	31	30	- 1	- 12
Total	18,569	14,775	13,400	- 1,375	- 5,169
Females					
UB Claims	3,929	3,575	3,088	- 487	- 841
UA Applications	11,261	8,855	7,789	- 1,066	- 3,472
Other Registrants	226	166	146	- 20	- 80
Total	15,416	12,596	11,023	- 1,573	- 4,393
All Persons					
UB Claims	8,338	7,657	6,651	- 1,006	- 1,687
UA Applications	25,379	19,517	17,596	- 1,921	- 7,783
Other Registrants	268	197	176	- 21	- 92
Total	33,985	27,371	24,423	- 2,948	- 9,562

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

Category	September 1999	August 2000	September 2000	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	22,544	21,558	19,705	- 1,853	- 2,839
UA Applications	62,287	48,967	47,104	- 1,863	- 15,183
Other Registrants	3,025	2,639	2,505	- 134	- 520
Total	87,856	73,164	69,314	- 3,850	- 18,542
Females					
UB Claims	30,956	31,000	25,794	- 5,206	- 5,162
UA Applications	21,274	16,581	15,491	- 1,090	- 5,783
Other Registrants	12,112	10,910	9,910	- 1,000	- 2,202
Total	64,342	58,491	51,195	- 7,296	- 13,147
All Persons					
UB Claims	53,500	52,558	45,499	- 7,059	- 8,001
UA Applications	83,561	65,548	62,595	- 2,953	- 20,966
Other Registrants	15,137	13,549	12,415	- 1,134	- 2,722
Total	152,198	131,655	120,509	- 11,146	- 31,689

Table 2 Persons on the Live Register by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	September 1999	August 2000	September 2000	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
Border, Midland & Western	34,286	29,668	27,925	- 1,743	- 6,361
Border	16,995	14,724	13,992	- 732	- 3,003
Midland	5,610	4,864	4,584	- 280	- 1,026
West	11,681	10,080	9,349	- 731	- 2,332
Eastern & Southern	72,139	58,271	54,789	- 3,482	- 17,350
Dublin	30,003	23,498	22,070	- 1,428	- 7,933
Mid-East	6,885	5,299	4,933	- 366	- 1,952
Mid-West	7,755	6,783	6,250	- 533	- 1,505
South-East	12,700	10,728	10,173	- 555	- 2,527
South-West	14,796	11,963	11,363	- 600	- 3,433
Total	106,425	87,939	82,714	- 5,225	- 23,711
Females					
Border, Midland & Western	24,922	23,357	20,828	- 2,529	- 4,094
Border	11,953	11,069	10,019	- 1,050	- 1,934
Midland	4,798	4,608	4,137	- 471	- 661
West	8,171	7,680	6,672	- 1,008	- 1,499
Eastern & Southern	54,836	47,730	41,390	- 6,340	- 13,446
Dublin	20,308	17,005	14,555	- 2,450	- 5,753
Mid-East	5,899	5,188	4,429	- 759	- 1,470
Mid-West	6,416	6,075	5,087	- 988	- 1,329
South-East	10,507	9,816	8,802	- 1,014	- 1,705
South-West	11,706	9,646	8,517	- 1,129	- 3,189
Total	79,758	71,087	62,218	- 8,869	- 17,540
All Persons					
Border, Midland & Western	59,208	53,025	48,753	- 4,272	- 10,455
Border	28,948	25,793	24,011	- 1,782	- 4,937
Midland	10,408	9,472	8,721	- 751	- 1,687
West	19,852	17,760	16,021	- 1,739	- 3,831
Eastern & Southern	126,975	106,001	96,179	- 9,822	- 30,796
Dublin	50,311	40,503	36,625	- 3,878	- 13,686
Mid-East	12,784	10,487	9,362	- 1,125	- 3,422
Mid-West	14,171	12,858	11,337	- 1,521	- 2,834
South-East	23,207	20,544	18,975	- 1,569	- 4,232
South-West	26,502	21,609	19,880	- 1,729	- 6,622
Total	186,183	159,026	144,932	- 14,094	- 41,251

¹ The composition of the regions is described in the Live Register Area Analysis release

Table 3 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	September 1999	August 2000	September 2000	Monthly change	Annual change
Provinces					
Leinster	93,224	77,644	70,696	- 6,948	- 22,528
Munster	51,635	44,492	40,387	- 4,105	- 11,248
Connacht	24,346	21,760	19,696	- 2,064	- 4,650
Ulster	16,978	15,130	14,153	- 977	- 2,825
Total	186,183	159,026	144,932	- 14,094	- 41,251

Table 4a Total persons on the Live Register - Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted

Year	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series ¹		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
1999	January	127,200	86,800	214,000	123,000	86,600	209,600
	February	122,600	85,000	207,600	120,100	85,400	205,500
	March	118,200	83,000	201,200	118,200	84,600	202,800
	April	115,800	80,800	196,500	116,500	83,000	199,500
	May	112,700	79,500	192,200	116,200	83,600	199,800
	June	111,900	83,700	195,500	113,100	82,400	195,500
	July	112,600	88,000	200,600	111,200	82,700	193,900
	August	111,200	87,400	198,700	109,200	81,800	191,000
	September	106,400	79,800	186,200	106,800	79,600	186,400
	October	101,300	76,700	177,900	104,200	78,300	182,500
	November	98,700	73,100	171,800	102,100	76,600	178,700
	December	101,000	75,500	176,500	99,000	74,600	173,600
2000	January	102,400	73,800	176,200	98,200	73,600	171,800
	February	99,100	73,000	172,100	96,600	73,400	170,100
	March	94,400	69,100	163,500	94,500	70,600	165,100
	April	92,100	69,700	161,800	92,900	71,900	164,800
	May	88,100	64,800	152,900	91,400	68,900	160,300
	June	87,900	68,800	156,800	89,100	67,600	156,700
	July	88,500	71,500	159,900	87,100	66,100	153,200
	August	87,900	71,100	159,000	85,800	65,400	151,200
	September	82,700	62,200	144,900	83,000	62,100	145,100

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2000 (See Background Notes).

Table 4b Persons under 25 years of age on the Live Register - Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted

Year	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series ¹		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
1999	January	24,000	17,900	41,900	23,100	17,700	40,800
	February	23,000	17,100	40,100	22,400	17,300	39,700
	March	21,700	16,300	38,000	21,800	17,000	38,800
	April	20,900	15,600	36,500	21,300	16,500	37,900
	May	19,900	15,300	35,200	21,300	16,600	37,900
	June	20,200	16,600	36,900	20,000	15,800	35,800
	July	20,400	17,200	37,600	19,300	15,400	34,600
	August	20,000	17,000	37,100	18,700	15,100	33,800
	September	18,600	15,400	34,000	18,200	14,700	33,000
	October	16,500	13,800	30,300	17,700	14,400	32,100
	November	15,800	12,900	28,700	17,200	14,100	31,300
	December	15,900	12,700	28,600	16,000	13,200	29,300
2000	January	17,000	13,000	29,900	16,000	12,900	28,900
	February	16,200	12,700	28,900	15,700	12,800	28,500
	March	15,200	11,800	27,000	15,300	12,500	27,800
	April	14,700	11,400	26,100	15,100	12,400	27,500
	May	13,900	10,800	24,700	15,300	12,000	27,300
	June	14,400	12,000	26,300	14,100	11,200	25,300
	July	14,900	12,500	27,400	13,700	10,700	24,400
	August	14,800	12,600	27,400	13,400	10,600	24,000
	September	13,400	11,000	24,400	13,000	10,300	23,400

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2000 (See Background Notes).

Table 4c Persons 25 years of age or over on the Live Register - Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted

Year	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series ¹		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
1999	January	103,200	69,000	172,100	99,900	68,900	168,800
	February	99,600	67,900	167,500	97,600	68,200	165,800
	March	96,600	66,700	163,300	96,400	67,600	164,000
	April	94,800	65,200	160,100	95,200	66,400	161,600
	May	92,800	64,200	157,100	94,800	67,100	161,900
	June	91,600	67,000	158,700	93,100	66,600	159,600
	July	92,200	70,700	162,900	92,000	67,300	159,300
	August	91,200	70,400	161,600	90,500	66,700	157,200
	September	87,900	64,300	152,200	88,600	64,800	153,400
	October	84,700	62,900	147,600	86,500	63,800	150,400
	November	82,900	60,200	143,000	84,900	62,600	147,500
	December	85,100	62,800	147,900	83,000	61,400	144,300
2000	January	85,400	60,800	146,200	82,200	60,800	142,900
	February	82,900	60,300	143,200	81,000	60,600	141,600
	March	79,200	57,300	136,500	79,200	58,200	137,300
	April	77,400	58,300	135,700	77,800	59,500	137,300
	May	74,200	54,000	128,200	76,100	56,900	133,000
	June	73,600	56,900	130,400	75,000	56,400	131,400
	July	73,600	58,900	132,500	73,300	55,400	128,800
	August	73,200	58,500	131,700	72,400	54,700	127,100
	September	69,300	51,200	120,500	70,000	51,700	121,700

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to June 2000 (See Background Notes).

Table 5 Persons working on systematic short-time basis excluded from the Live Register

	Month	Males	Females	Total
1999	January	1,250	2,961	4,211
	February	1,232	2,994	4,226
	March	1,146	2,878	4,024
	April	1,091	2,647	3,738
	May	1,150	2,690	3,840
	June	1,097	2,505	3,602
	July	1,105	2,368	3,473
	August	973	2,291	3,264
	September	1,030	2,353	3,383
	October	987	2,515	3,502
	November	968	2,324	3,292
	December	916	2,235	3,151
2000	January	948	2,197	3,145
	February	954	2,247	3,201
	March	1,210	2,127	3,337
	April	961	2,079	3,040
	May	771	2,023	2,794
	June	909	1,883	2,792
	July	909	1,823	2,732
	August	894	1,741	2,635
	September	722	1,635	2,357

Table 6 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
1999	January	6,616	2,545	741	9,902
	February	6,672	2,541	718	9,931
	March	6,636	2,499	718	9,853
	April	7,138	2,396	737	10,271
	May	7,534	2,357	748	10,639
	June	8,282	2,270	792	11,344
	July	8,438	2,274	872	11,584
	August	8,473	2,225	866	11,564
	September	8,418	2,184	858	11,460
	October	8,442	2,128	754	11,324
	November	8,257	2,129	739	11,125
	December	8,446	2,122	789	11,357
2000	January	8,456	2,102	771	11,329
	February	8,332	2,049	754	11,135
	March	8,262	2,020	738	11,020
	April	8,211	1,944	761	10,916
	May	8,143	1,890	735	10,768
	June	8,093	1,842	738	10,673
	July	8,096	1,811	762	10,669
	August	8,047	1,787	759	10,593
	September	8,018	1,771	759	10,548

¹Farm Assist Scheme was introduced in April 1999.

Table 7 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
1999	January	11,995	7,084	19,079	14,271	4,808
	February	11,674	7,167	18,841	14,072	4,769
	March	11,635	7,200	18,835	14,061	4,774
	April	11,734	7,226	18,960	14,163	4,797
	May	11,601	7,230	18,831	13,992	4,839
	June	11,589	7,200	18,789	13,951	4,838
	July	11,648	7,186	18,834	13,976	4,858
	August	11,617	7,173	18,790	13,931	4,859
	September	11,564	7,231	18,795	13,930	4,865
	October	11,530	7,228	18,758	13,879	4,879
	November	11,565	7,242	18,807	13,876	4,931
	December	11,581	7,331	18,912	13,934	4,978
2000	January	11,548	7,347	18,895	13,943	4,952
	February	11,608	7,461	19,069	14,033	5,036
	March	11,622	7,389	19,011	13,951	5,060
	April	11,645	7,367	19,012	13,894	5,118
	May	11,636	7,328	18,964	13,818	5,146
	June	11,741	7,273	19,014	13,860	5,154
	July	11,723	7,432	19,155	13,944	5,211
	August	11,745	7,454	19,199	13,928	5,271
	September	11,536	7,475	19,011	13,765	5,246

Table 8 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates¹

Month	1996 ³	1997 ³	1998	1999 ⁴	2000 ⁴
	%	%	%	%	%
January	12.0	10.7	8.5	6.3	4.6
February	12.0	10.6	8.2	6.1	4.5
March	11.8	10.5	8.0	5.9	4.3
April ²	11.9	10.3	7.8	5.7	4.3
May	11.8	10.1	7.6	5.7	4.2
June	11.6	9.9	7.5	5.5	4.1
July	11.5	9.7	7.3	5.4	4.0
August	11.4	9.5	7.1	5.3	3.9
September	11.2	9.3	6.9	5.1	3.8
October	11.1	9.1	6.7	5.0	
November	11.0	8.9	6.6	4.9	
December	10.9	8.7	6.4	4.7	
Annual average	11.5	9.8	7.4	5.5	

¹ Table contains revised Standardised Unemployment Rates.

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 2000, 4.3%.

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 (*see Table 5*);
- Applicants for Unemployment Assistance (UA) excluding smallholders/farm assists and self-employed persons (*see Table 6*);
- Other registrants including applicants for credited Social Welfare contributions but excluding those directly involved in an industrial dispute (*see Table 6*).

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.

Standardised unemployment rates The Standardised Unemployment Rate (SUR) series in Table 8 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:

1997				Q4: 10.4%
1998	Q1: 8.5%	Q2: 7.8%	Q3: 7.6%	Q4: 6.4%
1999	Q1: 5.8%	Q2: 5.7%	Q3: 5.7%	Q4: 5.1%
2000	Q1: 4.7%	Q2: 4.3%		

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 4a, 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.

Because QNHS estimates are not yet adjusted for seasonality, only the March–May unemployment rates, which are directly comparable with April LFS data, have been incorporated in the calculation of the monthly SUR.