

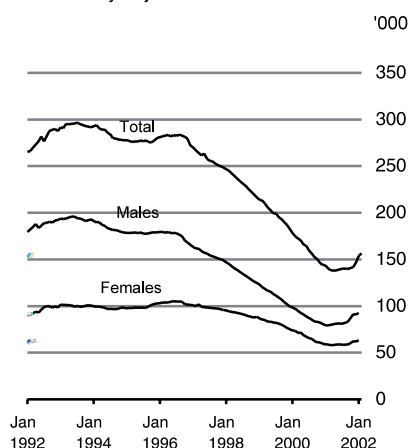


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Live Register Statement January 2002

Live Register
Seasonally Adjusted



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
January 2001	142,071	138,400
December 2001	152,406	152,800 *
January 2002	159,960	156,300
Change in month	+ 7,554	+3,500
Change in year	+17,889	+17,900

*Based on estimated data for December 2001.

Live Register increases in January

The Live Register increased by 7,554 persons to 159,960 in the five week period between 21st of December 2001 and the end of January 2002. When seasonal factors are taken into account, the Register increased by 3,500 in the month to 156,300. It should be noted that the December seasonally adjusted figure was derived based on estimated figures for the final week in December.

In the year to January 2002 the Live Register increased by 17,889 persons. *See table 1a.*

Other features include:

- ◆ The number of male registrants increased by 5,229 in the five week period between 21st of December 2001 and the end of January 2002. The number of female registrants increased by 2,325 over the same period. *See table 1a.*
- ◆ Against the overall monthly increase the Live Register decreased in the South-East region. *See table 2.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in January was 4.1%. This compares with 3.7% in April 2001, 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 June - August 2001 is 79,500 persons unemployed.

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Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	January 2001	December 2001	January 2002	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	26,230	35,064	38,471	+ 3,407	+ 12,241
UA Applications	54,644	53,709	55,602	+ 1,893	+ 958
Other Registrants	2,386	2,621	2,550	- 71	+ 164
Total	83,260	91,394	96,623	+ 5,229	+ 13,363
Females					
UB Claims	28,448	31,645	33,784	+ 2,139	+ 5,336
UA Applications	21,001	20,250	20,813	+ 563	- 188
Other Registrants	9,362	9,117	8,740	- 377	- 622
Total	58,811	61,012	63,337	+ 2,325	+ 4,526
All Persons					
UB Claims	54,678	66,709	72,255	+ 5,546	+ 17,577
UA Applications	75,645	73,959	76,415	+ 2,456	+ 770
Other Registrants	11,748	11,738	11,290	- 448	- 458
Total	142,071	152,406	159,960	+ 7,554	+ 17,889

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

Category	January 2001	December 2001	January 2002	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	4,097	5,953	7,184	+ 1,231	+ 3,087
UA Applications	9,437	10,378	10,939	+ 561	+ 1,502
Other Registrants	31	65	68	+ 3	+ 37
Total	13,565	16,396	18,191	+ 1,795	+ 4,626
Females					
UB Claims	2,992	3,864	4,682	+ 818	+ 1,690
UA Applications	6,877	7,143	7,491	+ 348	+ 614
Other Registrants	135	106	95	- 11	- 40
Total	10,004	11,113	12,268	+ 1,155	+ 2,264
All Persons					
UB Claims	7,089	9,817	11,866	+ 2,049	+ 4,777
UA Applications	16,314	17,521	18,430	+ 909	+ 2,116
Other Registrants	166	171	163	- 8	- 3
Total	23,569	27,509	30,459	+ 2,950	+ 6,890

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

Category	January 2001	December 2001	January 2002	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	22,133	29,111	31,287	+ 2,176	+ 9,154
UA Applications	45,207	43,331	44,663	+ 1,332	- 544
Other Registrants	2,355	2,556	2,482	- 74	+ 127
Total	69,695	74,998	78,432	+ 3,434	+ 8,737
Females					
UB Claims	25,456	27,781	29,102	+ 1,321	+ 3,646
UA Applications	14,124	13,107	13,322	+ 215	- 802
Other Registrants	9,227	9,011	8,645	- 366	- 582
Total	48,807	49,899	51,069	+ 1,170	+ 2,262
All Persons					
UB Claims	47,589	56,892	60,389	+ 3,497	+ 12,800
UA Applications	59,331	56,438	57,985	+ 1,547	- 1,346
Other Registrants	11,582	11,567	11,127	- 440	- 455
Total	118,502	124,897	129,501	+ 4,604	+ 10,999

Table 2 Persons on the Live Register by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	January 2001	December 2001	January 2002		Monthly change	Annual change
Males						
Border, Midland & Western	28,296	29,614	31,331	+	1,717	+ 3,035
Border	14,352	14,958	15,790	+	832	+ 1,438
Midland	4,592	4,971	5,394	+	423	+ 802
West	9,352	9,685	10,147	+	462	+ 795
Eastern & Southern	54,964	61,780	65,292	+	3,512	+ 10,328
Dublin	20,341	22,184	24,185	+	2,001	+ 3,844
Mid-East	5,084	6,059	6,637	+	578	+ 1,553
Mid-West	6,635	7,370	7,742	+	372	+ 1,107
South-East	10,831	12,265	12,008	-	257	+ 1,177
South-West	12,073	13,902	14,720	+	818	+ 2,647
Total	83,260	91,394	96,623	+	5,229	+ 13,363
Females						
Border, Midland & Western	20,378	20,554	21,273	+	719	+ 895
Border	10,084	10,164	10,468	+	304	+ 384
Midland	3,911	3,854	4,076	+	222	+ 165
West	6,383	6,536	6,729	+	193	+ 346
Eastern & Southern	38,433	40,458	42,064	+	1,606	+ 3,631
Dublin	12,385	13,412	14,186	+	774	+ 1,801
Mid-East	4,068	4,322	4,654	+	332	+ 586
Mid-West	4,996	5,120	5,350	+	230	+ 354
South-East	8,551	8,646	8,591	-	55	+ 40
South-West	8,433	8,958	9,283	+	325	+ 850
Total	58,811	61,012	63,337	+	2,325	+ 4,526
All Persons						
Border, Midland & Western	48,674	50,168	52,604	+	2,436	+ 3,930
Border	24,436	25,122	26,258	+	1,136	+ 1,822
Midland	8,503	8,825	9,470	+	645	+ 967
West	15,735	16,221	16,876	+	655	+ 1,141
Eastern & Southern	93,397	102,238	107,356	+	5,118	+ 13,959
Dublin	32,726	35,596	38,371	+	2,775	+ 5,645
Mid-East	9,152	10,381	11,291	+	910	+ 2,139
Mid-West	11,631	12,490	13,092	+	602	+ 1,461
South-East	19,382	20,911	20,599	-	312	+ 1,217
South-West	20,506	22,860	24,003	+	1,143	+ 3,497
Total	142,071	152,406	159,960	+	7,554	+ 17,889

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	January 2001	December 2001	January 2002		Monthly change	Annual change
Provinces						
Leinster	66,644	72,456	78,015	+	5,559	+ 11,371
Munster	41,508	45,796	46,615	+	819	+ 5,107
Connacht	19,424	19,672	20,422	+	750	+ 998
Ulster	14,495	14,482	14,908	+	426	+ 413
Total	142,071	152,406	159,960	+	7,554	+ 17,889

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

	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series ¹		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2000	March	94,400	69,100	163,500	94,600	71,100	165,700
	April	92,100	69,700	161,800	92,700	71,800	164,600
	May	88,100	64,800	152,900	90,800	68,700	159,500
	June	87,900	68,800	156,800	88,900	67,200	156,100
	July	88,500	71,500	159,900	87,000	65,500	152,400
	August	87,900	71,100	159,000	85,600	64,700	150,300
	September	82,700	62,200	144,900	83,400	62,500	145,900
	October	80,000	59,200	139,200	82,900	61,100	144,000
	November	79,300	57,700	137,000	82,400	61,000	143,500
	December	82,000	59,600	141,600	80,600	59,400	140,000
2001	January	83,300	58,800	142,100	79,400	59,000	138,400
	February	81,200	58,300	139,500	79,100	58,800	137,900
	March	79,900	55,900	135,900	80,100	58,000	138,200
	April	80,100	56,500	136,600	80,800	58,500	139,300
	May	78,700	55,000	133,700	81,300	58,800	140,100
	June	80,400	60,500	140,900	81,300	58,900	140,200
	July	82,600	64,500	147,100	81,100	58,500	139,500
	August	84,300	65,200	149,400	81,900	58,700	140,600
	September	82,200	58,300	140,600	83,000	58,600	141,400
	October	83,900	57,900	141,800	86,800	59,900	146,700
	November	88,100	59,000	147,100	91,200	62,400	153,600
	December	91,400	61,000	152,400	91,100 ²	61,700 ²	152,800 ²
2002	January	96,600	63,300	160,000	92,700	63,600	156,300

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2001 (See Background Notes).

² Based on estimated data for December 2001

Table 4b 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
2000	March	15,200	11,800	27,000	15,300	12,400	27,800
	April	14,700	11,400	26,100	15,000	12,300	27,300
	May	13,900	10,800	24,700	14,900	11,900	26,800
	June	14,400	12,000	26,300	14,200	11,200	25,400
	July	14,900	12,500	27,400	13,900	10,800	24,700
	August	14,800	12,600	27,400	13,600	10,700	24,300
	September	13,400	11,000	24,400	13,200	10,500	23,700
	October	12,500	10,200	22,700	13,500	10,700	24,200
	November	12,400	9,700	22,000	13,500	10,600	24,100
	December	12,900	9,500	22,400	13,200	10,300	23,400
2001	January	13,600	10,000	23,600	12,700	10,000	22,800
	February	13,300	10,000	23,200	12,800	10,100	23,000
	March	12,900	9,600	22,500	13,100	10,200	23,300
	April	13,000	9,600	22,600	13,300	10,400	23,700
	May	12,800	9,500	22,300	13,700	10,500	24,200
	June	13,700	11,000	24,700	13,500	10,300	23,800
	July	14,600	11,800	26,500	13,600	10,200	23,800
	August	15,100	12,100	27,200	13,900	10,300	24,200
	September	14,400	11,000	25,400	14,200	10,500	24,700
	October	14,600	10,900	25,400	16,500	11,300	27,900
	November	15,600	11,000	26,600	16,700	11,900	28,600
	December	16,400	11,100	27,500	16,900 ²	12,000 ²	28,800 ²
2002	January	18,200	12,300	30,500	17,400	12,300	29,700

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2001 (See Background Notes).

² Based on estimated data for December 2001

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

	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series ¹		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2000	March	79,200	57,300	136,500	79,200	58,700	137,900
	April	77,400	58,300	135,700	77,700	59,600	137,300
	May	74,200	54,000	128,200	76,000	56,800	132,700
	June	73,600	56,900	130,400	74,700	56,000	130,700
	July	73,600	58,900	132,500	73,100	54,600	127,700
	August	73,200	58,500	131,700	72,000	54,000	126,000
	September	69,300	51,200	120,500	70,200	52,000	122,200
	October	67,500	49,000	116,500	69,400	50,400	119,800
	November	66,900	48,000	114,900	68,900	50,500	119,400
	December	69,100	50,000	119,100	67,400	49,200	116,600
2001	January	69,700	48,800	118,500	66,600	49,000	115,600
	February	67,900	48,400	116,300	66,300	48,600	114,900
	March	67,000	46,400	113,400	67,100	47,800	114,900
	April	67,100	46,900	114,000	67,400	48,100	115,600
	May	65,800	45,600	111,400	67,600	48,300	115,900
	June	66,700	49,500	116,200	67,800	48,600	116,400
	July	67,900	52,700	120,600	67,400	48,300	115,700
	August	69,200	53,000	122,200	68,000	48,500	116,500
	September	67,800	47,300	115,100	68,800	48,100	116,900
	October	69,300	47,100	116,400	70,300	48,600	118,800
	November	72,500	48,000	120,500	74,500	50,500	124,900
	December	75,000	49,900	124,900	74,300 ²	49,700 ²	124,000 ²
2002	January	78,400	51,100	129,500	75,400	51,200	126,600

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2001 (See Background Notes).

² Based on estimated data for December 2001

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

	Month	Males	Females	Total
2000	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
	October	778	1,585	2,363
	November	849	1,618	2,467
	December	1,027	1,599	2,626
2001	January	1,262	1,711	2,973
	February	1,263	1,816	3,079
	March	1,103	1,751	2,854
	April	1,094	1,724	2,818
	May	1,102	1,736	2,838
	June	941	1,707	2,648
	July	862	1,734	2,596
	August	1,135	1,880	3,015
	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

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
2000	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
	October	8,031	1,758	700	10,489
	November	8,058	1,767	689	10,514
	December	8,094	1,765	726	10,585
2001	January	8,112	1,717	683	10,512
	February	8,127	1,691	659	10,477
	March	8,212	1,669	661	10,542
	April	8,439	1,637	659	10,735
	May	8,509	1,614	642	10,765
	June	8,551	1,584	666	10,801
	July	8,552	1,548	710	10,810
	August	8,538	1,544	718	10,800
	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

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
2000	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
	October	12,677	7,575	20,252	14,746	5,506
	November	12,652	7,624	20,276	14,777	5,499
	December	12,521	7,660	20,181	14,682	5,499
2001	January	12,470	7,736	20,206	14,654	5,552
	February	12,496	7,925	20,421	14,714	5,707
	March	12,527	7,845	20,372	14,739	5,633
	April	12,496	7,756	20,252	14,617	5,635
	May	12,436	7,791	20,227	14,560	5,667
	June	12,371	7,848	20,219	14,547	5,672
	July	12,299	7,851	20,150	14,492	5,658
	August	12,182	7,901	20,083	14,414	5,669
	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

Table 8 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates¹

Month	1997 ³	1998	1999	2000	2001 ⁴	2002 ⁴
	%	%	%	%	%	%
January	10.7	8.5	6.3	4.6	3.6	4.1
February	10.6	8.2	6.1	4.5	3.6	
March	10.5	8.0	5.9	4.4	3.6	
April ²	10.3	7.8	5.7	4.3	3.7	
May	10.1	7.6	5.7	4.2	3.7	
June	9.9	7.5	5.5	4.1	3.7	
July	9.7	7.3	5.4	4.0	3.7	
August	9.5	7.1	5.3	3.9	3.7	
September	9.3	6.9	5.2	3.8	3.7	
October	9.1	6.7	5.0	3.8	3.9	
November	8.9	6.6	4.8	3.8	4.0	
December	8.7	6.5	4.7	3.7	4.0 ⁵	
Annual average	9.8	7.4	5.5	4.1	3.8	

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: June-August 2001, 4.3%.

⁵ Based on estimated data for December 2001

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%	Q3: 4.3%	Q4: 3.9%
2001	Q1: 3.7%	Q2: 3.7%	Q3: 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.