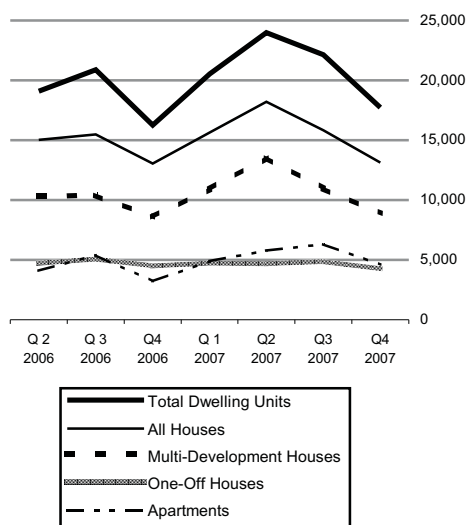


Number of Dwelling Units approved
classified by type of unit,
q2 2006 - q4 2007



Planning Permissions Quarter 4 2007 (Revised)*

Number of Dwelling Units Approved

| | Houses | Apartments | Total |
|----------------|--------|------------|--------|
| Quarter 4 2006 | 13,054 | 3,197 | 16,251 |
| Quarter 4 2007 | 13,135 | 4,598 | 17,733 |
| % change | +0.6% | +43.8% | +9.1% |

Dwelling units approved up 9.1%

This release shows that for the fourth quarter of 2007, planning permissions were granted for 17,733 dwelling units, compared with 16,251 units for the same period in 2006, an increase of 9.1%. *See Table 4.*

The fourth quarter figures also show that:

- ◆ Planning permissions were granted for 4,598 apartment units, compared with 3,197 units for the same period in 2006, an increase of 43.8%. *See Table 4.*
- ◆ Planning permissions were granted for 13,135 houses in the fourth quarter of 2007 and 13,054 in the fourth quarter of 2006. This is an increase of 0.6%. *See Table 4.*
- ◆ One-off houses accounted for 24% of all new dwelling units granted planning permission in this quarter. *See Table 4.*
- ◆ Total floor area planned was 4,835 thousand sq. metres in the fourth quarter of 2007. Of this, 55.4% was for new dwellings, 33.6% for other new constructions and 11% for extensions. The total floor area planned increased by 6.7% in comparison with the same quarter of 2006. *See Table 1.*
- ◆ The total number of permissions granted for all developments in the fourth quarter of 2007 was 12,330. This compares to 12,962 in the fourth quarter of 2006, a decrease of 4.9%. *See Table 1.*
- ◆ Planning Permissions for new buildings for Agriculture decreased to 1,232 this quarter. *See Table 3A.* This compares to 1,715 permissions in the same quarter of 2006.

Data from tables 5, 6 & 7 are now only available in electronic format on the CSO website. To view the data in this format go to <http://www.cso.ie/px/pxeirestat/database/eirestat/Planning%20Permissions/Planning%20Permissions.asp>

* This revised release contains revised floor area figures for extensions to dwellings in County Offaly and consequential changes to relevant totals. This release replaces the version issued on 19 March 2008.

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Table 1 Summary of Planning Permissions Granted, Q1 2000 - Q4 2007

| Period | Number of Permissions | | | | | Total Floor Area ² (000 sq.m) ¹ | | | | |
|--------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------------|--------------|--|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| | New Construction | | Extension | Alteration and Conversion | Total | New Construction | | Extension* | Total* | |
| | Dwellings | Other | | | | Dwellings | Other | | | |
| 2000 | Q 1 | 6,630 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| | Q 2 | 6,597 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| | Q 3 | 6,893 | 1,449 | 4,206 | 762 | 13,310 | 3,223 | 1,159 | 525 | 4,906 |
| | Q 4 | 6,212 | 1,354 | 3,087 | 612 | 11,265 | 3,019 | 865 | 417 | 4,301 |
| | Year² | 26,332 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 2001 | Q 1 | 6,333 | 1,455 | 2,986 | 674 | 11,448 | 2,909 | 1,084 | 510 | 4,503 |
| | Q 2 | 5,538 | 1,465 | 3,030 | 639 | 10,672 | 2,779 | 921 | 368 | 4,067 |
| | Q 3 | 6,157 | 1,671 | 3,715 | 786 | 12,329 | 2,513 | 998 | 453 | 3,964 |
| | Q 4 | 5,585 | 1,606 | 3,106 | 754 | 11,051 | 2,262 | 1,020 | 391 | 3,672 |
| | Year | 23,613 | 6,197 | 12,837 | 2,853 | 45,500 | 10,463 | 4,023 | 1,722 | 16,206 |
| 2002 | Q 1 | 5,025 | 1,512 | 2,843 | 856 | 10,236 | 2,096 | 972 | 423 | 3,491 |
| | Q 2 | 4,547 | 1,349 | 2,883 | 665 | 9,444 | 2,505 | 873 | 370 | 3,748 |
| | Q 3 | 5,502 | 1,691 | 3,704 | 757 | 11,654 | 2,335 | 1,139 | 429 | 3,904 |
| | Q 4 | 4,654 | 1,374 | 2,892 | 646 | 9,566 | 1,856 | 1,020 | 401 | 3,277 |
| | Year | 19,728 | 5,926 | 12,322 | 2,924 | 40,900 | 8,792 | 4,004 | 1,623 | 14,420 |
| 2003 | Q 1 | 4,846 | 1,278 | 2,713 | 645 | 9,482 | 1,797 | 713 | 365 | 2,874 |
| | Q 2 | 5,110 | 1,465 | 3,103 | 677 | 10,355 | 2,509 | 974 | 345 | 3,828 |
| | Q 3 | 5,583 | 1,693 | 3,457 | 689 | 11,422 | 2,832 | 1,184 | 411 | 4,427 |
| | Q 4 | 5,410 | 1,496 | 2,886 | 566 | 10,358 | 2,473 | 1,066 | 376 | 3,915 |
| | Year | 20,949 | 5,932 | 12,159 | 2,577 | 41,617 | 9,611 | 3,937 | 1,497 | 15,044 |
| 2004 | Q 1 | 6,887 | 1,545 | 2,820 | 587 | 11,839 | 3,156 | 940 | 364 | 4,461 |
| | Q 2 | 7,563 | 1,660 | 3,511 | 652 | 13,386 | 3,344 | 1,156 | 398 | 4,898 |
| | Q 3 | 7,100 | 1,899 | 4,076 | 731 | 13,806 | 3,172 | 1,007 | 467 | 4,646 |
| | Q 4 | 5,962 | 1,613 | 3,061 | 605 | 11,241 | 3,123 | 1,155 | 436 | 4,714 |
| | Year | 27,512 | 6,717 | 13,468 | 2,575 | 50,272 | 12,795 | 4,258 | 1,665 | 18,719 |
| 2005 | Q 1 | 6,170 | 1,571 | 3,028 | 586 | 11,355 | 3,299 | 985 | 427 | 4,711 |
| | Q 2 | 6,722 | 2,068 | 3,845 | 672 | 13,307 | 3,764 | 1,478 | 488 | 5,730 |
| | Q 3 | 6,485 | 2,189 | 4,476 | 778 | 13,928 | 3,219 | 1,327 | 530 | 5,076 |
| | Q 4 | 5,957 | 1,871 | 3,533 | 653 | 12,014 | 2,883 | 1,167 | 427 | 4,478 |
| | Year | 25,334 | 7,699 | 14,882 | 2,689 | 50,604 | 13,165 | 4,957 | 1,872 | 19,995 |
| 2006 | Q 1 | 5,890 | 1,822 | 3,575 | 603 | 11,890 | 2,999 | 1,151 | 444 | 4,595 |
| | Q 2 | 5,595 | 2,494 | 4,137 | 666 | 12,892 | 2,737 | 1,612 | 475 | 4,824 |
| | Q 3 | 6,035 | 2,965 | 4,759 | 756 | 14,515 | 2,981 | 1,764 | 593 | 5,337 |
| | Q 4 | 5,254 | 3,172 | 3,883 | 653 | 12,962 | 2,374 | 1,697 | 461 | 4,532 |
| | Year | 22,774 | 10,453 | 16,354 | 2,678 | 52,259 | 11,091 | 6,224 | 1,973 | 19,288 |
| 2007 | Q 1 | 5,709 | 4,995 | 4,033 | 651 | 15,388 | 2,952 | 2,272 | 570 | 5,793 |
| | Q 2 | 5,636 | 6,229 | 4,751 | 695 | 17,311 | 3,409 | 2,668 | 643 | 6,719 |
| | Q 3 | 5,880 | 5,411 | 5,210 | 837 | 17,338 | 3,165 | 2,748 | 725 | 6,638 |
| | Q 4 | 5,028 | 2,767 | 3,841 | 694 | 12,330 | 2,680 | 1,626 | 529 | 4,835 |
| | Year | 22,253 | 19,402 | 17,835 | 2,877 | 62,367 | 12,206 | 9,314 | 2,467 | 23,985 |

¹ For categories where floor area is a relevant measure

² A review of the series for new dwellings was undertaken and resulted in revised data for 1999 and the first half of 2000

Corresponding revised data were not available for floor area or for permissions other than for new dwellings for those periods

* Revised

Table 2 Summary of Planning Permissions granted, Q4 2007, classified by region, county and type of development

| Planning Region and County | Number of Permissions | | | | Total Floor Area (000 sq.m) | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------|------------|---------------------|
| | New Construction | | Extension | Alteration and Conversion | Total | New Construction | | Extension* | Total ^{1*} |
| | Dwellings | Other | | | | Dwellings | Other | | |
| Border, Midland and Western | 2,383 | 1,245 | 1,217 | 208 | 5,053 | 1,087 | 624 | 181 | 1,892 |
| Border | 998 | 581 | 564 | 73 | 2,216 | 509 | 308 | 77 | 894 |
| Cavan | 169 | 170 | 91 | 7 | 437 | 75 | 66 | 28 | 169 |
| Donegal | 394 | 122 | 190 | 18 | 724 | 214 | 92 | 16 | 321 |
| Leitrim | 65 | 38 | 27 | 10 | 140 | 17 | 11 | 4 | 31 |
| Louth | 138 | 73 | 143 | 25 | 379 | 89 | 26 | 15 | 130 |
| Monaghan | 137 | 141 | 47 | 9 | 334 | 84 | 63 | 8 | 155 |
| Sligo | 95 | 37 | 66 | 4 | 202 | 31 | 50 | 6 | 87 |
| Midland | 451 | 232 | 265 | 59 | 1,007 | 219 | 124 | 43 | 385 |
| Laois | 153 | 93 | 106 | 20 | 372 | 100 | 55 | 19 | 174 |
| Longford | 60 | 14 | 20 | 1 | 95 | 20 | 4 | 2 | 26 |
| Offaly | 142 | 67 | 77 | 22 | 308 | 62 | 31 | 12 | 104 |
| Westmeath | 96 | 58 | 62 | 16 | 232 | 37 | 34 | 10 | 81 |
| West | 934 | 432 | 388 | 76 | 1,830 | 359 | 192 | 61 | 612 |
| Galway City | 16 | 16 | 42 | 14 | 88 | 18 | 12 | 9 | 40 |
| Galway ² | 486 | 231 | 172 | 32 | 921 | 177 | 120 | 23 | 320 |
| Mayo | 278 | 109 | 120 | 21 | 528 | 100 | 34 | 16 | 151 |
| Roscommon | 154 | 76 | 54 | 9 | 293 | 64 | 25 | 12 | 102 |
| Southern and Eastern | 2,645 | 1,522 | 2,624 | 486 | 7,277 | 1,593 | 1,002 | 347 | 2,943 |
| Dublin | 311 | 258 | 787 | 211 | 1,567 | 318 | 342 | 71 | 731 |
| Dublin City | 134 | 157 | 328 | 126 | 745 | 97 | 121 | 27 | 245 |
| Dun Laoghaire-Fingal | 62 | 15 | 155 | 28 | 260 | 69 | 3 | 14 | 85 |
| Fingal | 63 | 49 | 157 | 36 | 305 | 39 | 97 | 14 | 150 |
| South Dublin | 52 | 37 | 147 | 21 | 257 | 113 | 121 | 16 | 250 |
| Mid-East | 444 | 315 | 459 | 85 | 1,303 | 254 | 199 | 59 | 512 |
| Kildare | 156 | 92 | 163 | 29 | 440 | 89 | 81 | 24 | 194 |
| Meath | 168 | 136 | 164 | 33 | 501 | 126 | 80 | 22 | 228 |
| Wicklow | 120 | 87 | 132 | 23 | 362 | 39 | 38 | 13 | 90 |
| Mid-West | 397 | 211 | 283 | 44 | 935 | 218 | 83 | 46 | 347 |
| Clare | 150 | 48 | 98 | 13 | 309 | 91 | 15 | 18 | 124 |
| Limerick City | 141 | 96 | 97 | 10 | 344 | 92 | 28 | 13 | 133 |
| Limerick ² | 2 | 21 | 31 | 11 | 65 | - | 14 | 5 | 20 |
| North Tipperary | 104 | 46 | 57 | 10 | 217 | 35 | 25 | 10 | 70 |
| South-East | 682 | 370 | 463 | 83 | 1,598 | 423 | 179 | 69 | 672 |
| Carlow | 67 | 32 | 50 | 5 | 154 | 56 | 22 | 7 | 84 |
| Kilkenny | 123 | 67 | 87 | 18 | 295 | 42 | 25 | 13 | 79 |
| South Tipperary | 126 | 108 | 88 | 13 | 335 | 77 | 50 | 11 | 138 |
| Waterford City | 11 | 16 | 28 | 16 | 71 | 34 | 13 | 6 | 54 |
| Waterford ² | 90 | 69 | 84 | 4 | 247 | 60 | 31 | 14 | 105 |
| Wexford | 265 | 78 | 126 | 27 | 496 | 155 | 39 | 18 | 212 |
| South-West | 811 | 368 | 632 | 63 | 1,874 | 379 | 199 | 102 | 680 |
| Cork City | 532 | 261 | 381 | 46 | 1,220 | 273 | 119 | 62 | 455 |
| Cork ² | 18 | 7 | 69 | 2 | 96 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 15 |
| Kerry | 261 | 100 | 182 | 15 | 558 | 98 | 77 | 35 | 210 |
| State | 5,028 | 2,767 | 3,841 | 694 | 12,330 | 2,679 | 1,626 | 528 | 4,835 |

¹ For categories where floor area is a relevant measure

² Excluding cities

- No permissions

* Revised

Table 3(a) Number of Planning Permissions granted, Q4 2007, classified by region, type of development and functional category

| Type of Development and Planning Region | Functional Category | | | | | | | | Total |
|---|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| | Dwellings | Commercial Buildings | Buildings for Agriculture | Industrial Buildings | Govt., Health and Education | Other Buildings for Social Use | Civil Eng. | Other | |
| New Construction | | | | | | | | | |
| Border, Midland and Western | 2,383 | 162 | 687 | 38 | 53 | 23 | 174 | 108 | 3,628 |
| Border | 998 | 52 | 335 | 19 | 18 | 9 | 95 | 53 | 1,579 |
| Midland | 451 | 38 | 110 | 8 | 11 | 4 | 39 | 22 | 683 |
| West | 934 | 72 | 242 | 11 | 24 | 10 | 40 | 33 | 1,366 |
| Southern and Eastern | 2,645 | 248 | 545 | 58 | 79 | 38 | 240 | 314 | 4,167 |
| Dublin | 311 | 77 | 9 | 15 | 17 | 5 | 29 | 106 | 569 |
| Mid-East | 444 | 39 | 152 | 14 | 20 | 5 | 48 | 37 | 759 |
| Mid-West | 397 | 23 | 80 | 7 | 9 | 9 | 45 | 38 | 608 |
| South-East | 682 | 63 | 148 | 12 | 16 | 12 | 47 | 72 | 1,052 |
| South West | 811 | 46 | 156 | 10 | 17 | 7 | 71 | 61 | 1,179 |
| State | 5,028 | 410 | 1,232 | 96 | 132 | 61 | 414 | 422 | 7,795 |
| Extension | | | | | | | | | |
| Border, Midland and Western | 932 | 78 | 91 | 17 | 86 | 13 | - | - | 1,217 |
| Border | 454 | 30 | 35 | 2 | 37 | 6 | - | - | 564 |
| Midland | 193 | 18 | 28 | 8 | 15 | 3 | - | - | 265 |
| West | 285 | 30 | 28 | 7 | 34 | 4 | - | - | 388 |
| Southern and Eastern | 2,160 | 155 | 90 | 39 | 154 | 26 | - | - | 2,624 |
| Dublin | 697 | 45 | - | 4 | 36 | 5 | - | - | 787 |
| Mid-East | 389 | 11 | 19 | 7 | 31 | 2 | - | - | 459 |
| Mid-West | 215 | 18 | 7 | 11 | 26 | 6 | - | - | 283 |
| South-East | 359 | 30 | 26 | 9 | 33 | 6 | - | - | 463 |
| South West | 500 | 51 | 38 | 8 | 28 | 7 | - | - | 632 |
| State | 3,092 | 233 | 181 | 56 | 240 | 39 | - | - | 3,841 |
| Alteration and Conversion | | | | | | | | | |
| Border, Midland and Western | 64 | 103 | 10 | 3 | 20 | 8 | - | - | 208 |
| Border | 22 | 32 | 7 | 2 | 7 | 3 | - | - | 73 |
| Midland | 17 | 32 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 2 | - | - | 59 |
| West | 25 | 39 | 1 | - | 8 | 3 | - | - | 76 |
| Southern and Eastern | 184 | 219 | 17 | 10 | 49 | 7 | - | - | 486 |
| Dublin | 106 | 81 | - | 2 | 19 | 3 | - | - | 211 |
| Mid-East | 26 | 31 | 9 | 3 | 15 | 1 | - | - | 85 |
| Mid-West | 7 | 30 | 4 | 1 | 2 | - | - | - | 44 |
| South-East | 19 | 53 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 2 | - | - | 83 |
| South West | 26 | 24 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 1 | - | - | 63 |
| State | 248 | 322 | 27 | 13 | 69 | 15 | - | - | 694 |
| All Developments | | | | | | | | | |
| Border, Midland and Western | 3,379 | 343 | 788 | 58 | 159 | 44 | 174 | 108 | 5,053 |
| Border | 1,474 | 114 | 377 | 23 | 62 | 18 | 95 | 53 | 2,216 |
| Midland | 661 | 88 | 140 | 17 | 31 | 9 | 39 | 22 | 1,007 |
| West | 1,244 | 141 | 271 | 18 | 66 | 17 | 40 | 33 | 1,830 |
| Southern and Eastern | 4,989 | 622 | 652 | 107 | 282 | 71 | 240 | 314 | 7,277 |
| Dublin | 1,114 | 203 | 9 | 21 | 72 | 13 | 29 | 106 | 1,567 |
| Mid-East | 859 | 81 | 180 | 24 | 66 | 8 | 48 | 37 | 1,303 |
| Mid-West | 619 | 71 | 91 | 19 | 37 | 15 | 45 | 38 | 935 |
| South-East | 1,060 | 146 | 176 | 22 | 55 | 20 | 47 | 72 | 1,598 |
| South West | 1,337 | 121 | 196 | 21 | 52 | 15 | 71 | 61 | 1,874 |
| State | 8,368 | 965 | 1,440 | 165 | 441 | 115 | 414 | 422 | 12,330 |

- No permissions

Table 3(b) Total Floor Area Planned (000 sq.m) in new construction and extensions, Q4 2007, classified by region and functional category

| Type of Development and Planning Region | Functional Category | | | | | | Total ^{1*} |
|---|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| | Dwellings* | Commercial Buildings | Buildings for Agriculture | Industrial Buildings | Govt., Health and Education | Other Buildings for Social Use | |
| New Construction | | | | | | | |
| Border, Midland and Western | 1,087 | 210 | 279 | 65 | 46 | 23 | 1,710 |
| Border | 509 | 87 | 143 | 45 | 21 | 12 | 817 |
| Midland | 219 | 41 | 56 | 6 | 13 | 8 | 343 |
| West | 359 | 83 | 80 | 14 | 12 | 3 | 551 |
| Southern and Eastern | 1,593 | 415 | 250 | 200 | 106 | 31 | 2,595 |
| Dublin | 318 | 169 | 12 | 104 | 51 | 5 | 659 |
| Mid-East | 254 | 58 | 78 | 44 | 17 | 2 | 453 |
| Mid-West | 218 | 28 | 31 | 10 | 10 | 5 | 302 |
| South-East | 423 | 74 | 64 | 13 | 17 | 12 | 603 |
| South West | 379 | 86 | 66 | 29 | 11 | 7 | 578 |
| State | 2,680 | 626 | 529 | 265 | 152 | 54 | 4,306 |
| Extension | | | | | | | |
| Border, Midland and Western | 69 | 23 | 30 | 32 | 24 | 2 | 180 |
| Border | 31 | 8 | 12 | 18 | 7 | 1 | 77 |
| Midland | 16 | 6 | 11 | 7 | 4 | - | 44 |
| West | 22 | 9 | 8 | 8 | 14 | 1 | 62 |
| Southern and Eastern | 146 | 60 | 43 | 29 | 60 | 10 | 348 |
| Dublin | 39 | 13 | - | 1 | 17 | 1 | 71 |
| Mid-East | 30 | 1 | 16 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 59 |
| Mid-West | 15 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 16 | 4 | 46 |
| South-East | 28 | 8 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 1 | 69 |
| South West | 33 | 33 | 16 | 10 | 8 | 2 | 102 |
| State | 215 | 83 | 74 | 61 | 84 | 12 | 528 |
| Total New Construction and Extension | | | | | | | |
| Border, Midland and Western | 1,156 | 234 | 310 | 97 | 71 | 24 | 1,892 |
| Border | 540 | 96 | 155 | 63 | 28 | 13 | 895 |
| Midland | 235 | 46 | 67 | 13 | 17 | 9 | 387 |
| West | 381 | 92 | 88 | 22 | 26 | 3 | 612 |
| Southern and Eastern | 1,739 | 475 | 293 | 229 | 166 | 41 | 2,943 |
| Dublin | 357 | 182 | 12 | 105 | 68 | 6 | 730 |
| Mid-East | 284 | 59 | 94 | 46 | 26 | 4 | 513 |
| Mid-West | 233 | 32 | 32 | 16 | 25 | 9 | 347 |
| South-East | 452 | 83 | 73 | 24 | 28 | 13 | 673 |
| South West | 413 | 119 | 82 | 39 | 19 | 9 | 681 |
| State | 2,895 | 709 | 602 | 327 | 236 | 65 | 4,835 |

¹ For categories where floor area is a relevant measure

* Revised

NOTE: 0 implies less than 500 sq.m

Table 4 Summary of Planning Permissions Granted for new houses and apartments, Q1 2004 - Q4 2007

| Period | All Houses | | | | of which Multi-Development Houses | | | | of which One-Off Houses | | | | Apartments | | | |
|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|---|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|---|
| | Number of Permissions | Number of Units | Floor Area (000 m ²) | Average Floor Area per Unit (m ²) | Number of Permissions | Number of Units | Floor Area (000 m ²) | Average Floor Area per Unit (m ²) | Number of Permissions | Number of Units | Floor Area (000 m ²) | Average Floor Area per Unit (m ²) | Number of Permissions | Number of Units | Floor Area (000 m ²) | Average Floor Area per Unit (m ²) |
| 2004 Q 1 | 6,426 | 17,054 | 2,509 | 147.1 | 585 | 11,213 | 1,331 | 118.7 | 5,841 | 5,841 | 1,177 | 201.6 | 457 | 8,347 | 646 | 77.4 |
| Q 2 | 7,123 | 18,653 | 2,770 | 148.5 | 640 | 12,170 | 1,443 | 118.6 | 6,483 | 6,483 | 1,328 | 204.8 | 425 | 7,313 | 543 | 74.2 |
| Q 3 | 6,647 | 17,097 | 2,580 | 150.9 | 601 | 11,051 | 1,336 | 120.9 | 6,046 | 6,046 | 1,244 | 205.7 | 446 | 7,399 | 579 | 78.3 |
| Q 4 | 5,555 | 16,772 | 2,428 | 144.8 | 551 | 11,768 | 1,392 | 118.3 | 5,004 | 5,004 | 1,036 | 207.1 | 403 | 9,018 | 691 | 76.6 |
| Year | 25,751 | 69,576 | 10,287 | 147.8 | 2,377 | 46,202 | 5,502 | 119.1 | 23,374 | 23,374 | 4,785 | 204.7 | 1,731 | 32,077 | 2,459 | 76.7 |
| 2005 Q 1 | 5,749 | 18,913 | 2,810 | 148.6 | 627 | 13,791 | 1,729 | 125.4 | 5,122 | 5,122 | 1,081 | 211.0 | 416 | 6,437 | 487 | 75.7 |
| Q 2 | 6,244 | 21,938 | 3,186 | 145.2 | 756 | 16,450 | 2,027 | 123.2 | 5,488 | 5,488 | 1,159 | 211.1 | 472 | 6,880 | 553 | 80.4 |
| Q 3 | 6,005 | 18,190 | 2,756 | 151.5 | 680 | 12,865 | 1,612 | 125.3 | 5,325 | 5,325 | 1,144 | 214.8 | 476 | 5,791 | 461 | 79.6 |
| Q 4 | 5,516 | 16,609 | 2,526 | 152.1 | 583 | 11,676 | 1,452 | 124.3 | 4,933 | 4,933 | 1,075 | 217.8 | 435 | 4,594 | 352 | 76.7 |
| Year | 23,514 | 75,650 | 11,278 | 149.1 | 2,646 | 54,782 | 6,820 | 124.5 | 20,868 | 20,868 | 4,458 | 213.6 | 1,799 | 23,702 | 1,854 | 78.2 |
| 2006 Q 1 | 5,500 | 16,454 | 2,504 | 152.2 | 602 | 11,556 | 1,433 | 124.0 | 4,898 | 4,898 | 1,071 | 218.7 | 385 | 6,070 | 485 | 79.8 |
| Q 2 | 5,259 | 15,014 | 2,413 | 160.7 | 563 | 10,318 | 1,359 | 131.7 | 4,696 | 4,696 | 1,055 | 224.6 | 327 | 4,083 | 316 | 77.5 |
| Q 3 | 5,683 | 15,486 | 2,504 | 161.7 | 602 | 10,405 | 1,351 | 129.8 | 5,081 | 5,081 | 1,153 | 226.9 | 345 | 5,397 | 456 | 84.5 |
| Q 4 | 4,967 | 13,054 | 2,105 | 161.3 | 485 | 8,572 | 1,086 | 126.7 | 4,482 | 4,482 | 1,019 | 227.3 | 283 | 3,197 | 263 | 82.2 |
| Year | 21,409 | 60,008 | 9,526 | 158.7 | 2,252 | 40,851 | 5,228 | 128.0 | 19,157 | 19,157 | 4,298 | 224.3 | 1,340 | 18,747 | 1,520 | 81.1 |
| 2007 Q 1 | 5,345 | 15,654 | 2,532 | 161.8 | 603 | 10,912 | 1,418 | 130.0 | 4,742 | 4,742 | 1,114 | 234.9 | 360 | 4,884 | 402 | 82.3 |
| Q 2 | 5,240 | 18,201 | 2,918 | 160.3 | 556 | 13,517 | 1,809 | 133.8 | 4,684 | 4,684 | 1,109 | 236.8 | 387 | 5,787 | 478 | 82.7 |
| Q 3 | 5,472 | 15,838 | 2,610 | 164.8 | 595 | 10,961 | 1,447 | 132.0 | 4,877 | 4,877 | 1,163 | 238.4 | 391 | 6,300 | 536 | 85.1 |
| Q 4 | 4,731 | 13,135 | 2,235 | 170.2 | 479 | 8,883 | 1,206 | 135.8 | 4,252 | 4,252 | 1,029 | 242.0 | 286 | 4,598 | 418 | 90.9 |
| Year | 20,788 | 62,828 | 10,295 | 163.9 | 2,233 | 44,273 | 5,880 | 132.8 | 18,555 | 18,555 | 4,415 | 238.0 | 1,424 | 21,569 | 1,834 | 85.0 |

Background Notes

Scope and Background

Details of the scope and background of this series were given in the March 1973 Statistical Bulletin. The Planning and Development Acts 1963 – 2000, imposes certain requirements on builders, developers and all other persons who propose to build or develop and specifies that a planning permission must be obtained from the relevant Planning Authority.

Local authority building (including housing) is exempt in the case where construction takes place in the Authorities' own area. Therefore, works undertaken by a local authority outside its functional area come within the scope of the Acts, and need planning permission. Planning permission is also needed for development by the State, except where the consultation procedures provided for in the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1993 obtain (e.g. national security, public safety or order, the administration of justice etc.). This series only provides coverage where development is subject to the requirement to obtain planning permission.

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Regions

The Local Government Act 1991 (Regional Authorities) (Establishment) Order, 1993, which came into operation on 1 January 1994, established eight new Regions. The CSO has adopted these in place of the old Planning Regions as the basis for the regional breakdown of planning permissions data.

Classification

Planning permissions are classified by type of development, local authority district and by regional authority. A distinction is made between residential and non-residential building and civil engineering.

Coverage

Only final grants of permission or approvals are covered, i.e. only works which involve construction. The following permissions are excluded since they do not entail construction per se:

- Changes of a technical and business nature as distinct from a building or structural nature;
- Outline permission;
- Retention of an existing building;
- Changes to existing plan;
- Bye-law permission;
- Refusals - permissions subsequently granted on appeal by An Bord Pleanála are included.

Rounding

As the figures for floor area have been rounded there may be slight discrepancies between the sum of the constituent items and the totals shown.

Estimates are included where complete details of floor area size are not available.

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. The composition of the regions is set out below.

Border, Midlands and Western NUTS2 Region

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| Border | Cavan Donegal Leitrim Louth Monaghan Sligo |
| Midland | Laoighis Longford Offaly Westmeath |
| West | Galway City Galway County Mayo Roscommon |

Southern and Eastern NUTS2 Region

| | |
|-------------------|--|
| Dublin | Dublin City Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Fingal South Dublin |
| Mid-East | Kildare Meath Wicklow |
| Mid-West | Clare Limerick City Limerick County North Tipperary |
| South-East | Carlow Kilkenny South Tipperary Waterford City Waterford County Wexford |
| South-West | Cork City Cork County Kerry |