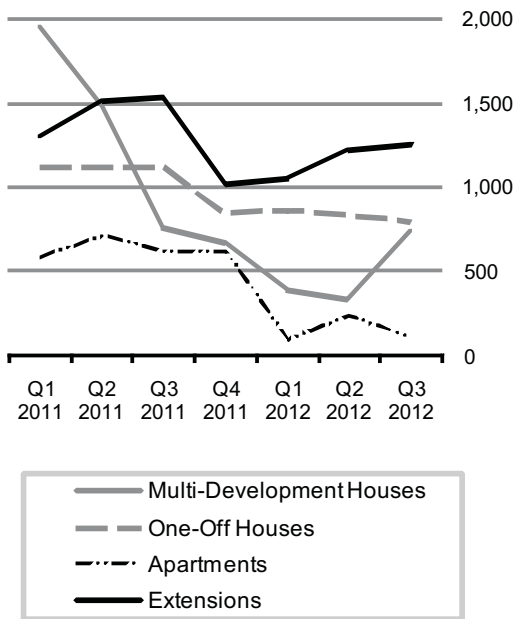




Number of Dwelling Units approved classified by type of unit, Q1 2011 - Q3 2012



Planning Permissions Quarter 3 2012

Number of Dwelling Units Approved

	Houses	Apartments	Total
Quarter 3 2011	1,887	625	2,512
Quarter 3 2012	1,540	98	1,638
% change	-18.4%	-84.3%	-34.8%

Dwelling units approved down 34.8% in year

In the third quarter of 2012, planning permissions were granted for 1,638 dwelling units, compared with 2,512 units for the same period in 2011, a decrease of 34.8%. *See Table 4.*

The third quarter figures also show that:

- ◆ Planning Permissions were granted for 1,540 houses in the third quarter of 2012 and 1,887 in the third quarter of 2011, a decrease of 18.4%. *See Table 4.*
- ◆ Planning permissions were granted for 98 apartment units, compared with 625 units for the same period in 2011, a decrease of 84.3%. *See Table 4.*
- ◆ One-off houses accounted for 52.0% of all new dwelling units granted planning permission in this quarter. *See Table 4.*
- ◆ The total number of planning permissions granted for all developments was 4,047. This compares with 4,446 in the third quarter of 2011, a decrease of 9.0%. *See Table 1.*
- ◆ Total floor area planned was 877 thousand square metres in the third quarter of 2012. Of this, 35.6% was for new dwellings, 39.4% for other new constructions and 25.0% for extensions. The total floor area planned decreased by 9.5% in comparison with the same quarter in 2011. *See Table 1.*
- ◆ Planning Permissions for new buildings for Agriculture increased to 231 this quarter. This compares to 194 permissions in the same quarter of 2011. *See Table 3(a).*

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Table 1 Summary of Planning Permissions Granted, Q1 2004 - Q3 2012

Period	Number of Permissions					Total Floor Area (000 sq.m) ¹				
	New Construction		Extension	Alteration and Conversion	Total	New Construction		Extension	Total	
	Dwellings	Other				Dwellings	Other			
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
2008	Q 1	4,777	2,104	3,523	651	11,055	2,645	1,359	509	4,514
	Q 2	4,722	2,050	3,743	700	11,215	2,901	1,425	444	4,770
	Q 3	4,253	1,774	4,166	711	10,904	2,263	1,265	470	3,998
	Q 4	3,739	1,616	3,003	619	8,977	2,028	1,102	387	3,517
	Year	17,491	7,544	14,435	2,681	42,151	9,837	5,151	1,810	16,799
2009	Q 1	3,275	1,231	2,499	481	7,486	2,090	870	459	3,419
	Q 2	2,689	1,158	2,405	504	6,756	1,753	872	281	2,906
	Q 3	2,505	1,218	2,433	499	6,655	1,273	915	278	2,466
	Q 4	1,911	908	1,885	433	5,137	812	408	179	1,399
	Year	10,380	4,515	9,222	1,917	26,034	5,928	3,065	1,197	10,190
2010	Q 1	1,768	775	1,617	359	4,519	844	303	181	1,328
	Q 2	1,513	772	1,996	394	4,675	776	553	232	1,561
	Q 3	1,634	866	2,319	453	5,272	727	415	271	1,412
	Q 4	1,432	792	1,778	371	4,373	514	254	186	955
	Year	6,347	3,205	7,710	1,577	18,839	2,861	1,525	870	5,256
2011	Q 1	1,277	700	1,637	405	4,019	599	376	202	1,177
	Q 2	1,264	721	1,866	393	4,244	560	452	209	1,222
	Q 3	1,271	862	1,896	417	4,446	465	288	216	969
	Q 4	955	681	1,312	335	3,283	357	214	137	708
	Year	4,767	2,964	6,711	1,550	15,992	1,982	1,330	765	4,077
2012	Q 1	957	695	1,339	377	3,368	279	283	173	734
	Q 2	942	828	1,549	353	3,672	284	341	199	824
	Q 3	907	1,050	1,680	410	4,047	312	346	219	877

¹ For categories where floor area is a relevant measure

Table 2 Summary of Planning Permissions granted, Q3 2012, 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	354	334	452	99	1,239	109	107	70	286
Border	171	161	231	36	599	55	67	35	156
Cavan	13	12	34	1	60	4	2	6	12
Donegal	71	55	80	8	214	27	23	8	58
Leitrim	5	10	18	2	35	1	-	1	3
Louth	31	30	48	12	121	9	31	7	46
Monaghan	28	29	24	7	88	8	9	6	23
Sligo	23	25	27	6	81	6	1	7	14
Midland	55	81	93	25	254	14	27	16	57
Laois	21	25	22	7	75	5	7	3	15
Longford	12	10	12	2	36	3	1	3	7
Offaly	10	18	35	5	68	2	15	4	21
Westmeath	12	28	24	11	75	3	5	6	14
West	128	92	128	38	386	41	13	20	73
Galway City	9	9	22	13	53	5	-	9	15
Galway ²	44	49	54	15	162	13	7	4	25
Mayo	50	12	35	6	103	13	2	4	20
Roscommon	25	22	17	4	68	8	3	2	14
Southern and Eastern	553	716	1,228	311	2,808	203	239	148	591
Dublin	59	114	424	147	744	69	41	38	148
Dublin City	21	64	159	84	328	14	22	10	46
Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown	6	3	106	7	122	12	-	6	18
Fingal	24	22	102	36	184	40	17	19	75
South Dublin	8	25	57	20	110	3	2	4	9
Mid-East	99	91	158	40	388	33	22	16	71
Kildare	31	32	51	14	128	11	3	6	19
Meath	40	34	65	12	151	13	8	6	26
Wicklow	28	25	42	14	109	10	11	4	26
Mid-West	109	123	149	36	417	26	33	25	84
Clare	39	31	54	9	133	9	3	6	17
Limerick City	1	4	11	13	29	-	-	1	1
Limerick ²	47	55	48	11	161	11	24	10	45
North Tipperary	22	33	36	3	94	6	7	9	22
South-East	126	179	214	42	561	31	52	32	115
Carlow	5	10	21	8	44	1	2	4	6
Kilkenny	32	36	52	13	133	9	9	11	28
South Tipperary	19	44	43	4	110	5	14	6	25
Waterford City	1	5	10	1	17	-	-	1	2
Waterford ²	19	37	29	3	88	4	12	4	20
Wexford	50	47	59	13	169	12	15	7	33
South-West	160	209	283	46	698	44	91	37	173
Cork City	7	13	39	14	73	1	14	3	18
Cork ²	124	118	171	24	437	33	65	22	120
Kerry	29	78	73	8	188	10	12	12	34
State	907	1,050	1,680	410	4,047	312	346	219	877

¹ For categories where floor area is a relevant measure

² Excluding cities

- No permissions

NOTE: 0 implies less than 500 sq.m

Table 3(a) Number of Planning Permissions granted, Q3 2012, 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	354	15	63	10	10	32	114	90	688
Border	171	10	32	5	5	18	53	38	332
Midland	55	3	17	2	4	4	26	25	136
West	128	2	14	3	1	10	35	27	220
Southern and Eastern	553	36	168	15	22	41	177	257	1,269
Dublin	59	10	2	4	9	5	24	60	173
Mid-East	99	3	16	2	3	7	26	34	190
Mid-West	109	9	46	-	1	9	34	24	232
South-East	126	2	55	1	3	12	44	62	305
South West	160	12	49	8	6	8	49	77	369
State	907	51	231	25	32	73	291	347	1,957
Extension									
Border, Midland and Western	317	13	22	4	64	32	-	-	452
Border	154	8	11	4	32	22	-	-	231
Midland	68	3	7	-	13	2	-	-	93
West	95	2	4	-	19	8	-	-	128
Southern and Eastern	932	53	67	16	111	49	-	-	1,228
Dublin	370	15	1	2	30	6	-	-	424
Mid-East	120	8	1	3	19	7	-	-	158
Mid-West	100	9	13	2	15	10	-	-	149
South-East	136	8	22	8	24	16	-	-	214
South West	206	13	30	1	23	10	-	-	283
State	1,249	66	89	20	175	81	-	-	1,680
Alteration and Conversion									
Border, Midland and Western	33	39	-	3	15	9	-	-	99
Border	12	14	-	1	5	4	-	-	36
Midland	6	12	-	1	6	-	-	-	25
West	15	13	-	1	4	5	-	-	38
Southern and Eastern	104	117	2	7	54	27	-	-	311
Dublin	61	46	-	2	27	11	-	-	147
Mid-East	12	15	-	1	9	3	-	-	40
Mid-West	7	14	-	3	7	5	-	-	36
South-East	10	20	-	1	6	5	-	-	42
South West	14	22	2	-	5	3	-	-	46
State	137	156	2	10	69	36	-	-	410
All Developments									
Border, Midland and Western	704	67	85	17	89	73	114	90	1,239
Border	337	32	43	10	42	44	53	38	599
Midland	129	18	24	3	23	6	26	25	254
West	238	17	18	4	24	23	35	27	386
Southern and Eastern	1,589	206	237	38	187	117	177	257	2,808
Dublin	490	71	3	8	66	22	24	60	744
Mid-East	231	26	17	6	31	17	26	34	388
Mid-West	216	32	59	5	23	24	34	24	417
South-East	272	30	77	10	33	33	44	62	561
South West	380	47	81	9	34	21	49	77	698
State	2,293	273	322	55	276	190	291	347	4,047

- No permissions

**Table 3(b) Total Floor Area Planned (000 sq.m) in new construction and extensions,
Q3 2012, 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	109	29	46	11	10	11	216
Border	55	28	21	5	4	8	121
Midland	14	1	18	3	5	1	41
West	41	0	7	3	0	2	53
Southern and Eastern	203	56	121	14	31	18	442
Dublin	69	21	1	0	17	1	110
Mid-East	33	2	8	0	9	3	55
Mid-West	26	4	26	-	0	3	59
South-East	31	4	40	0	3	5	83
South West	44	25	46	14	2	5	135
State	312	84	167	26	41	29	658
Extension							
Border, Midland and Western	22	4	11	3	24	7	70
Border	10	2	4	3	11	4	35
Midland	5	1	6	-	4	0	16
West	7	0	1	-	10	2	20
Southern and Eastern	52	7	29	15	36	8	148
Dublin	17	2	0	3	15	1	38
Mid-East	8	2	0	2	4	1	16
Mid-West	6	1	5	5	7	1	25
South-East	8	1	9	5	7	2	32
South West	13	2	15	0	4	3	37
State	74	11	41	18	60	15	219
Total New Construction and Extension							
Border, Midland and Western	131	32	57	14	34	18	286
Border	65	30	25	8	16	12	156
Midland	18	2	24	3	9	1	57
West	48	1	8	3	10	4	73
Southern and Eastern	255	63	150	30	67	26	591
Dublin	86	23	1	3	32	3	148
Mid-East	41	3	8	2	12	4	71
Mid-West	32	5	31	5	7	4	84
South-East	39	4	49	5	9	8	115
South West	58	27	61	14	6	8	173
State	386	95	208	43	101	44	877

¹ For categories where floor area is a relevant measure

- No permissions

NOTE: 0 implies less than 500 sq.m

Table 4 Summary of Planning Permissions Granted for new houses and apartments, Q1 2008- Q3 2012

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)
2008 Q 1	4,448	13,301	2,191	164.7	436	9,289	1,221	131.4	4,012	4,012	970	241.7	317	5,281	442	83.8
Q 2	4,393	12,598	2,238	177.7	429	8,634	1,259	145.8	3,964	3,964	979	247.0	317	7,344	632	86.0
Q 3	3,980	11,532	1,913	165.9	364	7,916	1,012	127.8	3,616	3,616	901	249.1	259	3,761	331	87.9
Q 4	3,476	10,375	1,717	165.5	314	7,213	918	127.3	3,162	3,162	799	252.6	246	3,392	285	83.9
Year	16,297	47,806	8,059	168.6	1,543	33,052	4,410	133.4	14,754	14,754	3,649	247.3	1,139	19,778	1,690	85.4
2009 Q 1	3,025	10,256	1,687	164.5	282	7,513	995	132.4	2,743	2,743	692	252.4	237	3,921	382	97.4
Q 2	2,475	7,739	1,273	164.5	237	5,501	707	128.5	2,238	2,238	566	252.9	202	5,092	467	91.7
Q 3	2,304	5,362	963	179.6	196	3,254	434	133.3	2,108	2,108	529	251.1	195	3,222	306	94.9
Q 4	1,763	3,457	669	193.4	139	1,833	252	137.7	1,624	1,624	416	256.3	137	1,507	131	87.0
Year	9,567	26,814	4,592	171.3	854	18,101	2,388	131.9	8,713	8,713	2,203	252.8	771	13,742	1,286	93.6
2010 Q 1	1,664	3,585	667	186.2	112	2,033	280	137.5	1,552	1,552	388	249.9	92	1,925	163	84.5
Q 2	1,395	3,043	548	180.0	95	1,743	219	125.4	1,300	1,300	329	253.2	115	2,335	228	97.6
Q 3	1,537	2,817	552	196.0	94	1,374	192	139.4	1,443	1,443	361	249.9	89	1,824	167	91.6
Q 4	1,362	2,159	441	204.4	75	872	122	139.7	1,287	1,287	319	248.2	65	790	71	90.4
Year	5,958	11,604	2,208	190.3	376	6,022	813	135.5	5,582	5,582	1,397	250.3	361	6,874	629	91.5
2011 Q 1	1,205	3,075	528	171.7	78	1,948	246	126.2	1,127	1,127	282	250.3	67	592	65	109.2
Q 2	1,197	2,599	487	187.3	71	1,473	204	138.8	1,126	1,126	282	250.7	63	711	70	98.9
Q 3	1,207	1,887	389	206.4	83	763	111	145.9	1,124	1,124	278	247.5	56	625	73	117.5
Q 4	907	1,537	302	196.3	41	671	86	128.6	866	866	210	249.0	43	619	54	87.9
Year	4,516	9,098	1,706	187.5	273	4,855	647	133.4	4,243	4,243	1,058	249.4	229	2,547	263	103.2
2012 Q 1	902	1,263	268	212.4	34	395	53	134.7	868	868	215	247.8	49	92	7	80.8
Q 2	875	1,166	257	220.0	45	336	48	143.2	830	830	208	251.2	62	240	24	101.8
Q 3	857	1,540	302	196.1	56	739	107	145.4	801	801	194	242.8	47	98	8	85.1

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

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

Eastern and Southern 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