



**Table 1 Summary of Planning Permissions Granted, 1993-1999**

Period	Number of Permissions					Total Floor Area (000 m <sup>2</sup> partly estimated) <sup>1</sup>			
	New Construction		Extension	Alteration and Conversion	Total	New Construction		Extension	Total <sup>2</sup>
	Dwellings	Other				Dwellings	Other <sup>2</sup>		
1993 1st Quarter	1,938	887	1,518	633	4,976	693	254	151	1,098
2nd "	2,146	1,026	1,720	640	5,532	719	300	168	1,186
3rd "	2,459	1,292	2,318	829	6,898	649	302	201	1,152
4th "	2,258	1,245	1,790	695	5,988	639	380	159	1,178
<b>Year</b>	<b>8,801</b>	<b>4,450</b>	<b>7,346</b>	<b>2,797</b>	<b>23,394</b>	<b>2,700</b>	<b>1,236</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>4,614</b>
1994 1st Quarter	2,202	1,247	1,815	695	5,959	691	402	184	1,277
2nd "	2,549	1,278	2,290	853	6,970	683	344	221	1,247
3rd "	2,771	1,462	2,586	872	7,691	842	573	285	1,699
4th "	2,398	1,357	1,946	603	6,304	753	416	248	1,416
<b>Year</b>	<b>9,920</b>	<b>5,344</b>	<b>8,637</b>	<b>3,023</b>	<b>26,924</b>	<b>2,969</b>	<b>1,735</b>	<b>938</b>	<b>5,639</b>
1995 1st Quarter	2,424	1,288	1,982	654	6,348	943	331	234	1,508
2nd "	2,464	1,552	2,473	782	7,271	830	530	249	1,609
3rd "	2,898	1,753	2,830	891	8,372	925	576	331	1,833
4th "	2,512	1,268	2,132	656	6,568	675	484	255	1,415
<b>Year</b>	<b>10,298</b>	<b>5,861</b>	<b>9,417</b>	<b>2,983</b>	<b>28,559</b>	<b>3,373</b>	<b>1,921</b>	<b>1,069</b>	<b>6,365</b>
1996 1st Quarter	2,775	1,304	2,175	645	6,899	1,031	441	279	1,751
2nd "	3,028	1,325	2,788	709	7,850	959	838	278	2,075
3rd "	3,313	1,528	3,174	792	8,807	1,146	666	342	2,155
4th "	2,900	1,144	2,285	653	6,982	1,031	473	212	1,717
<b>Year</b>	<b>12,016</b>	<b>5,301</b>	<b>10,422</b>	<b>2,799</b>	<b>30,538</b>	<b>4,167</b>	<b>2,418</b>	<b>1,111</b>	<b>7,698</b>
1997 1st Quarter	2,991	1,107	2,231	613	6,942	1,077	492	319	1,888
2nd "	3,393	1,294	2,817	676	8,180	1,304	671	301	2,276
3rd "	3,818	1,334	3,348	735	9,235	1,134	447	384	1,965
4th "	3,527	1,333	2,754	662	8,276	1,144	516	364	2,024
<b>Year</b>	<b>13,729</b>	<b>5,068</b>	<b>11,150</b>	<b>2,686</b>	<b>32,633</b>	<b>4,659</b>	<b>2,126</b>	<b>1,368</b>	<b>8,153</b>
1998 1st Quarter	3,513	1,216	2,491	602	7,822	1,403	618	333	2,354
2nd "	3,854	1,182	3,087	671	8,794	1,383	521	388	2,292
3rd "	5,027	1,486	4,060	763	11,336	1,897	804	496	3,198
4th "	4,325	1,296	2,938	712	9,271	1,415	605	357	2,377
<b>Year</b>	<b>16,719</b>	<b>5,180</b>	<b>12,576</b>	<b>2,748</b>	<b>37,223</b>	<b>6,098</b>	<b>2,548</b>	<b>1,574</b>	<b>10,221</b>
1999 1st Quarter	4,439	1,249	2,811	715	9,214	1,638	744	382	2,763
2nd "	4,601	1,207	3,217	714	9,739	1,701	672	422	2,795
3rd "	5,636	1,442	4,190	870	12,138	1,774	685	395	2,854
4th "	4,799	1,374	2,874	764	9,811	1,521	672	305	2,499
<b>Year</b>	<b>19,475</b>	<b>5,272</b>	<b>13,092</b>	<b>3,063</b>	<b>40,902</b>	<b>6,634</b>	<b>2,773</b>	<b>1,504</b>	<b>10,911</b>

<sup>1</sup> partly estimated<sup>2</sup> for permissions for which floor area is a relevant measure

**Table 2 Summary of Planning Permissions granted, fourth quarter 1999, classified by region, county and type of development.**

Planning Region and County	Number of Permissions					Total Floor Area (000 m <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>1</sup>			
	New Construction		Extension	Alteration and Conversion	Total	New Construction		Extension	Total <sup>2</sup>
	Dwellings	Other				Dwellings	Other <sup>2</sup>		
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>2,204</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>853</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>3,723</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>959</b>
<b>Border</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>1,632</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>360</b>
Cavan	139	27	71	13	250	50	12	10	72
Donegal	423	70	126	19	638	92	24	12	128
Leitrim	69	20	30	4	123	15	4	2	20
Louth	140	24	116	23	303	48	3	9	60
Monaghan	91	25	28	14	158	22	8	3	33
Sligo	81	29	41	9	160	34	10	3	47
<b>Midland</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>221</b>
Laois	120	33	36	9	198	48	22	3	73
Longford	66	20	40	14	140	26	2	7	34
Offaly	152	14	36	10	212	33	2	5	41
Westmeath	107	28	48	14	197	57	10	5	72
<b>West</b>	<b>816</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>1,344</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>378</b>
Galway Co. Borough	19	15	26	11	71	36	15	2	53
Galway <sup>3</sup>	411	69	122	29	631	103	24	10	137
Mayo	248	50	80	23	401	89	17	9	115
Roscommon	138	40	53	10	241	55	10	8	73
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>2,595</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>2,021</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>6,088</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>1,540</b>
<b>Dublin</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>1,474</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>468</b>
Dublin Co. Borough	76	95	300	113	584	36	20	29	84
Dun Laoghaire - Rathdown	29	30	176	48	283	15	5	9	30
Fingal	96	70	166	30	362	43	176	24	243
South Dublin	24	62	119	40	245	14	74	23	111
<b>Mid-East</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>139</b>
Kildare	12	8	18	6	44	9	6	1	16
Meath	130	37	102	16	285	44	9	12	66
Wicklow	94	35	98	26	253	33	13	11	57
<b>Mid-West</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>1,059</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>227</b>
Clare	240	77	79	39	435	53	26	8	87
Limerick Co. Borough	6	18	29	17	70	2	4	5	11
Limerick <sup>3</sup>	191	47	114	10	362	52	26	8	86
Tipperary N.R.	101	29	48	14	192	31	10	3	44
<b>South-East</b>	<b>759</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>1,368</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>367</b>
Carlow	78	30	47	13	168	25	12	8	45
Kilkenny	132	57	58	18	265	29	26	6	61
Tipperary S.R.	34	26	35	7	102	14	10	2	27
Waterford Co. Borough	7	14	18	7	46	4	7	2	12
Waterford <sup>3</sup>	159	24	59	23	265	97	4	5	106
Wexford	349	52	97	24	522	97	10	10	116
<b>South-West</b>	<b>837</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>1,605</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>339</b>
Cork Co. Borough	13	25	58	26	122	7	4	6	17
Cork <sup>3</sup>	530	131	284	61	1,006	153	48	31	232
Kerry	294	43	116	24	477	55	20	15	90
<b>State</b>	<b>4,799</b>	<b>1,374</b>	<b>2,874</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>9,811</b>	<b>1,521</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>2,499</b>

<sup>1</sup> partly estimated

<sup>2</sup> for categories where floor area is a relevant measure

<sup>3</sup> excluding boroughs

**Table 3A Number of Planning Permissions granted, fourth quarter 1999, 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	
<b>New Construction</b>									
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>2,204</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>2,668</b>
Border	943	37	42	5	13	7	23	68	1,138
Midland	445	17	26	4	4	3	14	27	540
West	816	35	39	8	6	5	16	65	990
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>2,595</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>3,505</b>
Dublin	225	45	9	20	19	11	29	124	482
Mid-East	236	21	16	4	4	4	9	22	316
Mid-West	538	38	46	3	4	3	14	63	709
South-East	759	33	57	5	7	4	13	84	962
South-West	837	35	41	17	7	4	21	74	1,036
<b>State</b>	<b>4,799</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>6,173</b>
<b>Extension</b>									
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>13</b>	-	-	<b>853</b>
Border	359	31	3	7	6	6	-	-	412
Midland	135	15	1	1	4	4	-	-	160
West	232	32	4	3	7	3	-	-	281
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>1,727</b>	<b>167</b>	-	<b>41</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>21</b>	-	-	<b>2,021</b>
Dublin	669	46	-	13	24	9	-	-	761
Mid-East	192	14	-	4	7	1	-	-	218
Mid-West	232	19	-	7	9	3	-	-	270
South-East	264	26	-	6	11	7	-	-	314
South-West	370	62	-	11	14	1	-	-	458
<b>State</b>	<b>2,453</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>34</b>	-	-	<b>2,874</b>
<b>Alteration and Conversion</b>									
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	-	-	<b>202</b>
Border	45	28	1	3	4	3	-	-	82
Midland	24	15	-	-	5	3	-	-	47
West	39	27	-	2	5	-	-	-	73
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>181</b>	-	<b>19</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>11</b>	-	-	<b>562</b>
Dublin	135	75	-	5	10	6	-	-	231
Mid-East	33	11	-	-	4	-	-	-	48
Mid-West	46	22	-	5	5	2	-	-	80
South-East	50	30	-	4	6	2	-	-	92
South-West	56	43	-	5	6	1	-	-	111
<b>State</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>17</b>	-	-	<b>764</b>
<b>All Developments</b>									
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>3,038</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>3,723</b>
Border	1,347	94	46	15	23	16	23	68	1,632
Midland	604	47	27	5	13	10	14	27	747
West	1,087	94	43	13	18	8	16	65	1,344
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>4,642</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>6,088</b>
Dublin	1,029	166	9	38	53	26	29	124	1,474
Mid-East	461	46	16	8	15	5	9	22	582
Mid-West	816	79	46	15	18	8	14	63	1,059
South-East	1,073	89	57	15	24	13	13	84	1,368
South-West	1,263	140	41	33	27	6	21	74	1,605
<b>State</b>	<b>7,680</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>9,811</b>

- no permissions

**Table 3B Total Floor Area planned (000 m<sup>2</sup>, partly estimated)<sup>1</sup> in new construction and extensions, fourth quarter 1999, classified by region and functional category.**

Type of Development and Planning Region	Functional Category						Total <sup>1</sup>
	Dwellings	Commercial Buildings	Buildings for Agriculture	Industrial Buildings	Govt., Health and Education	Other Buildings for Social Use	
<b>New Construction</b>							
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>869</b>
Border	261	22	16	9	10	3	320
Midland	164	21	10	0	3	2	201
West	283	39	12	9	4	1	348
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1,325</b>
Dublin	108	119	5	123	20	7	383
Mid-East	87	18	5	3	1	1	115
Mid-West	138	39	15	9	3	1	204
South-East	265	16	29	14	9	2	335
South-West	215	25	20	24	3	2	287
<b>State</b>	<b>1,521</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2,194</b>
<b>Extension</b>							
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>89</b>
Border	20	11	0	5	1	2	39
Midland	11	6	0	0	2	0	20
West	14	6	1	2	6	1	30
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>216</b>
Dublin	30	24	-	16	13	2	85
Mid-East	11	6	-	3	3	0	24
Mid-West	13	4	-	3	3	0	24
South-East	15	9	-	3	4	1	33
South-West	21	19	-	6	5	0	51
<b>State</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>305</b>
<b>Total New Construction and Extension</b>							
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>959</b>
Border	281	33	16	14	10	5	360
Midland	175	28	11	1	5	2	221
West	297	45	13	11	10	2	378
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1,540</b>
Dublin	139	143	5	139	33	9	468
Mid-East	98	24	5	5	5	1	139
Mid-West	150	44	15	12	5	1	227
South-East	280	25	29	17	13	4	367
South-West	236	44	20	29	8	2	378
<b>State</b>	<b>1,656</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>2,499</b>

<sup>1</sup> partly estimated

<sup>2</sup> for categories where floor area is a relevant measure

- no permissions.

Note: 0 implies less than 500m<sup>2</sup>.

**Table 4 Summary of Planning Permissions Granted for new houses and apartments, 1993-1999**

Period	Houses				Apartments			
	Number of Permissions	Number of Units	Floor Area (000 m <sup>2</sup> )	Average Floor Area per Unit (m <sup>2</sup> )	Number of Permissions	Number of Units	Floor Area (000 m <sup>2</sup> )	Average Floor Area per Unit (m <sup>2</sup> )
1993 1st Quarter	1,821	4,931	615	124.6	114	1,309	77	59.2
2nd "	2,023	5,198	631	121.4	117	1,355	83	61.3
3rd "	2,316	4,415	568	128.6	135	1,167	73	62.2
4th "	2,125	4,313	558	129.4	125	1,347	76	56.2
<b>Year</b>	<b>8,285</b>	<b>18,857</b>	<b>2,372</b>	<b>125.8</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>5,178</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>59.6</b>
1994 1st Quarter	2,044	4,811	593	123.3	140	1,406	84	59.6
2nd "	2,383	4,464	587	131.6	156	1,440	87	60.6
3rd "	2,619	5,858	764	130.4	144	1,169	73	62.4
4th "	2,250	4,827	634	131.3	139	1,760	111	62.8
<b>Year</b>	<b>9,296</b>	<b>19,960</b>	<b>2,578</b>	<b>129.2</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>5,775</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>61.4</b>
1995 1st Quarter	2,276	6,679	840	125.8	139	1,522	96	62.8
2nd "	2,308	5,647	721	127.8	151	1,765	107	60.8
3rd "	2,732	6,396	838	131.0	158	1,219	83	68.4
4th "	2,361	4,350	582	133.7	146	1,259	88	69.5
<b>Year</b>	<b>9,677</b>	<b>23,072</b>	<b>2,981</b>	<b>129.2</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>5,765</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>64.8</b>
1996 1st Quarter	2,601	7,610	912	119.8	165	1,614	112	69.4
2nd "	2,861	6,640	857	129.1	166	1,421	99	69.6
3rd "	3,151	8,294	1,090	131.4	158	853	54	63.2
4th "	2,745	6,966	912	130.9	148	1,466	103	70.3
<b>Year</b>	<b>11,358</b>	<b>29,510</b>	<b>3,771</b>	<b>127.8</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>5,354</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>68.7</b>
1997 1st Quarter	2,794	6,962	923	132.6	195	2,041	153	74.8
2nd "	3,178	8,821	1,161	131.6	204	1,929	135	70.2
3rd "	3,608	6,975	1,014	145.4	208	1,728	120	69.2
4th "	3,342	7,004	1,029	147.0	183	1,600	113	70.9
<b>Year</b>	<b>12,922</b>	<b>29,762</b>	<b>4,127</b>	<b>138.7</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>7,298</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>71.4</b>
1998 1st Quarter	3,304	9,280	1,286	138.5	206	1,600	115	71.6
2nd "	3,632	9,170	1,251	136.4	218	1,980	128	64.7
3rd "	4,792	12,232	1,754	143.4	234	2,035	143	70.5
4th "	4,119	9,276	1,283	138.3	204	1,816	130	71.8
<b>Year</b>	<b>15,847</b>	<b>39,958</b>	<b>5,574</b>	<b>139.2</b>	<b>862</b>	<b>7,431</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>69.7</b>
1999 1st Quarter	4,255	10,600	1,516	143.0	181	1,830	120	65.7
2nd "	4,446	11,059	1,588	143.6	152	1,586	111	70.1
3rd "	5,484	11,186	1,672	149.4	152	1,329	102	76.8
4th "	4,657	9,413	1,446	153.6	142	1,082	75	69.5
<b>Year</b>	<b>18,842</b>	<b>42,258</b>	<b>6,222</b>	<b>147.2</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>5,827</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>70.1</b>

**Table 5 Details of Planning Permissions granted for new houses and apartments during the fourth quarter 1999, classified by region.**

Planning Region	Number of Permissions	Number of Units	Floor Area (000 m <sup>2</sup> )	Average Floor Area per Unit (m <sup>2</sup> )
<b>Houses</b>				
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>2,167</b>	<b>4,562</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>152.6</b>
Border	928	1,614	254	157.1
Midland	442	1,182	164	138.4
West	797	1,766	278	157.6
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>2,490</b>	<b>4,851</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>154.6</b>
Dublin	178	485	69	142.8
Mid-East	221	528	81	153.0
Mid-West	524	872	134	153.6
South-East	745	1,585	258	163.1
South-West	822	1,381	208	150.7
<b>State</b>	<b>4,657</b>	<b>9,413</b>	<b>1,446</b>	<b>153.6</b>
<b>Apartments</b>				
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>72.6</b>
Border	15	90	7	77.2
Midland	3	14	1	52.7
West	19	75	5	69.0
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>894</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>64.9</b>
Dublin	47	569	39	68.9
Mid-East	15	33	2	65.5
Mid-West	14	58	4	65.1
South-East	14	123	7	55.0
South-West	15	111	6	57.8
<b>State</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>1,073</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>66.3</b>

NOTE: 0 implies less than 500 sq. metres

## Background Notes

<b>Scope and Background</b>	Details of the scope and background of this series were given in the March 1973 <i>Statistical Bulletin</i> . Works undertaken by a local authority outside its functional area come within the scope of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Acts, 1963 to 1993 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.
<b>Regions</b>	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.
<b>Classification</b>	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. Permissions are further subdivided into new construction and repair, maintenance and improvements.
<b>Coverage</b>	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Changes of a technical and business nature as distinct from a building or structural nature;</li><li>• Outline permission;</li><li>• Retention of an existing building;</li><li>• Changes to existing plan;</li><li>• Bye-law permission;</li><li>• Refusals - all permissions granted on appeal by An Bord Pleanála.</li></ul>
<b>Rounding</b>	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.