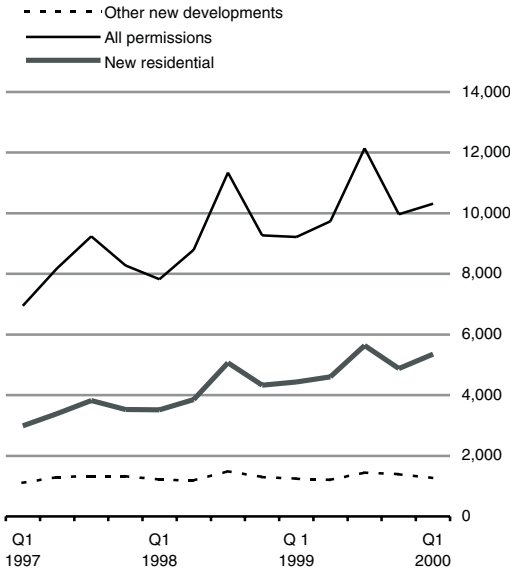




**Planning Permissions Granted
(000's)**



**Planning Permissions
First Quarter 2000**

	Number of Permissions			
	Permissions for new dwellings	Other new developments	Alterations, conversions & extensions	Total
Jan-Mar 1999	4,439	1,249	3,526	9,214
Jan-Mar 2000	5,352	1,270	3,690	10,312

Planning permissions up 11.9%

A total of 10,312 planning permissions was granted in the first quarter of 2000, compared with 9,214 for the same period in 1999, an increase of 11.9%.

The number of new houses covered by the permissions in the first quarter was 11,501 while the number of new apartments was 640.

The first quarter figures also show that:

- ◆ The total floor area planned was 2,866 thousand square metres. Of this, 60.9% was for new dwellings (5,352 permissions), 25.5% for other new construction (1,270 permissions) and 13.7% for extensions (2,858 permissions). *See Table 1.*
- ◆ The Border region had the highest number of permissions with 1,717, followed by the South-West region with 1,545. *See Table 2.*
- ◆ The West had the highest number of new houses at 2,431, followed by the Border region with 2,335. *See Table 5.*
- ◆ The average floor area for houses was highest in the Border region at 160.8 square metres and lowest in the Dublin region at 134.8 square metres. The average floor area per unit for apartments was greatest in the West at 82.5 square metres, while the lowest was the Border region at 45.6 square metres. *See Table 5.*

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Table 1 Summary of Planning Permissions Granted, 1994-2000

Period	Number of Permissions					Total Floor Area (000 m ²) ¹			
	New Construction		Extension	Alteration and Conversion	Total	New Construction		Extension	Total ²
	Dwellings	Other				Dwellings	Other ²		
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
Year	9,920	5,344	8,637	3,023	26,924	2,969	1,735	938	5,639
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
Year	10,298	5,861	9,417	2,983	28,559	3,373	1,921	1,069	6,365
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
Year	12,016	5,301	10,422	2,799	30,538	4,167	2,418	1,111	7,698
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
Year	13,729	5,068	11,150	2,686	32,633	4,659	2,126	1,368	8,153
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
Year	16,719	5,180	12,576	2,748	37,223	6,098	2,548	1,574	10,221
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 ³ "	4,882	1,394	2,918	777	9,971	1,547	682	310	2,539
Year³	19,558	5,292	13,136	3,076	41,062	6,660	2,783	1,509	10,951
2000 1st Quarter	5,352	1,270	2,858	832	10,312	1,744	730	392	2,866

¹ partly estimated² for permissions for which floor area is a relevant measure³ Revised

Table 2 Summary of Planning Permissions granted, first quarter 2000, classified by region, county and type of development.

Planning Region and County	Number of Permissions					Total Floor Area (000 m ²) ¹			
	New Construction		Extension	Alteration and Conversion	Total	New Construction		Extension	Total ²
	Dwellings	Other				Dwellings	Other ²		
Border, Midland and Western	2,534	411	840	200	3,985	847	152	108	1,108
Border	1,117	176	340	84	1,717	379	76	37	493
Cavan	178	20	36	7	241	74	15	3	92
Donegal	517	59	105	26	707	169	23	11	203
Leitrim	100	12	26	3	141	28	5	3	36
Louth	106	33	105	25	269	45	21	12	79
Monaghan	73	22	21	9	125	19	9	2	30
Sligo	143	30	47	14	234	44	4	6	53
Midland	444	89	176	59	768	116	29	29	174
Laois	106	22	47	10	185	28	8	14	50
Longford	94	17	33	14	158	20	3	3	26
Offaly	114	16	44	11	185	34	5	6	45
Westmeath	130	34	52	24	240	35	13	6	54
West	973	146	324	57	1,500	352	47	42	441
Galway Co. Borough	37	11	39	6	93	124	7	8	139
Galway ³	473	65	132	18	688	119	22	17	157
Mayo	344	45	105	31	525	78	13	12	103
Roscommon	119	25	48	2	194	32	5	4	41
Southern and Eastern	2,818	859	2,018	632	6,327	898	576	284	1,759
Dublin	187	255	774	216	1,432	80	318	128	527
Dublin Co. Borough	70	114	319	83	586	16	151	51	218
Dun Laoghaire - Rathdown	16	37	205	67	325	6	66	13	85
Fingal	71	58	150	33	312	27	55	27	109
South Dublin	30	46	100	33	209	31	46	39	116
Mid-East	346	97	241	78	762	116	41	27	183
Kildare	88	21	47	14	170	28	8	26	42
Meath	144	44	103	46	337	51	21	12	84
Wicklow	114	32	91	18	255	37	11	9	57
Mid-West	583	122	262	86	1,053	200	67	38	305
Clare	254	41	84	36	415	110	32	10	151
Limerick Co. Borough	4	20	32	18	74	1	9	4	14
Limerick ³	182	39	87	13	321	53	17	12	83
Tipperary N.R.	143	22	59	19	243	36	9	12	57
South-East	924	196	311	104	1,535	289	71	40	401
Carlow	77	31	36	10	154	16	7	3	26
Kilkenny	130	29	51	21	231	40	5	10	55
Tipperary S.R.	117	31	54	15	217	53	8	8	69
Waterford Co. Borough	20	20	28	12	80	30	16	7	53
Waterford ³	123	35	50	10	218	43	7	4	54
Wexford	457	50	92	36	635	107	28	9	144
South-West	778	189	430	148	1,545	213	79	51	343
Cork Co. Borough	22	26	100	32	180	7	5	12	24
Cork ³	479	134	269	103	985	130	59	33	223
Kerry	277	29	61	13	380	75	15	6	96
State	5,352	1,270	2,858	832	10,312	1,744	730	392	2,866

¹ partly estimated

² for categories where floor area is a relevant measure

³ excluding boroughs

Table 3A Number of Planning Permissions granted, first quarter 2000, 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	2,534	101	68	36	31	13	45	117	2,945
Border	1,117	34	22	15	15	5	21	64	1,293
Midland	444	21	11	15	1	3	12	26	533
West	973	46	35	6	15	5	12	27	1,119
Southern and Eastern	2,818	165	96	72	50	21	84	371	3,677
Dublin	187	45	5	24	16	1	20	144	442
Mid-East	346	20	15	10	2	5	8	37	443
Mid-West	583	26	22	6	9	4	11	44	705
South-East	924	35	31	15	11	8	27	69	1,120
South-West	778	39	23	17	12	3	18	77	967
State	5,352	266	164	108	81	34	129	488	6,622
Extension									
Border, Midland and Western	668	97	4	25	30	16	-	-	840
Border	273	35	-	14	14	4	-	-	340
Midland	139	17	-	6	7	7	-	-	176
West	256	45	4	5	9	5	-	-	324
Southern and Eastern	1,738	138	1	61	55	25	-	-	2,018
Dublin	681	42	1	22	19	9	-	-	774
Mid-East	201	18	-	13	8	1	-	-	241
Mid-West	230	18	-	6	5	3	-	-	262
South-East	264	26	-	7	11	3	-	-	311
South-West	362	34	-	13	12	9	-	-	430
State	2,406	235	5	86	85	41	-	-	2,858
Alteration and Conversion									
Border, Midland and Western	117	61	-	4	18	-	-	-	200
Border	46	26	-	3	9	-	-	-	84
Midland	38	18	-	-	3	-	-	-	59
West	33	17	-	1	6	-	-	-	57
Southern and Eastern	369	210	-	13	36	4	-	-	632
Dublin	122	76	-	5	11	2	-	-	216
Mid-East	52	20	-	3	3	-	-	-	78
Mid-West	51	28	-	2	5	-	-	-	86
South-East	51	44	-	-	9	-	-	-	104
South-West	93	42	-	3	8	2	-	-	148
State	486	271	-	17	54	4	-	-	832
All Developments									
Border, Midland and Western	3,319	259	72	65	79	29	45	117	3,985
Border	1,436	95	22	32	38	9	21	64	1,717
Midland	621	56	11	21	11	10	12	26	768
West	1,262	108	39	12	30	10	12	27	1,500
Southern and Eastern	4,925	513	97	146	141	50	84	371	6,327
Dublin	990	163	6	51	46	12	20	144	1,432
Mid-East	559	58	15	26	13	6	8	37	762
Mid-West	864	72	22	14	19	7	11	44	1,053
South-East	1,239	105	31	22	31	11	27	69	1,535
South-West	1,233	115	23	33	32	14	18	77	1,545
State	8,244	772	169	211	220	79	129	488	10,312

- no permissions

Table 3B Total Floor Area planned (000 m²)¹ in new construction and extensions, first quarter 2000, classified by region and functional category.

Type of Development and Planning Region	Functional Category						Total ²
	Dwellings	Commercial Buildings	Buildings for Agriculture	Industrial Buildings	Govt., Health and Education	Other Buildings for Social Use	
New Construction							
Border, Midland and Western	847	68	22	36	23	3	999
Border	379	30	9	20	16	1	455
Midland	116	9	3	15	1	0	145
West	352	29	10	1	6	2	399
Southern and Eastern	897	238	32	197	100	9	1,474
Dublin	80	153	0	113	52	0	398
Mid-East	115	14	6	15	4	2	168
Mid-West	200	12	9	30	13	3	267
South-East	289	32	8	23	5	3	361
South-West	213	27	9	16	26	1	292
State	1,744	308	55	232	122	12	2,474
Extension							
Border, Midland and Western	46	24	1	12	15	10	108
Border	15	8	-	5	6	3	37
Midland	10	3	-	5	7	5	29
West	21	13	1	2	2	7	42
Southern and Eastern	95	53	1	86	43	7	284
Dublin	32	26	1	37	29	3	128
Mid-East	15	6	-	4	2	0	27
Mid-West	13	5	-	17	2	0	38
South-East	16	5	-	11	8	1	40
South-West	19	11	-	17	2	3	51
State	141	77	3	98	58	17	392
Total New Construction and Extension							
Border, Midland and Western	892	94	23	48	37	13	1,108
Border	394	39	9	25	21	4	493
Midland	125	13	3	20	8	5	174
West	373	42	11	3	8	4	441
Southern and Eastern	993	292	33	281	141	16	1,756
Dublin	112	179	1	150	81	3	527
Mid-East	130	20	6	18	5	2	183
Mid-West	213	18	9	47	15	3	305
South-East	306	37	8	34	13	3	401
South-West	232	38	9	32	27	4	343
State	1,885	386	58	329	178	29	2,866

¹ partly estimated

² for categories where floor area is a relevant measure

- no permissions.

Note: 0 implies less than 500m².

Table 4 Summary of Planning Permissions Granted for new houses and apartments, 1994-2000

Period	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)
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
Year	8,285	18,857	2,372	125.8	491	5,178	309	59.6
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
Year	9,296	19,960	2,578	129.2	579	5,775	355	61.4
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
Year	9,677	23,072	2,981	129.2	594	5,765	374	64.8
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
Year	11,358	29,510	3,771	127.8	637	5,354	368	68.7
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
Year	12,922	29,762	4,127	138.7	790	7,298	521	71.4
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
Year	15,847	39,958	5,574	139.2	862	7,431	516	69.7
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 ¹ "	4,657	9,413	1,446	153.6	142	1,082	75	69.5
Year¹	18,842	42,258	6,222	147.2	627	5,827	408	70.1
2000 1st Quarter	5,249	11,501	1,703	148.1	100	640	40	62.5

¹ Revised

Table 5 Details of Planning Permissions granted for new houses and apartments during the first quarter 2000, classified by region.

Planning Region	Number of Permissions	Number of Units	Floor Area (000 m ²)	Average Floor Area per Unit (m ²)
Houses				
Border, Midland and Western	2,495	5,517	829	150.3
Border	1,111	2,335	376	160.8
Midland	440	751	114	151.3
West	944	2,431	339	139.6
Southern and Eastern	2,754	5,984	874	146.1
Dublin	163	536	72	134.8
Mid-East	340	816	112	137.3
Mid-West	576	1,329	196	147.4
South-East	912	1,946	285	146.4
South-West	763	1,357	209	154.1
State	5,249	11,501	1,703	148.1
Apartments				
Border, Midland and Western	36	246	16	65.0
Border	6	79	4	45.6
Midland	4	40	2	48.0
West	26	127	10	82.5
Southern and Eastern	64	394	23	58.4
Dublin	24	138	8	59.1
Mid-East	6	56	3	53.6
Mid-West	7	56	4	68.9
South-East	12	78	4	57.4
South-West	15	66	4	59.9
State	100	640	40	62.5

Background Notes

Scope and Background	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.
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. Permissions are further subdivided into new construction and repair, maintenance and improvements.
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 - all permissions granted on appeal by An Bord Pleanála.
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.