



**Table 1 Summary of Planning Permissions Granted, 1996-2002**

Period	Number of Permissions					Total Floor Area (000 m)			
	New Construction		Extension	Alteration and Conversion	Total	New Construction		Extension	Total
	Dwellings	Other				Dwellings	Other		
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	5,201	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
2nd "	5,674	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
3rd "	6,517	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
4th "	6,203	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Year</b>	<b>23,595</b>	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
2000 1st Quarter	6,630	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
2nd "	6,597	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
3rd "	6,893	1,449	4,206	762	13,310	3,223	1,159	525	4,906
4th "	6,212	1,354	3,087	612	11,265	3,019	865	417	4,301
<b>Year</b>	<b>26,332</b>	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
2001 1st Quarter	6,333	1,455	2,986	674	11,448	2,909	1,084	510	4,503
2nd "	5,538	1,465	3,030	639	10,672	2,779	921	368	4,067
3rd "	6,157	1,671	3,715	786	12,329	2,513	998	453	3,964
4th "	5,585	1,606	3,106	754	11,051	2,262	1,020	391	3,672
<b>Year</b>	<b>23,613</b>	<b>6,197</b>	<b>12,837</b>	<b>2,853</b>	<b>45,500</b>	<b>10,463</b>	<b>4,023</b>	<b>1,722</b>	<b>16,206</b>
2002 1st Quarter	5,025	1,512	2,843	856	10,236	2,096	972	423	3,491
2nd "	4,547	1,349	2,883	665	9,444	2,505	873	370	3,748
3rd "	5,502	1,691	3,704	757	11,654	2,335	1,139	429	3,904

<sup>1</sup> For categories where floor area is a relevant measure

<sup>2</sup> 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.

**Table 2 Summary of Planning Permissions granted, third quarter 2002, 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 <sup>1</sup>
	Dwellings	Other				Dwellings	Other		
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>2,620</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>1,110</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>4,530</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>1,282</b>
<b>Border</b>	<b>1,124</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>1,982</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>636</b>
Cavan	192	46	68	5	311	68	29	8	104
Donegal	546	104	220	33	903	177	100	23	300
Leitrim	60	15	29	8	112	21	5	3	29
Louth	111	31	103	33	278	46	27	10	83
Monaghan	137	27	46	8	218	62	9	8	78
Sligo	78	26	48	8	160	25	12	4	41
<b>Midland</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>247</b>
Laois	89	26	49	6	170	24	6	8	38
Longford	84	17	39	10	150	35	4	4	42
Offaly	124	22	45	13	204	52	6	4	63
Westmeath	117	38	59	18	232	79	17	9	105
<b>West</b>	<b>1,082</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>1,792</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>398</b>
Galway City	38	6	36	10	90	21	6	2	29
Galway <sup>2</sup>	560	103	164	41	868	142	45	19	206
Mayo	323	77	122	31	553	76	23	13	112
Roscommon	161	31	82	7	281	36	5	10	51
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>2,882</b>	<b>1,122</b>	<b>2,594</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>7,124</b>	<b>1,472</b>	<b>846</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>2,622</b>
<b>Dublin</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>1,667</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>738</b>
Dublin City	131	130	310	115	686	68	157	27	252
Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown	50	48	206	61	365	63	17	24	104
Fingal	95	60	175	24	354	181	81	28	290
South Dublin	55	51	129	27	262	36	48	10	94
<b>Mid-East</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>550</b>
Kildare	167	50	132	17	366	77	83	17	177
Meath	157	59	120	20	356	73	22	13	107
Wicklow	97	38	103	20	258	233	14	19	266
<b>Mid-West</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>1,090</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>344</b>
Clare	194	67	112	14	387	64	47	10	120
Limerick City	11	19	40	22	92	14	15	3	31
Limerick <sup>2</sup>	200	56	125	11	392	76	49	19	144
North Tipperary	105	28	77	9	219	31	7	10	48
<b>South-East</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>1,413</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>350</b>
Carlow	71	29	37	5	142	35	10	4	49
Kilkenny	108	40	90	14	252	23	12	12	47
South Tipperary	110	48	106	21	285	32	20	12	64
Waterford City	16	15	27	14	72	6	11	5	23
Waterford <sup>2</sup>	124	25	80	5	234	33	12	7	52
Wexford	232	72	108	16	428	57	39	19	115
<b>South-West</b>	<b>959</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>1,974</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>639</b>
Cork City	30	34	94	35	193	20	98	9	127
Cork <sup>2</sup>	566	182	397	53	1,198	273	82	46	401
Kerry	363	71	126	23	583	77	22	12	112
<b>State</b>	<b>5,502</b>	<b>1,691</b>	<b>3,704</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>11,654</b>	<b>2,335</b>	<b>1,139</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>3,904</b>

<sup>1</sup> For categories where floor area is a relevant measure

<sup>2</sup> Excluding cities

**Table 3A Number of Planning Permissions granted, third quarter 2002, 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>2,620</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>3,189</b>
Border	1,124	53	68	21	11	11	33	46	1,373
Midland	414	23	31	9	1	3	17	18	517
West	1,082	42	49	12	5	7	42	50	1,299
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>2,882</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>4,004</b>
Dublin	331	71	12	17	20	10	28	114	620
Mid-East	421	33	30	8	3	12	25	27	568
Mid-West	510	28	60	13	2	5	29	28	680
South-East	661	43	80	13	6	6	24	54	890
South-West	959	50	98	13	9	5	36	67	1,246
<b>State</b>	<b>5,502</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>7,193</b>
<b>Extension</b>									
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>856</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>20</b>	-	-	<b>1,110</b>
Border	397	50	12	11	31	13	-	-	514
Midland	142	16	7	4	19	3	-	-	192
West	317	31	13	7	32	4	-	-	404
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>2,111</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>38</b>	-	-	<b>2,594</b>
Dublin	701	52	2	9	46	8	-	-	820
Mid-East	284	24	3	8	27	9	-	-	355
Mid-West	278	25	15	5	26	4	-	-	354
South-East	346	26	28	10	28	6	-	-	448
South-West	502	41	10	10	43	11	-	-	617
<b>State</b>	<b>2,967</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>58</b>	-	-	<b>3,704</b>
<b>Alteration and Conversion</b>									
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	-	-	<b>231</b>
Border	34	42	-	3	6	6	-	-	95
Midland	14	25	-	1	3	-	-	-	47
West	39	34	2	-	5	3	-	-	89
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>9</b>	-	-	<b>526</b>
Dublin	95	96	-	6	15	3	-	-	227
Mid-East	16	29	-	2	4	2	-	-	57
Mid-West	14	35	-	2	2	-	-	-	56
South-East	20	47	-	2	4	-	-	-	75
South-West	42	50	2	3	9	4	-	-	111
<b>State</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>18</b>	-	-	<b>757</b>
<b>All Developments</b>									
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>3,563</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>4,530</b>
Border	1,555	145	80	35	48	30	33	46	1,982
Midland	570	64	38	14	23	6	17	18	756
West	1,438	107	64	19	42	14	42	50	1,792
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>5,180</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>7,124</b>
Dublin	1,127	219	14	32	81	21	28	114	1,667
Mid-East	721	86	33	18	34	23	25	27	980
Mid-West	802	88	75	20	30	9	29	28	1,090
South-East	1,027	116	108	25	38	12	24	54	1,413
South-West	1,503	141	110	26	61	20	36	67	1,974
<b>State</b>	<b>8,743</b>	<b>966</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>11,654</b>

- No permissions

**Table 3B Total Floor Area planned (000 sq.m) in new construction and extensions, third quarter 2002, 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>864</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1,157</b>
Border	398	51	30	78	16	5	580
Midland	191	16	10	5	0	1	223
West	275	26	16	11	17	5	354
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>1,472</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>2,318</b>
Dublin	347	187	10	23	73	6	651
Mid-East	383	77	25	3	6	7	502
Mid-West	184	74	22	16	1	3	302
South-East	187	44	33	16	7	3	291
South-West	371	90	39	45	11	15	573
<b>State</b>	<b>2,335</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>3,475</b>
<b>Extension</b>							
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>125</b>
Border	23	16	5	5	4	2	56
Midland	11	4	3	1	5	0	24
West	19	11	4	6	4	2	45
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>305</b>
Dublin	32	31	0	5	17	2	88
Mid-East	18	10	1	10	6	3	49
Mid-West	18	12	4	4	5	0	42
South-East	21	13	7	7	7	3	59
South-West	31	17	3	5	8	3	67
<b>State</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>429</b>
<b>Total New Construction and Extension</b>							
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>917</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1,282</b>
Border	421	67	34	83	21	7	636
Midland	202	20	13	6	5	1	247
West	294	36	20	17	21	7	398
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>1,591</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>2,622</b>
Dublin	379	218	11	28	90	8	738
Mid-East	401	87	26	14	12	10	550
Mid-West	202	86	25	20	5	3	344
South-East	208	57	40	23	14	5	350
South-West	401	107	42	50	20	18	639
<b>State</b>	<b>2,508</b>	<b>677</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>3,904</b>

<sup>1</sup> For categories where floor area is a relevant measure  
NOTE: 0 implies less than 500 sq.m

**Table 4 Summary of Planning Permissions Granted for new houses and apartments, 1996-2002**

Period	Houses				Apartments			
	Number of Permissions	Number of Units	Floor Area (000 m)	Average Floor Area per Unit (m)	Number of Permissions	Number of Units	Floor Area (000 m)	Average Floor Area per Unit (m)
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>139.5</b>	<b>862</b>	<b>7,431</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>69.5</b>
1999 1st Quarter	–	14,370	–	–	–	3,194	–	–
2nd "	–	14,303	–	–	–	3,410	–	–
3rd "	–	17,231	–	–	–	2,907	–	–
4th "	–	17,891	–	–	–	3,290	–	–
<b>Year</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>63,795</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>12,801</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>
2000 <sup>1</sup> 1st Quarter	–	17,163	–	–	–	4,203	–	–
2nd "	–	18,985	–	–	–	3,914	–	–
3rd "	6,438	19,574	2,781	142.1	443	5,157	406	78.7
4th "	5,791	18,106	2,664	147.0	405	4,141	297	71.7
<b>Year</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>73,828</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>17,415</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>
2001 1st Quarter	5,891	16,492	2,427	147.2	435	6,066	475	78.3
2nd "	5,157	16,104	2,402	149.2	373	4,785	370	77.4
3rd "	5,741	14,452	2,223	153.8	411	3,561	283	79.4
4th "	5,220	13,618	1,997	146.6	361	3,368	262	77.9
<b>Year</b>	<b>22,009</b>	<b>60,666</b>	<b>9,049</b>	<b>149.2</b>	<b>1,580</b>	<b>17,780</b>	<b>1,390</b>	<b>78.2</b>
2002 1st Quarter	4,638	12,105	1,751	144.7	370	4,200	336	79.9
2nd "	4,192	15,236	2,104	138.1	350	5,163	391	75.7
3rd "	5,091	13,501	1,952	144.6	401	4,771	368	77.2

<sup>1</sup> 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.

**Table 5 Details of Planning Permissions granted for new one-off houses, new houses<sup>3</sup> and apartments during the third quarter 2002, classified by region.**

Planning Region	Number of Permissions	Number of Units	Floor Area (000 sq.m)	Average Floor Area per Unit (sq.m)
<b>One-Off Houses</b>				
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>2,303</b>	<b>2,303</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>199.0</b>
Border	961	961	198	206.3
Midland	360	360	70	193.3
West	982	982	190	193.9
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>2,374</b>	<b>2,374</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>192.1</b>
Dublin	176	176	28	159.4
Mid-East	333	333	67	200.3
Mid-West	453	453	93	204.8
South-East	581	581	111	191.6
South-West	831	831	157	189.2
<b>State</b>	<b>4,677</b>	<b>4,677</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>195.5</b>
<b>Houses<sup>3</sup></b>				
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>2,547</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>130.1</b>
Border	118	1,417	176	124.5
Midland	27	713	95	133.0
West	52	417	60	144.4
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>6,277</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>112.5</b>
Dublin	45	1,647	172	104.2
Mid-East	34	2,306	247	107.2
Mid-West	29	409	49	119.6
South-East	42	478	55	115.7
South-West	67	1,437	183	127.3
<b>State</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>8,824</b>	<b>1,037</b>	<b>117.6</b>
<b>Apartments</b>				
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>77.2</b>
Border	43	293	21	70.5
Midland	26	294	25	86.2
West	45	240	18	74.5
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>3,944</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>77.2</b>
Dublin	108	1,893	144	76.2
Mid-East	54	908	69	75.7
Mid-West	28	493	43	86.6
South-East	38	279	21	73.9
South-West	59	371	28	76.3
<b>State</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>4,771</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>77.2</b>

<sup>3</sup> Excluding one-off houses

## 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.
<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 - permissions subsequently granted on appeal by An Bord Pleanála are included.</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.

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