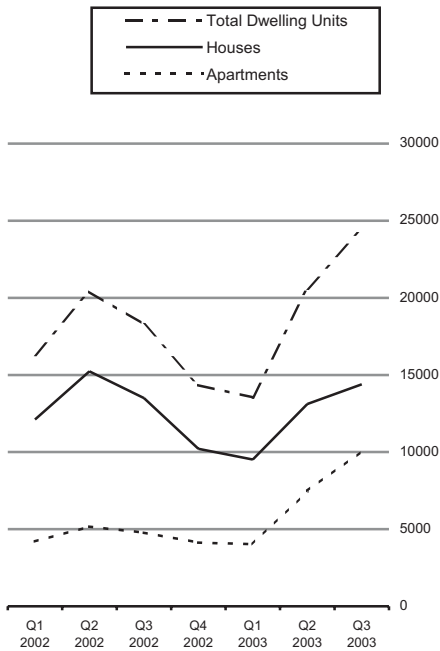




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Dwelling Units



Planning Permissions Third Quarter 2003

Number of Dwelling Units

	Houses	Apartments	Total
Jul-Sep 2002	13,501	4,771	18,272
Jul-Sep 2003	14,394	10,065	24,459

Dwelling units approved up 33.9% in year

This release shows that for the third quarter of 2003, planning permissions were granted for 24,459 dwelling units, compared with 18,272 units for the same period in 2002, an increase of 33.9%.

The third quarter figures also show that:

- ◆ Planning permissions were granted for 14,394 new houses. This compares with 13,501 new houses in the same quarter of 2002, an increase of 6.6%. *See Table 5.*
- ◆ Planning permissions were granted for 10,065 apartments in the third quarter 2003. The corresponding figure for 2002 was 4,771, an increase of 111%. *See Table 5.*
- ◆ One-off houses accounted for 32.3% of all new houses granted planning permission in this quarter. *See Table 5.*
- ◆ Total floor area planned was 4,427 thousand sq. metres in the third quarter 2003. Of this, 64% was for new dwellings, 26.7% for other new constructions and 9.3% for extensions. The total floor area planned increased by 13.4% in comparison with the same quarter of 2002. *See Table 1.*

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Table 1 Summary of Planning Permissions Granted, 1997-2003

Period	Number of Permissions					Total Floor Area (000 m)			
	New Construction		Extension	Alteration and Conversion	Total	New Construction		Extension	Total
	Dwellings	Other				Dwellings	Other		
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	5,201	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2nd "	5,674	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3rd "	6,517	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4th "	6,203	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Year	23,595	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
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
Year	26,332	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
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
Year	23,613	6,197	12,837	2,853	45,500	10,463	4,023	1,722	16,206
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
4th "	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 1st Quarter	4,846	1,278	2,713	645	9,482	1,797	713	365	2,874
2nd "	5,110	1,465	3,103	677	10,355	2,509	974	345	3,828
3rd "	5,583	1,693	3,457	689	11,422	2,832	1,184	411	4,427

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.

Table 2 Summary of Planning Permissions granted, third quarter 2003, 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	2,598	460	983	184	4,225	795	358	99	1,252
Border	1,238	232	478	87	2,035	412	217	43	672
Cavan	173	26	57	2	258	70	11	6	87
Donegal	618	84	187	30	919	192	67	14	272
Leitrim	99	20	43	2	164	20	4	4	27
Louth	111	41	95	28	275	55	98	9	161
Monaghan	120	35	50	9	214	31	26	4	62
Sligo	117	26	46	16	205	45	12	5	62
Midland	365	88	194	39	686	115	40	29	184
Laois	94	21	66	13	194	33	7	10	50
Longford	71	21	30	5	127	22	17	2	41
Offaly	100	20	40	12	172	25	3	9	36
Westmeath	100	26	58	9	193	34	14	9	56
West	995	140	311	58	1,504	269	100	27	395
Galway City	19	2	20	4	45	19	2	1	22
Galway ²	430	59	120	26	635	103	26	12	140
Mayo	397	49	119	25	590	96	59	10	164
Roscommon	149	30	52	3	234	52	13	4	69
Southern and Eastern	2,985	1,233	2,474	505	7,197	2,037	826	312	3,175
Dublin	376	304	812	201	1,693	731	230	83	1,044
Dublin City	173	121	301	93	688	164	93	35	292
Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown	61	53	219	51	384	55	10	16	80
Fingal	84	90	156	31	361	378	92	13	483
South Dublin	58	40	136	26	260	135	34	20	189
Mid-East	363	168	327	59	917	268	108	44	420
Kildare	145	49	117	22	333	91	34	12	137
Meath	159	83	151	18	411	135	23	22	180
Wicklow	59	36	59	19	173	41	51	11	103
Mid-West	570	168	302	57	1,097	274	104	35	412
Clare	224	51	97	16	388	99	22	13	133
Limerick City	18	28	36	13	95	50	58	3	111
Limerick ²	212	55	112	16	395	102	16	11	129
North Tipperary	116	34	57	12	219	23	7	8	38
South-East	720	288	418	87	1,513	297	119	81	497
Carlow	124	40	55	12	231	62	15	19	96
Kilkenny	144	58	100	10	312	52	17	18	86
South Tipperary	134	51	73	17	275	56	20	12	88
Waterford City	22	35	27	12	96	30	30	2	62
Waterford ²	114	39	56	15	224	33	7	4	44
Wexford	182	65	107	21	375	64	30	26	120
South-West	956	305	615	101	1,977	468	266	69	802
Cork City	34	24	79	12	149	33	54	4	91
Cork ²	570	209	388	68	1,235	334	160	44	539
Kerry	352	72	148	21	593	101	51	20	172
State	5,583	1,693	3,457	689	11,422	2,832	1,184	411	4,427

¹ For categories where floor area is a relevant measure

² Excluding cities

Table 3A Number of Planning Permissions granted, third quarter 2003, 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	2,598	119	94	41	25	21	66	94	3,058
Border	1,238	62	45	23	10	6	35	51	1,470
Midland	365	23	11	10	5	7	13	19	453
West	995	34	38	8	10	8	18	24	1,135
Southern and Eastern	2,985	281	194	91	80	82	194	311	4,218
Dublin	376	89	9	19	28	15	32	112	680
Mid-East	363	42	36	10	12	8	29	31	531
Mid-West	570	35	32	13	13	16	28	31	738
South-East	720	46	68	26	16	19	52	61	1,008
South-West	956	69	49	23	11	24	53	76	1,261
State	5,583	400	288	132	105	103	260	405	7,276
Extension									
Border, Midland and Western	799	66	13	17	63	25	-	-	983
Border	389	28	5	10	32	14	-	-	478
Midland	150	21	5	-	15	3	-	-	194
West	260	17	3	7	16	8	-	-	311
Southern and Eastern	2,066	166	42	49	115	36	-	-	2,474
Dublin	710	45	-	11	34	12	-	-	812
Mid-East	272	19	2	6	25	3	-	-	327
Mid-West	239	28	8	6	13	8	-	-	302
South-East	321	40	16	10	25	6	-	-	418
South-West	524	34	16	16	18	7	-	-	615
State	2,865	232	55	66	178	61	-	-	3,457
Alteration and Conversion									
Border, Midland and Western	57	95	-	8	15	9	-	-	184
Border	24	46	-	7	5	5	-	-	87
Midland	10	23	-	-	4	2	-	-	39
West	23	26	-	1	6	2	-	-	58
Southern and Eastern	197	208	8	15	53	24	-	-	505
Dublin	88	75	-	6	21	11	-	-	201
Mid-East	17	27	3	1	10	1	-	-	59
Mid-West	18	29	1	1	5	3	-	-	57
South-East	34	31	4	4	10	4	-	-	87
South-West	40	46	-	3	7	5	-	-	101
State	254	303	8	23	68	33	-	-	689
All Developments									
Border, Midland and Western	3,454	280	107	66	103	55	66	94	4,225
Border	1,651	136	50	40	47	25	35	51	2,035
Midland	525	67	16	10	24	12	13	19	686
West	1,278	77	41	16	32	18	18	24	1,504
Southern and Eastern	5,248	655	244	155	248	142	194	311	7,197
Dublin	1,174	209	9	36	83	38	32	112	1,693
Mid-East	652	88	41	17	47	12	29	31	917
Mid-West	827	92	41	20	31	27	28	31	1,097
South-East	1,075	117	88	40	51	29	52	61	1,513
South-West	1,520	149	65	42	36	36	53	76	1,977
State	8,702	935	351	221	351	197	260	405	11,422

- No permissions

Table 3B Total Floor Area planned (000 sq.m) in new construction and extensions, third quarter 2003, 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	795	229	28	80	8	12	1,153
Border	412	159	16	34	4	5	629
Midland	115	14	3	20	1	3	155
West	269	57	10	27	2	4	369
Southern and Eastern	2,037	497	74	153	46	56	2,863
Dublin	731	163	4	41	12	10	961
Mid-East	268	66	18	10	2	11	376
Mid-West	274	61	12	9	15	6	377
South-East	297	48	25	25	8	13	416
South-West	468	158	15	68	8	17	734
State	2,832	726	102	233	54	68	4,016
Extension							
Border, Midland and Western	51	25	4	6	8	6	99
Border	24	6	1	4	5	3	43
Midland	11	14	2	-	2	1	29
West	15	5	1	2	1	2	27
Southern and Eastern	126	111	15	31	23	6	312
Dublin	33	35	-	5	8	3	83
Mid-East	21	10	3	5	5	0	44
Mid-West	15	9	2	6	3	1	35
South-East	21	46	5	5	3	1	81
South-West	36	11	5	11	4	1	69
State	177	136	19	37	31	12	411
Total New Construction and Extension							
Border, Midland and Western	846	255	32	86	15	18	1,252
Border	436	165	17	38	9	8	672
Midland	126	28	4	20	3	4	184
West	284	62	10	29	4	6	395
Southern and Eastern	2,164	608	89	184	69	62	3,175
Dublin	764	198	4	46	20	12	1,044
Mid-East	289	76	21	15	7	12	420
Mid-West	288	71	14	15	18	7	412
South-East	318	94	30	30	11	14	497
South-West	504	169	20	79	13	18	802
State	3,010	862	121	270	85	80	4,427

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, 1997-2003

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)
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	139.5	862	7,431	516	69.5
1999 1st Quarter	–	14,370	–	–	–	3,194	–	–
2nd "	–	14,303	–	–	–	3,410	–	–
3rd "	–	17,231	–	–	–	2,907	–	–
4th "	–	17,891	–	–	–	3,290	–	–
Year	–	63,795	–	–	–	12,801	–	–
2000 ¹ 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
Year	–	73,828	–	–	–	17,415	–	–
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
Year	22,009	60,666	9,049	149.2	1,580	17,780	1,390	78.2
2002 1st Quarter	4,638	12,105	1,751	144.7	370	4,200	336	79.9
2nd "	4,192	15,236	2,103	138.1	350	5,163	391	75.7
3rd "	5,091	13,501	1,951	144.5	401	4,771	368	77.2
4th "	4,303	10,213	1,523	149.1	343	4,125	327	79.2
Year	18,224	51,055	7,328	143.6	1,464	18,259	1,422	77.9
2003 1st Quarter	4,469	9,511	1,464	153.9	370	4,030	325	80.6
2nd "	4,752	13,118	1,893	144.3	348	7,484	605	80.8
3rd "	5,132	14,394	2,035	141.4	439	10,065	789	78.4

¹ 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 houses³ and apartments during the third quarter 2003, classified by region.

Planning Region	Number of Permissions	Number of Units	Floor Area (000 sq.m)	Average Floor Area per Unit (sq.m)
One-Off Houses				
Border, Midland and Western	2,246	2,246	454	202.1
Border	1,039	1,039	214	206.1
Midland	316	316	65	206.7
West	891	891	174	195.8
Southern and Eastern	2,407	2,407	471	195.8
Dublin	211	211	30	142.9
Mid-East	289	289	61	210.6
Mid-West	498	498	100	199.9
South-East	624	624	131	209.2
South-West	785	785	150	191.3
State	4,653	4,653	925	198.8
Houses³				
Border, Midland and Western	219	1,969	247	125.2
Border	137	1,174	149	126.5
Midland	22	292	29	101.0
West	60	503	68	136.1
Southern and Eastern	260	7,772	864	111.1
Dublin	58	2,627	256	97.5
Mid-East	33	1,537	165	107.2
Mid-West	38	856	102	118.8
South-East	42	1,000	118	117.6
South-West	89	1,752	223	127.5
State	479	9,741	1,110	114.0
Apartments				
Border, Midland and Western	126	1,199	92	76.4
Border	57	588	47	79.5
Midland	27	255	20	77.5
West	42	356	25	70.5
Southern and Eastern	313	8,866	697	78.6
Dublin	105	5,706	443	77.7
Mid-East	41	514	42	82.0
Mid-West	33	903	72	79.4
South-East	53	607	48	79.7
South-West	81	1,136	91	80.5
State	439	10,065	789	78.4

³ Excluding one-off houses

Background Notes

- Scope and Background** Details of the scope and background of this series were given in the March 1973 *Statistical Bulletin*. 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.
- 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.