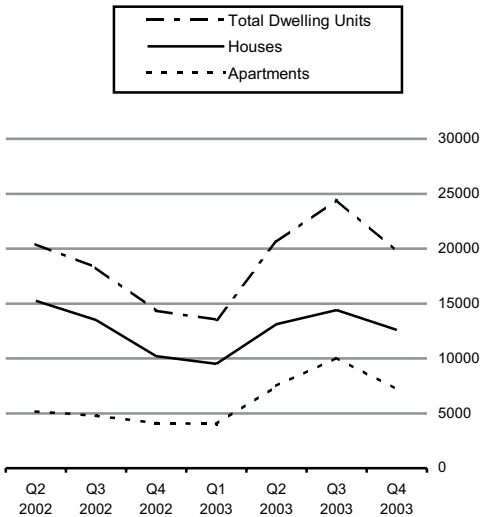




**Dwelling Units**



## Planning Permissions Fourth Quarter 2003

**Number of Dwelling Units**

	Houses	Apartments	Total
<b>Oct-Dec 2002</b>	10,213	4,125	14,338
<b>Oct-Dec 2003</b>	12,582	7,170	19,752

### Dwelling units approved up 37.8% in year

This release shows that for the fourth quarter of 2003, planning permissions were granted for 19,752 dwelling units, compared with 14,338 units for the same period in 2002, an increase of 37.8%.

The fourth quarter figures also show that:

- ♦ Planning permissions were granted for 12,582 new houses. This compares with 10,213 new houses in the same quarter of 2002, an increase of 23.2%. *See Table 5.*
- ♦ Planning permissions were granted for 7,170 apartments in the fourth quarter 2003 and 4,125 in the fourth quarter of 2002. This is an increase of 73.8%. *See Table 5.*
- ♦ One-off houses accounted for 35.6% of all new houses granted planning permission in this quarter. *See Table 5.*
- ♦ Total floor area planned was 3,915 thousand sq. metres in the fourth quarter 2003. Of this, 63.2% was for new dwellings, 27.2% for other new constructions and 9.6% for extensions. The total floor area planned increased by 19.5% 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
<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
4th "	4,654	1,374	2,892	646	9,566	1,856	1,020	401	3,277
<b>Year</b>	<b>19,728</b>	<b>5,926</b>	<b>12,322</b>	<b>2,924</b>	<b>40,900</b>	<b>8,792</b>	<b>4,004</b>	<b>1,623</b>	<b>14,420</b>
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
4th "	5,410	1,496	2,886	566	10,358	2,473	1,066	376	3,915
<b>Year</b>	<b>20,949</b>	<b>5,932</b>	<b>12,159</b>	<b>2,577</b>	<b>41,617</b>	<b>9,611</b>	<b>3,937</b>	<b>1,497</b>	<b>15,044</b>

<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, fourth 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 <sup>1</sup>
	Dwellings	Other				Dwellings	Other		
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>2,513</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>866</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>3,946</b>	<b>887</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>1,316</b>
<b>Border</b>	<b>1,071</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>1,716</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>620</b>
Cavan	192	19	59	4	274	104	11	7	122
Donegal	466	71	148	19	704	164	59	19	242
Leitrim	69	14	22	-	105	36	2	2	40
Louth	108	36	90	18	252	46	58	7	111
Monaghan	131	24	38	12	205	48	6	4	58
Sligo	105	21	42	8	176	29	9	9	47
<b>Midland</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>204</b>
Laois	108	29	48	7	192	51	28	4	82
Longford	53	17	18	2	90	12	20	3	35
Offaly	107	28	39	8	182	24	10	7	41
Westmeath	90	30	55	8	183	25	13	7	45
<b>West</b>	<b>1,084</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>1,583</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>492</b>
Galway City	27	1	21	3	52	22	2	3	26
Galway <sup>2</sup>	505	56	143	20	724	137	41	19	197
Mayo	413	54	104	19	590	129	45	14	188
Roscommon	139	33	39	6	217	62	15	3	80
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>2,897</b>	<b>1,063</b>	<b>2,020</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>6,412</b>	<b>1,586</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>2,599</b>
<b>Dublin</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>1,470</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>703</b>
Dublin City	163	113	300	112	688	142	87	23	253
Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown	69	31	154	20	274	54	19	28	101
Fingal	69	48	111	33	261	112	64	9	185
South Dublin	54	64	101	28	247	80	68	15	164
<b>Mid-East</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>837</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>390</b>
Kildare	167	41	97	17	322	66	40	9	115
Meath	141	75	121	19	356	119	63	23	205
Wicklow	54	28	63	14	159	46	16	8	70
<b>Mid-West</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>953</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>301</b>
Clare	200	46	82	12	340	62	22	13	98
Limerick City	13	14	13	7	47	7	10	1	18
Limerick <sup>2</sup>	196	56	89	10	351	92	20	11	123
North Tipperary	131	29	47	8	215	46	12	5	63
<b>South-East</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>1,422</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>509</b>
Carlow	106	40	34	6	186	56	37	7	99
Kilkenny	137	61	87	17	302	60	34	13	106
South Tipperary	91	28	72	10	201	23	5	10	37
Waterford City	19	17	31	11	78	30	19	2	51
Waterford <sup>2</sup>	115	27	50	4	196	74	7	4	85
Wexford	244	80	118	17	459	74	46	10	130
<b>South-West</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>1,730</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>697</b>
Cork City	37	30	52	9	128	51	50	17	118
Cork <sup>2</sup>	543	166	290	56	1,055	277	108	34	419
Kerry	348	69	108	22	547	117	20	24	160
<b>State</b>	<b>5,410</b>	<b>1,496</b>	<b>2,886</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>10,358</b>	<b>2,473</b>	<b>1,066</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>3,915</b>

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

<sup>2</sup> Excluding cities

- No permissions

**Table 3A Number of Planning Permissions granted, fourth 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	
<b>New Construction</b>									
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>2,513</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>2,946</b>
Border	1,071	56	30	17	9	16	21	36	1,256
Midland	358	19	14	14	9	7	20	21	462
West	1,084	47	33	14	8	6	16	20	1,228
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>2,897</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>3,960</b>
Dublin	355	80	1	15	15	5	31	109	611
Mid-East	362	45	15	11	9	7	29	28	506
Mid-West	540	28	29	12	12	5	25	34	685
South-East	712	60	39	27	16	10	39	62	965
South-West	928	74	35	22	12	10	57	55	1,193
<b>State</b>	<b>5,410</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>6,906</b>
<b>Extension</b>									
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>11</b>	-	-	<b>866</b>
Border	335	24	1	8	24	7	-	-	399
Midland	128	15	2	6	7	2	-	-	160
West	242	29	6	6	22	2	-	-	307
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>1,690</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>29</b>	-	-	<b>2,020</b>
Dublin	577	44	1	12	27	5	-	-	666
Mid-East	227	23	1	4	20	6	-	-	281
Mid-West	198	14	3	3	11	2	-	-	231
South-East	316	28	13	8	21	6	-	-	392
South-West	372	27	8	11	22	10	-	-	450
<b>State</b>	<b>2,395</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>40</b>	-	-	<b>2,886</b>
<b>Alteration and Conversion</b>									
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>57</b>	-	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	-	-	<b>134</b>
Border	21	24	-	1	10	5	-	-	61
Midland	12	8	-	2	1	2	-	-	25
West	16	25	-	3	2	2	-	-	48
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>20</b>	-	-	<b>432</b>
Dublin	84	76	1	8	15	9	-	-	193
Mid-East	15	21	-	1	9	4	-	-	50
Mid-West	18	15	-	1	2	1	-	-	37
South-East	18	31	1	4	5	6	-	-	65
South-West	41	34	2	1	9	-	-	-	87
<b>State</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>29</b>	-	-	<b>566</b>
<b>All Developments</b>									
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>3,267</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>3,946</b>
Border	1,427	104	31	26	43	28	21	36	1,716
Midland	498	42	16	22	17	11	20	21	647
West	1,342	101	39	23	32	10	16	20	1,583
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>4,763</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>6,412</b>
Dublin	1,016	200	3	35	57	19	31	109	1,470
Mid-East	604	89	16	16	38	17	29	28	837
Mid-West	756	57	32	16	25	8	25	34	953
South-East	1,046	119	53	39	42	22	39	62	1,422
South-West	1,341	135	45	34	43	20	57	55	1,730
<b>State</b>	<b>8,030</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>10,358</b>

- No permissions

**Table 3B Total Floor Area planned (000 sq.m) in new construction and extensions, fourth quarter 2003, 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>887</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1,206</b>
Border	426	85	10	21	6	24	571
Midland	111	31	4	15	20	2	182
West	350	65	9	23	3	3	453
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>1,586</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>2,333</b>
Dublin	389	162	4	54	16	2	627
Mid-East	230	91	5	14	4	4	349
Mid-West	206	35	9	9	8	2	270
South-East	316	79	15	25	24	5	464
South-West	444	104	29	19	10	16	623
<b>State</b>	<b>2,473</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>3,539</b>
<b>Extension</b>							
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>110</b>
Border	22	13	1	3	9	2	49
Midland	10	6	1	3	0	2	22
West	18	12	1	5	3	1	40
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>266</b>
Dublin	27	17	0	7	24	1	76
Mid-East	14	19	1	2	4	1	40
Mid-West	16	8	1	2	2	2	31
South-East	21	9	3	6	4	1	45
South-West	23	18	3	10	17	3	74
<b>State</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>376</b>
<b>Total New Construction and Extension</b>							
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>936</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1,316</b>
Border	448	98	10	24	15	26	620
Midland	121	36	5	18	20	4	204
West	368	77	10	28	6	4	492
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>1,687</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>2,599</b>
Dublin	416	179	4	60	40	3	703
Mid-East	245	110	6	16	8	5	390
Mid-West	222	43	9	12	11	4	301
South-East	338	88	18	31	28	6	509
South-West	467	122	32	29	27	20	697
<b>State</b>	<b>2,624</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>3,915</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, 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
<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	2,103	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
<b>Year</b>	<b>18,224</b>	<b>51,055</b>	<b>7,328</b>	<b>143.6</b>	<b>1,464</b>	<b>18,259</b>	<b>1,422</b>	<b>77.9</b>
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
4th "	4,970	12,582	1,905	151.4	435	7,170	562	78.3
<b>Year</b>	<b>19,323</b>	<b>49,605</b>	<b>7,297</b>	<b>147.1</b>	<b>1,592</b>	<b>28,749</b>	<b>2,281</b>	<b>79.3</b>

<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 fourth 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)
<b>One-Off Houses</b>				
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>2,172</b>	<b>2,172</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>205.3</b>
Border	889	889	188	211.3
Midland	308	308	65	210.8
West	975	975	193	198.1
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>2,308</b>	<b>2,308</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>200.1</b>
Dublin	202	202	30	146.4
Mid-East	285	285	62	218.5
Mid-West	461	461	99	214.5
South-East	592	592	121	204.6
South-West	768	768	150	195.3
<b>State</b>	<b>4,480</b>	<b>4,480</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>202.6</b>
<b>Houses<sup>3</sup></b>				
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>2,821</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>127.6</b>
Border	141	1,589	207	130.3
Midland	24	313	35	110.4
West	62	919	118	128.7
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>5,281</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>120.6</b>
Dublin	41	775	86	110.9
Mid-East	29	723	98	135.0
Mid-West	38	682	86	126.1
South-East	67	1,397	152	108.5
South-West	88	1,704	216	126.8
<b>State</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>8,102</b>	<b>997</b>	<b>123.1</b>
<b>Apartments</b>				
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>1,128</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>69.1</b>
Border	40	430	30	69.3
Midland	26	246	12	47.9
West	46	452	36	80.4
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>6,042</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>80.0</b>
Dublin	112	3,485	273	78.4
Mid-East	47	742	69	93.3
Mid-West	40	242	21	85.8
South-East	52	623	42	67.5
South-West	72	950	78	82.5
<b>State</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>7,170</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>78.3</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.