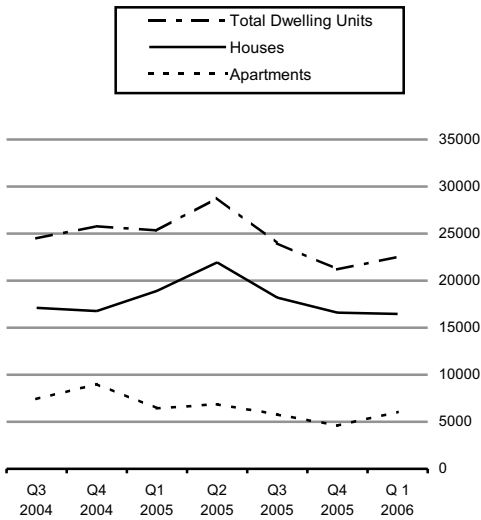




## Planning Permissions Quarter 1 2006

### Dwelling Units



### Number of Dwelling Units

	Houses	Apartments	Total
Jan-Mar 2005	18,913	6,437	25,350
Jan-Mar 2006	16,454	6,070	22,524

### Dwelling units approved down 11.1% in year

This release shows that for the first quarter of 2006, planning permissions were granted for 22,524 dwelling units, compared with 25,350 units for the same period in 2005, a decrease of 11.1%.

The first quarter figures also show that:

- ◆ Planning permissions were granted for 16,454 new houses. This compares with 18,913 new houses in the same quarter of 2005, a decrease of 13%. *See Table 4.*
- ◆ Planning permissions were granted for 6,070 apartments in the first quarter of 2006 and 6,437 in the first quarter of 2005. This is a decrease of 5.7%. *See Tables 4 & 7.*
- ◆ One-off houses accounted for 21.7% of all new dwelling units granted planning permission in this quarter. *See Tables 4 & 5.*
- ◆ Total floor area planned was 4,595 thousand sq. metres in the first quarter of 2006. Of this, 65.3% was for new dwellings, 25% for other new constructions and 9.7% for extensions. The total floor area planned decreased by 2.5% in comparison with the same quarter of 2005. *See Table 1.*

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**Table 1 Summary of Planning Permissions Granted, 1998 - 2006**

Period	Number of Permissions					Total Floor Area (000m <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>1</sup>			
	New Construction		Extension	Alteration and Conversion	Total	New Construction		Extension	Total
	Dwellings	Other				Dwellings	Other		
1998 Q 1	3,513	1,216	2,491	602	7,822	1,403	618	333	2,354
Q 2	3,854	1,182	3,087	671	8,794	1,383	521	388	2,292
Q 3	5,027	1,486	4,060	763	11,336	1,897	804	496	3,198
Q 4	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 Q 1	5,201	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q 2	5,674	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q 3	6,517	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q 4	6,203	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Year<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>23,595</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2000 Q 1	6,630	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q 2	6,597	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q 3	6,893	1,449	4,026	762	13,310	3,223	1,159	525	4,906
Q 4	6,212	1,354	3,087	612	11,265	3,019	865	417	4,301
<b>Year<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>26,332</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2001 Q 1	6,333	1,455	2,986	674	11,448	2,909	1,084	510	4,503
Q 2	5,538	1,465	3,030	639	10,672	2,779	921	368	4,067
Q 3	6,157	1,671	3,715	786	12,329	2,513	998	453	3,964
Q 4	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 Q 1	5,025	1,512	2,843	856	10,236	2,096	972	423	3,491
Q 2	4,547	1,349	2,883	665	9,444	2,505	873	370	3,748
Q 3	5,502	1,691	3,704	757	11,654	2,335	1,139	429	3,904
Q 4	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 Q 1	4,846	1,278	2,713	645	9,482	1,797	713	365	2,874
Q 2	5,110	1,465	3,103	677	10,355	2,509	974	345	3,828
Q 3	5,583	1,693	3,457	689	11,422	2,832	1,184	411	4,427
Q 4	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>
2004 Q 1	6,887	1,545	2,820	587	11,839	3,156	940	364	4,461
Q 2	7,563	1,660	3,511	652	13,386	3,344	1,156	398	4,898
Q 3	7,100	1,899	4,076	731	13,806	3,172	1,007	467	4,646
Q 4	5,962	1,613	3,061	605	11,241	3,123	1,155	436	4,714
<b>Year</b>	<b>27,512</b>	<b>6,717</b>	<b>13,468</b>	<b>2,575</b>	<b>50,272</b>	<b>12,795</b>	<b>4,258</b>	<b>1,665</b>	<b>18,719</b>
2005 Q 1	6,170	1,571	3,028	586	11,355	3,299	985	427	4,711
Q 2	6,722	2,068	3,845	672	13,307	3,764	1,478	488	5,730
Q 3	6,485	2,189	4,476	778	13,928	3,219	1,327	530	5,076
Q 4	5,957	1,871	3,533	653	12,014	2,883	1,167	427	4,478
<b>Year</b>	<b>25,334</b>	<b>7,699</b>	<b>14,882</b>	<b>2,689</b>	<b>50,604</b>	<b>13,165</b>	<b>4,957</b>	<b>1,872</b>	<b>19,995</b>
2006 Q 1	5,890	1,822	3,575	603	11,890	2,999	1,151	444	4,595

<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, first quarter 2006, 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>2,881</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>4,689</b>	<b>1,365</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>1,910</b>
<b>Border</b>	<b>1,304</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>2,108</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>782</b>
Cavan	181	43	37	6	267	100	23	4	127
Donegal	619	97	177	32	925	251	28	16	295
Leitrim	83	23	34	2	142	54	14	3	70
Louth	144	40	105	13	302	43	25	12	80
Monaghan	143	55	36	10	244	52	32	3	87
Sligo	134	27	58	9	228	65	47	12	123
<b>Midland</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>869</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>519</b>
Laois	153	45	61	10	269	173	60	8	242
Longford	90	30	28	2	150	39	20	3	62
Offaly	91	28	62	12	193	80	5	6	91
Westmeath	141	50	53	13	257	95	22	7	124
<b>West</b>	<b>1,102</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>1,712</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>608</b>
Galway City	19	13	19	14	65	11	1	8	19
Galway <sup>2</sup>	510	87	163	15	775	169	42	20	231
Mayo	374	71	102	23	570	107	76	15	197
Roscommon	199	55	42	6	302	127	28	5	161
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>3,009</b>	<b>1,158</b>	<b>2,598</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>7,201</b>	<b>1,634</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>2,685</b>
<b>Dublin</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>1,742</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>703</b>
Dublin City	164	142	389	100	795	128	44	27	200
Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown	80	37	220	27	364	73	17	17	107
Fingal	97	43	165	29	334	107	83	33	223
South Dublin	67	40	122	20	249	118	40	15	173
<b>Mid-East</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>1,043</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>355</b>
Kildare	142	59	136	12	349	82	27	11	120
Meath	146	59	123	30	358	71	20	11	103
Wicklow	143	47	120	26	336	92	16	23	132
<b>Mid-West</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>370</b>
Clare	163	57	100	11	331	76	48	9	132
Limerick City	11	15	30	15	71	13	23	4	40
Limerick <sup>2</sup>	140	72	109	12	333	88	46	15	149
North Tipperary	101	29	68	8	206	31	9	9	49
<b>South-East</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>1,493</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>629</b>
Carlow	64	27	40	12	143	29	53	14	96
Kilkenny	148	67	73	14	302	93	32	13	138
South Tipperary	97	43	64	10	214	56	39	6	101
Waterford City	17	21	30	9	77	42	9	11	62
Waterford <sup>2</sup>	114	34	68	9	225	50	15	18	84
Wexford	329	80	106	17	532	107	29	12	149
<b>South-West</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>1,982</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>629</b>
Cork City	39	19	64	4	126	9	47	6	61
Cork <sup>2</sup>	605	182	396	53	1,236	254	104	47	405
Kerry	342	85	175	18	620	114	26	22	162
<b>State</b>	<b>5,890</b>	<b>1,822</b>	<b>3,575</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>11,890</b>	<b>2,999</b>	<b>1,151</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>4,595</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, first quarter 2006, 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>2,881</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>3,545</b>
Border	1,304	62	100	17	9	9	39	49	1,589
Midland	475	51	24	7	23	6	22	20	628
West	1,102	76	39	12	19	4	39	37	1,328
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>3,009</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>4,167</b>
Dublin	408	55	2	8	17	13	39	128	670
Mid-East	431	37	27	7	13	6	30	45	596
Mid-West	415	26	64	3	14	6	30	30	588
South-East	769	43	73	17	14	6	53	66	1,041
South-West	986	71	65	18	20	14	49	49	1,272
<b>State</b>	<b>5,890</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>7,712</b>
<b>Extension</b>									
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>794</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>19</b>	-	-	<b>977</b>
Border	364	40	11	7	15	10	-	-	447
Midland	166	17	3	5	12	1	-	-	204
West	264	24	5	4	21	8	-	-	326
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>2,207</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>27</b>	-	-	<b>2,598</b>
Dublin	807	55	-	9	21	4	-	-	896
Mid-East	322	23	5	4	22	3	-	-	379
Mid-West	252	17	10	3	21	4	-	-	307
South-East	300	44	7	10	12	8	-	-	381
South-West	526	50	12	20	19	8	-	-	635
<b>State</b>	<b>3,001</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>46</b>	-	-	<b>3,575</b>
<b>Alteration and Conversion</b>									
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	-	-	<b>167</b>
Border	20	42	-	1	7	2	-	-	72
Midland	8	21	1	-	4	3	-	-	37
West	17	32	1	3	4	1	-	-	58
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>17</b>	-	-	<b>436</b>
Dublin	82	67	-	1	21	5	-	-	176
Mid-East	15	34	3	1	12	3	-	-	68
Mid-West	18	17	-	-	7	4	-	-	46
South-East	23	36	4	1	4	3	-	-	71
South-West	34	24	2	2	11	2	-	-	75
<b>State</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>23</b>	-	-	<b>603</b>
<b>All Developments</b>									
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>3,720</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>4,689</b>
Border	1,688	144	111	25	31	21	39	49	2,108
Midland	649	89	28	12	39	10	22	20	869
West	1,383	132	45	19	44	13	39	37	1,712
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>5,388</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>7,201</b>
Dublin	1,297	177	2	18	59	22	39	128	1,742
Mid-East	768	94	35	12	47	12	30	45	1,043
Mid-West	685	60	74	6	42	14	30	30	941
South-East	1,092	123	84	28	30	17	53	66	1,493
South-West	1,546	145	79	40	50	24	49	49	1,982
<b>State</b>	<b>9,108</b>	<b>964</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>11,890</b>

- No permissions

**Table 3B Total Floor Area planned (000 sq.m) in new construction and extensions, first quarter 2006, 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>1,365</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1,788</b>
Border	564	88	39	29	5	7	732
Midland	388	61	8	26	9	4	495
West	414	75	9	38	24	1	561
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>1,634</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>2,362</b>
Dublin	426	109	1	58	11	6	611
Mid-East	246	29	11	13	3	7	309
Mid-West	208	78	25	0	17	5	333
South-East	378	64	39	61	6	7	555
South-West	377	110	31	14	17	6	554
<b>State</b>	<b>2,999</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>4,150</b>
<b>Extension</b>							
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>122</b>
Border	25	14	2	2	6	1	50
Midland	13	3	1	3	4	0	24
West	21	5	1	1	12	6	47
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>323</b>
Dublin	42	32	-	2	16	1	92
Mid-East	23	12	1	1	8	1	46
Mid-West	17	5	4	2	7	0	36
South-East	19	30	3	16	4	2	74
South-West	35	16	3	15	4	1	74
<b>State</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>444</b>
<b>Total New Construction and Extension</b>							
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>1,424</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1,910</b>
Border	589	101	41	32	11	9	782
Midland	400	64	10	29	12	4	519
West	435	80	11	40	36	7	608
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>1,772</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>2,685</b>
Dublin	468	141	1	60	26	7	703
Mid-East	269	41	12	14	11	8	355
Mid-West	225	83	29	3	23	6	370
South-East	397	95	42	77	10	9	629
South-West	412	125	34	29	21	7	629
<b>State</b>	<b>3,196</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>4,595</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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, 2002 - 2006**

Period	All Houses				<i>of which Multi-Development Houses</i>				<i>of which One-Off Houses</i>				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> )	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> )
2002 Q 1	4,638	12,105	1,751	144.7	436	7,903	963	121.8	4,202	4,202	788	187.6	370	4,200	336	79.9
Q 2	4,192	15,236	2,103	138.1	411	11,455	1,382	120.7	3,781	3,781	721	190.8	350	5,163	391	75.7
Q 3	5,091	13,501	1,951	144.5	414	8,824	1,037	117.6	4,677	4,677	914	195.5	401	4,771	368	77.2
Q 4	4,303	10,213	1,523	149.1	359	6,269	754	120.3	3,944	3,944	769	194.9	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>1,620</b>	<b>34,451</b>	<b>4,137</b>	<b>120.1</b>	<b>16,604</b>	<b>16,604</b>	<b>3,193</b>	<b>192.3</b>	<b>1,464</b>	<b>18,259</b>	<b>1,422</b>	<b>77.9</b>
2003 Q 1	4,469	9,511	1,464	153.9	376	5,418	661	122.0	4,093	4,093	803	196.1	370	4,030	325	80.6
Q 2	4,752	13,118	1,893	144.3	416	8,782	1,035	117.9	4,336	4,336	858	197.9	348	7,484	605	80.8
Q 3	5,132	14,394	2,035	141.4	479	9,741	1,110	114.0	4,653	4,653	925	198.8	439	10,065	789	78.4
Q 4	4,970	12,582	1,905	151.4	490	8,102	997	123.1	4,480	4,480	908	202.6	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>1,761</b>	<b>32,043</b>	<b>3,804</b>	<b>118.7</b>	<b>17,562</b>	<b>17,562</b>	<b>3,494</b>	<b>198.9</b>	<b>1,592</b>	<b>28,749</b>	<b>2,280</b>	<b>79.3</b>
2004 Q 1	6,426	17,054	2,509	147.1	585	11,213	1,331	118.7	5,841	5,841	1,177	201.6	457	8,347	646	77.4
Q 2	7,123	18,653	2,770	148.5	640	12,170	1,443	118.6	6,483	6,483	1,328	204.8	425	7,313	543	74.2
Q 3	6,647	17,097	2,580	150.9	601	11,051	1,336	120.9	6,046	6,046	1,244	205.7	446	7,399	579	78.3
Q 4	5,555	16,772	2,428	144.8	551	11,768	1,392	118.3	5,004	5,004	1,036	207.1	403	9,018	691	76.6
<b>Year</b>	<b>25,751</b>	<b>69,576</b>	<b>10,287</b>	<b>147.8</b>	<b>2,377</b>	<b>46,202</b>	<b>5,502</b>	<b>119.1</b>	<b>23,374</b>	<b>23,374</b>	<b>4,785</b>	<b>204.7</b>	<b>1,731</b>	<b>32,077</b>	<b>2,459</b>	<b>76.7</b>
2005 Q 1	5,749	18,913	2,810	148.6	627	13,791	1,729	125.4	5,122	5,122	1,081	211.0	416	6,437	487	75.7
Q 2	6,244	21,938	3,186	145.2	756	16,450	2,027	123.2	5,488	5,488	1,159	211.1	472	6,880	553	80.4
Q 3	6,005	18,190	2,756	151.5	680	12,865	1,612	125.3	5,325	5,325	1,144	214.8	476	5,791	461	79.6
Q 4	5,516	16,609	2,526	152.1	583	11,676	1,452	124.3	4,933	4,933	1,075	217.8	435	4,594	352	76.7
<b>Year</b>	<b>23,514</b>	<b>75,650</b>	<b>11,278</b>	<b>149.1</b>	<b>2,646</b>	<b>54,782</b>	<b>6,820</b>	<b>124.5</b>	<b>20,868</b>	<b>20,868</b>	<b>4,458</b>	<b>213.6</b>	<b>1,799</b>	<b>23,702</b>	<b>1,854</b>	<b>78.2</b>
2006 Q 1	5,500	16,454	2,504	152.2	602	11,556	1,433	124.0	4,898	4,898	1,071	218.7	385	6,070	485	79.8

**Table 5 Details of Planning Permissions granted for new one-off houses, first quarter 2006, classified by region and county**

Planning Region and County	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>2,485</b>	<b>2,485</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>225.0</b>
<b>Border</b>	<b>1,108</b>	<b>1,108</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>225.4</b>
Cavan	150	150	35	234.5
Donegal	518	518	112	216.5
Leitrim	67	67	13	192.3
Louth	127	127	30	239.4
Monaghan	129	129	32	251.9
Sligo	117	117	27	227.4
<b>Midland</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>238.7</b>
Laois	132	132	31	238.5
Longford	77	77	18	234.2
Offaly	76	76	19	251.4
Westmeath	115	115	27	233.3
<b>West</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>218.9</b>
Galway City	11	11	4	327.8
Galway <sup>2</sup>	461	461	102	220.7
Mayo	334	334	73	217.7
Roscommon	171	171	36	209.2
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>2,413</b>	<b>2,413</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>212.3</b>
<b>Dublin</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>155.7</b>
Dublin City	87	87	12	132.2
Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown	50	50	8	168.4
Fingal	63	63	12	189.2
South Dublin	48	48	7	140.8
<b>Mid-East</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>233.2</b>
Kildare	119	119	27	224.4
Meath	125	125	34	270.0
Wicklow	110	110	22	200.8
<b>Mid-West</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>222.9</b>
Clare	139	139	29	208.6
Limerick City	2	2	0	148.5
Limerick <sup>2</sup>	125	125	29	233.7
North Tipperary	93	93	22	231.4
<b>South-East</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>221.7</b>
Carlow	54	54	14	254.2
Kilkenny	128	128	31	240.9
South Tipperary	81	81	17	209.7
Waterford City	6	6	1	157.0
Waterford <sup>2</sup>	98	98	21	212.9
Wexford	276	276	59	214.5
<b>South-West</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>208.4</b>
Cork City	19	19	3	143.6
Cork <sup>2</sup>	508	508	108	212.2
Kerry	282	282	58	206.1
<b>State</b>	<b>4,898</b>	<b>4,898</b>	<b>1,071</b>	<b>218.7</b>

<sup>2</sup> Excluding cities

**Table 6 Details of Planning Permissions granted for new houses<sup>3</sup>, first quarter 2006, classified by region and county**

Planning Region and County	Number of Permissions	Number of Units	Floor Area (000 sq.m)	Average Floor Area per Unit (sq.m)
<b>Houses<sup>3</sup></b>				
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>5,635</b>	<b>702</b>	<b>124.6</b>
<b>Border</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>2,148</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>125.6</b>
Cavan	22	422	49	116.8
Donegal	81	969	125	128.7
Leitrim	12	248	36	146.9
Louth	11	75	9	115.4
Monaghan	10	151	16	106.0
Sligo	10	283	35	122.4
<b>Midland</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>2,122</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>119.5</b>
Laois	10	996	124	124.5
Longford	7	192	20	104.0
Offaly	8	419	51	121.6
Westmeath	13	515	59	113.7
<b>West</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>1,365</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>131.1</b>
Galway City	3	6	1	185.0
Galway <sup>2</sup>	30	478	61	127.0
Mayo	21	212	28	133.5
Roscommon	23	669	89	132.8
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>5,921</b>	<b>731</b>	<b>123.4</b>
<b>Dublin</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>121.6</b>
Dublin City	26	100	12	120.4
Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown	17	62	12	194.8
Fingal	17	508	62	121.8
South Dublin	9	280	29	105.3
<b>Mid-East</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>902</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>131.0</b>
Kildare	9	406	53	129.9
Meath	8	131	19	148.6
Wicklow	17	365	46	126.0
<b>Mid-West</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>127.2</b>
Clare	16	347	40	115.0
Limerick City	3	40	9	215.4
Limerick <sup>2</sup>	10	289	37	128.8
North Tipperary	6	75	10	130.8
<b>South-East</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>1,799</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>120.8</b>
Carlow	6	113	14	124.1
Kilkenny	17	554	60	107.5
South Tipperary	12	336	39	114.9
Waterford City	7	331	36	109.5
Waterford <sup>2</sup>	11	149	23	154.2
Wexford	44	316	46	145.4
<b>South-West</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>1,519</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>121.3</b>
Cork City	8	25	2	98.0
Cork <sup>2</sup>	53	1,108	132	119.2
Kerry	45	386	50	128.9
<b>State</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>11,556</b>	<b>1,433</b>	<b>124.0</b>

<sup>2</sup> Excluding cities

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



**Table 7 Details of Planning Permissions granted for new apartments, first quarter 2006, classified by region and county**

Planning Region and County	Number of Permissions	Number of Units	Floor Area (000 sq.m)	Average Floor Area per Unit (sq.m)
<b>Apartments</b>				
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>1,326</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>72.6</b>
<b>Border</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>78.6</b>
Cavan	9	189	15	80.7
Donegal	18	122	9	71.9
Leitrim	4	55	5	83.4
Louth	6	53	4	74.0
Monaghan	4	42	3	77.6
Sligo	7	41	4	89.3
<b>Midland</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>63.7</b>
Laois	11	273	18	64.2
Longford	6	21	1	66.2
Offaly	7	164	10	60.5
Westmeath	12	105	7	66.8
<b>West</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>80.4</b>
Galway City	5	69	6	87.4
Galway <sup>2</sup>	19	81	7	81.4
Mayo	19	74	6	80.8
Roscommon	5	37	2	64.6
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>4,744</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>81.9</b>
<b>Dublin</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>3,248</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>83.7</b>
Dublin City	51	1,323	105	79.0
Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown	13	653	53	80.9
Fingal	17	419	33	79.3
South Dublin	10	853	81	95.3
<b>Mid-East</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>77.9</b>
Kildare	14	38	3	67.0
Meath	13	245	18	73.7
Wicklow	16	294	24	82.9
<b>Mid-West</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>83.2</b>
Clare	8	89	7	75.3
Limerick City	6	56	4	65.1
Limerick <sup>2</sup>	4	243	22	90.3
North Tipperary	2	2	0	78.5
<b>South-East</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>77.4</b>
Carlow	4	17	2	95.6
Kilkenny	3	52	3	56.3
South Tipperary	4	11	1	77.5
Waterford City	4	68	5	66.8
Waterford <sup>2</sup>	5	56	6	110.8
Wexford	9	28	2	63.9
<b>South-West</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>71.1</b>
Cork City	12	55	4	69.1
Cork <sup>2</sup>	43	148	12	78.9
Kerry	15	94	6	59.9
<b>State</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>6,070</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>79.8</b>

<sup>2</sup> Excluding cities

## 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.

**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.

**NUTS2 and NUTS3 regions**

The regional classifications in this release are based on the NUTS (Nomenclature of Territorial Units) classification used by Eurostat. The NUTS3 regions correspond to the eight Regional Authorities established under the Local Government Act, 1991 (Regional Authorities) (Establishment) Order, 1993, which came into operation on 1 January 1994. The NUTS2 regions, which were proposed by Government and agreed by Eurostat in 1999, are groupings of the NUTS3 regions. The composition of the regions is set out below.

<b>Border, Midlands and Western NUTS2 Region</b>		<b>Southern and Eastern NUTS2 Region</b>	
<b>Border</b>	Cavan Donegal Leitrim Louth Monaghan Sligo	<b>Dublin</b>	Dublin City Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Fingal South Dublin
<b>Midland</b>	Laoighis Longford Offaly Westmeath	<b>Mid-East</b>	Kildare Meath Wicklow
<b>West</b>	Galway City Galway County Mayo Roscommon	<b>Mid-West</b>	Clare Limerick City Limerick County North Tipperary
		<b>South-East</b>	Carlow Kilkenny South Tipperary Waterford City Waterford County Wexford
		<b>South-West</b>	Cork City Cork County Kerry