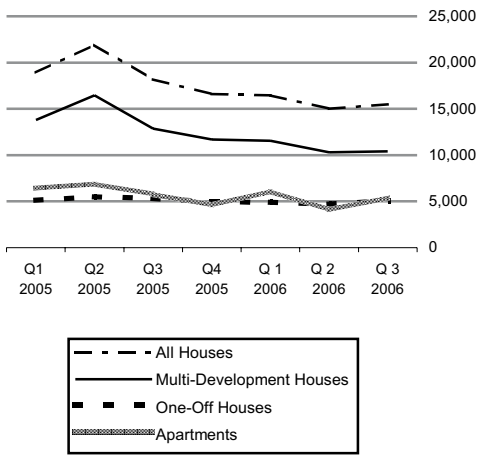




**Number of Dwelling Units approved
classified by type of unit,
q1 2005 - q3 2006**



Planning Permissions Quarter 3 2006

Number of Dwelling Units Approved

	Houses	Apartments	Total
Quarter 3 2005	18,190	5,791	23,981
Quarter 3 2006	15,486	5,397	20,883
% change	-14.9%	-6.8%	-12.9%

Dwelling units approved down 12.9% in year

This release shows that for the third quarter of 2006, planning permissions were granted for 20,883 dwelling units, compared with 23,981 units for the same period in 2005, a decrease of 12.9%.

The third quarter figures also show that:

- ◆ Planning permissions were granted for 15,486 new houses. This compares with 18,190 new houses in the same quarter of 2005, a decrease of 14.9%. *See Table 4.*
- ◆ Planning permissions were granted for 5,397 apartments in the third quarter of 2006 and 5,791 in the third quarter of 2005. This is a decrease of 6.8%. *See Tables 4 & 7.*
- ◆ One-off houses accounted for 24.3% of all new dwelling units granted planning permission in this quarter. *See Tables 4 & 5.*
- ◆ Total floor area planned was 5,337 thousand sq. metres in the third quarter of 2006. Of this, 55.9% was for new dwellings, 33.0% for other new constructions and 11.1% for extensions. The total floor area planned increased by 5.1% in comparison with the same quarter of 2005. *See Table 1.*
- ◆ Planning Permissions for new buildings for Agriculture increased to 1,453 this quarter. *See Table 3A.* This compares to 470 permissions in the same quarter of 2005.

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Table 1 Summary of Planning Permissions Granted, Q1 1998 - Q3 2006

Period	Number of Permissions					Total Floor Area ² (000 sq.m) ¹				
	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
	Year	16,719	5,180	12,576	2,748	37,223	6,098	2,548	1,574	10,221
1999	Q 1	5,201	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Q 2	5,674	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Q 3	6,517	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Q 4	6,203	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Year²	23,595	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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
	Year²	26,332	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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
	Year	23,613	6,197	12,837	2,853	45,500	10,463	4,023	1,722	16,206
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
	Year	19,728	5,926	12,322	2,924	40,900	8,792	4,004	1,623	14,420
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
	Year	20,949	5,932	12,159	2,577	41,617	9,611	3,937	1,497	15,044
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
	Year	27,512	6,717	13,468	2,575	50,272	12,795	4,258	1,665	18,719
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
	Year	25,334	7,699	14,882	2,689	50,604	13,165	4,957	1,872	19,995
2006	Q 1	5,890	1,822	3,575	603	11,890	2,999	1,151	444	4,595
	Q 2	5,595	2,494	4,137	666	12,892	2,737	1,612	475	4,824
	Q 3	6,035	2,965	4,759	756	14,515	2,981	1,764	593	5,337

¹ For categories where floor area is a relevant measure² 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 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 ¹
	Dwellings	Other				Dwellings	Other		
Border, Midland and Western	2,818	1,125	1,388	240	5,571	1,092	578	169	1,839
Border	1,362	579	672	101	2,714	556	267	85	908
Cavan	212	81	112	3	408	130	37	19	186
Donegal	638	250	233	27	1,148	222	103	19	343
Leitrim	90	27	38	6	161	40	22	5	68
Louth	164	50	167	44	425	71	41	19	131
Monaghan	153	128	55	14	350	57	50	19	126
Sligo	105	43	67	7	222	36	15	5	55
Midland	421	196	277	48	942	200	134	33	367
Laois	83	49	53	9	194	46	15	8	69
Longford	81	27	40	7	155	32	10	3	45
Offaly	112	56	78	15	261	53	37	11	101
Westmeath	145	64	106	17	332	69	72	10	151
West	1,035	350	439	91	1,915	336	177	50	564
Galway City	27	29	41	22	119	32	11	3	47
Galway ²	506	167	198	35	906	159	61	22	242
Mayo	354	92	141	25	612	94	86	17	197
Roscommon	148	62	59	9	278	51	19	8	78
Southern and Eastern	3,217	1,840	3,371	516	8,944	1,889	1,185	424	3,499
Dublin	378	306	1,114	205	2,003	424	343	137	904
Dublin City	138	138	419	92	787	168	140	26	334
Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown	82	39	268	40	429	23	32	54	109
Fingal	90	69	222	36	417	121	86	35	242
South Dublin	68	60	205	37	370	113	86	21	219
Mid-East	425	238	521	64	1,248	347	187	52	586
Kildare	151	73	202	18	444	106	81	17	204
Meath	183	114	204	32	533	146	86	23	255
Wicklow	91	51	115	14	271	95	20	11	126
Mid-West	482	364	388	53	1,287	195	167	45	406
Clare	181	118	137	20	456	68	33	17	118
Limerick City	7	13	27	13	60	2	0	2	5
Limerick ²	210	151	153	10	524	99	104	17	220
North Tipperary	84	82	71	10	247	26	30	8	64
South-East	855	451	591	91	1,988	442	251	96	789
Carlow	109	53	69	13	244	90	31	14	134
Kilkenny	168	129	130	18	445	87	49	18	153
South Tipperary	102	71	86	11	270	49	30	12	91
Waterford City	18	23	55	10	106	33	26	5	64
Waterford ²	136	65	96	12	309	57	52	28	137
Wexford	322	110	155	27	614	127	64	19	210
South-West	1,077	481	757	103	2,418	481	238	94	813
Cork City	35	17	101	11	164	34	22	7	63
Cork ²	662	313	492	71	1,538	276	172	64	513
Kerry	380	151	164	21	716	170	44	23	238
State	6,035	2,965	4,759	756	14,515	2,981	1,764	593	5,337

¹ For categories where floor area is a relevant measure

² Excluding cities

Table 3A Number of Planning Permissions granted, third 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	
New Construction									
Border, Midland and Western	2,818	123	713	35	37	29	82	106	3,943
Border	1,362	60	382	12	12	13	48	52	1,941
Midland	421	23	114	7	11	6	16	19	617
West	1,035	40	217	16	14	10	18	35	1,385
Southern and Eastern	3,217	264	740	99	91	44	249	353	5,057
Dublin	378	68	7	28	21	6	32	144	684
Mid-East	425	39	85	17	24	10	32	31	663
Mid-West	482	30	211	12	14	9	53	35	846
South-East	855	63	206	23	19	9	63	68	1,306
South-West	1,077	64	231	19	13	10	69	75	1,558
State	6,035	387	1,453	134	128	73	331	459	9,000
Extension									
Border, Midland and Western	1,077	85	85	21	100	20	-	-	1,388
Border	507	46	53	10	47	9	-	-	672
Midland	224	15	13	4	18	3	-	-	277
West	346	24	19	7	35	8	-	-	439
Southern and Eastern	2,834	180	134	28	160	35	-	-	3,371
Dublin	1,001	50	2	7	47	7	-	-	1,114
Mid-East	448	21	13	1	33	5	-	-	521
Mid-West	330	12	19	5	16	6	-	-	388
South-East	433	52	56	8	34	8	-	-	591
South-West	622	45	44	7	30	9	-	-	757
State	3,911	265	219	49	260	55	-	-	4,759
Alteration and Conversion									
Border, Midland and Western	51	142	4	8	27	8	-	-	240
Border	20	63	2	3	11	2	-	-	101
Midland	12	30	2	-	3	1	-	-	48
West	19	49	-	5	13	5	-	-	91
Southern and Eastern	207	203	8	11	70	17	-	-	516
Dublin	105	60	-	3	30	7	-	-	205
Mid-East	14	35	2	1	11	1	-	-	64
Mid-West	19	17	2	-	12	3	-	-	53
South-East	25	54	2	2	8	-	-	-	91
South-West	44	37	2	5	9	6	-	-	103
State	258	345	12	19	97	25	-	-	756
All Developments									
Border, Midland and Western	3,946	350	802	64	164	57	82	106	5,571
Border	1,889	169	437	25	70	24	48	52	2,714
Midland	657	68	129	11	32	10	16	19	942
West	1,400	113	236	28	62	23	18	35	1,915
Southern and Eastern	6,258	647	882	138	321	96	249	353	8,944
Dublin	1,484	178	9	38	98	20	32	144	2,003
Mid-East	887	95	100	19	68	16	32	31	1,248
Mid-West	831	59	232	17	42	18	53	35	1,287
South-East	1,313	169	264	33	61	17	63	68	1,988
South-West	1,743	146	277	31	52	25	69	75	2,418
State	10,204	997	1,684	202	485	153	331	459	14,515

- No permissions

Table 3B Total Floor Area planned (000 sq.m) in new construction and extensions, third quarter 2006, 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	1,092	212	258	57	26	25	1,670
Border	556	88	146	12	5	17	823
Midland	200	64	47	7	12	4	334
West	336	60	66	38	9	4	513
Southern and Eastern	1,889	563	326	209	57	29	3,075
Dublin	424	235	9	74	22	3	768
Mid-East	347	59	42	71	9	7	534
Mid-West	195	66	81	4	7	9	361
South-East	442	109	76	46	12	8	693
South-West	481	95	118	15	7	3	719
State	2,981	775	585	267	83	54	4,745
Extension							
Border, Midland and Western	75	22	25	23	19	4	169
Border	33	10	17	15	8	1	85
Midland	18	4	4	3	4	1	33
West	25	8	4	6	7	2	50
Southern and Eastern	175	107	56	39	39	8	424
Dublin	52	64	1	4	14	3	137
Mid-East	30	6	8	0	6	1	52
Mid-West	25	5	7	2	5	1	45
South-East	30	15	24	20	6	2	96
South-West	38	17	17	13	8	1	94
State	250	129	81	62	58	12	593
Total New Construction and Extension							
Border, Midland and Western	1,167	234	283	81	45	29	1,839
Border	589	98	163	28	13	18	908
Midland	217	68	51	10	16	5	367
West	361	68	70	43	16	6	564
Southern and Eastern	2,064	671	383	248	96	37	3,499
Dublin	476	299	10	78	36	6	904
Mid-East	378	64	50	71	16	8	586
Mid-West	219	71	88	6	12	10	406
South-East	472	124	99	66	19	10	789
South-West	519	112	135	28	14	4	813
State	3,231	905	666	329	141	66	5,337

¹ 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, Q1 2002 - Q3 2006

Period	All Houses				of which Multi-Development Houses				of which One-Off 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)	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)
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
Year	18,224	51,055	7,328	143.6	1,620	34,451	4,137	120.1	16,604	16,604	3,193	192.3	1,464	18,259	1,422	77.9
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
Year	19,323	49,605	7,297	147.1	1,761	32,043	3,804	118.7	17,562	17,562	3,494	198.9	1,592	28,749	2,280	79.3
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
Year	25,751	69,576	10,287	147.8	2,377	46,202	5,502	119.1	23,374	23,374	4,785	204.7	1,731	32,077	2,459	76.7
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
Year	23,514	75,650	11,278	149.1	2,646	54,782	6,820	124.5	20,868	20,868	4,458	213.6	1,799	23,702	1,854	78.2
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
Q 2	5,259	15,014	2,413	160.7	563	10,318	1,359	131.7	4,696	4,696	1,055	224.6	327	4,083	316	77.5
Q 3	5,683	15,486	2,504	161.7	602	10,405	1,351	129.8	5,081	5,081	1,153	226.9	345	5,397	456	84.5

Table 5 Details of Planning Permissions granted for new one-off houses, third 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)
One-Off Houses				
Border, Midland and Western	2,468	2,468	571	231.4
Border	1,176	1,176	275	233.8
Cavan	190	190	49	255.7
Donegal	533	533	117	219.1
Leitrim	84	84	18	215.4
Louth	136	136	33	241.0
Monaghan	134	134	36	271.1
Sligo	99	99	22	226.7
Midland	356	356	88	248.3
Laois	71	71	17	242.5
Longford	71	71	17	245.5
Offaly	95	95	25	263.1
Westmeath	119	119	29	241.6
West	936	936	208	222.0
Galway City	9	9	3	314.0
Galway ²	465	465	103	221.3
Mayo	328	328	72	218.9
Roscommon	134	134	30	225.9
Southern and Eastern	2,613	2,613	582	222.6
Dublin	253	253	42	165.8
Dublin City	77	77	11	147.9
Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown	65	65	12	177.6
Fingal	61	61	12	204.0
South Dublin	50	50	7	131.4
Mid-East	350	350	86	246.2
Kildare	119	119	29	247.8
Meath	158	158	42	264.1
Wicklow	73	73	15	204.7
Mid-West	414	414	95	230.3
Clare	156	156	35	224.5
Limerick City	3	3	1	226.7
Limerick ²	182	182	42	229.4
North Tipperary	73	73	18	245.4
South-East	690	690	165	239.5
Carlow	94	94	25	262.0
Kilkenny	148	148	37	251.0
South Tipperary	88	88	20	222.5
Waterford City	10	10	3	267.3
Waterford ²	119	119	28	238.9
Wexford	231	231	53	228.7
South-West	906	906	193	212.9
Cork City	18	18	3	161.9
Cork ²	556	556	121	216.8
Kerry	332	332	69	209.2
State	5,081	5,081	1,153	226.9

² Excluding cities

Table 6 Details of Planning Permissions granted for new houses³, third 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)
Houses³				
Border, Midland and Western	241	3,262	454	139.3
Border	142	1,760	257	145.9
Cavan	16	506	81	159.3
Donegal	87	689	99	143.3
Leitrim	4	121	22	181.4
Louth	16	229	27	120.0
Monaghan	17	162	20	122.9
Sligo	2	53	8	152.8
Midland	41	816	105	129.2
Laois	11	194	27	138.4
Longford	8	77	14	186.3
Offaly	11	202	26	131.1
Westmeath	11	343	38	110.1
West	58	686	92	134.1
Galway City	8	149	17	111.4
Galway ²	25	325	47	145.3
Mayo	14	71	8	110.1
Roscommon	11	141	20	144.5
Southern and Eastern	361	7,143	896	125.5
Dublin	50	1,030	123	119.8
Dublin City	25	101	14	134.1
Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown	4	18	3	170.9
Fingal	13	237	29	123.3
South Dublin	8	674	78	115.1
Mid-East	42	1,800	224	124.5
Kildare	19	521	61	116.5
Meath	15	757	99	130.3
Wicklow	8	522	65	123.9
Mid-West	40	715	84	117.3
Clare	16	185	26	138.5
Limerick City	1	18	2	86.0
Limerick ²	15	475	50	104.2
North Tipperary	8	37	7	195.1
South-East	134	1,854	248	133.7
Carlow	8	452	56	123.8
Kilkenny	15	387	48	124.4
South Tipperary	11	226	29	130.1
Waterford City	4	149	17	113.3
Waterford ²	14	163	26	160.2
Wexford	82	477	71	149.6
South-West	95	1,744	217	124.6
Cork City	8	83	11	136.9
Cork ²	52	953	113	119.0
Kerry	35	708	92	130.6
State	602	10,405	1,351	129.8

² Excluding cities

³ Excluding one-off houses

Table 7 Details of Planning Permissions granted for new apartments, third 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)
Apartments				
Border, Midland and Western	107	819	62	75.8
Border	43	287	20	69.8
Cavan	6	16	1	72.0
Donegal	18	101	7	64.8
Leitrim	2	5	0	50.0
Louth	12	142	10	73.6
Monaghan	2	10	1	66.9
Sligo	3	13	1	74.9
Midland	23	70	6	80.5
Laois	1	17	2	96.0
Longford	2	4	0	53.5
Offaly	5	11	1	91.9
Westmeath	15	38	3	73.1
West	41	462	36	78.8
Galway City	10	186	12	66.6
Galway ²	16	119	9	75.4
Mayo	12	150	15	97.2
Roscommon	3	7	0	69.1
Southern and Eastern	238	4,578	394	86.0
Dublin	73	2,829	244	86.3
Dublin City	34	1,500	128	85.4
Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown	13	87	8	93.4
Fingal	16	801	80	99.4
South Dublin	10	441	28	64.6
Mid-East	32	430	37	85.8
Kildare	12	155	16	101.7
Meath	10	75	6	76.2
Wicklow	10	200	15	77.1
Mid-West	28	176	15	87.7
Clare	9	90	7	81.2
Limerick City	3	4	0	59.8
Limerick ²	13	74	7	98.5
North Tipperary	3	8	1	74.8
South-East	31	346	29	83.6
Carlow	7	85	9	109.5
Kilkenny	5	18	1	70.6
South Tipperary	3	10	1	52.6
Waterford City	4	179	13	72.7
Waterford ²	3	24	2	92.9
Wexford	9	30	3	86.5
South-West	74	797	68	85.8
Cork City	9	233	20	86.1
Cork ²	52	458	40	87.1
Kerry	13	106	8	79.5
State	345	5,397	456	84.5

² Excluding cities

Background Notes

Scope and Background

Details of the scope and background of this series were given in the March 1973 Statistical Bulletin. The Planning and Development Acts 1963 – 2000, imposes certain requirements on builders, developers and all other persons who propose to build or develop and specifies that a planning permission must be obtained from the relevant Planning Authority.

Local authority building (including housing) is exempt in the case where construction takes place in the Authorities' own area. Therefore, works undertaken by a local authority outside its functional area come within the scope of the Acts, 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.

This series is also available using the interactive tables in Database Direct on www.cso.ie.

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.

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.

Border, Midlands and Western NUTS2 Region

Border	Cavan Donegal Leitrim Louth Monaghan Sligo
Midland	Laoighis Longford Offaly Westmeath
West	Galway City Galway County Mayo Roscommon

Southern and Eastern NUTS2 Region

Dublin	Dublin City Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Fingal South Dublin
Mid-East	Kildare Meath Wicklow
Mid-West	Clare Limerick City Limerick County North Tipperary
South-East	Carlow Kilkenny South Tipperary Waterford City Waterford County Wexford
South-West	Cork City Cork County Kerry