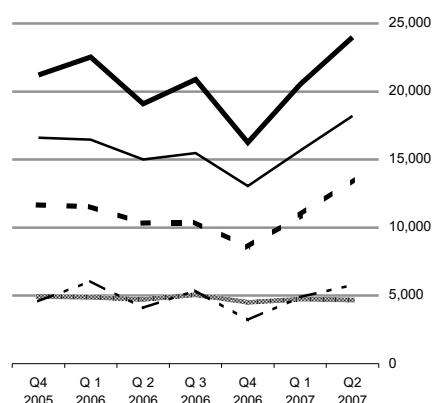




Planning Permissions Quarter 2 2007

**Number of Dwelling Units approved
classified by type of unit,
q4 2005 - q2 2007**



Number of Dwelling Units Approved

	Houses	Apartments	Total
Quarter 2 2006	15,014	4,083	19,097
Quarter 2 2007	18,201	5,787	23,988
% change	21.2%	41.7%	25.6%

Dwelling units approved up 25.6% in year

This release shows that for the second quarter of 2007, planning permissions were granted for 23,988 dwelling units, compared with 19,097 units for the same period in 2006, an increase of 25.6%. *See Tables 4 & 7.*

The second quarter figures also show that:

- ◆ Planning permissions were granted for 5,787 apartment units, compared with 4,083 units for the same period in 2006, an increase of 41.7%. *See tables 4 & 7.*
- ◆ Planning permissions were granted for 18,201 houses in the second quarter of 2007 and 15,014 in the second quarter of 2006. This is an increase of 21.2%. *See Table 4.*
- ◆ One-off houses accounted for 19.5% of all new dwelling units granted planning permission in this quarter. *See Tables 4 & 5.*
- ◆ The total number of permissions granted for all developments in the second quarter of 2007 was 17,311. This compares to 12,892 in the second quarter of 2006, an increase of 34.3%. *See Table 1.*
- ◆ Total floor area planned was 6,719 thousand sq. metres in the second quarter of 2007. Of this, 50.7% was for new dwellings, 39.7% for other new constructions and 9.6% for extensions. The total floor area planned increased by 39.3% in comparison with the same quarter of 2006. *See Table 1.*
- ◆ Planning Permissions for new buildings for Agriculture increased to 4,065 this quarter. *See Table 3A.* This compares to 960 permissions in the same quarter of 2006.

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Table 1 Summary of Planning Permissions Granted, Q1 1999 - Q2 2007

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		
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	4,206	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
Q 4	5,254	3,172	3,883	653	12,962	2,374	1,697	461	4,532
Year	22,774	10,453	16,354	2,678	52,259	11,091	6,224	1,973	19,288
2007 Q 1	5,709	4,995	4,033	651	15,388	2,952	2,272	570	5,793
Q 2	5,636	6,229	4,751	695	17,311	3,409	2,668	643	6,719

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, second quarter 2007, 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	2,478	2,566	1,411	188	6,643	1,115	936	187	2,238
Border	1,129	1,260	668	71	3,128	511	448	86	1,045
Cavan	204	279	99	3	585	99	88	17	204
Donegal	454	396	234	13	1,097	144	113	24	281
Leitrim	82	111	60	5	258	21	26	6	53
Louth	144	99	149	28	420	137	56	19	212
Monaghan	161	283	47	16	507	65	124	9	198
Sligo	84	92	79	6	261	44	41	12	96
Midland	479	527	284	27	1,317	268	207	45	521
Laois	112	119	70	6	307	53	50	14	117
Longford	66	94	34	3	197	29	34	6	70
Offaly	156	160	73	11	400	108	75	11	194
Westmeath	145	154	107	7	413	79	48	14	140
West	870	779	459	90	2,198	336	281	56	673
Galway City	28	17	45	20	110	63	9	7	79
Galway ²	440	409	209	36	1,094	140	120	21	281
Mayo	255	164	132	21	572	86	80	15	182
Roscommon	147	189	73	13	422	47	71	13	131
Southern and Eastern	3,158	3,663	3,340	507	10,668	2,293	1,732	456	4,481
Dublin	389	369	922	212	1,892	385	258	73	716
Dublin City	174	217	365	111	867	110	26	26	162
Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown	57	17	202	29	305	62	15	13	90
Fingal	102	81	165	31	379	86	135	20	240
South Dublin	56	54	190	41	341	127	82	14	223
Mid-East	482	496	531	78	1,587	366	308	71	745
Kildare	167	136	229	32	564	159	119	33	311
Meath	186	202	169	27	584	143	99	24	266
Wicklow	129	158	133	19	439	64	90	14	167
Mid-West	472	643	420	52	1,587	322	218	61	600
Clare	163	242	145	12	562	95	68	15	178
Limerick City	7	6	30	5	48	4	0	2	6
Limerick ²	181	239	160	15	595	112	96	30	238
North Tipperary	121	156	85	20	382	112	53	13	178
South-East	822	919	604	88	2,433	587	387	110	1,084
Carlow	97	132	84	11	324	103	66	13	183
Kilkenny	137	225	116	18	496	65	65	20	149
South Tipperary	116	182	111	11	420	106	76	16	199
Waterford City	7	17	36	12	72	2	8	9	19
Waterford ²	136	147	91	15	389	73	97	20	190
Wexford	329	216	166	21	732	238	75	32	345
South-West	993	1,236	863	77	3,169	633	561	142	1,336
Cork City	31	15	77	2	125	42	38	7	86
Cork ²	661	831	569	67	2,128	428	365	107	899
Kerry	301	390	217	8	916	163	159	28	350
State	5,636	6,229	4,751	695	17,311	3,409	2,668	643	6,719

¹ For categories where floor area is a relevant measure

² Excluding cities

Table 3A Number of Planning Permissions granted, second quarter 2007, 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	2,478	164	1,910	45	43	20	303	81	5,044
Border	1,129	74	935	23	15	7	161	45	2,389
Midland	479	33	391	10	10	5	64	14	1,006
West	870	57	584	12	18	8	78	22	1,649
Southern and Eastern	3,158	288	2,155	86	91	45	565	433	6,821
Dublin	389	72	11	11	24	6	48	197	758
Mid-East	482	47	290	13	15	9	72	50	978
Mid-West	472	33	430	12	9	4	121	34	1,115
South-East	822	72	607	29	17	13	110	71	1,741
South-West	993	64	817	21	26	13	214	81	2,229
State	5,636	452	4,065	131	134	65	868	514	11,865
Extension									
Border, Midland and Western	1,021	87	207	19	56	21	-	-	1,411
Border	486	40	103	7	23	9	-	-	668
Midland	199	12	57	3	10	3	-	-	284
West	336	35	47	9	23	9	-	-	459
Southern and Eastern	2,557	170	379	49	144	41	-	-	3,340
Dublin	835	46	1	6	27	7	-	-	922
Mid-East	422	19	37	2	38	13	-	-	531
Mid-West	316	21	49	4	23	7	-	-	420
South-East	391	31	132	14	30	6	-	-	604
South-West	593	53	160	23	26	8	-	-	863
State	3,578	257	586	68	200	62	-	-	4,751
Alteration and Conversion									
Border, Midland and Western	39	101	16	5	21	6	-	-	188
Border	12	38	12	1	6	2	-	-	71
Midland	3	14	3	3	2	2	-	-	27
West	24	49	1	1	13	2	-	-	90
Southern and Eastern	190	233	18	12	42	12	-	-	507
Dublin	107	78	1	5	15	6	-	-	212
Mid-East	23	41	2	1	10	1	-	-	78
Mid-West	12	30	3	2	4	1	-	-	52
South-East	16	53	5	3	8	3	-	-	88
South-West	32	31	7	1	5	1	-	-	77
State	229	334	34	17	63	18	-	-	695
All Developments									
Border, Midland and Western	3,538	352	2,133	69	120	47	303	81	6,643
Border	1,627	152	1,050	31	44	18	161	45	3,128
Midland	681	59	451	16	22	10	64	14	1,317
West	1,230	141	632	22	54	19	78	22	2,198
Southern and Eastern	5,905	691	2,552	147	277	98	565	433	10,668
Dublin	1,331	196	13	22	66	19	48	197	1,892
Mid-East	927	107	329	16	63	23	72	50	1,587
Mid-West	800	84	482	18	36	12	121	34	1,587
South-East	1,229	156	744	46	55	22	110	71	2,433
South-West	1,618	148	984	45	57	22	214	81	3,169
State	9,443	1,043	4,685	216	397	145	868	514	17,311

- No permissions

Table 3B Total Floor Area planned (000 sq.m) in new construction and extensions, second quarter 2007, 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	1,115	161	648	62	34	30	2,051
Border	511	69	332	20	13	13	959
Midland	268	25	148	25	6	3	476
West	336	67	168	18	15	13	617
Southern and Eastern	2,293	545	859	163	113	52	4,025
Dublin	385	168	5	34	46	5	643
Mid-East	366	113	132	20	21	23	674
Mid-West	322	30	157	26	4	1	540
South-East	587	96	231	40	11	8	974
South-West	633	137	334	43	31	16	1,194
State	3,409	706	1,507	226	147	82	6,076
Extension							
Border, Midland and Western	74	24	54	11	18	6	187
Border	33	14	27	3	5	4	86
Midland	17	2	17	5	4	1	45
West	24	8	10	3	9	2	56
Southern and Eastern	175	48	127	33	61	13	456
Dublin	46	11	0	1	12	4	73
Mid-East	31	5	16	0	15	4	71
Mid-West	23	5	14	3	14	2	61
South-East	29	12	43	13	11	3	110
South-West	46	15	54	16	9	1	142
State	248	72	180	44	79	19	643
Total New Construction and Extension							
Border, Midland and Western	1,189	186	702	74	52	36	2,238
Border	544	83	359	23	18	18	1,045
Midland	285	28	165	29	10	3	521
West	360	75	178	21	24	15	673
Southern and Eastern	2,468	593	985	196	174	65	4,481
Dublin	431	179	5	35	58	8	716
Mid-East	396	119	148	20	36	26	745
Mid-West	345	35	170	29	18	3	600
South-East	616	108	274	53	22	11	1,084
South-West	680	152	388	59	40	17	1,336
State	3,657	778	1,687	270	226	101	6,719

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 2003 - Q2 2007

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)	Number of Permissions	Number of Units	Floor Area (000 m ²)	Average Floor Area per Unit (m ²)
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				
Q 4	4,967	13,054	2,105	161.3	485	8,572	1,086	126.7	4,482	4,482	1,019	227.3	283	3,197	263	82.2				
Year	21,409	60,008	9,526	158.7	2,252	40,851	5,228	128.0	19,157	19,157	4,298	224.3	1,340	18,747	1,520	81.1				
2007 Q 1	5,345	15,654	2,532	161.8	603	10,912	1,418	130.0	4,742	4,742	1,114	234.9	360	4,884	402	82.3				
Q 2	5,240	18,201	2,918	160.3	556	13,517	1,809	133.8	4,684	4,684	1,109	236.8	387	5,787	478	82.7				

Table 5 Details of Planning Permissions granted for new one-off houses, second quarter 2007, 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	2,190	2,190	533	243.2
Border	1,000	1,000	247	246.7
Cavan	185	185	50	268.2
Donegal	405	405	91	225.3
Leitrim	81	81	18	227.6
Louth	114	114	30	262.3
Monaghan	146	146	40	271.7
Sligo	69	69	18	258.0
Midland	419	419	107	255.5
Laois	100	100	27	267.2
Longford	60	60	14	227.0
Offaly	131	131	33	255.6
Westmeath	128	128	33	259.6
West	771	771	179	232.0
Galway City	12	12	3	259.1
Galway ²	400	400	92	230.1
Mayo	229	229	54	235.4
Roscommon	130	130	30	229.3
Southern and Eastern	2,494	2,494	577	231.2
Dublin	236	236	36	153.7
Dublin City	97	97	11	115.3
Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown	35	35	5	152.5
Fingal	66	66	14	206.9
South Dublin	38	38	6	160.4
Mid-East	402	402	100	248.4
Kildare	138	138	34	245.0
Meath	160	160	43	265.8
Wicklow	104	104	24	226.0
Mid-West	405	405	97	240.0
Clare	141	141	32	227.3
Limerick City	3	3	1	249.0
Limerick ²	155	155	37	239.9
North Tipperary	106	106	27	256.9
South-East	654	654	164	250.8
Carlow	71	71	19	268.3
Kilkenny	127	127	33	257.5
South Tipperary	90	90	21	228.0
Waterford City	5	5	2	313.0
Waterford ²	127	127	32	252.3
Wexford	234	234	58	248.6
South-West	797	797	179	224.8
Cork City	13	13	2	177.8
Cork ²	542	542	123	227.4
Kerry	242	242	54	221.4
State	4,684	4,684	1,109	236.8

² Excluding cities

Table 6 Details of Planning Permissions granted for new houses³, second quarter 2007, 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	159	3,544	460	129.7
Border	76	1,600	198	123.9
Cavan	13	331	44	132.1
Donegal	28	272	33	119.8
Leitrim	1	14	3	212.5
Louth	16	672	81	120.8
Monaghan	10	142	18	126.5
Sligo	8	169	20	117.6
Midland	32	1,190	141	118.6
Laois	6	226	24	108.0
Longford	5	103	16	150.6
Offaly	14	526	61	116.5
Westmeath	7	335	40	119.0
West	51	754	120	159.4
Galway City	10	240	42	174.6
Galway ²	19	227	37	161.3
Mayo	13	193	29	149.5
Roscommon	9	94	13	136.2
Southern and Eastern	397	9,973	1,349	135.3
Dublin	67	1,179	179	152.1
Dublin City	34	242	26	107.9
Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown	6	94	14	145.6
Fingal	20	305	52	171.9
South Dublin	7	538	87	161.9
Mid-East	40	1,707	209	122.5
Kildare	19	928	117	125.9
Meath	9	699	80	114.6
Wicklow	12	80	12	152.2
Mid-West	40	1,506	199	131.9
Clare	14	475	53	110.6
Limerick City	2	14	1	96.6
Limerick ²	14	556	60	108.6
North Tipperary	10	461	84	183.0
South-East	129	3,003	406	135.4
Carlow	18	514	80	156.2
Kilkenny	4	304	31	103.2
South Tipperary	19	708	84	119.1
Waterford City	1	3	0	75.0
Waterford ²	7	322	36	112.9
Wexford	80	1,152	174	151.0
South-West	121	2,578	356	137.9
Cork City	6	28	2	88.2
Cork ²	73	1,971	263	133.6
Kerry	42	579	90	155.2
State	556	13,517	1,809	133.8

² Excluding cities

³ Excluding one-off houses

Table 7 Details of Planning Permissions granted for new apartments, second quarter 2007, 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	125	1,402	121	86.1
Border	51	732	65	88.4
Cavan	6	80	6	69.5
Donegal	20	217	20	91.2
Louth	14	256	26	101.7
Monaghan	4	103	7	68.5
Sligo	7	76	6	82.0
Midland	28	221	20	91.3
Laois	6	16	1	89.3
Longford	1	1	0	78.0
Offaly	11	137	13	93.8
Westmeath	10	67	6	86.9
West	46	449	36	79.7
Galway City	5	199	17	87.4
Galway ²	21	160	12	72.8
Mayo	12	44	3	63.1
Roscommon	8	46	4	86.2
Southern and Eastern	262	4,385	358	81.6
Dublin	84	2,111	167	79.3
Dublin City	42	885	71	79.9
Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown	15	506	43	84.9
Fingal	16	244	20	80.3
South Dublin	11	476	34	71.5
Mid-East	40	748	57	75.7
Kildare	10	122	9	72.1
Meath	17	271	20	73.5
Wicklow	13	355	28	78.6
Mid-West	25	257	26	100.6
Clare	8	91	10	111.6
Limerick City	2	25	2	71.9
Limerick ²	10	133	13	101.2
North Tipperary	5	8	0	55.4
South-East	39	189	16	86.4
Carlow	8	52	4	74.9
Kilkenny	6	8	1	65.8
South Tipperary	7	16	1	90.3
Waterford City	1	1	0	38.0
Waterford ²	2	41	5	110.6
Wexford	15	71	6	82.9
South-West	74	1,080	92	84.7
Cork City	12	440	37	85.1
Cork ²	46	508	41	81.1
Kerry	16	132	13	97.5
State	387	5,787	478	82.7

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