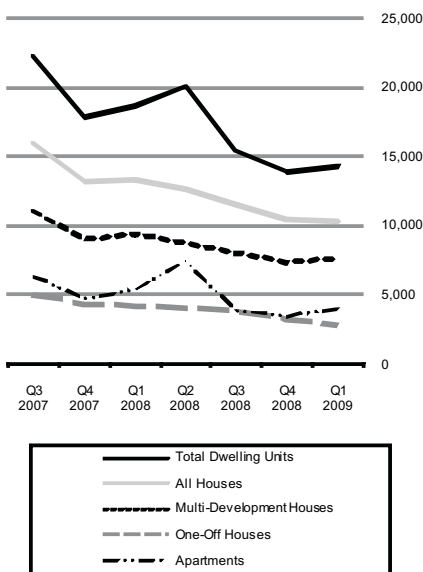




Number of Dwelling Units approved classified by type of unit, q3 2007 - q1 2009



Planning Permissions Quarter 1 2009

Number of Dwelling Units Approved

| | Houses | Apartments | Total |
|-----------------------|--------|------------|--------|
| Quarter 1 2008 | 13,301 | 5,281 | 18,582 |
| Quarter 1 2009 | 10,256 | 3,921 | 14,177 |
| % change | -22.9% | -25.8% | -23.7% |

Dwelling units approved down 23.7% in year

This release shows that for the first quarter of 2009, planning permissions were granted for 14,177 dwelling units, compared with 18,582 units for the same period in 2008, a decrease of 23.7%. *See Table 4.*

The first quarter figures also show that:

- ◆ Planning Permissions were granted for 10,256 houses in the first quarter of 2009 and 13,301 in the first quarter of 2008, a decrease of 22.9%. *See Table 4.*
- ◆ Planning permissions were granted for 3,921 apartment units, compared with 5,281 units for the same period in 2008, a decrease of 25.8%. *See Table 4.*
- ◆ One-off houses accounted for 19.3% of all new dwelling units granted planning permission in this quarter. *See Table 4.*
- ◆ The total number of planning permissions granted for all developments was 7,486. This compares with 11,055 in the first quarter of 2008, a decrease of 32.3%. *See Table 1.*
- ◆ Total floor area planned was 3,419 thousand sq. metres in the first quarter of 2009. Of this, 61.1% was for new dwellings, 25.4% for other new constructions and 13.4% for extensions. The total floor area planned decreased by 24.3% in comparison with the same quarter of 2008. *See Table 1.*
- ◆ Planning Permissions for new buildings for Agriculture decreased to 127 this quarter. This compares to 658 permissions in the same quarter of 2008. *See Table 3A.*

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Table 1 Summary of Planning Permissions Granted, Q1 2001 - Q1 2009

| Period | Number of Permissions | | | | | Total Floor Area (000 sq.m) ¹ | | | | |
|--------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------------|--------------|---|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| | New Construction | | Extension | Alteration and Conversion | Total | New Construction | | Extension | Total | |
| | Dwellings | Other | | | | Dwellings | Other | | | |
| 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 |
| | Q 3 | 5,880 | 5,411 | 5,210 | 837 | 17,338 | 3,165 | 2,748 | 725 | 6,638 |
| | Q 4 | 5,028 | 2,767 | 3,841 | 694 | 12,330 | 2,680 | 1,626 | 529 | 4,835 |
| | Year | 22,253 | 19,402 | 17,835 | 2,877 | 62,367 | 12,206 | 9,314 | 2,467 | 23,985 |
| 2008 | Q1 | 4,777 | 2,104 | 3,523 | 651 | 11,055 | 2,645 | 1,359 | 509 | 4,514 |
| | Q2 | 4,722 | 2,050 | 3,743 | 700 | 11,215 | 2,901 | 1,425 | 444 | 4,770 |
| | Q3 | 4,253 | 1,774 | 4,166 | 711 | 10,904 | 2,263 | 1,265 | 470 | 3,998 |
| | Q4 | 3,739 | 1,616 | 3,003 | 619 | 8,977 | 2,028 | 1,102 | 387 | 3,517 |
| | Year | 17,491 | 7,544 | 14,435 | 2,681 | 42,151 | 9,837 | 5,151 | 1,810 | 16,799 |
| 2009 | Q1 | 3,275 | 1,231 | 2,499 | 481 | 7,486 | 2,090 | 870 | 459 | 3,419 |

¹ For categories where floor area is a relevant measure

Table 2 Summary of Planning Permissions granted, Q1 2009, 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 | 1,394 | 394 | 704 | 123 | 2,615 | 798 | 294 | 79 | 1,171 |
| Border | 725 | 165 | 335 | 56 | 1,281 | 364 | 106 | 37 | 507 |
| Cavan | 207 | 17 | 68 | 9 | 301 | 64 | 10 | 9 | 82 |
| Donegal | 239 | 46 | 113 | 17 | 415 | 101 | 16 | 11 | 127 |
| Leitrim | 47 | 9 | 21 | 4 | 81 | 13 | 2 | 2 | 16 |
| Louth | 89 | 41 | 62 | 15 | 207 | 54 | 27 | 8 | 89 |
| Monaghan | 64 | 29 | 23 | 8 | 124 | 75 | 37 | 2 | 114 |
| Sligo | 79 | 23 | 48 | 3 | 153 | 57 | 14 | 6 | 77 |
| Midland | 195 | 83 | 112 | 20 | 410 | 227 | 138 | 17 | 382 |
| Laois | 39 | 28 | 31 | 7 | 105 | 151 | 46 | 8 | 205 |
| Longford | 27 | 4 | 10 | 1 | 42 | 12 | 3 | 1 | 16 |
| Offaly | 74 | 21 | 31 | 3 | 129 | 44 | 33 | 3 | 80 |
| Westmeath | 55 | 30 | 40 | 9 | 134 | 19 | 57 | 5 | 81 |
| West | 474 | 146 | 257 | 47 | 924 | 207 | 50 | 25 | 282 |
| Galway City | 20 | 22 | 26 | 12 | 80 | 29 | 14 | 2 | 45 |
| Galway ² | 246 | 70 | 126 | 18 | 460 | 95 | 16 | 11 | 122 |
| Mayo | 130 | 28 | 69 | 9 | 236 | 60 | 10 | 9 | 79 |
| Roscommon | 78 | 26 | 36 | 8 | 148 | 23 | 10 | 4 | 36 |
| Southern and Eastern | 1,881 | 837 | 1,795 | 358 | 4,871 | 1,292 | 576 | 380 | 2,248 |
| Dublin | 197 | 206 | 573 | 147 | 1,123 | 232 | 167 | 61 | 459 |
| Dublin City | 85 | 132 | 252 | 95 | 564 | 69 | 42 | 33 | 144 |
| Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown | 38 | 10 | 119 | 15 | 182 | 21 | 7 | 8 | 36 |
| Fingal | 39 | 32 | 113 | 20 | 204 | 75 | 66 | 12 | 153 |
| South Dublin | 35 | 32 | 89 | 17 | 173 | 67 | 51 | 8 | 126 |
| Mid-East | 332 | 116 | 235 | 61 | 744 | 272 | 128 | 206 | 606 |
| Kildare | 103 | 33 | 89 | 21 | 246 | 65 | 26 | 190 | 281 |
| Meath | 133 | 46 | 74 | 9 | 262 | 113 | 29 | 10 | 152 |
| Wicklow | 96 | 37 | 72 | 31 | 236 | 94 | 74 | 6 | 174 |
| Mid-West | 291 | 121 | 222 | 40 | 674 | 126 | 30 | 20 | 177 |
| Clare | 102 | 31 | 81 | 8 | 222 | 39 | 5 | 10 | 54 |
| Limerick City | 7 | 12 | 23 | 18 | 60 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Limerick ² | 113 | 55 | 83 | 9 | 260 | 48 | 12 | 7 | 67 |
| North Tipperary | 69 | 23 | 35 | 5 | 132 | 37 | 12 | 3 | 51 |
| South-East | 456 | 208 | 315 | 63 | 1,042 | 245 | 169 | 33 | 447 |
| Carlow | 48 | 24 | 33 | 7 | 112 | 28 | 27 | 6 | 61 |
| Kilkenny | 86 | 50 | 57 | 17 | 210 | 48 | 26 | 4 | 79 |
| South Tipperary | 79 | 39 | 64 | 8 | 190 | 62 | 72 | 5 | 139 |
| Waterford City | 8 | 18 | 12 | 6 | 44 | 16 | 8 | 2 | 26 |
| Waterford ² | 67 | 27 | 50 | 10 | 154 | 23 | 6 | 5 | 34 |
| Wexford | 168 | 50 | 99 | 15 | 332 | 68 | 30 | 11 | 108 |
| South-West | 605 | 186 | 450 | 47 | 1,288 | 418 | 82 | 60 | 559 |
| Cork City | 32 | 2 | 43 | 2 | 79 | 38 | 0 | 4 | 42 |
| Cork ² | 394 | 131 | 293 | 32 | 850 | 306 | 51 | 38 | 395 |
| Kerry | 179 | 53 | 114 | 13 | 359 | 74 | 30 | 18 | 122 |
| State | 3,275 | 1,231 | 2,499 | 481 | 7,486 | 2,090 | 870 | 459 | 3,419 |

¹ For categories where floor area is a relevant

² Excluding cities

- No permissions

NOTE: 0 implies less than 500 sq.m

Table 3(a) Number of Planning Permissions granted, Q1 2009, classified by region, type of development and functional category

| Type of Development and Planning Region | Functional Category | | | | | | | Civil Eng. | Other | Total |
|---|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|-------|
| | Dwellings | Commercial Buildings | Buildings for Agriculture | Industrial Buildings | Govt-, Health and Education | Other Buildings for Social Use | | | | |
| New Construction | | | | | | | | | | |
| Border, Midland and Western | 1,394 | 124 | 43 | 24 | 30 | 20 | 78 | 75 | 1,788 | |
| Border | 725 | 53 | 25 | 4 | 12 | 8 | 31 | 32 | 890 | |
| Midland | 195 | 30 | 7 | 9 | 7 | 6 | 16 | 8 | 278 | |
| West | 474 | 41 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 6 | 31 | 35 | 620 | |
| Southern and Eastern | 1,881 | 189 | 84 | 25 | 72 | 32 | 171 | 264 | 2,718 | |
| Dublin | 197 | 48 | 3 | 5 | 15 | 8 | 21 | 106 | 403 | |
| Mid-East | 332 | 39 | 11 | 3 | 13 | 5 | 22 | 23 | 448 | |
| Mid-West | 291 | 24 | 15 | 6 | 9 | 3 | 28 | 36 | 412 | |
| South-East | 456 | 42 | 38 | 6 | 19 | 5 | 43 | 55 | 664 | |
| South West | 605 | 36 | 17 | 5 | 16 | 11 | 57 | 44 | 791 | |
| State | 3,275 | 313 | 127 | 49 | 102 | 52 | 249 | 339 | 4,506 | |
| Extension | | | | | | | | | | |
| Border, Midland and Western | 598 | 43 | 6 | 12 | 35 | 10 | - | - | 704 | |
| Border | 285 | 17 | 2 | 8 | 17 | 6 | - | - | 335 | |
| Midland | 95 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 5 | - | - | - | 112 | |
| West | 218 | 18 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 4 | - | - | 257 | |
| Southern and Eastern | 1,563 | 109 | 14 | 18 | 65 | 26 | - | - | 1,795 | |
| Dublin | 500 | 36 | - | 7 | 23 | 7 | - | - | 573 | |
| Mid-East | 206 | 13 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 4 | - | - | 235 | |
| Mid-West | 195 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 4 | - | - | 222 | |
| South-East | 266 | 27 | 4 | 3 | 10 | 5 | - | - | 315 | |
| South West | 396 | 27 | 6 | 4 | 11 | 6 | - | - | 450 | |
| State | 2,161 | 152 | 20 | 30 | 100 | 36 | - | - | 2,499 | |
| Alteration and Conversion | | | | | | | | | | |
| Border, Midland and Western | 31 | 75 | 4 | - | 8 | 5 | - | - | 123 | |
| Border | 13 | 35 | 4 | - | 4 | - | - | - | 56 | |
| Midland | 4 | 15 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 20 | |
| West | 14 | 25 | - | - | 4 | 4 | - | - | 47 | |
| Southern and Eastern | 130 | 169 | 4 | 4 | 40 | 11 | - | - | 358 | |
| Dublin | 64 | 60 | - | - | 17 | 6 | - | - | 147 | |
| Mid-East | 20 | 30 | 1 | - | 9 | 1 | - | - | 61 | |
| Mid-West | 13 | 19 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | - | - | 40 | |
| South-East | 15 | 39 | 1 | - | 6 | 2 | - | - | 63 | |
| South West | 18 | 21 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 1 | - | - | 47 | |
| State | 161 | 244 | 8 | 4 | 48 | 16 | - | - | 481 | |
| All Developments | | | | | | | | | | |
| Border, Midland and Western | 2,023 | 242 | 53 | 36 | 73 | 35 | 78 | 75 | 2,615 | |
| Border | 1,023 | 105 | 31 | 12 | 33 | 14 | 31 | 32 | 1,281 | |
| Midland | 294 | 53 | 9 | 11 | 12 | 7 | 16 | 8 | 410 | |
| West | 706 | 84 | 13 | 13 | 28 | 14 | 31 | 35 | 924 | |
| Southern and Eastern | 3,574 | 467 | 102 | 47 | 177 | 69 | 171 | 264 | 4,871 | |
| Dublin | 761 | 144 | 3 | 12 | 55 | 21 | 21 | 106 | 1,123 | |
| Mid-East | 558 | 82 | 14 | 5 | 30 | 10 | 22 | 23 | 744 | |
| Mid-West | 499 | 49 | 18 | 11 | 25 | 8 | 28 | 36 | 674 | |
| South-East | 737 | 108 | 43 | 9 | 35 | 12 | 43 | 55 | 1,042 | |
| South West | 1,019 | 84 | 24 | 10 | 32 | 18 | 57 | 44 | 1,288 | |
| State | 5,597 | 709 | 155 | 83 | 250 | 104 | 249 | 339 | 7,486 | |

- No permissions

**Table 3(b) Total Floor Area Planned (000 sq.m) in new construction and extensions,
Q1 2009, 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 | 798 | 181 | 30 | 42 | 24 | 17 | 1,092 |
| Border | 364 | 57 | 21 | 15 | 6 | 6 | 469 |
| Midland | 227 | 95 | 5 | 16 | 13 | 10 | 366 |
| West | 207 | 30 | 3 | 11 | 5 | 1 | 257 |
| Southern and Eastern | 1,292 | 345 | 54 | 59 | 86 | 32 | 1,868 |
| Dublin | 232 | 114 | 2 | 12 | 30 | 10 | 400 |
| Mid-East | 272 | 82 | 10 | 13 | 18 | 6 | 401 |
| Mid-West | 126 | 16 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 157 |
| South-East | 245 | 95 | 27 | 32 | 11 | 3 | 413 |
| South West | 418 | 39 | 7 | 0 | 23 | 12 | 499 |
| State | 2,090 | 526 | 83 | 101 | 110 | 49 | 2,960 |
| Extension | | | | | | | |
| Border, Midland and Western | 46 | 11 | 1 | 11 | 9 | 2 | 80 |
| Border | 22 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 36 |
| Midland | 7 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 1 | - | 16 |
| West | 17 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 25 |
| Southern and Eastern | 108 | 217 | 6 | 21 | 22 | 6 | 380 |
| Dublin | 27 | 21 | - | 3 | 8 | 1 | 60 |
| Mid-East | 16 | 182 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 205 |
| Mid-West | 15 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 20 |
| South-East | 20 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 32 |
| South West | 30 | 6 | 2 | 17 | 5 | 1 | 61 |
| State | 153 | 228 | 7 | 32 | 31 | 8 | 459 |
| Total New Construction and Extension | | | | | | | |
| Border, Midland and Western | 844 | 192 | 31 | 53 | 33 | 19 | 1,172 |
| Border | 386 | 60 | 22 | 21 | 11 | 8 | 508 |
| Midland | 234 | 99 | 6 | 20 | 14 | 10 | 383 |
| West | 224 | 33 | 3 | 12 | 8 | 2 | 282 |
| Southern and Eastern | 1,400 | 562 | 60 | 80 | 108 | 38 | 2,248 |
| Dublin | 259 | 134 | 2 | 15 | 38 | 11 | 459 |
| Mid-East | 288 | 264 | 11 | 14 | 21 | 8 | 606 |
| Mid-West | 141 | 16 | 11 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 177 |
| South-East | 265 | 103 | 28 | 32 | 15 | 4 | 447 |
| South West | 447 | 45 | 9 | 17 | 28 | 13 | 559 |
| State | 2,244 | 754 | 90 | 133 | 141 | 57 | 3,419 |

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, Q1 2004 - Q1 2009

| 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) |
| 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 |
| Q 3 | 5,472 | 15,838 | 2,610 | 164.8 | 595 | 10,961 | 1,447 | 132.0 | 4,877 | 4,877 | 1,163 | 238.4 | 391 | 6,300 | 536 | 85.1 |
| Q4 | 4,731 | 13,135 | 2,235 | 170.2 | 479 | 8,883 | 1,206 | 135.8 | 4,252 | 4,252 | 1,029 | 242.0 | 286 | 4,598 | 418 | 90.9 |
| Year | 20,788 | 62,828 | 10,295 | 163.9 | 2,233 | 44,273 | 5,880 | 132.8 | 18,555 | 18,555 | 4,415 | 238.0 | 1,424 | 21,569 | 1,834 | 85.0 |
| 2008 Q1 | 4,448 | 13,301 | 2,191 | 164.7 | 436 | 9,289 | 1,221 | 131.4 | 4,012 | 4,012 | 970 | 241.7 | 317 | 5,281 | 442 | 83.8 |
| Q2 | 4,393 | 12,598 | 2,238 | 177.7 | 429 | 8,634 | 1,259 | 145.8 | 3,964 | 3,964 | 979 | 247.0 | 317 | 7,344 | 632 | 86.0 |
| Q3 | 3,980 | 11,532 | 1,913 | 165.9 | 364 | 7,916 | 1,012 | 127.8 | 3,616 | 3,616 | 901 | 249.1 | 259 | 3,761 | 331 | 87.9 |
| Q4 | 3,476 | 10,375 | 1,717 | 165.5 | 314 | 7,213 | 918 | 127.3 | 3,162 | 3,162 | 799 | 252.6 | 246 | 3,392 | 285 | 83.9 |
| Year | 16,297 | 47,806 | 8,059 | 168.6 | 1,543 | 33,052 | 4,410 | 133.4 | 14,754 | 14,754 | 3,649 | 247.3 | 1,139 | 19,778 | 1,690 | 85.4 |
| 2009 Q1 | 3,025 | 10,256 | 1,687 | 164.5 | 282 | 7,513 | 995 | 132.4 | 2,743 | 2,743 | 692 | 252.4 | 237 | 3,921 | 382 | 97.4 |

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

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

Southern and Eastern NUTS2 Region

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|-------------------|--|
| 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 |