

Table 1 Summary of Planning Permissions Granted, Q1 2001 - Q2 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	Q 1	4,777	2,104	3,523	651	11,055	2,645	1,359	509	4,514
	Q 2	4,722	2,050	3,743	700	11,215	2,901	1,425	444	4,770
	Q 3	4,253	1,774	4,166	711	10,904	2,263	1,265	470	3,998
	Q 4	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	Q 1	3,275	1,231	2,499	481	7,486	2,090	870	459	3,419
	Q 2	2,689	1,158	2,405	504	6,756	1,753	872	281	2,906

¹ For categories where floor area is a relevant measure

Table 2 Summary of Planning Permissions granted, Q2 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	1,077	327	677	131	2,212	572	223	76	872
Border	470	164	299	43	976	314	106	28	447
Cavan	72	20	36	5	133	35	13	5	53
Donegal	181	53	115	9	358	59	14	11	84
Leitrim	34	9	7	2	52	10	8	1	19
Louth	73	45	58	17	193	172	27	6	205
Monaghan	62	23	38	4	127	21	36	3	61
Sligo	48	14	45	6	113	15	7	3	25
Midland	212	64	135	37	448	101	26	24	151
Laois	82	33	46	13	174	54	11	6	71
Longford	17	1	18	5	41	12	0	2	13
Offaly	44	15	36	5	100	13	3	5	21
Westmeath	69	15	35	14	133	22	13	11	46
West	395	99	243	51	788	157	91	24	273
Galway City	15	16	36	18	85	4	16	4	24
Galway ²	161	57	112	20	350	73	44	12	128
Mayo	165	13	69	7	254	64	28	5	98
Roscommon	54	13	26	6	99	16	4	3	23
Southern and Eastern	1,612	831	1,728	373	4,544	1,180	649	205	2,034
Dublin	186	199	554	154	1,093	371	235	56	662
Dublin City	78	110	208	94	490	205	173	18	396
Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown	24	12	145	15	196	5	3	21	29
Fingal	59	53	119	29	260	154	53	10	218
South Dublin	25	24	82	16	147	7	6	7	19
Mid-East	284	124	250	53	711	246	87	40	373
Kildare	91	42	80	16	229	81	10	18	109
Meath	104	34	87	16	241	38	48	10	96
Wicklow	89	48	83	21	241	127	29	11	167
Mid-West	301	143	235	63	742	153	115	24	291
Clare	139	53	93	26	311	43	16	10	69
Limerick City	5	22	26	9	62	5	23	2	29
Limerick ²	96	50	71	18	235	86	69	8	163
North Tipperary	61	18	45	10	134	20	7	4	31
South-East	398	182	313	56	949	174	106	36	316
Carlow	49	24	37	9	119	27	10	5	42
Kilkenny	72	41	54	7	174	28	8	6	42
South Tipperary	51	34	54	8	147	21	21	6	49
Waterford City	9	11	24	11	55	11	2	2	15
Waterford ²	67	23	50	6	146	25	7	7	39
Wexford	150	49	94	15	308	61	59	9	129
South-West	443	183	376	47	1,049	236	106	49	391
Cork City	20	4	15	1	40	6	7	3	16
Cork ²	327	143	265	26	761	179	85	33	297
Kerry	96	36	96	20	248	51	14	13	78
State	2,689	1,158	2,405	504	6,756	1,752	872	281	2,906

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² Excluding cities

- No permissions

NOTE: 0 implies less than 500 sq.m

Table 3(a) Number of Planning Permissions granted, Q2 2009, 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	1,077	80	56	20	23	11	64	73	1,404
Border	470	34	30	15	14	7	27	37	634
Midland	212	16	12	3	4	-	14	15	276
West	395	30	14	2	5	4	23	21	494
Southern and Eastern	1,612	173	125	24	67	37	161	244	2,443
Dublin	186	46	4	5	21	8	26	89	385
Mid-East	284	20	24	4	14	2	24	36	408
Mid-West	301	30	23	3	7	9	36	35	444
South-East	398	40	41	3	12	12	32	42	580
South West	443	37	33	9	13	6	43	42	626
State	2,689	253	181	44	90	48	225	317	3,847
Extension									
Border, Midland and Western	583	36	7	7	28	16	-	-	677
Border	256	16	4	3	12	8	-	-	299
Midland	114	9	1	3	7	1	-	-	135
West	213	11	2	1	9	7	-	-	243
Southern and Eastern	1,487	103	13	24	74	27	-	-	1,728
Dublin	488	35	-	5	22	4	-	-	554
Mid-East	209	15	1	4	14	7	-	-	250
Mid-West	198	18	4	3	8	4	-	-	235
South-East	259	19	3	7	16	9	-	-	313
South West	333	16	5	5	14	3	-	-	376
State	2,070	139	20	31	102	43	-	-	2,405
Alteration and Conversion									
Border, Midland and Western	24	76	2	3	17	9	-	-	131
Border	10	27	1	1	2	2	-	-	43
Midland	4	22	1	1	5	4	-	-	37
West	10	27	-	1	10	3	-	-	51
Southern and Eastern	109	174	5	15	45	25	-	-	373
Dublin	45	68	1	8	23	9	-	-	154
Mid-East	15	24	2	-	7	5	-	-	53
Mid-West	19	32	-	3	5	4	-	-	63
South-East	15	31	-	1	6	3	-	-	56
South West	15	19	2	3	4	4	-	-	47
State	133	250	7	18	62	34	-	-	504
All Developments									
Border, Midland and Western	1,684	192	65	30	68	36	64	73	2,212
Border	736	77	35	19	28	17	27	37	976
Midland	330	47	14	7	16	5	14	15	448
West	618	68	16	4	24	14	23	21	788
Southern and Eastern	3,208	450	143	63	186	89	161	244	4,544
Dublin	719	149	5	18	66	21	26	89	1,093
Mid-East	508	59	27	8	35	14	24	36	711
Mid-West	518	80	27	9	20	17	36	35	742
South-East	672	90	44	11	34	24	32	42	949
South West	791	72	40	17	31	13	43	42	1,049
State	4,892	642	208	93	254	125	225	317	6,756

- No permissions

**Table 3(b) Total Floor Area Planned (000 sq.m) in new construction and extensions,
Q2 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	572	118	45	33	22	6	796
Border	314	50	21	24	5	5	419
Midland	101	9	13	1	3	-	127
West	157	59	11	7	14	1	249
Southern and Eastern	1,180	308	113	26	139	62	1,828
Dublin	371	148	7	1	65	14	606
Mid-East	246	34	37	7	8	2	334
Mid-West	153	44	7	7	49	7	267
South-East	174	29	43	0	8	25	279
South West	236	54	19	11	9	14	343
State	1,753	426	158	59	161	68	2,625
Extension							
Border, Midland and Western	43	8	3	5	15	2	76
Border	18	4	3	0	2	1	28
Midland	9	2	0	3	10	0	24
West	16	2	0	2	3	1	24
Southern and Eastern	96	44	5	18	37	5	205
Dublin	25	11	-	3	18	0	57
Mid-East	15	12	0	7	5	1	40
Mid-West	14	4	1	2	2	1	24
South-East	20	6	2	3	3	2	36
South West	22	11	2	4	9	1	49
State	139	52	8	23	52	8	281
Total New Construction and Extension							
Border, Midland and Western	616	126	48	38	37	8	873
Border	331	54	24	25	7	6	447
Midland	110	11	13	4	13	0	151
West	174	61	11	9	17	2	274
Southern and Eastern	1,276	352	118	44	175	68	2,033
Dublin	396	158	7	4	83	14	662
Mid-East	261	46	37	13	12	3	372
Mid-West	167	48	8	9	51	8	291
South-East	194	35	45	3	12	27	316
South West	258	65	21	15	18	15	392
State	1,892	479	166	82	213	76	2,906

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- No permissions

NOTE: 0 implies less than 500 sq.m

Table 4 Summary of Planning Permissions Granted for new houses and apartments, Q1 2005 - Q2 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)
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
Q 4	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 Q 1	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
Q 2	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
Q 3	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
Q 4	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 Q 1	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
Q 2	2,475	7,739	1,273	164.5	237	5,501	707	128.5	2,238	2,238	566	252.9	202	5,092	467	91.7

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