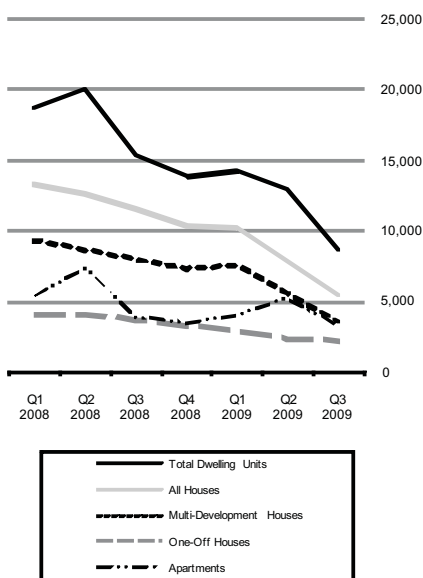




**Number of Dwelling Units approved
classified by type of unit,
q1 2008 - q3 2009**



Planning Permissions Quarter 3 2009

Number of Dwelling Units Approved

	Houses	Apartments	Total
Quarter 3 2008	11,532	3,761	15,293
Quarter 3 2009	5,362	3,222	8,584
% change	-53.5%	-14.3%	-43.9%

Dwelling units approved down 43.9% in year

In the third quarter of 2009, planning permissions were granted for 8,584 dwelling units, compared with 15,293 units for the same period in 2008, a decrease of 43.9%. *See Table 4.*

The third quarter figures also show that:

- ◆ Planning Permissions were granted for 5,362 houses in the third quarter of 2009 and 11,532 in the third quarter of 2008, a decrease of 53.5%. *See Table 4.*
- ◆ Planning permissions were granted for 3,222 apartment units, compared with 3,761 units for the same period in 2008, a decrease of 14.3%. *See Table 4.*
- ◆ One-off houses accounted for 24.6% 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 6,655. This compares with 10,904 in the third quarter of 2008, a decrease of 39%. *See Table 1.*
- ◆ Total floor area planned was 2,466 thousand square metres in the third quarter of 2009. Of this, 51.6% was for new dwellings, 37.1% for other new constructions and 11.3% for extensions. The total floor area planned decreased by 38.3% in comparison with the same quarter of 2008. *See Table 1.*
- ◆ Planning Permissions for new buildings for Agriculture decreased to 203 this quarter. This compares to 314 permissions in the same quarter of 2008. *See Table 3A.*

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Table 1 Summary of Planning Permissions Granted, Q1 2001 - Q3 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
	Q 3	2,505	1,218	2,433	499	6,655	1,273	915	278	2,466

¹ For categories where floor area is a relevant measure

Table 2 Summary of Planning Permissions granted, Q3 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	998	364	743	130	2,235	467	165	89	721
Border	471	173	339	54	1,037	277	64	50	390
Cavan	60	14	59	2	135	32	9	8	49
Donegal	190	55	132	19	396	60	17	12	89
Leitrim	36	8	14	2	60	9	1	1	11
Louth	65	43	75	18	201	29	11	19	59
Monaghan	64	24	23	7	118	41	8	3	51
Sligo	56	29	36	6	127	106	18	7	131
Midland	151	79	143	25	398	58	49	18	124
Laois	43	25	46	5	119	14	10	6	30
Longford	27	8	21	2	58	8	1	2	11
Offaly	39	23	32	6	100	12	10	5	27
Westmeath	42	23	44	12	121	24	27	5	56
West	376	112	261	51	800	133	52	22	207
Galway City	11	18	31	14	74	3	1	3	7
Galway ²	165	54	135	10	364	64	16	12	92
Mayo	142	14	73	12	241	44	17	6	67
Roscommon	58	26	22	15	121	21	18	1	40
Southern and Eastern	1,507	854	1,690	369	4,420	806	751	189	1,745
Dublin	159	207	499	152	1,017	170	433	34	637
Dublin City	61	119	196	91	467	108	328	15	450
Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown	41	18	125	18	202	33	8	9	50
Fingal	37	47	89	30	203	26	88	6	120
South Dublin	20	23	89	13	145	3	9	4	16
Mid-East	272	126	254	56	708	151	58	43	252
Kildare	90	47	98	21	256	65	28	26	120
Meath	104	48	88	11	251	61	21	11	94
Wicklow	78	31	68	24	201	24	9	5	39
Mid-West	256	138	229	52	675	116	32	22	171
Clare	114	48	94	21	277	63	10	10	82
Limerick City	1	10	15	13	39	0	1	1	2
Limerick ²	89	50	74	12	225	32	14	8	54
North Tipperary	52	30	46	6	134	21	7	4	33
South-East	363	158	321	64	906	170	53	44	267
Carlow	37	25	38	11	111	35	8	4	47
Kilkenny	72	36	66	15	189	28	5	19	53
South Tipperary	53	27	56	12	148	16	16	7	39
Waterford City	7	6	19	7	39	12	1	1	14
Waterford ²	57	24	62	6	149	15	9	6	29
Wexford	137	40	80	13	270	64	14	7	84
South-West	457	225	387	45	1,114	199	175	44	418
Cork City	17	13	36	1	67	59	67	3	130
Cork ²	314	143	256	34	747	92	50	20	163
Kerry	126	69	95	10	300	48	58	21	126
State	2,505	1,218	2,433	499	6,655	1,273	916	278	2,466

¹ For categories where floor area is a relevant measure

² Excluding cities

- No permissions

NOTE: 0 implies less than 500 sq.m

Table 3(a) Number of Planning Permissions granted, Q3 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	998	89	56	17	27	15	74	86	1,362	
Border	471	36	27	7	14	5	41	43	644	
Midland	151	24	13	7	7	-	13	15	230	
West	376	29	16	3	6	10	20	28	488	
Southern and Eastern	1,507	167	147	28	53	36	191	232	2,361	
Dublin	159	62	3	4	14	13	30	81	366	
Mid-East	272	26	24	7	10	4	26	29	398	
Mid-West	256	23	36	6	7	2	30	34	394	
South-East	363	22	44	4	8	7	36	37	521	
South West	457	34	40	7	14	10	69	51	682	
State	2,505	256	203	45	80	51	265	318	3,723	
Extension										
Border, Midland and Western	618	35	6	8	62	14	-	-	743	
Border	280	16	4	3	28	8	-	-	339	
Midland	115	7	-	2	18	1	-	-	143	
West	223	12	2	3	16	5	-	-	261	
Southern and Eastern	1,480	65	21	6	86	32	-	-	1,690	
Dublin	454	16	-	1	22	6	-	-	499	
Mid-East	218	10	4	-	20	2	-	-	254	
Mid-West	189	14	7	1	12	6	-	-	229	
South-East	274	15	6	2	15	9	-	-	321	
South West	345	10	4	2	17	9	-	-	387	
State	2,098	100	27	14	148	46	-	-	2,433	
Alteration and Conversion										
Border, Midland and Western	44	53	3	2	12	16	-	-	130	
Border	22	22	1	1	2	6	-	-	54	
Midland	9	8	-	-	3	5	-	-	25	
West	13	23	2	1	7	5	-	-	51	
Southern and Eastern	144	148	2	8	51	16	-	-	369	
Dublin	71	56	-	3	17	5	-	-	152	
Mid-East	19	19	1	-	13	4	-	-	56	
Mid-West	12	29	1	1	8	1	-	-	52	
South-East	21	30	-	2	8	3	-	-	64	
South West	21	14	-	2	5	3	-	-	45	
State	188	201	5	10	63	32	-	-	499	
All Developments										
Border, Midland and Western	1,660	177	65	27	101	45	74	86	2,235	
Border	773	74	32	11	44	19	41	43	1,037	
Midland	275	39	13	9	28	6	13	15	398	
West	612	64	20	7	29	20	20	28	800	
Southern and Eastern	3,131	380	170	42	190	84	191	232	4,420	
Dublin	684	134	3	8	53	24	30	81	1,017	
Mid-East	509	55	29	7	43	10	26	29	708	
Mid-West	457	66	44	8	27	9	30	34	675	
South-East	658	67	50	8	31	19	36	37	906	
South West	823	58	44	11	36	22	69	51	1,114	
State	4,791	557	235	69	291	129	265	318	6,655	

- No permissions

**Table 3(b) Total Floor Area Planned (000 sq.m) in new construction and extensions,
Q3 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	467	59	48	7	30	21	632
Border	277	26	21	1	12	4	341
Midland	58	22	6	4	16	-	106
West	133	11	21	1	2	18	186
Southern and Eastern	806	507	74	38	53	78	1,556
Dublin	170	343	1	3	19	67	603
Mid-East	151	22	13	8	13	2	209
Mid-West	116	6	17	2	6	0	147
South-East	170	21	21	1	7	2	222
South West	199	115	22	24	8	7	375
State	1,273	566	122	45	82	100	2,188
Extension							
Border, Midland and Western	45	24	2	4	12	3	90
Border	21	19	2	1	6	2	51
Midland	9	3	-	2	3	0	17
West	15	3	0	1	2	1	22
Southern and Eastern	95	46	5	6	32	4	188
Dublin	22	3	-	0	9	1	35
Mid-East	17	20	0	-	6	0	43
Mid-West	13	5	1	1	1	1	22
South-East	19	5	2	4	14	1	45
South West	24	14	1	1	2	2	44
State	140	70	7	10	44	7	278
Total New Construction and Extension							
Border, Midland and Western	512	83	50	10	41	24	720
Border	297	45	23	2	18	5	390
Midland	68	25	6	6	19	0	124
West	148	14	21	2	4	19	208
Southern and Eastern	900	553	79	45	85	83	1,745
Dublin	192	345	1	3	28	67	636
Mid-East	168	42	14	8	19	2	253
Mid-West	129	11	18	4	7	1	170
South-East	189	26	23	5	21	3	267
South West	223	129	23	25	10	9	419
State	1,413	636	129	55	126	107	2,466

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 2005 - Q3 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
Q 3	2,304	5,362	963	179.6	196	3,254	434	133.3	2,108	2,108	529	251.1	195	3,222	306	94.9

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.

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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