

Table 1 Summary of Planning Permissions Granted, Q1 2001 - Q4 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
	Q 4	1,911	908	1,885	433	5,137	812	408	179	1,399
	Year	10,380	4,515	9,222	1,917	26,034	5,928	3,065	1,197	10,190

¹ For categories where floor area is a relevant measure

Table 2 Summary of Planning Permissions granted, Q4 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	786	313	599	118	1,816	363	173	58	594
Border	328	141	276	43	788	201	55	23	279
Cavan	20	10	33	4	67	6	10	4	19
Donegal	114	55	113	13	295	34	26	9	69
Leitrim	22	11	18	6	57	5	1	1	7
Louth	69	41	55	14	179	109	13	5	127
Monaghan	48	21	26	4	99	30	6	2	37
Sligo	55	3	31	2	91	18	0	2	20
Midland	128	69	99	31	327	53	62	14	128
Laois	37	27	27	9	100	17	45	6	67
Longford	25	6	21	7	59	8	2	2	12
Offaly	39	14	20	5	78	18	5	2	25
Westmeath	27	22	31	10	90	9	11	4	24
West	330	103	224	44	701	109	56	21	187
Galway City	16	7	25	13	61	4	0	2	6
Galway ²	145	67	99	21	332	56	52	9	116
Mayo	119	16	68	6	209	34	5	7	46
Roscommon	50	13	32	4	99	15	0	3	19
Southern and Eastern	1,125	595	1,286	315	3,321	449	234	122	805
Dublin	122	142	443	144	851	94	79	28	200
Dublin City	33	90	170	77	370	33	35	10	79
Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown	40	11	114	18	183	28	25	7	60
Fingal	34	29	82	23	168	29	18	6	53
South Dublin	15	12	77	26	130	3	1	4	8
Mid-East	226	108	197	52	583	109	64	20	193
Kildare	79	42	75	25	221	49	28	8	86
Meath	85	34	74	14	207	39	29	7	74
Wicklow	62	32	48	13	155	22	7	5	33
Mid-West	198	80	171	36	485	73	17	25	116
Clare	103	34	61	7	205	29	3	6	38
Limerick City	9	9	24	10	52	5	0	3	8
Limerick ²	51	20	54	12	137	24	10	6	40
North Tipperary	35	17	32	7	91	16	4	11	30
South-East	274	130	196	44	644	87	37	24	148
Carlow	23	14	25	7	69	9	3	7	19
Kilkenny	56	17	35	12	120	17	3	3	23
South Tipperary	40	32	45	9	126	9	5	5	19
Waterford City	4	17	14	6	41	1	2	1	4
Waterford ²	48	16	34	2	100	13	8	4	25
Wexford	103	34	43	8	188	38	17	4	58
South-West	305	135	279	39	758	85	37	25	147
Cork City	15	6	28	1	50	7	6	4	17
Cork ²	194	89	171	28	482	49	19	13	80
Kerry	96	40	80	10	226	29	12	9	50
State	1,911	908	1,885	433	5,137	812	408	179	1,399

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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, Q4 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	786	58	42	14	19	16	85	79	1,099
Border	328	23	19	6	9	7	29	48	469
Midland	128	10	13	3	7	1	23	12	197
West	330	25	10	5	3	8	33	19	433
Southern and Eastern	1,125	97	85	18	27	18	142	208	1,720
Dublin	122	31	3	1	8	4	23	72	264
Mid-East	226	17	18	8	12	2	19	32	334
Mid-West	198	6	14	3	1	2	30	24	278
South-East	274	19	25	3	3	6	31	43	404
South West	305	24	25	3	3	4	39	37	440
State	1,911	155	127	32	46	34	227	287	2,819
Extension									
Border, Midland and Western	500	36	7	12	33	11	-	-	599
Border	241	9	2	2	15	7	-	-	276
Midland	75	10	4	4	5	1	-	-	99
West	184	17	1	6	13	3	-	-	224
Southern and Eastern	1,117	55	14	12	64	24	-	-	1,286
Dublin	406	14	-	2	16	5	-	-	443
Mid-East	169	9	2	2	12	3	-	-	197
Mid-West	141	10	3	3	9	5	-	-	171
South-East	162	9	4	1	15	5	-	-	196
South West	239	13	5	4	12	6	-	-	279
State	1,617	91	21	24	97	35	-	-	1,885
Alteration and Conversion									
Border, Midland and Western	24	67	-	3	15	9	-	-	118
Border	12	24	-	-	4	3	-	-	43
Midland	2	19	-	2	7	1	-	-	31
West	10	24	-	1	4	5	-	-	44
Southern and Eastern	107	121	1	9	55	22	-	-	315
Dublin	59	46	-	6	26	7	-	-	144
Mid-East	12	24	-	2	12	2	-	-	52
Mid-West	9	15	-	-	9	3	-	-	36
South-East	11	23	-	1	5	4	-	-	44
South West	16	13	1	-	3	6	-	-	39
State	131	188	1	12	70	31	-	-	433
All Developments									
Border, Midland and Western	1,310	161	49	29	67	36	85	79	1,816
Border	581	56	21	8	28	17	29	48	788
Midland	205	39	17	9	19	3	23	12	327
West	524	66	11	12	20	16	33	19	701
Southern and Eastern	2,349	273	100	39	146	64	142	208	3,321
Dublin	587	91	3	9	50	16	23	72	851
Mid-East	407	50	20	12	36	7	19	32	583
Mid-West	348	31	17	6	19	10	30	24	485
South-East	447	51	29	5	23	15	31	43	644
South West	560	50	31	7	18	16	39	37	758
State	3,659	434	149	68	213	100	227	287	5,137

- No permissions

**Table 3(b) Total Floor Area Planned (000 sq.m) in new construction and extensions,
Q4 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	363	102	29	20	14	9	537
Border	201	31	9	3	8	3	255
Midland	53	24	18	15	4	1	115
West	109	46	2	1	1	5	164
Southern and Eastern	449	87	59	22	47	19	683
Dublin	94	39	2	0	32	6	173
Mid-East	109	17	20	17	10	0	173
Mid-West	73	3	5	1	0	8	90
South-East	87	15	19	1	0	2	124
South West	85	14	14	4	4	2	123
State	812	190	88	42	60	27	1,220
Extension							
Border, Midland and Western	36	7	1	3	9	1	57
Border	18	2	1	0	1	1	23
Midland	5	3	0	1	4	0	13
West	13	2	0	2	3	0	20
Southern and Eastern	70	13	6	5	22	6	122
Dublin	21	2	-	0	3	2	28
Mid-East	13	2	0	1	2	1	19
Mid-West	10	2	2	2	9	1	26
South-East	11	4	2	0	4	1	22
South West	15	2	1	3	3	1	25
State	106	20	7	8	31	7	179
Total New Construction and Extension							
Border, Midland and Western	399	109	31	23	22	10	594
Border	219	33	10	4	10	4	280
Midland	58	28	18	16	8	1	129
West	122	49	2	3	5	6	187
Southern and Eastern	519	100	65	28	69	25	806
Dublin	114	42	2	0	35	8	201
Mid-East	122	19	20	18	13	2	194
Mid-West	84	5	7	2	9	9	116
South-East	98	19	21	1	5	3	147
South West	100	16	15	6	7	3	147
State	918	209	96	50	91	35	1,399

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 - Q4 2009

Period	All Houses				<i>of which Multi-Development Houses</i>				<i>of which One-Off Houses</i>				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
Q 4	1,763	3,457	669	193.4	139	1,833	252	137.7	1,624	1,624	416	256.3	137	1,507	131	87.0
Year	9,567	26,814	4,592	171.3	854	18,101	2,388	131.9	8,713	8,713	2,203	252.8	771	13,742	1,286	93.6

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