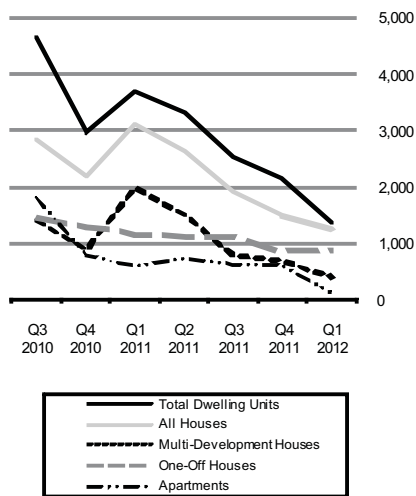




**Number of Dwelling Units approved
classified by type of unit,
q3 2010 - q1 2012**



Planning Permissions Quarter 1 2012

Number of Dwelling Units Approved

	Houses	Apartments	Total
Quarter 1 2011	3,075	592	3,667
Quarter 1 2012	1,263	92	1,355
% change	-58.9%	-84.5%	-63.0%

Dwelling units approved down 63.0% in year

In the first quarter of 2012, planning permissions were granted for 1,355 dwelling units, compared with 3,667 units for the same period in 2011, a decrease of 63.0%. *See Table 4.*

The first quarter figures also show that:

- Planning Permissions were granted for 1,263 houses in the first quarter of 2012 and 3,075 in the first quarter of 2011, a decrease of 58.9%. *See Table 4.*
- Planning permissions were granted for 92 apartment units, compared with 592 units for the same period in 2011, a decrease of 84.5%. *See Table 4.*
- One-off houses accounted for 64.1% 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 3,368. This compares with 4,019 in the first quarter of 2011, a decrease of 16.2%. *See Table 1.*
- Total floor area planned was 734 thousand square metres in the first quarter of 2012. Of this, 37.8% was for new dwellings, 38.6% for other new constructions and 23.6% for extensions. The total floor area planned decreased by 37.6% in comparison with the same quarter in 2011. *See Table 1.*
- Planning Permissions for new buildings for Agriculture increased to 133 this quarter. This compares to 113 permissions in the same quarter of 2011. *See Table 3(a).*

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Table 1 Summary of Planning Permissions Granted, Q1 2004 - Q1 2012

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			
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
2010	Q 1	1,768	775	1,617	359	4,519	844	303	181	1,328
	Q 2	1,513	772	1,996	394	4,675	776	553	232	1,561
	Q 3	1,634	866	2,319	453	5,272	727	415	271	1,412
	Q 4	1,432	792	1,778	371	4,373	514	254	186	955
	Year	6,347	3,205	7,710	1,577	18,839	2,861	1,525	870	5,256
2011	Q 1	1,277	700	1,637	405	4,019	599	376	202	1,177
	Q 2	1,264	721	1,866	393	4,244	560	452	209	1,222
	Q 3	1,271	862	1,896	417	4,446	465	288	216	969
	Q 4 ²	955	681	1,312	335	3,283	357	214	137	708
	Year²	4,767	2,964	6,711	1,550	15,992	1,982	1,330	765	4,077
2012	Q 1	957	695	1,339	377	3,368	279	283	173	734

¹ For categories where floor area is a relevant measure² Revised

Table 2 Summary of Planning Permissions granted, Q1 2012, 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	407	204	361	102	1,074	128	76	44	248
Border	179	101	155	53	488	61	34	18	113
Cavan	18	10	23	3	54	5	5	2	12
Donegal	70	32	53	10	165	20	12	4	35
Leitrim	8	4	12	6	30	2	6	4	12
Louth	42	28	39	26	135	24	3	2	30
Monaghan	26	14	13	4	57	6	8	4	17
Sligo	15	13	15	4	47	4	-	2	6
Midland	76	44	66	17	203	19	20	7	46
Laois	18	10	16	6	50	4	2	2	8
Longford	15	11	13	2	41	5	1	1	7
Offaly	15	8	13	4	40	4	-	1	5
Westmeath	28	15	24	5	72	7	17	3	27
West	152	59	140	32	383	48	22	19	89
Galway City	6	10	21	10	47	9	12	2	24
Galway ²	79	28	64	10	181	20	6	9	36
Mayo	48	9	38	9	104	12	3	6	21
Roscommon	19	12	17	3	51	6	1	2	8
Southern and Eastern	550	491	978	275	2,294	151	206	129	486
Dublin	42	94	334	127	597	12	20	29	62
Dublin City	12	44	147	63	266	5	2	10	18
Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown	12	8	90	7	117	2	4	8	14
Fingal	15	28	53	26	122	3	14	8	25
South Dublin	3	14	44	31	92	-	1	4	5
Mid-East	94	67	115	41	317	25	16	11	52
Kildare	26	16	43	13	98	6	1	4	11
Meath	42	23	34	14	113	13	10	4	27
Wicklow	26	28	38	14	106	6	4	4	14
Mid-West	94	91	124	29	338	24	34	16	75
Clare	41	18	40	7	106	10	2	3	15
Limerick City	1	7	10	10	28	-	-	1	1
Limerick ²	34	46	44	9	133	9	18	8	35
North Tipperary	18	20	30	3	71	5	13	6	24
South-East	128	109	172	37	446	33	53	29	115
Carlow	8	10	18	2	38	2	6	2	9
Kilkenny	33	38	33	12	116	9	21	4	34
South Tipperary	15	20	33	5	73	3	2	3	8
Waterford City	3	6	11	6	26	1	-	1	2
Waterford ²	12	16	30	7	65	3	3	4	10
Wexford	57	19	47	5	128	16	21	16	52
South-West	192	130	233	41	596	57	84	42	183
Cork City	8	13	30	10	61	1	9	3	13
Cork ²	135	77	147	21	380	35	64	14	113
Kerry	49	40	56	10	155	21	10	25	56
State	957	695	1,339	377	3,368	279	283	173	734

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, Q1 2012, 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	407	18	44	11	7	14	50	60	611
Border	179	8	24	4	5	7	21	32	280
Midland	76	6	5	1	1	2	14	15	120
West	152	4	15	6	1	5	15	13	211
Southern and Eastern	550	36	89	27	21	18	111	189	1,041
Dublin	42	5	2	3	5	2	23	54	136
Mid-East	94	8	14	6	3	2	12	22	161
Mid-West	94	4	22	-	3	4	25	33	185
South-East	128	9	20	7	7	6	23	37	237
South West	192	10	31	11	3	4	28	43	322
State	957	54	133	38	28	32	161	249	1,652
Extension									
Border, Midland and Western	269	18	7	9	38	20	-	-	361
Border	110	8	2	3	19	13	-	-	155
Midland	49	5	2	2	6	2	-	-	66
West	110	5	3	4	13	5	-	-	140
Southern and Eastern	787	45	25	20	70	31	-	-	978
Dublin	296	9	-	4	20	5	-	-	334
Mid-East	91	5	-	3	10	6	-	-	115
Mid-West	92	7	7	3	10	5	-	-	124
South-East	119	17	12	3	14	7	-	-	172
South West	189	7	6	7	16	8	-	-	233
State	1,056	63	32	29	108	51	-	-	1,339
Alteration and Conversion									
Border, Midland and Western	17	56	-	4	15	10	-	-	102
Border	6	28	-	1	12	6	-	-	53
Midland	2	11	-	1	1	2	-	-	17
West	9	17	-	2	2	2	-	-	32
Southern and Eastern	81	120	2	11	40	21	-	-	275
Dublin	48	47	-	4	18	10	-	-	127
Mid-East	11	17	1	3	5	4	-	-	41
Mid-West	5	13	-	2	6	3	-	-	29
South-East	3	24	-	1	7	2	-	-	37
South West	14	19	1	1	4	2	-	-	41
State	98	176	2	15	55	31	-	-	377
All Developments									
Border, Midland and Western	693	92	51	24	60	44	50	60	1,074
Border	295	44	26	8	36	26	21	32	488
Midland	127	22	7	4	8	6	14	15	203
West	271	26	18	12	16	12	15	13	383
Southern and Eastern	1,418	201	116	58	131	70	111	189	2,294
Dublin	386	61	2	11	43	17	23	54	597
Mid-East	196	30	15	12	18	12	12	22	317
Mid-West	191	24	29	5	19	12	25	33	338
South-East	250	50	32	11	28	15	23	37	446
South West	395	36	38	19	23	14	28	43	596
State	2,111	293	167	82	191	114	161	249	3,368

- No permissions

**Table 3(b) Total Floor Area Planned (000 sq.m) in new construction and extensions,
Q1 2012, 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	128	10	24	4	35	4	204
Border	61	3	14	1	14	1	95
Midland	19	6	2	1	10	1	39
West	48	1	7	2	11	2	70
Southern and Eastern	151	30	56	55	56	9	358
Dublin	12	3	3	1	14	0	32
Mid-East	25	2	7	4	2	1	41
Mid-West	24	8	11	-	13	3	58
South-East	33	2	15	13	22	2	86
South West	57	15	22	38	6	3	140
State	279	40	80	59	91	13	562
Extension							
Border, Midland and Western	19	2	2	11	8	2	44
Border	7	1	0	4	4	2	18
Midland	4	1	0	1	1	0	7
West	8	0	1	6	3	0	19
Southern and Eastern	50	8	10	29	26	6	129
Dublin	19	1	-	1	9	0	29
Mid-East	6	1	-	2	2	1	11
Mid-West	6	1	2	0	5	2	16
South-East	8	4	4	5	7	1	29
South West	12	1	3	21	4	2	42
State	69	10	11	39	35	8	173
Total New Construction and Extension							
Border, Midland and Western	147	12	25	14	43	6	248
Border	68	4	15	5	18	3	113
Midland	23	7	3	1	11	1	46
West	56	2	8	8	14	2	89
Southern and Eastern	201	38	66	84	82	15	486
Dublin	30	4	3	2	23	0	62
Mid-East	31	4	7	6	3	2	52
Mid-West	31	9	14	0	17	4	75
South-East	41	5	19	18	29	3	115
South West	69	17	24	59	10	5	183
State	348	50	91	98	125	21	734

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 2007- Q1 2012

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)
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
2010 Q 1	1,664	3,585	667	186.2	112	2,033	280	137.5	1,552	1,552	388	249.9	92	1,925	163	84.5
Q 2	1,395	3,043	548	180.0	95	1,743	219	125.4	1,300	1,300	329	253.2	115	2,335	228	97.6
Q 3	1,537	2,817	552	196.0	94	1,374	192	139.4	1,443	1,443	361	249.9	89	1,824	167	91.6
Q 4	1,362	2,159	441	204.4	75	872	122	139.7	1,287	1,287	319	248.2	65	790	71	90.4
Year	5,958	11,604	2,208	190.3	376	6,022	813	135.5	5,582	5,582	1,397	250.3	361	6,874	629	91.5
2011 Q 1	1,205	3,075	528	171.7	78	1,948	246	126.2	1,127	1,127	282	250.3	67	592	65	109.2
Q 2	1,197	2,599	487	187.3	71	1,473	204	138.8	1,126	1,126	282	250.7	63	711	70	98.9
Q 3	1,207	1,887	389	206.4	83	763	111	145.9	1,124	1,124	278	247.5	56	625	73	117.5
Q 4 ¹	907	1,537	302	196.3	41	671	86	128.6	866	866	216	248.8	43	619	54	87.9
Year¹	4,516	9,098	1,706	187.5	273	4,855	648	133.4	4,243	4,243	1,058	249.4	229	2,547	263	103.2
2012 Q 1	902	1,263	268	212.4	34	395	53	134.7	868	868	215	247.8	49	92	7	80.8

¹ Revised

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 Statbank 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	Laois Longford Offaly Westmeath
West	Galway City Galway County Mayo Roscommon

Eastern and Southern 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