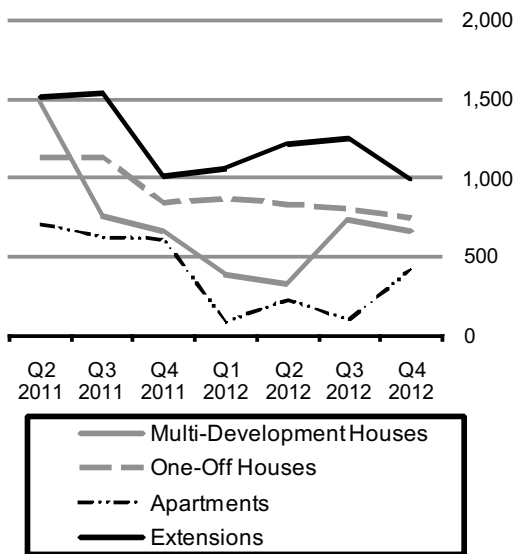




Number of Dwelling Units approved classified by type of unit, Q2 2011 - Q4 2012



Planning Permissions Quarter 4 2012

Number of Dwelling Units Approved

	Houses	Apartments	Total
Quarter 4 2011	1,537	619	2,156
Quarter 4 2012	1,420	431	1,851
% change	-7.6%	-30.4%	-14.1%

Dwelling units approved down 14.1% in year

In the fourth quarter of 2012, planning permissions were granted for 1,851 dwelling units, compared with 2,156 units for the same period in 2011, a decrease of 14.1%. *See Table 4.*

The fourth quarter figures also show that:

- ◆ Planning Permissions were granted for 1,420 houses in the fourth quarter of 2012 and 1,537 in the fourth quarter of 2011, a decrease of 7.6%. *See Table 4.*
- ◆ Planning permissions were granted for 431 apartment units, compared with 619 units for the same period in 2011, a decrease of 30.4%. *See Table 4.*
- ◆ One-off houses accounted for 40.6% 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 3,320. This compares with 3,283 in the fourth quarter of 2011, an increase of 1.1%. *See Table 1.*
- ◆ Total floor area planned was 763 thousand square metres in the fourth quarter of 2012. Of this, 42.6% was for new dwellings, 34.2% for other new constructions and 23.2% for extensions. The total floor area planned increased by 7.8% in comparison with the same quarter in 2011. *See Table 1.*
- ◆ Planning Permissions for new buildings for Agriculture decreased to 185 this quarter. This compares to 129 permissions in the same quarter of 2011. *See Table 3(a).*

Annualised Planning Permissions data for 2012 is available in Tables 5,6 and 7.

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Table 1 Summary of Planning Permissions Granted, Q1 2004 - Q4 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	955	681	1,312	335	3,283	357	214	137	708
	Year	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
	Q 2	942	828	1,549	353	3,672	284	341	199	824
	Q 3	907	1,050	1,680	410	4,047	312	346	219	877
	Q 4	837	834	1,341	308	3,320	325	261	177	763
	Year	3,643	3,407	5,909	1,448	14,407	1,199	1,231	768	3,198

¹ For categories where floor area is a relevant measure

Table 2 Summary of Planning Permissions granted, Q4 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	334	248	380	94	1,056	106	69	53	229
Border	156	124	180	36	496	40	33	25	98
Cavan	13	14	18	3	48	4	8	3	15
Donegal	69	41	59	9	178	18	4	6	29
Leitrim	3	10	15	-	28	1	1	2	3
Louth	30	15	44	15	104	7	2	5	13
Monaghan	22	26	16	4	68	6	15	5	26
Sligo	19	18	28	5	70	5	2	5	12
Midland	60	45	59	20	184	34	16	10	60
Laois	13	14	16	3	46	3	3	6	11
Longford	9	14	8	5	36	2	4	1	6
Offaly	15	10	19	6	50	4	8	2	15
Westmeath	23	7	16	6	52	25	1	2	28
West	118	79	141	38	376	32	20	18	71
Galway City	7	4	22	16	49	2	7	1	10
Galway ²	52	41	67	10	170	14	7	11	32
Mayo	36	13	32	7	88	9	4	4	17
Roscommon	23	21	20	5	69	7	2	3	12
Southern and Eastern	503	586	961	214	2,264	219	192	124	535
Dublin	62	124	342	85	613	104	81	25	210
Dublin City	14	60	150	46	270	22	8	10	41
Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown	12	2	82	4	100	4	-	5	9
Fingal	26	38	54	15	133	41	20	5	66
South Dublin	10	24	56	20	110	36	53	5	94
Mid-East	87	68	118	22	295	22	15	14	51
Kildare	20	24	44	5	93	4	7	5	16
Meath	45	27	40	8	120	12	6	6	23
Wicklow	22	17	34	9	82	5	3	4	12
Mid-West	82	93	110	34	319	20	19	15	55
Clare	23	29	39	8	99	6	6	4	16
Limerick City	1	6	10	9	26	-	-	-	1
Limerick ²	39	36	49	9	133	9	7	8	25
North Tipperary	19	22	12	8	61	5	6	2	13
South-East	108	132	161	31	432	33	30	33	96
Carlow	9	10	24	6	49	2	1	3	6
Kilkenny	23	31	30	4	88	6	4	5	15
South Tipperary	13	29	22	3	67	3	10	2	15
Waterford City	3	3	8	5	19	6	-	1	7
Waterford ²	17	30	30	3	80	4	5	3	12
Wexford	43	29	47	10	129	11	11	18	41
South-West	164	169	230	42	605	40	46	36	123
Cork City	7	9	24	7	47	2	1	6	9
Cork ²	127	112	143	22	404	30	38	20	88
Kerry	30	48	63	13	154	9	7	10	26
State	837	834	1,341	308	3,320	325	261	177	763

² Excluding cities

- No permissions

NOTE: 0 implies less than 500 sq.m

Table 3(a) Number of Planning Permissions granted, Q4 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	334	11	74	9	5	17	52	80	582
Border	156	4	37	4	1	8	30	40	280
Midland	60	4	15	1	1	2	5	17	105
West	118	3	22	4	3	7	17	23	197
Southern and Eastern	503	33	111	22	17	25	138	240	1,089
Dublin	62	15	1	3	7	3	17	78	186
Mid-East	87	3	9	2	3	5	17	29	155
Mid-West	82	1	22	3	2	3	26	36	175
South-East	108	6	37	4	2	5	28	50	240
South West	164	8	42	10	3	9	50	47	333
State	837	44	185	31	22	42	190	320	1,671
Extension									
Border, Midland and Western	264	23	15	5	57	16	-	-	380
Border	119	15	6	1	29	10	-	-	180
Midland	42	2	2	3	9	1	-	-	59
West	103	6	7	1	19	5	-	-	141
Southern and Eastern	725	38	36	20	117	25	-	-	961
Dublin	299	17	-	4	20	2	-	-	342
Mid-East	89	1	4	1	21	2	-	-	118
Mid-West	72	4	7	2	20	5	-	-	110
South-East	103	5	10	7	25	11	-	-	161
South West	162	11	15	6	31	5	-	-	230
State	989	61	51	25	174	41	-	-	1,341
Alteration and Conversion									
Border, Midland and Western	15	40	2	6	22	9	-	-	94
Border	4	19	2	2	8	1	-	-	36
Midland	2	7	-	2	6	3	-	-	20
West	9	14	-	2	8	5	-	-	38
Southern and Eastern	64	89	4	9	34	14	-	-	214
Dublin	32	37	-	2	11	3	-	-	85
Mid-East	7	5	1	1	6	2	-	-	22
Mid-West	5	15	1	3	7	3	-	-	34
South-East	4	15	-	2	6	4	-	-	31
South West	16	17	2	1	4	2	-	-	42
State	79	129	6	15	56	23	-	-	308
All Developments									
Border, Midland and Western	613	74	91	20	84	42	52	80	1,056
Border	279	38	45	7	38	19	30	40	496
Midland	104	13	17	6	16	6	5	17	184
West	230	23	29	7	30	17	17	23	376
Southern and Eastern	1,292	160	151	51	168	64	138	240	2,264
Dublin	393	69	1	9	38	8	17	78	613
Mid-East	183	9	14	4	30	9	17	29	295
Mid-West	159	20	30	8	29	11	26	36	319
South-East	215	26	47	13	33	20	28	50	432
South West	342	36	59	17	38	16	50	47	605
State	1,905	234	242	71	252	106	190	320	3,320

- No permissions

**Table 3(b) Total Floor Area Planned (000 sq.m) in new construction and extensions,
Q4 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	106	9	40	4	10	7	175
Border	40	1	26	3	1	3	73
Midland	34	1	7	1	7	0	50
West	32	7	7	0	2	4	52
Southern and Eastern	219	62	74	14	25	17	411
Dublin	104	55	3	2	15	6	185
Mid-East	22	1	4	2	3	4	37
Mid-West	20	2	14	1	3	0	40
South-East	33	2	22	2	3	1	63
South West	40	2	31	7	2	4	86
State	325	71	114	18	35	23	586
Extension							
Border, Midland and Western	19	6	7	5	13	3	53
Border	8	5	2	0	8	1	25
Midland	3	0	1	4	2	0	10
West	7	1	4	0	4	2	18
Southern and Eastern	44	3	26	8	35	8	124
Dublin	15	1	-	2	5	2	25
Mid-East	6	0	1	1	6	1	14
Mid-West	6	0	2	0	6	1	15
South-East	6	0	15	2	6	3	33
South West	11	1	8	4	12	1	36
State	62	9	33	13	49	11	177
Total New Construction and Extension							
Border, Midland and Western	125	16	47	9	23	10	229
Border	48	7	27	3	8	4	98
Midland	37	1	8	5	9	0	60
West	39	8	12	0	6	6	71
Southern and Eastern	262	65	100	22	61	24	535
Dublin	118	56	3	4	20	8	210
Mid-East	28	1	5	3	9	5	51
Mid-West	26	2	16	1	9	2	55
South-East	39	3	37	4	9	4	96
South West	51	3	40	10	13	5	123
State	387	81	147	31	83	34	763

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 2008- Q4 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)
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	907	1,537	302	196.3	41	671	86	128.6	866	866	210	249.0	43	619	54	87.9
Year	4,516	9,098	1,706	187.5	273	4,855	647	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
Q 2	875	1,166	257	220.0	45	336	48	143.2	830	830	208	251.2	62	240	24	101.8
Q 3	857	1,540	302	196.1	56	739	107	145.4	801	801	194	242.8	47	98	8	85.1
Q 4	788	1,420	283	199.4	37	669	96	143.2	751	751	187	249.5	46	431	40	92.5
Year	3,422	5,389	1,110	206.0	172	2,139	305	142.4	3,250	3,250	805	247.8	204	861	80	93.0

Table 5 Summary of Planning Permissions granted, 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	1,453	1,051	1,602	384	4,490	447	336	217	1,000
Border	670	500	760	164	2,094	204	180	103	487
Cavan	57	51	103	12	223	15	19	17	52
Donegal	285	160	272	34	751	87	49	26	161
Leitrim	18	30	53	14	115	5	7	8	20
Louth	132	104	172	62	470	50	60	16	126
Monaghan	100	85	72	22	279	28	40	16	83
Sligo	78	70	88	20	256	20	5	20	45
Midland	262	218	299	82	861	86	81	43	209
Laois	69	64	75	26	234	16	17	12	46
Longford	42	43	53	13	151	12	10	6	28
Offaly	63	48	88	19	218	17	29	10	56
Westmeath	88	63	83	24	258	40	25	14	79
West	521	333	543	138	1,535	156	75	72	304
Galway City	30	34	78	44	186	20	20	13	53
Galway ²	228	169	249	55	701	64	27	29	120
Mayo	180	51	146	25	402	46	15	20	81
Roscommon	83	79	70	14	246	27	13	10	49
Southern and Eastern	2,190	2,356	4,307	1,064	9,917	753	895	550	2,198
Dublin	232	425	1,480	490	2,627	227	225	136	587
Dublin City	68	227	626	262	1,183	59	101	58	218
Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown	53	16	368	26	463	32	5	25	61
Fingal	83	106	277	119	585	88	63	37	188
South Dublin	28	76	209	83	396	48	56	16	120
Mid-East	366	294	548	127	1,335	104	67	67	239
Kildare	98	88	186	41	413	26	12	28	67
Meath	168	108	186	44	506	51	30	22	103
Wicklow	100	98	176	42	416	27	25	17	69
Mid-West	374	409	526	134	1,443	101	101	80	283
Clare	137	107	169	30	443	33	13	18	63
Limerick City	4	23	48	41	116	1	-	3	4
Limerick ²	154	175	203	39	571	47	59	40	146
North Tipperary	79	104	106	24	313	20	29	20	70
South-East	488	554	734	141	1,917	129	231	113	472
Carlow	37	41	84	22	184	9	9	9	28
Kilkenny	113	130	150	33	426	30	44	25	99
South Tipperary	61	123	128	17	329	14	31	13	59
Waterford City	7	22	51	15	95	7	1	4	13
Waterford ²	69	112	117	16	314	16	35	13	64
Wexford	201	126	204	38	569	52	111	47	211
South-West	730	674	1,019	172	2,595	193	271	155	618
Cork City	34	54	123	44	255	7	29	13	49
Cork ²	536	415	635	84	1,670	134	204	84	422
Kerry	160	205	261	44	670	52	38	57	147
State	3,643	3,407	5,909	1,448	14,407	1,199	1,231	768	3,198

² Excluding cities

- No permissions

NOTE: 0 implies less than 500 sq.m

Table 6 Number of Planning Permissions granted, 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	1,453	63	256	39	34	75	274	310	2,504
Border	670	28	127	20	17	36	128	144	1,170
Midland	262	18	54	4	7	11	50	74	480
West	521	17	75	15	10	28	96	92	854
Southern and Eastern	2,190	136	494	83	79	104	547	913	4,546
Dublin	232	40	6	13	25	12	79	250	657
Mid-East	366	20	52	12	9	19	64	118	660
Mid-West	374	16	118	7	7	17	107	137	783
South-East	488	22	153	16	17	29	121	196	1,042
South West	730	38	165	35	21	27	176	212	1,404
State	3,643	199	750	122	113	179	821	1,223	7,050
Extension									
Border, Midland and Western	1,150	66	65	30	205	86	-	-	1,602
Border	521	37	30	14	103	55	-	-	760
Midland	218	10	16	6	39	10	-	-	299
West	411	19	19	10	63	21	-	-	543
Southern and Eastern	3,362	179	167	83	386	130	-	-	4,307
Dublin	1,293	57	1	18	89	22	-	-	1,480
Mid-East	424	18	10	11	66	19	-	-	548
Mid-West	377	24	33	13	58	21	-	-	526
South-East	495	37	55	21	84	42	-	-	734
South West	773	43	68	20	89	26	-	-	1,019
State	4,512	245	232	113	591	216	-	-	5,909
Alteration and Conversion									
Border, Midland and Western	91	169	3	19	66	36	-	-	384
Border	30	81	3	7	30	13	-	-	164
Midland	15	37	-	6	17	7	-	-	82
West	46	51	-	6	19	16	-	-	138
Southern and Eastern	323	437	13	39	171	81	-	-	1,064
Dublin	183	183	-	15	76	33	-	-	490
Mid-East	34	47	3	5	29	9	-	-	127
Mid-West	27	55	2	9	27	14	-	-	134
South-East	21	74	1	7	22	16	-	-	141
South West	58	78	7	3	17	9	-	-	172
State	414	606	16	58	237	117	-	-	1,448
All Developments									
Border, Midland and Western	2,694	298	324	88	305	197	274	310	4,490
Border	1,221	146	160	41	150	104	128	144	2,094
Midland	495	65	70	16	63	28	50	74	861
West	978	87	94	31	92	65	96	92	1,535
Southern and Eastern	5,875	752	674	205	636	315	547	913	9,917
Dublin	1,708	280	7	46	190	67	79	250	2,627
Mid-East	824	85	65	28	104	47	64	118	1,335
Mid-West	778	95	153	29	92	52	107	137	1,443
South-East	1,004	133	209	44	123	87	121	196	1,917
South West	1,561	159	240	58	127	62	176	212	2,595
State	8,569	1,050	998	293	941	512	821	1,223	14,407

- No permissions

Table 7 Total Floor Area Planned (000 sq.m) in new construction and extensions, 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	447	52	148	23	85	28	782
Border	204	33	79	13	43	13	385
Midland	86	9	39	5	24	4	166
West	156	10	30	5	19	11	232
Southern and Eastern	753	231	380	88	142	55	1,648
Dublin	227	152	8	4	50	12	451
Mid-East	104	8	27	7	14	11	171
Mid-West	101	14	64	1	16	7	202
South-East	129	9	155	15	43	10	360
South West	193	48	127	60	20	16	463
State	1,199	283	528	110	227	83	2,431
Extension							
Border, Midland and Western	78	13	28	29	54	15	217
Border	34	9	11	13	26	8	103
Midland	16	2	10	5	9	1	43
West	28	2	7	11	18	5	72
Southern and Eastern	197	30	81	80	135	27	550
Dublin	64	6	0	21	39	5	136
Mid-East	28	3	3	9	19	4	67
Mid-West	27	3	12	12	23	4	80
South-East	29	9	31	13	23	8	113
South West	49	8	34	26	32	5	155
State	276	43	109	109	189	42	768
Total New Construction and Extension							
Border, Midland and Western	525	66	176	52	139	43	1,000
Border	238	43	90	26	69	21	487
Midland	102	11	49	10	33	6	209
West	185	12	37	16	37	16	304
Southern and Eastern	950	261	461	168	277	82	2,198
Dublin	291	158	8	24	89	17	587
Mid-East	132	12	30	17	33	15	239
Mid-West	128	17	76	13	38	10	283
South-East	158	17	185	28	65	18	472
South West	242	56	161	86	51	21	618
State	1,475	326	637	220	416	125	3,198

¹ For categories where floor area is a relevant measure

- No permissions

NOTE: 0 implies less than 500 sq.m

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