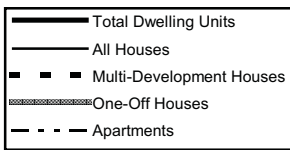
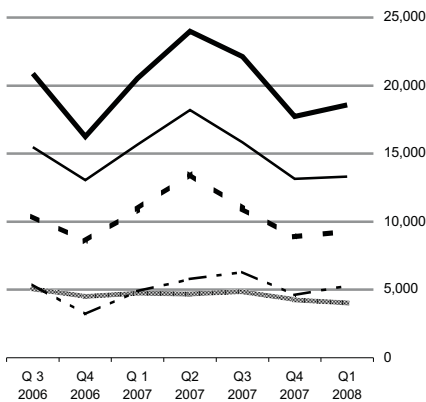




Planning Permissions Quarter 1 2008

**Number of Dwelling Units approved
classified by type of unit,
q3 2006 - q1 2008**



Number of Dwelling Units Approved

	Houses	Apartments	Total
Quarter 1 2007	15,654	4,884	20,538
Quarter 1 2008	13,301	5,281	18,582
% change	-15.0%	+8.1%	-9.5%

Dwelling units approved down 9.5% in year

This release shows that for the first quarter of 2008, planning permissions were granted for 18,582 dwelling units, compared with 20,538 units for the same period in 2007, a decrease of 9.5%. *See Table 4.*

The first quarter figures also show that:

- ◆ Planning Permissions were granted for 13,301 houses in the first quarter of 2008 and 15,654 in the first quarter of 2007, a decrease of 15%. *See Table 4.*
- ◆ Planning permissions were granted for 5,281 apartment units, compared with 4,884 units for the same period in 2007, an increase of 8.1%. *See Table 4.*
- ◆ One-off houses accounted for 21.6% 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 11,055. This compares with 15,388 in the first quarter of 2007, a decrease of 28.2%. *See Table 1.*
- ◆ Total floor area planned was 4,514 thousand sq. metres in the first quarter of 2008. Of this, 58.6% was for new dwellings, 30.1% for other new constructions and 11.3% for extensions. The total floor area planned decreased by 22% in comparison with the same quarter of 2007. *See Table 1.*
- ◆ Planning Permissions for new buildings for Agriculture decreased to 658 this quarter. This compares to 3,198 permissions in the same quarter of 2007. *See Table 3A.*

Data from tables 5, 6 & 7 are now only available in electronic format on the CSO website. To view the data in this format go to <http://www.cso.ie/px/pxeirestat/database/eirestat/Planning%20Permissions/Planning%20Permissions.asp>

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Table 1 Summary of Planning Permissions Granted, Q1 2000 - Q1 2008

Period	Number of Permissions					Total Floor Area ² (000 sq.m) ¹				
	New Construction		Extension	Alteration and Conversion	Total	New Construction		Extension	Total	
	Dwellings	Other				Dwellings	Other			
2000	Q 1	6,630	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Q 2	6,597	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Q 3	6,893	1,449	4,206	762	13,310	3,223	1,159	525	4,906
	Q 4	6,212	1,354	3,087	612	11,265	3,019	865	417	4,301
	Year²	26,332	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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	Q1	4,777	2,104	3,523	651	11,055	2,645	1,359	509	4,514

¹ For categories where floor area is a relevant measure² A review of the series for new dwellings was undertaken and resulted in revised data for 1999 and the first half of 2000
Corresponding revised data were not available for floor area or for permissions other than for new dwellings for those periods

Table 2 Summary of Planning Permissions granted, Q1 2008, 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	2,216	785	1,056	200	4,257	1,038	423	156	1,617
Border	1,107	405	533	84	2,129	558	202	78	837
Cavan	146	45	74	12	277	75	24	16	115
Donegal	439	111	189	19	758	204	70	22	295
Leitrim	111	30	40	4	185	42	11	3	56
Louth	157	99	120	34	410	150	58	23	230
Monaghan	169	86	60	5	320	63	25	9	97
Sligo	85	34	50	10	179	25	14	5	43
Midland	368	150	183	38	739	204	109	29	342
Laois	85	35	43	8	171	37	19	9	65
Longford	76	20	31	3	130	33	6	3	41
Offaly	103	44	51	11	209	67	23	9	98
Westmeath	104	51	58	16	229	67	62	8	137
West	741	230	340	78	1,389	277	112	49	438
Galway City	23	21	57	21	122	29	3	13	45
Galway ²	349	106	149	30	634	128	49	20	196
Mayo	225	51	88	11	375	71	35	12	118
Roscommon	144	52	46	16	258	49	25	5	79
Southern and Eastern	2,561	1,319	2,467	451	6,798	1,607	937	354	2,897
Dublin	283	280	778	177	1,518	287	243	122	651
Dublin City	110	164	347	111	732	94	123	48	265
Dun Laoghaire-Fingal	56	19	196	15	286	24	1	23	48
Fingal	67	60	108	24	259	95	69	19	182
South Dublin	50	37	127	27	241	75	49	32	156
Mid-East	445	225	351	69	1,090	245	178	59	482
Kildare	118	58	88	18	282	67	42	16	124
Meath	158	95	137	17	407	90	61	31	183
Wicklow	169	72	126	34	401	88	75	12	175
Mid-West	442	200	285	52	979	250	82	34	367
Clare	170	66	91	10	337	93	16	11	121
Limerick City	8	15	24	15	62	40	2		43
Limerick ²	158	61	85	18	322	69	45	11	125
North Tipperary	106	58	85	9	258	48	20	10	78
South-East	675	259	462	89	1,485	391	155	59	605
Carlow	72	22	54	15	163	30	23	9	63
Kilkenny	121	60	70	15	266	101	32	9	142
South Tipperary	90	45	88	11	234	49	21	13	82
Waterford City	11	27	29	8	75	17	30	2	48
Waterford ²	111	25	86	8	230	49	6	8	62
Wexford	270	80	135	32	517	145	43	19	207
South-West	716	355	591	64	1,726	434	278	80	791
Cork City	27	12	63	2	104	33	28	8	69
Cork ²	521	259	410	53	1,243	332	200	57	589
Kerry	168	84	118	9	379	68	49	15	132
State	4,777	2,104	3,523	651	11,055	2,645	1,359	509	4,514

¹ For categories where floor area is a relevant

² Excluding cities

- No permissions

Table 3(a) Number of Planning Permissions granted, Q1 2008, 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	2,216	153	304	32	37	21	125	113	3,001
Border	1,107	70	167	14	18	11	71	54	1,512
Midland	368	40	52	8	11	4	20	15	518
West	741	43	85	10	8	6	34	44	971
Southern and Eastern	2,561	244	354	74	90	44	194	319	3,880
Dublin	283	64	9	14	21	8	34	130	563
Mid-East	445	44	72	13	19	9	31	37	670
Mid-West	442	26	65	12	20	5	38	34	642
South-East	675	54	71	16	10	12	36	60	934
South West	716	56	137	19	20	10	55	58	1,071
State	4,777	397	658	106	127	65	319	432	6,881
Extension									
Border, Midland and Western	817	83	52	16	73	15	-	-	1,056
Border	424	33	31	5	31	9	-	-	533
Midland	133	20	12	4	10	4	-	-	183
West	260	30	9	7	32	2	-	-	340
Southern and Eastern	2,079	149	56	27	126	30	-	-	2,467
Dublin	701	41	1	2	25	8	-	-	778
Mid-East	298	16	9	3	22	3	-	-	351
Mid-West	219	26	8	5	22	5	-	-	285
South-East	367	37	13	7	30	8	-	-	462
South West	494	29	25	10	27	6	-	-	591
State	2,896	232	108	43	199	45	-	-	3,523
Alteration and Conversion									
Border, Midland and Western	44	118	2	5	22	9	-	-	200
Border	18	47	2	1	12	4	-	-	84
Midland	7	22	-	1	6	2	-	-	38
West	19	49	-	3	4	3	-	-	78
Southern and Eastern	143	223	4	12	55	14	-	-	451
Dublin	80	70	-	3	21	3	-	-	177
Mid-East	10	39	1	3	14	2	-	-	69
Mid-West	12	27	-	1	10	2	-	-	52
South-East	15	58	1	4	6	5	-	-	89
South West	26	29	2	1	4	2	-	-	64
State	187	341	6	17	77	23	-	-	651
All Developments									
Border, Midland and Western	3,077	354	358	53	132	45	125	113	4,257
Border	1,549	150	200	20	61	24	71	54	2,129
Midland	508	82	64	13	27	10	20	15	739
West	1,020	122	94	20	44	11	34	44	1,389
Southern and Eastern	4,783	616	414	113	271	88	194	319	6,798
Dublin	1,064	175	10	19	67	19	34	130	1,518
Mid-East	753	99	82	19	55	14	31	37	1,090
Mid-West	673	79	73	18	52	12	38	34	979
South-East	1,057	149	85	27	46	25	36	60	1,485
South West	1,236	114	164	30	51	18	55	58	1,726
State	7,860	970	772	166	403	133	319	432	11,055

- No permissions

Table 3(b) Total Floor Area Planned (000 sq.m) in new construction and extensions, Q1 2008, 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	1,038	177	135	60	20	30	1,460
Border	558	71	88	17	7	20	761
Midland	204	61	18	16	7	7	313
West	277	45	29	27	6	4	388
Southern and Eastern	1,607	420	191	194	85	47	2,544
Dublin	287	161	6	36	27	12	529
Mid-East	245	64	52	47	9	7	424
Mid-West	250	16	27	24	10	5	332
South-East	391	74	43	17	5	16	546
South West	434	104	63	70	34	7	712
State	2,645	597	326	255	105	77	4,004
Extension							
Border, Midland and Western	63	35	21	11	22	3	155
Border	33	16	13	5	8	2	77
Midland	11	5	7	3	3	1	30
West	20	14	2	2	11	0	49
Southern and Eastern	142	105	17	11	70	9	354
Dublin	39	43	0	1	37	2	122
Mid-East	25	22	4	1	6	0	58
Mid-West	17	6	2	2	6	1	34
South-East	29	12	2	3	11	2	59
South West	32	21	8	5	10	3	79
State	205	140	38	22	92	12	509
Total New Construction and Extension							
Border, Midland and Western	1,102	213	156	71	42	34	1,618
Border	590	88	100	22	15	22	837
Midland	215	66	25	20	9	8	343
West	297	59	31	29	17	4	437
Southern and Eastern	1,748	525	208	205	155	56	2,897
Dublin	326	204	7	37	63	14	651
Mid-East	270	86	56	48	15	7	482
Mid-West	267	22	29	26	17	6	367
South-East	420	86	45	20	16	18	605
South West	466	126	71	75	44	10	792
State	2,850	737	364	276	197	89	4,514

¹ For categories where floor area is a relevant measure

NOTE: 0 implies less than 500 sq.m

Table 4 Summary of Planning Permissions Granted for new houses and apartments, Q1 2004 - Q1 2008

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)
2004 Q 1	6,426	17,054	2,509	147.1	585	11,213	1,331	118.7	5,841	5,841	1,177	201.6	457	8,347	646	77.4
Q 2	7,123	18,653	2,770	148.5	640	12,170	1,443	118.6	6,483	6,483	1,328	204.8	425	7,313	543	74.2
Q 3	6,647	17,097	2,580	150.9	601	11,051	1,336	120.9	6,046	6,046	1,244	205.7	446	7,399	579	78.3
Q 4	5,555	16,772	2,428	144.8	551	11,768	1,392	118.3	5,004	5,004	1,036	207.1	403	9,018	691	76.6
Year	25,751	69,576	10,287	147.8	2,377	46,202	5,502	119.1	23,374	23,374	4,785	204.7	1,731	32,077	2,459	76.7
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
Q4	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 Q1	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

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