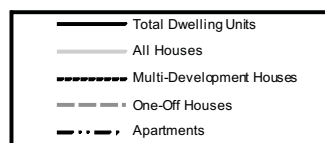
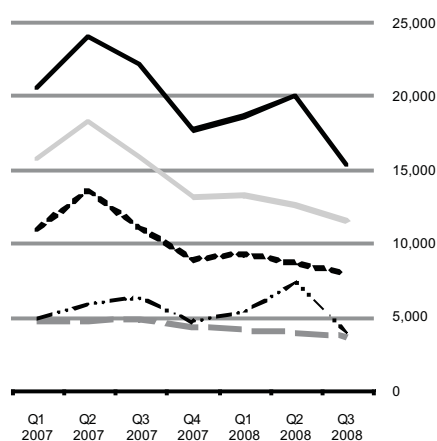




**Number of Dwelling Units approved  
classified by type of unit,  
q1 2007 - q3 2008**



## Planning Permissions Quarter 3 2008

**Number of Dwelling Units Approved**

	Houses	Apartments	Total
<b>Quarter 3 2007</b>	15,838	6,300	22,138
<b>Quarter 3 2008</b>	11,532	3,761	15,293
<b>% change</b>	-27.2%	-40.3%	-30.9%

### Dwelling units approved down 30.9% in year

This release shows that for the third quarter of 2008, planning permissions were granted for 15,293 dwelling units, compared with 22,138 units for the same period in 2007, a decrease of 30.9%. See Table 4.

The third quarter figures also show that:

- ◆ Planning Permissions were granted for 11,532 houses in the third quarter of 2008 and 15,838 in the third quarter of 2007, a decrease of 27.2%. See Table 4.
- ◆ Planning permissions were granted for 3,761 apartment units, compared with 6,300 units for the same period in 2007, a decrease of 40.3%. See Table 4.
- ◆ One-off houses accounted for 23.6% 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 10,904. This compares with 17,338 in the third quarter of 2007, a decrease of 37.1%. See Table 1.
- ◆ Total floor area planned was 3,998 thousand sq. metres in the third quarter of 2008. Of this, 56.6% was for new dwellings, 31.6% for other new constructions and 11.8% for extensions. The total floor area planned decreased by 39.8% in comparison with the same quarter of 2007. See Table 1.
- ◆ Planning Permissions for new buildings for Agriculture decreased to 314 this quarter. This compares to 3,289 permissions in the same quarter of 2007. See Table 3A.

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**Table 1 Summary of Planning Permissions Granted, Q1 2000 - Q3 2008**

Period	Number of Permissions					Total Floor Area <sup>2</sup> (000 sq.m) <sup>1</sup>				
	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
	<b>Year<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>26,332</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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
	<b>Year</b>	<b>23,613</b>	<b>6,197</b>	<b>12,837</b>	<b>2,853</b>	<b>45,500</b>	<b>10,463</b>	<b>4,023</b>	<b>1,722</b>	<b>16,206</b>
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
	<b>Year</b>	<b>19,728</b>	<b>5,926</b>	<b>12,322</b>	<b>2,924</b>	<b>40,900</b>	<b>8,792</b>	<b>4,004</b>	<b>1,623</b>	<b>14,420</b>
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
	<b>Year</b>	<b>20,949</b>	<b>5,932</b>	<b>12,159</b>	<b>2,577</b>	<b>41,617</b>	<b>9,611</b>	<b>3,937</b>	<b>1,497</b>	<b>15,044</b>
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
	<b>Year</b>	<b>27,512</b>	<b>6,717</b>	<b>13,468</b>	<b>2,575</b>	<b>50,272</b>	<b>12,795</b>	<b>4,258</b>	<b>1,665</b>	<b>18,719</b>
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
	<b>Year</b>	<b>25,334</b>	<b>7,699</b>	<b>14,882</b>	<b>2,689</b>	<b>50,604</b>	<b>13,165</b>	<b>4,957</b>	<b>1,872</b>	<b>19,995</b>
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
	<b>Year</b>	<b>22,774</b>	<b>10,453</b>	<b>16,354</b>	<b>2,678</b>	<b>52,259</b>	<b>11,091</b>	<b>6,224</b>	<b>1,973</b>	<b>19,288</b>
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
	<b>Year</b>	<b>22,253</b>	<b>19,402</b>	<b>17,835</b>	<b>2,877</b>	<b>62,367</b>	<b>12,206</b>	<b>9,314</b>	<b>2,467</b>	<b>23,985</b>
2008	Q1	4,777	2,104	3,523	651	11,055	2,645	1,359	509	4,514
	Q2	4,722	2,050	3,743	700	11,215	2,901	1,425	444	4,770
	Q3	4,253	1,774	4,166	711	10,904	2,263	1,265	470	3,998

<sup>1</sup> For categories where floor area is a relevant measure<sup>2</sup> 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, Q3 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 <sup>1</sup>
	Dwellings	Other				Dwellings	Other		
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>1,915</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>1,171</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>3,876</b>	<b>1,082</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>1,576</b>
<b>Border</b>	<b>912</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>1,793</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>849</b>
Cavan	150	45	82	10	287	89	21	10	119
Donegal	360	85	190	28	663	139	43	20	202
Leitrim	60	12	34	8	114	26	3	5	34
Louth	117	84	100	26	327	316	43	9	368
Monaghan	142	46	49	4	241	51	27	6	84
Sligo	83	13	58	7	161	27	10	5	41
<b>Midland</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>725</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>337</b>
Laois	89	24	80	14	207	72	64	10	146
Longford	63	13	37	2	115	17	10	4	32
Offaly	103	22	57	12	194	33	23	5	61
Westmeath	97	42	59	11	209	47	37	15	98
<b>West</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>1,358</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>390</b>
Galway City	23	24	44	24	115	29	7	4	41
Galway <sup>2</sup>	292	104	196	27	619	91	49	23	163
Mayo	209	33	123	23	388	84	10	16	110
Roscommon	127	40	62	7	236	61	10	6	77
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>2,338</b>	<b>1,187</b>	<b>2,995</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>7,028</b>	<b>1,181</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>2,422</b>
<b>Dublin</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>1,739</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>562</b>
Dublin City	93	156	414	110	773	71	101	41	213
Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown	42	27	251	31	351	49	47	26	122
Fingal	48	54	156	34	292	24	72	15	111
South Dublin	48	64	179	32	323	37	69	10	116
<b>Mid-East</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>1,025</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>427</b>
Kildare	142	86	148	29	405	82	44	17	143
Meath	125	54	141	11	331	60	116	20	197
Wicklow	112	40	115	22	289	66	12	10	87
<b>Mid-West</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>961</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>268</b>
Clare	149	48	125	13	335	51	14	17	82
Limerick City	8	15	25	16	64	4	11	1	16
Limerick <sup>2</sup>	136	60	125	21	342	42	46	14	102
North Tipperary	86	42	80	12	220	40	18	8	67
<b>South-East</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>1,444</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>629</b>
Carlow	63	31	63	11	168	53	31	12	95
Kilkenny	117	50	97	27	291	65	32	17	114
South Tipperary	113	58	80	19	270	89	23	6	118
Waterford City	15	19	38	8	80	24	12	8	44
Waterford <sup>2</sup>	87	32	72	11	202	58	20	22	100
Wexford	214	47	144	28	433	91	51	16	158
<b>South-West</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>1,859</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>536</b>
Cork City	20	14	67	4	105	6	28	6	40
Cork <sup>2</sup>	502	205	499	48	1,254	162	143	47	351
Kerry	218	85	176	21	500	105	18	21	144
<b>State</b>	<b>4,253</b>	<b>1,774</b>	<b>4,166</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>10,904</b>	<b>2,263</b>	<b>1,265</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>3,998</b>

<sup>1</sup> For categories where floor area is a relevant

<sup>2</sup> Excluding cities

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**Table 3(a) Number of Planning Permissions granted, Q3 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	
<b>New Construction</b>									
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>1,915</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>2,502</b>
Border	912	76	52	17	21	15	43	61	1,197
Midland	352	22	24	10	9	7	12	17	453
West	651	44	41	10	14	10	36	46	852
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>2,338</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>3,525</b>
Dublin	231	64	2	13	22	6	42	152	532
Mid-East	379	45	41	10	13	12	33	26	559
Mid-West	379	34	31	6	12	5	50	27	544
South-East	609	55	56	16	17	7	40	46	846
South West	740	59	67	16	14	8	85	55	1,044
<b>State</b>	<b>4,253</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>6,027</b>
<b>Extension</b>									
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>955</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>13</b>	-	-	<b>1,171</b>
Border	428	29	7	5	39	5	-	-	513
Midland	191	12	5	3	19	3	-	-	233
West	336	22	8	4	50	5	-	-	425
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>2,526</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>28</b>	-	-	<b>2,995</b>
Dublin	894	49	-	4	48	5	-	-	1,000
Mid-East	353	19	3	3	25	1	-	-	404
Mid-West	291	21	9	3	28	3	-	-	355
South-East	390	46	11	12	30	5	-	-	494
South West	598	40	18	8	64	14	-	-	742
<b>State</b>	<b>3,481</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>41</b>	-	-	<b>4,166</b>
<b>Alteration and Conversion</b>									
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>11</b>	-	-	<b>203</b>
Border	22	48	1	-	6	6	-	-	83
Midland	7	23	-	1	8	-	-	-	39
West	15	54	-	1	6	5	-	-	81
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>12</b>	-	-	<b>508</b>
Dublin	83	94	-	3	25	2	-	-	207
Mid-East	20	31	-	1	10	-	-	-	62
Mid-West	15	32	1	3	9	2	-	-	62
South-East	20	68	2	4	8	2	-	-	104
South West	28	28	2	-	9	6	-	-	73
<b>State</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>23</b>	-	-	<b>711</b>
<b>All Developments</b>									
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>2,914</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>3,876</b>
Border	1,362	153	60	22	66	26	43	61	1,793
Midland	550	57	29	14	36	10	12	17	725
West	1,002	120	49	15	70	20	36	46	1,358
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>5,030</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>7,028</b>
Dublin	1,208	207	2	20	95	13	42	152	1,739
Mid-East	752	95	44	14	48	13	33	26	1,025
Mid-West	685	87	41	12	49	10	50	27	961
South-East	1,019	169	69	32	55	14	40	46	1,444
South West	1,366	127	87	24	87	28	85	55	1,859
<b>State</b>	<b>7,944</b>	<b>1,015</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>10,904</b>

- No permissions

**Table 3(b) Total Floor Area Planned (000 sq.m) in new construction and extensions,  
Q3 2008, classified by region and functional category**

Type of Development and Planning Region	Functional Category						Total <sup>1</sup>
	Dwellings	Commercial Buildings	Buildings for Agriculture	Industrial Buildings	Govt., Health and Education	Other Buildings for Social Use	
<b>New Construction</b>							
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>1,082</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1,438</b>
Border	648	65	32	27	15	8	795
Midland	170	40	12	13	63	6	304
West	265	40	11	11	4	10	341
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>1,181</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>2,089</b>
Dublin	181	173	9	26	78	3	470
Mid-East	208	108	25	21	10	9	381
Mid-West	137	44	19	3	18	6	227
South-East	381	61	27	54	18	7	548
South West	273	76	32	63	17	2	463
<b>State</b>	<b>2,263</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>3,527</b>
<b>Extension</b>							
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>137</b>
Border	33	9	1	6	5	1	55
Midland	16	5	1	1	10	1	34
West	24	8	2	0	14	1	49
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>333</b>
Dublin	47	22	-	2	19	1	91
Mid-East	29	10	0	3	4	0	46
Mid-West	22	12	2	0	3	0	39
South-East	27	33	5	9	5	1	80
South West	41	9	6	4	11	2	73
<b>State</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>470</b>
<b>Total New Construction and Extension</b>							
<b>Border, Midland and Western</b>	<b>1,154</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>1,576</b>
Border	680	73	33	33	20	9	848
Midland	185	45	13	14	73	7	337
West	288	48	13	12	18	11	390
<b>Southern and Eastern</b>	<b>1,346</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>2,421</b>
Dublin	228	196	9	28	97	5	563
Mid-East	238	118	25	23	14	9	427
Mid-West	159	56	21	3	21	6	266
South-East	407	97	32	64	24	8	632
South West	314	85	39	67	28	4	537
<b>State</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>3,998</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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 - Q3 2008**

Period	All Houses				of which Multi-Development Houses				of which One-Off Houses				Apartments			
	Number of Permissions	Number of Units	Floor Area (000 m <sup>2</sup> )	Average Floor Area per Unit (m <sup>2</sup> )	Number of Permissions	Number of Units	Floor Area (000 m <sup>2</sup> )	Average Floor Area per Unit (m <sup>2</sup> )	Number of Permissions	Number of Units	Floor Area (000 m <sup>2</sup> )	Average Floor Area per Unit (m <sup>2</sup> )	Number of Permissions	Number of Units	Floor Area (000 m <sup>2</sup> )	Average Floor Area per Unit (m <sup>2</sup> )
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
<b>Year</b>	<b>25,751</b>	<b>69,576</b>	<b>10,287</b>	<b>147.8</b>	<b>2,377</b>	<b>46,202</b>	<b>5,502</b>	<b>119.1</b>	<b>23,374</b>	<b>23,374</b>	<b>4,785</b>	<b>204.7</b>	<b>1,731</b>	<b>32,077</b>	<b>2,459</b>	<b>76.7</b>
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
<b>Year</b>	<b>23,514</b>	<b>75,650</b>	<b>11,278</b>	<b>149.1</b>	<b>2,646</b>	<b>54,782</b>	<b>6,820</b>	<b>124.5</b>	<b>20,868</b>	<b>20,868</b>	<b>4,458</b>	<b>213.6</b>	<b>1,799</b>	<b>23,702</b>	<b>1,854</b>	<b>78.2</b>
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
<b>Year</b>	<b>21,409</b>	<b>60,008</b>	<b>9,526</b>	<b>158.7</b>	<b>2,252</b>	<b>40,851</b>	<b>5,228</b>	<b>128.0</b>	<b>19,157</b>	<b>19,157</b>	<b>4,298</b>	<b>224.3</b>	<b>1,340</b>	<b>18,747</b>	<b>1,520</b>	<b>81.1</b>
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
<b>Year</b>	<b>20,788</b>	<b>62,828</b>	<b>10,295</b>	<b>163.9</b>	<b>2,233</b>	<b>44,273</b>	<b>5,880</b>	<b>132.8</b>	<b>18,555</b>	<b>18,555</b>	<b>4,415</b>	<b>238.0</b>	<b>1,424</b>	<b>21,569</b>	<b>1,834</b>	<b>85.0</b>
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
Q2	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
Q3	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

## 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](http://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**

<b>Border</b>	Cavan Donegal Leitrim Louth Monaghan Sligo
<b>Midland</b>	Laoighis Longford Offaly Westmeath
<b>West</b>	Galway City Galway County Mayo Roscommon

**Southern and Eastern NUTS2 Region**

<b>Dublin</b>	Dublin City Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Fingal South Dublin
<b>Mid-East</b>	Kildare Meath Wicklow
<b>Mid-West</b>	Clare Limerick City Limerick County North Tipperary
<b>South-East</b>	Carlow Kilkenny South Tipperary Waterford City Waterford County Wexford
<b>South-West</b>	Cork City Cork County Kerry