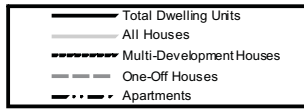
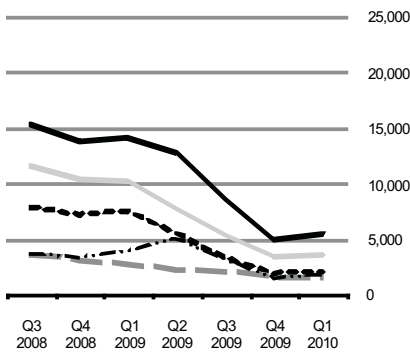




Planning Permissions Quarter 1 2010

**Number of Dwelling Units approved
classified by type of unit,
q3 2008 - q1 2010**



Number of Dwelling Units Approved

	Houses	Apartments	Total
Quarter 1 2009	10,256	3,921	14,177
Quarter 1 2010	3,585	1,925	5,510
% change	-65.0%	-50.9%	-61.1%

Dwelling units approved down 61.1% in year

In the first quarter of 2010, planning permissions were granted for 5,510 dwelling units, compared with 14,177 units for the same period in 2009, a decrease of 61.1%. *See Table 4.*

The first quarter figures also show that:

- ◆ Planning Permissions were granted for 3,585 houses in the first quarter of 2010 and 10,256 in the first quarter of 2009, a decrease of 65%. *See Table 4.*
- ◆ Planning permissions were granted for 1,925 apartment units, compared with 3,921 units for the same period in 2009, a decrease of 50.9%. *See Table 4.*
- ◆ One-off houses accounted for 28.2% 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 4,519. This compares with 7,486 in the first quarter of 2009, a decrease of 39.6%. *See Table 1.*
- ◆ Total floor area planned was 1,329 thousand square metres in the first quarter of 2010. Of this, 63.6% was for new dwellings, 22.8% for other new constructions and 13.6% for extensions. The total floor area planned decreased by 61.1% in comparison with the same quarter of 2009. *See Table 1.*
- ◆ Planning Permissions for new buildings for Agriculture decreased to 105 this quarter. This compares to 127 permissions in the same quarter of 2009. *See Table 3A.*

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Table 1 Summary of Planning Permissions Granted, Q1 2001 - Q1 2010

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
2010	Q 1	1,768	775	1,617	359	4,519	844	303	181	1,328

¹ For categories where floor area is a relevant measure

Table 2 Summary of Planning Permissions granted, Q1 2010, 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	717	263	500	107	1,587	259	129	47	435
Border	321	112	205	42	680	140	86	20	245
Cavan	16	8	26	5	55	4	7	3	14
Donegal	137	38	85	19	279	43	8	6	58
Leitrim	19	10	8	1	38	4	2	1	7
Louth	59	30	44	15	148	20	46	4	69
Monaghan	58	23	19	2	102	58	21	3	82
Sligo	32	3	23	-	58	10	2	3	15
Midland	103	45	89	25	262	39	11	10	60
Laois	36	14	14	5	69	17	5	1	23
Longford	15	6	20	3	44	4	1	1	7
Offaly	26	15	21	6	68	9	3	2	14
Westmeath	26	10	34	11	81	8	3	5	16
West	293	106	206	40	645	80	32	18	129
Galway City	15	16	24	9	64	5	10	5	20
Galway ²	131	55	107	19	312	34	6	8	49
Mayo	113	25	52	8	198	30	14	3	48
Roscommon	34	10	23	4	71	10	1	1	13
Southern and Eastern	1,051	512	1,117	252	2,932	585	174	134	893
Dublin	100	119	397	104	720	163	42	43	248
Dublin City	27	59	159	60	305	37	6	12	55
Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown	30	8	91	10	139	10	3	12	25
Fingal	22	36	82	17	157	114	33	11	158
South Dublin	21	16	65	17	119	3	0	7	10
Mid-East	166	94	152	33	445	156	32	31	218
Kildare	47	30	68	9	154	44	7	15	66
Meath	76	38	47	8	169	82	17	7	107
Wicklow	43	26	37	16	122	30	8	8	46
Mid-West	233	83	156	30	502	107	25	14	145
Clare	102	21	57	14	194	35	1	4	40
Limerick City	3	8	17	7	35	1	1	1	3
Limerick ²	77	36	49	4	166	52	15	4	71
North Tipperary	51	18	33	5	107	19	8	3	31
South-East	242	109	177	52	580	74	40	29	143
Carlow	25	14	14	9	62	11	2	9	22
Kilkenny	42	23	37	9	111	12	15	5	32
South Tipperary	43	21	31	5	100	13	3	4	19
Waterford City	2	9	15	7	33	2	1	1	3
Waterford ²	35	26	25	10	96	10	12	3	24
Wexford	95	16	55	12	178	27	8	7	42
South-West	310	107	235	33	685	85	35	18	139
Cork City	13	-	17	1	31	3	-	1	4
Cork ²	206	76	145	22	449	61	27	11	100
Kerry	91	31	73	10	205	21	8	6	35
State	1,768	775	1,617	359	4,519	844	303	181	1,328

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 2010, classified by region, type of development and functional category

Type of Development and Planning Region	Functional Category							Other	Total
	Dwellings	Commercial Buildings	Buildings for Agriculture	Industrial Buildings	Govt-, Health and Education	Other Buildings for Social Use	Civil Eng.		
New Construction									
Border, Midland and Western	717	35	41	11	17	15	61	83	980
Border	321	13	23	7	6	8	28	27	433
Midland	103	7	7	3	4	1	9	14	148
West	293	15	11	1	7	6	24	42	399
Southern and Eastern	1,051	83	64	21	28	23	120	173	1,563
Dublin	100	18	-	2	11	4	16	68	219
Mid-East	166	19	15	5	8	2	21	24	260
Mid-West	233	15	12	2	4	4	23	23	316
South-East	242	14	28	6	1	7	26	27	351
South West	310	17	9	6	4	6	34	31	417
State	1,768	118	105	32	45	38	181	256	2,543
Extension									
Border, Midland and Western	408	44	1	7	29	11	-	-	500
Border	167	17	1	2	12	6	-	-	205
Midland	70	12	-	3	3	1	-	-	89
West	171	15	-	2	14	4	-	-	206
Southern and Eastern	958	67	7	13	51	21	-	-	1,117
Dublin	361	19	-	2	11	4	-	-	397
Mid-East	131	10	1	1	8	1	-	-	152
Mid-West	129	13	2	3	6	3	-	-	156
South-East	138	9	1	6	17	6	-	-	177
South West	199	16	3	1	9	7	-	-	235
State	1,366	111	8	20	80	32	-	-	1,617
Alteration and Conversion									
Border, Midland and Western	21	61	-	4	12	9	-	-	107
Border	8	23	-	1	6	4	-	-	42
Midland	3	16	-	1	2	3	-	-	25
West	10	22	-	2	4	2	-	-	40
Southern and Eastern	71	118	1	9	33	20	-	-	252
Dublin	31	45	-	3	17	8	-	-	104
Mid-East	12	12	1	1	4	3	-	-	33
Mid-West	9	17	-	1	3	-	-	-	30
South-East	9	29	-	3	6	5	-	-	52
South West	10	15	-	1	3	4	-	-	33
State	92	179	1	13	45	29	-	-	359
All Developments									
Border, Midland and Western	1,146	140	42	22	58	35	61	83	1,587
Border	496	53	24	10	24	18	28	27	680
Midland	176	35	7	7	9	5	9	14	262
West	474	52	11	5	25	12	24	42	645
Southern and Eastern	2,080	268	72	43	112	64	120	173	2,932
Dublin	492	82	-	7	39	16	16	68	720
Mid-East	309	41	17	7	20	6	21	24	445
Mid-West	371	45	14	6	13	7	23	23	502
South-East	389	52	29	15	24	18	26	27	580
South West	519	48	12	8	16	17	34	31	685
State	3,226	408	114	65	170	99	181	256	4,519

- No permissions

**Table 3(b) Total Floor Area Planned (000 sq.m) in new construction and extensions,
Q1 2010, 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	259	23	31	41	22	11	387
Border	140	7	25	40	6	7	225
Midland	39	4	3	1	3	0	50
West	80	12	3	0	13	4	112
Southern and Eastern	585	79	39	11	36	9	759
Dublin	163	28	-	0	14	1	206
Mid-East	156	7	5	4	15	1	188
Mid-West	107	10	8	0	5	3	133
South-East	74	14	22	2	0	2	114
South West	85	21	5	5	3	3	122
State	844	102	70	53	59	20	1,147
Extension							
Border, Midland and Western	30	7	0	2	8	1	48
Border	12	3	0	1	3	0	19
Midland	6	3	-	0	0	0	9
West	12	1	-	0	4	0	17
Southern and Eastern	57	30	2	8	33	4	134
Dublin	17	13	-	0	12	1	43
Mid-East	9	10	0	2	9	0	30
Mid-West	9	2	1	1	1	1	15
South-East	10	1	0	6	10	2	29
South West	12	3	1	0	1	1	18
State	86	37	2	10	41	5	181
Total New Construction and Extension							
Border, Midland and Western	288	30	32	43	30	11	434
Border	152	10	25	41	9	7	244
Midland	45	7	3	2	3	0	60
West	92	13	3	0	17	4	129
Southern and Eastern	642	109	41	20	69	13	894
Dublin	180	41	-	0	26	1	248
Mid-East	165	17	5	6	24	1	218
Mid-West	116	12	8	1	5	3	145
South-East	84	15	22	8	10	3	142
South West	97	24	6	5	4	3	139
State	931	139	72	63	99	24	1,328

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 - Q1 2010

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)
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
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

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