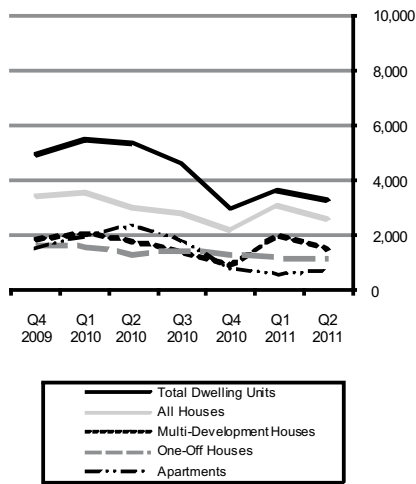




**Number of Dwelling Units approved
classified by type of unit,
q4 2009 - q2 2011**



Planning Permissions Quarter 2 2011

Number of Dwelling Units Approved

	Houses	Apartments	Total
Quarter 2 2010	3,043	2,335	5,378
Quarter 2 2011	2,599	711	3,310
% change	-14.6%	-69.6%	-38.5%

Dwelling units approved down 38.5% in year

In the second quarter of 2011, planning permissions were granted for 3,310 dwelling units, compared with 5,378 units for the same period in 2010, a decrease of 38.5%. *See Table 4.*

The second quarter figures also show that:

- ◆ Planning Permissions were granted for 2,599 houses in the second quarter of 2011 and 3,043 in the second quarter of 2010, a decrease of 14.6%. *See Table 4.*
- ◆ Planning permissions were granted for 711 apartment units, compared with 2,335 units for the same period in 2010, a decrease of 69.6%. *See Table 4.*
- ◆ One-off houses accounted for 34.0% 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 4,244. This compares with 4,675 in the second quarter of 2010, a decrease of 9.2%. *See Table 1.*
- ◆ Total floor area planned was 1,222 thousand square metres in the second quarter of 2011. Of this, 45.8% was for new dwellings, 37.1% for other new constructions and 17.1% for extensions. The total floor area planned decreased by 21.7% in comparison with the same quarter in 2010. *See Table 1.*
- ◆ Planning Permissions for new buildings for Agriculture fell to 117 this quarter. This compares to 130 permissions in the same quarter of 2010. *See Table 3(a).*

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Table 1 Summary of Planning Permissions Granted, Q1 2003 - Q2 2011

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			
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
	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	Q1	1,277	700	1,637	405	4,019	599	376	202	1,177
	Q2	1,264	721	1,866	393	4,244	560	452	209	1,222

¹ For categories where floor area is a relevant measure.

Table 2 Summary of Planning Permissions granted, Q2 2011, 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	513	202	562	107	1,384	190	90	79	358
Border	210	89	258	49	606	90	51	39	179
Cavan	16	7	31	-	54	10	5	10	25
Donegal	92	38	86	16	232	49	11	9	68
Leitrim	11	1	14	-	26	3	0	2	4
Louth	27	17	65	21	130	11	17	6	34
Monaghan	38	25	29	6	98	10	17	5	33
Sligo	26	1	33	6	66	7	0	7	15
Midland	93	43	94	17	247	42	15	13	70
Laois	28	16	29	5	78	7	4	4	14
Longford	3	5	10	-	18	1	1	1	3
Offaly	31	5	24	1	61	14	2	2	18
Westmeath	31	17	31	11	90	20	9	6	35
West	210	70	210	41	531	58	24	27	109
Galway City	11	8	29	11	59	4	6	3	14
Galway ²	98	45	97	20	260	30	10	14	54
Mayo	74	6	57	8	145	17	5	7	29
Roscommon	27	11	27	2	67	7	2	3	12
Southern and Eastern	751	519	1,304	286	2,860	370	362	130	863
Dublin	83	147	476	116	822	125	110	38	273
Dublin City	27	89	180	70	366	58	54	13	124
Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown	33	9	127	10	179	27	8	13	48
Fingal	14	29	90	21	154	34	22	8	64
South Dublin	9	20	79	15	123	6	26	4	36
Mid-East	124	69	167	24	384	70	25	15	110
Kildare	26	27	56	2	111	11	8	5	24
Meath	75	28	61	8	172	53	15	7	75
Wicklow	23	14	50	14	101	5	2	3	11
Mid-West	127	77	156	41	401	35	20	21	76
Clare	56	28	48	22	154	14	8	5	27
Limerick City	4	4	13	4	25	1	0	1	1
Limerick ²	26	21	59	7	113	7	8	10	25
North Tipperary	41	24	36	8	109	13	4	6	22
South-East	151	108	200	55	514	60	44	26	130
Carlow	13	9	28	3	53	3	3	3	10
Kilkenny	44	21	39	12	116	25	8	4	37
South Tipperary	25	30	43	14	112	7	7	5	19
Waterford City	-	7	14	6	27	-	0	3	3
Waterford ²	24	12	30	8	74	5	7	4	17
Wexford	45	29	46	12	132	19	18	7	44
South-West	266	118	305	50	739	81	164	29	275
Cork City	8	19	28	16	71	3	71	3	77
Cork ²	185	71	196	24	476	61	91	20	172
Kerry	73	28	81	10	192	18	2	6	25
State	1,264	721	1,866	393	4,244	560	452	209	1,222

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, Q2 2011, 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	513	17	47	10	9	16	50	53	715
Border	210	11	26	7	1	4	16	24	299
Midland	93	3	7	2	4	2	13	12	136
West	210	3	14	1	4	10	21	17	280
Southern and Eastern	751	59	70	23	31	31	123	182	1,270
Dublin	83	25	-	5	13	9	36	59	230
Mid-East	124	9	10	4	6	2	17	21	193
Mid-West	127	5	14	2	5	9	22	20	204
South-East	151	7	25	5	2	7	24	38	259
South West	266	13	21	7	5	4	24	44	384
State	1,264	76	117	33	40	47	173	235	1,985
Extension									
Border, Midland and Western	419	36	15	14	55	23	-	-	562
Border	197	19	6	7	22	7	-	-	258
Midland	69	3	5	1	10	6	-	-	94
West	153	14	4	6	23	10	-	-	210
Southern and Eastern	1,090	67	17	17	89	24	-	-	1,304
Dublin	423	17	1	3	24	8	-	-	476
Mid-East	144	6	1	3	12	1	-	-	167
Mid-West	122	5	3	3	16	7	-	-	156
South-East	158	14	9	4	12	3	-	-	200
South West	243	25	3	4	25	5	-	-	305
State	1,509	103	32	31	144	47	-	-	1,866
Alteration and Conversion									
Border, Midland and Western	32	48	-	2	17	8	-	-	107
Border	17	20	-	1	7	4	-	-	49
Midland	2	9	-	-	4	2	-	-	17
West	13	19	-	1	6	2	-	-	41
Southern and Eastern	99	115	6	6	46	14	-	-	286
Dublin	46	42	-	4	20	4	-	-	116
Mid-East	6	14	-	-	3	1	-	-	24
Mid-West	14	17	1	1	5	3	-	-	41
South-East	14	28	3	1	7	2	-	-	55
South West	19	14	2	-	11	4	-	-	50
State	131	163	6	8	63	22	-	-	393
All Developments									
Border, Midland and Western	964	101	62	26	81	47	50	53	1,384
Border	424	50	32	15	30	15	16	24	606
Midland	164	15	12	3	18	10	13	12	247
West	376	36	18	8	33	22	21	17	531
Southern and Eastern	1,940	241	93	46	166	69	123	182	2,860
Dublin	552	84	1	12	57	21	36	59	822
Mid-East	274	29	11	7	21	4	17	21	384
Mid-West	263	27	18	6	26	19	22	20	401
South-East	323	49	37	10	21	12	24	38	514
South West	528	52	26	11	41	13	24	44	739
State	2,904	342	155	72	247	116	173	235	4,244

- No permissions

**Table 3(b) Total Floor Area Planned (000 sq.m) in new construction and extensions,
Q2 2011, 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	190	21	37	7	11	14	280
Border	90	18	26	1	0	5	141
Midland	42	1	5	4	5	0	57
West	58	2	6	2	6	8	82
Southern and Eastern	370	211	47	19	50	35	732
Dublin	125	72	-	10	19	8	235
Mid-East	70	3	4	4	13	1	95
Mid-West	35	3	7	2	4	4	55
South-East	60	8	20	2	1	14	104
South West	81	125	17	1	13	8	245
State	560	231	85	27	61	49	1,013
Extension							
Border, Midland and Western	29	9	11	5	19	6	79
Border	13	7	6	2	9	2	39
Midland	5	0	3	1	3	1	13
West	10	2	2	3	7	3	27
Southern and Eastern	62	19	7	7	33	3	130
Dublin	18	10	0	1	9	0	38
Mid-East	9	0	1	1	3	0	15
Mid-West	9	0	1	1	9	1	21
South-East	10	3	3	3	6	1	26
South West	16	5	1	1	6	1	29
State	91	28	17	12	51	10	209
Total New Construction and Extension							
Border, Midland and Western	218	29	48	13	30	20	358
Border	103	25	32	3	9	7	179
Midland	47	1	8	5	8	1	70
West	68	3	8	5	13	12	109
Southern and Eastern	432	230	54	26	82	39	863
Dublin	143	82	0	11	28	8	273
Mid-East	79	4	5	4	17	1	110
Mid-West	43	3	8	4	13	5	76
South-East	70	11	23	5	7	15	131
South West	98	130	18	2	18	9	275
State	651	259	102	39	112	59	1,222

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- Q2 2011

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

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	Laois 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