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## Planning Permissions

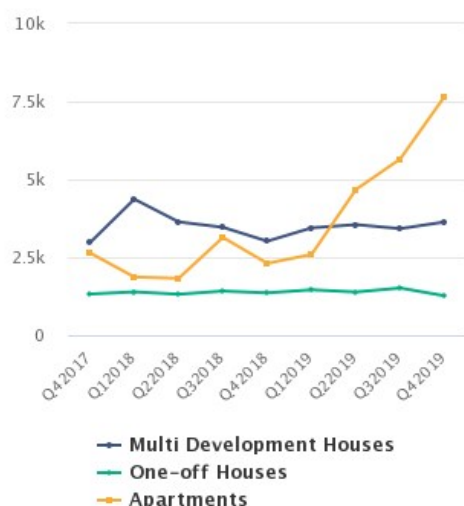
### Quarter 4 2019

Number of houses and apartments, 2018 and 2019

	Houses	Apartments	Total
Year 2018	19,964	9,138	29,102
Year 2019	19,670	20,582	40,252
% change	-1.5%	125.2%	38.3%
Quarter 4 2018	4,376	2,306	6,682
Quarter 4 2019	4,899	7,659	12,558
% change	12.0%	232.1%	87.9%

### Dwelling unit approvals up 38.3% in 2019

Figure 1 Dwelling Units approved by type, Q4 2017 - Q4 2019



Source: CSO Ireland

In 2019, for the first time, more apartments than houses were granted planning permission. Planning permissions were granted for 40,252 dwelling units in 2019 compared with 29,102 units in the year 2018, an increase of 38.3%. See Table 4.

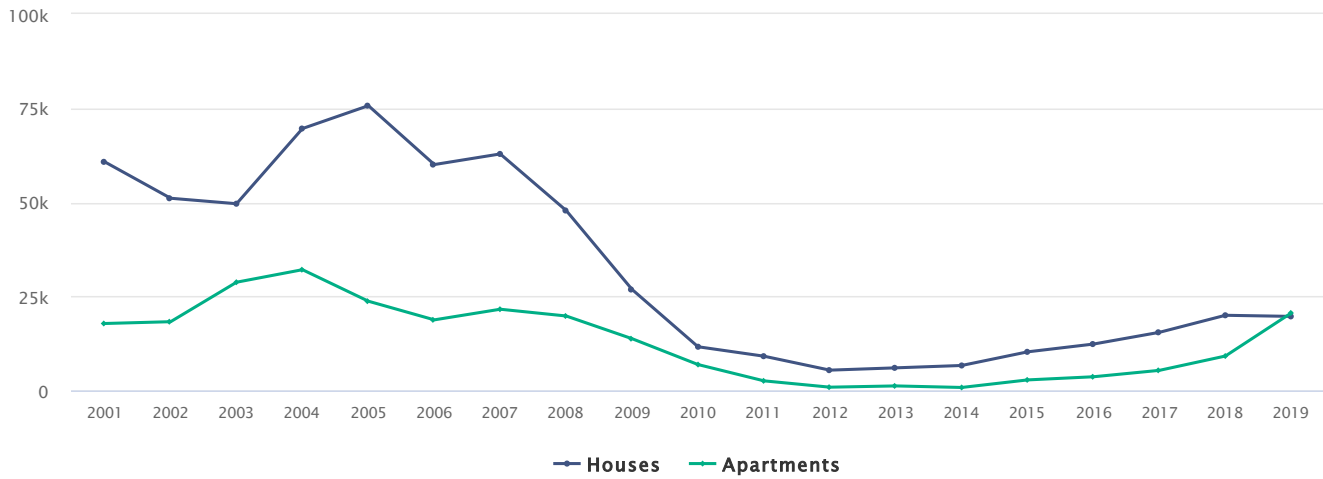
The fourth quarter figures also show that:

- Planning permissions were granted for 12,558 dwelling units, compared with 6,682 units for the fourth quarter of 2018, an increase of 87.9%. See Table A
- Planning permissions were granted for 4,899 houses in the fourth quarter of 2019 and 4,376 in the fourth quarter of 2018, an increase of 12.0%. See Table 4.
- Planning permissions were granted for 7,659 apartment units, compared with 2,306 units for the same period in 2018, an increase of 232.1%. See Table 4.
- One-off houses accounted for 10.1% of all new dwelling units granted planning permission in this quarter. See Table 4.
- In this quarter, 239 planning permissions were granted for new buildings for Agriculture. This compares to 286 permissions in the same quarter of 2018. See Table 3(a).

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Figure 2 Number of units for which planning permissions granted, 2001 to 2019



Source: CSO Ireland

Planning permissions were granted for 20,582 apartments in 2019, an increase of 125% on the previous year, the highest number seen since 2007. This number is still lower than the peak of 32,077 apartment units granted in 2004.

Planning permissions were granted for 19,670 houses in 2019, compared with 19,964 in 2018, a decrease of 1.5%. This is the first annual decrease since 2012. See Figure 2 and Table A and Table 4.

Table A Summary of Planning Permissions granted for new Dwelling Units

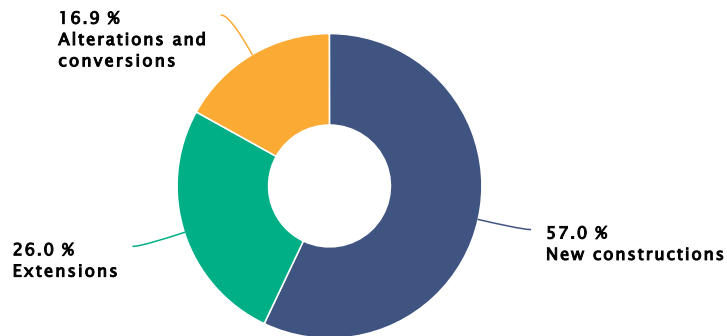
Period	All Houses	Annual % change	of which Multi-Development Houses	Annual % change	of which One-off houses	Annual % change	Apartments	Annual % change	Total Dwellings (All Houses & Apartments)	Annual % change	
2017	Q1	3,754	48.1%	2,481	59.4%	1,273	30.2%	896	60.9%	4,650	50.4%
	Q2	3,630	55.1%	2,382	76.4%	1,248	26.1%	823	2.7%	4,453	41.8%
	Q3 <sup>2</sup>	3,764	-10.4%	2,382	-22.4%	1,382	22.4%	975	-18.1%	4,739	-12.1%
	Q4	4,292	32.3%	2,970	40.6%	1,322	16.7%	2,642	143.7%	6,934	60.2%
	Year <sup>2</sup>	15,440	25.3%	10,215	26.3%	5,225	23.5%	5,336	46.9%	20,776	30.3%
2018	Q1 <sup>1</sup>	5,758	53.4%	4,367	76.0%	1,391	9.3%	1,867	108.4%	7,625	64.0%
	Q2	4,951	36.4%	3,636	52.6%	1,315	5.4%	1,826	121.9%	6,777	52.2%
	Q3	4,879	29.6%	3,463	45.4%	1,416	2.5%	3,139	221.9%	8,018	69.2%
	Q4	4,376	2.0%	3,017	1.6%	1,359	2.8%	2,306	-12.7%	6,682	-3.6%
	Year	19,964	29.3%	14,483	41.8%	5,481	4.9%	9,138	71.3%	29,102	40.1%
2019	Q1	4,901	-14.9%	3,445	-21.1%	1,456	4.7%	2,592	38.8%	7,493	-1.7%
	Q2	4,936	-0.3%	3,549	-2.4%	1,387	5.5%	4,675	156.0%	9,611	41.8%
	Q3	4,934	1.1%	3,420	-1.2%	1,514	6.9%	5,656	80.2%	10,590	32.1%
	Q4	4,899	12.0%	3,634	20.5%	1,265	-6.9%	7,659	232.1%	12,558	87.9%
	Year	19,670	-1.5%	14,048	-3.0%	5,622	2.6%	20,582	125.2%	40,252	38.3%

Note: Percentages are rounded for tabular purposes

<sup>1</sup> Revised due to additional information

<sup>2</sup> Percentage changes revised.

Figure 3 Planning permissions granted by type of construction, Q4 2019



Source: CSO Ireland

The total number of planning permissions granted for all developments in the fourth quarter of 2019 was 6,192. This compares

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with 6,300 in the fourth quarter of 2018, a decrease of 1.7%. Of these permissions, 57.1% were for new construction, 26.0% for extensions and 16.9% for alterations and conversions. See Figure 3 and Table 1.

Total floor area planned was 2,129 thousand square metres in the fourth quarter of 2019, of which, 65.5% was for new dwellings, 24.0% for other new constructions and 10.4% for extensions. The total floor area planned increased by 27.3% in comparison with the same quarter in 2018. See Table 1.

Table 1 Summary of Planning Permissions granted, Q1 2009 - Q4 2019

Period	Number of Permissions				Total	Total Floor Area (000 square metres) <sup>3</sup>				
	New Construction		Extensions	Alterations and Conversions		New Construction			Total <sup>1</sup>	
	Dwellings	Other					Dwellings	Other		Extensions
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
2013	Q 1	862	785	1,296	332	3,275	394	366	169	930
	Q 2	772	754	1,489	353	3,368	333	331	170	834
	Q 3	931	904	1,665	375	3,875	282	312	229	823
	Q 4	751	988	1,245	399	3,383	295	297	159	751
	Year	3,316	3,431	5,695	1,459	13,901	1,305	1,306	727	3,338
2014	Q 1	891	1,006	1,396	540	3,833	336	229	180	744
	Q 2	875	1,091	1,590	593	4,149	296	242	174	712
	Q 3	962	1,183	1,705	478	4,328	366	379	228	974
	Q 4	878	1,019	1,261	346	3,504	368	214	172	754
	Year	3,606	4,299	5,952	1,957	15,814	1,366	1,064	754	3,184
2015	Q 1	1,066	1,046	1,454	335	3,901	525	243	206	973
	Q 2	991	1,021	1,663	372	4,047	527	321	216	1,065
	Q 3	1,128	1,492	1,942	447	5,009	494	568	293	1,354
	Q 4	1,084	1,565	1,413	408	4,470	601	687	180	1,468
	Year	4,269	5,124	6,472	1,562	17,427	2,147	1,819	895	4,861
2016	Q 1	1,169	1,695	1,680	370	4,914	502	522	256	1,280
	Q 2	1,203	1,758	1,849	426	5,236	554	460	231	1,245
	Q 3 <sup>2</sup>	1,401	1,973	2,198	551	6,123	802	629	262	1,693
	Q 4	1,341	1,517	1,510	455	4,823	684	450	191	1,325
	Year	5,114	6,943	7,237	1,802	21,096	2,542	2,061	940	5,543
2017	Q 1	1,523	1,906	1,767	763	5,959	760	421	279	1,461
	Q 2	1,484	2,090	1,904	801	6,279	698	531	227	1,455
	Q 3	1,670	2,046	2,166	1,002	6,884	761	447	302	1,510
	Q 4	1,591	1,899	1,600	871	5,961	962	418	213	1,593
	Year	6,268	7,941	7,437	3,437	25,083	3,181	1,817	1,021	6,019
2018	Q 1 <sup>2</sup>	1,712	1,775	1,658	872	6,017	1,154	572	220	1,947
	Q 2	1,639	2,085	2,059	1,040	6,823	996	606	255	1,857
	Q 3	1,813	2,257	2,223	1,147	7,440	1,097	653	260	2,010
	Q 4	1,678	1,883	1,750	989	6,300	908	494	270	1,672
	Year	6,842	8,000	7,690	4,048	26,580	4,155	2,325	1,005	7,486
2019	Q 1	1,823	2,043	1,924	1,153	6,943	1,036	607	204	1,847
	Q 2	1,774	2,080	1,969	1,224	7,047	1,234	653	232	2,120
	Q 3	1,922	2,399	2,125	1,293	7,739	1,235	818	266	2,319
	Q 4	1,598	1,934	1,611	1,049	6,192	1,395	511	222	2,129
	Year	7,117	8,456	7,629	4,719	27,921	4,900	2,589	925	8,414

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

<sup>2</sup> Revised due to additional information

<sup>3</sup> Rounding issues may occur

## Planning Permissions Quarter 4 2019 (full)



Table 2 Summary of Planning Permissions granted, Q4 2019, classified by region, county and type of development

Planning Region and County	Number of Permissions				Total Floor Area (000 square metres) <sup>3</sup>				
	New Construction		Extensions	Alterations and Conversions	New Construction			Total <sup>1</sup>	
	Dwellings	Other			Dwellings	Other	Extensions		
<b>Northern and Western</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>1,103</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>302</b>
<b>Border</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>131</b>
Cavan	23	29	27	4	83	9	12	10	31
Donegal	90	57	55	22	224	29	12	6	47
Leitrim	10	8	8	5	31	2	2	1	5
Monaghan	53	41	21	9	124	17	15	4	35
Sligo	30	29	18	14	91	6	5	1	13
<b>West</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>171</b>
Galway City	16	19	27	25	87	71	5	2	78
Galway <sup>2</sup>	111	57	54	14	236	33	15	8	56
Mayo	64	23	39	13	139	16	4	5	25
Roscommon	24	35	20	9	88	7	3	2	12
<b>Southern</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>805</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>2,312</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>605</b>
<b>Mid-West</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>156</b>
Clare	43	72	37	24	176	23	30	13	67
Limerick	57	81	59	36	233	16	26	9	50
Tipperary	45	75	53	30	203	18	16	5	39
<b>South-East</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>166</b>
Carlow	19	25	22	9	75	5	4	2	11
Kilkenny	53	62	45	32	192	24	20	8	52
Waterford	49	55	47	21	172	16	35	4	56
Wexford	70	67	41	12	190	28	16	4	47
<b>South-West</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>1,071</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>282</b>
Cork City	15	42	47	26	130	35	25	6	66
Cork <sup>2</sup>	205	247	128	87	667	127	30	26	183
Kerry	74	79	76	45	274	17	5	12	34
<b>Eastern and Midland</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>831</b>	<b>787</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>2,777</b>	<b>895</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>1,222</b>
<b>Dublin</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>1,530</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>791</b>
Dublin City	76	224	213	198	711	302	92	44	438
Dun Laoghaire- Rathdown	42	86	126	101	355	92	17	8	118
Fingal	35	59	68	50	212	20	21	5	46
South Dublin	26	68	92	66	252	152	32	6	190
<b>Mid-East</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>891</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>356</b>
Louth	51	54	31	19	155	103	29	3	134
Kildare	59	86	59	49	253	56	13	9	78
Meath	96	89	60	49	294	73	10	8	91
Wicklow	42	56	55	36	189	46	3	4	53
<b>Midland</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>74</b>
Laois	31	29	24	10	94	19	1	3	23
Longford	27	12	16	14	69	15	2	1	18
Offaly	29	22	19	8	78	8	3	2	13
Westmeath	33	46	24	12	115	10	7	2	20
<b>State</b>	<b>1,598</b>	<b>1,934</b>	<b>1,611</b>	<b>1,049</b>	<b>6,192</b>	<b>1,395</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>2,129</b>

<sup>1</sup> For categories where floor area is a relevant measure<sup>2</sup> Excluding cities<sup>3</sup> Rounding issues may occur

## Planning Permissions Quarter 4 2019 (full)



Table 3(a) Number of Planning Permissions granted, Q4 2019, 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 Constructions</b>									
<b>Northern and Western</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>719</b>
Border	206	9	36	6	3	5	42	63	370
West	215	7	26	5	4	3	36	53	349
<b>Southern</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>1,435</b>
Mid-West	145	8	52	10	2	3	64	89	373
South-East	191	16	44	7	4	2	68	68	400
South West	294	10	51	17	3	4	134	149	662
<b>Eastern and Midland</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>1,378</b>
Dublin	179	43	5	21	13	14	65	276	616
Mid-East	248	25	15	10	15	8	76	136	533
Midland	120	2	10	4	6	3	33	51	229
<b>State</b>	<b>1,598</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>3,532</b>
<b>Extensions</b>									
<b>Northern and Western</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>6</b>	-	-	<b>269</b>
Border	95	10	7	2	11	4	-	-	129
West	109	5	4	5	15	2	-	-	140
<b>Southern</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>17</b>	-	-	<b>555</b>
Mid-West	113	11	5	2	16	2	-	-	149
South-East	109	10	8	3	20	5	-	-	155
South West	195	13	12	8	13	10	-	-	251
<b>Eastern and Midland</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>10</b>	-	-	<b>787</b>
Dublin	452	19	-	5	18	5	-	-	499
Mid-East	165	12	2	5	18	3	-	-	205
Midland	63	6	2	2	8	2	-	-	83
<b>State</b>	<b>1,301</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>33</b>	-	-	<b>1,611</b>
<b>Alterations and Conversions</b>									
<b>Northern and Western</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	-	-	<b>115</b>
Border	26	16	1	4	4	3	-	-	54
West	33	16	-	2	6	4	-	-	61
<b>Southern</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16</b>	-	-	<b>322</b>
Mid-West	47	29	1	2	9	2	-	-	90
South-East	40	23	1	1	4	5	-	-	74
South West	111	18	4	6	10	9	-	-	158
<b>Eastern and Midland</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>123</b>	-	<b>15</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>24</b>	-	-	<b>612</b>
Dublin	293	69	-	11	28	14	-	-	415
Mid-East	88	39	-	4	13	9	-	-	153
Midland	21	15	-	-	7	1	-	-	44
<b>State</b>	<b>659</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>47</b>	-	-	<b>1,049</b>
<b>All Developments</b>									
<b>Northern and Western</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>1,103</b>
Border	327	35	44	12	18	12	42	63	553
West	357	28	30	12	25	9	36	53	550
<b>Southern</b>	<b>1,245</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>2,312</b>
Mid-West	305	48	58	14	27	7	64	89	612
South-East	340	49	53	11	28	12	68	68	629
South West	600	41	67	31	26	23	134	149	1,071
<b>Eastern and Midland</b>	<b>1,629</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>2,777</b>
Dublin	924	131	5	37	59	33	65	276	1,530
Mid-East	501	76	17	19	46	20	76	136	891
Midland	204	23	12	6	21	6	33	51	356
<b>State</b>	<b>3,558</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>6,192</b>

- No permissions

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Table 3(b) Total Floor Area Planned (000 square metres)<sup>2</sup> in new construction and extensions, Q4 2019, 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 Constructions</b>							
<b>Northern and Western</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>265</b>
Border	64	7	24	12	3	2	111
West	127	9	10	5	1	2	154
<b>Southern</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>515</b>
Mid-West	57	24	37	6	4	1	129
South-East	74	19	33	6	15	1	148
South West	179	19	30	7	1	2	238
<b>Eastern and Midland</b>	<b>895</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1,126</b>
Dublin	567	121	5	17	5	14	728
Mid-East	278	24	12	2	10	7	333
Midland	51	1	4	2	6	1	65
<b>State</b>	<b>1,395</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1,906</b>
<b>Extensions</b>							
<b>Northern and Western</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>37</b>
Border	7	2	4	7	1	0	20
West	7	1	0	3	5	0	17
<b>Southern</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>90</b>
Mid-West	6	2	1	10	8	1	27
South-East	7	2	4	2	3	0	18
South West	13	3	5	16	6	2	44
<b>Eastern and Midland</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>95</b>
Dublin	20	27	-	1	15	0	63
Mid-East	11	1	1	5	4	1	23
Midland	5	1	1	1	1	0	9
<b>State</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>222</b>
<b>Total New Constructions and Extensions</b>							
<b>Northern and Western</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>302</b>
Border	71	9	28	18	4	2	131
West	134	10	10	9	6	2	171
<b>Southern</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>605</b>
Mid-West	63	26	38	16	12	2	156
South-East	80	21	37	9	18	1	166
South West	191	22	34	23	7	4	282
<b>Eastern and Midland</b>	<b>932</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1,222</b>
Dublin	587	147	5	18	21	14	791
Mid-East	289	25	12	7	14	8	356
Midland	56	1	5	3	8	1	74
<b>State</b>	<b>1,472</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>2,129</b>

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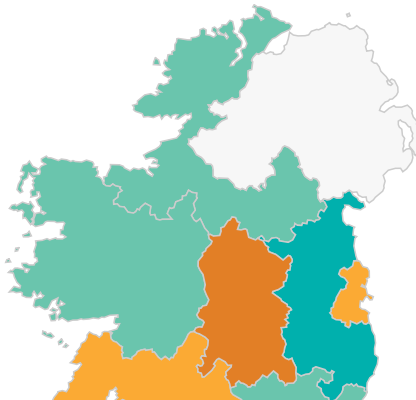


Table 4 Summary of Planning Permissions Granted for new houses and apartments, Q1 2009 - Q4 2019

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> )
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
	<b>Year</b>	<b>9,567</b>	<b>26,814</b>	<b>4,592</b>	<b>171.3</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>18,101</b>	<b>2,388</b>	<b>131.9</b>	<b>8,713</b>	<b>8,713</b>	<b>2,203</b>	<b>252.8</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>13,742</b>	<b>1,286</b>	<b>93.6</b>
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
	<b>Year</b>	<b>5,958</b>	<b>11,604</b>	<b>2,208</b>	<b>190.3</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>6,022</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>135.5</b>	<b>5,582</b>	<b>5,582</b>	<b>1,397</b>	<b>250.3</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>6,874</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>91.5</b>
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
	<b>Year</b>	<b>4,516</b>	<b>9,098</b>	<b>1,706</b>	<b>187.5</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>4,855</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>133.4</b>	<b>4,243</b>	<b>4,243</b>	<b>1,058</b>	<b>249.4</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>2,547</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>103.2</b>
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
	<b>Year</b>	<b>3,422</b>	<b>5,389</b>	<b>1,110</b>	<b>206.0</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>2,139</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>142.4</b>	<b>3,250</b>	<b>3,250</b>	<b>805</b>	<b>247.8</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>861</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>93.0</b>
2013	Q 1	818	1,860	345	185.7	45	1,087	155	142.6	773	773	190	246.2	40	448	46	102.1
	Q 2	727	1,496	280	187.1	43	812	109	134.5	684	684	171	249.6	40	430	50	116.9
	Q 3	864	1,252	266	212.6	45	433	63	146.6	819	819	203	247.5	64	157	12	76.6
	Q 4	694	1,394	270	193.6	54	754	109	144.1	640	640	161	252.0	53	162	15	93.6
	<b>Year</b>	<b>3,103</b>	<b>6,002</b>	<b>1,161</b>	<b>193.5</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>3,086</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>141.4</b>	<b>2,916</b>	<b>2,916</b>	<b>725</b>	<b>248.6</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>1,197</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>103.0</b>
2014	Q 1	835	1,446	296	204.6	61	672	106	157.3	774	774	190	245.7	49	158	15	96.9
	Q 2	809	1,492	283	190.0	57	740	99	133.2	752	752	185	245.9	63	114	10	84.9
	Q 3	887	1,783	330	185.2	66	962	134	138.9	821	821	197	239.6	65	361	31	86.9
	Q 4	804	1,905	352	184.5	55	1,156	166	143.2	749	749	186	248.3	69	152	13	85.3
	<b>Year</b>	<b>3,335</b>	<b>6,626</b>	<b>1,261</b>	<b>190.3</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>3,530</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>142.6</b>	<b>3,096</b>	<b>3,096</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>244.8</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>88.3</b>
2015	Q 1	977	2,514	454	180.6	69	1,606	232	144.3	908	908	222	244.8	82	699	68	97.2
	Q 2	913	2,637	475	180.0	92	1,816	277	152.5	821	821	198	241.0	73	473	47	99.7
	Q 3	1,036	2,345	419	178.6	86	1,395	189	135.2	950	950	230	242.4	85	359	32	89.2
	Q 4	995	2,754	481	174.7	82	1,841	259	140.5	913	913	222	243.5	86	1,263	119	94.2
	<b>Year</b>	<b>3,921</b>	<b>10,250</b>	<b>1,829</b>	<b>178.4</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>6,658</b>	<b>956</b>	<b>143.6</b>	<b>3,592</b>	<b>3,592</b>	<b>873</b>	<b>243.0</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>2,794</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>95.2</b>
2016	Q 1	1,072	2,534	445	175.7	94	1,556	209	134.2	978	978	236	241.8	90	557	50	90.1
	Q 2	1,090	2,340	422	180.3	100	1,350	188	139.0	990	990	234	236.6	107	801	71	88.0
	Q 3 <sup>1</sup>	1,272	4,199	680	161.9	143	3,070	411	133.9	1,129	1,129	269	238.3	125	1,190	106	89.1
	Q 4	1,234	3,245	559	172.4	101	2,112	281	133.3	1,133	1,133	278	245.4	102	1,084	104	96.4
	<b>Year</b>	<b>4,668</b>	<b>12,318</b>	<b>2,106</b>	<b>171.0</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>8,088</b>	<b>1,089</b>	<b>134.6</b>	<b>4,230</b>	<b>4,230</b>	<b>1,018</b>	<b>240.6</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>3,632</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>91.1</b>
2017	Q 1	1,387	3,754	650	173.1	114	2,481	341	137.6	1,273	1,273	308	242.1	126	896	83	93.1
	Q 2	1,369	3,630	611	168.4	121	2,382	310	130.0	1,248	1,248	302	241.8	107	823	70	84.8
	Q 3	1,516	3,764	631	167.6	134	2,382	302	126.8	1,382	1,382	329	237.8	146	975	90	91.9
	Q 4	1,454	4,292	719	167.4	132	2,970	404	135.9	1,322	1,322	315	238.3	131	2,642	215	81.5
	<b>Year</b>	<b>5,726</b>	<b>15,440</b>	<b>2,610</b>	<b>169.1</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>10,215</b>	<b>1,357</b>	<b>132.8</b>	<b>5,225</b>	<b>5,225</b>	<b>1,254</b>	<b>239.9</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>5,336</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>85.9</b>
2018	Q 1 <sup>1</sup>	1,537	5,758	886	153.9	146	4,367	555	127.1	1,391	1,391	331	238.0	161	1,867	159	85.2
	Q 2	1,464	4,951	794	160.4	149	3,636	482	132.6	1,315	1,315	312	237.1	161	1,826	166	91.0
	Q 3	1,593	4,879	777	159.3	177	3,463	442	127.6	1,416	1,416	335	236.9	211	3,139	278	88.7
	Q 4	1,509	4,376	708	161.8	150	3,017	385	127.7	1,359	1,359	323	237.4	160	2,306	190	82.2
	<b>Year</b>	<b>6,103</b>	<b>19,964</b>	<b>3,165</b>	<b>158.5</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>14,483</b>	<b>1,864</b>	<b>128.7</b>	<b>5,481</b>	<b>5,481</b>	<b>1,301</b>	<b>237.3</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>9,138</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>86.8</b>
2019	Q 1	1,614	4,901	786	160.4	158	3,445	446	129.5	1,456	1,456	340	233.7	196	2,592	226	87.1
	Q 2	1,556	4,936	781	158.2	169	3,549	461	129.8	1,387	1,387	320	230.7	203	4,675	390	83.4
	Q 3	1,683	4,934	793	160.6	169	3,420	438	127.9	1,514	1,514	355	234.5	229	5,656	431	76.3
	Q 4	1,415	4,899	746	152.2	150	3,634	450	123.7	1,265	1,265	296	234.2	171	7,659	595	77.7
	<b>Year</b>	<b>6,268</b>	<b>19,670</b>	<b>3,106</b>	<b>157.9</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>14,048</b>	<b>1,794</b>	<b>127.7</b>	<b>5,622</b>	<b>5,622</b>	<b>1,312</b>	<b>233.3</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>20,582</b>	<b>1,642</b>	<b>79.8</b>

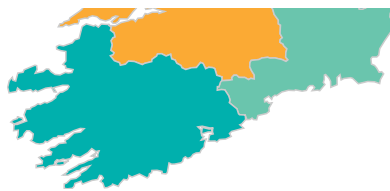
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Figure 5 Planning permissions granted for new dwellings by region, 2019



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Source: CSO Ireland

The total number of planning permissions granted for new dwellings in 2019 was 7,117.

The regions with the highest proportions of these permissions was the Eastern and Midland region (34.0%) and the South-West region (17.4%).

Please note that one granted planning permission may apply to a single unit or multiple units. See *Figure 5 and Table 5*.

**Table 5 Summary of Planning Permissions granted, 2019, classified by region, county and type of development**

Planning Region and County	Number of Permissions					Total Floor Area (000 square metres) <sup>3</sup>			
	New Construction		Extensions	Alterations and Conversions	Total	New Construction			Total <sup>1</sup>
	Dwellings	Other				Dwellings	Other	Extensions	
<b>Northern and Western</b>	<b>1,809</b>	<b>1,520</b>	<b>1,313</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>5,211</b>	<b>702</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>1,432</b>
<b>Border</b>	<b>838</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>2,511</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>661</b>
Cavan	115	121	104	28	368	60	81	22	163
Donegal	400	269	270	100	1,039	120	45	31	196
Leitrim	39	73	47	23	182	10	11	5	26
Monaghan	184	211	79	47	521	66	137	12	215
Sligo	100	128	100	73	401	33	16	12	61
<b>West</b>	<b>971</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>2,700</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>770</b>
Galway City	51	97	112	81	341	134	171	12	317
Galway <sup>2</sup>	523	320	298	94	1,235	173	50	35	258
Mayo	278	126	198	57	659	75	31	27	133
Roscommon	119	175	105	66	465	32	18	12	62
<b>Southern</b>	<b>2,886</b>	<b>3,397</b>	<b>2,563</b>	<b>1,428</b>	<b>10,274</b>	<b>1,486</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>2,718</b>
<b>Mid-West</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>2,747</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>661</b>
Clare	249	254	212	104	819	85	64	35	184
Limerick	290	316	287	136	1,029	118	114	42	275
Tipperary	217	350	231	101	899	76	90	37	202
<b>South-East</b>	<b>895</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>2,767</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>853</b>
Carlow	103	119	94	42	358	41	30	17	88
Kilkenny	232	254	165	109	760	98	52	21	170
Waterford	198	212	203	80	693	160	60	30	250
Wexford	362	286	218	90	956	240	77	28	344
<b>South-West</b>	<b>1,235</b>	<b>1,606</b>	<b>1,153</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>4,760</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>1,204</b>
Cork City	74	132	171	119	496	99	61	15	176
Cork <sup>2</sup>	867	1,108	680	462	3,117	487	283	103	873
Kerry	294	366	302	185	1,147	83	35	38	156
<b>Eastern and Midland</b>	<b>2,422</b>	<b>3,539</b>	<b>3,753</b>	<b>2,722</b>	<b>12,436</b>	<b>2,713</b>	<b>1,164</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>4,264</b>
<b>Dublin</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>1,822</b>	<b>2,351</b>	<b>1,879</b>	<b>6,821</b>	<b>1,525</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>2,516</b>
Dublin City	317	966	1,037	982	3,302	631	294	113	1,038
Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown	221	372	541	384	1,518	489	170	32	691
Fingal	137	267	425	264	1,093	180	239	40	460
South Dublin	94	217	348	249	908	225	77	25	328
<b>Mid-East</b>	<b>1,059</b>	<b>1,138</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>3,804</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>1,300</b>
Louth	191	196	174	99	660	183	63	27	273
Kildare	261	341	318	230	1,150	256	73	33	362
Meath	405	355	247	163	1,170	356	76	39	470
Wicklow	202	246	252	124	824	130	44	20	194
<b>Midland</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>1,811</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>449</b>
Laois	177	162	98	54	491	102	45	11	158
Longford	92	100	70	37	299	32	20	8	60
Offaly	173	118	113	57	461	75	25	18	118
Westmeath	152	199	130	79	560	53	40	20	112
<b>State</b>	<b>7,117</b>	<b>8,456</b>	<b>7,629</b>	<b>4,719</b>	<b>27,921</b>	<b>4,900</b>	<b>2,589</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>8,414</b>

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

<sup>2</sup> Excluding cities

<sup>3</sup> Rounding issues may occur

- No permissions

Note: 0 implies less than 500 sq.m

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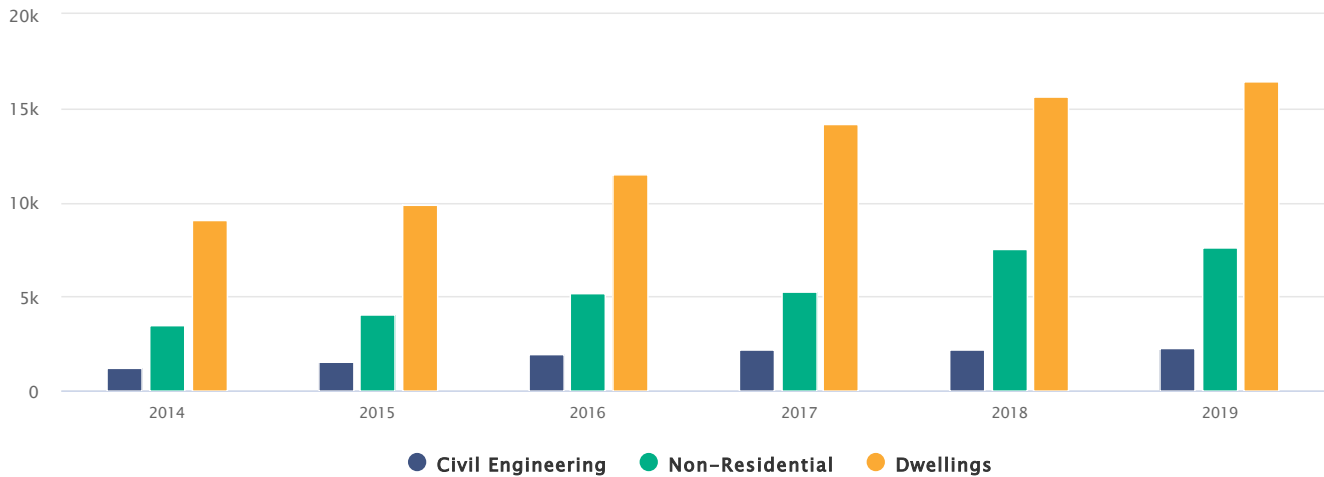
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Figure 6 Annual Planning Permissions, 2014 to 2019



Source: CSO Ireland

In 2019, 16,443 planning permissions were granted for dwellings, 5,299 for non-residential buildings and 2,303 for civil engineering works. See Figure 6 and Table 6.

Table 6 Number of Planning Permissions granted, 2019, classified by region, type of development and functional category

Type of Development and Planning Region	Functional Category							Civil Eng.	Other	Total
	Dwellings	Commercial Buildings	Buildings for Agriculture	Industrial Buildings	Govt., Health and Education	Other Buildings for Social Use				
<b>New Constructions</b>										
<b>Northern and Western</b>	<b>1,809</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>3,329</b>	
Border	838	27	185	29	18	15	242	286	1,640	
West	971	38	147	20	23	17	183	290	1,689	
<b>Southern</b>	<b>2,886</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>1,082</b>	<b>1,356</b>	<b>6,283</b>	
Mid-West	756	28	198	41	5	13	258	377	1,676	
South-East	895	44	172	31	16	11	266	331	1,766	
South West	1,235	57	224	75	21	23	558	648	2,841	
<b>Eastern and Midland</b>	<b>2,422</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>1,944</b>	<b>5,961</b>	
Dublin	769	169	13	90	44	46	286	1,174	2,591	
Mid-East	1,059	69	104	45	44	20	313	543	2,197	
Midland	594	14	98	17	12	14	197	227	1,173	
<b>State</b>	<b>7,117</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>1,141</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>2,303</b>	<b>3,876</b>	<b>15,573</b>	
<b>Extensions</b>										
<b>Northern and Western</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>44</b>	-	-	<b>1,313</b>	
Border	439	42	29	19	49	22	-	-	600	
West	561	36	13	21	60	22	-	-	713	
<b>Southern</b>	<b>1,989</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>80</b>	-	-	<b>2,563</b>	
Mid-West	572	46	23	17	51	21	-	-	730	
South-East	499	45	31	21	59	25	-	-	680	
South West	918	60	36	30	75	34	-	-	1,153	
<b>Eastern and Midland</b>	<b>3,255</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>50</b>	-	-	<b>3,753</b>	
Dublin	2,154	87	1	25	66	18	-	-	2,351	
Mid-East	808	59	16	23	69	16	-	-	991	
Midland	293	25	15	16	46	16	-	-	411	
<b>State</b>	<b>6,244</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>174</b>	-	-	<b>7,629</b>	
<b>Alterations and Conversions</b>										
<b>Northern and Western</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>44</b>	-	-	<b>569</b>	
Border	130	76	5	12	30	18	-	-	271	
West	155	76	1	4	36	26	-	-	298	
<b>Southern</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>56</b>	-	-	<b>1,428</b>	
Mid-West	187	92	4	6	39	13	-	-	341	
South-East	180	91	5	8	21	16	-	-	321	
South West	537	122	15	22	43	27	-	-	766	
<b>Eastern and Midland</b>	<b>1,893</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>92</b>	-	-	<b>2,722</b>	
Dublin	1,397	320	1	21	93	47	-	-	1,879	
Mid-East	368	157	3	14	47	27	-	-	616	
Midland	128	47	2	9	23	18	-	-	227	
<b>State</b>	<b>3,082</b>	<b>981</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>192</b>	-	-	<b>4,719</b>	
<b>All Developments</b>										
<b>Northern and Western</b>	<b>3,094</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>5,211</b>	
Border	1,407	145	219	60	97	55	242	286	2,511	
West	1,687	150	161	45	119	65	183	290	2,700	
<b>Southern</b>	<b>5,779</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>1,082</b>	<b>1,356</b>	<b>10,274</b>	
Mid-West	1,515	166	225	64	95	47	258	377	2,747	
South-East	1,574	180	208	60	96	52	266	331	2,767	
South West	2,690	239	275	127	139	84	558	648	4,760	
<b>Eastern and Midland</b>	<b>7,570</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>1,944</b>	<b>12,436</b>	
Dublin	4,320	576	15	136	203	111	286	1,174	6,821	
Mid-East	2,235	285	123	82	160	63	313	543	3,804	
Midland	1,015	86	115	42	81	48	197	227	1,811	
<b>State</b>	<b>16,443</b>	<b>1,827</b>	<b>1,341</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>2,303</b>	<b>3,876</b>	<b>27,921</b>	

- No permissions

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Table 7 Total Floor Area Planned (000 sq.m) in new construction and extensions, 2019, 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 Constructions</b>							
<b>Northern and Western</b>	<b>702</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1,262</b>
Border	288	16	202	42	26	4	579
West	414	173	59	12	17	9	684
<b>Southern</b>	<b>1,486</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>2,351</b>
Mid-West	279	54	123	75	6	10	547
South-East	538	42	116	35	20	5	756
South West	669	85	130	131	23	10	1,048
<b>Eastern and Midland</b>	<b>2,713</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>3,877</b>
Dublin	1,525	604	16	60	37	62	2,305
Mid-East	925	64	98	34	46	12	1,180
Midland	262	7	67	31	21	4	391
<b>State</b>	<b>4,900</b>	<b>1,046</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>7,490</b>
<b>Extensions</b>							
<b>Northern and Western</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>169</b>
Border	32	7	14	15	12	3	83
West	40	11	5	13	14	3	87
<b>Southern</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>368</b>
Mid-West	35	23	9	25	18	4	114
South-East	33	12	15	26	8	3	96
South West	66	14	13	32	25	6	157
<b>Eastern and Midland</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>388</b>
Dublin	96	54	0	17	42	2	211
Mid-East	54	10	9	20	23	2	119
Midland	23	4	6	11	11	2	58
<b>State</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>925</b>
<b>Total New Constructions and Extensions</b>							
<b>Northern and Western</b>	<b>774</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1,432</b>
Border	320	23	216	57	38	7	661
West	454	184	64	25	31	12	770
<b>Southern</b>	<b>1,620</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>2,718</b>
Mid-West	315	77	132	101	23	14	661
South-East	570	54	131	62	27	8	853
South West	736	99	143	163	48	16	1,204
<b>Eastern and Midland</b>	<b>2,886</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>4,264</b>
Dublin	1,622	659	16	77	79	64	2,516
Mid-East	980	74	108	54	69	15	1,300
Midland	285	11	73	42	32	6	449
<b>State</b>	<b>5,281</b>	<b>1,181</b>	<b>883</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>8,414</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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 the CSO website.

## 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 for Statistics) classification used by Eurostat. The classification was drawn up by Eurostat in order to define territorial units for the production of regional statistics across the European Union. In 2003, the EU Member States, the European Parliament and the Commission established the NUTS regions within a legal framework (Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003).

Revisions were made to the NUTS boundaries in 2016 and were given legal status under Commission Regulation (EU) 2016/2066 amending annexes to NUTS Regulation 1059/2003. Under this revision the NUTS 2 Regions comprise the Regional Assemblies established under the Local Government Act 1991 (Regional Assemblies) (Establishment) Order 2014 (SI No. 573 of 2014). The NUTS 3 Regions are groupings of 31 administrative counties, and nest into the NUTS 2 Regions.

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<b>Nuts 2 Region</b>		<b>Nuts 2 Region</b>		<b>Nuts 2 Region</b>	
<b>Northern and Western</b>		<b>Southern</b>		<b>Eastern and Midland</b>	
<b>Nuts 3 Region</b>		<b>Nuts 3 Region</b>		<b>Nuts 3 Region</b>	
<b>Border</b>	Cavan	<b>Mid-West</b>	Clare	<b>Dublin</b>	Dublin
	Donegal		Limerick		Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown
	Leitrim		Tipperary		Fingal
	Monaghan				South Dublin
	Sligo				
<b>West</b>	Galway City	<b>South-East</b>	Carlow	<b>Mid-East</b>	Louth
	Galway County		Kilkenny		Kildare
	Mayo		Waterford		Meath
	Roscommon		Wexford		Wicklow
		<b>South-West</b>	Cork City	<b>Midland</b>	Laois
			Cork County		Longford
			Kerry		Offaly
					Westmeath

## Strategic Housing Development Planning Applications

Planning applications for housing developments of more than 100 residential units and 200 plus student bed spaces can now be made directly to An Bord Pleanála. New legislation which allows for this type of application was enacted on 19th December 2016 and the associated regulations come in to effect on 3rd July 2017. This new type of application has been introduced as part of Rebuilding Ireland to speed up the planning application process and accelerate delivery of larger housing and student accommodation proposals. For more information see [An Bord Pleanála](#) website

### Comparison with other national series

There are differences (due to coverage, timing, definitions and other factors) between the planning permissions statistics produced by the CSO and those of the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government (DHPCLG), resulting in different but complementary sets of data aimed at meeting the needs of different users.

The planning permissions statistics produced by the DHPCLG focus on the *overall process* of the planning permissions system. For example, it provides data for each planning authority on invalid applications received, applications for outline and full permission, decisions to grant /refuse permission, decisions issued within the statutory eight week period, decisions deferred. Percentages for decisions are provided.

By contrast, the planning permissions statistics published by the CSO provide a detailed breakdown of certain *outputs* of the planning process (number of planning permissions granted with the number of units, functional description, and their floor areas). Only final grants of permission for works which involve construction are covered. Refusals, retentions and outline permissions, for example, are excluded. See under the heading Coverage above for a full list of exclusions.

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The example of an application for a shopping centre with a car park illustrates how different approaches can result in a different total for the number of planning permissions granted. The CSO statistics include a breakdown into types of planning permission received and would therefore treat the case as an application for two permissions, one for a shopping centre and one for a car park. Where the statistics compiled do not involve such a breakdown, as is the case with the DHPCLG, the application would be treated as one for a single permission.

The purpose of the CSO Planning Permissions Statistics is to provide a short-term indicator on construction. It aims to provide data enabling some prediction of or insight into the amount of building activity about to take place in the State.

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