

PLANNING STATISTICS QUARTERLY

2008 October to December

The Quarterly provides figures for each planning authority on:

- Invalid applications received during the quarter
- Applications for outline permission and full permission
- Decisions to grant/refuse permission
- Decisions issued within the statutory eight week period
- Decisions deferred
- Percentages for grants/refusals, decisions made within eight weeks and decision deferred

Planning authorities are listed in the following order:

County Councils
City Councils
Borough Councils
Town Councils

Appeals to and disposal of appeals by An Bord Pleanála are given for Counties and City Councils. Analyses of appeals on hand and of formally decided appeals are provided.

Information on planning applications is obtained from returns sent by each authority to the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government at the end of each quarter. Information on appeals is obtained from An Bord Pleanála sources and is published by permission of An Bord Pleanála.

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AUTHORITY	Invalid	APPLICATIONS RECEIVED			DECISIONS TO GRANT		
		Outline Permission	Permission	Total	Outline Permission	Permission	Total
COUNTY COUNCILS							
Carlow	15	0	173	173	0	163	163
Cavan	26	3	495	498	0	380	380
Clare	49	18	396	414	12	324	336
Cork	458	60	1,264	1,324	37	1,020	1,057
Donegal	122	44	777	821	26	640	666
Dun Laoghaire– Rathdown	50	4	495	499	2	302	304
Fingal	74	2	384	386	1	281	282
Galway	140	11	646	657	9	632	641
Kerry	95	27	607	634	11	380	391
Kildare	61	3	426	429	4	300	304
Kilkenny	24	5	271	276	1	245	246
Laois	63	4	203	207	2	192	194
Leitrim	33	4	115	119	0	101	101
Limerick	110	18	413	431	10	328	338
Longford	26	0	96	96	0	63	63
Louth	32	17	255	272	13	219	232
Mayo	63	4	536	540	6	424	430
Meath	149	1	471	472	1	351	352
Monaghan	52	19	254	273	16	275	291
North Tipperary	24	7	191	198	1	167	168
Offaly	25	5	167	172	4	160	164
Roscommon	42	11	232	243	8	195	203
Sligo	4	3	232	235	3	181	184
South Dublin	39	2	283	285	0	252	252
South Tipperary	79	4	238	242	1	194	195
Waterford	31	10	209	219	4	206	210
Westmeath	45	2	187	189	1	140	141
Wexford	35	25	559	584	14	422	436
Wicklow	101	6	378	384	2	258	260
Subtotal	2,067	319	10,953	11,272	189	8,795	8,984
CITY COUNCILS							
Cork	14	3	181	184	3	131	134
Dublin	192	1	776	777	0	653	653
Galway	18	1	135	136	1	104	105
Limerick	27	0	89	89	1	100	101
Waterford	20	0	75	75	0	51	51
Subtotal	271	5	1,256	1,261	5	1,039	1,044

AUTHORITY	DECISIONS TO REFUSE			DECISIONS TOTAL			DECISIONS MADE WITHIN 8 WEEKS		
	Outline Permission	Permission	Total	Outline Permission	Permission	Total	Outline Permission	Permission	Total
COUNTY COUNCILS									
Carlow	0	14	14	0	177	177	0	119	119
Cavan	0	62	62	0	442	442	0	343	343
Clare	4	47	51	16	371	387	7	217	224
Cork	26	178	204	63	1,198	1,261	31	638	669
Donegal	12	97	109	38	737	775	18	434	452
Dun Laoghaire– Rathdown	0	122	122	2	424	426	1	315	316
Fingal	3	87	90	4	368	372	2	277	279
Galway	6	96	102	15	728	743	4	345	349
Kerry	15	99	114	26	479	505	15	339	354
Kildare	1	76	77	5	376	381	1	130	131
Kilkenny	0	58	58	1	303	304	0	169	169
Laois	6	28	34	8	220	228	7	137	144
Leitrim	2	10	12	2	111	113	1	37	38
Limerick	6	61	67	16	389	405	4	170	174
Longford	0	25	25	0	88	88	0	56	56
Louth	2	16	18	15	235	250	1	117	118
Mayo	1	55	56	7	479	486	0	163	163
Meath	0	152	152	1	503	504	0	333	333
Monaghan	4	19	23	20	294	314	8	104	112
North Tipperary	3	24	27	4	191	195	0	90	90
Offaly	3	36	39	7	196	203	5	115	120
Roscommon	8	17	25	16	212	228	5	81	86
Sligo	0	21	21	3	202	205	2	154	156
South Dublin	0	51	51	0	303	303	0	241	241
South Tipperary	1	24	25	2	218	220	1	162	163
Waterford	4	33	37	8	239	247	4	131	135
Westmeath	0	48	48	1	188	189	0	106	106
Wexford	10	76	86	24	498	522	18	380	398
Wicklow	3	63	66	5	321	326	4	157	161
Subtotal	120	1,695	1,815	309	10,490	10,799	139	6,060	6,199
CITY COUNCILS									
Cork	0	24	24	3	155	158	2	105	107
Dublin	1	125	126	1	778	779	1	704	705
Galway	1	17	18	2	121	123	1	79	80
Limerick	0	7	7	1	107	108	0	48	48
Waterford	0	15	15	0	66	66	0	51	51
Subtotal	2	188	190	7	1,227	1,234	4	987	991

AUTHORITY	DECISIONS DEFERRED*			% DECISIONS TO GRANT	% DECISIONS TO REFUSE	% DECISIONS MADE WITHIN 8 WEEKS	% DECISIONS DEFERRED **
	Outline Permission	Permission	Total				
COUNTY COUNCILS							
Carlow	0	61	61	92.1	7.9	67.2	35.3
Cavan	1	214	215	86.0	14.0	77.6	43.2
Clare	6	106	112	86.8	13.2	57.9	27.1
Cork	25	416	441	83.8	16.2	53.1	33.3
Donegal	10	282	292	85.9	14.1	58.3	35.6
Dun Laoghaire–Rathdown	0	162	162	71.4	28.6	74.2	32.5
Fingal	0	97	97	75.8	24.2	75.0	25.1
Galway	9	176	185	86.3	13.7	47.0	28.2
Kerry	4	163	167	77.4	22.6	70.1	26.3
Kildare	0	222	222	79.8	20.2	34.4	51.7
Kilkenny	0	119	119	80.9	19.1	55.6	43.1
Laois	4	60	64	85.1	14.9	63.2	30.9
Leitrim	1	64	65	89.4	10.6	33.6	54.6
Limerick	6	256	262	83.5	16.5	43.0	60.8
Longford	0	32	32	71.6	28.4	63.6	33.3
Louth	10	110	120	92.8	7.2	47.2	44.1
Mayo	5	339	344	88.5	11.5	33.5	63.7
Meath	0	158	158	69.8	30.2	66.1	33.5
Monaghan	13	98	111	92.7	7.3	35.7	40.7
North Tipperary	7	98	105	86.2	13.8	46.2	53.0
Offaly	3	62	65	80.8	19.2	59.1	37.8
Roscommon	6	114	120	89.0	11.0	37.7	49.4
Sligo	1	49	50	89.8	10.2	76.1	21.3
South Dublin	0	62	62	83.2	16.8	79.5	21.8
South Tipperary	0	63	63	88.6	11.4	74.1	26.0
Waterford	7	115	122	85.0	15.0	54.7	55.7
Westmeath	0	68	68	74.6	25.4	56.1	36.0
Wexford	4	107	111	83.5	16.5	76.2	19.0
Wicklow	3	180	183	79.8	20.2	49.4	47.7
Subtotal	125	4,053	4,178	83.2	16.8	57.4	37.1
CITY COUNCILS							
Cork	0	49	49	84.8	15.2	67.7	26.6
Dublin	0	54	54	83.8	16.2	90.5	6.9
Galway	1	16	17	85.4	14.6	65.0	12.5
Limerick	1	48	49	93.5	6.5	44.4	55.1
Waterford	0	19	19	77.3	22.7	77.3	25.3
Subtotal	2	186	188	84.6	15.4	80.3	14.9

* applications not decided within 8 weeks due to request for further information or extensions of time granted to the applicant.

** as percentage of applications.

AUTHORITY	APPLICATIONS RECEIVED			DECISIONS TO GRANT			
	Invalid	Outline Permission	Permission	Total	Outline Permission	Permission	Total
BOROUGH COUNCILS							
Clonmel	15	0	32	32	0	4	4
Drogheda	6	0	34	34	1	42	43
Kilkenny	6	0	24	24	0	24	24
Sligo	2	1	25	26	0	24	24
Wexford	13	0	66	66	0	51	51
Subtotal	42	1	181	182	1	145	146
TOWN COUNCILS							
Arklow	4	0	20	20	0	20	20
Athlone	8	0	25	25	0	23	23
Athy	1	0	10	10	0	15	15
Ballina	1	0	18	18	0	10	10
Ballinasloe	2	2	14	16	0	10	10
Birr	2	0	11	11	0	13	13
Bray	19	0	42	42	0	28	28
Buncrana	0	0	4	4	0	11	11
Bundoran	3	0	4	4	0	3	3
Carlow	8	0	32	32	0	23	23
Carrickmacross	0	0	6	6	0	5	5
Carrick-on-Suir	7	0	17	17	0	14	14
Cashel	1	0	10	10	0	5	5
Castlebar	4	0	26	26	0	19	19
Castleblayney	3	0	8	8	0	9	9
Cavan	0	0	9	9	0	7	7
Clonakilty	0	0	6	6	0	8	8
Clones	0	0	4	4	0	0	0
Cobh	2	0	10	10	0	7	7
Dundalk	7	0	38	38	0	31	31
Dungarvan	0	0	13	13	0	12	12
Ennis	0	2	44	46	2	31	33
Enniscorthy	1	0	10	10	0	8	8
Fermoy	0	0	5	5	0	8	8
Kells	4	0	9	9	0	7	7
Killarney	5	0	31	31	3	12	15
Kilrush	1	0	9	9	0	9	9
Kinsale	0	1	8	9	0	14	14
Letterkenny	13	0	33	33	0	30	30
Listowel	2	2	9	11	0	8	8
Longford	4	0	9	9	0	8	8
Macroom	1	0	12	12	0	8	8
Mallow	1	0	23	23	0	20	20
Midleton	0	0	8	8	0	3	3
Monaghan	15	0	11	11	1	14	15
Naas	1	0	29	29	0	42	42
Navan	2	0	12	12	0	7	7
Nenagh	1	0	14	14	0	10	10
New Ross	5	1	9	10	0	6	6
Skibbereen	1	0	4	4	0	5	5
Templemore	0	0	6	6	0	3	3
Thurles	3	0	7	7	0	6	6
Tipperary	3	0	7	7	0	5	5
Tralee	3	0	24	24	0	21	21
Trim	5	0	5	5	0	4	4
Tullamore	2	0	12	12	0	16	16
Westport	0	2	12	14	0	10	10
Wicklow	1	0	27	27	0	10	10
Youghal	0	1	7	8	1	11	12
Subtotal	146	11	723	734	7	609	616
Total	2,526	336	13,113	13,449	202	10,588	10,790

AUTHORITY	DECISIONS TO REFUSE			DECISIONS TOTAL			DECISIONS MADE WITHIN 8 WEEKS		
	Outline Permission	Permission	Total	Outline Permission	Permission	Total	Outline Permission	Permission	Total
BOROUGH COUNCILS									
Clonmel	0	4	4	0	8	8	0	19	19
Drogheda	0	1	1	1	43	44	0	19	19
Kilkenny	0	3	3	0	27	27	0	13	13
Sligo	0	2	2	0	26	26	0	18	18
Wexford	0	5	5	0	56	56	0	51	51
Subtotal	0	15	15	1	160	161	0	120	120
TOWN COUNCILS									
Arklow	0	2	2	0	22	22	0	20	20
Athlone	0	7	7	0	30	30	0	19	19
Athy	0	1	1	0	16	16	0	5	5
Ballina	0	1	1	0	11	11	0	6	6
Ballinasloe	0	0	0	0	10	10	0	4	4
Birr	0	0	0	0	13	13	0	9	9
Bray	0	12	12	0	40	40	0	23	23
Buncrana	0	1	1	0	12	12	0	5	5
Bundoran	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	1	1
Carlow	0	2	2	0	25	25	0	16	16
Carrickmacross	0	1	1	0	6	6	0	3	3
Carrick-on-Suir	0	5	5	0	19	19	0	11	11
Cashel	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	5	5
Castlebar	0	0	0	0	19	19	0	11	11
Castleblayney	0	1	1	0	10	10	0	5	5
Cavan	0	0	0	0	7	7	0	5	5
Clonakilty	0	1	1	0	9	9	0	5	5
Clones	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
Cobh	0	2	2	0	9	9	0	5	5
Dundalk	0	1	1	0	32	32	0	17	17
Dungarvan	0	0	0	0	12	12	0	12	12
Ennis	0	10	10	2	41	43	0	30	30
Enniscorthy	0	3	3	0	11	11	0	7	7
Fermoy	0	1	1	0	9	9	0	4	4
Kells	0	3	3	0	10	10	0	7	7
Killarney	0	3	3	3	15	18	1	12	13
Kilrush	0	0	0	0	9	9	0	5	5
Kinsale	1	2	3	1	16	17	1	5	6
Letterkenny	0	4	4	0	34	34	0	19	19
Listowel	0	0	0	0	8	8	0	3	3
Longford	0	2	2	0	10	10	0	9	9
Macroom	0	0	0	0	8	8	0	5	5
Mallow	0	1	1	0	21	21	0	12	12
Midleton	0	2	2	0	5	5	0	4	4
Monaghan	1	1	2	2	15	17	0	11	11
Naas	0	0	0	0	42	42	0	20	20
Navan	0	0	0	0	7	7	0	7	7
Nenagh	0	1	1	0	11	11	0	8	8
New Ross	0	3	3	0	9	9	0	8	8
Skibbereen	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	3	3
Templemore	0	1	1	0	4	4	0	2	2
Thurles	0	0	0	0	6	6	0	4	4
Tipperary	0	1	1	0	6	6	0	2	2
Tralee	0	7	7	0	28	28	0	20	20
Trim	0	1	1	0	5	5	0	3	3
Tullamore	0	3	3	0	19	19	0	15	15
Westport	0	0	0	0	10	10	0	9	9
Wicklow	0	4	4	0	14	14	0	10	10
Youghal	1	2	3	2	13	15	1	6	7
Subtotal	3	93	96	10	702	712	3	437	440
Total	125	1,991	2,116	327	12,579	12,906	146	7,604	7,750

AUTHORITY	DECISIONS DEFERRED*			% DECISIONS TO GRANT	% DECISIONS TO REFUSE	% DECISIONS MADE WITHIN 8 WEEKS	% DECISIONS DEFERRED **
	Outline Permission	Permission	Total				
BOROUGH COUNCILS							
Clonmel	0	7	7	50.0	50.0	237.5	21.9
Drogheda	0	15	15	97.7	2.3	43.2	44.1
Kilkenny	0	14	14	88.9	11.1	48.1	58.3
Sligo	0	4	4	92.3	7.7	69.2	15.4
Wexford	0	8	8	91.1	8.9	91.1	12.1
Subtotal	0	48	48	90.7	9.3	74.5	26.4
TOWN COUNCILS							
Arklow	0	2	2	90.9	9.1	90.9	10.0
Athlone	1	4	5	76.7	23.3	63.3	20.0
Athy	0	5	5	93.8	6.3	31.3	50.0
Ballina	0	2	2	90.9	9.1	54.5	11.1
Ballinasloe	1	9	10	100.0	0.0	40.0	62.5
Birr	0	3	3	100.0	0.0	69.2	27.3
Bray	0	17	17	70.0	30.0	57.5	40.5
Buncrana	0	7	7	91.7	8.3	41.7	175.0
Bundoran	0	2	2	100.0	0.0	33.3	50.0
Carlow	0	9	9	92.0	8.0	64.0	28.1
Carrickmacross	0	2	2	83.3	16.7	50.0	33.3
Carrick-on-Suir	0	6	6	73.7	26.3	57.9	35.3
Cashel	0	2	2	100.0	0.0	100.0	20.0
Castlebar	0	9	9	100.0	0.0	57.9	34.6
Castleblayney	0	0	0	90.0	10.0	50.0	-
Cavan	0	5	5	100.0	0.0	71.4	55.6
Clonakilty	0	6	6	88.9	11.1	55.6	100.0
Clones	0	1	1	0.0	100.0	0.0	25.0
Cobh	0	4	4	77.8	22.2	55.6	40.0
Dundalk	1	19	20	96.9	3.1	53.1	52.6
Dungarvan	0	3	3	100.0	0.0	100.0	23.1
Ennis	2	7	9	76.7	23.3	69.8	19.6
Enniscorthy	0	9	9	72.7	27.3	63.6	90.0
Fermoy	0	1	1	88.9	11.1	44.4	20.0
Kells	0	3	3	70.0	30.0	70.0	33.3
Killarney	1	14	15	83.3	16.7	72.2	48.4
Kilrush	0	3	3	100.0	0.0	55.6	33.3
Kinsale	0	3	3	82.4	17.6	35.3	33.3
Letterkenny	0	15	15	88.2	11.8	55.9	45.5
Listowel	0	3	3	100.0	0.0	37.5	27.3
Longford	0	5	5	80.0	20.0	90.0	55.6
Macroom	2	4	6	100.0	0.0	62.5	50.0
Mallow	0	4	4	95.2	4.8	57.1	17.4
Midleton	0	1	1	60.0	40.0	80.0	12.5
Monaghan	1	1	2	88.2	11.8	64.7	18.2
Naas	0	9	9	100.0	0.0	47.6	31.0
Navan	0	5	5	100.0	0.0	100.0	41.7
Nenagh	0	5	5	90.9	9.1	72.7	35.7
New Ross	0	2	2	66.7	33.3	88.9	20.0
Skibbereen	0	0	0	100.0	0.0	60.0	-
Templemore	0	4	4	75.0	25.0	50.0	66.7
Thurles	0	2	2	100.0	0.0	66.7	28.6
Tipperary	0	7	7	83.3	16.7	33.3	100.0
Tralee	0	6	6	75.0	25.0	71.4	25.0
Trim	0	1	1	80.0	20.0	60.0	20.0
Tullamore	0	3	3	84.2	15.8	78.9	25.0
Westport	0	0	0	100.0	0.0	90.0	-
Wicklow	0	8	8	71.4	28.6	71.4	29.6
Youghal	0	2	2	80.0	20.0	46.7	25.0
Subtotal	9	244	253	86.5	13.5	61.8	34.5
Total	136	4,531	4,667	83.6	16.4	60.0	34.7

* applications not decided within 8 weeks due to request for further information or extensions of time granted to the applicant.

** as percentage of applications.

APPEALS DISPOSALS BY AN BORD PLEANALA¹ (by Area)²

AREA	APPEALS					DISPOSED ³				
	Quarter	1	2	3	4	Total	1	2	3	4
Carlow	23	7	15	10	55	12	20	20	12	64
Cavan	24	15	8	21	68	18	25	28	13	84
Clare	46	33	34	28	141	40	52	41	33	166
Cork	126	115	109	101	451	93	119	110	118	440
Donegal	63	40	29	35	167	40	32	40	45	157
Dun Laoghaire – Rathdown	106	112	101	64	383	92	145	104	111	452
Fingal	91	64	81	70	306	59	64	84	68	275
Galway	43	44	47	39	173	48	49	39	38	174
Kerry	62	64	60	48	234	44	79	53	63	239
Kildare	47	45	59	46	197	33	54	42	58	187
Kilkenny	39	11	21	13	84	25	27	27	18	97
Laois	20	17	11	16	64	17	16	16	22	71
Leitrim	9	10	5	10	34	2	13	7	11	33
Limerick	23	39	29	28	119	18	25	31	32	106
Longford	12	5	9	8	34	10	13	10	12	45
Louth	49	29	32	23	133	40	35	45	26	146
Mayo	51	50	47	36	184	27	53	48	52	180
Meath	39	46	44	25	154	41	32	36	43	152
Monaghan	16	10	10	9	45	11	9	16	10	46
North Tipperary	15	19	22	9	65	17	20	21	20	78
Offaly	11	20	19	18	68	20	16	13	21	70
Roscommon	24	26	11	18	79	26	37	13	23	99
Sligo	25	13	14	12	64	10	17	18	17	62
South Dublin	61	48	58	39	206	56	62	54	55	227
South Tipperary	24	21	22	23	90	19	18	30	22	89
Waterford	21	29	25	17	92	25	25	28	26	104
Westmeath	21	26	37	20	104	20	26	24	28	98
Wexford	33	32	32	30	127	44	40	33	27	144
Wicklow	58	62	70	51	241	56	58	53	60	227
Subtotal	1,182	1,052	1,061	867	4,162	963	1,181	1,084	1,084	4,312
Cork	40	33	33	27	133	31	32	27	32	122
Dublin	156	142	162	139	599	162	153	147	140	602
Galway	24	22	25	16	87	17	18	25	22	82
Limerick	11	3	12	12	38	6	10	12	4	32
Waterford	8	12	9	6	35	10	10	9	8	37
Subtotal	239	212	241	200	892	226	223	220	206	875
Totals	1,421	1,264	1,302	1,067	5,054	1,189	1,404	1,304	1,290	5,187

1. Source: An Bord Pleanála.

2. 'Area' is a county council and other authorities within that county but excluding city councils.

3. 'Disposed' includes appeals on which there has been a formal decision by An Bord Pleanála and appeals which are late, invalid, withdrawn or dismissed.

APPEALS FORMALLY DECIDED

Appeals against refusals	Appeals against conditions				Appeals by third parties against grants of permission				Total appeals decided	Decision of planning authority confirmed	Decision of planning authority varied	Decision of planning authority reversed
Applications decided	Applications decided				Applications decided							
Grant permission with/without conditions	Grant permission subject to same conditions	Grant permission subject to revised conditions	Refuse permission	Total	Grant permission as granted by planning authority	Grant permission subject to revised conditions	Refuse permission	Total				
(reverse decision of planning authority)	(confirm decision of planning authority)	(vary decision of planning authority)	(reverse decision of planning authority)		(confirm decision of planning authority)	(vary decision of planning authority)	(reverse decision of planning authority)					
138	10	58	13	81	2	315	197	514	330	373	348	

APPEALS ON HAND [%] 0 weeks 0 (end of quarter)¹

Quarter	30+	26-29	22-25	18-21	14-17	8-13	4-7	<4	Total
1	153	157	366	339	454	448	357	437	2,711
2	164	175	325	328	492	378	355	355	2,572
3	201	248	293	335	397	415	320	362	2,571
4	208	197	312	316	393	395	268	258	2,347

SUMMARY TOTALS

		Applications total	Decisions total	Refusal² rate
2007 (Total)		91,654	87,626	17.25
2008	Quarter 1	15,930	16,524	19.3
	Quarter 2	18,411	16,986	16.9
	Quarter 3	15,116	15,640	17.2
	Quarter 4	13,449	12,906	16.4
Total (YTD)		62,906	62,056	17.5

¹ Source: An Bord Pleanála

² 'Refusal rate' is the number of refusals as a percentage of total decisions.

