

PLANNING STATISTICS QUARTERLY

2008

July
to
September

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	21	0	147	147	1	156	157
Cavan	36	1	299	300	2	297	299
Clare	51	19	405	424	10	372	382
Cork	603	82	1,346	1,428	33	1,236	1,269
Donegal	192	57	876	933	34	774	808
Dun Laoghaire– Rathdown	68	6	542	548	0	422	422
Fingal	112	1	436	437	0	332	332
Galway	70	17	812	829	15	696	711
Kerry	124	27	649	676	6	488	494
Kildare	61	3	433	436	0	448	448
Kilkenny	42	2	332	334	3	288	291
Laois	93	15	267	282	8	255	263
Leitrim	56	0	153	153	0	136	136
Limerick	134	14	507	521	5	399	404
Longford	39	1	104	105	2	110	112
Louth	40	14	262	276	11	269	280
Mayo	70	6	503	509	9	371	380
Meath	157	1	658	659	1	450	451
Monaghan	57	27	291	318	12	277	289
North Tipperary	46	7	240	247	5	226	231
Offaly	32	6	236	242	6	244	250
Roscommon	70	9	286	295	10	263	273
Sligo	4	5	272	277	3	203	206
South Dublin	81	2	349	351	1	326	327
South Tipperary	86	1	261	262	1	218	219
Waterford	58	12	298	310	5	220	225
Westmeath	41	1	223	224	1	204	205
Wexford	32	34	645	679	15	513	528
Wicklow	99	5	408	413	10	306	316
Subtotal	2,575	375	12,240	12,615	209	10,499	10,708
CITY COUNCILS							
Cork	16	4	182	186	4	181	185
Dublin	257	6	926	932	2	837	839
Galway	47	2	149	151	0	138	138
Limerick	28	1	125	126	0	83	83
Waterford	26	1	76	77	1	73	74
Subtotal	374	14	1,458	1,472	7	1,312	1,319

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	13	13	1	169	170	1	126	127
Cavan	0	41	41	2	338	340	0	219	219
Clare	6	44	50	16	416	432	9	251	260
Cork	30	230	260	63	1,466	1,529	41	823	864
Donegal	24	174	198	58	948	1,006	38	592	630
Dun Laoghaire– Rathdown	2	132	134	2	554	556	2	440	442
Fingal	2	120	122	2	452	454	1	335	336
Galway	3	95	98	18	791	809	9	426	435
Kerry	19	113	132	25	601	626	17	409	426
Kildare	0	99	99	0	547	547	0	227	227
Kilkenny	0	89	89	3	377	380	0	230	230
Laois	3	45	48	11	300	311	7	199	206
Leitrim	0	20	20	0	156	156	0	79	79
Limerick	10	79	89	15	478	493	7	242	249
Longford	1	14	15	3	124	127	2	85	87
Louth	9	34	43	20	303	323	8	154	162
Mayo	4	45	49	13	416	429	1	170	171
Meath	0	204	204	1	654	655	1	464	465
Monaghan	8	47	55	20	324	344	9	141	150
North Tipperary	3	37	40	8	263	271	3	125	128
Offaly	2	58	60	8	302	310	4	171	175
Roscommon	2	32	34	12	295	307	3	153	156
Sligo	1	12	13	4	215	219	3	175	178
South Dublin	1	65	66	2	391	393	1	326	327
South Tipperary	0	32	32	1	250	251	0	181	181
Waterford	4	56	60	9	276	285	4	157	161
Westmeath	4	64	68	5	268	273	5	155	160
Wexford	10	127	137	25	640	665	18	503	521
Wicklow	5	56	61	15	362	377	5	194	199
Subtotal	153	2,177	2,330	362	12,676	13,038	199	7,752	7,951
CITY COUNCILS									
Cork	1	28	29	5	209	214	4	144	148
Dublin	1	133	134	3	970	973	3	911	914
Galway	0	25	25	0	163	163	0	91	91
Limerick	0	9	9	0	92	92	0	54	54
Waterford	0	8	8	1	81	82	1	60	61
Subtotal	2	203	205	9	1,515	1,524	8	1,260	1,268

AUTHORITY	DECISIONS DEFERRED*			% DECISIONS TO GRANT	% DECISIONS TO REFUSE	% DECISIONS MADE WITHIN 8 WEEKS	% DECISIONS DEFERRED **
	Outline Permission	Permission	Total				
COUNTY COUNCILS							
Carlow	0	58	58	92.4	7.6	74.7	39.5
Cavan	1	129	130	87.9	12.1	64.4	43.3
Clare	5	145	150	88.4	11.6	60.2	35.4
Cork	29	572	601	83.0	17.0	56.5	42.1
Donegal	22	357	379	80.3	19.7	62.6	40.6
Dun Laoghaire–Rathdown	2	107	109	75.9	24.1	79.5	19.9
Fingal	3	115	118	73.1	26.9	74.0	27.0
Galway	2	295	297	87.9	12.1	53.8	35.8
Kerry	10	213	223	78.9	21.1	68.1	33.0
Kildare	0	315	315	81.9	18.1	41.5	72.2
Kilkenny	4	157	161	76.6	23.4	60.5	48.2
Laois	5	101	106	84.6	15.4	66.2	37.6
Leitrim	0	88	88	87.2	12.8	50.6	57.5
Limerick	14	286	300	81.9	18.1	50.5	57.6
Longford	0	55	55	88.2	11.8	68.5	52.4
Louth	18	138	156	86.7	13.3	50.2	56.5
Mayo	8	388	396	88.6	11.4	39.9	77.8
Meath	1	247	248	68.9	31.1	71.0	37.6
Monaghan	18	219	237	84.0	16.0	43.6	74.5
North Tipperary	6	144	150	85.2	14.8	47.2	60.7
Offaly	2	114	116	80.6	19.4	56.5	47.9
Roscommon	8	175	183	88.9	11.1	50.8	62.0
Sligo	1	67	68	94.1	5.9	81.3	24.5
South Dublin	1	65	66	83.2	16.8	83.2	18.8
South Tipperary	2	70	72	87.3	12.7	72.1	27.5
Waterford	7	144	151	78.9	21.1	56.5	48.7
Westmeath	2	119	121	75.1	24.9	58.6	54.0
Wexford	10	138	148	79.4	20.6	78.3	21.8
Wicklow	3	251	254	83.8	16.2	52.8	61.5
Subtotal	184	5,272	5,456	82.1	17.9	61.0	43.3
CITY COUNCILS							
Cork	1	66	67	86.4	13.6	69.2	36.0
Dublin	0	54	54	86.2	13.8	93.9	5.8
Galway	0	19	19	84.7	15.3	55.8	12.6
Limerick	0	55	55	90.2	9.8	58.7	43.7
Waterford	0	18	18	90.2	9.8	74.4	23.4
Subtotal	1	212	213	86.5	13.5	83.2	14.5

* 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	6	0	25	25	0	23	23
Drogheda	13	0	54	54	0	43	43
Kilkenny	12	0	27	27	0	25	25
Sligo	3	0	39	39	0	30	30
Wexford	21	0	59	59	0	54	54
Subtotal	55	0	204	204	0	175	175
TOWN COUNCILS							
Arklow	6	0	29	29	0	19	19
Athlone	5	1	22	23	0	15	15
Athy	1	0	17	17	0	9	9
Ballina	0	0	14	14	0	34	34
Ballinasloe	1	0	13	13	0	9	9
Birr	1	0	12	12	0	12	12
Bray	17	0	43	43	1	44	45
Buncrana	6	0	19	19	0	17	17
Bundoran	4	1	6	7	1	4	5
Carlow	4	0	35	35	0	35	35
Carrickmacross	0	0	7	7	0	6	6
Carrick-on-Suir	8	0	12	12	0	14	14
Cashel	2	0	4	4	0	4	4
Castlebar	4	0	17	17	0	24	24
Castleblayney	1	0	6	6	0	6	6
Cavan	1	0	8	8	0	6	6
Clonakilty	0	0	17	17	0	9	9
Clones	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Cobh	0	0	9	9	0	15	15
Dundalk	5	2	48	50	1	42	43
Dungarvan	0	0	19	19	0	19	19
Ennis	3	0	33	33	0	28	28
Enniscorthy	1	0	25	25	0	12	12
Fermoy	6	0	10	10	0	7	7
Kells	1	0	8	8	0	1	1
Killarney	2	2	35	37	0	35	35
Kilrush	0	0	12	12	0	12	12
Kinsale	0	0	15	15	0	9	9
Letterkenny	18	0	40	40	1	31	32
Listowel	3	0	9	9	0	8	8
Longford	5	0	14	14	0	15	15
Macroom	0	2	8	10	0	10	10
Mallow	1	1	21	22	0	16	16
Midleton	0	0	6	6	0	8	8
Monaghan	7	2	14	16	0	12	12
Naas	6	0	34	34	0	36	36
Navan	4	0	12	12	0	10	10
Nenagh	5	1	14	15	1	11	12
New Ross	3	0	14	14	0	17	17
Skibbereen	3	0	6	6	0	7	7
Templemore	0	0	7	7	0	2	2
Thurles	1	0	10	10	0	11	11
Tipperary	4	0	8	8	0	3	3
Tralee	1	1	32	33	1	34	35
Trim	0	0	4	4	0	3	3
Tullamore	4	0	15	15	1	15	16
Westport	0	0	18	18	0	25	25
Wicklow	0	1	15	16	0	9	9
Youghal	0	0	15	15	0	15	15
Subtotal	144	14	811	825	7	748	755
Total	3,148	403	14,713	15,116	223	12,734	12,957

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	3	3	0	26	26	0	16	16
Drogheda	0	6	6	0	49	49	0	31	31
Kilkenny	0	3	3	0	28	28	0	18	18
Sligo	0	2	2	0	32	32	0	27	27
Wexford	0	12	12	0	66	66	0	53	53
Subtotal	0	26	26	0	201	201	0	145	145
TOWN COUNCILS									
Arklow	0	7	7	0	26	26	0	21	21
Athlone	0	3	3	0	18	18	0	4	4
Athy	0	0	0	0	9	9	0	2	2
Ballina	0	1	1	0	35	35	0	23	23
Ballinasloe	1	3	4	1	12	13	0	8	8
Birr	0	0	0	0	12	12	0	10	10
Bray	0	10	10	1	54	55	0	36	36
Buncrana	0	1	1	0	18	18	0	9	9
Bundoran	0	0	0	1	4	5	1	4	5
Carlow	0	3	3	0	38	38	0	34	34
Carrickmacross	0	3	3	0	9	9	0	5	5
Carrick-on-Suir	0	2	2	0	16	16	0	11	11
Cashel	0	3	3	0	7	7	0	6	6
Castlebar	0	3	3	0	27	27	0	11	11
Castleblayney	0	0	0	0	6	6	0	2	2
Cavan	0	0	0	0	6	6	0	5	5
Clonakilty	1	2	3	1	11	12	1	9	10
Clones	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0
Cobh	0	2	2	0	17	17	0	14	14
Dundalk	0	8	8	1	50	51	1	32	33
Dungarvan	0	0	0	0	19	19	0	19	19
Ennis	0	8	8	0	36	36	0	25	25
Enniscorthy	0	3	3	0	15	15	0	10	10
Fermoy	0	1	1	0	8	8	0	5	5
Kells	0	1	1	0	2	2	0	1	1
Killarney	0	3	3	0	38	38	0	29	29
Kilrush	0	1	1	0	13	13	0	10	10
Kinsale	0	1	1	0	10	10	0	6	6
Letterkenny	0	3	3	1	34	35	0	19	19
Listowel	0	1	1	0	9	9	0	4	4
Longford	0	1	1	0	16	16	0	11	11
Macroom	0	0	0	0	10	10	0	7	7
Mallow	0	1	1	0	17	17	0	14	14
Midleton	0	3	3	0	11	11	0	7	7
Monaghan	0	0	0	0	12	12	0	5	5
Naas	0	4	4	0	40	40	0	21	21
Navan	0	6	6	0	16	16	0	11	11
Nenagh	0	1	1	1	12	13	1	9	10
New Ross	0	4	4	0	21	21	0	19	19
Skibbereen	0	0	0	0	7	7	0	5	5
Templemore	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0
Thurles	0	0	0	0	11	11	0	9	9
Tipperary	0	2	2	0	5	5	0	5	5
Tralee	0	7	7	1	41	42	1	26	27
Trim	0	3	3	0	6	6	0	5	5
Tullamore	0	5	5	1	20	21	1	14	15
Westport	0	3	3	0	28	28	0	23	23
Wicklow	0	7	7	0	16	16	0	11	11
Youghal	0	0	0	0	15	15	0	5	5
Subtotal	2	120	122	9	868	877	6	581	587
Total	157	2,526	2,683	380	15,260	15,640	213	9,738	9,951

AUTHORITY	DECISIONS DEFERRED*			% DECISIONS TO GRANT	% DECISIONS TO REFUSE	% DECISIONS MADE WITHIN 8 WEEKS	% DECISIONS DEFERRED **
	Outline Permission	Permission	Total				
BOROUGH COUNCILS							
Clonmel	0	8	8	88.5	11.5	61.5	32.0
Drogheda	1	29	30	87.8	12.2	63.3	55.6
Kilkenny	0	17	17	89.3	10.7	64.3	63.0
Sligo	0	6	6	93.8	6.3	84.4	15.4
Wexford	1	11	12	81.8	18.2	80.3	20.3
Subtotal	2	71	73	87.1	12.9	72.1	35.8
TOWN COUNCILS							
Arklow	0	4	4	73.1	26.9	80.8	13.8
Athlone	0	9	9	83.3	16.7	22.2	39.1
Athy	0	10	10	100.0	0.0	22.2	58.8
Ballina	0	8	8	97.1	2.9	65.7	57.1
Ballinasloe	0	9	9	69.2	30.8	61.5	69.2
Birr	0	2	2	100.0	0.0	83.3	16.7
Bray	0	17	17	81.8	18.2	65.5	39.5
Buncrana	0	5	5	94.4	5.6	50.0	26.3
Bundoran	0	2	2	100.0	0.0	100.0	28.6
Carlow	0	8	8	92.1	7.9	89.5	22.9
Carrickmacross	0	1	1	66.7	33.3	55.6	14.3
Carrick-on-Suir	0	3	3	87.5	12.5	68.8	25.0
Cashel	0	0	0	57.1	42.9	85.7	0.0
Castlebar	0	13	13	88.9	11.1	40.7	76.5
Castleblayney	0	5	5	100.0	0.0	33.3	83.3
Cavan	0	2	2	100.0	0.0	83.3	25.0
Clonakilty	0	0	0	75.0	25.0	83.3	0.0
Clones	0	0	0	100.0	0.0	0.0	-
Cobh	0	3	3	88.2	11.8	82.4	33.3
Dundalk	0	23	23	84.3	15.7	64.7	46.0
Dungarvan	0	4	4	100.0	0.0	100.0	21.1
Ennis	2	15	17	77.8	22.2	69.4	51.5
Enniscorthy	0	5	5	80.0	20.0	66.7	20.0
Fermoy	0	3	3	87.5	12.5	62.5	30.0
Kells	0	1	1	50.0	50.0	50.0	12.5
Killarney	0	14	14	92.1	7.9	76.3	37.8
Kilrush	0	4	4	92.3	7.7	76.9	33.3
Kinsale	0	8	8	90.0	10.0	60.0	53.3
Letterkenny	0	11	11	91.4	8.6	54.3	27.5
Listowel	0	8	8	88.9	11.1	44.4	88.9
Longford	0	6	6	93.8	6.3	68.8	42.9
Macroom	0	5	5	100.0	0.0	70.0	50.0
Mallow	0	10	10	94.1	5.9	82.4	45.5
Middleton	0	3	3	72.7	27.3	63.6	50.0
Monaghan	1	5	6	100.0	0.0	41.7	37.5
Naas	0	21	21	90.0	10.0	52.5	61.8
Navan	0	4	4	62.5	37.5	68.8	33.3
Nenagh	0	4	4	92.3	7.7	76.9	26.7
New Ross	0	3	3	81.0	19.0	90.5	21.4
Skibbereen	0	3	3	100.0	0.0	71.4	50.0
Templemore	0	0	0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Thurles	0	3	3	100.0	0.0	81.8	30.0
Tipperary	0	3	3	60.0	40.0	100.0	37.5
Tralee	1	14	15	83.3	16.7	64.3	45.5
Trim	0	2	2	50.0	50.0	83.3	50.0
Tullamore	0	6	6	76.2	23.8	71.4	40.0
Westport	0	4	4	89.3	10.7	82.1	22.2
Wicklow	1	6	7	56.3	43.8	68.8	43.8
Youghal	1	4	5	100.0	0.0	33.3	33.3
Subtotal	6	303	309	86.1	13.9	66.9	37.5
Total	193	5,858	6,051	82.8	17.2	63.6	40.0

* 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	Total
Carlow	23	7	15			45	12	20	20		52
Cavan	24	15	8			47	18	25	28		71
Clare	46	33	34			113	40	52	41		133
Cork	126	115	109			350	93	119	110		322
Donegal	63	40	29			132	40	32	40		112
Dun Laoghaire – Rathdown	106	112	101			319	92	145	104		341
Fingal	91	64	81			236	59	64	84		207
Galway	43	44	47			134	48	49	39		136
Kerry	62	64	60			186	44	79	53		176
Kildare	47	45	59			151	33	54	42		129
Kilkenny	39	11	21			71	25	27	27		79
Laois	20	17	11			48	17	16	16		49
Leitrim	9	10	5			24	2	13	7		22
Limerick	23	39	29			91	18	25	31		74
Longford	12	5	9			26	10	13	10		33
Louth	49	29	32			110	40	35	45		120
Mayo	51	50	47			148	27	53	48		128
Meath	39	46	44			129	41	32	36		109
Monaghan	16	10	10			36	11	9	16		36
North Tipperary	15	19	22			56	17	20	21		58
Offaly	11	20	19			50	20	16	13		49
Roscommon	24	26	11			61	26	37	13		76
Sligo	25	13	14			52	10	17	18		45
South Dublin	61	48	58			167	56	62	54		172
South Tipperary	24	21	22			67	19	18	30		67
Waterford	21	29	25			75	25	25	28		78
Westmeath	21	26	37			84	20	26	24		70
Wexford	33	32	32			97	44	40	33		117
Wicklow	58	62	70			190	56	58	53		167
Subtotal	1,182	1,052	1,061	-	3,295	963	1,181	1,084	-	3,228	
Cork	40	33	33		106	31	32	27		90	
Dublin	156	142	162		460	162	153	147		462	
Galway	24	22	25		71	17	18	25		60	
Limerick	11	3	12		26	6	10	12		28	
Waterford	8	12	9		29	10	10	9		29	
Subtotal	239	212	241	-	692	226	223	220	-	669	
Totals	1,421	1,264	1,302	-	3,987	1,189	1,404	1,304	-	3,897	

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	Refuse permission	Total	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
113	307	420	(reverse decision of planning authority)	(confirm decision of planning authority)	12	67	13	92	8	271	214	493	1,005	327	338	340
			(confirm decision of planning authority)	(reverse decision of planning authority)					(confirm decision of planning authority)	(vary decision of planning authority)	(reverse decision of planning authority)					

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
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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			
Total (YTD)		49,457	49,150	17.8

¹ Source: An Bord Pleanála

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