



Quarterly Housing Statistics

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Quarter 1 2007

Total Housing Completions

20,018 units were completed nationally in the first three months of 2007, of which 4,386 units were completed in Dublin and 6,217 units in Greater Dublin Area. These figures are based on the number of electricity meters installed by ESB Networks. **(Tables 1 and 2)**

[The most recent data available to end June 2007 reveal that 38,978 housing units have been completed. While there are indications of some easing in housing activity, some 1,600 units are currently being completed each week throughout the country. Further breakdown of these figures is available on the Department's website.]

Affordable Housing Provision

487 units (including 54 units delivered on State/Local authority lands element of the Affordable Housing Initiative) were provided under the various affordable housing schemes in the first three months 2007. 33% of these were provided in Dublin. **(Tables 3 and 4)**

Part V Social and Affordable Housing Provision

Part V of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 – 2006 continued to gather momentum, with 444 units of social and affordable housing provided in the first quarter of 2007, over 26% up on Q1 2006. A further 4,859 units under Part V were in progress at the end of March 2007, some 26% up on the end-2006 position.

Social Housing Provision

Total output of social houses provided in the first three months of 2007 amounted to 1,453 units (1,170 Local Authority; 283 Voluntary & Co-

operative housing) with a further 66 new units acquired under the Rental Accommodation Scheme.

Local Authority completions and acquisitions increased by 62.7%; the number of units completed by the Voluntary and Co-operative housing sector increased by 53.8% on the same period in 2006. 11,360 local authority social housing units were in progress at the end of March 2007. (Tables 5 to 7)

House Prices

Using data supplied by the lending institutions on the value of houses and apartments at the time of loan approval, indicate that nationally, the average price for a new house (including apartments) in Quarter 1 2007 was €320,969, which was an increase of 9% on the average price reported the same quarter in 2006. This was an increase of 2.5% on the average price in Quarter 4 2006.

The average price for a second-hand house (including apartments) nationally in Quarter 1 2007 was €379,874, an increase of 9% on the average price reported the same quarter in 2006. This was an increase of 1.1% on the average price in Quarter 4 2006.

In Dublin, the average price for a new houses (including apartments) in Quarter 1 2007 was €417,800, an increase of 7% on the average price reported the same quarter in 2006. This was a decrease of -0.4% on the average price in Quarter 4 2006.

The average price for a second-hand house (including apartments) in Dublin was €516,211, a 9.1% increase on the average price reported the same quarter in 2006. This was a decrease of -0.3% on the average price in Quarter 4 2006.

See Methodological note when making comparisons with earlier periods, as these are not price indices. (Tables 8 and 9)

Other features of this release:

- **Housing Loans:**
 - Loan approvals – 24,598 loans, with a total value of €6,447 million, were approved for house purchases, in Quarter 1 2007.
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These represented decreases of -21.9% in volumes and -16.4% in value, compared to the Quarter 1 2006.

- Loan payments – 21,181 loans, with a total value of €4,816.9 million, were paid for house purchases in Quarter 1 2007. These represented decreases of -18.0% in volumes and -9.9% in value, compared to the Quarter 1 2006. **(Tables 10 to 11)**

- **Residential Commencements**

- 16,913 new housing units were started nationally in the first three months of 2007, of which 3,205 units were in Dublin and 5,587 units in Greater Dublin Area. This was a decrease of – 7.8% nationally compared to Quarter 1 2006.
- [The most recent data available to end June 2007 indicate that about 31,600 housing units have been started so far this year, which is a decrease of approximately -22% compared to the first half 2006. Further breakdown of these figures is available on the Department’s website.] **(Tables 12)**

Methodological Note

Average House prices are derived from data supplied by the mortgage lending agencies on loans approved by them rather than loans paid. In comparing house price figures from one period to another, account should be taken of the fact that changes in the mix of houses (including apartments) will affect the average figures.

The Department with the assistance of the mortgage lending agencies and the CSO, is currently developing a mix-adjusted house price index which will take account of different property, location and purchaser characteristics.

A historical housing statistics series is also available on the Department website at www.envron.ie

Table 1: House Completions by Sector

Period	Social Housing		Private Houses	Total
	Local Authority Houses	Voluntary & Co-Operative Houses		
2005	4,209	1,350	75,398	80,957
2006	3,968	1,240	88,211	93,419
2005				
Q1	548	327	{33,383	{35,307
Q2	828	221		
Q3	940	343	17,804	19,087
Q4	1,893	459	24,211	26,563
2006				
Q1	570	184	21,140	21,894
Q2	956	416	20,633	22,005
Q3	870	333	21,368	22,571
Q4	1,572	307	25,070	26,949
2007				
Q1	869	283	18,866	20,018
<i>Annual percentage change</i>				
2006	-5.7%	-8.1%	17.0%	15.4%
2006				
Q1	4.0%	-43.7%	n/a	n/a
Q2	15.5%	88.2%	n/a	n/a
Q3	-7.4%	-2.9%	20.0%	18.3%
Q4	-17.0%	-33.1%	3.5%	1.5%
2007				
Q1	52.5%	53.8%	-10.8%	-8.6%
Notes:-				
(a) Total house completions are based on the number of ESB domestic connections. These figures do not take account of work in progress in housing construction. Due to circumstances beyond the Department's control it has not been possible to obtain a separate set of figures for the first two quarters of 2005.				
(b) Local authority house completions do not include second-hand houses acquired by them. New units acquired under Part V of the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2006 for local authority rental purposes are included.				
(c) Voluntary & co-operative housing consists of housing provided under the capital loan & subsidy and capital assistance schemes.				

**Table 2: Total and Private House Completions
1 January to 31 March 2007**

County Councils (including Borough & Town Councils)	Total House Completions	Private House Completions
Carlow	320	188
Cavan	464	456
Clare	556	545
Cork County	1,940	1,837
Cork City	453	403
Cork Total	2,393	2,240
Donegal	1,035	909
D/L-Rathdown	574	520
Fingal	1,302	1,270
South Dublin	825	704
Dublin City	1,685	1,597
Dublin Total	4,386	4,091
Galway County	1,118	1,070
Galway City	238	238
Galway Total	1,356	1,308
Kerry	670	655
Kildare	804	762
Kilkenny	454	443
Laois	630	599
Leitrim	278	278
Limerick County	599	578
Limerick City	154	149
Limerick Total	753	727
Longford	406	401
Louth	421	381
Mayo	686	640
Meath	643	603
Monaghan	245	243
North Tipperary	262	250
Offaly	291	270
Roscommon	328	328
Sligo	345	322
South Tipperary	381	369
Waterford County	358	351
Waterford City	23	9
Waterford Total	381	360
Westmeath	427	423
Wexford	619	619
Wicklow	384	356
Conversions	100	100
TOTALS	20,018	18,866
<p>Note:- Total house completions are based on the number of new dwellings connected by ESB Networks to the electricity supply and may not accord precisely with local authority boundaries.</p>		

Table 3:

Affordable Housing Schemes
1 January to 31 March, 2007

County Councils (including Borough & Town Councils)	Shared Ownership			Affordable Housing (1999) Scheme		
	No. of transactions completed	No. of approvals in principle issued but transactions not yet completed	No. of applications received	No. of houses provided	No. of houses in progress	Houses proposed
Carlow	0	0	5	9	22	15
Cavan	0	0	4	0	0	0
Clare	0	0	3	0	0	18
Cork County	1	21	22	1	258	332
Cork City	0	10	25	0	37	174
Cork Total	1	31	47	1	295	506
Donegal	4	2	13	0	36	0
Dun/L-Rathdown	0	0	1	0	38	16
Fingal	0	130	882	8	337	225
South Dublin	0	0	0	0	18	0
Dublin City	10	10	51	34	204	1,590
Dublin Total	10	140	934	42	597	1,831
Galway County	0	1	1	0	13	74
Galway City	0	0	0	0	53	135
Galway Total	0	1	1	0	66	209
Kerry	1	3	8	0	14	16
Kildare	23	42	51	19	55	84
Kilkenny	3	1	5	0	16	8
Laois	3	3	8	4	164	46
Leitrim	0	0	0	0	0	0
Limerick County	1	0	0	0	0	10
Limerick City	0	0	2	0	0	0
Limerick Total	1	0	2	0	0	10
Longford	0	0	6	0	0	0
Louth	0	0	1	0	93	26
Mayo	0	0	0	1	29	23
Meath	1	0	5	0	32	0
Monaghan	1	0	1	0	20	0
North Tipperary	0	1	4	0	0	25
Offaly	0	0	3	6	0	40
Roscommon	0	0	3	0	0	0
Sligo	0	4	8	6	0	0
South Tipperary	5	0	2	0	0	0
Waterford County	0	0	0	0	33	66
Waterford City	1	31	6	0	0	0
Waterford Total	1	31	6	0	33	66
Westmeath	0	0	10	0	55	55
Wexford	1	1	0	11	136	134
Wicklow	0	0	0	0	34	24
TOTALS	55	260	1,130	99	1,697	3,136

Table 4:

**Part V. Planning and Development Acts 2000 - 2006
1 January to 31 March 2007**

County Councils (including Borough & Town Councils)	Affordable Housing			Social Housing (included in total completions):						TOTAL OUTPUT UNDER PART V		
	No. of units:			No. of units:			No. of units:			No. of units:		
	acquired	in progress	*proposed	acquired	in progress	*proposed	acquired	in progress	*proposed	acquired	in progress	*proposed
Carlow	0	8	25	0	4	0	0	2	0	0	14	25
Cavan	0	20	5	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	28	5
Clare	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	0
Cork County	19	361	25	10	53	2	0	0	0	29	414	27
Cork City	45	30	162	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	30	162
Cork Total	64	391	187	10	53	2	0	0	0	74	444	189
Donegal	22	2	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	22	43	0
D/L.Rathdown	0	120	0	0	12	0	0	79	0	0	211	0
Fingal	57	519	1,093	0	36	60	0	12	0	57	567	1,153
South Dublin	2	258	0	0	151	8	38	95	0	40	504	8
Dublin City	6	381	0	0	235	0	12	168	0	18	784	0
Dublin Total	65	1,278	1,093	0	434	68	50	354	0	115	2,066	1,161
Galway County	4	125	170	12	14	62	0	0	0	16	139	232
Galway City	0	49	148	0	30	148	0	0	18	0	79	314
Galway Total	4	174	318	12	44	210	0	0	18	16	218	546
Kerry	13	42	6	2	17	18	14	0	0	29	59	24
Kildare	31	278	8	0	116	0	2	35	18	33	429	26
Kilkenny	0	86	20	4	124	44	0	0	0	4	210	64
Laois	0	79	27	3	78	22	0	0	0	3	157	49
Leitrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Limerick County	2	40	73	0	0	5	0	0	0	2	40	78
Limerick City	10	7	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	7	27
Limerick Total	12	47	100	0	0	5	0	0	0	12	47	105
Longford	0	30	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	52
Louth	0	31	50	6	27	6	0	8	37	6	66	93
Mayo	4	47	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	47	20
Meath	15	143	0	0	2	0	0	12	0	15	157	0
Monaghan	0	0	11	9	40	8	0	62	0	9	102	19
North Tipperary	6	18	12	0	16	46	0	0	76	6	34	134
Offaly	2	29	16	2	48	35	0	0	19	4	77	70
Roscommon	0	37	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	50	0
Sligo	5	30	38	4	59	20	0	0	0	9	89	58
South Tipperary	0	105	60	21	67	14	0	0	0	21	172	74
Waterford County	17	40	93	0	50	51	0	0	0	17	90	144
Waterford City	12	4	0	8	5	0	0	0	0	20	9	0
Waterford Total	29	44	93	8	55	51	0	0	0	37	99	144
Westmeath	0	36	16	0	30	4	0	0	0	0	66	20
Wexford	1	15	3	0	22	3	0	0	0	1	37	6
Wicklow	6	26	14	18	38	88	0	17	22	24	81	124
TOTALS	279	3,033	2,174	99	1,336	644	66	490	190	444	4,859	3,008

Note:- In addition, 54 units were also delivered directly under AHI in Q1 2007 (Fingal-18: South Dublin-28 and Wexford Co Co-8)
* No. of units proposed on foot of agreements that have been entered into at 31 March 2007 but not yet started.

**Table 5: Total Output of Social Rented Housing by Local Authority Area
1 January to 31 March 2007**

County Councils (including Borough & Town Councils)	Local Authority Housing			Voluntary & Co-opertive Housing#		TOTAL OUTPUT			
	completions **	acquisitions *	in progress	completions	in progress	completions (A)	acquisitions (b)	total (A)+(B)	in Progress
Carlow	74	6	114	58	25	132	6	138	139
Cavan	0	0	142	8	40	8	0	8	182
Clare	5	11	139	6	15	11	11	22	154
Cork County	42	12	435	61	259	103	12	115	694
Cork City	39	62	361	11	68	50	62	112	429
Cork Total	81	74	796	72	327	153	74	227	1,123
Donegal	56	0	420	70	182	126	0	126	602
D/L.Rathdown	54	1	303	0	145	54	1	55	448
Fingal	32	0	381	0	89	32	0	32	470
South Dublin	121	33	614	0	32	121	33	154	646
Dublin City	80	0	1,423	8	405	88	0	88	1,828
Dublin Total	287	34	2,721	8	671	295	34	329	3,392
Galway County	48	24	210	0	9	48	24	72	219
Galway City	0	0	67	0	22	0	0	0	89
Galway Total	48	24	277	0	31	48	24	72	308
Kerry	15	27	226	0	61	15	27	42	287
Kildare	36	24	302	6	67	42	24	66	369
Kilkenny	4	17	209	7	24	11	17	28	233
Laois	21	0	265	10	110	31	0	31	375
Leitrim	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	46
Limerick County	21	4	111	0	94	21	4	25	205
Limerick City	4	10	48	1	31	5	10	15	79
Limerick Total	25	14	159	1	125	26	14	40	284
Longford	5	4	156	0	0	5	4	9	156
Louth	39	23	367	1	148	40	23	63	515
Mayo	30	2	195	16	100	46	2	48	295
Meath	40	0	203	0	69	40	0	40	272
Monaghan	2	0	104	0	37	2	0	2	141
North Tipperary	12	7	30	0	121	12	7	19	151
Offaly	21	5	173	0	52	21	5	26	225
Roscommon	0	1	136	0	21	0	1	1	157
Sligo	23	9	148	0	15	23	9	32	163
South Tipperary	12	0	201	0	112	12	0	12	313
Waterford County	7	6	113	0	45	7	6	13	158
Waterford City	0	12	192	14	19	14	12	26	211
Waterford Total	7	18	305	14	64	21	18	39	369
Westmeath	4	0	216	0	27	4	0	4	243
Wexford	0	0	428	0	8	0	0	0	436
Wicklow	22	1	413	6	17	28	1	29	430
TOTALS	869	301	8,891	283	2,469	1,152	301	1,453	11,360

Notes:- # Voluntary & co-operative housing consists of housing provided under the capital loan & subsidy and capital assistance schemes.
 ** includes units acquired under Part V, Planning and Development Acts 2000-2006 for rental purposes.
 * acquisitions by local authorities of second-hand houses.
In addition a further 66 new units have been acquired on long-term lease under the Rental Accommodation Scheme in Q1 2007.

**Table 6: Voluntary and Co-operative Housing Output
1 January to 31 March 2007**

County Councils (including Borough & Town Councils)	Capital Loan and Subsidy Scheme*			Capital Assistance Scheme		
	No. of houses:			No. of houses:		
	completed or acquired	in progress	commenced	completed or acquired	in progress	commenced
Carlow	40	0	0	18	25	0
Cavan	0	34	34	8	6	6
Clare	0	10	0	6	5	0
Cork County	61	167	33	0	92	12
Cork City	0	55	25	11	13	24
Cork Total	61	222	58	11	105	36
Donegal	34	103	2	36	79	0
Dun/L.Rathdown	0	113	96	0	32	0
Fingal	0	63	0	0	26	0
South Dublin	0	32	0	0	0	0
Dublin City	0	182	0	8	223	1
Dublin Total	0	390	96	8	281	1
Galway County	0	0	0	0	9	4
Galway City	0	0	0	0	22	1
Galway Total	0	0	0	0	31	5
Kerry	0	33	0	0	28	4
Kildare	0	45	0	6	22	0
Kilkenny	0	0	0	7	24	0
Laois	10	92	18	0	18	4
Leitrim	0	0	0	0	0	0
Limerick County	0	42	0	0	52	0
Limerick City	0	0	0	1	31	8
Limerick Total	0	42	0	1	83	8
Longford	0	0	0	0	0	0
Louth	0	123	0	1	25	0
Mayo	16	15	0	0	85	9
Meath	0	37	0	0	32	16
Monaghan	0	0	0	0	37	31
North Tipperary	0	107	76	0	14	0
Offaly	0	46	0	0	6	0
Roscommon	0	0	0	0	21	0
Sligo	0	0	0	0	15	6
South Tipperary	0	112	0	0	0	0
Waterford County	0	0	0	0	45	30
Waterford City	1	9	5	13	10	4
Waterford Total	1	9	5	13	55	34
Westmeath	0	0	0	0	27	0
Wexford	0	0	0	0	8	0
Wicklow	0	8	0	6	9	0
TOTALS	162	1,428	289	121	1,041	160

Notes:- * formerly known as Rental Subsidy scheme.
includes units acquired under Part V, Planning and Development Acts 2000-2006 for rental purposes.

**Table 7: Local Authority Housing Output
1 January to 31 March 2007**

County Councils (including Borough & Town Councils)	** Completed	*Acquired	**Commenced	In Progress at 31 March 2007
Carlow	74	6	0	114
Cavan	0	0	0	142
Clare	5	11	36	139
Cork County	42	12	96	435
Cork City #	39	62	13	361
Cork Total	81	74	109	796
Donegal	56	0	62	420
D/L.Rathdown	54	1	28	303
Fingal	32	0	100	381
South Dublin	121	33	2	614
Dublin City #	80	0	12	1,423
Dublin Total	287	34	142	2,721
Galway County	48	24	45	210
Galway City	0	0	0	67
Galway Total	48	24	45	277
Kerry	15	27	14	226
Kildare	36	24	10	302
Kilkenny	4	17	20	209
Laois	21	0	10	265
Leitrim	0	0	26	46
Limerick County	21	4	0	111
Limerick City	4	10	0	48
Limerick Total	25	14	0	159
Longford	5	4	0	156
Louth	39	23	0	367
Mayo	30	2	0	195
Meath	40	0	0	203
Monaghan	2	0	47	104
North Tipperary	12	7	4	30
Offaly	21	5	23	173
Roscommon	0	1	18	136
Sligo	23	9	46	148
South Tipperary	12	0	61	201
Waterford County	7	6	19	113
Waterford City	0	12	0	192
Waterford Total	7	18	19	305
Westmeath	4	0	105	216
Wexford	0	0	22	428
Wicklow	22	1	111	413
TOTALS	869	301	930	8,991
Notes:-	# includes new build under regeneration projects. * acquisitions by local authorities of second-hand houses. ** includes units acquired under Part V, Planning and Development Act 2000-2006 for local authority rental purposes. In the Quarter 1 2007 a further 66 new units have been acquired on long-term lease under the Rental Accommodation Scheme.			

Table 8: New House Prices at Loan Approval Stage by Area

Period	Whole Country	Dublin	Cork	Galway	Limerick	Waterford	Other Areas
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
2005	276,221	350,891	265,644	274,905	226,393	246,914	254,006
2006	305,637	405,957	305,015	286,176	275,411	271,521	276,570
2005							
Q1	264,472	342,304	255,027	265,291	213,717	238,619	242,197
Q2	275,394	346,683	268,938	282,475	220,321	233,445	252,075
Q3	275,810	351,263	262,000	277,394	226,019	243,200	256,012
Q4	287,134	361,242	275,468	273,334	243,861	270,968	263,524
2006							
Q1	294,580	390,629	285,610	284,052	250,330	250,630	269,128
Q2	308,302	397,337	314,696	279,059	298,878	271,284	277,465
Q3	309,206	425,925	317,283	289,497	267,873	281,705	280,568
Q4	313,087	419,330	303,925	294,602	284,078	290,626	281,086
2007							
Q1	320,969	417,800	322,364	304,215	276,361	285,823	293,826
<i>Annual percentage change</i>							
2006	10.6%	15.7%	14.8%	4.1%	21.7%	10.0%	8.9%
2006							
Q1	11.4%	14.1%	12.0%	7.1%	17.1%	5.0%	11.1%
Q2	11.9%	14.6%	17.0%	-1.2%	35.7%	16.2%	10.1%
Q3	12.1%	21.3%	21.1%	4.4%	18.5%	15.8%	9.6%
Q4	9.0%	16.1%	10.3%	7.8%	16.5%	7.3%	6.7%
2007							
Q1	9.0%	7.0%	12.9%	7.1%	10.4%	14.0%	9.2%
Methodological Note							
<p><i>Average House prices are derived from data supplied by the mortgage lending agencies on loans approved by them rather than loans paid. In comparing house price figures from one period to another, account should be taken of the fact that changes in the mix of houses (including apartments) will affect the average figures.</i></p> <p><i>The Department with the assistance of the mortgage lending agencies and the CSO, is currently developing a mix-adjusted house price index which will take account of different property, location and purchaser characteristics.</i></p>							

Table 9: Second-hand House Prices at Loan Approval Stage by Area

Period	Whole Country	Dublin	Cork	Galway	Limerick	Waterford	Other Areas
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
2005	330,399	438,790	307,007	317,811	232,271	252,765	263,653
2006	371,447	512,461	353,104	336,948	257,958	282,998	294,021
2005							
Q1	304,839	402,698	280,106	301,122	211,667	240,497	243,651
Q2	332,151	440,520	306,369	311,748	241,643	248,647	262,180
Q3	327,864	430,220	309,484	322,827	236,914	255,589	267,035
Q4	351,530	475,430	325,577	331,164	234,393	265,458	277,102
2006							
Q1	348,597	472,996	322,076	332,005	256,243	272,033	279,062
Q2	379,011	516,589	368,016	329,369	255,352	284,724	291,376
Q3	389,871	549,330	371,018	343,892	268,457	289,221	306,244
Q4	375,577	517,865	355,370	343,916	251,420	290,203	303,732
2007							
Q1	379,874	516,211	374,714	340,756	267,257	294,777	301,850
<i>Annual percentage change</i>							
2006	12.4%	16.8%	15.0%	6.0%	11.1%	12.0%	11.5%
2006							
Q1	14.4%	17.5%	15.0%	10.3%	21.1%	13.1%	14.5%
Q2	14.1%	17.3%	20.1%	5.7%	5.7%	14.5%	11.1%
Q3	18.9%	27.7%	19.9%	6.5%	13.3%	13.2%	14.7%
Q4	6.8%	8.9%	9.2%	3.9%	7.3%	9.3%	9.6%
2007							
Q1	9.0%	9.1%	16.3%	2.6%	4.3%	8.4%	8.2%
Methodological Note							
<p><i>Average House prices are derived from data supplied by the mortgage lending agencies on loans approved by them rather than loans paid. In comparing house price figures from one period to another, account should be taken of the fact that changes in the mix of houses (including apartments) will affect the average figures.</i></p> <p><i>The Department with the assistance of the mortgage lending agencies and the CSO, is currently developing a mix-adjusted house price index which will take account of different property, location and purchaser characteristics.</i></p>							

Table 10: Housing Loans Approved

Period	New Houses		Second-hand Houses		Totals	
	Number	Value €m	Number	Value €m	Number	Value €m
2005	58,104	12971.0	61,933	14782.3	120,037	27753.3
2006	53,895	13994.7	60,698	17387.5	114,593	31382.2
2005						
Q1	12,227	2555.4	12,268	2651.5	24,495	5207.0
Q2	15,617	3447.1	17,045	4079.7	32,662	7526.8
Q3	15,311	3428.2	17,080	4124.4	32,391	7552.6
Q4	14,949	3540.3	15,540	3926.7	30,489	7467.0
2006						
Q1	14,604	3457.4	16,899	4254.0	31,503	7711.5
Q2	16,814	4187.0	18,404	4904.6	35,218	9091.6
Q3	11,148	3142.9	13,691	4418.5	24,839	7561.5
Q4	11,329	3207.4	11,704	3810.3	23,033	7017.7
2007						
Q1	12,132	3065.0	12,466	3382.2	24,598	6447.2
<i>Annual percentage change</i>						
2006	-7.2%	7.9%	-2.0%	17.6%	-4.5%	13.1%
2006						
Q1	19.4%	35.3%	37.7%	60.4%	28.6%	48.1%
Q2	7.7%	21.5%	8.0%	20.2%	7.8%	20.8%
Q3	-27.2%	-8.3%	-19.8%	7.1%	-23.3%	0.1%
Q4	-24.2%	-9.4%	-24.7%	-3.0%	-24.5%	-6.0%
2007						
Q1	-16.9%	-11.3%	-26.2%	-20.5%	-21.9%	-16.4%
<i>Percentage change on previous quarter</i>						
2006						
Q1	-2.3%	-2.3%	8.7%	8.3%	3.3%	3.3%
Q2	15.1%	21.1%	8.9%	15.3%	11.8%	17.9%
Q3	-33.7%	-24.9%	-25.6%	-9.9%	-29.5%	-16.8%
Q4	1.6%	2.1%	-14.5%	-13.8%	-7.3%	-7.2%
2007						
Q1	7.1%	-4.4%	6.5%	-11.2%	6.8%	-8.1%

Table 11: Housing Loans Paid

Period	New Houses		Second-hand Houses		Totals	
	Number	Value €m	Number	Value €m	Number	Value €m
2005	53,758	9689.8	53,922	11846.0	107,680	21535.8
2006	55,737	11001.5	55,516	14,493.8	111,253	25495.2
2005						
Q1	10,861	1847.0	10,168	1989.3	21,029	3836.3
Q2	13,313	2321.0	13,727	2846.4	27,040	5167.4
Q3	13,982	2524.9	14,933	3436.3	28,915	5961.2
Q4	15,602	2996.9	15,094	3574.0	30,696	6570.9
2006						
Q1	13,470	2503.3	12,357	2842.3	25,827	5345.6
Q2	14,599	2648.8	14,223	3383.6	28,822	6032.4
Q3	13,534	2798.4	15,024	4285.0	28,558	7083.4
Q4	14,134	3051.0	13,912	3982.9	28,046	7033.9
2007						
Q1	11,312	2342.9	9,869	2,474.0	21,181	4816.9
<i>Annual percentage change</i>						
2006	3.7%	13.5%	3.0%	22.4%	3.3%	18.4%
2006						
Q1	24.0%	35.5%	21.5%	42.9%	22.8%	39.3%
Q2	9.7%	14.1%	3.6%	18.9%	6.6%	16.7%
Q3	-3.2%	10.8%	0.6%	24.7%	-1.2%	18.8%
Q4	-9.4%	1.8%	-7.8%	11.4%	-8.6%	7.0%
2007						
Q1	-16.0%	-6.4%	-20.1%	-13.0%	-18.0%	-9.9%
<i>Percentage change on previous quarter</i>						
2006						
Q1	-13.7%	-16.5%	-18.1%	-20.5%	-15.9%	-18.6%
Q2	8.4%	5.8%	15.1%	19.0%	11.6%	12.8%
Q3	-7.3%	5.6%	5.6%	26.6%	-0.9%	17.4%
Q4	4.4%	9.0%	-7.4%	-7.1%	-1.8%	-0.7%
2007						
Q1	-20.0%	-23.2%	-29.1%	-37.9%	-24.5%	-31.5%

**Table 12: Commencement Notices Data
1 January to 31 March 2007**

Building Control Authorities	Number of Notices Received		Total Number of Residential Units Commenced		Of which, includes Single Houses	
	Q1 2007	Q1 2006	Q1 2007	Q1 2006	Q1 2007	Q1 2006
Carlow	89	69	462	204	75	60
Cavan	108	229	297	579	97	189
Clare	157	204	302	406	141	187
Cork County	608	563	1,746	1,735	521	485
Cork City	38	44	275	442	28	12
Cork Total	646	607	2,021	2,177	549	497
Donegal	433	521	857	927	382	436
Dun/L-Rathdown	73	69	1,076	376	53	59
Fingal	90	86	847	1,430	60	58
South Dublin	60	76	239	551	42	56
Dublin City	112	137	1,043	969	56	71
Dublin Total	335	368	3,205	3,326	211	244
Galway County	586	397	853	536	430	386
Galway City	28	11	307	243	11	7
Galway Total	614	408	1,160	779	441	393
Kerry	300	342	691	648	266	289
Kildare	159	208	785	1,000	117	113
Kilkenny	133	156	378	493	115	137
Laois	117	114	445	1,333	104	96
Leitrim	55	93	76	267	49	75
Limerick County	188	224	691	682	154	164
Limerick City	4	21	4	60	4	18
Limerick Total	192	245	695	742	158	182
Longford	44	73	74	243	42	55
Drogheda	7	2	47	2	2	2
Dundalk	11	7	120	172	1	3
Louth	116	150	256	214	101	141
Louth Total	134	159	423	388	104	146
Mayo	304	366	405	636	304	339
Meath	124	123	1,187	259	106	99
Monaghan	112	140	185	222	100	131
North Tipperary	153	126	304	215	139	119
Offaly	136	125	280	531	118	104
Roscommon	166	182	332	435	131	148
Sligo	88	102	205	338	78	81
South Tipperary	99	120	235	282	87	104
Waterford County	115	111	257	227	103	97
Waterford City	12	12	121	206	4	4
Waterford Total	127	123	378	433	107	101
Athlone	7	2	90	11	2	1
Westmeath	113	116	395	271	104	110
Westmeath Total	120	118	485	282	106	111
Wexford	233	316	636	787	184	280
Wicklow	102	129	410	409	84	107
TOTALS	5,280	5,766	16,913	18,341	4,395	4,823
Notes:-	Notes:- Data has been collected on a monthly basis from Residential Commencement Notices, received by all of the 37 Building Control Authorities. This series started in January 2004					