



Quarterly Housing Statistics

20 February 2007

Quarter 3 2006

Housing Activity

66,470 units were completed nationally in the first nine months of 2006, of which 14,357 units were completed in Dublin and 22,108 units in Greater Dublin Area. These figures are based on the number of electricity meters installed by ESB Networks, and do not take account of work-in-progress in housing construction. (Tables 1 and 2)

Social and Affordable Housing

Total output of social houses provided in the first 9 months of 2006 amounted to 3,337 units (2,404 Local Authority; 933 Voluntary & Co-operative housing). Local Authority output increased by 3.8 %, the number of units completed by the Voluntary and Co-operative housing sector increased by 4.7% on the same period in 2005. 10,871 local authority social housing units were in progress at the end of September 2006, an increase of 10.5%. (Tables 5 to 7).

1,912 units were provided under the various affordable housing schemes in the first nine months 2006, a 3.7% increase on the same period in 2005. 43% of these were provided in Dublin.

1,386 units of social and affordable housing were provided under Part V of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 – 2006. This represents a 63% increase on the same period last year and exceeds the 12 months output in 2005. A further 4,057 units were in progress at the end of September 2006. (Tables 8 to 9)

Other features of this release:

- **Commencement Notices** - The number of residential units started in the first nine months 2006 was 59,810 – up 3.5% on the same period in 2005. This included 14,420 single houses. (Table 3)

- **New house guarantee registrations** - 53,706 new houses were registered for house building guarantee purposes in the first 9 months of 2006 – an increase of 13.7% on the same period in 2005 (Table 4)

Due to incomplete financial returns, we are unable to provide Q3 2006 house prices at this time. These will be published with the fourth quarter prices.

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

Table 1: House Completions by Sector

Period	Social Housing		Private Houses	Total
	Local Authority Houses	Voluntary & Co-Operative Houses		
2004	3,539	1,607	71,808	76,954
2005	4,209	1,350	75,398	80,957
2004				
Q1	692	246	15,783	16,721
Q2	905	520	17,811	19,236
Q3	535	220	17,458	18,213
Q4	1,407	621	20,756	22,784
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	574	184	21,136	21,894
Q2	957	416	20,632	22,005
Q3	873	333	21,365	22,571
<i>Annual percentage change</i>				
2005	18.9%	-16.0%	5.0%	5.2%
2005				
Q1	-20.8%	32.9%	n/a	n/a
Q2	-8.5%	-57.5%	n/a	n/a
Q3	75.7%	55.9%	2.0%	4.8%
Q4	34.5%	-26.1%	16.6%	16.6%
2006				
Q1	4.7%	-43.7%	n/a	n/a
Q2	15.6%	88.2%	n/a	n/a
Q3	-7.1%	-2.9%	20.0%	18.3%
Notes:-	<p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(c) Voluntary & co-operative housing consists of housing provided under the capital loan & subsidy and capital assistance schemes.</p>			

**Table 2: Total and Private House Completions
1 January to 30 September 2006**

County Councils (including Borough & Town Councils)	Total House Completions	Private House Completions
Carlow	937	922
Cavan	2,008	1,967
Clare	1,966	1,842
Cork	6,412	6,118
Donegal	3,052	2,922
Dublin	14,357	13,504
Galway	4,185	4,048
Kerry	2,696	2,512
Kildare	3,615	3,505
Kilkenny	1,195	1,134
Laois	1,548	1,430
Leitrim	1,138	1,078
Limerick	1,926	1,801
Longford	818	810
Louth	1,608	1,516
Mayo	2,178	2,118
Meath	2,734	2,683
Monaghan	1,050	854
Offaly	1,025	984
Roscommon	1,481	1,361
Sligo	1,533	1,485
Tipperary	2,064	1,931
Waterford	1,670	1,509
Westmeath	1,143	1,123
Wexford	2,429	2,315
Wicklow	1,402	1,361
Conversions	300	300
TOTALS	66,470	63,133
<p>* County figures include all County Councils, City, Borough and Town Councils within the County. Data on new dwellings is based on the number of ESB domestic connections. These figures represent the the number of houses completed and available, and do not reflect any work-in progress.</p>		

Table 3: Commencement Notices Data
1 January to 30 September 2006

Building Control Authorities	Number of Notices Received		Total Number of Residential Units Commenced		Of which, includes Single Houses	
	9 mths 2006	9 mths 2005	9 mths 2006	9 mths 2005	9 mths 2006	9mths 2005
Carlow	216	210	789	480	187	179
Cavan	905	716	2,090	1,873	585	600
Clare	593	723	1,346	1,728	523	639
Cork County	1,725	1,723	5,745	5,837	1,470	1,522
Cork City	130	95	947	961	35	29
Cork Total	1,855	1,818	6,692	6,798	1,505	1,551
Donegal	1,566	1,459	2,864	2,975	1,352	1,305
Dun/L.Rathdown	204	208	2,161	2,183	153	135
Fingal	278	270	3,400	4,432	195	185
South Dublin	196	156	2,868	1,966	134	100
Dublin City	414	392	4,300	4,326	209	193
Dublin Total	1,092	1,026	12,729	12,907	691	613
Galway County	1,348	1,400	1,856	2,459	1,291	1,325
Galway City	40	68	507	732	23	32
Galway Total	1,388	1,468	2,363	3,191	1,314	1,357
Kerry	948	1,087	1,910	2,164	827	942
Kildare	730	764	3,408	2,455	376	423
Kilkenny	422	446	1,591	2,036	360	387
Laois	315	265	2,321	2,049	261	215
Leitrim	288	398	655	1,207	221	373
Limerick County	597	675	1,764	1,638	453	590
Limerick City	70	63	276	690	23	42
Limerick Total	667	738	2,040	2,328	476	632
Longford	240	285	878	743	192	243
Drogheda	10	11	225	267	35	2
Dundalk	17	23	322	374	5	6
Louth	398	470	689	1,018	332	350
Louth Total	425	504	1,236	1,659	372	358
Mayo	1,104	1,229	1,764	2,220	1,020	1,132
Meath	339	371	1,167	1,110	287	314
Monaghan	383	377	1,002	681	353	347
North Tipperary	403	458	893	830	363	414
Offaly	363	395	1,738	863	282	352
Roscommon	548	631	1,137	1,705	412	518
Sligo	341	499	1,436	1,953	281	424
South Tipperary	424	355	1,358	1,276	442	317
Waterford County	357	422	622	939	321	383
Waterford City	39	46	633	603	16	12
Waterford Total	396	468	1,255	1,542	337	395
Athlone	12	5	197	175	7	0
Westmeath	379	421	962	886	359	312
Westmeath Total	391	426	1,159	1,061	366	312
Wexford	853	945	2,652	2,611	725	850
Wicklow	378	372	1,337	1,509	310	291
TOTALS	17,573	18,433	59,810	61,954	14,420	15,483
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					

**Table 4: New House Guarantee Registrations
1 January to 30 September 2006**

County Councils (including City, Borough and Town Councils)	No of Registrations
Carlow	712
Cavan	1,004
Clare	1,638
Cork	6,420
Donegal	1,112
Dublin	14,177
Galway	2,836
Kerry	1,238
Kildare	3,181
Kilkenny	1,099
Laois	1,723
Leitrim	528
Limerick	1,867
Longford	1,289
Louth	772
Mayo	1,204
Meath	2,295
Monaghan	600
Offaly	789
Roscommon	803
Sligo	1,113
Tipperary	1,830
Waterford	1,127
Westmeath	1,074
Wexford	2,268
Wicklow	1,007
TOTALS	53,706
<p>Note:- Data includes HomeBond Registrations and Premier Guarantee Registrations.</p>	

**Table 5: Total Output of Social Rented Housing by Local Authority Area
1 January to 30 September 2006**

County Councils (including Borough & Town Councils)	Local Authority Housing			Voluntary & Co-operative Housing#		TOTAL OUTPUT			
	completions	acquisitions	in	completions	in	completions	acquisitions	total	in
	**	*	progress		progress	(A)	(B)	(A)+(B)	Progress
Carlow	15	5	189	0	79	15	5	20	268
Cavan	25	5	210	16	8	41	5	46	218
Clare	96	11	78	28	10	124	11	135	88
Cork County	59	22	385	66	275	125	22	147	660
Cork City	73	137	350	96	30	169	137	306	380
Cork Total	132	159	735	162	305	294	159	453	1,040
Donegal	130	29	398	0	217	130	29	159	615
D/L.-Rathdown	20	1	351	35	40	55	1	56	391
Fingal	32	3	426	77	157	109	3	112	583
South Dublin	159	1	974	102	117	261	1	262	1,091
Dublin City	341	98	1,439	87	344	428	98	526	1,783
Dublin Total	552	103	3,190	301	658	853	103	956	3,848
Galway County	61	25	171	25	10	86	25	111	181
Galway City	44	0	66	7	17	51	0	51	83
Galway Total	105	25	237	32	27	137	25	162	264
Kerry	176	23	148	8	53	184	23	207	201
Kildare	84	4	283	26	150	110	4	114	433
Kilkenny	53	11	163	8	27	61	11	72	190
Laois	37	22	273	81	65	118	22	140	338
Leitrim	24	1	31	36	5	60	1	61	36
Limerick County	78	7	87	25	94	103	7	110	181
Limerick City	19	6	33	3	28	22	6	28	61
Limerick Total	97	13	120	28	122	125	13	138	242
Longford	8	18	180	0	0	8	18	26	180
Louth	84	49	374	8	152	92	49	141	526
Mayo	51	2	124	9	83	60	2	62	207
Meath	51	0	116	0	53	51	0	51	169
Monaghan	95	0	106	101	6	196	0	196	112
North Tipperary	61	9	43	10	0	71	9	80	43
Offaly	41	8	172	0	52	41	8	49	224
Roscommon	120	5	168	0	11	120	5	125	179
Sligo	48	16	86	0	9	48	16	64	95
South Tipperary	10	2	165	52	89	62	2	64	254
Waterford County	78	17	87	26	15	104	17	121	102
Waterford City	56	27	197	1	19	57	27	84	216
Waterford Total	134	44	284	27	34	161	44	205	318
Westmeath	20	0	119	0	28	20	0	20	147
Wexford	114	4	274	0	8	114	4	118	282
Wicklow	41	11	333	0	21	41	11	52	354
TOTALS	2,404	579	8,599	933	2,272	3,337	579	3,916	10,871

Notes:- # Voluntary & co-operative housing consists of housing provided under the capital loan & subsidy and capital assistance schemes.
 ** includes units acquired under Part V of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2006 for rental purposes.
 * acquisitions by local authorities of second-hand houses.

**Table 6: Local Authority Housing Output
1 January to 30 September 2006**

County Councils (including Borough &Town Councils)	** Completed	*Acquired	**Commenced	In Progress at 30 September 2006
Carlow	15	5	20	189
Cavan	25	5	34	210
Clare	96	11	51	78
Cork County	59	22	115	385
Cork City #	73	137	115	350
Cork Total	132	159	230	735
Donegal	130	29	222	398
D/L-Rathdown #	20	1	103	351
Fingal	32	3	43	426
South Dublin	159	1	127	974
Dublin City #	341	98	469	1,439
Dublin Total	552	103	742	3,190
Galway County	61	25	58	171
Galway City	44	0	12	66
Galway Total	105	25	70	237
Kerry	176	23	93	148
Kildare	84	4	56	283
Kilkenny	53	11	123	163
Laois	37	22	116	273
Leitrim	24	1	4	31
Limerick County	78	7	22	87
Limerick City	19	6	0	33
Limerick Total	97	13	22	120
Longford	8	18	52	180
Louth	84	49	217	374
Mayo	51	2	17	124
Meath	51	0	77	116
Monaghan	95	0	2	106
North Tipperary	61	9	13	43
Offaly	41	8	88	172
Roscommon	120	5	38	168
Sligo	48	16	18	86
South Tipperary	10	2	84	165
Waterford County	78	17	21	87
Waterford City	56	27	28	197
Waterford Total	134	44	49	284
Westmeath	20	0	5	119
Wexford	114	4	112	274
Wicklow	41	11	0	333
TOTALS	2,404	579	2,555	8,599
Notes:-	#	includes new build under regeneration projects.		
	*	acquisitions by local authorities of second-hand houses.		
	**	includes units acquired under Part V, Planning and Development Acts 2000-2006 for local authority rental purposes.		

**Table 7: Voluntary and Co-operative Housing Output
1 January to 30 September 2006**

County Councils (including Borough & Town Councils)	Capital Loan and Subsidy Scheme*			Capital Assistance Scheme		
	completed or acquired	in progress	commenced	completed or acquired	in progress	commenced
Carlow	0	40	0	0	39	11
Cavan	4	0	0	12	8	8
Clare	25	0	0	3	10	13
Cork County	0	198	110	66	77	55
Cork City	0	30	2	96	0	0
Cork Total	0	228	112	162	77	55
Donegal	0	106	72	0	111	75
Dun/L-Rathdown	16	0	0	19	40	21
Fingal	0	63	0	77	94	25
South Dublin	102	117	32	0	0	0
Dublin City	36	182	79	51	162	27
Dublin Total	154	362	111	147	296	73
Galway County	0	0	0	25	10	0
Galway City	0	0	0	7	17	9
Galway Total	0	0	0	32	27	9
Kerry	0	33	33	8	20	20
Kildare	0	87	28	26	63	26
Kilkenny	0	0	0	8	27	27
Laois	14	65	47	67	0	2
Leitrim	26	0	0	10	5	5
Limerick County	0	42	0	25	52	33
Limerick City	0	0	0	3	28	20
Limerick Total	0	42	0	28	80	53
Longford	0	0	0	0	0	0
Louth	0	123	123	8	29	29
Mayo	0	31	16	9	52	37
Meath	0	37	2	0	16	16
Monaghan	40	0	0	61	6	0
North Tipperary	0	0	0	10	0	0
Offaly	0	46	46	0	6	0
Roscommon	0	0	0	0	11	8
Sligo	0	0	0	0	9	9
South Tipperary	25	88	0	27	1	1
Waterford County	26	0	0	0	15	15
Waterford City	0	5	1	1	14	14
Waterford Total	26	5	1	1	29	29
Westmeath	0	0	0	0	28	28
Wexford	0	0	0	0	8	8
Wicklow	0	0	0	0	21	4
TOTALS	314	1,293	591	619	979	546

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

Table 8:

Affordable Housing Schemes
1 January to 30 September 2006

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	5	3	31	3	31	15
Cavan	2	1	8	0	0	0
Clare	3	15	31	16	0	24
Cork County	28	43	131	10	192	350
Cork City	1	33	40	0	81	0
Cork Total	29	76	171	10	273	350
Donegal	14	25	50	0	36	0
D/L-Rathdown	0	6	5	1	38	107
Fingal	0	432	1,066	8	408	302
South Dublin	1	31	31	0	18	0
Dublin City	94	50	243	76	159	807
Dublin Total	95	519	1,345	85	623	1,216
Galway County	2	3	3	43	19	8
Galway City	0	2	11	88	164	0
Galway Total	2	5	14	131	183	8
Kerry	5	8	40	0	34	26
Kildare	70	144	184	0	72	138
Kilkenny	9	27	43	6	6	12
Laois	29	33	64	39	146	70
Leitrim	0	1	2	0	0	0
Limerick County	6	5	32	0	0	10
Limerick City	6	6	12	6	9	4
Limerick Total	12	11	44	6	9	14
Longford	1	2	12	0	0	0
Louth	0	0	5	8	53	50
Mayo	0	0	4	2	10	3
Meath	12	24	35	0	0	14
Monaghan	2	4	8	38	22	6
North Tipperary	3	5	18	0	0	24
Offaly	0	2	16	16	6	40
Roscommon	0	2	16	0	0	0
Sligo	5	10	19	10	6	0
South Tipperary	2	10	23	0	0	0
Waterford County	1	0	2	0	0	33
Waterford City	5	15	40	0	0	0
Waterford Total	6	15	42	0	0	33
Westmeath	7	4	30	0	30	31
Wexford	2	2	3	10	128	19
Wicklow	2	4	13	27	24	214
TOTALS	317	952	2,271	407	1,692	2,307

Note:- The figures for Affordable Housing exclude Part V of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 - 2006.

Table 9:

Part V Planning and Development Acts 2000 - 2006
1 January to 30 September 2006

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	4	2	0	5	0	0	0	2	0	9	4	0
Cavan	0	0	15	12	0	15	0	0	0	12	0	30
Clare	26	26	16	0	0	0	0	0	2	26	26	18
Cork County	69	205	65	25	46	2	8	0	14	102	251	81
Cork City	0	85	162	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	85	162
Cork Total	69	290	227	25	46	2	8	0	14	102	336	243
Donegal	12	24	4	0	9	0	0	0	0	12	33	4
D/L-Rathdown	17	52	0	0	0	0	18	19	0	35	71	0
Fingal	162	477	1,361	0	44	44	0	12	0	162	533	1,405
South Dublin	20	183	671	23	176	8	0	38	51	43	397	730
Dublin City	248	417	0	77	352	0	60	151	34	385	920	34
Dublin Total	447	1,129	2,032	100	572	52	78	220	85	625	1,921	2,169
Galway County	9	62	43	5	19	8	0	0	0	14	81	51
Galway City	52	55	98	27	53	79	0	0	18	79	108	195
Galway Total	61	117	141	32	72	87	0	0	18	93	189	246
Kerry	0	41	16	6	10	0	0	14	0	6	65	16
Kildare	38	259	0	21	121	0	0	0	52	59	380	52
Kilkenny	6	52	37	24	96	44	0	0	0	30	148	81
Laois	46	89	8	21	86	7	0	0	0	67	175	15
Leitrim	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0
Limerick County	21	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	21	0
Limerick City	0	6	35	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	6	44
Limerick Total	21	27	35	0	0	9	0	0	0	21	27	44
Longford	0	10	52	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	14	52
Louth	0	22	50	7	6	5	0	8	37	7	36	92
Mayo	48	28	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	28	29
Meath	55	52	7	0	2	0	0	0	12	55	54	19
Monaghan	0	0	4	13	37	15	0	0	0	13	37	19
North Tipperary	10	8	0	0	2	0	0	0	52	10	10	52
Offaly	20	20	29	10	40	6	0	0	0	30	60	35
Roscommon	12	14	0	6	0	20	0	0	3	18	14	23
Sligo	2	36	22	0	16	24	0	0	0	2	52	46
South Tipperary	4	114	9	8	73	4	0	0	0	12	187	13
Waterford County	17	29	86	0	35	101	0	0	0	17	64	187
Waterford City	49	17	0	14	4	0	0	4	0	63	25	0
Waterford Total	66	46	86	14	39	101	0	4	0	80	89	187
Westmeath	2	16	16	0	10	20	0	0	0	2	26	36
Wexford	21	23	0	1	67	0	0	0	0	22	90	0
Wicklow	18	31	29	0	25	66	0	0	17	18	56	112
TOTALS	988	2,476	2,864	312	1,333	477	86	248	292	1,386	4,057	3,633

Notes:- Affordable housing under the Part V arrangements are an important contributor to the *Sustaining Progress* Affordable Housing Initiative (AHI). In addition to Part V, 200 units were also delivered in Dublin under the AHI in the first 9 months of 2006.