



Quarterly Housing Statistics

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Quarter 4 2006

Housing Activity

93,419 units were completed nationally in 2006, of which 19,470 units were completed in Dublin and 29,987 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

Social housing including Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)

Total output of new social houses provided in 2006 amounted to 5,208 units (3,968 Local Authority; 1,240 Voluntary & Co-operative housing). 11,382 local authority social housing units were in progress at the end of 2006.

The inclusion of 1,153 acquisitions, and 405 properties on long term leases under the Rental Accommodation Scheme, bring the total Local Authority social housing supply for 2006 to 5,526 - an overall increase of almost 400 units on the 2005 output figures. *(Tables 5 to 7)*

Affordable Housing

3,216 units were provided under the various affordable housing schemes in 2006, a 20.3% increase on 2005 - 45% of these were provided in Dublin. *(Tables 8 and 9)*

Part V Planning and Development Acts 2000 – 2006

2,198 units of social and affordable housing were provided under Part V of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 – 2006. This represents a

60% increase on 2005. A further 3,845 units were in progress at the end of 2006. In addition, 501 units were also delivered under the Sustaining Progress, Affordable Housing Initiative. *(Table 9)*

Other features of this release:

- **Commencement Notices:**

The number of residential units started in 2006 was 75,602 down 2.7% on 2005. *(Table 3)*

- **New house guarantee registrations:**

66,649 new houses were registered for house building guarantee purposes in 2006 – an increase of 7% on 2005. *(Table 4)*

Due to incomplete financial returns, we are unable to provide Q4 2006 house prices at this time. Prices and loan details will be published shortly in the Annual Housing Bulletin 2006.

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
2006	3,968	1,240	88,211	93,419
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	(r) 570	184	(r) 21,140	21,894
Q2	(r) 956	416	(r) 20,633	22,005
Q3	(r) 870	333	(r) 21,368	22,571
Q4	1,572	307	25,070	26,949
<i>Annual percentage change</i>				
2005	18.9%	-16.0%	5.0%	5.2%
2006	-5.7%	-8.1%	17.0%	15.4%
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	4.0%	-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%
Notes:-				
(a) Total house completions are based on the number of ESB domestic connections. These figures represent the number of houses completed and available, and do not reflect any work-in progress. 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 by County in 2006

County Councils (including Borough and Town Councils)	Total House Completions	Private House Completions
Carlow	1,321	1,305
Cavan	2,689	2,556
Clare	2,727	2,601
Cork County	8,076	7,920
Cork City Council	1,065	782
Cork Total	9,141	8,702
Donegal	4,387	4,172
D/Laoghaire-Rathdown	2,472	2,404
Fingal	5,863	5,575
South Dublin	3,389	2,812
Dublin City Council	7,746	7,223
Dublin Total	19,470	18,014
Galway County	4,512	4,396
Galway City Council	1,275	1,198
Galway Total	5,787	5,594
Kerry	3,953	3,721
Kildare	4,804	4,522
Kilkenny	1,769	1,699
Laois	2,244	2,104
Leitrim	1,545	1,457
Limerick County	2,624	2,492
Limerick City Council	389	361
Limerick Total	3,013	2,853
Longford	1,328	1,262
Louth	2,251	2,109
Mayo	3,079	3,000
Meath	3,746	3,664
Monaghan	1,406	1,154
Offaly	1,594	1,540
Roscommon	2,184	1,989
Sligo	2,164	2,090
North Tipperary	1,426	1,349
South Tipperary	1,590	1,465
Tipperary Total	3,016	2,814
Waterford County	1,511	1,377
Waterford City Council	828	756
Waterford Total	2,339	2,133
Westmeath	1,704	1,666
Wexford	3,391	3,264
Wicklow	1,967	1,826
Conversions	400	400
TOTALS	93,419	88,211
<p>Note:- Total house completions are based on the number of new dwellings connected by the ESB to the electricity supply and may not accord precisely with local authority boundaries.</p>		

Table 3: Commencement Notices Data

Building Control Authorities	Number of Notices Received		Total Number of Residential Units Commenced		Of which, includes Single Houses	
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005
Carlow	271	272	969	666	234	233
Cavan	1,035	897	2,680	2,499	685	743
Clare	728	888	1,801	2,156	627	777
Cork County	2,121	2,169	7,576	7,425	1,792	1,912
Cork City	159	119	1,627	1,097	42	36
Cork Total	2,280	2,288	9,203	8,522	1,834	1,948
Donegal	1,912	1,773	3,648	3,587	1,654	1,580
Dun/L.Rathdown	252	261	2,535	3,127	185	168
Fingal	342	330	3,981	5,203	233	225
South Dublin	242	220	3,298	2,931	164	133
Dublin City	527	488	5,613	5,788	269	234
Dublin Total	1,363	1,299	15,427	17,049	851	760
Galway County	1,711	1,791	2,440	3,053	1,548	1,670
Galway City	60	92	886	1,040	29	39
Galway Total	1,771	1,883	3,326	4,093	1,577	1,709
Kerry	1,174	1,331	2,494	2,456	1,029	1,146
Kildare	875	921	3,849	3,154	450	517
Kilkenny	526	530	1,804	2,209	459	462
Laois	389	326	3,025	2,306	318	269
Leitrim	373	484	1,126	1,576	275	602
Limerick County	726	843	2,256	2,072	557	735
Limerick City	81	83	287	851	25	55
Limerick Total	807	926	2,543	2,923	582	790
Longford	339	338	1,517	965	259	285
Drogheda	11	12	226	268	6	3
Dundalk	23	28	385	433	8	9
Louth	481	560	901	1,306	437	426
Louth Total	515	600	1,512	2,007	451	438
Mayo	1,346	1,496	2,178	2,795	1,253	1,376
Meath	427	457	1,315	1,173	368	390
Monaghan	443	491	1,152	1,009	404	455
North Tipperary	496	548	1,187	1,081	443	492
Offaly	456	479	2,032	1,102	359	416
Roscommon	661	794	1,367	2,197	497	640
Sligo	421	590	1,825	2,387	342	493
South Tipperary	528	442	1,668	1,488	531	391
Waterford County	445	524	895	1,092	391	478
Waterford City	42	60	768	691	16	15
Waterford Total	487	584	1,663	1,783	407	493
Athlone	22	7	268	185	9	0
Westmeath	437	487	1,179	1,247	409	374
Westmeath Total	459	494	1,447	1,432	418	374
Wexford	1,040	1,146	3,246	3,254	884	1,027
Wicklow	457	453	1,598	1,840	375	359
TOTALS	21,579	22,730	75,602	77,709	17,566	19,165
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 in 2006

County Councils (including City, Borough and Town Councils)	No of Registrations
Carlow	936
Cavan	1,384
Clare	1,916
Cork	7,857
Donegal	1,391
Dublin	17,258
Galway	3,233
Kerry	1,746
Kildare	3,759
Kilkenny	1,305
Laois	2,287
Leitrim	794
Limerick	2,563
Longford	1,608
Louth	1,097
Mayo	1,518
Meath	2,868
Monaghan	651
Offaly	995
Roscommon	1,101
Sligo	1,489
Tipperary	2,158
Waterford	1,278
Westmeath	1,480
Wexford	2,596
Wicklow	1,381
TOTALS	66,649
Note:- Data includes HomeBond Registrations and Premier Guarantee Registrations.	

Table 5: Total Output of Social Rented Housing by Local Authority Area in 2006

County Councils (including Borough & Town Councils)	Local Authority Housing			Voluntary & Co-opertive		TOTAL OUTPUT			
	completions **	acquisitions *	in progress	Housing#		completions (A)	acquisitions (B)	total (A)+(B)	in Progress
				completions	in progress				
Carlow	16	13	188	0	85	16	13	29	273
Cavan	117	22	142	16	8	133	22	155	150
Clare	96	18	108	30	11	126	18	144	119
Cork County	90	65	393	66	275	156	65	221	668
Cork City	187	103	505	96	30	283	103	386	535
Cork Total	277	168	898	162	305	439	168	607	1,203
Donegal	215	53	414	0	250	215	53	268	664
D/L.-Rathdown	33	1	390	35	85	68	1	69	475
Fingal	143	4	313	145	89	288	4	292	402
South Dublin	428	20	733	149	32	577	20	597	765
Dublin City	436	194	1,491	87	412	523	194	717	1,903
Dublin Total	1,040	219	2,927	416	618	1,456	219	1,675	3,545
Galway County	79	50	217	37	5	116	50	166	222
Galway City	70	28	67	7	21	77	28	105	88
Galway Total	149	78	284	44	26	193	78	271	310
Kerry	218	82	227	14	57	232	82	314	284
Kildare	172	14	328	110	75	282	14	296	403
Kilkenny	62	61	193	8	29	70	61	131	222
Laois	51	27	276	89	98	140	27	167	374
Leitrim	47	1	20	41	0	88	1	89	20
Limerick County	107	16	132	25	94	132	16	148	226
Limerick City	19	28	52	9	24	28	28	56	76
Limerick Total	126	44	184	34	118	160	44	204	302
Longford	61	51	161	5	0	66	51	117	161
Louth	127	79	406	15	149	142	79	221	555
Mayo	70	7	225	9	107	79	7	86	332
Meath	82	0	243	0	53	82	0	82	296
Monaghan	151	5	59	101	6	252	5	257	65
North Tipperary	67	22	38	10	45	77	22	99	83
Offaly	54	14	173	0	52	54	14	68	225
Roscommon	195	10	138	0	21	195	10	205	159
Sligo	74	31	125	0	9	74	31	105	134
South Tipperary	39	3	157	86	112	125	3	128	269
Waterford County	108	42	101	26	15	134	42	176	116
Waterford City	64	30	192	8	24	72	30	102	216
Waterford Total	172	72	293	34	39	206	72	278	332
Westmeath	37	20	115	1	27	38	20	58	142
Wexford	127	24	406	0	8	127	24	151	414
Wicklow	126	15	324	15	22	141	15	156	346
TOTALS	3,968	1,153	9,052	1,240	2,330	5,208	1,153	6,361	11,382

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.
 (A further 405 properties have been acquired on long-term lease under the Rental Accommodation Scheme.)

Table 6: Local Authority Housing Output in 2006

County Councils (including Borough & Town Councils)	** Completed	*Acquired	**Commenced	In Progress at 31 Dec 2006
Carlow	16	13	20	188
Cavan	117	22	58	142
Clare	96	18	81	108
Cork County	90	65	154	393
Cork City #	187	103	384	505
Cork Total	277	168	538	898
Donegal	215	53	323	414
D/L.-Rathdown #	33	1	155	390
Fingal	143	4	45	313
South Dublin	428	20	155	733
Dublin City #	436	194	639	1,491
Dublin Total	1,040	219	994	2,927
Galway County	79	50	122	217
Galway City	70	28	39	67
Galway Total	149	78	161	284
Kerry	218	82	214	227
Kildare	172	14	189	328
Kilkenny	62	61	162	193
Laois	51	27	133	276
Leitrim	47	1	16	20
Limerick County	107	16	96	132
Limerick City	19	28	19	52
Limerick Total	126	44	115	184
Longford	61	51	86	161
Louth	127	79	296	406
Mayo	70	7	137	225
Meath	82	0	235	243
Monaghan	151	5	11	59
North Tipperary	67	22	14	38
Offaly	54	14	102	173
Roscommon	195	10	83	138
Sligo	74	31	83	125
South Tipperary	39	3	105	157
Waterford County	108	42	65	101
Waterford City	64	30	31	192
Waterford Total	172	72	96	293
Westmeath	37	20	18	115
Wexford	127	24	257	406
Wicklow	126	15	76	324
TOTALS	3,968	1,153	4,603	9,052
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. (A further 405 properties have been acquired on long-term lease under the Rental Accommodation Scheme.)		

Table 7:

Voluntary and Co-operative Housing Output in 2006

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	0	40	0	0	45	15
Cavan	4	0	0	12	8	8
Clare	25	0	0	5	11	16
Cork County	0	195	110	66	80	58
Cork City	0	30	2	96	0	0
Cork Total	0	225	112	162	80	58
Donegal	0	135	101	0	115	99
D/L-Rathdown	16	53	53	19	32	32
Fingal	0	63	0	145	26	25
South Dublin	149	32	32	0	0	0
Dublin City	36	182	79	51	230	95
Dublin Total	201	330	164	215	288	152
Galway County	0	0	0	37	5	0
Galway City	0	0	0	7	21	13
Galway Total	0	0	0	44	26	13
Kerry	0	33	33	14	24	30
Kildare	40	47	28	70	28	35
Kilkenny	0	0	0	8	29	29
Laois	22	84	74	67	14	16
Leitrim	26	0	0	15	0	5
Limerick County	0	42	0	25	52	33
Limerick City	0	0	0	9	24	23
Limerick Total	0	42	0	34	76	56
Longford	0	0	0	5	0	5
Louth	0	123	123	15	26	34
Mayo	0	31	16	9	76	61
Meath	0	37	2	0	16	16
Monaghan	40	0	0	61	6	0
North Tipperary	0	31	31	10	14	14
Offaly	0	46	46	0	6	0
Roscommon	0	0	0	0	21	18
Sligo	0	0	0	0	9	9
South Tipperary	57	112	56	29	0	2
Waterford County	26	0	0	0	15	15
Waterford City	0	1	1	8	23	26
Waterford Total	26	1	1	8	38	41
Westmeath	0	0	0	1	27	28
Wexford	0	0	0	0	8	8
Wicklow	0	8	8	15	14	12
TOTALS	441	1,325	795	799	1,005	780

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
Output in 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	40	3	31	15
Cavan	2	1	11	0	0	0
Clare	3	18	32	16	0	28
Cork County	36	66	148	21	190	380
Cork City	1	39	41	81	37	174
Cork Total	37	105	189	102	227	554
Donegal	25	33	58	0	36	0
D/L-Rathdown	0	7	6	1	38	113
Fingal	0	616	1,747	46	345	225
South Dublin	1	31	42	0	18	0
Dublin City	99	58	296	90	147	1,693
Dublin Total	100	712	2,091	137	548	2,031
Galway County	3	3	5	45	19	18
Galway City	0	2	7	230	41	147
Galway Total	3	5	12	275	60	165
Kerry	5	8	52	34	4	26
Kildare	81	166	229	0	74	159
Kilkenny	11	32	52	6	16	14
Laois	39	36	69	48	152	70
Leitrim	1	2	4	0	0	0
Limerick County	7	7	34	0	0	10
Limerick City	6	7	12	0	0	0
Limerick Total	13	14	46	0	0	10
Longford	3	2	17	0	0	0
Louth	0	0	5	8	93	166
Mayo	0	0	5	1	23	55
Meath	6	25	39	0	0	14
Monaghan	2	4	9	44	14	6
North Tipperary	3	8	23	0	0	25
Offaly	0	2	18	16	6	0
Roscommon	0	2	20	0	0	0
Sligo	8	15	30	10	6	0
South Tipperary	5	17	26	0	0	0
Waterford County	1	0	2	0	33	44
Waterford City	7	36	66	0	0	0
Waterford Total	8	36	68	0	33	44
Westmeath	8	7	39	0	16	100
Wexford	2	2	4	12	147	0
Wicklow	2	7	14	31	36	203
TOTALS	372	1,262	3,202	743	1,522	3,685

Table 9:

**Part V. Planning and Development Acts 2000 - 2006
Output in 2006**

County Councils (including Borough & Town Councils)	Affordable Housing			Social Housing (included in total completions):						TOTAL OUTPUT UNDER PART V		
	No. of units:			LOCAL AUTHORITY			VOLUNTARY & CO-OPERATIVE			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	10	15	12	8	15	0	0	0	12	18	30
Clare	31	37	4	0	0	0	0	0	10	31	37	14
Cork County	111	219	65	44	57	2	8	0	14	163	276	81
Cork City	10	75	162	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	75	162
Cork Total	121	294	227	44	57	2	8	0	14	173	351	243
Donegal	12	12	24	0	32	0	0	0	0	12	44	24
D/L.-Rathdown	68	21	0	0	12	0	18	19	0	86	52	0
Fingal	413	455	1,095	45	8	32	0	12	0	458	475	1,127
South Dublin	73	134	668	51	148	8	0	38	51	124	320	727
Dublin City	280	387	0	53	123	0	60	185	0	393	695	0
Dublin Total	834	997	1,763	149	291	40	78	254	51	1,061	1,542	1,854
Galway County	11	89	52	14	16	2	0	0	0	25	105	54
Galway City	52	34	63	27	33	63	0	0	18	79	67	144
Galway Total	63	123	115	41	49	65	0	0	18	104	172	198
Kerry	2	43	23	15	17	13	0	14	0	17	74	36
Kildare	76	304	0	60	113	0	0	0	52	136	417	52
Kilkenny	6	53	30	27	93	22	0	0	0	33	146	52
Laois	59	78	5	24	80	5	0	0	0	83	158	10
Leitrim	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0
Limerick County	23	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	22	0
Limerick City	6	10	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	10	31
Limerick Total	29	32	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	32	31
Longford	0	25	57	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	25	57
Louth	5	29	50	9	13	7	0	8	37	14	50	94
Mayo	63	49	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	49	41
Meath	72	81	0	0	2	0	0	0	12	72	83	12
Monaghan	0	0	0	40	28	6	0	0	0	40	28	6
North Tipperary	10	12	11	2	5	40	0	0	76	12	17	127
Offaly	26	25	14	12	38	51	0	0	0	38	63	65
Roscommon	18	8	0	6	0	20	0	0	3	24	8	23
Sligo	12	26	25	0	41	25	0	0	0	12	67	50
South Tipperary	8	112	62	18	72	4	0	0	0	26	184	66
Waterford County	20	40	69	7	41	92	0	0	0	27	81	161
Waterford City	64	8	0	14	8	0	4	0	0	82	16	0
Waterford Total	84	48	69	21	49	92	4	0	0	109	97	161
Westmeath	18	30	12	0	22	10	0	0	0	18	52	22
Wexford	29	15	3	7	61	3	0	0	0	36	76	6
Wicklow	18	31	35	5	20	66	0	0	17	23	51	118
TOTALS	1,600	2,476	2,616	508	1,091	486	90	278	290	2,198	3,845	3,392

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, 501 units were also delivered i.e. (Fingal-8; South Dublin-348; Wexford-20; Cork City -95 and Dublin City- 30) directly under AHI in 2006.