

National Housing Construction Index

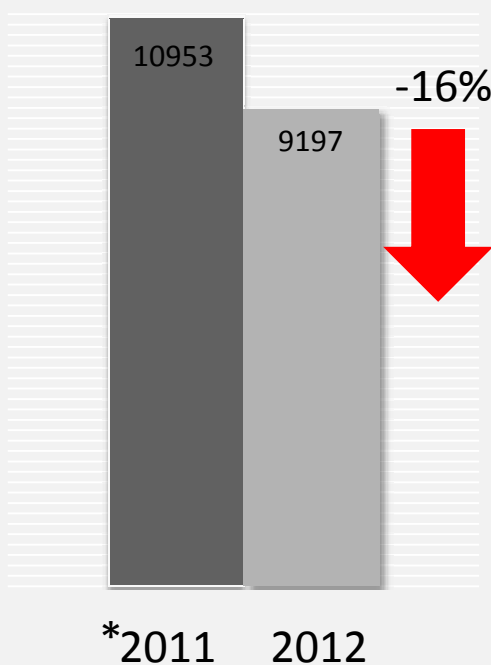


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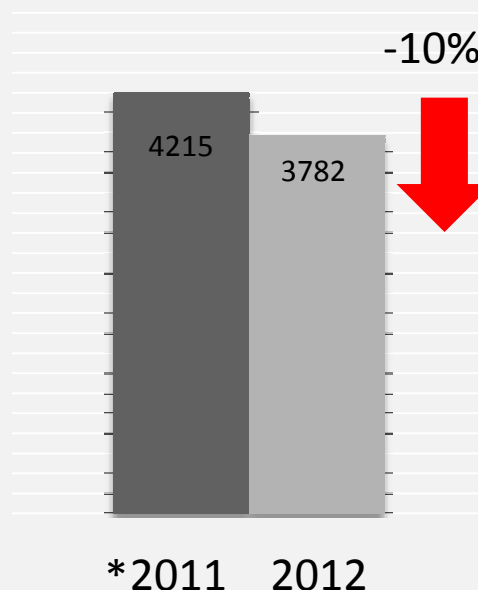
The **National Housing Construction Index** has been compiled from data gathered and posted on the www.link2plans.com website. Link2Plans analyse and classify all planning Applications and Commencement Notices as provided by local authorities. The National Construction Housing Index will be produced by the team of researchers in www.link2plans.com on a bi-monthly basis.

The **National Housing Construction Index** by Link2Plans indicates current and future housing construction activity on national, regional and local level. Two key sets of data are used. The first, Planning Applications are a measure of sentiment and a measure of potential future activity. The second, Commencement notices are a real time barometer of actual housing construction activity.

Applications



Commencements



*Figures for Jan – August

Key Findings:

- Nationally the index is down for both Applications and Commencements.
- Nationally Applications are down 16%.
Donegal, Leitrim the only counties to experience an increase.
Largest fall is Kildare and Kerry down 36% and 35%, then Clare down 32% , Wexford down 29%.
- Nationally Commencements are down 10%.
The Largest fall in Commencements are in Laois and Roscommon down 33%.
Followed by Donegal down 27% and Monaghan down 24%.
The counties with the largest percentage increase are Westmeath Mayo and Sligo.
- Cork is up 9% and Dublin is down 5%.

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Applications by county				
	Jan-Aug 2011	Jan-Aug 2012	+/-	% Change
Kildare	491	313	-178	-36%
Kerry	396	256	-140	-35%
Clare	341	231	-110	-32%
Wexford	453	320	-133	-29%
Cavan	144	104	-40	-28%
Offaly	157	115	-42	-27%
Waterford	245	182	-63	-26%
Mayo	345	261	-84	-24%
Louth	305	232	-73	-24%
Tipperary	455	351	-104	-23%
Westmeath	180	143	-37	-21%
Carlow	143	115	-28	-20%
Meath	504	408	-96	-19%
Wicklow	384	312	-72	-19%
Galway	668	550	-118	-18%
Monaghan	165	143	-22	-13%
Dublin	1902	1649	-253	-13%
Limerick	451	392	-59	-13%
Cork	1571	1388	-183	-12%
Roscommon	168	149	-19	-11%
Kilkenny	236	218	-18	-8%
Laois	153	143	-10	-7%
Longford	77	73	-4	-5%
Sligo	199	195	-4	-2%
Leitrim	87	91	4	5%
Donegal	733	863	130	18%
Grand Total	10953	9197	-1756	-16%



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Commencements by county				
	Jan-Aug 2011	Jan-Aug 2012	+/-	% Change
Laois	91	61	-30	-33%
Roscommon	61	41	-20	-33%
Donegal	246	179	-67	-27%
Monaghan	67	51	-16	-24%
Carlow	53	41	-12	-23%
Limerick	191	148	-43	-23%
Tipperary	194	153	-41	-21%
Galway	318	255	-63	-20%
Clare	186	152	-34	-18%
Meath	184	152	-32	-17%
Kildare	151	126	-25	-17%
Kerry	215	180	-35	-16%
Wexford	156	134	-22	-14%
Louth	126	110	-16	-13%
Waterford	112	102	-10	-9%
Leitrim	46	43	-3	-7%
Wicklow	110	103	-7	-6%
Dublin	834	794	-40	-5%
Longford	25	24	-1	-4%
Offaly	67	65	-2	-3%
Kilkenny	115	116	1	1%
Cavan	81	86	5	6%
Cork	376	411	35	9%
Sligo	75	84	9	12%
Mayo	97	116	19	20%
Westmeath	38	55	17	45%
Grand Total	4215	3782	-433	-10%



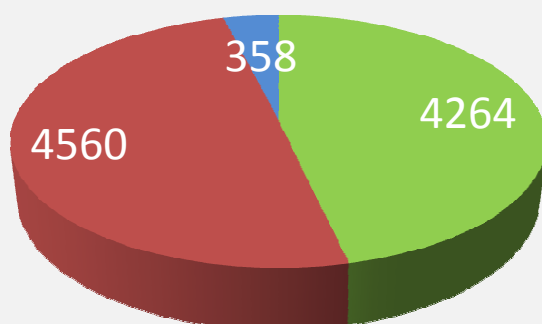
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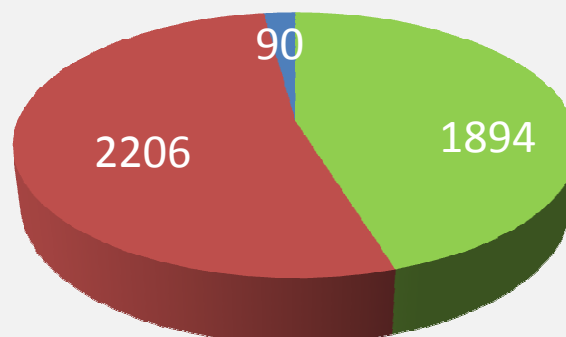
Breakdown of Projects by type Jan – Aug 2012

Applications



- One off Houses
- House Extensions
- Residential Developments

Commencements



- One Off Houses
- House Extensions
- Residential Development

Methodology:

The sources of data for the Index are Planning Applications and Commencement notices as provided by local authorities under the planning and development act 2000 and the building control regulations 1997. It should be noted that under planning and development act 2000 some categories of building are exempted from planning permission e.g. some extensions under 40sq mts, such exemptions are not included in the index. Non "construction activity" related applications such as fire certificates, retentions, extension of duration etc..... have been excluded from the index. This index focuses on "Housing Based" construction activity only i.e. House Construction, House Extensions and Residential Developments.



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