



Timely Economic Indicators for the Western Region

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Introduction

The Western Development Commission (WDC) has compiled a set of timely economic indicators to help assess economic activity in the Western Region (WR) and Atlantic Economic Corridor (AEC) closer to real-time.¹ The indicators chosen are all published at least quarterly by official sources and can provide insight on what to expect once further official data become available. The timely indicators should be interpreted with caution and as a complement to the more comprehensive data that will be published with a lag. The choice of indicators was influenced by the recent work of the Department of Finance (DoF) in relation to real-time economic indicators at the national level (DoF, 2020a; 2020b; 2020c).² The report is largely statistical, please see accompanying [WDC Insights Blog Posts](#) for a data description and a commentary on what the statistics suggest.

The WDC acknowledges that the indicator set is limited given the availability of high-frequency official county-level economic data. To address this limitation the intention is to provide supplementary ad-hoc reports based on alternative data sources.

What is covered in the timely economic indicator set?

Figure 1 – Timely Economic Indicator Set

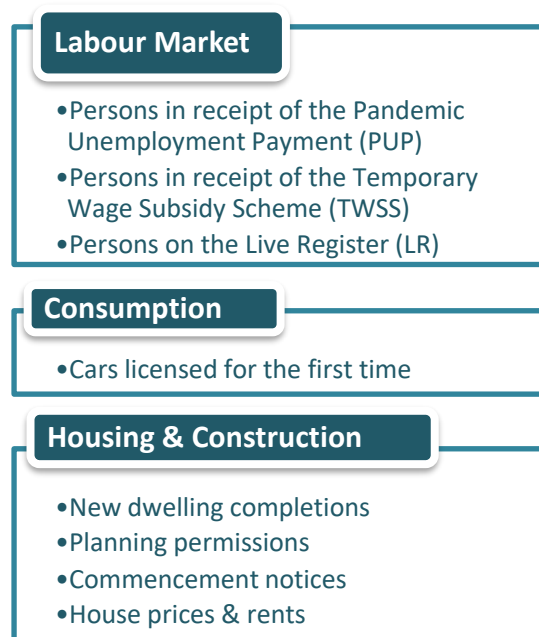


Figure 2 – The Western Region



Note: The Atlantic Economic Corridor includes all Western Region Counties as well as Limerick and Kerry.

Why timely economic indicators are particularly important at the regional level?

The lag between the data reference period and the publication of official national income accounts and other economic statistics has prompted considerable effort into the development of national real time economic indicators. The lag is often considerably longer for county and regional data. For example, the latest available regional income accounts relate to 2017 and 2018 and were published in February 2020, a lag of up to thirty-six months between the data reference period and publication. This demonstrates the need for timelier regional and county level indicators of economic activity.

¹ Under the WDC Act 1998 the WDC's statutory remit is to 'foster and promote the economic and social development of the Western Region'. Where the Western Region is the seven counties identified in Figure 2. The AEC adds in Limerick and Kerry.

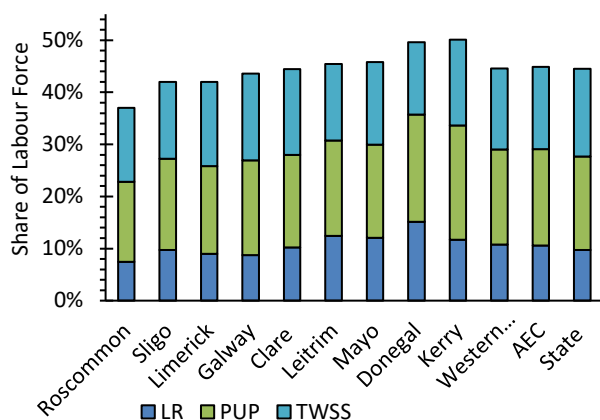
²a) <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/55eb73-emerging-economic-developments-real-time-economic-and-financial-indi>

b) <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/e6b3a7-where-are-we-now-examining-irish-economic-developments-in-real-time/>

c) <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/81320-emerging-economic-developments-real-time-economic-domestic-indicators-8th-june-2020/>

Labour Market

Figure 3. Live Register Composition as at 5th July



Note: Labour Force relates to 2016 Census

Source: Own Calculations from CSO COVID-19 Income Support and Live Register data downloaded on 21/08 and Census data

- **Sharp Labour Market Shock**

At the start of July, a considerable share of the Labour Force in WR (45%) and AEC (45%) was under state income support.

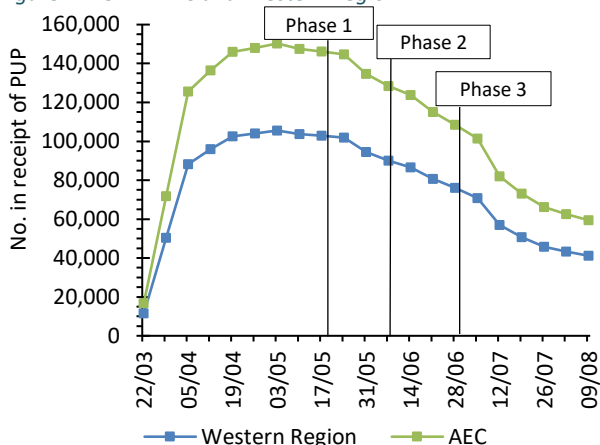
- **Within Region Variation**

State supports ranged from 37-50% of the Labour Force in WR and AEC. The average for the State was 45%.

- **Less TWSS support.**

WR & AEC had a comparatively lower share of TWSS supports as a share of the labour force (16%) compared to the State (17%).

Figure 4. PUP in AEC and Western Region



Source: Own Calculations from CSO Detailed COVID-19 Income Support and Live Register data downloaded on 21/08

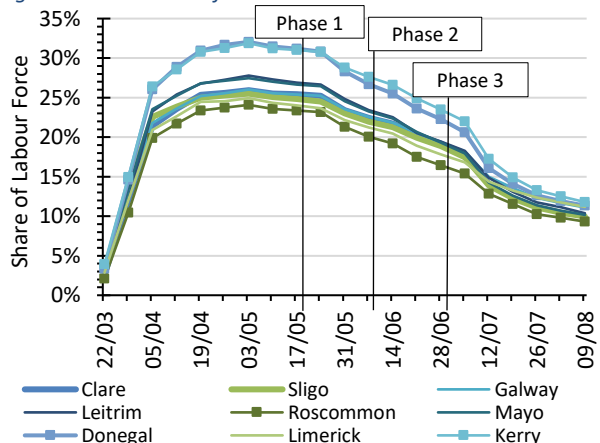
- **Decline in PUP Payments**

PUP numbers in the WR (AEC) have declined from 105,542 (150,304) as at 3rd May to 36,572 (52,766) as at 16th August.

- **Decline in Total Income Supports.**

Total income supports (LR+PUP+TWSS) in the WR (AEC) have declined from 205,145 (293,583) as at 3rd May to 172,925 (245,824) as at 5th July.

Figure 5. PUP as a % of Labour Force in the AEC



Source: Own Calculations from CSO Detailed COVID-19 Income Support and Live Register data downloaded on 21/08

- **Within Region PUP variation.**

During the re-opening phases, PUP numbers as a share of the labour force in Kerry and Donegal have moved closer to WR and AEC average.

Table 1 - Total Persons in Receipt of State Income Support (LR + PUP + TWSS) by County

Reference Week	22 March	3 May	31 May	5 July
Donegal	12,988 (18%)	41,713 (59%)	40,253 (57%)	35,310 (50%)
Sligo	4,126 (14%)	15,307 (51%)	14,422 (48%)	12,701 (42%)
Leitrim	2,203 (15%)	8,083 (54%)	7,645 (51%)	6,764 (45%)
Roscommon	3,056 (10%)	14,048 (47%)	13,162 (44%)	11,620 (37%)
Mayo	9,310 (16%)	32,625 (54%)	30,978 (52%)	27,495 (46%)
Galway	15,511 (12%)	64,223 (51%)	62,204 (50%)	54,522 (44%)
Clare	7,382 (13%)	29,136 (52%)	28,187 (50%)	25,116 (44%)
Limerick	10,799 (12%)	45,671 (51%)	43,495 (48%)	37,871 (42%)
Kerry	11,345 (16%)	42,767 (61%)	40,404 (58%)	35,028 (50%)
Western Region	54,586 (14%)	205,145 (53%)	196,851 (51%)	172,925 (45%)
AEC	76,730 (14%)	293,583 (54%)	280,750 (51%)	245,824 (45%)
State	295,298 (13%)	1,242,050 (54%)	1,189,342 (52%)	1,026,014(45%)

Note: Share of labour force in parentheses

Source: Own Calculations from CSO Detailed COVID-19 Income Support and Live Register data downloaded on 18/08

Table 2 - Total Persons in Receipt of PUP

Reference Week	22 March	3 May	28 June	16 August
Donegal	2,400 (3%)	22,814 (32%)	15,871 (22%)	8,063 (10%)
Sligo	861 (3%)	7,716 (26%)	5,705 (19%)	3,018 (9%)
Leitrim	401 (3%)	4,138 (28%)	2,897 (19%)	1,543 (9%)
Roscommon	629 (2%)	7,144 (24%)	4,877(16%)	2,769 (8%)
Mayo	2,016 (3%)	16,485 (27%)	11,610 (19%)	6,103 (9%)
Galway	3,739 (3%)	32,581 (26%)	24,220 (19%)	13,883 (10%)
Clare	1,453 (3%)	14,664 (26%)	10,861 (19%)	5,777 (9%)
Limerick	2,578 (3%)	22,467 (25%)	16,043 (18%)	10,083 (10%)
Kerry	2,756 (4%)	22,295 (32%)	16,436 (24%)	8,239 (10%)
Western Region	11,499 (3%)	105,542 (27%)	76,041 (20%)	36,572 (9%)
AEC	16,833 (3%)	150,304 (27%)	108,520 (20%)	52,766 (10%)
State	58,737 (3%)	602,107 (26%)	438,933 (19%)	232,372 (10%)

Note: Share of labour force in parenthesis

Source: Own Calculations from CSO Detailed COVID-19 Income Support and Live Register data downloaded on 18/08

Table 3 - Total Persons in Receipt of TWSS

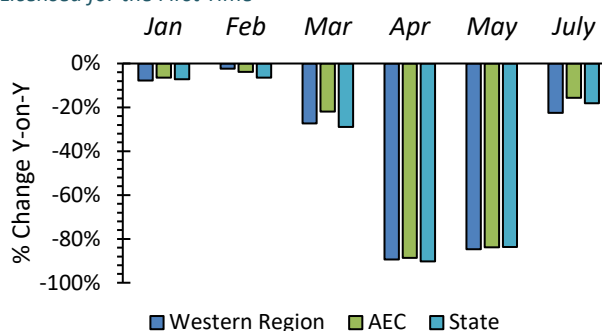
Reference Week	22 March	3 May	31 May	5 July
Donegal	642 (1%)	8,155 (11%)	9,210 (13%)	9,869 (14%)
Sligo	444 (1%)	4,572 (15%)	4,596 (15%)	4,462 (15%)
Leitrim	122 (1%)	2,203 (15%)	2,189 (15%)	2,189 (15%)
Roscommon	319 (1%)	4,722 (16%)	4,643 (16%)	4,210 (15%)
Mayo	523 (1%)	9,191 (15%)	9,211 (15%)	9,501 (16%)
Galway	1,851 (1%)	21,170 (17%)	21,992 (18%)	20,819 (17%)
Clare	587 (1%)	8,810 (16%)	9,284 (16%)	9,291 (16%)
Limerick	1,173 (1%)	15,790 (17%)	15,963 (18%)	14,614 (16%)
Kerry	769 (1%)	11,624 (17%)	11,414 (16%)	11,499 (16%)
Western Region	4,488 (1%)	58,823 (15%)	61,125 (16%)	60,341 (16%)
AEC	6,430 (1%)	86,237 (16%)	88,502 (16%)	86,454 (16%)
State	35,959 (2%)	425,202 (18%)	420,516 (18%)	388,504 (17%)

Note: Share of labour force in parenthesis

Source: Own Calculations from CSO Detailed COVID-19 Income Support and Live Register data downloaded on 18/08

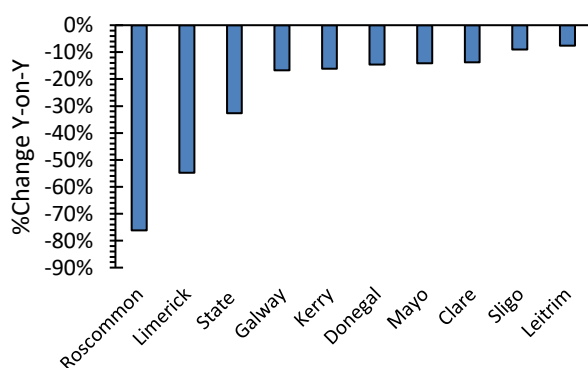
Consumption

Figure 6. Year-on-year % Change in New Private Cars Licensed for the First Time



Note: as of 18/08 no data for June was available
Source: Own Calculations from CSO (TEM22)

Figure 7. Year on Year % Change in New Car Registrations – Year to Date (January-July)



Note: June was excluded for both years as June 2020 data was unavailable
Source: Own Calculations from CSO (TEM22)

- Car Registrations Fell pre-COVID**
All WR and AEC counties recorded year on year declines in Jan. & Feb.
- COVID Impact = Q2 collapse**
89-90% year on year decline in AEC and WR in April (90% nationally). 84-85% decline in May (85% nationally).
- Regional Increase in July despite aggregate decline for WR & AEC**
In July, year on year registrations fell 23% (16%) in WR (AEC) & 18% nationally. However, the WR/AEC decline was due to a large decline in Roscommon. Ex-Roscommon: WR (AEC) increased 19% (13%).
- Growth in Low Emission Vehicles.**
Year on Year, new Electric & Hybrid registrations grew 4% (+49) in WR and 8% (+123) in AEC from Jan-June 2020.

Table 4 - New Private Cars Licensed for the First Time

Month	JAN		FEB		MAR		APR		MAY		JULY	
Year	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
Clare	534	495	310	329	272	205	204	36	116	27	296	402
Donegal	540	471	321	333	248	239	202	49	140	36	310	375
Galway	867	807	603	611	456	389	329	65	205	48	539	578
Leitrim	89	86	57	66	52	66	44	11	26	8	62	68
Mayo	445	431	302	262	209	208	176	30	85	28	280	327
Roscommon	261	222	249	194	821	345	1085	24	475	8	1057	146
Sligo	271	260	172	172	110	125	93	11	53	13	143	185
Western Region	3007	2772	2014	1967	2168	1577	2133	226	1100	168	2687	2081
Kerry	546	535	335	312	228	230	221	38	112	16	359	380
Limerick	946	899	538	497	414	388	363	43	227	48	605	619
AEC	4499	4206	2887	2776	2810	2195	2717	307	1439	232	3651	3080
State(000's)	22	20	14	13	14	10	14	1	9	1	19	15

Source: CSO (TEM22)

Table 5 - Total Private Cars Licensed for the First Time

Month	JAN		FEB		MAR		APR		MAY		JULY	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
Clare	784	721	565	552	538	359	60	356	486	82	543	639
Donegal	961	911	808	698	730	690	84	552	719	133	859	813
Galway	1380	1245	1102	1041	996	752	126	756	832	145	1066	1100
Leitrim	161	145	145	136	124	106	12	110	131	26	136	116
Mayo	705	670	539	464	477	374	56	365	417	80	553	525
Roscommon	382	322	378	300	980	618	29	425	1226	59	1175	263
Sligo	378	364	293	266	233	197	30	202	210	36	259	225
Western Region	4751	4378	3830	3457	4078	3096	397	2766	4021	561	4621	3711
Kerry	746	715	553	465	448	344	48	362	436	77	573	600
Limerick	1229	1170	902	755	742	587	95	594	688	76	942	938
AEC	6726	6263	5285	4677	5268	4027	540	3722	5145	714	6136	5249
State(000's)	30	28	23	20	23	18	2	16	23	3	28	24

Source: CSO (TEM22)

Table 6 - Combined New Electric and Hybrid Vehicles Licensed for the First Time

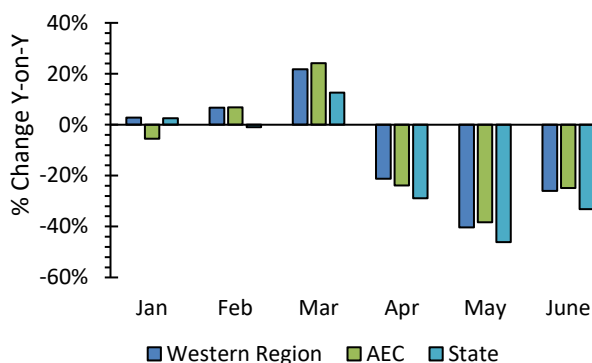
Time-Period	January-June 2019	January-June 2020	% Change
County/Region			
Clare	141	168	19%
Donegal	184	184	0%
Galway	403	433	7%
Leitrim	33	30	-9%
Mayo	157	165	5%
Roscommon	114	89	-22%
Sligo	86	98	14%
Western Region	1118	1167	4%
Kerry	150	190	8%
Limerick	285	320	12%
AEC	1553	1667	8%
State(000's)	9150	9183	0%

Source: CSO Vehicles Licensed for the First Time June 2020 & Vehicles Licensed for the First Time June 2019

Housing

Sales Volumes and House Prices

Figure 8. Year on Year % change in sales volume



Source: Own Calculations from CSO (HPM03)

- **COVID Impact = Collapse in Sales.**

Large year on year decline in sales volumes from April-June. The fall in sales volumes appears comparatively less severe in WR and AEC than nationally.

Table 7 - Mean House Prices based on Market Transactions of all Properties in € Thousands

Month	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE
Year	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020
Clare	206 (5%)	198 (17%)	181 (-4%)	182 (-1%)	174 (-12%)	217 (14%)
Donegal	148 (23%)	146 (23%)	154 (12%)	127 (-3%)	111 (-10%)	144 (13%)
Galway City	301 (6%)	284 (0%)	298 (9%)	294 (-2%)	260 (-20%)	296 (15%)
Galway County	229 (5%)	202 (-1%)	245 (-18%)	257 (15%)	267 (35%)	234 (15%)
Leitrim	102 (-24%)	129 (-3%)	102 (-11%)	112 (8%)	151 (12%)	140 (4%)
Mayo	153 (-15%)	167 (36%)	144 (-11%)	139 (-12%)	139 (-11%)	159 (-10%)
Roscommon	128 (3%)	118 (11%)	133 (-4%)	123 (-4%)	128 (-7%)	123 (-21%)
Sligo	159 (1%)	132 (-11%)	145 (-19%)	146 (-17%)	149 (7%)	163 (10%)
Kerry	187 (7%)	202 (7%)	187 (0%)	193 (-1%)	211 (2%)	183 (-4%)
Limerick City	187 (0%)	192 (-4%)	229 (16%)	204 (5%)	203 (17%)	163 (-11%)
Limerick County	217 (11%)	221 (2%)	218 (11%)	227 (10%)	251 (12%)	233 (2%)
State	292 (2%)	296 (1%)	289 (2%)	280 (-3%)	277 (-5%)	287 (0%)

Note: Year on year % change in parentheses

Source: CSO (HPM03)

Table 8 - Median House Prices based on Market Transactions of all Properties in € Thousands

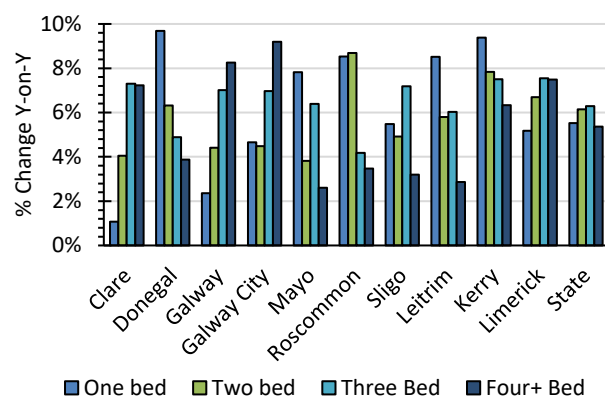
Month	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE
Year	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020
Clare	191 (12%)	189 (19%)	179 (4%)	185 (2%)	165 (-8%)	213 (21%)
Donegal	115 (0%)	123 (26%)	148 (18%)	108 (-6%)	108 (-13%)	133 (12%)
Galway City	282 (18%)	247 (-8%)	270 (7%)	255 (-2%)	253 (-11%)	263 (5%)
Galway County	208 (-8%)	190 (12%)	238 (19%)	255 (14%)	250 (21%)	201 (6%)
Leitrim	88 (-32%)	121 (0%)	97 (-3%)	96 (7%)	116 (6%)	120 (-18%)
Mayo	145 (13%)	158 (37%)	135 (-7%)	139 (3%)	140 (0%)	144 (4%)
Roscommon	130 (39%)	104 (-17%)	109 (8%)	122 (3%)	97 (17%)	105 (-26%)
Sligo	165 (22%)	112 (-17%)	134 (10%)	135 (-25%)	118 (27%)	120 (-15%)
Kerry	167 (1%)	180 (8%)	175 (8%)	168 (-6%)	190 (0%)	160 (-9%)
Limerick City	155 (13%)	144 (4%)	228 (28%)	195 (13%)	179 (5%)	174 (15%)
Limerick County	215 (19%)	214 (10%)	201 (9%)	205 (7%)	210 (3%)	200 (-14%)
State	255 (2%)	250 (0%)	255 (4%)	250 (0%)	237 (7%)	251 (-2%)

Note: Year on year % change in parentheses

Source: CSO (HPM03)

Average Rents

Figure 9. Residential Tenancies Board Average Monthly Rent Q1 % change year on year – All property types –



Note: State is the mean of all twenty-six counties
Source own calculations from CSO (RIQ02)

- **Regional Rents up year on year in Q1**

For 2020 Q1 rents in all WR and AEC counties and across all sizes were up within the range of 1-10 %.

- **National Rents up year on year in Q1.**

Nationally, rents rose 5-6 % year on year.

Table 9 - Residential Tenancies Board Average Monthly Rent Report (Euro) - One Bed - All property types

	2018Q1	2019Q1	2020Q1
Clare	446	485	491
Donegal	427	428	470
Galway	672	733	750
Galway City	730	803	841
Leitrim	397	393	426
Mayo	453	489	527
Roscommon	420	476	517
Sligo	528	539	569
Limerick	582	664	698
Kerry	494	530	580
State	571	614	648

Note: State is the mean of all twenty-six counties
Source own calculations from CSO (RIQ02)

Table 10 - Residential Tenancies Board Average Monthly Rent Report (Euro) - Two Bed - All property types

	2018Q1	2019Q1	2020Q1
Clare	588	619	645
Donegal	470	478	510
Galway	896	945	989
Galway City	989	1036	1084
Leitrim	464	488	518
Mayo	567	610	634
Roscommon	493	521	571
Sligo	90	642	675
Limerick	753	865	927
Kerry	636	671	728
State	712	762	809

Note: State is the mean of all twenty-six counties
Source own calculations from CSO (RIQ02)

Table 11 - Residential Tenancies Board Average Monthly Rent Report (Euro) - Three Bed - All property types

	2018Q1	2019Q1	2020Q1
Clare	748	777	834
Donegal	587	612	636
Galway	1045	1130	1233
Galway City	1209	1286	1405
Leitrim	582	583	600
Mayo	653	690	708
Roscommon	631	680	704
Sligo	721	790	816
Limerick	1025	1101	1183
Kerry	727	776	825
State	769	821	872

Note: State is the mean of all twenty-six counties
Source own calculations from CSO (RIQ02)

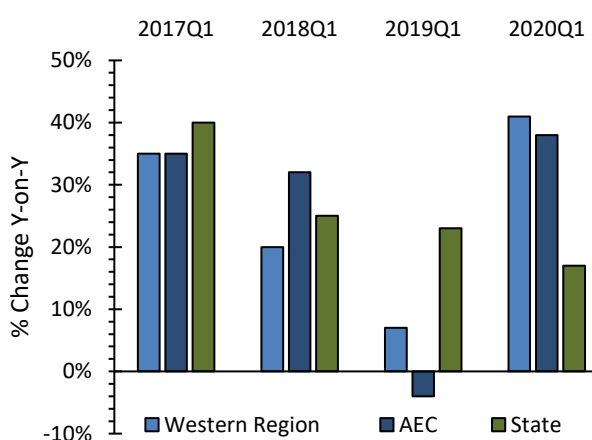
Table 12 - Residential Tenancies Board Average Monthly Rent Report (Euro) - Four + Bed - All property types

	2018Q1	2019Q1	2020Q1
Clare	748	777	834
Donegal	587	612	636
Galway	1045	1130	1223
Galway City	1209	1286	1405
Leitrim	582	583	600
Mayo	653	690	708
Roscommon	631	680	704
Sligo	721	791	816
Limerick	1025	1101	1183
Kerry	727	776	825
State	911	968	1020

Note: State is the mean of all twenty-six counties
Source own calculations from CSO (RIQ02)

Dwelling Completions

Figure 10. Year on Year % Change in Total Dwelling Completions during Q1

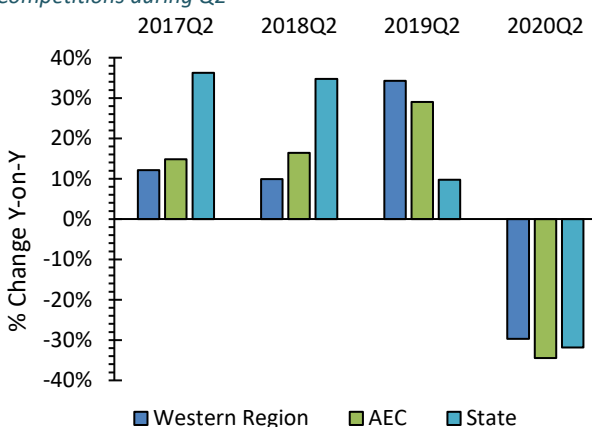


Source Own Calculations from CSO (NDQ06)

- Rise in completions pre-COVID**
 During Q1 2020, completions rose 41% in WR and 38% in AEC compared to a national rise of 17%.

- AEC decline in 2019 Q1?**
 The AEC decline in 2019 Q1 is largely a result of a large scheme housing increase in Limerick during 2018 Q1.

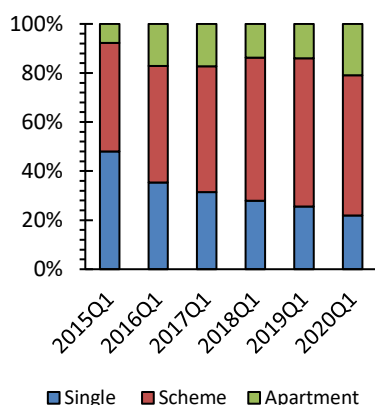
Figure 11. Year on Year % Change in Total Dwelling Completions during Q2



Source Own Calculations from CSO (NDQ06)

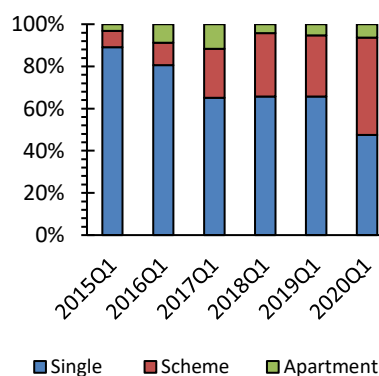
- COVID Impact = Q2 Collapse.**
 During Q2, Total Dwelling Completions declined in WR (AEC) by 30% (34%) compared to a national decline of 32%.

Figure 12. Composition of Completions in Q1: State



Source: Own Calculations from CSO (NDQ06)

Figure 13. Composition of Completions in Q1: Western Region



Source: Own Calculations from CSO (NDQ06)

- Decline in Proportion of Single Houses completed.**
 Proportion of single houses completed in WR down from 89% in 2015 to 48% in 2020.

Table 13 - Total Dwelling Completions During Q1 and Q2

Local Authority	2016		2017		2018		2019		2020	
	Q1	Q2	Q1	Q2	Q1	Q2	Q1	Q2	Q1	Q2
Clare	38	51	58	50	57	55	56	119	77	77
Donegal	57	84	76	93	87	90	85	111	116	100
Galway County	81	109	110	108	119	135	145	197	187	132
Galway City	19	27	37	39	31	41	30	39	57	31
Leitrim	10	18	14	23	16	14	11	11	5	5
Mayo	40	51	37	74	71	70	96	88	124	56
Roscommon	15	28	17	25	31	31	39	36	28	37
Sligo	13	21	20	24	32	43	11	42	75	14
Western Region	273	389	369	436	444	479	473	643	669	452
Limerick	58	69	83	88	126	141	87	162	128	81
Kerry	42	67	53	79	96	82	80	101	84	61
AEC	373	525	505	603	666	702	640	906	881	594
State	1978	2396	2766	3265	3468	4399	4254	4829	4986	3290

Source Own Calculations from CSO data (NDQ06).

Planning Permissions (Units for which Permission Granted)

Table 14 - Houses - (Number) – Q1

Local Authority	2018	2019	2020
Clare (County Council)	80	114	38
Donegal (County Council)	76	126	145
Galway (County Council)	256	168	4
Galway (City Council)	30	39	12
Leitrim (County Council)	1	5	15
Mayo (County Council)	56	97	101
Roscommon (County Council)	28	29	88
Sligo (County Council)	26	33	114
Western Region	553	611	747
Limerick City and County	166	213	109
Kerry (County Council)	64	175	82
AEC	783	999	938
State	5758	4901	5091

Source: CSO (BHQ12)

Table 16 - One- Off Houses - (Number) – Q1

Local Authority	2018	2019	2020
Clare (County Council)	71	66	31
Donegal (County Council)	72	93	92
Galway (County Council)	109	144	131
Galway (City Council)	7	7	8
Leitrim (County Council)	1	5	15
Mayo (County Council)	56	66	76
Roscommon (County Council)	21	29	19
Sligo (County Council)	26	21	22
Western Region	363	431	394
Limerick City and County	65	67	74
Kerry (County Council)	52	59	50
AEC	480	557	518
State	1391	1456	1355

Source: CSO (BHQ12)

Table 15 - Multi-Development Houses - (Number) – Q1

Local Authority	2018	2019	2020
Clare (County Council)	9	48	7
Donegal (County Council)	4	33	53
Galway (County Council)	147	24	103
Galway (City Council)	23	32	4
Leitrim (County Council)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mayo (County Council)	N/A	31	25
Roscommon (County Council)	7	N/A	69
Sligo (County Council)	N/A	12	92
Western Region	190	180	353
Limerick City and County	101	146	35
Kerry (County Council)	12	116	32
AEC	303	442	420
State	4367	3445	3736

Source: CSO (BHQ12)

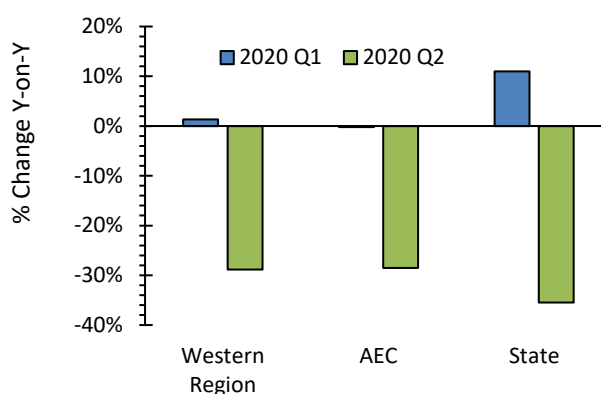
Table 17 - Private Flats/Apartments - (Number) – Q1

Local Authority	2018	2019	2020
Clare (County Council)	3	5	3
Donegal (County Council)	5	1	13
Galway (County Council)	14	4	8
Galway (City Council)	5	59	65
Leitrim (County Council)	N/A	N/A	4
Mayo (County Council)	7	7	12
Roscommon (County Council)	1	N/A	26
Sligo (County Council)	6	2	N/A
Western Region	41	78	131
Limerick City and County	9	36	12
Kerry (County Council)	3	14	4
AEC	53	128	147
State	1867	2592	9698

Source: CSO (BHQ12)

Commencement Notices

Figure 14. Year on Year % Change in Commencement Notices



Source: Own Calculations from Department of Housing Planning and Local Government

- Slow growth in AEC and WR in Q1**
 Notices rose nationally by 11%, year on year, in Q1 compared with a 1% increase in WR and a slight decline in AEC.
- COVID Impact = Collapse in Notices.**
 Notices declined by 28-29% during Q2, in WR and AEC, year on year. Notices fell 35% nationally.

Table 18 - Commencement Notices Q1

Local Authority	2016Q1	2017Q1	2018Q1	2019Q1	2020Q1
Clare (County Council)	41	42	55	62	52
Donegal (County Council)	42	54	48	53	49
Galway (County Council)	2	7	15	13	5
Galway (City Council)	63	78	67	75	96
Leitrim (County Council)	2	8	6	4	11
Mayo (County Council)	30	52	39	60	61
Roscommon (County Council)	10	20	20	23	23
Sligo (County Council)	13	22	14	26	23
Western Region	203	283	264	316	320
Limerick City and County	37	46	60	56	49
Kerry (County Council)	26	46	32	47	49
AEC	266	375	356	419	418
State	756	863	930	1019	1132

Source: Department of Housing Planning and Local Government

Table 19 - Commencement Notices Q2

Local Authority	2016Q2	2017Q2	2018Q2	2019Q2	2020Q2
Clare (County Council)	37	52	62	68	44
Donegal (County Council)	73	64	81	78	62
Galway (County Council)	82	114	113	122	110
Galway (City Council)	4	12	13	15	7
Leitrim (County Council)	5	9	3	7	12
Mayo (County Council)	56	81	71	97	46
Roscommon (County Council)	23	32	29	43	22
Sligo (County Council)	23	22	26	17	15
Western Region	303	386	398	447	318
Limerick City and County	58	60	71	69	43
Kerry (County Council)	51	70	72	56	48
AEC	412	516	541	572	409
State	1364	1736	2189	1732	1118

Source: Department of Housing Planning and Local Government

Please see accompanying [WDC Insights Blog Posts](#) for a data description and a commentary on these statistics.

The WDC acknowledges that the indicator set is limited given the availability of high-frequency official county-level economic data. To address this limitation the intention is to provide supplementary ad-hoc reports based on alternative data sources.

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