

Northern Ireland Planning Statistics Annual 2025/26 infographic alternative text.

- There were 9,642 planning applications received during 2025/26; this is a similar number to the previous year. This comprised of 9,473 local, 165 major and four regionally significant planning applications.
- In 2025/26, a total of 8,774 planning applications were decided, a decrease of five percent from the previous year. Decisions were issued on 8,658 local and 116 major applications during 2025/26.
- The average processing time for local applications brought to a decision or withdrawal during 2025/26 was 19.6 weeks across all councils. This exceeds the 15 week target and represents an increase of 0.6 weeks from the previous year. Three of the 11 councils met the 15 week target in 2025/26.
- The average processing time for major applications brought to a decision or withdrawal during 2025/26 was 41.4 weeks across all councils. This exceeds the 30 week target and represents an increase of 1.8 weeks from the previous year (39.6 weeks). Two of the 11 councils met the 30 week target in 2025/26.
- Across councils 75.1% of enforcement cases were concluded within 39 weeks during 2025/26, meeting the 70% target. This represents an increase of 4.4 percentage points from the rate recorded for 2024/25 (70.7%). Individually, seven of the 11 councils met the 70% target in 2025/26.