

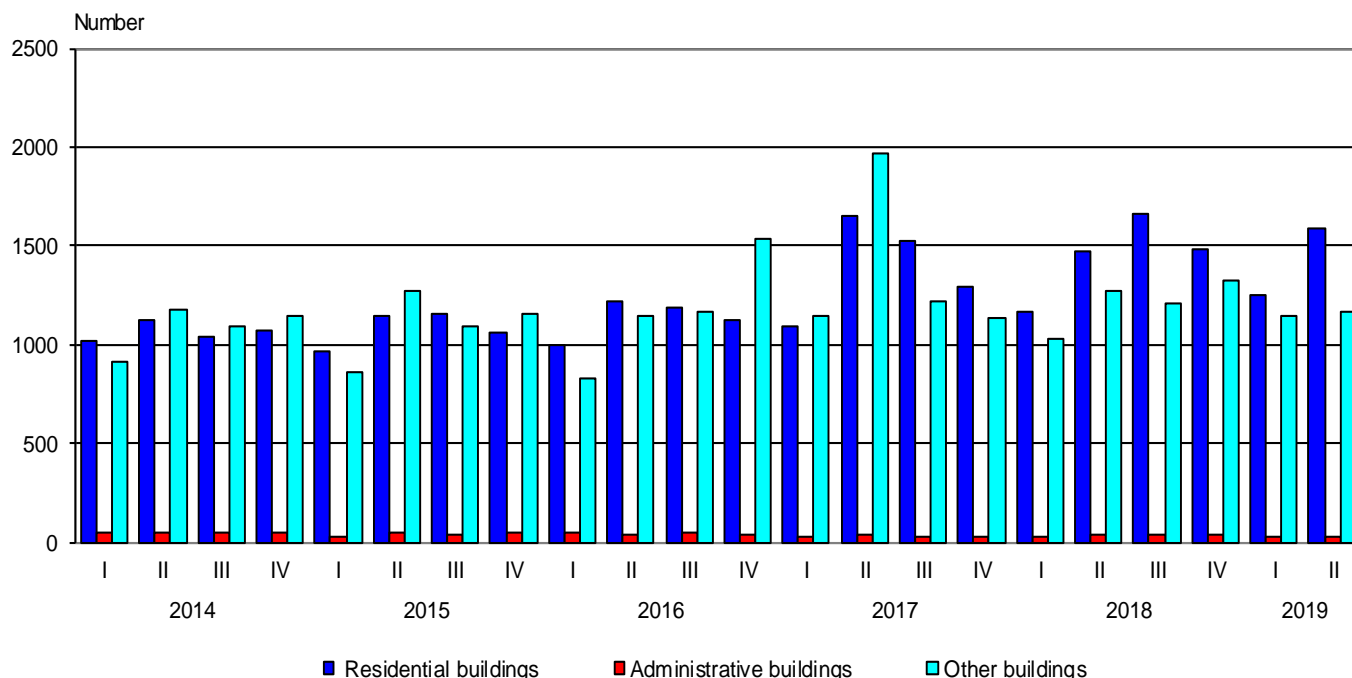


BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDINGS STARTED IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2019

In the second quarter of 2019, the municipal authorities issued **building permits** for construction of 1 591 residential buildings with 8 456 dwellings and 1 078 441 sq. m gross building area, of 31 administrative buildings/offices with 62 141 sq. m gross building area and 1 168 other buildings with 588 731 sq. m gross building area.

As compared to the previous quarter the issued building permits for residential buildings increased by 27.6%, the number of their dwellings - by 8.0% and the gross building area - by 4.4%. The issued building permits of administrative buildings rose by 10.7%, while their gross building area fell by 7.8%. The issued building permits of other buildings registered a growth by 1.7% and their gross building area - by 5.1%.

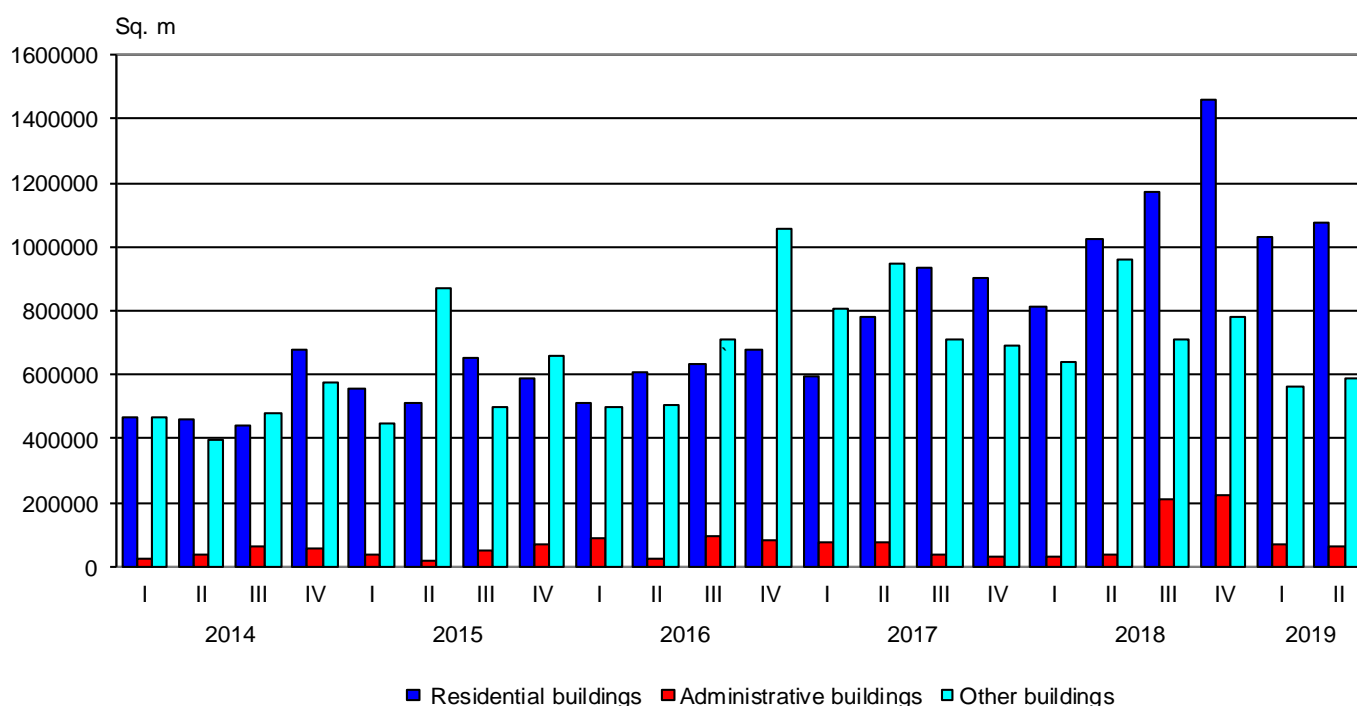
Figure 1. Building permits issued for construction of new buildings by type and quarter





As compared to the second quarter of 2018 the issued building permits for new residential buildings increased by 7.8%, their dwellings - by 3.4% and the gross building area - by 5.4%. The number of issued building permits of administrative buildings fell by 3.1% while their gross building area rose by 80.9%. The issued building permits for other buildings decreased by 8.3% and their gross building area - by 38.6%.

Figure 2. Building permits issued for construction - gross building area by type of buildings and quarter



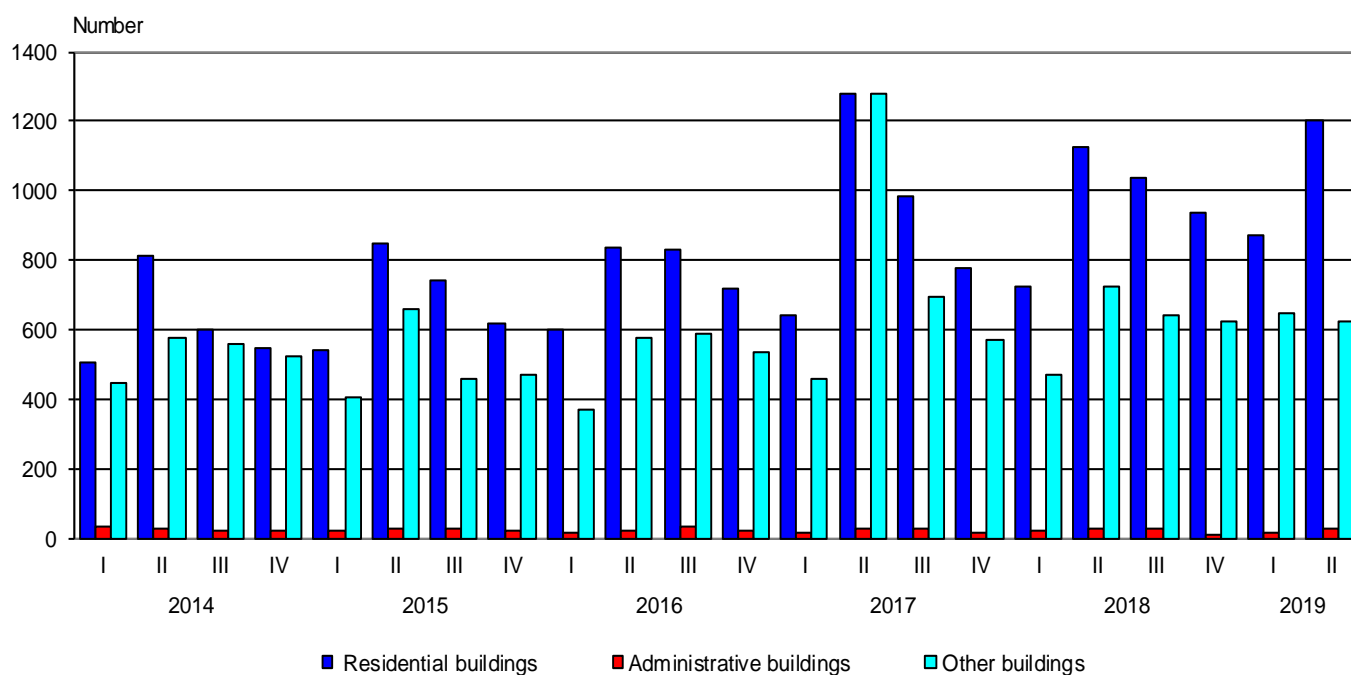
The highest number of building permits for new residential buildings was issued in the following districts: Plovdiv - 263, Sofia (stolitsa) - 237, Burgas - 147, Varna - 145 and Sofia - 122. Most dwellings are to be built in the districts: Sofia (stolitsa) - 3 646, Plovdiv - 1 279, Varna - 868, Burgas - 445 and Kardzhali - 336 (Annex, Table 1).



In the second quarter of 2019 **began the construction** of 1 203 residential buildings with 5 650 dwellings and 725 541 sq. m gross building area, of 24 administrative buildings/offices with 29 951 sq. m gross building area and of 622 other buildings with 458 304 sq. m gross building area.

As compared to the previous quarter the started residential buildings increased by 38.1%, their dwellings - by 26.1% and their gross building area - by 15.9%. The started administrative buildings growth by 41.2%, but their gross building area decreased by 2.6%. The number of started other buildings fell by 3.4% and their gross building area - by 20.1%.

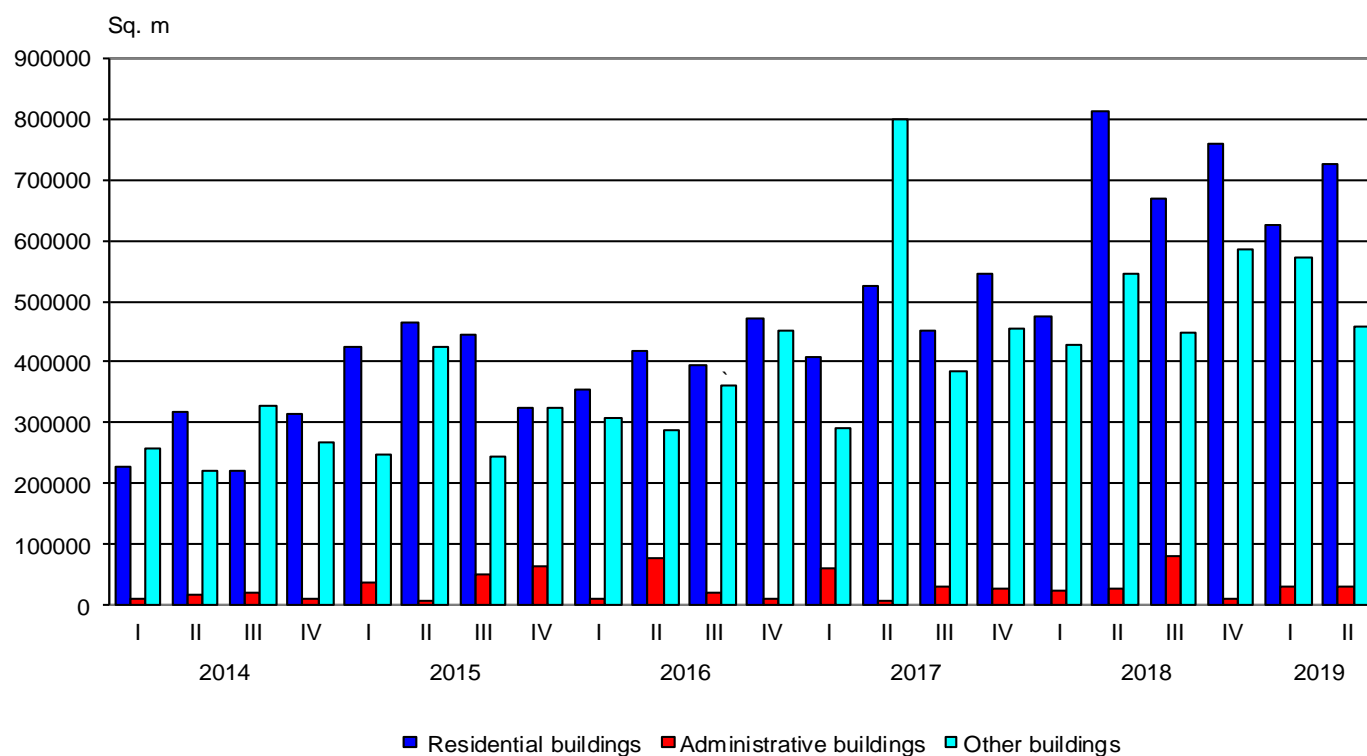
Figure 3. Started construction of new buildings by type and quarter



As compared to the second quarter of 2018 the started new residential buildings rose by 6.6%, while their dwellings decreased by 8.8% and their gross building area - by 10.7%. The number of started administrative buildings fell by 4.0%, but their gross building area growth by 14.6%. The started other buildings showed a drop by 14.1% and their gross building area - by 16.0%.



Figure 4. Started construction - gross building area by type of buildings and quarter



The construction of the highest number of new buildings were started in the following districts: Sofia (stolitsa) - 272 residential buildings, 5 administrative buildings and 28 other buildings; Plovdiv - 155 residential buildings, 3 administrative buildings and 71 other buildings; Sofia - 120 residential buildings and 33 other buildings; Varna - 112 residential buildings, 4 administrative buildings and 29 other buildings; Stara Zagora - 75 residential buildings and 58 other buildings (Annex, Table 2).



Methodological notes

The quarterly statistical survey of permits issued for construction collects information about building permits, issued by municipal authorities as well as for the started construction of new buildings according to their type and gross building area. This information may be used as an indicator of future construction activity of enterprises in the country.

Type of buildings is classified according to the Classification of types of construction (CC) and is divided into:

- Residential - buildings for which the useful floor area is mostly used for permanent residential habitation.
- Non-residential - buildings for various purposes, including:
 - administrative - offices and buildings for administrative work of departments and other organizations and associations (representative buildings - banks, post offices, government department offices, conference and congress centres, low courts, municipalities);
 - other buildings - buildings used for different activities: production, trade, transport, education, cultural, sports, agriculture, health, recreation and facilities for short stay (hotels, motels, rest houses, huts and others).

Gross building area - a sum of all floors areas in external dimensions.



Annex

Table 1

Building permits issued for construction of new buildings in the second quarter of 2019¹

Districts	Residential buildings			Administrative buildings		Other buildings	
	Number	Number of dwellings	Gross building area - sq. m	Number	Gross building area - sq. m	Number	Gross building area - sq. m
Total	1591	8456	1078441	31	62141	1168	588731
Blagoevgrad	95	121	22254	3	573	82	28165
Burgas	147	445	57294	..	..	58	57765
Varna	145	868	140756	4	717	54	23093
Veliko Tarnovo	26	111	21097	-	-	31	11334
Vidin	..	..	..	-	-	7	3541
Vratsa	16	16	2598	..	..	24	17292
Gabrovo	10	11	2098	-	-	19	14244
Dobrich	32	110	9581	..	..	36	11438
Kardzhali	39	336	44194	-	-	15	7143
Kyustendil	18	21	3399	-	-	34	6896
Lovech	28	29	4490	..	..	23	7147
Montana	7	7	1697	..	..	8	3975
Pazardzhik	90	180	22858	..	..	73	37277
Pernik	46	85	15713	-	-	20	2687
Pleven	17	53	7920	..	..	26	21044
Plovdiv	263	1279	149876	5	9673	125	90154
Razgrad	11	15	1903	..	..	30	21107
Ruse	21	103	10459	..	..	34	12744
Silistra	19	19	3758	-	-	31	11975
Sliven	33	103	14519	-	-	34	7402
Smolyan	..	..	..	..	..	26	5425
Sofia	122	152	23847	..	..	69	50861
Sofia (stolitsa)	237	3646	430427	..	..	46	91421
Stara Zagora	65	254	31777	-	-	141	19842
Targovishte	11	112	9546	-	-	11	1002
Haskovo	45	112	15429	-	-	36	4940
Shumen	31	203	23599	-	-	41	7985
Yambol	12	60	6215	..	..	34	10832

¹ ‘..’ - confidential data.



Table 2

Building construction started in the second quarter of 2019¹

Districts	Residential buildings			Administrative buildings		Other buildings	
	Number	Number of dwellings	Gross building area - sq. m	Number	Gross building area - sq. m	Number	Gross building area - sq. m
Total	1203	5650	725541	24	29951	622	458304
Blagoevgrad	50	97	14567	-	-	38	26668
Burgas	90	406	48329	4	4138	26	21436
Varna	112	696	113748	4	2569	29	39800
Veliko Tarnovo	10	74	11018	-	-	21	23177
Vidin	..	..	..	-	-	..	..
Vratsa	..	..	..	-	-	8	13118
Gabrovo	10	10	1605	-	-	4	6499
Dobrich	13	32	2856	-	-	8	4242
Kardzhali	32	432	55031	-	-	11	15372
Kyustendil	3	3	662	-	-	3	326
Lovech	17	17	2824	..	..	24	9140
Montana	3	3	951	-	-	5	2489
Pazardzhik	64	119	18093	..	..	67	43960
Pernik	27	40	8044	-	-	5	869
Pleven	6	15	2202	..	..	9	4540
Plovdiv	155	225	38135	3	1713	71	56449
Razgrad	14	22	2600	..	..	20	15324
Ruse	12	32	4253	-	-	23	9355
Silistra	12	12	2830	-	-	23	8595
Sliven	19	43	4444	-	-	25	6203
Smolyan	6	7	1645	-	-	..	..
Sofia	120	342	34141	..	..	33	55569
Sofia (stolitsa)	272	2366	273543	5	10261	28	38654
Stara Zagora	75	302	38353	-	-	58	24249
Targovishte	9	110	8335	-	-	5	1074
Haskovo	42	144	26531	-	-	24	8520
Shumen	19	46	4832	-	-	24	6453
Yambol	6	50	4822	25	14003

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