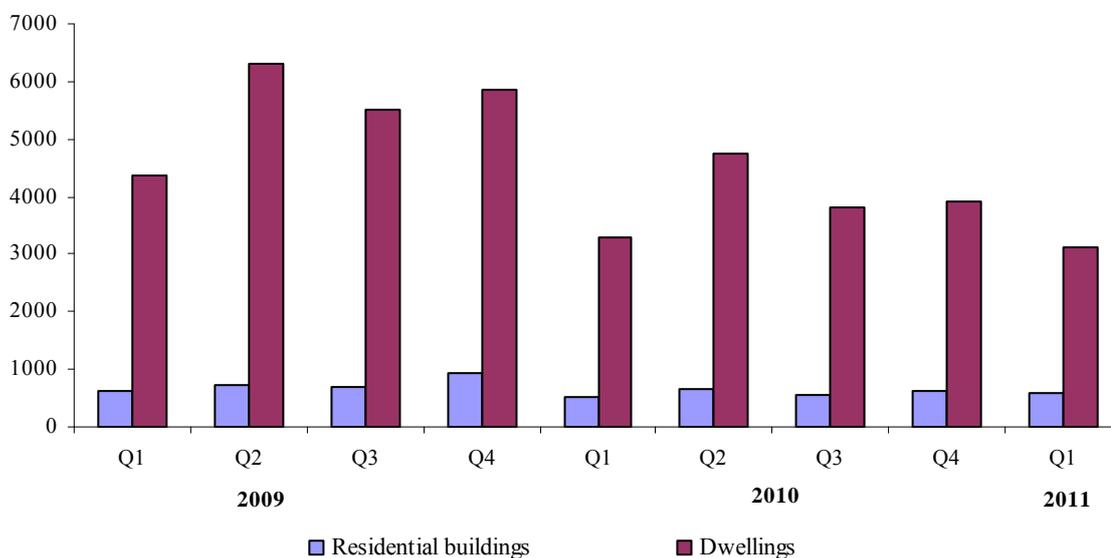




NEWLY BUILT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND DWELLINGS COMPLETED IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2011

According to the preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute, in the first quarter of 2011 the newly built residential buildings were 601 and compared to the same quarter of 2010 increased by 16.7% (Table 1). The newly built dwellings in them fell by 5.3% and their number was 3 109.

Figure 1. Newly built residential buildings and dwellings completed



The largest number of the residential buildings and dwellings has been built in the district Varna - 103 buildings with 564 dwellings in them, district Burgas - 94 residential buildings with 643 dwellings, followed by district Sofia capital - 40 buildings with 279 dwellings.

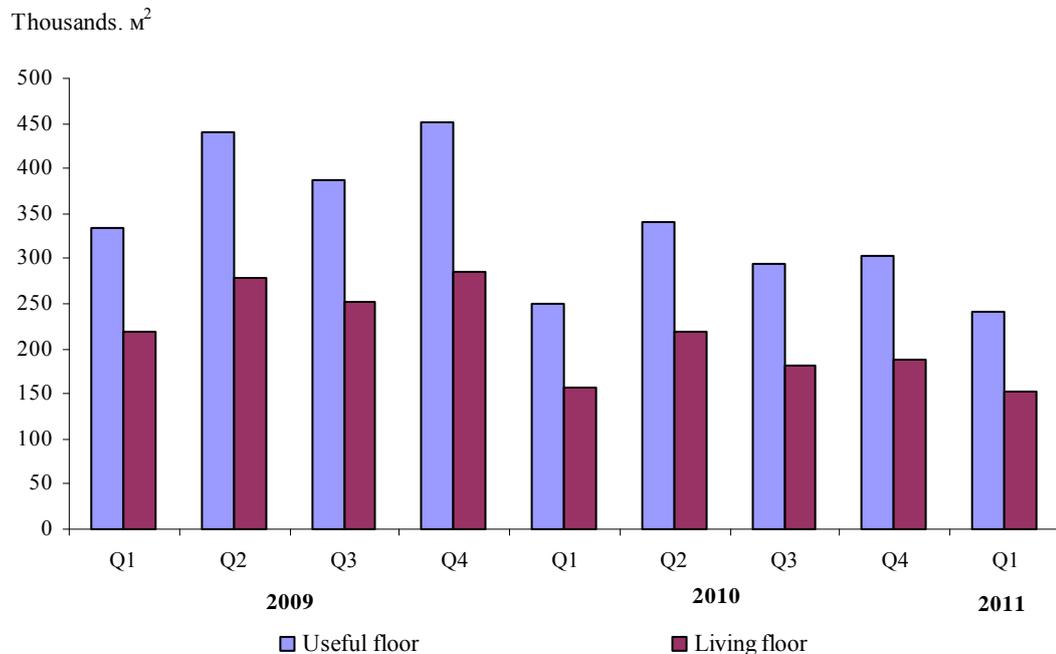
In the first quarter of 2011 the useful area of the newly built dwellings was 241.9 thousand sq. m or 3.6% less than the same quarter of 2010. The living floor area of the dwellings was decreased by 1.7% to 153.6 thousand sq. m.

At the same time the average useful area of a newly built dwelling increased from 76.4 sq. m in the first quarter of 2010 to 77.8 sq. m in the same quarter of 2011.

The biggest average useful area of a newly built dwelling was registered in the district Gabrovo - 136.4 sq. m, district Sofia - 133.9 sq. m, followed by districts Yambol - 111.2 sq. m and Razgrad - 106.1 sq. m and the smallest one in the district Vidin - 53.1 sq. m and district Plovdiv - 56.9 sq. m.



Figure 2. Useful floor space and living floor space



Methodology

The statistical data about the newly built residential buildings and dwellings was developed on the basis of the quarterly reports obtained from the municipal administrations.

In the scope of the survey were the newly built residential buildings with approved record of handover Form 16 or a valid usage license according to Regulation № 2/31.07.2003 of the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works.

Living floor space is the floor area of living-rooms, bedrooms, recesses for sleeping, dining-rooms, the rooms for day-stay, cabinets and libraries of scientists and drawing-rooms but does not include the areas of the kitchens.

Service floor space is the floor area of the rooms and kitchens with less than 4 square meters floor area, vestibules with a portal or an other screen, corridors, bathrooms, toilets, larders, hanging closets, other service rooms such as drying-rooms, laundries or balconies not depending on their area. The area of kitchens with over 4 sq. m floor area is shown separately.

The useful area of the dwelling is sum of the living-floor-space, service floor space and the area of the kitchens.



Table 1

Newly build residential buildings and dwellings completed in the first quarter of 2011¹

Districts	Newly completed residential buildings and dwellings - number		Useful floor area of newly built dwellings - sq. m			
	Buildings	Dwellings	Total	Living floor space	Service floor space	Area of kitchens
Total	601	3109	241864	153647	66395	21822
Blagoevgrad	7	25	2548	2128	211	209
Burgas	94	643	47141	30727	11874	4540
Varna	103	564	51307	30546	18117	2644
Veliko Tarnovo	35	286	20831	12122	7514	1195
Vidin	4	36	1910	1245	485	180
Vratsa	7	43	3341	1931	946	464
Gabrovo	19	28	3820	2247	1330	243
Dobrich	5	18	1437	1090	160	187
Kardzhali	13	96	7544	5711	1328	505
Kyustendil	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lovech	17	18	1564	1045	340	179
Montana	3	3	252	76	147	29
Pazardzhik	19	120	11099	6488	2962	1649
Pernik	28	35	2459	1393	596	470
Pleven	18	105	6244	4625	1175	444
Plovdiv	37	276	15695	9556	3469	2670
Razgrad	7	7	743	455	197	91
Ruse	14	166	12690	7428	3139	2123
Silistra	7	28	2088	1227	826	35
Sliven	14	86	5919	3749	1852	318
Smolyan	5	16	1192	650	464	78
Sofia	44	50	6693	4422	1651	620
Sofia capital	40	279	20868	15394	4026	1448
Stara Zagora	8	13	964	577	299	88
Targovishte	5	18	1434	761	517	156
Haskovo	9	30	2310	1816	312	182
Shumen	30	107	8326	5378	1991	957
Yambol	9	13	1445	860	467	118

¹ The data are preliminary.