

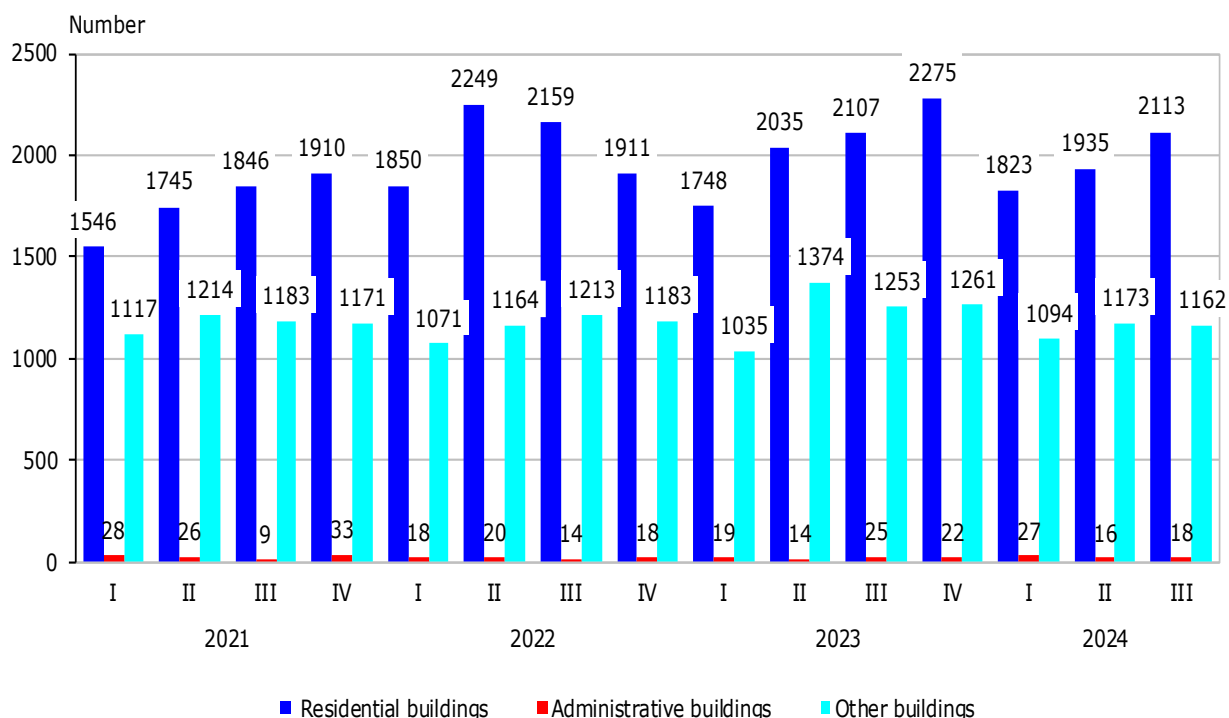


### BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED, AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDINGS STARTED IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2024

In the third quarter of 2024, the municipal authorities issued **building permits** for the construction of 2 113 residential buildings with 9 215 dwellings and 1 115 206 sq. m gross building area, 18 administrative buildings/offices with 60 495 sq. m gross building area and 1 162 other buildings with 572 420 sq. m gross building area.

Compared to the previous quarter, the issued building permits for residential buildings increased by 9.2%, while their dwellings decreased by 10.3% and the gross building area - by 6.4%. The building permits issued for administrative buildings have shown an increase of 12.5% and their gross building area increased more than twice. Issued building permits for other buildings fell by 0.9%, but their gross building area went up by 28.6%.

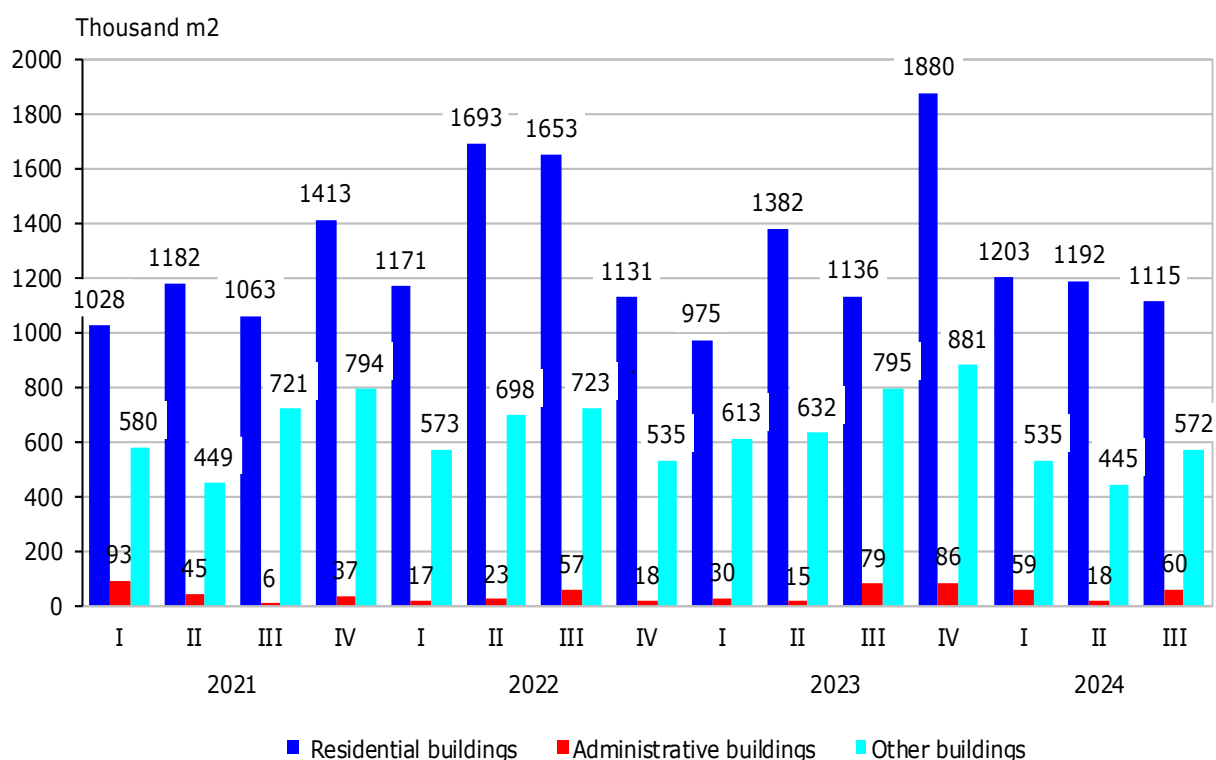
**Figure 1. Building permits, issued for the construction of new buildings by type and by quarter**



## BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED, AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDINGS STARTED IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2024

Compared to the third quarter of 2023, the issued building permits for new residential buildings increased by 0.3%, while their dwellings decreased by 6.0% and the gross building area - by 1.8%. The issued building permits for administrative buildings and their gross building area decreased by 28.0 and 23.4%, respectively. The issued building permits for other buildings fell by 7.3%, as did their gross building area - by 28.0%.

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



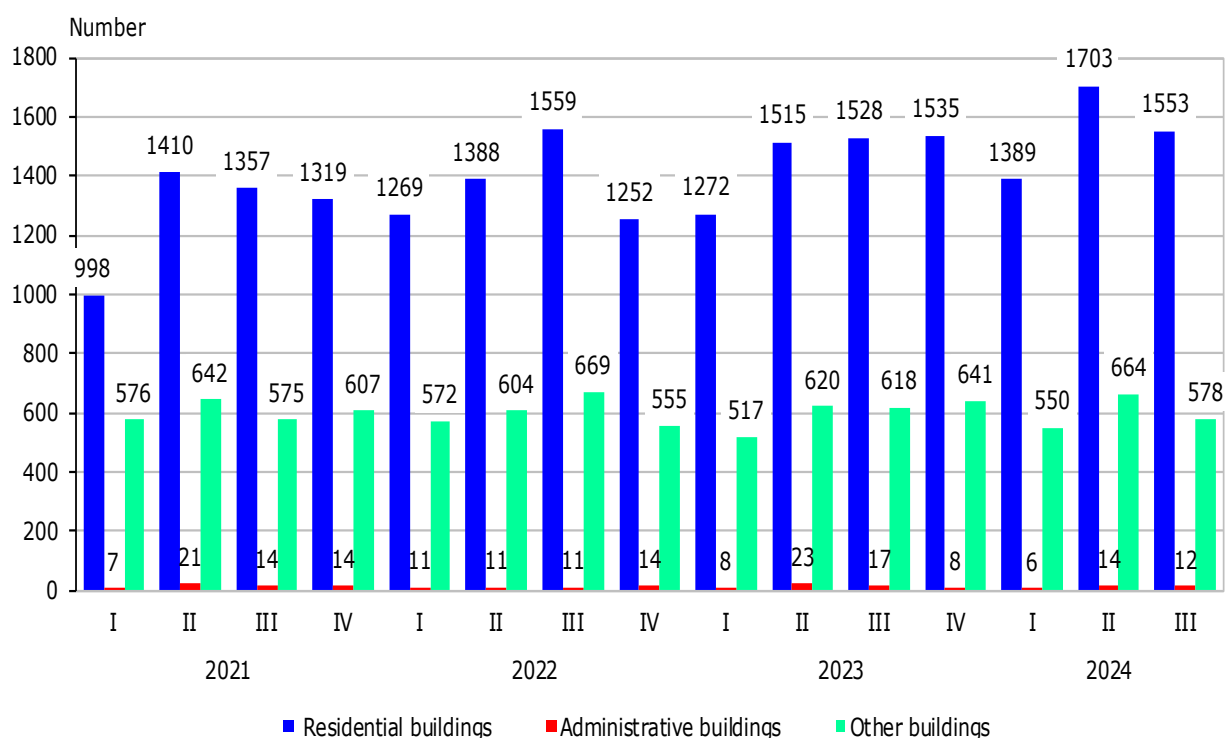
The highest number of building permits for new residential buildings was issued in the following districts: Plovdiv - 327, Sofia (stolitsa) - 261, Sofia - 256, Burgas - 208 and Varna - 169. The biggest number of dwellings to be built are in the districts: Plovdiv - 2 498, Sofia (stolitsa) - 2 414, Varna - 829, Burgas - 789 and Blagoevgrad - 376 (Annex, Table 1).

In the third quarter of 2024, **the construction** of 1 553 residential buildings with 6 707 dwellings and 935 057 sq. m gross building area, 12 administrative buildings/offices with 22 028 sq. m gross building area and 578 other buildings with 438 921 sq. m gross building area **began**.

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Compared to the previous quarter of 2024, the started residential buildings decreased by 8.8%, their dwellings - by 23.9%, and the gross building area - by 10.2%. The started administrative buildings and other buildings went down by 14.3 and 13.0% respectively. At the same time, the gross building area of administrative buildings increased by 3.2%, while the gross building area of other buildings fell by 2.5%.

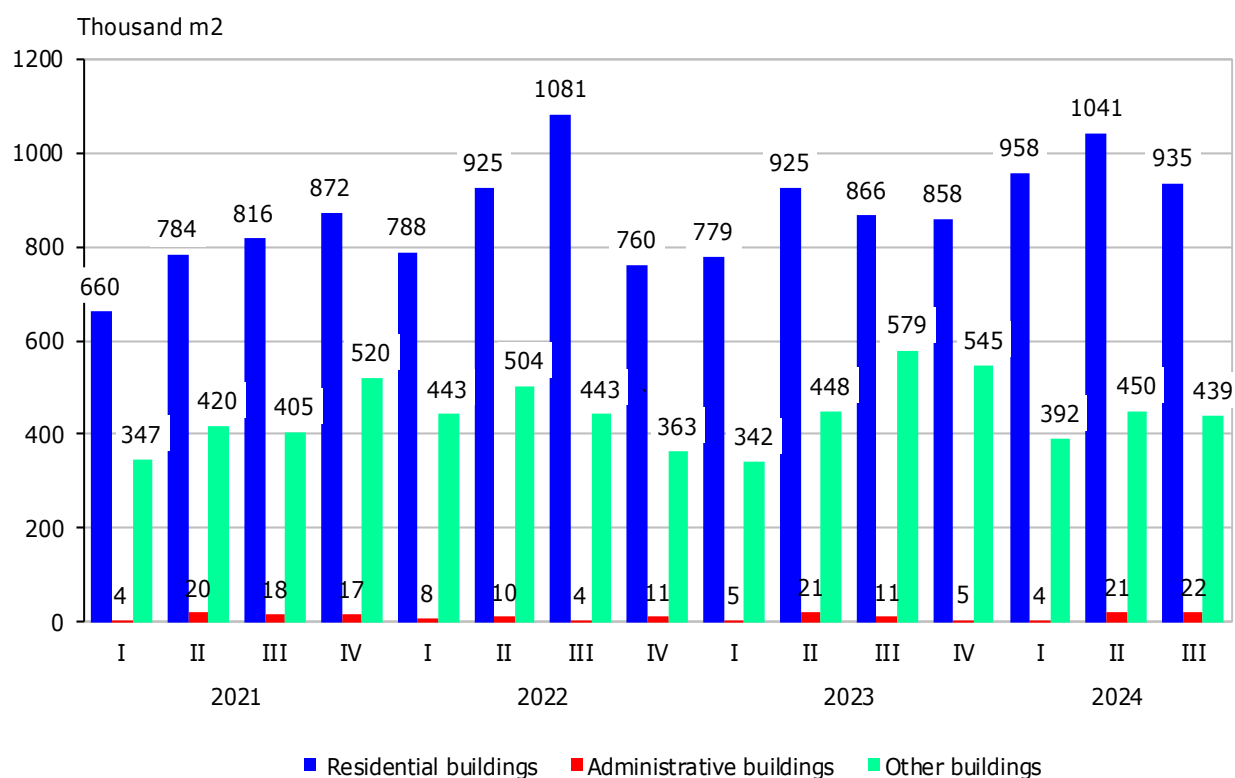
**Figure 3. Started construction of new buildings by type and by quarter**



Compared to the third quarter of 2023, the number of started new residential buildings grew by 1.6%, their gross building area - by 8.0%, but the dwellings decreased by 11.5%. The number of started administrative buildings fell by 29.4%, but their gross building area went up by 93.5%. The started other buildings reduced by 6.5% and their gross building area - by 24.2%.

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



The construction of the highest number of new buildings was started in the following districts: Plovdiv - 264 residential buildings and 77 other buildings; Sofia (stolitsa) - 225 residential buildings, 6 administrative buildings and 18 other buildings; Sofia - 163 residential buildings and 46 other buildings (Annex, Table 2).

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### **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 the future construction activity of enterprises in the country.

**Types of buildings** are classified according to the Classification of types of construction (CC) and are 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, culture, sports, agriculture, health, recreation and facilities for a short stay (hotels, motels, rest houses, huts and others).

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

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**Annex**

**Table 1**

**Building permits, issued for the construction of new buildings in the third  
quarter of 2024**

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>2113</b>	<b>9215</b>	<b>1115206</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>60495</b>	<b>1162</b>	<b>572420</b>
Blagoevgrad	133	376	62424	3	1461	36	21173
Burgas	208	789	97197	-	-	60	32667
Varna	169	829	97889	..	..	46	23920
Veliko Tarnovo	33	86	8851	-	-	66	27726
Vidin	5	6	692	..	..	11	1548
Vratsa	29	83	18344	-	-	28	9888
Gabrovo	26	26	4902	-	-	16	6022
Dobrich	60	141	18396	-	-	25	11556
Kardzhali	39	347	34516	4	3019	20	20578
Kyustendil	23	24	4309	-	-	14	2804
Lovech	32	32	6130	-	-	31	7384
Montana	9	8	1393	-	-	6	915
Pazardzhik	93	275	28734	..	..	54	22051
Pernik	53	54	9137	-	-	44	8128
Pleven	15	51	6482	..	..	43	8049
Plovdiv	327	2498	279258	..	..	134	103785
Razgrad	15	15	2036	-	-	21	4224
Ruse	32	82	11540	..	..	68	12405
Silistra	13	14	2502	-	-	36	7061
Sliven	39	48	7491	-	-	23	10873
Smolyan	25	28	4781	-	-	26	5038
Sofia	256	284	42938	..	..	81	48141
Sofia (stolitsa)	261	2414	281605	3	54630	28	118240
Stara Zagora	69	224	28235	-	-	143	29060
Targovishte	13	29	3372	-	-	11	1603
Haskovo	78	312	34411	-	-	32	13222
Shumen	30	52	4987	-	-	44	9791
Yambol	28	88	12654	-	-	15	4568

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**Table 2**

**Building construction started in the third quarter of 2024**

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>1553</b>	<b>6707</b>	<b>935057</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>22028</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>438921</b>
Blagoevgrad	81	264	51326	-	-	24	17766
Burgas	126	619	69295	-	-	29	37908
Varna	117	1109	119244	3	3516	15	4865
Veliko Tarnovo	27	38	6326	-	-	21	9796
Vidin	3	4	536	-	-	5	662
Vratsa	16	16	2459	-	-	17	2737
Gabrovo	24	39	5140	-	-	11	5228
Dobrich	33	110	14437	-	-	3	128
Kardzhali	35	217	27543	-	-	10	5343
Kyustendil	25	25	5382	-	-	10	5890
Lovech	26	26	4271	-	-	12	8289
Montana	13	32	3903	-	-	5	2519
Pazardzhik	81	248	26251	-	-	43	20758
Pernik	37	38	6649	-	-	5	2125
Pleven	5	24	2420	-	-	9	1137
Plovdiv	264	1207	163328	-	-	77	65525
Razgrad	13	13	2370	..	..	13	696
Ruse	23	64	7455	..	..	18	9024
Silistra	11	11	1400	-	-	29	8293
Sliven	23	47	8840	-	-	11	4058
Smolyan	12	12	2384	-	-	21	3464
Sofia	163	173	27522	..	..	46	66571
Sofia (stolitsa)	225	1759	305639	6	17637	18	79773
Stara Zagora	76	277	30746	-	-	95	48249
Targovishte	6	10	1202	-	-	..	..
Haskovo	44	243	27631	-	-	11	8700
Shumen	15	37	3992	-	-	18	18788
Yambol	29	45	7366	-	-	..	..

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