



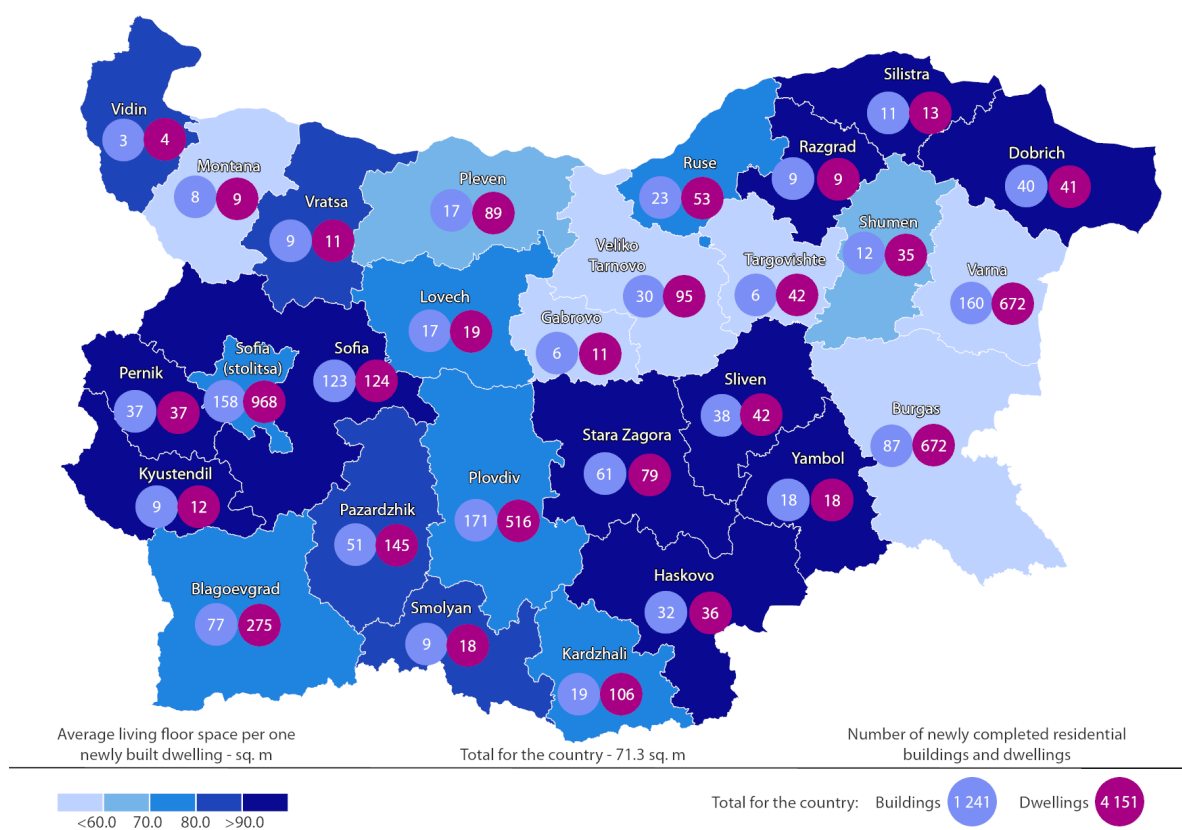
SHORT-TERM STATISTICS OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS - FIRST QUARTER OF 2026 - PRELIMINARY DATA

According to preliminary data^[1] from the National Statistical Institute, in the first quarter of 2026 the number of newly built residential buildings was 1 241, and the newly built dwellings in them were 4 151.

In the first quarter of 2026, 74.1% of the newly built residential buildings had steel-concrete construction, 21.2% had solid structure, 4.1% had 'other' and 0.6% had a panel construction. The highest was the relative share of newly built houses (81.6%), followed by blocks of flats (11.5%).

The highest is the number of residential buildings built in Plovdiv district - 171 residential buildings with 516 dwellings, followed by Varna district - 160 residential buildings with 672 dwellings, and Sofia (stolitsa) district - 158 buildings with 968 dwellings in them (Figure 1).

Figure 1. Newly built residential buildings and dwellings completed in the first quarter of 2026 by districts



^[1] The number of newly built residential buildings in district Sofia (stolitsa) does not include data for Pancharevo due to the refusal of the district administration to provide information.

The highest is the number of newly built dwellings with two rooms (35.5%), followed by the number of those with three rooms (31.5%), and the lowest is the number of dwellings with six and more rooms (5.6%).

In the first quarter of 2026, the total useful space of the newly built dwellings was 416.7 thousand sq. m, and the living floor space was 296.1 thousand square meters.

The **average living floor** space of a newly built dwelling was 71.3 square meters.

The largest average living floor space of a newly built dwelling was recorded in the districts of Silistra - 154.6 sq. m, and Stara Zagora - 134.1 sq. m, and the smallest ones in Burgas - 51.9 sq. m, and Varna - 53.1 square meters.

Methodological notes

The statistical data about the newly built residential buildings and dwellings are prepared based on quarterly reports of the municipal administrations.

In the scope of the survey are newly built residential buildings with approved or valid usage licenses according to Regulation No. 2/31.07.2003 of the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works.

From 2025 the total area of the dwellings in the building serves as a source of information on the **useful floor space**. Until the end of 2024 the useful floor space of the dwellings is calculated as the sum of the living floor space and the service floor space.

Living floor space includes rooms and kitchens with over 4 sq. m of floor space.

The average living floor space is the ratio between the living floor space and the number of dwellings.