

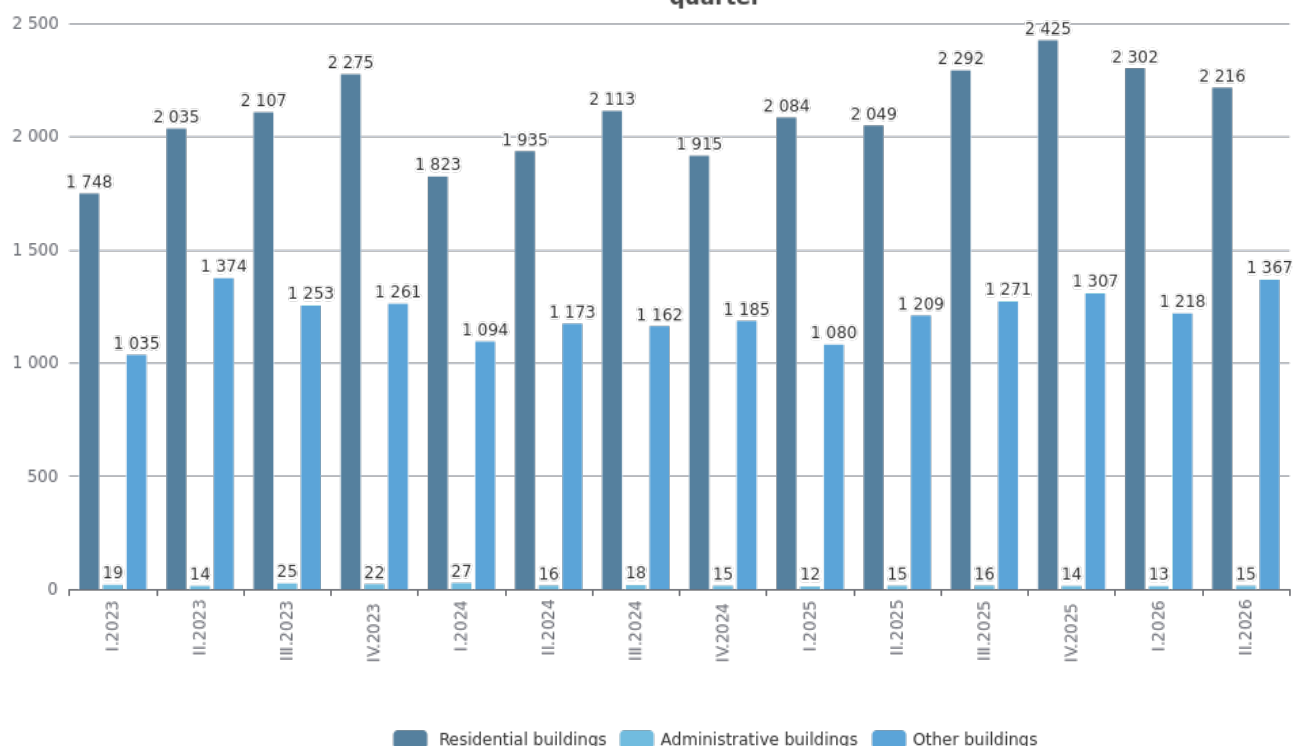


BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED AND CONSTRUCTION STARTED - SECOND QUARTER OF 2026

In the second quarter of 2026, the municipal authorities issued **building permits** for the construction of 2 216 residential buildings with 11 499 dwellings and 1 351 492 sq. m gross building area, 15 administrative buildings/offices with 10 451 sq. m gross building area and 1 367 other buildings with 820 066 sq. m gross building area.

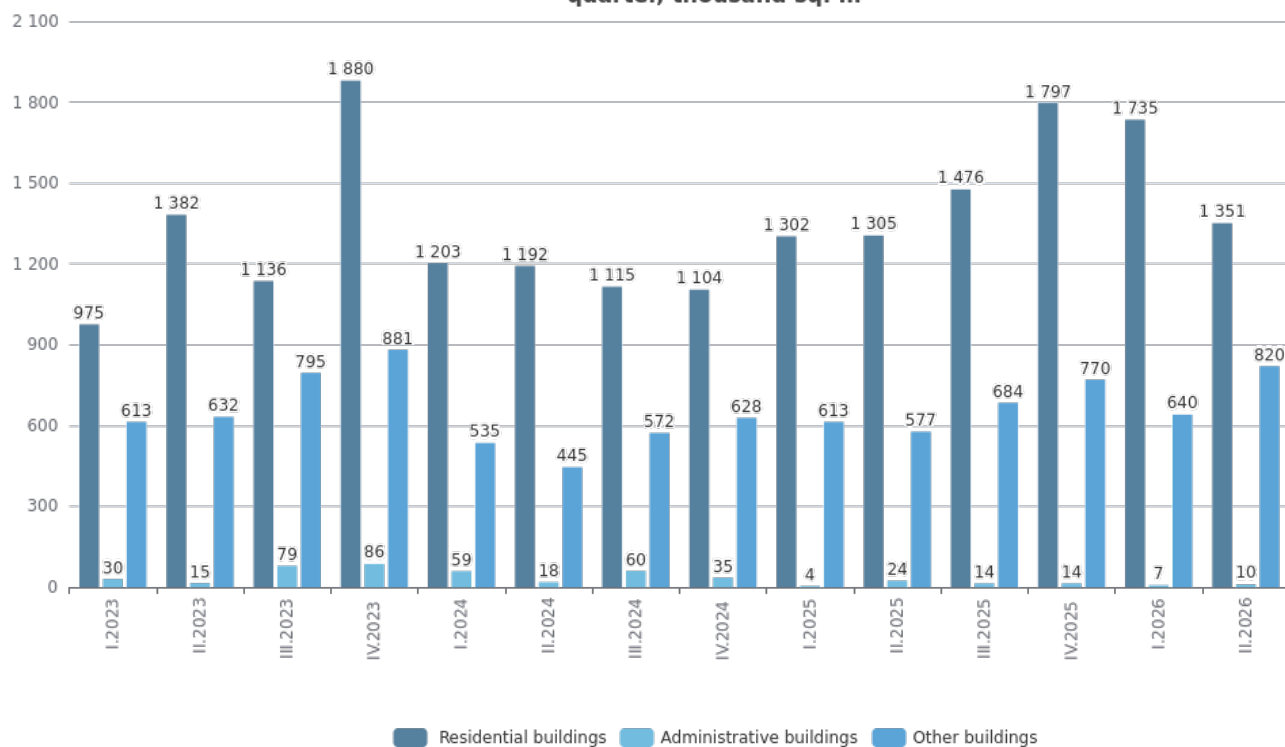
Compared to the previous quarter, the issued building permits for residential buildings decreased by 3.7%, their dwellings - by 15.2%, and the gross building area - by 22.1%. The issued building permits for administrative buildings and their gross building area went up by 15.4% and by 54.6%, respectively. The issued building permits for other buildings grew by 12.2% and their gross building area - by 28.1%.

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



Compared to the second quarter of 2025, the issued building permits for new residential buildings increased by 8.2%, their dwellings - by 14.0%, and the gross building area - by 3.6%. The number of issued building permits of administrative buildings remains unchanged, but their gross building area declined by 56.0%. The issued building permits for other buildings grew by 13.1% and their gross building area - by 42.2%.

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

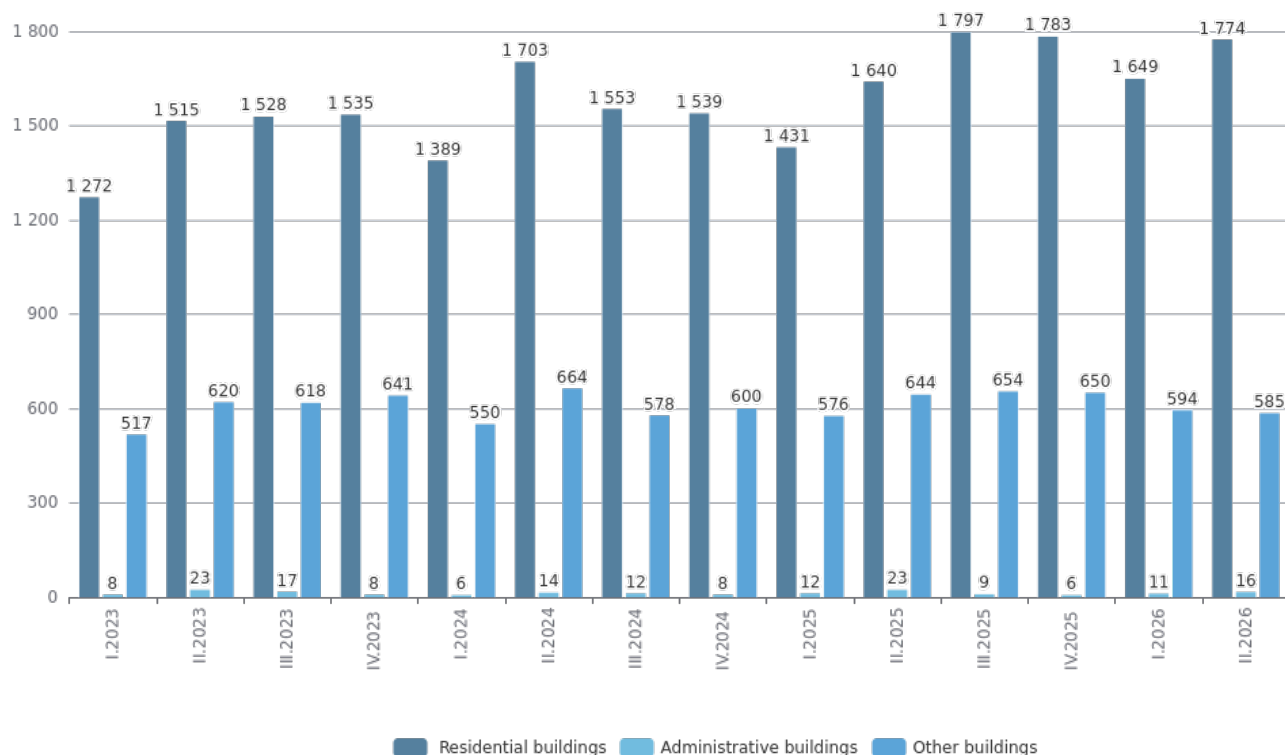


The highest number of building permits for new residential buildings was issued in the following districts: Plovdiv - 374, Sofia (stolitsa) - 268, Sofia - 243, Varna - 202 and Burgas - 161. Most dwellings are expected to be built in the following districts: Sofia (stolitsa) - 2 878, Plovdiv - 1 941, Burgas - 1 660, Varna - 1 316, and Pernik - 489 (Annex, Table 1).

In the second quarter of 2026, **the construction** of 1 774 residential buildings with 8 913 dwellings and 1 047 174 sq. m gross building area, 16 administrative buildings/offices with 9 258 sq. m gross building area and 585 other buildings with 412 147 sq. m gross building area **began**.

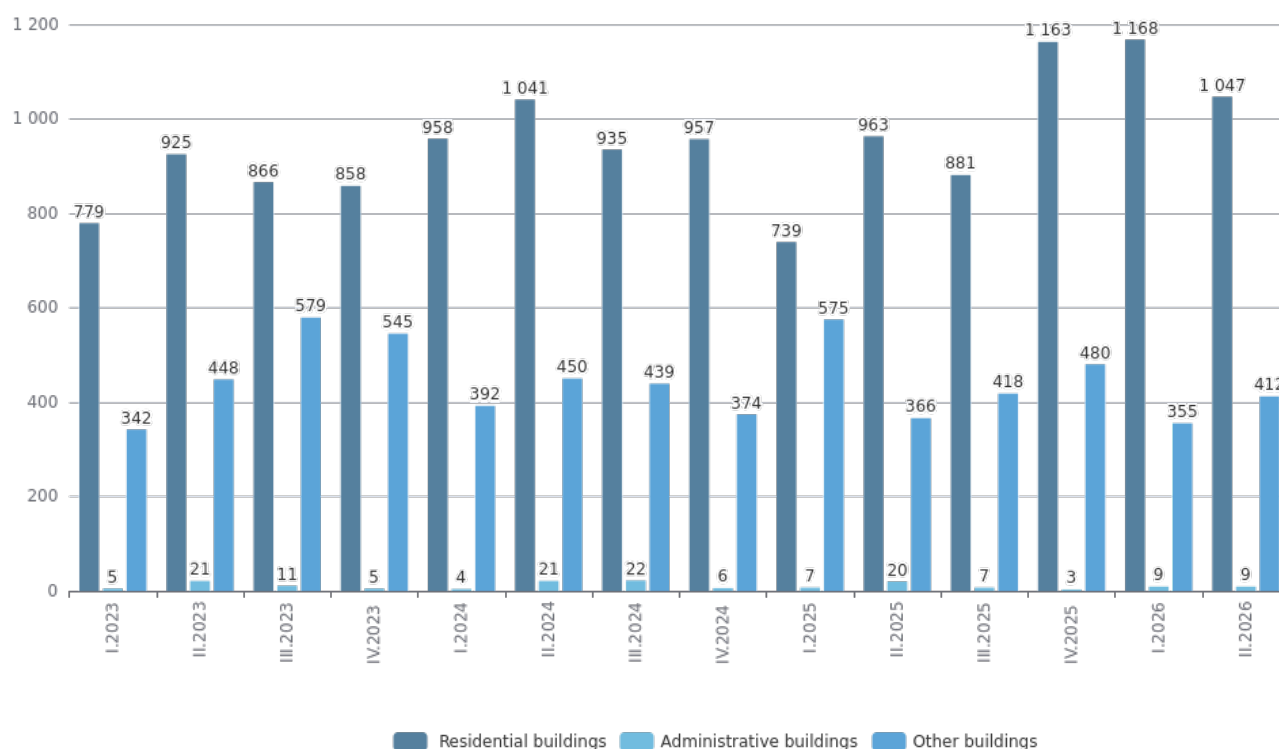
Compared to the previous quarter, the started residential buildings increased by 7.6%, but their dwellings fell by 12.6% and the gross building area - by 10.3%. The started administrative buildings and their gross building area registered an increase of 45.5% and 4.2%, respectively. The construction of 1.5% fewer other buildings started, but with a gross building area that was 15.9% larger.

Figure 3. Number of started construction of new buildings by type and by quarter



Compared to the second quarter of 2025, the number of started new residential buildings increased by 8.2%, their dwellings - by 10.5%, and the gross building area - by 8.7%. The number of started administrative buildings decreased by 30.4% and their gross building area - by 53.2%. The construction of 9.2% fewer other buildings was started, with a 12.5% larger gross building area.

Figure 4. Started construction - gross building area by type of buildings and by quarter, thousand sq. m



The construction of the highest number of new buildings was started in the following districts: Plovdiv - 333 residential buildings, 4 administrative buildings and 95 other buildings; Sofia - 222 residential buildings and 46 other buildings; Sofia (stolitsa) - 202 residential buildings and 8 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 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.

Building permits, issued for the construction of new buildings in the second quarter of 2026							
	Residential buildings			Administrative buildings		Other buildings	
Districts	Number	Number of dwellings	Gross building area - sq. m	Number	Gross building area - sq. m	Number	Gross building area - sq. m
Total	2216	11499	1351492	15	10451	1367	820066
Blagoevgrad	129	364	49106	-	-	73	44851
Burgas	161	1660	149867	..	..	57	163530
Varna	202	1316	150880	..	..	66	43535
Veliko Tarnovo	59	144	18370	-	-	54	20794
Vidin	11	12	1097	-	-	6	1013
Vratsa	27	138	17227	-	-	21	4976
Gabrovo	22	22	4766	-	-	15	12972
Dobrich	53	117	12531	-	-	44	23715
Kardzhali	34	153	16281	-	-	8	5337
Kyustendil	25	39	6206	..	..	40	28632
Lovech	36	43	5208	-	-	25	9219
Montana	8	8	1619	-	-	16	9539
Pazardzhik	106	282	35406	..	..	47	27865
Pernik	68	489	68609	-	-	45	7520
Pleven	32	91	19816	-	-	24	42392
Plovdiv	374	1941	199312	4	543	188	123864
Razgrad	24	24	3292	-	-	26	7304
Ruse	42	263	30116	..	..	93	13304
Silistra	11	18	2365	-	-	35	5638
Sliven	55	132	19216	-	-	44	19631
Smolyan	11	65	8906	-	-	21	4890
Sofia	243	432	61049	..	..	97	29528
Sofia (stolitsa)	268	2878	373367	3	3178	24	72735
Stara Zagora	89	333	42930	-	-	177	54574
Targovishte	17	97	6885	-	-	18	5133
Haskovo	64	273	28995	-	-	34	18176
Shumen	24	126	14170	-	-	59	13070
Yambol	21	39	3900	-	-	10	6329
‘..’ - Confidential data.							
‘-’ - No cases.							

Table 2

Building construction started in the second quarter of 2026							
	Residential buildings			Administrative buildings		Other buildings	
Districts	Number	Number of dwellings	Gross building area - sq. m	Number	Gross building area - sq. m	Number	Gross building area - sq. m
Total	1774	8913	1047174	16	9258	585	412147
Blagoevgrad	125	343	48558	-	-	46	27350
Burgas	105	1388	130427	..	..	35	59103
Varna	150	791	91900	..	..	29	32063
Veliko Tarnovo	37	45	6887	-	-	28	9586
Vidin	7	9	1098	-	-	..	..
Vratsa	13	13	1447	-	-	3	1091
Gabrovo	15	15	2393	-	-	7	3812
Dobrich	43	84	14278	-	-	9	5654
Kardzhali	23	151	16141	-	-	5	1721
Kyustendil	36	59	10315	3	767	19	2723
Lovech	17	18	2218	-	-	19	2563
Montana	6	6	838	-	-	4	1509
Pazardzhik	76	265	27087	..	..	34	8966
Pernik	32	33	5482	-	-	..	..
Pleven	9	9	1488	-	-	11	8079
Plovdiv	333	2357	249097	4	4682	95	102007
Razgrad	17	17	1847	-	-	3	581
Ruse	43	192	24309	-	-	22	23236
Silistra	12	12	1587	..	..	18	2815
Sliven	40	124	17356	-	-	11	12884
Smolyan	8	11	1499	-	-	13	1310
Sofia	222	382	49447	..	..	46	16379
Sofia (stolitsa)	202	1986	268402	-	-	8	31190
Stara Zagora	87	187	26112	-	-	86	42375
Targovishte	7	26	1990	-	-	3	198
Haskovo	55	104	13957	-	-	14	9400
Shumen	25	253	26683	-	-	9	3829
Yambol	29	33	4331	3	226	5	1088
‘..’ - Confidential data.							
‘-’ - No case.							