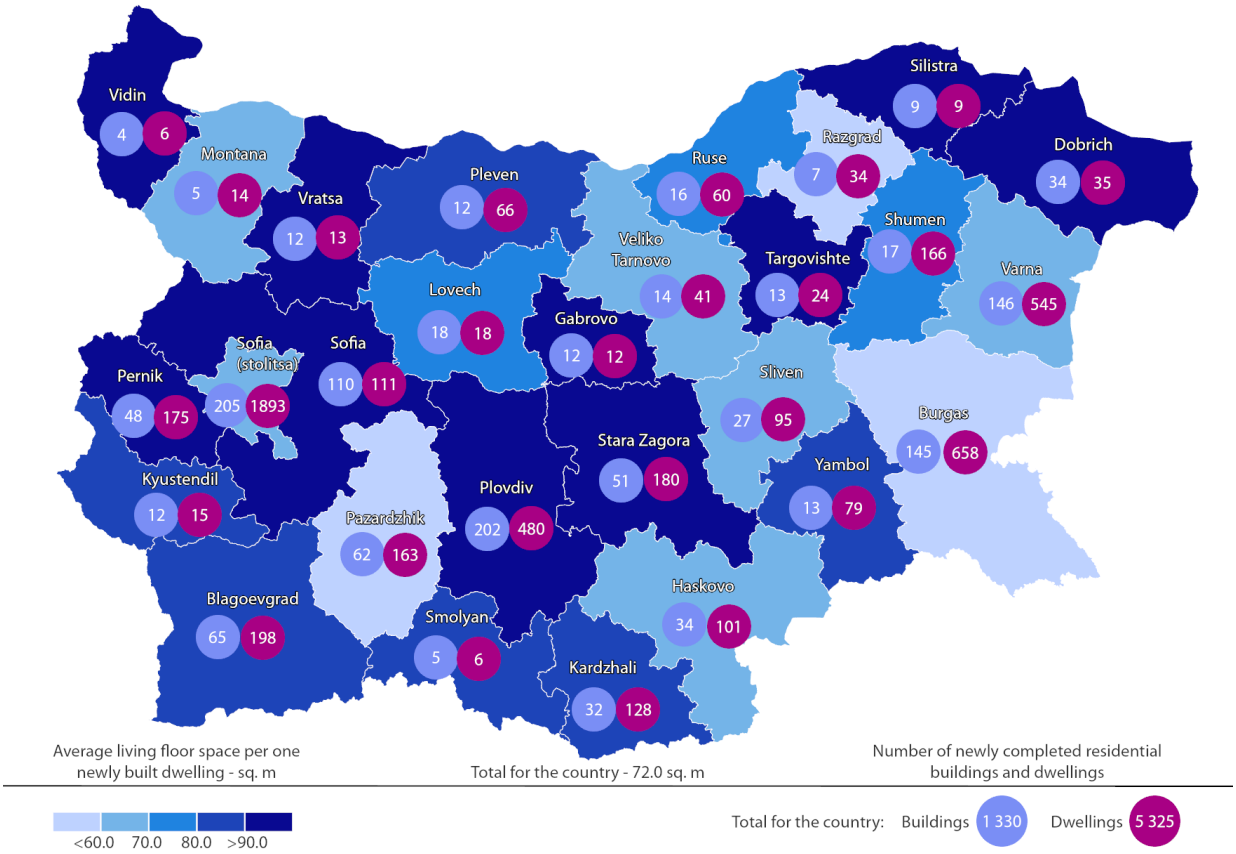
SHORT-TERM STATISTICS OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS - THIRD QUARTER OF 2026 - PRELIMINARY DATA

According to preliminary data[1] from the National Statistical Institute, in the third quarter of 2026 the number of newly built residential buildings was 1 330, and the newly built dwellings in them were 5 325.

In the third quarter of 2026, 73.8% of the newly built residential buildings had steel-concrete construction, 23.2% had solid structure, 2.6% had 'other' and 0.4% had a panel construction. Highest was the relative share of newly built houses (76.8%), followed by blocks of flats (16.2%).

The highest number of residential buildings was built in Sofia (Stolitsa) district - 205 residential buildings with 1 893 dwellings, followed by Plovdiv district - 202 residential buildings with 480 dwellings, and Varna district - 146 buildings with 545 dwellings in them (Figure 1).

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



The highest is the number of newly built dwellings with two rooms (37.8%), followed by the number of those with three rooms (35.6%), and the lowest is the number of the dwellings with six and more rooms (4.1%).

In the third quarter of 2026, the total useful space of the newly built dwellings was 534.8 thousand sq. m, and the living floor space was 383.2 thousand square meters.

The **average living floor** space of a newly built dwelling was 72.0 square meters.

The largest average living floor space of a newly built dwelling was recorded in the districts of Silistra - 126.9 sq. m, and Sofia - 117.3 sq. m, and the smallest were in Burgas - 52.4 sq. m, and Razgrad - 57.3 square meters.

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

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.