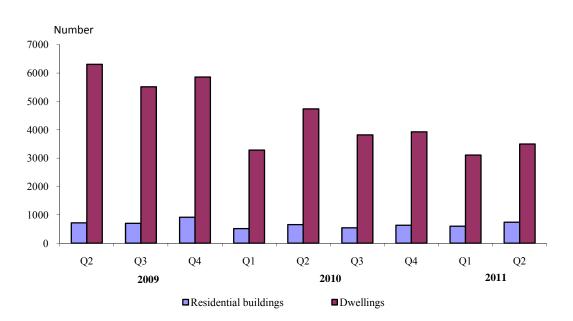## NEWLY BUILT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND DWELLINGS COMPLETED IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2011

According to the preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute, in the second quarter of 2011 the newly built residential buildings were 742 and compared to the same quarter of 2010 increased by 13.1% (Table 1). The newly built dwellings in them fell by 26.2% and their number was 3 497.

Figure 1. Newly built residential buildings and dwellings completed

The largest number of the residential buildings and dwellings has been built in the district Burgas - 121 buildings with 1 122 dwellings in them, district Varna - 100 residential buildings with 573 dwellings, followed by district Stara Zagora - 74 buildings with 313 dwellings and district Sofia capital - 36 buildings with 260 dwellings.

In the second quarter of 2011 the useful area of the newly built dwellings was 282.0 thousand sq. m or 17.2% less than the same quarter of 2010. The living floor area of the dwellings was decreased by 13.8% to 188.5 thousand sq. m.

At the same time the average useful area of a newly built dwelling increased from 71.9 sq. m in the second quarter of 2010 to 80.6 sq. m in the same quarter of 2011.

The biggest average useful area of a newly built dwelling was registered in the district Smolyan - 129.0 sq. m, district Gabrovo - 126.0 sq. m, followed by districts Ruse - 122.9 sq. m and Sofia - 122.0 sq. m and the smallest one in the district Vratsa - 52.5 sq. m and district Sofia capital - 64.6 sq. m.
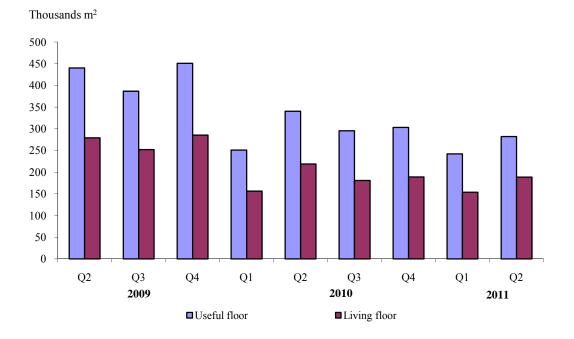
Figure 2. Useful floor space and living floor space

Thousands m^2

Useful floor   Living floor

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 second quarter of 2011[1]

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	**742**	**3497**	**281987**	**188522**	**67829**	**25636**
Blagoevgrad	3	17	1557	1291	125	141
Burgas	121	1122	79641	52293	19772	7576
Varna	100	573	43303	28535	12385	2383
Veliko Tarnovo	38	214	16371	10046	5362	963
Vidin	7	25	2223	1254	799	170
Vratsa	9	48	2518	1735	612	171
Gabrovo	19	38	4788	2410	2053	325
Dobrich	65	159	15948	9178	4379	2391
Kardzhali	..	14	1809	891	876	42
Kyustendil	8	19	1237	866	156	215
Lovech	22	22	2416	1580	530	306
Montana	4	6	630	496	93	41
Pazardzhik	31	95	10908	6798	2900	1210
Pernik	37	69	7848	5279	1549	1020
Pleven	6	22	1563	1190	229	144
Plovdiv	33	167	11775	7930	2701	1144
Razgrad	6	27	2301	1467	624	210
Ruse	22	51	6269	3438	1963	868
Silistra	6	12	786	516	217	53
Sliven	9	38	2611	1748	709	154
Smolyan	..	3	387	304	68	15
Sofia	43	56	6833	4250	1746	837
Sofia cap.	36	260	16740	11904	2985	1851
Stara Zagora	74	313	31310	26508	2414	2388
Targovishte	4	24	1636	976	612	48
Haskovo	12	41	3563	2237	858	468
Shumen	12	26	2319	1545	540	234
Yambol	10	36	2697	1857	572	268

[1] Data are preliminary.
'..' - Confidential data.