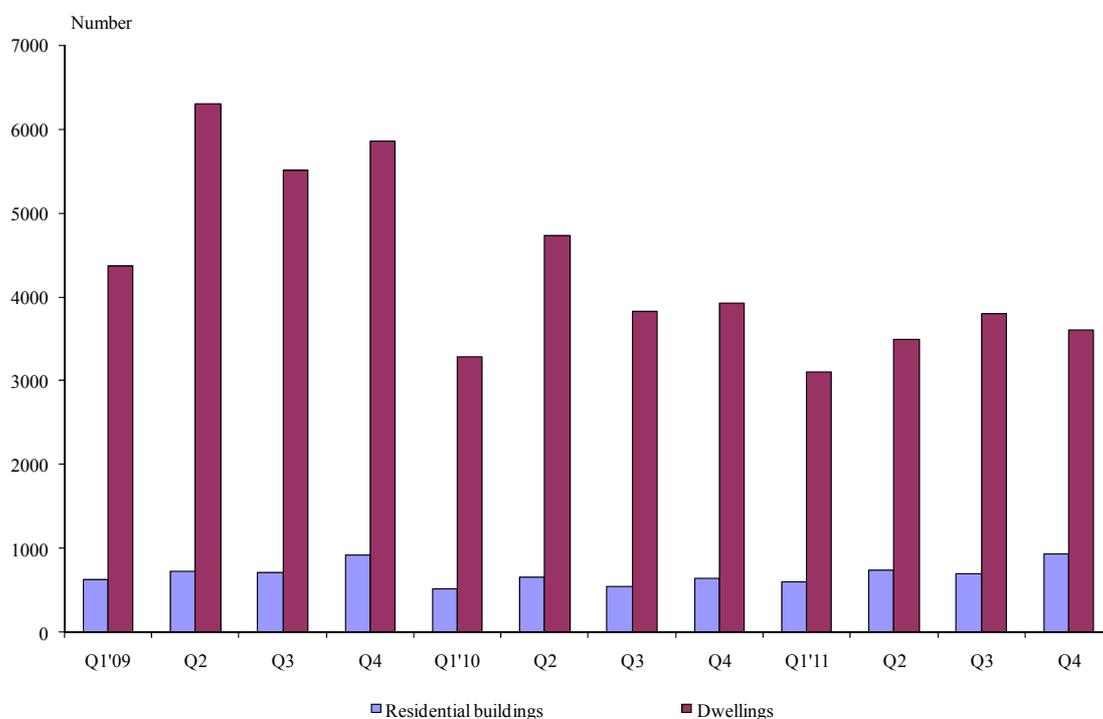




## NEWLY BUILT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND DWELLINGS COMPLETED IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 2011

According to the preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute in the fourth quarter of 2011 the number of newly built residential buildings was 928 (Table 1) which was by 34.5% more compared to the previous quarter. The newly built dwellings in them were 3 610 or by 4.9% fewer (Figure 1). In comparison with the fourth quarter of 2010 the newly built residential buildings increased by 45.9% while the newly built dwellings in them fell by 8.1%.

**Figure 1. Newly built residential buildings and dwellings completed**



The highest number of the residential buildings and dwellings has been built in the district Varna - 188 buildings with 815 dwellings in them and district Burgas - 127 residential buildings with 826 dwellings.

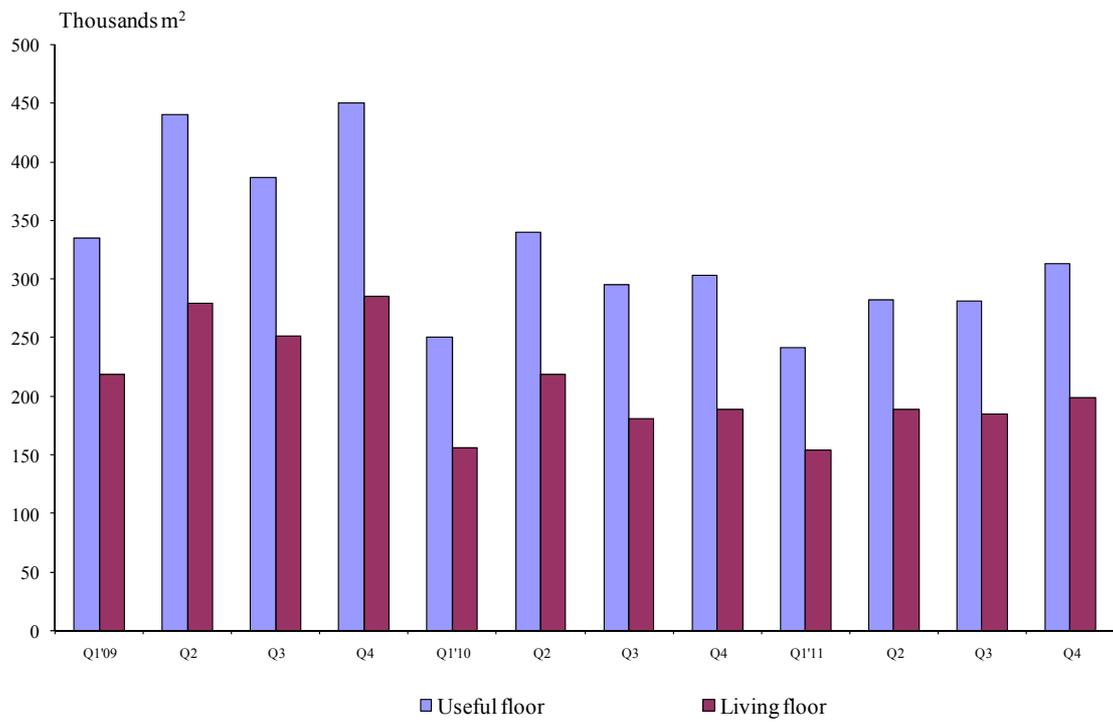
In the fourth quarter of 2011 the useful area of the newly built dwellings was 313.5 thousand sq. m or by 11.4% more than the previous quarter. At the same time also was recorded an increase of the living floor area by 7.5% reaching to 198.5 thousand sq. m (Figure 2).

As compared to the same quarter of 2010 the useful area and the living floor area was increased by 3.4 and 5.3% respectively. An increment of the average useful area of the newly built dwelling from 77.2 sq. m to 86.8 sq. m also was registered.



The biggest average useful area of a newly built dwelling was recorded in the district Gabrovo - 124.6 sq. m and district Montana - 119.0 sq. m, and the smallest one in the district Silistra - 49.9 sq. m and district Pleven - 61.2 sq. m.

**Figure 2. Useful floor space and living floor space of the newly built dwellings completed**





### 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 fourth quarter of 2011**

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>3610</b>	<b>313450</b>	<b>198532</b>	<b>88572</b>	<b>26346</b>
Blagoevgrad	5	8	763	659	47	57
Burgas	127	826	68088	43764	19861	4463
Varna	188	815	73040	45186	23050	4804
Veliko Tarnovo	26	131	9597	5825	3237	535
Vidin	..	..	376	214	129	33
Vratsa	13	59	5038	3059	1346	633
Gabrovo	31	58	7227	3560	3049	618
Dobrich	61	121	12571	7477	3507	1587
Kardzhali	20	81	7469	4998	1960	511
Kyustendil	9	27	2004	1220	458	326
Lovech	29	31	3611	2229	989	393
Montana	..	..	238	136	56	46
Pazardzhik	25	98	11274	6681	2848	1745
Pernik	30	62	4674	2706	1265	703
Pleven	19	111	6797	4620	1514	663
Plovdiv	59	251	21152	13939	4634	2579
Razgrad	5	19	1411	887	358	166
Ruse	25	111	9219	5613	2825	781
Silistra	12	31	1548	881	608	59
Sliven	23	164	11787	7646	3478	663
Smolyan	12	73	5882	3844	1333	705
Sofia	61	93	10007	6391	2636	980
Sofia cap.	41	104	10307	7445	2042	820
Stara Zagora	44	128	12644	9644	2038	962
Targovishte	4	21	2419	1147	1218	54
Haskovo	34	118	8417	4944	2450	1023
Shumen	8	10	1101	612	373	116
Yambol	12	53	4789	3205	1263	321

\* The data are preliminary.

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