

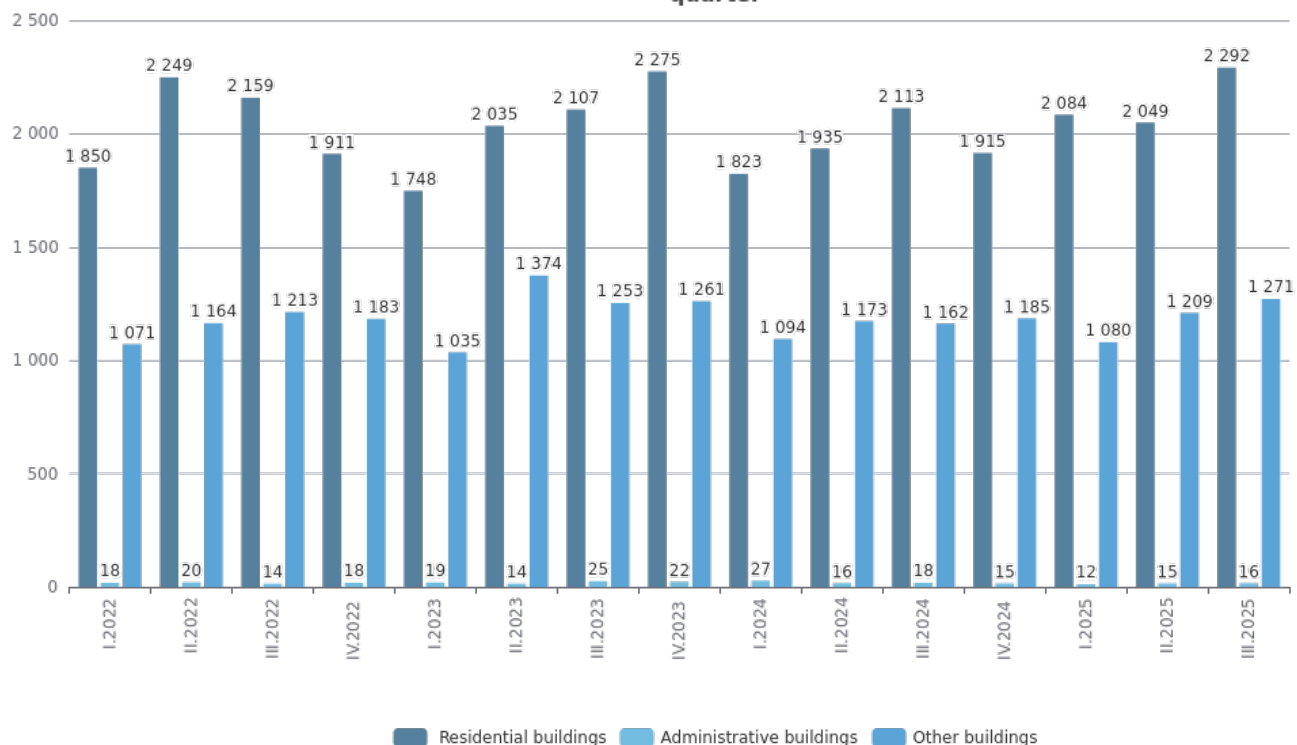


BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED AND CONSTRUCTION STARTED - THIRD QUARTER OF 2025

In the third quarter of 2025, the municipal authorities issued **building permits** for the construction of 2 292 residential buildings with 13 541 dwellings and 1 475 933 sq. m gross building area, 16 administrative buildings/offices with 14 736 sq. m gross building area and 1 271 other buildings with 683 709 sq. m gross building area.

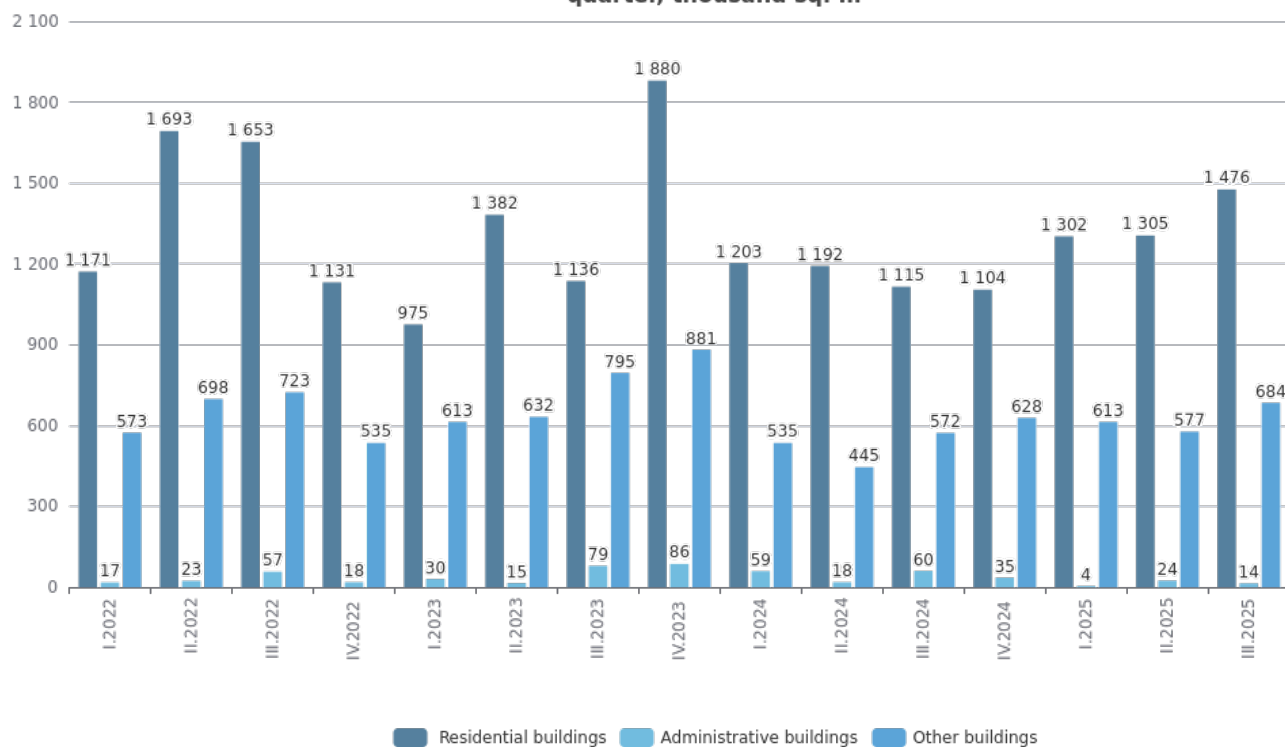
Compared to the previous quarter, the issued building permits for residential buildings increased by 11.9%, their dwellings - by 34.2%, and the gross building area - by 13.1%. Permits were issued for 6.7% more administrative buildings, with a 37.9% fewer gross building area. The issued building permits for other buildings grew by 5.1% and their gross building area - by 18.6%.

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



Compared to the third quarter of 2024, the issued building permits for new residential buildings increased by 8.5%, their dwellings - by 46.9%, and the gross building area - by 32.3%. Building permits issued for administrative buildings have shown a decrease by 11.1% and their gross building area - by 75.6%. The issued building permits for other buildings went up by 9.4% and their gross building area - by 19.4%.

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

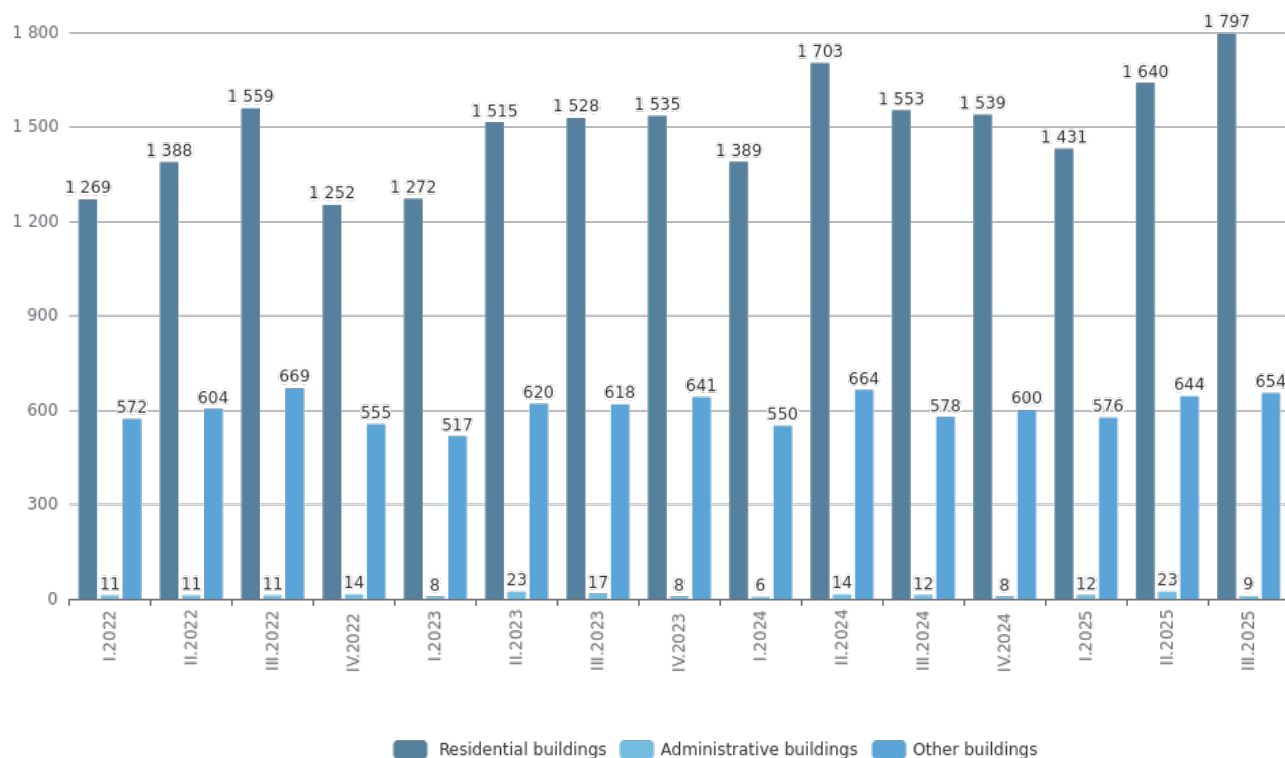


The highest number of building permits for new residential buildings was issued in the following districts: Plovdiv - 442, Sofia (stolitsa) - 230, Sofia - 226, Varna - 215, and Burgas - 186. Most dwellings are to be built in the districts: Plovdiv - 3 744, Sofia (stolitsa) - 3 000, Burgas - 2 090, Varna - 1 236, and Blagoevgrad - 445 (Annex, Table 1).

In the third quarter of 2025, **the construction** of 1 797 residential buildings with 6 443 dwellings and 880 935 sq. m gross building area, 9 administrative buildings/offices with 7 284 sq. m gross building area and 654 other buildings with 418 159 sq. m gross building area **began**.

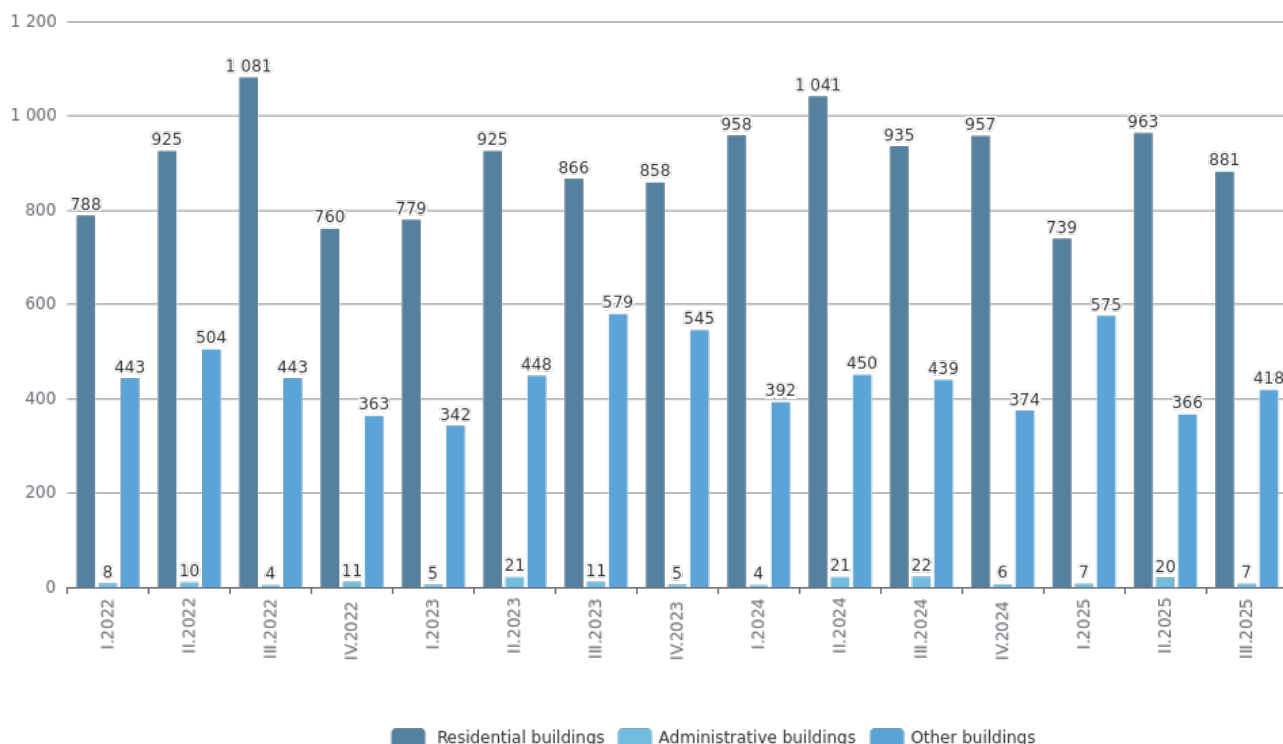
Compared to the previous quarter, the started residential buildings increased by 9.6%, but their dwellings fell by 20.1% and the gross building area - by 8.5%. The started administrative buildings and their gross building area registered a drop of 60.9% and 63.2%, respectively. The construction of 1.6% more other buildings has begun, with 14.1% larger gross building area.

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



Compared to the third quarter of 2024, the number of started new residential buildings increased by 15.7%, but their dwellings fell by 3.9% and the gross building area - by 5.8%. The number of started administrative buildings decreased by 25.0% and their gross building area - by 66.9%. The started other buildings rose by 13.1%, but with 4.7% less 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 - 287 residential buildings and 62 other buildings; Sofia (stolitsa) - 308 residential buildings, 5 administrative buildings and 30 other buildings; Sofia - 174 residential buildings and 44 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 third quarter of 2025							
	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	2292	13541	1475933	16	14736	1271	683709
Blagoevgrad	140	445	57069	-	-	53	13962
Burgas	186	2090	201754	..	..	48	126039
Varna	215	1236	140749	3	9665	66	83052
Veliko Tarnovo	35	117	11907	-	-	37	15262
Vidin	5	8	1042	-	-	5	3518
Vratsa	27	49	5735	..	..	25	3587
Gabrovo	37	75	10829	-	-	17	9284
Dobrich	65	122	15117	-	-	38	21521
Kardzhali	39	237	27479	-	-	8	4532
Kyustendil	40	64	12147	..	..	33	4623
Lovech	33	42	4639	-	-	28	4196
Montana	14	14	2118	-	-	8	2801
Pazardzhik	76	378	37872	-	-	39	13641
Pernik	73	114	15413	-	-	60	4455
Pleven	30	265	27154	-	-	24	10797
Plovdiv	442	3744	426540	-	-	170	130795
Razgrad	14	16	3455	-	-	20	2062
Ruse	30	155	16132	-	-	85	22974
Silistra	15	15	2537	-	-	28	5275
Sliven	65	158	16627	-	-	24	20478
Smolyan	17	62	8981	-	-	39	11789
Sofia	226	326	47007	..	..	81	25561
Sofia (stolitsa)	230	3000	287571	5	2995	35	60446
Stara Zagora	113	371	47076	..	..	147	26074
Targovishte	14	17	2626	-	-	19	3729
Haskovo	61	247	27346	-	-	39	18685
Shumen	25	118	11998	..	..	84	29553
Yambol	25	56	7013	-	-	11	5018
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Table 2

Building construction started in the third quarter of 2025							
	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	1797	6443	880935	9	7284	654	418159
Blagoevgrad	122	364	43025	-	-	37	15381
Burgas	134	434	60792	..	..	44	75512
Varna	145	662	88651	-	-	34	35692
Veliko Tarnovo	26	61	6315	-	-	25	16301
Vidin	3	3	746	-	-	4	3305
Vratsa	13	32	3106	..	..	9	1936
Gabrovo	23	61	7048	-	-	11	2829
Dobrich	47	56	9271	-	-	8	7026
Kardzhali	32	172	19260	-	-	..	..
Kyustendil	20	36	6116	..	..	13	3992
Lovech	34	34	3790	-	-	13	3367
Montana	8	7	1349	-	-	..	..
Pazardzhik	75	378	38149	-	-	44	12520
Pernik	49	49	7330	-	-	8	6214
Pleven	12	81	8209	-	-	8	3978
Plovdiv	287	843	98875	..	..	62	63535
Razgrad	12	16	2381	-	-	22	11933
Ruse	16	93	9805	-	-	19	10984
Silistra	6	6	915	-	-	19	12591
Sliven	38	112	12902	-	-	17	2877
Smolyan	11	20	3564	-	-	17	7580
Sofia	174	294	46429	-	-	44	19069
Sofia (stolitsa)	308	1897	312345	5	6849	30	23119
Stara Zagora	122	449	59104	-	-	93	25174
Targovishte	9	12	1584	-	-	8	2643
Haskovo	36	64	9450	-	-	15	13642
Shumen	15	177	15710	-	-	34	28081
Yambol	20	30	4714	-	-	12	7625
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