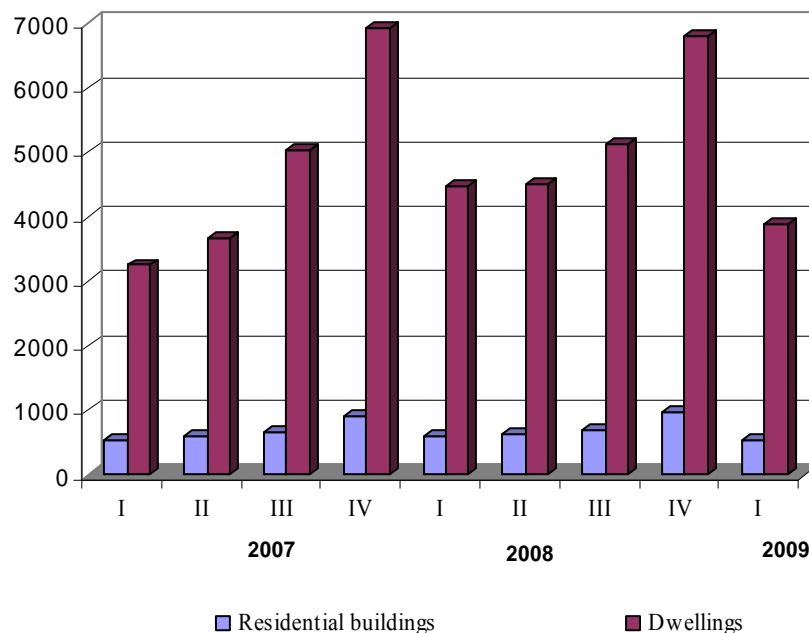




NEWLY BUILT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND DWELLINGS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2009

According to the preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute, in the first quarter of 2009 the newly built residential buildings were 547 and marked a decrease of 10.6 % compared to the first quarter of 2008. The number of the new dwellings in them decreased by 12.9% compared to the first quarter of 2008 and reached 3 897. In comparison with the previous quarter the number of the newly built residential buildings decreased by 432 and the number of the dwellings in them marked a decrease of 42.8 %.



Newly built residential buildings and dwellings

The largest number of the residential buildings and dwellings has been built in the regions of Varna and Bourgas, 128 residential buildings with 727 dwellings and 102 buildings with 1 136 dwellings respectively, followed by the region of Plovdiv - 47 buildings with 265 dwellings and the region of Sofia the capital - 38 buildings with 580 dwellings. In the first quarter of 2009 no one residential buildings has been completed in the region of Kyustendil and Stara Zagora

In the first quarter of 2009 the area of the newly built dwellings was 294 sq. m or 16.0% less than the same quarter of 2008 and the living floor space decreased by 11.6% and was 194 thousand sq. m. At the same time, the average useful area of a dwelling decreased from 78.3 sq. m in the first quarter of 2008 to 75.5 sq. m for the respective quarter of 2009. The biggest average useful area of a dwelling was registered in the region of Lovech - 151.3

sq. m and Sofia - 126.0 sq. m and the smallest in the region of Vidin - 31.0 and Vratza - 59.4 sq. m (Annex 1).

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 stated separately.

The useful area of the dwelling is sum of the living-floor-space, service floor space and the area of the kitchens.

**RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND DWELLINGS COMPLETED FOR THE PERIOD
JANUARY - MART 2009**

Districts	Residential buildings and dwellings completed - number		Useful floor space - sq. m			
	Buildings	Dwellings	Total	of which		
				living floor space	accessory floor space	kitchen area
Total	547	3897	294225	194214	76033	23978
Blagoevgrad	5	35	3686	3206	288	192
Burgas	102	1136	77565	51360	21612	4593
Varna	128	727	59980	36585	18888	4507
Veliko Tarnovo	18	109	7707	5055	2378	274
Vidin	..	..	..	..	..	..
Vratsa	11	120	7130	5171	1305	654
Gabrovo	11	57	5211	2651	2048	512
Dobrich	34	80	8116	4654	2440	1022
Karddzhal	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kyustendil	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lovech	7	7	1059	731	245	83
Montana	4	4	396	274	74	48
Pazardzhik	25	162	16969	10325	4371	2273
Pernik	5	22	1346	888	268	190
Pleven	20	129	8652	5758	1894	1000
Plovdiv	47	265	19088	13630	3612	1846
Razgrad	4	28	2077	1384	453	240
Ruse	22	183	12580	8170	2724	1686
Silistra
Sliven	9	47	4446	2893	1174	379
Smolyan
Sofia Cap.	24	30	3779	2472	957	350
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Stara Zagora	-	-	-	-	-	-
Targovishte	6	25	1868	1222	464	182
Haskovo
Shumen	10	52	3358	2225	805	328
Yambol	9	85	8147	4476	3625	46

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