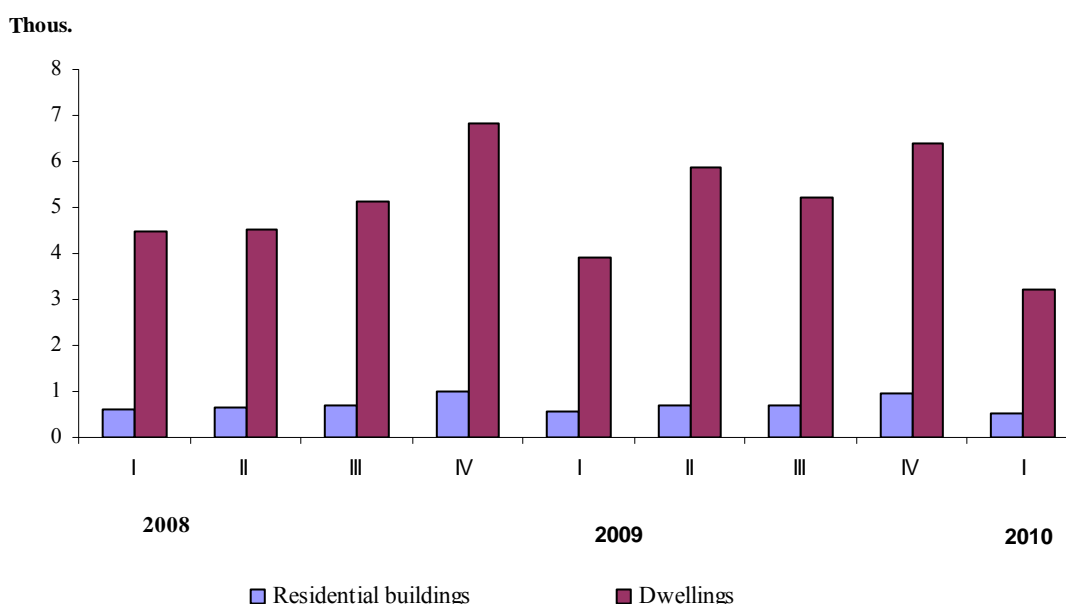




NEWLY BUILT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND DWELLINGS COMPLETED IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2010

According to the preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute, in the first quarter of 2010 the newly built residential buildings were 512 and compared to the respectively quarter of 2009 decreased by 19.0%. The newly built dwellings in them decreased by 26.9% and their number was 3 201.

Newly built residential buildings and dwellings completed



The largest number of the residential buildings and dwellings has been built in the district Burgas - 94 buildings with 677 dwellings in them, district Varna - 86 residential buildings with 643 dwellings, followed by district Sofia - 51 buildings with 67 dwellings (Annex 1).

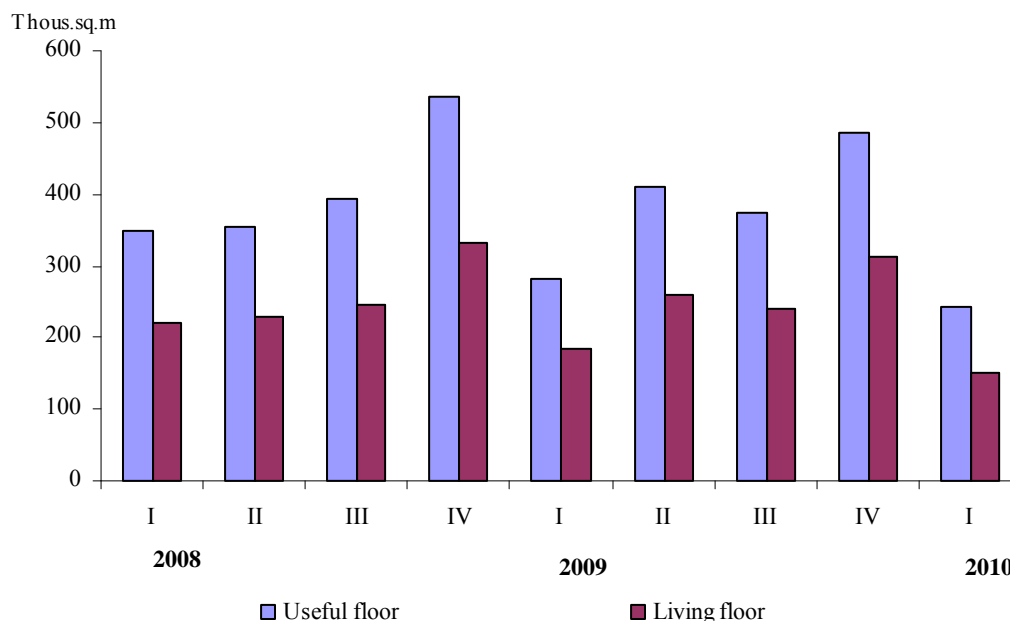
There was not any newly built building in district Razgrad.

In the first quarter of 2010 the useful area of the newly built dwellings was 240 thousand sq.m or 28.2% less than the same quarter of 2009. The living floor area of the dwellings decreased by 30.7% to 152 thousand sq. m.

The average useful area of a newly built dwelling decreased from 76.5 sq. m in the first quarter of 2009 to 75.1 sq. m in the same quarter of 2010.

The biggest average useful area of a newly built dwelling was registered in the district Silistra - 138.3 sq. m, district Montana - 131.0 sq. m, followed by districts Sofia - 117.8 sq. m and Lovech - 109.0 sq. m and the smallest one in the district Yambol - 37.1 sq. m and district Blagoevgrad - 51.5sq. m.

Useful floor space and living floor space



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.

Residential buildings and dwellings completed in the first quarter of 2010

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	512	3201	240390	151533	66267	22590
Blagoevgrad	..	..	..	..	..	..
Burgas	94	677	45793	30005	12909	2879
Vama	86	643	53388	31572	17916	3900
Veliko Tarnovo	21	224	15429	9604	4925	900
Vidin	3	35	2658	1245	1060	353
Vratsa	7	22	1494	806	527	161
Gabrovo	18	60	5718	2662	2466	590
Dobrich	25	65	4092	2468	1158	466
Kardzhali	11	68	4855	2748	1295	812
Kyustendil	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lovech	17	19	2071	1318	520	233
Montana	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pazardzhik	15	106	9933	6249	2374	1310
Pernik	3	32	1971	1505	352	114
Pleven	16	57	5467	3937	1075	455
Plovdiv	35	204	14811	8791	3179	2841
Razgrad	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ruse	11	131	8696	5724	1708	1264
Silistra	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sliven	6	33	2301	1551	543	207
Smolyan	7	19	1903	1248	484	171
Sofia capital	15	370	23537	16562	5007	1968
Sofia	51	67	7895	4959	2060	876
Stara Zagora	26	109	9373	6667	1281	1425
Targovishte	8	73	5155	3361	1339	455
Haskovo	17	121	8685	5322	2637	726
Shumen	9	19	1753	1220	372	161
Yambol	4	25	927	624	261	42

* The data are preliminary.

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