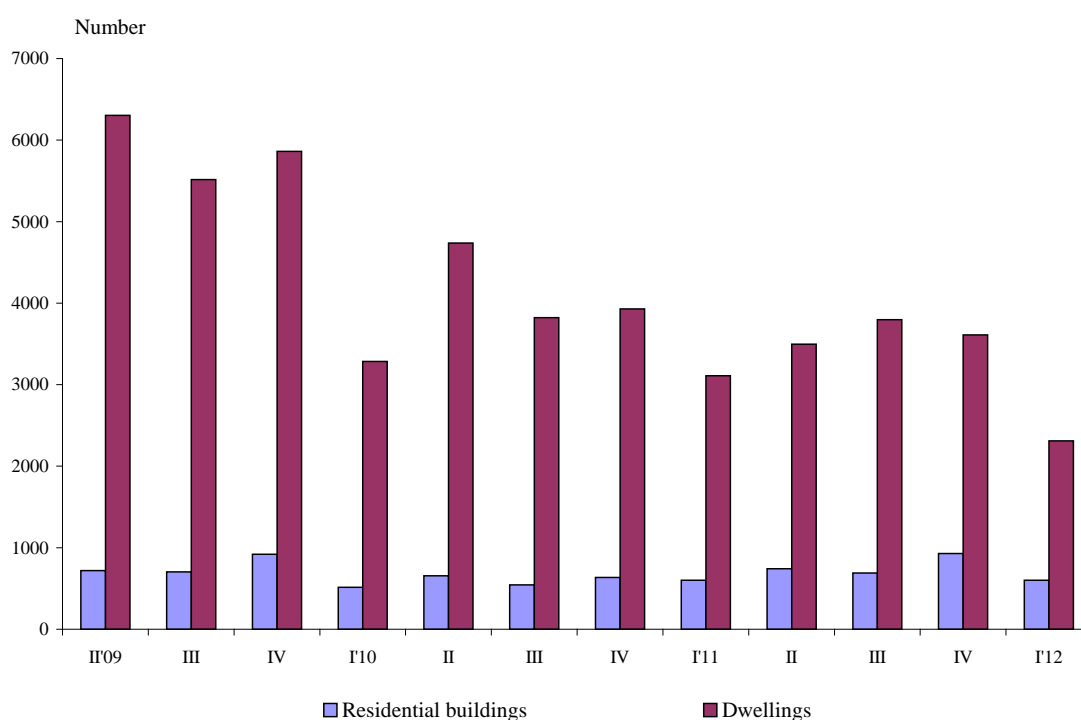




NEWLY BUILT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND DWELLINGS COMPLETED IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2012

According to the preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute in the first quarter of 2012 the number of newly built residential buildings was 601 (Table 1) and compared to the corresponding quarter of 2011, their number was unchanged. The newly built dwellings in them were 2 311 or by 25.7% fewer (Figure 1).

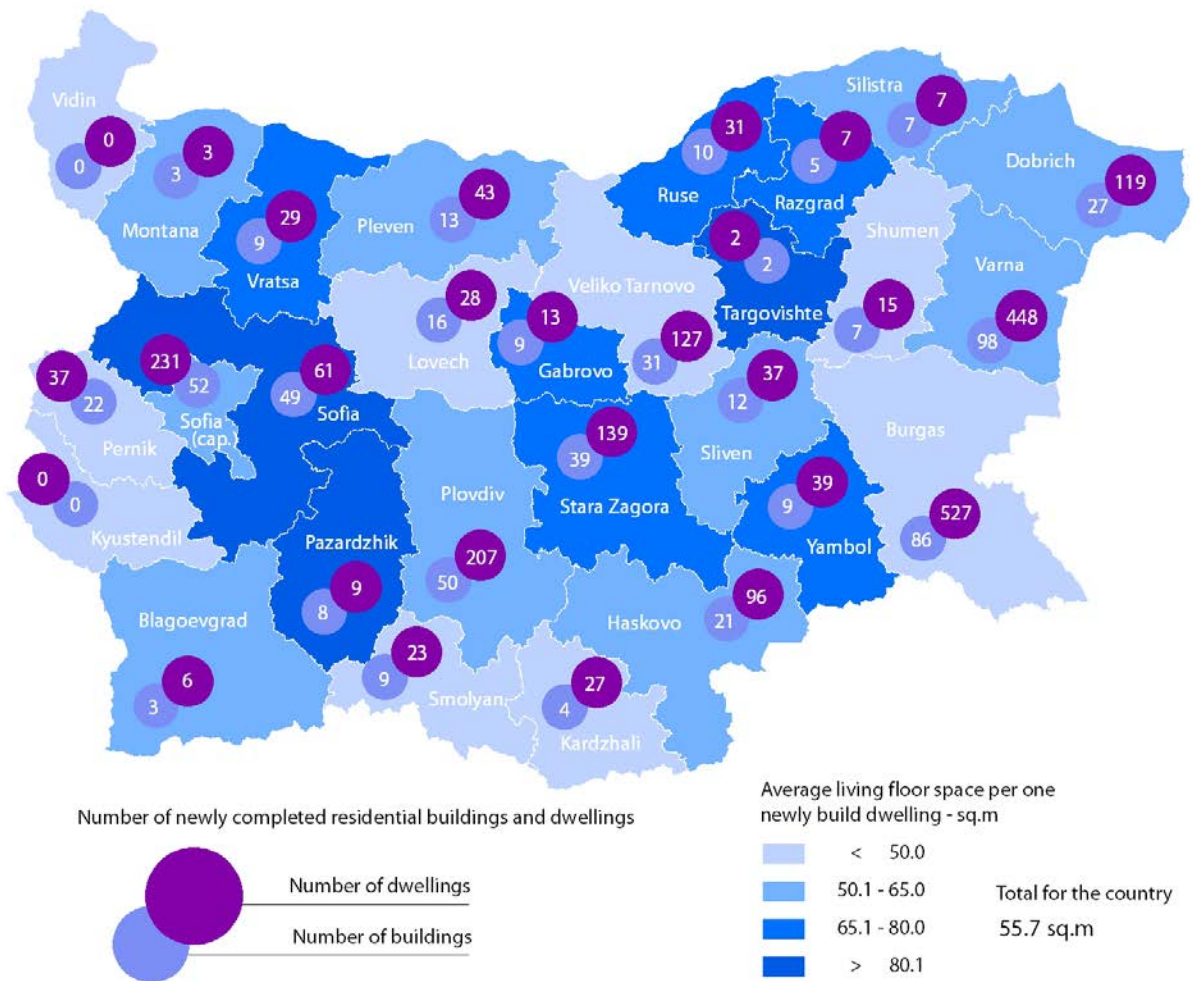
Figure 1. Newly built residential buildings and dwellings completed



The largest number of the residential buildings and dwellings were placed in service in the district Varna - 98 buildings with 448 dwellings, district Burgas - 86 residential buildings with 527 dwellings and district Sofia-capital - 52 residential buildings with 231 dwellings (Figure 2).



Figure 2. Newly built residential buildings and dwellings completed in the first quarter of 2012 by districts



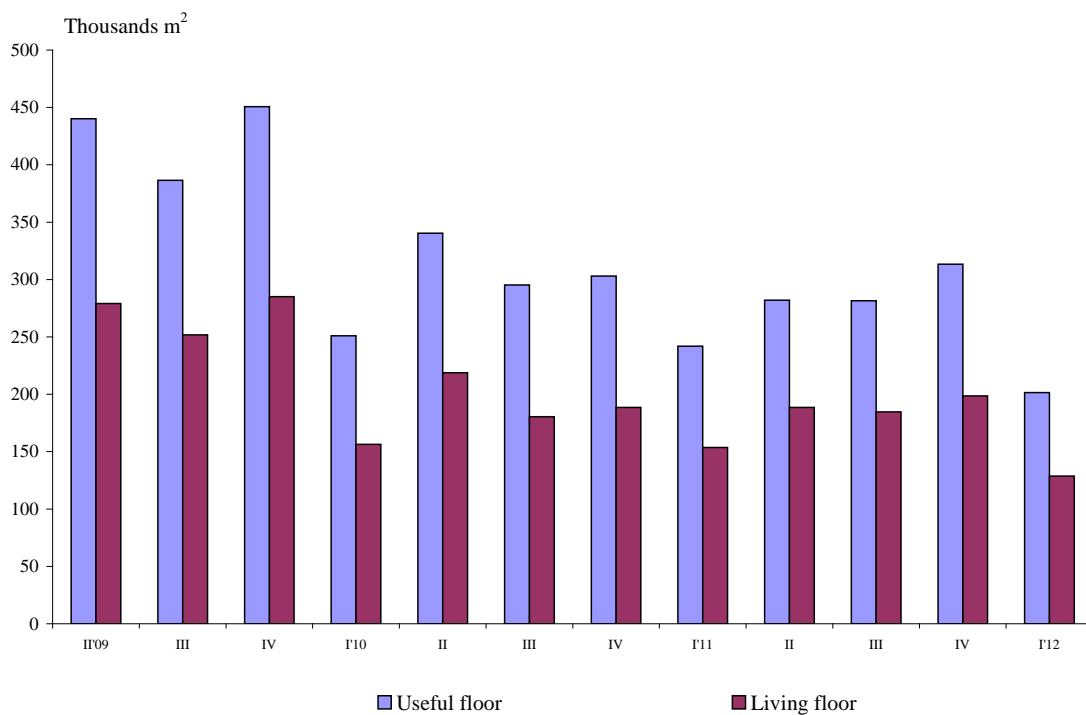


In the first quarter of 2012 the useful area of the newly built dwellings was 201.5 thousand sq. m or by 16.7% less than the same quarter of 2011. Living floor area also decreased by 16.2% to 128.8 thousand sq. m (Figure 3).

At the same time the average useful area of the newly built dwelling increased from 77.8 sq. m in the first quarter of 2011 to 87.2 sq. m in the same quarter of 2012.

The biggest average useful area of a newly built dwelling was recorded in the district Pazardzhik - 195.4 sq. m and district Targovishte - 161.5 sq. m, and the smallest one in the district Smolyan - 50.7 sq. m and district Pernik - 65.4 sq. m.

Figure 3. 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 first quarter of 2012¹

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	601	2311	201505	128765	55757	16983
Blagoevgrad	3	6	402	321	42	39
Burgas	86	527	42930	25251	14732	2947
Varna	98	448	42890	25724	14260	2906
Veliko Tarnovo	31	127	9409	6191	3093	125
Vidin	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vratsa	9	29	2610	1896	637	77
Gabrovo	9	13	1648	1005	527	116
Dobrich	27	119	10298	6002	2532	1764
Kardzhali	4	27	2320	1328	358	634
Kyustendil	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lovech	16	28	2119	1243	594	282
Montana	3	3	248	152	56	40
Pazardzhik	8	9	1759	926	610	223
Pernik	22	37	2418	1654	467	297
Pleven	13	43	3775	2251	1024	500
Plovdiv	50	207	17898	11758	4404	1736
Razgrad	5	7	731	474	206	51
Ruse	10	31	3880	2349	1195	336
Silistra	7	7	711	407	248	56
Sliven	12	37	3283	2130	879	274
Smolyan	9	23	1165	720	285	160
Sofia	49	61	8260	5748	1758	754
Sofia capital	52	231	17325	11964	3255	2106
Stara Zagora	39	139	11826	10158	1007	661
Targovishte	2	2	323	208	84	31
Haskovo	21	96	8907	5595	2644	668
Shumen	7	15	1026	668	267	91
Yambol	9	39	3344	2642	593	109

¹ Preliminary data.