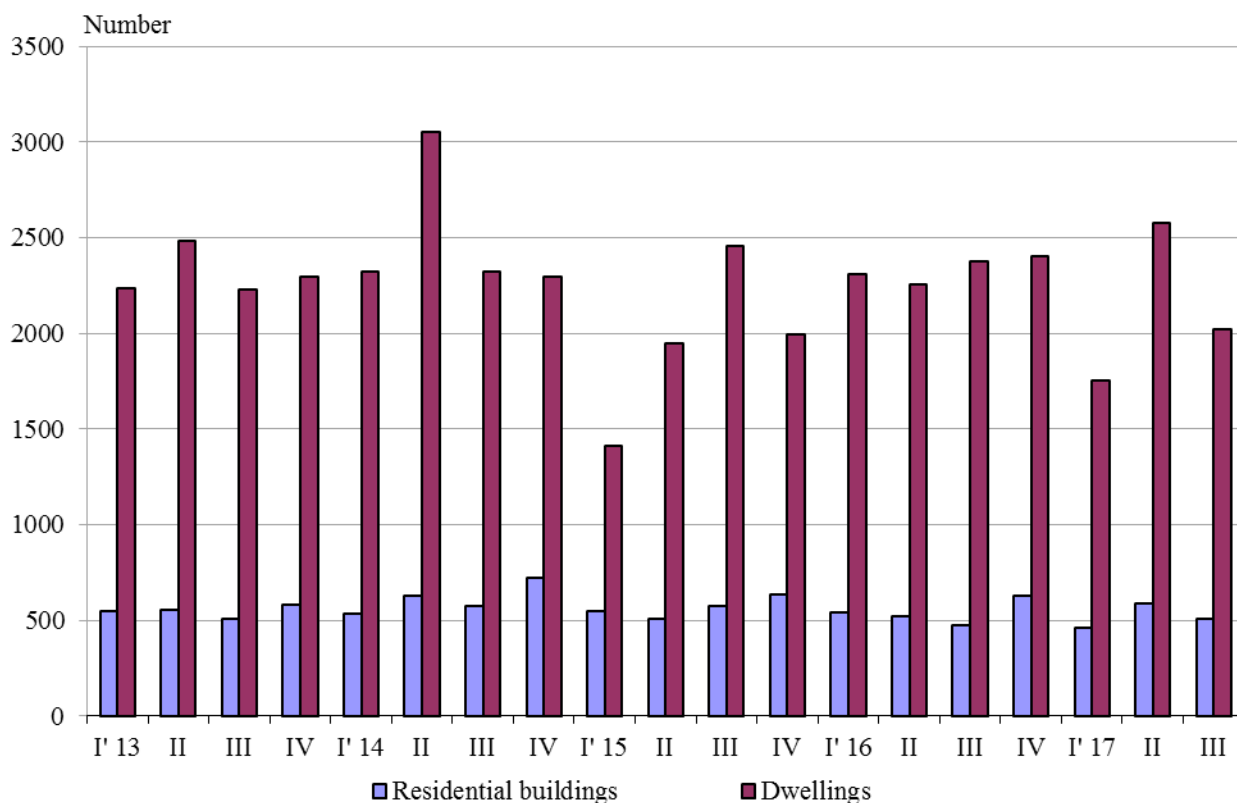




NEWLY BUILT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND DWELLINGS COMPLETED IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2017 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

According to preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute in the third quarter of 2017 the number of newly built residential buildings was 506 and the newly built dwellings in them were 2 018 (Annex, Table 1). Compared to the third quarter of 2016 the buildings were by 30 more (or by 6.3%), while the newly built dwellings in them decreased by 361 or by 15.2% (Figure 1).

Figure 1. Newly built residential buildings and dwellings completed by quarters

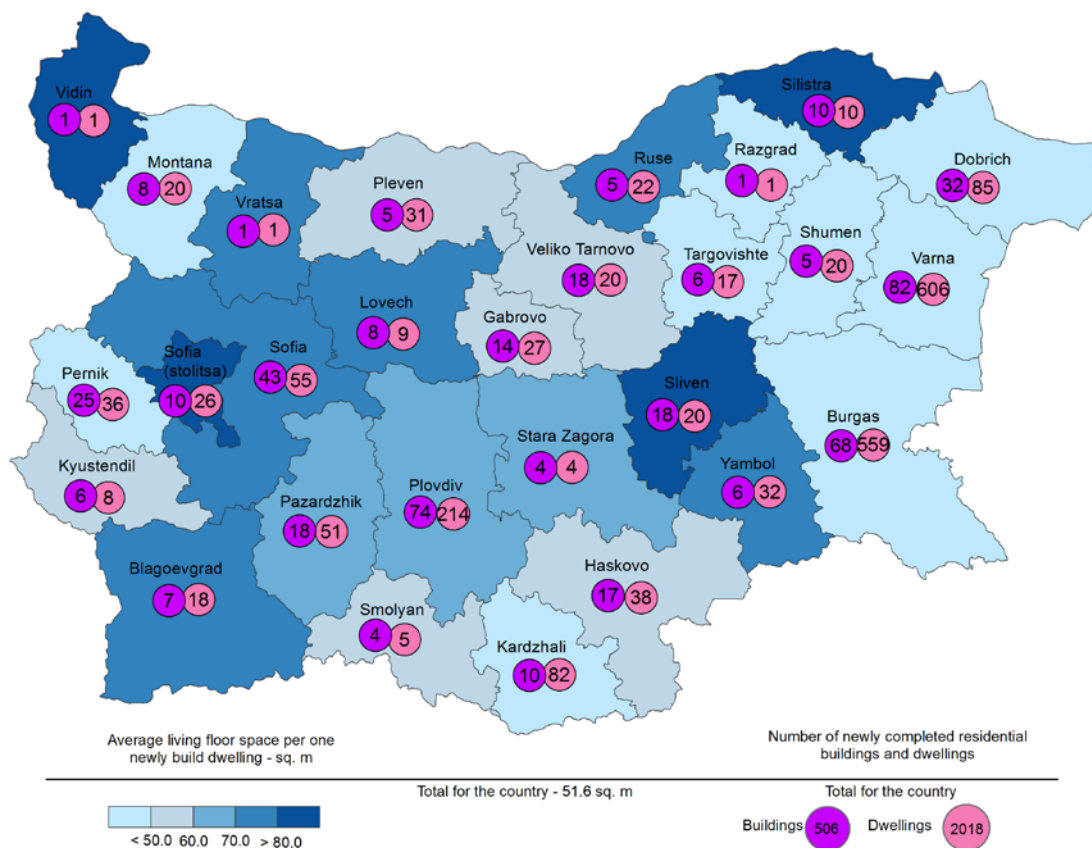


In the third quarter of 2017 75.5% of the newly built residential buildings were with steel-concrete construction, 20.7% with solid structure, 2.6% with 'other' and 1.2% with panel. Highest is the relative share of houses (72.5%) followed by blocks of flats (15.4%). As compared to the third quarter of 2016 the number of newly built houses, mixed buildings and country houses rose, while the number of newly built blocks of flats dropped (Annex, Table 2).

Highest is the number of residential buildings built in district Varna - 82 buildings with 606 dwellings in them, followed by Plovdiv - 74 residential buildings with 214 dwellings and Burgas - 68 residential buildings with 559 dwellings (Figure 2).



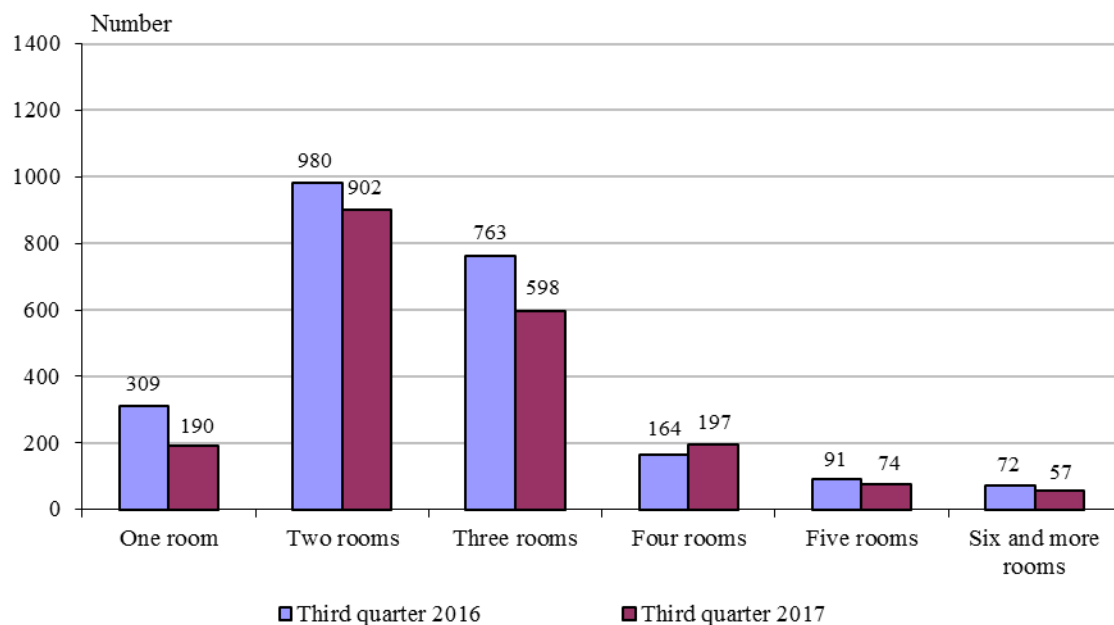
Figure 2. Newly built residential buildings and dwellings completed in third quarter of 2017 by districts



Highest is the number of newly built dwellings with two rooms (44.7%), followed by the number of those with three rooms (29.6%) and lowest is the number of dwellings with six and more rooms - 2.8% (Figure 3).



Figure 3. Newly built dwellings completed by number of rooms



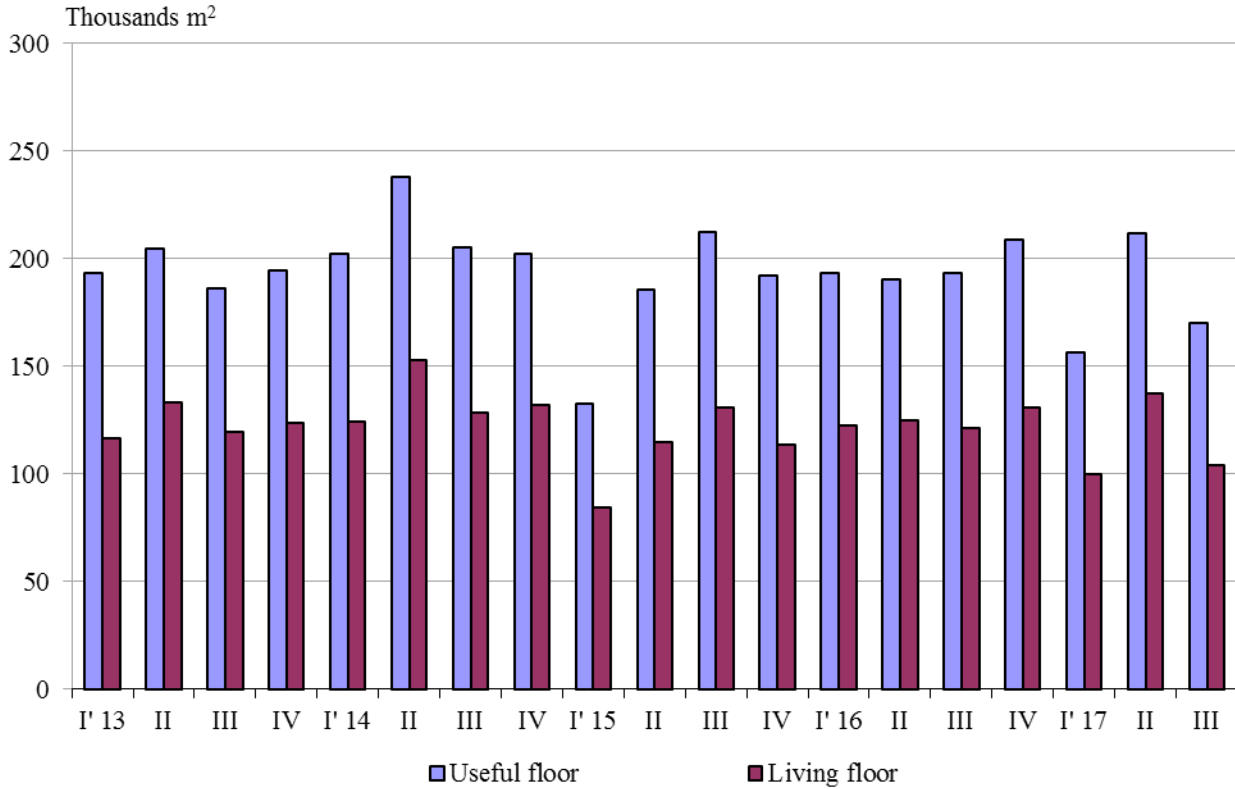
In the third quarter of 2017 **the total useful space** of newly built dwellings was 170.3 thousand sq. m or 11.8% less compared to the same quarter of 2016, **the living floor space** decreased (by 14.2%) to 104.1 thousand sq. m (Figure 4).

At the same time the **average useful floor space** of a newly built dwelling increased from 81.2 sq. m in the third quarter of 2016 to 84.4 sq. m in the same quarter of 2017.

The biggest average useful floor space of a newly built dwelling was recorded in districts Sliven - 152.4 sq. m and Silistra - 124.7 sq. m, and the smallest one in Razgrad - 50.0 sq. m and Shumen - 55.2 sq. meters.



Figure 4. Total useful floor space and living floor space of newly built dwellings completed by quarters





Methodological notes

The statistical data about the newly built residential buildings and dwellings are prepared on the basis of quarterly reports of the municipal administrations.

In the scope of survey are newly built residential buildings with approved or valid usage license according to Regulation No. 2/31.07.2003 of the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works.

Living floor space is the floor space of living-rooms, bedrooms, recesses for sleeping, dining-rooms, living-rooms, cabinets and libraries of scientists and drawing-rooms but does not include the space of kitchens.

Service floor space is the floor space of rooms and kitchens with less than 4 square meters floor space, vestibules with a portal or other screen, corridors, bathrooms, toilets, larders, hanging closets, other service rooms such as drying-rooms, laundries or balconies regardless their space. The space of kitchens with over 4 sq. m floor space is shown separately.

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

The average useful floor space is a ratio between the useful floor space and the number of dwellings.



Annex

Table 1

Newly build residential buildings and dwellings completed in the third quarter of 2017¹

Districts	Newly completed residential buildings and dwellings - in numbers		Useful floor area of newly built dwellings - sq. m			
	Buildings	Dwellings	Total	Living floor space	Service floor space	Area of kitchens
Total	506	2018	170297	104065	51361	14871
Blagoevgrad	7	18	1790	1400	199	191
Burgas	68	559	44319	24878	15891	3550
Varna	82	606	42783	27210	13546	2027
Veliko Tarnovo	18	20	1861	1181	451	229
Vidin	1	1	116	80	28	8
Vratsa	1	1	100	74	17	9
Gabrovo	14	27	2579	1403	882	294
Dobrich	32	85	6799	3771	2094	934
Kardzhali	10	82	6975	3681	2174	1120
Kyustendil	6	8	813	462	282	69
Lovech	8	9	1016	652	247	117
Montana	8	20	1373	937	291	145
Pazardzhik	18	51	5456	3193	1526	737
Pernik	25	36	3333	1686	1111	536
Pleven	5	31	2778	1587	970	221
Plovdiv	74	214	21812	14627	4836	2349
Razgrad	1	1	50	24	17	9
Ruse	5	22	2531	1547	724	260
Silistra	10	10	1247	886	291	70
Sliven	18	20	3048	1710	1052	286
Smolyan	4	5	397	265	75	57
Sofia	43	55	6613	4095	1680	838
Sofia (stolitsa)	10	26	3188	2350	720	118
Stara Zagora	4	4	355	272	45	38
Targovishte	6	17	1442	757	576	109
Haskovo	17	38	3304	2150	821	333
Shumen	5	20	1104	768	311	25
Yambol	6	32	3115	2419	504	192



¹ Preliminary data.

Table 2

Newly built residential buildings by type of building

(Number)

	2015				2016				2017 ¹		
	I quarter	II quarter	III quarter	IV quarter	I quarter	II quarter	III quarter	IV quarter	I quarter	II quarter	III quarter
Total	549	505	577	632	541	519	476	625	462	585	506
Houses	415	334	400	462	382	376	322	465	350	406	367
Blocks of flats	70	76	82	86	95	80	104	95	63	102	78
Mixed buildings	23	24	26	33	20	22	14	35	24	16	17
Hostels	1	1	13	1	1	2	-	2	-	-	-
Country houses	39	70	50	49	40	38	34	28	24	61	44
Buildings of institutional households	1	-	6	1	3	1	2	-	1	-	-

¹ Preliminary data.