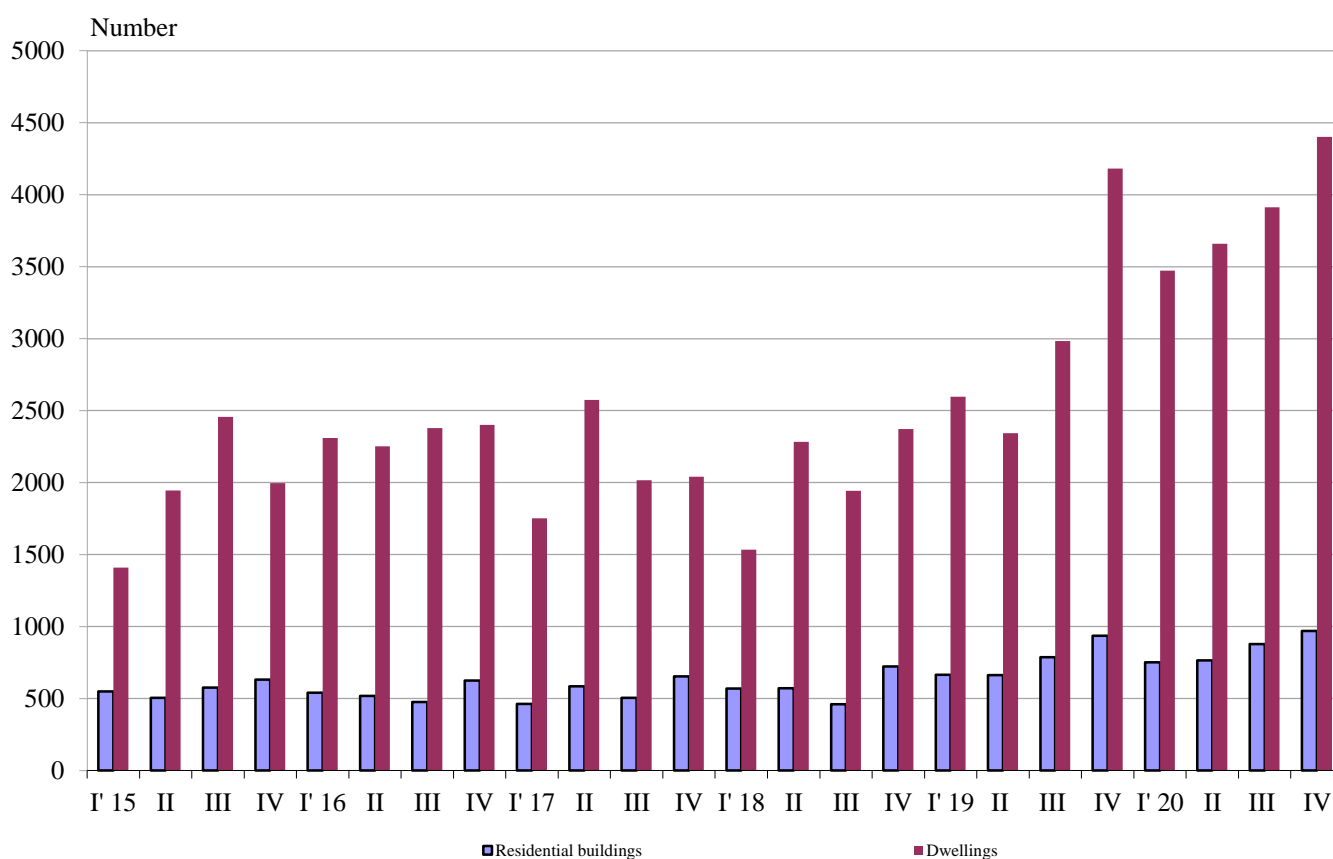


NEWLY BUILT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND DWELLINGS COMPLETED IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 2020 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

According to preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute in the fourth quarter of 2020 the number of newly built residential buildings was 969 and the newly built dwellings in them were 4 401 (Annex, Table 1). Compared to the fourth quarter of 2019 the buildings were by 32 more (or by 3.4%), and the newly built dwellings in them increased by 220 or by 5.3% (Figure 1).

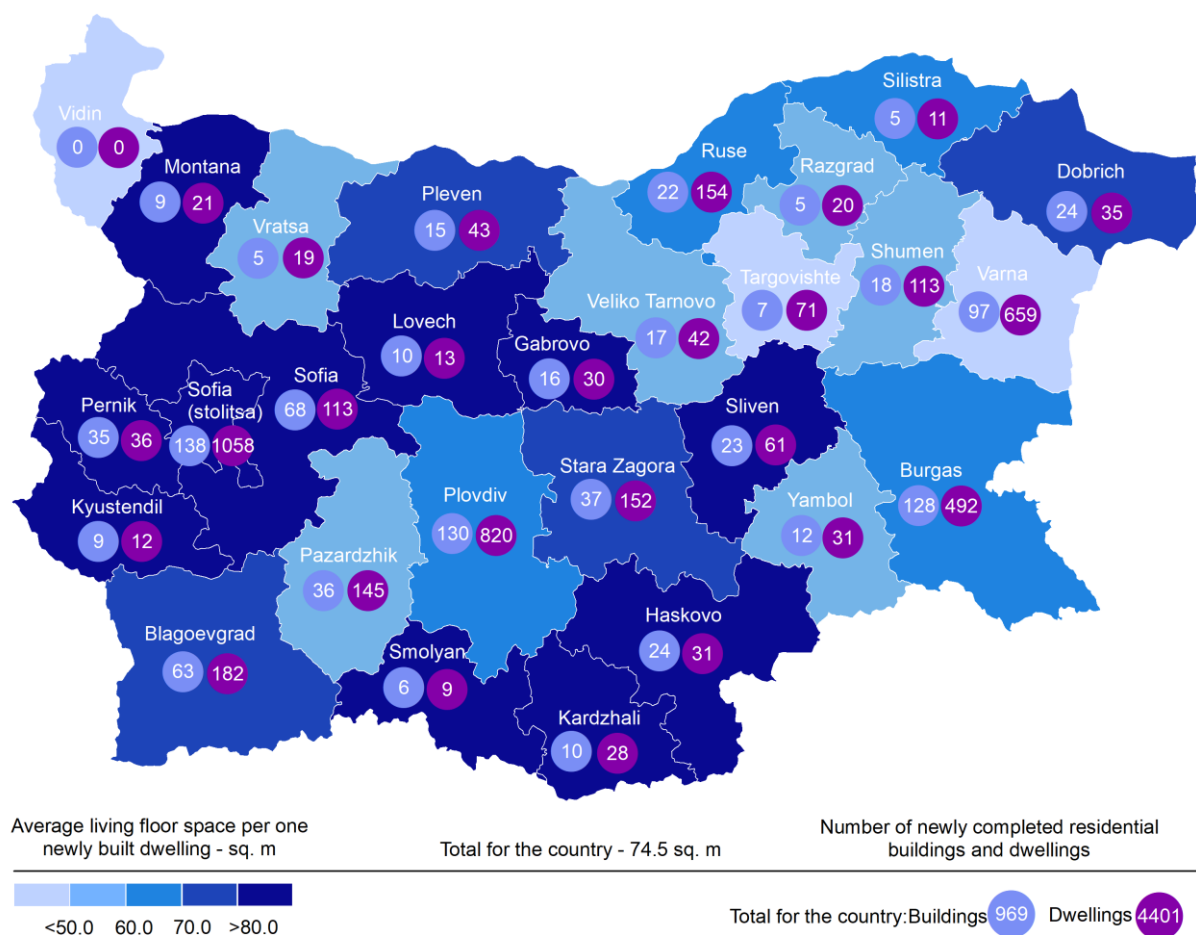
Figure 1. Newly built residential buildings and dwellings completed by quarters



In the fourth quarter of 2020, 77.0% of the newly built residential buildings were with steel-concrete construction, 19.0% with solid structure, 3.8% with 'other' and 0.2% with panel. Highest is the relative share of houses (72.2%), followed by blocks of flats (19.3%). As compared to the fourth quarter of 2019 the number of newly built houses, blocks of flats and country houses rose, while the number of mixed buildings dropped (Annex, Table 2).

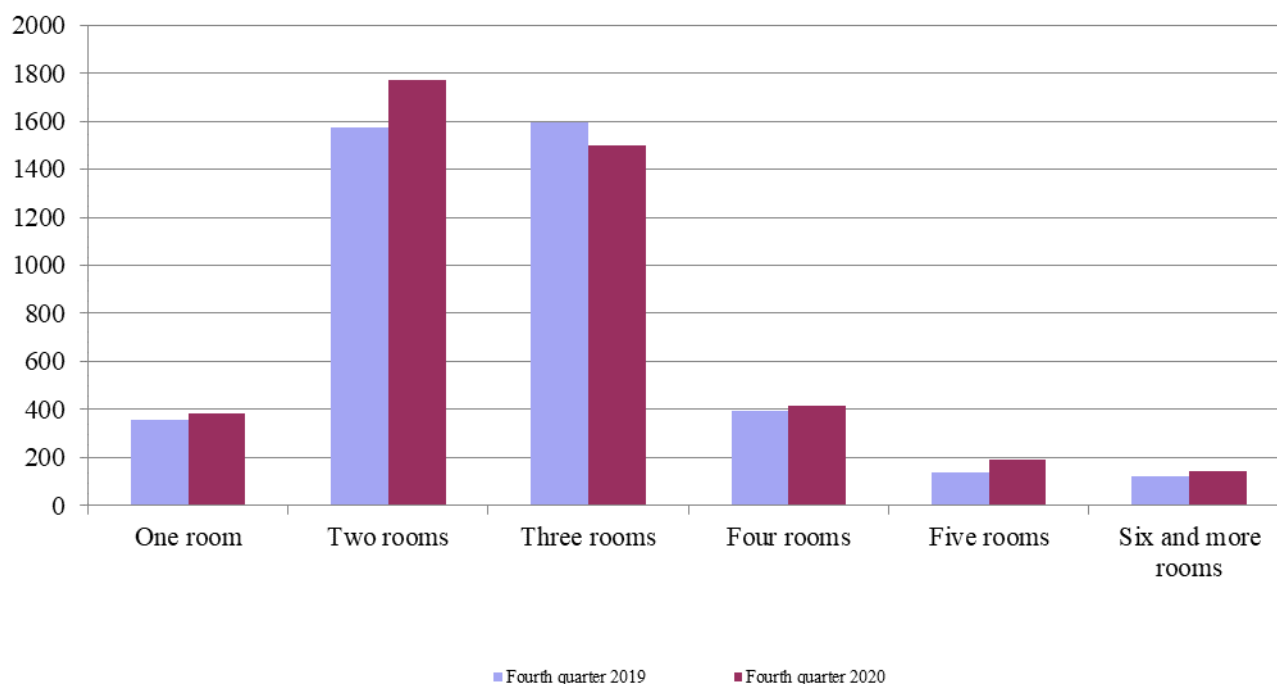
Highest is the number of residential buildings built in district Sofia (stolitsa) - 138 residential buildings with 1 058 dwellings, followed by Plovdiv - 130 residential buildings with 820 dwellings and Burgas - 128 buildings with 492 dwellings in them (Figure 2).

Figure 2. Newly built residential buildings and dwellings completed in fourth quarter of 2020 by districts



Highest is the number of newly built dwellings with two rooms (40.2%), followed by the number of those with three rooms (34.1%) and lowest is the number of dwellings with six and more rooms - 3.2% (Figure 3).

Figure 3. Newly built dwellings completed by number of rooms

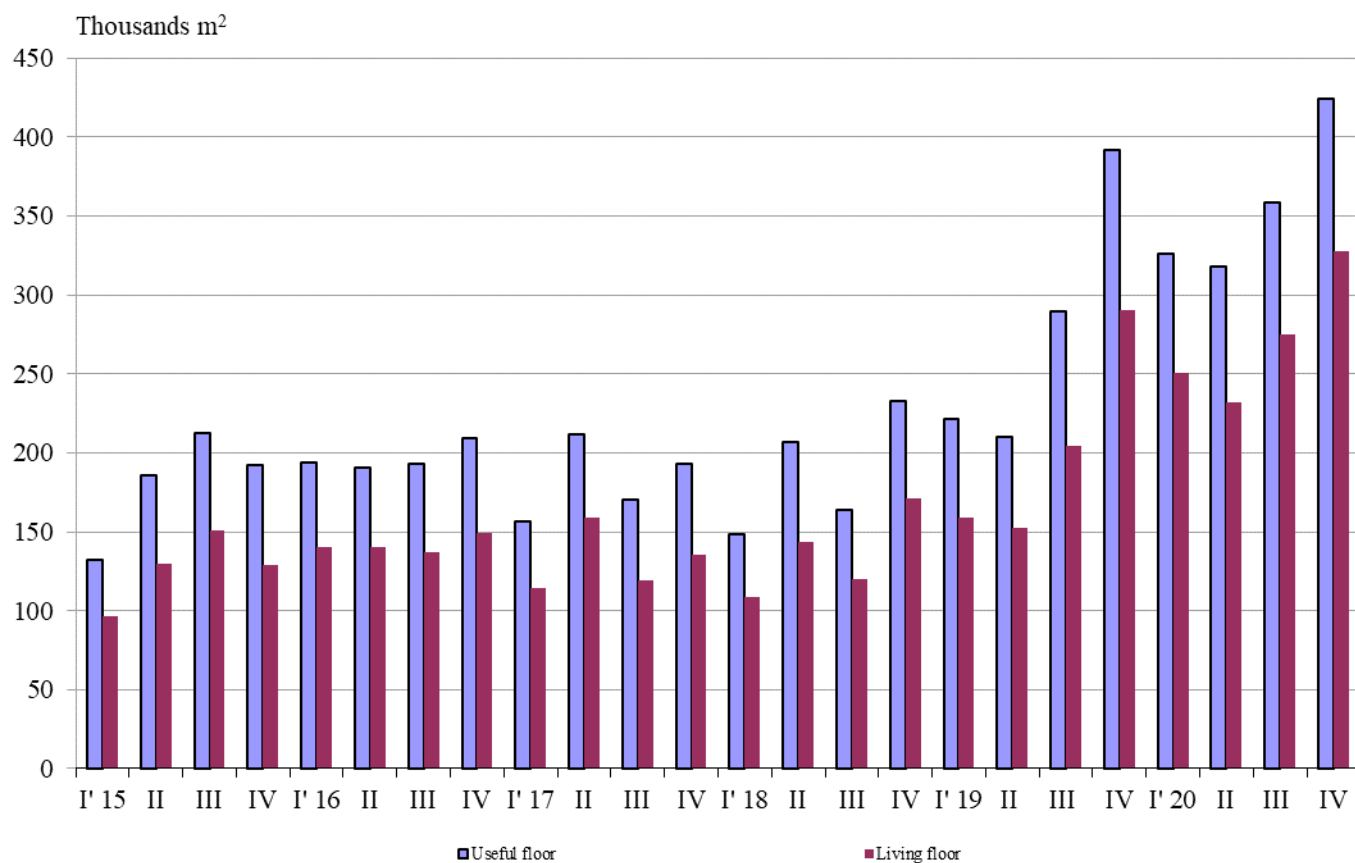


In the fourth quarter of 2020 **the total useful space** of newly built dwellings was 424.1 thousand sq. m or by 8.2% more, compared to the same quarter of 2019, and **the living floor space** increased (by 12.7%) to 327.7 thousand sq. m (Figure 4).

The **average useful floor space** of a newly built dwelling increased from 93.7 sq. m in the fourth quarter of 2019 to 96.4 sq. m in the same quarter of 2020.

The biggest average useful floor space of a newly built dwelling was recorded in districts Gabrovo - 196.6 sq. m and Smolyan - 161.7 sq. m, and the smallest one in Varna - 72.0 sq. m and Pazardzhik - 74.2 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 based on 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, cabinets and libraries of scientists and drawing rooms and the space of kitchens with over 4 sq. m floor space. The space of the kitchens with over 4 sq. m floor area was presented separately before 31.12.2018.

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

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

Annex

Table 1

Newly built residential buildings and dwellings completed in the fourth quarter of 2020¹

Districts	Newly completed residential buildings and dwellings - in numbers		Useful floor area of newly built dwellings - sq. m		
	Buildings	Dwellings	Total	Living floor space, incl. kitchens over 4 sq. m	Service floor space, incl. kitchens under 4 sq. m
Total	969	4401	424098	327702	96396
Blagoevgrad	63	182	16647	13738	2909
Burgas	128	492	46668	32779	13889
Varna	97	659	47440	31948	15492
Veliko Tarnovo	17	42	3187	2334	853
Vidin	-	-	-	-	-
Vratsa	5	19	1803	1127	676
Gabrovo	16	30	5897	4041	1856
Dobrich	24	35	3311	2631	680
Kardzhali	10	28	2993	2585	408
Kyustendil	9	12	1352	977	375
Lovech	10	13	1576	1116	460
Montana	9	21	2886	2105	781
Pazardzhik	36	145	10754	7267	3487
Pernik	35	36	4473	3577	896
Pleven	15	43	4583	3424	1159
Plovdiv	130	820	67295	53110	14185
Razgrad	5	20	1586	1086	500
Ruse	22	154	13350	9730	3620
Silistra	5	11	1156	743	413
Sliven	23	61	7341	4965	2376
Smolyan	6	9	1455	1169	286
Sofia	68	113	13864	10410	3454
Sofia (stolitsa)	138	1058	128973	110626	18347
Stara Zagora	37	152	13492	11449	2043
Targovishte	7	71	5298	3493	1805
Haskovo	24	31	4434	3707	727
Shumen	18	113	9913	5742	4171
Yambol	12	31	2371	1823	548

¹ Preliminary data.

Table 2

Newly built residential buildings by type of building

(Number)

	2017				2018				2019				2020*			
	I quarter	II quarter	III quarter	IV quarter	I quarter	II quarter	III quarter	IV quarter	I quarter	II quarter	III quarter	IV quarter	I quarter	II quarter	III quarter	IV quarter
Total	462	584	505	654	570	572	460	722	665	662	788	937	751	766	879	969
Houses	350	405	366	495	451	420	334	573	490	504	576	693	542	535	643	700
Blocks of flats	63	102	78	89	65	89	91	91	111	98	125	183	143	174	159	187
Mixed buildings	24	16	17	28	21	24	8	19	31	27	33	36	31	36	27	30
Hostels	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	1
Country houses	24	61	44	40	32	37	27	39	29	30	51	24	34	19	47	50
Buildings of institutional households	1	-	-	2	1	2	-	-	3	1	2	-	-	-	1	1

* Preliminary data.