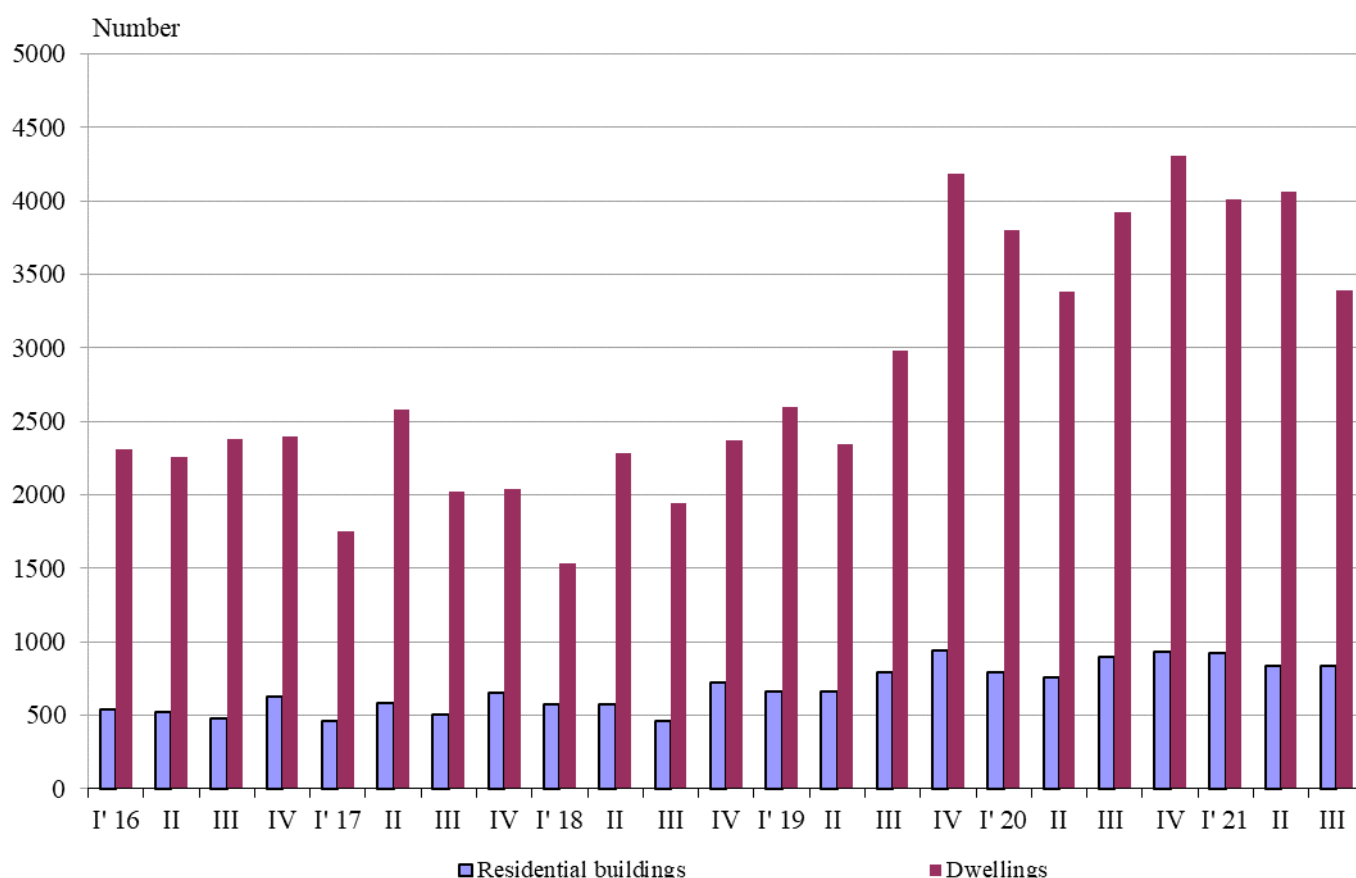


NEWLY BUILT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND DWELLINGS COMPLETED IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2021 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

According to preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute in the third quarter of 2021, the number of newly built residential buildings was 838 and the newly built dwellings in them were 3 390 (Annex, Table 1). Compared to the third quarter of 2020 the buildings were by 61 less (or by 6.8%), and the newly built dwellings in them decreased by 533 or by 13.6% (Figure 1).

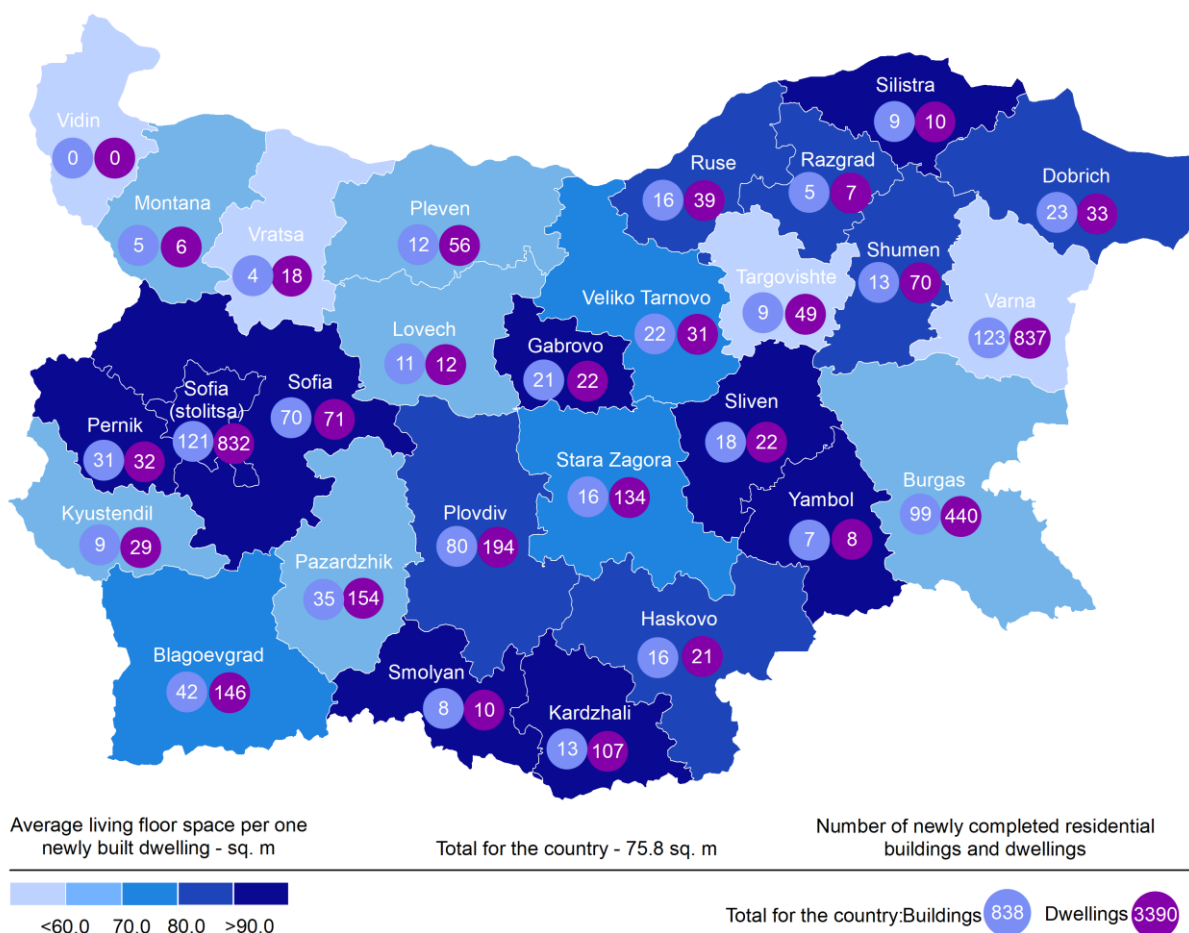
Figure 1. Newly built residential buildings and dwellings completed by quarters



In the third quarter of 2021, 78.2% of the newly built residential buildings were with steel-concrete construction, 18.5% with solid structure, 2.8% with 'other' and 0.5% with a panel. The highest is the relative share of houses (75.6%), followed by blocks of flats (14.7%). As compared to the third quarter of 2020 the number of newly built houses and blocks of flats dropped, while the number of country houses and mixed buildings rose (Annex, Table 2).

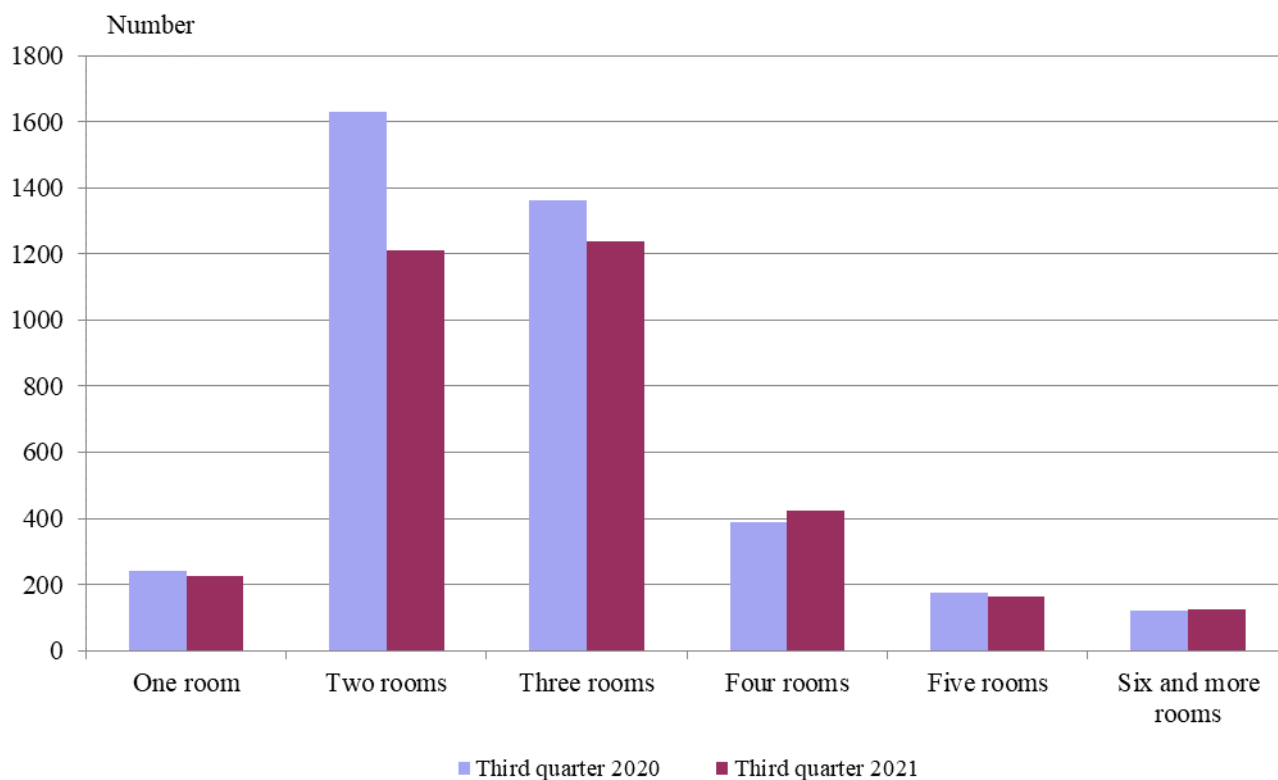
The highest is the number of residential buildings built in district Varna - 123 residential buildings with 837 dwellings, followed by Sofia (stolitsa) - 121 residential buildings with 832 dwellings and Burgas - 99 buildings with 440 dwellings in them (Figure 2).

Figure 2. Newly built residential buildings and dwellings completed in the third quarter of 2021 by districts



The highest is the number of newly built dwellings with three rooms (36.6%), followed by the number of those with two rooms (35.8%) and the lowest is the number of dwellings with six and more rooms - 3.7% (Figure 3).

Figure 3. Newly built dwellings completed by number of rooms

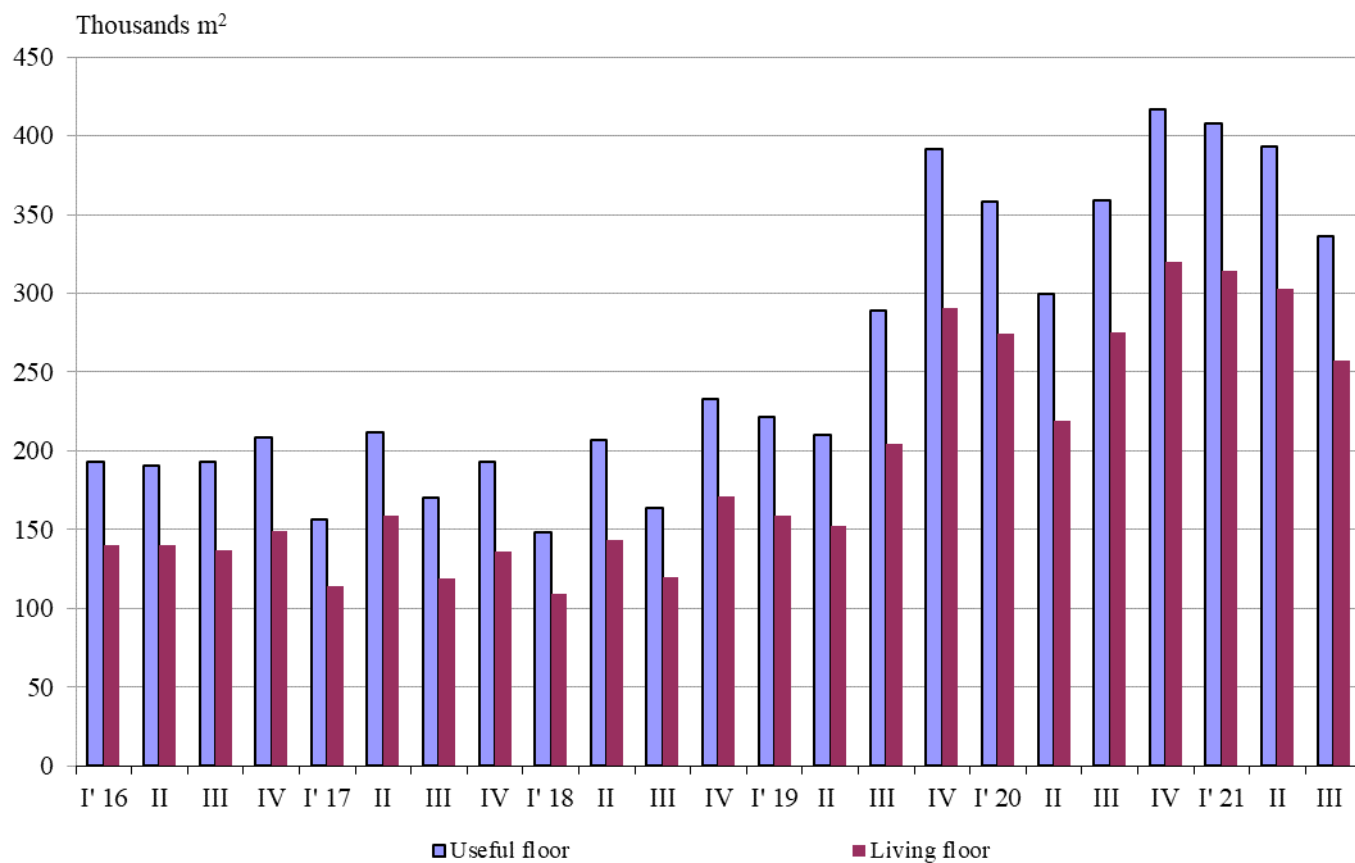


In the third quarter of 2021 **the total useful space** of newly built dwellings was 336.5 thousand sq. m or by 6.3% less, compared to the same quarter of 2020, and **the living floor space** decreased (by 6.6%) to 257.1 thousand sq. m (Figure 4).

The **average useful floor space** of a newly built dwelling increased from 91.6 sq. m in the third quarter of 2020 to 99.3 sq. m in the same quarter of 2021.

The biggest average useful floor space of a newly built dwelling was recorded in districts Gabrovo – 190.0 sq. m and Razgrad - 149.1 sq. m, and the smallest one in Vratsa - 67.3 sq. m and Varna - 76.0 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 the survey are newly built residential buildings with approved or valid usage licenses 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 of 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 the 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 third quarter of 2021¹

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	838	3390	336530	257082	79448
Blagoevgrad	42	146	12995	10922	2073
Burgas	99	440	40703	29342	11361
Varna	123	837	63602	41890	21712
Veliko Tarnovo	22	31	3413	2383	1030
Vidin	-	-	-	-	-
Vratsa	4	18	1211	1010	201
Gabrovo	21	22	4181	2419	1762
Dobrich	23	33	4055	2946	1109
Kardzhali	13	107	12309	11129	1180
Kyustendil	9	29	2701	1878	823
Lovech	11	12	1126	779	347
Montana	5	6	577	375	202
Pazardzhik	35	154	16530	10673	5857
Pernik	31	32	3949	3334	615
Pleven	12	56	5020	3688	1332
Plovdiv	80	194	22509	17270	5239
Razgrad	5	7	1044	588	456
Ruse	16	39	4563	3157	1406
Silistra	9	10	1208	907	301
Sliven	18	22	3027	2017	1010
Smolyan	8	10	1297	997	300
Sofia	70	71	10503	8027	2476
Sofia (stolitsa)	121	832	94097	80837	13260
Stara Zagora	16	134	11657	9756	1901
Targovishte	9	49	3994	2691	1303
Haskovo	16	21	2174	1689	485
Shumen	13	70	7011	5627	1384
Yambol	7	8	1074	751	323

¹Preliminary data.

Table 2

Newly built residential buildings by type of building

(Number)

	2018				2019				2020				2021*		
	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
Total	570	572	460	722	665	662	788	937	792	757	899	928	925	838	838
Houses	451	420	334	573	490	504	576	693	553	530	659	667	672	617	634
Blocks of flats	65	89	91	91	111	98	125	183	169	170	161	184	167	139	123
Mixed buildings	21	24	8	19	31	27	33	36	34	34	30	26	37	45	31
Hostels	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	-	-	-
Country houses	32	37	27	39	29	30	51	24	35	21	46	49	45	36	50
Buildings of institutional households	1	2	-	-	3	1	2	-	-	-	1	1	4	1	-

* Preliminary data.