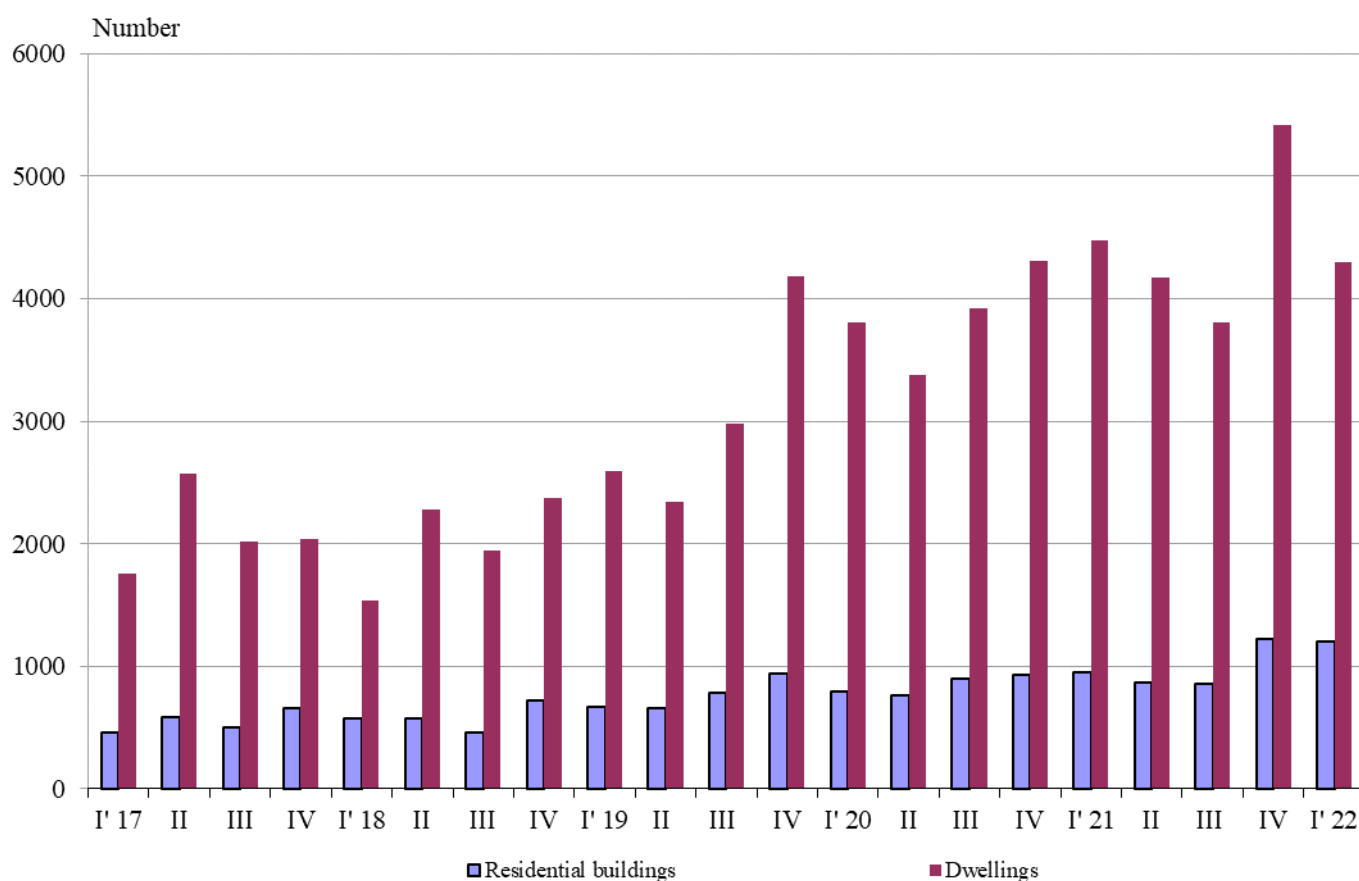


NEWLY BUILT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND DWELLINGS COMPLETED IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2022 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

According to preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute in the first quarter of 2022, the number of newly built residential buildings was 1 206, and the newly built dwellings in them were 4 299 (Annex, Table 1). Compared to the first quarter of 2021, the buildings were by 254 more (or by 26.7%), and the newly built dwellings in them decreased by 174, or by 3.9% (Figure 1).

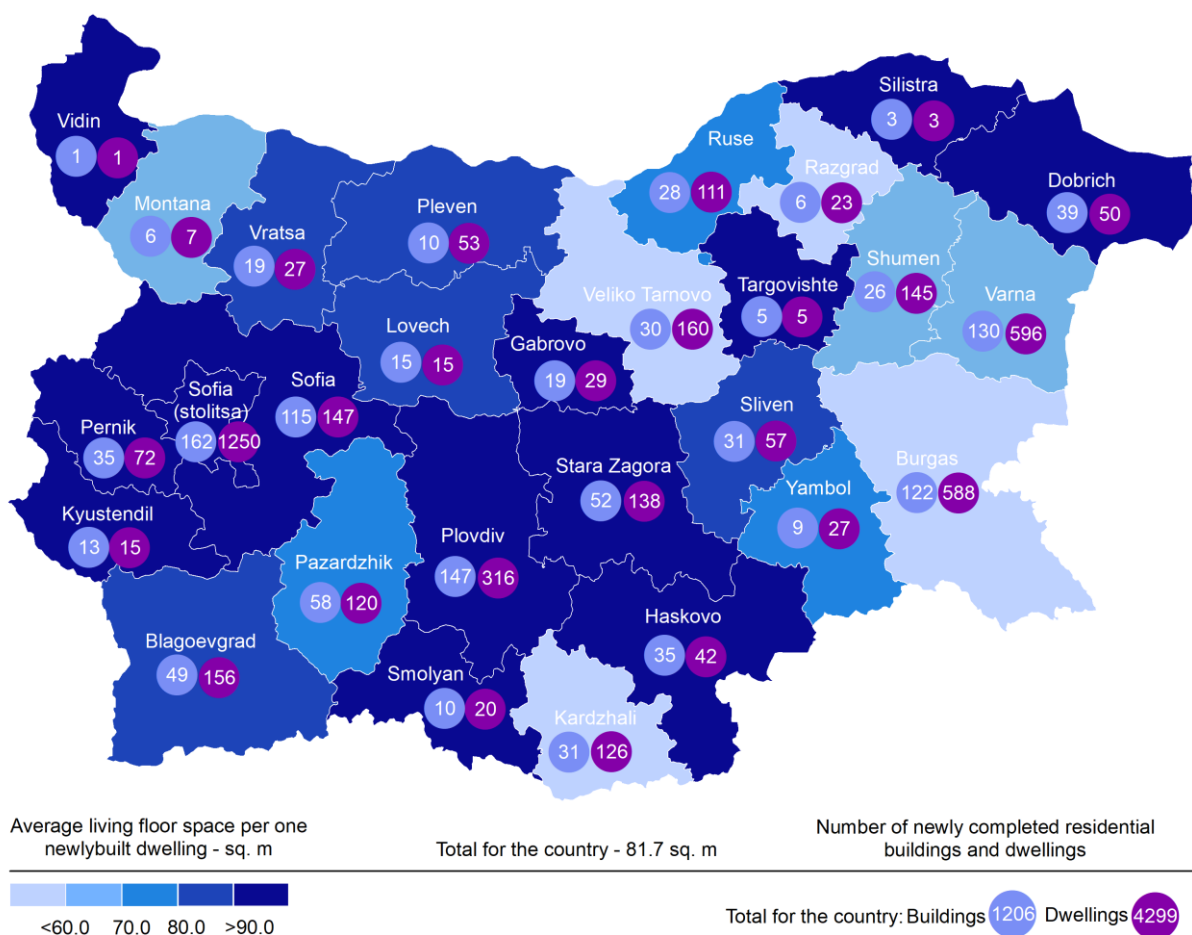
Figure 1. Newly built residential buildings and dwellings completed by quarters



In the first quarter of 2022, 74.5% of the newly built residential buildings had steel-concrete construction, 21.7% had solid structure, 3.3% had 'other' and 0.5% had a panel. The highest is the relative share of houses (79.4%), followed by blocks of flats (13.5%). As compared to the first quarter of 2021, the number of newly built houses rose, while the number of blocks of flats and mixed buildings dropped (Annex, Table 2).

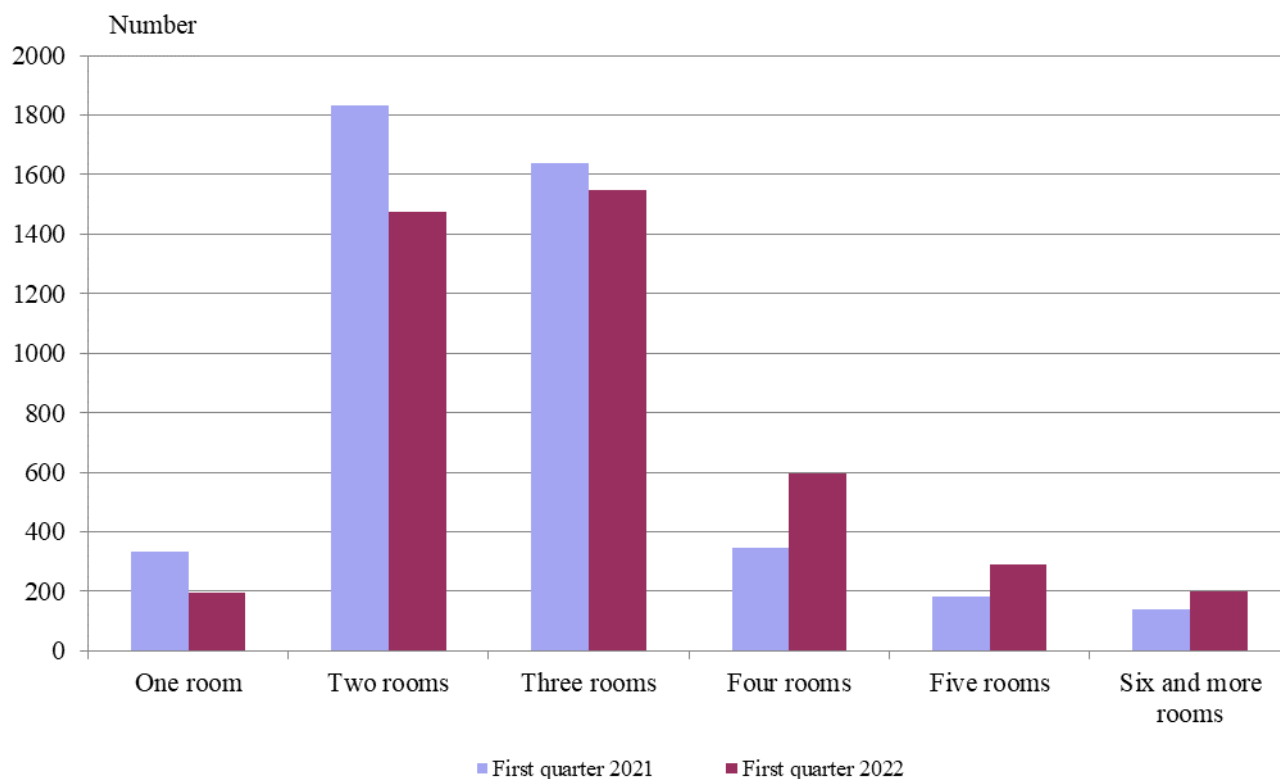
The highest is the number of residential buildings built in the district of Sofia (stolitsa) - 162 residential buildings with 1 250 dwellings, followed by Plovdiv - 147 residential buildings with 316 dwellings, and Varna - 130 buildings with 596 dwellings in them (Figure 2).

Figure 2. Newly built residential buildings and dwellings completed in the first quarter of 2022 by districts



The highest is the number of newly built dwellings with three rooms (36.0%), followed by the number of those with two rooms (34.3%), and the lowest is the number of dwellings with one room (4.5%) (Figure 3).

Figure 3. Newly built dwellings completed by number of rooms

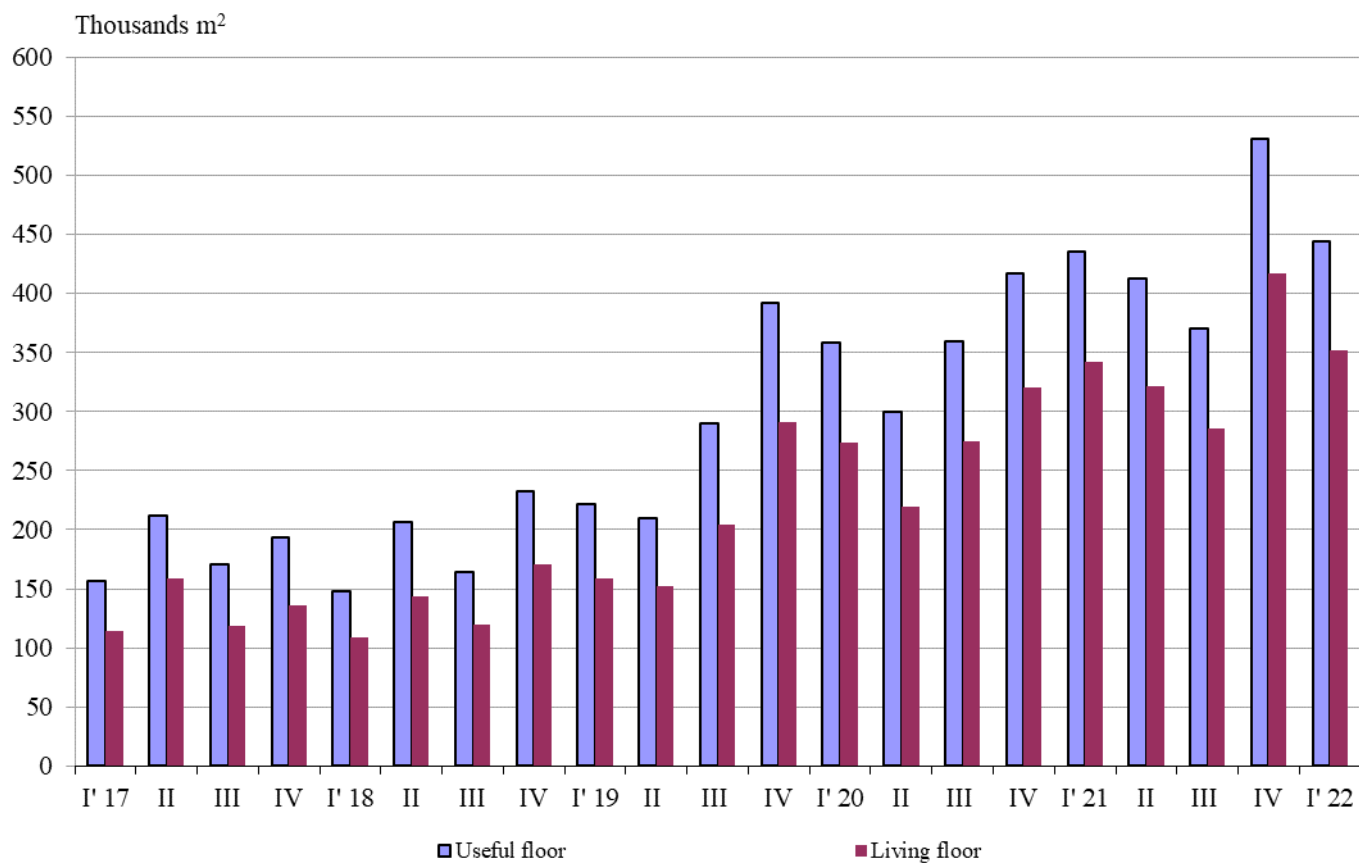


In the first quarter of 2022, **the total useful space** of newly built dwellings was 444.4 thousand sq. m, or 2.2% more, compared to the same quarter of 2021, and **the living floor space** increased (by 2.6%) to 351.4 thousand sq. m (Figure 4).

The **average useful floor space** of a newly built dwelling increased from 97.3 sq. m in the first quarter of 2021 to 103.4 sq. m in the same quarter of 2022.

The biggest average useful floor space of a newly built dwelling was recorded in the districts of Silistra - 241.3 sq. m and Targovishte - 169.6 sq. m, and the smallest ones in Veliko Tarnovo - 68.3 sq. m and Kardzhali - 72.7 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, as well as the space of kitchens with over 4 sq. m of 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 of floor space, vestibules with a portal or other screen, corridors, bathrooms, toilets, larders, hanging closets and other service rooms, such as drying-rooms, laundries or balconies regardless of their space.

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

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

Annex

Table 1

Newly built residential buildings and dwellings completed in the first quarter of 2022¹

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	1206	4299	444429	351422	93007
Blagoevgrad	49	156	15313	13561	1752
Burgas	122	588	47435	33553	13882
Varna	130	596	54741	39922	14819
Veliko Tarnovo	30	160	10920	8378	2542
Vidin	1	1	131	96	35
Vratsa	19	27	2811	2170	641
Gabrovo	19	29	3944	2904	1040
Dobrich	39	50	7180	5709	1471
Kardzhali	31	126	9164	7179	1985
Kyustendil	13	15	1824	1378	446
Lovech	15	15	1869	1302	567
Montana	6	7	786	466	320
Pazardzhik	58	120	12359	8892	3467
Pernik	35	72	10306	8548	1758
Pleven	10	53	5262	4328	934
Plovdiv	147	316	42210	32679	9531
Razgrad	6	23	1800	1332	468
Ruse	28	111	11845	8815	3030
Silistra	3	3	724	407	317
Sliven	31	57	6529	4859	1670
Smolyan	10	20	2554	1998	556
Sofia	115	147	18542	14062	4480
Sofia (stolitsa)	162	1250	136912	118198	18714
Stara Zagora	52	138	17206	14468	2738
Targovishte	5	5	848	466	382
Haskovo	35	42	6526	4913	1613
Shumen	26	145	12353	8807	3546
Yambol	9	27	2335	2032	303

¹Preliminary data.



Table 2

Newly built residential buildings by type of building

(Number)

	2018				2019				2020				2021				2022*
	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	I quarter
Total	570	572	460	722	665	662	788	937	792	757	899	928	952	867	858	1221	1206
Houses	451	420	334	573	490	504	576	693	553	530	659	667	683	642	632	918	957
Blocks of flats	65	89	91	91	111	98	125	183	169	170	161	184	182	139	140	216	163
Mixed buildings	21	24	8	19	31	27	33	36	34	34	30	26	38	45	33	33	36
Hostels	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	-	1
Country houses	32	37	27	39	29	30	51	24	35	21	46	49	45	39	51	54	45
Buildings of institutional households	1	2	-	-	3	1	2	-	-	-	1	1	3	-	-	-	4

* Preliminary data.