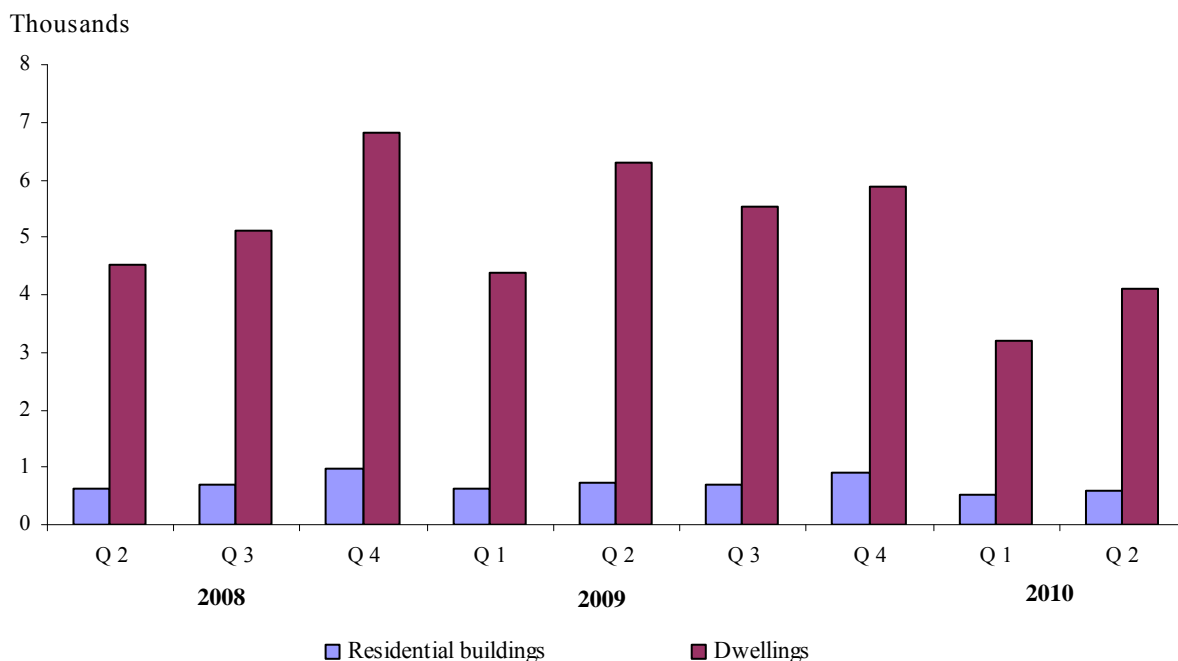




NEWLY BUILT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND DWELLINGS COMPLETED IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2010

According to the preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute, in the second quarter of 2010 the newly built residential buildings were 576 and compared to the respectively quarter of 2009 decreased by 20.0% (Table 1). The newly built dwellings in them decreased by 34.7% and their number was 4 119.

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



The largest number of the buildings has been built in the district Varna - 116 buildings, in the district Burgas - 101 residential buildings, followed by Sofia capital and district Sofia - 53 and 43 buildings respectively.

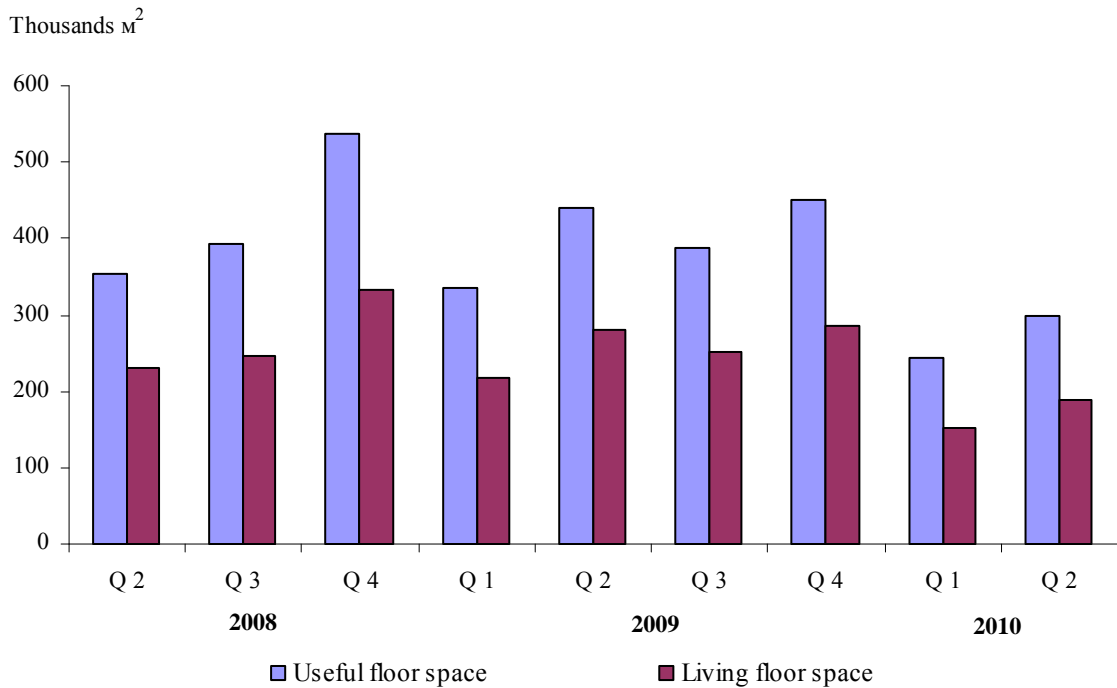
In the second quarter of 2010 the useful area of the newly built dwellings was 298 thousand sq.m or 32.3% less than the same quarter of 2009. The living floor area of the dwellings decreased by 32.8% to 187.5 thousand sq. m.

At the same time the average useful area of a newly built dwelling increased from 69.8 sq. m in the second quarter of 2009 to 72.4 sq. m in the same quarter of 2010.



The biggest average useful area of a newly built dwelling was registered in the district Pazardzhik - 179.8 sq. m, followed by district Gabrovo - 151.0 sq. m, district Yambol - 115.3 sq. m and Sofia district - 110.8sq. m and the smallest one in the district Kardzhali - 32.0 sq. m and district Pleven - 59.6 sq. m.

Figure 2. Useful floor space and living floor space by quarters





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

Residential buildings and dwellings completed in the second quarter of 2010
 (Preliminary data)

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	576	4119	298067	187523	82432	28112
Blagoevgrad	8	36	2461	1744	490	227
Burgas	101	1286	82752	51589	22962	8201
Varna	116	824	62830	40206	18387	4237
Veliko Tarnovo	34	245	16813	10047	5921	845
Vidin	4	17	1355	732	502	121
Vratsa	5	13	999	590	345	64
Gabrovo	15	57	8609	3380	4643	586
Dobrich	30	70	6713	4110	1846	757
Kardzhali	4	47	1502	1216	204	82
Kyustendil	6	53	4509	3346	599	564
Lovech	7	7	693	483	155	55
Montana	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pazardzhik	8	36	6474	1523	4682	269
Pernik	13	18	1276	766	322	188
Pleven	15	128	7625	5163	1701	761
Plovdiv	29	195	16818	11294	3706	1818
Razgrad	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ruse	13	102	7327	5738	1059	530
Silistra	6	15	1268	771	401	96
Sliven	9	83	5884	3869	1579	436
Smolyan	10	130	7942	3602	2454	1886
Sofia	43	51	5650	3610	1379	661
Sofia capital	53	457	28786	21223	3941	3622
Stara Zagora	16	69	5953	4062	1262	629
Targovishte	7	89	6302	3691	1903	708
Haskovo	9	27	1845	1418	288	139
Shumen	5	12	1161	664	304	193
Yambol	6	19	2190	1036	978	176

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