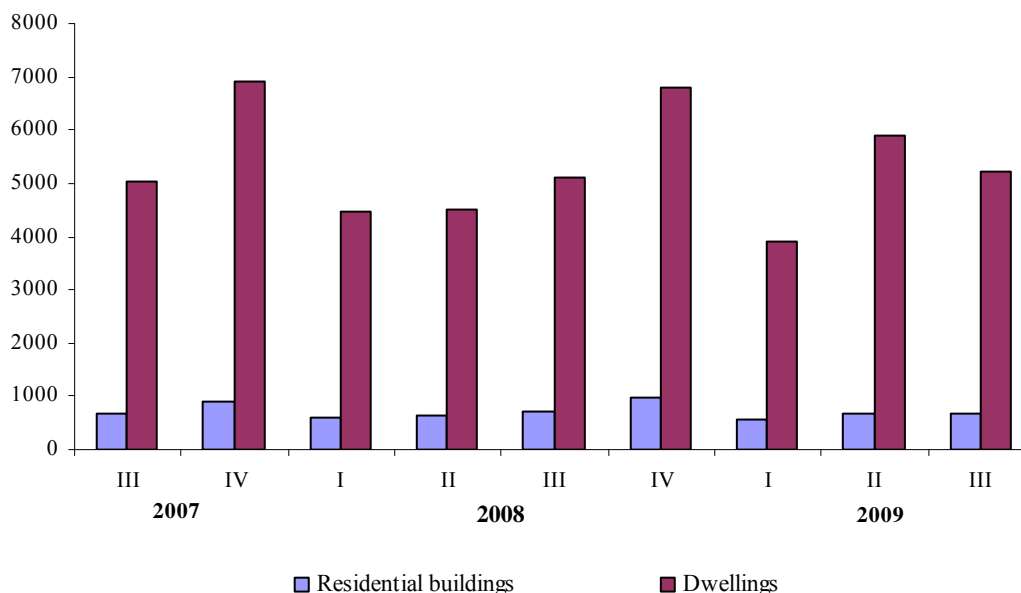




NEWLY BUILT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND DWELLINGS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2009

According to the preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute, in the third quarter of 2009 the newly built residential buildings were 685 and marked an insignificant increase of 0.9% compared to the second quarter of 2009. The number of the new dwellings in them decreased by 674 compared to the previous quarter of 2009 and reached a number of 5 214. In comparison with the corresponding period of previous year 2008 the number of the newly built residential buildings decreased by 2.1% and the number of the dwellings in them marked an increase of 2.0%.

Newly built residential buildings and dwellings

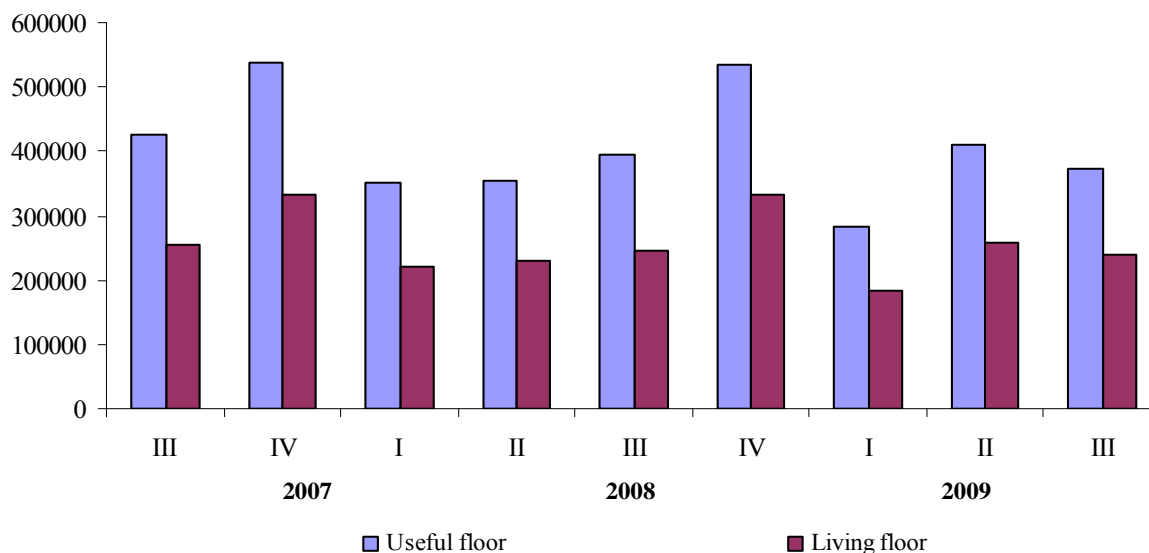


The largest number of the residential buildings and dwellings has been built in the district Varna - 163 residential buildings with 1 114 dwellings, district Burgas - 133 buildings with 1 460 dwellings, followed by district Veliko Tarnovo - 45 buildings with 479 dwellings, district Plovdiv - 40 buildings with 218 dwellings, district Dobrich - 38 buildings with 151 dwellings, district Sofia - 32 buildings with 47 dwellings and district Stara Zagora - 29 buildings with 133 dwellings (Annex 1). There are not any newly built residential buildings completed in the district Kyustendil for the third quarter of 2009.

In the third quarter of 2009 the useful area of the newly built dwellings was 374 sq. m or 5.2% less than the same quarter of 2008. The living floor area decreased by 2.9% to 240 thousand sq. m. At the same time, the average useful area of a dwelling increased from 69.9 sq. m in the second quarter of 2009 to 71.7 sq. m in the third quarter of 2009. The biggest average useful area of a dwelling was registered in the district Silistra - 120.7 sq. m, district Sofia -

113.5 sq. m and district Pazardjik - 100.4 sq. m and the smallest one in the district Kardzhali - 45.3 sq. m and in the district Razgrad - 45.4 sq. m (Annex 1).

Useful floor space and living floor space – sq. m



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.

**RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND DWELLINGS COMPLETED IN THE THIRD
QUARTER OF 2009**

Districts	Residential buildings and dwellings completed - number		Useful floor space - sq.m			
	Buildings	Dwellings	Total	of which		
				living floor space	accessory floor space	kitchen area
Total	685	5214	373806	239700	102599	31507
Blagoevgrad	13	97	6664	4711	1215	738
Burgas	133	1460	90264	56942	25574	7748
Varna	163	1114	84 688	49996	28746	5946
Veliko Tarnovo	45	479	34296	21562	10567	2167
Vidin	5	64	4 687	2117	2092	478
Vratsa	12	48	3522	2232	1038	252
Gabrovo	23	70	5539	2499	2365	675
Dobrich	38	151	11928	7059	3538	1331
Karddzhalı	6	90	4076	2532	1124	420
Kyustendil	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lovech	11	55	2969	2249	426	294
Montana
Pazardzhik	18	92	9240	6006	2118	1116
Pernik	22	25	2049	1499	248	302
Pleven	10	111	8363	5802	1642	919
Plovdiv	40	218	16685	10746	3813	2126
Razgrad	4	19	862	588	161	113
Ruse	13	181	16069	9313	5837	919
Silistra	3	3	362	188	136	38
Sliven	14	49	4006	2573	1003	430
Smolyan	5	6	477	318	84	75
Sofia	32	47	5333	3493	1192	648
Sofia Cap.	22	513	33195	25280	5104	2811
Stara Zagora	29	133	11035	7850	2018	1167
Targovishte	5	22	1530	832	542	156
Haskovo
Shumen	9	27	2247	1295	649	303
Yambol	8	54	4373	3221	1052	100

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