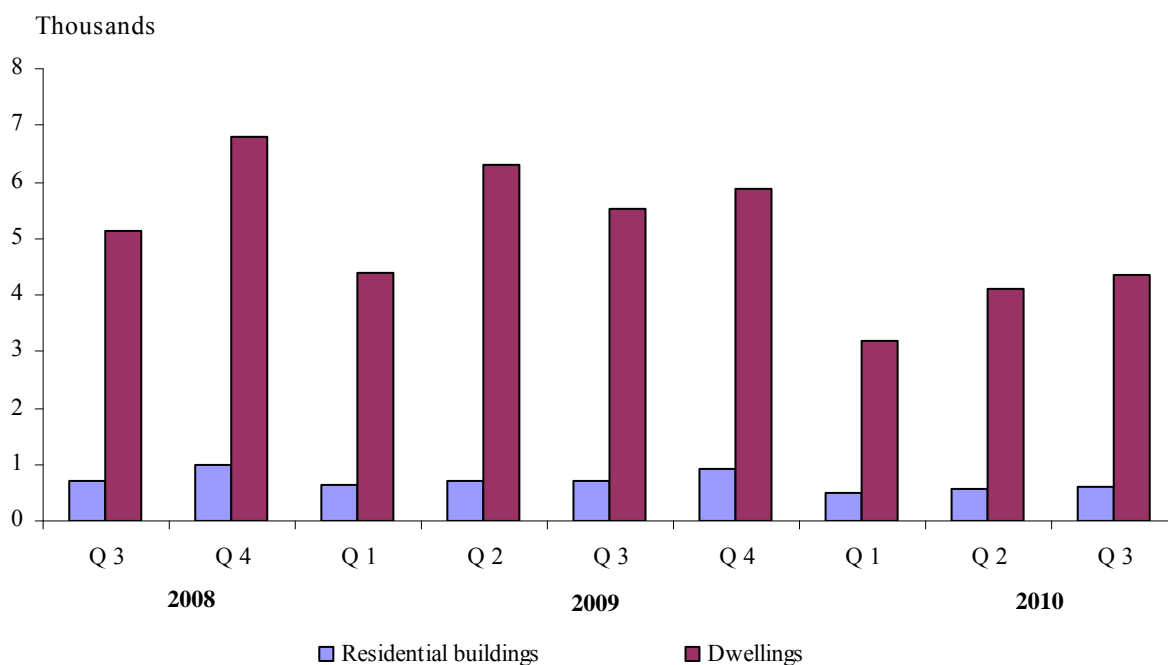




NEWLY BUILT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND DWELLINGS COMPLETED IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2010

According to the preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute, in the third quarter of 2010 the newly built residential buildings were 598 and compared to the respectively quarter of 2009 decreased by 15.1% (Table 1). The newly built dwellings in them decreased by 21.0% and their number was 4 360.

Figure 1. Newly built residential buildings and dwellings completed



The largest number of the residential buildings and dwellings has been built in the district Varna - 112 buildings with 831 dwellings in them, district Burgas - 95 residential buildings with 888 dwellings, followed by district Dobrich - 54 buildings with 203 dwellings and Sofia capital - 53 buildings with 888 dwellings.

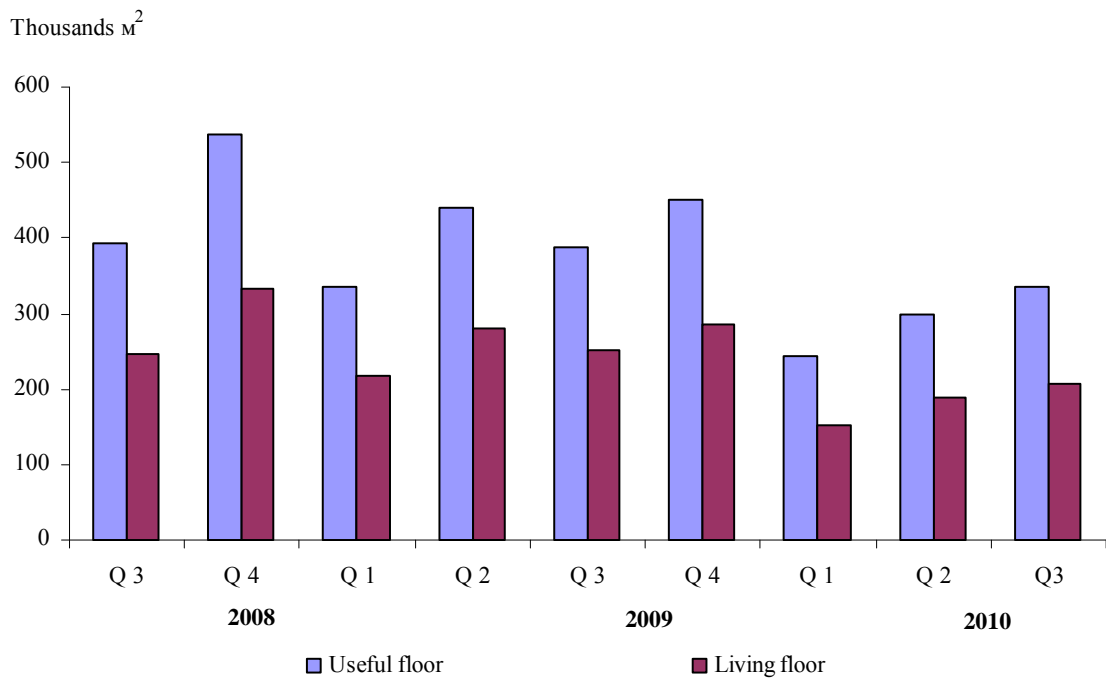
In the third quarter of 2010 the useful area of the newly built dwellings was 334.3 thousand sq. m or 13.5% less than the same quarter of 2009. The living floor area of the dwellings was decreased by 17.4% to 208 thousand sq. m.

The average useful area of a newly built dwelling increased from 71.7 sq. m in the third quarter of 2009 to 76.1 sq. m in the same quarter of 2010.

The biggest average useful area of a newly built dwelling was registered in the district Targovishte - 155.3 sq. m, district Kyustendil - 130.9 sq. m, followed by districts Sofia - 120.5 sq. m and Dobrich - 113.0 sq. m and the smallest one in the district Plovdiv - 51.8 sq. m and district Vratsa - 53.2sq. m.



Figure 2. Useful floor space and living floor space





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.



Annex

Table 1

Newly built residential buildings and dwellings completed in the third quarter of 2010¹

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	598	4360	334311	208041	95898	30372
Blagoevgrad	4	13	1172	868	136	168
Burgas	95	888	64491	37807	22935	3749
Varna	112	831	65140	39010	22115	4015
Veliko Tarnovo	28	129	9695	5981	3263	451
Vidin	3	33	2745	1472	936	337
Vratsa	10	66	3510	2295	1047	168
Gabrovo	11	33	4268	1851	2157	260
Dobrich	54	203	22949	12244	7909	2796
Kardzhali	3	46	3876	3219	216	441
Kyustendil	7	8	1047	519	446	82
Lovech	8	8	840	565	171	104
Montana	5	6	600	370	145	85
Pazardzhik	27	201	21358	13563	4869	2926
Pernik	9	9	658	415	120	123
Pleven	13	77	4849	3347	1082	420
Plovdiv	41	288	14904	10018	2961	1925
Razgrad	3	16	1092	736	209	147
Ruse	9	221	15086	7472	4737	2877
Silistra	6	19	1299	719	468	112
Sliven	6	41	3119	2078	814	227
Smolyan	4	55	4576	2041	2028	507
Sofia	39	51	6147	4091	1306	750
Sofia capital	53	888	61553	45544	10472	5537
Stara Zagora	19	92	8136	5547	1452	1137
Targovishte	4	12	1863	665	1110	88
Haskovo	12	80	6151	3665	2001	485
Shumen	7	27	2102	1362	527	213
Yambol	6	19	1085	577	266	242

¹ The data are preliminary.