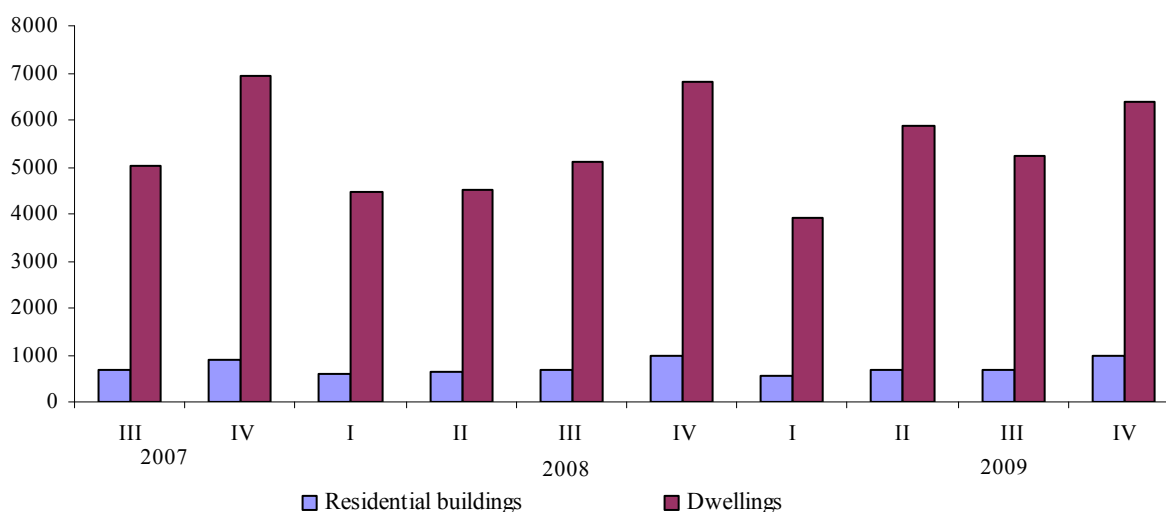




NEWLY BUILT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND DWELLINGS IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 2009

According to the preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute, in the fourth quarter of 2009 the newly built residential buildings were 962 compared to the previous quarter of 2009 and registered a significant increase of 40.4%, as newly build dwellings in them was with 1 190 more and their number reached 6 404. In comparison with the corresponding period of previous year 2008 the number of the newly built residential buildings decreased by 1.7% and the number of the dwellings in them marked a decrease of 6.0%.

Newly built residential buildings and dwellings



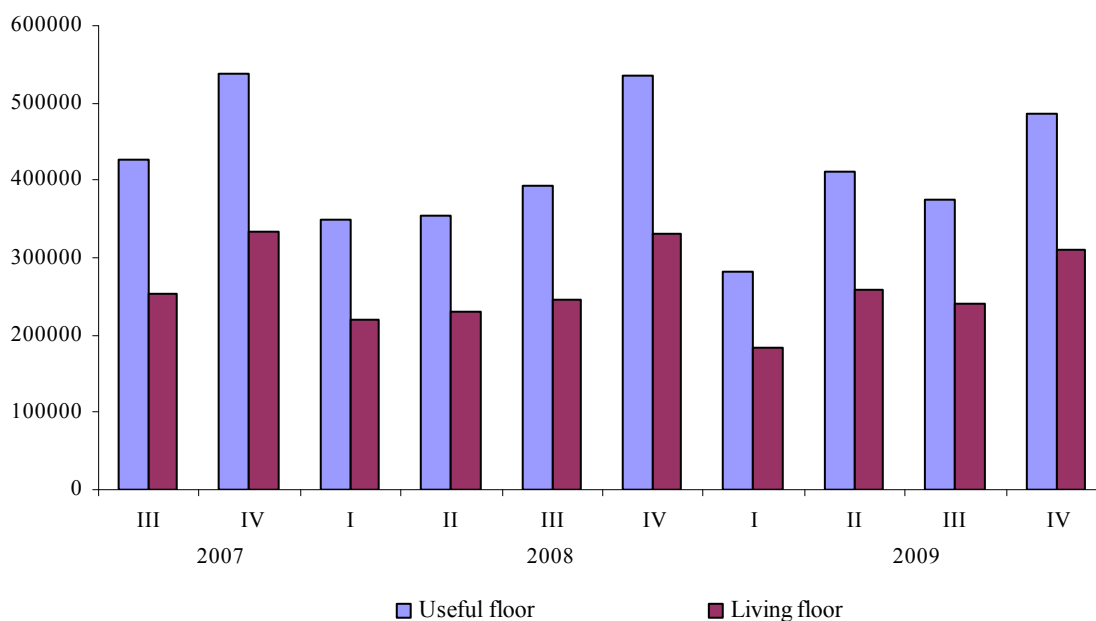
The largest number of the residential buildings and dwellings has been built in the district Varna - 179 residential buildings with 1 325 dwellings, district Burgas - 127 buildings with 865 dwellings, followed by district Plovdiv - 81 buildings with 448 dwellings, district Sofia - 69 buildings with 261 dwellings, district Sofia city - 62 buildings with 1 228 dwellings and district Gabrovo - 61 buildings with 163 dwellings (Annex 1).

In the fourth quarter of 2009 the useful area of the newly built dwellings was 486 thousand sq.m or 9.3% less than the same quarter of 2008. The living floor area decreased by 6.3% to 311 thousand sq. m.

But at the same time, the average useful area of a dwelling increased from 71.1 sq. m in the third quarter of 2009 to 75.9 sq. m in the fourth quarter of 2009.

The biggest average useful area of a dwelling was registered in the district Gabrovo - 132.6 sq. m and district Haskovo - 114.5 sq. m and the smallest one in the district Razgrad - 55.8 sq. m and in the district Pernik - 57.0 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 FOURTH QUARTER
OF 2009 ¹⁾**

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	962	6404	486151	311377	132542	42232
Blagoevgrad	8	56	3739	2710	818	211
Burgas	127	865	64298	41600	17993	4705
Varna	179	1325	110128	66042	34906	9180
Veliko Tarnovo	41	285	19008	12461	5515	1032
Vidin	5	25	2762	1303	1169	290
Vratsa	12	27	2311	1561	525	225
Gabrovo	61	163	21610	8453	11376	1781
Dobrich	40	147	11394	7354	2728	1312
Karddzhalı	19	166	11928	7286	3426	1216
Kyustendil	6	32	2268	1196	834	238
Lovech	17	80	6369	3604	1740	1025
Montana	9	94	5473	4302	1025	146
Pazardzhik	42	226	20616	12151	5907	2558
Pernik	26	66	3760	2496	637	627
Pleven	14	76	5401	3525	1343	533
Plovdiv	81	448	34423	24514	6391	3518
Razgrad	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ruse	19	165	11788	6271	3799	1718
Silistra	5	20	1626	1244	296	86
Sliven	23	200	13839	8038	4292	1509
Smolyan	35	140	10860	4818	4127	1915
Sofia	69	261	22509	14703	5683	2123
Sofia Cap.	62	1228	77744	61367	12470	3907
Stara Zagora	32	118	9746	6647	1952	1147
Targovishte	10	75	4913	2778	1695	440
Haskovo	..	..	..	..	..	..
Shumen	11	64	4158	2734	969	455
Yambol	6	12	1132	659	385	88

1) The data are preliminary.

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