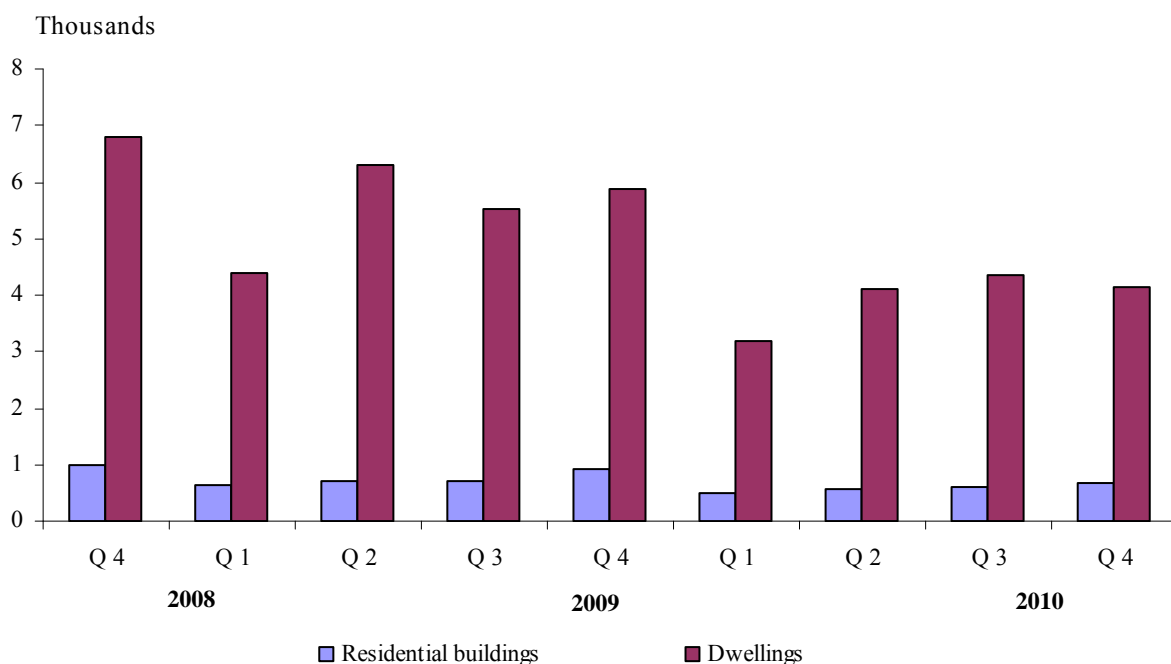




## NEWLY BUILT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND DWELLINGS COMPLETED IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 2010

According to the preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute, in the fourth quarter of 2010 the newly built residential buildings were 671 and compared to the same quarter of 2009 decreased by 27.0% (Table 1). The newly built dwellings in them fell by 29.6% and their number was 4 125.

**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 - 144 buildings with 1 175 dwellings in them, district Burgas - 116 residential buildings with 1 153 dwellings, followed by district Sofia - 54 buildings with 84 dwellings.

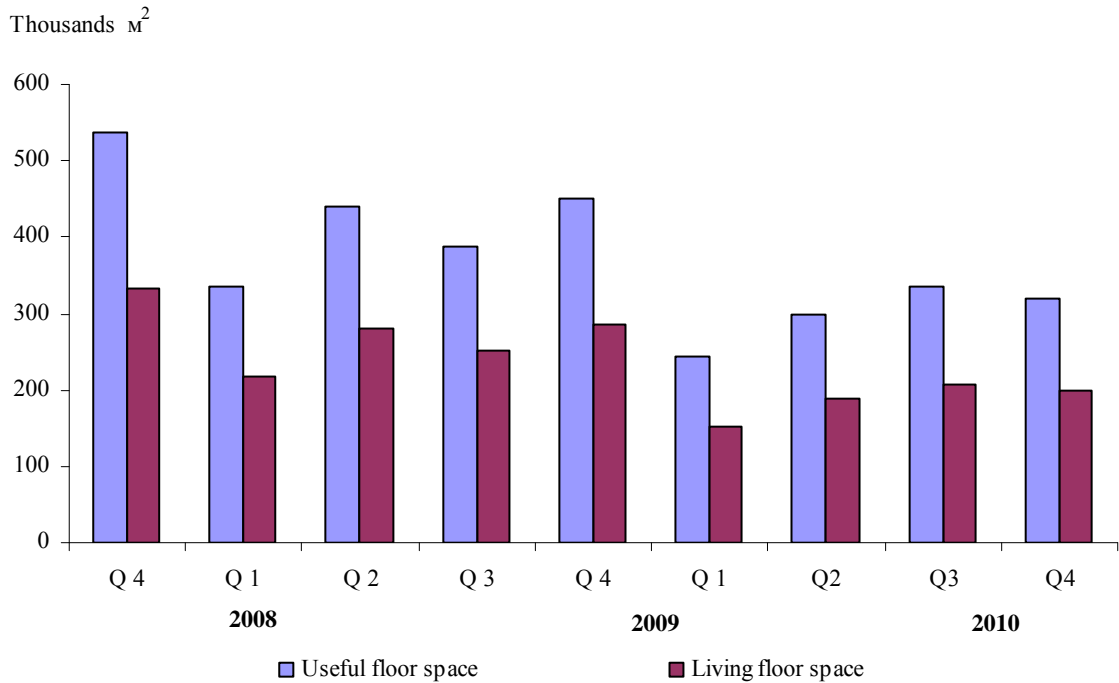
In the fourth quarter of 2010 the useful area of the newly built dwellings was 318.7 thousand sq.m or 29.3% less than the same quarter of 2009. The living floor area of the dwellings was decreased by 30.5% to 198.1 thousand sq. m.

At the same time the average useful area of a newly built dwelling increased from 76.9 sq. m in the fourth quarter of 2009 to 77.3 sq. m in the same quarter of 2010.

The biggest average useful area of a newly built dwelling was registered in the district Gabrovo - 135.9 sq. m, district Dobrich - 128.3 sq. m, followed by districts Silistra - 114.4 sq. m and Haskovo - 99.4 sq. m and the smallest one in the district Plovdiv - 59.4 sq. m and district Yambol - 60.4 sq. 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.



**Table 1**

**Newly built residential buildings and dwellings completed in the fourth quarter of 2010**

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>4125</b>	<b>318703</b>	<b>198092</b>	<b>91175</b>	<b>29436</b>
Blagoevgrad	13	90	5513	3979	970	564
Burgas	116	1153	78271	49348	22988	5935
Varna	144	1175	101273	62163	29958	9152
Veliko Tarnovo	37	292	20161	13021	6424	716
Vidin	..	..	..	..	..	..
Vratsa	10	52	3772	2507	846	419
Gabrovo	11	34	4619	2020	2321	278
Dobrich	34	100	12829	7231	4066	1532
Kardzhali	8	16	1382	927	270	185
Kyustendil	9	28	2106	1330	611	165
Lovech	21	34	2784	1843	655	286
Montana	10	41	3135	2195	781	159
Pazardzhik	33	148	12453	7149	3633	1671
Pernik	7	8	745	516	173	56
Pleven	13	67	4228	2948	881	399
Plovdiv	26	104	6173	4035	1128	1010
Razgrad	8	36	2603	1532	745	326
Ruse	12	88	7961	4474	2394	1093
Silistra	5	20	2288	828	1372	88
Sliven	16	104	7228	4868	1846	514
Smolyan	7	44	2984	1489	1211	284
Sofia	54	84	7801	5053	1749	999
Sofia capital	43	292	19665	13326	3528	2811
Stara Zagora	7	8	751	453	227	71
Targovishte	5	11	972	608	315	49
Haskovo	7	8	795	526	185	84
Shumen	..	..	..	..	..	..
Yambol	9	57	3445	2352	699	394

\* The data are preliminary.

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