



BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDINGS STARTED IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2011

In the second quarter of 2011, the municipal authorities have issued building permits for construction of 1 319 residential buildings with 3 032 dwellings and 433 501 sq. m gross building area, of 67 administrative buildings/offices with 43 203 sq. m gross building area and 1 375 other buildings with 442 258 sq. m gross building area. As compared to the previous quarter the building permits for residential buildings increased by 38.7%, their dwellings - by 23.4% and the gross building area - by 35.5%. The administrative buildings rose by 81.1% and their gross building area - by 97.2%. The other buildings marked an increase by 44.1%, but their gross building area dropped by 30.0%.

As compared to the second quarter of 2010 the issued building permits for new residential buildings fell by 8.5%, and their dwellings - by 22.9%. The administrative buildings rose by 15.5% and the other buildings - by 17.4% (Figure 1). The decrease in the gross building area was registered in the residential buildings - by 14.8% and in the other buildings - by 21.7%, while in the administrative buildings showed an increase by 17.7% (Figure 2).

The highest number of building permits for new residential buildings has been issued in the following districts: Sofia (capital) - 157, Plovdiv - 151, Sofia - 130 and Varna - 121. Most dwellings are to be launched in the districts: Varna - 573, Burgas - 417, Sofia (capital) - 341 and Plovdiv - 338 (Table 1).

In the second quarter of 2011 has been begun construction of 732 residential buildings with 2 127 dwellings and 273 690 sq. m gross building area, of 36 administrative buildings/offices with 20 956 sq. m gross building area and 678 other buildings with 260 070 sq. m gross building area. As compared to the previous quarter the number of started residential buildings increased by 59.5%, their dwellings - by 38.1% and the gross building area - by 40.4%. The started administrative buildings rose by 38.5%, other buildings - by 65.8% and their gross building area marked an increase respectively by 48.7% and by 24.5%.

As compared to the second quarter of 2010 the number of started new residential buildings decreased by 6.8%, but their dwellings rose by 17.4%. The number of started administrative buildings was same as the corresponding quarter of previous year, while the other buildings rose by 24.4%. The increase in the gross building area was registered in the started residential buildings - by 6.9%, in the administrative buildings - by 16.7% and in the other buildings - by 31.3%.

The highest number of construction of new buildings were started in the districts: Burgas - 54 residential buildings and 103 other buildings; Sofia - 79 residential buildings and 52 other buildings; Varna - 93 residential buildings and 37 other buildings; Sofia (capital) - 65 residential buildings, 6 administrative buildings and 41 other buildings; Plovdiv - 67 residential buildings and 39 other buildings (Table 2).



Methodological notes

The quarterly statistical survey of permits issued for construction collects information about issued building permits for the type of buildings and the gross building area by municipal authorities. This information may be used as an indicator of future construction activity of enterprises in the country.

Type of buildings is classified according to the Classification of types of construction (CC) and is divided into:

- Residential - buildings for which the useful floor area is mostly used for permanent residential habitation.

- Non-residential - buildings for various purposes, including:

- administrative - offices and buildings for administrative work of departments and other organizations and associations (representative buildings - banks, post offices, government department offices, conference and congress centers, low courts, municipalities);

- other buildings - buildings used for different activities: production, trade, transport, education, cultural, sports, agriculture, health, recreation and facilities for short stay (hotels, motels, rest houses, huts and others).

Gross building area - a sum of all floors areas in external dimensions.



Figure 1. Building permits issued for construction of new buildings by type and by quarter

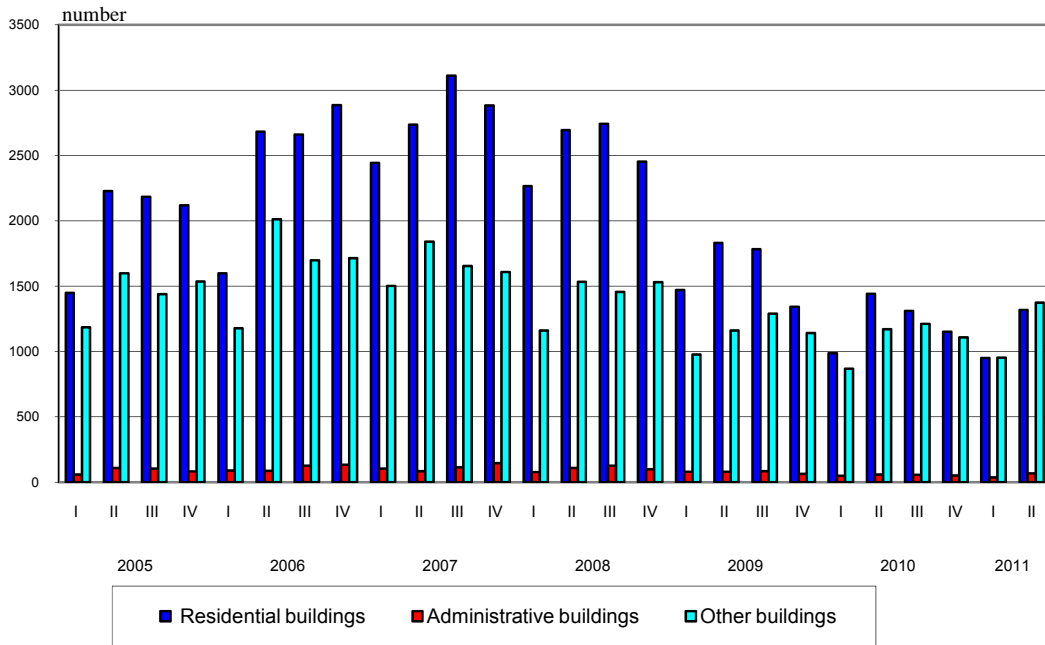


Figure 2. Building permits issued for construction - gross building area by type of buildings and by quarter

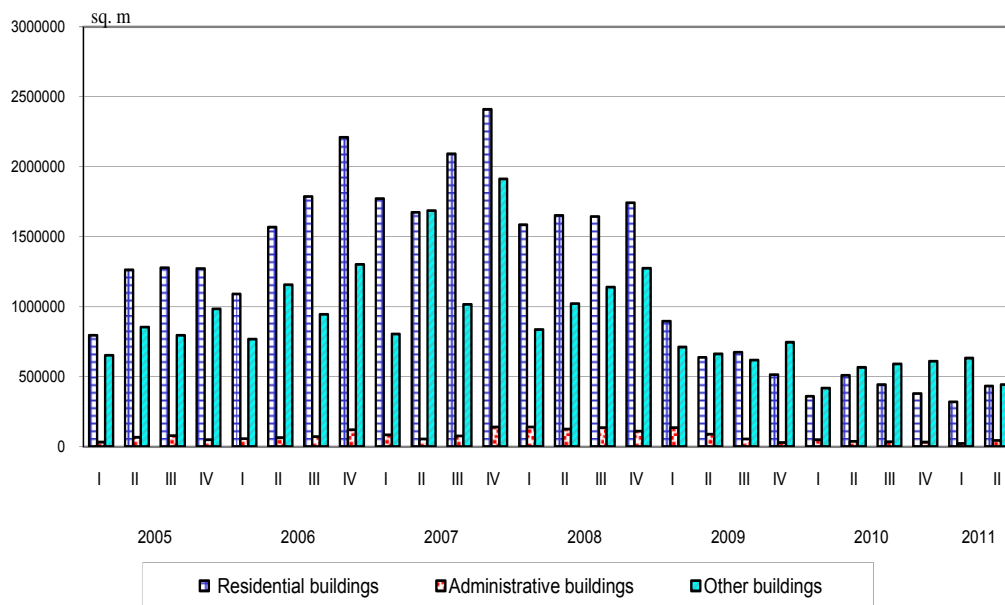




Table 1

Building permits issued for construction of new buildings in the second quarter of 2011¹

Districts	Residential buildings			Administrative buildings		Other buildings	
	Number	Dwellings	Gross building area- sq. m	Number	Gross building area - sq. m	Number	Gross building area - sq. m
Total	1319	3032	433501	67	43203	1375	442258
Blagoevgrad	72	196	21698	9	5622	81	19754
Burgas	80	417	51912	4	6220	64	28374
Varna	121	573	68591	..	..	95	35930
Veliko Tarnovo	37	118	14053	4	3284	59	21685
Vidin	6	22	3356	..	..	5	2725
Vratsa	22	45	8334	..	..	28	14596
Gabrovo	27	31	4259	-	-	18	3602
Dobrich	49	88	10392	..	..	48	12819
Kardzhali	22	47	10162	..	..	13	960
Kyustendil	13	24	3183	..	..	29	5116
Lovech	25	31	3158	..	..	36	8411
Montana	10	9	5865	-	-	20	6446
Pazardzhik	53	112	15798	..	..	66	7309
Pernik	44	51	8223	..	..	49	7839
Pleven	20	20	5144	3	2621	41	13473
Plovdiv	151	338	49576	4	3699	121	62501
Razgrad	23	28	3735	3	590	28	6235
Ruse	31	44	6742	5	1933	37	41484
Silistra	8	23	4297	..	..	30	8100
Sliven	41	71	11177	..	..	33	5909
Smolyan	15	31	5569	..	..	37	13445
Sofia	130	137	21759	4	790	101	43058
Sofia cap.	157	341	56168	12	7158	44	10325
Stara Zagora	74	109	17157	..	..	125	33230
Targovishte	13	26	5145	-	-	18	1905
Haskovo	40	49	10420	59	11050
Shumen	26	34	5399	-	-	54	8379
Yambol	9	17	2229	36	7598

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Table 2

Building construction started in the second quarter of 2011¹

Districts	Residential buildings			Administrative buildings		Other buildings	
	Number	Dwellings	Gross building area- sq. m	Number	Gross building area - sq. m	Number	Gross building area - sq. m
Total	732	2127	273690	36	20956	678	260070
Blagoevgrad	38	124	12099	5	4439	29	8267
Burgas	54	162	17611	..	..	103	29471
Varna	93	500	55361	-	-	37	32124
Veliko Tarnovo	20	95	8870	3	3135	32	12634
Vidin	..	..	..	-	-	..	..
Vratsa	8	17	2903	-	-	17	4628
Gabrovo	5	5	999	-	-	4	1280
Dobrich	35	319	32566	..	..	16	5231
Kardzhali	21	32	5999	..	..	4	561
Kyustendil	7	24	2949	-	-	..	..
Lovech	14	22	2883	3	1172	21	4671
Montana	..	..	..	-	-	14	2340
Pazardzhik	23	109	11109	..	..	19	3333
Pernik	31	33	5548	-	-	33	4726
Pleven	6	6	1173	..	..	15	3718
Plovdiv	67	135	17386	..	..	39	12980
Razgrad	15	18	3201	3	590	19	10374
Ruse	13	25	3395	..	..	15	37540
Silistra	6	20	3638	-	-	12	5897
Sliven	23	35	4731	3	1581	29	5635
Smolyan	7	59	6110	..	..	20	11045
Sofia	79	91	14965	..	..	52	13814
Sofia cap.	65	113	32752	6	3379	41	7557
Stara Zagora	50	98	13020	..	..	47	20346
Targovishte	6	13	3055	-	-	9	4608
Haskovo	27	32	5163	-	-	27	7228
Shumen	8	8	1536	-	-	11	6564
Yambol	8	16	2194	10	3195

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