



BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDINGS STARTED IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2012

In the second quarter of 2012, the municipal authorities have issued **building permits** for construction of 1 228 residential buildings with 3 557 dwellings and 472 081 sq. m gross building area, of 41 administrative buildings/offices with 22 838 sq. m gross building area and 1 288 other buildings with 552 242 sq. m gross building area. As compared to the previous quarter the building permits for residential buildings increased by 41.5%, their dwellings - by 83.0% and the gross building area - by 67.5%. Rising was observed in the number of administrative buildings by 17.1% and of other buildings - by 27.0%, as their gross building area also increased by 61.7% and 22.8% respectively.

As compared to the second quarter of 2011 the issued building permits for new residential buildings decreased by 6.9%, but their dwellings rose by 17.3%. The administrative buildings fell by 38.8% and the other buildings - by 6.3% (Figure 1). An increase in the gross building area was registered in the residential buildings by 8.9%, and in the other buildings - by 24.9%, while in the administrative buildings the gross building area dropped by 47.1% (Figure 2).

The highest number of building permits for new residential buildings has been issued in the following districts: Plovdiv - 179, Burgas - 177, Varna - 114, Sofia - 103 and Sofia (capital) - 89. Most dwellings are to be built in the districts: Burgas - 1 584, Varna - 466, Sofia (capital) - 268, Plovdiv - 252 and Blagoevgrad - 129 (Table 1).

In the second quarter of 2012 **began the construction** of 683 residential buildings with 2 105 dwellings and 251 701 sq. m gross building area, of 20 administrative buildings/offices with 5 708 sq. m gross building area and 579 other buildings with 269 870 sq. m gross building area. As compared to the previous quarter the number of started residential buildings increased by 78.8%, their dwellings - by 66.8% and the gross building area - by 56.0%. The started administrative buildings marked a rising by 17.6%, but their gross building area fell by 9.1%. The number of other buildings increased by 47.0% and their gross building area - by 4.6%.

As compared to the second quarter of 2011 the number of started new residential buildings decreased by 6.7% and their dwellings - by 1.0%. The administrative buildings fell by 44.4% and the other buildings - by 14.6%. A decrease in the gross building area was registered in the residential buildings by 8.0%, in the administrative buildings - by 72.8%, but in the other buildings the gross building area rose by 3.8 %.

The highest number of the construction of new buildings were started in the following districts: Burgas - 106 residential buildings and 38 other buildings; Varna - 89 residential buildings and 57 other buildings; Sofia - 67 residential buildings and 37 other buildings; Plovdiv - 64 residential buildings and 44 other buildings; Sofia (capital) - 56 residential buildings and 22 other buildings (Table 2).



Methodological notes

The quarterly statistical survey of permits issued for construction collects information about building permits, issued by municipal authorities as well as for the started construction of new buildings according to their type and gross building area. 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.



Annex

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

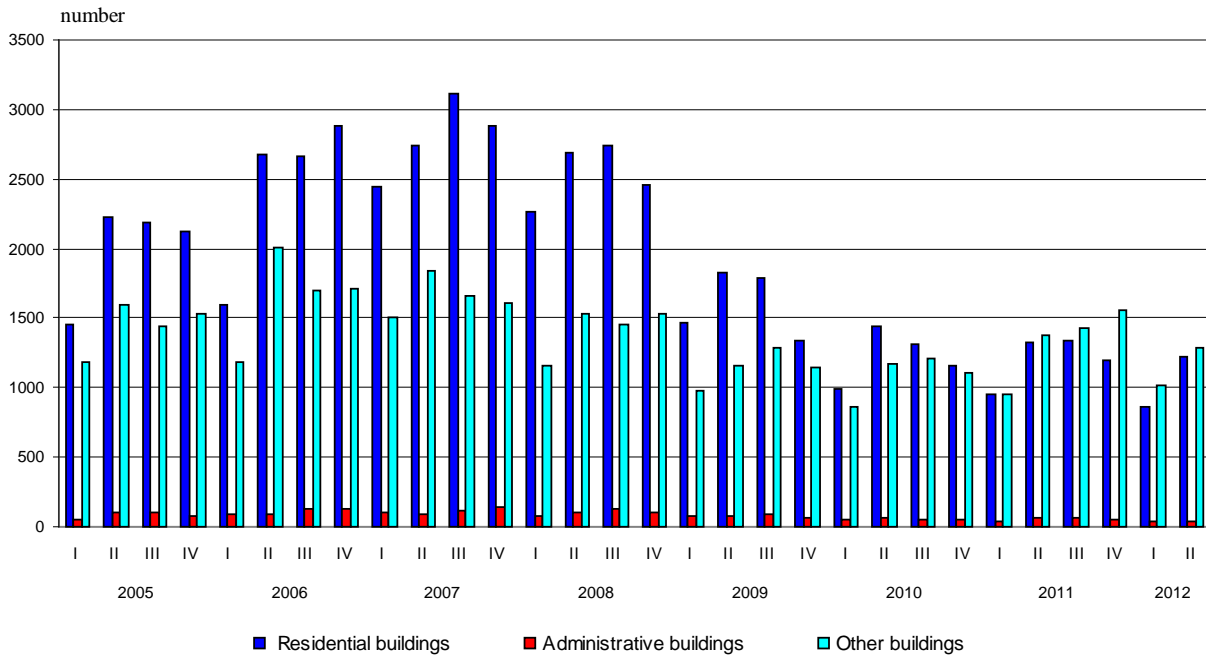


Figure 2. Building permits issued for construction - gross building area by type of buildings and by quarter

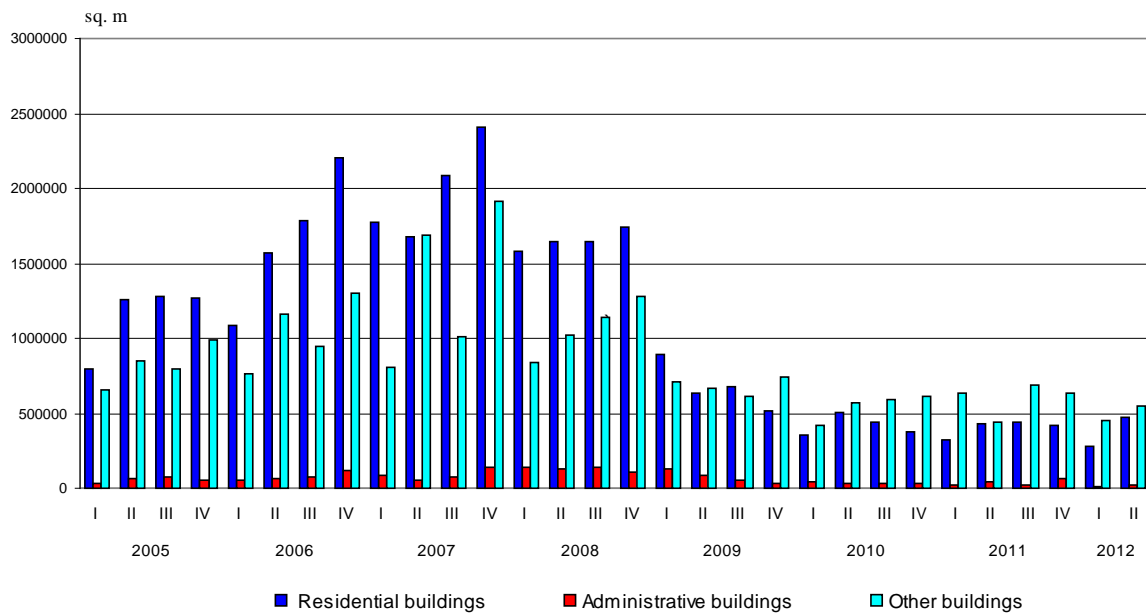




Table 1

Building permits issued for construction of new buildings in the second quarter of 2012

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	1228	3557	472081	41	22838	1288	552242
Blagoevgrad	68	129	24111	..	..	56	25377
Burgas	177	1584	155352	..	..	67	100011
Varna	114	466	65258	3	1726	84	28948
Veliko Tarnovo	28	29	5970	..	..	51	14020
Vidin	4	6	1564	0	0	9	960
Vratsa	21	25	4344	..	..	29	6246
Gabrovo	21	26	4311	..	..	19	5243
Dobrich	28	39	6477	..	..	40	31981
Kardzhali	24	72	11927	..	..	14	2076
Kyustendil	8	14	2749	-	-	16	3945
Lovech	29	27	4666	-	-	38	18214
Montana	8	36	6307	..	..	14	4208
Pazardzhik	33	53	6281	-	-	65	6877
Pernik	33	33	5613	-	-	26	1724
Pleven	23	20	5752	4	946	32	22294
Plovdiv	179	252	44032	6	487	146	107243
Razgrad	15	17	3609	..	..	39	12388
Ruse	16	29	5945	-	-	32	5850
Silistra	9	9	2108	..	..	50	15899
Sliven	22	39	5995	..	..	44	32877
Smolyan	6	6	1236	-	-	19	3046
Sofia	103	100	16263	3	1031	75	12747
Sofia cap.	89	268	45554	4	4629	43	13682
Stara Zagora	68	100	17669	..	..	88	38614
Targovishte	15	60	4480	-	-	10	2173
Haskovo	47	60	8012	76	14657
Shumen	29	30	3504	0		66	13189
Yambol	11	28	2992	3	353	40	7753

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Table 2

Building construction started in the second quarter of 2012

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	683	2105	251701	20	5708	579	269870
Blagoevgrad	39	106	16881	..	..	27	9433
Burgas	106	931	89492	..	..	38	57170
Varna	89	355	41705	-	-	57	17729
Veliko Tarnovo	16	18	3577	..	..	30	9343
Vidin	..	..	..	-	-	..	..
Vratsa	3	3	534	-	-	13	3296
Gabrovo	3	3	517	..	..	8	5546
Dobrich	28	52	6509	-	-	33	27184
Kardzhali	13	40	4006	-	-	6	1257
Kyustendil	..	..	..	-	-	..	..
Lovech	10	33	3548	..	..	18	7909
Montana	5	7	1507	..	..	7	2849
Pazardzhik	20	32	2741	-	-	22	4699
Pernik	..	..	..	-	-	4	155
Pleven	12	12	2210	..	..	16	3583
Plovdiv	64	80	17495	..	..	44	21564
Razgrad	9	9	1507	-	-	25	8391
Ruse	5	5	942	-	-	12	4028
Silistra	5	8	1207	..	..	24	9519
Sliven	15	33	4420	-	-	10	4298
Smolyan	..	..	..	-	-	10	5283
Sofia	67	67	10753	..	..	37	7682
Sofia cap.	56	102	20625	..	..	22	7445
Stara Zagora	41	83	7820	3	788	32	29908
Targovishte	5	23	1438	-	-	3	1535
Haskovo	34	44	5683	-	-	32	8840
Shumen	27	31	2971	25	5888
Yambol	5	20	2170	-	-	20	3668

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