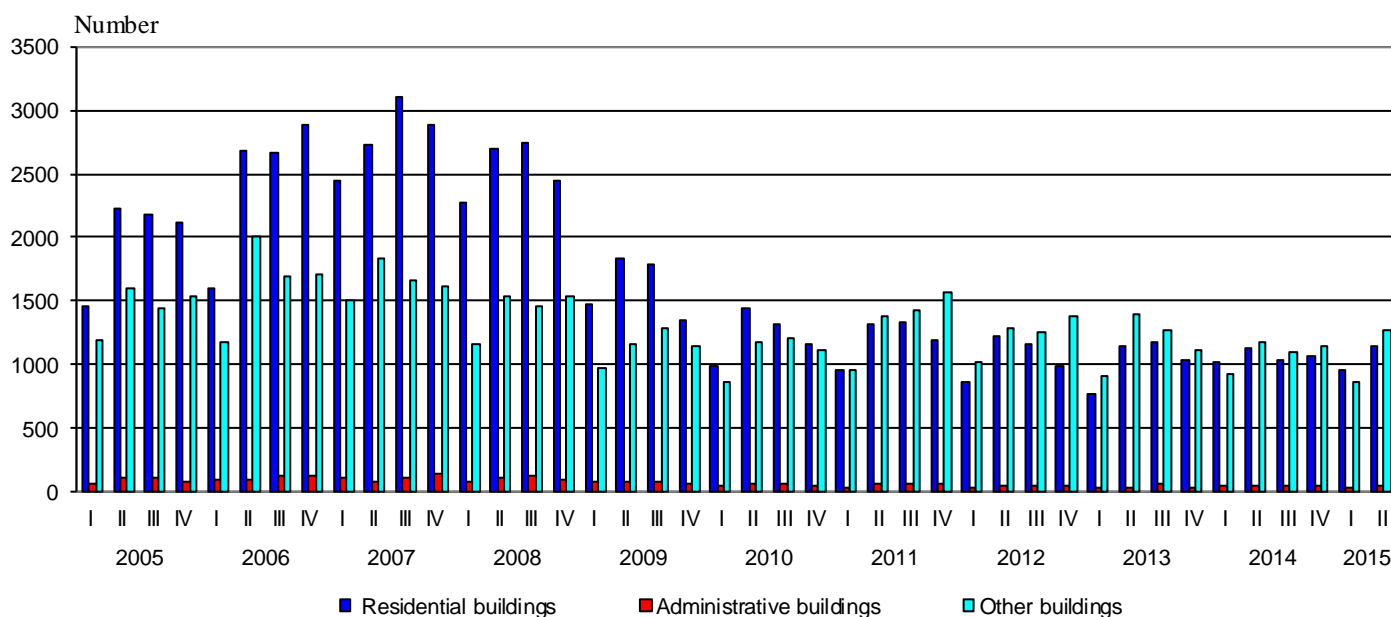




## BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDINGS STARTED IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2015

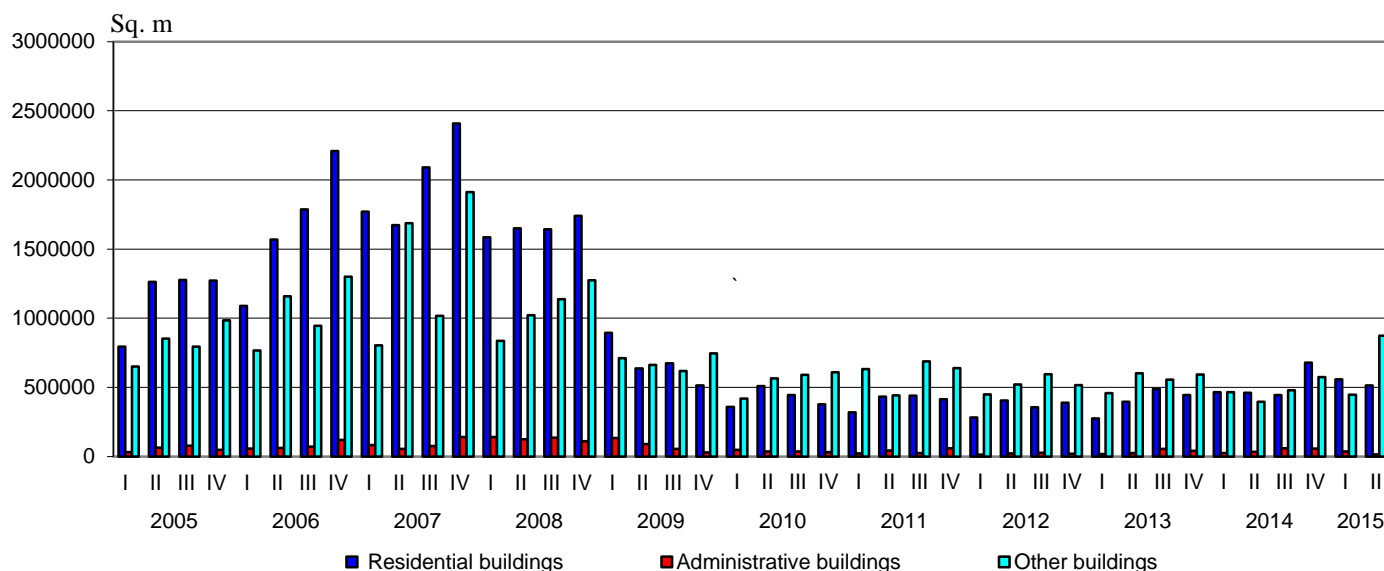
In the second quarter of 2015, the municipal authorities issued **building permits** for construction of 1 140 residential buildings with 3 455 dwellings and 513 073 sq. m gross building area, of 44 administrative buildings/offices with 16 409 sq. m gross building area and 1 275 other buildings with 872 281 sq. m gross building area. As compared to the previous quarter the issued building permits for residential buildings increased by 18.8%, while their dwellings marked a decrease by 19.6% and the gross building area - by 8.2%. The number of issued building permits of administrative buildings and other buildings rose by 83.3% and by 48.9% respectively. The gross building area of administrative buildings fell by 56.1%, but of other buildings increased by 94.9%.

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



As compared to the second quarter of 2014 the issued building permits for new residential buildings increased by 1.7%, but their dwellings fell by 0.2% and the gross building area rose by 11.2%. The number of issued building permits of administrative buildings fell by 6.4% and their gross building area - by 52.2% (Figure 1). Issued building permits of other buildings increased by 8.8% and their gross building area - by 120.6% (Figure 2).

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



The highest number of building permits for new residential buildings was issued in the following districts: Sofia (stolitsa) - 187, Plovdiv - 147, Burgas - 98, Varna - 91 and Sofia - 83. Most dwellings are to be built in the districts: Sofia (stolitsa) - 1 423, Varna - 323, Burgas - 322, Plovdiv - 307 and Kardzhali - 145 (Annex, Table 1).

In the second quarter of 2015 **began the construction** of 847 residential buildings with 3 630 dwellings and 465 091 sq. m gross building area, of 27 administrative buildings/offices with 7 398 sq. m gross building area and 657 other buildings with 423 328 sq. m gross building area. As compared to the previous quarter the number of started residential buildings increased by 56.0%, the number of their dwellings - by 12.8% and the gross building area - by 9.4%. The number of started administrative buildings rose by 50.0%, but their gross building area fell by 81.0%. Started other buildings marked an increase by 62.6% and their gross building area - by 70.1%.

As compared to the second quarter of 2014 the started new residential buildings increased by 4.3%, their dwellings - by 62.5% and the gross building area - by 46.0%. In the number of started administrative buildings observed a rise by 12.5%, while their gross building area dropped by 56.9%. The started other buildings increased by 14.5% and their gross building area - by 90.2%.

The construction of the highest number of new buildings were started in the following districts: Plovdiv - 125 residential buildings, 12 administrative buildings and 90 other buildings; Sofia (stolitsa) - 111 residential buildings, 3 administrative buildings and 35 other buildings; Burgas - 102 residential buildings and 21 other buildings; Sofia - 68 residential buildings and 39 other buildings; Varna - 75 residential buildings and 25 other buildings (Annex, 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 centres, 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

Table 1

Building permits issued for construction of new buildings in the second quarter of 2015<sup>1</sup>

Districts	Residential buildings			Administrative buildings		Other buildings	
	Number	Number of dwellings	Gross building area - sq. m	Number	Gross building area - sq. m	Number	Gross building area - sq. m
<b>Total</b>	<b>1140</b>	<b>3455</b>	<b>513073</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>16409</b>	<b>1275</b>	<b>872281</b>
Blagoevgrad	67	134	20540	3	1931	83	31864
Burgas	98	322	37547	..	..	59	35530
Varna	91	323	47157	-	-	59	35733
Veliko Tarnovo	32	66	9758	-	-	60	29092
Vidin	..	..	..	-	-	..	..
Vratsa	6	15	3608	-	-	32	27641
Gabrovo	24	28	3984	-	-	17	23905
Dobrich	35	51	6491	..	..	60	24026
Kardzhali	44	145	18845	-	-	17	6213
Kyustendil	9	13	1644	-	-	29	3745
Lovech	15	17	2494	..	..	17	7831
Montana	9	9	1542	..	..	25	20445
Pazardzhik	36	54	8572	..	..	103	116862
Pernik	32	61	9791	..	..	37	4955
Pleven	18	19	3782	..	..	45	46299
Plovdiv	147	307	48022	12	3771	118	82939
Razgrad	7	7	886	-	-	30	27694
Ruse	16	40	5971	..	..	38	12324
Silistra	8	8	1311	..	..	22	7605
Sliven	34	44	8574	-	-	24	14691
Smolyan	..	..	..	-	-	..	..
Sofia	83	88	13587	..	..	72	40454
Sofia (stolitsa)	187	1423	219842	6	6340	52	93680
Stara Zagora	53	111	14087	..	..	108	64297
Targovishte	9	20	2255	-	-	23	6228
Haskovo	42	47	7662	..	..	43	13898
Shumen	19	69	10852	..	..	42	13956
Yambol	12	19	2489	5	520	50	70392

<sup>1</sup> ‘..’ - confidential data.



Table 2

Building construction started in the second quarter of 2015<sup>1</sup>

Districts	Residential buildings			Administrative buildings		Other buildings	
	Number	Number of dwellings	Gross building area - sq. m	Number	Gross building area - sq. m	Number	Gross building area - sq. m
<b>Total</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>3630</b>	<b>465091</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>7398</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>423328</b>
Blagoevgrad	35	106	14559	..	..	34	11644
Burgas	102	506	47939	..	..	21	12697
Varna	75	712	94922	..	..	25	15810
Veliko Tarnovo	26	54	9057	-	-	33	15370
Vidin	-	-	-	-	-	..	..
Vratsa	3	3	462	-	-	13	4811
Gabrovo	3	3	659	-	-	5	2119
Dobrich	26	65	6330	..	..	28	15237
Kardzhali	16	62	7805	-	-	3	1283
Kyustendil	7	7	862	-	-	..	..
Lovech	21	21	2585	-	-	17	2507
Montana	6	6	613	-	-	12	6433
Pazardzhik	32	44	6971	..	..	44	48980
Pernik	16	16	1926	..	..	10	931
Pleven	8	8	1466	-	-	15	27684
Plovdiv	125	868	97260	12	2597	90	81350
Razgrad	7	10	1559	-	-	25	5360
Ruse	13	38	7396	-	-	13	5575
Silistra	6	6	871	-	-	12	8831
Sliven	39	39	6297	-	-	25	18902
Smolyan	4	6	918	-	-	8	2339
Sofia	68	78	11918	-	-	39	42773
Sofia (stolitsa)	111	705	106787	3	1555	35	25792
Stara Zagora	45	157	18122	..	..	69	45445
Targovishte	7	17	1804	-	-	14	1329
Haskovo	30	33	6293	-	-	28	8881
Shumen	10	45	7630	-	-	20	3134
Yambol	6	15	2080	3	147	16	4814

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