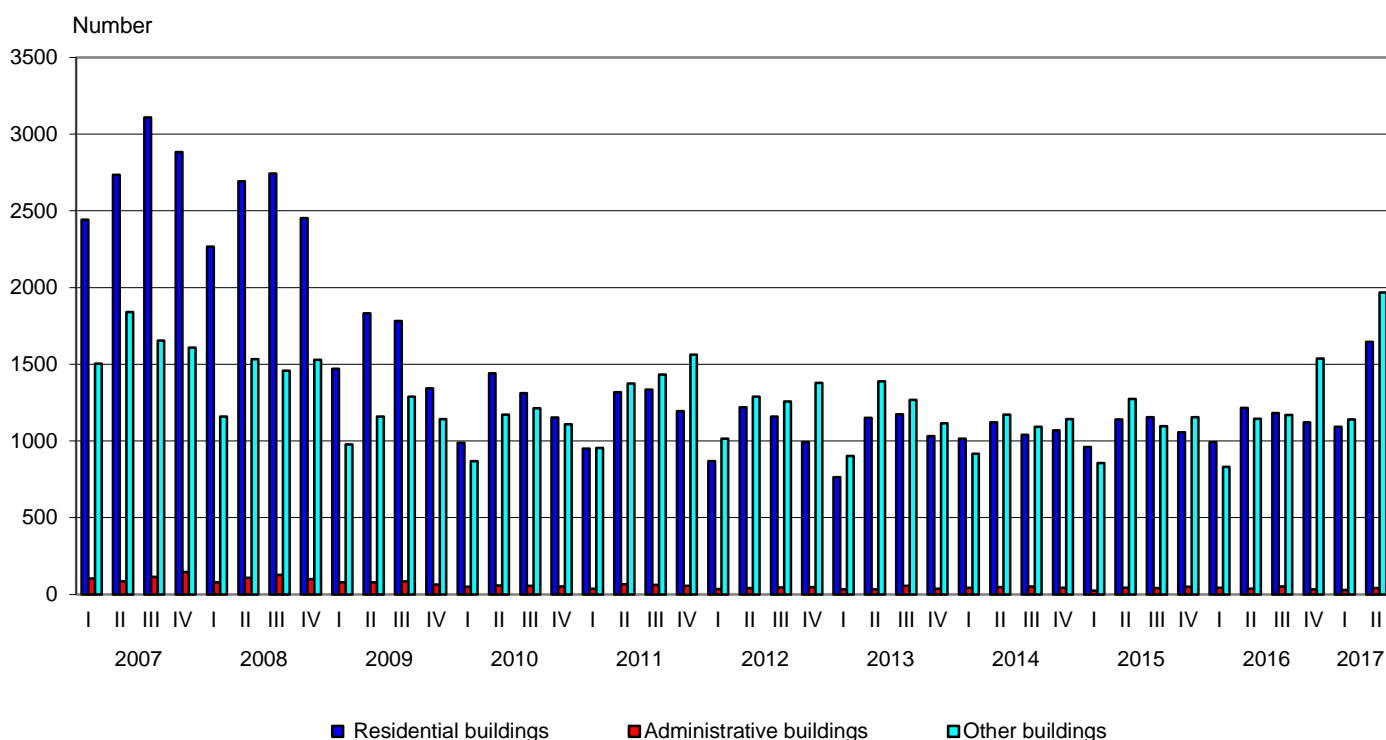




## BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDINGS STARTED IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2017

In the second quarter of 2017, the municipal authorities issued **building permits** for construction of 1 647 residential buildings with 5 815 dwellings and 781 456 sq. m gross building area, of 40 administrative buildings/offices with 74 019 sq. m gross building area and 1 968 other buildings with 948 262 sq. m gross building area. As compared to the previous quarter the issued building permits for residential buildings increased by 50.7%, their dwellings - by 23.9% and the gross building area - by 31.3%. The issued building permits of administrative buildings rose by 37.9%, but their gross building area fell by 4.2%. The issued building permits of other buildings grew by 72.5% and their gross building area - by 17.1%.

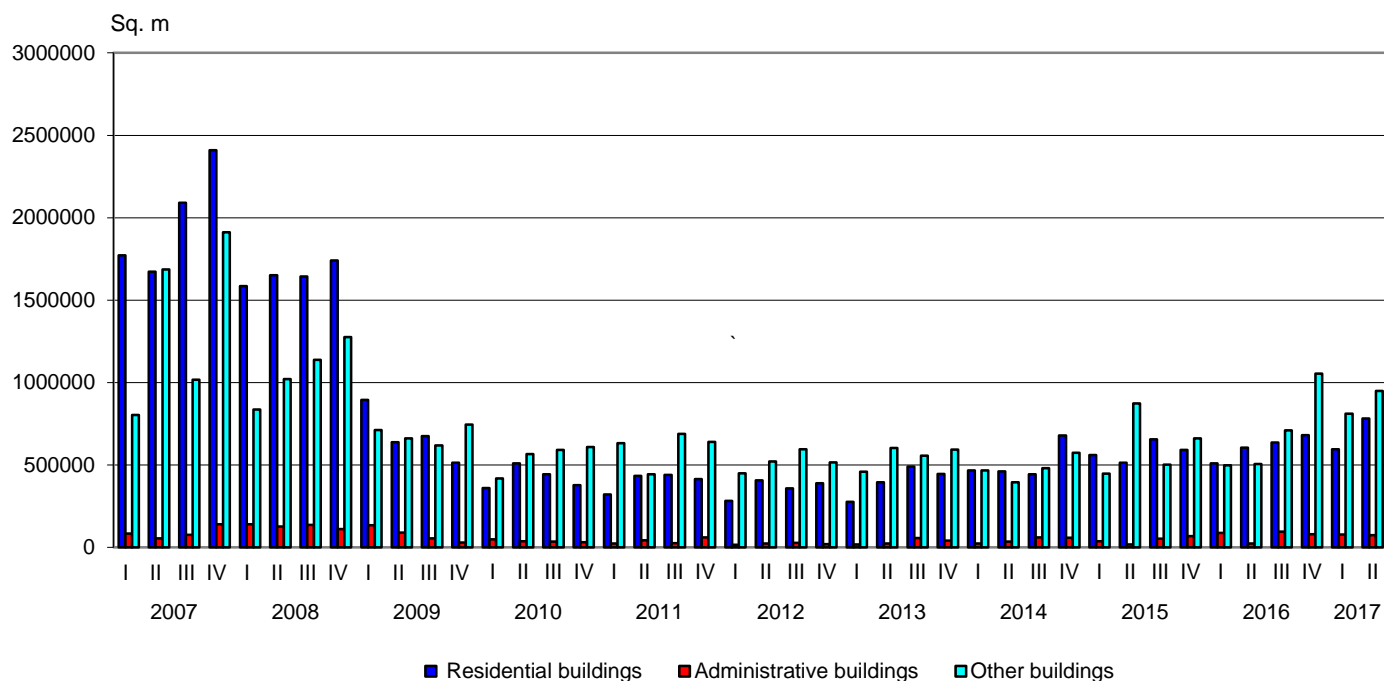
**Figure 1. Building permits issued for construction of new buildings by type and quarter**



As compared to the second quarter of 2016 the issued building permits for new residential buildings increased by 35.4%, the number of dwellings - by 31.0% and their gross building area - by 29.2%. The number of issued building permits of administrative and other buildings marked an increase by 8.1% and 71.9% respectively (Figure 1) and the rise of their gross building area was by 224.7% and 87.8% (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: Plovdiv - 245, Sofia (stolitsa) - 207, Sofia - 136 and Burgas - 133. Most dwellings are to be built in the districts: Sofia (stolitsa) - 1 869, Plovdiv - 1 411, Varna - 432 and Burgas - 387 (Annex, Table 1).

In the second quarter of 2017 **began the construction** of 1 281 residential buildings with 3 842 dwellings and 526 070 sq. m gross building area, of 25 administrative buildings/offices with 7 797 sq. m gross building area and of 1 277 other buildings with 798 653 sq. m gross building area. As compared to the previous quarter the number of started residential buildings rose by 100.5%, the number of their dwellings - by 19.4% and their gross building area - by 29.0%. The number of started administrative and other types of buildings increased by 56.3% and 177.6% respectively, but the gross building area of administrative buildings fell by 86.8%, while the gross building area of other buildings grew by 174.7%.

As compared to the second quarter of 2016 the started new residential buildings rose by 53.2%, their dwellings - by 29.8% and the gross building area - by 25.6%. The number of started administrative buildings increased by 8.7%, but their gross building area fell by 89.9%. The started other buildings marked a rise by 122.9% and their gross building - by 177.1%.

The construction of the highest number of new buildings were started in the following districts: Plovdiv - 230 residential buildings, 6 administrative buildings and 146 other buildings; Stara Zagora - 84 residential buildings, 3 administrative buildings and 200 other buildings; Sofia - 101 residential buildings and 175 other buildings; Burgas - 118 residential buildings and 111 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 2017<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>1647</b>	<b>5815</b>	<b>781456</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>74019</b>	<b>1968</b>	<b>948262</b>
Blagoevgrad	107	237	33969	..	..	128	40100
Burgas	133	387	47926	..	..	115	47489
Varna	125	432	67199	8	3777	179	75149
Veliko Tarnovo	54	130	17750	-	-	42	33567
Vidin	5	7	1414	-	-	5	579
Vratsa	10	12	1992	..	..	19	6794
Gabrovo	32	34	6421	..	..	21	21955
Dobrich	78	91	11014	5	341	163	37060
Kardzhali	28	71	10979	-	-	17	2875
Kyustendil	23	26	3597	..	..	36	13218
Lovech	29	30	4783	-	-	35	16568
Montana	11	11	2393	-	-	19	7602
Pazardzhik	65	97	11568	-	-	68	38857
Pernik	46	53	8370	-	-	34	20803
Pleven	9	9	1920	-	-	29	18299
Plovdiv	245	1411	176864	7	1695	244	153242
Razgrad	17	31	5152	-	-	31	11156
Ruse	25	34	6483	..	..	43	23095
Silistra	13	14	3325	..	..	60	22852
Sliven	35	53	7890	-	-	34	19371
Smolyan	7	8	1258	-	-	34	9486
Sofia	136	139	24612	..	..	221	198536
Sofia (stolitsa)	207	1869	249034	7	57140	38	43075
Stara Zagora	101	339	39611	..	..	213	42222
Targovishte	14	86	7264	-	-	16	2513
Haskovo	41	87	10970	-	-	59	22551
Shumen	34	49	7791	..	..	51	15132
Yambol	17	68	9907	..	..	14	4116

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



**Table 2**

**Building construction started in the second quarter of 2017<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>1281</b>	<b>3842</b>	<b>526070</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>7797</b>	<b>1277</b>	<b>798653</b>
Blagoevgrad	90	152	22744	..	..	65	15704
Burgas	118	334	45084	-	-	111	91695
Varna	118	570	81217	..	..	68	55018
Veliko Tarnovo	12	12	2902	-	-	20	24405
Vidin	..	..	..	-	-	3	7455
Vratsa	..	..	..	-	-	3	862
Gabrovo	9	10	1324	-	-	4	1823
Dobrich	64	105	13644	..	..	147	32873
Kardzhali	16	60	11527	-	-	-	-
Kyustendil	16	31	3476	..	..	16	3414
Lovech	21	21	2794	3	755	22	5437
Montana	8	8	967	-	-	11	12453
Pazardzhik	57	104	12314	..	..	45	7502
Pernik	27	31	3679	-	-	5	369
Pleven	7	7	1180	-	-	11	13380
Plovdiv	230	535	75227	6	717	146	121486
Razgrad	16	30	4582	-	-	15	9582
Ruse	25	47	8119	..	..	31	6877
Silistra	9	10	2179	..	..	17	7287
Sliven	26	29	4953	-	-	21	15715
Smolyan	4	4	1112	-	-	11	5496
Sofia	101	105	18316	-	-	175	153025
Sofia (stolitsa)	161	1127	139786	3	2316	21	116149
Stara Zagora	84	346	43383	3	536	200	45205
Targovishte	8	35	2850	-	-	11	4445
Haskovo	23	58	12062	-	-	53	22028
Shumen	19	19	2374	..	..	36	10170
Yambol	9	49	7589	..	..	9	8798

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