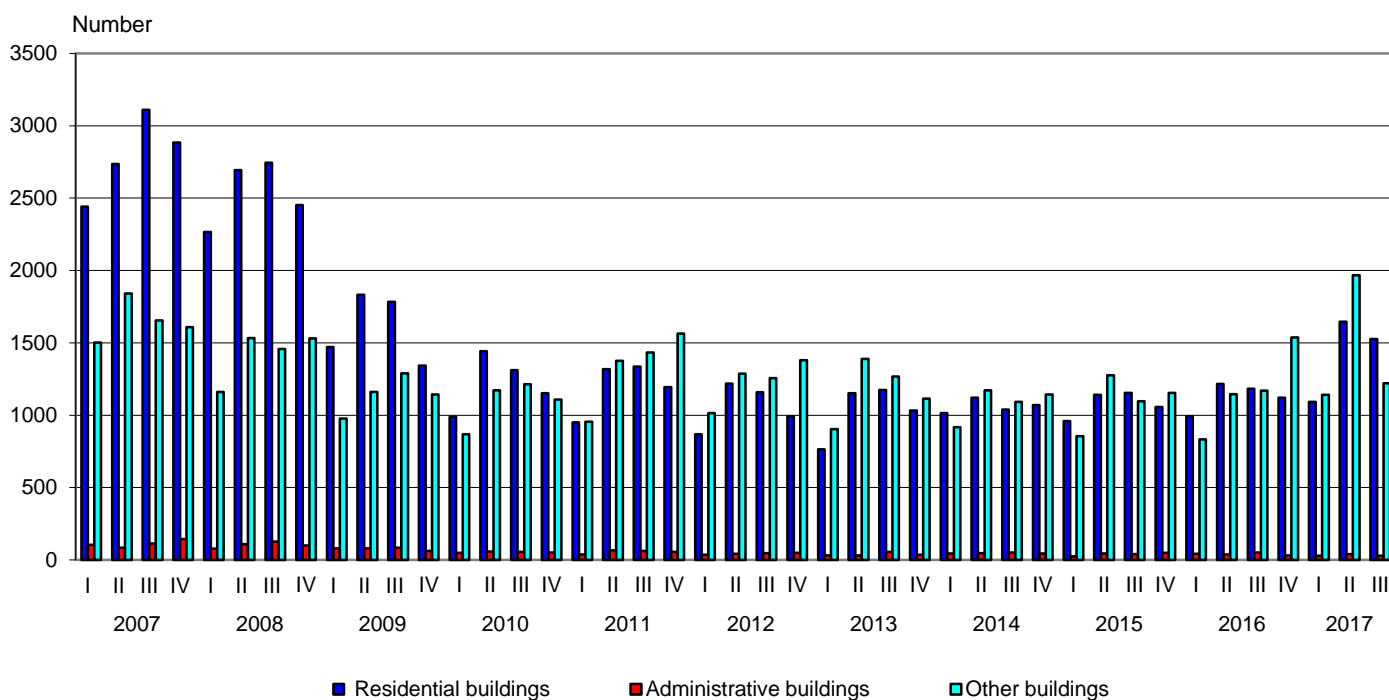




## BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDINGS STARTED IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2017

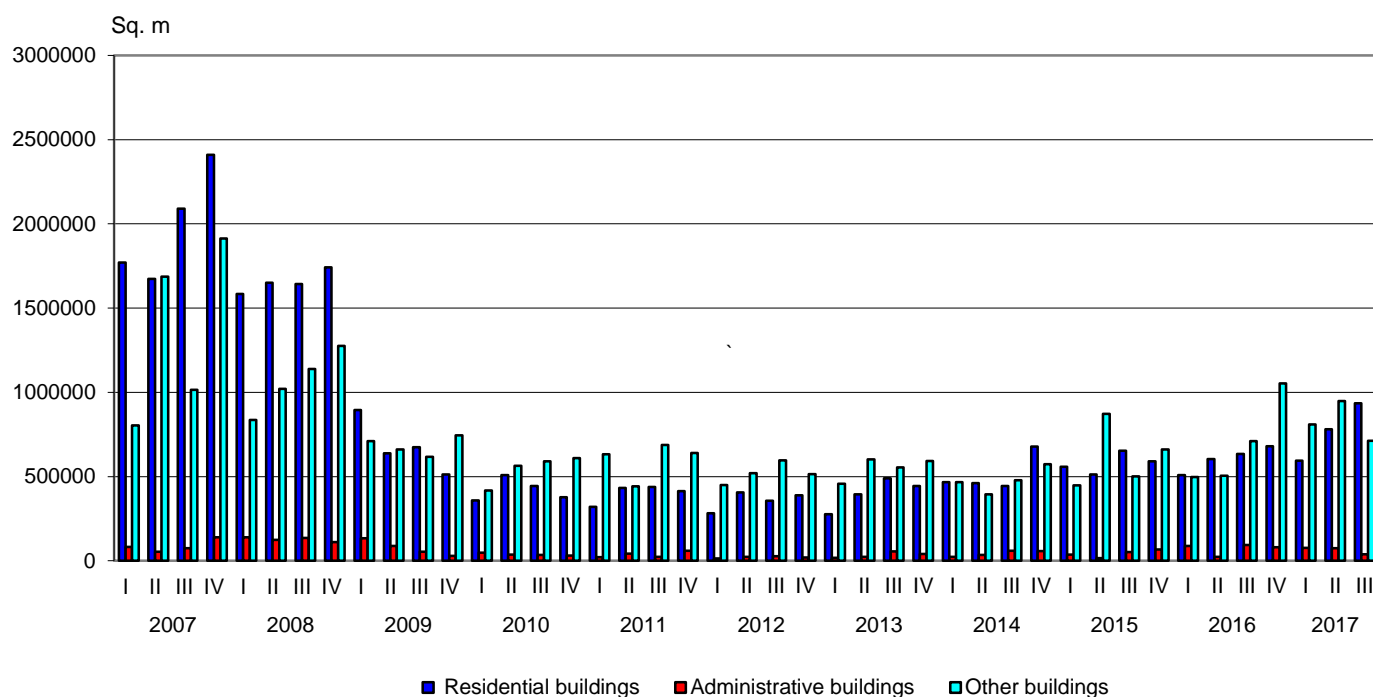
In the third quarter of 2017, the municipal authorities issued **building permits** for construction of 1 526 residential buildings with 7 135 dwellings and 934 851 sq. m gross building area, of 28 administrative buildings/offices with 39 133 sq. m gross building area and 1 221 other buildings with 713 207 sq. m gross building area. As compared to the previous quarter the issued building permits for residential buildings decreased by 7.3%, while their dwellings rose by 22.7% and the gross building area - by 19.6%. In the issued building permits of administrative buildings and other buildings shown a decline by 30.0% and by 38.0% respectively, and the decrease in their gross building area was by 47.1% and 24.8%.

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



As compared to the third quarter of 2016 the issued building permits for new residential buildings increased by 29.0%, their dwellings - by 44.5% and their gross building area - by 47.2%. The number of issued building permits of administrative buildings fell by 45.1% and their gross building area - by 58.7%. In the other buildings, number of issued building permits rose by 4.4% (Figure 1) and their gross building area - by 0.4% (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) - 262, Plovdiv - 239, Varna - 154 and Sofia - 111. Most dwellings are to be built in the districts: Sofia (stolitsa) - 2 432, Plovdiv - 1 371, Varna - 751 and Burgas - 636 (Annex, Table 1).

In the third quarter of 2017 **began the construction** of 982 residential buildings with 3 409 dwellings and 451 460 sq. m gross building area, of 27 administrative buildings/offices with 30 658 sq. m gross building area and of 692 other buildings with 384 617 sq. m gross building area. As compared to the previous quarter the number of started residential buildings fell by 23.3%, the number of their dwellings - by 11.3% and their gross building area - by 14.2%. The number of started administrative buildings increased by 8.0% and their gross building area - by 293.2%. The number of started other buildings decreased by 45.8% and their gross building area - by 51.8%.

As compared to the third quarter of 2016 the started new residential buildings rose by 18.3%, their dwellings - by 8.4% and the gross building area - by 14.1%. The number of started administrative buildings dropped by 15.6%, while their gross building area grew by 46.3%. The started other buildings marked a rise by 18.3% and their gross building - by 6.7%.

The construction of the highest number of new buildings were started in the following districts: Plovdiv - 165 residential buildings and 80 other buildings; Sofia (stolitsa) - 135 residential buildings, 4 administrative buildings and 27 other buildings; Varna - 85 residential buildings and 38 other buildings; Stara Zagora - 73 residential buildings and 47 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 third 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>1526</b>	<b>7135</b>	<b>934851</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>39133</b>	<b>1221</b>	<b>713207</b>
Blagoevgrad	80	277	37448	4	1219	93	63210
Burgas	94	636	93490	..	..	48	44016
Varna	154	751	98795	..	..	80	46626
Veliko Tarnovo	36	145	17818	..	..	25	12591
Vidin	5	6	667	-	-	4	2742
Vratsa	12	14	1855	-	-	38	36331
Gabrovo	14	21	3175	..	..	20	18054
Dobrich	30	38	5447	-	-	35	22634
Kardzhali	41	279	31260	-	-	16	5419
Kyustendil	10	11	2410	3	375	39	9812
Lovech	17	19	2803	-	-	34	14626
Montana	6	6	767	-	-	22	18896
Pazardzhik	86	125	15837	-	-	59	20376
Pernik	41	43	7065	-	-	35	9260
Pleven	19	51	7045	-	-	43	11485
Plovdiv	239	1371	179356	5	3940	135	96206
Razgrad	15	18	3589	-	-	28	10197
Ruse	26	105	12643	..	..	54	17669
Silistra	9	12	1776	-	-	13	8341
Sliven	33	51	7072	..	..	26	12087
Smolyan	13	17	2539	-	-	27	4804
Sofia	111	123	20097	..	..	93	35966
Sofia (stolitsa)	262	2432	310794	5	29111	50	102074
Stara Zagora	91	453	54550	..	..	82	31567
Targovishte	11	30	3239	-	-	18	7997
Haskovo	17	20	3590	-	-	32	9949
Shumen	38	58	6652	-	-	58	33469
Yambol	16	23	3072	-	-	14	6803

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



Table 2

Building construction started in the third 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>982</b>	<b>3409</b>	<b>451460</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>30658</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>384617</b>
Blagoevgrad	38	164	22235	3	1065	37	26539
Burgas	61	208	28980	3	230	28	19991
Varna	85	354	50875	..	..	38	49553
Veliko Tarnovo	30	62	9671	..	..	26	13486
Vidin	..	..	..	-	-	..	..
Vratsa	..	..	..	-	-	12	8783
Gabrovo	9	9	1641	-	-	5	2399
Dobrich	31	49	5390	-	-	23	7285
Kardzhali	26	260	26274	-	-	..	..
Kyustendil	11	16	2732	-	-	7	4072
Lovech	17	17	2205	..	..	18	6173
Montana	9	14	2306	-	-	11	7075
Pazardzhik	53	92	9814	..	..	41	6468
Pernik	31	59	8388	..	..	10	916
Pleven	11	43	5604	-	-	25	8106
Plovdiv	165	340	51570	..	..	80	58012
Razgrad	12	23	3259	..	..	16	1719
Ruse	23	82	10004	..	..	28	5771
Silistra	8	9	2369	-	-	52	15296
Sliven	36	59	8554	..	..	19	9499
Smolyan	7	7	1583	-	-	13	3927
Sofia	63	70	11642	..	..	40	46548
Sofia (stolitsa)	135	880	118285	4	18643	27	30222
Stara Zagora	73	435	49097	..	..	47	23694
Targovishte	5	25	1790	-	-	7	3384
Haskovo	13	43	6420	-	-	32	10489
Shumen	18	31	2812	4	1393	35	9640
Yambol	8	51	6988	-	-	10	3944

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