

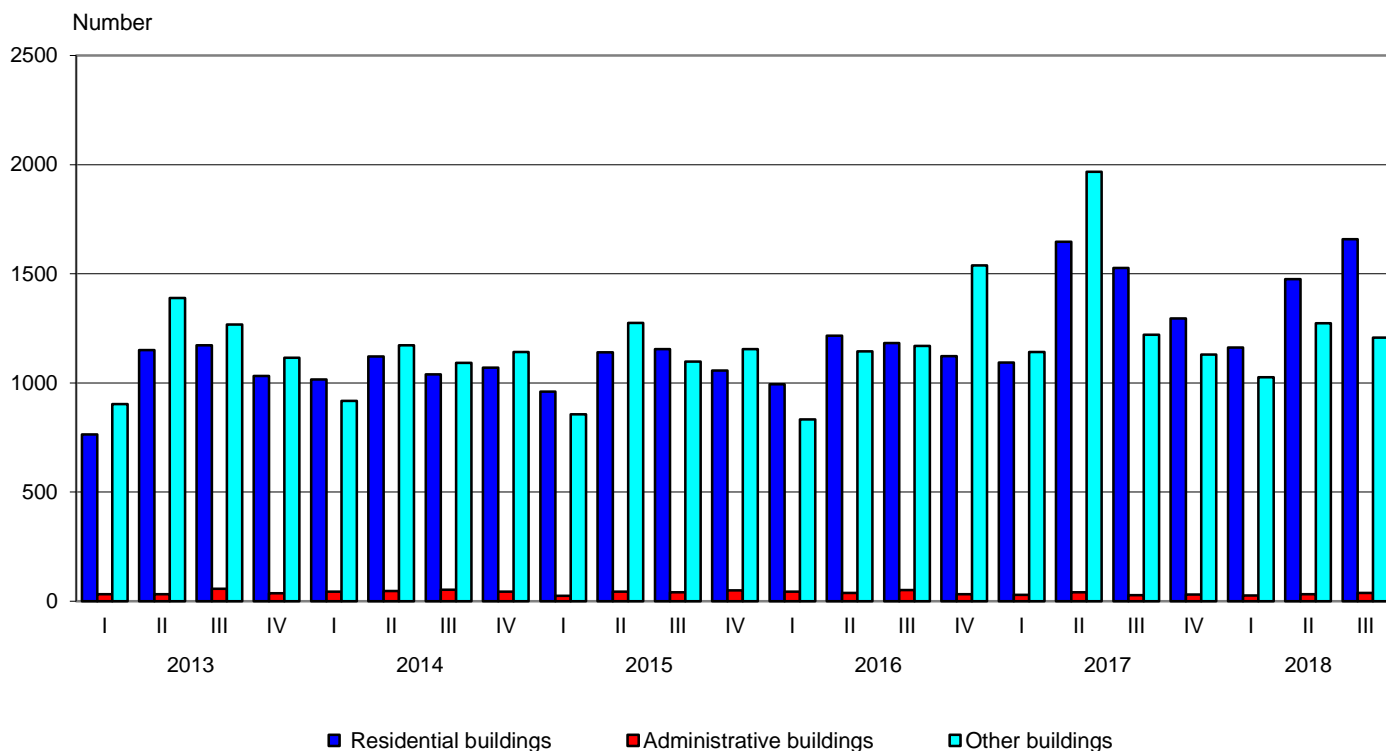


BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDINGS STARTED IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2018

In the third quarter of 2018, the municipal authorities issued **building permits** for construction of 1 659 residential buildings with 9 419 dwellings and 1 173 841 sq. m gross building area, of 37 administrative buildings/offices with 212 473 sq. m gross building area and 1 207 other buildings with 707 761 sq. m gross building area.

As compared to the previous quarter the issued building permits for residential buildings increased by 12.4%, the number of their dwellings - by 15.2% and the gross building area - by 14.7%. In the number of issued building permits of administrative buildings also shown a rise by 15.6% and in their gross building area an increase was over five times. Issued building permits of other buildings fell by 5.3% and their gross building area - by 26.2%.

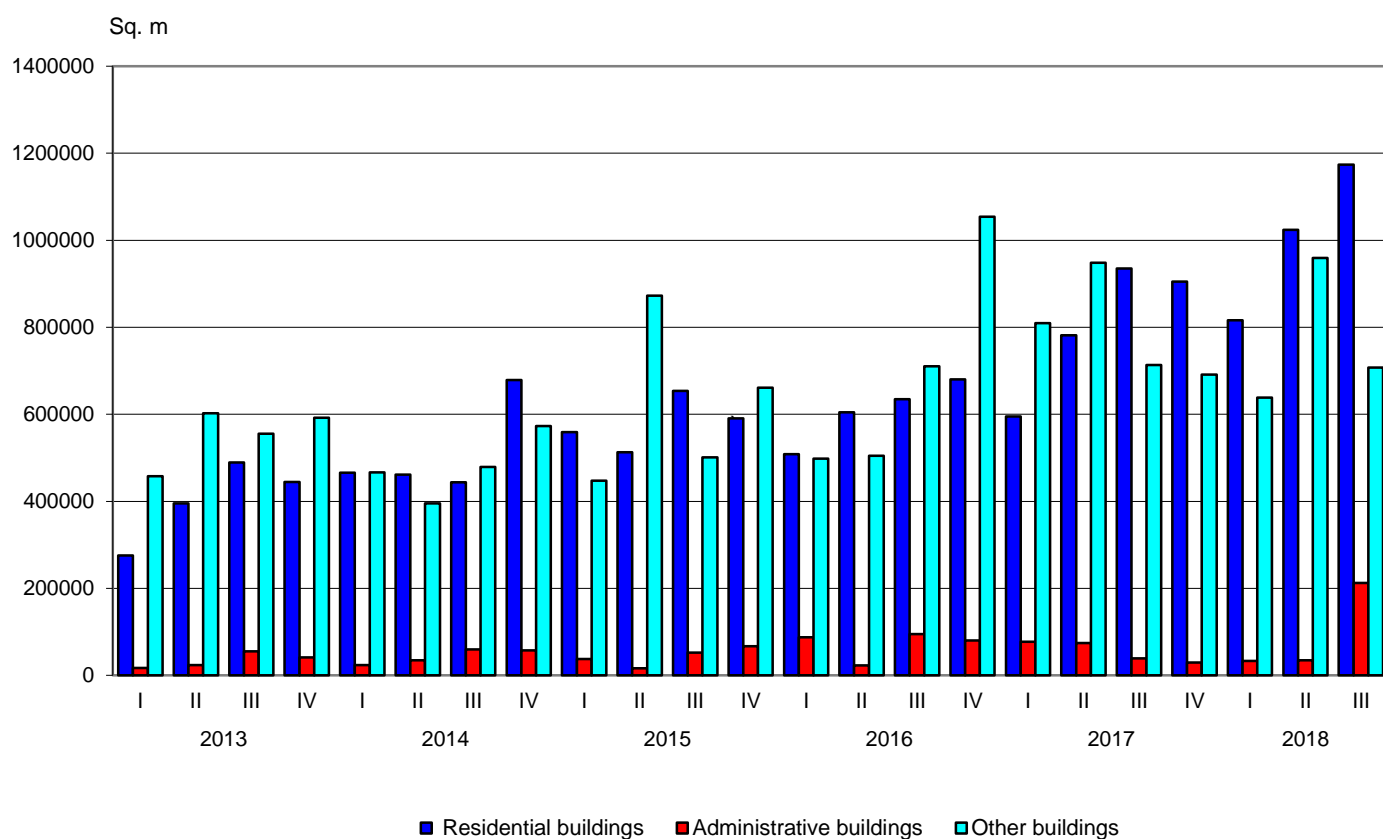
Figure 1. Building permits issued for construction of new buildings by type and quarter





As compared to the third quarter of 2017 the issued building permits for new residential buildings increased by 8.7%, their dwellings - by 32.0% and the gross building area - by 25.6%. The issued building permits of administrative buildings rose by 32.1% and their gross building area growth over four times. The number of issued building permits (Figure 1) for other buildings decreased by 1.1% and their gross building area - by 0.8% (Figure 2).

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



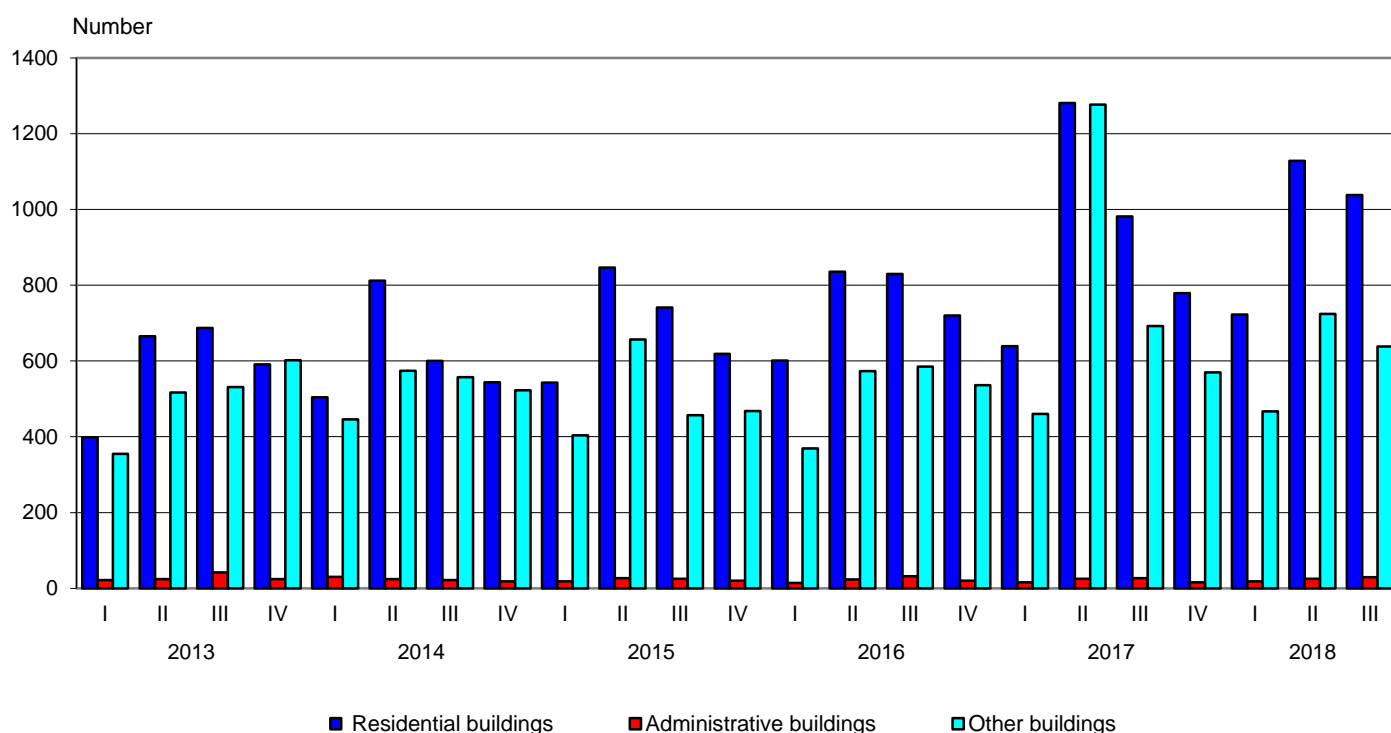
The highest number of building permits for new residential buildings was issued in the following districts: Sofia (stolitsa) - 296, Plovdiv - 239, Varna - 152, Burgas - 151 and Sofia - 125. Most dwellings are to be built in the districts: Sofia (stolitsa) - 3 966, Plovdiv - 1 400, Varna - 914, Burgas - 879 and Stara Zagora - 564 (Annex, Table 1).



In the third quarter of 2018 **began the construction** of 1 038 residential buildings with 5 921 dwellings and 667 401 sq. m gross building area, of 29 administrative buildings/offices with 81 451 sq. m gross building area and of 638 other buildings with 448 587 sq. m gross building area.

As compared to the previous quarter the number of started residential buildings decreased by 8.0%, their dwellings - by 4.4% and their gross building area - by 17.8%. The number of started administrative buildings rose by 16.0% and their gross building area - by 211.6%. The started other buildings fell by 11.9% and their gross building area - by 17.8%.

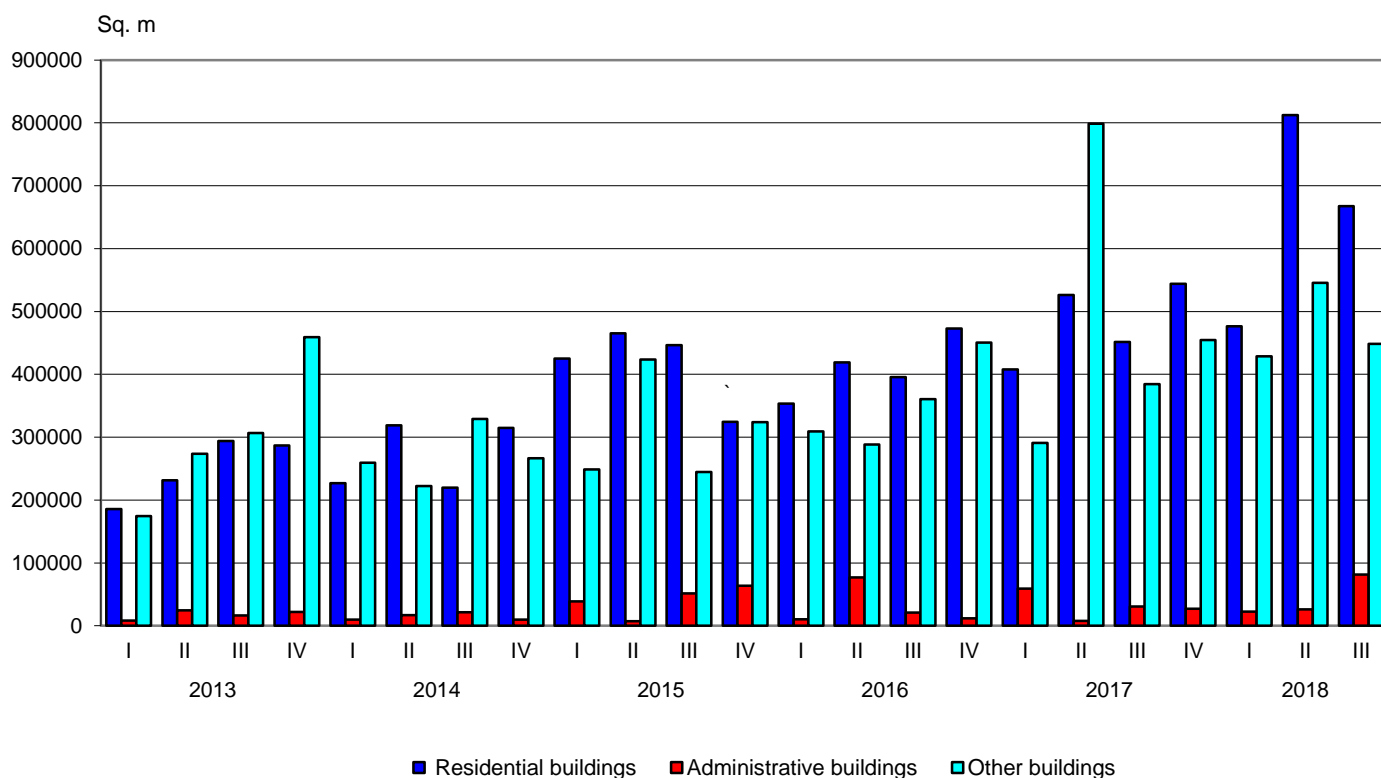
Figure 3. Started construction of new buildings by type and quarter



As compared to the third quarter of 2017 the started new residential buildings increased by 5.7%, their dwellings - by 73.7% and their gross building area - by 47.8%. The number of started administrative buildings rose by 7.4% and their gross building area - by 165.7%. The started other buildings fell by 7.8% (Figure 3), while their gross building area grew by 16.6% (Figure 4).



Figure 4. Started construction - gross building area by type of buildings and quarter



The construction of the highest number of new buildings were started in the following districts: Plovdiv – 182 residential buildings and 74 other buildings; Sofia (stolitsa) - 181 residential buildings, 16 administrative buildings and 36 other buildings; Varna - 113 residential buildings and 35 other buildings; Sofia - 84 residential buildings and 48 other buildings; Burgas - 77 residential buildings and 29 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 2018¹

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
Total	1659	9419	1173841	37	212473	1207	707761
Blagoevgrad	64	203	28122	4	5347	91	39533
Burgas	151	879	97295	..	..	43	17531
Varna	152	914	132499	3	1593	69	105000
Veliko Tarnovo	34	136	17651	-	-	28	16259
Vidin	..	..	..	-	-	6	1099
Vratsa	13	47	6473	-	-	36	10800
Gabrovo	19	28	4198	-	-	11	6536
Dobrich	42	55	7920	..	..	31	17253
Kardzhali	39	237	34297	..	..	22	6535
Kyustendil	22	38	4302	..	..	27	6511
Lovech	22	23	3895	-	-	34	10097
Montana	7	7	1169	-	-	21	13058
Pazardzhik	79	101	14691	..	..	56	29410
Pernik	43	48	7428	-	-	23	2251
Pleven	36	84	12385	-	-	30	62241
Plovdiv	239	1400	181317	4	4137	139	137430
Razgrad	13	36	3578	-	-	28	16537
Ruse	36	118	13420	..	..	46	16778
Silistra	15	18	2886	-	-	24	8806
Sliven	27	34	5805	-	-	39	9543
Smolyan	..	..	..	-	-	17	2995
Sofia	125	160	26870	..	..	106	32693
Sofia (stolitsa)	296	3966	470013	14	191535	48	58836
Stara Zagora	77	564	58461	..	..	69	23064
Targovishte	12	68	5814	-	-	19	5493
Haskovo	50	147	17760	-	-	49	15136
Shumen	28	79	10899	..	..	66	16474
Yambol	13	22	3256	-	-	29	19862

¹ '..' - confidential data.



Table 2

Building construction started in the third quarter of 2018¹

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
Total	1038	5921	667401	29	81451	638	448587
Blagoevgrad	47	138	16991	3	1421	50	26699
Burgas	77	1293	70720	-	-	29	22012
Varna	113	591	97318	..	..	35	28247
Veliko Tarnovo	23	108	15046	-	-	19	15223
Vidin	..	..	..	-	-	8	1391
Vratsa	4	31	3894	-	-	11	4515
Gabrovo	6	28	3146	-	-	5	3682
Dobrich	26	41	4486	..	..	6	2986
Kardzhali	10	47	6352	..	..	..	..
Kyustendil	7	7	1168	..	..	5	454
Lovech	14	14	2355	-	-	24	5550
Montana	..	..	..	-	-	6	3618
Pazardzhik	35	50	7858	..	..	34	8157
Pernik	26	28	5560	-	-	13	846
Pleven	14	21	3250	-	-	17	35266
Plovdiv	182	538	63290	..	..	74	114323
Razgrad	16	26	3506	-	-	14	10291
Ruse	15	64	6711	-	-	18	12590
Silistra	9	9	2537	-	-	19	4178
Sliven	20	33	4877	-	-	15	2029
Smolyan	5	6	1090	-	-	12	4379
Sofia	84	117	18436	-	-	48	46904
Sofia (stolitsa)	181	2106	260856	16	72897	36	37742
Stara Zagora	42	434	43203	..	..	51	21244
Targovishte	4	14	1211	-	-	..	..
Haskovo	46	131	16389	39	11012
Shumen	16	20	3260	-	-	27	12779
Yambol	12	21	3100	-	-	18	10971

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