

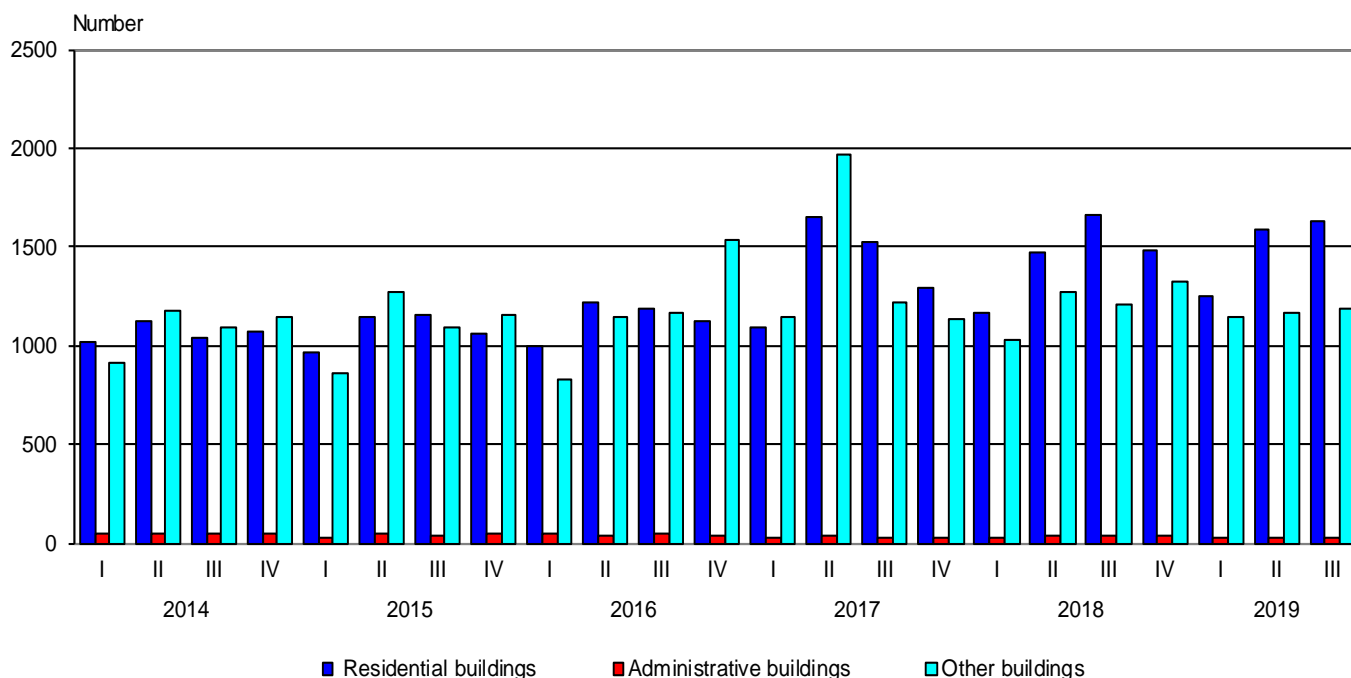


BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDINGS STARTED IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2019

In the third quarter of 2019, the municipal authorities issued **building permits** for construction of 1 630 residential buildings with 9 018 dwellings and 1 110 322 sq. m gross building area, of 23 administrative buildings/offices with 58 419 sq. m gross building area and 1 188 other buildings with 694 726 sq. m gross building area.

As compared to the previous quarter the issued building permits for residential buildings increased by 2.5%, the number of their dwellings - by 6.6% and the gross building area - by 3.0%. The issued building permits of administrative buildings fell by 25.8% and their gross building area - by 6.0%. The issued building permits of other buildings registered a growth by 1.7% and their gross building area - by 18.0%.

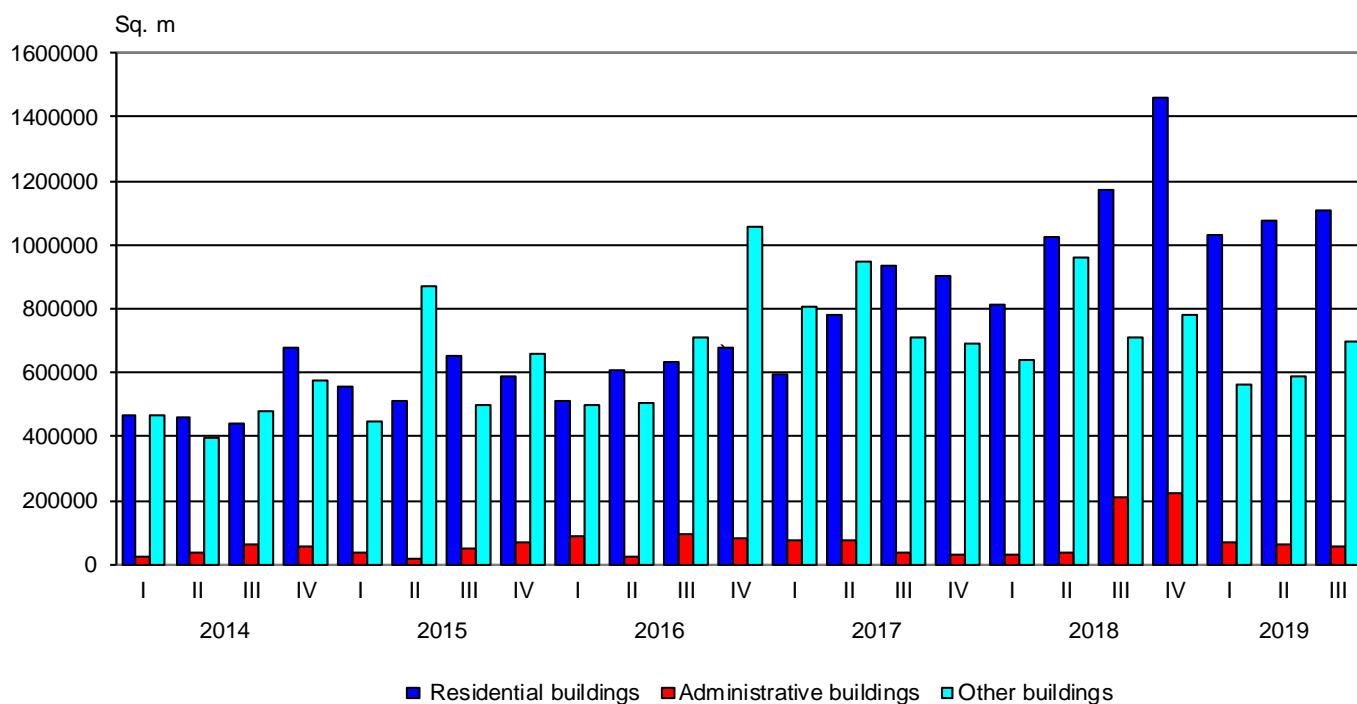
Figure 1. Building permits issued for construction of new buildings by type and quarter





As compared to the third quarter of 2018 the issued building permits for new residential buildings decreased by 1.7%, their dwellings - by 4.3% and the gross building area - by 5.4%. The number of issued building permits of administrative buildings and their gross building area registered a drop by 37.8% and 72.5% respectively. The issued building permits for other buildings fell by 1.6% and their gross building area - by 1.8%.

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



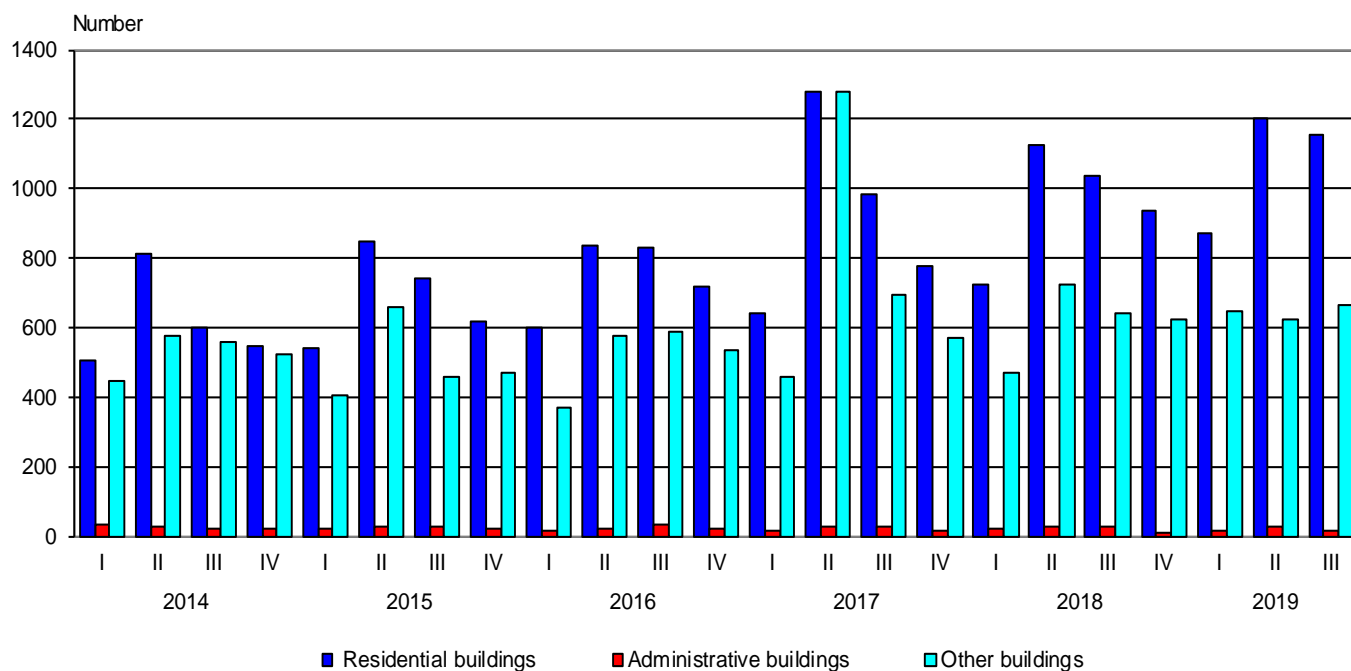
The highest number of building permits for new residential buildings was issued in the following districts: Sofia (stolitsa) - 263, Varna - 203, Plovdiv - 187, Sofia - 132 and Blagoevgrad - 111. Most dwellings are to be built in the districts: Sofia (stolitsa) - 3 839, Varna - 1 385, Plovdiv - 859, Burgas - 646 and Kardzhali - 521 (Annex, Table 1).



In the third quarter of 2019 **began the construction** of 1 156 residential buildings with 7 021 dwellings and 908 670 sq. m gross building area, of 13 administrative buildings/offices with 12 301 sq. m gross building area and of 666 other buildings with 390 746 sq. m gross building area.

As compared to the previous quarter the started residential buildings decreased by 3.9%, but their dwellings rose by 24.3% as well as the gross building area - by 25.2%. The number of started administrative buildings and their gross building area registered a drop by 45.8% and 58.9% respectively. The started other buildings increased by 7.1%, while their gross building area fell by 14.7%.

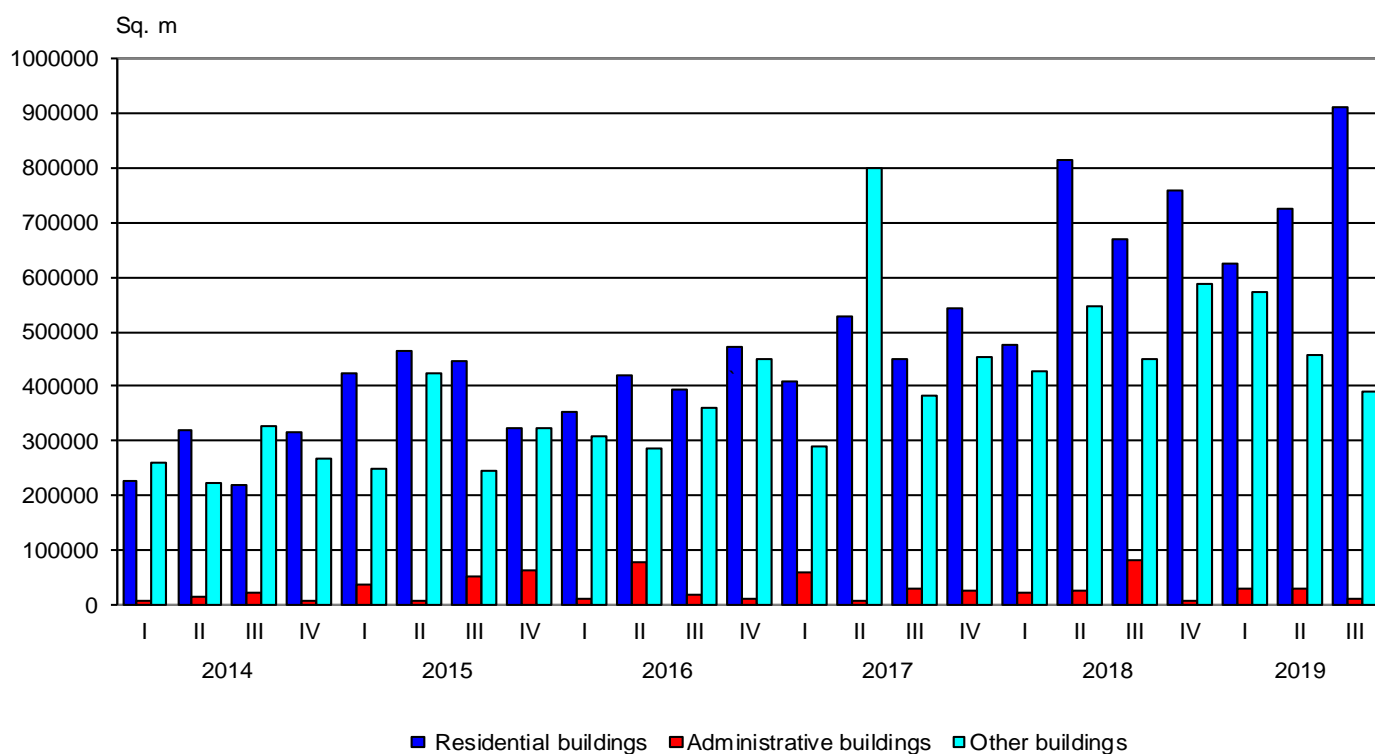
Figure 3. Started construction of new buildings by type and quarter



As compared to the third quarter of 2018 the started new residential buildings rose by 11.4%, their dwellings - by 18.6% and their gross building area - by 36.2%. The number of started administrative buildings fell by 55.2% and their gross building area - by 84.9%. The started other buildings increased by 4.4%, while their gross building area decreased by 12.9%.



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 - 200 residential buildings and 67 other buildings; Sofia (stolitsa) - 198 residential buildings, 3 administrative buildings and 28 other buildings; Varna - 138 residential buildings and 37 other buildings; Sofia - 83 residential buildings and 51 other buildings; Stara Zagora - 58 residential buildings and 61 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 2019¹

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	1630	9018	1110322	23	58419	1188	694726
Blagoevgrad	111	216	30775	-	-	64	22468
Burgas	99	646	71255	..	..	37	44043
Varna	203	1385	167502	5	4248	69	60282
Veliko Tarnovo	44	87	15810	-	-	38	16884
Vidin	5	5	996	-	-	5	1117
Vratsa	8	8	1201	-	-	42	23535
Gabrovo	20	22	3784	-	-	11	7171
Dobrich	25	41	4563	-	-	36	5210
Kardzhali	47	521	68844	-	-	14	26946
Kyustendil	18	28	3439	..	..	41	5311
Lovech	18	19	2279	-	-	18	4437
Montana	10	10	1970	-	-	18	5632
Pazardzhik	82	222	30725	-	-	79	19834
Pernik	52	122	17233	..	..	32	12506
Pleven	21	70	7687	-	-	40	15224
Plovdiv	187	859	109900	..	..	89	121771
Razgrad	14	14	2873	..	..	30	14773
Ruse	34	119	14316	..	..	45	18730
Silistra	10	10	2333	-	-	29	10187
Sliven	34	47	7803	-	-	30	13333
Smolyan	9	10	3097	-	-	16	3015
Sofia	132	228	34511	-	-	74	15226
Sofia (stolitsa)	263	3839	442412	5	43677	49	72671
Stara Zagora	86	248	29680	..	..	146	36507
Targovishte	9	76	6902	-	-	16	7341
Haskovo	49	68	15703	41	76582
Shumen	28	59	8009	53	23585
Yambol	12	39	4720	26	10405

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Table 2

Building construction started in the third quarter of 2019¹

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	1156	7021	908670	13	12301	666	390746
Blagoevgrad	44	85	11638	-	-	35	14559
Burgas	73	559	59660	..	..	21	24173
Varna	138	1082	155447	..	..	37	26640
Veliko Tarnovo	27	63	11029	-	-	17	5259
Vidin	4	4	744	-	-	..	..
Vratsa	..	..	..	-	-	12	6316
Gabrovo	7	31	3981	-	-	8	8569
Dobrich	25	97	9502	-	-	10	1246
Kardzhali	30	468	63111	-	-	7	2335
Kyustendil	..	..	..	-	-	..	..
Lovech	14	15	2220	-	-	23	6101
Montana	4	4	504	..	..	11	1476
Pazardzhik	48	163	24857	..	..	71	16124
Pernik	45	115	16321	..	..	11	3005
Pleven	10	36	3904	-	-	13	2493
Plovdiv	200	542	72291	..	..	67	80920
Razgrad	11	11	2136	..	..	23	17729
Ruse	19	90	13299	-	-	30	19322
Silistra	16	16	3101	-	-	15	5295
Sliven	28	91	11829	-	-	15	4577
Smolyan	7	8	2294	-	-	18	3889
Sofia	83	124	18132	-	-	51	31887
Sofia (stolitsa)	198	2969	363397	3	7112	28	40212
Stara Zagora	58	263	34154	..	..	61	33802
Targovishte	6	54	4914	-	-	9	4424
Haskovo	36	51	12128	-	-	28	7403
Shumen	11	66	5874	-	-	24	14489
Yambol	10	10	1650	-	-	17	7685

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