



## BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDINGS STARTED IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2010

In the second quarter of 2010, the municipal authorities have issued building permits for construction of 1 441 residential buildings with 3 933 dwellings and 508 938 sq.m gross building area, of 58 administrative buildings/offices with 36 697 sq.m gross building area and 1 171 other buildings with 564 591 sq.m gross building area. As compared to the previous quarter the building permits for residential buildings increased by 46.0%, their dwellings - by 41.0% and the gross building area - by 42.0%. The administrative buildings rose by 18.4% but their gross building area decreased by 23.4%. The other buildings rose by 34.9% and their gross building area - by 35.1%.

As compared to the second quarter of 2009 the issued building permits for new residential building fell by 21.3%, and their dwellings - by 12.7%. The administrative buildings decreased by 26.6% while the other buildings rose by 0.9% (Figure 1). In all types of buildings a decline in the gross building area was registered, in the residential buildings - by 20.2%, in the administrative buildings - by 58.6%, and in the other buildings - by 14.6% respectively (Figure 2).

In the second quarter of 2010, the highest number of building permits for new residential buildings has been issued in the following districts: Varna - 176, Sofia (capital) - 166, Burgas - 135, Plovdiv - 121 and Sofia - 114. Most dwellings are to be launched in the districts: Varna - 675, Blagoevgrad - 460, Sofia (capital) - 438 and Plovdiv - 413 (Table 1).

Since the beginning of 2010, the National Statistical Institute has begun to collect data on the construction of new buildings started. In the second quarter of 2010 has been begun construction of 785 residential buildings with 1 811 dwellings and 256 084 sq. m gross building area, of 36 administrative buildings/offices with 17 957 sq.m gross building area and 545 other buildings with 198 118 sq. m gross building area. As compared to the previous quarter the number of started residential buildings increased by 69.9%, their dwellings - by 9.6% and the gross building area - by 21.5%. The administrative buildings rose by 16.1% but their gross building area fell by 42.6%. The number of other buildings increased by 64.2% and the gross building area - by 15.3%.

The highest number of construction of new buildings were started in the district Sofia cap. - 112 residential buildings, 7 administrative buildings/offices and 34 other buildings, Plovdiv - 91 residential buildings and 59 other buildings and Burgas - 81 residential buildings and 64 other buildings (Table 2).



### Methodological notes

The quarterly statistical survey of permits issued for construction collects information about issued building permits for the type of buildings and the gross building area by municipal authorities. This information may be used as a prognostic 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.

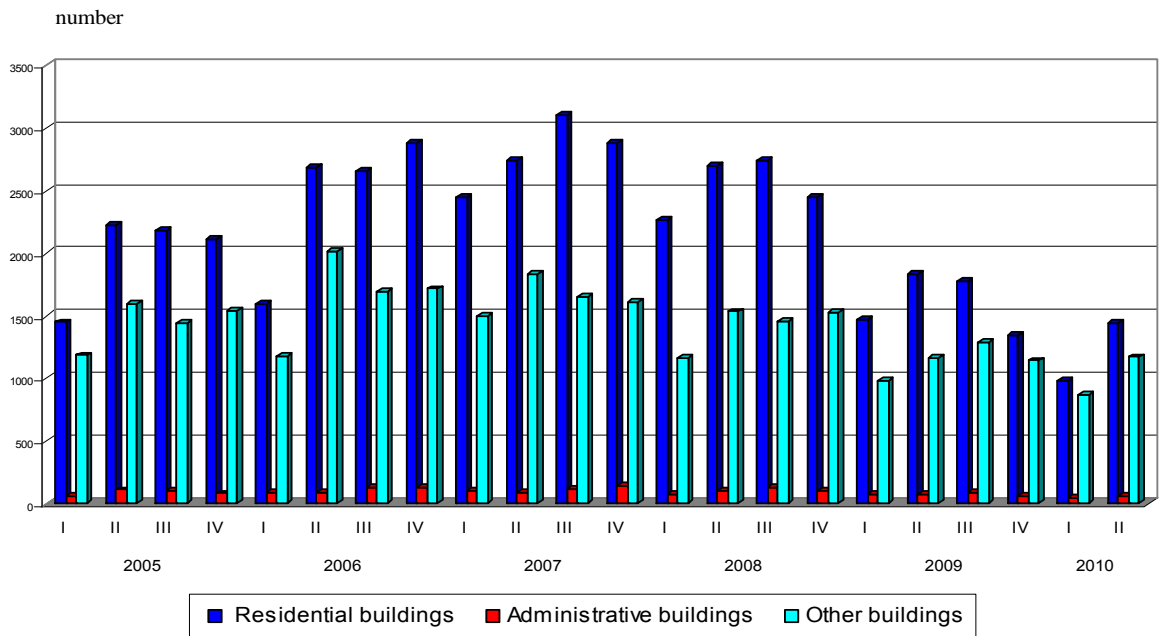
*Non-residential* - buildings for various purposes, including:

- **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 centers, 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).

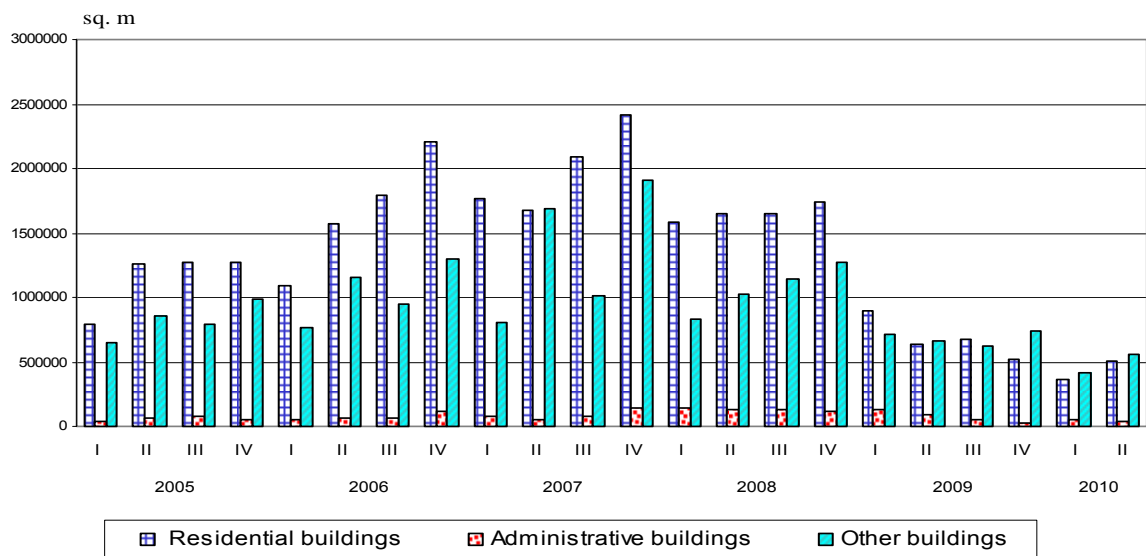
*Gross building area* - a sum of all floors areas in external dimensions.



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



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





**Table 1**

**Building permits issued for construction of new buildings in the second quarter of 2010<sup>1</sup>**

Districts	Residential buildings			Administrative buildings		Other buildings	
	Number	Dwellings	Gross building area - sq. m	Number	Gross building area - sq. m	Number	Gross building area - sq. m
<b>Total</b>	<b>1441</b>	<b>3933</b>	<b>508938</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>36697</b>	<b>1171</b>	<b>564591</b>
Blagoevgrad	98	460	40594	5	2192	53	27695
Burgas	135	313	42646	3	2011	77	89590
Varna	176	675	80491	..	..	86	79867
Veliko Tarnovo	31	85	10463	..	..	45	18228
Vidin	4	4	718	..	..	10	2887
Vratsa	11	65	8654	..	..	24	3172
Gabrovo	22	76	8964	-	-	44	8173
Dobrich	61	77	9735	..	..	27	5180
Kardzhali	31	79	16068	-	-	21	5388
Kyustendil	20	26	3972	..	..	29	2121
Lovech	30	30	4538	-	-	35	4304
Montana	6	16	1930	..	..	26	9822
Pazardzhik	68	178	21636	5	975	61	19511
Pernik	45	63	12774	..	..	38	5743
Pleven	28	33	5925	..	..	39	12349
Plovdiv	121	413	56006	4	1667	134	105078
Razgrad	14	15	2501	..	..	13	2434
Ruse	28	287	18687	..	..	24	8305
Silistra	13	17	2688	-	-	25	10816
Sliven	34	63	8247	..	..	15	12887
Smolyan	31	49	7478	..	..	28	13132
Sofia cap.	166	438	76225	8	9621	42	27255
Sofia	114	127	22721	4	1599	81	22139
Stara Zagora	72	173	24006	..	..	65	35486
Targovishte	6	6	981	..	..	15	3505
Haskovo	46	66	10087	..	..	49	13333
Shumen	19	70	6911	6	572	45	8697
Yambol	11	29	3292	-	-	20	7494

<sup>1</sup> ".." - confidential data.



**Table 2**

**Building construction started in the second quarter of 2010<sup>1</sup>**

Districts	Residential buildings			Administrative buildings		Other buildings	
	Number	Dwellings	Gross building area - sq. m	Number	Gross building area - sq. m	Number	Gross building area - sq. m
<b>Total</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>1881</b>	<b>256084</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>17957</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>198118</b>
Blagoevgrad	51	235	17170	5	2192	29	5620
Burgas	81	172	32013	..	..	64	38694
Varna	44	143	17874	..	..	18	10309
Veliko Tarnovo	20	49	6040	-	-	24	7603
Vidin	..	..	..	-	-	..	..
Vratsa	8	62	7957	..	..	16	2440
Gabrovo	7	8	1069	-	-	11	810
Dobrich	42	47	7271	..	..	18	9044
Kardzhali	25	35	7588	-	-	10	1536
Kyustendil	17	22	3623	-	-	..	..
Lovech	16	16	2857	..	..	11	884
Montana	7	8	2080	-	-	8	2419
Pazardzhik	33	151	11300	..	..	27	8492
Pernik	23	28	4349	..	..	16	2955
Pleven	9	9	1750	-	-	13	2445
Plovdiv	91	263	30562	..	..	59	18244
Razgrad	16	32	5627	..	..	10	2376
Ruse	12	12	2518	..	..	11	3025
Silistra	9	13	2253	-	-	10	2026
Sliven	11	26	3479	..	..	6	2862
Smolyan	4	7	1191	..	..	8	3339
Sofia cap.	112	264	54042	7	8965	34	22961
Sofia	64	67	12999	..	..	45	22325
Stara Zagora	39	77	10375	..	..	25	11611
Targovishte	5	5	909	..	..	8	606
Haskovo	22	31	5127	-	-	21	4761
Shumen	11	23	2624	5	475	30	4854
Yambol	..	..	..	-	-	10	5000

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