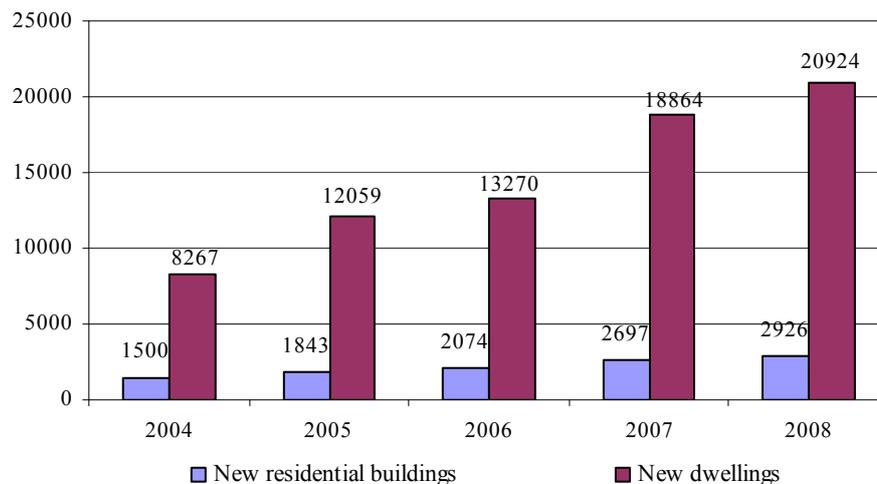




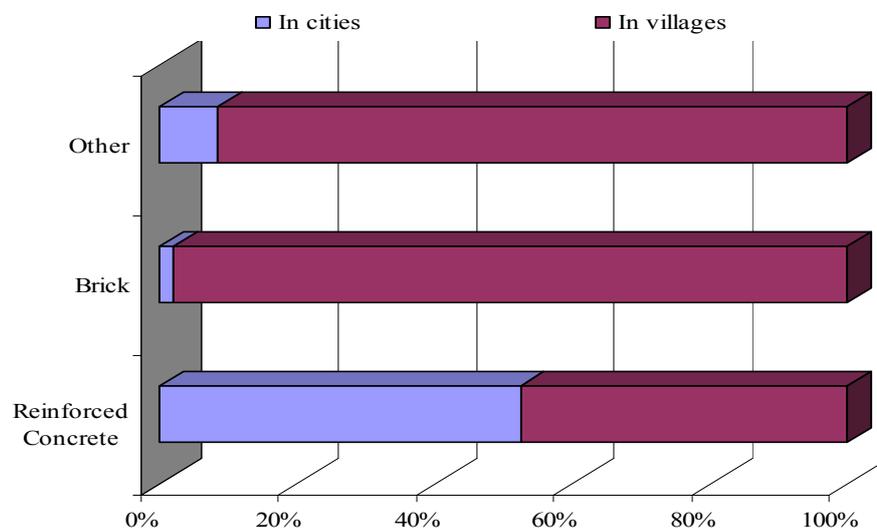
NEWLY BUILT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND DWELLINGS IN 2008

According to the final data of the National Statistical Institute, in 2008 the newly built buildings were 2 926 which is of 8.5 % more than 2007 and the number of the new dwellings in them increased by 10.9% and reached 20 924. The trend observed in the recent years continuously increase in the number of newly built buildings and dwellings maintained in 2008.



Newly built residential buildings and dwellings for the period 2004 – 2008

The majority of the newly built buildings in cities (98.4%) were of reinforced concrete and 99.7% of the new dwellings were located in them, where 0.2% of the new dwellings were in brick buildings and only 0.1% were in other buildings. 90.5% of the newly built dwellings in villages were in reinforced concrete buildings, 8.5% were in brick units and only 1.0% were in other



Newly built dwellings in 2008 by material of the outer walls of the building they are in.

The area of the newly built dwellings in 2008 was 1 635 sq. m. or 7.5% more than in 2007 where the living floor space rose by 9.7% and reached 1 029 thousand sq. m. However the average useful area of a dwelling decreased from 80.6 sq. m. to 78.2 like it is the biggest in Gabrovo - 121.3 and Dobrich - 134.6 sq. m. and the smallest in the region of Pernik - 54.1 sq. m.

In 2008 the largest number of residential buildings and dwellings were built in the regions of Varna and Bourgas, 622 residential buildings with 4 298 dwellings and 530 buildings with 5 305 dwellings. The residential construction was lowest in the region of Kustendil - 7 new buildings with 69 dwellings, the region of Montana - 10 buildings with 35 dwellings, the region of Razgrad - 13 buildings with 88 dwellings and Vidin - 14 new buildings with 85 dwellings in them (Annex 1).

Methodology

The statistical data about the newly built residential buildings and dwellings was developed on the basis of the quarterly reports obtained from the municipal administrations.

In the scope of the survey were the newly built residential buildings with approved record of handover Form 16 or a valid usage license according to Regulation № 2/31.07.2003 of the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works.

Living floor space is the floor area of living-rooms, bedrooms, recesses for sleeping, dining-rooms, the rooms for day-stay, cabinets and libraries of scientists and drawing-rooms but does not include the areas of the kitchens.

Service floor space is the floor area of the rooms and kitchens with less than 4 square meters floor area, vestibules with a portal or an other screen, corridors, bathrooms, toilets, larders, hanging closets, other service rooms such as drying-rooms, laundries or balconies not depending on their area. The area of kitchens with over 4 sq. m. floor area is stated separately.

The useful area of the dwelling is sum of the living-floor-space, service floor space and the area of the kitchens.

Appendix 1

RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND DWELLINGS COMPLETED IN 2008

Districts	Residential buildings and dwellings completed - number		Useful floor space - sq. m			
	Buildings	Dwellings	Total	of which		
				living floor space	accessory floor space	kitchen area
Total	2926	20924	1635299	1028975	454021	152303
Blagoevgrad	65	439	28587	20012	5716	2859
Burgas	530	5305	374087	242380	102554	29153
Varna	622	4298	378316	215193	132871	30252
Veliko Tarnovo	130	866	68744	42037	21924	4783
Vidin	14	85	6684	3964	1920	800
Vratsa	31	126	11271	7568	2745	958
Gabrovo	54	147	17833	8279	8215	1339
Dobrich	154	319	42940	24616	12785	5539
Karddzhal	29	182	12661	7315	3618	1728
Kyustendil	7	69	4971	3308	1064	599
Lovech	57	137	10191	6554	2406	1231
Montana	10	35	2941	2031	698	212
Pazardzhik	101	463	48372	31523	10475	6374
Pernik	67	212	11478	7592	2229	1657
Pleven	56	458	33748	24783	5793	3172
Plovdiv	270	1532	123849	88147	26401	9301
Razgrad	13	88	8132	4347	2720	1065
Ruse	72	791	57148	34945	14589	7614
Silistra	17	27	2991	1602	1042	347
Sliven	64	334	27518	17811	7507	2200
Smolyan	24	281	23876	10550	10373	2953
Sofia	118	193	19312	12292	4413	2607
Sofia Cap.	261	3725	253791	170540	53098	30153
Stara Zagora	34	142	12661	8634	2499	1528
Targovishte	21	149	10692	6414	3391	887
Haskovo	10	47	4298	3447	461	390
Shumen	50	206	13708	9146	2851	1711
Yambol	45	268	24499	13945	9663	891