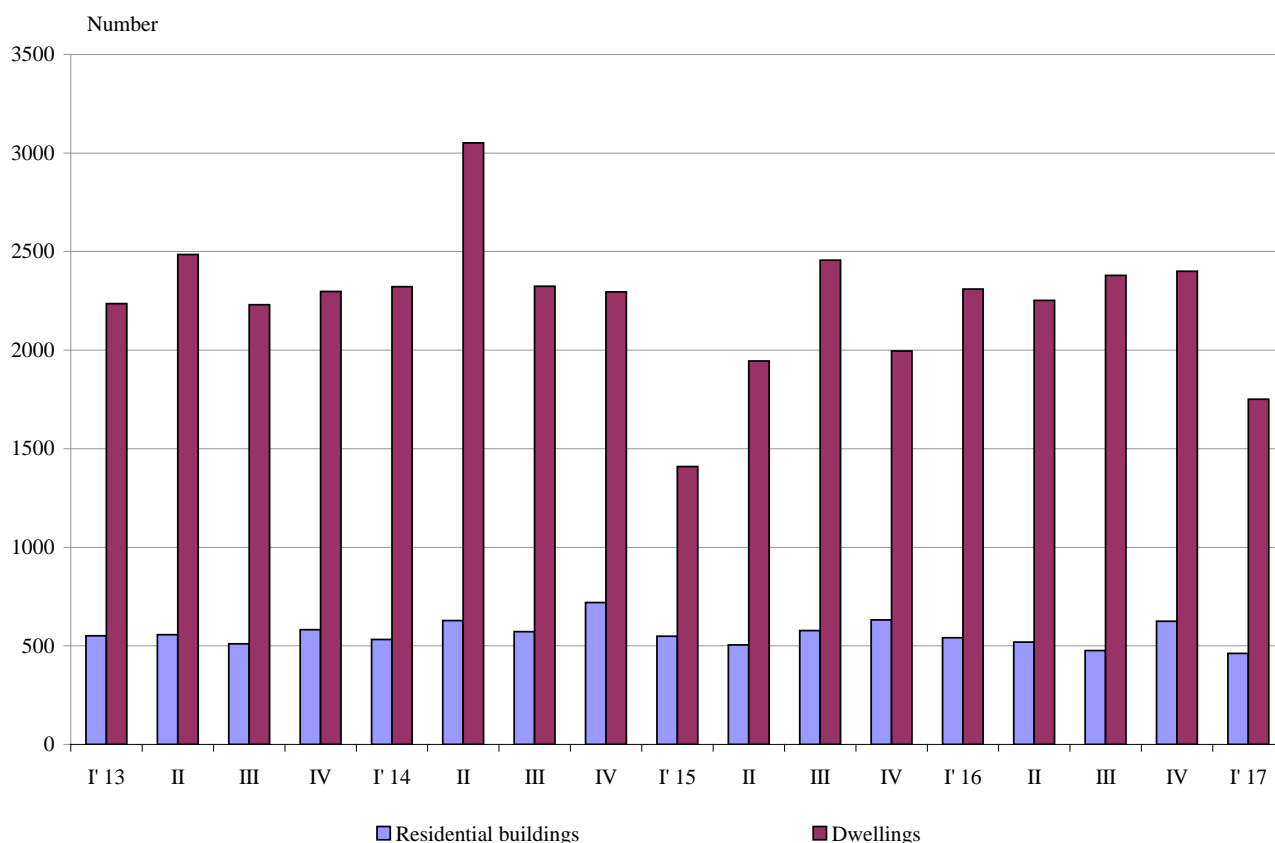




NEWLY BUILT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND DWELLINGS COMPLETED IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2017 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

According to preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute in the first quarter of 2017 the number of newly built residential buildings was 462 and the newly built dwellings in them were 1 751 (Annex, Table 1). Compared to the first quarter of 2016 the buildings were 79 less (or 14.6%), and the newly built dwellings in them decreased by 559 or by 24.2% (Figure 1).

Figure 1. Newly built residential buildings and dwellings completed by quarters

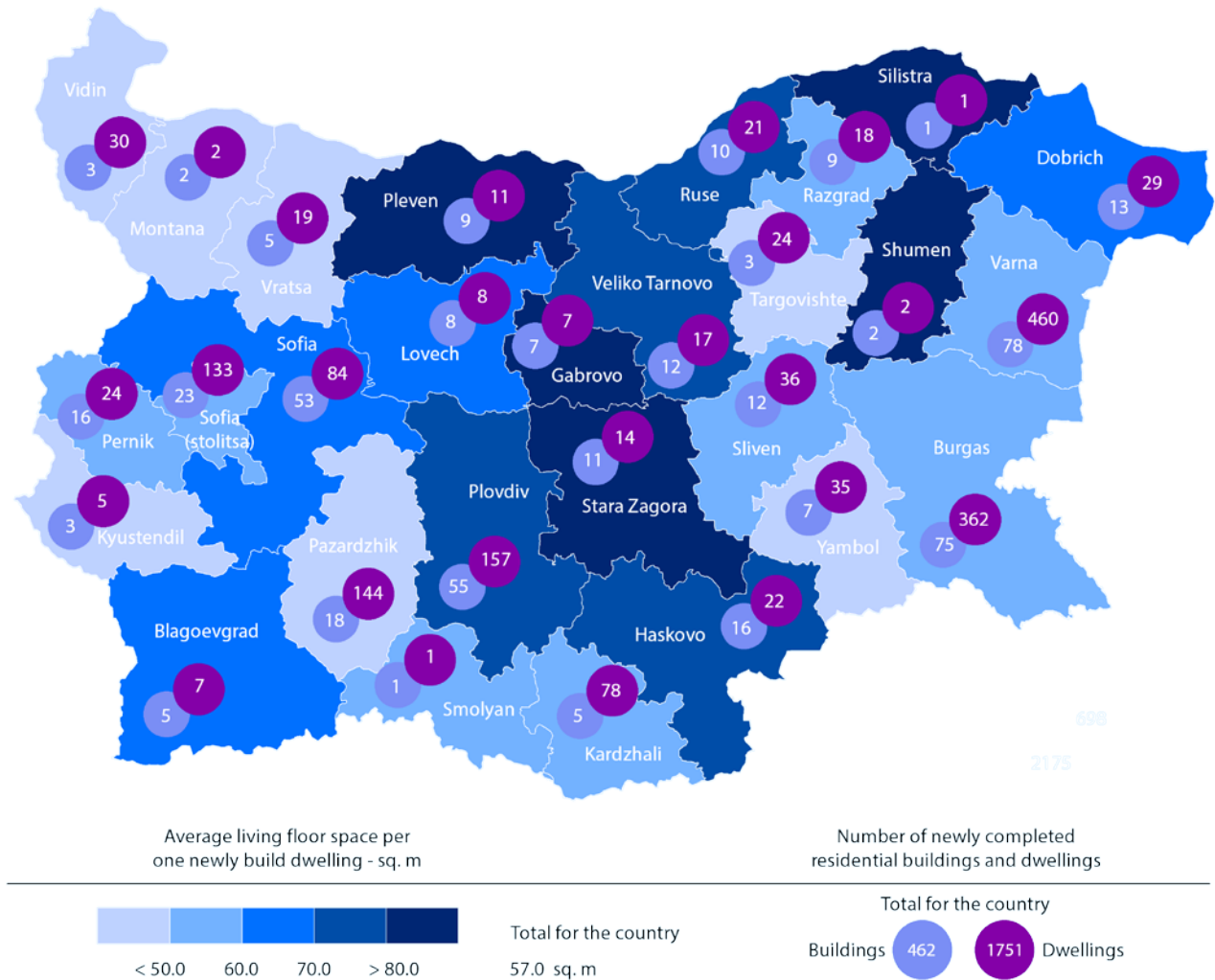


In the first quarter of 2017, 76.8% of the newly built residential buildings were with steel-concrete construction, 19.7% with solid structure, 2.4% with 'other' and 1.1% with panel. Highest is the relative share of houses (75.8%), followed by blocks of flats (13.6%). As compared to the first quarter of 2016, an increase of the number of newly mixed buildings is observed (Annex, Table 2).

Highest is the number of residential buildings built in district Varna - 78 buildings with 460 dwellings in them, followed by Burgas - 75 residential buildings with 362 dwellings and Plovdiv - 55 residential buildings with 157 dwellings (Figure 2).



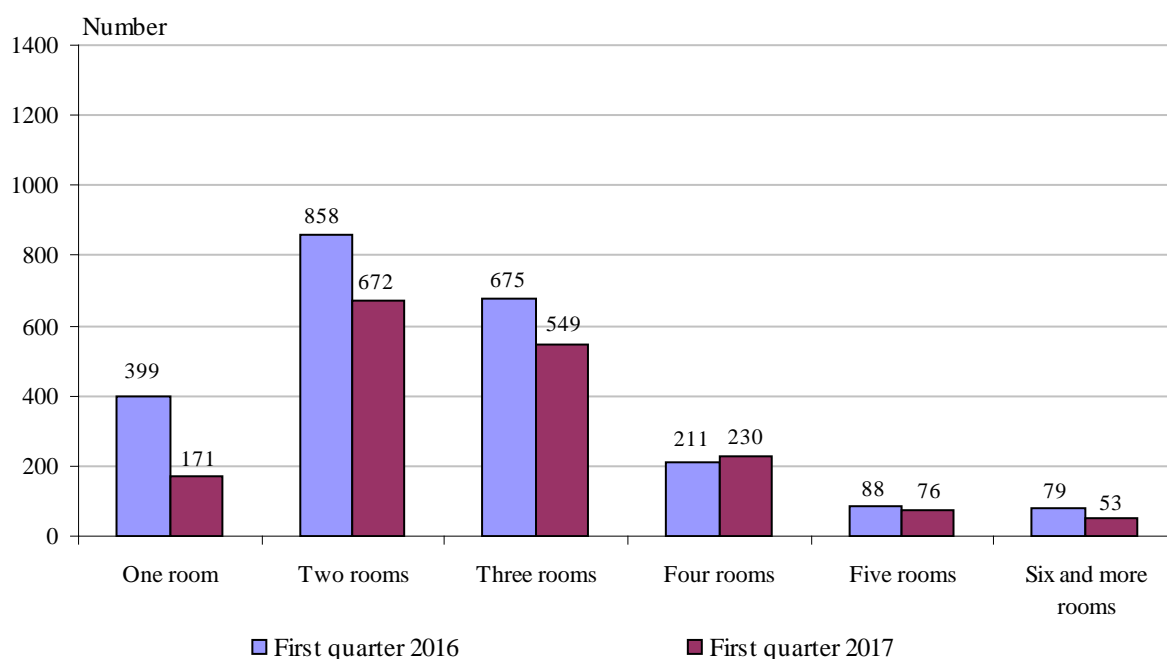
Figure 2. Newly built residential buildings and dwellings completed in first quarter of 2017 by districts



Highest is the number of newly built dwellings with two rooms (38.4%), followed by the number of those with three rooms (31.4%) and lowest is the number of dwellings with six and more rooms - 3.0% (Figure 3).



Figure 3. Newly built dwellings completed by number of rooms



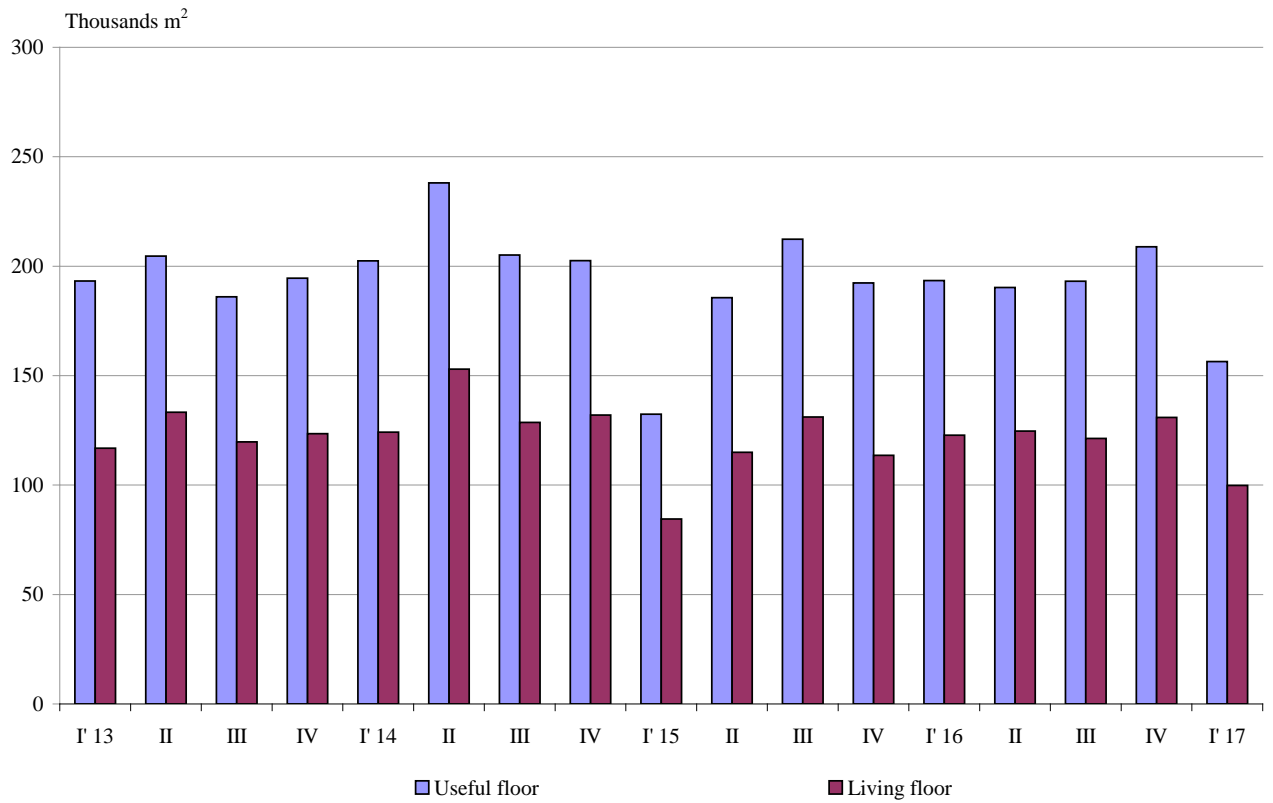
In the first quarter of 2017 **the total useful space** of newly built dwellings was 156.4 thousand sq. m or 19.1% less compared to the same quarter of 2016, **the living floor** space decreased (by 18.7%) to 99.8 thousand sq. m (Figure 4).

At the same time, the **average useful floor space** of a newly built dwelling increased from 83.7 sq. m in the first quarter of 2016 to 89.3 sq. m in the same quarter of 2017.

The biggest average useful floor space of a newly built dwelling was recorded in districts Silistra - 230.0 sq. m and Shumen - 194.5 sq. m, and the smallest one in Vratsa - 40.9 sq. m and Yambol - 63.9 sq. meters.



Figure 4. Total useful floor space and living floor space of newly built dwellings completed by quarters





Methodological notes

The statistical data about the newly built residential buildings and dwellings are prepared based on quarterly reports of the municipal administrations.

Newly built residential buildings with approved or valid usage license according to Regulation № 2/31.07.2003 of the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works are covered.

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

Service floor space is the floor space of rooms and kitchens with less than 4 square meters floor space, vestibules with a portal or other screen, corridors, bathrooms, toilets, larders, hanging closets, other service rooms such as drying-rooms, laundries or balconies regardless their space. The space of kitchens with over 4 sq. m. floor space is shown separately.

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

The average useful floor space is a ratio between the useful floor space and the number of dwellings.



Annex

Table 1

Newly build residential buildings and dwellings completed in the first quarter of 2017¹

Districts	Newly completed residential buildings and dwellings – in numbers		Useful floor area of newly built dwellings - sq. m			
	Buildings	Dwellings	Total	Living floor space	Service floor space	Area of kitchens
Total	462	1751	156443	99829	42507	14107
Blagoevgrad	5	7	728	470	163	95
Burgas	75	362	31866	19041	9730	3095
Varna	78	460	33320	23382	8101	1837
Veliko Tarnovo	12	17	2201	1190	837	174
Vidin	3	30	2512	1416	874	222
Vratsa	5	19	778	457	227	94
Gabrovo	7	7	1058	650	309	99
Dobrich	13	29	2756	1855	556	345
Kardzhali	5	78	7776	4380	2450	946
Kyustendil	3	5	343	207	97	39
Lovech	8	8	992	555	329	108
Montana	2	2	156	99	46	11
Pazardzhik	18	144	11363	7167	2704	1492
Pernik	16	24	2045	1200	473	372
Pleven	9	11	1804	1183	483	138
Plovdiv	55	157	16874	12357	3214	1303
Razgrad	9	18	1676	974	534	168
Ruse	10	21	3038	1639	1192	207
Silistra	1	1	230	180	20	30
Sliven	12	36	3752	2131	1239	382
Smolyan	1	1	85	52	25	8
Sofia	53	84	9758	5563	2804	1391
Sofia (capital)	23	133	10797	7236	2695	866
Stara Zagora	11	14	2157	1941	102	114
Targovishte	3	24	2543	1126	1396	21
Haskovo	16	22	3210	1667	1249	294
Shumen	2	2	389	185	190	14
Yambol	7	35	2236	1526	468	242

¹Preliminary data.

Table 2



Newly built residential buildings by type of building

	2015				2016				(Number)
	I quarter	II quarter	III quarter	IV quarter	I quarter	II quarter	III quarter	IV quarter	2017 ¹
Total	549	505	577	632	541	519	476	625	462
Houses	415	334	400	462	382	376	322	465	350
Blocks of flats	70	76	82	86	95	80	104	95	63
Mixed buildings	23	24	26	33	20	22	14	35	24
Hostels	1	1	13	1	1	2	-	2	-
Country houses	39	70	50	49	40	38	34	28	24
Buildings of institutional households	1	-	6	1	3	1	2	-	1

¹Preliminary data.