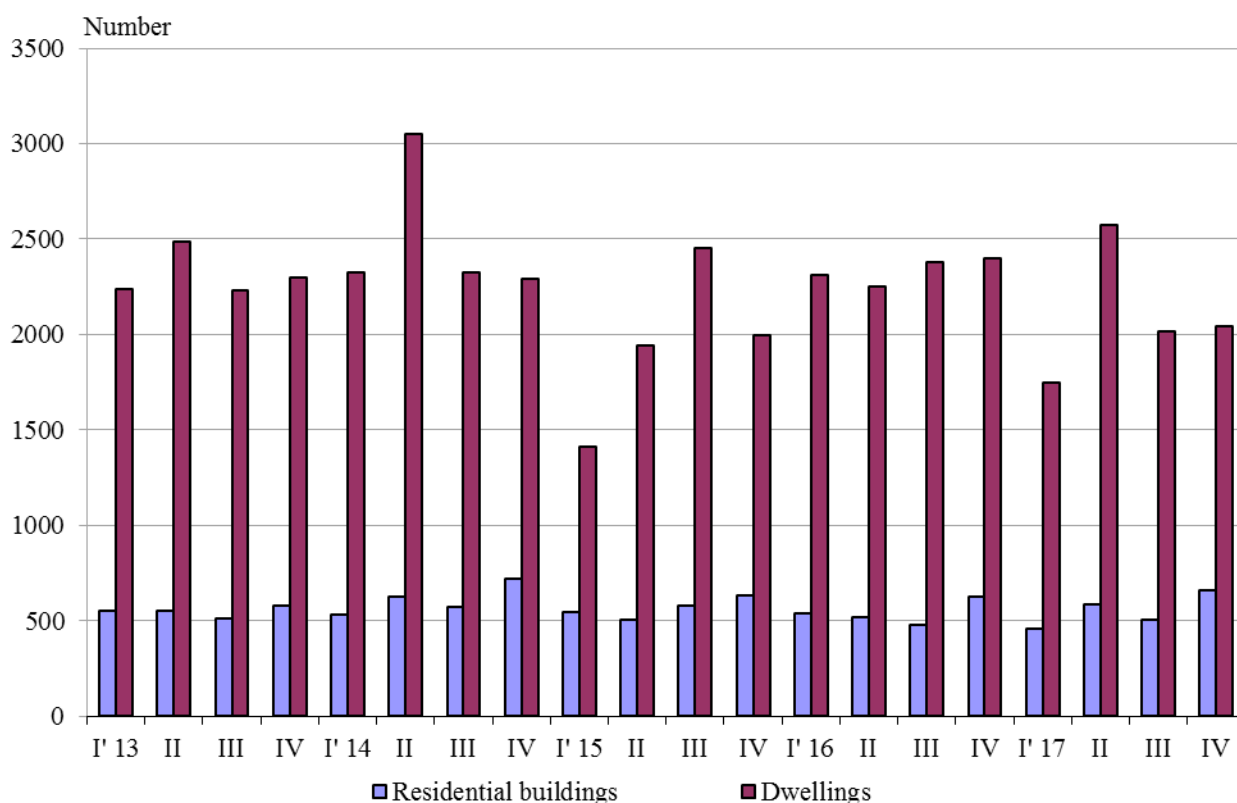




NEWLY BUILT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND DWELLINGS COMPLETED IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 2017 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

According to preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute in the fourth quarter of 2017 the number of newly built residential buildings was 659 and the newly built dwellings in them were 2 046 (Annex, Table 1). Compared to the fourth quarter of 2016 the buildings were by 34 more (or by 5.4%), while the newly built dwellings in them decreased by 354 or by 14.8% (Figure 1).

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

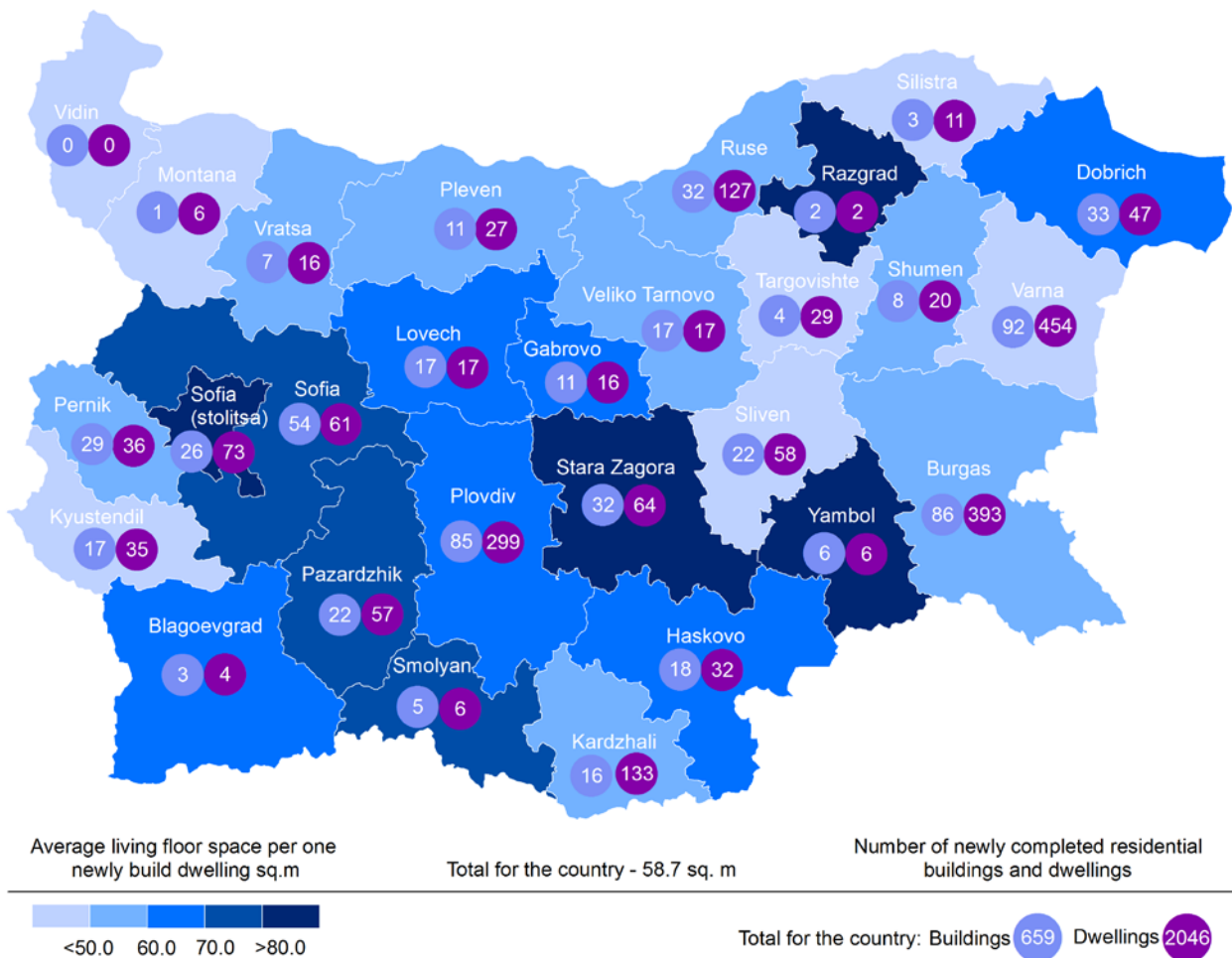


In the fourth quarter of 2017 75.0% of the newly built residential buildings were with steel-concrete construction, 21.5% with solid structure, 2.6% with 'other' and 0.9% with panel. Highest is the relative share of houses (75.9%) followed by blocks of flats (13.5%). As compared to the fourth quarter of 2016 the number of newly built houses and country houses rose, while the number of newly built blocks of flats and mixed buildings dropped (Annex, Table 2).

Highest is the number of residential buildings built in district Varna - 92 buildings with 454 dwellings in them, followed by Burgas - 86 residential buildings with 393 dwellings and Plovdiv - 85 residential buildings with 299 dwellings (Figure 2).



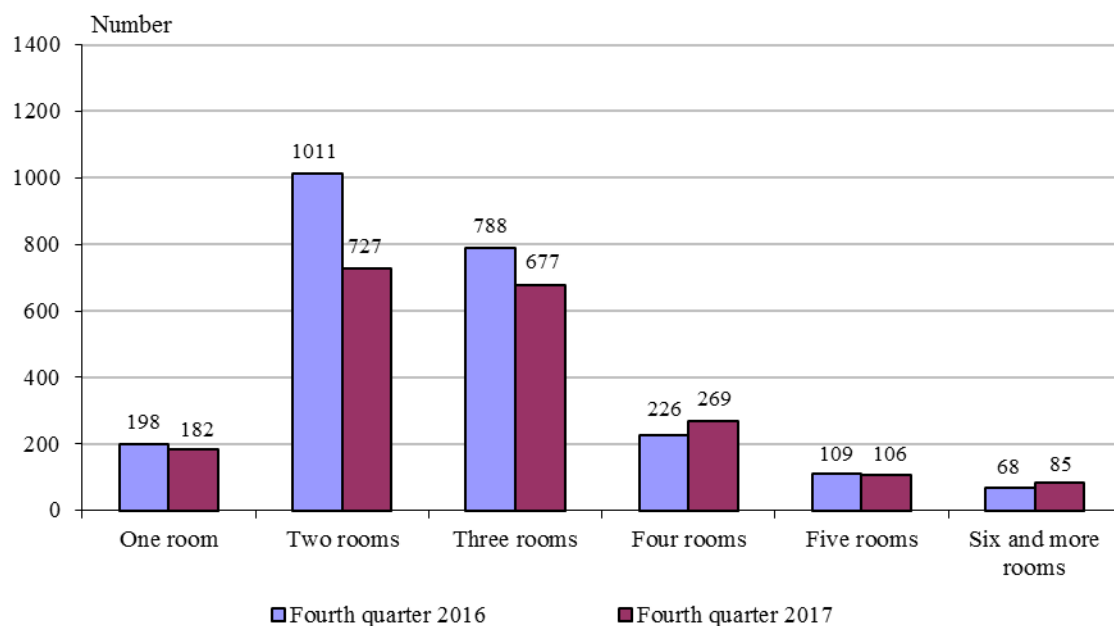
Figure 2. Newly built residential buildings and dwellings completed in third quarter of 2017 by districts



Highest is the number of newly built dwellings with two rooms (35.5%), followed by the number of those with three rooms (33.1%) and lowest is the number of dwellings with six and more rooms - 4.2% (Figure 3).



Figure 3. Newly built dwellings completed by number of rooms



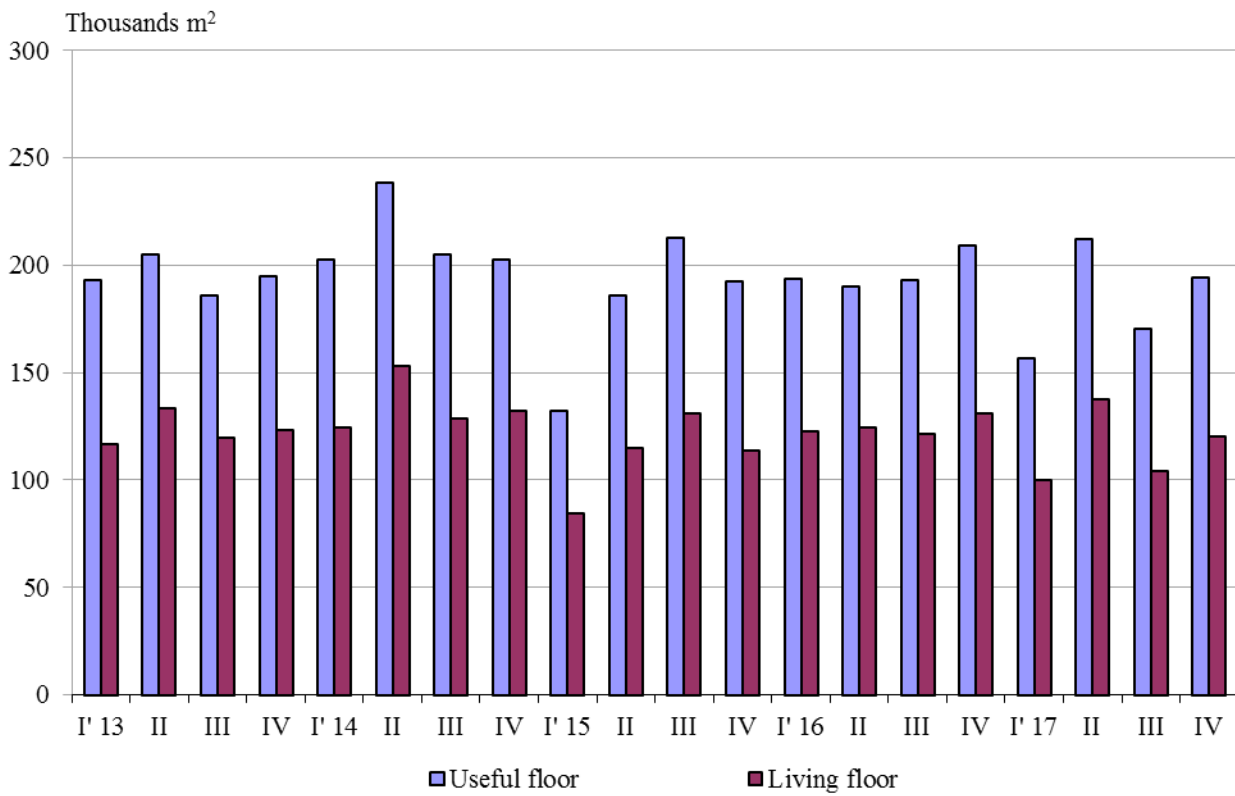
In the fourth quarter of 2017 **the total useful space** of newly built dwellings was 194.0 thousand sq. m or 7.1% less compared to the same quarter of 2016, **the living floor space** decreased (by 8.3%) to 120.1 thousand sq. m (Figure 4).

At the same time the **average useful floor space** of a newly built dwelling increased from 87.0 sq. m in the fourth quarter of 2016 to 94.8 sq. m in the same quarter of 2017.

The biggest average useful floor space of a newly built dwelling was recorded in districts Razgrad - 171.5 sq. m and Sofia (stolitsa) - 149.1 sq. m, and the smallest one in Montana - 51.8 sq. m and Silistra - 60.3 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 on the basis of quarterly reports of the municipal administrations.

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

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 fourth 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 | 659 | 2046 | 194034 | 120070 | 57640 | 16324 |
| Blagoevgrad | 3 | 4 | 367 | 263 | 64 | 40 |
| Burgas | 86 | 393 | 32206 | 20083 | 9509 | 2614 |
| Varna | 92 | 454 | 34637 | 22378 | 10270 | 1989 |
| Veliko Tarnovo | 17 | 17 | 1728 | 972 | 539 | 217 |
| Vidin | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Vratsa | 7 | 16 | 1687 | 934 | 557 | 196 |
| Gabrovo | 11 | 16 | 1793 | 1005 | 648 | 140 |
| Dobrich | 33 | 47 | 6132 | 2981 | 2599 | 552 |
| Kardzhali | 16 | 133 | 14996 | 7452 | 5928 | 1616 |
| Kyustendil | 17 | 35 | 2479 | 1460 | 703 | 316 |
| Lovech | 17 | 17 | 2158 | 1184 | 710 | 264 |
| Montana | 1 | 6 | 311 | 171 | 62 | 78 |
| Pazardzhik | 22 | 57 | 6282 | 4066 | 1601 | 615 |
| Pernik | 29 | 36 | 3594 | 2079 | 1003 | 512 |
| Pleven | 11 | 27 | 2285 | 1449 | 552 | 284 |
| Plovdiv | 85 | 299 | 30457 | 19773 | 8154 | 2530 |
| Razgrad | 2 | 2 | 343 | 166 | 148 | 29 |
| Ruse | 32 | 127 | 12929 | 6782 | 5011 | 1136 |
| Silistra | 3 | 11 | 663 | 467 | 188 | 8 |
| Sliven | 22 | 58 | 4518 | 2874 | 1286 | 358 |
| Smolyan | 5 | 6 | 687 | 425 | 164 | 98 |
| Sofia | 54 | 61 | 6610 | 4327 | 1513 | 770 |
| Sofia (stolitsa) | 26 | 73 | 10881 | 7877 | 2442 | 562 |
| Stara Zagora | 32 | 64 | 7989 | 6019 | 1247 | 723 |
| Targovishte | 4 | 29 | 1885 | 1161 | 613 | 111 |
| Haskovo | 18 | 32 | 3836 | 2090 | 1340 | 406 |
| Shumen | 8 | 20 | 1781 | 1102 | 588 | 91 |
| Yambol | 6 | 6 | 800 | 530 | 201 | 69 |

¹ Preliminary data.



Table 2

Newly built residential buildings by type of building

(Number)

| | 2015 | | | | 2016 | | | | 2017 ¹ | | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| | I quarter | II quarter | III quarter | IV quarter | I quarter | II quarter | III quarter | IV quarter | I quarter | II quarter | III quarter | IV quarter |
| Total | 549 | 505 | 577 | 632 | 541 | 519 | 476 | 625 | 462 | 585 | 506 | 659 |
| Houses | 415 | 334 | 400 | 462 | 382 | 376 | 322 | 465 | 350 | 406 | 367 | 500 |
| Blocks of flats | 70 | 76 | 82 | 86 | 95 | 80 | 104 | 95 | 63 | 102 | 78 | 89 |
| Mixed buildings | 23 | 24 | 26 | 33 | 20 | 22 | 14 | 35 | 24 | 16 | 17 | 28 |
| Hostels | 1 | 1 | 13 | 1 | 1 | 2 | - | 2 | - | - | - | - |
| Country houses | 39 | 70 | 50 | 49 | 40 | 38 | 34 | 28 | 24 | 61 | 44 | 40 |
| Buildings of institutional households | 1 | - | 6 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 | - | 1 | - | - | 2 |

¹Preliminary data.