

SHORT-TERM STATISTICS ON RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

1. Purpose of the survey

The main purpose of the short-term statistics on residential buildings is to provide a quarterly information about newly built and destroyed residential buildings and dwellings in Bulgaria.

Units of the survey are:

- Newly built residential buildings;
- Newly built dwellings;
- Useful floor space of the newly built dwellings;
- Destroyed residential buildings;
- Dwellings in destroyed residential buildings;
- Useful floor space of destroyed dwellings.

The statistical information of the survey is provided regularly to municipal district and government authorities. It is used as a base on preparation of prognoses and analysis about the housing policy and construction in Bulgaria.

2. Object and coverage of the survey

The object of the survey are newly built and destroyed residential buildings and dwellings in the country.

Steel-concrete buildings are those of which the carrier and the floor constructions are built of steel-concrete and the walls are made of panels, brick masonry or other materials.

Solid structures are those of which the carrier walls are of brick and stone masonry and the belts, the beams and the floor construction are made of steel-concrete but have no steel-concrete columns. The buildings of which the floor elements are precast reinforced concrete units also refers to the solid structures.

In the group of '**other buildings**' are included the structures that are built of stones, sun-dried brick, wood and other materials.

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, drawing-rooms and the space of kitchens with over 4 sq. m floor space. The space of the kitchens with over 4 square meters floor area was presented separately before 31.12.2018.

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, bathrooms, toilets, larders, hanging closets, other service rooms (drying-rooms, laundries or balconies) not depending on their area.

The useful floor space of dwelling is a sum of the living-floor-space and the service floor space. Until 31.12.2018 useful floor space of the dwelling is a sum of the living-floor-space, service floor space and the area of the kitchens over 4 sq. m.

3. Periodicity

The data about short-term statistics on residential buildings are carried out quarterly.

4. Data sources

The main sources of information about newly built and destroyed residential buildings and dwellings are quarterly electronic statistical forms 'Card for residential building'.

The information on newly built and destroyed residential buildings is obtained quarterly through the regular reports of all municipal administrations in the country.

5. Publicity and transparency

- Access to the methodology

The data on the survey on newly built and destroyed residential buildings and dwellings and short methodological note are included in the publication of the NSI.

- Press release

The press releases with the results from the survey are presented on the Internet site quarterly.

- Publications

The results from the survey are published in the general publications of NSI.

- Electronic access

The tables with key results on the survey are published on the Internet website of NSI quarterly.