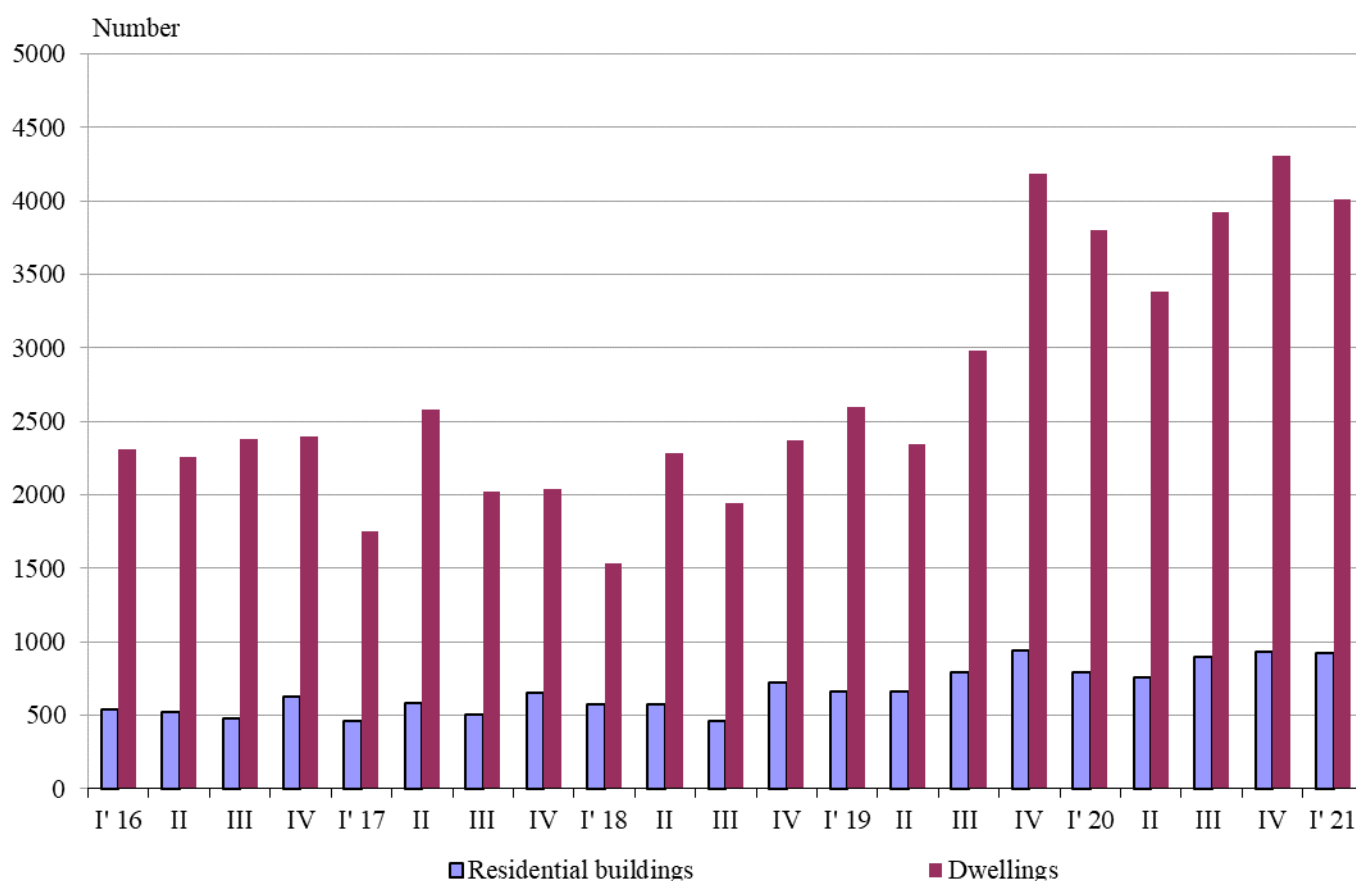


NEWLY BUILT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND DWELLINGS COMPLETED IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2021 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

According to preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute in the first quarter of 2021 the number of newly built residential buildings was 925 and the newly built dwellings in them were 4 011 (Annex, Table 1). Compared to the first quarter of 2020 the buildings were by 133 more (or by 16.8%), and the newly built dwellings in them increased by 208 or by 5.5% (Figure 1).

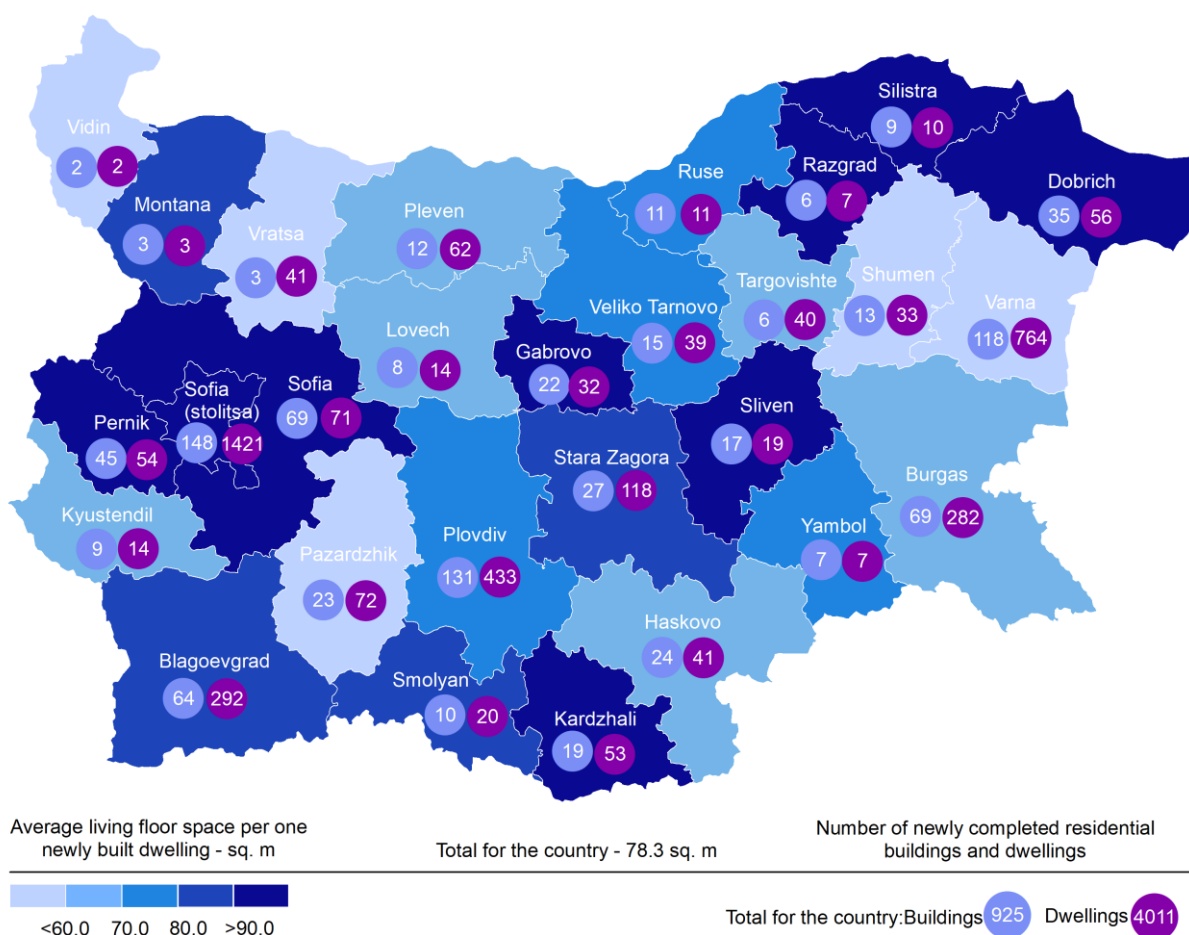
Figure 1. Newly built residential buildings and dwellings completed by quarters



In the first quarter of 2021, 79.2% of the newly built residential buildings were with steel-concrete construction, 16.9% with solid structure, 3.4% with 'other' and 0.5% with panel. Highest is the relative share of houses (72.6%), followed by blocks of flats (18.1%). As compared to the first quarter of 2020 the number of newly built houses, mixed buildings and country houses rose, while the number of blocks of flats dropped (Annex, Table 2).

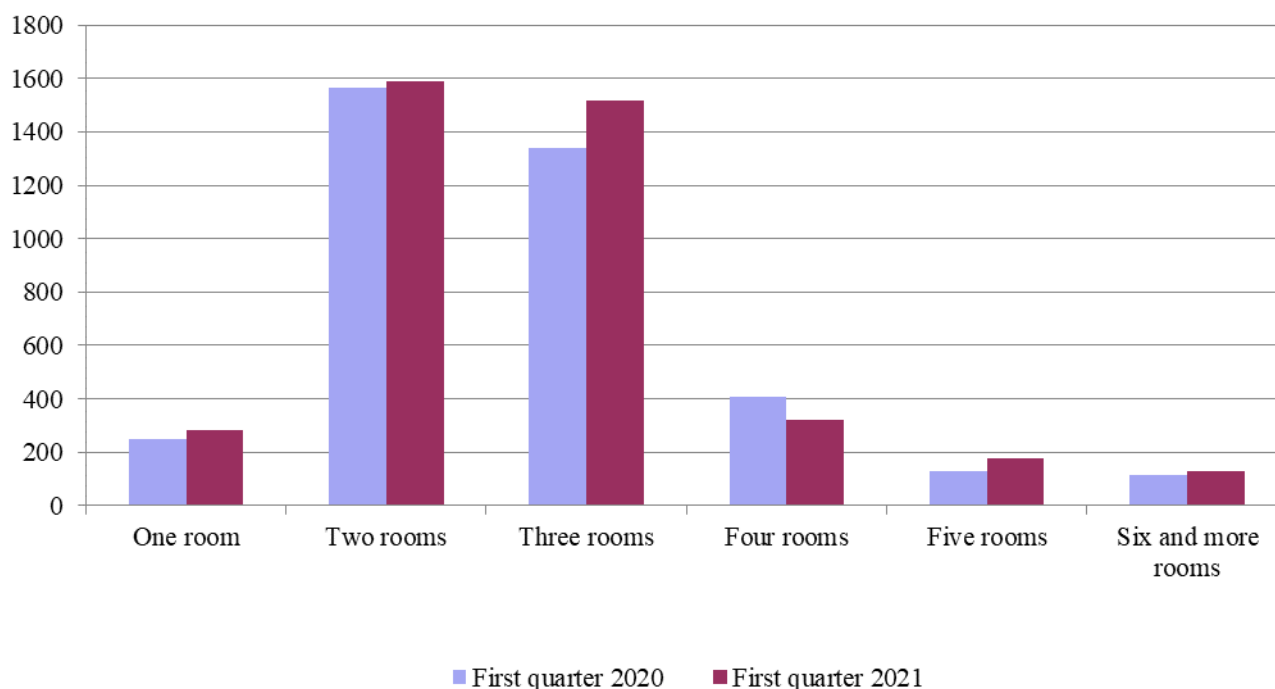
Highest is the number of residential buildings built in district Sofia (stolitsa) - 148 residential buildings with 1 421 dwellings, followed by Plovdiv - 131 residential buildings with 433 dwellings and Varna - 118 buildings with 764 dwellings in them (Figure 2).

Figure 2. Newly built residential buildings and dwellings completed in first quarter of 2021 by districts



Highest is the number of newly built dwellings with two rooms (39.6%), followed by the number of those with three rooms (37.8%) and lowest is the number of dwellings with six and more rooms - 3.2% (Figure 3).

Figure 3. Newly built dwellings completed by number of rooms

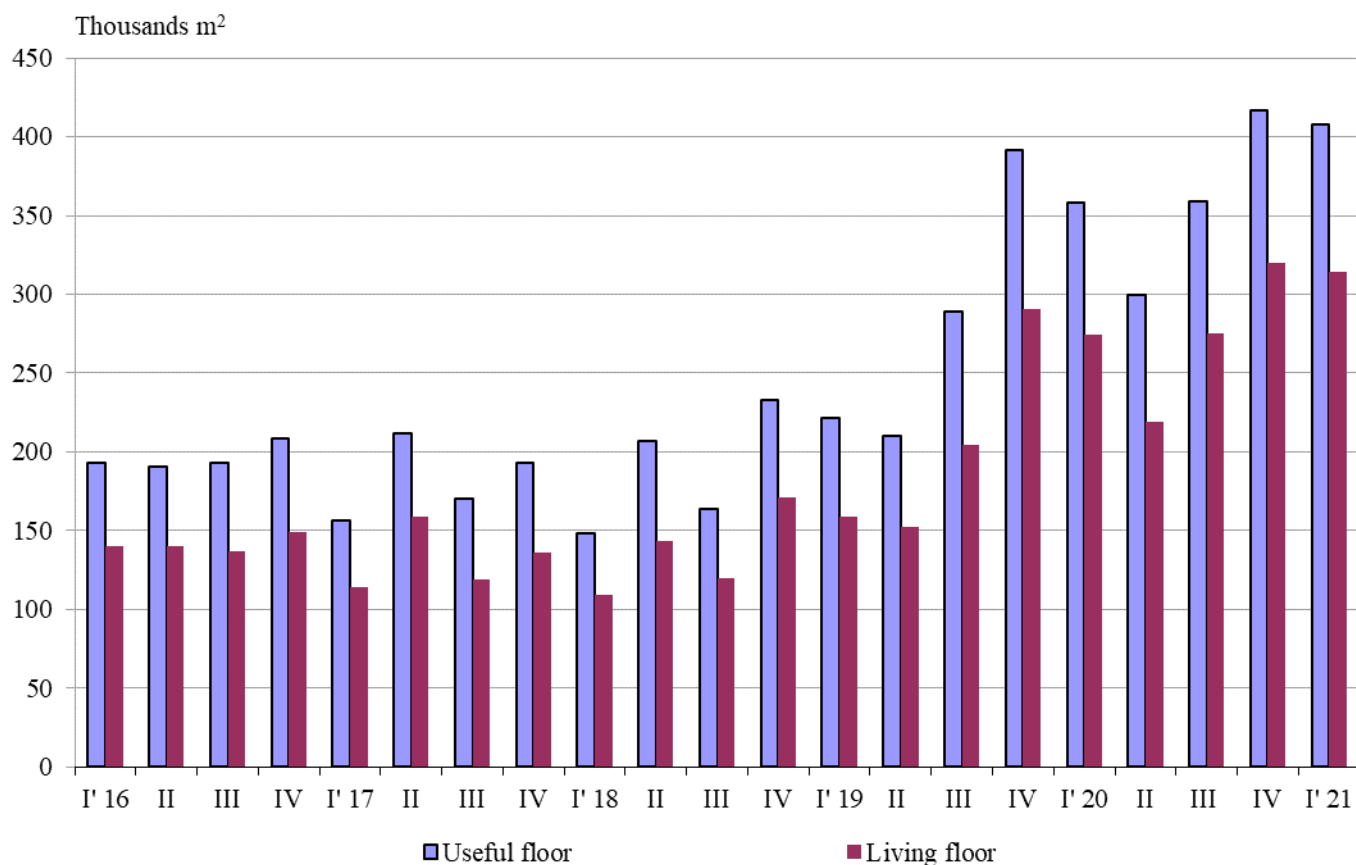


In the first quarter of 2021 **the total useful space** of newly built dwellings was 407.5 thousand sq. m or by 13.7% more, compared to the same quarter of 2020, and **the living floor space** increased (by 14.6%) to 314.1 thousand sq. m (Figure 4).

The **average useful floor space** of a newly built dwelling increased from 94.2 sq. m in the first quarter of 2020 to 101.6 sq. m in the same quarter of 2021.

The biggest average useful floor space of a newly built dwelling was recorded in districts Silistra – 212.9 sq. m and Gabrovo - 196.2 sq. m, and the smallest one in Vidin - 60.0 sq. m and Pazardzhik - 76.5 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.

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, cabinets and libraries of scientists and drawing rooms and the space of kitchens with over 4 sq. m floor space. The space of the kitchens with over 4 sq. m floor area was presented separately before 31.12.2018.

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

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

Annex

Table 1

Newly built residential buildings and dwellings completed in the first quarter of 2021¹

Districts	Newly completed residential buildings and dwellings - in numbers		Useful floor area of newly built dwellings - sq. m		
	Buildings	Dwellings	Total	Living floor space, incl. kitchens over 4 sq. m	Service floor space, incl. kitchens under 4 sq. m
Total	925	4011	407503	314138	93365
Blagoevgrad	64	292	29970	26019	3951
Burgas	69	282	23571	17955	5616
Varna	118	764	60630	39007	21623
Veliko Tarnovo	15	39	3487	2854	633
Vidin	2	2	120	105	15
Vratsa	3	41	4118	2103	2015
Gabrovo	22	32	6277	4352	1925
Dobrich	35	56	7481	5406	2075
Kardzhali	19	53	5898	5078	820
Kyustendil	9	14	1492	959	533
Lovech	8	14	1400	924	476
Montana	3	3	472	269	203
Pazardzhik	23	72	5511	4057	1454
Pernik	45	54	6370	5030	1340
Pleven	12	62	5000	4205	795
Plovdiv	131	433	45313	34083	11230
Razgrad	6	7	892	631	261
Ruse	11	11	1480	772	708
Silistra	9	10	2129	1218	911
Sliven	17	19	2577	1944	633
Smolyan	10	20	1997	1636	361
Sofia	69	71	9400	7009	2391
Sofia (stolitsa)	148	1421	159149	131389	27760
Stara Zagora	27	118	10972	9465	1507
Targovishte	6	40	3560	2452	1108
Haskovo	24	41	4006	2776	1230
Shumen	13	33	3537	1915	1622
Yambol	7	7	694	525	169

¹Preliminary data.

Table 2

Newly built residential buildings by type of building

(Number)

	2018				2019				2020				2021*
	I quarter	II quarter	III quarter	IV quarter	I quarter	II quarter	III quarter	IV quarter	I quarter	II quarter	III quarter	IV quarter	I quarter
Total	570	572	460	722	665	662	788	937	792	757	899	928	925
Houses	451	420	334	573	490	504	576	693	553	530	659	667	672
Blocks of flats	65	89	91	91	111	98	125	183	169	170	161	184	167
Mixed buildings	21	24	8	19	31	27	33	36	34	34	30	26	37
Hostels	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	-
Country houses	32	37	27	39	29	30	51	24	35	21	46	49	45
Buildings of institutional households	1	2	-	-	3	1	2	-	-	-	1	1	4

* Preliminary data.