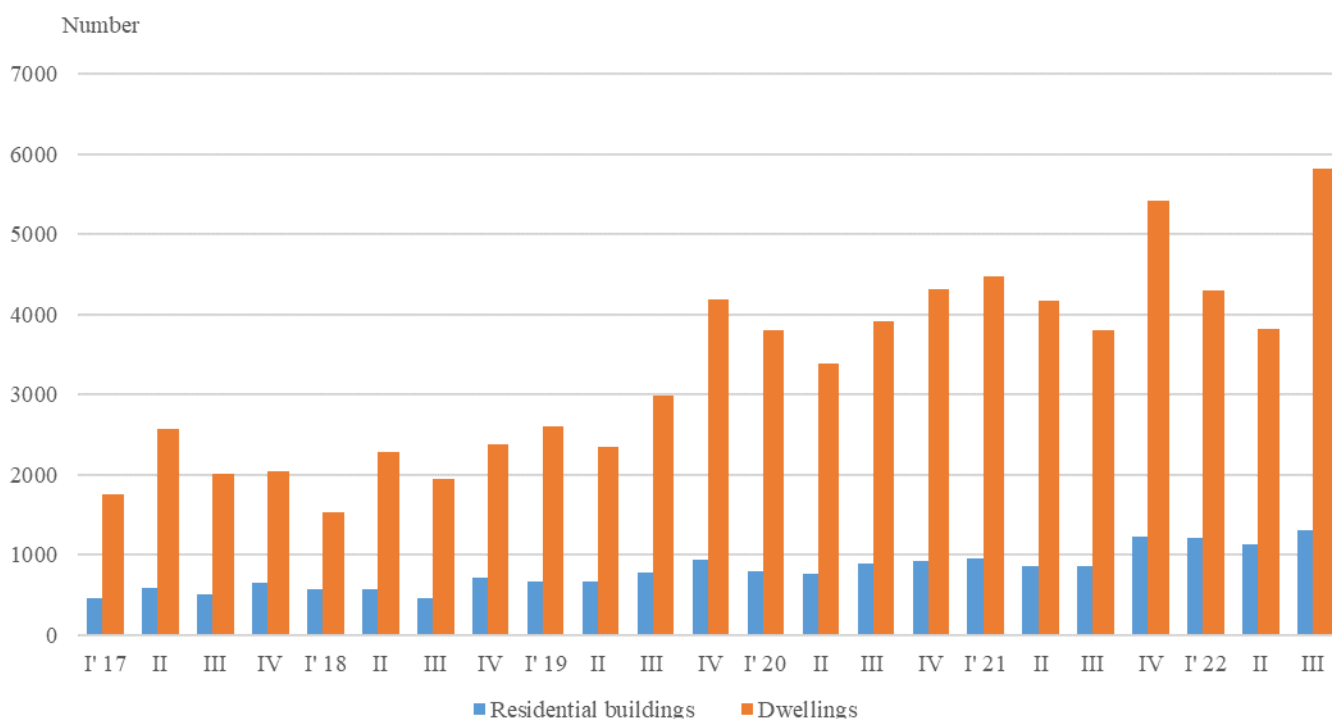


NEWLY BUILT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND DWELLINGS COMPLETED IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2022 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

According to preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute in the third quarter of 2022, the number of newly built residential buildings was 1 316, and the newly built dwellings in them were 5 812 (Annex, Table 1). Compared to the third quarter of 2021, the buildings were by 458 more (or by 53.4%), and the newly built dwellings in them increased by 2 008, or by 52.8% (Figure 1).

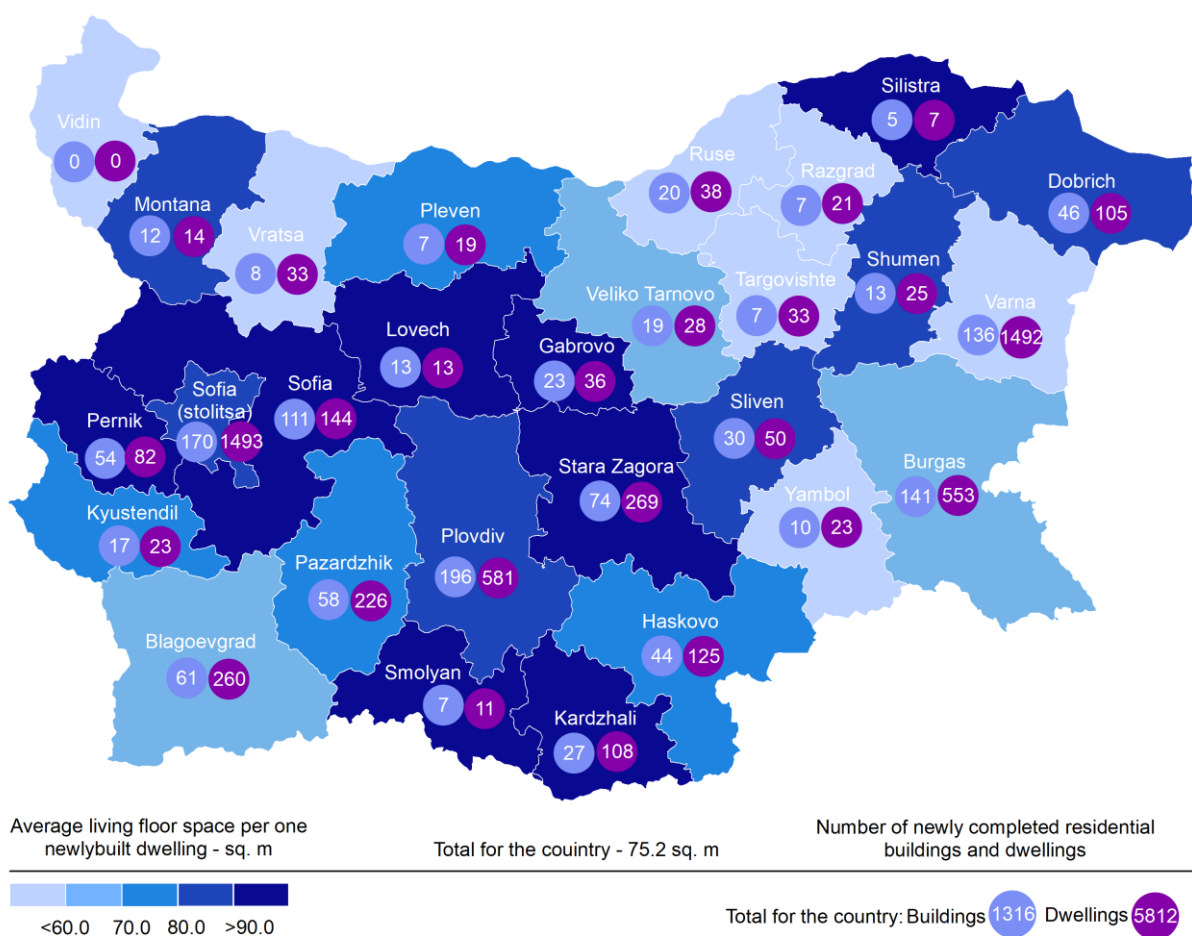
Figure 1. Newly built residential buildings and dwellings completed by quarters



In the third quarter of 2022, 78.7% of the newly built residential buildings had steel-concrete construction, 18.7% had solid structure, 2.1% had 'other' and 0.5% had a panel. The highest is the relative share of houses (79.0%), followed by blocks of flats (15.4%). As compared to the third quarter of 2021, the number of newly built houses and blocks of flats rose, while the number of mixed buildings and country houses dropped (Annex, Table 2).

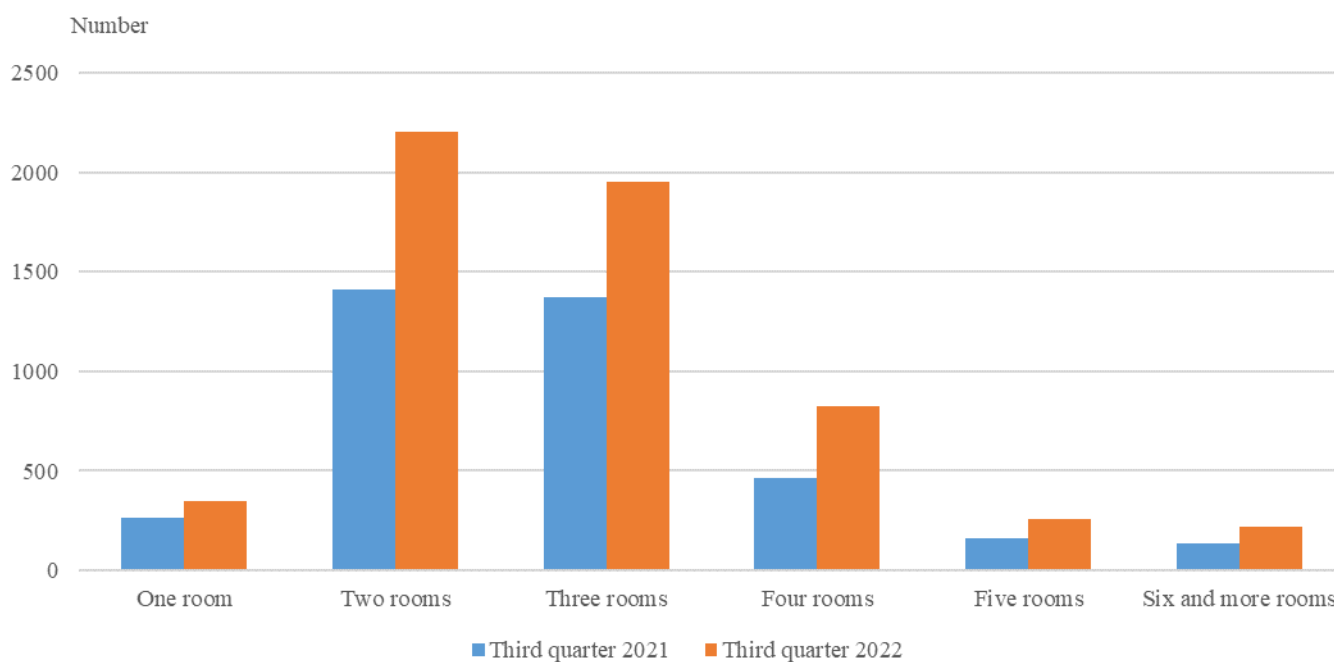
The highest is the number of residential buildings built in the district of Plovdiv - 196 residential buildings with 581 dwellings, followed by Sofia (stolitsa) - 170 residential buildings with 1 493 dwellings, and Burgas - 141 buildings with 553 dwellings in them (Figure 2).

Figure 2. Newly built residential buildings and dwellings completed in the third quarter of 2022 by districts



The highest is the number of newly built dwellings with two rooms (37.9%), followed by the number of those with three rooms (33.6%), and the lowest is the number of dwellings with six and more rooms (3.8%) (Figure 3).

Figure 3. Newly built dwellings completed by number of rooms

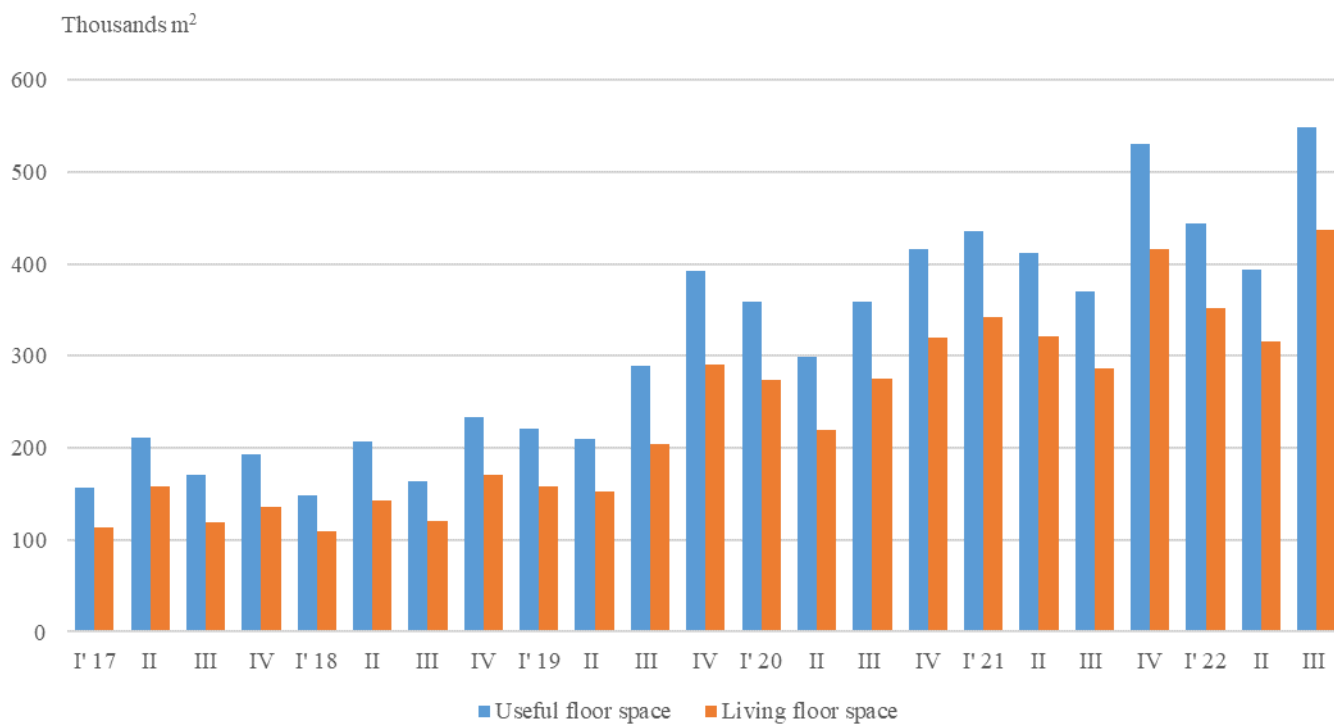


In the third quarter of 2022, **the total useful space** of newly built dwellings was 548.9 thousand sq. m, or 48.4% more, compared to the same quarter of 2021, and **the living floor space** increased (by 52.7%) to 436.8 thousand sq. m (Figure 4).

The **average useful floor space** of a newly built dwelling decreased from 97.2 sq. m in the third quarter of 2021 to 94.4 sq. m in the same quarter of 2022.

The biggest average useful floor space of a newly built dwelling was recorded in the districts of Silistra - 218.7 sq. m and Smolyan - 172.3 sq. m, and the smallest ones in Razgrad - 66.9 sq. m and Targovishte - 70.0 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 the survey are newly built residential buildings with approved or valid usage licenses 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, as well as the space of kitchens with over 4 sq. m of floor space. The space of the kitchens, with over 4 sq. m of 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 of floor space, vestibules with a portal or other screen, corridors, bathrooms, toilets, larders, hanging closets and other service rooms, such as drying-rooms, laundries or balconies regardless of their space.

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

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

Annex

Table 1

Newly built residential buildings and dwellings completed in the third quarter of 2022¹

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	1316	5812	548930	436838	112092
Blagoevgrad	61	260	18368	16012	2356
Burgas	141	553	48690	34026	14664
Varna	136	1492	108096	82714	25382
Veliko Tarnovo	19	28	2769	1905	864
Vidin	-	-	-	-	-
Vratsa	8	33	2559	1507	1052
Gabrovo	23	36	5344	3725	1619
Dobrich	46	105	12325	9214	3111
Kardzhali	27	108	13141	11946	1195
Kyustendil	17	23	2429	1632	797
Lovech	13	13	1874	1284	590
Montana	12	14	1792	1138	654
Pazardzhik	58	226	19023	16048	2975
Pernik	54	82	12001	9478	2523
Pleven	7	19	1914	1436	478
Plovdiv	196	581	61080	48963	12117
Razgrad	7	21	1405	977	428
Ruse	20	38	3857	2154	1703
Silistra	5	7	1531	892	639
Sliven	30	50	5900	4277	1623
Smolyan	7	11	1895	1398	497
Sofia	111	144	20678	16829	3849
Sofia (stolitsa)	170	1493	150152	127138	23014
Stara Zagora	74	269	32687	27791	4896
Targovishte	7	33	2309	1471	838
Haskovo	44	125	12531	9672	2859
Shumen	13	25	2931	2014	917
Yambol	10	23	1649	1197	452

¹Preliminary data.



Table 2

Newly built residential buildings by type of building

(Number)

	2019				2020				2021				2022*		
	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	II quarter	III quarter
Total	665	662	788	937	792	757	899	928	952	867	858	1221	1206	1128	1316
Houses	490	504	576	693	553	530	659	667	683	642	632	918	957	882	1039
Blocks of flats	111	98	125	183	169	170	161	184	182	139	140	216	163	164	203
Mixed buildings	31	27	33	36	34	34	30	26	38	45	33	33	36	26	25
Hostels	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	-	1	-	1
Country houses	29	30	51	24	35	21	46	49	45	39	51	54	45	56	48
Buildings of institutional households	3	1	2	-	-	-	1	1	3	-	-	-	4	-	-

* Preliminary data