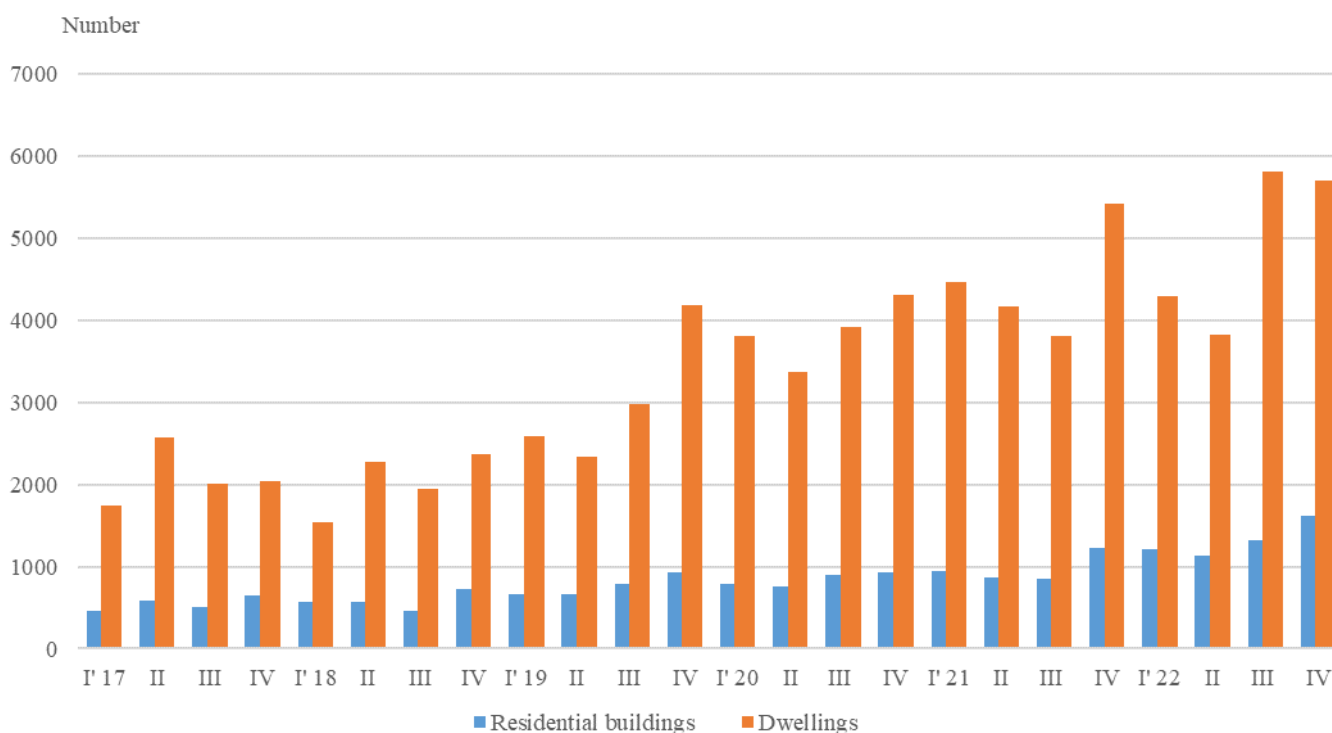


NEWLY BUILT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND DWELLINGS COMPLETED IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 2022 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

According to preliminary data from the National Statistical Institute in the fourth quarter of 2022, the number of newly built residential buildings was 1 613, and the newly built dwellings in them were 5 708 (Annex, Table 1). Compared to the fourth quarter of 2021, the buildings were by 392 more (or by 32.1%), and the newly built dwellings in them increased by 285, or by 5.3% (Figure 1).

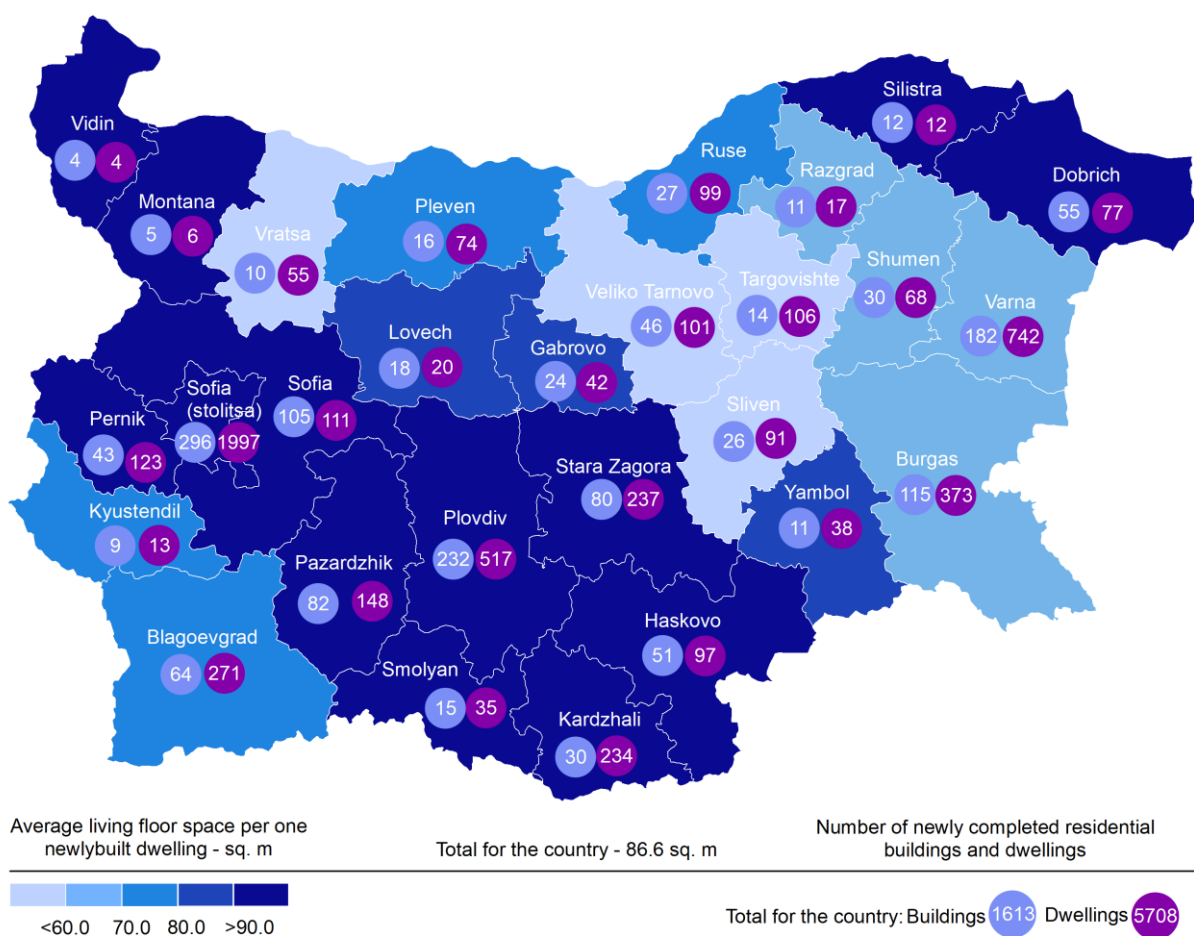
Figure 1. Newly built residential buildings and dwellings completed by quarters



In the fourth quarter of 2022, 78.9% of the newly built residential buildings had steel-concrete construction, 17.4% had solid structure, 3.4% had 'other' and 0.3% had a panel. The highest is the relative share of houses (81.3%), followed by blocks of flats (13.0%). As compared to the fourth quarter of 2021, the number of newly built houses and mixed buildings rose, while the number of blocks of flats dropped (Annex, Table 2).

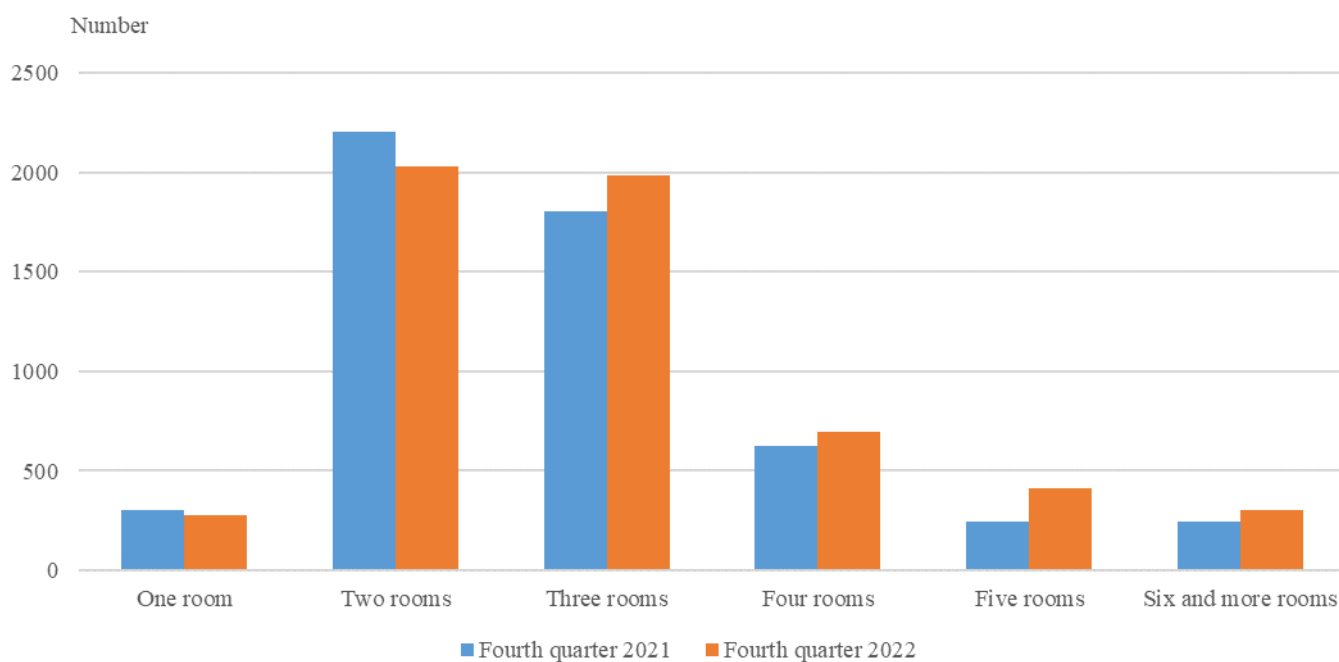
The highest is the number of residential buildings built in the district of Sofia (stolitsa) - 296 residential buildings with 1 997 dwellings, followed by Plovdiv - 232 residential buildings with 517 dwellings, and Varna - 182 buildings with 742 dwellings in them (Figure 2).

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



The highest is the number of newly built dwellings with two rooms (35.5%), followed by the number of those with three rooms (34.8%), and the lowest is the number of dwellings with one room (4.8%) (Figure 3).

Figure 3. Newly built dwellings completed by number of rooms

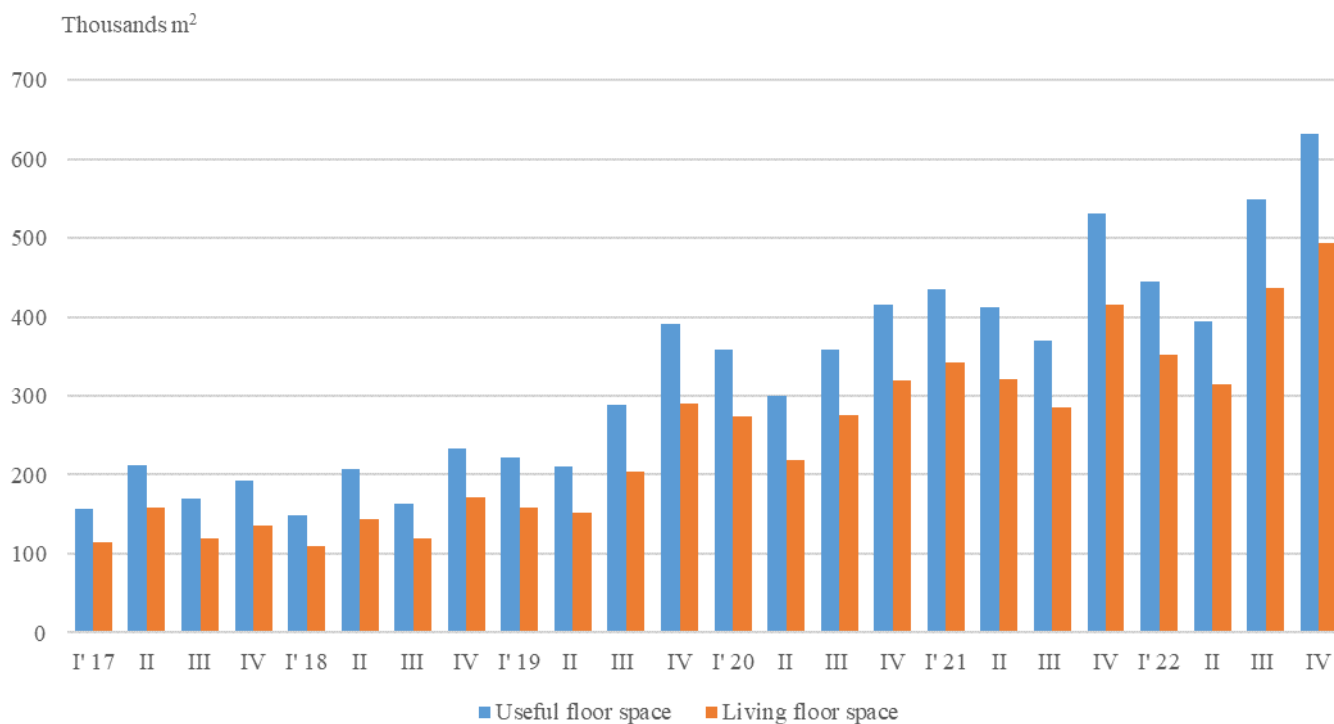


In the fourth quarter of 2022, **the total useful space** of newly built dwellings was 631.5 thousand sq. m, or 19.0% more, compared to the same quarter of 2021, and **the living floor space** increased (by 18.7%) to 494.0 thousand sq. m (Figure 4).

The **average useful floor space** of a newly built dwelling increased from 97.8 sq. m in the fourth quarter of 2021 to 110.6 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 - 226.9 sq. m and Montana - 188.0 sq. m, and the smallest ones in Vratsa - 55.4 sq. m and Veliko Tarnovo - 78.9 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.

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 fourth 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	1613	5708	631461	494045	137416
Blagoevgrad	64	271	22299	20142	2157
Burgas	115	373	33517	22741	10776
Varna	182	742	66234	45227	21007
Veliko Tarnovo	46	101	7964	5730	2234
Vidin	4	4	607	426	181
Vratsa	10	55	3045	2036	1009
Gabrovo	24	42	5401	3703	1698
Dobrich	55	77	9807	7904	1903
Kardzhali	30	234	32174	27767	4407
Kyustendil	9	13	1314	936	378
Lovech	18	20	2921	1763	1158
Montana	5	6	1128	579	549
Pazardzhik	82	148	16480	14237	2243
Pernik	43	123	14910	11289	3621
Pleven	16	74	7346	5711	1635
Plovdiv	232	517	63805	47564	16241
Razgrad	11	17	1860	1177	683
Ruse	27	99	8973	6946	2027
Silistra	12	12	2723	1523	1200
Sliven	26	91	7571	5251	2320
Smolyan	15	35	4163	3319	844
Sofia	105	111	18282	15412	2870
Sofia (stolitsa)	296	1997	236496	193396	43100
Stara Zagora	80	237	28665	25632	3033
Targovishte	14	106	8662	5431	3231
Haskovo	51	97	14735	10636	4099
Shumen	30	68	6128	4316	1812
Yambol	11	38	4251	3251	1000

¹ Preliminary 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	IV quarter
Total	665	662	788	937	792	757	899	928	952	867	858	1221	1206	1128	1316	1613
Houses	490	504	576	693	553	530	659	667	683	642	632	918	957	882	1039	1311
Blocks of flats	111	98	125	183	169	170	161	184	182	139	140	216	163	164	203	210
Mixed buildings	31	27	33	36	34	34	30	26	38	45	33	33	36	26	25	38
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	54
Buildings of institutional households	3	1	2	-	-	-	1	1	3	-	-	-	4	-	-	-

* Preliminary data.