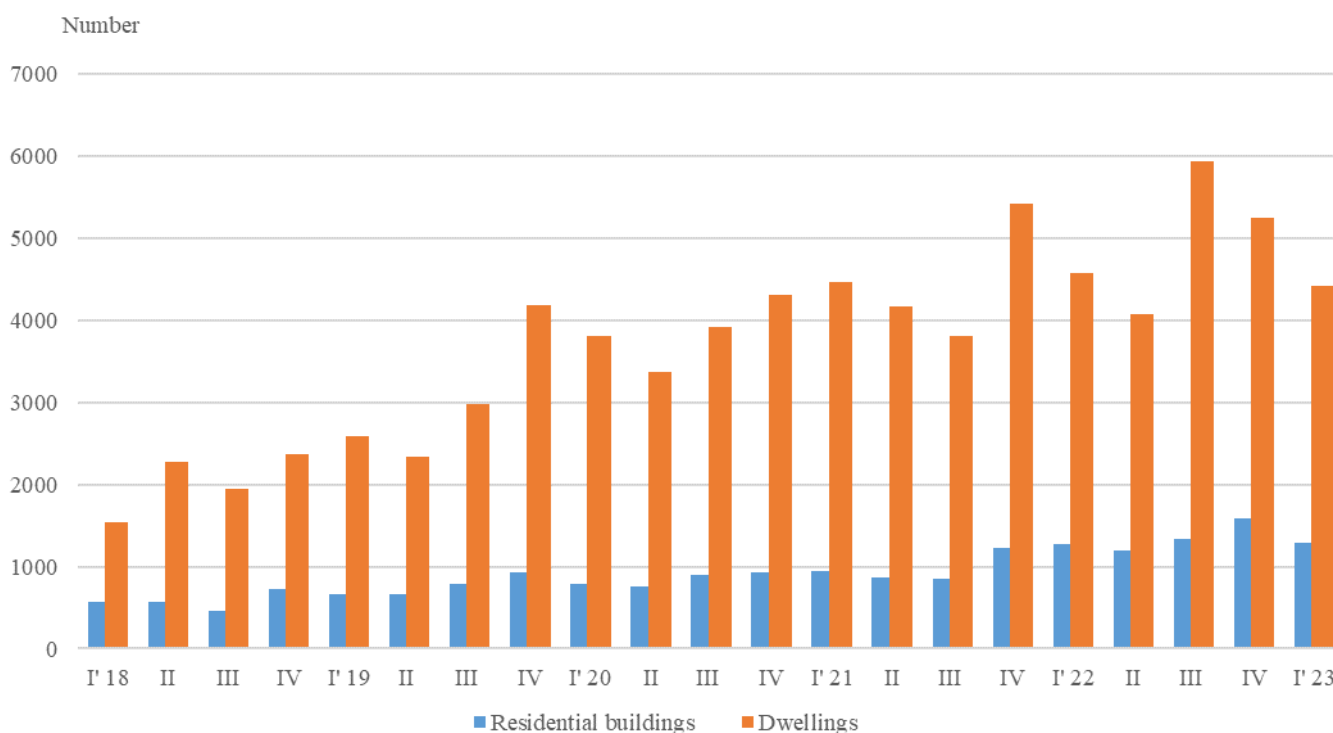


## NEWLY BUILT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND DWELLINGS COMPLETED IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2023 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

According to preliminary data from the National Statistical Institute in the first quarter of 2023, the number of newly built residential buildings was 1 289, and the newly built dwellings in them were 4 427 (Annex, Table 1). Compared to the first quarter of 2022, the buildings were by 18 more (or by 1.4%), and the newly built dwellings in them decreased by 153, or by 3.3% (Figure 1).

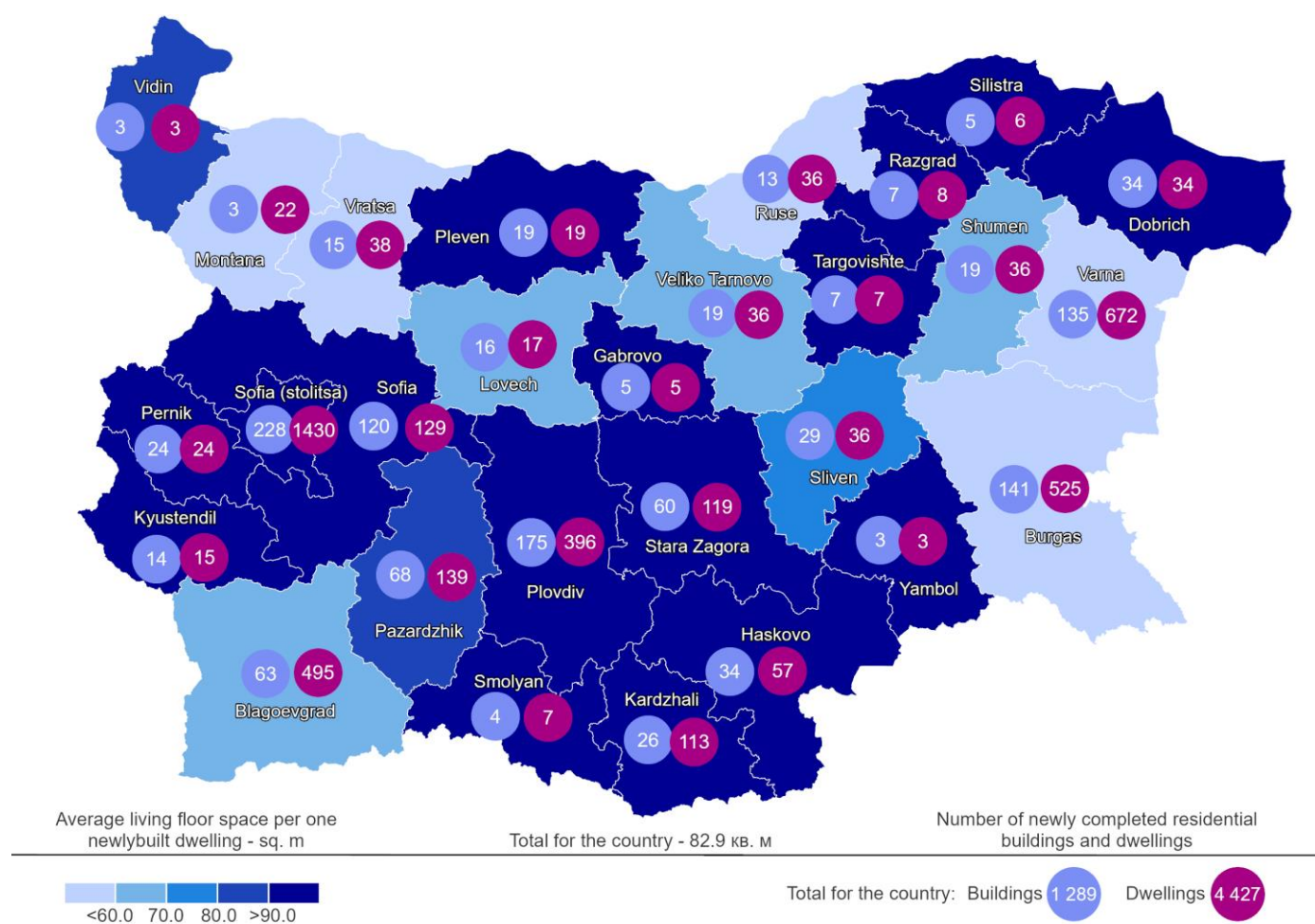
**Figure 1. Newly built residential buildings and dwellings completed by quarters**



In the first quarter of 2023, 77.9% of the newly built residential buildings had steel-concrete construction, 19.6% had solid structure, 2.2% had ‘other’ and 0.3% had a panel. The highest is the relative share of houses (81.0%), followed by blocks of flats (12.9%). As compared to the first quarter of 2022, the number of newly built houses rose, while the number of blocks of flats and mixed buildings dropped (Annex, Table 2).

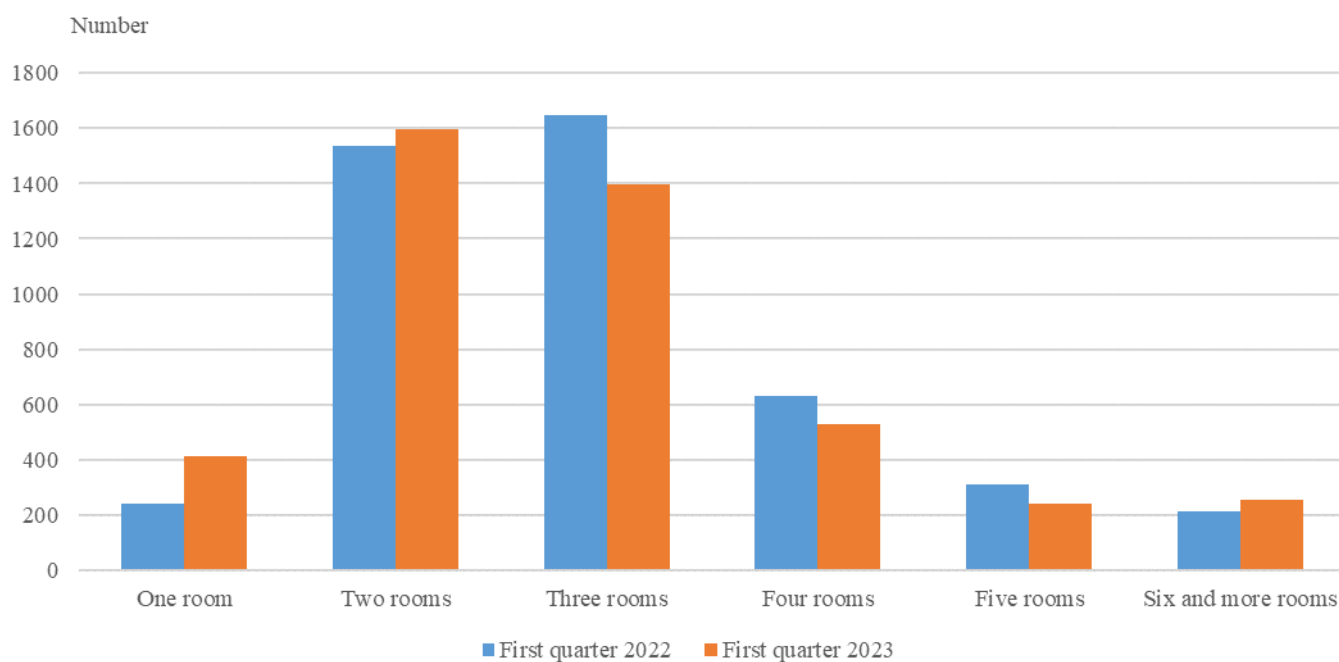
The highest is the number of residential buildings built in the district of Sofia (stolitsa) - 228 residential buildings with 1 430 dwellings, followed by Plovdiv - 175 residential buildings with 396 dwellings, and Burgas - 141 buildings with 525 dwellings in them (Figure 2).

**Figure 2. Newly built residential buildings and dwellings completed in the first quarter of 2023 by districts**



The highest is the number of newly built dwellings with two rooms (36.1%), followed by the number of those with three rooms (31.5%), and the lowest is the number of dwellings with five room (5.4%) (Figure 3).

**Figure 3. Newly built dwellings completed by number of rooms**

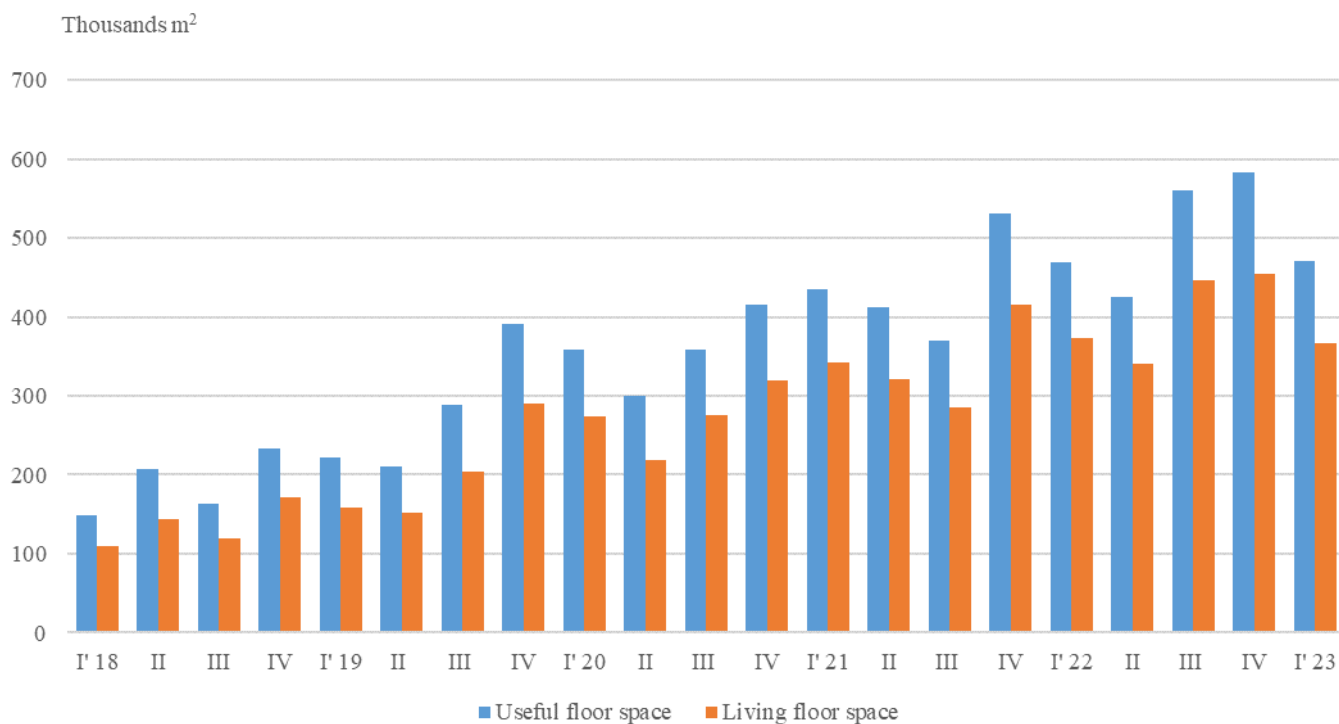


In the first quarter of 2023, **the total useful space** of newly built dwellings was 470.2 thousand sq. m, or 0.3% more, compared to the same quarter of 2022, and **the living floor space** decreased (by 1.5%) to 367.0 thousand sq. m (Figure 4).

The **average useful floor space** of a newly built dwelling increased from 102.4 sq. m in the first quarter of 2022 to 106.2 sq. m in the same quarter of 2023.

The biggest average useful floor space of a newly built dwelling was recorded in the districts of Targovishte - 222.6 sq. m, and Gabrovo - 186.0 sq. m, and the smallest ones in Blagoevgrad - 76.5 sq. m, and Montana - 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 first quarter of 2023<sup>1</sup>

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>1289</b>	<b>4427</b>	<b>470241</b>	<b>367015</b>	<b>103226</b>
Blagoevgrad	63	495	37871	30539	7332
Burgas	141	525	43918	31171	12747
Varna	135	672	54923	37755	17168
Veliko Tarnovo	19	36	3782	2415	1367
Vidin	3	3	339	259	80
Vratsa	15	38	3810	2253	1557
Gabrovo	5	5	930	510	420
Dobrich	34	34	5851	4457	1394
Kardzhali	26	113	13441	11074	2367
Kyustendil	14	15	2297	1722	575
Lovech	16	17	1820	1180	640
Montana	3	22	1736	1194	542
Pazardzhik	68	139	15418	11369	4049
Pernik	24	24	3499	2772	727
Pleven	19	19	2783	1906	877
Plovdiv	175	396	50207	39534	10673
Razgrad	7	8	1365	957	408
Ruse	13	36	3038	2138	900
Silistra	5	6	738	561	177
Sliven	29	36	3763	2712	1051
Smolyan	4	7	943	772	171
Sofia	120	129	22725	18240	4485
Sofia (stolitsa)	228	1430	166244	139110	27134
Stara Zagora	60	119	15128	12885	2243
Targovishte	7	7	1558	773	785
Haskovo	34	57	8019	5963	2056
Shumen	19	36	3595	2356	1239
Yambol	3	3	500	438	62

<sup>1</sup>Preliminary data.

**Table 2**

**Newly built residential buildings by type of building**

	2019				2020				2021				2022				(Number)
	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	2023*
<b>Total</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>792</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>899</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>952</b>	<b>867</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>1221</b>	<b>1271</b>	<b>1197</b>	<b>1336</b>	<b>1586</b>	<b>1289</b>
Houses	490	504	576	693	553	530	659	667	683	642	632	918	1014	933	1053	1299	1044
Blocks of flats	111	98	125	183	169	170	161	184	182	139	140	216	169	179	206	197	166
Mixed buildings	31	27	33	36	34	34	30	26	38	45	33	33	36	27	26	36	34
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	47	58	50	54	45
Buildings of institutional households	3	1	2	-	-	-	1	1	3	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-

\* Preliminary data.