



BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDINGS STARTED IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2011

In the third quarter of 2011, the municipal authorities have issued building permits for construction of 1 335 residential buildings with 2 538 dwellings and 438 608 sq. m gross building area, of 61 administrative buildings/offices with 24 428 sq. m gross building area and 1 433 other buildings with 687 815 sq. m gross building area. As compared to the previous quarter the building permits for residential buildings and their gross building area increased by 1.2%, but the dwellings fell by 16.3%. In the other buildings is also registered an increase the number by 4.2% and their gross building area - by 55.5%, while the administrative buildings showed the opposite trend - a decrease the number of buildings by 9.0% and their gross building area - by 43.5%.

As compared to the third quarter of 2010 the issued building permits for new residential buildings rose by 1.8%, while their gross building area and the dwellings fell respectively by 1.2 and 25.5% (Figure 1). The number of administrative and other buildings marked an increase respectively by 8.9 and 18.1%, while the gross building area of the administrative buildings dropped by 30.4% and the other buildings rose by 16.6% (Figure 2).

The highest number of building permits for new residential buildings has been issued in the following districts: Burgas - 155, Plovdiv - 148, Sofia - 130, Sofia cap. - 129, and Varna - 122. Most dwellings are to be launched in the districts: Burgas - 429, Varna - 405, Sofia cap. - 304, Plovdiv - 303 and Blagoevgrad - 228 (Table 1).

In the third quarter of 2011 has been begun construction of 721 residential buildings with 1 689 dwellings and 226 982 sq. m gross building area, of 31 administrative buildings/offices with 23 593 sq. m gross building area and 565 other buildings with 332 748 sq. m gross building area. As compared to the previous quarter the number of started residential buildings decreased by 1.5%, their dwellings - by 20.6% and the gross building area - by 17.1%. The started administrative buildings fell by 13.9%, the other buildings - by 16.7%, while their gross building area increased respectively by 12.6 and 27.9%.

As compared to the third quarter of 2010 the started new residential buildings decreased by 4.8%, while dwellings in them - by 25.3% and the gross building area - by 15.9%. The increase was registered in the started administrative buildings by 6.9%, in the other buildings - by 9.9% and their gross building area respectively by 30.0 and 27.5%.

The highest number of construction of new buildings were started in the districts: Sofia - 80 residential buildings and 39 other buildings; Varna - 90 residential buildings and 24 other buildings; Sofia cap. - 58 residential buildings, 6 administrative buildings and 41 other buildings; Burgas - 80 residential buildings and 16 other buildings (Table 2).



Methodological notes

The quarterly statistical survey of permits issued for construction collects information about issued building permits for the type of buildings and the gross building area by municipal authorities. This information may be used as an indicator of future construction activity of enterprises in the country.

Type of buildings is classified according to the Classification of types of construction (CC) and is divided into:

- Residential - buildings for which the useful floor area is mostly used for permanent residential habitation.

- Non-residential - buildings for various purposes, including:

- administrative - offices and buildings for administrative work of departments and other organizations and associations (representative buildings - banks, post offices, government department offices, conference and congress centers, low courts, municipalities);

- other buildings - buildings used for different activities: production, trade, transport, education, cultural, sports, agriculture, health, recreation and facilities for short stay (hotels, motels, rest houses, huts and others).

Gross building area - a sum of all floors areas in external dimensions.



Figure 1. Building permits issued for construction of new buildings by type and by quarter

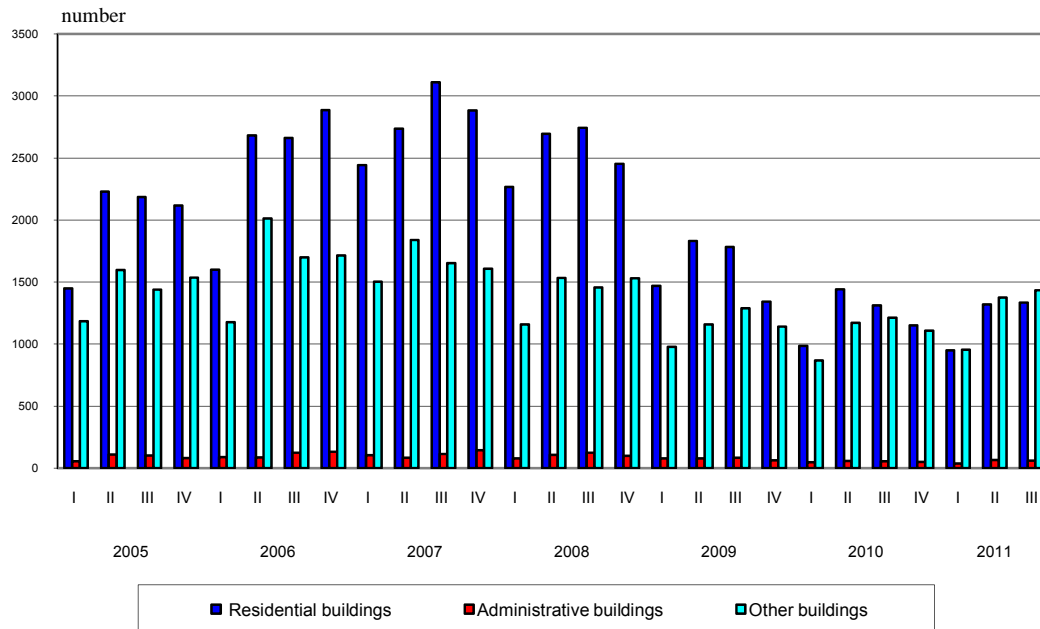


Figure 2. Building permits issued for construction - gross building area by type of buildings and by quarter

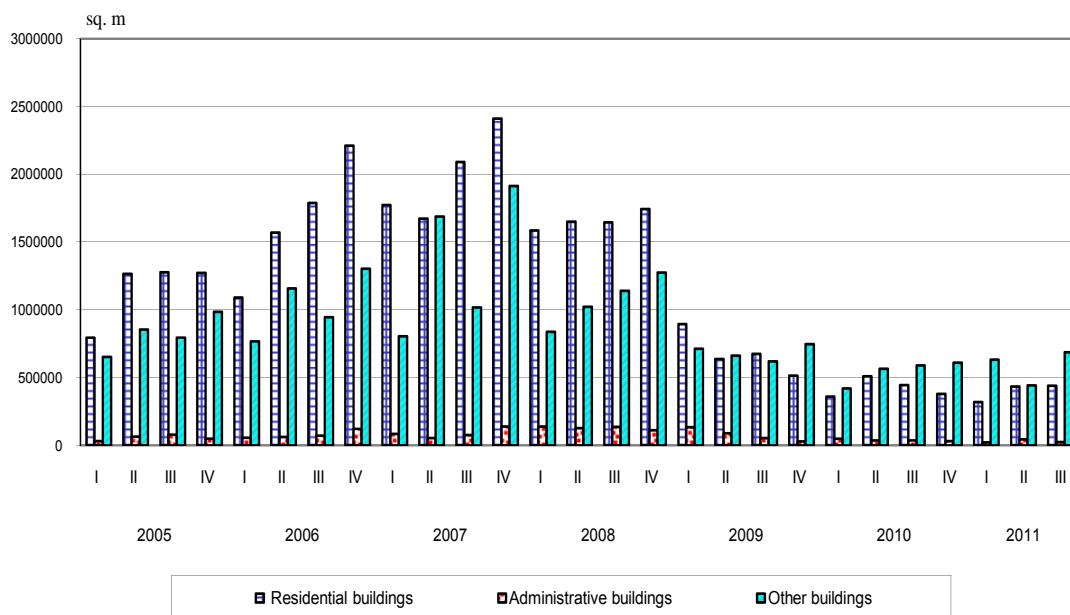




Table 1

Building permits issued for construction of new buildings in the third quarter of 2011¹

Districts	Residential buildings			Administrative buildings		Other buildings	
	Number	Dwellings	Gross building area- sq. m	Number	Gross building area - sq .m	Number	Gross building area - sq .m
Total	1335	2538	438608	61	24428	1433	687815
Blagoevgrad	94	228	25330	7	1038	55	23237
Burgas	155	429	73459	..	..	53	131100
Varna	122	405	76347	..	..	82	24749
Veliko Tarnovo	34	48	6602	3	762	69	26578
Vidin	9	12	1968	-	-	16	5134
Vratsa	16	16	5092	6	1221	28	6467
Gabrovo	25	28	4599	..	..	32	14357
Dobrich	41	67	7552	4	643	55	28541
Kardzhali	18	54	10819	-	-	17	1980
Kyustendil	19	23	3570	-	-	26	2559
Lovech	27	28	3837	-	-	38	6683
Montana	8	7	1729	..	..	31	12789
Pazardzhik	61	66	11556	..	..	75	22119
Pernik	42	41	6655	-	-	28	3321
Pleven	18	21	4590	..	..	54	18504
Plovdiv	148	303	52638	9	878	131	94873
Razgrad	23	23	5512	-	-	40	20238
Ruse	24	24	4109	..	..	49	31606
Silistra	9	9	1266	-	-	36	14771
Sliven	29	40	7009	-	-	26	12143
Smolyan	14	15	2645	..	..	46	10120
Sofia	130	150	23520	..	..	89	18949
Sofia cap.	129	304	60746	9	7831	71	22784
Stara Zagora	68	121	23299	6	855	118	45760
Targovishte	12	13	2782	-	-	26	44898
Haskovo	29	30	4936	..	..	50	13998
Shumen	24	26	5334	-	-	67	10552
Yambol	7	7	1107	..	..	25	19005

¹ ".." - confidential data.



Table 2

Building construction started in the third quarter of 2011¹

Districts	Residential buildings			Administrative buildings		Other buildings	
	Number	Dwellings	Gross building area - sq. m	Number	Gross building area - sq. m	Number	Gross building area - sq. m
Total	721	1689	226982	31	23593	565	332748
Blagoevgrad	42	107	11867	5	686	30	23744
Burgas	80	290	33483	-	-	16	80836
Varna	90	402	43380	..	..	24	11925
Veliko Tarnovo	22	36	5227	..	..	39	10193
Vidin	..	..	..	-	-	5	1593
Vratsa	11	12	4430	-	-	4	1419
Gabrovo	7	7	993	-	-	7	1255
Dobrich	22	43	4427	-	-	26	7657
Kardzhali	18	31	7307	-	-	8	748
Kyustendil	14	18	2985	-	-	10	1219
Lovech	21	22	2819	-	-	24	5864
Montana	..	..	..	-	-	22	6053
Pazardzhik	24	56	6662	..	..	27	5528
Pernik	5	5	425	-	-	4	240
Pleven	14	16	3525	-	-	19	10157
Plovdiv	77	223	25909	..	..	33	13095
Razgrad	13	13	2093	-	-	11	6195
Ruse	13	22	3236	4	1453	18	5105
Silistra	..	..	..	-	-	24	5487
Sliven	22	28	5226	..	..	19	9969
Smolyan	9	11	2556	..	..	11	3234
Sofia	80	90	15389	..	..	39	7088
Sofia cap.	58	103	23765	6	7089	41	29345
Stara Zagora	31	103	12920	3	655	41	11680
Targovishte	8	10	1280	-	-	16	41360
Haskovo	21	21	4521	28	21468
Shumen	12	13	1727	-	-	11	5242
Yambol	3	3	374	-	-	8	5049

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