



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

In the fourth quarter of 2011, the municipal authorities have issued **building permits** for the construction of 1 194 residential buildings with 2 945 dwellings and 414 419 sq. m gross building area, of 56 administrative buildings/offices with 60 460 sq. m gross building area and of 1 563 other buildings with 639 300 sq. m gross building area. As compared to the previous quarter the building permits for residential buildings and their gross building area decreased by 10.6 and 5.5% respectively, but the dwellings rose by 16.0%. The administrative buildings fell by 8.2%, while their gross building area increased by 147.5%. In the other buildings an increase by 9.1% was registered, but the gross building area in them fell by 7.1%.

As compared to the fourth quarter of 2010 the issued building permits for new residential buildings rose by 3.6%, the dwellings - by 8.9% and their gross building area - by 9.7% (Figure 1). The number of administrative buildings marked an increase by 7.7%, the other buildings - by 41.1% and their gross building area rose by 95.4 and 5.0% respectively (Figure 2).

The highest number of building permits for new residential buildings has been issued in the following districts: Burgas - 186, Sofia (capital) - 137, Sofia - 111, Varna - 110 and Plovdiv - 97. Most dwellings are to be launched in the districts: Burgas - 830, Varna - 434, Plovdiv - 352, Sofia (capital) - 240 and Blagoevgrad - 199 (Table 1).

In the fourth quarter of 2011 **began the construction** of 640 residential buildings with 1 740 dwellings and 228 438 sq. m gross building area, of 28 administrative buildings/offices with 12 439 sq. m gross building area and of 670 other buildings with 451 382 sq. m gross building area. As compared to the previous quarter the number of started residential buildings decreased by 11.2%, while their dwellings and the gross building area rose by 3.0 and 0.6% respectively. The started administrative buildings registered a decrease by 9.7% and their gross building area - by 47.3%. The number of other buildings showed an increase by 18.6% and their gross building area - by 35.7%.

As compared to the fourth quarter of 2010 the started new residential buildings rose by 4.7%, while their dwellings and the gross building area fell by 23.9 and 13.9% respectively. In the number of started administrative buildings an increase by 16.7% was registered, in the other buildings - by 41.9%, while the gross building area of administrative buildings fell by 12.2%, but in the other buildings the gross building area increased by 106.0%.

The highest number of the construction of new buildings were started in the following districts: Burgas - 121 residential buildings and 64 other buildings; Plovdiv - 70 residential buildings and 53 other buildings; Varna - 54 residential buildings and 46 other buildings; Sofia - 52 residential buildings and 40 other buildings; Sofia (capital) - 36 residential buildings and 40 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

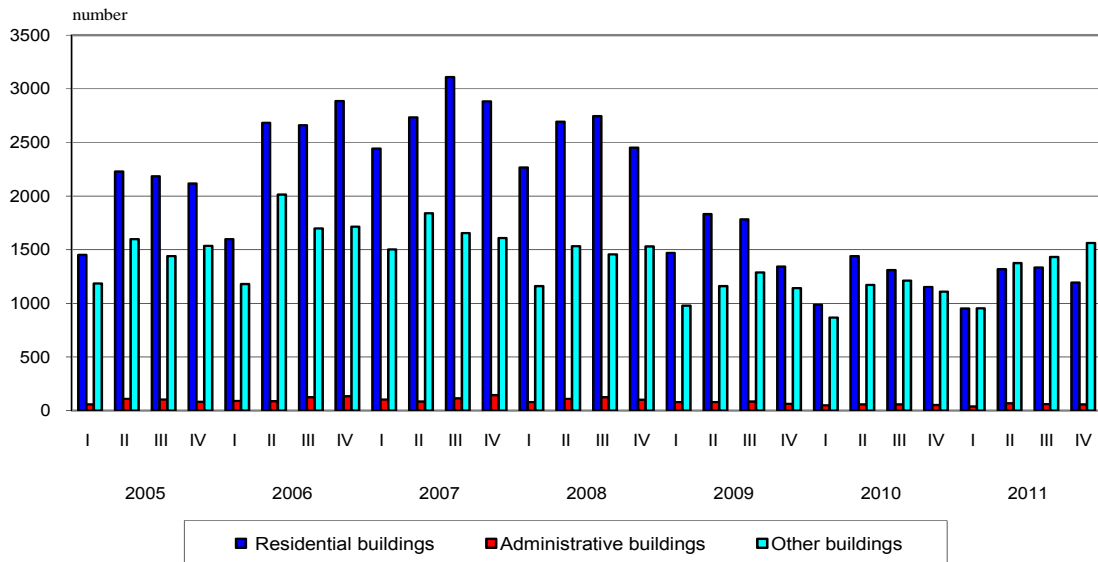
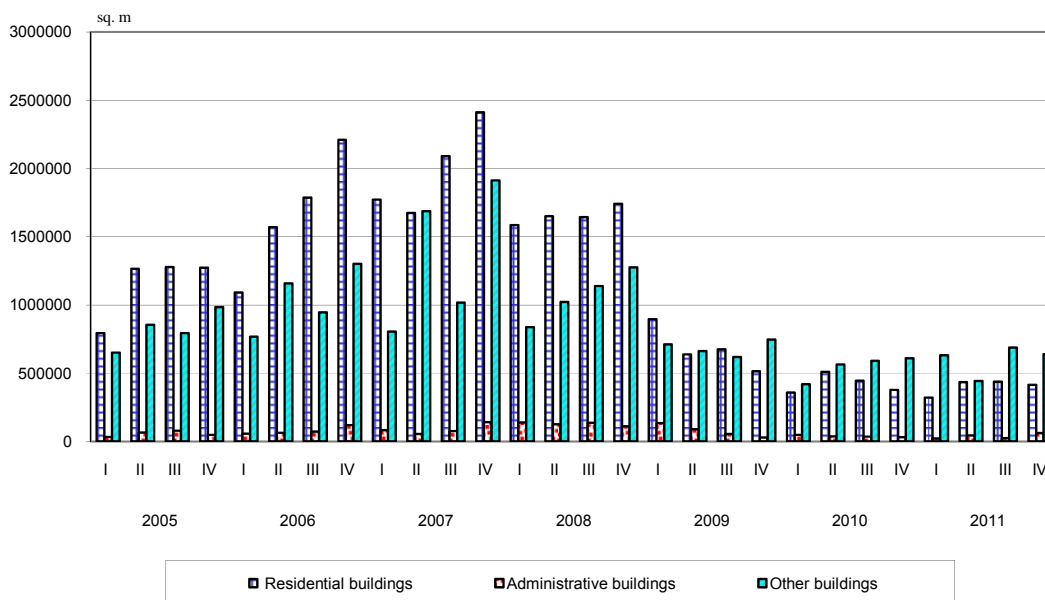


Figure 2. Building permits issued for construction - gross building area by type of buildings and by quarter





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Table 1

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

Districts	Residential buildings			Administrative buildings		Other buildings	
	Number	Number of dwellings	Gross building area-sq.m.	Number	Gross building area-sq.m.	Number	Gross building area-sq.m.
Total	1194	2945	414419	56	60460	1563	639300
Blagoevgrad	61	199	22256	6	3274	99	29851
Burgas	186	830	101096	..	..	87	68444
Varna	110	434	55590	..	..	105	37487
Veliko Tarnovo	31	38	8081	-	-	88	31531
Vidin	..	..	..	..	..	10	3005
Vratsa	17	32	6475	3	452	60	22346
Gabrovo	21	23	4467	..	..	29	4268
Dobrich	53	90	12650	..	..	43	53191
Kardzhali	14	45	7570	-	-	13	3681
Kyustendil	19	22	2711	..	..	39	4512
Lovech	31	47	7975	..	..	49	11679
Montana	5	12	1608	-	-	28	9565
Pazardzhik	47	87	10480	6	2579	76	24511
Pernik	40	53	10831	-	-	43	5976
Pleven	14	14	1861	..	..	30	12441
Plovdiv	97	352	39073	3	7814	151	80129
Razgrad	15	17	3693	..	..	29	3989
Ruse	15	17	3479	-	-	38	12338
Silistra	13	24	3477	..	..	26	5102
Sliven	17	20	3692	-	-	25	4299
Smolyan	11	22	3297	5	946	41	8192
Sofia	111	122	21831	-	-	91	31497
Sofia cap.	137	240	52500	11	16702	81	27057
Stara Zagora	54	83	10692	7	1575	121	88858
Targovishte	12	22	2368	-	-	19	3721
Haskovo	39	50	10445	65	32287
Shumen	19	45	5584	-	-	56	11498
Yambol	21	7845

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Table 2

Building construction started in the fourth quarter of 2011¹

Districts	Residential buildings			Administrative buildings		Other buildings	
	Number	Number of dwellings	Gross building area-sq.m.	Number	Gross building area-sq.m.	Number	Gross building area-sq.m.
Total	640	1740	228438	28	12439	670	451382
Blagoevgrad	32	78	9753	6	3274	37	18689
Burgas	121	423	52236	..	..	64	52593
Varna	54	394	40025	..	..	46	143707
Veliko Tarnovo	14	16	3639	-	-	41	14505
Vidin	..	..	..	-	-	3	1575
Vratsa	9	26	4234	..	..	44	12796
Gabrovo	3	3	577	-	-	8	6322
Dobrich	18	48	5021	..	..	18	3723
Kardzhali	12	21	5508	-	-	..	..
Kyustendil	17	21	2747	-	-	19	1273
Lovech	10	10	1509	..	..	10	1823
Montana	3	9	828	..	..	9	2861
Pazardzhik	22	48	5715	5	1400	37	8851
Pernik	24	28	7207	-	-	16	1752
Pleven	7	7	1254	..	..	16	7836
Plovdiv	70	201	22768	..	..	53	19684
Razgrad	9	11	1749	-	-	16	3375
Ruse	10	10	1671	-	-	22	13765
Silistra	7	17	2482	-	-	15	2424
Sliven	15	31	4055	-	-	13	3121
Smolyan	7	12	1586	-	-	17	18064
Sofia	52	53	9463	-	-	40	19978
Sofia cap.	36	91	15397	..	..	40	60512
Stara Zagora	36	115	16527	4	1400	22	4371
Targovishte	3	7	892	-	-
Haskovo	35	45	9345	31	14819
Shumen	9	10	1690	-	-	19	2367
Yambol	8	9009

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