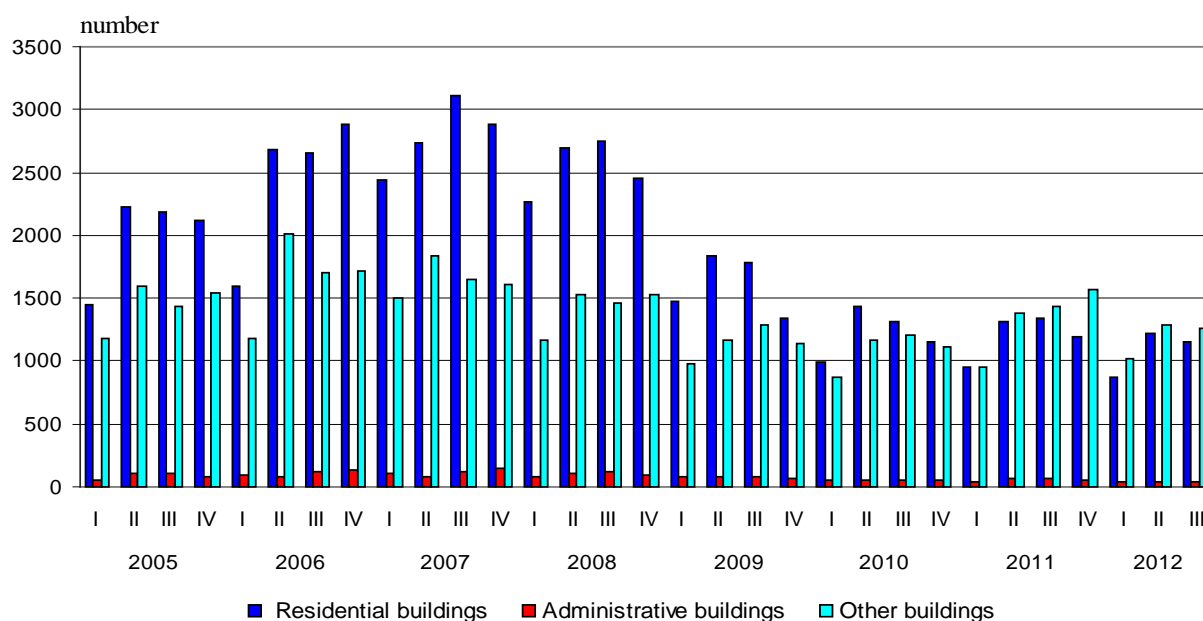




BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDINGS STARTED IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2012

In the third quarter of 2012, the municipal authorities have issued **building permits** for construction of 1 159 residential buildings with 2 715 dwellings and 356 971 sq. m gross building area, of 46 administrative buildings/offices with 27 010 sq. m gross building area and 1 257 other buildings with 595 565 sq. m gross building area. As compared to the previous quarter the building permits for residential buildings fell by 4.9%, their dwellings - by 2.9% and the gross building area - by 11.9%. The number of administrative buildings increased by 12.2% and their gross building area - by 18.3%. Other buildings marked a decrease by 2.4%, while their gross building area rose by 14.5%.

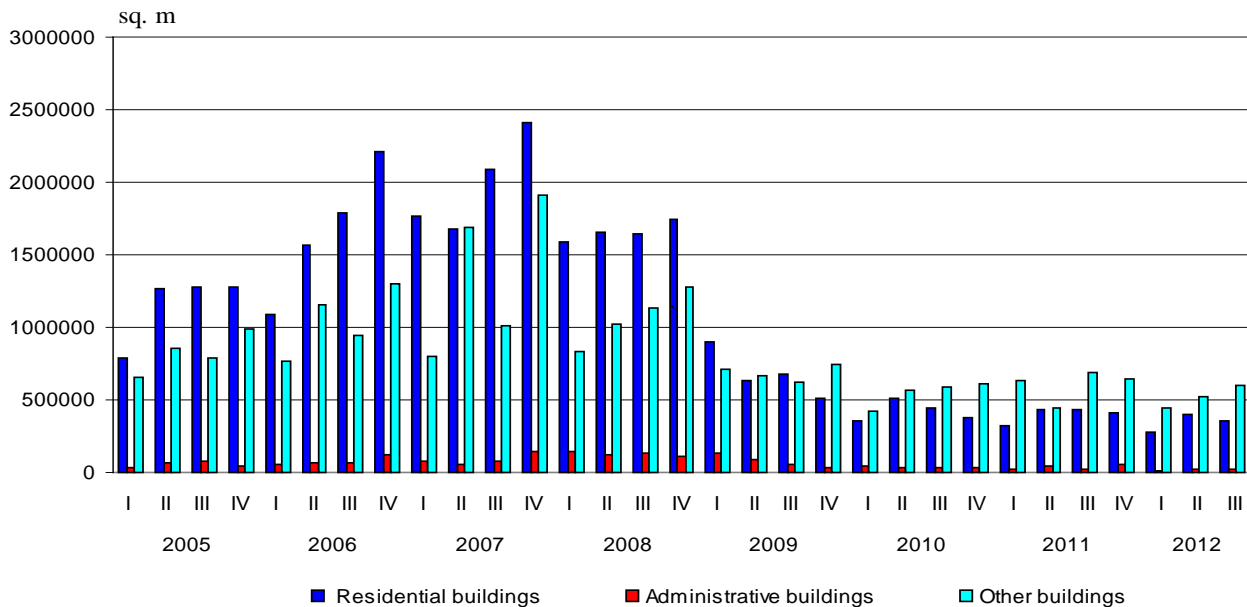
Figure 1. Building permits issued for construction of new buildings by type and by quarter



As compared to the third quarter of 2011 the issued building permits for new residential buildings decreased by 13.2%, but their dwellings rose by 7.0%. The administrative buildings fell by 24.6 % and the other buildings - by 12.3% (Figure 1). The decrease in the gross building area was registered in the residential buildings by 18.6%, and in the other buildings - by 13.4%, while in the administrative buildings the gross building area rose by 10.6% (Figure 2).



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



The highest number of building permits for new residential buildings has been issued in the following districts: Burgas - 198, Plovdiv - 125, Sofia (capital) - 110 and Sofia - 104. Most dwellings are to be built in the districts: Burgas - 830, Plovdiv - 298, Varna - 289, Sofia (capital) - 230 and Blagoevgrad - 145 (Table 1).

In the third quarter of 2012 **began the construction** of 660 residential buildings with 1 378 dwellings and 200 062 sq. m gross building area, of 26 administrative buildings/offices with 17 329 sq. m gross building area and 588 other buildings with 261 203 sq. m gross building area. As compared to the previous quarter the number of started residential buildings decreased by 3.4%, their dwellings - by 31.2% and the gross building area - by 17.7%. The started administrative buildings marked a rising by 30.0% and their gross building area more than twice. The number of other buildings increased by 1.6%, while their gross building area fell by 3.2%.

As compared to the third quarter of 2011 the number of started new residential buildings decreased by 8.5% and their dwellings - by 18.4%. The administrative buildings fell by 16.1%, while the other buildings increased by 4.1%. A decrease in the gross building area was registered in the residential buildings by 11.9%, in the administrative buildings - by 26.6%, and in the other buildings - by 21.5 %.

The highest number of the construction of new buildings were started in the following districts: Sofia - 79 residential buildings and 50 other buildings; Plovdiv - 66 residential buildings and 48 other buildings; Sofia (capital) - 84 residential buildings and 20 other buildings; Varna - 66 residential building, 3 administrative buildings and 31 other buildings (Table 2).



Methodological notes

The quarterly statistical survey of permits issued for construction collects information about building permits, issued by municipal authorities as well as for the started construction of new buildings according to their type and gross building area. 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.



Annex

Table 1

Building permits issued for construction of new buildings in the third quarter of 2012¹

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	1159	2715	356971	46	27010	1257	595565
Blagoevgrad	56	145	22222	..	..	58	19888
Burgas	198	830	80246	..	..	56	23702
Varna	81	289	48482	5	5754	72	42375
Veliko Tarnovo	28	80	9070	4	3337	55	19705
Vidin	7	5	1735	..	..	5	797
Vratsa	10	21	2530	..	..	17	37736
Gabrovo	14	27	3736	..	..	17	7397
Dobrich	24	61	5248	7	2514	61	43791
Kardzhali	21	66	8090	-	-	9	1596
Kyustendil	13	23	2762	..	..	27	5732
Lovech	22	21	3195	..	..	32	9778
Montana	8	12	1333	..	..	9	7322
Pazardzhik	52	68	8212	-	-	79	16635
Pernik	43	43	11245	-	-	57	10698
Pleven	23	35	6764	..	..	33	26046
Plovdiv	125	298	41230	6	9882	151	169943
Razgrad	9	9	1567	-	-	28	4203
Ruse	29	30	7159	..	..	34	12779
Silistra	15	16	2354	..	..	25	7412
Sliven	19	22	3374	..	..	38	11364
Smolyan	16	21	2884	..	..	25	10264
Sofia	104	109	19070	..	..	106	30857
Sofia cap.	110	230	35390	..	..	47	10001
Stara Zagora	57	138	14425	..	..	93	22941
Targovishte	9	45	4234	..	..	12	2488
Haskovo	45	50	7042	..	..	36	16417
Shumen	13	13	1553	-	-	40	13745
Yambol	8	8	1819	..	..	35	9953

¹ ".." - confidential data.



Table 2

Building construction started in the third quarter of 2012¹

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	660	1378	200062	26	17329	588	261203
Blagoevgrad	31	89	14820	..	..	20	26177
Burgas	50	192	18986	..	..	17	1130
Varna	66	288	42319	3	3263	31	20323
Veliko Tarnovo	15	66	7182	4	3337	41	10623
Vidin	..	..	..	-	-	..	..
Vratsa	7	8	1136	-	-	5	792
Gabrovo	11	21	3006	-	-	7	4518
Dobrich	23	47	4092	3	877	46	33943
Kardzhali	7	18	2880	-	-	..	..
Kyustendil	4	5	853	-	-	..	..
Lovech	18	18	2796	-	-	17	6280
Montana	..	..	..	-	-	5	2168
Pazardzhik	30	45	5513	-	-	45	6717
Pernik	6	6	850	-	-	12	6392
Pleven	11	12	3476	..	..	15	6212
Plovdiv	66	117	17739	..	..	48	36113
Razgrad	12	13	1937	-	-	18	6094
Ruse	17	36	4463	3	816	21	8142
Silistra	5	5	814	-	-	25	12427
Sliven	11	14	2665	-	-	27	14434
Smolyan	11	12	1680	-	-	4	1563
Sofia	79	80	16676	..	..	50	14007
Sofia cap.	84	102	23473	..	..	20	6189
Stara Zagora	38	93	10471	..	..	40	14334
Targovishte	4	39	3391	8	2731
Haskovo	33	35	4168	-	-	40	13464
Shumen	5	5	521	5	396
Yambol	11	9	1989	17	5104

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