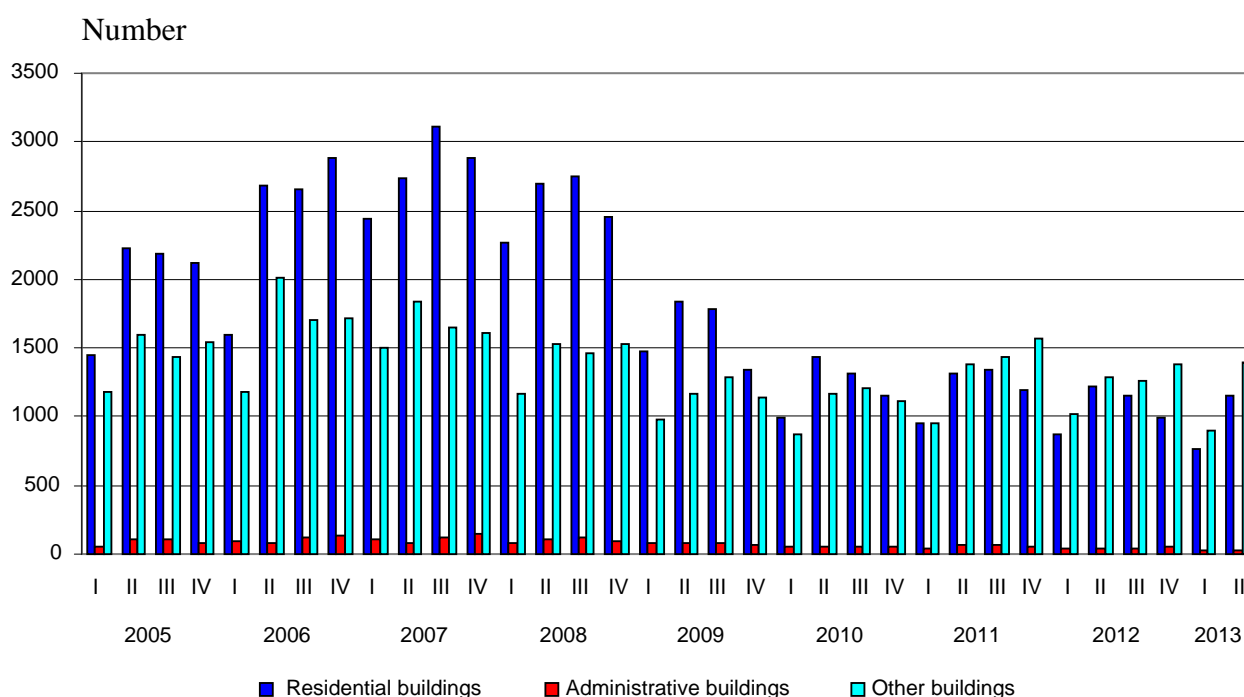




## BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDINGS STARTED IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2013

In the second quarter of 2013, the municipal authorities issued **building permits** for construction of 1 151 residential buildings with 2 985 dwellings and 395 038 sq. m gross building area, of 32 administrative buildings/offices with 23 736 sq. m gross building area and 1 389 other buildings with 602 214 sq. m gross building area. As compared to the previous quarter the building permits for residential buildings increased by 50.7%, their dwellings - by 59.0% and the gross building area - by 43.2%. Issued building permits of other buildings increased by 53.8% and their gross building area - by 31.6%. The number issued building permits of administrative buildings was the same as previous quarter and their gross building area rose by 39.4%.

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

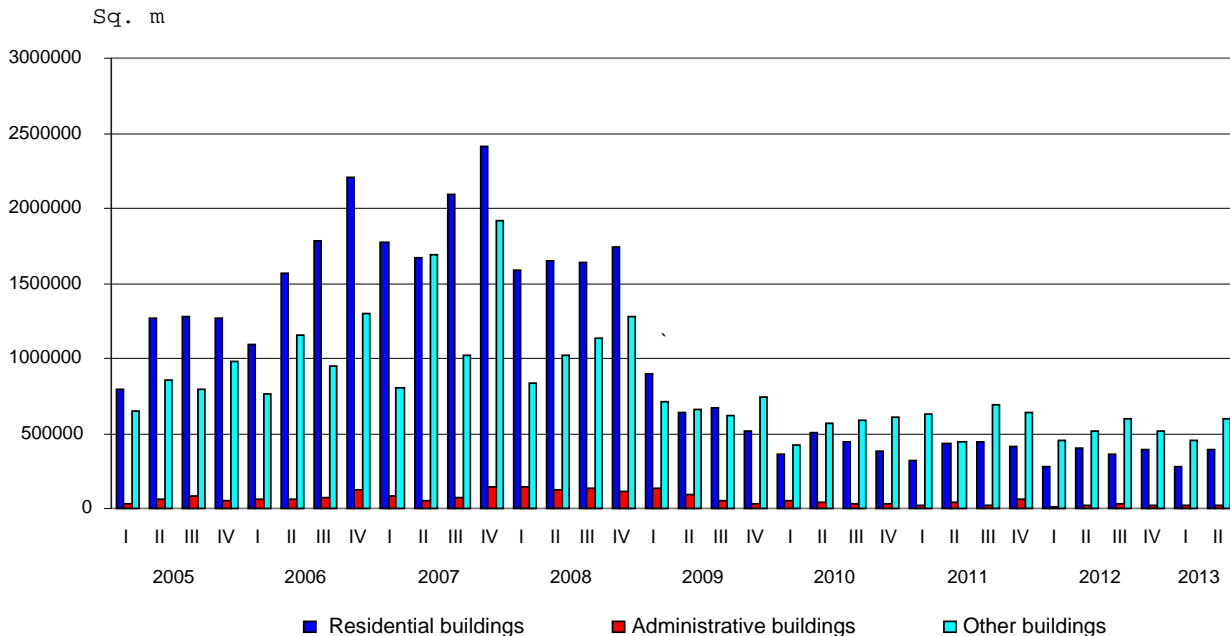


As compared to the second quarter of 2012 the issued building permits for new residential buildings fell by 5.6% and their gross building area - by 2.5%, but their dwellings increased by 6.8%. The issued building permits of administrative buildings dropped by 22.0%, while the other buildings rose by 7.8% (Figure 1). The gross building area of the administrative buildings and other buildings increased by 3.9 and 15.7% respectively (Figure 2).



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**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 was issued in the following districts: Burgas - 126, Plovdiv - 115, Sofia - 110, Sofia (capital) - 93, Varna - 91. Most dwellings are to be built in the districts: Sofia (stolitsa) - 672, Burgas - 491, Varna - 341, Blagoevgrad - 207 and Plovdiv - 187 (Annex, Table 1).

In the second quarter of 2013 **began the construction** of 665 residential buildings with 1 729 dwellings and 231 620 sq. m gross building area, of 24 administrative buildings/offices with 24 673 sq. m gross building area and 517 other buildings with 273 426 sq. m gross building area. As compared to the previous quarter the number of started residential buildings increased by 66.7%, their dwellings - by 14.3% and the gross building area - by 24.6%. Started administrative buildings registered an increase by 9.1% and their gross building area - by 190.7%. The number of started other buildings rose by 45.6% and their gross building area - by 56.5%.

As compared to the second quarter of 2012 the started new residential buildings fell by 2.6%, their dwellings - by 13.6% and the gross building area - by 4.7%. The number of started administrative buildings increased by 20.0%, while their gross building area rose by more than three times. Started other buildings fell by 10.7%, but the gross building area increased by 1.3%.

The highest number of the construction of new buildings were started in the following districts: Burgas - 81 residential buildings, 8 administrative buildings and 43 other buildings; Plovdiv - 68 residential buildings and 40 other buildings; Varna - 63 residential buildings, 3 administrative buildings and 38 other buildings; Sofia - 68 residential buildings and 22 other buildings; Sofia (stolitsa) - 45 residential buildings, 3 administrative buildings and 18 other buildings (Annex, 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 second quarter of 2013<sup>1</sup>

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.
<b>Total</b>	<b>1151</b>	<b>2985</b>	<b>395038</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>23736</b>	<b>1389</b>	<b>602214</b>
Blagoevgrad	76	207	23150	3	471	78	23722
Burgas	126	491	52483	7	4422	74	36052
Varna	91	341	46000	-	-	74	34502
Veliko Tarnovo	29	98	10538	..	..	62	21771
Vidin	4	4	756	-	-	6	2981
Vratsa	20	40	6533	..	..	29	9241
Gabrovo	18	18	3206	-	-	25	10748
Dobrich	49	83	10235	..	..	57	54979
Kardzhali	22	80	10206	..	..	20	6896
Kyustendil	11	12	1448	-	-	23	6415
Lovech	25	26	6029	-	-	20	5345
Montana	7	8	1468	..	..	22	16914
Pazardzhik	72	128	17413	..	..	78	15885
Pernik	59	87	10911	..	..	35	3181
Pleven	16	16	2663	-	-	44	21426
Plovdiv	115	187	36667	..	..	152	73148
Razgrad	13	15	2461	-	-	27	6111
Ruse	17	17	4157	-	-	42	16511
Silistra	14	13	3228	..	..	25	9410
Sliven	22	30	4444	..	..	47	12359
Smolyan	13	22	3803	..	..	35	9416
Sofia	110	169	26995	3	919	116	72158
Sofia (stolitsa)	93	672	75172	4	14218	31	14465
Stara Zagora	49	82	14039	..	..	75	41766
Targovishte	21	33	5005	-	-	20	5103
Haskovo	33	71	11067	-	-	62	31741
Shumen	15	15	2307	-	-	57	24686
Yambol	11	20	2654	-	-	53	15282

<sup>1</sup> ".." - confidential data.



**Table 2**

**Building construction started in the second quarter of 2013<sup>1</sup>**

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.
<b>Total</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>1729</b>	<b>231620</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24673</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>273426</b>
Blagoevgrad	32	102	11160	3	471	37	9674
Burgas	81	287	30938	8	6108	43	26994
Varna	63	347	48746	3	570	38	34860
Veliko Tarnovo	24	101	10239	..	..	26	11281
Vidin	-	-	-	-	-	..	..
Vratsa	8	8	1403	-	-	7	33483
Gabrovo	6	6	1376	-	-	4	1636
Dobrich	25	54	6232	-	-	26	24094
Kardzhali	19	45	6686	-	-	4	102
Kyustendil	9	8	1517	-	-	..	..
Lovech	16	16	2622	..	..	20	2251
Montana	..	..	..	..	..	8	1701
Pazardzhik	20	48	6084	-	-	32	12271
Pernik	20	38	4720	-	-	6	295
Pleven	11	9	3089	-	-	18	10561
Plovdiv	68	157	20616	-	-	40	28220
Razgrad	13	12	3777	-	-	20	4255
Ruse	9	9	1453	-	-	14	6732
Silistra	15	14	3701	..	..	18	6586
Sliven	26	29	6552	-	-	14	4206
Smolyan	8	9	1853	..	..	14	4482
Sofia	68	76	11526	..	..	22	7248
Sofia (stolitsa)	45	180	22098	3	14702	18	10268
Stara Zagora	30	87	10064	-	-	27	15050
Targovishte	8	18	3495	-	-	7	552
Haskovo	25	53	9091	-	-	22	9814
Shumen	13	13	2047	-	-	18	4760
Yambol	..	..	..	-	-	9	1226

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