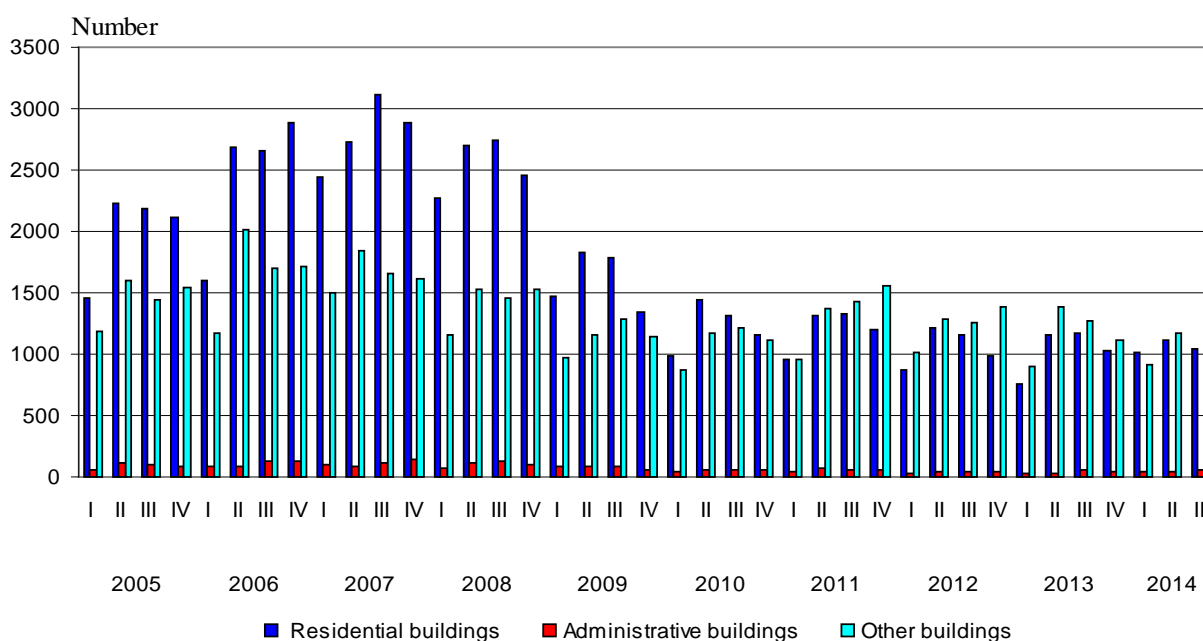




BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDINGS STARTED IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2014

In the third quarter of 2014, the municipal authorities issued **building permits** for construction of 1 039 residential buildings with 3 440 dwellings and 443 659 sq. m gross building area, of 52 administrative buildings/offices with 59 793 sq. m gross building area and 1 092 other buildings with 479 108 sq. m gross building area. As compared to the previous quarter the building permits for residential buildings decreased by 7.3%, their dwellings - by 0.6% and the gross building area - by 3.8 %. The issued building permits of administrative buildings increased by 10.6% and their gross building area - by 74.0%. The number of issued building permits of other buildings fell by 6.8%, while their gross building area rose by 21.2%.

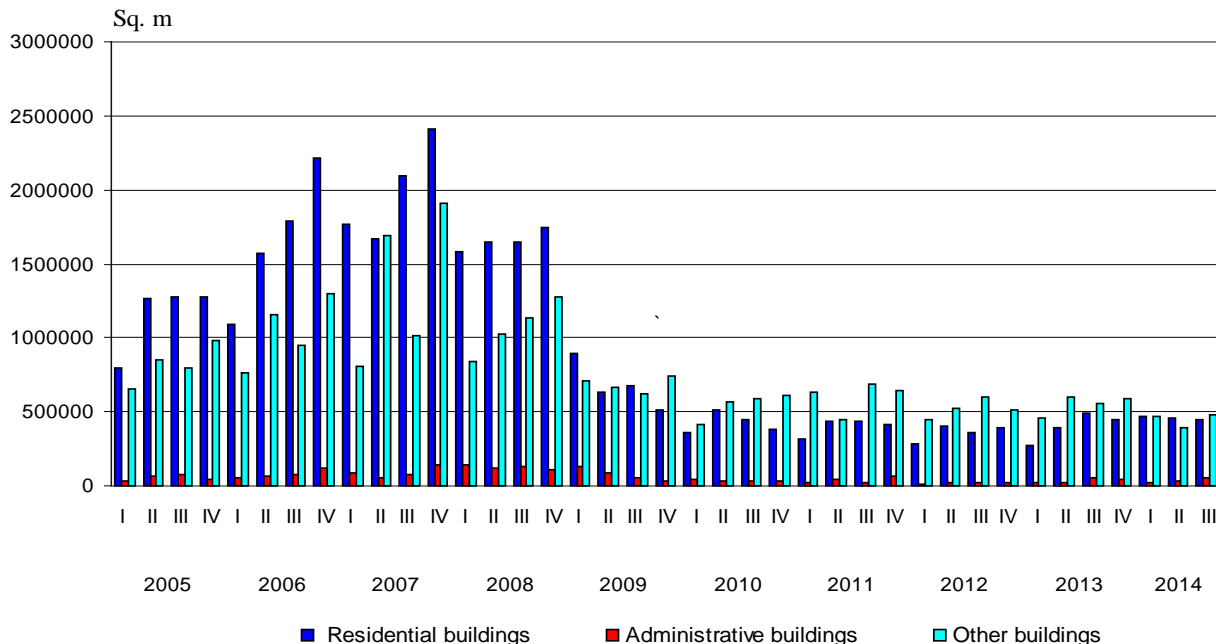
Figure 1. Building permits issued for construction of new buildings by type and quarter



As compared to the third quarter of 2013 the issued building permits for new residential buildings decreased by 11.4%, their dwellings - by 8.5% and the gross building area - by 9.3%. The issued building permits of administrative buildings fell by 7.1%, but their gross building area increased by 7.7% (Figure 1). The number of other buildings decreased by 13.8% and their gross building area - by 13.7% (Figure 2).



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



The highest number of building permits for new residential buildings was issued in the following districts: Sofia (stolitsa) - 133, Burgas - 130, Varna - 120, Plovdiv - 81, and Sofia - 66. Most dwellings are to be built in the districts: Sofia (stolitsa) - 986, Burgas - 674, Varna - 482, Plovdiv - 388, and Kardzhali - 146 (Annex, Table 1).

In the third quarter of 2014 **began the construction** of 600 residential buildings with 1 715 dwellings and 219 906 sq. m gross building area, of 22 administrative buildings/offices with 21 475 sq. m gross building area and 557 other buildings with 329 249 sq. m gross building area. As compared to the previous quarter the number of started residential buildings decreased by 26.1%, the number of their dwellings - by 23.2% and the gross building area - by 31.0%. Started administrative buildings fell by 8.3%, but their gross building area increased by 25.2%. The number of started other buildings decreased by 3.0%, while their gross building area rose by 48.0%.

As compared to the third quarter of 2013 the started new residential buildings decreased by 12.7%, their dwellings - by 9.5% and the gross building area - by 25.2%. In the number of started administrative buildings also observed a drop by 47.6%, but their gross building area rose by 30.2%. The started other buildings marked an increase by 4.9% and their gross building area - by 7.4%.

The highest number of the construction of new buildings were started in the following districts: Plovdiv - 84 residential buildings, 7 administrative buildings and 43 other buildings; Stara Zagora - 54 residential buildings and 43 other buildings; Sofia - 51 residential buildings and 42 other buildings; Varna - 64 residential buildings and 26 other buildings; Sofia (stolitsa) - 47 residential buildings, 3 administrative buildings and 22 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 centres, 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 2014¹

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	1039	3440	443659	52	59793	1092	479108
Blagoevgrad	47	82	12184	3	753	72	15252
Burgas	130	674	66133	8	3206	76	53295
Varna	120	482	71040	..	..	49	18420
Veliko Tarnovo	44	70	10426	4	1388	55	19817
Vidin	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Vratsa	7	7	950	..	..	32	9313
Gabrovo	18	21	4237	-	-	19	6909
Dobrich	27	45	7307	-	-	32	24620
Kardzhali	33	146	19329	-	-	..	..
Kyustendil	13	16	2133	-	-	31	8924
Lovech	18	18	3631	-	-	20	5004
Montana	..	..	..	..	..	14	7931
Pazardzhik	37	46	7205	-	-	72	16752
Pernik	35	38	7256	-	-	23	1927
Pleven	16	35	5568	-	-	42	18128
Plovdiv	81	388	47195	6	8564	77	42018
Razgrad	9	10	1237	3	1609	26	5218
Ruse	18	45	6563	3	1982	51	18142
Silistra	14	14	2072	..	..	19	5851
Sliven	18	34	5093	-	-	35	10593
Smolyan	12	20	2241	..	..	25	6711
Sofia	66	76	10383	-	-	61	44684
Sofia (stolitsa)	133	986	123681	8	34237	46	58709
Stara Zagora	64	82	10609	3	455	83	32276
Targovishte	8	10	1384	-	-	19	7000
Haskovo	28	37	5982	-	-	37	23590
Shumen	20	21	2659	3	2898	41	8923
Yambol	19	32	6556	..	..	23	6452

¹ ".." - confidential data.


Table 2
Building construction started in the third quarter of 2014¹

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	600	1715	219906	22	21475	557	329249
Blagoevgrad	42	78	12284	-	-	30	8217
Burgas	32	194	15764	..	..	17	21629
Varna	64	415	48102	..	..	26	29085
Veliko Tarnovo	26	52	7055	4	1388	38	15790
Vidin	..	..	..	-	-	..	..
Vratsa	..	..	..	..	..	9	1687
Gabrovo	-	-	-	-	-	..	..
Dobrich	14	18	2775	-	-	10	4554
Kardzhali	14	63	9721	-	-	3	889
Kyustendil	5	16	1956	-	-	..	..
Lovech	12	12	2088	..	..	25	6062
Montana	3	4	1088	-	-	10	3846
Pazardzhik	28	59	7655	-	-	30	11249
Pernik	22	24	5995	-	-	5	2000
Pleven	7	9	1988	-	-	12	2616
Plovdiv	84	250	31305	7	7367	43	31275
Razgrad	10	11	1303	..	..	17	4907
Ruse	8	26	3360	..	..	24	9075
Silistra	5	5	663	-	-	15	3559
Sliven	23	53	5978	-	-	26	24939
Smolyan	4	5	715	-	-	17	4910
Sofia	51	53	8440	-	-	42	48104
Sofia (stolitsa)	47	240	28754	3	8294	22	32471
Stara Zagora	54	61	10402	..	..	43	22488
Targovishte	6	9	918	-	-	12	2663
Haskovo	18	21	4127	-	-	27	22249
Shumen	8	8	1455	-	-	16	3013
Yambol	11	27	5721	34	10759

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