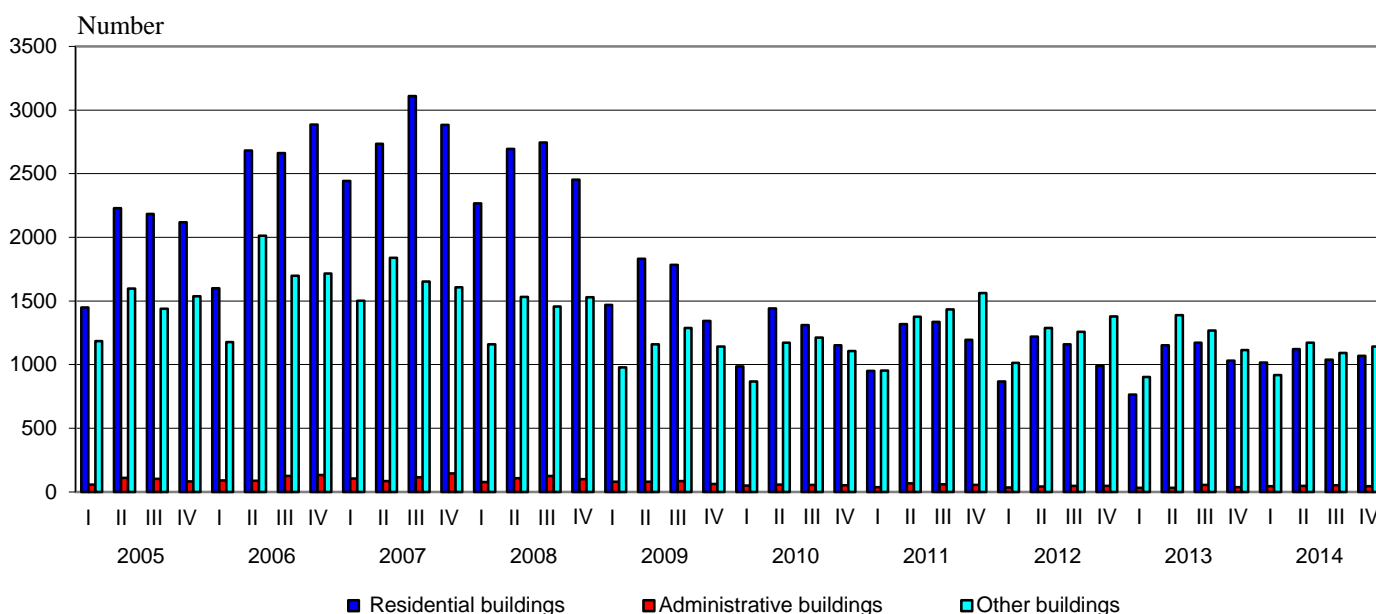




## BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDINGS STARTED IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 2014

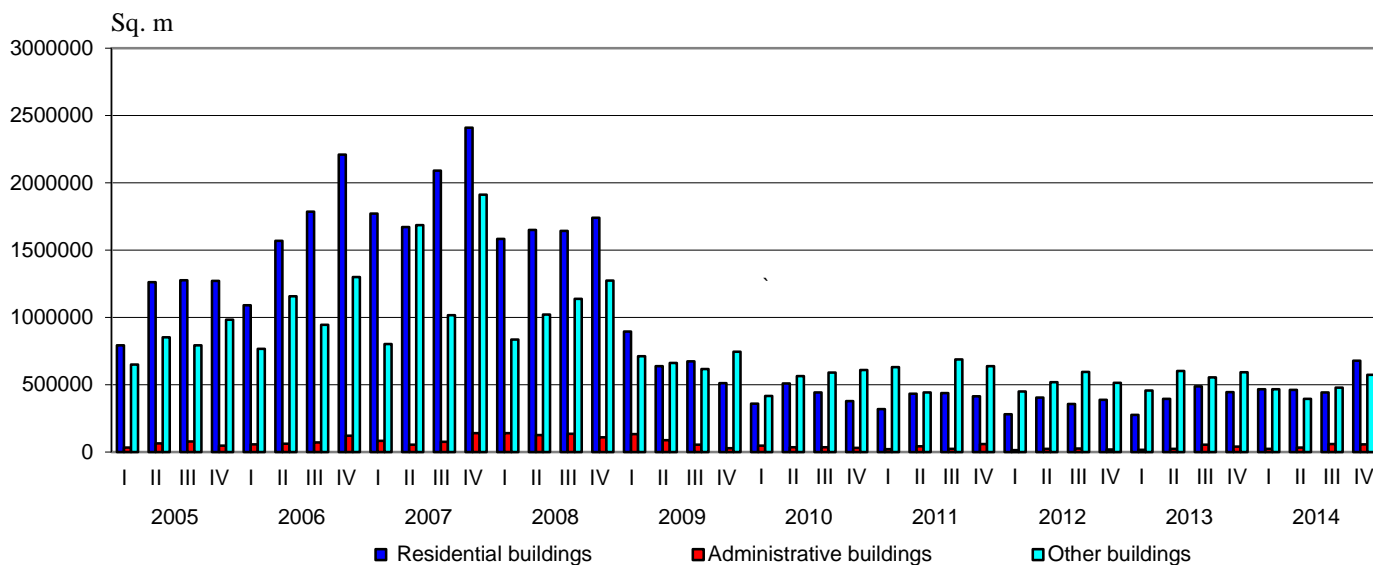
In the fourth quarter of 2014, the municipal authorities issued **building permits** for construction of 1 070 residential buildings with 5 554 dwellings and 678 603 sq. m gross building area, of 44 administrative buildings/offices with 57 120 sq. m gross building area and 1 142 other buildings with 572 995 sq. m gross building area. As compared to the previous quarter the building permits for residential buildings increased by 3.0%, their dwellings - by 61.5% and the gross building area - by 53.0 %. The issued building permits of administrative buildings fell by 15.4% and their gross building area - by 4.5%. The number of issued building permits of other buildings increased by 4.6% and their gross building area - by 19.6%.

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



As compared to the fourth quarter of 2013 the issued building permits for new residential buildings increased by 3.7%, their dwellings - by 51.9% and the gross building area - by 52.6%. The number of issued building permits of administrative buildings rose by 22.2% and their gross building area - by 38.9% (Figure 1). Issued building permits of other buildings increased by 2.4%, but their gross building area fell by 3.3% (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: Burgas - 145, Varna - 121, Plovdiv - 120, Sofia (stolitsa) - 104 and Blagoevgrad - 83. Most dwellings are to be built in the districts: Burgas - 1 373, Varna - 950, Plovdiv - 919, Sofia (stolitsa) - 712, and Stara Zagora - 373 (Annex, Table 1).

In the fourth quarter of 2014 **began the construction** of 544 residential buildings with 2 790 dwellings and 314 927 sq. m gross building area, of 18 administrative buildings/offices with 10 009 sq. m gross building area and 523 other buildings with 266 398 sq. m gross building area. As compared to the previous quarter the number of started residential buildings decreased by 9.3% while the number of their dwellings rose by 62.7% and the gross building area - by 43.2%. Started administrative buildings fell by 18.2% and their gross building area - by 53.4%. The number of started other buildings marked a drop by 6.1% and their gross building area - by 19.1%.

As compared to the fourth quarter of 2013 the started new residential buildings decreased by 8.0% while their dwellings rose by 10.2% and the gross building area increased by 9.9%. In the number of started administrative buildings observed a drop by 25.0% and in their gross building area - by 54.6%. The started other buildings also marked a decrease by 13.1% and their gross building area - by 42.0%.

The construction of the highest number of new buildings were started in the following districts: Burgas - 90 residential buildings and 32 other buildings; Plovdiv - 53 residential buildings, 3 administrative buildings and 57 other buildings; Varna - 58 residential buildings and 28 other buildings; Stara Zagora - 39 residential buildings and 40 other buildings; Sofia (stolitsa) - 54 residential buildings, 4 administrative buildings and 14 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 fourth quarter of 2014<sup>1</sup>

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>1070</b>	<b>5554</b>	<b>678603</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>57120</b>	<b>1142</b>	<b>572995</b>
Blagoevgrad	83	213	26648	..	..	63	15839
Burgas	145	1373	127086	9	3507	83	73563
Varna	121	950	164434	3	7912	63	42694
Veliko Tarnovo	33	179	20783	-	-	52	33714
Vidin	..	..	..	-	-	3	4591
Vratsa	6	6	918	..	..	35	6961
Gabrovo	9	9	1378	..	..	25	27616
Dobrich	43	67	9247	-	-	39	32432
Kardzhali	26	92	12956	-	-	11	5530
Kyustendil	14	15	2110	-	-	30	4500
Lovech	10	10	1879	-	-	23	7189
Montana	..	..	..	..	..	18	5259
Pazardzhik	47	98	13981	..	..	64	13899
Pernik	48	53	9103	-	-	29	4287
Pleven	7	10	1658	-	-	34	19152
Plovdiv	120	919	103317	5	11759	148	108743
Razgrad	7	10	1461	-	-	23	3679
Ruse	11	21	4573	-	-	30	7733
Silistra	8	8	1431	-	-	34	12353
Sliven	18	22	4893	-	-	22	8109
Smolyan	5	5	927	..	..	27	3764
Sofia	77	242	22083	3	1079	45	14875
Sofia (stolitsa)	104	712	84378	8	25699	62	42407
Stara Zagora	65	373	42363	3	1118	73	44750
Targovishte	9	56	4379	..	..	11	4797
Haskovo	26	37	5898	..	..	46	6793
Shumen	13	32	4241	..	..	32	5526
Yambol	10	35	5316	..	..	17	12240

<sup>1</sup> ‘..’ - confidential data.



Table 2

Building construction started in the fourth quarter of 2014<sup>1</sup>

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>2790</b>	<b>314927</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>10009</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>266398</b>
Blagoevgrad	38	99	13323	..	..	27	4246
Burgas	90	1193	111231	..	..	32	42265
Varna	58	268	32291	-	-	28	24955
Veliko Tarnovo	17	17	3792	-	-	30	26733
Vidin	-	-	-	-	-	6	462
Vratsa	-	-	-	-	-	12	1869
Gabrovo	4	4	597	-	-	..	..
Dobrich	21	65	7817	-	-	25	11200
Kardzhali	22	89	11475	-	-	..	..
Kyustendil	..	..	..	-	-	..	..
Lovech	13	13	1904	-	-	17	1151
Montana	..	..	..	-	-	11	4204
Pazardzhik	25	61	9128	..	..	35	5147
Pernik	19	23	7600	-	-	8	701
Pleven	..	..	..	-	-	16	5190
Plovdiv	53	113	16158	3	4893	57	50469
Razgrad	..	..	..	..	..	14	3526
Ruse	9	18	2828	-	-	13	5626
Silistra	4	4	743	-	-	20	3924
Sliven	4	21	2090	-	-	23	6857
Smolyan	..	..	..	..	..	11	2341
Sofia	36	38	6841	-	-	26	14093
Sofia (stolitsa)	54	495	56879	4	1512	14	4158
Stara Zagora	39	179	19302	-	-	40	13179
Targovishte	4	35	2690	..	..	5	511
Haskovo	10	15	2778	..	..	18	3843
Shumen	7	7	1224	..	..	10	6567
Yambol	8	22	2409	..	..	20	11718

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