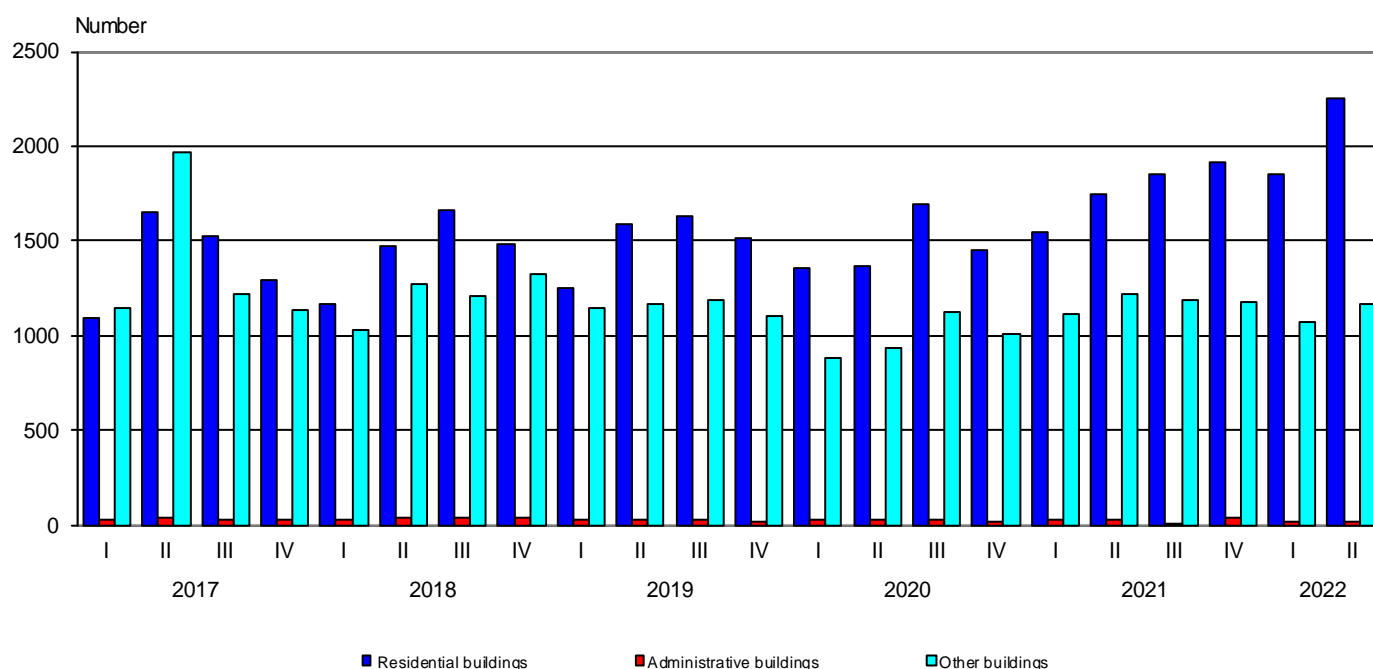


## BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDINGS STARTED IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2022

In the second quarter of 2022, the municipal authorities issued **building permits** for the construction of 2 249 residential buildings with 13 810 dwellings and 1 692 823 sq. m gross building area, 20 administrative buildings/offices with 23 464 sq. m gross building area and 1 164 other buildings with 697 715 sq. m gross building area.

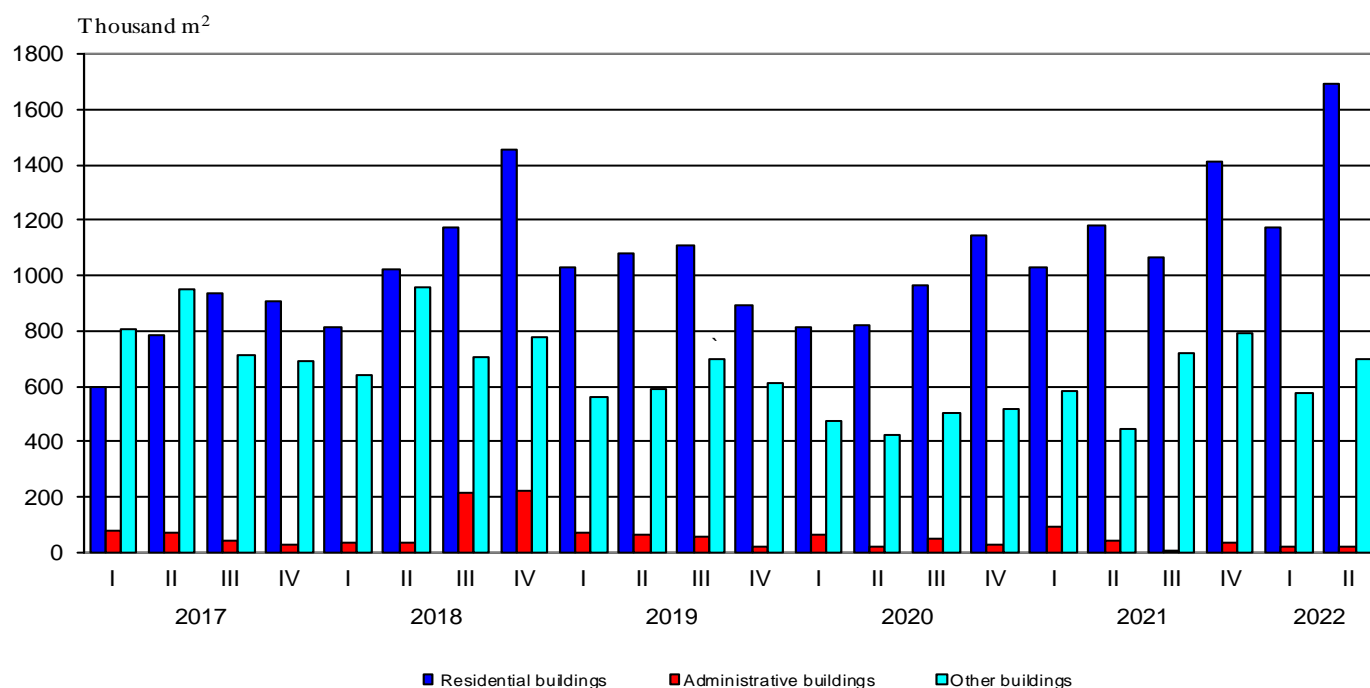
As compared to the previous quarter, the issued building permits for residential buildings increased by 21.6%, the number of their dwellings - by 45.5% and the gross building area - by 44.5%. The issued building permits for administrative buildings have shown an increase of 11.1% and their gross building area increased by 39.9%. Issued building permits for other buildings rose by 8.7% and their gross building area - by 21.8%.

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



As compared to the second quarter of 2021, the issued building permits for new residential buildings increased by 28.9%, their dwellings - by 38.8% and the gross building area - by 43.3%. The issued building permits for administrative buildings and their gross building area decreased by 23.1 and 47.7%, respectively. The issued building permits for other buildings fell by 4.1%, while their gross building area went up by 55.4%.

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

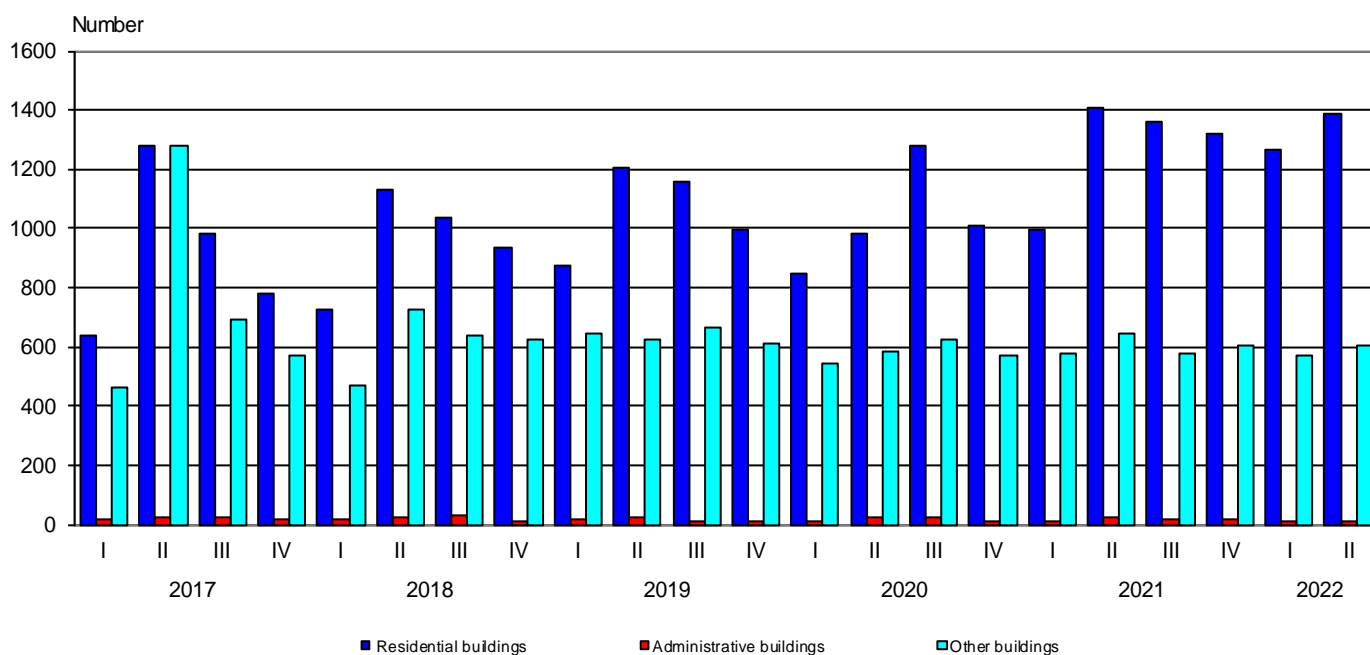


The highest number of building permits for new residential buildings was issued in the following districts: Plovdiv - 399, Sofia (stolitsa) - 338, Sofia - 243, Varna - 203 and Burgas - 153. Most dwellings are to be built in the districts: Sofia (stolitsa) - 5 984, Varna - 2 380, Plovdiv - 1 820, Burgas - 614 and Blagoevgrad - 409 (Annex, Table 1).

In the second quarter of 2022, **began the construction** of 1 388 residential buildings with 7 202 dwellings and 924 818 sq. m gross building area, 11 administrative buildings/offices with 10 095 sq. m gross building area and 604 other buildings with 504 069 sq. m gross building area.

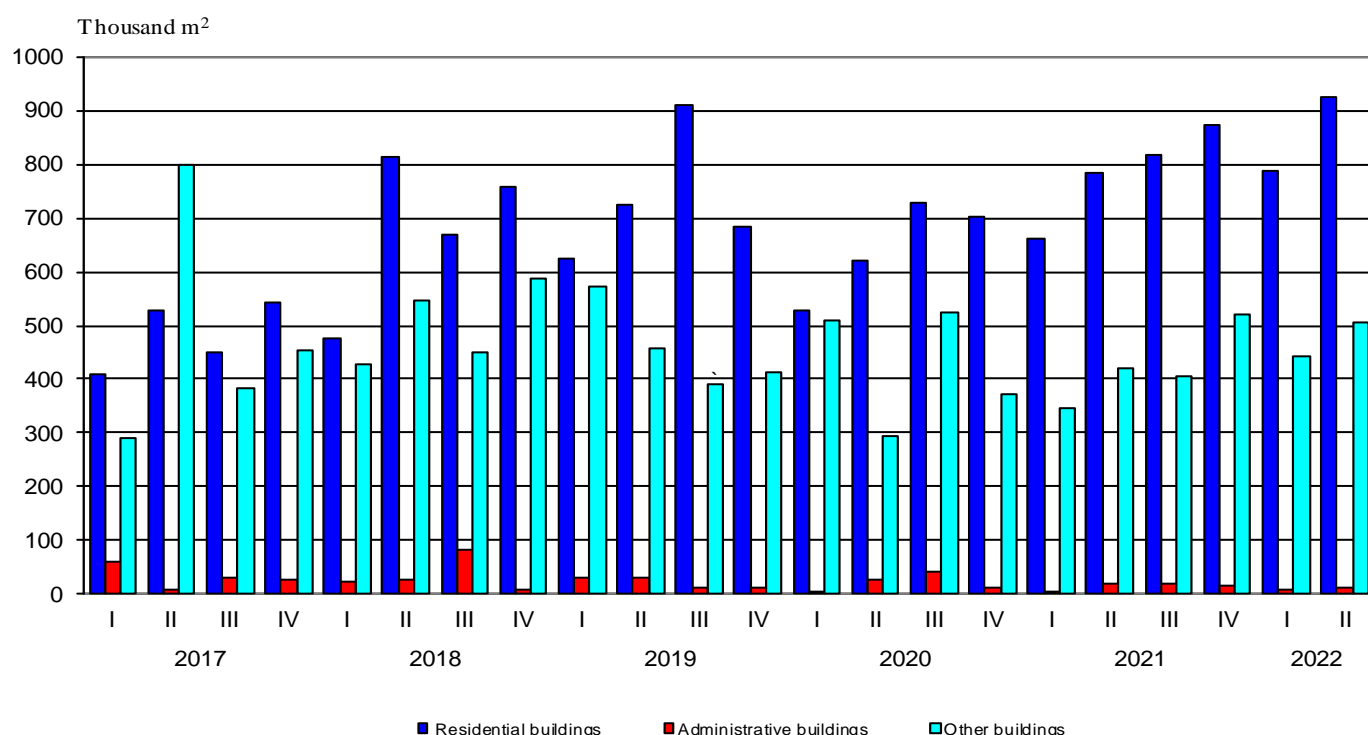
As compared to the previous quarter, the started residential buildings increased by 9.4%, the gross building area - by 17.4%, while their dwellings decreased by 5.9%. The number of started administrative buildings was unchanged, but their gross building area increased by 24.8%. The started other buildings rose by 5.6%, with 13.9% growth in their gross building area.

**Figure 3. Started construction of new buildings by type and quarter**



As compared to the second quarter of 2021, the number of started new residential buildings decreased by 1.6%, while their dwellings increased by 20.2% and the gross building area - by 17.9%. The number of started administrative buildings was down by 47.6% and their gross building area - by 49.3%. The construction of 5.9% fewer other buildings was started, but with a 20.2% larger gross building area.

**Figure 4. Started construction - gross building area by type of buildings and quarter**



The construction of the highest number of new buildings was started in the following districts: Plovdiv - 233 residential buildings and 65 other buildings; Sofia (stolitsa) - 220 residential buildings, 4 administrative buildings and 25 other buildings; Sofia - 145 residential buildings and 27 other buildings; Burgas - 117 residential buildings and 38 other buildings; Varna - 110 residential buildings and 30 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 the future construction activity of enterprises in the country.

**Types of buildings** are classified according to the Classification of types of construction (CC) and are 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, culture, sports, agriculture, health, recreation and facilities for a 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 the construction of new buildings in the second quarter of 2022

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>2249</b>	<b>13810</b>	<b>1692823</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>23464</b>	<b>1164</b>	<b>697715</b>
Blagoevgrad	124	409	55401	-	-	50	26309
Burgas	153	614	87506	..	..	56	102241
Varna	203	2380	260484	..	..	43	78984
Veliko Tarnovo	51	253	23283	-	-	33	19564
Vidin	7	33	3717	-	-	5	3915
Vratsa	25	44	7549	-	-	36	21817
Gabrovo	25	40	6917	-	-	10	4592
Dobrich	42	69	13539	-	-	30	17189
Kardzhali	52	322	43283	-	-	8	3456
Kyustendil	35	57	7607	..	..	18	3471
Lovech	28	30	5117	-	-	31	11309
Montana	9	11	1508	-	-	15	4296
Pazardzhik	75	166	21972	-	-	64	36390
Pernik	98	126	21994	3	356	34	2503
Pleven	22	143	16430	..	..	36	14499
Plovdiv	399	1820	226633	..	..	122	68321
Razgrad	12	42	5788	-	-	38	4412
Ruse	35	100	10230	..	..	43	14911
Silistra	10	10	2197	-	-	29	11637
Sliven	40	59	8366	-	-	24	26025
Smolyan	14	21	4577	-	-	31	7627
Sofia	243	307	55776	..	..	68	29336
Sofia (stolitsa)	338	5984	716885	4	11427	49	58887
Stara Zagora	94	304	37978	-	-	151	48377
Targovishte	25	211	15532	-	-	12	2432
Haskovo	43	72	13178	..	..	44	38613
Shumen	34	159	16257	..	..	57	26083
Yambol	13	24	3119	-	-	27	10519

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Table 2

Building construction started in the second quarter of 2022

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>1388</b>	<b>7202</b>	<b>924818</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10095</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>504069</b>
Blagoevgrad	98	316	40219	-	-	22	20140
Burgas	117	404	56315	-	-	38	39392
Varna	110	1231	139152	-	-	30	55495
Veliko Tarnovo	23	179	20158	-	-	18	9402
Vidin	..	..	..	-	-	..	..
Vratsa	..	..	..	-	-	9	4427
Gabrovo	13	17	2550	-	-	9	4367
Dobrich	38	64	11690	-	-	32	9659
Kardzhali	39	195	27743	..	..	..	..
Kyustendil	24	35	4365	..	..	11	2784
Lovech	14	14	1506	-	-	24	4693
Montana	4	5	942	-	-	7	2542
Pazardzhik	41	130	15441	-	-	54	30534
Pernik	45	45	8920	-	-	8	3813
Pleven	11	19	2865	-	-	15	3836
Plovdiv	233	770	96257	..	..	65	56355
Razgrad	7	16	2375	-	-	18	7821
Ruse	16	21	3527	-	-	11	7017
Silistra	5	5	1987	-	-	23	10029
Sliven	18	52	6866	-	-	13	4180
Smolyan	3	3	389	-	-	17	2714
Sofia	145	166	26555	..	..	27	101689
Sofia (stolitsa)	220	2771	358636	4	5386	25	35228
Stara Zagora	82	482	66399	..	..	58	27422
Targovishte	11	103	7200	-	-	7	2136
Haskovo	36	87	12545	..	..	23	38443
Shumen	20	35	4995	-	-	23	11184
Yambol	11	22	3508	-	-	12	6088

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