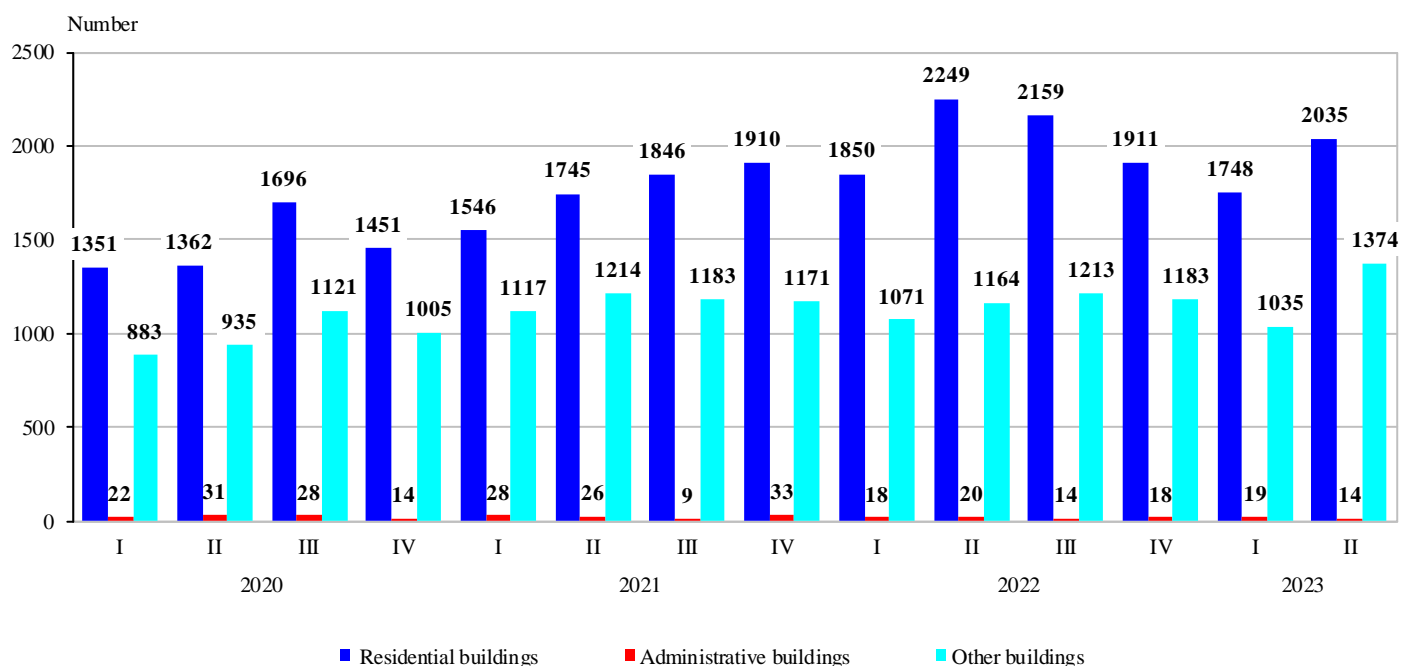


BUILDING PERMITS, ISSUED AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDINGS STARTED IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2023

In the second quarter of 2023, the municipal authorities issued **building permits** for the construction of 2 035 residential buildings with 12 078 dwellings and 1 382 462 sq. m gross building area, 14 administrative buildings/offices with 14 519 sq. m gross building area and 1 374 other buildings with 631 918 sq. m gross building area.

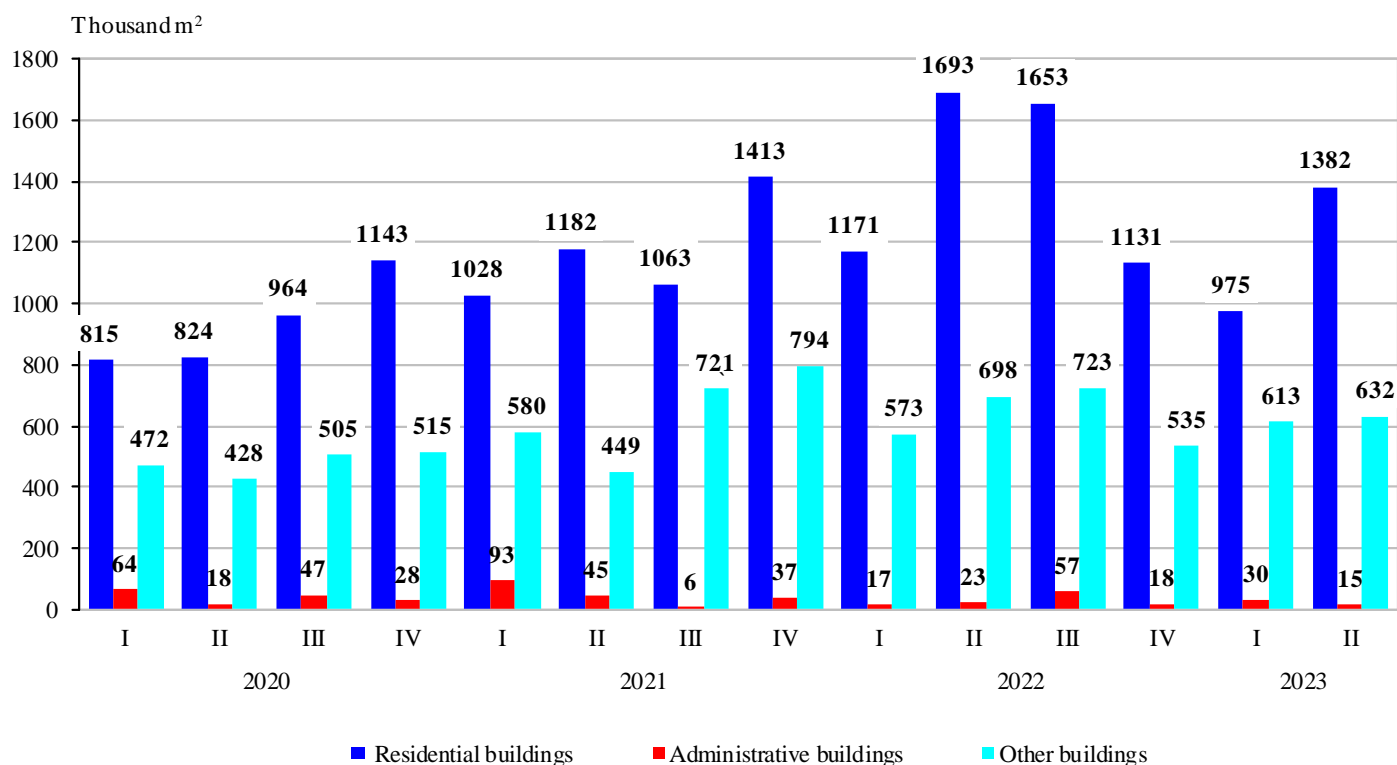
As compared to the previous quarter, the issued building permits for residential buildings increased by 16.4%, the number of their dwellings - by 40.1%, and the gross building area - by 41.8%. The issued building permits for administrative buildings have shown a decrease of 26.3% and their gross building area decreased by 52.0%. Issued building permits for other buildings went up by 32.8% and their gross building area - by 3.1%.

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



As compared to the second quarter of 2022, the issued building permits for new residential buildings decreased by 9.5%, their dwellings - by 12.5%, and the gross building area - by 18.3%. The issued building permits for administrative buildings and their gross building area went down by 30.0 and 38.1%, respectively. Issued building permits for other buildings increased by 18.0%, while their gross building area fell by 9.4%.

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

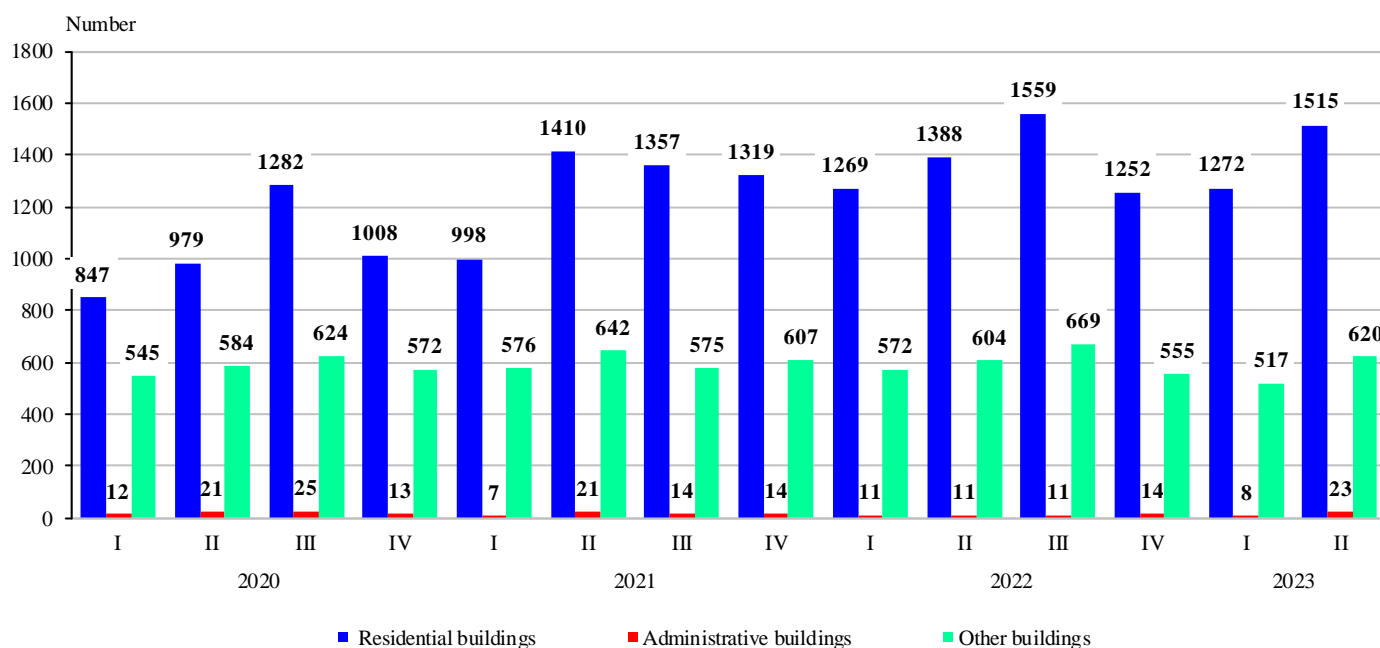


The highest number of building permits for new residential buildings was issued in the following districts: Sofia (stolitsa) - 327, Sofia - 283, Plovdiv - 265, Varna - 197 and Burgas - 134. Most dwellings are to be built in the districts: Sofia (stolitsa) - 4 631, Varna - 2 005, Plovdiv - 1 633, Burgas - 632 and Kardzhali - 504 (Annex, Table 1).

In the second quarter of 2023, **the construction** of 1 515 residential buildings with 8 136 dwellings and 924 875 sq. m gross building area, 23 administrative buildings/offices with 20 756 sq. m gross building area and 620 other buildings with 447 817 sq. m gross building area **began**.

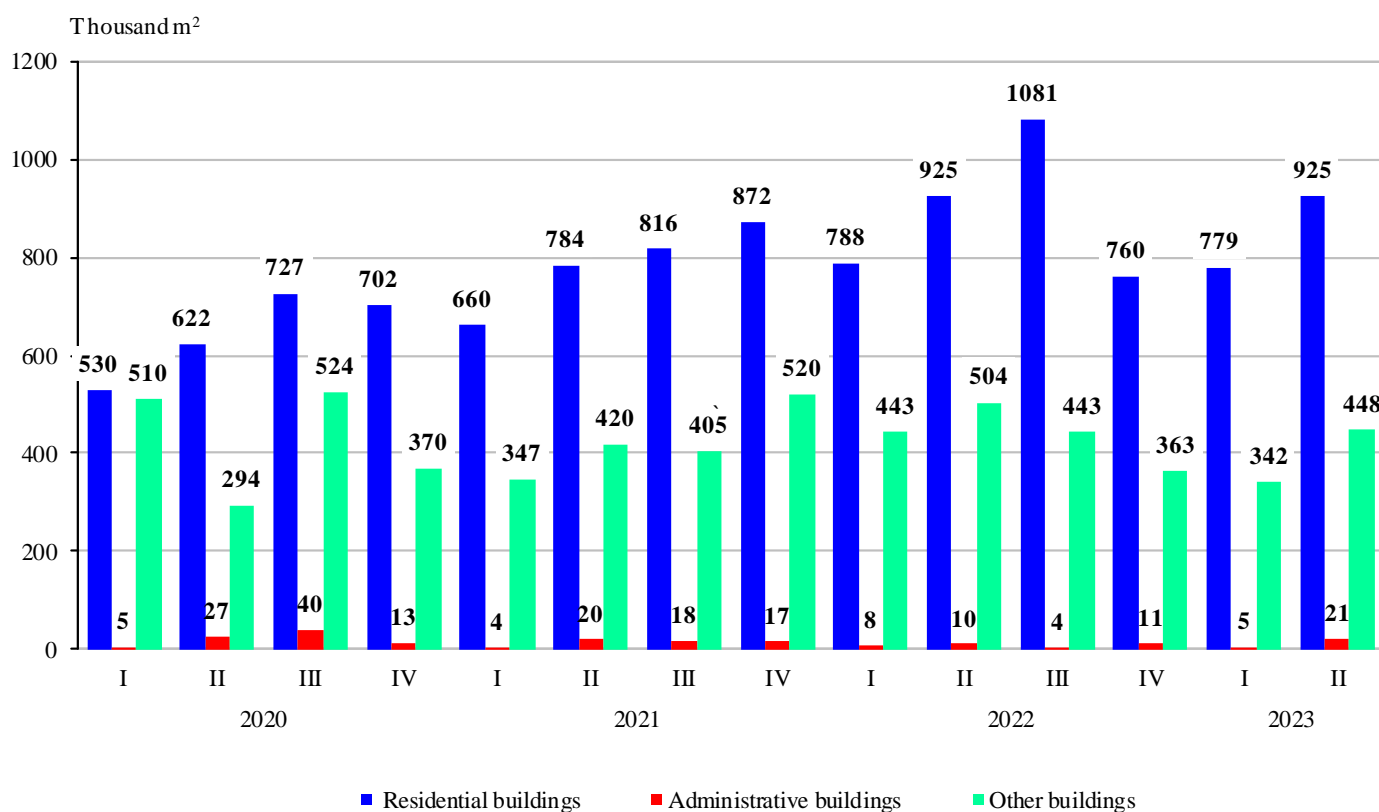
As compared to the previous quarter, the started residential buildings increased by 19.1%, their dwellings - by 23.3%, and the gross building area - by 18.8%. The started administrative buildings and other buildings rose by 187.5% and 19.9% respectively. At the same time, the gross building area of administrative buildings grew over three times, and of other buildings - by 30.9%.

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



As compared to the second quarter of 2022, the number of started new residential buildings increased by 9.1%, and their dwellings - by 13.0%, but the gross building area was unchanged. The number of started administrative buildings increased by 109.1% and their gross building area - by 105.6%. The number of started other buildings rose by 2.6%, but with 11.2% less 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: Sofia (stolitsa) - 254 residential buildings, 12 administrative buildings and 44 other buildings; Plovdiv - 236 residential buildings, 3 administrative buildings and 71 other buildings; Varna - 164 residential buildings and 34 other buildings; Sofia - 156 residential buildings and 41 other buildings; Burgas - 136 residential buildings and 26 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 2023

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	2035	12078	1382462	14	14519	1374	631918
Blagoevgrad	114	376	46474	-	-	92	55241
Burgas	134	632	75325	..	..	37	33755
Varna	197	2005	189122	-	-	75	24363
Veliko Tarnovo	28	123	15381	-	-	32	16924
Vidin	-	-	-	-	-	5	2021
Vratsa	22	22	3938	-	-	28	2265
Gabrovo	29	54	7862	-	-	13	6136
Dobrich	52	59	8230	-	-	40	23862
Kardzhali	39	504	52553	-	-	10	1933
Kyustendil	25	37	6788	..	..	35	9727
Lovech	24	24	2848	-	-	23	3591
Montana	7	17	2722	-	-	13	6157
Pazardzhik	89	217	26548	-	-	65	19034
Pernik	79	132	32607	-	-	27	1624
Pleven	24	110	13436	..	..	24	23494
Plovdiv	265	1633	179117	3	1389	300	119753
Razgrad	18	30	4215	-	-	22	1828
Ruse	30	105	14190	-	-	63	38048
Silistra	14	79	12936	-	-	27	7305
Sliven	26	30	4862	-	-	20	12997
Smolyan	14	15	2425	-	-	32	6352
Sofia	283	362	60339	..	..	61	37485
Sofia (stolitsa)	327	4631	501611	5	11548	52	68322
Stara Zagora	87	281	39974	-	-	153	59287
Targovishte	11	77	6265	-	-	12	2803
Haskovo	40	302	41812	-	-	28	19476
Shumen	39	194	26549	60	21799
Yambol	18	27	4333	-	-	25	6336

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Table 2

Building construction started in the second quarter of 2023

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	1515	8136	924875	23	20756	620	447817
Blagoevgrad	87	337	35908	-	-	42	19127
Burgas	136	722	78134	-	-	26	23819
Varna	164	1750	166361	-	-	34	40694
Veliko Tarnovo	21	132	15603	-	-	18	18504
Vidin	..	..	..	-	-	4	17548
Vratsa	12	12	2507	-	-	11	4598
Gabrovo	22	26	4796	-	-	10	3952
Dobrich	38	49	6763	-	-	30	22510
Kardzhali	35	158	23813	..	..	3	2705
Kyustendil	16	27	4422	-	-	14	6980
Lovech	15	15	2374	-	-	12	1790
Montana	..	..	..	-	-	3	2230
Pazardzhik	66	183	22830	-	-	69	19836
Pernik	25	76	18272	-	-	7	826
Pleven	13	51	6346	..	..	10	9841
Plovdiv	236	659	98106	3	3650	71	89446
Razgrad	11	26	3986	-	-	10	10223
Ruse	21	112	13043	-	-	16	9197
Silistra	12	77	11789	..	..	10	7703
Sliven	31	65	9590	-	-	9	2759
Smolyan	7	11	1758	-	-	7	729
Sofia	156	239	34398	..	..	41	44603
Sofia (stolitsa)	254	2907	301761	12	13915	44	39973
Stara Zagora	72	230	35769	-	-	67	21545
Targovishte	5	16	1404	-	-	4	2167
Haskovo	28	70	8246	-	-	19	9370
Shumen	20	174	15480	3	1394	21	11646
Yambol	10	10	1185	-	-	8	3496

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