

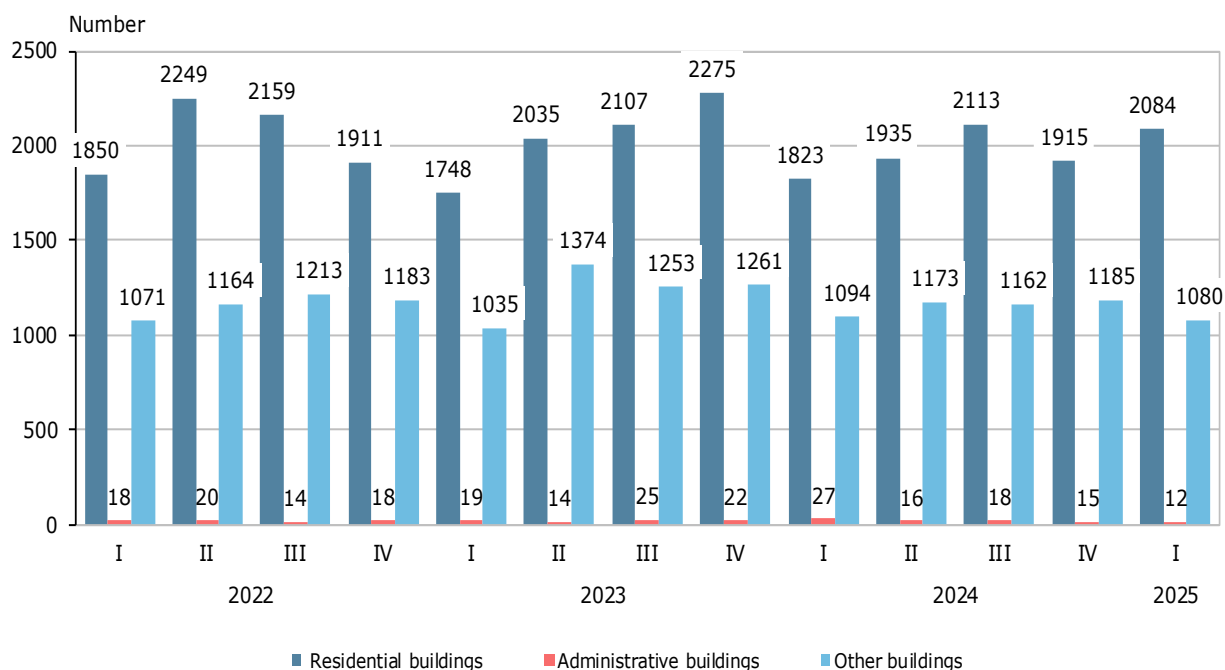


## BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDINGS STARTED IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2025

In the first quarter of 2025, the municipal authorities issued **building permits** for the construction of 2 084 residential buildings with 10 576 dwellings and 1 302 121 sq. m gross building area, 12 administrative buildings/offices with 3 724 sq. m gross building area and 1 080 other buildings with 612 722 sq. m gross building area.

As compared to the previous quarter, the issued building permits for residential buildings increased by 8.8%, their dwellings - by 7.3%, and the gross building area - by 18.0%. Building permits issued for administrative buildings have shown a decrease by 20.0% and their gross building area - by 89.3%. Issued building permits for other buildings fell by 8.9%, and their gross building area - by 2.5%.

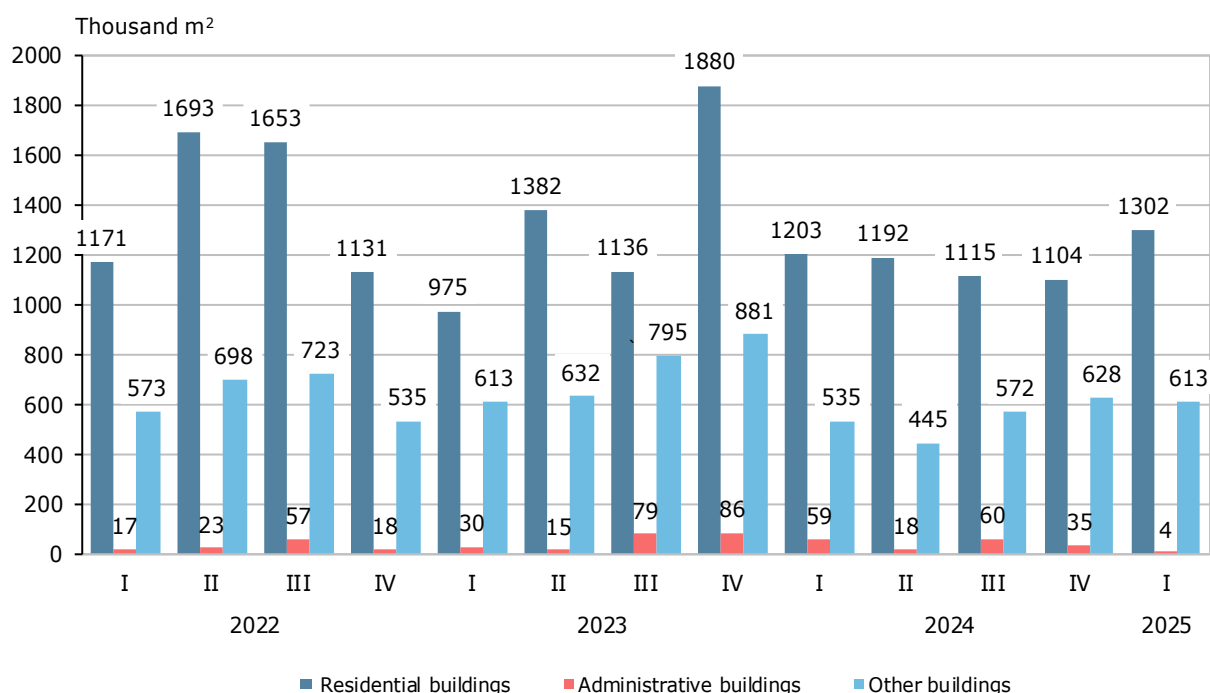
**Figure 1. Building permits, issued for the construction of new buildings  
by type and by quarter**



## BUILDING PERMITS, ISSUED AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDINGS STARTED IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2025

As compared to the first quarter of 2024, the issued building permits for new residential buildings increased by 14.3%, their dwellings - by 0.8%, and the gross building area - by 8.2%. The issued building permits for administrative and other types of buildings went down by 55.6% and 1.3%, respectively. At the same time, the gross building area of administrative buildings fell by 93.7%, while other buildings went up by 14.5%.

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



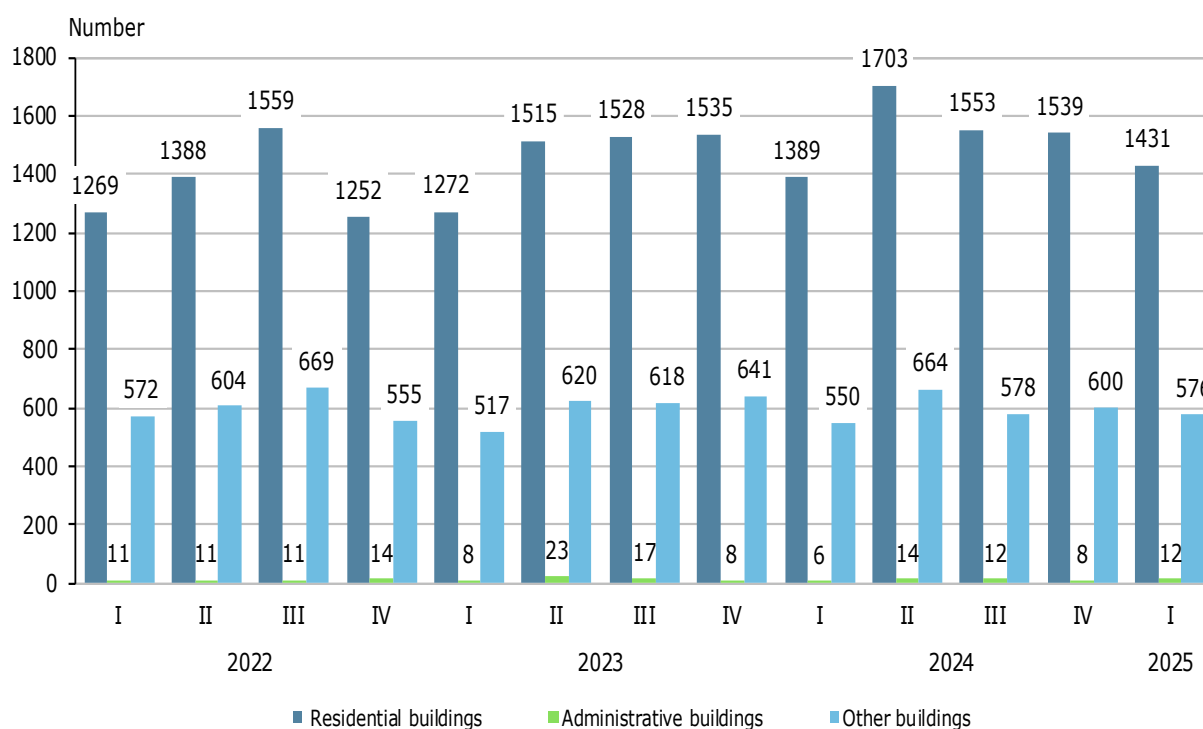
The highest number of building permits for new residential buildings was issued in the following districts: Plovdiv - 368, Sofia (stolitsa) - 349, Sofia - 228, Varna - 199 and Burgas - 126. Most dwellings are to be built in the districts: Sofia (stolitsa) - 3 089, Plovdiv - 2 476, Burgas - 1 236, Varna - 1 054, and Blagoevgrad - 486 (Annex, Table 1).

## BUILDING PERMITS, ISSUED AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDINGS STARTED IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2025

In the first quarter of 2025, **the construction** of 1 431 residential buildings with 6 090 dwellings and 738 912 sq. m gross building area, 12 administrative buildings/offices with 7 051 sq. m gross building area and 576 other buildings with 574 691 sq. m gross building area **began**.

As compared to the previous quarter, the started residential buildings decreased by 7.0%, their dwellings - by 29.2%, and the gross building area - by 22.8%. The started administrative buildings and their gross building area registered a growth of 50.0% and 15.3%, respectively. The started other buildings were fewer by 4.0%, but with 53.9% larger gross building area.

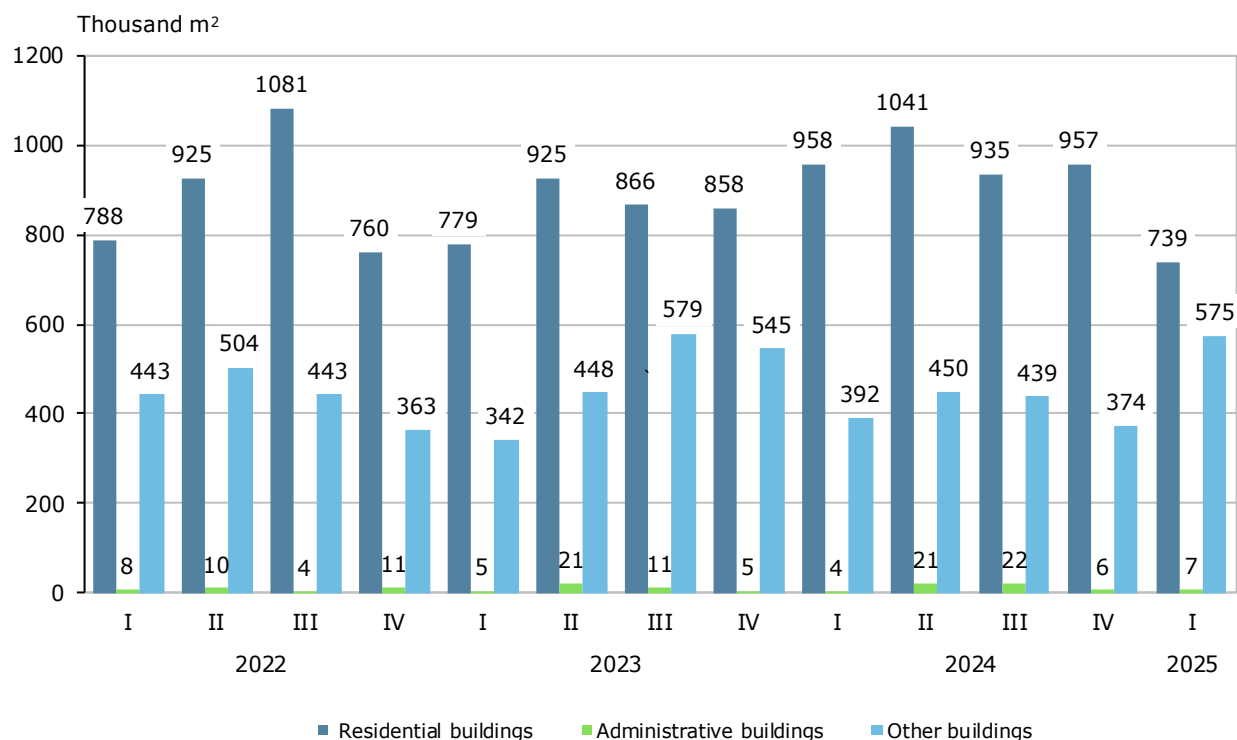
**Figure 3. Started construction of new buildings by type and by quarter**



As compared to the first quarter of 2024, the number of started new residential buildings increased by 3.0%, but their dwellings decreased by 33.0% and the gross building area - by 22.8%. The number of started administrative buildings went up by 100.0% and their gross building area - by 76.4%. The started other buildings rose by 4.7%, with 46.5% larger gross building area.

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



The construction of the highest number of new buildings was started in the following districts: Plovdiv - 289 residential buildings and 65 other buildings; Sofia - 158 residential buildings, 3 administrative buildings and 77 other buildings; Sofia (stolitsa) - 195 residential buildings and 12 other buildings; Burgas - 126 residential buildings and 39 other buildings (Annex, Table 2).

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### **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.

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**Annex**

**Table 1**

**Building permits, issued for the construction of new buildings in the first  
quarter of 2025**

| 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>2084</b>           | <b>10576</b>        | <b>1302121</b>              | <b>12</b>                | <b>3724</b>                 | <b>1080</b>     | <b>612722</b>               |
| Blagoevgrad      | 112                   | 486                 | 57323                       | ..                       | ..                          | 62              | 20836                       |
| Burgas           | 126                   | 1236                | 129025                      | ..                       | ..                          | 35              | 53805                       |
| Varna            | 199                   | 1054                | 144941                      | 3                        | 2034                        | 40              | 96241                       |
| Veliko Tarnovo   | 37                    | 75                  | 13705                       | -                        | -                           | 46              | 25827                       |
| Vidin            | 6                     | 9                   | 840                         | -                        | -                           | 4               | 1968                        |
| Vratsa           | 16                    | 123                 | 14943                       | ..                       | ..                          | 21              | 9056                        |
| Gabrovo          | 22                    | 26                  | 5712                        | -                        | -                           | 15              | 6990                        |
| Dobrich          | 42                    | 92                  | 13616                       | -                        | -                           | 21              | 9282                        |
| Kardzhali        | 29                    | 77                  | 11193                       | -                        | -                           | 11              | 1157                        |
| Kyustendil       | 20                    | 20                  | 3692                        | ..                       | ..                          | 24              | 2862                        |
| Lovech           | 30                    | 85                  | 9092                        | -                        | -                           | 26              | 4640                        |
| Montana          | 13                    | 13                  | 1981                        | -                        | -                           | 6               | 4941                        |
| Pazardzhik       | 79                    | 244                 | 26891                       | -                        | -                           | 41              | 26060                       |
| Pernik           | 112                   | 134                 | 19851                       | -                        | -                           | 35              | 25809                       |
| Pleven           | 35                    | 76                  | 11403                       | -                        | -                           | 50              | 31931                       |
| Plovdiv          | 368                   | 2476                | 342647                      | ..                       | ..                          | 147             | 76267                       |
| Razgrad          | 13                    | 13                  | 2525                        | -                        | -                           | 22              | 3020                        |
| Ruse             | 22                    | 186                 | 20898                       | -                        | -                           | 81              | 38128                       |
| Silistra         | 3                     | 3                   | 793                         | -                        | -                           | 21              | 4157                        |
| Sliven           | 27                    | 29                  | 4657                        | -                        | -                           | 17              | 4456                        |
| Smolyan          | 7                     | 25                  | 3379                        | -                        | -                           | 24              | 5362                        |
| Sofia            | 228                   | 243                 | 41462                       | -                        | -                           | 95              | 72212                       |
| Sofia (stolitsa) | 349                   | 3089                | 327551                      | ..                       | ..                          | 15              | 16862                       |
| Stara Zagora     | 82                    | 371                 | 41314                       | ..                       | ..                          | 124             | 41276                       |
| Targovishte      | 14                    | 38                  | 4157                        | -                        | -                           | 9               | 3715                        |
| Haskovo          | 54                    | 187                 | 23891                       | ..                       | ..                          | 23              | 7203                        |
| Shumen           | 21                    | 83                  | 13577                       | -                        | -                           | 48              | 10691                       |
| Yambol           | 18                    | 83                  | 11062                       | -                        | -                           | 17              | 7968                        |

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**Table 2**

**Building construction started in the first quarter of 2025**

| 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>1431</b>           | <b>6090</b>         | <b>738912</b>               | <b>12</b>                | <b>7051</b>                 | <b>576</b>      | <b>574691</b>               |
| Blagoevgrad      | 70                    | 491                 | 51063                       | ..                       | ..                          | 31              | 30080                       |
| Burgas           | 126                   | 974                 | 95095                       | -                        | -                           | 39              | 78878                       |
| Varna            | 125                   | 637                 | 71780                       | -                        | -                           | 31              | 46842                       |
| Veliko Tarnovo   | 24                    | 65                  | 8173                        | -                        | -                           | 13              | 12082                       |
| Vidin            | 6                     | 10                  | 1627                        | ..                       | ..                          | 4               | 2851                        |
| Vratsa           | 9                     | 23                  | 3676                        | ..                       | ..                          | 3               | 3116                        |
| Gabrovo          | 15                    | 15                  | 2672                        | ..                       | ..                          | 4               | 7203                        |
| Dobrich          | 30                    | 61                  | 8889                        | ..                       | ..                          | 3               | 12882                       |
| Kardzhali        | 21                    | 142                 | 11862                       | -                        | -                           | 10              | 27597                       |
| Kyustendil       | 20                    | 20                  | 4655                        | -                        | -                           | 13              | 890                         |
| Lovech           | 9                     | 9                   | 1183                        | -                        | -                           | 13              | 5782                        |
| Montana          | 12                    | 23                  | 3907                        | -                        | -                           | 5               | 13773                       |
| Pazardzhik       | 58                    | 173                 | 19983                       | -                        | -                           | 39              | 10877                       |
| Pernik           | 65                    | 85                  | 15765                       | ..                       | ..                          | 9               | 19916                       |
| Pleven           | 9                     | 37                  | 4551                        | -                        | -                           | 11              | 7913                        |
| Plovdiv          | 289                   | 1234                | 154557                      | ..                       | ..                          | 65              | 40705                       |
| Razgrad          | 6                     | 6                   | 1157                        | -                        | -                           | 10              | 1940                        |
| Ruse             | 14                    | 84                  | 11902                       | -                        | -                           | 23              | 11619                       |
| Silistra         | 3                     | 3                   | 742                         | -                        | -                           | 15              | 2945                        |
| Sliven           | 18                    | 158                 | 16479                       | -                        | -                           | 13              | 12497                       |
| Smolyan          | 9                     | 20                  | 2307                        | -                        | -                           | 12              | 1421                        |
| Sofia            | 158                   | 221                 | 33563                       | 3                        | 2462                        | 77              | 146145                      |
| Sofia (stolitsa) | 195                   | 1005                | 143877                      | ..                       | ..                          | 12              | 25542                       |
| Stara Zagora     | 68                    | 391                 | 42555                       | -                        | -                           | 75              | 20183                       |
| Targovishte      | 5                     | 5                   | 799                         | -                        | -                           | 5               | 1113                        |
| Haskovo          | 33                    | 106                 | 14817                       | -                        | -                           | 12              | 10525                       |
| Shumen           | 17                    | 33                  | 3652                        | -                        | -                           | 15              | 9039                        |
| Yambol           | 17                    | 59                  | 7624                        | -                        | -                           | 14              | 10335                       |

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