



BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDINGS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2009¹

In the third quarter of 2009 the municipal authorities have issued building permits for construction of 1 783 residential buildings with 5 209 dwellings and 674 192 sq.m gross building area, of 84 administrative buildings/offices with 54 588 sq.m gross building area and 1 289 other buildings with 617 892 sq.m gross building area. As compared to the previous quarter the building permits for residential buildings decreased by 2.7%, but their dwellings rose by 15.6% and the gross building area increased by 5.8%. The number of the administrative buildings increased by 6.3% and the other buildings - by 11.1%, while their gross building area respectively fell by 38.4%. and by 6.6%.

As compared to the third quarter of 2008 issued building permits for new residential building decreased by 35.0%, and their dwellings - by 60.5%. The administrative buildings fell by 33.3% and other buildings - by 11.5% (Fig.1). In all types of buildings a decline in the gross building area was registered , in the residential buildings - by 59.0%, in the administrative buildings - by 59.9% and in the other buildings - by 45.7% respectively (Fig.2).

In the third quarter of 2009 the highest number of building permits for new residential buildings has been issued in the following districts: Varna - 208, Sofia (capital) and Plovdiv were equal number - 201, Sofia - 188 and Burgas - 176. Most dwellings to be launched in the districts: Varna - 1 089, Burgas - 1 047, Plovdiv - 538 and Sofia (capital) - 519 (Table 1).

¹The quarterly statistical survey of permits issued for construction collects information about issued building permits for the type of buildings and the gross building area by municipal authorities. This information may be used as a prognostic 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 purpose, 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.

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

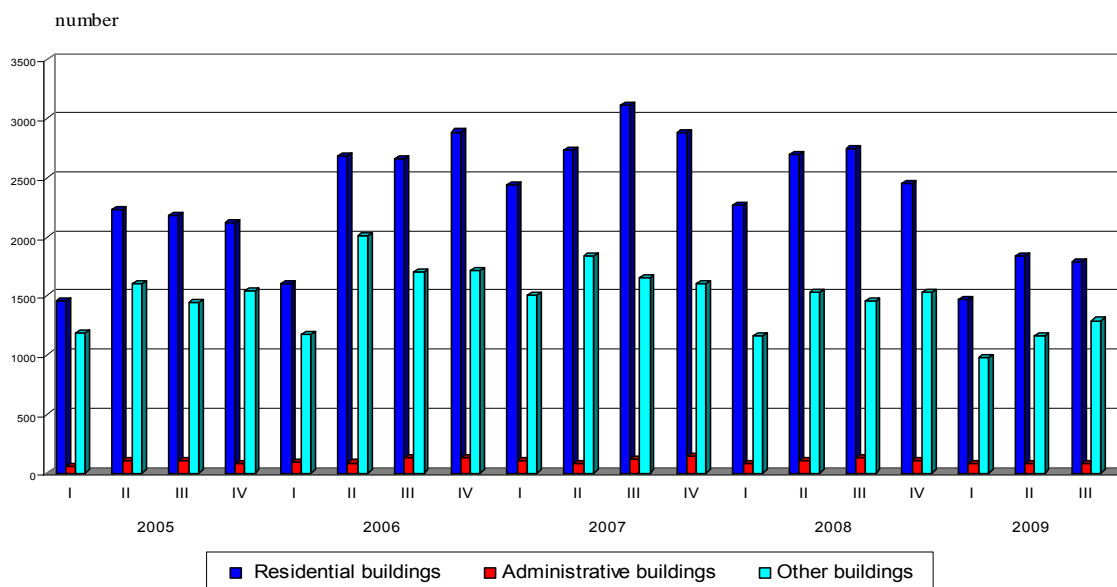


Figure 2. Building permits issued for construction - gross building area by type of buildings

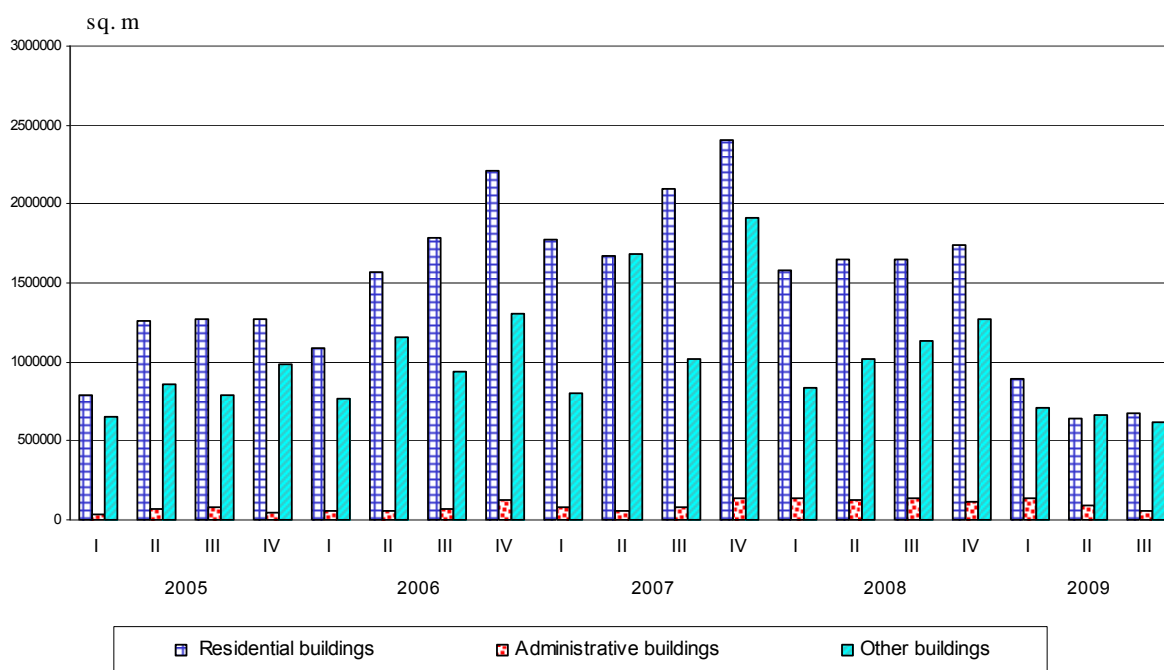


Table 1
Building permits issued for construction of new buildings in the third quarter of 2009²

Districts	Residential buildings		Administrative buildings		Other buildings		
	number	of which: dwellings	Gross building area- sq.m	number	Gross building area- sq.m	number	Gross building area- sq.m
Total	1783	5209	674192	84	54588	1289	617892
Blagoevgrad	107	400	48795	11	5453	60	28333
Burgas	176	1047	103600	4	4126	150	51775
Varna	208	1089	131346	..	..	81	41277
Veliko Tarnovo	37	128	13569	3	9007	56	16393
Vidin	4	15	1812	-	-	7	454
Vratsa	19	40	5594	5	1269	23	3570
Gabrovo	29	55	8405	-	-	34	16702
Dobrich	49	111	12085	..	..	41	53819
Kardzhali	42	86	16135	-	-	15	3881
Kyustendil	23	68	8241	..	..	34	34898
Lovech	43	49	9571	4	1463	20	1661
Montana	8	8	1728	-	-	14	6524
Pazardzhik	67	115	16622	4	3183	38	7375
Pernik	61	76	11682	5	1071	48	15464
Pleven	18	38	4462	..	..	33	18556
Plovdiv	201	538	67317	6	6407	141	144237
Razgrad	22	49	4982	..	..	20	4484
Ruse	36	47	9559	..	..	21	10064
Silistra	18	32	4377	-	-	19	4165
Sliven	30	68	9136	..	..	27	9906
Smolyan	23	33	5432	..	..	42	9711
Sofia cap.	201	519	91735	21	16286	41	20213
Sofia	188	219	38118	..	..	102	54582
Stara Zagora	67	221	24616	3	2984	69	31266
Targovishte	5	11	1234	-	-	27	7311
Haskovo	50	68	12369	..	..	69	11937
Shumen	39	56	9033	-	-	40	6352
Yambol	12	23	2637	..	..	17	2982

²..” Confidential data