



BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDINGS STARTED IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2010

In the third quarter of 2010, the municipal authorities have issued building permits for construction of 1 311 residential buildings with 3 405 dwellings and 443 743 sq. m gross building area, of 56 administrative buildings/offices with 35 108 sq. m gross building area and 1 213 other buildings with 589 953 sq. m gross building area. As compared to the previous quarter the building permits for residential buildings decreased by 9.0%, their dwellings - by 13.4% and the gross building area - by 12.8%. The administrative buildings fell by 3.4% and their gross building area - by 4.3%. The other buildings registered an increase by 3.6% and their gross building area - by 4.5%.

As compared to the third quarter of 2009 the issued building permits for new residential building decreased by 26.5%, and their dwellings - by 34.6%. The administrative buildings dropped by 33.3% and the other buildings - by 5.9% (Figure 1). In all types of buildings a decline in the gross building area was registered, in the residential buildings - by 34.2%, in the administrative buildings - by 35.7%, and in the other buildings - by 4.5% respectively (Figure 2).

In the third quarter of 2010, the highest number of building permits for new residential buildings has been issued in the following districts: Sofia (capital) - 180, Plovdiv - 128, Sofia - 124, Varna - 120, Burgas - 101. Most dwellings are to be launched in the districts: Sofia (capital) - 617, Varna - 597, Blagoevgrad - 371, Burgas - 308 and Plovdiv - 295 (Table 1).

Since the beginning of 2010, the National Statistical Institute has begun to collect data on the construction of new buildings started. In the third quarter of 2010 has been begun construction of 757 residential buildings with 2 260 dwellings and 269 794 sq. m gross building area, of 29 administrative buildings/offices with 18 144 sq. m gross building area and 514 other buildings with 260 975 sq. m gross building area. As compared to the previous quarter the number of started residential buildings decreased by 3.6%, while their dwellings rose by 24.8% and the gross building area - by 5.4%. The administrative buildings dropped by 19.4% but their gross building area increased by 1.0%. The number of other buildings fell by 5.7% but the gross building area rose by 31.7%.

The highest number of construction of new buildings were started in the districts: Varna - 95 residential buildings and 36 other buildings; Sofia (capital) - 89 residential buildings and 19 other buildings; Sofia - 82 residential buildings and 19 other buildings; Stara Zagora - 50 residential buildings, 7 administrative buildings/offices and 29 other buildings (Table 2).



Methodological notes

The 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 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.



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

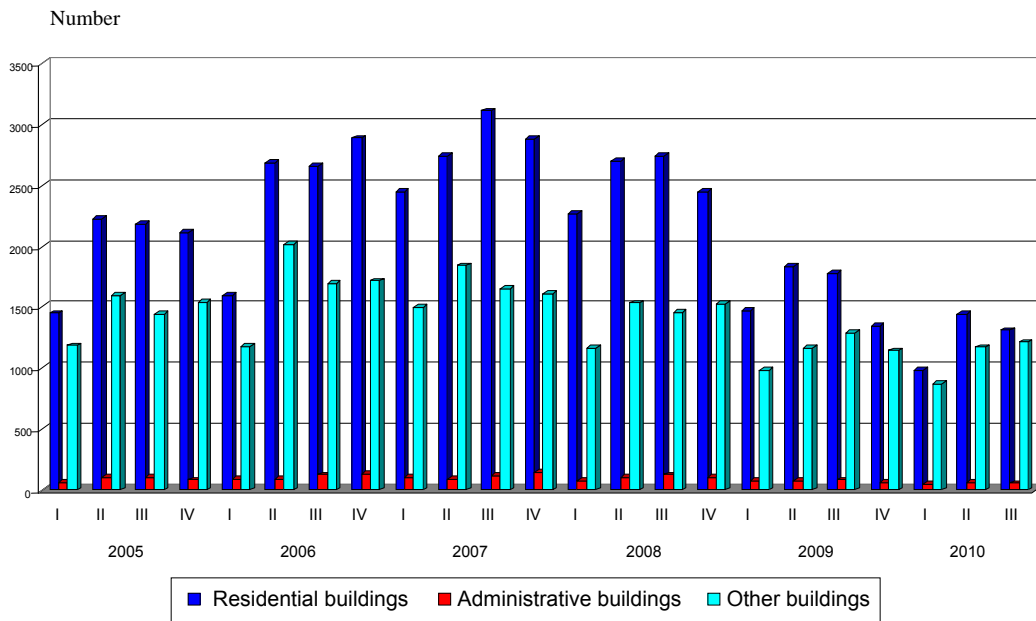


Figure 2. Building permits issued for construction - gross building area by type of buildings and quarter

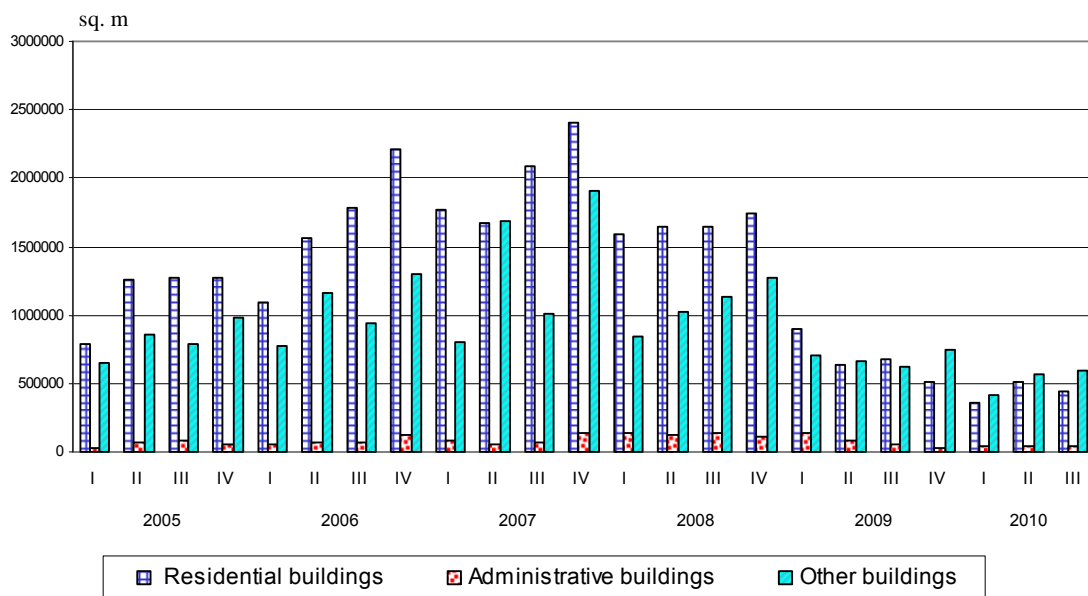




Table 1

Building permits issued for construction of new buildings in the third quarter of 2010¹

Districts	Residential buildings			Administrative buildings		Other buildings	
	Number	Dwellings	Gross building area – sq. m	Number	Gross building area - sq. m	Number	Gross building area - sq. m
Total	1311	3405	443743	56	35108	1213	589953
Blagoevgrad	80	371	19015	5	1588	66	28558
Burgas	101	308	46782	..	..	55	45159
Varna	120	597	57980	..	..	65	43755
Veliko Tarnovo	23	28	4104	..	..	52	17881
Vidin	3	3	204	-	-	7	4720
Vratsa	16	22	4227	3	935	30	4508
Gabrovo	20	23	4099	-	-	23	7370
Dobrich	44	54	6205	5	1217	37	11438
Kardzhali	36	85	15887	-	-	24	7936
Kyustendil	22	25	3345	-	-	22	3439
Lovech	29	30	5104	-	-	23	18832
Montana	9	9	1563	-	-	24	7322
Pazardzhik	56	89	14580	-	-	75	11883
Pernik	50	65	12888	3	2449	49	3403
Pleven	33	73	11471	..	..	32	21143
Plovdiv	128	295	38935	8	10737	147	83554
Razgrad	10	14	2770	-	-	32	4525
Ruse	25	101	11643	..	..	36	9250
Silistra	12	15	1984	-	-	33	9870
Sliven	25	61	9823	..	..	24	37137
Smolyan	13	38	5334	..	..	29	10864
Sofia	124	140	21415	3	1201	82	82816
Sofia cap.	180	617	101430	10	9554	40	22043
Stara Zagora	69	150	20660	..	..	80	53432
Targovishte	9	10	1066	-	-	19	4739
Haskovo	46	127	16879	4	828	43	23409
Shumen	24	38	3082	47	4966
Yambol	4	17	1268	-	-	17	6001

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Table 2

Building construction started in the third quarter of 2010¹

Districts	Residential buildings			Administrative buildings		Other buildings	
	Number	Dwellings	Gross building area - sq. m	Number	Gross building area - sq. m	Number	Gross building area - sq. m
Total	757	2260	269794	29	18144	514	260975
Blagoevgrad	41	171	12251	4	1444	32	12875
Burgas	41	144	16804	..	..	21	20512
Varna	95	377	46049	..	..	36	25523
Veliko Tarnovo	21	26	3618	..	..	34	9377
Vidin	3	4	452	-	-	7	744
Vratsa	8	13	2300	..	..	14	1654
Gabrovo	7	7	997	-	-	..	..
Dobrich	26	59	5894	-	-	7	1073
Kardzhali	11	80	7552	-	-	15	3423
Kyustendil	9	13	2188	-	-	..	..
Lovech	16	16	3231	-	-	9	4250
Montana	8	8	1812	..	..	11	5153
Pazardzhik	25	55	6360	-	-	23	10995
Pernik	19	19	2150	..	..	16	1390
Pleven	20	34	6291	..	..	17	16652
Plovdiv	54	92	11548	-	-	38	18975
Razgrad	14	19	3782	..	..	19	6710
Ruse	23	270	17152	-	-	15	4573
Silistra	10	13	1717	-	-	14	5408
Sliven	18	20	2636	..	..	19	26006
Smolyan	8	10	1829	..	..	18	12035
Sofia	82	286	24939	..	..	19	2963
Sofia cap.	89	172	46687	..	..	19	8318
Stara Zagora	50	148	21924	7	2952	29	42811
Targovishte	5	6	677	-	-	8	3242
Haskovo	21	98	8949	3	553	30	2888
Shumen	26	75	7573	-	-	30	6396
Yambol	7	25	2432	-	-	8	5773

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