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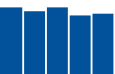
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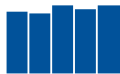
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Dear readers,

The National Statistical Institute of Bulgaria presents to the users' attention the main results from the Population and Housing Census in the Republic of Bulgaria which was held on 1.02.2011.

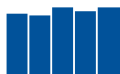
For the first time Bulgaria conducted a Census, as a member-state of the European Union, in compliance with the requirements of Regulation (EC) No 763/2008 of the European Parliament and the Council on population and housing censuses in EU, as well as with the related European regulations as regards to the technical format and data quality.

For the first time, apart from the classic Census with a paper-back census questionnaire, a Census through Internet using an electronic questionnaire was conducted, as a method for registration of statistical data.

This publication is part of series of NSI publications containing final data on the main results on all topics from Census 2011.

The publication contains data on the main characteristics of population, households, families, buildings and dwellings in different territorial, and classification aggregations, and sections.

The National Statistical Institute expresses sincere gratitude to all persons and institutions which have contributed to the successful conducting of the Census.



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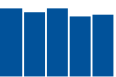
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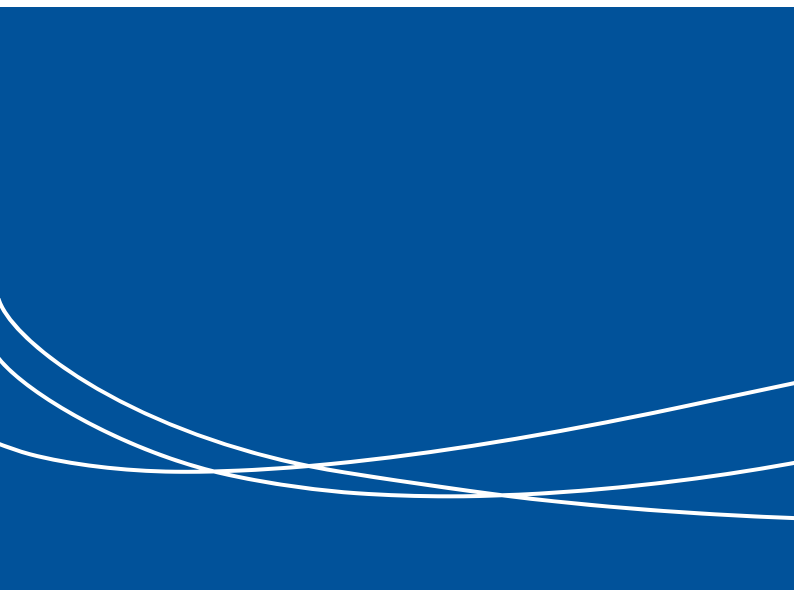
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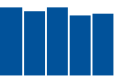


ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

CEMC	= Children's Expert Medical Commission
Eurostat	= Statistical Office of the European Union
EU	= European Union
incl.	= including
NEMC	= National Expert Medical Commission
TEMC	= Territorial Expert Medical Commission
.	= no data
..	= data is confidential
-	= no cases
0	= value less than half the used measure per unit
x	= due to the nature of data there may be no case
()	= estimated data
§	= paragraph
%	= percent
‰	= thousandth

**METHODOLOGICAL
NOTES**





METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

All data included in the publication is in accordance with the methodological requirements and definitions regulated in the Bulgarian and European legislation as regards to the conduct of Censuses in the European Union.

1. Reference Date of the Census

The reference date of the Census was 0:00 on 1 February 2011. This means that all the information about the units of observation (buildings, dwellings, households and individuals) refers to this moment. The on-line census started at 0:00 on 1 February 2011 and ended at 24:00 on 9 February 2011. The classic Census started at 8:00 on 10 February 2011 and ended at 20:00 on 28 February 2011.

2. Subject and Units of Observation

The subject, units and main characteristics of observation in Census 2011 are regulated in the Law on Census of Population and Housing in Republic of Bulgaria in 2011. In developing the Census tools, additional variables were included which contribute to improving the quality of information, the data analytics and the provision of additional information on the studied processes.

Technical observation unit during the Census are the households in which individuals, subject to observation, live.

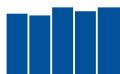
The Census of population was carried out under the principle of the place of usual residence.

‘Usual residence’ means the place where a person normally spends the daily period of rest (accommodation), regardless of temporary absences for purposes of recreation, holidays, visits to friends and relatives, business, medical treatment, religious pilgrimage, etc.

3. Basic Definitions and Concepts

The methodology and basic definitions used in the registration and processing of data in this publication are part of the instruction on completing the census questionnaires. All data at territorial level refers to the settlements’ status at the time of Census.

The data at regional and municipal level refers to the administrative-territorial division of the country at 01.02.2011.



3.1. Age

The age of individuals refers to the age in completed years reached at the reference date of the Census.

The data in this publication is presented in ten-year age intervals. Age groups of under, at and above working age are also used.

Under working age - includes all persons 15 years of age.

At working age - includes women from 16 to 59 years old and men from 16 to 62 years old.

Over working age - includes women aged 60 and more and men aged 63 and more.

3.2. Legal marital status

Legal marital status is the conjugal status of the individual in relation to the marriage laws, at the reference date of Census.

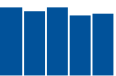
Each person is classified according to his/her most recently acquired legal marital status at the reference date.

- „Never married” - persons who have never entered into juridical marriage. The answer also applies to persons up to 16 years of age who by law can not get married;
- „Married” - persons in juridical marriage registered according to the country legislation. The answer also applies to persons who have entered into religious marriage before 12 May 1945;
- „Widowed” - persons who were widowed after their last juridical marriage, i.e. after the death of their spouse;
- „Divorced” - persons who have received an official court decision for divorce.

3.3. De facto marital status

De facto (actual) marital status is the marital status of the person whether it is formed legally or not. The de facto marital status of the person may differ from his/her legal status.

- „Not in marriage (not in partnership)” - persons who, at the reference date of Census, are not living in a partnership and persons who, as per 01.02.2011, were in juridical marriage but are separated, i.e. are not living with their spouse but are not still legally divorced;
- „In marriage” - persons who, at the reference date of Census,



have legal marital status “married” and at the same time are living with their legal partner;

- „Cohabiting/ partnership” - persons living in partnership without legal marriage at the reference date of Census.

3.4. Citizenship

Citizenship is defined as the particular legal bond between an individual and his/her state, acquired by birth or naturalization, whether by declaration, option, marriage or by other means according to the national legislation.

- „Bulgarian and other” - refers to persons who have dual citizenship one of which is Bulgarian.

- „Other” - refers to persons with citizenship other than Bulgarian.

The citizenship of children under 14 years is defined by their parents.

3.5. Ethnic group

Ethnic group is a community of persons close by origin, way of life, culture and language.

The principles and recommendations of UN related to the study of population by ethnicity are applied:

- Voluntary responses.
- Self-declaration.
- Possibility to record own answers in group “other”.

The ethnic group of children is defined by their parents. If the parents belong to different ethnic groups, the ethnic group of children is defined by mutual agreement of the parents.

The population distribution by ethnic group is not exhaustive at national, regional and municipal level because the presented tables do not include non-response.

3.6. Mother tongue

Mother tongue is the first language spoken at home in early childhood.



The principles and recommendations of UN related to the study of population by ethnicity are applied:

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- Self-declaration.
- Possibility to record own answers in “other” group.

The mother tongue of children is declared by their parents. If the parents have different mother tongues, the mother tongue of children is defined based on mutual agreement.

The population distribution by mother tongue is not exhaustive at national, regional and municipal level because the presented tables do not include non-response.

3.7. Religion

Religion is the belonging of a person to a given group, historically differentiated and characterized by performing definite religious practices (East-Orthodox, Catholic, Protestant, Muslim and others).

The principles and recommendations of UN related to the study of population by ethnicity are applied:

- Voluntary answering.
- Self-declaration.
- Possibility to record own answers in “other” group.

Persons who do not belong to any religion are included in the group “No religion”.

The religion of children is defined according to their parents’ religion. If the parents have different religions, the religion of children is defined based on mutual agreement.

The population distribution by religion is not exhaustive at national, regional and municipal level because the presented tables do not include non-response.

3.8. Level of completed education

The level of completed education refers to the highest level of education successfully completed by the person, regardless of the form of training (day, evening, correspondence courses, distance learning) for which the person holds diploma or

certificate (issued in Bulgaria or issued abroad and being legalized by the Bulgarian authorities).

Data by completed level of education in this publication is grouped as follows:

- „Tertiary education” - qualification and scientific degree “Doctor/PhD”; qualification degrees “Master”; “Bachelor”; “Professional bachelor” (‘specialist in’, college degree);
- „Upper secondary education” - „Secondary (special) vocational education (secondary vocational school, vocational gymnasium, third level of professional qualification)”; “Secondary vocational training education (technical school, vocational gymnasium, second level of professional qualification)”; “Upper Secondary general education”; “Post-secondary, non-tertiary vocational education (fourth level of professional qualification)”;
- „Lower secondary (basic) education” - refers to persons who have completed eighth grade of a comprehensive school according to the current educational system in the country and hold a certificate of completion of lower secondary (basic) school; persons who have completed seventh grade for whom this was the last grade to complete lower secondary (basic) education and persons who continue their education in ninth and upper grades without having received a certificate for completed lower secondary (basic) education; vocational training with entrance after 8-th grade (first level of professional qualification); vocational training with entrance after 6-th and 7-th grade (first level of professional qualification);
- „Primary education” - refers to persons who have completed fourth grade according to the current educational system of the country and persons for whom third grade was the last grade to complete primary education;
- „Uncompleted primary education” - refers to persons who at the time of the Census study from first to fourth grade and to persons who attended but not completed primary school. Children up to 7 years old who are enrolled in school are also included.
- „Never attended school” - refers to persons aged 8 and more who have never attended school;
- „Child” - children under 8 years old inclusive, not attending school.



3.9. Literacy

Literacy refers to the ability to read and write. A person is considered literate if he/she can read and understand the meaning of the written text and can write a summary of his/her daily activities. A person is considered illiterate if he/she can not read and understand the meaning of the written text and can not write a summary of his/her daily activities. A person who can only read and write numbers and his/her own name, is considered illiterate. A person who knows how to read but can not write and a person, who knows to read and write only a few learned phrases, is also considered illiterate. (Recommendations of UN (353)).

3.10. Persons with disability or loss of working capacity

Refers to persons aged 16 and above. The percentage of the lost working capacity or degree of disability assigned by a Territorial Expert Medical Commission (TEMC) or by the National Expert Medical Commission (NEMC) is indicated.

The degree of disability/degree of lost working capacity is defined as percentage of the capacity of a healthy person.

According to national legislation, the degree of disability/ degree of lost working capacity is grouped as follows:

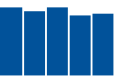
- „Up to 50%“;
- „From 50 to 70%“;
- „From 71 to 90%“;
- „Over 90%“.

This question is voluntary, i.e. the person may not answer if he/she does not want to.

The population distribution by persons with disability/ loss of working capacity is not exhaustive at national, regional and municipal level because the presented tables do not include non-response.

3.11. Children under 16 with disability.

Refers to persons under 16 years old and the answer is indicated either by the parents or by an authorized person in case of collective household. The degree of disability



assigned by Children's Expert Medical Commission (CEMC) or by the National Expert Medical Commission (NEMC) is indicated.

The degree of disability is defined as percentage of the capacity of a healthy person.

According to national legislation, the degree of disability is grouped as follows:

- „Up to 50%“;
- „From 50 to 90%“;
- „Over 90%“.

This question is voluntary, i.e. the person may not answer if he/she does not want to.

The population distribution by children under 16 with disability is not exhaustive at national, regional and municipal level because the presented tables do not include non-response.

3.12. Economic activity

Employed are persons aged 15 and over who during the period 24 - 30 January 2011: carried out some work for payment (in cash or in kind) for at least one hour; did not work but had a job from which they were temporary absent due to leave, illness, pregnancy, childbirth or bringing up a child (for the period during which they received the full amount of their remuneration), adverse weather conditions, strikes or other similar reasons.

Unemployed are persons aged 15 and over who did not work during the period 24 - 30 January 2011, but were actively looking for a job within the preceding four weeks, including the reference week, and were able to start work within two weeks after 1 February.

Economically inactive population includes persons who are neither employed nor unemployed during the reference period.

3.13. Households

Private household refers to:

- a person who lives alone in a separate housing unit, room or part of a room and has a separate budget;



■ two or more persons who occupy a single housing unit or part of a housing unit and have a common budget, whether they have or not any family relations.

Common budget means that people living together share common costs, i.e. have meals together and share costs for taking care of children and other dependents. It is not necessary that all income of all household members is spent on the household in order to assume that the household has a common budget.

Persons who do not have a common budget and do not have their meals together, do not form a household even though they live together or even share a room.

Persons, who permanently live in student or worker dormitories, also form a private household (one-person or multiperson).

Collective household

Collective household refers to a group of persons who permanently live in a collective, have a common budget and regime.

3.14. Families

Family is two or more persons who belong to the same household and who are related by blood or by marriage/ partnership or adoption.

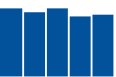
One person does not represent a family.

A family consists of:

- spouses (in juridical marriage or in partnership) without children;
- spouses (in juridical marriage or in partnership) with one or more never married children, no matter their age;
- single parent with one or more never married children, no matter their age.

3.15. Buildings

Residential buildings are those buildings which by initial construction or reconstruction are designed for human habitation and consist of one or more dwellings that take at least 60% of the developed area of the building (Art. 5, item 29 of the Supplementary Provisions of the Law on Spatial Planning).



3.16. Dwelling

Dwelling is a separate and independent from the point of view of a construction place, intended for living, consisting of one or more premises (housing or ancillary) and having one or more independent exits to an accessible to the public place (staircase, common corridor, courtyard or directly to the street), whether it has a kitchen.

The dwelling is surrounded by walls, regardless the material from which they are constructed, and has a roof so that people living in it can separate themselves from other group of people in order to have some sleep, cook some food or living in general.

The dwelling is separate, i.e. has an independent exit to a staircase, a common corridor, and a courtyard or direct access to the street, so that people living in it can enter and exit their dwelling without passing through premises of other persons.

4. Confidentiality of information

According to Art. 25 of the Statistics Act, individual data received and collected through statistical surveys constitute a statistical secret and may only be used for statistical purposes. Individual data received for the purposes of statistical surveys may not be used as evidence before executive and the judiciary bodies.

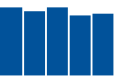
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- Statistical data which can be matched in a way that enables the identification of a specific statistical unit;
- Statistical information which aggregates data about less than three statistical units or about a population in which the relative share of the value of a surveyed parameter of a single unit exceeds 85 per cent of the total value of such a parameter for all units in the population.

All data in this publication below the threshold of confidentiality, is anonymised so that individual statistical units can not be identified.

I. POPULATION





Population Census

As of 1 February 2011 the population of Bulgaria was 7 364 570 persons.

In the period between the last two Censuses 2001-2011 the population in the country has decreased by 564 331 persons, or by 7.1%.

Two thirds of the population decrease, or 389 087 persons, is due to the negative natural growth rate. The natural growth rate was negative for all years in the period between the two Censuses and the highest decrease in the population occurred in 2002 (-46 118 persons).

Almost one third of the population (31.1%) decrease in the period between the two Censuses 2001 and 2011 was due to international migration, estimated at 175 244 persons.

The tendency of increasing relative share of urban population and decreasing relative share of rural population was preserved. 5 338 261 persons, or 72.5% live in urban areas and 2 026 309 persons, or 27.5% live in rural areas.

Figure 1. Population by Census years within the period 1900 - 2011

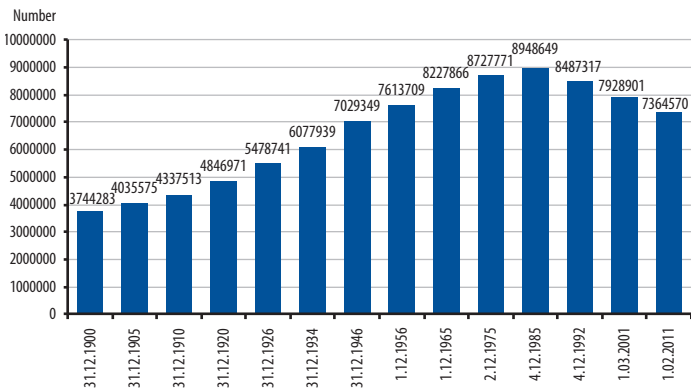
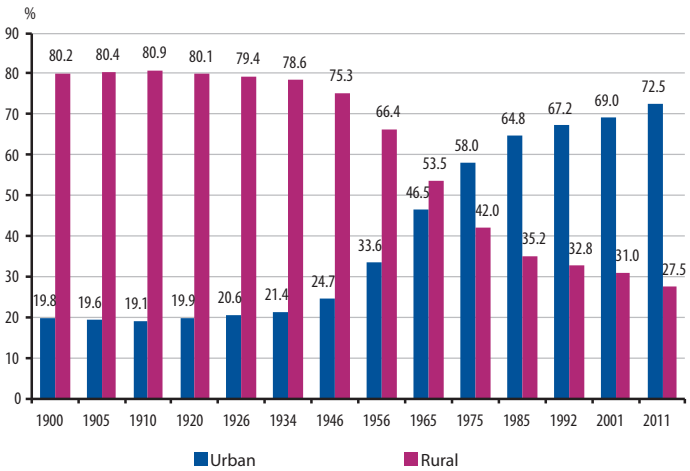


Figure 2. Population structure by place of residence and Census year within the period 1900 - 2011



1. Population Censuses

Census year	Total	Urban areas	Rural areas	(Number)
				Women per 1 000 men
31.12.1900	3744283	742435	3001848	961
31.12.1905	4035575	789689	3245886	962
31.12.1910	4337513	829522	3507991	966
31.12.1920	4846971	966375	3880596	1002
31.12.1926	5478741	1130131	4348610	997
31.12.1934	6077939	1302551	4775388	990
31.12.1946	7029349	1735188	5294161	999
1.12.1956	7613709	2556071	5057638	1004
1.12.1965	8227866	3822824	4405042	1000
2.12.1975	8727771	5061087	3666684	1003
4.12.1985	8948649	5799939	3148710	1019
4.12.1992	8487317	5704552	2782765	1035
1.03.2001	7928901	5474534	2454367	1053
1.02.2011	7364570	5338261	2026309	1053

Territorial distribution of the population

The territorial distribution of the population is defined by the natural movement of population (births and deaths), and by internal and international migration. Changes in the administrative-territorial division of the country (merging of settlements, moving settlements from one municipality to another) statistically effect the territorial distribution of the population.

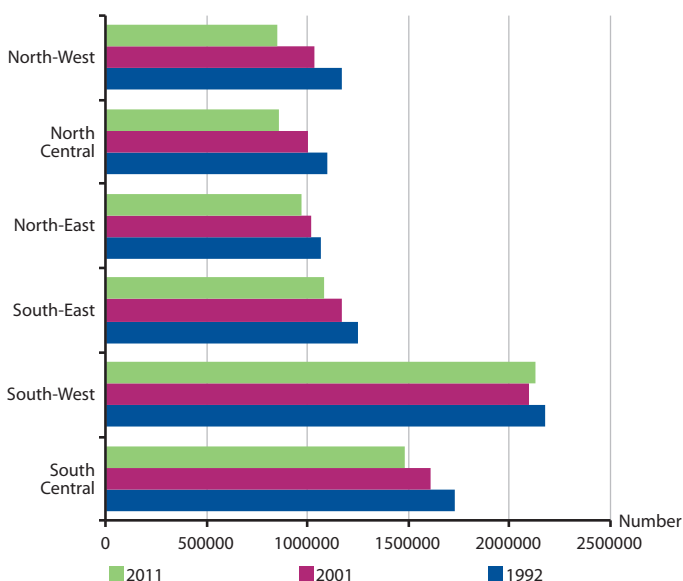
As of 1.02.2011, 5 338 261 persons, or 72.5% lived in urban areas and 2 026 309 persons, or 27.5% live in rural areas.

Nearly half the population lived in the South-West and South Central region, the population of which was 2 132 848 (29%) and 1 479 373 (20.1%) respectively. South-East and North-East regions were next in population where 27.8% of the total population lived.

The population of North Central and North-West region was approximately 12% of the total population for each of the two regions.

Of the six statistical regions, only the South-West had positive population growth rate between the two Censuses (1.7%). Highest was the negative growth rate in the North-West region (-18.3%) and in North Central region (-13.7%).

Figure 3. Population by Census years and statistical regions





2. Population by census years, statistical zones, statistical regions and by districts

Statistical zones Statistical regions Districts	Population - number			Growth - %	
	1992	2001	2011	1992 - 2001	2001 - 2011
Total	8487317	7928901	7364570	-6.6	-7.1
<i>North and South-East Bulgaria</i>					
North-West region	1167389	1037304	847138	-11.1	-18.3
Vidin	151636	130074	101018	-14.2	-22.3
Vratsa	270679	243036	186848	-10.2	-23.1
Lovech	190262	169951	141422	-10.7	-16.8
Montana	208198	182258	148098	-12.5	-18.7
Pleven	346614	311985	269752	-10.0	-13.5
North Central region	1097413	997871	861112	-9.1	-13.7
Veliko Tarnovo	318251	293172	258494	-7.9	-11.8
Gabrovo	161987	144125	122702	-11.0	-14.9
Razgrad	167410	152417	125190	-9.0	-17.9
Ruse	288702	266157	235252	-7.8	-11.6
Silistra	161063	142000	119474	-11.8	-15.9
North-East region	1067409	1019297	966097	-4.5	-5.2
Varna	462970	462013	475074	-0.2	2.8
Dobrich	232780	215217	189677	-7.5	-11.9
Targovishte	151339	137689	120818	-9.0	-12.3
Shumen	220320	204378	180528	-7.2	-11.7
South-East region	1249048	1168706	1078002	-6.4	-7.8
Burgas	440372	423547	415817	-3.8	-1.8
Sliven	234785	218474	197473	-6.9	-9.6
Stara Zagora	397339	370615	333265	-6.7	-10.1
Yambol	176552	156070	131447	-11.6	-15.8
<i>South-West and South Central Bulgaria</i>					
South-West region	2176379	2097621	2132848	-3.6	1.7
Blagoevgrad	351637	341173	323552	-3.0	-5.2
Kyustendil	181347	162534	136686	-10.4	-15.9
Pernik	163307	149832	133530	-8.3	-10.9
Sofia	289962	273240	247489	-5.8	-9.4
Sofia cap.	1190126	1170842	1291591	-1.6	10.3
South Central region	1729679	1608102	1479373	-7.0	-8.0
Kardzhali	213806	164019	152808	-23.3	-6.8
Pazardzhik	326123	310723	275548	-4.7	-11.3
Plovdiv	734495	715816	683027	-2.5	-4.6
Smolyan	159752	140066	121752	-12.3	-13.1
Haskovo	295503	277478	246238	-6.1	-11.3

Distribution of the population by districts

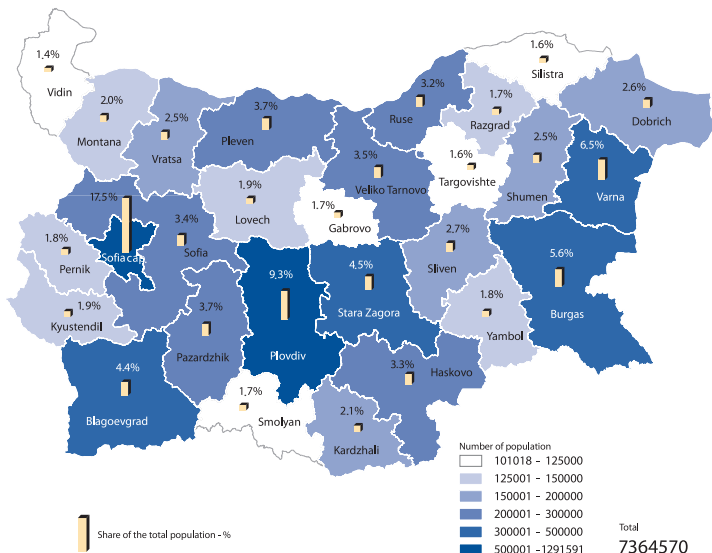
The largest district regarding the population is Sofia cap., in which live 1 291 591 persons, or 17.5% of the country population and the smallest district is Vidin with population of 101 018 persons (1.4%).

Six are the districts with population above 300 thousand persons and in three of them - Sofia cap., Plovdiv and Varna, lives one-third of the total population. Fourth district regarding the population is Burgas, with population of 415 817 persons, followed by districts of Stara Zagora - 333 265 persons and Blagoevgrad with population of 323 552 persons.

Between the two Censuses only the population of Sofia cap. and Varna has increased - by 120 749 persons (10.3%) and 13 061 persons (2.8%) respectively.

In all other districts the population has decreased and in districts of Burgas, Plovdiv, Blagoevgrad and Kardzhali the relative share of the decrease was lower than the country average. The population in the districts of Vratsa and Vidin has decreased by more than 20%.

Figure 4. Population by districts





3. Population by place of residence, statistical zones, statistical regions and by districts

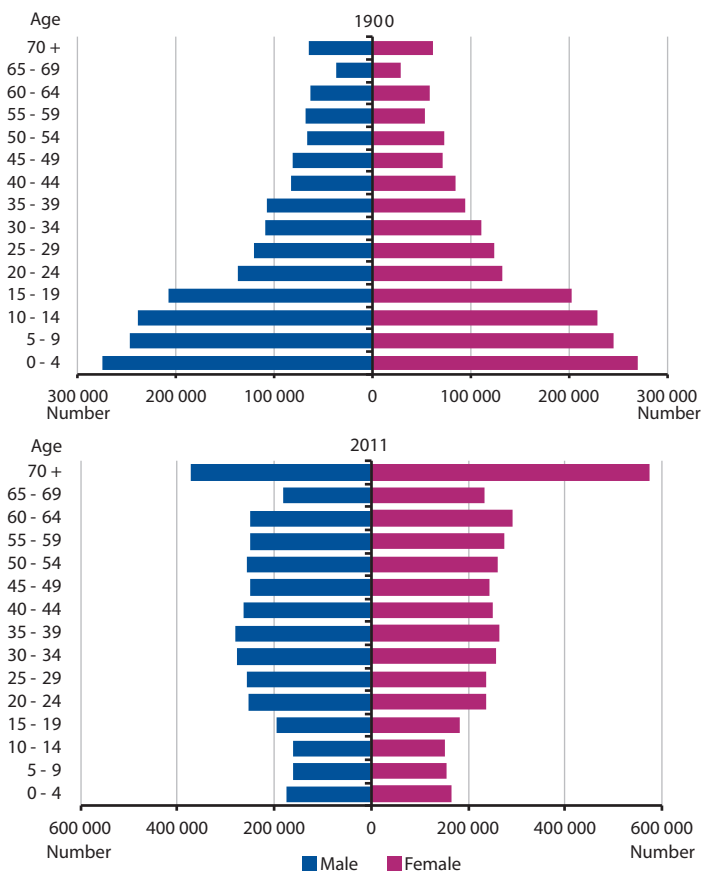
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<i>North and South-East Bulgaria</i>				
North-West region	847138	535571	311567	1035
Vidin	101018	63907	37111	1048
Vratsa	186848	110173	76675	1026
Lovech	141422	87672	53750	1040
Montana	148098	94345	53753	1033
Pleven	269752	179474	90278	1034
North Central region	861112	573051	288061	1053
Veliko Tarnovo	258494	179200	79294	1069
Gabrovo	122702	100225	22477	1070
Razgrad	125190	59313	65877	1040
Ruse	235252	180326	54926	1055
Silistra	119474	53987	65487	1015
North-East region	966097	702145	263952	1040
Varna	475074	393068	82006	1042
Dobrich	189677	130580	59097	1034
Targovishte	120818	65293	55525	1036
Shumen	180528	113204	67324	1042
South-East region	1078002	768945	309057	1043
Burgas	415817	311260	104557	1041
Sliven	197473	131041	66432	1045
Stara Zagora	333265	235027	98238	1047
Yambol	131447	91617	39830	1034
<i>South-West and South Central Bulgaria</i>				
South-West region	2132848	1771834	361014	1074
Blagoevgrad	323552	191317	132235	1040
Kyustendil	136686	93553	43133	1045
Pernik	133530	105182	28348	1041
Sofia	247489	150434	97055	1031
Sofia cap.	1291591	1231348	60243	1098
South Central region	1479373	986715	492658	1051
Kardzhali	152808	63367	89441	1010
Pazardzhik	275548	171363	104185	1029
Plovdiv	683027	507407	175620	1070
Smolyan	121752	66800	54952	1052
Haskovo	246238	177778	68460	1047

Population structure by age

Negative tendency of population structure by age continues to deepen. There is an ongoing process of demographic aging, resulting from the decrease of the absolute number and relative share of the population aged under 15 and increase of the share of the population aged 65 and over.

- 15.3% of the population in 2001 consisted of persons aged fewer than 15. In 2011, their share has decreased to 13.2%.
- The share of population in the age group 15 - 64 has increased slightly. Compared to 2001, this share has increased by 0.4% and from 67.9% it has reached 68.3%.
- The largest increase was observed in the share of population aged 65 and over - from 16.8% in 2001 to 18.5% in 2011.

Figure 5. Population by age, gender and Census year





4. Population by age, gender, place of residence, statistical zones and statistical regions

(Number)

Statistical zones Statistical regions Age (in completed years)	Total			Of which: urban areas		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Total	7364570	3586571	3777999	5338261	2580734	2757527
0 - 9	659806	339559	320247	481466	247665	233801
10 - 19	693051	356258	336793	502104	256724	245380
20 - 29	979895	507336	472559	762095	389347	372748
30 - 39	1079277	557896	521381	844076	431311	412765
40 - 49	1009486	515025	494461	760139	380056	380083
50 - 59	1040678	507806	532872	766637	366001	400636
60 and over	1902377	802691	1099686	1221744	509630	712114
<i>North and South-East Bulgaria</i>						
North-West	847138	416333	430805	535571	262735	272836
0 - 9	71414	36521	34893	46798	23991	22807
10 - 19	81075	41903	39172	54615	27794	26821
20 - 29	85815	46127	39688	59569	31620	27949
30 - 39	107377	56452	50925	78178	40528	37650
40 - 49	113839	59727	54112	81006	41226	39780
50 - 59	121569	61561	60008	81912	40302	41610
60 and over	266049	114042	152007	133493	57274	76219
North Central	861112	419361	441751	573051	276874	296177
0 - 9	69513	35818	33695	46020	23689	22331
10 - 19	80411	41444	38967	53634	27464	26170
20 - 29	108711	56593	52118	79702	40826	38876
30 - 39	114602	59387	55215	82236	42035	40201
40 - 49	118035	60488	57547	82641	41340	41301
50 - 59	125153	61617	63536	85251	40880	44371
60 and over	244687	104014	140673	143567	60640	82927
North-East	966097	473637	492460	702145	341210	360935
0 - 9	92273	47519	44754	65546	33726	31820
10 - 19	94849	48645	46204	66537	34055	32482
20 - 29	130910	67542	63368	101021	51365	49656
30 - 39	147643	76273	71370	115320	58948	56372
40 - 49	134243	69103	65140	101444	51215	50229
50 - 59	132873	64941	67932	97966	47079	50887

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4. Population by age, gender, place of residence, statistical zones and statistical regions

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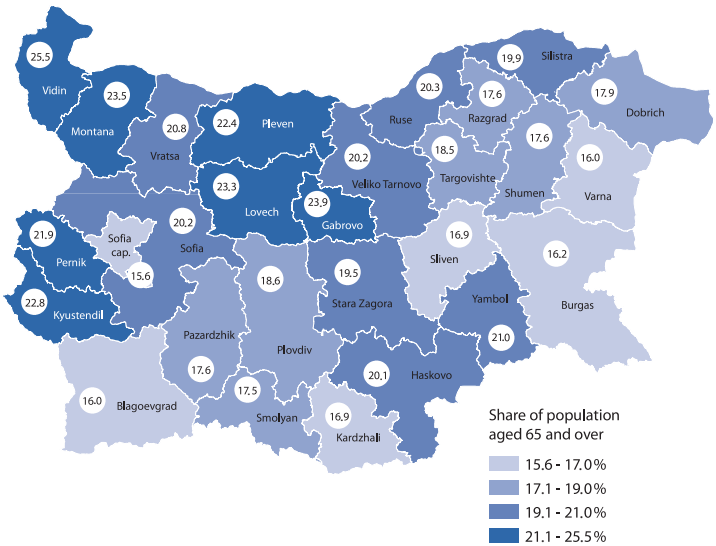
Statistical zones Statistical regions Age (in completed years)	Total			Of which: urban areas		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
60 and over	233306	99614	133692	154311	64822	89489
South-East	1078002	527661	550341	768945	374302	394643
0 - 9	107526	55312	52214	75072	38545	36527
10 - 19	107246	55004	52242	76066	38837	37229
20 - 29	134228	70348	63880	99558	51623	47935
30 - 39	156631	81406	75225	121260	62342	58918
40 - 49	146280	74561	71719	111273	55713	55560
50 - 59	154667	75848	78819	114929	55543	59386
60 and over	271424	115182	156242	170787	71699	99088
<i>South-West and South Central Bulgaria</i>						
South-West	2132848	1028220	1104628	1771834	848744	923090
0 - 9	185380	95608	89772	156269	80515	75754
10 - 19	187606	95933	91673	155512	79296	76216
20 - 29	329015	167338	161677	288928	145820	143108
30 - 39	341249	174149	167100	295516	149911	145605
40 - 49	288639	145136	143503	240108	119216	120892
50 - 59	290200	138041	152159	240258	111929	128329
60 and over	510759	212015	298744	395243	162057	233186
South Central	1479373	721359	758014	986715	476869	509846
0 - 9	133700	68781	64919	91761	47199	44562
10 - 19	141864	73329	68535	95740	49278	46462
20 - 29	191216	99388	91828	133317	68093	65224
30 - 39	211775	110229	101546	151566	77547	74019
40 - 49	208450	106010	102440	143667	71346	72321
50 - 59	216216	105798	110418	146321	70268	76053
60 and over	376152	157824	218328	224343	93138	131205

The share of population aged 65 and over was highest in districts Vidin (25.5%), Montana and Gabrovo (24% each), Lovech (23.3%) and Kyustendil (22.8%). The lowest share of elderly population was in districts Blagoevgrad, Varna and Sofia cap. - 16% (each).

In 13 districts the population aged 65 and over was more than one fifth of the district's population. The share of population aged under 15 was highest in districts Sliven - 17.2%, and Burgas - 14.7%. This share was lowest in districts Gabrovo and Pernik - 11%, Kyustendil - 11.5%, Veliko Tarnovo and Smolyan - 11.7% (each).

The population in the age group 15-64 had the highest share in district Sofia capital - 72.1%, followed by district Smolyan - 70.7% and districts Blagoevgrad and Varna - 70% each.

Figure 6. Share of the population aged 65 and over by districts

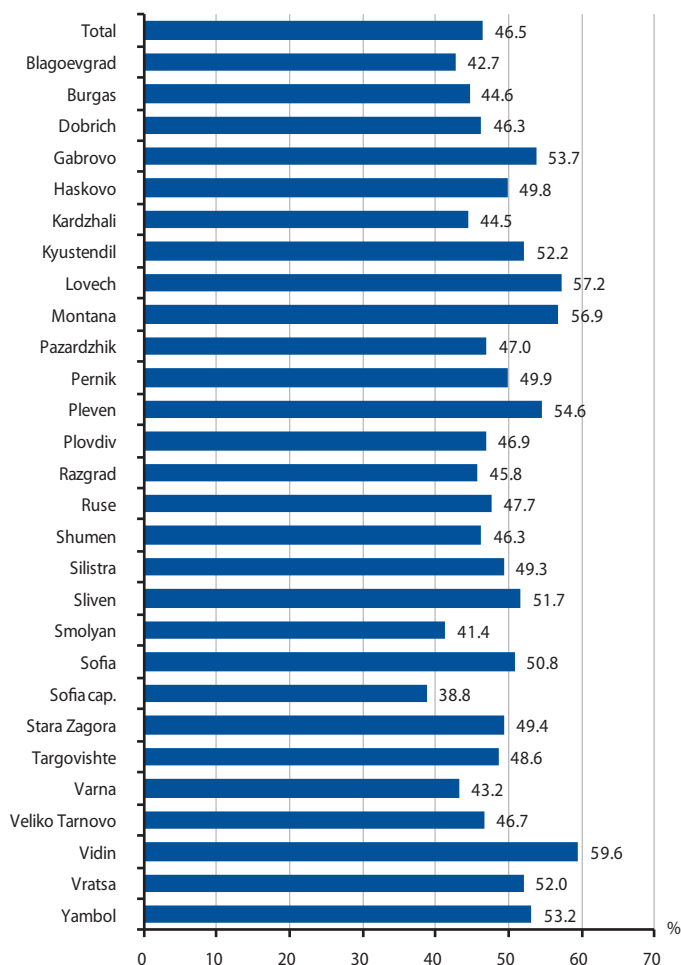


The total age dependency ratio for the country was 46.5%, i.e. to 100 persons in the age group 15-64 correspond to nearly 47 persons aged under 15 and 65 and older. This ratio was more favorable in the urban areas - 41% compared to rural ones - 63.1%.

This ratio was highest in districts Vidin (59.6%), Lovech (57.2%) and Montana (56.9%). In 10 districts this ratio was above 50%.

The districts where this ratio was more favorable are Sofia cap. - 38.8%, Smolyan (41.4%), Blagoevgrad (42.7%) and Varna (43.2%).

Figure 7. Age dependency ratio by districts





Population under, at and over working age

The tendency of population aging has led to changes in its basic age structure - the distribution of population under, at and above working age.

As of 1.02.2011, 62.2% of the country's population, or 4 576 904 persons were **at working age**. 52.5% were male and 47.5% were female. 65% of the urban population and 54.7% of the rural population was at working age.

The population **under working age** was 1 039 949 persons, and compared to the 2001 Census, it has decreased by 282 920 persons, or by 21.4%.

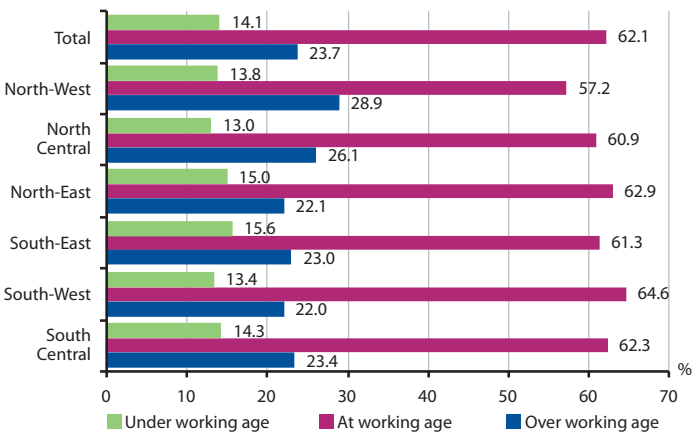
The population **over working age** was 1 747 717 persons. The share of persons above working age in rural areas is 1.5 times higher than that in urban areas.

The South-West region has the highest share of population **at working age** - 64.6%, followed by North-East - 62.9% and South Central - 62.3%. The lowest share of population in this age group is in the North-West region - 57.2%.

The highest share of population **under working age** was observed in South-East (15.6%) and North-East (15.0%) region. The lowest share of population under working age was observed in North Central (13.0%) and in South-West (13.4%) region.

The regions with the highest share of population **over working age** were North-West - 28.9% and North Central - 26.1%. The lowest share of population above working age was observed in South-West and North-East regions - 22%.

Figure 8. Population structure under, at and over working age by statistical regions



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5. Population under, at and over working age by gender, place of residence, statistical zones and statistical regions

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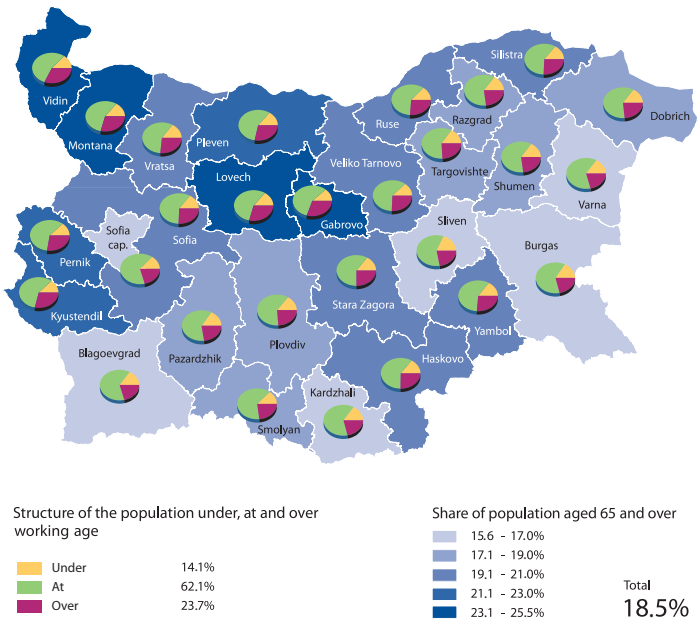
Statistical zones Statistical regions Age	Total			Of which: urban areas		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Total	7364570	3586571	3777999	5338261	2580734	2757527
Under working age	1039949	534921	505028	755196	388014	367182
At working age	4576904	2403619	2173285	3468965	1790734	1678231
Over working age	1747717	648031	1099686	1114100	401986	712114
<i>North and South-East Bulgaria</i>						
North-West	847138	416333	430805	535571	262735	272836
Under working age	117144	60009	57135	77465	39575	37890
At working age	484924	263261	221663	337168	178441	158727
Over working age	245070	93063	152007	120938	44719	76219
North Central	861112	419361	441751	573051	276874	296177
Under working age	112253	57772	54481	73822	37921	35901
At working age	524046	277449	246597	368486	191137	177349
Over working age	224813	84140	140673	130743	47816	82927
North-East	966097	473637	492460	702145	341210	360935
Under working age	144690	74308	70382	102156	52489	49667
At working age	608078	319692	288386	459577	237798	221779
Over working age	213329	79637	133692	140412	50923	89489
South-East	1078002	527661	550341	768945	374302	394643
Under working age	168627	86656	81971	118453	60716	57737
At working age	660915	348787	312128	495721	257903	237818
Over working age	248460	92218	156242	154771	55683	99088
<i>South-West and South Central Bulgaria</i>						
South-West	2132848	1028220	1104628	1771834	848744	923090
Under working age	285433	146949	138484	238507	122709	115798
At working age	1377684	710284	667400	1171080	596974	574106
Over working age	469731	170987	298744	362247	129061	233186
South Central	1479373	721359	758014	986715	476869	509846
Under working age	211802	109227	102575	144793	74604	70189
At working age	921257	484146	437111	636933	328481	308452
Over working age	346314	127986	218328	204989	73784	131205

The highest share of population **under working age** was observed in the district of Sliven - 18.3% followed by Burgas - 15.6%, Pazardzhik - 15.4%, Targovishte - 15.2%, Varna and Shumen - 15% each. The lowest share of population under working age was observed in districts of Gabrovo - 11.8%, Pernik - 12.1%, Kyustendil - 12.3% and Veliko Tarnovo - 12.4%.

Sofia cap. was the district with the highest share of population **at working age** - 66.5%, followed by districts of Blagoevgrad and Smolyan with 64.7% each. The lowest share of population in this age group was in the district Vidin - 54.8%.

The districts with the highest share of population **over working age** were Vidin - 32.4%, Gabrovo - 30.6%, Montana - 29.6%, Lovech - 29.5%. The lowest share of population over working age was observed in the districts Blagoevgrad and Sofia cap. - 20.4% each, Burgas and Kardzhali - 21.0% each, and Sliven - 21.8%.

Figure 9. Population under, at and over working age by districts

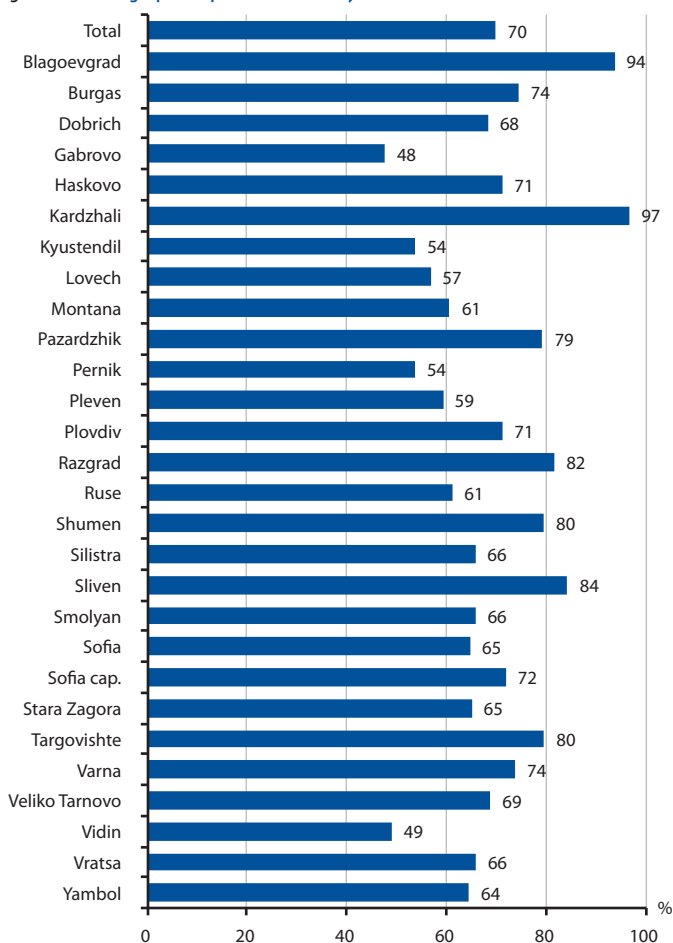


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Reproduction of the population at working age is best characterized by **the demographic replacement rate** which shows the ratio between the number of persons entering working age (15-19) and the number of persons leaving working age (60-64). This ratio is 70 for the country as a total. For comparison, in 2001 every 100 persons leaving working age were replaced by 124 young persons.

This ratio was most favorable in districts of Kardzhali (97), Blagoevgrad (94) and Sliven (84) and lowest in the districts Gabrovo - 48, Vidin - 49, and Pernik and Kyustendil where 100 persons leaving working age were replaced by 54 persons entering working age.

Figure 10. Demographic replacement rate by districts





Population by legal marital status

The general tendency in the population structure by marital status for the past 10 years is a decrease in the share of married persons compared to never married persons and persons cohabiting without marriage.

As of 1.02.2011, there were 2 921 950 (39.7%) never married, 3 259 954 (44.3%) married, 754 526 (10.2%) widowed and 428 140 (5.8%) divorced persons in the country. The share of persons in juridical marriage in 2011 compared to 2001 Census has decreased by nearly 10 percentage points and the share of never married persons has increased by nearly 7 percentage points.

Never married persons prevail among younger age groups. Their share in the age group 16-34 is nearly half of all never married persons. After this age the share of never married persons decreases and comprises around 16% of all never married persons. Conversely, with increasing the age, the share of married persons increases and for age over 35 it comprises 87% of all married persons.

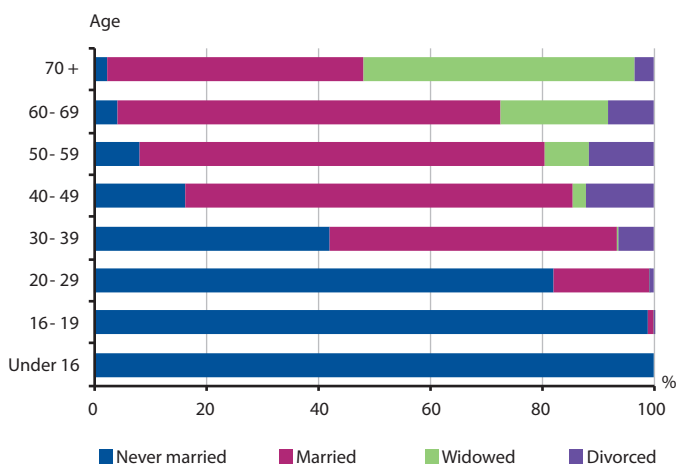
The share of never married persons in the rural areas (36.7%) was lower than that in the urban areas with 4.1 percentage points. Conversely, the share of widowed persons in the rural areas was higher than the one in urban areas - 13.8% and 8.9% respectively. The smaller number of young people in rural areas determines the lower share of never married persons in them.

People living in rural areas get divorced significantly less frequently than people living in urban areas. The number of divorced persons in rural areas was 4 times lower than that in urban areas.

The highest share of never married persons was observed in South Central - 42.0% and South-East region 41.3%, and lowest was observed in North-East - 36.4%. The highest number of divorced people was observed in South Central and North-West region - 6.5% of the population each. The lowest share of divorced persons was observed in South-West region.

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Figure 11. Population structure by legal marital status and age



6. Population by legal marital status, place of residence, gender, statistical zones and statistical regions

(Number)

Statistical zones Statistical regions Legal marital status	Total			Of which: urban areas		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Total	7364570	3586571	3777999	5338261	2580734	2757527
Never married	2921950	1630743	1291207	2178009	1195598	982411
Married	3259954	1624123	1635831	2340580	1160626	1179954
Widowed	754526	143747	610779	474369	84237	390132
Divorced	428140	187958	240182	345303	140273	205030
<i>North and South-East Bulgaria</i>						
North-West	847138	416333	430805	535571	262735	272836
Never married	308017	176936	131081	200223	112967	87256
Married	381376	191975	189401	249295	124383	124912
Widowed	107064	22436	84628	52065	10239	41826
Divorced	50681	24986	25695	33988	15146	18842
North Central	861112	419361	441751	573051	276874	296177
Never married	326056	184008	142048	223748	124002	99746
Married	382388	190801	191587	252365	125215	127150
Widowed	96707	18601	78106	55207	9968	45239
Divorced	55961	25951	30010	41731	17689	24042



6. Population by legal marital status, place of residence, gender, statistical zones and statistical regions

(Continued and end)

(Number)

Statistical zones Statistical regions Legal marital status	Total			Of which: urban areas		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
North-East	966097	473637	492460	702145	341210	360935
Never married	399437	222796	176641	289544	159611	129933
Married	414831	206547	208284	304291	150904	153387
Widowed	93317	18080	75237	60700	10739	49961
Divorced	58512	26214	32298	47610	19956	27654
South-East	1078002	527661	550341	768945	374302	394643
Never married	423846	238822	185024	302863	169096	133767
Married	484107	241463	242644	350165	173813	176352
Widowed	111032	20588	90444	69264	11848	57416
Divorced	59017	26788	32229	46653	19545	27108
<i>South-West and South Central Bulgaria</i>						
South-West	2132848	1028220	1104628	1771834	848744	923090
Never married	895213	488760	406453	769230	414116	355114
Married	904207	448370	455837	730541	361160	369381
Widowed	195076	35694	159382	148313	26115	122198
Divorced	138352	55396	82956	123750	47353	76397
South Central	1479373	721359	758014	986715	476869	509846
Never married	569381	319421	249960	392401	215806	176595
Married	693045	344967	348078	453923	225151	228772
Widowed	151330	28348	122982	88820	15328	73492
Divorced	65617	28623	36994	51571	20584	30987

Population by de facto marital status

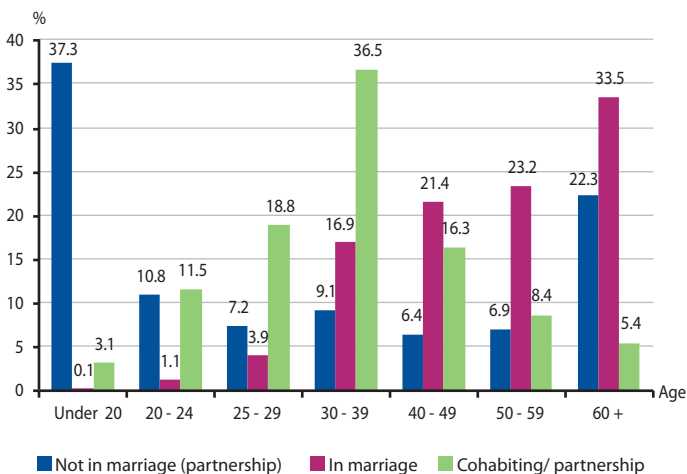
As of 1.02.2011, 579 434 persons, or 8.0% of the population lived in **cohabitation without legal marriage**. Their share has increased twice compared to 2001.

The number of de facto marriages was 289 717. The legal marital status of persons living in cohabitation without legal marriage was as follows: never married - 442 942 or 76.4%; married - 21 444, or 3.7%; widowed - 18 308, or 3.2%; divorced - 96 740, or 16.7%;

70% of the persons living in cohabitation without legal marriage were in the age group 16-39. The share of cohabiting people decreases in parallel to the increase of age and among the population aged 40-49 it was 16% and amongst those aged 50 and over - 14%.

The highest share of persons living in cohabitation without legal marriage was observed in North-East (9.5%) and South-East (8.4%) regions. The lowest share was observed in South Central region - 7.1% of the population.

Figure 12. Population structure by de facto marital status and age





7. Population by de facto marital status, gender, statistical zones and statistical regions

(Number)

Statistical zones Statistical regions De facto marital status	Total			Of which: urban areas		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Total	7364570	3586571	3777999	5338261	2580734	2757527
Not in marriage (partnership)	3572394	1698001	1874393	2622336	1232721	1389615
In marriage	3212742	1598864	1613878	2309243	1144678	1164565
Cohabiting/ partnership	579434	289706	289728	406682	203335	203347
<i>North and South-East Bulgaria</i>						
North-West	847138	416333	430805	535571	262735	272836
Not in marriage (partnership)	404609	194193	210416	250283	120485	129798
In marriage	374335	188043	186292	245484	122347	123137
Cohabiting/ partnership	68194	34097	34097	39804	19903	19901
North Central	861112	419361	441751	573051	276874	296177
Not in marriage (partnership)	414220	196601	217619	279890	131346	148544
In marriage	376754	187698	189056	249225	123566	125659
Cohabiting/ partnership	70138	35062	35076	43936	21962	21974
North-East	966097	473637	492460	702145	341210	360935
Not in marriage (partnership)	465703	224618	241085	340995	161965	179030
In marriage	408580	203114	205466	300406	148872	151534
Cohabiting/ partnership	91814	45905	45909	60744	30373	30371
South-East	1078002	527661	550341	768945	374302	394643
Not in marriage (partnership)	510816	244972	265844	365208	173800	191408
In marriage	477110	237646	239464	345451	171361	174090
Cohabiting/ partnership	90076	45043	45033	58286	29141	29145
<i>South-West and South Central Bulgaria</i>						
South-West	2132848	1028220	1104628	1771834	848744	923090
Not in marriage (partnership)	1086425	508707	577718	916728	425066	491662
In marriage	892227	442412	449815	720632	356433	364199
Cohabiting/ partnership	154196	77101	77095	134474	67245	67229
South Central	1479373	721359	758014	986715	476869	509846
Not in marriage (partnership)	690621	328910	361711	469232	220059	249173
In marriage	683736	339951	343785	448045	222099	225946
Cohabiting/ partnership	105016	52498	52518	69438	34711	34727

8. Population by legal marital status, statistical zones and statistical regions

(Number)

Statistical zones Statistical regions Legal marital status	Total	De facto marital status		
		Not in marriage (partnership)	In marriage	Cohabiting/ partnership
Total	7364570	3572394	3212742	579434
Never married	2921950	2479008	-	442942
Married	3259954	25768	3212742	21444
Widowed	754526	736218	-	18308
Divorced	428140	331400	-	96740
<i>North and South-East Bulgaria</i>				
North-West	847138	404609	374335	68194
Never married	308017	257833	-	50184
Married	381376	3780	374335	3261
Widowed	107064	104353	-	2711
Divorced	50681	38643	-	12038
North Central	861112	414220	376754	70138
Never married	326056	275318	-	50738
Married	382388	3027	376754	2607
Widowed	96707	93717	-	2990
Divorced	55961	42158	-	13803
North-East	966097	465703	408580	91814
Never married	399437	328438	-	70999
Married	414831	3389	408580	2862
Widowed	93317	90237	-	3080
Divorced	58512	43639	-	14873
South-East	1078002	510816	477110	90076
Never married	423846	354172	-	69674
Married	484107	4004	477110	2993
Widowed	111032	107856	-	3176
Divorced	59017	44784	-	14233
<i>South-West and South Central Bulgaria</i>				
South-West	2132848	1086425	892227	154196
Never married	895213	778827	-	116386
Married	904207	7276	892227	4704
Widowed	195076	191222	-	3854
Divorced	138352	109100	-	29252
South Central	1479373	690621	683736	105016
Never married	569381	484420	-	84961
Married	693045	4292	683736	5017
Widowed	151330	148833	-	2497
Divorced	65617	53076	-	12541



Citizenship

Citizenship is defined as the particular legal bond between an individual and his/her State, acquired by birth or naturalization, whether by declaration, option, marriage or other means, according to the national legislation.

As of 1.02.2011, 99.2% of the population in Bulgaria had Bulgarian citizenship, 0.5% - foreign citizenship and 0.3% - dual - Bulgarian and foreign citizenship.

36 677 persons with foreign citizenship live permanently in the country. The majority of foreign nationals (83%) live in the urban areas of the country.

The majority of the foreign nationals - 53.7% were in the age group 20 - 49, 37.3% were aged 50 and over and 9% of all foreign nationals in Bulgaria were under 20.

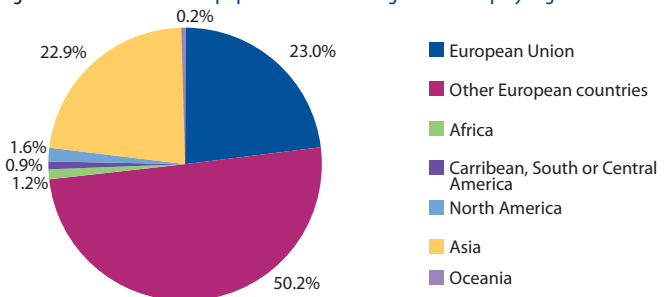
The economically active foreigners in the country aged 15-64 were 17 820 persons. From them, 89% were employed and 11% were unemployed. Of all resident foreign nationals 18.2% were retired.

Every second person with foreign citizenship permanently living in Bulgaria comes from European country, outside the European Union. The share of persons with Russian citizenship was highest (65.1%) - 11 991, followed by citizens of Ukraine - 3 064 (16.6%), Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia - 1 091 (5.9%) and Moldova - 893 (4,8%).

At the reference date of the Census 8 444 citizens of the European Union, or 23% of all foreign citizens, lived permanently in Bulgaria. Among them, the majority were citizens of the United Kingdom - 2 605 (30.9%), followed by citizens of Greece - 253 (14.8%) and Germany - 848 (10%). Citizens of Malta and Luxembourg were the least.

22.9% of the foreigners were citizens of Asian countries. Among them, highest was the share of citizens of Turkey - 32.6% followed by citizens of Armenia - 13.9% and China - 8.9%.

Figure 13. Structure of the population with foreign citizenship by regions



I. Population

9. Population with foreign citizenship by gender, statistical zones, statistical regions and by districts

(Number)

Statistical zones Statistical regions Districts	Total	Male	Female
Total	36677	16263	20414
<i>North and South-East Bulgaria</i>			
North-West region	2550	816	1734
Vidin	275	111	164
Vratsa	509	152	357
Lovech	406	124	282
Montana	294	74	220
Pleven	1066	355	711
North Central region	3608	1413	2195
Veliko Tarnovo	1332	545	787
Gabrovo	582	209	373
Razgrad	323	120	203
Ruse	1061	436	625
Silistra	310	103	207
North-East region	5800	2500	3300
Varna	3839	1755	2084
Dobrich	943	339	604
Targovishte	310	126	184
Shumen	708	280	428
South-East region	5103	1945	3158
Burgas	2532	933	1599
Sliven	612	252	360
Stara Zagora	1241	477	764
Yambol	718	283	435
<i>South-West and South Central Bulgaria</i>			
South-West region	14292	7223	7069
Blagoevgrad	1584	663	921
Kyustendil	337	131	206
Pernik	439	208	231
Sofia	578	191	387
Sofia capital	11354	6030	5324
South Central region	5324	2366	2958
Kardzhali	312	127	185
Pazardzhik	729	217	512
Plovdiv	3393	1713	1680
Smolyan	192	69	123
Haskovo	698	240	458



Ethno-demographic characteristics of the population

Self-declaration by ethnicity

The Bulgarian ethnic group covered 5 664 624, or 84.8% from the persons who voluntarily self-declared their ethnicity. The share of Bulgarian ethnic group has increased by 0.9 percentage points compared to 2001 Census.

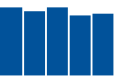
The Turkish ethnic group was the second largest, as of 1.02.2011, 588 318 persons self-declared to be ethnic Turks. They represented 8.8% of all persons who voluntarily self-declared their ethnicity. Their share has decreased by 0.6 percentage points compared to 2001.

The Roma ethnic group traditionally takes the third place. As of 01.02.2011 it amounted to 325 343 persons according to the self-declaration of persons with share of 4.9% or by 0.2 percentage points higher than in 2001.

49 304 persons, or 0.7% have self-declared themselves to **other ethnic groups**. Here are included persons from other ethnic groups: Russian - 9 978, Armenian - 6 552, Vlach - 3 684, Greek - 1 379, Jewish - 1 162, Karakachan - 2 556, Macedonian - 1 654, Romanian - 891, Ukrainian - 1 789, and others - 19 659 persons.

The persons who **have not self-declared** their ethnic group, are 53 391 (0.8%).

The persons, who **have not responded to** the question for self-declaration of their ethnic group, were 9% of the population in Bulgaria. Among non-respondents to the question for self-declaration of their ethnicity the highest share was observed in the young age groups up to 39 years old and among children from 0 to 9 years old. One-third of the non-respondents were from districts Sofia, Plovdiv and Varna, respectively - 113 260 persons, 62 654 persons and 50 181 persons.

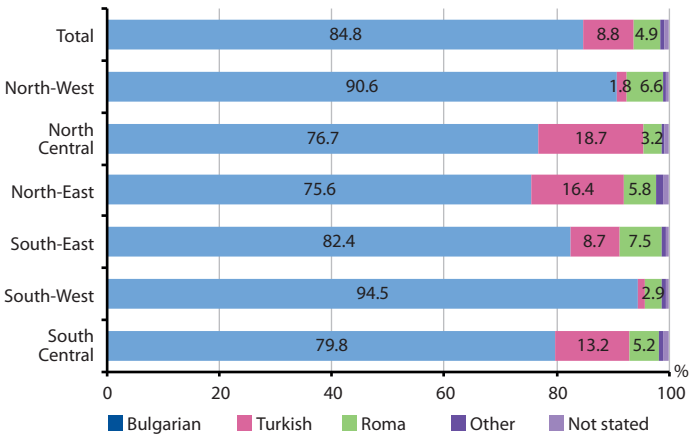


I. Population

The population from Bulgarian ethnic group is considerably more urbanized compared to the other two main ethnic groups. 77.5% of Bulgarian ethnic group, 37.7% of the Turkish ethnic group and 55.4% of the Roma ethnic group, live in urban areas.

Bulgarian ethnic group prevailed in all districts of the country and its highest share was observed in South-West (94.5%) and North-West (90.6%) regions. The highest share of the population that has self-declared as Turkish ethnic group was observed in North Central (18.7%) and North-East (16.4) regions. The population from the Roma ethnic group had highest share in the South-East region - 7.5% and lowest - in the South-West region - 2.9%.

Figure 14. Structure of persons who have responded to the question for ethnicity by statistical regions

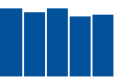


10. Population by ethnicity, statistical zones, statistical regions and by districts¹

(Number)

Statistical zones Statistical regions Districts	Total	Of which: responded	Ethnic group ¹				
			Bulgarian	Turkish	Roma	Other	Not stated
Total	7364570	6680980	5664624	588318	325343	49304	53391
<i>North and South-East Bulgaria</i>							
North-West region	847138	772073	699763	13824	51258	3057	4171
Vidin	101018	95126	86802	85	7282	466	491
Vratsa	186848	163035	151183	565	10082	434	771
Lovech	141422	130180	118346	4337	5705	911	881
Montana	148098	143467	123820	171	18228	420	828
Pleven	269752	240265	219612	8666	9961	826	1200
North Central region	861112	792027	607451	148364	25211	5223	5778
Veliko Tarnovo	258494	233992	211353	15709	3875	1145	1910
Gabrovo	122702	115358	106406	6464	1305	533	650
Razgrad	125190	114475	49229	57261	5719	702	1564
Ruse	235252	216612	176413	28658	8615	1869	1057
Silistra	119474	111590	64050	40272	5697	974	597
North-East region	966097	873544	659979	143062	50369	10299	9835
Varna	475074	424893	371048	30469	13432	5638	4306
Dobrich	189677	173899	131114	23484	15323	1609	2369
Targovishte	120818	106800	58371	38231	7767	959	1472
Shumen	180528	167952	99446	50878	13847	2093	1688
South-East region	1078002	974918	803327	84773	73353	6960	6505
Burgas	415817	370544	298128	49354	18424	2632	2006
Sliven	197473	173206	132697	16784	20478	1954	1293
Stara Zagora	333265	308106	265618	15035	24018	1715	1720
Yambol	131447	123062	106884	3600	10433	659	1486
<i>South-West and South Central Bulgaria</i>							
South-West region	2132848	1948705	1840784	24311	56967	14187	12456
Blagoevgrad	323552	283556	251097	17027	9739	3080	2613
Kyustendil	136686	130615	121351	105	8305	354	500
Pernik	133530	125422	120929	231	3560	259	443
Sofia	247489	230781	210974	422	17079	646	1660
Sofia cap.	1291591	1178331	1136433	6526	18284	9848	7240
South Central region	1479373	1319713	1053320	173984	68185	9578	14646
Kardzhali	152808	130781	39519	86527	1296	753	2686
Pazardzhik	275548	246002	206110	14062	20350	2123	3357
Plovdiv	683027	620373	540303	40255	30202	3985	5628
Smolyan	121752	95175	86847	4696	448	1826	1358
Haskovo	246238	227382	180541	28444	15889	891	1617

¹ The respondents of the voluntary question for ethnicity are distributed by the characteristic "ethnic group".



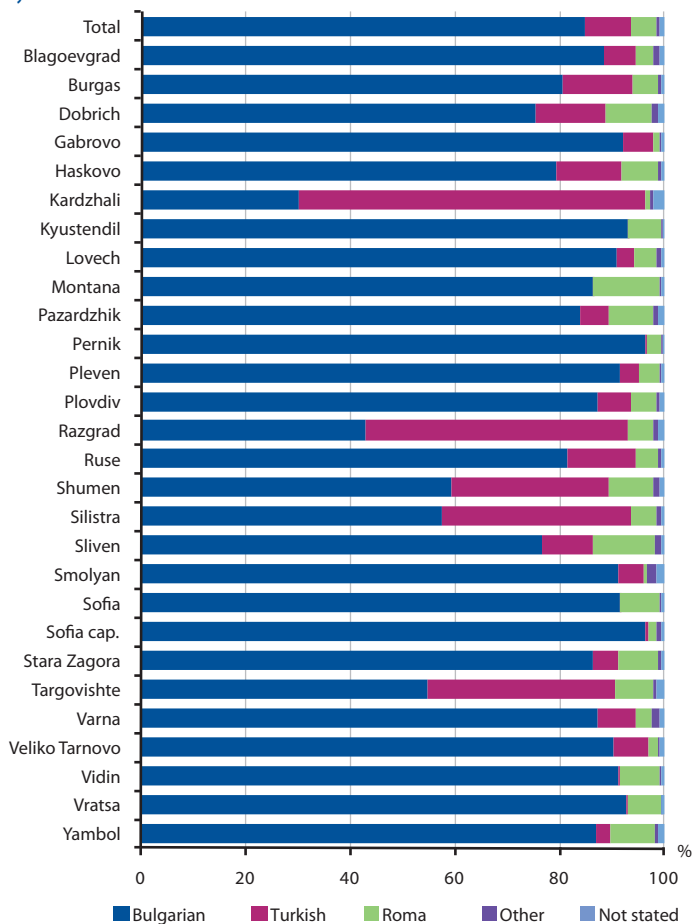
I. Population

Bulgarian ethnic group prevailed in all districts with the exception of districts Kardzhali and Razgrad where it represented 30.2% and 43.0% respectively.

The persons who have self-declared to the **Turkish ethnic group** are concentrated mainly in districts Kardzhali, Razgrad, Targovishte, Shumen, Silistra, Dobrich, Ruse, Burgas where 63.7% of the population from this ethnic group live.

The persons from **the Roma ethnic group** were distributed in all districts. The share of Roma ethnic group was highest in districts Montana - 12.7% and Sliven - 11.8%, followed by Dobrich - 8.8%, Yambol - 8.5%, compared to the total for the country 4.9%.

Figure 15. Structure of persons who have responded to the question for ethnicity by districts

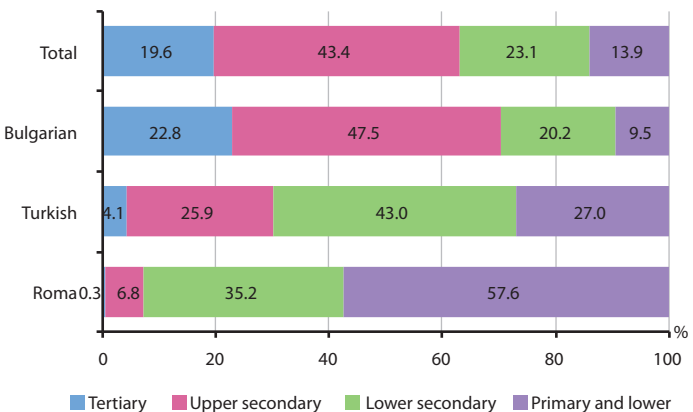




Ethnic groups by level of education and economic activity

There were significant differences in the educational structure by ethnicity. While among the persons aged 7 and over, who have self-declared themselves as Bulgarians, 70% were highly educated (22.8% with tertiary and 47.5% with upper secondary education), among the population from the Turkish ethnic group only one third were highly educated (4.1% with tertiary and 25.9% with upper secondary education). The situation as regards to the educational structure for the Roma ethnic group was even worse, where only three of every 1 000 persons have completed tertiary education (0.3%) and one of every 10 persons has never attended school (9.4%).

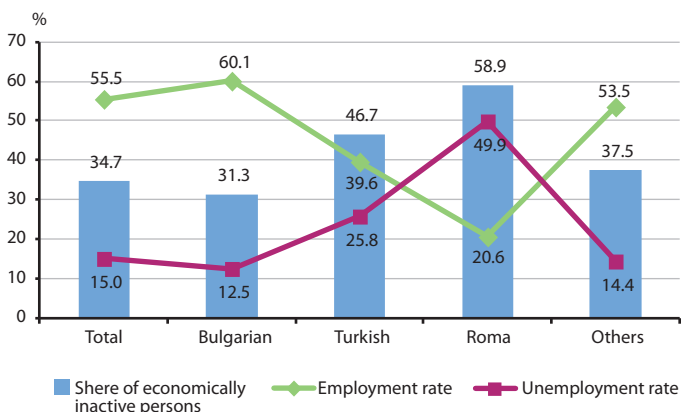
Figure 16. Structure of persons aged 7 and over who have responded to the question for ethnicity by level of completed education



I. Population

There were significant differences in participation in the labor market of persons from the different ethnic groups. The highest employment was observed in the age group 15-64 in Bulgarian ethnic group, with employment rate of 60.1% and the highest unemployment was observed in the Roma ethnic group - unemployment rate of 49.9%. Among Roma the economically active persons were less than the economically inactive in the age group 15-64, the share of economically inactive population in this ethnic group was the highest - 58.9%.

Figure 17. Employment and unemployment rate and share of economically inactive persons by ethnicity





11. Population aged 7 and over by ethnicity, level of completed education, statistical zones and statistical regions¹

(Number)

Statistical zones Statistical regions Ethnic group ¹	Total	Level of education				Never attended school	Child
		Tertiary	Upper secondary	Lower secondary	Primary and lower		
Total	6891177	1348650	2990424	1591348	865489	80963	14303
<i>Of which responded:</i>	6280897	1263688	2743181	1434960	757895	69093	12080
Bulgarian	5370566	1222511	2552240	1084290	481866	21830	7829
Turkish	546119	22326	141359	234851	126504	19623	1456
Roma	276763	948	18948	97544	130772	26154	2397
Other	47604	14547	20130	8224	4094	550	59
Not stated	39845	3356	10504	10051	14659	936	339
<i>North and South-East Bulgaria</i>							
North-West	797429	118017	365450	204619	100157	7593	1593
<i>Of which responded:</i>	729698	110825	336167	186119	88722	6492	1373
Bulgarian	667596	109092	325916	162341	66168	3119	960
Turkish	12982	440	3468	5461	3203	376	34
Roma	43354	279	4716	17215	17906	2889	349
Other	2988	817	1354	481	284
Not stated	2778	197	713	621	1161
North Central	812198	132771	358175	210607	101266	8061	1318
<i>Of which responded:</i>	750250	125434	332510	193644	90420	7138	1104
Bulgarian	580244	117994	288752	123644	47339	1860	655
Turkish	138896	6013	39359	59552	30187	3539	246
Roma	21823	57	1236	8063	10721	1596	150
Other	5012	1168	2131	1068	570	70	5
Not stated	4275	202	1032	1317	1603	73	48
North-East	899749	166346	364678	225381	129483	11989	1872
<i>Of which responded:</i>	818504	156426	335838	202829	112057	9822	1532
Bulgarian	624255	148180	292727	124489	55810	2212	837
Turkish	133247	5332	34863	57674	31378	3654	346
Roma	43664	120	2665	15874	21075	3652	278
Other	9795	2330	3747	2356	1208	129	25
Not stated	7543	464	1836	2436	2586	175	46
South-East	1000815	160682	419102	247541	151067	19832	2591
<i>Of which responded:</i>	910430	150761	386286	223447	131013	16771	2152
Bulgarian	761129	146514	362914	169472	76279	4776	1174
Turkish	77274	1860	16408	35444	19989	3298	275
Roma	60661	110	2698	16808	32062	8326	657
Other	6778	1995	3291	861	467	161	3
Not stated	4588	282	975	862	2216	210	43

I. Population

11. Population aged 7 and over by ethnicity, level of completed education, statistical zones and statistical regions¹

(Continued and end)

(Number)

Statistical zones Statistical regions Ethnic group ¹	Total	Level of education				Never attended school	Child
		Tertiary	Upper secondary	Lower secondary	Primary and lower		
<i>South-West and South Central Bulgaria</i>							
South-West	1997245	552809	910549	339189	181606	9276	3816
<i>Of which responded:</i>	<i>1831863</i>	<i>517513</i>	<i>835812</i>	<i>306241</i>	<i>160899</i>	<i>8108</i>	<i>3290</i>
Bulgarian	1737475	507790	815826	274298	132833	4027	2701
Turkish	22605	2030	7106	8922	4226	281	40
Roma	48818	273	4674	19680	20136	3610	445
Other	13772	5897	5520	1566	714	60	15
Not stated	9193	1523	2686	1775	2990	130	89
South Central	1383741	218025	572470	364011	201910	24212	3113
<i>Of which responded:</i>	<i>1240152</i>	<i>202729</i>	<i>516568</i>	<i>322680</i>	<i>174784</i>	<i>20762</i>	<i>2629</i>
Bulgarian	999867	192941	466105	230046	103437	5836	1502
Turkish	161115	6651	40155	67798	37521	8475	515
Roma	58443	109	2959	19904	28872	6081	518
Other	9259	2340	4087	1892	851	80	9
Not stated	11468	688	3262	3040	4103	290	85

¹The respondents of the voluntary question for ethnicity are distributed by the characteristic "ethnic group".

12. Population aged 15-64 by ethnicity, economic activity, statistical zones and statistical regions

(Number)

Statistical zones Statistical regions Ethnic group ¹	Total	Economically active			Economically inactive
		Total	Employed	Unemployed	
Total	5027901	3282740	2789660	493080	1745161
<i>Of which responded:</i>	<i>4567368</i>	<i>3006837</i>	<i>2567089</i>	<i>439748</i>	<i>1560531</i>
Bulgarian	3869348	2656639	2325316	331323	1212709
Turkish	421467	224803	166903	57900	196664
Roma	214430	88101	44162	43939	126329
Other	36788	22995	19694	3301	13793
Not stated	25335	14299	11014	3285	11036
<i>North and South-East Bulgaria</i>					
North-West	545075	336294	272601	63693	208781
<i>Of which responded:</i>	<i>497514</i>	<i>309716</i>	<i>251892</i>	<i>57824</i>	<i>187798</i>
Bulgarian	451147	289454	241312	48142	161693
Turkish	9602	4402	3009	1393	5200
Roma	32955	13641	5832	7809	19314
Other	2269	1354	1103	251	915
Not stated	1541	865	636	229	676



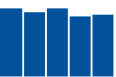
12. Population aged 15-64 by ethnicity, economic activity, statistical zones and statistical regions

(Continued and end)

(Number)

Statistical zones Statistical regions Ethnic group ¹	Total	Economically active			Economically inactive
		Total	Employed	Unemployed	
North Central	581260	363183	305898	57285	218077
<i>Of which responded:</i>	534060	336469	284527	51942	197591
Bulgarian	404573	271883	237381	34502	132690
Turkish	105919	55790	41691	14099	50129
Roma	16832	5272	2566	2706	11560
Other	3910	2210	1898	312	1700
Not stated	2826	1314	991	323	1512
North-East	666002	427876	352411	75465	238126
<i>Of which responded:</i>	604041	392806	325594	67212	211235
Bulgarian	454495	316292	273811	42481	138203
Turkish	102875	55958	40297	15661	46917
Roma	33989	13585	6138	7447	20404
Other	7544	4285	3448	837	3259
Not stated	5138	2686	1900	786	2452
South-East	726557	470021	389006	81015	256536
<i>Of which responded:</i>	658959	430772	359194	71578	228187
Bulgarian	544019	373581	323215	50366	170438
Turkish	61105	32440	22941	9499	28665
Roma	46228	20215	9374	10841	26013
Other	5173	3143	2667	476	2030
Not stated	2434	1393	997	396	1041
<i>South-West and South Central Bulgaria</i>					
South-West	1500399	1043737	930438	113299	456662
<i>Of which responded:</i>	1373066	960694	857988	102706	412372
Bulgarian	1299455	920709	828498	92211	378746
Turkish	18309	11497	9455	2042	6812
Roma	38562	17312	10276	7036	21250
Other	10811	7403	6679	724	3408
Not stated	5929	3773	3080	693	2156
South Central	1008608	641629	539306	102323	366979
<i>Of which responded:</i>	899728	576380	487894	88486	323348
Bulgarian	715659	484720	421099	63621	230939
Turkish	123657	64716	49510	15206	58941
Roma	45864	18076	9976	8100	27788
Other	7081	4600	3899	701	2481
Not stated	7467	4268	3410	858	3199

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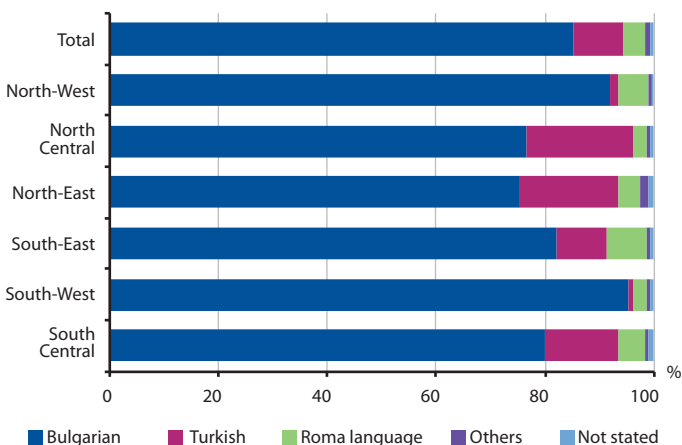
Mother tongue

Bulgarian language is the mother tongue of 5 659 024 persons, or 85.2% of the population, the Turkish - of 605 802 persons, or for 9.1%, and the Roma language - of 281 217 persons, or for 4.2%.

9.8% of the persons have not responded to the voluntary question for mother tongue.

The persons, who have indicated Bulgarian as their mother tongue, prevailed in all areas. Their share was highest in South-West - 95.5% and North-West region - 91.8% from the persons who have responded to the question for self-declaration of a mother tongue. The persons who have indicated Turkish as their mother tongue were most numerous in South Central region 19.7%, and Roma language - in South-East region 7.2%.

Figure 18. Structure of persons who have responded to the question for mother tongue by statistical regions

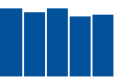


13. Population by mother tongue, statistical zones, statistical regions and by districts¹

(Number)

Statistical zones Statistical regions Districts	Total	Of which: responded	Mother tongue				
			Bulgarian	Turkish	Roma language	Others	Not stated
Total	7364570	6642154	5659024	605802	281217	48547	47564
<i>North and South-East Bulgaria</i>							
North-West region	847138	766057	703468	12411	43478	3129	3571
Vidin	101018	94337	86327	129	6864	578	439
Vratsa	186848	161107	153349	382	6192	521	663
Lovech	141422	129191	119012	3898	5051	587	643
Montana	148098	143237	125499	274	16250	454	760
Pleven	269752	238185	219281	7728	9121	989	1066
North Central region	861112	787734	603183	155078	18454	5599	5420
Veliko Tarnovo	258494	232291	209411	16169	3490	1366	1855
Gabrovo	122702	114735	105898	6504	1165	579	589
Razgrad	125190	114124	49024	59746	3216	645	1493
Ruse	235252	215314	175263	29238	7929	1908	976
Silistra	119474	111270	63587	43421	2654	1101	507
North-East region	966097	868215	653335	157486	36183	12032	9179
Varna	475074	421900	366021	33606	10126	7968	4179
Dobrich	189677	172784	129615	29642	9512	1939	2076
Targovishte	120818	106077	58287	39715	6276	484	1315
Shumen	180528	167454	99412	54523	10269	1641	1609
South-East region	1078002	967076	794631	89422	69788	7114	6121
Burgas	415817	367254	294540	51351	16639	2859	1865
Sliven	197473	171778	130853	18125	19729	1821	1250
Stara Zagora	333265	305614	263147	16152	23096	1696	1523
Yambol	131447	122430	106091	3794	10324	738	1483
<i>South-West and South Central Bulgaria</i>							
South-West region	2132848	1941564	1854140	13981	48574	14439	10430
Blagoevgrad	323552	285955	269216	6522	7062	1742	1413
Kyustendil	136686	130062	121366	109	7724	366	497
Pernik	133530	124867	121935	290	1880	361	401
Sofia	247489	229308	211109	542	15197	730	1730
Sofia cap.	1291591	1171372	1130514	6518	16711	11240	6389
South Central region	1479373	1311508	1050267	177424	64740	6234	12843
Kardzhali	152808	130685	39984	86743	1191	300	2467
Pazardzhik	275548	244464	206415	15430	18902	940	2777
Plovdiv	683027	614150	533786	41979	28712	3895	5778
Smolyan	121752	96315	90649	4386	428	254	598
Haskovo	246238	225894	179433	28886	15507	845	1223

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Religion

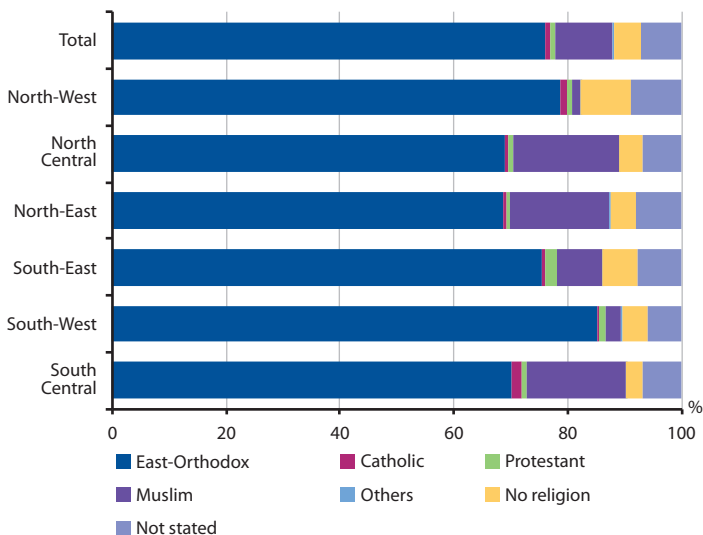
The persons who have identified themselves as East-Orthodox were the largest group - 4 374 135 persons, or 76% of the persons who have responded to the question.

48 945 persons indicated the Catholic as their religion, 64 476 persons - the Protestant representing 0.8% and 1.1% of the persons responded, respectively. Muslims were 577 139 persons, or 10%. Of them, Sunny Muslims were 546 004 persons, Shiite Muslims - 27 407 persons, and 3 728 persons have indicated only Muslim religion.

Other religions profess 11 444 persons, or 0.2% from the persons responded. 272 264 persons (4.7%) have indicated that they have no religion and 409 898 persons (7.1%) did not identify themselves as being part of a religion.

The share of non-respondents was 21.8%.

Figure 19. Structure of persons who have responded to the question for religion by statistical regions



14. Population by religion, statistical zones, statistical regions and districts¹

(Number)

Statistical zones Statistical regions Districts	Total	Of which: responded	Religion						
			East-Orthodox	Catholic	Protestant	Muslim	Others	No religion	Not stated
Total	7364570	5758301	4374135	48945	64476	577139	11444	272264	409898
<i>North and South-East Bulgaria</i>									
North-West region	847138	655522	515342	7890	6790	8662	716	57409	58713
Vidin	101018	83435	70224	272	809	74	92	6474	5490
Vratsa	186848	130808	106989	1258	572	438	120	10625	10806
Lovech	141422	110185	84508	758	1295	3273	114	9454	10783
Montana	148098	136175	100571	438	2740	97	164	14842	17323
Pleven	269752	194919	153050	5164	1374	4780	226	16014	14311
North Central	861112	698483	481642	5263	4364	130447	1115	28036	47616
Veliko Tarnovo	258494	202024	160705	3276	1337	11908	326	10126	14346
Gabrovo	122702	99969	83955	516	686	4210	131	3944	6527
Razgrad	125190	104104	41116	191	379	52706	63	2002	7647
Ruse	235252	192108	144073	979	1435	23817	455	8383	12966
Silistra	119474	100278	51793	301	527	37806	140	3581	6130
North-East region	966097	750477	516245	3058	5719	130205	1658	33581	60011
Varna	475074	359209	283143	1569	2849	20533	1145	20049	29921
Dobrich	189677	148196	103209	650	936	23487	216	6644	13054
Targovishte	120818	90132	45963	274	261	34368	78	2422	6766
Shumen	180528	152940	83930	565	1673	51817	219	4466	10270
South-East region	1078002	818230	618123	3617	17979	64370	1200	49447	63494
Burgas	415817	310215	229985	1402	3882	40055	513	14349	20029
Sliven	197473	139989	100523	669	5623	11471	211	11516	9976
Stara Zagora	333265	265244	210440	1028	5476	11693	321	14023	22263
Yambol	131447	102782	77175	518	2998	1151	155	9559	11226
<i>South-West and South Central Bulgaria</i>									
South-West region	2132848	1702524	1448946	7629	18305	48241	4958	71320	103125
Blagoevgrad	323552	253200	196942	719	1499	40667	360	4639	8374
Kyustendil	136686	115944	101506	287	2713	102	204	3826	7306
Pernik	133530	106094	90367	403	858	202	146	5406	8712
Sofia	247489	192110	167620	648	2979	503	238	6423	13699
Sofia cap.	1291591	1035176	892511	5572	10256	6767	4010	51026	65034
South Central region	1479373	1133065	793837	21488	11319	195214	1797	32471	76939
Kardzhali	152808	117232	23916	263	223	82227	77	1726	8800
Pazardzhik	275548	211420	161157	828	3183	24353	242	7443	14214
Plodiv	683027	535272	428078	19502	6183	36319	1087	12528	31575
Smolyan	121752	72927	28294	148	192	29001	67	4013	11212
Haskovo	246238	196214	152392	747	1538	23314	324	6761	11138

¹The respondents of the voluntary question for religion are distributed by the characteristic "religion".

Education

The educational structure of the population aged 7 and over significantly improved in 2011 compared to previous years, following the trend of increase in the number and share of people with tertiary and upper secondary education together with the decrease of the number of persons with lower secondary and lower education.

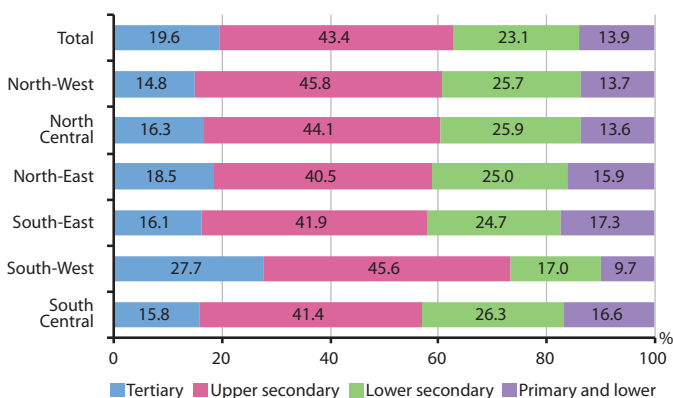
As of 1.02.2011 the number of persons with tertiary education was 1 348.7 thousands, or every fifth person (19.6%) was university graduate, and persons who completed upper secondary school were 2 990.4 thousands (43.4%). The share of persons with primary and lower education was 13.9% (or every seventh of 100 persons).

Generally, the education of men was slightly higher than that of women because of the higher share of men with upper secondary and higher education - 63.6% for men against 62.4% for women. However, women have completed more often a tertiary education than men, at the time of the Census 791.8 thousands women (22.3%) have completed tertiary education, while the men with completed tertiary education were 556.9 thousands (16.7%).

There were significant differences in the educational structure by place of residence - nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ of persons living in urban areas (71.6%) have completed at least upper secondary education, while this share for the people living in rural areas was only 40.3%.

The highest share of university graduates was observed in the South-West region (27.7%) which was higher than the country average by 8.1 percentage points. The lowest share of university graduates from the population aged 7 and over was observed in the North-West region (14.8%).

Figure 20. Structure of the population aged 7 and over by level of completed education and statistical regions





15. Population aged 7 and over by level of completed education, place of residence, gender, statistical zones and statistical regions

(Number)

Statistical zones Statistical regions Level of completed education	Total			Of which: urban areas		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Total	6891177	3343236	3547941	4990698	2402244	2588454
Tertiary	1348650	556900	791750	1238037	511844	726193
Upper secondary	2990424	1568705	1421719	2335030	1203375	1131655
Lower secondary	1591348	793143	798205	872221	435269	436952
Primary and lower	865489	387486	478003	496265	231352	264913
Never attended school	80963	29521	51442	39070	15082	23988
Child	14303	7481	6822	10075	5322	4753
<i>North and South-East Bulgaria</i>						
North Central	797429	390892	406537	502792	245947	256845
Tertiary	118017	48128	69889	100344	40697	59647
Upper secondary	365450	194214	171236	251047	131551	119496
Lower secondary	204619	99514	105105	94021	46565	47456
Primary and lower	100157	45169	54988	52854	25089	27765
Never attended school	7593	3042	4551	3567	1532	2035
Child	1593	825	768	959	513	446
North-West	812198	394202	417996	540350	260074	280276
Tertiary	132771	55913	76858	117591	49441	68150
Upper secondary	358175	188871	169304	269195	138257	130938
Lower secondary	210607	101700	108907	101924	48925	52999
Primary and lower	101266	44452	56814	48254	22182	26072
Never attended school	8061	2584	5477	2555	837	1718
Child	1318	682	636	831	432	399
North-East	899749	439455	460294	654512	316763	337749
Tertiary	166346	68174	98172	156402	64172	92230
Upper secondary	364678	193193	171485	300673	156553	144120
Lower secondary	225381	115308	110073	123054	62093	60961
Primary and lower	129483	57625	71858	68352	31570	36782
Never attended school	11989	4157	7832	4795	1715	3080
Child	1872	998	874	1236	660	576
South-East	1000815	488019	512796	715022	346688	368334
Tertiary	160682	65284	95398	147960	59981	87979
Upper secondary	419102	220855	198247	333526	173483	160043
Lower secondary	247541	124598	122943	137390	69051	68339
Primary and lower	151067	68286	82781	84923	39512	45411
Never attended school	19832	7673	12159	9491	3768	5723
Child	2591	1323	1268	1732	893	839

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15. Population aged 7 and over by level of completed education, place of residence, gender, statistical zones and statistical regions

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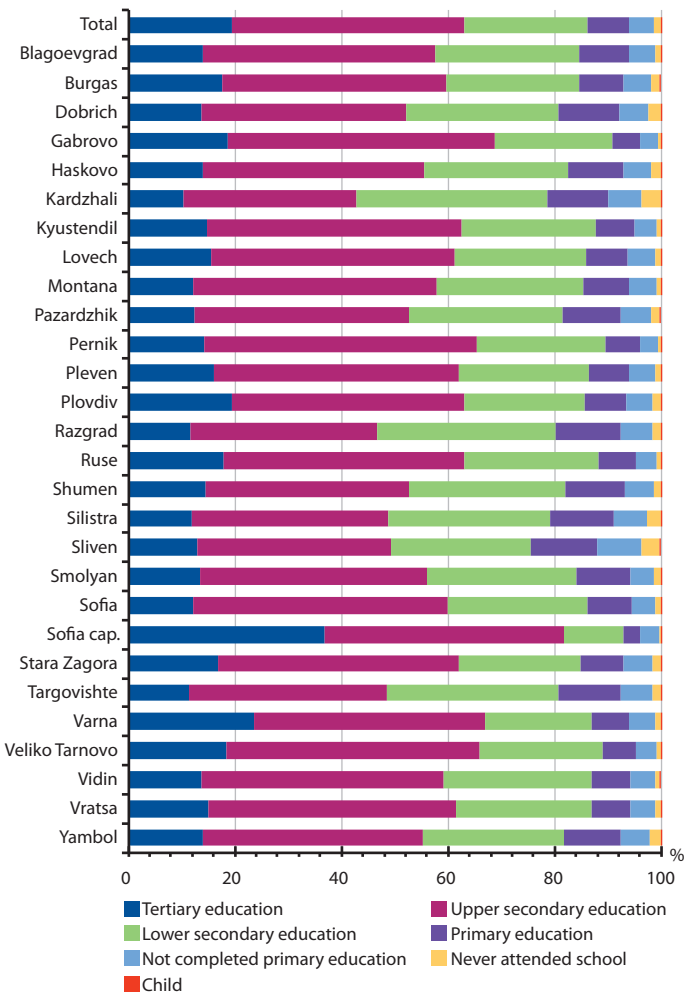
(Number)

Statistical zones Statistical regions Level of completed education	Total			Of which: urban areas		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
<i>South-West and South Central Bulgaria</i>						
South-West	1997245	958442	1038803	1657083	789746	867337
Tertiary	552809	233376	319433	524654	221967	302687
Upper secondary	910549	466823	443726	762684	386374	376310
Lower secondary	339189	169439	169750	228528	114454	114074
Primary and lower	181606	82867	98739	131469	62393	69076
Never attended school	9276	3883	5393	6524	2817	3707
Child	3816	2054	1762	3224	1741	1483
South Central	1383741	672226	711515	920939	443026	477913
Tertiary	218025	86025	132000	191086	75586	115500
Upper secondary	572470	304749	267721	417905	217157	200748
Lower secondary	364011	182584	181427	187304	94181	93123
Primary and lower	201910	89087	112823	110413	50606	59807
Never attended school	24212	8182	16030	12138	4413	7725
Child	3113	1599	1514	2093	1083	1010



In regional terms, most educated were the residents of district Sofia cap. where every third person (36.8%) had tertiary education, which was nearly twice higher than the average for the country. Varna and Plovdiv districts followed where the relative share of university graduates was 23.7% and 19.4% respectively. The educational structure of the population was unfavourable in respect to the share of persons with tertiary education in districts of Kardzhali (10.3%), Targovishte (11.5%) and Razgrad (11.6).

Figure 21. Structure of population aged 7 and over by level of completed education and districts



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16. Population aged 7 and over by level of completed education, statistical zones, statistical regions and districts

(Number)

Statistical zones Statistical regions Districts	Total	Level of completed education				Never attended school	Child
		Tertiary	Upper secondary	Lower secondary	Primary and lower		
Total	6891177	1348650	2990424	1591348	865489	80963	14303
<i>North and South-East Bulgaria</i>							
North-West region	797429	118017	365450	204619	100157	7593	1593
Vidin	95587	13247	43397	26332	11500	881	230
Vratsa	175744	26186	81887	44715	21054	1525	377
Lovech	132959	20646	60629	32965	17099	1378	242
Montana	139634	17068	63538	38595	19050	1115	268
Pleven	253505	40870	115999	62012	31454	2694	476
North Central region	812198	132771	358175	210607	101266	8061	1318
Veliko Tarnovo	244522	44798	116508	56306	24986	1560	364
Gabrovo	116406	21605	58537	25559	10046	498	161
Razgrad	117381	13611	41215	39213	21340	1796	206
Ruse	221721	39469	100487	55599	24428	1362	376
Silistra	112168	13288	41428	33930	20466	2845	211
North-East region	899749	166346	364678	225381	129483	11989	1872
Varna	440803	104528	190434	88685	51799	4496	861
Dobrich	177216	24293	68038	50880	29890	3706	409
Targovishte	112939	12987	41887	36341	19744	1716	264
Shumen	168791	24538	64319	49475	28050	2071	338
South-East region	1000815	160682	419102	247541	151067	19832	2591
Burgas	385224	67759	162079	96004	52077	6310	995
Sliven	181108	23565	65533	47818	37189	6387	616
Stara Zagora	311615	52102	140936	71091	42102	4683	701
Yambol	122868	17256	50554	32628	19699	2452	279
<i>South-West and South Central Bulgaria</i>							
South-West region	1997245	552809	910549	339189	181606	9276	3816
Blagoevgrad	301581	42199	131728	80883	43383	2772	616
Kyustendil	129403	19166	61822	32446	14816	900	253
Pernik	126176	17935	64419	30719	12328	504	271
Sofia	232102	28451	110529	60904	29863	1837	518
Sofia cap.	1207983	445058	542051	134237	81216	3263	2158
South Central region	1383741	218025	572470	364011	201910	24212	3113
Kardzhali	142534	14719	46357	50849	25229	5069	311
Pazardzhik	256938	31758	103714	73618	42692	4470	686
Plovdiv	638369	123665	277959	144961	81364	8969	1451
Smolyan	115030	15541	48901	32138	16788	1507	155
Haskovo	230870	32342	95539	62445	35837	4197	510

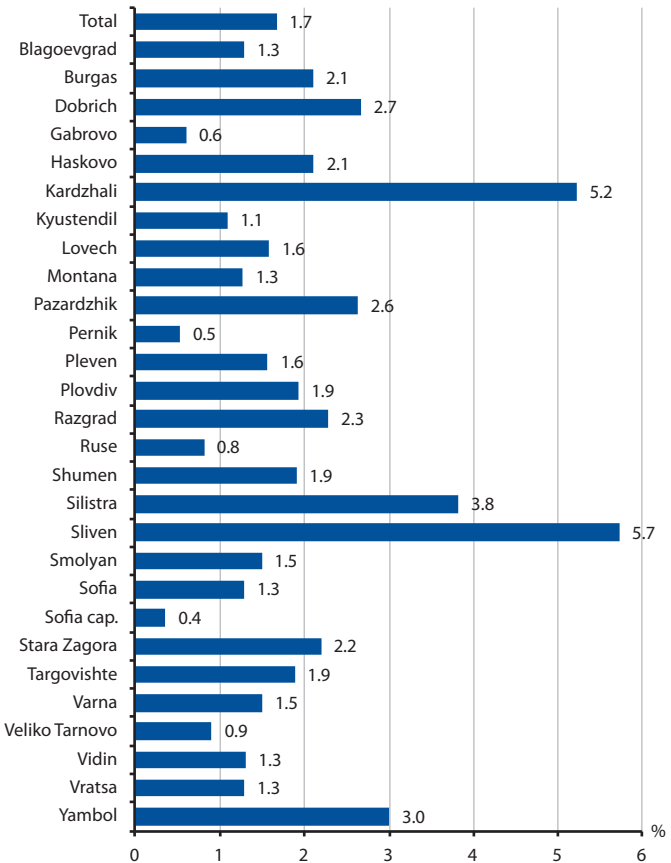


Literacy

According to the last Census the share of illiterate persons (inability to read or write) was 1.7% of the population aged 9 or over, or one in every 60 persons was illiterate. Women had much higher share of illiterates (2.0%) than men (1.3%).

The lowest share of illiterate persons was observed in the district of Sofia cap. (0.4%), followed by the districts of Pernik (0.5%) and Gabrovo (0.6%). Highest level of illiterate persons was observed in the district of Sliven (5.7%) of every 18th person is illiterate, followed by districts of Kardzhali (5.2%) and Silistra (3.8%).

Figure 22. Share of illiterate persons by districts



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17. Literacy of population aged 9 and over by statistical zones, statistical regions and by districts

(Number)

Statistical zones Statistical regions Districts	Total	Of which: Female	Literate		Illiterate	
			Total	Of which: Female	Total	Of which: Female
Total	6766337	3487475	6653559	3417200	112778	70275
<i>North and South-East Bulgaria</i>						
North-West region	782960	399511	771814	393089	11146	6422
Vidin	93982	48310	92757	47683	1225	627
Vratsa	172439	87641	170220	86378	2219	1263
Lovech	130504	66762	128441	65523	2063	1239
Montana	137090	69858	135350	68839	1740	1019
Pleven	248945	126940	245046	124666	3899	2274
North Central region	798385	411348	786937	403714	11448	7634
Veliko Tarnovo	240488	124842	238319	123492	2169	1350
Gabrovo	114648	59508	113962	59111	686	397
Razgrad	115095	58930	112470	57070	2625	1860
Ruse	218106	112410	216341	111286	1765	1124
Silistra	110048	55658	105845	52755	4203	2903
North-East region	882410	451868	866062	441450	16348	10418
Varna	432485	221809	426009	217876	6476	3933
Dobrich	173892	88770	169254	85752	4638	3018
Targovishte	110684	56489	108601	55037	2083	1452
Shumen	165349	84800	162198	82785	3151	2015
South-East region	980470	502918	952106	485830	28364	17088
Burgas	377534	193530	369600	188846	7934	4684
Sliven	176612	90623	166503	84489	10109	6134
Stara Zagora	305781	157308	299078	153309	6703	3999
Yambol	120543	61457	116925	59186	3618	2271
<i>South-West and South Central Bulgaria</i>						
South-West region	1963819	1022635	1950820	1015091	12999	7544
Blagoevgrad	295907	151517	292102	149192	3805	2325
Kyustendil	127317	65283	125933	64490	1384	793
Pernik	124345	63682	123689	63310	656	372
Sofia	227895	116207	224963	114471	2932	1736
Sofia cap.	1188355	625946	1184133	623628	4222	2318
South Central region	1358293	699195	1325820	678026	32473	21169
Kardzhali	139855	70428	132556	65173	7299	5255
Pazardzhik	251717	128292	245093	124376	6624	3916
Plovdiv	626810	325898	614729	318346	12081	7552
Smolyan	113191	58246	111503	57003	1688	1243
Haskovo	226720	116331	221939	113128	4781	3203

Economic activity

Economically active population covers all persons aged 15 and over who are either employed or unemployed. The questions for economic activity of persons refer to their labor status during the week preceding the reference date of the Census.

As of 1.02.2011 there were 3 329 683 economically active persons in the country, or 52.1% of the persons aged 15 and over. From all economically active persons, 1 753 233 were male (52.7%), and 1 576 450 were female (47.3%). The economically inactive persons aged 15 and over were 3 059 615, of whom 1 331 620 were male (43.5%), and 1 727 995 were female (56.5%).

Figure 23. Structure of the population aged 15 and over by economic activity and regions

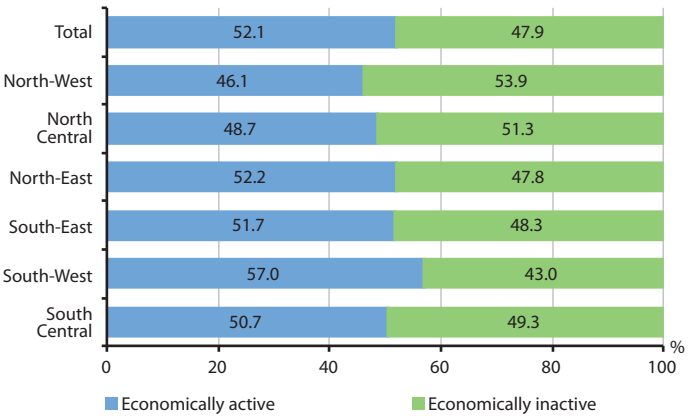
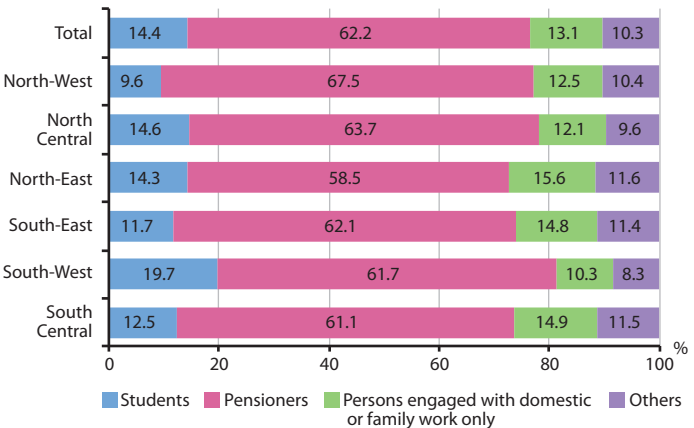


Figure 24. Structure of economically inactive persons aged 15 and over by regions



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18. Population aged 15 and over by economic activity, gender, statistical zones, statistical regions and by districts

(Number)

Statistical zones Statistical regions Districts	Total	Economically active			Economically inactive		
		Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Total	6389298	3329683	1753233	1576450	3059615	1331620	1727995
<i>North and South-East Bulgaria</i>							
North-West region	737905	340372	182434	157938	397533	177902	219631
Vidin	89013	38269	20787	17482	50744	22353	28391
Vratsa	161819	75643	40382	35261	86176	39043	47133
Lovech	122927	56641	30137	26504	66286	29695	36591
Montana	129138	60803	32947	27856	68335	30195	38140
Pleven	235008	109016	58181	50835	125992	56616	69376
North Central region	756207	368189	197079	171110	388018	168304	219714
Veliko Tarnovo	228354	109932	57874	52058	118422	51577	66845
Gabrovo	109088	55250	29225	26025	53838	23064	30774
Razgrad	107883	52661	28895	23766	55222	23533	31689
Ruse	207101	104360	55439	48921	102741	44618	58123
Silistra	103781	45986	25646	20340	57795	25512	32283
North-East region	830306	433618	232862	200756	396688	171001	225687
Varna	407811	226204	120883	105321	181607	77232	104375
Dobrich	163554	80743	43879	36864	82811	35952	46859
Targovishte	103696	49579	26714	22865	54117	23922	30195
Shumen	155245	77092	41386	35706	78153	33895	44258
South-East region	919535	475790	255988	219802	443745	190238	253507
Burgas	354729	190714	102343	88371	164015	70064	93951
Sliven	163465	78926	42641	36285	84539	36559	47980
Stara Zagora	287979	149742	80239	69503	138237	58970	79267
Yambol	113362	56408	30765	25643	56954	24645	32309
<i>South-West and South Central Bulgaria</i>							
South-West region	1864317	1062620	541918	520702	801697	348036	453661
Blagoevgrad	278356	152644	78111	74533	125712	57228	68484
Kyustendil	121031	57470	29512	27958	63561	29251	34310
Pernik	118347	61526	32144	29382	56821	25453	31368
Sofia	214232	110499	58793	51706	103733	45905	57828
Sofia cap.	1132351	680481	343358	337123	451870	190199	261671
South Central region	1281028	649094	342952	306142	631934	276139	355795
Kardzhali	131582	61210	32392	28818	70372	32756	37616
Pazardzhik	235851	116415	62973	53442	119436	52215	67221
Plovdiv	592320	306775	160587	146188	285545	122474	163071
Smolyan	107448	58901	30553	28348	48547	21354	27193
Haskovo	213827	105793	56447	49346	108034	47340	60694



19. Economically inactive persons aged 15 and over by statistical zones, statistical regions and by districts

(Number)

Statistical zones Statistical regions Districts	Total	Economically inactive			
		Students and unemployed	Pensioners	Persons engaged with domestic or family work only	Unemployed (incl. landlords)
Total	3059615	439909	1904242	401216	314248
<i>North and South-East Bulgaria</i>					
North-West region	397533	38159	268435	49633	41306
Vidin	50744	4095	35630	6344	4675
Vratsa	86176	9020	56581	11686	8889
Lovech	66286	5869	44743	8112	7562
Montana	68335	6491	48061	7868	5915
Pleven	125992	12684	83420	15623	14265
North Central region	388018	56496	247109	46989	37424
Veliko Tarnovo	118422	23585	70870	13077	10890
Gabrovo	53838	6448	40260	3689	3441
Razgrad	55222	6897	33749	8554	6022
Ruse	102741	13825	65827	12493	10596
Silistra	57795	5741	36403	9176	6475
North-East region	396688	56714	232088	62061	45825
Varna	181607	30322	106264	27981	17040
Dobrich	82811	8950	47930	14624	11307
Targovishte	54117	6098	31784	8422	7813
Shumen	78153	11344	46110	11034	9665
South-East region	443745	51988	275709	65599	50449
Burgas	164015	21645	97373	27735	17262
Sliven	84539	8356	48451	13897	13835
Stara Zagora	138237	16110	91191	16576	14360
Yambol	56954	5877	38694	7391	4992
<i>South-West and South Central Bulgaria</i>					
South-West region	801697	157774	494511	82571	66841
Blagoevgrad	125712	22730	73006	15929	14047
Kyustendil	63561	5477	47372	4978	5734
Pernik	56821	5247	42460	4798	4316
Sofia	103733	10286	71652	11280	10515
Sofia capital	451870	114034	260021	45586	32229
South Central region	631934	78778	386390	94363	72403
Kardzhali	70372	8212	37205	13165	11790
Pazardzhik	119436	12645	70518	20797	15476
Plovdiv	285545	39861	176343	38505	30836
Smolyan	48547	6574	33014	5210	3749
Haskovo	108034	11486	69310	16686	10552

When making comparisons and analysis of the labor market, indicators for the age group 15-64 are most commonly calculated.

As of 1.02.2011 there were 3 282 740 economically active persons aged between 15 and 64 in the country. The activity rate, calculated as the ratio between the number of economically active persons and the population aged 15-64, is a relative measure for participation of the population in the labor market. The activity rate for the country as a total was 65.3% (68.1% for male and 62.5% for female).

Out of the total number of economically active persons aged 15-64, as of 1.02.2011, 2 789 660 were employed, and 493 080 were unemployed. 1 440 918 (51.7%) of all employed were male, and 1 348 742 (48.3%) were female. Of all unemployed at the end of January 2011, 57.2% were male and 42.8% - female.

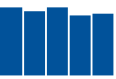
As of 1 February 2011, the employment rate, calculated as the ratio between the number of employed persons and the population aged 15-64, was 55.5%. The employment rate for the male population was higher than that for female, 56.9% and 54.0% respectively. The unemployment rate, calculated as the ratio between the number of unemployed persons and the economically active population aged 15-64, was 15.0% for the country as a total, and 16.4% for male and 13.5% for female.



20. Economically active persons aged 15-64 by gender, statistical zones, statistical regions and by districts

(Number)

Statistical zones Statistical regions Districts	Total	Employed			Unemployed		
		Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Total	3282740	2789660	1440918	1348742	493080	282052	211028
<i>North and South-East Bulgaria</i>							
North-West region	336294	272601	142263	130338	63693	37608	26085
Vidin	37828	29592	15847	13745	8236	4655	3581
Vratsa	74912	60425	31267	29158	14487	8673	5814
Lovech	55868	46542	24195	22347	9326	5432	3894
Montana	60045	46760	24550	22210	13285	7932	5353
Pleven	107641	89282	46404	42878	18359	10916	7443
North Central region	363183	305898	160520	145378	57285	33307	23978
Veliko Tarnovo	108453	91144	47126	44018	17309	9759	7550
Gabrovo	54178	48015	24814	23201	6163	3730	2433
Razgrad	52154	42142	22812	19330	10012	5759	4253
Ruse	102880	89159	46395	42764	13721	8085	5636
Silistra	45518	35438	19373	16065	10080	5974	4106
North-East region	427876	352411	187345	165066	75465	41708	33757
Varna	222697	189692	100795	88897	33005	17752	15253
Dobrich	79873	63957	34240	29717	15916	9037	6879
Targovishte	49168	38069	20166	17903	11099	6299	4800
Shumen	76138	60693	32144	28549	15445	8620	6825
South-East region	470021	389006	207015	181991	81015	45094	35921
Burgas	188448	155271	82876	72395	33177	17947	15230
Sliven	78097	59534	31271	28263	18563	10811	7752
Stara Zagora	147697	129442	68671	60771	18255	10201	8054
Yambol	55779	44759	24197	20562	11020	6135	4885
<i>South-West and South Central Bulgaria</i>							
South-West region	1043737	930438	464636	465802	113299	65366	47933
Blagoevgrad	151333	126316	61661	64655	25017	15664	9353
Kyustendil	56911	48597	24417	24180	8314	4754	3560
Pernik	60837	51654	26256	25398	9183	5466	3717
Sofia	109181	93949	49246	44703	15232	8654	6578
Sofia cap.	665475	609922	303056	306866	55553	30828	24725
South Central region	641629	539306	279139	260167	102323	58969	43354
Kardzhali	60746	49121	25070	24051	11625	7007	4618
Pazardzhik	115297	92411	48749	43662	22886	13490	9396
Plovdiv	302681	264847	136106	128741	37834	21819	16015
Smolyan	58440	45699	23006	22693	12741	7246	5495
Haskovo	104465	87228	46208	41020	17237	9407	7830



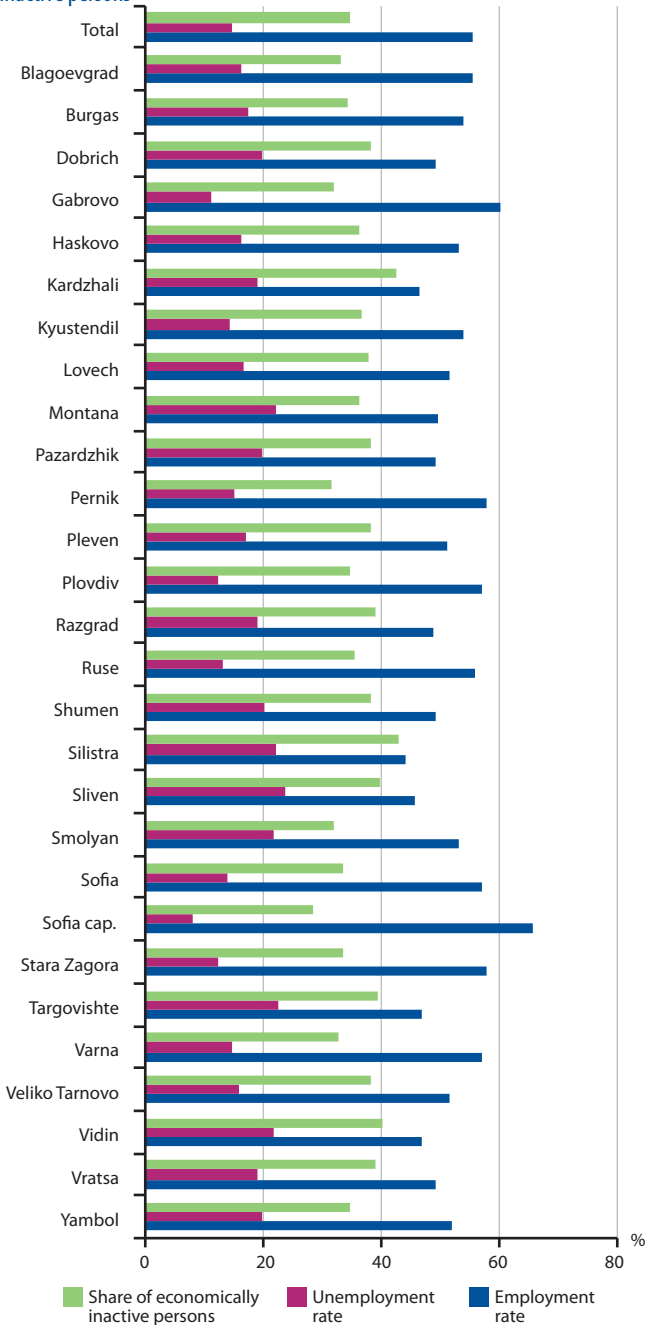
The highest activity rate was observed in district of Sofia cap. - 71.5%, followed by districts of Pernik - 68.3%, Gabrovo - 67.9%, Smolyan - 67.8%, Varna - 67.1%. Lowest was the activity rate in districts of Silistra - 56.9%, Kardzhali - 57.4%, Vidin - 59.8%, Sliven - 60.0%, Targovishte - 60.5%.

The highest employment rate was observed in district of Sofia cap. - 65.5%, or 10 percentage points higher than the country average, Gabrovo - 60.2%, Stara Zagora and Pernik - 58.0%, Sofia - 57.2%. There were 9 districts where the employment rate was higher than the average for the country.

The lowest unemployment rate of persons aged 15-64 was observed in district of Sofia cap. - 8.3%, Gabrovo - 11.4%, Stara Zagora - 12.4% and Plovdiv - 12.5%. 20 districts had unemployment rate higher than the average for the country. The highest unemployment rate, as of 1.02. 2011, was observed in districts Sliven - 23.8%, Targovishte - 22.6%, Silistra and Montana - 22.1% each, Smolyan and Vidin - 21.8% each.



Figure 25. Employment and unemployment rates and share of economically inactive persons



I. Population

21. Employed persons aged 15 and over by profession classes, gender, statistical zones and statistical regions

(Number)

Statistical zones Statistical regions Profession classes	Total	Male	Female
Total	2834834	1470063	1364771
Managers	254815	160815	94000
Specialists	423418	136254	287164
Technicians and associate professionals	198243	105876	92367
Administrative support staff	251423	65663	185760
Staff engaged in public services, trade and security	585637	249837	335800
Qualified workers in agriculture, forestry, hunting and fisheries	84441	53611	30830
Qualified workers and related craftsmen	326789	231503	95286
Machine operators and assemblers	322357	243623	78734
Professions not requiring any special training/ qualification	290206	155626	134580
Armed forces occupations	40609	35377	5232
Not stated	56896	31878	25018
<i>North and South-East Bulgaria</i>			
North-West	276530	144735	131795
Managers	19915	12697	7218
Specialists	37485	10678	26807
Technicians and associate professionals	16863	9200	7663
Administrative support staff	21106	5292	15814
Staff engaged in public services, trade and security	59558	25854	33704
Qualified workers in agriculture, forestry, hunting and fisheries	7893	5553	2340
Qualified workers and related craftsmen	36967	24305	12662
Machine operators and assemblers	35281	26792	8489
Professions not requiring any special training/ qualification	31946	17689	14257
Armed forces occupations	4084	3628	456
Not stated	5432	3047	2385
North Central	310731	163659	147072
Managers	24297	15830	8467
Specialists	39535	12216	27319
Technicians and associate professionals	19583	10897	8686
Administrative support staff	24923	6437	18486
Staff engaged in public services, trade and security	62346	25998	36348
Qualified workers in agriculture, forestry, hunting and fisheries	13592	8886	4706
Qualified workers and related craftsmen	43944	29426	14518
Machine operators and assemblers	39721	30084	9637
Professions not requiring any special training/ qualification	34606	18505	16101
Armed forces occupations	1928	1791	137
Not stated	6256	3589	2667



21. Employed persons aged 15 and over by profession classes, gender, statistical zones and statistical regions

(Continued)

(Number)

Statistical zones Statistical regions Profession classes	Total	Male	Female
North-East	357907	191007	166900
Managers	31585	20076	11509
Specialists	49375	15127	34248
Technicians and associate professionals	25126	14189	10937
Administrative support staff	31979	8178	23801
Staff engaged in public services, trade and security	78885	32877	46008
Qualified workers in agriculture, forestry, hunting and fisheries	10209	6641	3568
Qualified workers and related craftsmen	40010	30926	9084
Machine operators and assemblers	38238	32251	5987
Professions not requiring any special training/ qualification	39851	21974	17877
Armed forces occupations	4614	4143	471
Not stated	8035	4625	3410
South-East	394520	210723	183797
Managers	31792	20288	11504
Specialists	48731	13943	34788
Technicians and associate professionals	27055	14478	12577
Administrative support staff	31775	6979	24796
Staff engaged in public services, trade and security	83004	33227	49777
Qualified workers in agriculture, forestry, hunting and fisheries	12323	7890	4433
Qualified workers and related craftsmen	49751	38751	11000
Machine operators and assemblers	48905	39061	9844
Professions not requiring any special training/ qualification	44209	23747	20462
Armed forces occupations	8868	7836	1032
Not stated	8107	4523	3584
<i>South-West and South Central Bulgaria</i>			
South-West	948652	476129	472523
Managers	105343	64626	40717
Specialists	181023	64826	116197
Technicians and associate professionals	79939	41093	38846
Administrative support staff	99875	28089	71786
Staff engaged in public services, trade and security	193905	85771	108134
Qualified workers in agriculture, forestry, hunting and fisheries	13128	8776	4352
Qualified workers and related craftsmen	85097	60046	25051
Machine operators and assemblers	86653	64680	21973
Professions not requiring any special training/ qualification	73598	38108	35490
Armed forces occupations	11836	9867	1969
Not stated	18255	10247	8008

I. Population

21. Employed persons aged 15 and over by profession classes, gender, statistical zones and statistical regions

(Continued and end)

(Number)

Statistical zones Statistical regions Profession classes	Total	Male	Female
South Central	546494	283810	262684
Managers	41883	27298	14585
Specialists	67269	19464	47805
Technicians and associate professionals	29677	16019	13658
Administrative support staff	41765	10688	31077
Staff engaged in public services, trade and security	107939	46110	61829
Qualified workers in agriculture, forestry, hunting and fisheries	27296	15865	11431
Qualified workers and related craftsmen	71020	48049	22971
Machine operators and assemblers	73559	50755	22804
Professions not requiring any special training/ qualification	65996	35603	30393
Armed forces occupations	9279	8112	1167
Not stated	10811	5847	4964



Persons with disabilities

Persons aged 16 and over with loss of working capacity or degree of disability

Persons with loss of working capacity or degree of disability are the persons aged 16 or over who have a document from the Territorial Expert Medical Commission (TEMC) or the National Expert Medical Commission (NEMC) for a medical examination for recognition of the disability.

The degree of lost working capacity/ degree of disability is defined as percentage of the capacity of a healthy person.

Among the population aged 16 and over 4 468 068 persons, or 70.6% have responded to the voluntary question for existence of recognized by medical commission degree of lost working capacity.

The total number of persons aged 16 and over who, as of 1.02.2011, have a recognized loss of working capacity or a degree of disability, were 465 228, or 10.4%. The share of people with loss of working capacity or degree of disability between 71% and 90% was highest - 184 556 persons, or 39.7% of all persons aged 16 and over with disability. The persons with highest degree of disability over 90%, were 131 298 or 28.8%. The persons with degree of disability between 50% and 70%, at the reference date of the Census, were 110 528, or 23.8%. Lowest was the share of persons with under 50% lost working capacity - 38 846 persons, or 8.3%.

The lowest share of persons with loss of working capacity or degree of disability was observed in the South-East statistical region - 7.5% of the persons responded to the voluntary question. The highest share of persons with disabilities was observed in the North-West statistical region - 12.4%.

I. Population

22. Population aged 16 and over with or without loss of working capacity or degree of disability by statistical zones, statistical regions and by districts¹

(Number)

Statistical zones Statistical regions Districts	Total	Of which: responded	Loss of working capacity or degree of disability ¹				
			None	Up to 50%	From 50 to 70% (III group)	From 71 to 90% (II group)	Over 90% (I group)
Total	6324621	4468068	4002840	38846	110528	184556	131298
<i>North and South-East Bulgaria</i>							
North-West region	729994	551489	483023	5149	16307	27988	19022
Vidin	88132	65624	59445	540	1538	2338	1763
Vratsa	159952	110418	94798	881	3647	5671	5421
Lovech	121636	90883	80627	825	2655	4215	2561
Montana	127727	114457	101772	1025	2781	5306	3573
Pleven	232547	170107	146381	1878	5686	10458	5704
North Central region	748859	542482	478332	4545	16092	27046	16467
Veliko Tarnovo	226385	156691	143802	1354	3178	5405	2952
Gabrovo	108172	78186	65645	658	2855	5280	3748
Razgrad	106480	80454	71855	604	2746	3445	1804
Ruse	205156	150166	135571	1397	3894	5766	3538
Silistra	102666	76985	61459	532	3419	7150	4425
North-East region	821407	575345	522857	4763	13841	20201	13683
Varna	403788	260558	235361	2265	6381	9635	6916
Dobrich	161751	126137	116173	1080	2631	4016	2237
Targovishte	102422	66862	62294	509	1447	1657	955
Shumen	153446	121788	109029	909	3382	4893	3575
South-East region	909375	631201	583562	6212	12548	17653	11226
Burgas	350805	242158	230046	1737	3190	3999	3186
Sliven	161357	107745	98113	1356	2766	3420	2090
Stara Zagora	284979	193293	176409	2158	4296	6632	3798
Yambol	112234	88005	78994	961	2296	3602	2152
<i>South-West and South Central Bulgaria</i>							
South-West region	1847415	1320588	1169566	10683	30828	60240	49271
Blagoevgrad	275323	164079	153956	1438	2926	3526	2233
Kyustendil	119840	90690	82205	815	2119	3098	2453
Pernik	117312	91580	79830	756	2415	4389	4190
Sofia	211900	143272	124582	1111	4288	7352	5939
Sofia capital	1123040	830967	728993	6563	19080	41875	34456
South Central region	1267571	846963	765500	7494	20912	31428	21629
Kardzhali	130027	63298	58690	528	1300	1801	979
Pazardzhik	233113	150869	137148	1442	3731	5469	3079
Plovdiv	586345	424743	377117	3674	11386	18396	14170
Smolyan	106496	57923	52300	539	1849	1932	1303
Haskovo	211590	150130	140245	1311	2646	3830	2098

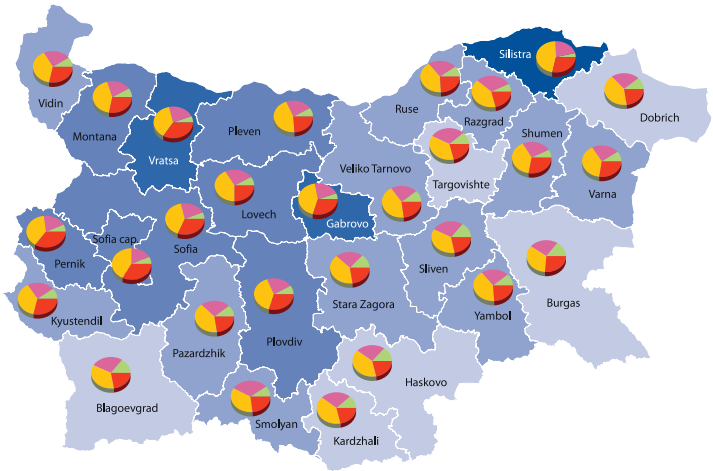
¹The respondents of the voluntary question for loss of working capacity or degree of disability distributed by the characteristic "loss of working capacity/ degree of disability".



The share of persons aged 16 and over with loss of working capacity or degree of disability by districts varied widely - from 5.0% in the district of Burgas to 20.2% in the district of Silistra. In 16 districts the share of people with disabilities was lower than the country average (10.4% of those who have responded). After Burgas, the lowest shares of disabled people were observed in the districts of Blagoevgrad (6.2%), Haskovo (6.6%), Targovishte (6.8%) and Kardzhali (7.3%).

The highest share of persons with loss of working capacity or degree of disability from the people aged 16 and over who have responded to the question for disability, after Silistra, was observed in the districts of Gabrovo (16.0%), Vratsa (14.1%) and Pleven (13.9%).

Figure 26. Population aged 16 and over with loss of working capacity or degree of disability by districts



Structure of population aged 16 and over with disability

Severity of disability	Total	Share of population with disability	
Up to 50%	8.3%	5.0 - 8.0%	
50% - 70%	23.8%	8.1 - 11.0%	
71% - 90%	39.7%	11.1 - 14.0%	
Over 90%	28.2%	14.1 - 17.0%	
		17.1 - 20.2%	Total
			10.4%

Children with disabilities

Children under 16 years old with a degree of disability are the children who have a document for recognition of the disability issued by a Children's Expert Medical Commission (CEMC) or by the National Expert Medical Commission (NEMC).

The degree of disability is defined as percentage of the capacity of a healthy person.

For children under 16 years old, a response to the question for a recognized disability was given for 573 274 children. In contrast to adults, the share of respondents to the question for disability among children, was lower - 55.1%.

The total number of children under 16 for whom, as of 1.02.2011, with indication of a recognized degree of disability was 9 039, or 1.6% from the children for whom a response to the question has been indicated. Highest was the share of children with degree of disability between 50% and 90% - 4 040, or 44.7% of the children with disabilities. For 3 035 children, or 33.6%, a degree of above 90% of disability has been indicated. Up to 50% of disability had 1 964 children, or 21.7% of the children with disabilities.

Among the six statistical regions, the South Central region had the lowest share of children with a recognized disability - 1.2%. The highest share of children with disabilities was observed in North Central and North-West regions - 1.9% each.



23. Children under 16 with or without disabilities by statistical zones, statistical regions and by districts¹

(Number)

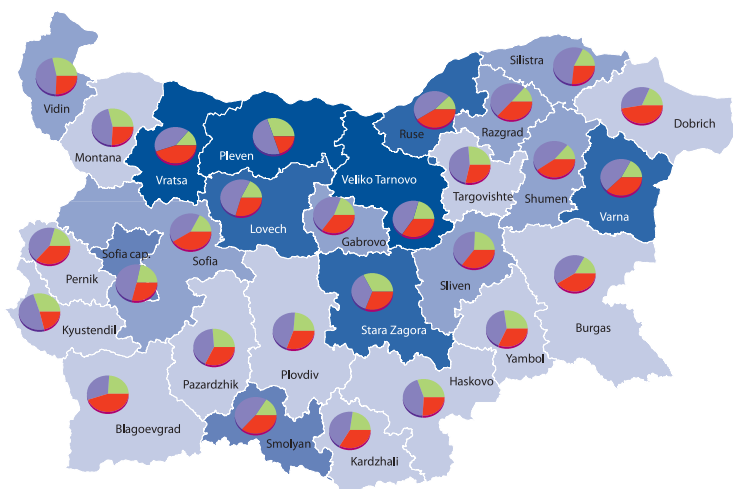
Statistical zones Statistical regions Districts	Total	Of which: responded	Degree of disability			
			Does not have	Up to 50%	From 50 to 90%	Over 90%
Total	1039949	573274	564235	1964	4040	3035
<i>North and South-East Bulgaria</i>						
North-West region	117144	72354	70987	328	648	391
Vidin	12886	7414	7309	30	48	27
Vratsa	26896	14474	14161	42	130	141
Lovech	19786	11609	11377	40	123	69
Montana	20371	16793	16591	58	92	52
Pleven	37205	22064	21549	158	255	102
North Central region	112253	64815	63590	203	581	441
Veliko Tarnovo	32109	17228	16820	84	181	143
Gabrovo	14530	8016	7895	23	55	43
Razgrad	18710	12160	11972	25	93	70
Ruse	30096	17064	16728	41	156	139
Silistra	16808	10347	10175	30	96	46
North-East region	144690	79618	78327	224	556	511
Varna	71286	33537	32889	110	291	247
Dobrich	27926	17938	17694	45	83	116
Targovishte	18396	9826	9704	32	55	35
Shumen	27082	18317	18040	37	127	113
South-East region	168627	92088	90699	352	545	492
Burgas	65012	36441	35998	74	185	184
Sliven	36116	18223	17944	68	112	99
Stara Zagora	48286	24801	24298	165	182	156
Yambol	19213	12623	12459	45	66	53
<i>South-West and South Central Bulgaria</i>						
South-West region	285433	153224	150817	520	1108	779
Blagoevgrad	48229	22060	21808	60	78	114
Kyustendil	16846	10102	9983	36	58	25
Pernik	16218	10402	10261	29	60	52
Sofia	35589	18016	17720	51	122	123
Sofia cap.	168551	92644	91045	344	790	465
South Central region	211802	111175	109815	337	602	421
Kardzhali	22781	8899	8784	26	50	39
Pazardzhik	42435	20688	20464	59	92	73
Plovdiv	96682	56297	55644	155	296	202
Smolyan	15256	5834	5732	16	48	38
Haskovo	34648	19457	19191	81	116	69

¹ The respondents of the voluntary question for degree of disability are distributed by the characteristic "degree of disability".

I. Population

The share of children with disabilities did not differ so much among the districts as the share of adults with disabilities. The distribution of children with disabilities by districts also differed from the one for adults. For the children the values varied from 1.08% from the respondents in district of Pazardzhik to 2.37% - in the district of Veliko Tarnovo. In 17 districts the share of children with disabilities was lower than the country's average. The lowest shares, after district of Pazardzhik, were observed in the districts of Blagoevgrad (1.14%), Plovdiv (1.16%), Kyustendil (1.18%) and Montana (1.20%). The highest share of children with disabilities from the respondents was observed in the districts of Veliko Tarnovo (2.37%), Pleven (2.33%), Vratsa (2.16%) and Stara Zagora (2.03%).

Figure 27. Children under 16 with disabilities by districts



Structure of children aged 16 and less with disability

Severity of disability	Total	Share of children with disability	
Up to 50%	21.7%	1.08 - 1.40%	Total 1.58%
50% - 90%	44.7%	1.41 - 1.70%	
Over 90%	33.6%	1.71 - 1.90%	
		1.91 - 2.10%	
		2.11 - 2.37%	

II. HOUSEHOLDS



Households

A household is formed by persons who cohabit whether they have or not any family relations, or who live together in a collective, subject to general arrangements.

As of 1.02.2011 the population in Bulgaria lived in 3 006 376 private and collective households.

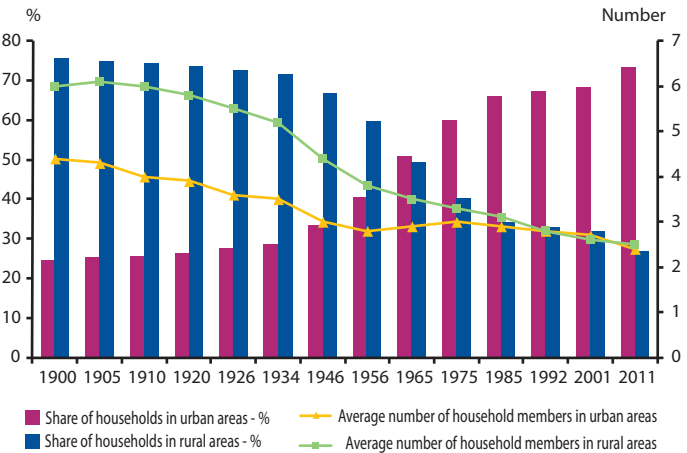
1. Households by place of residence, persons in the households and average number of household members

Place of residence	(Number)		
	Total	Private households	Collective households
Total	3006376	3005589	787
Persons in the households	7327855	7296459	31396
Average number of household members	2.4	2.4	39.9
Urban areas	2203007	2202498	509
Persons in the households	5309673	5287323	22350
Average number of household members	2.4	2.4	43.9
Rural areas	803369	803091	278
Persons in the households	2018182	2009136	9046
Average number of household members	2.5	2.5	32.5

Private households by place of residence and number of household members

As of 1.02.2011 there were 3 005 589 private households in Bulgaria, or 83 702 more households than according to the previous Census. Nearly three quarters (73.3%) of them were in urban areas. With the increase of the number of households a decrease in the average size of a household was observed, from 2.7 persons in 2001 to 2.4 persons in 2011.

Figure 1. Households by place of residence and average number of household members by Census year

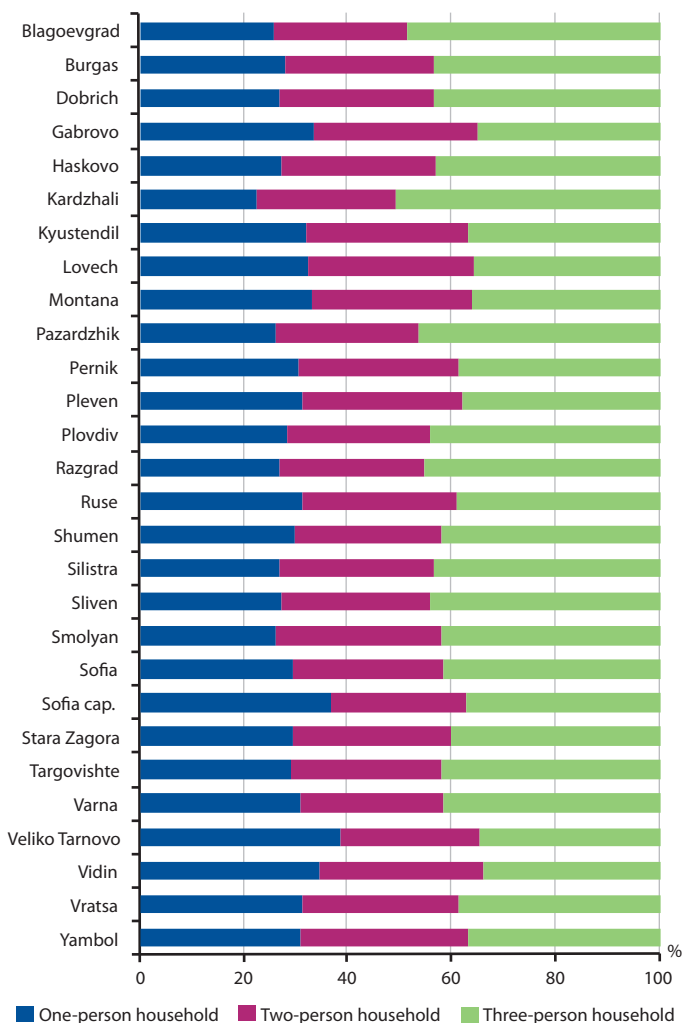


II. Households

More than half of the households (59.2%) in Bulgaria are formed by one and two persons. The data shows a strong increase in the absolute number and in the share of one-person households - from 662 853 in 2001 to 925 385 in 2011, or an increase of 8.1 percentage points.

Highest was the share of one-person households in the districts of Veliko Tarnovo (38.6%) and Sofia cap. (36.5%), and lowest - in the district of Kardzhali (22.4%).

Figure 2. Share of households by number of members and districts





2. Households by number of household members, statistical zones, statistical regions and by districts

(Number)

Statistical zones Statistical regions Districts	Total	Households by number of members					
		One-person	Two-person	Three-person	Four-person	Five-person	Six and more-person
Total	3005589	925385	853735	606613	401517	133397	84942
<i>North and South-East Bulgaria</i>							
North-West region	353568	113584	109071	64665	40051	15165	11032
Vidin	43701	15039	13718	7776	4251	1658	1259
Vratsa	77077	24064	23206	14707	9421	3394	2285
Lovech	59926	19412	18911	10804	6896	2305	1598
Montana	61968	20523	18967	10898	6839	2699	2042
Pleven	110896	34546	34269	20480	12644	5109	3848
North Central region	359069	117417	102983	68509	43145	16168	10847
Veliko Tarnovo	114143	44025	30308	20029	12397	4483	2901
Gabrovo	54393	18201	17099	10833	5755	1699	806
Razgrad	47090	12585	13117	9094	7004	3031	2259
Ruse	98279	30529	29110	20074	12050	4074	2442
Silistra	45164	12077	13349	8479	5939	2881	2439
North-East region	387870	114494	109625	79790	54753	17799	11409
Varna	194597	59562	53810	41240	27627	7822	4536
Dobrich	73557	19654	21715	15265	10399	3849	2675
Targovishte	47507	13742	13733	9131	6601	2461	1839
Shumen	72209	21536	20367	14154	10126	3667	2359
South-East region	430018	122614	127401	88779	59294	18974	12956
Burgas	166427	46172	47946	36187	25659	6814	3649
Sliven	73605	19899	20954	14225	10421	4285	3821
Stara Zagora	135461	39810	40927	28205	17011	5706	3802
Yambol	54525	16733	17574	10162	6203	2169	1684
<i>South-West and South Central Bulgaria</i>							
South-West region	907040	304933	244686	186136	120172	34041	17072
Blagoevgrad	119916	30778	30883	24605	20992	7591	5067
Kyustendil	58523	18647	18257	11338	7015	2228	1038
Pernik	56832	17280	17532	12133	6936	2000	951
Sofia	99259	29230	28668	19295	14224	4882	2960
Sofia cap.	572510	208998	149346	118765	71005	17340	7056
South Central region	568024	152343	159969	118734	84102	31250	21626
Kardzhali	54185	12158	14525	11314	9234	3913	3041
Pazardzhik	102481	26547	28254	20937	15782	6384	4577
Plovdiv	265631	74525	73143	56080	38246	14086	9551
Smolyan	49532	12911	15770	10729	7429	1814	879
Haskovo	96195	26202	28277	19674	13411	5053	3578

II. Households

3. Households by number of members, household type, statistical zones and statistical regions

(Number)

Statistical zones Statistical regions Number of household members	Total	Household type				
		Household - family	Household of one family and other persons	Household of many families	Household of two or more persons not forming a family	One-person household
Total	3005589	1561614	268301	141425	108864	925385
One-person	925385	x	x	x	x	925385
Two-person	853735	760162	x	x	93573	x
Three-person	606613	485659	108838	x	12116	x
Four-person	401517	280119	89296	29837	2265	x
Five-person	133397	26609	56585	49591	612	x
Six and more - person	84942	9065	13582	61997	298	x
<i>North and South-East Bulgaria</i>						
North-West	353568	174701	33981	17027	14275	113584
One-person	113584	x	x	x		113584
Two-person	109071	96458	x	x	12613	x
Three-person	64665	48110	15205	x	1350	x
Four-person	40051	25486	10536	3790	239	x
Five-person	15165	3102	6353	5661	49	x
Six and more - person	11032	1545	1887	7576	24	x
North Central	359069	175011	33993	19624	13024	117417
One-person	117417	x	x	x	x	117417
Two-person	102983	91694	x	x	11289	x
Three-person	68509	52751	14337	x	1421	x
Four-person	43145	27440	11381	4089	235	x
Five-person	16168	2365	6776	6973	54	x
Six and more - person	10847	761	1499	8562	25	x
North-East	387870	208361	33727	18579	12709	114494
One-person	114494	x	x	x	x	114494
Two-person	109625	98541	x	x	11084	x
Three-person	79790	65152	13380	x	1258	x
Four-person	54753	39628	11141	3700	284	x
Five-person	17799	3910	7383	6450	56	x
Six and more - person	11409	1130	1823	8429	27	x

3. Households by number of members, household type, statistical zones and statistical regions

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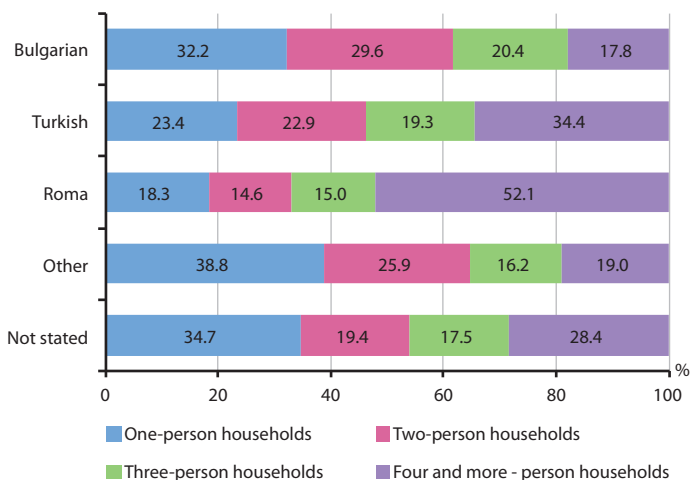
Statistical zones Statistical regions Number of household members	Total	Household type				
		Household - family	Household of one family and other persons	Household of many families	Household of two or more persons not forming a family	One-person household
South-East	430018	238042	36712	19178	13472	122614
One-person	122614	x	x	x	x	122614
Two-person	127401	115545	x	x	11856	x
Three-person	88779	72079	15396	x	1304	x
Four-person	59294	42975	12020	4086	213	x
Five-person	18974	5055	7414	6438	67	x
Six and more - person	12956	2388	1882	8654	32	x
<i>South-West and South Central Bulgaria</i>						
South-West	907040	461526	72078	31018	37485	304933
One-person	304933	x	x	x	x	304933
Two-person	244686	213398	x	x	31288	x
Three-person	186136	152694	28578	x	4864	x
Four-person	120172	87023	24756	7471	922	x
Five-person	34041	6890	15402	11473	276	x
Six and more - person	17072	1521	3342	12074	135	x
South Central	568024	303973	57810	35999	17899	152343
One-person	152343	x	x	x	x	152343
Two-person	159969	144526	x	x	15443	x
Three-person	118734	94873	21942	x	1919	x
Four-person	84102	57567	19462	6701	372	x
Five-person	31250	5287	13257	12596	110	x
Six and more - person	21626	1720	3149	16702	55	x

Ethnicity of household head

The distribution of households by ethnic group is made according to the answer indicated by the household's head. In 2 456 596 households, or 88.4%, the household head belonged to the Bulgarian ethnic group. In 203 517 households (7.3%) the household head has indicated the Turkish ethnic group, and in 86 385 households (3.1%) the household head identified him/herself as being from the Roma ethnic group. The household head has not responded to the question for ethnicity in 7.5% of the households.

The households, where the household head belongs to the Bulgarian ethnic group, consisted mainly of one, two or three persons. With the increase of the number of household members, the households in which the household head belongs to the Roma ethnic group prevailed.

Figure 3. Structure of households by pointed ethnicity of the household head and number of household members





4. Households by number of members, ethnicity of household head, statistical zones and statistical regions¹

(Number)

Statistical zones Statistical regions Number of household members	Total	Of which: responded	Households by ethnic group of household head				
			Bulgarian	Turkish	Roma	Other	Not stated
Total	3005589	2780211	2456596	203517	86385	20967	12746
One-person	925385	866445	790482	47589	15810	8144	4420
Two-person	853735	794399	727315	46561	12625	5429	2469
Three-person	606613	558820	500894	39308	12977	3405	2236
Four-person	401517	366525	307483	37393	17135	2503	2011
Five-person	133397	119747	88096	17834	12030	897	890
Six and more - person	84942	74275	42326	14832	15808	589	720
<i>North and South-East Bulgaria</i>							
North-West	353568	327772	307204	5274	13319	1215	760
One-person	113584	106555	101452	1680	2601	553	269
Two-person	109071	101366	97576	1314	1997	321	158
Three-person	64665	59691	56692	829	1879	164	127
Four-person	40051	36616	33325	694	2374	112	111
Five-person	15165	13789	11464	390	1839	42	54
Six and more - person	11032	9755	6695	367	2629	23	41
North Central	359069	335821	274359	51136	6705	2201	1420
One-person	117417	110222	95530	11950	1303	915	524
Two-person	102983	97373	83752	11934	880	557	250
Three-person	68509	63900	52736	9642	983	311	228
Four-person	43145	39818	29513	8543	1308	231	223
Five-person	16168	14814	8858	4845	908	94	109
Six and more - person	10847	9694	3970	4222	1323	93	86
North-East	387870	359049	286981	51439	14072	4112	2445
One-person	114494	107571	90143	12622	2657	1375	774
Two-person	109625	102082	85901	12444	2190	1108	439
Three-person	79790	73637	60096	10235	2181	681	444
Four-person	54753	50009	37241	9076	2739	554	399
Five-person	17799	15920	9547	3997	1954	215	207
Six and more - person	11409	9830	4053	3065	2351	179	182
South-East	430018	397281	346479	28599	18167	2813	1223
One-person	122614	115218	105332	5684	2808	973	421
Two-person	127401	118488	108288	6462	2675	804	259
Three-person	88779	81702	72427	5936	2616	510	213
Four-person	59294	53963	43533	6338	3548	372	172
Five-person	18974	16765	11499	2395	2688	91	92
Six and more - person	12956	11145	5400	1784	3832	63	66

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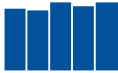
4. Households by number of members, ethnicity of household head, statistical zones and statistical regions¹

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(Number)

Statistical zones Statistical regions Number of household members	Total	Of which: responded	Households by ethnic group of household head				
			Bulgarian	Turkish	Roma	Other	Not stated
<i>South-West and South Central Bulgaria</i>							
South-West	907040	842805	807330	9004	16650	6641	3180
One-person	304933	285282	274392	2924	3735	2959	1272
Two-person	244686	228604	222363	1613	2439	1554	635
Three-person	186136	172608	166797	1511	2716	1057	527
Four-person	120172	110788	104428	1640	3585	687	448
Five-person	34041	30654	27454	730	2028	267	175
Six and more - person	17072	14869	11896	586	2147	117	123
South Central	568024	517483	434243	58065	17472	3985	3718
One-person	152343	141597	123633	12729	2706	1369	1160
Two-person	159969	146486	129435	12794	2444	1085	728
Three-person	118734	107282	92146	11155	2602	682	697
Four-person	84102	75331	59443	11102	3581	547	658
Five-person	31250	27805	19274	5477	2613	188	253
Six and more - person	21626	18982	10312	4808	3526	114	222

¹ The households in which the household head has responded to the voluntary question for ethnicity are distributed by the characteristic "ethnicity".



5. Households by number of members, level of completed education of the household head, statistical zones and statistical regions

(Number)

Statistical zones Statistical regions Number of household members	Total	Level of education				Never attended school
		Tertiary	Upper secondary	Lower secondary	Primary and lower	
Total	3005589	660978	1440943	686254	189627	27787
One-person	925385	188630	425313	223483	77150	10809
Two-person	853735	208354	385713	208761	45711	5196
Three-person	606613	157177	323264	103425	19780	2967
Four-person	401517	86339	218137	76908	17311	2822
Five-person	133397	15833	61626	40252	13289	2397
Six and more - person	84942	4645	26890	33425	16386	3596
<i>North and South-East Bulgaria</i>						
North-West	353568	56797	178442	94019	21908	2402
One-person	113584	16322	50944	35435	10007	876
Two-person	109071	20261	54163	29194	5039	414
Three-person	64665	12170	38140	12084	2014	257
Four-person	40051	6276	23833	8107	1618	217
Five-person	15165	1314	7604	4761	1283	203
Six and more - person	11032	454	3758	4438	1947	435
North Central	359069	63529	177421	92513	22917	2689
One-person	117417	17572	57949	31568	9182	1146
Two-person	102983	20899	47907	27973	5657	547
Three-person	68509	15222	37269	13221	2492	305
Four-person	43145	7845	23638	9395	2039	228
Five-person	16168	1505	7372	5504	1600	187
Six and more - person	10847	486	3286	4852	1947	276
North-East	387870	79587	176919	96955	30058	4351
One-person	114494	21294	50695	29231	11498	1776
Two-person	109625	25068	47344	28903	7444	866
Three-person	79790	19665	40647	15628	3377	473
Four-person	54753	11161	28056	12191	2931	414
Five-person	17799	1903	7247	6057	2239	353
Six and more - person	11409	496	2930	4945	2569	469
South-East	430018	75170	203341	110480	34547	6480
One-person	122614	18888	53571	35343	12801	2011
Two-person	127401	25100	58230	34940	7972	1159
Three-person	88779	19001	48872	16576	3587	743
Four-person	59294	10128	32052	12763	3602	749
Five-person	18974	1618	7743	6064	2832	717
Six and more - person	12956	435	2873	4794	3753	1101

II. Households

5. Households by number of members, level of completed education of the household head, statistical zones and statistical regions

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(Number)

Statistical zones Statistical regions Number of household members	Total	Level of education				Never attended school
		Tertiary	Upper secondary	Lower secondary	Primary and lower	
<i>South-West and South Central Bulgaria</i>						
South-West	907040	289594	442739	140082	31546	3079
One-person	304933	90594	149092	48975	14955	1317
Two-person	244686	86158	109072	41551	7381	524
Three-person	186136	66968	94416	21280	3139	333
Four-person	120172	37324	64701	15295	2485	367
Five-person	34041	6704	17953	7386	1775	223
Six and more - person	17072	1846	7505	5595	1811	315
South Central	568024	96301	262081	152205	48651	8786
One-person	152343	23960	63062	42931	18707	3683
Two-person	159969	30868	68997	46200	12218	1686
Three-person	118734	24151	63920	24636	5171	856
Four-person	84102	13605	45857	19157	4636	847
Five-person	31250	2789	13707	10480	3560	714
Six and more - person	21626	928	6538	8801	4359	1000



Collective households

Persons in collective households are those living in a boarding house, boarding school, remedial school, home for medical care of children, social home for bringing up and educating children deprived of parental care, nursing home, home for persons with mental and body disabilities, home for disabled people, psycho-neurological and tuberculosis hospital and dispensary, monastery, prison, social pedagogical boarding school, educational boarding school and others.

31 396 persons, or 0.4% of the population, lived in collective households. 64.7% of the collective households were situated in urban areas. 71.2% of the persons lived there.

The number of persons living in collective households has decreased by 24 303 since the last Census. In urban areas, the number of persons living in collective households has decreased by 17 382, and that in rural areas has decreased by 6 921 persons.

Types of collective households

The number and the average size of the collective households vary according to their type. Largest was the number of health households which were 31.5% of all collective households. The average number of members in them was 37.9 persons which was lower than the average collective household size for the country.

The highest average number of household members (61.1 persons) was observed in the collective households from group “others” - prisons, detention facilities, shelters for homeless persons and others. The lowest number of household members (5.4) was observed in the religious collective households. Most of these households were monasteries.

6. Collective households by place of residence, type and average number of household members

Place of residence Household type	(Number)		
	Total	Persons in the households	Average number of household members
Total	787	31396	39.9
Educational	145	5210	35.9
Health	248	9391	37.9
Homes for elderly people	154	6189	40.2
Religious	73	395	5.4
Others	167	10211	61.1
Urban areas	509	22350	43.9
Educational	103	3722	36.1
Health	142	4370	30.8
Homes for elderly people	97	4543	46.8
Religious	27	230	8.5
Others	140	9485	67.8
Rural areas	278	9046	32.5
Educational	42	1488	35.4
Health	106	5021	47.4
Homes for elderly people	57	1646	28.9
Religious	46	165	3.6
Others	27	726	26.9

Population living in different types of collective households differs significantly by age, education, number of members and other characteristics.

More than three quarters (93.6%) of the persons living in homes for elderly people were 65 years old and over. In health collective households the share of persons from the “third age” group was more than one-fifth (28.1%).

In terms of education, most persons who are illiterate lived in health collective households which include homes for people with severe mental disabilities.

89.1% of the persons in health collective households were with temporary loss of work capacity or degree of disability, while in the homes for elderly people this share was 39.1% of the persons living there.

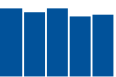
7. Persons aged 16 and over with loss of working capacity or degree of disability by place of residence and household type

(Number)

Place of residence Degree of lost working capacity/ degree of disability	Total	Household type				
		Educa- tional	Health	Homes for elderly people	Religious	Others
Total	24880	1901	6683	6186	391	9719
<i>Of which: responded</i>	17051	1139	5865	4528	262	5257
None	9400	918	638	2758	215	4871
Up to 50%	337	43	216	43	3	32
From 50 to 70% (III group)	833	39	524	220	5	45
From 71 to 90% (II group)	3172	100	2172	646	16	238
Above 90% (I group)	3309	39	2315	861	23	71
Urban areas	17585	1429	2255	4540	226	9135
<i>Of which: responded</i>	11054	863	2020	3264	122	4785
None	7750	694	349	2128	89	4490
Up to 50%	141	28	51	33
From 50 to 70% (III group)	384	36	206	102
From 71 to 90% (II group)	1352	68	663	440	9	172
Above 90% (I group)	1427	37	751	561	18	60
Rural areas	7295	472	4428	1646	165	584
<i>Of which: responded</i>	5997	276	3845	1264	140	472
None	1650	224	289	630	126	381
Up to 50%	196	..	165	10	..	5
From 50 to 70% (III group)	449	..	318	118	..	9
From 71 to 90% (II group)	1820	32	1509	206	7	66
Above 90% (I group)	1882	..	1564	300	..	11

III. FAMILIES





Families

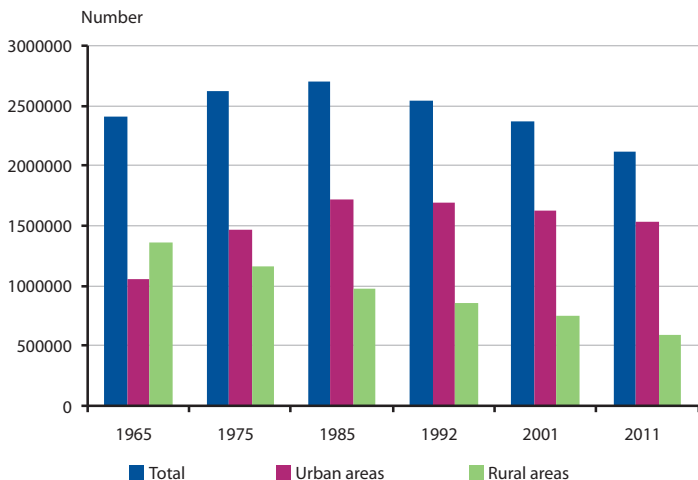
From 1965 all Censuses observe the nuclear family which includes two or more persons who are related either by blood or by marriage/ cohabitation without marriage or adoption.

In contrast to the biological family which includes all descendants of the spouses, the nuclear family refers only to the never married children who live together with their parents, regardless of their age.

As of 1.02.2011, there were 2 123 224 families in Bulgaria, in which 5 802 005 persons lived. In comparison to 2001, the number of families in the country has decreased by 245 876, and the number of persons in them has decreased by 880 389.

In 1965, more than half (56.2%) of the families lived in rural areas while, according to the last Census, 72.4% of the families lived in urban areas.

Figure 1. Families by place of residence and Census year



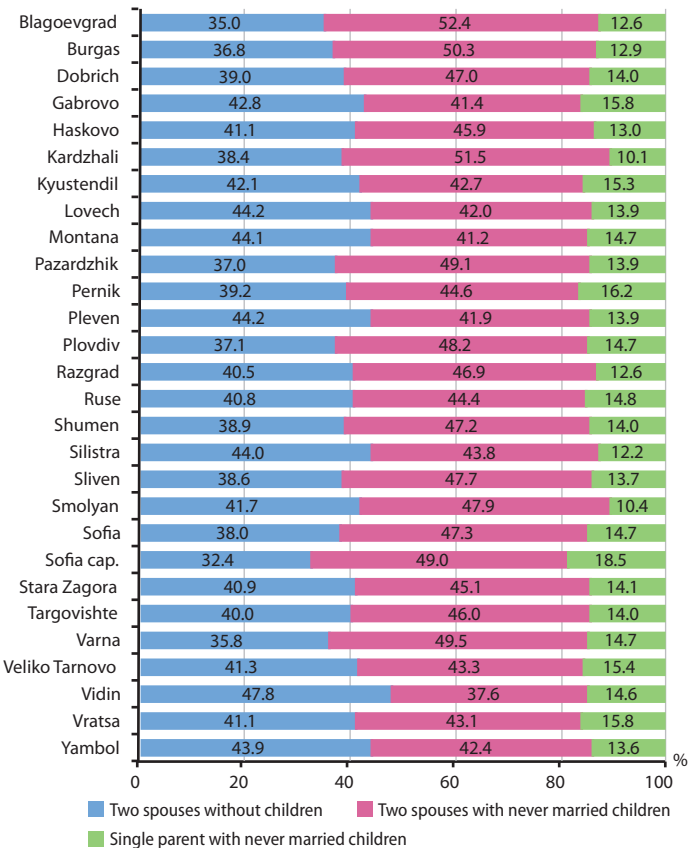
Family type

Analysis of the families by type shows that full nuclear families consisting of two spouses with never married children, prevail in Bulgaria. As of 1.02.2011 their number was 996 446, or 46.9%.

Between the two Censuses an increase in the non-full families, consisting of a single parent with never married children, was observed. According to data from the Census, 312 783 families or 14.7% of all families in the country, belonged to this type.

Highest was the share of non-full families in Sofia cap. (18.5%) and in the district Pernik (16.2%). Families without children prevailed in the districts of Vidin (47.8%), Pleven and Lovech (44.2% each) and Montana (44.1%).

Figure 2. Family structure by type and districts

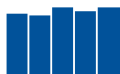


III. Families

1. Families by family type, number of members, statistical zones and statistical regions

(Number)

Statistical zones Statistical regions Family type	Total	Families by number of children				
		Two-person	Three-person	Four-person	Five-person	Six and more-persons
Total	2123224	1053471	653206	367789	36203	12555
Family with two spouses without children	813995	813995	x	x	x	x
Family with two spouses with never married children	996446	x	589685	360530	34530	11701
Single parent with never married children	312783	239476	63521	7259	1673	854
Mother with never married children	251325	191524	51465	6081	1491	764
Father with never married children	61458	47952	12056	1178	182	90
<i>North and South-East Bulgaria</i>						
North-West	244050	134417	67429	35484	4475	2245
Family with two spouses without children	107120	107120	x	x	x	x
Family with two spouses with never married children	101456	x	60642	34509	4211	2094
Single parent with never married children	35474	27297	6787	975	264	151
Mother with never married children	26116	20025	4967	750	239	135
Father with never married children	9358	7272	1820	225	25	16
North Central	249412	131950	74207	38693	3436	1126
Family with two spouses without children	103890	103890	x	x	x	x
Family with two spouses with never married children	109561	x	67320	37924	3262	1055
Single parent with never married children	35961	28060	6887	769	174	71
Mother with never married children	28188	21901	5449	619	158	61
Father with never married children	7773	6159	1438	150	16	10
North-East	280684	135726	86680	51389	5330	1559
Family with two spouses without children	105334	105334	x	x	x	x
Family with two spouses with never married children	135121	x	78234	50336	5100	1451
Single parent with never married children	40229	30392	8446	1053	230	108
Mother with never married children	32444	24401	6862	883	198	100
Father with never married children	7785	5991	1584	170	32	8



1. Families by family type, number of members, statistical zones and statistical regions

(Continued and end)

(Number)

Statistical zones Statistical regions Family type	Total	Families by number of children				
		Two-person	Three-person	Four-person	Five-person	Six and more-persons
South-East	314920	155731	94588	54497	6872	3232
Family with two spouses without children	123653	123653	x	x	x	x
Family with two spouses with never married children	148807	x	85852	53353	6557	3045
Single parent with never married children	42460	32078	8736	1144	315	187
Mother with never married children	34463	25803	7210	999	286	165
Father with never married children	7997	6275	1526	145	29	22
<i>South-West and South Central Bulgaria</i>						
South-West	597450	284011	195101	107813	8534	1991
Family with two spouses without children	206789	206789	x	x	x	x
Family with two spouses with never married children	290643	x	174701	105957	8175	1810
Single parent with never married children	100018	77222	20400	1856	359	181
Mother with never married children	83212	63950	17143	1633	323	163
Father with never married children	16806	13272	3257	223	36	18
South Central	436708	211636	135201	79913	7556	2402
Family with two spouses without children	167209	167209	x	x	x	x
Family with two spouses with never married children	210858	x	122936	78451	7225	2246
Single parent with never married children	58641	44427	12265	1462	331	156
Mother with never married children	46902	35444	9834	1197	287	140
Father with never married children	11739	8983	2431	265	44	16

III. Families

2. Families by family type, statistical zones, statistical regions and by districts

(Number)

Statistical zones Statistical regions Districts	Total	Family type		
		Two spouses without children	Two spouses with never married children	Single parent with never married children
Total	2123224	813995	996446	312783
<i>North and South-East Bulgaria</i>				
North-West region	244050	107120	101456	35474
Vidin	28728	13739	10801	4188
Vratsa	53757	22078	23171	8508
Lovech	40870	18046	17161	5663
Montana	42556	18750	17544	6262
Pleven	78139	34507	32779	10853
North Central region	249412	103890	109561	35961
Veliko Tarnovo	71775	29677	31078	11020
Gabrovo	35611	15252	14749	5610
Razgrad	36982	14973	17333	4676
Ruse	69046	28157	30642	10247
Silistra	35998	15831	15759	4408
North-East region	280684	105334	135121	40229
Varna	136792	48920	67765	20107
Dobrich	56030	21852	26346	7832
Targovishte	35334	14145	16241	4948
Shumen	52528	20417	24769	7342
South-East region	314920	123653	148807	42460
Burgas	122256	45047	61479	15730
Sliven	56764	21901	27084	7779
Stara Zagora	97342	39765	43888	13689
Yambol	38558	16940	16356	5262
<i>South-West and South Central Bulgaria</i>				
South-West region	597450	206789	290643	100018
Blagoevgrad	95086	33245	49855	11986
Kyustendil	40171	16892	17135	6144
Pernik	39690	15551	17711	6428
Sofia	72061	27401	34095	10565
Sofia cap.	350442	113700	171847	64895
South Central region	436708	167209	210858	58641
Kardzhali	46034	17664	23703	4667
Pazardzhik	81044	29964	39784	11296
Plovdiv	198714	73796	95712	29206
Smolyan	37577	15670	18002	3905
Haskovo	73339	30115	33657	9567



3. Families by family type, legal marital status of the household head, statistical zones and statistical regions

(Number)

Statistical zones Statistical regions Family type	Total	Legal marital status of the head of the family			
		Never married	Married	Divorced	Widowed
Total	2123224	276405	1577834	120526	148459
<i>North and South-East Bulgaria</i>					
North-West	244050	31699	182725	13513	16113
Family with two spouses without children	107120	6290	96733	1094	3003
Spouses in marriage	96235	x	96235	x	x
Spouses cohabiting without marriage	10885	6290	498	1094	3003
Family with two spouses with never married children	101456	18615	79331	330	3180
Spouses in marriage	78238	x	78238	x	x
Spouses cohabiting without marriage	23218	18615	1093	330	3180
Single parent with never married children	35474	6794	6661	12089	9930
Mother with never married children	26116	5530	3821	9637	7128
Father with never married children	9358	1264	2840	2452	2802
North Central	249412	31619	185057	13955	18781
Family with two spouses without children	103890	7507	91722	1171	3490
Spouses in marriage	91280	x	91280	x	x
Spouses cohabiting without marriage	12610	7507	442	1171	3490
Family with two spouses with never married children	109561	17670	87941	385	3565
Spouses in marriage	87088	x	87088	x	x
Spouses cohabiting without marriage	22473	17670	853	385	3565
Single parent with never married children	35961	6442	5394	12399	11726
Mother with never married children	28188	5406	3600	10165	9017
Father with never married children	7773	1036	1794	2234	2709
North-East	280684	43162	201399	15161	20962
Family with two spouses without children	105334	10815	89819	1171	3529
Spouses in marriage	89381	x	89381	x	x
Spouses cohabiting without marriage	15953	10815	438	1171	3529
Family with two spouses with never married children	135121	24335	106122	430	4234
Spouses in marriage	105146	x	105146	x	x
Spouses cohabiting without marriage	29975	24335	976	430	4234
Single parent with never married children	40229	8012	5458	13560	13199
Mother with never married children	32444	6828	3904	11083	10629
Father with never married children	7785	1184	1554	2477	2570

III. Families

3. Families by family type, legal marital status of the household head, statistical zones and statistical regions

(Continued and end)

(Number)

Statistical zones Statistical regions Family type	Total	Legal marital status of the head of the family			
		Never married	Married	Divorced	Widowed
South-East	314920	42927	234823	16697	20473
Family with two spouses without children	123653	9342	109566	1160	3585
Spouses in marriage	109122	x	109122	x	x
Spouses cohabiting without marriage	14531	9342	444	1160	3585
Family with two spouses with never married children	148807	25343	119283	434	3747
Spouses in marriage	118273	x	118273	x	x
Spouses cohabiting without marriage	30534	25343	1010	434	3747
Single parent with never married children	42460	8242	5974	15103	13141
Mother with never married children	34463	7185	4298	12411	10569
Father with never married children	7997	1057	1676	2692	2572
<i>South-West and South Central Bulgaria</i>	<i>1034158</i>	<i>126998</i>	<i>773830</i>	<i>61200</i>	<i>72130</i>
South-West	597450	73965	437124	37123	49238
Family with two spouses without children	206789	23577	175275	1343	6594
Spouses in marriage	174467	x	174467	x	x
Spouses cohabiting without marriage	32322	23577	808	1343	6594
Family with two spouses with never married children	290643	33807	247313	732	8791
Spouses in marriage	245792	x	245792	x	x
Spouses cohabiting without marriage	44851	33807	1521	732	8791
Single parent with never married children	100018	16581	14536	35048	33853
Mother with never married children	83212	14686	10935	28817	28774
Father with never married children	16806	1895	3601	6231	5079
South Central	436708	53033	336706	24077	22892
Family with two spouses without children	167209	11310	152035	913	2951
Spouses in marriage	151345	x	151345	x	x
Spouses cohabiting without marriage	15864	11310	690	913	2951
Family with two spouses with never married children	210858	30831	176013	394	3620
Spouses in marriage	174181	x	174181	x	x
Spouses cohabiting without marriage	36677	30831	1832	394	3620
Single parent with never married children	58641	10892	8658	22770	16321
Mother with never married children	46902	9322	5978	18592	13010
Father with never married children	11739	1570	2680	4178	3311

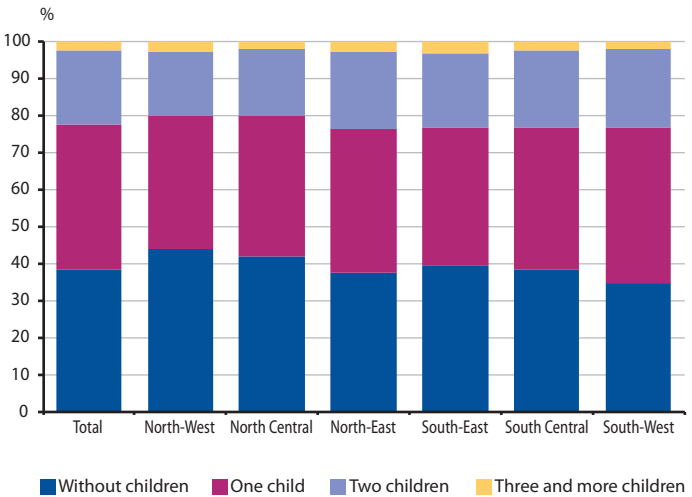


Children in the families

As of 1.02.2011 there were 1 309 229 families with children in the country, or 61.7%. Families with one child were with the highest share - 63.3%. The families with two children were 424 051, or 32.4%. Significantly lower was the number of families with three and more children - 56 017.

Most families with children live in the South-West statistical region (65.4%) while in the North-West region the families without children prevail (43.9%). The highest share of families with three and more children was observed in the South-East region (3.6%).

Figure 3. Family structure by number of children and statistical regions

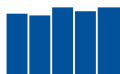


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4. Families by number of children, number of family members, statistical zones and statistical regions

(Number)

Statistical zones Statistical regions Families by number of children	Total	Families by number of members				
		Two-person	Three-person	Four-person	Five-person	Six and more-persons
Total	2123224	1053471	653206	367789	36203	12555
Without children	813995	813995	x	x	x	x
One child	829161	239476	589685	x	x	x
Two children	424051	x	63521	360530	x	x
Three children	41789	x	x	7259	34530	x
Four children	8950	x	x	x	1673	7277
Five children	3200	x	x	x	x	3200
Six and more children	2078	x	x	x	x	2078
<i>North and South-East Bulgaria</i>						
North-West	244050	134417	67429	35484	4475	2245
Without children	107120	107120	x	x	x	x
One child	87939	27297	60642	x	x	x
Two children	41296	x	6787	34509	x	x
Three children	5186	x	x	975	4211	x
Four children	1491	x	x	x	264	1227
Five children	587	x	x	x	x	587
Six and more children	431	x	x	x	x	431
North Central	249412	131950	74207	38693	3436	1126
Without children	103890	103890	x	x	x	x
One child	95380	28060	67320	x	x	x
Two children	44811	x	6887	37924	x	x
Three children	4031	x	x	769	3262	x
Four children	830	x	x	x	174	656
Five children	285	x	x	x	x	285
Six and more children	185	x	x	x	x	185
North-East	280684	135726	86680	51389	5330	1559
Without children	105334	105334	x	x	x	x
One child	108626	30392	78234	x	x	x
Two children	58782	x	8446	50336	x	x
Three children	6153	x	x	1053	5100	x
Four children	1200	x	x	x	230	970
Five children	380	x	x	x	x	380
Six and more children	209	x	x	x	x	209



4. Families by number of children, number of family members, statistical zones and statistical regions

(Continued and end)

(Number)

Statistical zones Statistical regions Families by number of children	Total	Families by number of members				
		Two- person	Three- person	Four- person	Five- person	Six and more- persons
South-East	314920	155731	94588	54497	6872	3232
Without children	123653	123653	x	x	x	x
One child	117930	32078	85852	x	x	x
Two children	62089	x	8736	53353	x	x
Three children	7701	x	x	1144	6557	x
Four children	2105	x	x	x	315	1790
Five children	870	x	x	x	x	870
Six and more children	572	x	x	x	x	572
<i>South-West and South Central Bulgaria</i>						
South-West	597450	284011	195101	107813	8534	1991
Without children	206789	206789	x	x	x	x
One child	251923	77222	174701	x	x	x
Two children	126357	x	20400	105957	x	x
Three children	10031	x	x	1856	8175	x
Four children	1557	x	x	x	359	1198
Five children	503	x	x	x	x	503
Six and more children	290	x	x	x	x	290
South Central	436708	211636	135201	79913	7556	2402
Without children	167209	167209	x	x	x	x
One child	167363	44427	122936	x	x	x
Two children	90716	x	12265	78451	x	x
Three children	8687	x	x	1462	7225	x
Four children	1767	x	x	x	331	1436
Five children	575	x	x	x	x	575
Six and more children	391	x	x	x	x	391

IV. RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS



Residential buildings

As of 1.02.2011, there were 2 060 745 residential buildings, from which 766 438 were in urban areas and 1 294 307 - in rural areas. In comparison with the 2001 Census, the number of residential buildings in urban areas has increased by 25 988, or 3.5%, and the number of those in rural areas has decrease by 89 766, or 6.5%.

The inhabited buildings were 1 505 945, or 73.1% from the housing fund. The share of inhabited buildings in the urban areas was 83.7% and in the rural areas this share was 66.8% from the total number of the residential buildings.

Figure 1. Residential buildings in urban and rural areas by Census year

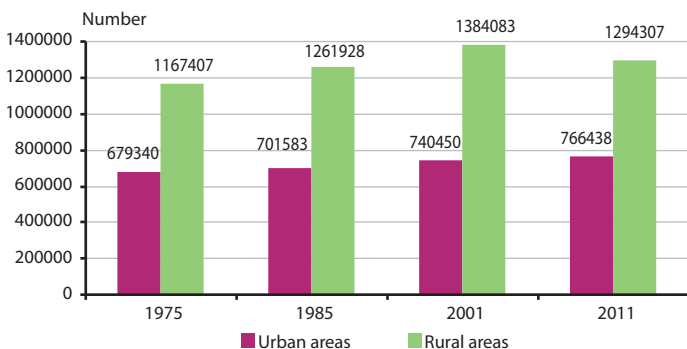
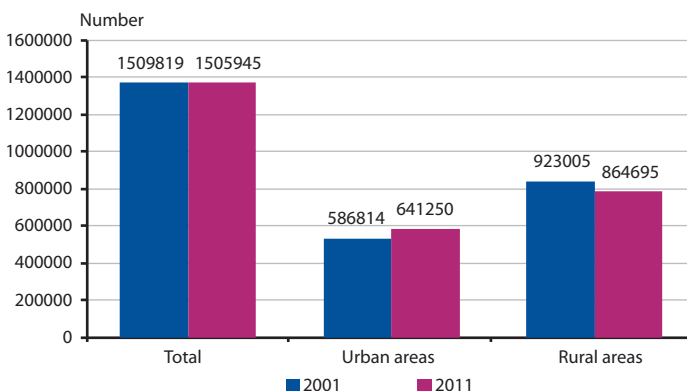


Figure 2. Inhabited residential buildings by Census year



An increase in the number of residential buildings, compared to 2001, was observed in the districts Sofia cap. - of 4.9%, Burgas - of 3.2%, Varna - of 2.7%, Plovdiv - of 1.1%, Smolyan - of 1.2% and Pleven - of 0.3%. Highest decrease in the number of residential buildings was observed in the districts of Vratsa - 18.2% and Razgrad - 10.7%.



1. Residential buildings by Census year, statistical zones, statistical regions and by districts

Statistical zones Statistical regions Districts	2001	2011	2011 as % to 2001
	Number		
Total	2124533	2060745	97.0
<i>North and South-East Bulgaria</i>			
North-West	428227	397078	92.7
Vidin	58809	54453	92.6
Vratsa	103904	84995	81.8
Lovech	78881	74869	94.9
Montana	86311	82183	95.2
Pleven	100322	100578	100.3
North Central	292268	279124	95.5
Veliko Tarnovo	91619	88790	96.9
Gabrovo	45372	43614	96.1
Razgrad	47909	42789	89.3
Ruse	65947	64579	97.9
Silistra	41421	39352	95.0
North-East	255385	253519	99.3
Varna	94653	97245	102.7
Dobrich	60397	59567	98.6
Targovishte	43914	43594	99.3
Shumen	56421	53113	94.1
South-East	295774	291702	98.6
Burgas	98139	101259	103.2
Sliven	60439	58584	96.9
Stara Zagora	89979	88947	98.9
Yambol	47217	42912	90.9
<i>South-West and South Central Bulgaria</i>			
South-West	453596	445720	98.3
Blagoevgrad	79264	79102	99.8
Kyustendil	62748	58138	92.7
Pernik	64821	61662	95.1
Sofia	149780	145122	96.9
Sofia cap.	96983	101696	104.9
South Central	399283	393602	98.6
Kardzhali	52306	49070	93.8
Pazardzhik	87805	86615	98.6
Plivdiv	148298	149917	101.1
Smolyan	35547	35974	101.2
Haskovo	75327	72026	95.6

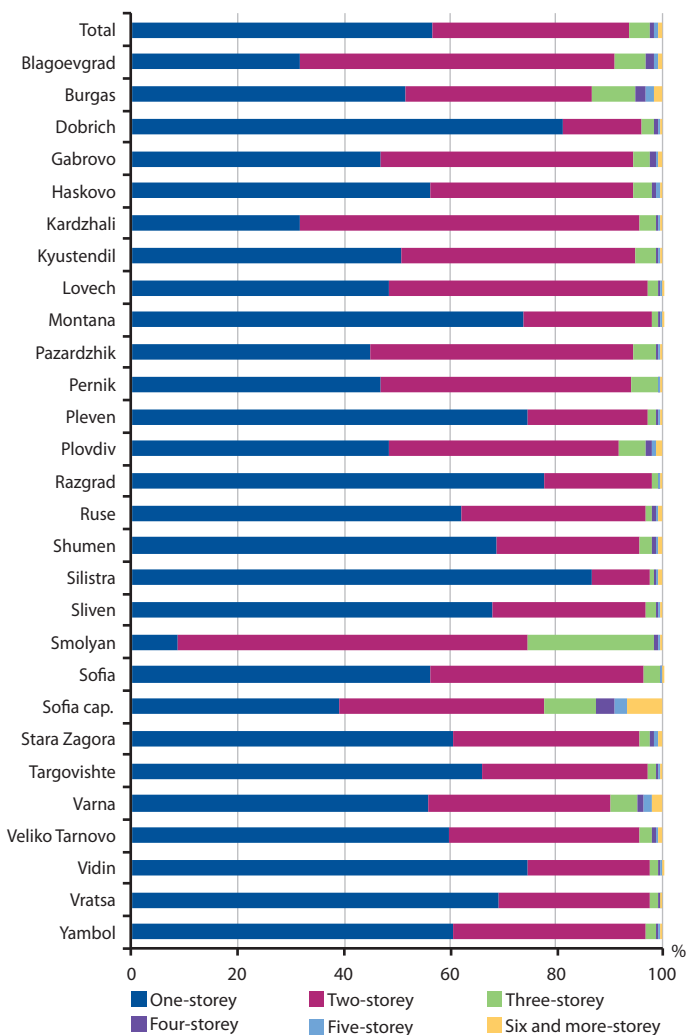
IV. Residential Buildings

Basic characteristics of the housing fund

The majority of the residential buildings in the country were one-store - 1 166 063, or 56.6% and two-stores - 753 847, or 36.6% of all buildings in Bulgaria. 1.0% of the buildings were six and more - stores.

Most residential buildings of six and more floors are registered in the district of Sofia cap. - 6 788 and least are registered in districts of Smolyan and Vidin - 125 and 167 respectively.

Figure 3. Structure of residential buildings by number of floors

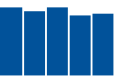


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2. Residential buildings by number of floors, statistical zones, statistical regions and by districts

Statistical zones Statistical regions Districts	(Number)							
	Total	Floors in the building						Not stated
		One-store	Two-store	Three-stores	Four-stores	Five-stores	Six and more-stores	
Total for the country	2060745	1166063	753847	87329	19416	12663	21410	17
<i>North and South-East Bulgaria</i>								
North-West region	397078	271429	114868	6518	1746	1019	1493	5
Vidin	54453	40581	12437	909	241	116	167	2
Vratsa	84995	58731	24046	1375	308	250	285	-
Lovech	74869	36351	36117	1767	304	123	207	-
Montana	82183	60711	19631	1095	288	202	253	3
Pleven	100578	75055	22637	1372	605	328	581	-
North Central region	279124	180656	86929	5961	2150	1341	2084	3
Veliko Tarnovo	88790	53102	31415	2251	951	418	653	-
Gabrovo	43614	20330	20568	1553	517	313	331	2
Razgrad	42789	33203	8651	506	114	130	185	-
Ruse	64579	40030	22046	1230	438	277	558	-
Silistra	39352	33991	4249	421	130	203	357	1
North-East region	253519	167795	68806	9557	2266	2106	2989	0
Varna	97245	54229	32716	5605	1239	1421	2035	-
Dobrich	59567	48306	8600	1727	318	226	390	-
Targovishte	43594	28783	13426	712	301	192	180	-
Shumen	53113	36477	14064	1513	408	267	384	-
South-East region	291702	171414	97950	13131	3755	2194	3258	0
Burgas	101259	52167	34715	8707	2384	1400	1886	-
Sliven	58584	39617	16844	1403	287	169	264	-
Stara Zagora	88947	53646	30925	2195	794	509	878	-
Yambol	42912	25984	15466	826	290	116	230	-
<i>South-West and South Central Bulgaria</i>								
South-West region	445720	204322	196963	26602	5794	3529	8505	5
Blagoevgrad	79102	24966	46022	5503	1338	581	692	-
Kyustendil	58138	29529	25266	2542	350	122	329	-
Pernik	61662	28920	28830	3277	162	57	416	-
Sofia	145122	81452	58349	4547	272	221	280	1
Sofia cap.	101696	39455	38496	10733	3672	2548	6788	4
South Central region	393602	170447	188331	25560	3705	2474	3081	4
Kardzhali	49070	15485	31070	1913	200	213	189	-
Pazardzhik	86615	38730	42531	4004	501	327	522	-
Plivdiv	149917	72485	64066	8130	2046	1417	1769	4
Smolyan	35974	3195	23384	8769	353	148	125	-
Haskovo	72026	40552	27280	2744	605	369	476	-



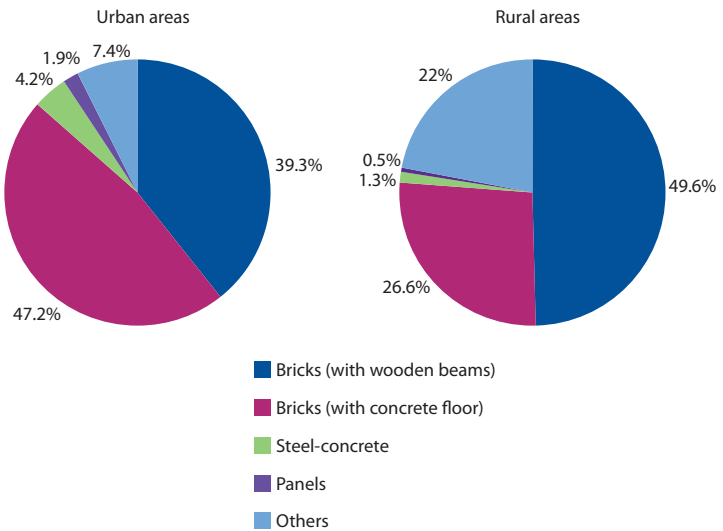
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As of 1.02.2011, 45.7% from the residential buildings in the country were built of bricks with wooden beams, 34.3% were built of bricks with concrete floor, 3.4% were built of steel-concrete panels and 16.5% were built of other material.

47.2% of the buildings in the urban areas were built of bricks with concrete floor, 6.1% were built of panels and steel-concrete.

49.6% of the buildings in the rural areas were built of bricks with wooden beams and 26.6% were built of bricks with concrete floor. The residential buildings built of wood, stone or adobe were 22.0% of the buildings in the rural areas.

Figure 4. Residential buildings' structure by construction type as of 1.02.2011



**V. DWELLINGS AND
HOUSING CONDITIONS
OF THE POPULATION**



Dwellings

As of 1.02.2011 there were 3 887 149 dwellings in the country. 3 861 472 of them were located in residential buildings, 21 338 - in non-residential buildings, 792 were institutional dwellings and 3 547 were primitive and mobile dwellings.

For the ten years between the Censuses 2001 and 2011, the number of dwellings in the country has increased by 198 347. 2 566 601 of the dwellings, or 66% of the housing fund, were situated in urban areas and 1 320 548 - in rural areas.

1. Dwellings by Census year, place and type¹

(Number)						
	Total	Dwelling type				
		In residential building		In nonresidential building	Institutional	Primitive and mobile
		Inhabited	Uninhabited			
1992						
Total	3074075	2770760	274241	3073	15075	10926
Urban areas	2039536	1828860	189284	1234	10708	9450
Rural areas	1034539	941900	84957	1839	4367	1476
2001						
Total	3688802	2815774	861844	2508	825	7851
Urban areas	2298987	1904141	386748	962	476	6660
Rural areas	1389815	911633	475096	1546	349	1191
2011						
Total	3887149	2641056	1220416	21338	792	3547
Urban areas	2566601	1899563	653105	11136	525	2272
Rural areas	1320548	741493	567311	10202	267	1275

¹ Since 2001 dwellings in buildings for temporary housing (villas and holiday houses) are included.

Nearly half (46.6%) of the housing fund in Bulgaria was situated in the South-West and South Central regions. Least dwelling were situated in the North Central region - 463 948, or 11.9% of all dwellings.

The highest increase in the housing fund was observed in the South-East region. Compared to Census 2001 the number of the dwellings in this region has increased by 14.7%. Decrease in the number of dwellings was observed in the North-West and North Central regions - by 3.0% and 0.7% respectively.

Sofia cap. is among the districts with the highest number of dwellings - 607 473, or 15.5%, of the housing fund, followed by districts of Plovdiv - 318 569, Burgas - 269 353 and Varna - 243 427 dwellings. Least dwellings are counted in districts Silistra and Razgrad - 57 295 and 59 576 respectively.

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2. Dwellings by Census years, statistical zones, statistical regions and by districts

Statistical zones Statistical regions Districts	2001	2011	2011 as % to 2001
	Number		
Total	3688802	3887149	105.4
<i>North and South-East Bulgaria</i>			
North-West region	523912	508173	97.0
Vidin	70245	67436	96.0
Vratsa	123088	110190	89.5
Lovech	96143	94159	97.9
Montana	96015	90896	94.7
Pleven	138421	145492	105.1
North Central region	467250	463948	99.3
Veliko Tarnovo	140861	143588	101.9
Gabrovo	80337	79040	98.4
Razgrad	65298	59576	91.2
Ruse	121342	124449	102.6
Silistra	59412	57295	96.4
North-East region	462789	496766	107.3
Varna	211296	243427	115.2
Dobrich	96553	99808	103.4
Targovishte	64358	65056	101.1
Shumen	90582	88475	97.7
South-East region	528601	606208	114.7
Burgas	191472	269353	140.7
Sliven	91815	91648	99.8
Stara Zagora	170567	173923	102
Yambol	74747	71284	95.4
<i>South-West and South Central Bulgaria</i>			
South-West region	1016136	1105843	108.8
Blagoevgrad	131909	140028	106.2
Kyustendil	90151	86458	95.9
Pernik	98055	95042	96.9
Sofia	179519	176842	98.5
Sofia cap.	516502	607473	117.6
South Central region	690114	706211	102.3
Kardzhali	75312	74321	98.7
Pazardzhik	127861	125960	98.5
Plovdiv	299917	318569	106.2
Smolyan	63824	65522	102.7
Haskovo	123200	121839	98.9

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3. Dwellings by type, statistical zones, statistical regions and by districts

(Number)

Statistical zones Statistical regions Districts	Total	Dwelling type					
		Dwelling in residential building	Dwelling in student/employee dormitory	Dwelling in non-residential building	Institutional dwelling	Primitive dwelling	Mobile dwelling
Total	3887149	3839369	22103	21338	792	3056	491
<i>North and South-East Bulgaria</i>							
North-West region	508173	503177	1474	3153	127	196	46
Vidin	67436	67091	16	290	20	17	2
Vratsa	110190	108613	587	874	24	88	4
Lovech	94159	93239	284	547	31	40	18
Montana	90896	90201	104	527	27	25	12
Pleven	145492	144033	483	915	25	26	10
North Central region	463948	456895	3529	3130	125	230	39
Veliko Tarnovo	143588	141016	1356	1043	49	106	18
Gabrovo	79040	77523	939	495	32	41	10
Razgrad	59576	59133	35	383	13	11	1
Ruse	124449	122534	1019	828	20	42	6
Silistra	57295	56689	180	381	11	30	4
North-East region	496766	491388	2037	2983	69	215	74
Varna	243427	240197	1652	1385	26	130	37
Dobrich	99808	98854	70	797	15	51	21
Targovishte	65056	64711	22	294	10	12	7
Shumen	88475	87626	293	507	18	22	9
South-East region	606208	599673	2326	3136	101	863	109
Burgas	269353	266296	1368	1101	30	499	59
Sliven	91648	90738	243	516	12	121	18
Stara Zagora	173923	171944	636	1124	45	161	13
Yambol	71284	70695	79	395	14	82	19
<i>South-West and South Central Bulgaria</i>							
South-West region	1105843	1089314	9995	5332	232	841	129
Blagoevgrad	140028	138332	694	840	27	125	10
Kyustendil	86458	85875	95	430	14	37	7
Pernik	95042	94330	112	558	12	16	14
Sofia	176842	174670	576	1462	28	48	58
Sofia cap.	607473	596107	8518	2042	151	615	40
South Central region	706211	698922	2742	3604	138	711	94
Kardzhali	74321	73853	133	289	7	37	2
Pazardzhik	125960	124977	121	652	35	132	43
Plovdiv	318569	314791	1780	1468	66	428	36
Smolyan	65522	64749	285	451	10	25	2
Haskovo	121839	120552	423	744	20	89	11

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As of 1.02.2011 the majority (65.9%) of the dwellings in the country were two and three bedroom. Dwellings with only one bedroom are 9.1% and their number was highest in the South-West region - 127 718, or 36.1% from the one-bedroom dwellings in the country. The majority of dwellings with six and more bedrooms were counted in the South Central region - 45 126 or 27.4% of these dwellings in the country.

4. Dwellings by number of bedrooms, statistical zones, statistical regions and by districts

(Number)

Statistical zones Statistical regions Districts	Total	Number of bedrooms					
		One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six and more
Total	3887149	353657	1266796	1296533	612867	192510	164786
<i>North and South-East Bulgaria</i>							
North-West region	508173	38527	144660	174987	94342	33285	22372
Vidin	67436	4368	18112	23965	12345	4749	3897
Vratsa	110190	10786	33865	37419	17993	5966	4161
Lovech	94159	6902	25421	31404	18709	7021	4702
Montana	90896	6138	24835	31048	18381	6400	4094
Pleven	145492	10333	42427	51151	26914	9149	5518
North Central region	463948	31989	131785	155751	93793	32017	18613
Veliko Tarnovo	143588	8438	37148	48975	34009	10267	4751
Gabrovo	79040	5744	23238	26429	16334	4480	2815
Razgrad	59576	2426	14635	19840	13151	5740	3784
Ruse	124449	12165	42112	42012	18019	6349	3792
Silistra	57295	3216	14652	18495	12280	5181	3471
North-East region	496766	42457	161209	172647	82524	21333	16596
Varna	243427	23687	86268	82973	33862	8428	8209
Dobrich	99808	7305	30429	38008	16895	4270	2901
Targovishte	65056	3483	18528	23576	13394	3847	2228
Shumen	88475	7982	25984	28090	18373	4788	3258
South-East region	606208	63190	212294	193373	88185	25593	23573
Burgas	269353	38284	102912	79749	30952	8628	8828
Sliven	91648	7813	28611	28441	16262	5796	4725
Stara Zagora	173923	11731	56351	61704	31103	7255	5779
Yambol	71284	5362	24420	23479	9868	3914	4241

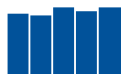
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4. Dwellings by number of bedrooms, statistical zones, statistical regions by and districts

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(Number)

Statistical zones Statistical regions Districts	Total	Number of bedrooms					
		One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six and more
<i>South-West and South Central Bulgaria</i>							
South-West region	1105843	127718	412388	362248	124500	40483	38506
Blagoevgrad	140028	12059	38076	43114	25434	10268	11077
Kyustendil	86458	6500	28741	28789	13025	4932	4471
Pernik	95042	8846	37132	27985	12216	4482	4381
Sofia	176842	17220	59424	54884	26659	9999	8656
Sofia cap.	607473	83093	249015	207476	47166	10802	9921
South-Central region	706211	49776	204460	237527	129523	39799	45126
Kardzhali	74321	3065	17752	20878	17523	4839	10264
Pazardzhik	125960	7811	37435	40920	23476	8129	8189
Plovdiv	318569	24865	95079	111829	55628	15578	15590
Smolyan	65522	5583	20584	20634	11619	3514	3588
Haskovo	121839	8452	33610	43266	21277	7739	7495



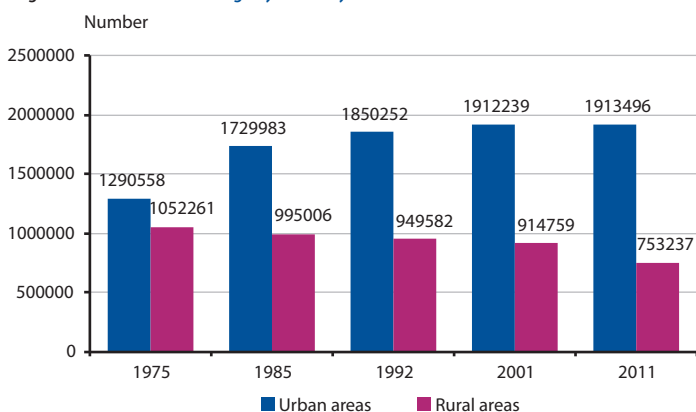
Inhabited dwellings

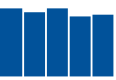
As of 1.02.2011, 2 666 733, or 68.6% of the dwellings in the country were inhabited. Compared to the 2001 Census, their number has decreased by 170 265 dwellings. The opposite tendency was observed with the uninhabited dwellings. In 2001 the number of the uninhabited dwellings in the country was 861 844 and in 2011 their number has increased to 1 220 416.

The share of inhabited dwellings was highest in districts Sofia cap. - 76.5%, Blagoevgrad - 75.6%, Plovdiv - 74.3%, Pazardzhik - 74.3% and Sliven - 73.2% of all dwellings. This share was lowest in districts Sofia - 51.8%, and Pernik - 55.1% of the housing fund.

The share of uninhabited dwellings was highest in districts Sofia (48.2%), Pernik (44.9), Burgas (43.7). This share was lowest in district Sofia cap. - 23.5%.

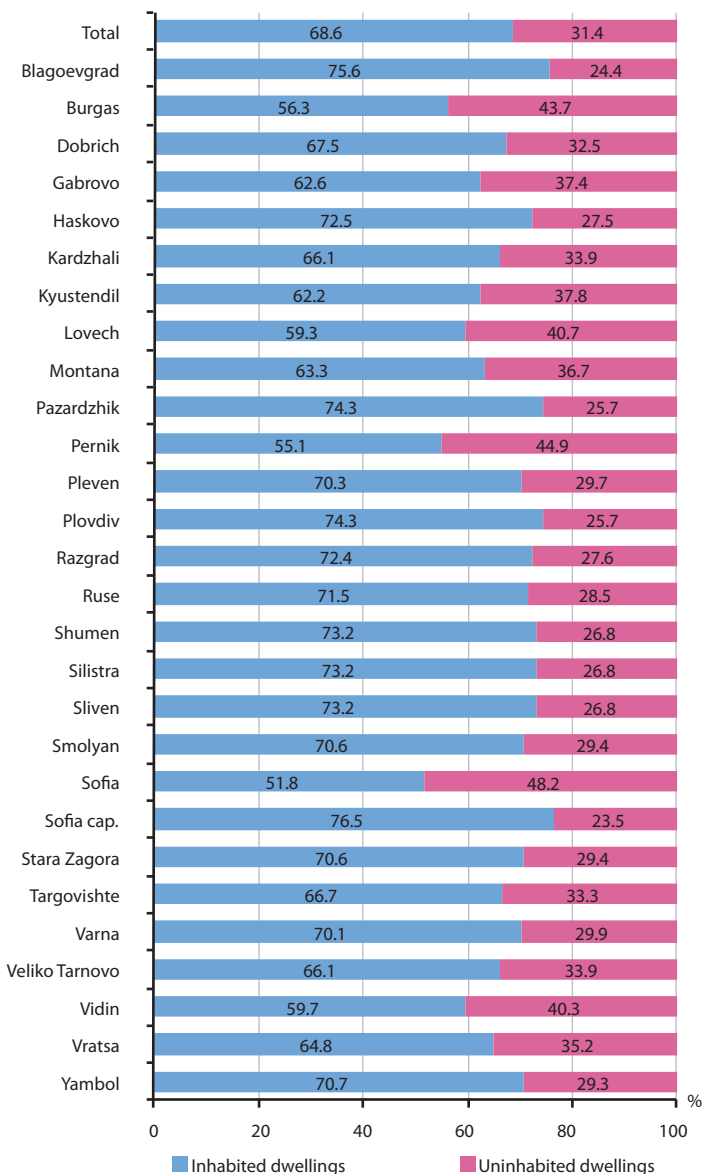
Figure 1. Inhabited dwellings by Census year in urban and rural areas





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Figure 2. Share of inhabited and uninhabited dwellings by districts



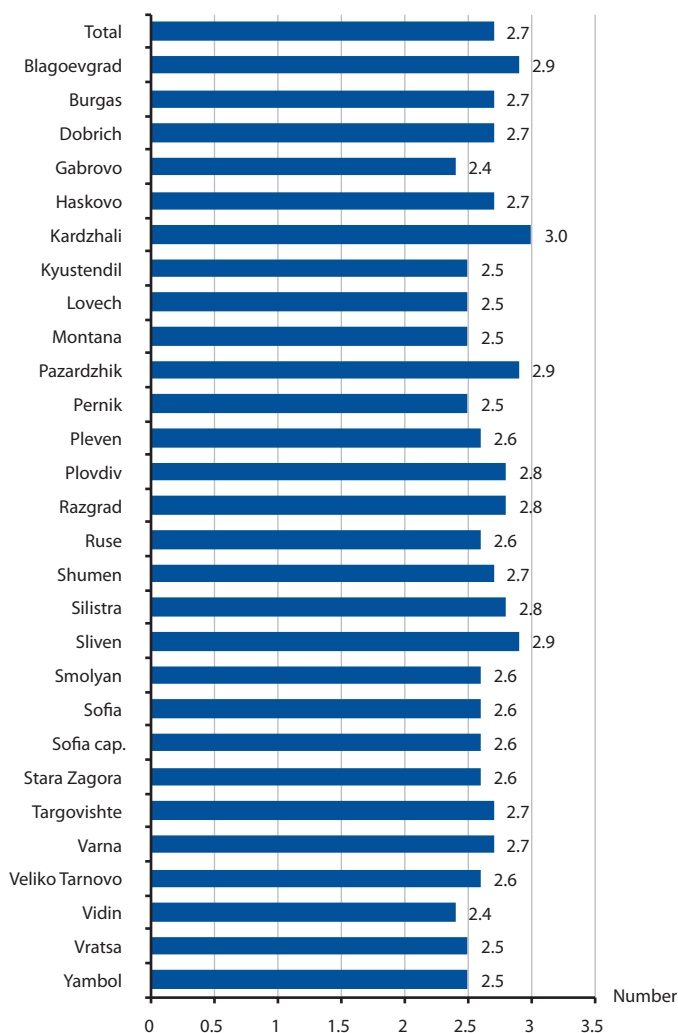
As of 1.02.2011, **96.9%** of the inhabited dwellings in the country were owned by individuals, 2.6% were state or municipal property and 0.5% were owned by legal entities.

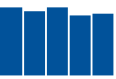


The average number of persons living in a dwelling, as of 1.02.2011 was 2.7.

The highest average number of persons living in a dwelling was observed in the districts of Kardzhali and Blagoevgrad - 3.0 and 2.9 respectively. Least inhabited were the dwellings in districts Pernik - 2.4 persons, Kyustendil and Loveche - 2.5 persons per inhabited dwelling each.

Figure 3. Average number of persons per inhabited dwelling by districts



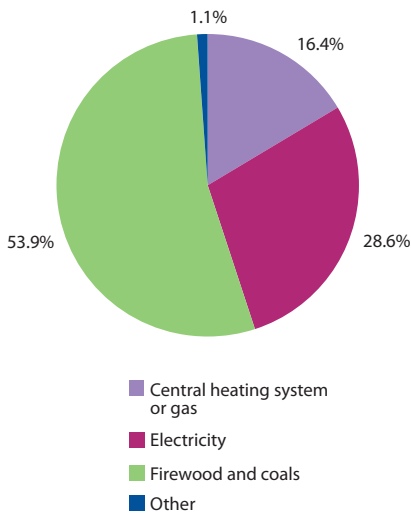


Housing conditions

The main characteristics of the dwelling conditions are electricity, water supply system, sewerage, availability of toilet and bathing facilities and type of heating.

The energy mainly used for **the heating of the dwellings** in the country was firewood and coals - 53.9% of the inhabited dwellings, electricity - 28.6%, central heating system or gas - 16.4%.

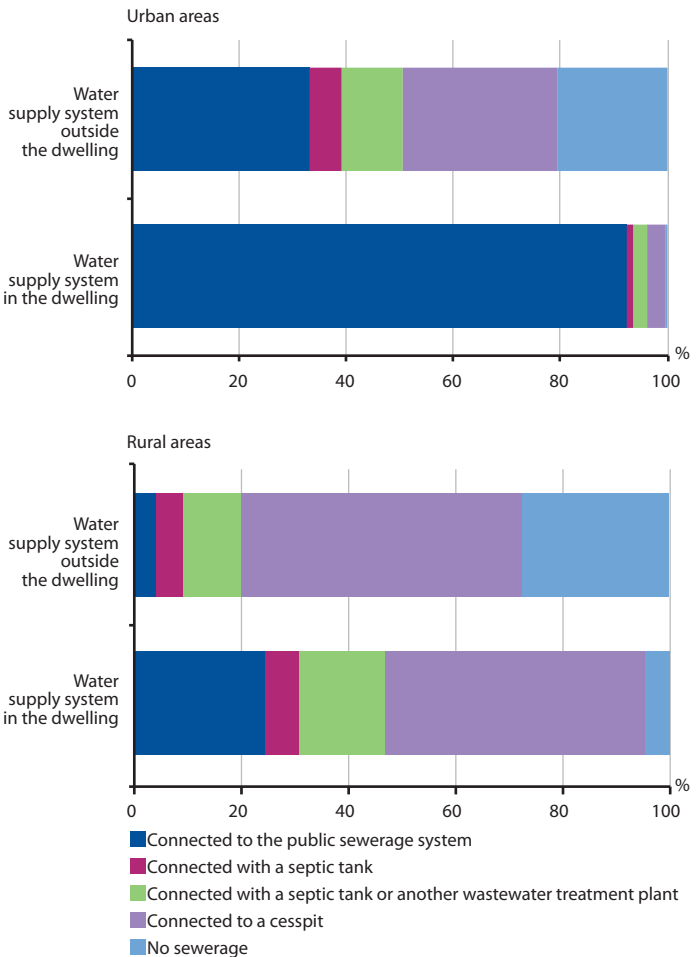
Figure 4. Inhabited dwellings by type of heating





Regarding water supply systems and sewerage, data shows that the share of dwellings with water supply systems and sewerage in urban areas was 92.4%. 0.4% of the urban dwellings had water supply system but no sewerage. In rural areas highest was the share of sewerage connected to cesspit - 48.5% of the dwellings with water supply system in the dwelling and 52.5% of the dwellings with water supply system outside the dwelling. 1.7% of all urban dwellings and 6.9% of the rural dwellings had neither water supply system nor sewerage.

Figure 5. Structure of dwellings by availability of water supply system and sewerage



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5. Inhabited dwellings by location, source of water supply, statistical zones and statistical regions

(Number)

Statistical zones Statistical regions Source of water supply	Total	Urban areas	Rural areas
Total	2666733	1913496	753237
Public source	2564169	1886116	678053
Own source	34394	7103	27291
Public and own source	50054	12862	37192
No water supply source	18116	7414	10702
<i>North and South-East Bulgaria</i>			
North-West	327211	196656	130555
Public source	303772	190701	113071
Own source	8185	1664	6521
Public and own source	11873	3027	8846
No water supply source	3381	1264	2117
North Central	318429	211455	106974
Public source	309667	209487	100180
Own source	1879	390	1489
Public and own source	5568	1125	4443
No water supply source	1315	453	862
North-East	346234	252155	94079
Public source	338333	249373	88960
Own source	2154	815	1339
Public and own source	3785	1233	2552
No water supply source	1962	734	1228
South-East	392099	277023	115076
Public source	375910	272199	103711
Own source	3048	1047	2001
Public and own source	9382	1964	7418
No water supply source	3759	1813	1946
<i>South-West and South Central Bulgaria</i>			
South-West	768572	634100	134472
Public source	750018	628227	121791
Own source	7254	1206	6048
Public and own source	8044	3260	4784
No water supply source	3256	1407	1849
South Central	514188	342107	172081
Public source	486469	336130	150339
Own source	11874	1981	9893
Public and own source	11402	2253	9149
No water supply source	4443	1743	2700

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6. Inhabited dwellings by location, availability of sewerage, statistical zones and statistical regions

(Number)

Statistical zones Statistical regions Availability of sewerage	Total	Urban areas	Rural areas
Total	2666733	1913496	753237
Connected to the public sewerage system	1933372	1761823	171549
Connected with a septic tank	71192	21675	49517
Connected with a septic tank or another wastewater treatment plant	153374	42816	110558
Connected to a cesspit	432547	68096	364451
No sewerage	76248	19085	57163
<i>North and South-East Bulgaria</i>			
North-West	327211	196656	130555
Connected to the public sewerage system	170307	160151	10156
Connected with a septic tank	15008	6072	8936
Connected with a septic tank or another wastewater treatment plant	25960	8116	17844
Connected to a cesspit	102715	19059	83656
No sewerage	13221	3258	9963
North Central	318429	211455	106974
Connected to the public sewerage system	196089	185383	10706
Connected with a septic tank	6805	2420	4385
Connected with a septic tank or another wastewater treatment plant	17457	5551	11906
Connected to a cesspit	92234	16728	75506
No sewerage	5844	1373	4471
North-East	346234	252155	94079
Connected to the public sewerage system	237579	231251	6328
Connected with a septic tank	13722	4359	9363
Connected with a septic tank or another wastewater treatment plant	24698	7586	17112
Connected to a cesspit	62018	6957	55061
No sewerage	8217	2002	6215
South-East	392099	277023	115076
Connected to the public sewerage system	278511	255217	23294
Connected with a septic tank	11224	2598	8626
Connected with a septic tank or another wastewater treatment plant	26770	5892	20878
Connected to a cesspit	59662	9510	50152
No sewerage	15932	3806	12126

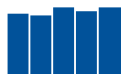
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6. Inhabited dwellings by location, availability of sewerage, statistical zones and statistical regions

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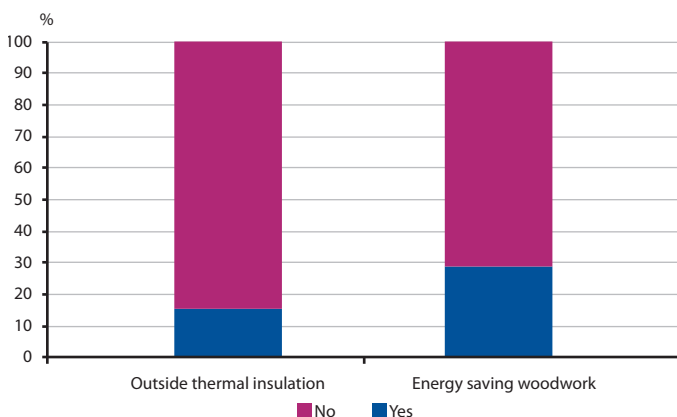
Statistical zones Statistical regions Availability of sewerage	Total	Urban areas	Rural areas
<i>South-West and South Central Bulgaria</i>			
South-West	768572	634100	134472
Connected to the public sewerage system	673674	609170	64504
Connected with a septic tank	13729	4272	9457
Connected with a septic tank or another wastewater treatment plant	32917	11032	21885
Connected to a cesspit	33063	5333	27730
No sewerage	15189	4293	10896
South Central	514188	342107	172081
Connected to the public sewerage system	377209	320651	56558
Connected with a septic tank	10704	1954	8750
Connected with a septic tank or another wastewater treatment plant	25576	4640	20936
Connected to a cesspit	82854	10509	72345
No sewerage	17845	4353	13492



Data on the presence of energy saving woodwork and outside thermal insulation in the dwellings was collected for the first time with Census 2011.

Data shows that 29.0% of all dwellings had energy saving woodwork. 15.5% of the dwellings in Bulgaria had external thermal insulation.

Figure 6. Structure of dwellings by presence of energy saving woodwork and outside thermal insulation



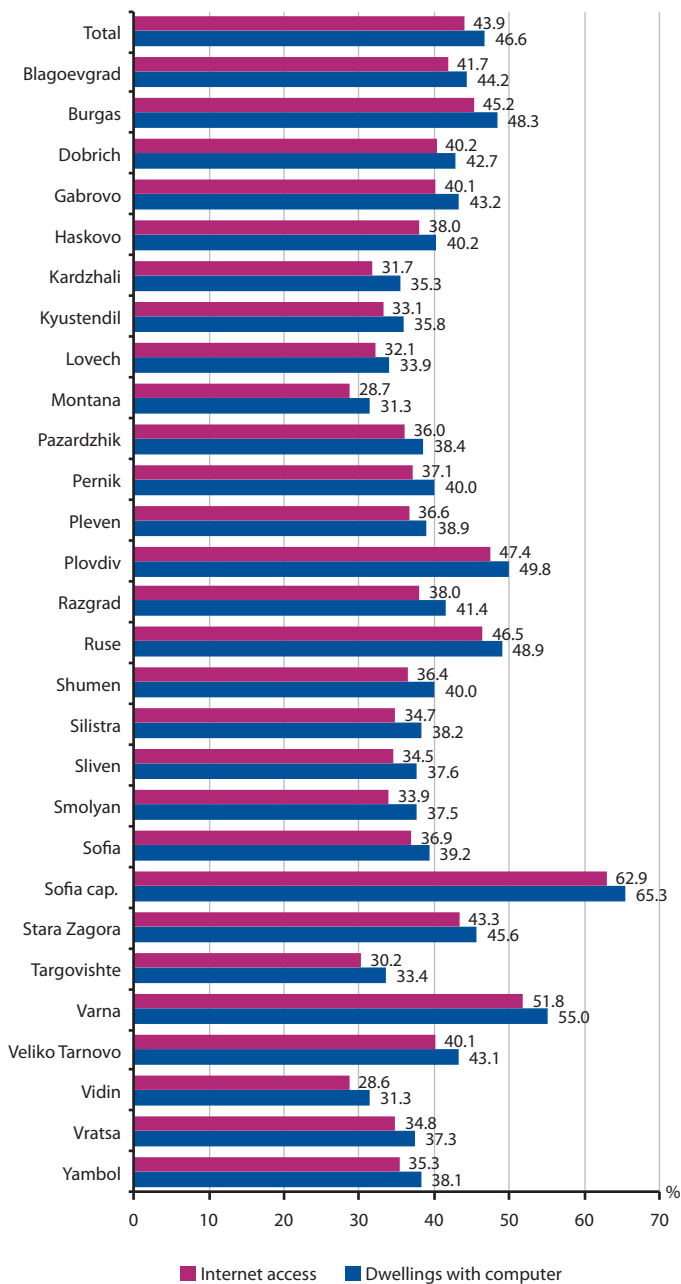
As of 1.02.2011, 43.9% of the inhabited dwellings had internet access and 46.6% had at least one computer. For comparison, in 2001, only in 4% of the dwellings there was a computer.

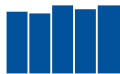
63% of the inhabited dwellings in district of Sofia cap. had internet access, followed by district Varna with 51.8%. This share was lowest in districts Vidin and Montana - 29% each.

The distribution by availability of computer is identical - highest was the share of dwellings with computer in district of Sofia cap. - 63.3% and lowest was in district Vidin - 28.6%.

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Figure 7. Share of dwellings with internet access and availability of computer by districts





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