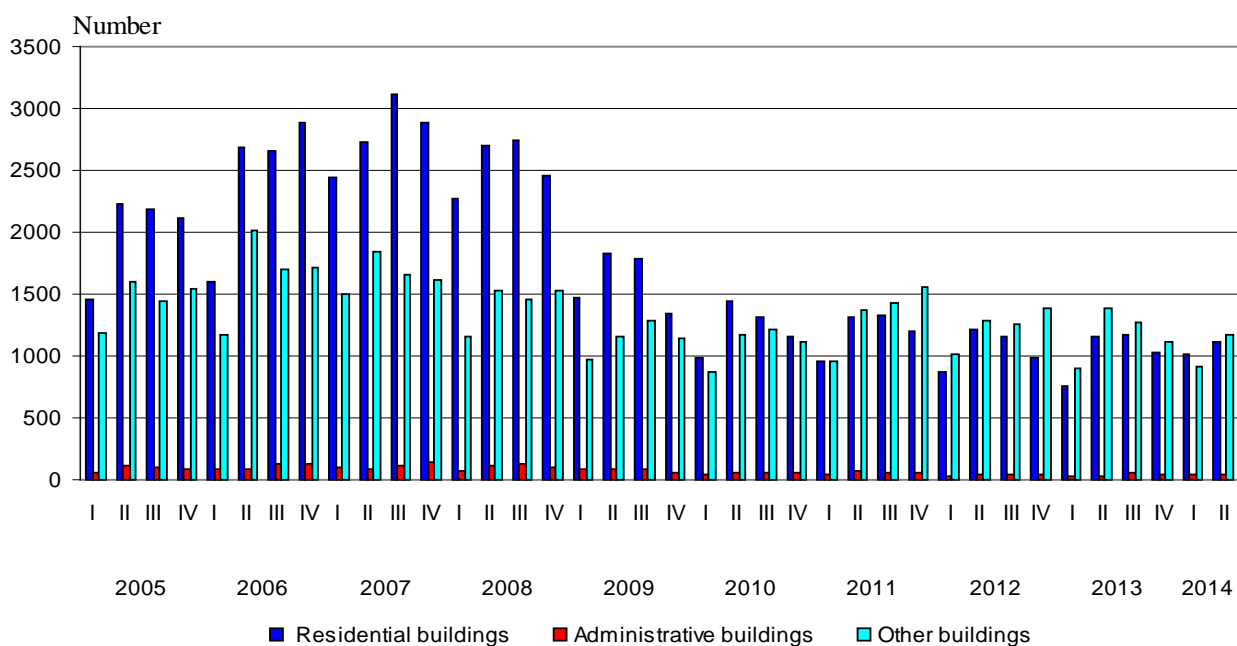




BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDINGS STARTED IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2014

In the second quarter of 2014, the municipal authorities have issued **building permits** for construction of 1 121 residential buildings with 3 462 dwellings and 461 241 sq. m gross building area, of 47 administrative buildings/offices with 34 354 sq. m gross building area and 1172 other buildings with 395 324 sq. m gross building area. As compared to the previous quarter the building permits for residential buildings increased by 10.4%, their dwellings - by 2.1%, while the gross building area fell by 1.0 %. The issued building permits of administrative buildings increased by 6.8% and their gross building area - by 46.1%. The number of issued building permits of other buildings rose by 27.8%, while their gross building area fell by 15.2%.

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

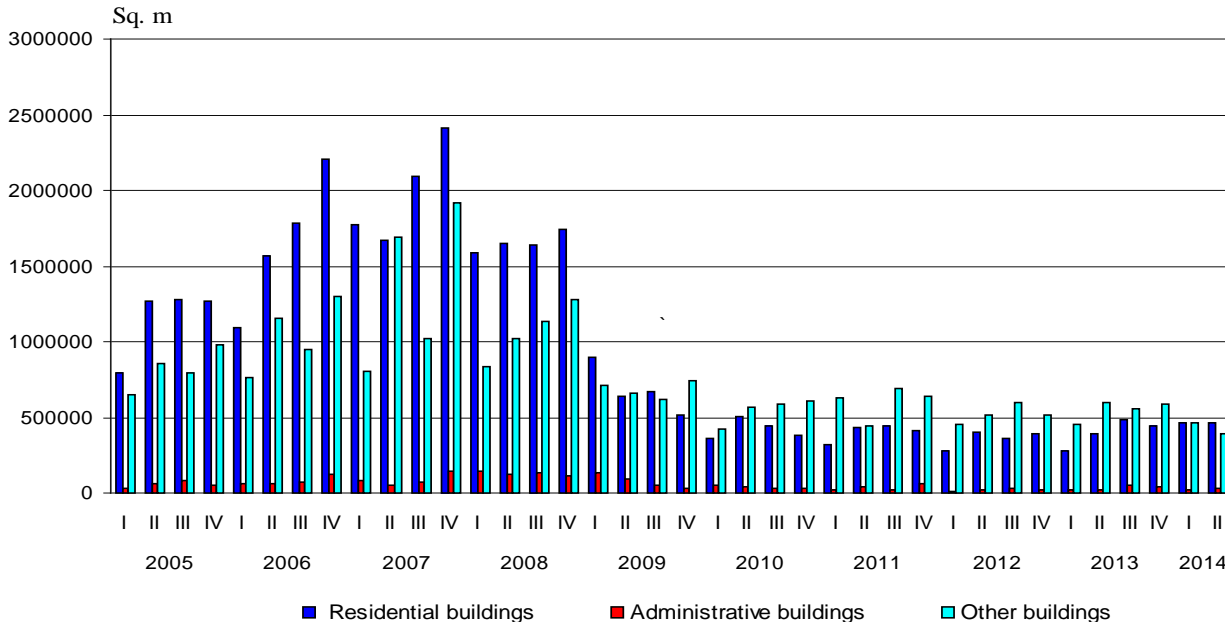


As compared to the second quarter of 2013 the issued building permits for new residential buildings decreased by 2.6%, but their dwellings rose by 16.0% and the gross building area - by 16.8%. The issued building permits of administrative buildings increased by 46.9% and their gross building area - by 44.7% (Figure 1). The number of other buildings decreased by 15.6% and the gross building area - by 34.4% (Figure 2).



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



The highest number of building permits for new residential buildings has been issued in the following districts: Plovdiv - 137, Burgas - 130, Sofia (stolitsa) - 118, Varna - 99 and Sofia - 65. Most dwellings are to be built in the districts: Sofia (stolitsa) - 1 100, Burgas - 480, Plovdiv - 407, Varna - 291 and Kardzhali - 124 (Annex, Table 1).

In the second quarter of 2014 **began the construction** of 812 residential buildings with 2 234 dwellings and 318 656 sq. m gross building area, of 24 administrative buildings/offices with 17 151 sq. m gross building area and 574 other buildings with 222 521 sq. m gross building area. As compared to the previous quarter the number of started residential buildings increased by 61.1%, the number of their dwellings - by 38.2% and the gross building area - by 40.6%. Started administrative buildings fell by 20.0%, but their gross building area increased by 73.5%. The number of started other buildings rose by 28.7%, while their gross building area decreased by 14.2%.

As compared to the second quarter of 2013 the started new residential buildings increased by 22.1%, their dwellings - by 29.2% and the gross building area - by 37.6%. The number of started administrative buildings didn't change, but number of other buildings marked an increase by 11.0%, while their gross building area respectively dropped by 30.5% and by 18.6%.

The highest number of the construction of new buildings were started in the following districts: Burgas - 197 residential buildings and 48 other buildings; Plovdiv - 86 residential buildings, 4 administrative buildings and 50 other buildings; Varna - 96 residential buildings, 4 administrative buildings and 36 other buildings; Stara Zagora - 56 residential buildings and 35 other buildings; Sofia (stolitsa) - 49 residential buildings, 4 administrative buildings and 43 other buildings (Annex, Table 2).



Methodological notes

The quarterly statistical survey of permits issued for construction collects information about building permits, issued by municipal authorities as well as for the started construction of new buildings according to their type and gross building area. This information may be used as an indicator of future construction activity of enterprises in the country.

Type of buildings is classified according to the Classification of types of construction (CC) and is divided into:

- Residential - buildings for which the useful floor area is mostly used for permanent residential habitation.

- Non-residential - buildings for various purposes, including:

- administrative - offices and buildings for administrative work of departments and other organizations and associations (representative buildings - banks, post offices, government department offices, conference and congress centers, low courts, municipalities);

- other buildings - buildings used for different activities: production, trade, transport, education, cultural, sports, agriculture, health, recreation and facilities for short stay (hotels, motels, rest houses, huts and others).

Gross building area - a sum of all floors areas in external dimensions.

Table 1

Building permits issued for construction of new buildings in the second quarter of 2014¹

Districts	Residential buildings			Administrative buildings		Other buildings	
	Number	Number of dwellings	Gross building area-sq.m.	Number	Gross building area-sq.m.	Number	Gross building area-sq.m.
Total	1121	3462	461241	47	34354	1172	395324
Blagoevgrad	74	282	32100	..	..	62	17098
Burgas	130	480	60272	12	4061	51	24109
Varna	99	291	53662	..	..	60	26107
Veliko Tarnovo	27	91	11222	..	..	48	11491
Vidin	3	4	590	..	..	4	2918
Vratsa	5	17	1886	-	-	34	5019
Gabrovo	18	18	2959	-	-	16	2926
Dobrich	36	50	6797	..	..	47	17771
Kardzhali	36	124	15230	-	-	7	5747
Kyustendil	12	16	2326	-	-	21	8502
Lovech	19	19	3324	..	..	34	9406
Montana	9	9	2455	-	-	11	2353
Pazardzhik	53	55	6315	4	2054	71	29245
Pernik	45	45	7443	-	-	23	3574
Pleven	21	24	4665	..	..	45	20231
Plovdiv	137	407	53018	5	2915	139	56610
Razgrad	10	10	2495	-	-	20	4895
Ruse	25	75	9937	..	..	35	7632
Silistra	8	8	1357	..	..	35	9268
Sliven	26	30	4647	..	..	38	15141
Smolyan	14	23	3032	-	-	24	4968
Sofia	65	73	10633	..	..	68	21084
Sofia (stolitsa)	118	1100	124988	7	13488	44	33191
Stara Zagora	62	79	12221	..	..	67	17241
Targovishte	7	12	1433	..	..	54	4033
Haskovo	34	51	16611	-	-	42	12722
Shumen	16	55	7530	..	..	46	20108
Yambol	12	14	2093	-	-	26	1934

¹ ".." - confidential data.



Table 2

Building construction started in the second quarter of 2014¹

Districts	Residential buildings			Administrative buildings		Other buildings	
	Number	Number of dwellings	Gross building area-sq.m.	Number	Gross building area-sq.m.	Number	Gross building area-sq.m.
Total	812	2234	318656	24	17151	574	222521
Blagoevgrad	11	27	3834	..	..	19	9691
Burgas	197	790	96117	..	..	48	23151
Varna	96	332	53096	4	2453	36	23817
Veliko Tarnovo	18	84	9454	-	-	28	13210
Vidin	..	..	..	-	-	-	-
Vratsa	..	..	..	-	-	8	1090
Gabrovo	..	..	..	-	-	-	-
Dobrich	51	78	15433	-	-	36	7624
Kardzhali	14	44	6346	-	-	..	..
Kyustendil	3	4	621	-	-	..	..
Lovech	14	14	2271	3	300	17	1886
Montana	4	4	832	-	-	7	3710
Pazardzhik	26	26	5050	..	..	35	17149
Pernik	37	37	4219	-	-	12	2229
Pleven	6	6	1345	..	..	16	11919
Plovdiv	86	149	21607	4	1132	50	27151
Razgrad	8	10	2241	-	-	18	6416
Ruse	9	59	6589	-	-	10	1348
Silistra	5	5	1755	..	..	22	2756
Sliven	10	10	1906	-	-	17	4246
Smolyan	7	9	1960	-	-	5	945
Sofia	53	61	9431	..	..	34	26525
Sofia (stolitsa)	49	298	39056	4	6748	43	10156
Stara Zagora	56	118	17143	..	..	35	11190
Targovishte	5	8	1129	-	-	31	2020
Haskovo	27	38	13533	19	8122
Shumen	3	3	375	-	-	8	1182
Yambol	14	17	2705	-	-	17	4418

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