



ADMINISTRATIVE-TERRITORIAL AND TERRITORIAL DIVISION OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2023

As of 31 December 2023, the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria is administratively divided into 28 administrative districts and 265 municipalities, within which there are 3 041 individual mayoralties. In addition, the municipality of Sofia and the cities of Plovdiv and Varna are subdivided into composite territorial administration units (quarters): the capital municipality (Stolichna) - into 24 quarters, Plovdiv - into 6 quarters, Varna - into 5 quarters.

As of 31 December 2023, there were 5 256 settlements in the Republic of Bulgaria, of which 257 towns and 4 999 villages, while the settlement formations were 166 (including 8 of national and 158 of local importance).

According to the requirements of the Classification of Territorial Units for Statistics (NUTS) applied by the European Union, the territory of the country is divided into statistical regions with 3 hierarchical levels.

The upper two levels: NUTS1 - statistical zones, and NUTS2 - statistical regions, are not considered as administrative-territorial units, while the level of NUTS3 - districts, is defined as an administrative-territorial level, which corresponds to the 28 administrative districts. The NUTS3 regions and the 28 administrative districts have the same names.

Amendments to the Unified classifier of administrative-territorial and territorial units (EKATTE) during the period from 1 January to 31 December 2023:

- *In 2023, the number of mayoralties are changed due to the amendments made to Territorial Administration of the Republic of Bulgaria Act, with which it is regulated that the mayoralty is a settlement with a population of over 100 people with a permanent address. Changes are in force after the promulgation of a decree No. 146 from 2023 by the President of the Republic of Bulgaria for scheduling elections for municipal councilors and mayors on 29.10.2023 (promulgation, SG No. 67 of 04.08.2023).*

- *By Decision No. 52.11 of February 23, 2023 the Municipal Council of Aksakovo, Varna district, creates a new settlement entity of local importance with the name 'Kichevo-sever', in the land of the village of Kichevo, Aksakovo municipality, Varna district (SG, No. 23 of 14.03.2023).*

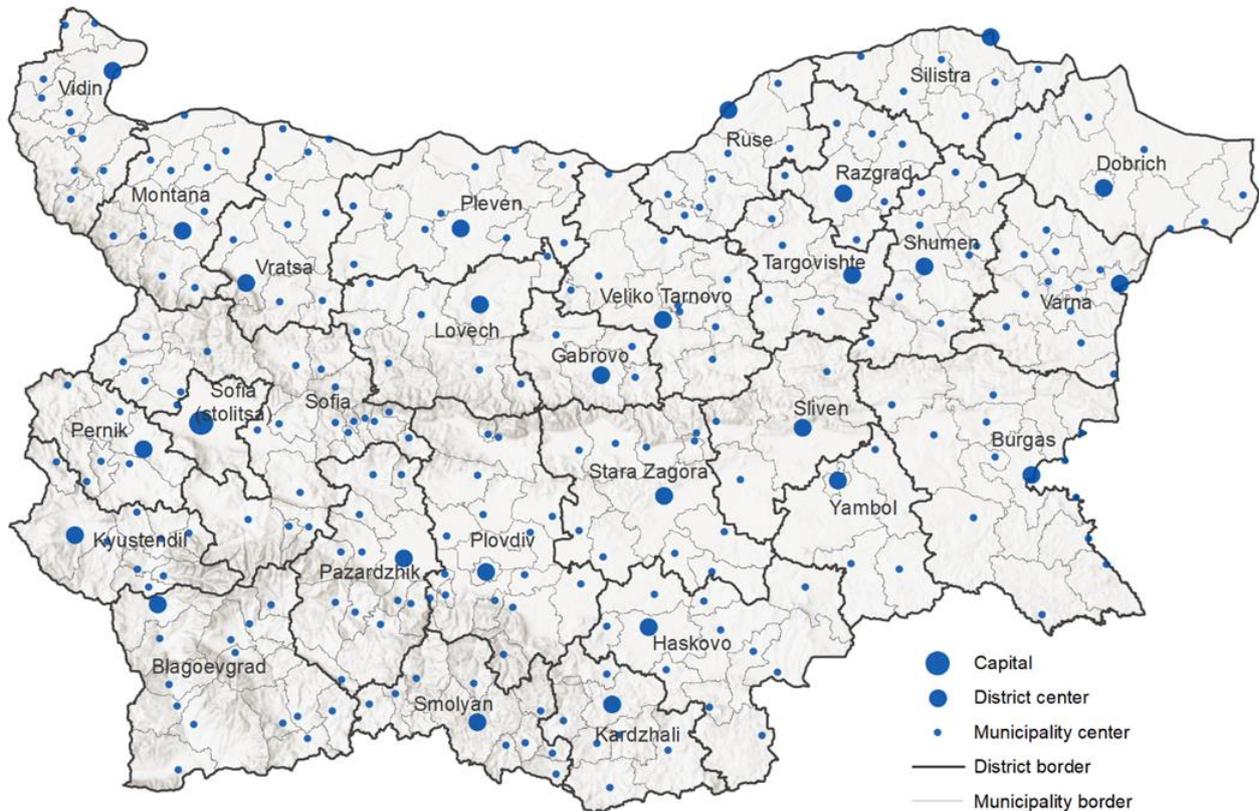
As of 31 December 2023, the following administrative-territorial units exist in Bulgaria:

- Districts - 28;
- Municipalities - 265.

1. Administrative districts in the Republic of Bulgaria as of the end of 2023

The average area of a single administrative district in the Republic of Bulgaria was 3 964 sq. kilometres. The largest administrative districts by territory were Burgas, Sofia, Blagoevgrad and Plovdiv, while the smallest were Pernik, Gabrovo and Sofia (stolitsa). The smallest district in terms of territory - Sofia (stolitsa), is also the largest by population with 1 307 439 inhabitants and the only one with more than 1 000 000 inhabitants. The smallest administrative district by population is Vidin, with 71 773 inhabitants.

Figure 1. Administrative districts in the Republic of Bulgaria as of 31 December 2023¹



¹ The city of Sofia (the capital city) is administrative centre of two districts - Sofia (stolitsa) (SOF), composed only by Stolichna municipality, and district of Sofia (SFO), composed by 22 municipalities.

2. Municipalities in the Republic of Bulgaria as of 31 December 2023

The largest municipality in Bulgaria by population size is Stolichna municipality. Another group of 8 municipalities had a population above 100 000 inhabitants - Plovdiv, Varna, Burgas, Stara Zagora, Ruse, Sliven, Plevan and Pazardzhik. The share of the population in these 8 municipalities represents 40.8% of the total country's population.

At the end of 2023, 142 out of the total 265 municipalities in the country had a population of below 10 000 inhabitants. The share of their population was just 11.9% of the total country's population. The smallest municipality was Treklyano (Kyustendil district) with 552 inhabitants, followed by Boynitsa municipality (Vidin district) with a population of 744.

On average, the area of one municipality in Bulgaria is 419 sq. kilometres. The largest municipality by area is the municipality of Sliven. Besides Sliven, there are only 7 more municipalities with a territory above 1 000 sq. km - Stolichna, Dobrich-selska, Tundhza (Yambol district), Samokov (Sofia district), Sredets (Burgas district), Stara Zagora and Karlovo (Plovdiv district).

On the other hand, the smallest municipality in the country is Chelopech (Sofia district). Also, 10 other municipalities have a territory of less than 100 sq. km - Nikolaevo (Stara Zagora district), Yambol, Anton (Sofia district), Chavdar (Sofia district), Dolna banya (Sofia district), Stamboliyski (Plovdiv district), Beloslav (Varna district), Sopot (Plovdiv district), Krichim (Plovdiv district) and Perushtitsa (Plovdiv district).

On the territory of 9 municipalities in the Republic of Bulgaria - Plovdiv, Dobrich, Yambol, Krichim, Perushtitsa, Koprivshtitsa, Chelopech, Anton and Chavdar - there is only one settlement, which is also the municipal centre.

Figure 2. Population density by municipalities in the Republic of Bulgaria as of 31 December 2023

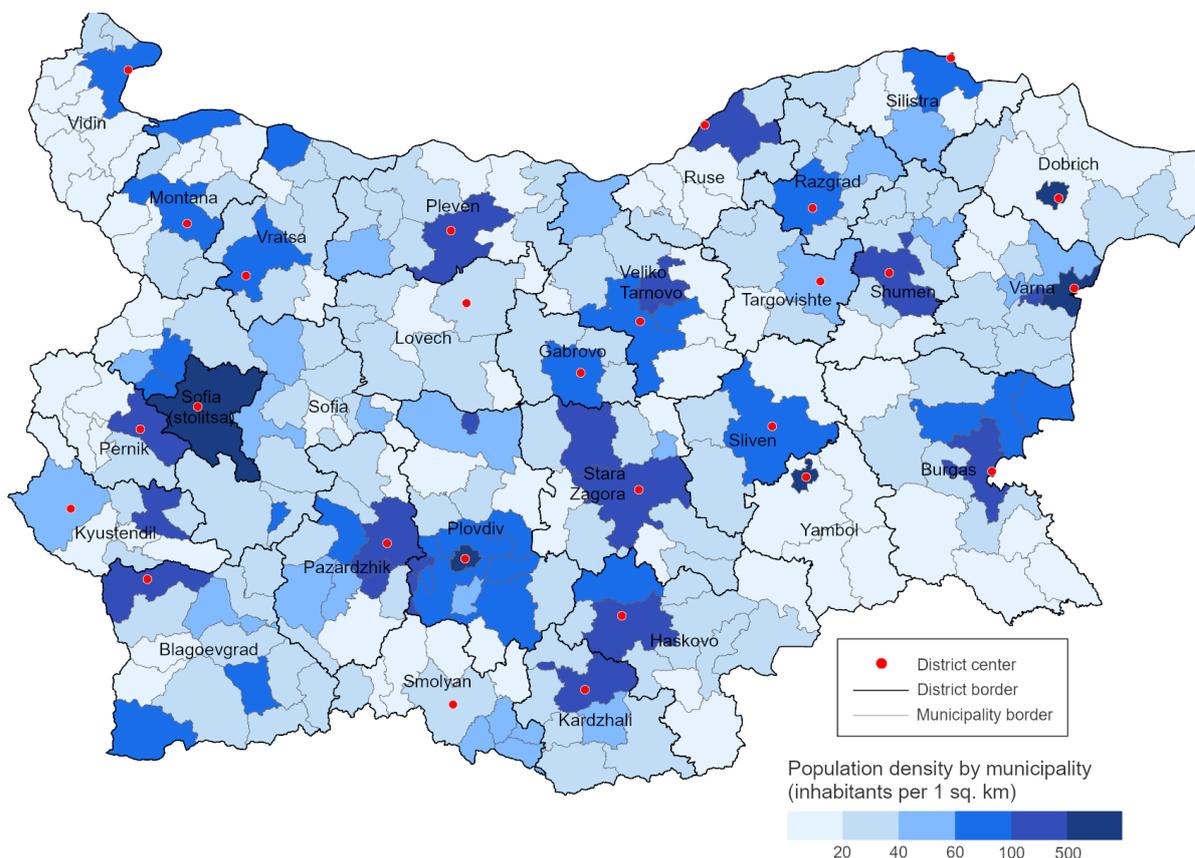


Figure 3. Distribution of the number and size of the municipalities in the Republic of Bulgaria as of 31 December 2023

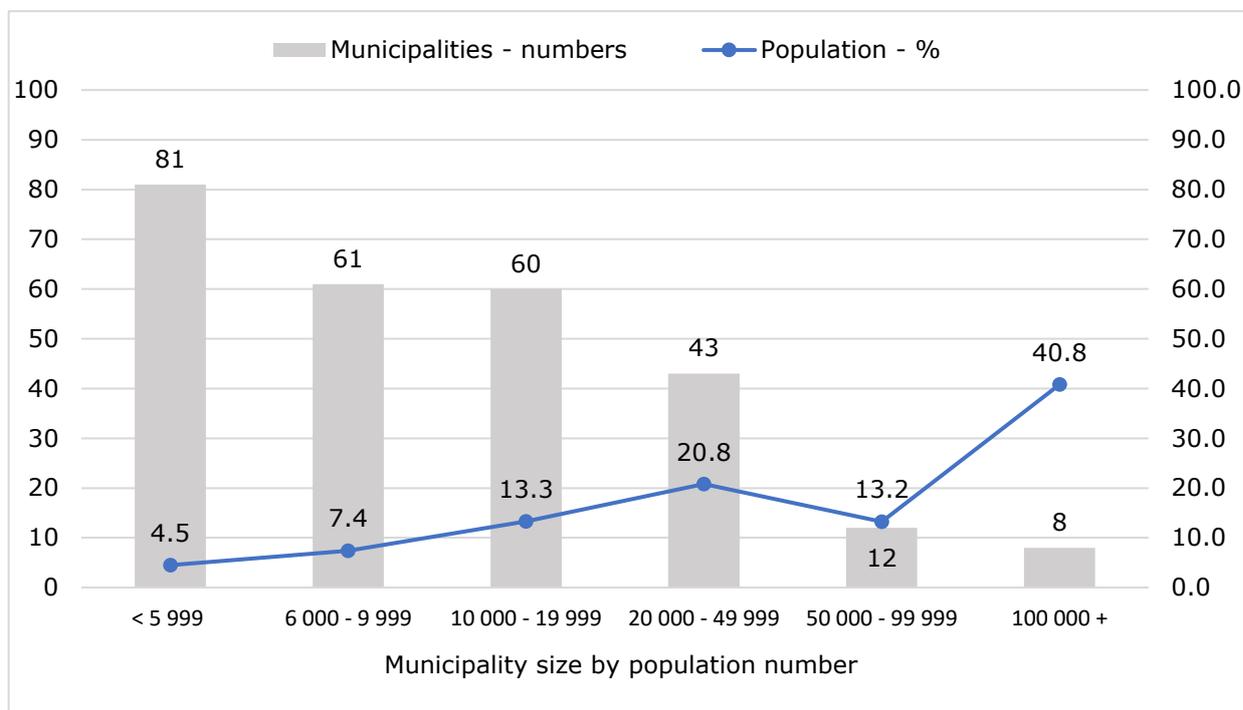


Figure 4. Distribution of the municipalities by districts as of 31 December 2023

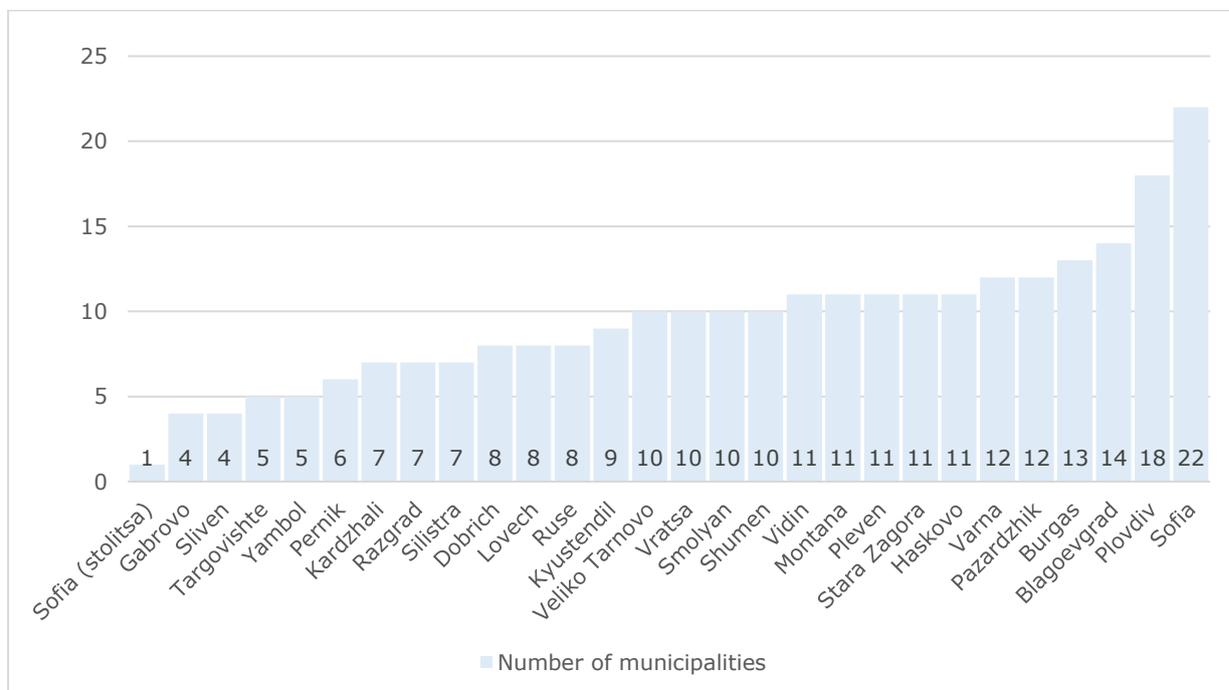
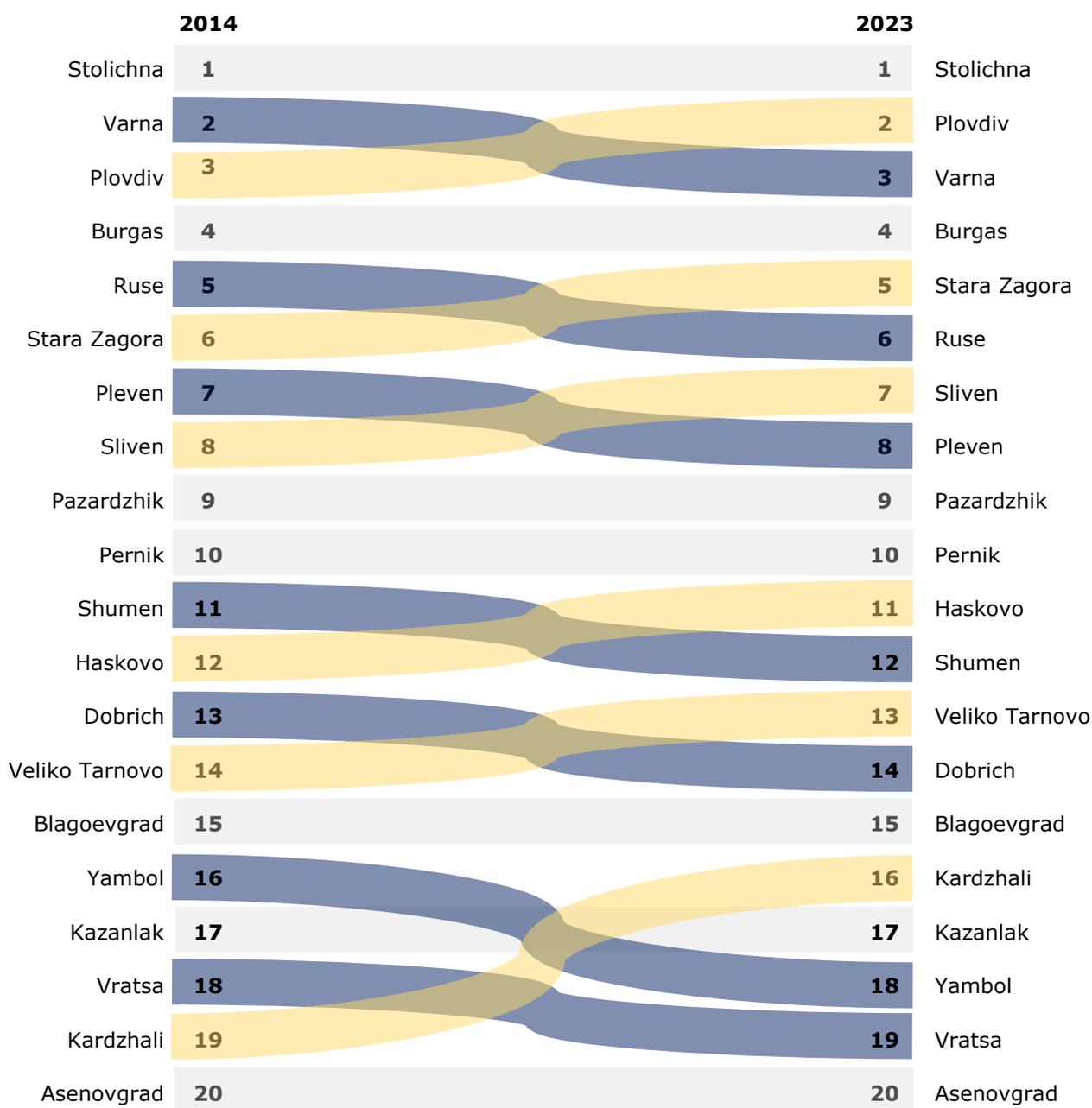


Figure 5. Ranking of the top 20 municipalities in the Republic of Bulgaria by population in 2014 and 2023



3. Composite territorial administration units (quarters):

- Quarters - 35 (in Stolichna municipality and the cities of Plovdiv and Varna);
- Mayoralties - 3 041.

The population of the capital municipality (Stolichna) is unevenly distributed across its quarters. By the end of 2023, two of them - Lyulin and Mladost, are home to 15.7% of the population of Stolichna municipality, with over 100 000 people living in each of these quarters. The smallest quarter in Stolichna Municipality is Bankya, with a population of 11 531 people, or 0.9% of the municipality's population.

The population of the city of Plovdiv is spread more evenly by quarters - with 10.9% for the Zapaden and 22.5% for the Yuzhen.

The population distribution in the quarters of the city of Varna ranges from 7.1% for the Asparuhovo quarter to 32.2% for the Primorski - the only quarter of Varna with a population of over 100 000 people.

Figure 6. Population distribution by quarters in Stolichna municipality as of 31 December 2023

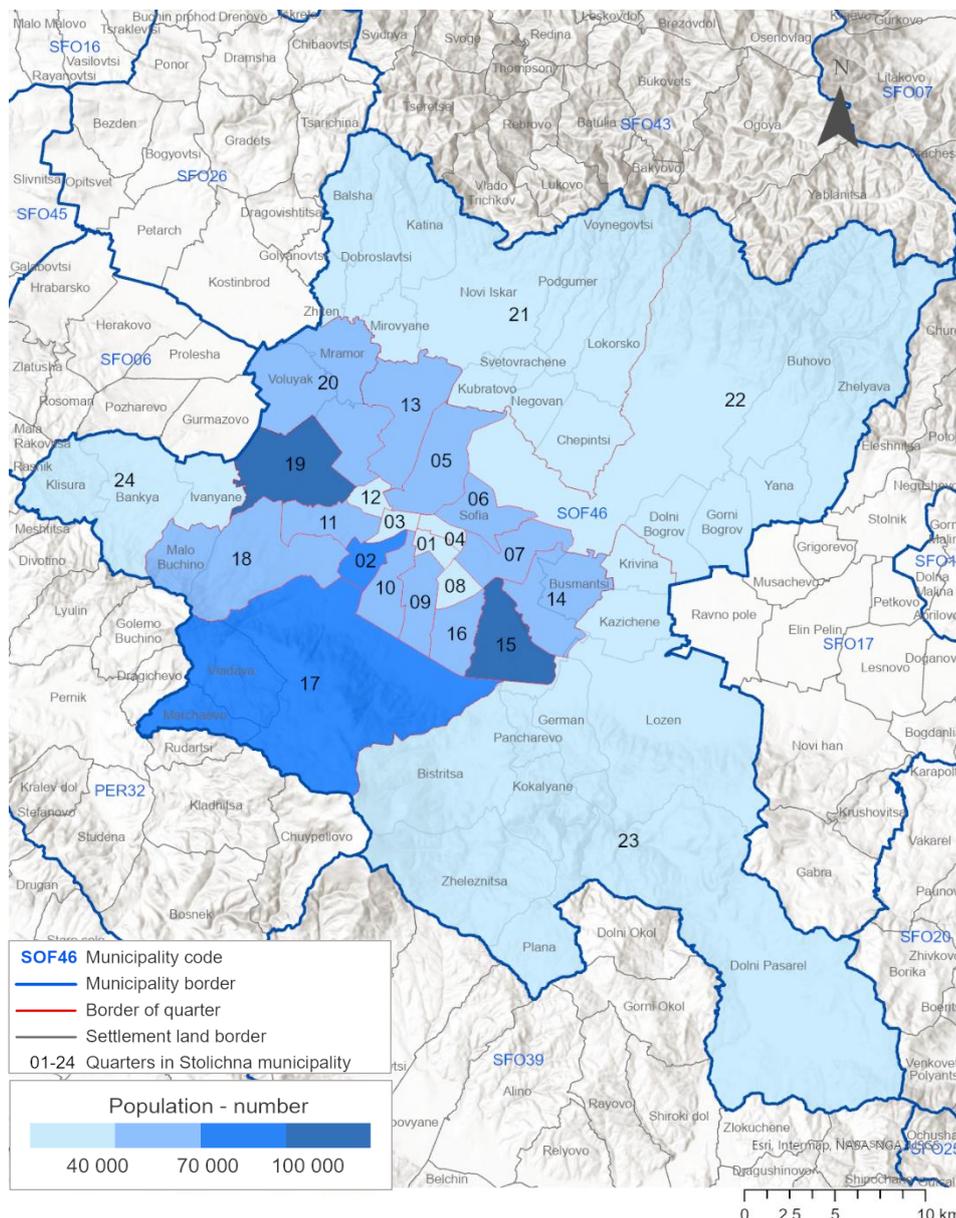
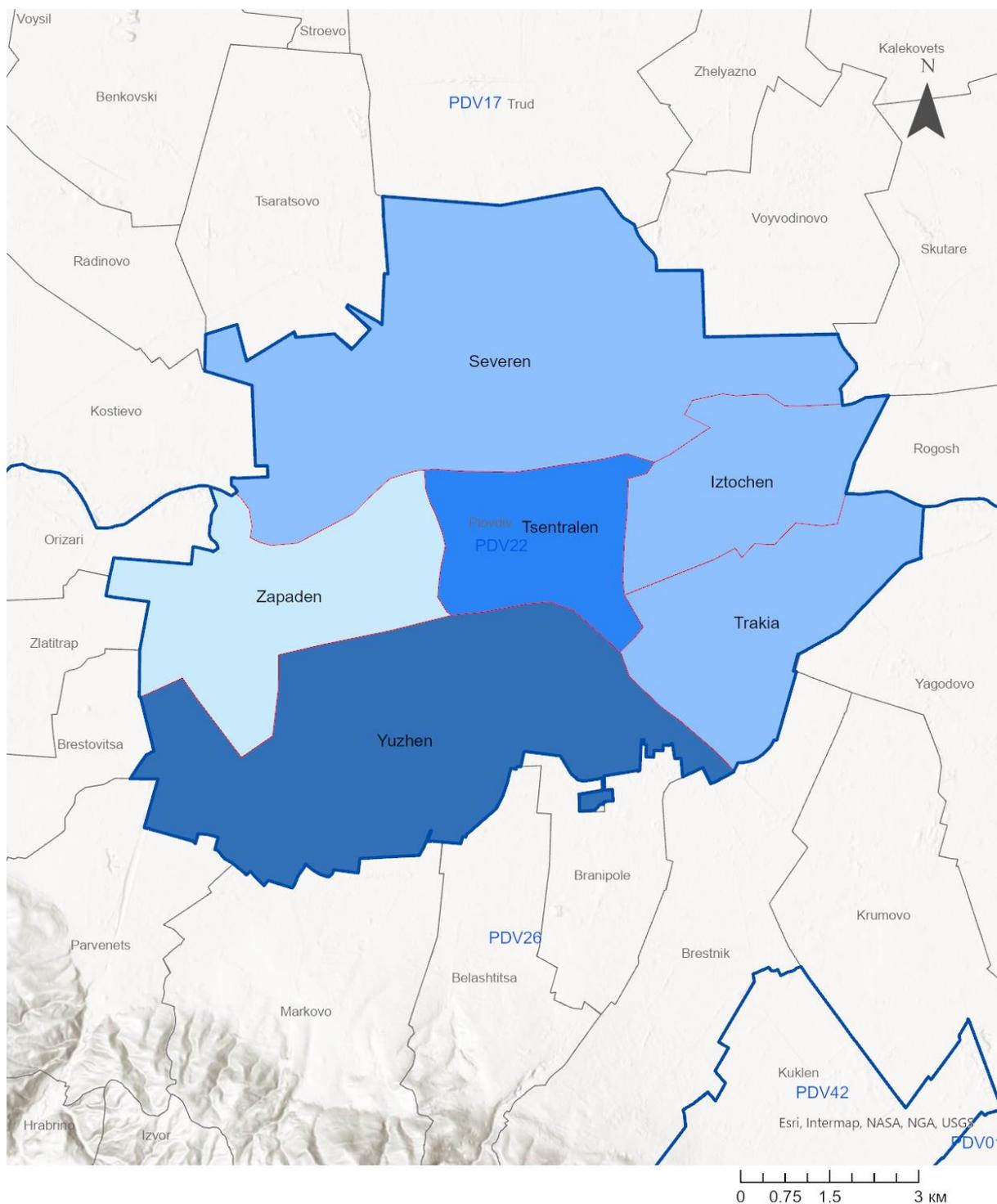


Figure 7. Population distribution by quarters in the city of Plovdiv as of 31 December 2023



	Municipality border
	Border of quarter
	Settlement land border
PDV22	Municipality code

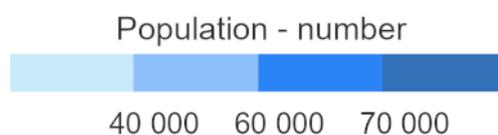
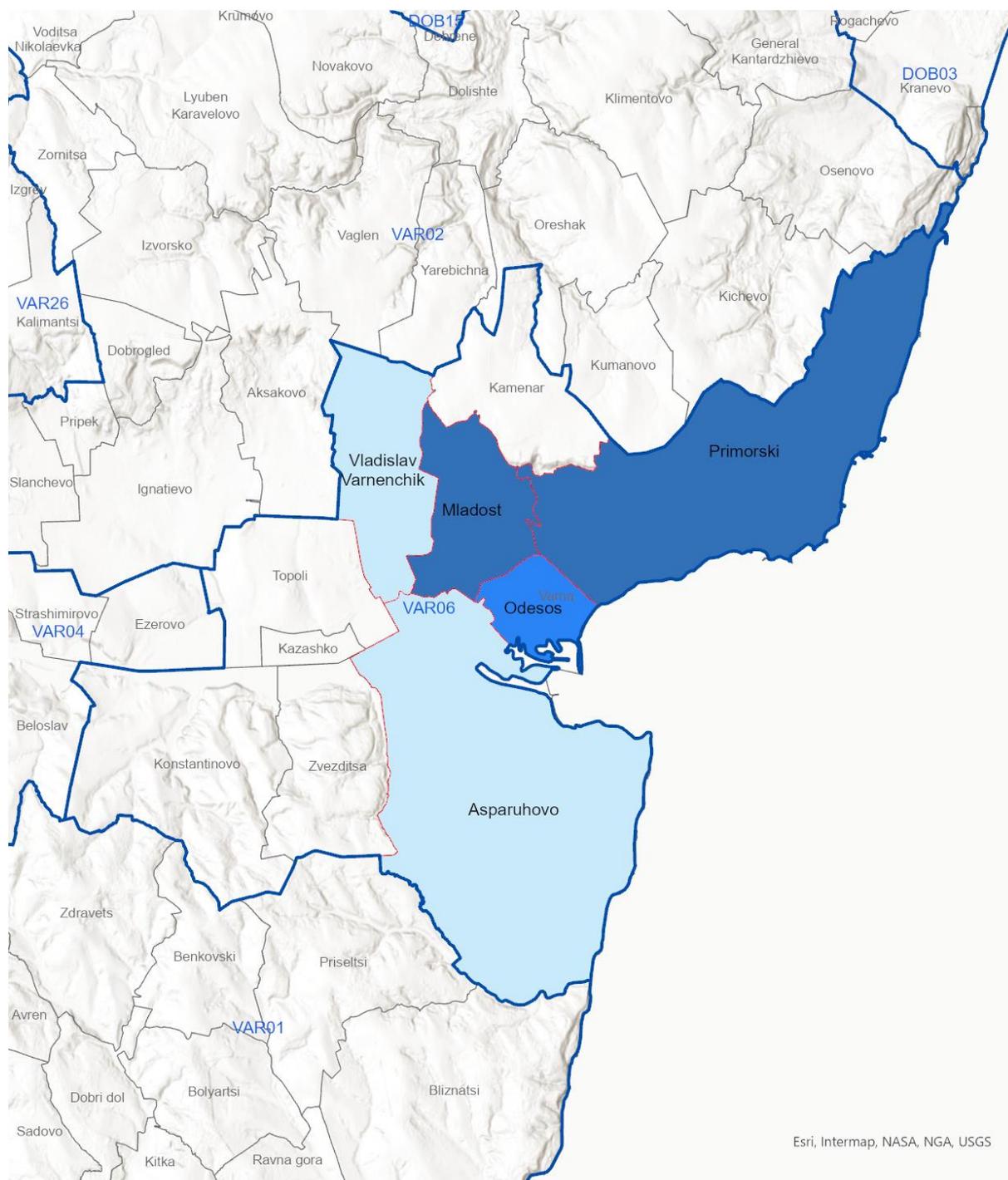


Figure 8. Population distribution by quarters in the city of Varna as of 31 December 2023



	Municipality border
	Border of quarter
	Settlement land border
VAR06	Municipality code

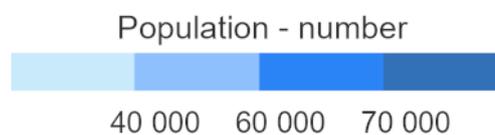
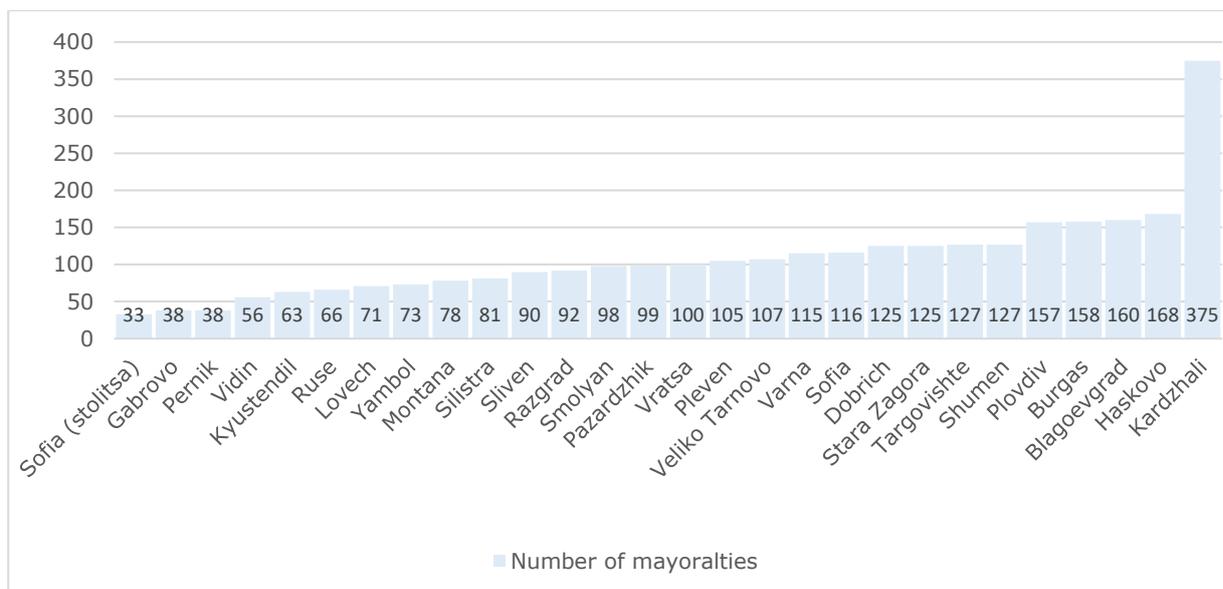


Figure 9. Distribution of the mayoralties by districts as of 31 December 2023

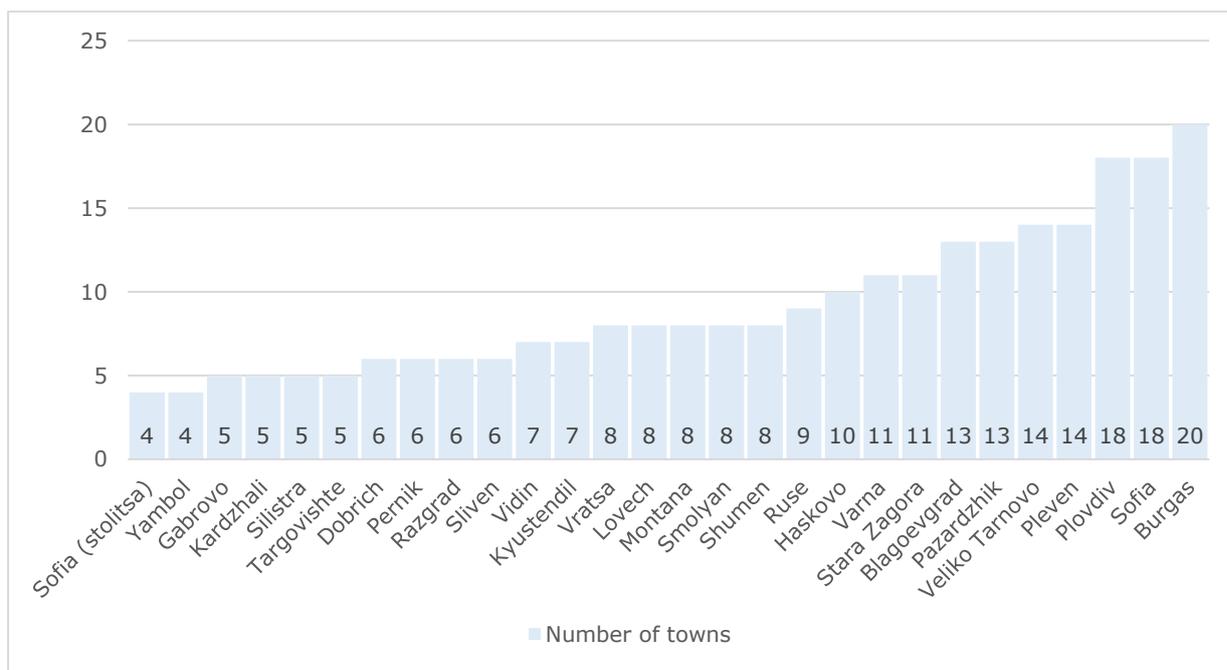


4. Territorial units in the Republic of Bulgaria as of 31 December 2023:

- Settlements - 5 256 (incl. 257 towns and 4 999 villages);
- Settlement formations - 166 (incl. 8 of national and 158 of regional/local importance).

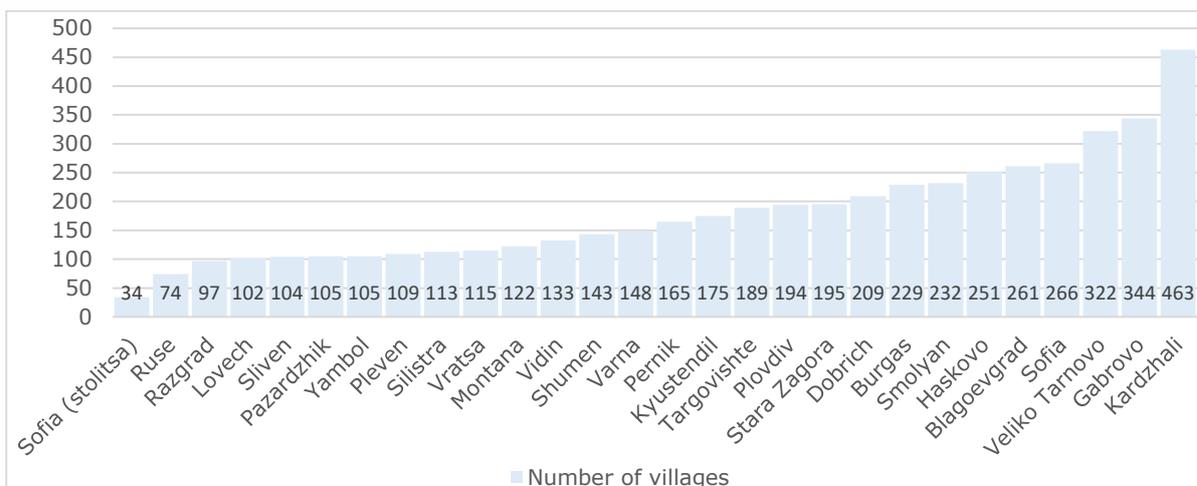
At the end of 2023, there are 201 settlements without a population. The highest number of settlements without population is in the districts of Veliko Tarnovo (67), Gabrovo (67), Kyustendil (10) and Kardzhali (9). In 1 453 villages, or 27.6% of the settlements, the population number is between 1 and 49 persons. There are six towns with a population of more than 100 thousand persons, and 35.2% of the country’s population lives there.

Figure 10. Distribution of the towns by districts as of 31 December 2023



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Figure 11. Distribution of the villages by districts as of 31 December 2023

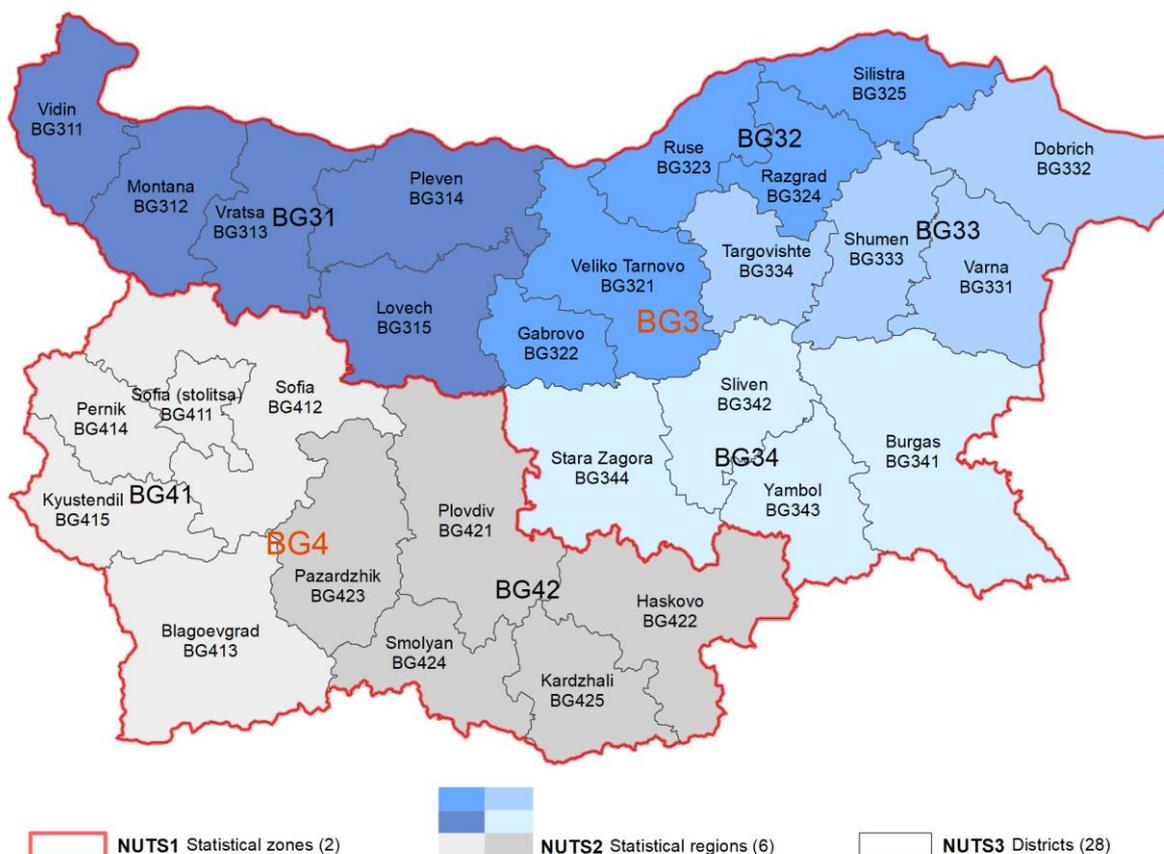


5. Territorial Units for Statistics as of 31 December 2023

According to the requirements of the common Classification of Territorial Units for Statistics (NUTS) applied by the European Union, the following levels have been defined:

- NUTS0 - the country level;
- NUTS1 - 2 statistical zones;
- NUTS2 - 6 statistical regions;
- NUTS3 - 28 districts.

Figure 11. Territorial Units for Statistics (NUTS) in the Republic of Bulgaria



Methodological notes

Definitions

The district shall consist of one or more neighbouring municipalities. The territory of the district shall consist of the territory of the municipalities, included into it. The name of the district shall be the name of the settlement, which is its administrative centre (Territorial Administration of the Republic of Bulgaria Act, Art. 4).

The municipality consists of one or more neighbouring settlements. The territory of the municipality shall consist of the territories of the settlements, included into it. The name of the municipality shall be the name of the settlement, which is its administrative centre (Territorial Administration of the Republic of Bulgaria Act, Art. 7).

A mayoralty is a settlement with a population of over 100 people with a permanent address. (Territorial Administration of the Republic of Bulgaria Act, Art. 14). The territory of the mayoralty is the territory of the settlement. The name of the mayoralty shall be the name of the settlement, which is its administrative centre. (Territorial Administration of the Republic of Bulgaria Act, Art. 15).

A settlement is a historically and functionally separated territory, defined by the presence of a permanent resident population, a built-up area or a built-up area and land-use area and the required social and engineering infrastructure. The settlements are specified as towns and villages and shall be subject to registration in the Unified classifier of administrative-territorial and territorial units.

A settlement formation is a territory outside the built-up areas of existing settlements that does not have a permanent resident population and has specific functions, determined by its construction boundaries. The settlement formations are of national and local importance. The Council of Ministers shall determine the settlement formations of national importance.

Data sources

Data source for the administrative-territorial division of the country is the National Register of the Settlements, maintained by the NSI: <https://www.nsi.bg/nrnm/>.

Data source for the territory in sq. km is the National Agency for Geodesy, Cartography and Cadastre.

Source of data on population number is the Information System Demography of the NSI.

Computation Methods

The number of administrative-territorial and territorial units is calculated based on the data in the National Register of the Settlements as of 31 December of the reference year. The data is entered into the Register after the promulgation of a decree by the President of the Republic of Bulgaria related to administrative-territorial changes in the country.

The population density is calculated by the total area of the territorial administration units and the population number as of 31 December 2023.

Territory by sq. km is calculated based on the digital cadastral map as of 31.12.2022 using GIS tools and the BGS2005 UTM35N coordinate system.

The population number as of 31 December is calculated based on the population data for the previous year, adjusted by the data on the natural population change and the net migration during the reference year.

More data on population numbers and structures are available here: <https://infostat.nsi.bg/infostat>.

Legal basis

Article 135 of the Constitution of the Republic of Bulgaria (SG, No. 56/1991) determines that the territory of the country is divided into municipalities and districts.

In 1991, The Law on Local Self-Government and Local Administration (SG, No. 77/1991) determines the rules to be used by the citizens to solve different issues through the local authorities.

In 1995, the Territorial Administration of the Republic of Bulgaria Act was adopted, which regulate the public relationships connected with local self-government and local administration (SG, No. 63/1995).

The territorial division of the capital municipality and of the cities with a population over 300 000 is established by the Law on the Administrative Division of Sofia Municipality and Large Cities (SG, No. 66/1995). It provides also the names and the boundaries of the quarters of Sofia municipality, the cities of Plovdiv and Varna.

The territory of the country is divided into 28 districts (according to the amendment of the Territorial Administration of the Republic of Bulgaria Act, SG, No. 154/1998). The borders and their administrative centres have been approved by Decree № 1 of the President of the Republic of Bulgaria (SG, No. 2/1999) following the proposal of the Council of Ministers.

The text of Art. 12 of the Law on Local Self-Government and Local Administration was amended in 2006 as follows: 'The name of the municipality is the name of the settlement, which is its administrative centre, except for the municipalities as found by the law, where the administrative centres are settlements outside their territory, shared as such with other municipalities'. In addition to the case of Dobrich-selska (with administrative centre Dobrich), this applies also to 3 other municipalities in the country - Maritsa, Rodopi (with administrative centre Plovdiv), and Tundzha (with administrative centre Yambol).

As defined by the Territorial Administration of the Republic of Bulgaria Act (Art. 37), NSI maintains the Unified Classifier of Administrative-Territorial and Territorial Units (UCATTU) and the National Register of Settlements. The content of the UCATTU and the Register, as well as the corresponding criteria and indicators, are approved by the Council of Ministers based on the proposal of the NSI and the other stakeholders.

The content of the UCATTU was approved by Decision № 565 of the Council of Ministers of 10 August 1999 (SG, No. 73/1999) and it covers all administrative-territorial and territorial units defined by the Territorial Administration of the Republic of Bulgaria Act. Each of them has an identification code in UCATTU.

The content of the National Register of the Settlements was approved by Decision № 695 of Council of Ministers, taken on 29 September 2006. The National Register of the Settlements aims to monitor the development and changes in the administrative-territorial and territorial units (establishing, merging, division, accession, closing down).

Regulation (EC) № 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and the Council establishing a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS) was adopted of 26 May 2003. The purpose of the Regulation is to enable the collection, compilation and dissemination of harmonised regional statistics in the Community. Following the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union in 2007, Regulation (EC) № 176/2008 of the European Parliament and the Council amended the Annexes to Regulation № 1059/2003 of 20 February 2008 with the new Member States.

More information on the NUTS is available on the [website of NSI](#).

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Annex

**Table 1. Population, territory and administrative-territorial and territorial units
in the Republic of Bulgaria as of 31 December 2023¹**

№	Districts		Population	Territory	Municipalities	Mayoralties	Towns	Villages
	EKATTE	Name	Number	Sq. km	Number	Number	Number	Number
0	BG	Bulgaria	6445481	110997	265	3041	257	4999
1	BLG	Blagoevgrad	287077	6459	14	160	13	261
2	BGS	Burgas	384446	7742	13	158	20	229
3	VAR	Varna	434191	3819	12	115	11	148
4	VTR	Veliko Tarnovo	202232	4659	10	107	14	322
5	VID	Vidin	71773	3039	11	56	7	133
6	VRC	Vratsa	147619	3623	10	100	8	115
7	GAB	Gabrovo	94862	2022	4	38	5	344
8	DOB	Dobrich	146635	4714	8	125	6	209
9	KRZ	Kardzhali	146562	3211	7	375	5	463
10	KNL	Kyustendil	107673	3059	9	63	7	175
11	LOV	Lovech	112225	4135	8	71	8	102
12	MON	Montana	114526	3637	11	78	8	122
13	PAZ	Pazardzhik	225261	4458	12	99	13	105
14	PER	Pernik	111032	2397	6	38	6	165
15	PVN	Pleven	217881	4653	11	105	14	109
16	PDV	Plovdiv	633586	5961	18	157	18	194
17	RAZ	Razgrad	100696	2412	7	92	6	97
18	RSE	Ruse	187830	2859	8	66	9	74
19	SLS	Silistra	94739	2845	7	81	5	113
20	SLV	Sliven	170051	3542	4	90	6	104
21	SML	Smolyan	92107	3205	10	98	8	232
22	SFO	Sofia	226420	7071	22	116	18	266
23	SOF	Sofia (stolitsa)	1286965	1343	1	33	4	34
24	SZR	Stara Zagora	290350	5148	11	125	11	195
25	TGV	Targovishte	95609	2708	5	127	5	189
26	HKV	Haskovo	207114	5530	11	168	10	251
27	SHU	Shumen	149699	3393	10	127	8	143
28	JAM	Yambol	106320	3353	5	73	4	105

¹ The number of villages includes Rila monastery (Kyustendil district) and Klisura monastery (Montana district), which have settlement status.

EKATTE - Unified classifier of administrative-territorial and territorial units (UCATTU).

Territory is calculated based on the digital cadastral map of the country as of 31.12.2022.

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**Table 2. Municipalities with population over 30 000 in the Republic of Bulgaria
as of 31 December 2023**

№	Municipality		Population Number	District	
	EKATTE	Name		EKATTE	Name
1	SOF46	Stolichna	1286965	SOF	Sofia (stolitsa)
2	PDV22	Plovdiv	325485	PDV	Plovdiv
3	VAR06	Varna	323386	VAR	Varna
4	BGS04	Burgas	194809	BGS	Burgas
5	SZR31	Stara Zagora	142348	SZR	Stara Zagora
6	RSE27	Ruse	138084	RSE	Ruse
7	SLV20	Sliven	110972	SLV	Sliven
8	PVN24	Pleven	109767	PVN	Pleven
9	PAZ19	Pazardzhik	89507	PAZ	Pazardzhik
10	PER32	Pernik	81819	PER	Pernik
11	HKV34	Haskovo	79335	HKV	Haskovo
12	SHU30	Shumen	77574	SHU	Shumen
13	VTR04	Veliko Tarnovo	76811	VTR	Veliko Tarnovo
14	DOB28	Dobrich	70411	DOB	Dobrich
15	BLG03	Blagoevgrad	69015	BLG	Blagoevgrad
16	KRZ16	Kardzhali	64690	KRZ	Kardzhali
17	SZR12	Kazanlak	64041	SZR	Stara Zagora
18	JAM26	Yambol	59755	JAM	Yambol
19	VRC10	Vratsa	59576	VRC	Vratsa
20	PDV01	Asenovgrad	56941	PDV	Plovdiv
21	GAB05	Gabrovo	49996	GAB	Gabrovo
22	TGV35	Targovishte	48121	TGV	Targovishte
23	KNL29	Kyustendil	47337	KNL	Kyustendil
24	BLG33	Petrich	46708	BLG	Blagoevgrad
25	PDV13	Karlovo	45317	PDV	Plovdiv
26	VID09	Vidin	45186	VID	Vidin
27	MON29	Montana	43938	MON	Montana
28	HKV09	Dimitrovgrad	42941	HKV	Haskovo
29	RAZ26	Razgrad	42507	RAZ	Razgrad
30	SLS31	Silistra	40146	SLS	Silistra
31	VTR06	Gorna Oryahovitsa	36877	VTR	Veliko Tarnovo
32	LOV18	Lovech	36873	LOV	Lovech
33	KNL48	Dupnitsa	36305	KNL	Kyustendil
34	BLG40	Sandanski	35036	BLG	Blagoevgrad
35	SFO39	Samokov	33949	SFO	Sofia
36	PAZ08	Velingrad	32362	PAZ	Pazardzhik
37	SML31	Smolyan	32351	SML	Smolyan
38	PDV26	Rodopi	32323	PDV	Plovdiv
39	PDV17	Maritsa	31422	PDV	Plovdiv
40	SFO07	Botevgrad	30478	SFO	Sofia
41	BGS15	Nesebar	30282	BGS	Burgas
42	SLV16	Nova Zagora	30007	SLV	Sliven

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Table 3. Quarters in Stolichna municipality as of 31 December 2023¹

№	Quarter		Population	
	EKATTE	Name	Number	%
1	68134-01	Sredets	24538	1.9
2	68134-02	Krasno selo	77082	6.0
3	68134-03	Vazrazhdane	35918	2.8
4	68134-04	Oborishte	27543	2.1
5	68134-05	Serdika	41102	3.2
6	68134-06	Poduyane	68544	5.3
7	68134-07	Slatina	62849	4.9
8	68134-08	Izgrev	31026	2.4
9	68134-09	Lozenets	55356	4.3
10	68134-10	Triaditsa	67775	5.3
11	68134-11	Krasna polyana	51107	4.0
12	68134-12	Ilinden	29152	2.3
13	68134-13	Nadezhda	63353	4.9
14	68134-14	Iskar	58408	4.5
15	68134-15	Mladost	100924	7.8
16	68134-16	Studentski	61306	4.8
17	68134-17	Vitosha	72257	5.6
18	68134-18	Ovcha kupel	54431	4.2
19	68134-19	Lyulin	101457	7.9
20	68134-20	Vrabnitsa	42003	3.3
21	68134-21	Novi Iskar	27237	2.1
22	68134-22	Kremikovtsi	21573	1.7
23	68134-23	Pancharevo	26804	2.1
24	68134-24	Bankya	11531	0.9

¹ As of 31 December 2023, 5.7% (73 689 persons) of the total population of the municipality are not assigned to any of the quarters due to incorrect or incomplete address information.

Table 4. Quarters in the city of Plovdiv as of 31 December 2023¹

№	Quarter		Population	
	EKATTE	Name	Number	%
1	56784-01	Tsentralen	65158	20.0
2	56784-02	Iztochen	41223	12.7
3	56784-03	Zapaden	35329	10.9
4	56784-04	Severen	46063	14.2
5	56784-05	Yuzhen	73157	22.5
6	56784-06	Trakia	51130	15.7

¹ As of 31 December 2023, 4.1% (13 425 persons) of the total population of the city of Plovdiv are not assigned to any of the quarters due to incorrect or incomplete address information.

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Table 5. Quarters in the city of Varna as of 31 December 2023¹

№	Quarter		Population	
	EKATTE	Name	Number	%
1	10135-01	Odesos	68330	21.7
2	10135-02	Primorski	101383	32.2
3	10135-03	Mladost	74465	23.7
4	10135-04	Vladislav Varnenchik	35361	11.2
5	10135-05	Asparuhovo	22364	7.1

¹ As of 31 December 2023, 4.0% (12 704 persons) of the total population of the city of Varna are not assigned to any of the quarters due to incorrect or incomplete address information.

**Table 6. Mayoralties with population over 3 500 in the Republic of Bulgaria as of
31 December 2023**

№	Mayoralty		Population Number	Municipality		District	
	EKATTE	Name		EKATTE	Name	EKATTE	Name
1	SOF46-61	Lozen	6577	SOF46	Stolichna	SOF	Sofia (stolitsa)
2	SOF46-54	Bistritsa	5971	SOF46	Stolichna	SOF	Sofia (stolitsa)
3	SLS31-01	Aydemir	5132	SLS31	Silistra	SLS	Silistra
4	SOF46-58	Kazichene	4942	SOF46	Stolichna	SOF	Sofia (stolitsa)
5	PAZ08-08	Draginovo	4691	PAZ08	Velinograd	PAZ	Pazardzhik
6	BGS15-02	Sveti Vlas	4688	BGS15	Nesebar	BGS	Burgas
7	PDV13-22	Rozino	4314	PDV13	Karlovo	PDV	Plovdiv
8	PAZ24-02	Kostandovo	4185	PAZ24	Rakitovo	PAZ	Pazardzhik
9	PDV17-17	Trud	4064	PDV17	Maritsa	PDV	Plovdiv
10	PDV25-01	Belozem	3759	PDV25	Rakovski	PDV	Plovdiv
11	SOF46-32	Vladaya	3701	SOF46	Stolichna	SOF	Sofia (stolitsa)
12	PDV26-30	Tsalapitsa	3699	PDV26	Rodopi	PDV	Plovdiv
13	SLV24-04	Shivachevo	3684	SLV24	Tvarditsa	SLV	Sliven
14	PVN10-15	Trastenik	3589	PVN10	Dolna Mitropolia	PVN	Pleven
15	PDV26-23	Parvenets	3555	PDV26	Rodopi	PDV	Plovdiv

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**Table 7. Towns with population over 20 000 in the Republic of Bulgaria as of 31
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№	Town		Population Number	Municipality		District	
	EKATTE	Name		EKATTE	Name	EKATTE	Name
1	68134	Sofia	1196806	SOF46	Stolichna	SOF	Sofia (stolitsa)
2	56784	Plovdiv	325485	PDV22	Plovdiv	PDV	Plovdiv
3	10135	Varna	314607	VAR06	Varna	VAR	Varna
4	07079	Burgas	188114	BGS04	Burgas	BGS	Burgas
5	63427	Ruse	122116	RSE27	Ruse	RSE	Ruse
6	68850	Stara Zagora	121207	SZR31	Stara Zagora	SZR	Stara Zagora
7	56722	Pleven	89030	PVN24	Pleven	PVN	Pleven
8	67338	Sliven	78627	SLV20	Sliven	SLV	Sliven
9	72624	Dobrich	70411	DOB28	Dobrich	DOB	Dobrich
10	83510	Shumen	66713	SHU30	Shumen	SHU	Shumen
11	55871	Pernik	66261	PER32	Pernik	PER	Pernik
12	77195	Haskovo	63776	HKV34	Haskovo	HKV	Haskovo
13	04279	Blagoevgrad	62346	BLG03	Blagoevgrad	BLG	Blagoevgrad
14	87374	Yambol	59755	JAM26	Yambol	JAM	Yambol
15	10447	Veliko Tarnovo	59331	VTR04	Veliko Tarnovo	VTR	Veliko Tarnovo
16	55155	Pazardzhik	54652	PAZ19	Pazardzhik	PAZ	Pazardzhik
17	12259	Vratsa	48406	VRC10	Vratsa	VRC	Vratsa
18	00702	Asenovgrad	45322	PDV01	Asenovgrad	PDV	Plovdiv
19	14218	Gabrovo	44232	GAB05	Gabrovo	GAB	Gabrovo
20	35167	Kazanlak	41657	SZR12	Kazanlak	SZR	Stara Zagora
21	40909	Kardzhali	41401	KRZ16	Kardzhali	KRZ	Kardzhali
22	48489	Montana	35468	MON29	Montana	MON	Montana
23	41112	Kyustendil	34625	KNL29	Kyustendil	KNL	Kyustendil
24	10971	Vidin	33742	VID09	Vidin	VID	Vidin
25	73626	Targovishte	32728	TGV35	Targovishte	TGV	Targovishte
26	21052	Dimitrovgrad	30620	HKV09	Dimitrovgrad	HKV	Haskovo
27	61710	Razgrad	28234	RAZ26	Razgrad	RAZ	Razgrad
28	43952	Lovech	27369	LOV18	Lovech	LOV	Lovech
29	66425	Silistra	27270	SLS31	Silistra	SLS	Silistra
30	68789	Dupnitsa	26527	KNL48	Dupnitsa	KNL	Kyustendil
31	56126	Petrich	26018	BLG33	Petrich	BLG	Blagoevgrad
32	16359	Gorna Oryahovitsa	25279	VTR06	Gorna Oryahovitsa	VTR	Veliko Tarnovo
33	67653	Smolyan	24592	SML31	Smolyan	SML	Smolyan
34	65231	Samokov	24024	SFO39	Samokov	SFO	Sofia
35	65334	Sandanski	23649	BLG40	Sandanski	BLG	Blagoevgrad
36	10450	Velinograd	20015	PAZ08	Velinograd	PAZ	Pazardzhik

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**Table 8. Villages with population over 3 000 in the Republic of Bulgaria
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№	Villages		Population	Municipality		Districts	
	EKATTE	Name	Number	EKATTE	Name	EKATTE	Name
1	44063	Lozen	6577	SOF46	Stolichna	SOF	Sofia (stolitsa)
2	04234	Bistritsa	5971	SOF46	Stolichna	SOF	Sofia (stolitsa)
3	00895	Aydemir	5132	SLS31	Silistra	SLS	Silistra
4	35239	Kazichene	4942	SOF46	Stolichna	SOF	Sofia (stolitsa)
5	23234	Draginovo	4691	PAZ08	Velingrad	PAZ	Pazardzhik
6	62949	Rozino	4314	PDV13	Karlovo	PDV	Plovdiv
7	73242	Trud	4064	PDV17	Maritsa	PDV	Plovdiv
8	03620	Belozem	3759	PDV25	Rakovski	PDV	Plovdiv
9	11394	Vladaya	3701	SOF46	Stolichna	SOF	Sofia (stolitsa)
10	78029	Tsalapitsa	3699	PDV26	Rodopi	PDV	Plovdiv
11	59032	Parvenets	3555	PDV26	Rodopi	PDV	Plovdiv
12	72816	Topolchane	3381	SLV20	Sliven	SLV	Sliven
13	52012	Novi han	3354	SFO17	Elin Pelin	SFO	Sofia
14	47295	Markovo	3341	PDV26	Rodopi	PDV	Plovdiv
15	06306	Breznitsa	3291	BLG11	Gotse Delchev	BLG	Blagoevgrad
16	12283	Vrachesh	3286	SFO07	Botevgrad	SFO	Sofia
17	41143	Kalipetrovo	3248	SLS31	Silistra	SLS	Silistra
18	18490	Elin Pelin	3188	SFO17	Elin Pelin	SFO	Sofia
19	55419	Pancharevo	3173	SOF46	Stolichna	SOF	Sofia (stolitsa)
20	61056	Ravda	3155	BGS15	Nesebar	BGS	Burgas
21	38916	Kostenets	3148	SFO25	Kostenets	SFO	Sofia
22	12084	Voluyak	3112	SOF46	Stolichna	SOF	Sofia (stolitsa)
23	62858	Rogosh	3098	PDV17	Maritsa	PDV	Plovdiv
24	06999	Bukovlak	3069	PVN24	Pleven	PVN	Pleven
25	06505	Brestovitsa	3067	PDV26	Rodopi	PDV	Plovdiv
26	17436	Gradets	3061	SLV11	Kotel	SLV	Sliven
27	72709	Topoli	3060	VAR06	Varna	VAR	Varna
28	59077	Parvomay	3049	BG413	Petrich	BLG	Blagoevgrad

**Table 9. Settlement formations of national importance in the Republic of Bulgaria
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№	Settlement formation		Municipality		District	
	EKATTE	Name	EKATTE	Name	EKATTE	Name
1	94015	Resort „Zlatni pyasatsi“	VAR06	Varna	VAR	Varna
2	94040	Resort „Sv. sv. Konstantin i Elena“	VAR06	Varna	VAR	Varna
3	99958	Resort „Albena“	DOB03	Balchik	DOB	Dobrich
4	98212	Resort „Slanchev bryag“	BGS15	Nesebar	BGS	Burgas
5	94085	Resort „IYC - Primorsko“ ¹	BGS27	Primorsko	BGS	Burgas
6	98260	Holiday village „Dyuni“	BGS21	Sozopol	BGS	Burgas
7	98226	Resort „Borovets“	SFO39	Samokov	SFO	Sofia
8	98230	Resort „Pamporovo“	SML38	Chepelare	SML	Smolyan
			SML31	Smolyan		

¹ IYC - International Youth Center.

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Table 10. Population by Territorial Units for Statistics (NUTS) as of 31 December 2023¹

№	Code	Level	NUTS	Population		Territory
				Number	%	Sq. km
1	BG	NUTS0	Bulgaria	6445481	100.0	110997
2	BG3	NUTS1	<i>Severna i Yugoiztochna Bulgaria</i>	3121684	48.4	68303
3	BG31	NUTS2	Severozapaden	664024	10.3	19087
4	BG311	NUTS3	Vidin	71773	1.1	3039
5	BG313	NUTS3	Vratsa	147619	2.3	3623
6	BG315	NUTS3	Lovech	112225	1.7	4135
7	BG312	NUTS3	Montana	114526	1.8	3637
8	BG314	NUTS3	Pleven	217881	3.4	4653
9	BG32	NUTS2	Severen tsentralen	680359	10.6	14797
10	BG321	NUTS3	Veliko Tarnovo	202232	3.1	4659
11	BG322	NUTS3	Gabrovo	94862	1.5	2022
12	BG324	NUTS3	Razgrad	100696	1.6	2412
13	BG323	NUTS3	Ruse	187830	2.9	2859
14	BG325	NUTS3	Silistra	94739	1.5	2845
15	BG33	NUTS2	Severoiztochen	826134	12.8	14634
16	BG331	NUTS3	Varna	434191	6.7	3819
17	BG332	NUTS3	Dobrich	146635	2.3	4714
18	BG334	NUTS3	Targovishte	95609	1.5	2708
19	BG333	NUTS3	Shumen	149699	2.3	3393
20	BG34	NUTS2	Yugoiztochen	951167	14.8	19785
21	BG341	NUTS3	Burgas	384446	6.0	7742
22	BG342	NUTS3	Sliven	170051	2.6	3542
23	BG344	NUTS3	Stara Zagora	290350	4.5	5148
24	BG343	NUTS3	Yambol	106320	1.6	3353
25	BG4	NUTS1	<i>Yugozapadna i Yuzhna tsentralna Bulgaria</i>	3323797	51.6	42694
26	BG41	NUTS2	Yugozapaden	2019167	31.3	20329
27	BG413	NUTS3	Blagoevgrad	287077	4.5	6459
28	BG415	NUTS3	Kyustendil	107673	1.7	3059
29	BG414	NUTS3	Pernik	111032	1.7	2397
30	BG412	NUTS3	Sofia	226420	3.5	7071
31	BG411	NUTS3	Sofia (stolitsa)	1286965	20.0	1343
32	BG42	NUTS2	Yuzhen tsentralen	1304630	20.2	22365
33	BG425	NUTS3	Kardzhali	146562	2.3	3211
34	BG423	NUTS3	Pazardzhik	225261	3.5	4458
35	BG421	NUTS3	Plovdiv	633586	9.8	5961
36	BG424	NUTS3	Smolyan	92107	1.4	3205
37	BG422	NUTS3	Haskovo	207114	3.2	5530

¹ NUTS - Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics.

² For more information on the NUTS, please visit the website of NSI.