

Comments

Between the beginning of January and the end of February 2008 the planning and building control authorities granted a total of **16 496^{*)} building permits** on the territory of the Czech Republic, which is 75 permits down on the corresponding period of 2007.

There were 9 305 building permits granted for buildings in total (i.e. – 156 year-on-year) of which residential buildings accounted for 6 229 permits (– 325) and non-residential buildings for 3 076 (+ 169).

The number of building permits granted for constructions for environmental protections was 2 536 which translates into a decrease of 365.

The number of building permits granted for other constructions amounted to 4 655, which is by 446 more than in the corresponding period of 2007.

Of the total 16 496 building permits, 9 458 was granted for new construction (57.3 %) and 7 038 for renewals and enhancements (42.7 %).

Territorially, rather high investment activities are expected in the Středočeský Region (18.6 %), Jihomoravský Region (11.8 %), Moravskoslezský Region (9.3 %) and the capital city of Prague (8.7 %), which is in contrast to the lowest construction activities expected in the Karlovarský Region (2.9 %), the Liberecký Region (3.3 %), Královéhradecký and Pardubický Region (4.4 %).

There were 6 229 building permits granted for residential buildings: 2 558 of them for new construction (41.1 %) and 3 671 for renewals and enhancements (58.9 %). Most of them were granted in the Středočeský Region (20.8 %), the Jihomoravský Region (12.1 %) and the Moravskoslezský Region (9.8 %). 888 building permits issued on the territory of the capital city of Prague make up 14.2 %, of which 2.1 % account for new construction.

The buildings, which were given a go-ahead for the start of construction from January till February 2008, are supposed to provide 10 685 dwellings throughout the Czech Republic. New construction should provide 5 918 dwellings (55.4 %; 5 879 and 39 dwellings in residential and non-residential buildings, respectively). Renewals and enhancements resulting in dwellings should provide 827 dwellings (7.7 %; 584 in residential buildings and 243 in non-residential buildings). Total 6 745 new dwellings. The other renewals and enhancements (i.e. those that do not produce new dwellings) should result in 3 940 reconstructed dwellings (36.9 %).

Between the beginning of January and the end of February 2008 the planning and building control authorities permitted the construction of buildings with floor space 1 491,3 thousand m² (+ 30.8 %), of which 676.0 thousand m² was in residential buildings (+ 6.4 %) and 815.3 thousand m² in non-residential buildings (+ 61.6 %). A floor space of 1 427.1 thousand m² was obtained in new constructions and 64.2 thousand m² by renewals and enhancements.

The **approximate value** of the constructions, for the commencement of which the planning and building control authorities granted building permits by the end of February, amounts to **CZK 57 709 million** at current prices, which translates into an increase of CZK 12 795 million on the corresponding period of 2007.

A total of CZK 40 103 million (an increase of CZK 13 260 million year-on-year, i.e. + 49.4 %) should be spent on construction of buildings, of which CZK 16 361 million on residential buildings (by CZK 2 246 million more) and CZK 23 742 million on non-residential ones (+ CZK 11 014 million).

A total of CZK 3 570 million should be invested in constructions for environmental protection - i.e. by CZK 863 million less than in the corresponding period of 2007.

The approximate value for the other constructions amounts to CZK 14 036 million - an increase of CZK 9 585 million on the corresponding period of 2007.

*) New Act No. 183/2006 Sb., on territorial planning and the building code (the Building Act), is in force from 1 January 2007. This Act, especially in Sections 103 and 104, regulates newly the problem of “granting building permits”. The new Act may have an impact on absolute values in the time series covering building permits and renewals and enhancements, particularly numbers of building permits and their approximate value for non-residential buildings, environmental and other constructions.