

Comments

Between the beginning of January and the end of June 2008 the planning and building control authorities granted a total of **59 153^{*)} building permits** on the territory of the Czech Republic, which is 4 451 permits up on the corresponding period of 2007.

There were 34 571 building permits granted for buildings in total (i.e. + 1 874 year-on-year) of which residential buildings accounted for 23 719 permits (+ 583) and non-residential buildings for 10 852 (+ 1 291).

The number of building permits granted for constructions for environmental protections was 9 058 which translates into an increase of 646.

The number of building permits granted for other constructions amounted to 15 524, which is by 1 931 more than in the corresponding period of 2007.

Of the total 59 153 building permits, 33 733 was granted for new construction (57.0 %) and 25 420 for renewals and enhancements (43.0 %).

Territorially, rather high investment activities are expected in the Středočeský Region (17.9 %), Jihomoravský Region (12.6 %), Moravskoslezský Region (9.7 %) and the capital city of Prague (7.6 %), which is in contrast to the lowest construction activities expected in the Karlovarský Region (2.6 %), the Liberecký Region (3.5 %) and the Olomoucký Region (4.7 %).

There were 23 719 building permits granted for residential buildings: 9 952 of them for new construction (42.0 %) and 13 767 for renewals and enhancements (58.0 %). Most of them were granted in the Středočeský Region (19.3 %), the Jihomoravský Region (12.3 %) and the Moravskoslezský Region (10.7 %). 2 846 building permits issued on the territory of the capital city of Prague make up 12.0 %, of which 1.8 % account for new construction.

The buildings, which were given a go-ahead for the start of construction from January till June 2008, are supposed to provide 36 552 dwellings throughout the Czech Republic. New construction should provide 18 826 dwellings (51.5 %; 18 670 and 156 dwellings in residential and non-residential buildings, respectively). Renewals and enhancements resulting in dwellings should provide 3 105 dwellings (8.5 %; 2 252 in residential buildings and 853 in non-residential buildings). Total 21 931 new dwellings. The other renewals and enhancements (i.e. those that do not produce new dwellings) should result in 14 621 reconstructed dwellings (40.0 %).

Between the beginning of January and the end of June 2008 the planning and building control authorities permitted the construction of buildings with floor space 4 738.5 thousand m² (+ 14.5 %), of 2 452.7 thousand m² was in residential buildings (+ 9.1 %) and 2 285.8 thousand m² in non-residential buildings (+ 21.0 %). A floor space of 4 472.9 thousand m² was obtained in new constructions and 265.6 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 June, amounts to **CZK 197 695 million** at current prices, which translates into an increase of CZK 29 887 million on the corresponding period of 2007.

A total of CZK 129 909 million (an increase of CZK 13 954 million year-on-year, i.e. + 11.7 %) should be spent on construction of buildings, of which CZK 59 161 million on residential buildings (by CZK 7 693 million more) and CZK 70 748 million on non-residential ones (+ CZK 6 261 million).

A total of CZK 13 086 million should be invested in constructions for environmental protection - i.e. by CZK 1 252 million more than in the corresponding period of 2007.

The approximate value for the other constructions amounts to CZK 54 700 million - an increase of CZK 14 681 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.