

Comments

In January 2008 the planning and building control authorities granted a total of **7 888** ^{*)} **building permits** on the territory of the Czech Republic, which is 522 permits down on the corresponding period of 2007.

There were 4 507 building permits granted for buildings in total (i.e. – 231 year-on-year) of which residential buildings accounted for 3 001 permits (– 235) and non-residential buildings for 1 506 (+ 4).

The number of building permits granted for constructions for environmental protections was 1 089 which translates into a decrease of 344.

The number of building permits granted for other constructions amounted to 2 292, which is by 53 less than in the corresponding period of 2007.

Of the total 7 888 building permits, 4 445 was granted for new construction (56.4 %) and 3 443 for renewals and enhancements (43.6 %).

Territorially, rather high investment activities are expected in the Středočeský Region (18.8 %), Jihomoravský Region and the capital city of Prague (9.6 %), Moravskoslezský Region (9.2 %), which is in contrast to the lowest construction activities expected in the Karlovarský Region (2.9 %), the Liberecký Region (3.7 %), Královéhradecký Region and Pardubický Region (4.0 %).

There were 3 001 building permits granted for residential buildings: 1 210 of them for new construction (40.3 %) and 1 791 for renewals and enhancements (59.7 %). Most of them were granted in the Středočeský Region (21.3 %), the Jihomoravský Region (11.9 %) and the Moravskoslezský Region (9.4 %). 465 building permits issued on the territory of the capital city of Prague make up 15.5 %, of which 1.9 % account for new construction.

The buildings, which were given a go-ahead for the start of construction in January 2008, are supposed to provide 5 339 dwellings throughout the Czech Republic. New construction should provide 3 001 dwellings (56.2 %; 2 982 and 19 dwellings in residential and non-residential buildings, respectively). Renewals and enhancements resulting in dwellings should provide 380 dwellings (7.1 %; 304 in residential buildings and 76 in non-residential buildings). Total 3 381 new dwellings. The other renewals and enhancements (i.e. those that do not produce new dwellings) should result in 1 958 reconstructed dwellings (36.7 %).

Between the beginning in January 2008 the planning and building control authorities permitted the construction of buildings with floor space 764.1 thousand m² (+ 43.6 %), of which 330.7 thousand m² was in residential buildings (+ 6.4 %) and 433.4 thousand m² in non-residential buildings (+ 95.8 %). A floor space of 733.4 thousand m² was obtained in new constructions and 30.3 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 in January, amounts to **CZK 28 411 million** at current prices, which translates into an increase of CZK 8 642 million on the corresponding period of 2007.

A total of CZK 19 786 million (an increase of CZK 8 093 million year-on-year, i.e. + 69.2 %) should be spent on construction of buildings, of which CZK 8 035 million on residential buildings (by CZK 944 million more) and CZK 11 751 million on non-residential ones (+ CZK 7 149 million).

A total of CZK 1 846 million should be invested in constructions for environmental protection - i.e. by CZK 988 million less than in the corresponding period of 2007.

The approximate value for the other constructions amounts to CZK 6 779 million - an increase of CZK 1 158 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.