

Comments

Between the beginning of January and the end of August 2008 the planning and building control authorities granted a total of **81 970^{*)} building permits** on the territory of the Czech Republic, which is 6 247 permits up on the corresponding period of 2007.

There were 47 354 building permits granted for buildings in total (i.e. + 1 826 year-on-year) of which residential buildings accounted for 32 447 permits (+ 286) and non-residential buildings for 14 907 (+ 1 540).

The number of building permits granted for constructions for environmental protections was 12 839 which translates into an increase of 1 725.

The number of building permits granted for other constructions amounted to 21 777, which is by 2 696 more than in the corresponding period of 2007.

Of the total 81 970 building permits, 47 1347 was granted for new construction (57.5 %) and 34 836 for renewals and enhancements (42.5 %).

Territorially, rather high investment activities are expected in the Středočeský Region (18.0 %), Jihomoravský Region (13.8 %), Moravskoslezský Region (9.6 %) 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 Pardubický Region (4.6 %).

There were 32 447 building permits granted for residential buildings: 13 839 of them for new construction (42.7 %) and 18 608 for renewals and enhancements (57.3 %). Most of them were granted in the Středočeský Region (19.3 %), the Jihomoravský Region (12.3 %) and the Moravskoslezský Region (10.7 %). 3 806 building permits issued on the territory of the capital city of Prague make up 11.7 %, of which 2.0 % account for new construction.

The buildings, which were given a go-ahead for the start of construction from January till August 2008, are supposed to provide 48 609 dwellings throughout the Czech Republic. New construction should provide 25 722 dwellings (52.9 %; 25 514 and 208 dwellings in residential and non-residential buildings, respectively). Renewals and enhancements resulting in dwellings should provide 4 051 dwellings (8.3 %; 2 989 in residential buildings and 1 062 in non-residential buildings). Total 29 773 new dwellings. The other renewals and enhancements (i.e. those that do not produce new dwellings) should result in 18 836 reconstructed dwellings (38.8 %).

Between the beginning of January and the end of August 2008 the planning and building control authorities permitted the construction of buildings with floor space 6 379.4 thousand m² (+ 8.2 %), of 3 391.8 thousand m² was in residential buildings (+ 5.3 %) and 2 987.6 thousand m² in non-residential buildings (+ 11.7 %). A floor space of 6 032.7 thousand m² was obtained in new constructions and 346.7 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 August, amounts to **CZK 268 939 million** at current prices, which translates into an increase of CZK 35 753 million on the corresponding period of 2007.

A total of CZK 176 028 million (an increase of CZK 19 779 million year-on-year, i.e. + 12.7 %) should be spent on construction of buildings, of which CZK 82 150 million on residential buildings (by CZK 8 091 million more) and CZK 93 878 million on non-residential ones (+ CZK 11 688 million).

A total of CZK 18 095 million should be invested in constructions for environmental protection - i.e. by CZK 3 139 million more than in the corresponding period of 2007.

The approximate value for the other constructions amounts to CZK 74 816 million - an increase of CZK 12 835 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.