

Comments

Between the beginning of January and the end of November 2008 the planning and building control authorities granted a total of **113 138^{*)} building permits** on the territory of the Czech Republic, which is 4 607 permits up on the corresponding period of 2007.

There were 64 738 building permits granted for buildings in total (i.e. + 1 510 year-on-year) of which residential buildings accounted for 44 042 permits (- 175) and non-residential buildings for 20 696 (+ 1 685).

The number of building permits granted for constructions for environmental protections was 17 807 which translates into an increase of 280.

The number of building permits granted for other constructions amounted to 30 593, which is by 2 817 more than in the corresponding period of 2007.

Of the total 113 138 building permits, 65 070 was granted for new construction (57.5 %) and 48 068 for renewals and enhancements (42.5 %).

Territorially, rather high investment activities are expected in the Středočeský Region (18.2 %), Jihomoravský Region (12.6 %), Moravskoslezský Region (9.5 %) and the capital city of Prague (7.4 %), which is in contrast to the lowest construction activities expected in the Karlovarský Region (2.6 %), the Liberecký Region (3.5 %), the Olomoucký Region and the Pardubický Region (4.7 %).

There were 44 042 building permits granted for residential buildings: 19 070 of them for new construction (43.3 %) and 24 972 for renewals and enhancements (56.7 %). Most of them were granted in the Středočeský Region (19.2 %), the Jihomoravský Region (12.3 %) and the Moravskoslezský Region (10.7 %). 5 167 building permits issued on the territory of the capital city of Prague make up 11.7 %, of which 2.1 % account for new construction.

The buildings, which were given a go-ahead for the start of construction from January till November 2008, are supposed to provide 65 792 dwellings throughout the Czech Republic. New construction should provide 35 290 dwellings (53.6 %; 34 917 and 373 dwellings in residential and non-residential buildings, respectively). Renewals and enhancements resulting in dwellings should provide 5 457 dwellings (8.3 %; 4 149 in residential buildings and 1 311 in non-residential buildings). Total 40 747 new dwellings. The other renewals and enhancements (i.e. those that do not produce new dwellings) should result in 25 045 reconstructed dwellings (38.1 %).

Between the beginning of January and the end of November 2008 the planning and building control authorities permitted the construction of buildings with floor space 8 429,3 thousand m² (+ 2.0 %), of 4 634.8 thousand m² was in residential buildings (+ 2.8 %) and 3 794.5 thousand m² in non-residential buildings (+ 1.1 %). A floor space of 7 953.0 thousand m² was obtained in new constructions and 476.3 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 by the end of November, amounts to **CZK 364 854 million** at current prices, which translates into an increase of CZK 43 538 million on the corresponding period of 2007.

A total of CZK 237 573 million (an increase of CZK 19 154 million year-on-year, i.e. + 8.8 %) should be spent on construction of buildings, of which CZK 113 631 million on residential buildings (by CZK 8 038 million more) and CZK 123 942 million on non-residential ones (+ CZK 11 116 million).

A total of CZK 29 840 million should be invested in constructions for environmental protection - i.e. by CZK 5 858 million more than in the corresponding period of 2007.

The approximate value for the other constructions amounts to CZK 97 441 million - an increase of CZK 18 526 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.