

Comments

Between the beginning of January and the end of October 2008 the planning and building control authorities granted a total of **103 813^{*)} building permits** on the territory of the Czech Republic, which is 5 408 permits up on the corresponding period of 2007.

There were 59 541 building permits granted for buildings in total (i.e. + 1 767 year-on-year) of which residential buildings accounted for 40 729 permits (+ 113) and non-residential buildings for 18 812 (+ 1 654).

The number of building permits granted for constructions for environmental protections was 16 273 which translates into an increase of 767.

The number of building permits granted for other constructions amounted to 27 999, which is by 2 874 more than in the corresponding period of 2007.

Of the total 103 813 building permits, 59 826 was granted for new construction (57.6 %) and 43 987 for renewals and enhancements (42.4 %).

Territorially, rather high investment activities are expected in the Středočeský Region (18.2 %), Jihomoravský Region (12.8 %), Moravskoslezský Region (9.6 %) and the capital city of Prague (7.1 %), which is in contrast to the lowest construction activities expected in the Karlovarský Region (2.5 %), the Liberecký Region (3.5 %), the Olomoucký Region and the Pardubický Region (4.7 %).

There were 40 729 building permits granted for residential buildings: 17 677 of them for new construction (43.4 %) and 23 052 for renewals and enhancements (56.6 %). Most of them were granted in the Středočeský Region (19.3 %), the Jihomoravský Region (12.4 %) and the Moravskoslezský Region (10.8 %). 4 646 building permits issued on the territory of the capital city of Prague make up 11.4 %, of which 2.1 % account for new construction.

The buildings, which were given a go-ahead for the start of construction from January till October 2008, are supposed to provide 60 678 dwellings throughout the Czech Republic. New construction should provide 32 616 dwellings (53.8 %; 32 252 and 364 dwellings in residential and non-residential buildings, respectively). Renewals and enhancements resulting in dwellings should provide 4 991 dwellings (8.2 %; 3 754 in residential buildings and 1 237 in non-residential buildings). Total 37 607 new dwellings. The other renewals and enhancements (i.e. those that do not produce new dwellings) should result in 23 071 reconstructed dwellings (38.0 %).

Between the beginning of January and the end of October 2008 the planning and building control authorities permitted the construction of buildings with floor space 7 827,4 thousand m² (+ 2.9 %), of 4 266.4 thousand m² was in residential buildings (+ 1.6 %) and 3 561.0 thousand m² in non-residential buildings (+ 4.5 %). A floor space of 7 395.4 thousand m² was obtained in new constructions and 432.0 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 October, amounts to **CZK 338 589 million** at current prices, which translates into an increase of CZK 47 379 million on the corresponding period of 2007.

A total of CZK 221 568 million (an increase of CZK 23 576 million year-on-year, i.e. + 11.9 %) should be spent on construction of buildings, of which CZK 104 943 million on residential buildings (by CZK 7 139 million more) and CZK 116 625 million on non-residential ones (+ CZK 16 437 million).

A total of CZK 26 050 million should be invested in constructions for environmental protection - i.e. by CZK 4 888 million more than in the corresponding period of 2007.

The approximate value for the other constructions amounts to CZK 90 971 million - an increase of CZK 18 915 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.