

Comments

Between the beginning of January and the end of May 2008 the planning and building control authorities granted a total of **48 070^{*)} building permits** on the territory of the Czech Republic, which is 2 928 permits up on the corresponding period of 2007.

There were 27 868 building permits granted for buildings in total (i.e. + 957 year-on-year) of which residential buildings accounted for 19 077 permits (- 46) and non-residential buildings for 8 791 (+ 1 003).

The number of building permits granted for constructions for environmental protections was 7 393 which translates into an increase of 178.

The number of building permits granted for other constructions amounted to 12 809, which is by 1 793 more than in the corresponding period of 2007.

Of the total 48 070 building permits, 27 422 was granted for new construction (57.0 %) and 20 648 for renewals and enhancements (43.0 %).

Territorially, rather high investment activities are expected in the Středočeský Region (17.9 %), Jihomoravský Region (12.7 %), Moravskoslezský Region (9.6 %) and the capital city of Prague (7.7 %), which is in contrast to the lowest construction activities expected in the Karlovarský Region (2.5 %), the Liberecký Region (3.6 %) and the Olomoucký Region (4.6 %).

There were 19 077 building permits granted for residential buildings: 7 913 of them for new construction (41.5 %) and 11 164 for renewals and enhancements (58.5 %). Most of them were granted in the Středočeský Region (19.5 %), the Jihomoravský Region (12.3 %) and the Moravskoslezský Region (10.5 %). 2 309 building permits issued on the territory of the capital city of Prague make up 12.1 %, of which 2.0 % account for new construction.

The buildings, which were given a go-ahead for the start of construction from January till May 2008, are supposed to provide 29 307 dwellings throughout the Czech Republic. New construction should provide 14 850 dwellings (50.7 %; 14 746 and 104 dwellings in residential and non-residential buildings, respectively). Renewals and enhancements resulting in dwellings should provide 2 568 dwellings (8.8 %; 1 839 in residential buildings and 729 in non-residential buildings). Total 17 418 new dwellings. The other renewals and enhancements (i.e. those that do not produce new dwellings) should result in 11 889 reconstructed dwellings (40.6 %).

Between the beginning of January and the end of May 2008 the planning and building control authorities permitted the construction of buildings with floor space 3 775.1 thousand m² (+ 15.0 %), of 1 927.9 thousand m² was in residential buildings (+ 5.3 %) and 1 847.2 thousand m² in non-residential buildings (+ 27.2 %). A floor space of 3 556.0 thousand m² was obtained in new constructions and 219.1 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 May, amounts to **CZK 157 081 million** at current prices, which translates into an increase of CZK 17 612 million on the corresponding period of 2007.

A total of CZK 103 118 million (an increase of CZK 7 299 million year-on-year, i.e. + 7.6 %) should be spent on construction of buildings, of which CZK 46 506 million on residential buildings (by CZK 3 985 million more) and CZK 56 612 million on non-residential ones (+ CZK 3 314 million).

A total of CZK 9 915 million should be invested in constructions for environmental protection - i.e. by CZK 83 million less than in the corresponding period of 2007.

The approximate value for the other constructions amounts to CZK 44 048 million - an increase of CZK 10 396 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.