

Comments

Between the beginning of January and the end of March 2008 the planning and building control authorities granted a total of **26 329^{*)} building permits** on the territory of the Czech Republic, which is 309 permits up on the corresponding period of 2007.

There were 15 111 building permits granted for buildings in total (i.e. – 16 year-on-year) of which residential buildings accounted for 10 174 permits (– 399) and non-residential buildings for 4 937 (+ 383).

The number of building permits granted for constructions for environmental protections was 3 819 which translates into a decrease of 589.

The number of building permits granted for other constructions amounted to 7 399, which is by 914 more than in the corresponding period of 2007.

Of the total 26 329 building permits, 14 937 was granted for new construction (56.7 %) and 11 392 for renewals and enhancements (43.3 %).

Territorially, rather high investment activities are expected in the Středočeský Region (18.4 %), Jihomoravský Region (11.5 %), Moravskoslezský Region (9.4 %) and the capital city of Prague (8.7 %), which is in contrast to the lowest construction activities expected in the Karlovarský Region (2.6 %), the Liberecký Region (3.6 %) and the Pardubický Region (4.5 %).

There were 10 174 building permits granted for residential buildings: 4 159 of them for new construction (40.9 %) and 6 015 for renewals and enhancements (59.1 %). Most of them were granted in the Středočeský Region (20.1 %), the Jihomoravský Region (12.0 %) and the Moravskoslezský Region (10.5 %). 1 437 building permits issued on the territory of the capital city of Prague make up 14.1 %, of which 2.2 % account for new construction.

The buildings, which were given a go-ahead for the start of construction from January till March 2008, are supposed to provide 16 753 dwellings throughout the Czech Republic. New construction should provide 8 255 dwellings (49.3 %; 8 192 and 63 dwellings in residential and non-residential buildings, respectively). Renewals and enhancements resulting in dwellings should provide 1 315 dwellings (7.8 %; 973 in residential buildings and 342 in non-residential buildings). Total 9 570 new dwellings. The other renewals and enhancements (i.e. those that do not produce new dwellings) should result in 7 183 reconstructed dwellings (42.9 %).

Between the beginning of January and the end of March 2008 the planning and building control authorities permitted the construction of buildings with floor space 2 181.1 thousand m² (+ 20.8 %), of 1 016 thousand m² was in residential buildings (– 2.5 %) and 1 164.7 thousand m² in non-residential buildings (+ 52.8 %). A floor space of 2 075.5 thousand m² was obtained in new constructions and 105.6 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 March, amounts to **CZK 90 886 million** at current prices, which translates into an increase of CZK 9 772 million on the corresponding period of 2007.

A total of CZK 58 024 million (an increase of CZK 4 767 million year-on-year, i.e. + 9.0 %) should be spent on construction of buildings, of which CZK 24 868 million on residential buildings (by CZK 1 529 million more) and CZK 33 156 million on non-residential ones (+ CZK 3 238 million).

A total of CZK 4 824 million should be invested in constructions for environmental protection - i.e. by CZK 1 378 million less than in the corresponding period of 2007.

The approximate value for the other constructions amounts to CZK 28 038 million - an increase of CZK 6 383 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.