

Comments

Between the beginning of January and the end of April 2008 the planning and building control authorities granted a total of **36 691^{*)} building permits** on the territory of the Czech Republic, which is 1 752 permits up on the corresponding period of 2007.

There were 21 142 building permits granted for buildings in total (i.e. + 626 year-on-year) of which residential buildings accounted for 14 391 permits (- 77) and non-residential buildings for 6 751 (+ 703).

The number of building permits granted for constructions for environmental protections was 5 518 which translates into a decrease of 323.

The number of building permits granted for other constructions amounted to 10 031, which is by 1 449 more than in the corresponding period of 2007.

Of the total 36 691 building permits, 20 880 was granted for new construction (56.9 %) and 15 811 for renewals and enhancements (43.1 %).

Territorially, rather high investment activities are expected in the Středočeský Region (17.9 %), Jihomoravský Region (12.3 %), Moravskoslezský Region (9.4 %) and the capital city of Prague (8.0 %), which is in contrast to the lowest construction activities expected in the Karlovarský Region (2.5 %), the Liberecký Region (3.6 %), the Olomoucký Region and Pardubický Region (4.6 %).

There were 14 391 building permits granted for residential buildings: 5 895 of them for new construction (41.0 %) and 8 496 for renewals and enhancements (59.0 %). Most of them were granted in the Středočeský Region (19.7 %), the Jihomoravský Region (12.2 %) and the Moravskoslezský Region (10.5 %). 1 849 building permits issued on the territory of the capital city of Prague make up 12.8 %, of which 2.0 % account for new construction.

The buildings, which were given a go-ahead for the start of construction from January till April 2008, are supposed to provide 22 426 dwellings throughout the Czech Republic. New construction should be provide 11 282 dwellings (50.3 %; 11 194 and 88 dwellings in residential and non-residential buildings, respectively). Renewals and enhancements resulting in dwellings should be provide 1 859 dwellings (8.3 %; 1 327 in residential buildings and 532 in non-residential buildings). Total 13 141 new dwellings. The other renewals and enhancements (i.e. those that do not produce new dwellings) should be result in 9 285 reconstructed dwellings (41.4 %).

Between the beginning of January and the end of April 2008 the planning and building control authorities permitted the construction of buildings with floor space 2 928.4 thousand m² (+ 17.5 %), of 1 443.3 thousand m² was in residential buildings (+ 0.8 %) and 1 485.1 thousand m² in non-residential buildings (+ 40.0 %). A floor space of 2 774.8 thousand m² was obtained in new constructions and 153.6 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 April, amounts to **CZK 122 263 million** at current prices, which translates into an increase of CZK 8 409 million on the corresponding period of 2007.

A total of CZK 78 958 million (an increase of CZK 2 807 million year-on-year, i.e. + 3.7 %) should be spent on construction of buildings, of which CZK 34 746 million on residential buildings (by CZK 2 332 million more) and CZK 44 212 million on non-residential ones (+ CZK 475 million).

A total of CZK 7 306 million should be invested in constructions for environmental protection - i.e. by CZK 787 million less than in the corresponding period of 2007.

The approximate value for the other constructions amounts to CZK 35 999 million - an increase of CZK 6 389 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.