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Construction – December 2019

In December 2019, the working days adjusted construction output increased by 6.3%, year-on-year (y-o-y), in real terms. The seasonally adjusted construction output increased by 1.6%, month-on-month (m-o-m). The planning and building control authorities granted by 16.3% more building permits, y-o-y; the approximate value of permitted constructions increased by 22.3%, y-o-y. The number of started dwellings increased by 34.2%, y-o-y. The number of completed dwellings decreased by 4.1%, y-o-y.

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In December 2019, the **construction output1)** increased by 1.6%, m-o-m, in real terms. In the year-on-year comparison, it increased by 6.3%. Compared to the corresponding month of the previous year, the production in building construction increased by 8.2% (contribution +6.1 percentage points (p. p.)). The production of civil engineering construction increased by 0.8%, y-o-y (contribution +0.2 p. p.). Non-adjusted construction output in total was 7.8% up, y-o-y (there was one working day more in December 2019 compared to December 2018).

The **average registered number of employees2)** in construction increased by 1.9%, y-o-y, in December 2019. Their **average gross monthly nominal wage** increased by 7.2%, y-o-y, in December 2019.

In December 2019, the planning and building control authorities granted 7 265 **building permits**; it was 16.3% up, y-o-y. The **approximate value** of the permitted constructions was CZK 34.6 billion and compared to the corresponding period of 2018 it increased by 22.3%.

The **number of dwellings started** in December 2019 increased by 34.2%, y-o-y, and reached the number of 3 539 dwellings. The number of dwellings started in family houses increased by 42.5%. The number of dwellings started in multi-dwelling buildings has doubled compared to December 2018.

The **number of completed dwellings** decreased by 4.1%, y-o-y, in December 2019 and was 4 164 dwellings. The number of completed dwellings in family houses dropped by 10.9%; the number of completed dwellings in multi-dwelling buildings decreased by 1.4%.

According to Eurostat, the WDA (working days adjusted) **construction output in the EU28 in November 2019** increased by 1.4%, y-o-y. Buildings increased by 1.7% and civil engineering works increased by 0.5%. According to a preliminary release calendar, Eurostat will release data for December 2019 on 17 February 2020.

**Construction in the Q4 2019**

In the Q4 2019, the **construction output** was by 1.2% higher in real terms compared to the Q3 2019. In the year-on-year comparison, the construction output increased by 3.3%. The production in building construction increased by 3.9%, y-o-y (contribution +2.8 p. p.) and the production of civil engineering construction grew by 1.9%, y-o-y (contribution +0.5 p. p.). Non-adjusted construction output increased by 2.7%, y-o-y (there was one working day less in the Q4 2019 than in the Q4 2018).

The **average registered number of employees** in construction increased by 1.7%, y-o-y, in the Q4 2019. Their **average gross monthly nominal wage** increased by 7.3%, y-o-y, in the Q4 2019.

In the Q4 2019, the number of **building orders** of construction enterprises with 50+ employees decreased by 6.7%, y-o-y; the enterprises received and concluded 16 352 orders in the Czech Republic. The **total value** of the orders increased by 4.3%, y-o-y and was CZK 62.2 billion. The building construction orders were for CZK 29.6 billion (growth by 4.0%) and those for civil engineering constructions were for CZK 32.6 billion (increase by 4.5%). The average value of a newly concluded building order was CZK 3.8 million and was by 11.7% higher, y-o-y.

In the Q4 2019, the number of building permits granted increased by 5.6%, y-o-y; the planning and building control authorities granted 21 834 **building permits**. The **approximate value** of constructions permitted in the Q4 2019 was CZK 115.7 billion; compared to the corresponding period of 2018 it increased by 15.8%.

The **floor area** of new buildings permitted in the Q4 2019 was 1 853 thousand m2, which means a decrease by 1.1%, y-o-y. The floor area of permitted residential buildings increased by 19.3% and that of non-residential buildings decreased by 16.9%.

The **number of dwellings started** in the Q4 2019 increased by 13.9%, y-o-y and was 9 540 dwellings. The number of dwellings started in family houses increased by 11.8% and that in multi-dwelling buildings increased by 51.9%.

The **number of completed dwellings** in the Q4 2019 increased by 0.8%, y-o-y and was 10 671 dwellings. The number of completed dwellings in family houses dropped by 5.3%, y-o-y, and the number of completed dwellings in multi-dwelling buildings grew by 14.5%.

**Construction in 2019**

In 2019, the **construction output** increased by 2.3%, y-o-y, in real terms. The production in building construction increased by 2.0%, y-o-y (contribution +1.4 p. p.) and the production of civil engineering construction grew by 3.4%, y-o-y (contribution +0.9 p. p.). Non-adjusted construction output was higher by 2.4%, y-o-y (there was one working day more in 2019 compared to 2018).

The **average registered number of employees** in construction increased by 1.0%, y-o-y, in 2019. Their **average gross monthly nominal wage** increased by 6.1%, y-o-y, in 2019.

In 2019, the number of **building orders** of construction enterprises with 50+ employees decreased by 5.2%, y-o-y; the enterprises received and concluded 60 763 orders in the Czech Republic. The **total value** of the orders grew by 5.3%, y-o-y, and was CZK 248.5 billion. The building construction orders were for CZK 108.7 billion (drop by 0.6%) and those for civil engineering constructions were for CZK 139.8 billion (growth by 10.5%). The average value of a newly concluded building order was CZK 4.1 million and was by 11.1% higher, y-o-y.

At the end of 2019, construction enterprises with 50+ employees had 19.4 thousand orders contracted (growth by 5.2%) and these orders represented the inventory of still unimplemented construction works of the total value of CZK 168.4 billion (growth by 9.8%).

In 2019, the **number of building permits granted** increased by 6.3%, y-o-y; the planning and building control authorities granted 86 283 building permits. The **approximate value** of constructions permitted in 2019 was CZK 414.3 billion and increased by 15.7% compared to that of 2018.

The **floor area** of new buildings permitted in 2019 was 7 146 thousand m2, which means an increase by 3.3%, y-o-y. The floor area of permitted residential buildings increased by 19.0% and that of non-residential buildings dropped by 11.5%.

The **number of dwellings started** in 2019 increased by 16.8%, y-o-y, and was 38 677 dwellings. The number of dwellings started in family houses increased by 4.0%, and that in multi-dwelling buildings grew by 71.6%.

The **number of completed dwellings** in 2019 grew by 7.6%, y-o-y, and was 36 422 dwellings. The number of completed dwellings in family houses increased by 0.5%, y-o-y, and the number of completed dwellings in multi-dwelling buildings grew by 23.7%.

*Notes:*

1) The year-on-year development of construction production is adjusted for working days unless otherwise stated. Month-on-month or quarter-on-quarter rates are also seasonally adjusted. Contributions to an increase or to a decrease are calculated from data that are adjusted for working days.

2) Indicators related to employment in construction apply to the entire population of enterprises the principal (prevailing) activity of which is construction. The indicator of registered number of employees does not include persons working under various contracts for work, working owners of enterprises and cooperating household members, who do not have contracts of employment. The piece of data on the registered number of employees in construction also excludes agency workers, who have contracts of employment within economic activities of services (CZ-NACE 78.2).

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Annexes:

Table 1 Construction production indices, construction permits granted, and housing construction (year-on-year indices for the month)

Table 2 Construction production index, construction orders, construction permits granted, and housing construction (seasonally unadjusted, year-on year indices for a quarter of the year)

Table 3 Construction production index, construction orders, construction permits granted, and housing construction (year-on year indices for the year)

Chart 1 Construction production indices (year-on-year indices for the month)

Chart 2 Construction production indices (base indices)

Chart 3 Construction production indices, international comparison