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Construction output decrease slackened

Construction – August 2022

The construction output decreased by 0.4%, year-on-year (y-o-y), in real terms, in August. In the month-on-month (m-o-m) comparison, it was by 1.4% higher. The planning and building control authorities granted by 9.1% less building permits, y-o-y. The approximate value of permitted constructions decreased by 6.3%, y-o-y. The number of started dwellings decreased by 12.0%, y-o-y. The number of completed dwellings increased by 60.9%, y-o-y.

*“In August, construction output increased by 1.4%, month-on-month, after 5 months, and the growth took place in both segments. In the year-on-year comparison, it maintained the last year’s rather good level and only decreased by 0.4%. Growth of construction output is further hold down by high prices of construction work and materials,”* Radek Matějka, Director of the Agricultural and Forestry, Industrial, Construction, and Energy Statistics Department, says. The production in building construction increased by 0.1%, compared to the corresponding month of the previous year. The production of civil engineering construction decreased by 1.4%, year-on-year.

The planning and building control authorities granted 7 425 building permits; it was by 9.1% less, y-o-y. *“The approximate value of the permitted constructions reached CZK 38 billion and it decreased by 6.3%, year-on-year. However, last August, a higher amount of big constructions was permitted. After their deduction, the approximate value would increase by 15%, year-on-year, and it would maintain its growth even after taking into account the price development,”* Petra Cuřínová, Head of the Construction Statistics Unit of the CZSO, explains.

The number of dwellings started decreased by 12.0%, y-o-y, and reached the number of 4 025 dwellings. The number of dwellings completed increased by 60.9%, y-o-y, and amounted to 3 639 dwellings.

The average registered number of employees in construction increased by 0.2%, y-o-y. Their average gross monthly nominal wage increased by 12.9%, y-o-y.

According to Eurostat, construction output in the EU27 in July 2022 increased by 1.3%, year-on-year. Building construction increased by 1.2% and civil engineering by 1.3%. According to a preliminary release calendar, Eurostat will release data for August 2022 on 19 October 2022.

Notes:

The year-on-year development of construction output (production) has been adjusted for the influence of the number of working days. Month-on-month or quarter-on-quarter rates have also been seasonally adjusted.

Methodology: <https://www.czso.cz/csu/czso/sta_m>

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*Related outputs:* [*https://www.czso.cz/csu/czso/sta\_ts*](https://www.czso.cz/csu/czso/sta_ts)

[*https://www.czso.cz/csu/czso/bvz\_ts*](https://www.czso.cz/csu/czso/bvz_ts)

*international comparison in EU countries:* [*Eurostat*](https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/short-term-business-statistics/publications)

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Annexes:

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

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 (base indices)