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Construction Production Continued to Grow

Construction – July 2019

In July 2019 the working days adjusted construction output increased by 3.7% year-on-year (y-o-y), in real terms. The seasonally adjusted construction output increased by 1.5%, month-on-month (m-o-m). The planning and building control authorities granted by 11.2% more building permits, y-o-y, and the approximate value of permitted constructions jumped up by 25.0%, y-o-y. The number of started dwellings jumped up by 24.3%, y-o-y; and the number of completed dwellings fell by 2.3%, y-o-y.

In July 2019 the **construction output**1 increased by 1.5%, m-o-m, in real terms. From annual point of view, it grew by 3.7%, y-o-y. The production in building construction increased by 1.9% (contribution +1.4 percentage points (p.p.)), y-o-y. The production of civil engineering construction grew by 8.3% (contribution +2.3 p.p.), y-o-y. The working days unadjusted construction output increased by 6.5%, y-o-y. July 2019 was by two working days longer than July 2018.

The **average registered number of employees**2 in construction grew by 0.9%, y-o-y in July 2019. Their **average gross monthly nominal wage** increased by 8.3%, y-o-y, in July 2019.

In July 2019 the number of building permits granted increased by 11.2%, y-o-y. The planning and building control authorities granted 7 503 **building permits**. The **approximate value** of the permitted constructions attained CZK 31.8 billion and jumped up by 25.0% compared to the corresponding period of 2018.

The **number of dwellings started** in July 2019 jumped up by 24.3%, y-o-y, and attained 3 088 dwellings. The number of dwellings started in family houses declined by 0.2% and that of dwellings started in multi-dwelling buildings soared by more than three times, which was in part affected by a low comparison basis.

The **number of completed dwellings** fell by 2.3%, y-o-y, in July 2019 and was 3 034 dwellings. The number of completed dwellings in family houses declined by 1.4%. The number of completed dwellings in multi-dwelling buildings dropped by 4.8%.

According to Eurostat the WDA (working days adjusted) **construction output in the EU28** increased by 0.6%, y-o-y, **in June 2019**. Buildings increased by 0.5% and civil engineering works grew by 1.4%. According to the preliminary schedule Eurostat shall release the data for July 2019 on 18 September 2019.

*Notes:*

1 The year-on-year trend in construction production is published as a working days adjusted value, unless otherwise stated. Month-on-month and quarter-on-quarter indices are also seasonally adjusted. Increments of a growth or decline are also calculated on the basis of working days adjusted figures.

*2 Indicators on employment in construction are for the whole population of enterprises having construction as a dominant activity. 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. Data on the registered number of employees in construction also exclude agency workers, who have contracts of employment, yet within activities of services (CZ-NACE 78.2).*

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Annexes:

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

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

Graph 2 Construction production indices (base indices)

Graph 3 Construction production indices, international comparison