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Growth in Civil Engineering Works, Decline in Buildings

Construction – November 2015

In November 2015 the construction output increased by 1.5% year-on-year (y-o-y), in real terms. The planning and building control authorities granted by 5.7% more building permits, y-o-y, and the approximate value of permitted constructions increased by 4.3%, y-o-y. The number of started dwellings rose by 1.7%, y-o-y, and the number of completed dwellings grew by 13.2%, y-o-y.

In November 2015 the **construction output** increased by 1.5%, y-o-y, in real terms. The working day adjusted construction output in November 2015 was by 0.2% higher, y-o-y. November 2015 was by one working day longer compared to November 2014. The seasonally adjusted construction output in November 2015 was by 0.7% lower, month-on-month (m-o-m). The production in building construction decreased by 4.6% (contribution
-2.8 percentage points (p.p.)), y-o-y. The production of civil engineering construction grew by 11.4% (contribution +4.3 p.p.), y-o-y. Compared to the same period of 2008, the year of boom, the construction output dropped by 15.9% in the period from the beginning of 2015 to the end of November 2015.

The **average registered number of employees\***), in construction enterprises with 50+ employees fell by 2.1%, y-o-y, in November 2015. Their **average gross monthly nominal wage** increased by 8.8%, compared year-on-year, and reached CZK 36 965.

In November 2015 the **number of building permits granted** increased by 5.7%, y-o-y; the planning and building control authorities granted 6 948 building permits. The **approximate value** of the permitted constructions attained CZK 19.5 billion and grew by 4.3% compared to the same period of 2014.

The **number of dwellings started** in November 2015 grew by 1.7%, y-o-y, and attained 2 001 dwellings. The number of dwellings started in family houses jumped up by 35.9% and that of dwellings started in multi-dwelling buildings plummeted by 42.7%.

The **number of completed dwellings** increased by 13.2%, y-o-y, in November 2015 and was 2 355 dwellings. The number of completed dwellings in family houses dropped by 2.0%. The number of completed dwellings in multi-dwelling buildings almost doubled.

According to Eurostat the WDA (working days adjusted) **construction output in the EU28** increased by 1.2%, y-o-y, **in October 2015**. Buildings increased by 1.0% and civil engineering works grew by 3.0%. According to the preliminary schedule Eurostat shall release the data for November 2015 on 19 January 2016 (at 11:00 a.m.).

*Notes:*

\*) *The registered number of employees indicator 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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Annex:

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