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Construction output further increased, year-on-year

Construction – June 2021

In June 2021, the construction output increased by 7.9%, year-on-year (y-o-y), in real terms. It the month-on-month (m-o-m) comparison, it remained on the same level. The planning and building control authorities granted by 4.9% more building permits, y-o-y. The approximate value of permitted constructions increased by 50.3%, y-o-y. The number of started dwellings increased by 54.7%, y-o-y. The number of completed dwellings decreased by 8.5%, y-o-y.

The **construction output1** in June 2021 remained on the same level, m-o-m, in real terms. In the year-on-year comparison, it increased by 7.9%. *“Construction output in June followed a good result from May. Building construction, which was compared to a lower comparison basis unlike the civil engineering construction, was more successful again,”* Radek Matějka, Director of the Agricultural and Forestry, Industrial, Construction, and Energy Statistics Department, says. Compared to the corresponding month of the previous year, the production in building construction increased by 8.3% (contribution +5.7 percentage points (p. p.)). The production of civil engineering construction increased by 6.9%, y-o-y (contribution +2.2 p. p.).

The **average registered number of employees2** in construction decreased by 0.8%, y-o-y, in June 2021. Their **average gross monthly nominal wage** increased by 6.7%, y-o-y, in June 2021.

The planning and building control authorities granted 8 232 **building permits** in June 2021; it was by 4.9% more, y-o-y. The **approximate value** of the permitted constructions reached CZK 44.3 billion and compared to the corresponding period of 2020 it increased by 50.3%.

The **number of dwellings started** increased by 54.7%, y-o-y, in June 2021 and reached the number of 4 246 dwellings. The number of dwellings started in family houses increased by 9.2%. *“The number of dwellings started in multi-dwelling buildings was almost four times higher, when a higher number of projects was started across the Czech Republic, mainly in Prague, in the* Liberecký *Region, and in the* Jihomoravský *Region,”* Petra Cuřínová, Head of the Construction Statistics Unit, explains.

The **number of completed dwellings** decreased by 8.5%, y-o-y, in June 2021 and amounted to 2 251 dwellings. The number of completed dwellings in family houses decreased by 21.3%; the number of completed dwellings in multi-dwelling buildings increased by 41.7%.

According to Eurostat, **construction output in the EU27 in May 2021** increased by 11.6%, y-o-y. Buildings increased by 12.8% and civil engineering works increased by 6.0%. According to a preliminary release calendar, Eurostat will release data for June 2021 on 17 August 2021.

**Construction in the Q2 2021**

In the Q2 2021, the **construction output** was by 1.7% higher in real terms compared to the Q1 2021. The construction output increased by 3.4%, y-o-y. The production in building construction increased by 2.6%, y-o-y (contribution +1.8 p. p.) and the production of civil engineering construction increased by 5.4%, y-o-y (contribution +1.6 p. p.).

The **average registered number of employees** in construction decreased by 0.8%, y-o-y, in the Q2 2021. Their **average gross monthly nominal wage** increased by 8.4%, y-o-y, in the Q2 2021.

In the Q2 2021, construction enterprises with 50+ employees received and concluded 21 860 **construction orders** in the Czech Republic. The number ofconstruction orders increased by 18.5%, y-o-y. The **total value** of the orders increased by 22.3%, y-o-y, and was CZK 84.9 billion. The building construction orders were for CZK 38.5 billion (growth by 20.0%) and those for civil engineering constructions were for CZK 46.4 billion (an increase by 24.3%). The average value of a newly concluded construction order was CZK 3.9 million and was by 3.2% higher, y-o-y.

In the Q2 2021, the planning and building control authorities granted 24 971 **building permits**, which was by 11.1% more, y-o-y. The **approximate value** of constructions permitted in the Q2 2021 was CZK 118.5 billion and increased by 18.3%, compared to the corresponding period of 2020.

The **number of dwellings started** in the Q2 2021 increased by 25.1%, y-o-y, and was 11 895 dwellings. The number of dwellings started in family houses increased by 10.9% and that in multi-dwelling buildings increased by 60.2%.

The **number of completed dwellings** in the Q2 2021 increased by 10.0%, y-o-y, and was 7 947 dwellings. The number of completed dwellings in family houses decreased by 0.3%, y-o-y, and the number of completed dwellings in multi-dwelling buildings increased by 35.2%.

*Notes:*

1 The year-on-year development of construction output (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 whole population of enterprises the principal (prevailing) activity of which is construction. The indicator of the registered number of employees does not include persons working under various contracts for work (an agreement on work performance and an agreement on work activity), working owners of enterprises and contributing family workers (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, building permits granted, and housing construction (year-on-year indices for the month)

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