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Construction output continued to increase, y-o-y

Construction – February 2020

In February 2020, the construction output increased by 5.3%, year-on-year (y-o-y), in real terms. The seasonally adjusted construction output remained unchanged, month-on-month (m-o-m). The planning and building control authorities granted by 4.2% more building permits, y-o-y; the approximate value of permitted constructions decreased by 1.1%, y-o-y. The number of started dwellings increased by 26.8%, y-o-y. The number of completed dwellings increased by 2.5%, y-o-y.

In February 2020, the **construction output1)** remained unchanged, m-o-m, in real terms. In the year-on-year comparison, it increased by 5.3%. Compared to the corresponding month of the previous year, the production in building construction increased by 2.1% (contribution +1.7 percentage points (p. p.)). The production of civil engineering construction increased by 21.9%, y-o-y (contribution +3.6 p. p.).

The **average registered number of employees2)** in construction increased by 0.5%, y-o-y, in February 2020. Their **average gross monthly nominal wage** increased by 8.3%, y-o-y, in February 2020.

In February 2020, the planning and building control authorities granted 6 353 **building permits**; it was 4.2% up, y-o-y. The **approximate value** of the permitted constructions was CZK 25.4 billion and compared to the corresponding period of 2019 it decreased by 1.1%.

The **number of dwellings started** increased in February 2020 by 26.8%, y-o-y, and reached the number of 3 228 dwellings. The number of dwellings started in family houses increased by 36.0%. The number of dwellings started in multi-dwelling buildings increased by 48.8%.

The **number of completed dwellings** increased by 2.5%, y-o-y, in February 2020 and amounted to 3 047 dwellings. The number of completed dwellings in family houses decreased by 0.6%, while the number of completed dwellings in multi-dwelling buildings increased by 24.8%.

According to Eurostat, **construction output in the EU27 in January 2020** increased by 6.2%, y-o-y. Buildings increased by 5.3% and civil engineering works increased by 11.5%. According to a preliminary release calendar, Eurostat will release data for February 2020 on 17 April 2020.

Results for February 2020 have been compiled in a standard way based on processing of a monthly report (“*Stav 1–12*” questionnaire) and using administrative data sources. We express our thanks to all enterprises, which provided us with data also in the current difficult situation and thus enabled the CZSO to process results in full extent.

*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 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, 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