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Building construction slightly increased

Construction – August 2021

In August 2021, the construction output increased by 1.2%, year-on-year (y-o-y), in real terms. It the month-on-month (m-o-m) comparison, it was by 0.1% higher. The planning and building control authorities granted by 7.6% more building permits, y-o-y. The approximate value of permitted constructions increased by 31.4%, y-o-y. The number of started dwellings increased by 40.2%, y-o-y. The number of completed dwellings decreased by 27.6%, y-o-y.

*“In August, growth in construction revived, the production slightly increased both in the year-on-year and month-on-month comparison. However, due to rather low comparison bases it is not the expected start of growth rate. Year-on-year construction production indices are also attenuated by accelerating increase of prices of construction works and materials,”* Petra Cuřínová, Head of the Construction Statistics Unit, says.

The **construction output1** in August 2021 was by 0.1% higher, m-o-m, in real terms. In the year-on-year comparison, it increased by 1.2%. Compared to the corresponding month of the previous year, the production in building construction increased by 0.8% (contribution +0.6 percentage point (p. p.)). The production of civil engineering construction increased by 2.1%, y-o-y (contribution +0.6 p. p.).

The **average registered number of employees2** in construction decreased by 1.1%, y-o-y, in August 2021. Their **average gross monthly nominal wage** increased by 7.8%, y-o-y, in August 2021.

The planning and building control authorities granted 8 184 **building permits** in August 2021; it was by 7.6% more, y-o-y. The **approximate value** of the permitted constructions reached CZK 40.8 billion and compared to the corresponding period of 2020 it increased by 31.4%. *“The approximate value of the permitted constructions increased by a third, especially in new housing construction and in modifications to civil engineering works, where several constructions over CZK one billion were permitted. The permission of big constructions also had an impact on dwellings started, the number of which was the highest during the last 13 years,”* Silvie Lukavcová from the Construction Statistics Unit adds.

The **number of dwellings started** increased by 40.2%, y-o-y, in August 2021 and reached the number of 4 503 dwellings. The number of dwellings started in family houses increased by 17.2%. The number of dwellings started in multi-dwelling buildings increased by 140.9%.

The **number of completed dwellings** decreased by 27.6%, y-o-y, in August 2021 and amounted to 2 179 dwellings. The number of completed dwellings in family houses decreased by 6.2%; the number of completed dwellings in multi-dwelling buildings decreased by 47.3%.

According to Eurostat, **construction output in the EU27 in July 2021** increased by 3.8%, y-o-y. Buildings increased by 4.7% and civil engineering works increased by 0.8%. According to a preliminary release calendar, Eurostat will release data for August 2021 on 19 October 2021.

*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)

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)