6 April 2022

Double digit growth of construction output

Construction – February 2022

In February 2022, the construction output increased by 18.9%, year-on-year (y-o-y), in real terms. It the month-on-month (m-o-m) comparison, it was by 4.8% higher. The planning and building control authorities granted by 12.4% more building permits, y-o-y. The approximate value of permitted constructions increased by 20.4%, y-o-y. The number of started dwellings increased by 26.1%, y-o-y. The number of completed dwellings decreased by 13.1%, y-o-y.

*“Construction output in February recorded a double digit growth after a long period of time and it increased by almost a fifth. Besides other things, a low comparison basis and favourable weather have contributed to the perfect result. Output of civil engineering construction grew faster and larger enterprises were the driving force,”* Radek Matějka, Director of the Agricultural and Forestry, Industrial, Construction, and Energy Statistics Department, says.

The **construction output** in February 2022 was by 4.8% higher, m-o-m, in real terms. In the year-on-year comparison, it increased by 18.9%. Compared to the corresponding month of the previous year, the production in building construction increased by 16.1%. The production of civil engineering construction increased by 30.0%, y-o-y.

The planning and building control authorities granted 6 903 **building permits** in February 2022; it was by 12.4% more, y-o-y. The **approximate value** of the permitted constructions reached CZK 39.8 billion and compared to the corresponding period of 2021 it increased by 20.4%.

The **number of dwellings started** in February 2022 increased by 26.1%, y-o-y, and reached the number of 3 691 dwellings*. “In February, 2 265 dwellings were completed; their number decreased by 13.1%. Family houses were on the level of the last year and the decrease from the previous months has stopped, whereas in multi-dwelling buildings, a very small number of dwellings was completed and their number decreased by almost a third, year-on-year,”* Petra Cuřínová, Head of the Construction Statistics Unit, explains.

The **average registered number of employees** in construction increased by 1.6%, y-o-y, in February 2022. Their **average gross monthly nominal wage** increased by 7.8%, y-o-y, in February 2022.

According to Eurostat, **construction output in the EU27 in January 2022** increased by 4.8%, year-on-year. Buildings increased by 4.3% and civil engineering works increased by 6.1%. According to a preliminary release calendar, Eurostat will release data for February 2022 on 21 April 2022.

Notes:

The year-on-year development of construction output (production) has been adjusted for working days. Month-on-month or quarter-on-quarter rates are also seasonally adjusted.

Methodology: <https://www.czso.cz/csu/czso/sta_m>

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*international comparison in EU countries:* [*Eurostat*](https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/short-term-business-statistics/publications)

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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)