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Construction output in the Q1 to Q3 increased by 2.5%
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Construction output in the Q1 to Q3 2022 was higher by 2.5%, year-on-year, and the growth was contributed to by both the building construction and the civil engineering construction. Production in building construction increased by 2.8% (contribution +2.0 percentage points (p. p.)), production of civil engineering construction increased by 1.6%, year-on-year (contribution +0.5 p. p.). Production was growing the fastest in the Q1 (+9.9%); a low comparison basis and favourable weather contributed to the good result. The growth took place in both the segments; civil engineering construction was growing faster. In the Q2, production in civil engineering construction was approximately on the level of the previous year; the total production was kept in positive figures (+3.0%) by building construction. The worst result, so far, was recorded by construction production in the Q3 (-2.3%), when both the segments decreased, year-on-year, by similar pace.

Construction enterprises with 50+ employees concluded in the Czech Republic 56 636 construction orders in the Q1 to Q3 2022 and, in the year-on-year comparison, the number decreased by 1.9%. The total value of these orders increased by 15.6%, year-on-year, and amounted to CZK 256.1 billion at current prices. New construction orders in the building construction reached the value of CZK 110.9 billion and grew by 15.5%, year-on-year; the civil engineering construction recorded a year-on-year increase in the value of orders by 15.7% to CZK 145.2 billion. Development in segments and quarters considerably differed. While the total growth of new orders was driven in the Q1 by the building construction and the civil engineering construction was rather stagnating, in the Q2 a decrease of the value of orders was recorded in the building construction and the growth was supported by the civil engineering construction. In the Q3, the value of new orders grew in both the segments and building construction was growing faster again. The average value of a newly concluded construction order in the Q1 to Q3 amounted to CZK 4.5 million and was by 17.9% higher, year-on-year.

The planning and building control authorities granted 65 307 building permits in the Q1 to Q3 2022, which was a year-on-year decrease by 3.8%. The numbers of building permits were decreasing as for new constructions and they were decreasing even faster as for modifications to completed buildings. The numbers of permits for new construction of residential buildings were rather stagnating, whereas modifications to civil engineering constructions are deeply below the level from the previous year. The highest number of building permits was granted in the *Středočeský* Region, in the *Jihomoravský* Region, and in the *Moravskoslezský* Region.

In the Q1 to Q3, the approximate value of the permitted constructions reached CZK 382.8 billion and decreased by 1.2%, year-on-year. The approximate value decreased thanks to new construction of civil engineering constructions, in which it increased over three times last July owing to granting a building permit for the construction of line D of the underground. Should we

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make a model, in which we eliminate constructions for over 1 billion CZK, we would get the year-on-year growth of the approximate value of building permits by 13.1%. As for construction categories (types), new buildings construction was the biggest contributor to the growth; only modifications to completed non-residential buildings decreased. Higher investments have been planned in the *Středočeský* Region and in the *Jihomoravský* Region.

In the Q1 to Q3 2022, construction of 31 974 dwellings (flats) started and the number decreased by 4.7%, year-on-year. The growth was contributed to by results from the Q1 influenced by a lower comparison basis from the beginning of the previous year affected by covid. In the Q2 and Q3, the numbers of dwellings were mostly decreasing. In family houses, this year, the numbers of dwellings started still maintained above the level of the corresponding period of the previous year (+2.0%); in dwellings in multi-dwelling buildings a decrease by 16.5% was recorded. The highest number of dwellings started were in the *Středočeský* Region (predominantly family houses) and in Prague (multi-dwelling buildings).

In the Q1 to Q3, 26 927 dwellings were completed and their number increased by over a tenth, year-on-year (+11.0%). Both the main categories of construction were increasing; however, the development was different. While it seemed, in the Q1, that completing of family houses was successfully started after unconvincing results from the previous year and multi-dwelling buildings were stagnating, in the Q2 the situation was the reverse. The number of completed dwellings was increasing thanks to the category of multi-dwelling buildings; completing of family houses was slowed also due to price growth of materials and a lack of construction capacities. In the Q3, both the categories got above the last year's level and this growth was considerable especially as for multi-dwelling buildings (+59.7%). The highest number of completions was in the *Středočeský* Region and in Prague.

The average registered number of employees in construction increased in the Q1 to Q3 2022 by 0.9%, year-on-year. Their average gross monthly nominal wage increased by 7.7%, year-on-year.

Notes:

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

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

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