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**Construction output in the first half-year of 2022
increased by 5.4%****Supplementary information to the News Release on
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Construction output in the first half-year of 2022 increased by 5.4%, 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 5.9%, year-on-year (contribution +4.4 percentage points (p. p.)), production of civil engineering construction increased by 3.9%, year-on-year (contribution +1.0 p. p.). Production was growing faster in the Q1 2022 (+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. On the other hand, in the Q2 2022, production in civil engineering construction already dropped below the level of the previous year and it was building construction that kept the total production in positive figures (+2.6%).

Construction enterprises with 50+ employees concluded in the Czech Republic 36 471 construction orders in the first half-year of 2022 and, in the year-on-year comparison, the number decreased by 1.5%. The total value of these orders increased by 13.9%, year-on-year, and amounted to CZK 170.7 billion at current prices. New construction orders in the building construction reached the value of CZK 68.9 billion and grew by 6.8%, year-on-year; the civil engineering construction recorded a year-on-year increase in the value of orders by 19.3% to CZK 101.8 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 values of orders was recorded in the building construction and the growth was supported by the civil engineering construction. The average value of a newly concluded construction order in the first half-year amounted to CZK 4.7 million and was by 15.6% higher, year-on-year.

The planning and building control authorities granted 44 179 building permits in the first half-year of 2022, which was a year-on-year decrease by 0.9%. The numbers of building permits were increasing as for new constructions; modifications to completed buildings decreased. The numbers of permits for new construction of residential buildings were growing the fastest, 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.

The approximate value of the permitted constructions reached in the first half-year CZK 269.1 billion and increased by 20.7%, year-on-year. The growth was driven by new construction; modifications to completed buildings made up for their one-tenth outage from the first quarter and recorded an increase by 5.2%. As for construction categories (types), new residential buildings construction was the biggest contributor to the growth; only modifications to completed non-residential buildings decreased. A rather high growth of the value was also

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influenced by the price growth of construction work. Should we recalculate expected costs to constant prices, we would get the year-on-year growth by 7.6%. Higher investments have been planned in the *Středočeský* Region, in Prague, and in the *Jihomoravský* Region.

In the first half-year of 2022, construction of 22 721 dwellings (flats) started and the number increased by almost a tenth, year-on-year (+9.7%). 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. Numbers of dwellings started were higher, year-on-year, in all categories. In family houses, they increased by over a tenth (+13.8%); in dwellings in multi-dwelling buildings there was an increase by 4.3%. The highest number of dwellings started were in the *Středočeský* Region (predominantly family houses), in Prague (multi-dwelling buildings), and in the *Jihomoravský* Region, where both multi-dwelling buildings and family houses were started.

17 403 dwellings were completed in the first half-year and their number slightly increased, year-on-year (+2.6%). Both the main categories of construction were increasing; however, the development differed. 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. The highest number of completions was in the *Středočeský* Region and in Prague.

The average registered number of employees in construction increased in the first half-year of 2022 by 1.0%, year-on-year. Their average gross monthly nominal wage increased by 8.3%, 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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