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Production growth driven by building construction

Construction – January 2023

The construction output increased by 5.4%, year-on-year (y-o-y), in real terms, in January. In the month-on-month (m-o-m) comparison, it was by 5.1% higher. The planning and building control authorities granted by 7.4% less building permits, y-o-y. The approximate value of permitted constructions increased by 35.8%, y-o-y. The number of started dwellings decreased by 8.8%, y-o-y. The number of completed dwellings decreased by 15.4%, y-o-y.

Construction output was by 5.1% higher, month-on-month, in real terms. *“In January, favourable climatic conditions enabled builders to carry out all construction works without limitations and the output increased by 5.4%, year-on-year. The growth was driven by building construction, which increased by 7.9%, y-o-y. The production in civil engineering construction decreased by 4.2%, year-on-year,”* Petra Cuřínová, Head of the Construction Statistics Unit of the Czech Statistical Office (CZSO), says.

The planning and building control authorities granted 6 241 building permits; it was by 7.4% less, y-o-y. The approximate value of the permitted constructions reached CZK 45.6 billion and it increased by 35.8%, year-on-year. *“January growth of the approximate value was influenced by granting building permits to important constructions of the transport infrastructure and also to non-residential buildings. After excluding them from the model and after having taken into account the price development, we will get an approximate value at the level of January 2022,”* Radek Matějka, Director of the Agricultural and Forestry, Industrial, Construction, and Energy Statistics Department of the CZSO, explains.

The number of started dwellings decreased by 8.8%, y-o-y, and reached the number of 2 687 dwellings. The number of completed dwellings decreased by 15.4%, year-on-year, and amounted to 2 981 dwellings.

There is still lack of employees in construction companies. The average registered number of employees in construction decreased by 0.9%, y-o-y. Their average gross monthly nominal wage increased by 14.9%, y-o-y.

According to Eurostat, construction output in the EU27 in December 2022 decreased by 0.4%, year-on-year. Building construction decreased by 0.9% and civil engineering increased by 0.6%. According to a preliminary release calendar, Eurostat will release data for January 2023 on 21 March 2023.

Notes:

Data for the year 2022 have been revised. The year-on-year development of construction output (production) has been adjusted for the influence of the number of 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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*Related outputs:* [*https://www.czso.cz/csu/czso/sta\_ts*](https://www.czso.cz/csu/czso/sta_ts)

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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)