7 July 2023

Construction output mitigated its decrease

Construction – May 2023

In May 2023, the construction output decreased by 2.7%, year-on-year (y-o-y). In the month-on-month (m-o-m) comparison, it was by 1.0% higher. The planning and building control authorities granted by 11.4% less building permits, y-o-y. The approximate value of permitted constructions increased by 16.1%, y-o-y. The number of started dwellings decreased by 34.9%, y-o-y. The number of completed dwellings increased by 3.1%, y-o-y.

*“In May, construction output increased by 1.0%, compared to April. Year-on-year, it mitigated its decrease and was by 2.7% lower. This decrease was contributed to by both civil engineering construction and building construction,”* Petra Cuřínová, Head of the Construction Statistics Unit of the Czech Statistical Office (CZSO), says. The production in building construction decreased by 1.5%. The production of civil engineering construction decreased by 5.8%, y-o-y.

The planning and building control authorities granted 7 088 building permits; it was by 11.4% less, y-o-y. The approximate value of the permitted constructions reached CZK 57.8 billion and compared to the corresponding period of 2022 it increased by 16.1%.

*“In May, construction of 3 451 dwellings started, which is by a third less, year-on-year. The decrease is influenced, to a considerable extent, by a high comparison basis. In May 2022, construction of a record-high number of dwellings started,”* Radek Matějka, Director of the Agricultural and Forestry, Industrial, Construction, and Energy Statistics Department of the CZSO, says.The number of dwellings completed increased by 3.1%, y-o-y, and amounted to 2 966 dwellings.

The average registered number of employees in construction decreased by 0.7%, y-o-y. Their average gross monthly nominal wage increased by 11.3%, y-o-y.

According to Eurostat, construction output in the EU27 in April 2023 decreased by 0.1%, year-on-year. Buildings decreased by 0.9% and civil engineering works increased by 3.9%. According to a preliminary release calendar, Eurostat will release data for May 2023 on 19 July 2023.

Notes:

The year-on-year development of construction output (production) has been adjusted for the influence of the number of working days. Month-on-month 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)

[*https://www.czso.cz/csu/czso/bvz\_ts*](https://www.czso.cz/csu/czso/bvz_ts)

*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)