7 December 2023

Construction output slightly decreased

Construction – October 2023

In October 2023, the construction output decreased by 0.9%, year-on-year (y-o-y). In the month-on-month (m-o-m) comparison, it was by 1.2% 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 36.8%, y-o-y. The number of started dwellings increased by 10.0%, y-o-y, and the number of completed dwellings increased by 7.2%, y-o-y.

*“Construction output decreased by 0.9%, year-on-year, in October; the comparison basis from October 2022 was relatively high. Month-on-month, construction output was by 1.2% higher,”* Petra Cuřínová, Head of the Construction Statistics Unit of the Czech Statistical Office (CZSO), says. Building construction decreased by 1.2% and civil engineering construction decreased by 0.2%, y-o-y.

The planning and building control authorities granted 6 645 building permits; it was by 7.4% less, y-o-y. The approximate value of permitted constructions reached CZK 52.7 billion and it increased by 36.8%, year-on-year. *“In October, the approximate value of permitted constructions increased by over a third, which was influenced by permission of eight constructions with budgets of over one billion Czech crowns. After having subtracted them, the approximate value would decrease by 5%,”* Radek Matějka, Director of the Agricultural and Forestry, Industrial, Construction, and Energy Statistics Department of the CZSO, explains.

The number of started dwellings increased by 10.0%, y-o-y, and amounted to 3 012 dwellings. The number of completed dwellings increased by 7.2%, y-o-y, and amounted to 3 570 dwellings. The increase in the number of both started and completed dwellings is owing to dwellings in multi-dwelling buildings.

The average registered number of employees in construction enterprises with 50+ employees increased by 1.8%, y-o-y. The average gross monthly nominal wage of those employees increased by 7.4%, y-o-y.

According to data of Eurostat, construction output in the EU27 in **September** 2023 increased by 0.1%, year-on-year. Buildings decreased by 0.1% and civil engineering works increased by 2.8%. According to a preliminary release calendar, Eurostat will release data for October 2023 on 20 December 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.

*Data have been revised in accordance with the CZSO’s Data revision policy.*

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

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*End of data collection: 1 December 2023*

*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)