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Building construction output decrease deepened

Construction – November 2023

The construction output decreased by 6.5%, year-on-year (y-o-y), in November. In the month-on-month (m-o-m) comparison, it was by 3.8% lower. The planning and building control authorities granted by 11.7% less building permits, y-o-y. The approximate value of permitted constructions increased by 0.2%, y-o-y. The number of started dwellings decreased by 40.7%, y-o-y, the number of completed dwellings decreased by 19.2%, y-o-y.

*“Construction output was by 3.8% lower, month-on-month, in November, and in the year-on-year comparison, it decreased by 6.5%. The decrease in production was partially influenced by the weather – the highest average precipitation amount for November since 1961 has been recorded,”* Radek Matějka, Director of the Agricultural and Forestry, Industrial, Construction, and Energy Statistics Department of the Czech Statistical Office (CZSO), says. The production in building construction decreased by 7.7% and the production of civil engineering construction dropped by 3.9%, year-on-year.

The planning and building control authorities granted 6 159 building permits; it was by 11.7% less, y-o-y. The approximate value of the permitted constructions reached CZK 41.9 billion and it increased by 0.2%, year-on-year.

*“Starting of housing construction was in the doldrums in November. The number of dwellings started decreased by 40.7% and the number of started dwellings was the lowest in 2023, for the time being. The number of completed dwellings decreased by a fifth due to the category of family houses and it was rather influenced by a high comparison basis,”* Petra Cuřínová, Head of the Construction Statistics Unit of the CZSO, explains.

The average registered number of employees in construction enterprises with 50+ employees increased by 0.6%, y-o-y. Their average gross monthly nominal wage increased by 7.6%, y-o-y.

According to Eurostat, construction output in the EU27 in October 2023 decreased by 0.4%, year-on-year. Building construction decreased by 0.8% and civil engineering increased by 1.8%. According to a preliminary release calendar, Eurostat will release data for November 2023 on 18 January 2024.

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 index, building permits, 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)