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Construction output stagnated, year-on-year

Construction – August 2023

In August 2023, the construction output decreased by 0.2%, year-on-year (y-o-y). In the month-on-month (m-o-m) comparison, it was by 2.0% higher. The planning and building control authorities granted by 8.4% less building permits, y-o-y. The approximate value of permitted constructions increased by 31.0%, y-o-y. The number of started dwellings decreased by 23.1%, y-o-y, and the number of completed dwellings decreased by 21.8%, y-o-y.

Construction output increased by 2.0%, month-on-month. In the year-on-year comparison, it decreased by 0.2%. *“In August, construction output was stagnating, y-o-y. Building construction, the production of which increased by 0.6%, was more successful.* *Civil engineering construction decreased by 2.0%, y-o-y,”* Radek Matějka, Director of the Agricultural and Forestry, Industrial, Construction, and Energy Statistics Department of the Czech Statistical Office (CZSO), says.

The planning and building control authorities granted 6 801 building permits; it was by 8.4% less, y-o-y. The approximate value of permitted constructions reached CZK 50.1 billion and it increased by 31.0%, year-on-year. *“In August, the approximate value of permitted constructions increased almost by a third, which was influenced by granting a building permit to nine constructions with budgets of over one billion of CZK. After having them deducted, the approximate value would only increase by 2%”,* Petra Cuřínová, Head of the Construction Statistics Unit of the CZSO, explains.

The number of started dwellings decreased by 23.1%, y-o-y, and amounted to 3 102 dwellings. The number of completed dwellings decreased by 21.8%, y-o-y, and amounted to 2 792 dwellings.

The average registered number of employees in construction enterprises with 50+ employees increased by 0.6%, y-o-y. The average gross monthly nominal wage of those employees increased by 9.7%, y-o-y.

According to data of Eurostat, construction output in the EU27 in **July** 2023 increased by 0.9%, year-on-year. Buildings increased by 0.6% and civil engineering works grew by 2.8%. According to a preliminary release calendar, Eurostat will release data for August 2023 on 18 October 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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*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)