6 November 2023

Construction output increased, year-on-year, in September

Construction – September 2023

In September 2023, the construction output increased by 1.7%, year-on-year (y-o-y). In the month-on-month (m-o-m) comparison, it was by 0.2% lower. The planning and building control authorities granted by 10.2% less building permits, y-o-y. The approximate value of permitted constructions increased by 11.2%, y-o-y. The number of started dwellings increased by 24.6%, y-o-y, and the number of completed dwellings decreased by 25.9%, y-o-y.

Construction output decreased by 0.2%, month-on-month. In the year-on-year comparison, it increased by 1.7%. Building construction increased by 2.2% and civil engineering construction increased by 0.5%, y-o-y.

The planning and building control authorities granted 6 095 building permits; it was by 10.2% less, y-o-y. *“The approximate value of permitted constructions reached CZK 46 billion and it increased by 11.2%, year-on-year. The growth took place both as for new construction as well as modifications to completed buildings. After having subtracted constructions with budgets of over one billion of CZK and having taken into account the price development, we get a 2.5% year-on-year increase,”* Radek Matějka, Director of the Agricultural and Forestry, Industrial, Construction, and Energy Statistics Department of the Czech Statistical Office (CZSO), says.

The number of started dwellings increased by 24.6%, y-o-y, and amounted to 3 127 dwellings. *“The year-on-year increase in the number of started dwellings was partially influenced by a low comparison basis – last September brought the smallest figure in the year 2022. The growth was mainly thanks to multi-dwelling buildings in Prague and in the* Středočeský *Region. Family houses continued to decrease, the slump has been persisting for over one year already,”* Petra Cuřínová, Head of the Construction Statistics Unit of the CZSO, explains. The number of completed dwellings amounted to 2 340 dwellings; it was by 25.9% less, y-o-y.

The average registered number of employees in construction enterprises with 50+ employees increased by 1.6%, y-o-y. The average gross monthly nominal wage of those employees increased by 4.6%, y-o-y.

According to data of Eurostat, construction output in the EU27 in **August** 2023 increased by 0.2%, year-on-year. Buildings decreased by 0.6% and civil engineering works grew by 3.8%. According to a preliminary release calendar, Eurostat will release data for September 2023 on 20 November 2023.

For more detailed information on the development in construction see [the Supplementary information to the News Release on Construction](https://www.czso.cz/documents/11350/189570892/asta110623_komentar.pdf).

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:

Supplementary information to the News Release on Construction

Table 1 Construction production indices, building permits granted, and housing construction (year-on-year indices for the month)

Table 2 Construction production indices, construction orders, building permits granted, and housing construction (year-on-year indices for a quarter of the year)

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)