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Construction output increased

Construction – November 2019

In November 2019, the working days adjusted construction output increased by 4.5%, year-on-year (y-o-y), in real terms. The seasonally adjusted construction output increased by 1.2%, month-on-month (m-o-m). The planning and building control authorities granted by 2.2% more building permits, y-o-y; the approximate value of permitted constructions dropped by 15.1%, y-o-y. The number of started dwellings decreased by 11.8%, y-o-y. The number of completed dwellings increased by 38.0%, y-o-y.

In November 2019, the **construction output1** increased by 1.2%, m-o-m, in real terms. In the year-on-year comparison, it increased by 4.5%. Compared to the corresponding month of the previous year, the production in building construction increased by 5.3% (contribution +3.6 percentage points (p. p.)). The production of civil engineering construction increased by 2.7%, y-o-y (contribution +0.9 p. p.). Non-adjusted construction output was 3.1% up, y-o-y (there was one working day less in November 2019 compared to November 2018).

The **average registered number of employees2** in construction increased by 1.9%, y-o-y in November 2019. Their **average gross monthly nominal wage** increased by 7.3%, y-o-y, in November 2019.

In November 2019, the planning and building control authorities granted 6 979 **building permits**; it was 2.2% up, y-o-y. The **approximate value** of the permitted constructions attained CZK 30.0 billion and compared to the corresponding period of 2018 it dropped by 15.1%, mainly due to a high comparison base of the previous year.

The **number of dwellings started** in November 2019 decreased by 11.8%, y-o-y, and reached the number of 2 613 dwellings. The number of dwellings started in family houses increased by 12.5%. The number of dwellings started in multi-dwelling buildings decreased by 51.4%.

The **number of completed dwellings** increased by 38.0%, y-o-y, in November 2019 and was 3 596 dwellings. The number of completed dwellings in family houses grew by 19.5%. The number of completed dwellings in multi-dwelling buildings was twice as high.

According to Eurostat, the WDA (working days adjusted) **construction output in the EU28 in October 2019** decreased by 0.2%, y-o-y. Buildings decreased by 0.4% and civil engineering works increased by 0.4%. According to a preliminary release calendar, Eurostat will release data for November 2019 on 17 January 2020.

*Notes:*

1 The year-on-year development of construction production is adjusted for working days unless otherwise stated. Month-on-month or quarter-on-quarter rates are also seasonally adjusted. Contributions to an increase or to a decrease are calculated from data that are adjusted for working days.

2 Indicators related to employment in construction apply to the entire population of enterprises the principal (prevailing) activity of which is construction. The indicator of registered number of employees does not include persons working under various contracts for work, working owners of enterprises and cooperating household members, who do not have contracts of employment. The piece of data on the registered number of employees in construction also excludes agency workers, who have contracts of employment within economic activities of services (CZ-NACE 78.2).

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Annexes:

Table 1 Construction production indices, construction permits granted, and housing construction (seasonally unadjusted, 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