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Construction output driven by civil engineering works

Construction – January 2020

In January 2020, the construction output increased by 6.0%, year-on-year (y-o-y), in real terms. The seasonally adjusted construction output increased by 3.3%, month-on-month (m-o-m). The planning and building control authorities granted by 13.4% more building permits, y-o-y; the approximate value of permitted constructions increased by 16.6%, y-o-y. The number of started dwellings increased by 6.0%, y-o-y. The number of completed dwellings decreased by 0.6%, y-o-y.

In January 2020, the **construction output1)** increased by 3.3%, m-o-m, in real terms. In the year-on-year comparison, it increased by 6.0%. Compared to the corresponding month of the previous year, the production in building construction increased by 3.3% (contribution +2.8 percentage points (p. p.)). The production of civil engineering construction increased by 18.9%, y-o-y (contribution +3.2 p. p.).

The **average registered number of employees2)** in construction increased by 0.8%, y-o-y, in January 2020. Their **average gross monthly nominal wage** increased by 8.8%, y-o-y, in January 2020.

In January 2020, the planning and building control authorities granted 6 894 **building permits**; it was 13.4% up, y-o-y. The **approximate value** of the permitted constructions was CZK 36.0 billion and compared to the corresponding period of 2019 it increased by 16.6%.

The **number of dwellings started** increased in January 2020 by 6.0%, y-o-y, and reached the number of 2 965 dwellings. The number of dwellings started in family houses increased by 33.9%. The number of dwellings started in multi-dwelling buildings decreased by 7.2%.

The **number of completed dwellings** decreased by 0.6%, y-o-y, in January 2020 and was 2 727 dwellings. The number of completed dwellings in family houses increased by 3.8%; the number of completed dwellings in multi-dwelling buildings decreased by 6.6%.

According to Eurostat, **construction output in the EU28 in December 2019** decreased by 2.6%, y-o-y. Buildings decreased by 2.8% and civil engineering works increased by 0.4%. According to a preliminary release calendar, Eurostat will release data for January 2020 on 19 March 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, 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