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Construction output decreased, y-o-y

Construction – July 2020

In July 2020, the construction output decreased by 10.4%, year-on-year (y-o-y), in real terms. The seasonally adjusted construction output increased by 0.8%, month-on-month (m-o-m). The planning and building control authorities granted by 1.9% less building permits, y-o-y. The approximate value of permitted constructions increased by 20.7%, y-o-y. The number of started dwellings decreased by 11.3%, y-o-y. The number of completed dwellings decreased by 9.3%, y-o-y.

In July 2020, the **construction output1)** increased by 0.8%, m-o-m, in real terms. In the year-on-year comparison, it decreased by 10.4%. Compared to the corresponding month of the previous year, the production in building construction decreased by 10.7% (contribution −7.5 percentage points (p. p.)). The production of civil engineering construction decreased by 9.9%, y-o-y (contribution −2.9 p. p.).

The **average registered number of employees2)** in construction decreased by 1.5%, y-o-y, in July 2020. Their **average gross monthly nominal wage** increased by 5.4%, y-o-y, in July 2020.

In July 2020, the planning and building control authorities granted 7 424 **building permits**; it was by 1.9% less, y-o-y. The **approximate value** of the permitted constructions reached CZK 38.4 billion and compared to the corresponding period of 2019 it increased by 20.7%.

The **number of dwellings started** decreased in July 2020 by 11.3%, y-o-y, and reached the number of 2 740 dwellings. The number of dwellings started in family houses decreased by 2.7%. The number of dwellings started in multi-dwelling buildings decreased by 35.9%.

The **number of completed dwellings** decreased by 9.3%, y-o-y, in July 2020 and amounted to 2 687 dwellings. The number of completed dwellings in family houses increased by 8.3%; the number of completed dwellings in multi-dwelling buildings decreased by 46.4%.

According to Eurostat, **construction output in the EU27 in June 2020** decreased by 5.8%, y-o-y. Buildings decreased by 6.2% and civil engineering works decreased by 3.2%. According to a preliminary release calendar, Eurostat will release data for July 2020 on 17 September 2020.

*Notes:*

1) The year-on-year development of construction output (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 whole population of enterprises the principal (prevailing) activity of which is construction. The indicator of the 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).

*In accordance with the CZSO revision policy, data on building permits and housing construction were revised for the period from January to June 2020 and data on construction output (production) were revised for the period from April to June 2020.*

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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