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Civil engineering construction mitigated construction output decrease

Construction – November 2020

In November 2020, the construction output decreased by 8.4%, year-on-year (y-o-y), in real terms. The seasonally adjusted construction output increased by 0.9%, month-on-month (m-o-m). The planning and building control authorities granted by 3.7% more building permits, y-o-y. The approximate value of permitted constructions increased by 22.9%, y-o-y. The number of started dwellings increased by 7.0%, y-o-y. The number of completed dwellings increased by 7.5%, y-o-y.

In November 2020, the **construction output1** increased by 0.9%, m-o-m, in real terms. In the year-on-year comparison, it decreased by 8.4%. Compared to the corresponding month of the previous year, the production in building construction decreased by 11.6% (contribution −8.0 percentage points (p. p.)). The production of civil engineering construction decreased by 1.3%, y-o-y (contribution −0.4 p. p.).

The **average registered number of employees2** in construction decreased by 1.9%, y-o-y, in November 2020. Their **average gross monthly nominal wage** increased by 6.6%, y-o-y, in November 2020.

The planning and building control authorities granted 7 262 **building permits** in November 2020; it was by 3.7% more, y-o-y. The **approximate value** of the permitted constructions reached CZK 36.9 billion and compared to the corresponding period of 2019 it increased by 22.9%.

The **number of dwellings started** increased in November 2020 by 7.0%, y-o-y, and reached the number of 2 792 dwellings. The number of dwellings started in family houses decreased by 9.1%. The number of dwellings started in multi-dwelling buildings increased by 84.3%.

The **number of completed dwellings** increased by 7.5%, y-o-y, in November 2020 and amounted to 3 771 dwellings. The number of completed dwellings in family houses decreased by 2.7%; the number of completed dwellings in multi-dwelling buildings increased by 33.0%.

According to Eurostat, **construction output in the EU27 in October 2020** decreased by 1.2%, y-o-y. Buildings decreased by 0.9% and civil engineering works decreased by 1.3%. According to a preliminary release calendar, Eurostat will release data for November 2020 on 19 January 2021.

*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 (an agreement on work performance and an agreement on work activity), 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