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Unnotable outputs in construction continued

Construction – August 2020

In August 2020, the construction output decreased by 9.7%, year-on-year (y-o-y), in real terms. The seasonally adjusted construction output decreased by 1.4%, month-on-month (m-o-m). The planning and building control authorities granted by 3.0% more building permits, y-o-y. The approximate value of permitted constructions decreased by 12.0%, y-o-y. The number of started dwellings decreased by 3.0%, y-o-y. The number of completed dwellings decreased by 1.7%, y-o-y.

In August 2020, the **construction output1)** decreased by 1.4%, m-o-m, in real terms. In the year-on-year comparison, it decreased by 9.7%. Compared to the corresponding month of the previous year, the production in building construction decreased by 11.2% (contribution −7.9 percentage points (p. p.)). The production of civil engineering construction decreased by 6.2%, y-o-y (contribution −1.8 p. p.).

The **average registered number of employees2)** in construction decreased by 1.9%, y-o-y, in August 2020. Their **average gross monthly nominal wage** increased by 6.1%, y-o-y, in August 2020.

The planning and building control authorities granted 7 595 **building permits** in August 2020; it was by 3.0% more, y-o-y. The **approximate value** of the permitted constructions reached CZK 31.1 billion and compared to the corresponding period of 2019 it decreased by 12.0%.

The **number of dwellings started** decreased in August 2020 by 3.0%, y-o-y, and reached the number of 3 198 dwellings. The number of dwellings started in family houses decreased by 10.9%. The number of dwellings started in multi-dwelling buildings decreased by 15.5%.

The **number of completed dwellings** decreased by 1.7%, y-o-y, in August 2020 and amounted to 2 992 dwellings. The number of completed dwellings in family houses decreased by 14.9%; the number of completed dwellings in multi-dwelling buildings increased by 7.3%.

According to Eurostat, **construction output in the EU27 in July 2020** decreased by 3.9%, y-o-y. Buildings decreased by 4.2% and civil engineering works decreased by 0.4%. According to a preliminary release calendar, Eurostat will release data for August 2020 on 19 October 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).

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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