9 May 2022

Construction output also increased in March

Construction – March 2022

In March 2022, the construction output increased by 8.2%, year-on-year (y-o-y), in real terms. It the month-on-month (m-o-m) comparison, it was by 3.7% lower. The planning and building control authorities granted by 6.1% more building permits, y-o-y. The approximate value of permitted constructions increased by 28.6%, y-o-y. The number of started dwellings increased by 44.7%, y-o-y. The number of completed dwellings decreased by 3.4%, y-o-y.

*“Construction output in March slowed down its year-on-year growth rate and in the month-on-month comparison, it decreased after more than half a year. The growth was mainly slowed down by building construction, production of civil engineering construction was further increasing with a double digit growth rate,”* Petra Cuřínová, Head of the Construction Statistics Unit of the CZSO, says. The **construction output** in March 2022 was by 3.7% lower, m-o-m, in real terms. In the year-on-year comparison, it increased by 8.2%. Compared to the corresponding month of the previous year, the production in building construction increased by 6.2%. The production of civil engineering construction increased by 14.7%, y-o-y.

The planning and building control authorities granted 7 910 **building permits** in March 2022; it was by 6.1% more, y-o-y. The **approximate value** of the permitted constructions reached CZK 47.1 billion and compared to the corresponding period of 2021 it increased by 28.6%. *“The number of building permits granted and the approximate value of the permitted constructions continued to increase primarily as for new constructions. However, a significant increase of construction work and material is reflected in the increase in the approximate value of constructions. Nevertheless, even without that influence, the volume of planned construction was above the level of March 2021,”* Radek Matějka, Director of the Agricultural and Forestry, Industrial, Construction, and Energy Statistics Department of the CZSO, explains.

The **number of dwellings started** in March 2022 increased by 44.7%, y-o-y, and reached the number of 4 196 dwellings*.*

The **number of dwellings completed** in March 2022 decreased by 3.4%, y-o-y, and was 3 304 dwellings*.*

The **average registered number of employees** in construction increased by 1.2%, y-o-y, in March 2022. Their **average gross monthly nominal wage** increased by 13.3%, y-o-y, in March 2022 due to payment of bonus wages.

According to Eurostat, **construction output in the EU27 in February 2022** increased by 8.6%, year-on-year. Buildings increased by 7.6% and civil engineering works increased by 13.7%. According to a preliminary release calendar, Eurostat will release data for March 2022 on 18 May 2022.

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More detailed information on the development in construction can be found in the [*supplementary information to the News Release on Construction*.](https://www.czso.cz/documents/11350/165171477/asta050922_komentar.pdf)

Notes:

The year-on-year development of construction output (production) has been adjusted for working days. Month-on-month or quarter-on-quarter rates are also seasonally adjusted.

Methodology: <https://www.czso.cz/csu/czso/sta_m>

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*Related outputs:* [*https://www.czso.cz/csu/czso/sta\_ts*](https://www.czso.cz/csu/czso/sta_ts)

[*https://www.czso.cz/csu/czso/bvz\_ts*](https://www.czso.cz/csu/czso/bvz_ts)

 *international comparison in EU countries:* [*Eurostat*](https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/short-term-business-statistics/publications)

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Annexes:

Supplementary information to the News Release on Construction

Table 1 Construction production indices, building permits granted, and housing construction (year-on-year indices for the month)

Table 2 Construction production index, construction orders, building permits granted, and housing construction (year-on-year indices for a quarter of the year)

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 (base indices)