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Construction output decrease continued

Construction – September 2022

The construction output decreased by 3.7%, year-on-year (y-o-y), in real terms, in September. In the month-on-month (m-o-m) comparison, it was by 1.7% lower. The planning and building control authorities granted by 9.9% less building permits, y-o-y. The approximate value of permitted constructions increased by 16.2%, y-o-y. The number of started dwellings decreased by 43.4%, y-o-y. The number of completed dwellings increased by 48.5%, y-o-y.

*“In September, construction output returned to a month-on-month decrease and also decreased in the year-on-year comparison. Civil engineering construction, the comparison basis of which was lower, was a bit more successful. Building construction had to cope with a higher comparison basis and its growth was slowed down by the segment of smaller enterprises,”* Petra Cuřínová, Head of the Construction Statistics Unit of the CZSO, says.

The construction output decreased in real terms by 1.7%, month-on-month. In the year-on-year comparison, it dropped by 3.7%. The production in building construction decreased by 4.8%, compared to the corresponding month of the previous year. The production of civil engineering construction decreased by 1.1%, year-on-year.

The planning and building control authorities granted 6 768 building permits; it was by 9.9% less, y-o-y. *“The approximate value of the permitted constructions reached CZK 41 billion and it increased by 16.2%, year-on-year. This y-o-y growth was influenced by granting building permits to large constructions of transport infrastructure. Should we deduct constructions for over one billion CZK and after having taken into account the price development, we get a decrease by 5%,”* Radek Matějka, Director of the Agricultural and Forestry, Industrial, Construction, and Energy Statistics Department, explains.

The number of dwellings started decreased by 43.4%, y-o-y, and reached the number of 2 510 dwellings. The number of dwellings completed increased by 48.5%, y-o-y, and amounted to 3 130 dwellings.

The average registered number of employees in construction increased by 0.9%, y-o-y. Their average gross monthly nominal wage increased by 9.9%, y-o-y.

According to Eurostat, construction output in the EU27 in August 2022 increased by 2.8%, year-on-year. Building construction increased by 3.1% and civil engineering by 0.5%. According to a preliminary release calendar, Eurostat will release data for September 2022 on 17 November 2022.

For more detailed information on the development in construction see [the Supplementary information to the News Release on Construction](https://www.czso.cz/documents/11350/165171483/asta110722_komentar.pdf).

Notes:

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

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

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*End of data collection: 1 November 2022*

*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 indices, 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)