6 September 2023

Construction output decreased in July

Construction – July 2023

In July 2023, the construction output decreased by 2.1%, year-on-year (y-o-y). In the month-on-month (m-o-m) comparison, it was by 3.8% lower. The planning and building control authorities granted by 9.1% less building permits, y-o-y. The approximate value of permitted constructions increased by 16.0%, y-o-y. The number of started dwellings increased by 8.6%, y-o-y. The number of completed dwellings increased by 4.9%, y-o-y.

Construction output decreased by 3.8%, month-on-month. *“After a promising result from June, construction output again got below the last year’s level in July when it decreased by 2.1%, year-on-year. The decrease occurred in both segments; building construction contributed more to it,”* Petra Cuřínová, Head of the Construction Statistics Unit of the Czech Statistical Office (CZSO), says. Production in building construction decreased by 2.5% and civil engineering construction decreased by 1.3%, y-o-y.

The planning and building control authorities granted 6 294 building permits; it was by 9.1% less, y-o-y. The approximate value of permitted constructions reached CZK 40.3 billion and it increased by 16.0%, year-on-year.

The number of started dwellings increased by 8.6%, y-o-y, and amounted to 2 968 dwellings. *“The number of started dwellings was increasing in July after seven months, namely thanks to dwellings in multi-dwelling buildings. Construction of dwellings started out of the Capital City of Prague, namely in the* Středočeský *Region and in the* Jihočeský *Region. Starting of construction of family houses continues to be in the doldrums,”* Drahomíra Dušková of the Construction Statistics Unit of the CZSO explains. The number of completed dwellings increased by 4.9%, y-o-y, and amounted to 2 929 dwellings.

The average registered number of employees in construction enterprises with 50+ employees increased by 1.7%, y-o-y. The average gross monthly nominal wage of those employees increased by 5.9%, y-o-y.

According to Eurostat, construction output in the EU27 in **June** 2023 remained on the same level, year-on-year. Buildings decreased by 1.0% and civil engineering works increased by 4.6%. According to a preliminary release calendar, Eurostat will release data for July 2023 on 20 September 2023.

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 rates have also been seasonally adjusted.

*Data have been revised in accordance with the CZSO Data revision policy.*

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

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

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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 (base indices)