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Construction decelerated in May

Construction – May 2019

In May 2019, the working days adjusted construction output increased by 0.2%, year-on-year (y-o-y), in real terms. The seasonally adjusted construction output was 2.5% down, month-on-month (m-o-m). The planning and building control authorities granted by 3.8% more building permits, y-o-y, and the approximate value of permitted constructions grew by 17.2%, y-o-y. The number of started dwellings dropped by 12.3%, y-o-y, and the number of completed dwellings decreased by 26.6%, y-o-y.

In May 2019, the **construction output1** decreased by 2.5%, m-o-m, in real terms. In the year-on-year comparison, it grew by 0.2%. The production in building construction decreased by 1.6%, y-o-y (contribution −1.2 percentage point (p. p.)). The production of civil engineering construction increased by 5.5%, y-o-y (contribution +1.4 p. p.). The non-adjusted construction output increased by 0.2%, y-o-y (May 2019 had the same number of working days as May 2018).

The **average registered number of employees2** in construction in May 2019 grew by 0.3%, y-o-y. Their **average gross monthly nominal wage** increased by 8.9%, y-o-y, in May 2019.

In May 2019, the planning and building control authorities granted 7 851 **building permits**; it was 3.8% up, y-o-y. The **approximate value** of the permitted constructions was CZK 32.6 billion; it grew by 17.2% compared to the corresponding period of 2018.

The **number of dwellings started** in May 2019 dropped by 12.3%, y-o-y; it reached the amount of 3 345 dwellings. The number of dwellings started in family houses decreased by 11.2%; the number of dwellings started in multi-dwelling buildings dropped by 22.1%. The decrease was caused by a high comparison base of 2018.

The **number of completed dwellings** decreased by 26.6%, y-o-y, in May 2019 and was 2 562 dwellings. The number of completed dwellings in family houses dropped by 6.3%. The number of completed dwellings in multi-dwelling buildings decreased by 41.4%. The decrease was caused by a high comparison base of 2018.

According to Eurostat, the WDA (working days adjusted) **construction output in the EU28** increased by 4.5%, y-o-y, **in April 2019**. Buildings increased by 4.1% and civil engineering works grew by 5.8%. According to a preliminary release calendar, Eurostat will release the data for May 2019 on 17 July 2019.

*Notes:*

1 The year-on-year trend in construction production is published as a working days adjusted value, unless otherwise stated. Month-on-month and quarter-on-quarter indices are also seasonally adjusted. Increments of a growth or decline are also calculated on the basis of working days adjusted figures.

*2 Indicators on employment in construction are for the whole population of enterprises with construction as their dominant activity. The indicator of 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. Data on the registered number of employees in construction also exclude agency workers, who have contracts of employment within activities of services (CZ-NACE 78.2).*

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Annexes:

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

Graph 1 Construction production indices (year-on-year indices for the month)

Graph 2 Construction production indices (base indices)

Graph 3 Construction production indices, international comparison