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Issued building permits in the Republic of Serbia¹⁾, May 2008

– Preliminary results –

On the basis of the number of issued permits in May 2008, building of 1437 dwellings with average area of 68.1 m² was recorded. According to the issued permits, number of dwellings decreased by 6.7 % when compared to May 2007. Out of the total number of dwellings in residential buildings, 15.7 % of dwellings will be built in single – dwelling buildings, with average area of 129.6 m². 74.8 % of dwellings will be in the buildings with three and more dwellings, with significantly smaller average area of 52.8 m².

In May 2008, 967 building permits were issued, presenting the increase of 5.0 % when compared to May 2007; simultaneously, in the period January – May 2008, number of permits is almost the same as in the same period 2007. Index of anticipated value in May 2008 is by 16.8 % higher than in May 2007.

Observed by types of constructions, in May 2008, 79.4 % of permits related to buildings and 20.6 % to civil engineering. When referring only to buildings, 71.5 % related to residential buildings and 28.5 % to non – residential ones, while regarding civil engineering, the greatest number related to pipelines, communication and electric power lines, 73.9 %.

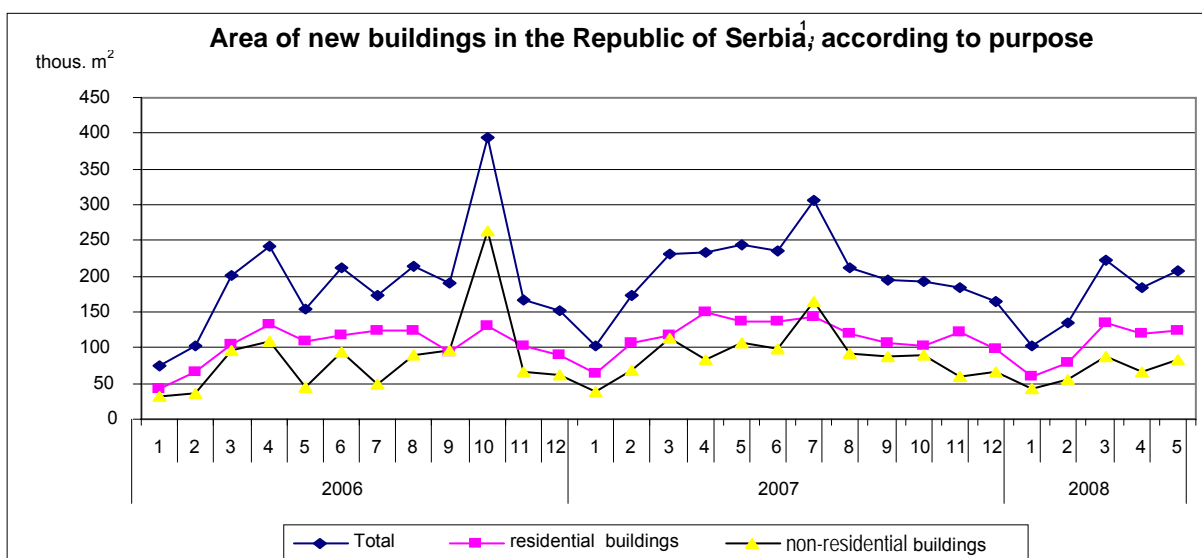
Number of permits for new constructions issued in May 2008, in relation to the total number of issued permits is still increasing, amounting to 61.1 %. Observed by districts, the greatest construction activity was noted in the city of Belgrade, amounting to 18.3 %, then in South Backa District- 10.2 % and Srem District- 9.3 %, followed by Rasina District, 7.6 %, while shares of other districts were smaller, between 0.8 % and 4.6%.

Besides the presented data, detailed monthly data regarding this activity are available on the website of the Office www.statserb.sr.gov.yu (construction activity and database).

1. Indices of issued building permits in the Republic of Serbia¹

	$\frac{I-V\ 2008}{I-V\ 2007}$	$\frac{V\ 2008}{IV\ 2008}$	$\frac{V\ 2008}{V\ 2007}$	$\frac{V\ 2008}{\emptyset\ 2007}$
Total				
Number	100,0	111,8	105,0	106,0
Anticipated value of works, thous. din.	82,5	156,9	116,8	119,4
Buildings				
Number	100,7	114,3	104,5	107,3
Anticipated value of works, thous. din .	72,6	103,1	77,0	85,3
Area, m ²	86,1	113,1	85,9	101,7
Volume, m ³	82,2	118,4	82,9	101,5
Civil engineering				
Number	97,4	103,1	107,0	102,1
Anticipated value of works, thous. din .	126,9	428,6	312,4	232,1
Dwellings				
Number	90,7	108,3	93,3	104,1
Useful area, m ²	93,1	106,0	96,6	106,9

¹ Without data for Kosovo and Metohia.



Notes:

The presented data are collected in the scope of monthly survey on building permits. The report is filled by the Ministry competent for construction affairs, responsible authorities of the Autonomous Province, city or municipality that, according to the Law on planning and construction ("Official Journal of the Republic of Serbia", number 47/2003, article 89), issue permits for construction, requests for starting of construction and occupancy permits.

In the scope of this survey, the concept of „building permits“ unites two documents issued by the competent authority: building permit for construction and request for starting works.

This statistical survey comprises the issued building permits for all types of constructions described in the Classification of Types of Constructions, i.e. buildings and other civil engineering works and these are presented by territories where the works are performed.

Data on issued building permits show the dynamics of construction activity and enable an insight in investments' structure on state and local self – government level.

A **construction** comprises construction connected with the ground (any underground, over ground, as well as hydro technical structure – water works), for which construction works are performed, made of construction material, building – in finished products and parts. Land works, related to preparation of the surface, sowing or seeding are agriculture related activities and are not included in construction works.

Buildings refer to permanent constructions containing roof and outer walls, constructed as separate units that provide protection from weather and other outside effects, with the purpose of living, performing some activities or keeping animals, goods and equipment needed for versatile production or service activities.

Buildings also comprise constructions that contain roof but without all walls (e.g. eaves), as well as constructions that are prevalingly or completely placed under the ground surface (shelters, underground garages, shops or other business premises placed in subways, etc.).

Other civil engineering constructions relate to all constructions that are not buildings: railways, roads, bridges, highways, airport runways, pools, etc.

Gross building area (m²) presents the sum of all floor areas in the building that are comprised by outer walls, also including the thickness of outer walls.

Useful dwelling area is the floor area, measured inside the outer walls of the dwelling and presents the sum of all floor areas, rooms, kitchen, bathroom, toilet and other auxiliary spaces in the dwelling.

Anticipated value of works presents the planed value of works on a construction.

Detailed methodological notes of this survey can be found in the edition of SORS Methodologies and standards: Monthly surveys on building permits, book 22 and Classification of types of constructions, book number 15.

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