

Issued building permits in the Republic of Serbia¹⁾, February 2009

– Preliminary results –

On the basis of the number of issued permits in February 2009, building of 1068 dwellings with average area of 65.1 m² was recorded. Number of dwellings increased, according to the issued permits, by 18.9 % when compared to February 2008. Out of the total number of dwellings in residential buildings, 12.4 % of dwellings will be built in single – dwelling buildings, with average area of 127.1 m², while 82.3 % of dwellings will be in the buildings with three and more dwellings, with significantly smaller average area of 55.8 m².

In February 2009, 587 building permits were issued, presenting the decrease of 18.2 % when compared to February 2008. Index of anticipated value in February 2009 is by 15.0 % lower than in February 2008.

Observed by types of constructions, in February 2009, 81.8 % of issued permits related to buildings and 18.2 % to civil engineering. When referring only to buildings, 73.5 % related to residential buildings and 26.5 % to non – residential ones, while regarding civil engineering, the greatest number related to pipelines, communication and electric power lines, 84.1 %.

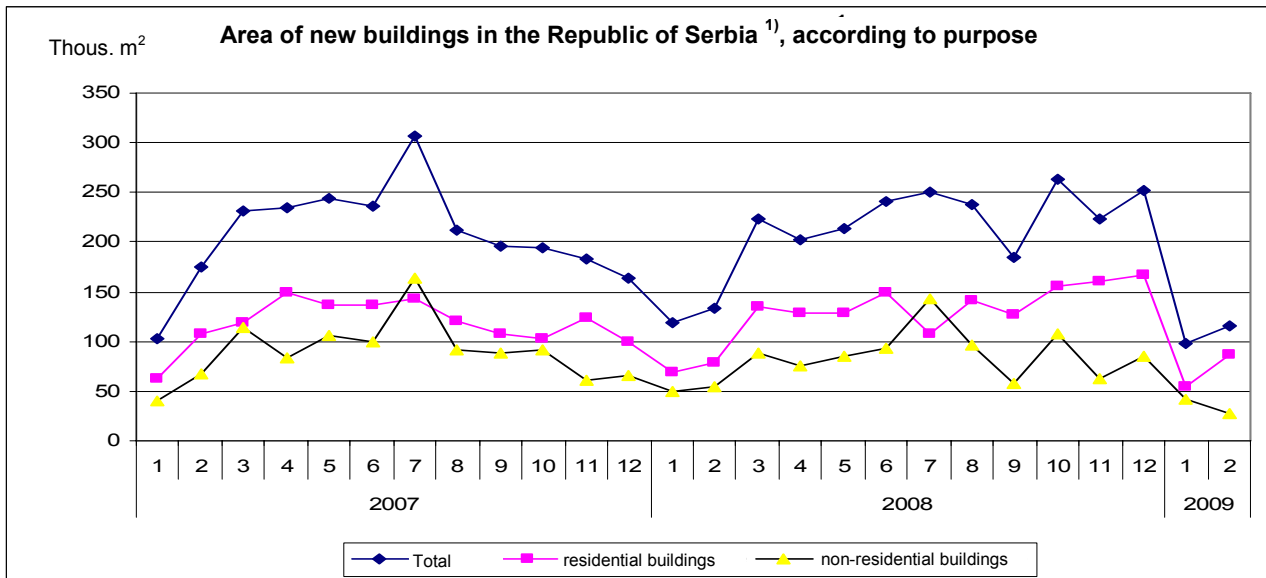
Anticipated value of works on new building in February 2009 amounts to 76.2% of totally anticipated value of works. Observed by districts, the greatest construction activity was noted in the city of Belgrade (23.8%), followed by South Backa District (9.5%), West Backa District (8.0%), Raska District (7.9%) and Nisava District (6.5%), while shares of other districts were smaller, between 0.1 % and 6.2%.

Besides the presented data, detailed monthly data regarding this activity are available on the website of the Office www.stat.gov.rs (construction activity and databases).

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

| | $\frac{I-II\ 2009}{I-II\ 2008}$ | $\frac{II\ 2009}{I\ 2009}$ | $\frac{II\ 2009}{II\ 2008}$ | $\frac{II\ 2009}{\emptyset\ 2008}$ |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Total | | | | |
| Number | 82,0 | 132,2 | 81,8 | 65,4 |
| Anticipated value of works | 88,9 | 120,5 | 85,0 | 51,2 |
| Buildings | | | | |
| Number | 80,9 | 142,9 | 82,9 | 66,5 |
| Anticipated value of works | 88,5 | 131,5 | 94,2 | 55,0 |
| Area | 86,9 | 127,1 | 90,4 | 56,5 |
| Volume | 81,6 | 110,6 | 80,9 | 51,7 |
| Civil engineering | | | | |
| Number | 86,7 | 99,1 | 77,0 | 60,8 |
| Anticipated value of works | 90,2 | 90,3 | 61,1 | 40,0 |
| Dwellings | | | | |
| Number | 104,9 | 167,9 | 118,9 | 72,0 |
| Useful area | 100,1 | 159,9 | 113,0 | 69,8 |

¹ Without data for Kosovo and Metohia.



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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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