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Construction activity, I quarter of 2009

- Preliminary results -

According to the data collected in the first quarter of 2009, value of construction works performed by the contractors from the Republic of Serbia decreased by 11.0% at current prices, relative to the first quarter of 2008, while at constant prices, the decrease amounted to 17.0%.

Value of works performed on the territory of the Republic of Serbia amounted to 85.4%, out of total value of works performed in the first quarter of 2009 and concerning abroad, it amounted to 14.6%.

Observed by districts, the greatest construction activity was performed by the contractors from Belgrade, 55.0%, followed by the contractors from South Backa District (7.1%), Rasina District (3.0%), while shares of other districts fluctuated between 0.2% and 2.8%.

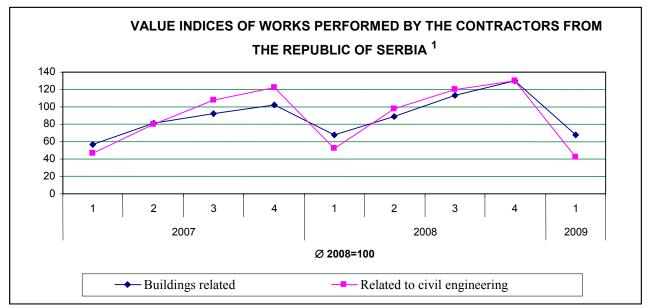
Value of contracted works related to the contractors from the Republic of Serbia in the first quarter of 2009 decreased by 45.5% compared to the same period of 2008.

Besides the presented data, additional data regarding construction activity are available on the website of the Office <u>www.stat.gov.rs</u>.

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Value of performed works – total Buildings	89,0 99,5	39,1 52,0	50,9 67,5	89,0
Civil engineering	99,5 82,1	32,0 32,6	42,5	99,5 82,1
Value of performed works abroad	219,6	80,0	121,3	219,6
Value of contracted works	54,5	60,9	54,0	54,5

1. Value indices of works performed and contracted by the contractors from the Republic of Serbia ¹

¹ Without data for AP Kosovo and Metohia.



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NOTES:

The presented data are collected by the survey on quarterly construction activity. The report is filled by physical persons and legal entities that perform construction works. The survey does not include all physical persons and legal entities, but only those, important for construction activity.

Value of construction works done during the reference quarter presents value of construction works carried out during the reference period, by the reporting unit, i.e. by workers directly engaged on construction sites.

Value indices at constant prices are obtained by dividing indices at current prices by appropriate indices of producer's prices of elements and materials incorporated in construction.

Value structure of construction works done is presented by types of constructions, according to Classification of Types of Construction.

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 and building – in finished products. 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 prevailingly 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.

Value of contracted works presents total value of contracts signed during the reference quarter (new contracts).

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