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## **Construction statistics**

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Issued building permits in the Republic of Serbia<sup>1)</sup>, May 2009

## – Preliminary results –

On the basis of the number of issued permits in May 2009, building of 1180 dwellings with average area of 68.6 m<sup>2</sup> was recorded. Number of dwellings decreased, according to the issued permits, by 19.6 % when compared to May 2008. Out of the total number of dwellings in new residential buildings, 19.5 % of dwellings will be built in single – dwelling buildings, with average area of 121.7 m<sup>2</sup>, while 69.5 % of dwellings will be in the buildings with three and more dwellings, with significantly smaller average area of 51.3 m<sup>2</sup>.

In May 2009, 789 building permits were issued, presenting the decrease of 19.2 % when compared to May 2008, while comparing the period January-May 2009 with the same period 2008, the decrease amounts to 16.4%. Index of anticipated value in May 2009 is by 41.5 % lower than in May 2008.

Observed by types of constructions, in May 2009, 83.0 % of issued permits related to buildings and 17.0 % to civil engineering. When referring only to buildings, 73.9 % related to residential buildings and 26.1 % to non – residential ones, while regarding civil engineering, the greatest number related to pipelines, communication and electric power lines, 81.3 %.

Anticipated value of works on new building in May 2009 amounts to 70.5% of totally anticipated value of works. Observed by districts, the greatest construction activity was noted in the city of Belgrade (20.3%), followed by Zlatibor District (11.5%), West Backa District (11.3%), South Backa District (6.7%), Srem District (6.5%), while shares of other districts were smaller, between 0.2% and 4.8%.

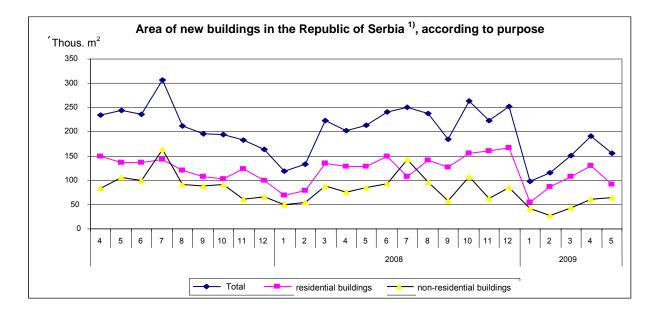
Besides the presented data, detailed monthly data regarding this activity are available on the website of the Office <u>www.stat.gov.rs</u> (construction activity and databases).

	<u>I–V 2009</u> I–V 2008	<u>V 2009</u> IV 2009	<u>V 2009</u> V 2008	<u>V 2009</u> Ø 2008
Total				
Number	83,6	103,7	80,8	87,9
Anticipated value of works	91,1	81,3	58,5	72,0
Buildings				
Number	85,1	103,6	84,6	90,7
Anticipated value of works	102,8	78,5	86,1	79,5
Area	81,6	89,3	77,7	78,5
Volume	80,2	84,8	77,3	78,4
Civil engineering				
Number	77,7	103,9	66,3	76,1
Anticipated value of works	59,5	96,7	23,6	50,2
Dwellings				
Number	89,6	86,4	80,4	79,6
Useful area	89,5	85,2	80,9	81,4

## 1. Indices of issued building permits in the Republic of Serbia<sup>1</sup>



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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 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.

**Gross building area (m<sup>2</sup>)** 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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