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Issued building permits in the Republic of Serbia¹⁾, November 2009 – Preliminary results –

On the basis of the number of issued permits in November 2009, building of 1390 dwellings with average area of 63 m² was recorded. Number of dwellings decreased, according to the issued permits, by 8.5% when compared to November 2008. Out of the total number of dwellings in new residential buildings, 9% of dwellings will be built in single – dwelling buildings, with average area of 131.7 m², while 85.6% of dwellings will be in the buildings with three and more dwellings, with significantly smaller average area of 54.6 m².

In November 2009, 547 building permits were issued, presenting the decrease of 46.1% when compared to November 2008, while comparing the period January- November 2009 with the same period 2008, the decrease amounts to 22.8%. Index of anticipated value in November 2009 is by 15.2% lower than in November 2008.

Observed by types of constructions, in November 2009, 78.4% of issued permits related to buildings and 21.6% to civil engineering. When referring only to buildings, 70.6% related to residential buildings and 29.4% to non-residential ones, while regarding civil engineering, the greatest number related to pipelines, communication and electric power lines, 72%.

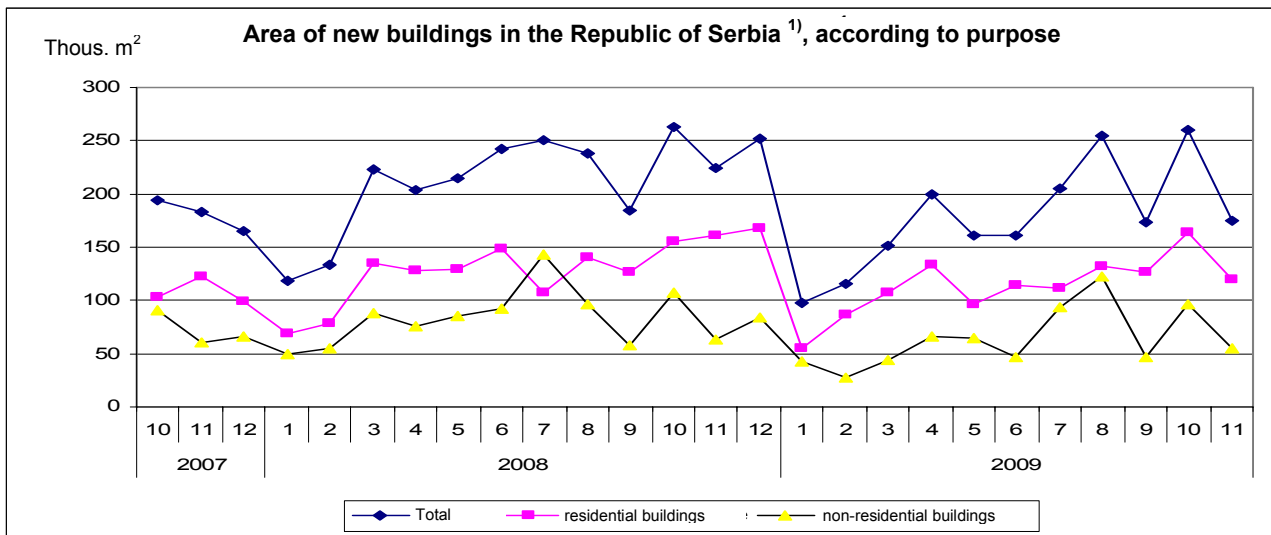
Anticipated value of works on new building in November 2009 amounts to 85% of totally anticipated value of works. Observed by districts, the greatest construction activity was noted in Sumadija District and amounted to 25.9% of anticipated value of works on new building. It is followed by the city of Belgrade (22.9%), and Srem District (12.3%), South Backa District (10.9%) and South Banat District (6.6%) while shares of other districts were smaller, from 0.1% to 4.1%.

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

| | $\frac{I-XI\ 2009}{I-XI\ 2008}$ | $\frac{XI\ 2009}{X\ 2009}$ | $\frac{XI\ 2009}{XI\ 2008}$ | $\frac{XI\ 2009}{\emptyset\ 2008}$ |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Total | | | | |
| Number | 77,2 | 78,6 | 53,9 | 60,9 |
| Anticipated value of works | 99,2 | 50,0 | 84,8 | 91,9 |
| Buildings | | | | |
| Number | 77,8 | 79,7 | 54,4 | 59,4 |
| Anticipated value of works | 101,8 | 73,7 | 93,3 | 101,1 |
| Area | 85,1 | 67,0 | 77,1 | 80,5 |
| Volume | 83,6 | 66,4 | 78,3 | 80,5 |
| Civil engineering | | | | |
| Number | 74,6 | 74,7 | 52,2 | 67,0 |
| Anticipated value of works | 92,0 | 20,4 | 59,9 | 65,0 |
| Dwellings | | | | |
| Number | 88,7 | 81,3 | 91,5 | 93,7 |
| Useful area | 88,5 | 82,3 | 82,7 | 88,1 |

¹ Without data for AP 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 72/2009, article 133), issue permits for construction, requests for starting of construction and occupancy permits.

In this study the term "building permit" together the three documents issued by competent authorities: building permit for the construction of the building construction, the application works and the beginning of a decision which approves the execution of works.

Includes a license for all types of buildings described in the Classification of types of buildings, ie. for buildings and other structures, and are shown in the territories on which perform the planned work in the country.

Data on issued building permits show the movement of future construction activity, and allow assessment of the structure of investments at the state level, and local government levels.

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 (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 planned 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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