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Issued building permits in the Republic of Serbia¹⁾, December 2009 - Preliminary results -

On the basis of the number of issued permits in December 2009, building of 951 dwellings with average area of 60.4 m^2 was recorded. Number of dwellings decreased, according to the issued permits, by 51.8% when compared to December 2008. Out of the total number of dwellings in new residential buildings, 10.4% of dwellings will be built in single – dwelling buildings, with average area of 124.2 m^2 , while 85.5% of dwellings will be in the buildings with three and more dwellings, with significantly smaller average area of 49.7 m^2 .

In December 2009, 471 building permits were issued, presenting the decrease of 47.6% when compared to December 2008, while comparing the period January- December 2009 with the same period 2008, the decrease amounts to 24.9%. Index of anticipated value in December 2009 is by 84.8% higher than in December 2008, resulting mainly from the issued permit related to reconstruction of hydro electric power plant of "Djerdap".

Observed by types of constructions, in December 2009, 75.4% of issued permits related to buildings and 24.6% to civil engineering. When referring only to buildings, 72.7% related to residential buildings and 27.3% to non–residential ones, while regarding civil engineering, the greatest number related to pipelines, communication and electric power lines, 85.3%.

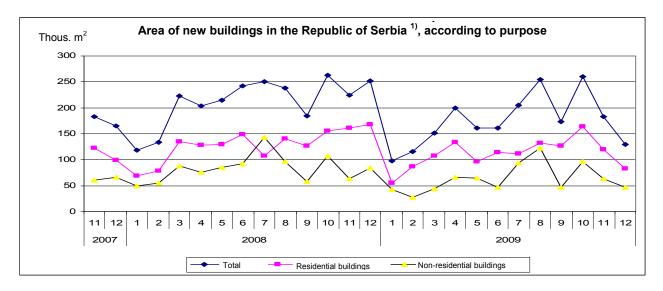
Anticipated value of works on new building in December 2009 amounts to 29.4% of totally anticipated value of works. Observed by districts, the greatest construction activity was noted in the city of Belgrade and amounted to 41.6% of anticipated value of works on new building. It is followed by Srem District (14.3%), South Backa District (9.1%), Pomoravlje District (6.2%) and Raska District (6.1%), while shares of other districts were smaller, from 0.2% to 3.6%.

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

	<u>I–XII 2009</u> I–XII 2008	XII 2009 XI 2009	XII 2009 XII 2008	XII 2009 Ø 2008
Total				
Number Anticipated value of works Buildings	75,1 107,2	85,6 204,9	52,4 184,8	52,4 197,1
Number Anticipated value of works Area	75,4 98,4 82,1	82,2 72,1 73,6	49,3 63,6 52,1	49,2 77,1 61,9
Volume Civil engineering	81,0	78,2	54,6	65,2
Number Anticipated value of works Dwellings	73,8 132,6	98,3 840,7	64,8 849,1	65,9 546,5
Number Useful area	84,4 84,0	66,5 64,2	48,2 44,9	64,1 57,7

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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 construction permits.

In the scope of this survey, the concept of "building permits" unites three documents issued by the competent authority: building permit for construction, request for starting works and the decision which approves the execution of 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 (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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