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Issued building permits in the Republic of Serbia, May 2010 - Preliminary results -

On the basis of the number of issued permits in May 2010, building of 1088 dwellings with average area of 68.6 m^2 was recorded. Number of dwellings decreased, according to the issued permits, by 10.8% when compared to May 2009. Out of the total number of dwellings in new residential buildings, 14.5% of dwellings will be built in single – dwelling buildings, with average area of 123.9 m^2 , while 81.3% of dwellings will be in the buildings with three and more dwellings, with significantly smaller average area of 55.6 m^2 .

In May 2010, 492 building permits were issued, presenting the decrease of 38.0% when compared to May 2009. Index of anticipated value of works in May 2010 is by 81.2% higher than in May 2009. This increase was mostly influenced by issued building permits for transport infrastructure.

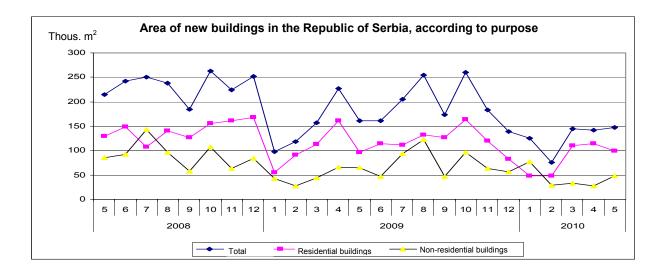
Observed by types of constructions, in May 2010, 87.2% of issued permits related to buildings and 12.8% to civil engineering. When referring only to buildings, 78.1% related to residential buildings and 21.9% to non–residential ones, while regarding civil engineering, the largest number related to pipelines, communication and electric power lines, 73.0%.

Anticipated value of works on new building in May 2010 amounts to 92.1% of totally anticipated value of works. Observed by districts, the greatest construction activity was noted in the Pirot District and amounted to 46.6%. The following district relates to the city of Belgrade, 16.9%, North Backa District (6.3%), South Backa District (6.1%) and Jablanica District (5.2%), while shares of other districts were smaller, up to 2.4%.

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 Serbia

	<u>I–V 2010</u> I–V 2009	V 2010 IV 2010	V 2010 V 2009	<u>V 2010</u> Ø 2009
Total	07.0	20.0	20.0	70.0
Number Anticipated value of works Buildings	67,9 99,0	89,3 182,4	62,0 181,2	72,9 120,7
Number Anticipated value of works Area	68,9 85,6 81,2	93,5 96,5 105,1	65,1 97,1 85,0	78,6 77,2 81,5
Volume Civil engineering	75,0	114,7	81,1	78,3
Number Anticipated value of works Dwellings	63,5 166,2	68,5 620,4	47,0 577,9	48,5 218,5
Number Useful area	79,6 76,8	97,8 97,4	89,2 89,7	85,7 87,8



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.

Since 1999, the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia doesn't dispose of certain data for AP Kosovo and Metohia, so they are not contained in the data coverage for the Republic of Serbia (total).

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