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Issued building permits in the Republic of Serbia, August 2012 - Preliminary results -

On the basis of the number of issued permits in August 2012, building of 936 dwellings with average area of 66.9 m^2 was recorded. Number of dwellings decreased, according to the issued permits, by 35.1% when compared to August 2011. Out of the total number of dwellings in new residential buildings, 16.3% of dwellings will be built in single – dwelling buildings, with average area of 123.6 m^2 , while 77.8% of dwellings will be in the buildings with three and more dwellings, with significantly smaller average area of 53.2 m^2 .

In August 2012, 664 building permits were issued, presenting the decrease of 11.9% when compared to August 2011. Index of anticipated value of works in August 2012 is by 20.8% lower than in August 2011.

Observed by types of constructions, in August 2012, 78.8% of issued permits related to buildings and 21.2% to civil engineering. When referring only to buildings, 70.0% related to residential buildings and 30.0% to non-residential ones, while regarding civil engineering, the largest number related to pipelines, communication and electric power lines, 66.7%.

Anticipated value of works on new building in August 2012 amounts to 77.1% of totally anticipated value of works. Observed by areas, the greatest construction activity was noted in the area of Belgrade, 39.7% of the anticipated value of works on new construction, followed by South Bačka area, 17.1%, Srem area, 7.1%, Pčinja area, 7.1% and West Bačka area, 4.4%, while the shares of other areas were from 0.1% to 3.5%.

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).

Area of new buildings in the Republic of Serbia, according to purpose Thous, m2 600 500 400 300 200 100 0 VIII IX ΧI 2010 2012 2011 Residential buildings **←**Total ---Non-residential buildings

Indices of issued building permits in the Republic of Serbia

| | I–VIII 2012 I–VIII 2011 | VIII 2012 VII 2012 | VIII 2012 VIII 2011 | VIII 2012 |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------|
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| Total | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Number | 106,4 | 94,2 | 88,1 | 108,8 |
| Anticipated value of works | 163 | 77,7 | 79,2 | 104,5 |
| Buildings | | | | |
| Number | 104,6 | 93,2 | 91 | 112,3 |
| Anticipated value of works | 148 | 67,7 | 99,1 | 111,7 |
| Area | 113,8 | 64,2 | 68,8 | 88,3 |
| Volume | 112,9 | 74,1 | 71,7 | 103,8 |
| Civil engineering | | | | |
| Number | 112,9 | 97,9 | 78,8 | 97,4 |
| Anticipated value of works | 197,3 | 121,4 | 53,2 | 90,4 |
| Dwellings | | | | |
| Number | 100,1 | 57 | 64,9 | 83,5 |
| Useful area | 106,3 | 57,5 | 67,5 | 85,1 |

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 Gazette 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.

Starting from 1999 the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia has not at disposal and may not provide available certain data relative to AP Kosovo and Metohija and therefore these data are not included in the coverage for the Republic of Serbia (total).

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