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Key findings for January to August 2023

Building plans passed at current prices

Table A – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building

| Type of building | Jan – Aug 2022 | Jan – Aug 2023 | Difference in value between Jan – Aug 2022 and Jan – Aug 2023 | % change between Jan – Aug 2022 and Jan – Aug 2023 |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---|---|
| | 1/ R'000 | 1/ R'000 | R'000 | |
| Residential buildings | 41 732 500 | 34 706 624 | -7 025 876 | -16,8 |
| -Dwelling-houses | 27 364 487 | 22 928 325 | -4 436 162 | -16,2 |
| -Flats and townhouses | 13 652 219 | 11 303 046 | -2 349 173 | -17,2 |
| -Other residential buildings | 715 794 | 475 253 | -240 541 | -33,6 |
| Non-residential buildings | 14 356 480 | 15 452 288 | 1 095 808 | 7,6 |
| Additions and alterations | 21 794 296 | 19 491 491 | -2 302 805 | -10,6 |
| Total | 77 883 276 | 69 650 403 | -8 232 873 | -10,6 |

1/ 2022 and 2023 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

The value of building plans passed (at current prices) decreased by 10,6% (-R8 232,9 million) during January to August 2023 compared with January to August 2022.

Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-16,8% or -R7 025,9 million) and additions and alterations (-10,6% or -R2 302,8 million). An increase was reported for non-residential buildings (7,6% or R1 095,8 million) – see Table A.

Table B – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by province

| Province | Jan – Aug 2022 | Jan – Aug 2023 | Weight Jan – Aug 2022 | % change between Jan – Aug 2022 and Jan – Aug 2023 | Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan – Aug 2022 and Jan – Aug 2023 | Difference in value between Jan – Aug 2022 and Jan – Aug 2023 |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|---|
| | 1/ R'000 | 1/ R'000 | % | | | R'000 |
| Western Cape | 24 299 120 | 22 871 392 | 31,2 | -5,9 | -1,8 | -1 427 728 |
| Eastern Cape | 4 991 630 | 4 445 862 | 6,4 | -10,9 | -0,7 | -545 768 |
| Northern Cape | 1 020 131 | 626 099 | 1,3 | -38,6 | -0,5 | -394 032 |
| Free State | 1 588 987 | 1 876 931 | 2,0 | 18,1 | 0,4 | 287 944 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 13 654 078 | 8 635 711 | 17,5 | -36,8 | -6,4 | -5 018 367 |
| North West | 2 691 232 | 1 970 892 | 3,5 | -26,8 | -0,9 | -720 340 |
| Gauteng | 24 197 299 | 23 733 721 | 31,1 | -1,9 | -0,6 | -463 578 |
| Mpumalanga | 3 468 031 | 3 912 135 | 4,5 | 12,8 | 0,6 | 444 104 |
| Limpopo | 1 972 768 | 1 577 660 | 2,5 | -20,0 | -0,5 | -395 108 |
| Total | 77 883 276 | 69 650 403 | 100,0 | -10,6 | -10,6 | -8 232 873 |

1/ 2022 and 2023 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change by its weight, divided by 100, where the weight is the percentage contribution of each province to the cumulative total building plans passed during the previous year.

The largest contributions to the total decrease of 10,6% (-R8 232,9 million) were made by KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -6,4 percentage points or -R5 018,4 million) and Western Cape (contributing -1,8 percentage points or -R1 427,7 million) – see Table B.

Building plans passed at constant 2019 prices

Table C – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices by type of building

| Type of building | Jan – Aug 2022 | Jan – Aug 2023 | Difference in value between Jan – Aug 2022 and Jan – Aug 2023 | % change between Jan – Aug 2022 and Jan – Aug 2023 |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---|---|
| | 1/ | 1/ | R'000 | |
| | R'000 | R'000 | R'000 | |
| Residential buildings | 33 507 529 | 26 596 645 | -6 910 884 | -20,6 |
| Non-residential buildings | 11 563 089 | 11 832 361 | 269 272 | 2,3 |
| Additions and alterations | 17 452 370 | 14 936 963 | -2 515 407 | -14,4 |
| Total | 62 522 988 | 53 365 969 | -9 157 019 | -14,6 |

1/ 2022 and 2023 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

The real value of building plans passed (at constant 2019 prices) decreased by 14,6% (-R9 157,0 million) during January to August 2023 compared with January to August 2022. Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-20,6% or -R6 910,9 million) and additions and alterations (-14,4% or -R2 515,4 million). Non-residential buildings rose by 2,3% (R269,3 million) – see Table C.

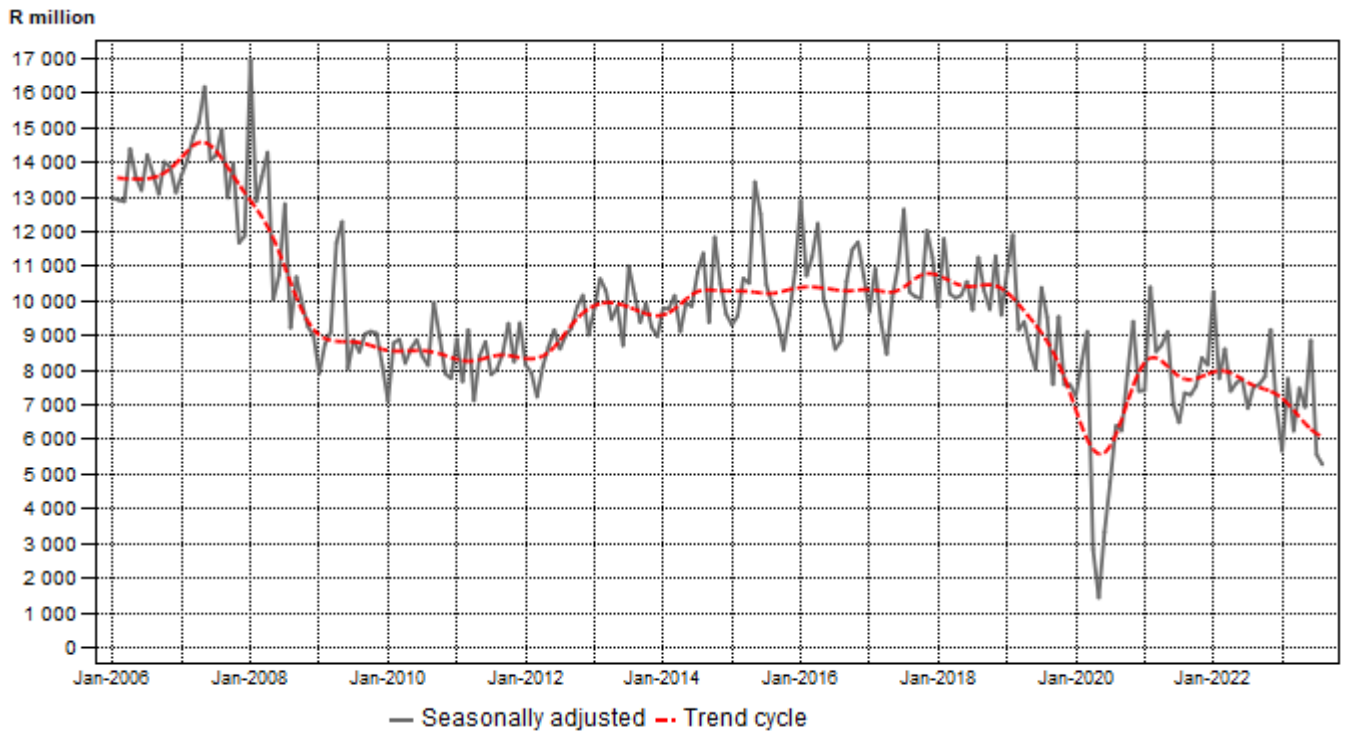
Table D – Seasonally adjusted building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices for the latest three months by type of building

| Type of building | Mar – May 2023 | Jun – Aug 2023 | % change between Mar – May 2023 and Jun – Aug 2023 |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---|
| | R'000 | R'000 | |
| Residential buildings | 10 412 942 | 8 964 784 | -13,9 |
| Non-residential buildings 1/ | 4 431 289 | 5 398 495 | 21,8 |
| Additions and alterations | 5 812 397 | 5 353 571 | -7,9 |
| Total | 20 656 628 | 19 716 850 | -4,5 |

1/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 10 and 11 on page 38.

The seasonally adjusted real value of building plans passed decreased by 4,5% in the three months ended August 2023 compared with the previous three months. Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-13,9%) and additions and alterations (-7,9%). Non-residential buildings rose by 21,8% – see Table D.

Figure 1 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices



Buildings reported as completed at current prices

Table E – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building

| Type of building | Jan – Aug 2022 | Jan – Aug 2023 | Difference in value between Jan – Aug 2022 and Jan – Aug 2023 | % change between Jan – Aug 2022 and Jan – Aug 2023 |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---|---|
| | 1/ | 1/ | | |
| | R'000 | R'000 | R'000 | |
| Residential buildings | 22 848 510 | 21 681 729 | -1 166 781 | -5,1 |
| -Dwelling-houses | 15 028 035 | 14 409 468 | -618 567 | -4,1 |
| -Flats and townhouses | 7 450 556 | 7 077 553 | -373 003 | -5,0 |
| -Other residential buildings | 369 919 | 194 708 | -175 211 | -47,4 |
| Non-residential buildings | 10 537 827 | 8 363 767 | -2 174 060 | -20,6 |
| Additions and alterations | 12 195 875 | 5 883 212 | -6 312 663 | -51,8 |
| Total | 45 582 212 | 35 928 708 | -9 653 504 | -21,2 |

1/ 2022 and 2023 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) decreased by 21,2% (-R9 653,5 million) during January to August 2023 compared with January to August 2022.

Decreases were reported for additions and alterations (-51,8% or -R6 312,7 million), non-residential buildings (-20,6% or -R2 174,1 million) and residential buildings (-5,1% or -R1 166,8 million) – see Table E.

Table F – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by province

| Province | Jan – Aug 2022 | Jan – Aug 2023 | Weight Jan – Aug 2022 | % change between Jan – Aug 2022 and Jan – Aug 2023 | Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan – Aug 2022 and Jan – Aug 2023 | Difference in value between Jan – Aug 2022 and Jan – Aug 2023 |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|---|
| | 1/ | 1/ | | | | |
| | R'000 | R'000 | % | | | R'000 |
| Western Cape | 19 668 473 | 10 549 734 | 43,1 | -46,4 | -20,0 | -9 118 739 |
| Eastern Cape | 2 021 840 | 2 067 200 | 4,4 | 2,2 | 0,1 | 45 360 |
| Northern Cape | 558 996 | 291 793 | 1,2 | -47,8 | -0,6 | -267 203 |
| Free State | 477 255 | 424 304 | 1,0 | -11,1 | -0,1 | -52 951 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 6 751 915 | 5 663 690 | 14,8 | -16,1 | -2,4 | -1 088 225 |
| North West | 1 286 015 | 1 291 447 | 2,8 | 0,4 | 0,0 | 5 432 |
| Gauteng | 13 212 000 | 13 679 895 | 29,0 | 3,5 | 1,0 | 467 895 |
| Mpumalanga | 881 400 | 1 038 376 | 1,9 | 17,8 | 0,3 | 156 976 |
| Limpopo | 724 318 | 922 269 | 1,6 | 27,3 | 0,4 | 197 951 |
| Total | 45 582 212 | 35 928 708 | 100,0 | -21,2 | -21,2 | -9 653 504 |

1/ 2022 and 2023 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change by its weight, divided by 100, where the weight is the percentage contribution of each province to the cumulative total buildings reported as completed during the previous year.

Four provinces reported year-on-year decreases in the value of buildings completed during January to August 2023, of which Western Cape (contributing -20,0 percentage points or -R9 118,7 million) and KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -2,4 percentage points or -R1 088,2 million) were the largest negative contributors. Gauteng (contributing 1,0 percentage point or R467,9 million) was the largest positive contributor – see Table F.

Buildings reported as completed at constant 2019 prices

Table G – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices by type of building

| Type of building | Jan – Aug 2022 | Jan – Aug 2023 | Difference in value between Jan – Aug 2022 and Jan – Aug 2023 | % change between Jan – Aug 2022 and Jan – Aug 2023 |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---|---|
| | 1/ | 1/ | R'000 | |
| | R'000 | R'000 | R'000 | |
| Residential buildings | 18 315 267 | 16 598 117 | -1 717 150 | -9,4 |
| Non-residential buildings | 8 458 892 | 6 422 627 | -2 036 265 | -24,1 |
| Additions and alterations | 9 787 359 | 4 507 846 | -5 279 513 | -53,9 |
| Total | 36 561 518 | 27 528 590 | -9 032 928 | -24,7 |

1/ 2022 and 2023 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2019 prices) decreased by 24,7% (-R9 032,9 million) during January to August 2023 compared with January to August 2022. Decreases were reported for additions and alterations (-53,9% or -R5 279,5 million), non-residential buildings (-24,1% or -R2 036,3 million) and residential buildings (-9,4% or -R1 717,2 million) – see Table G.

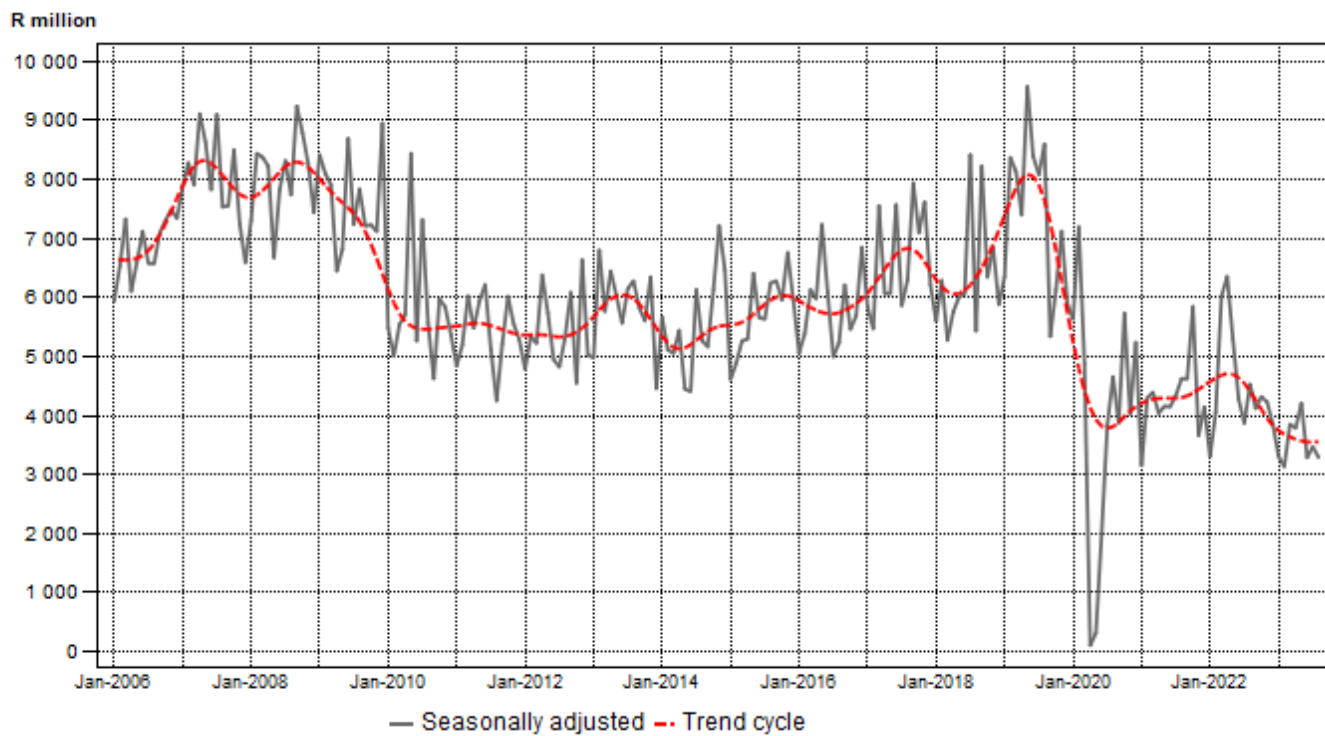
Table H – Seasonally adjusted buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices for the latest three months by type of building

| Type of building | Mar – May 2023 | Jun – Aug 2023 | % change between Mar – May 2023 and Jun – Aug 2023 |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---|
| | R'000 | R'000 | |
| Residential buildings | 7 257 736 | 6 380 853 | -12,1 |
| Non-residential buildings 1/ | 2 837 832 | 2 004 607 | -29,4 |
| Additions and alterations | 1 741 924 | 1 653 860 | -5,1 |
| Total | 11 837 492 | 10 039 320 | -15,2 |

1/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 10 and 11 on page 38.

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed decreased by 15,2% in the three months ended August 2023 compared with the previous three months. Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-29,4%), residential buildings (-12,1%) and additions and alterations (-5,1%) – see Table H.

Figure 2 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices



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Tables

Table 1 – Value and percentage change of building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building

| Year and month 2/ | | Residential buildings | | Non-residential buildings | | Additions and alterations | | Total | |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
| | | R'000 | % change 1/ | R'000 | % change 1/ | R'000 | % change 1/ | R'000 | % change 1/ |
| 2022 | January | 5 723 791 | 57,3 | 1 415 467 | 242,3 | 1 797 644 | 18,0 | 8 936 902 | 60,3 |
| | February | 4 568 639 | -11,9 | 2 255 248 | -31,8 | 2 444 275 | -7,3 | 9 268 162 | -16,7 |
| | March | 5 109 535 | 11,2 | 3 402 406 | 36,1 | 2 595 055 | 1,6 | 11 106 996 | 15,1 |
| | April | 4 849 203 | -3,0 | 1 142 322 | -48,9 | 2 478 941 | 16,1 | 8 470 466 | -9,6 |
| | May | 4 986 476 | -20,7 | 1 681 108 | 35,3 | 3 099 515 | 17,9 | 9 767 099 | -3,9 |
| | June | 6 194 173 | 42,5 | 1 652 544 | -14,6 | 2 717 245 | 13,2 | 10 563 962 | 21,7 |
| | July | 5 426 435 | 14,8 | 984 134 | -8,0 | 3 035 046 | 21,8 | 9 445 615 | 14,0 |
| | August | 4 874 248 | -13,4 | 1 823 251 | 97,1 | 3 626 575 | 41,3 | 10 324 074 | 13,2 |
| | September | 5 099 248 | -2,5 | 1 883 600 | 51,9 | 3 143 796 | 16,1 | 10 126 644 | 10,3 |
| | October | 5 852 739 | 14,8 | 1 492 387 | 23,4 | 3 087 319 | -3,7 | 10 432 445 | 9,7 |
| | November | 6 181 432 | 5,2 | 2 784 773 | 99,7 | 3 083 042 | 4,1 | 12 049 247 | 17,8 |
| | December | 3 404 524 | -27,4 | 1 809 580 | 31,1 | 2 080 533 | -0,6 | 7 294 637 | -10,6 |
| | Total | 62 270 443 | 3,3 | 22 326 820 | 18,5 | 33 188 986 | 11,0 | 117 786 249 | 8,0 |
| 2023 | January | 2 761 377 | -51,8 | 721 791 | -49,0 | 1 882 313 | 4,7 | 5 365 481 | -40,0 |
| | February | 5 305 695 | 16,1 | 1 856 777 | -17,7 | 2 639 147 | 8,0 | 9 801 619 | 5,8 |
| | March | 4 655 553 | -8,9 | 1 696 971 | -50,1 | 2 152 231 | -17,1 | 8 504 755 | -23,4 |
| | April | 4 613 802 | -4,9 | 2 035 643 | 78,2 | 2 270 843 | -8,4 | 8 920 288 | 5,3 |
| | May | 4 438 281 | -11,0 | 2 059 644 | 22,5 | 2 959 940 | -4,5 | 9 457 865 | -3,2 |
| | June | 4 723 371 | -23,7 | 4 622 149 | 179,7 | 2 768 581 | 1,9 | 12 114 101 | 14,7 |
| | July | 4 298 223 | -20,8 | 1 055 623 | 7,3 | 2 453 173 | -19,2 | 7 807 019 | -17,3 |
| | August | 3 910 322 | -19,8 | 1 403 690 | -23,0 | 2 365 263 | -34,8 | 7 679 275 | -25,6 |

1/ The percentage change is the change in the value of building plans passed by municipalities of the relevant year/month compared with the corresponding period of the previous year expressed as a percentage.

2/ Preliminary figures.

Table 2 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building

| Year and month | | Residential buildings | | Non-residential buildings 3/ | | Additions and alterations | | Total | |
|----------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| | | R'000 | % change 1/ | R'000 | % change 1/ | R'000 | % change 1/ | R'000 | % change 1/ |
| 2022 | January | 8 522 901 | 42,6 | 1 415 467 | 2,5 | 2 554 423 | 2,0 | 12 492 791 | 26,7 |
| | February | 4 669 132 | -45,2 | 2 255 248 | 59,3 | 2 496 634 | -2,3 | 9 421 014 | -24,6 |
| | March | 4 683 297 | 0,3 | 3 402 406 | 50,9 | 2 545 163 | 1,9 | 10 630 866 | 12,8 |
| | April | 5 238 616 | 11,9 | 1 142 322 | -66,4 | 2 752 643 | 8,2 | 9 133 581 | -14,1 |
| | May | 4 841 677 | -7,6 | 1 681 108 | 47,2 | 3 106 596 | 12,9 | 9 629 381 | 5,4 |
| | June | 5 581 938 | 15,3 | 1 652 544 | -1,7 | 2 594 226 | -16,5 | 9 828 708 | 2,1 |
| | July | 5 043 894 | -9,6 | 984 134 | -40,4 | 2 792 013 | 7,6 | 8 820 041 | -10,3 |
| | August | 4 361 681 | -13,5 | 1 823 251 | 85,3 | 3 248 446 | 16,3 | 9 433 378 | 7,0 |
| | September | 4 833 428 | 10,8 | 1 883 600 | 3,3 | 2 795 410 | -13,9 | 9 512 438 | 0,8 |
| | October | 5 521 585 | 14,2 | 1 492 387 | -20,8 | 2 811 525 | 0,6 | 9 825 497 | 3,3 |
| | November | 6 044 259 | 9,5 | 2 784 773 | 86,6 | 2 790 751 | -0,7 | 11 619 783 | 18,3 |
| | December | 4 487 462 | -25,8 | 1 809 580 | -35,0 | 2 542 825 | -8,9 | 8 839 867 | -23,9 |
| 2023 | January | 3 930 975 | -12,4 | 721 791 | -60,1 | 2 612 663 | 2,7 | 7 265 429 | -17,8 |
| | February | 5 441 437 | 38,4 | 1 856 777 | 157,2 | 2 697 677 | 3,3 | 9 995 891 | 37,6 |
| | March | 4 370 414 | -19,7 | 1 696 971 | -8,6 | 2 105 230 | -22,0 | 8 172 615 | -18,2 |
| | April | 5 039 941 | 15,3 | 2 035 643 | 20,0 | 2 665 137 | 26,6 | 9 740 721 | 19,2 |
| | May | 4 194 016 | -16,8 | 2 059 644 | 1,2 | 2 818 902 | 5,8 | 9 072 562 | -6,9 |
| | June | 4 324 423 | 3,1 | 4 622 149 | 124,4 | 2 650 868 | -6,0 | 11 597 440 | 27,8 |
| | July | 4 046 626 | -6,4 | 1 055 623 | -77,2 | 2 224 211 | -16,1 | 7 326 460 | -36,8 |
| | August | 3 382 064 | -16,4 | 1 403 690 | 33,0 | 2 147 477 | -3,4 | 6 933 231 | -5,4 |
| | Mar – May 23 | 13 604 371 | | 5 792 258 | | 7 589 269 | | 26 985 898 | |
| | Jun – Aug 23 2/ | 11 753 113 | -13,6 | 7 081 462 | 22,3 | 7 022 556 | -7,5 | 25 857 131 | -4,2 |

1/ The percentage change is the change in the seasonally adjusted value of building plans passed by municipalities of the relevant month compared with the previous month expressed as a percentage.

2/ The percentage change is the change in the seasonally adjusted value of building plans passed by municipalities for the latest three months compared with the previous three months expressed as a percentage.

3/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 10 and 11 on page 38.

Table 3 – Value and percentage change of building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices by type of building

| Year and month ^{2/} | | Residential buildings | | Non-residential buildings | | Additions and alterations | | Total | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| | | R'000 | % change ^{1/} | R'000 | % change ^{1/} | R'000 | % change ^{1/} | R'000 | % change ^{1/} |
| 2022 | January | 4 738 238 | 39,0 | 1 171 744 | 202,4 | 1 488 116 | 4,2 | 7 398 098 | 41,6 |
| | February | 3 754 017 | -21,4 | 1 853 121 | -39,2 | 2 008 443 | -17,4 | 7 615 581 | -25,7 |
| | March | 4 157 474 | -0,6 | 2 768 434 | 21,6 | 2 111 517 | -9,2 | 9 037 425 | 2,9 |
| | April | 3 907 496 | -12,9 | 920 485 | -54,1 | 1 997 535 | 4,3 | 6 825 516 | -18,8 |
| | May | 3 957 521 | -28,9 | 1 334 213 | 21,4 | 2 459 933 | 5,7 | 7 751 667 | -13,8 |
| | June | 4 892 712 | 29,7 | 1 305 327 | -22,3 | 2 146 323 | 3,0 | 8 344 362 | 10,7 |
| | July | 4 256 027 | 4,5 | 771 870 | -16,3 | 2 380 428 | 10,8 | 7 408 325 | 3,7 |
| | August | 3 844 044 | -20,4 | 1 437 895 | 81,0 | 2 860 075 | 29,8 | 8 142 014 | 4,0 |
| | September | 4 040 609 | -9,1 | 1 492 552 | 41,7 | 2 491 122 | 8,2 | 8 024 283 | 2,9 |
| | October | 4 659 824 | 8,0 | 1 188 206 | 16,2 | 2 458 057 | -9,3 | 8 306 087 | 3,2 |
| | November | 4 905 898 | -0,4 | 2 210 137 | 88,9 | 2 446 859 | -1,5 | 9 562 894 | 11,4 |
| | December | 2 697 721 | -31,1 | 1 433 899 | 24,4 | 1 648 600 | -5,7 | 5 780 220 | -15,2 |
| Total | 49 811 581 | -5,5 | 17 887 883 | 7,7 | 26 497 008 | 1,5 | 94 196 472 | -1,3 | |
| 2023 | January | 2 167 486 | -54,3 | 566 555 | -51,6 | 1 477 483 | -0,7 | 4 211 524 | -43,1 |
| | February | 4 103 399 | 9,3 | 1 436 022 | -22,5 | 2 041 104 | 1,6 | 7 580 525 | -0,5 |
| | March | 3 567 474 | -14,2 | 1 300 361 | -53,0 | 1 649 219 | -21,9 | 6 517 054 | -27,9 |
| | April | 3 535 480 | -9,5 | 1 559 880 | 69,5 | 1 740 110 | -12,9 | 6 835 470 | 0,1 |
| | May | 3 385 416 | -14,5 | 1 571 048 | 17,8 | 2 257 773 | -8,2 | 7 214 237 | -6,9 |
| | June | 3 611 140 | -26,2 | 3 533 753 | 170,7 | 2 116 652 | -1,4 | 9 261 545 | 11,0 |
| | July | 3 266 127 | -23,3 | 802 145 | 3,9 | 1 864 113 | -21,7 | 5 932 385 | -19,9 |
| | August | 2 960 123 | -23,0 | 1 062 597 | -26,1 | 1 790 509 | -37,4 | 5 813 229 | -28,6 |

1/ The percentage change is the change in the value of building plans passed by municipalities of the relevant year/month compared with the corresponding period of the previous year expressed as a percentage.

2/ Preliminary figures.

Table 4 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices by type of building

| Year and month | | Residential buildings | | Non-residential buildings 3/ | | Additions and alterations | | Total | |
|----------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| | | R'000 | % change 1/ | R'000 | % change 1/ | R'000 | % change 1/ | R'000 | % change 1/ |
| 2022 | January | 6 998 089 | 42,4 | 1 171 744 | 1,7 | 2 102 592 | 1,0 | 10 272 425 | 26,1 |
| | February | 3 855 563 | -44,9 | 1 853 121 | 58,2 | 2 046 516 | -2,7 | 7 755 200 | -24,5 |
| | March | 3 786 581 | -1,8 | 2 768 434 | 49,4 | 2 064 821 | 0,9 | 8 619 836 | 11,1 |
| | April | 4 246 288 | 12,1 | 920 485 | -66,8 | 2 224 161 | 7,7 | 7 390 934 | -14,3 |
| | May | 3 828 283 | -9,8 | 1 334 213 | 44,9 | 2 469 250 | 11,0 | 7 631 746 | 3,3 |
| | June | 4 402 713 | 15,0 | 1 305 327 | -2,2 | 2 049 678 | -17,0 | 7 757 718 | 1,7 |
| | July | 3 930 200 | -10,7 | 771 870 | -40,9 | 2 196 482 | 7,2 | 6 898 552 | -11,1 |
| | August | 3 504 237 | -10,8 | 1 437 895 | 86,3 | 2 573 153 | 17,1 | 7 515 285 | 8,9 |
| | September | 3 876 328 | 10,6 | 1 492 552 | 3,8 | 2 218 835 | -13,8 | 7 587 715 | 1,0 |
| | October | 4 390 348 | 13,3 | 1 188 206 | -20,4 | 2 235 261 | 0,7 | 7 813 815 | 3,0 |
| | November | 4 750 649 | 8,2 | 2 210 137 | 86,0 | 2 209 150 | -1,2 | 9 169 936 | 17,4 |
| | December | 3 488 388 | -26,6 | 1 433 899 | -35,1 | 2 005 305 | -9,2 | 6 927 592 | -24,5 |
| 2023 | January | 3 049 643 | -12,6 | 566 555 | -60,5 | 2 042 960 | 1,9 | 5 659 158 | -18,3 |
| | February | 4 245 230 | 39,2 | 1 436 022 | 153,5 | 2 084 282 | 2,0 | 7 765 534 | 37,2 |
| | March | 3 331 525 | -21,5 | 1 300 361 | -9,4 | 1 613 624 | -22,6 | 6 245 510 | -19,6 |
| | April | 3 885 563 | 16,6 | 1 559 880 | 20,0 | 2 042 682 | 26,6 | 7 488 125 | 19,9 |
| | May | 3 195 854 | -17,8 | 1 571 048 | 0,7 | 2 156 091 | 5,6 | 6 922 993 | -7,5 |
| | June | 3 302 735 | 3,3 | 3 533 753 | 124,9 | 2 031 095 | -5,8 | 8 867 583 | 28,1 |
| | July | 3 070 378 | -7,0 | 802 145 | -77,3 | 1 694 016 | -16,6 | 5 566 539 | -37,2 |
| | August | 2 591 671 | -15,6 | 1 062 597 | 32,5 | 1 628 460 | -3,9 | 5 282 728 | -5,1 |
| | Mar – May 23 | 10 412 942 | | 4 431 289 | | 5 812 397 | | 20 656 628 | |
| | Jun – Aug 23 2/ | 8 964 784 | -13,9 | 5 398 495 | 21,8 | 5 353 571 | -7,9 | 19 716 850 | -4,5 |

1/ The percentage change is the change in the seasonally adjusted value of building plans passed by municipalities of the relevant month compared with the previous month expressed as a percentage.

2/ The percentage change is the change in the seasonally adjusted value of building plans passed by municipalities for the latest three months compared with the previous three months expressed as a percentage.

3/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 10 and 11 on page 38.

Table 5 – Value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building

| Year and month 2/ | | Residential buildings | | Non-residential buildings | | Additions and alterations | | Total | |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| | | R'000 | % change 1/ | R'000 | % change 1/ | R'000 | % change 1/ | R'000 | % change 1/ |
| 2022 | January | 1 915 442 | 23,1 | 458 707 | -22,6 | 764 676 | 37,2 | 3 138 825 | 16,0 |
| | February | 2 310 014 | 0,8 | 1 271 255 | -0,6 | 1 147 349 | 32,2 | 4 728 618 | 6,5 |
| | March | 3 197 697 | -1,4 | 2 627 335 | 441,9 | 1 891 604 | 53,9 | 7 716 636 | 55,7 |
| | April | 3 351 268 | 49,1 | 1 172 464 | 11,1 | 2 620 953 | 169,1 | 7 144 685 | 67,0 |
| | May | 3 078 346 | 19,4 | 1 137 002 | -3,4 | 2 412 256 | 187,7 | 6 627 604 | 44,3 |
| | June | 2 981 227 | 9,3 | 1 455 223 | 39,9 | 1 014 533 | -2,3 | 5 450 983 | 13,4 |
| | July | 2 793 180 | 11,6 | 1 167 421 | -6,8 | 1 007 968 | -25,6 | 4 968 569 | -2,8 |
| | August | 3 221 336 | 28,5 | 1 248 420 | 5,1 | 1 336 536 | -25,3 | 5 806 292 | 5,9 |
| | September | 3 404 025 | 12,5 | 1 100 905 | -5,9 | 1 026 348 | -33,7 | 5 531 278 | -3,7 |
| | October | 3 563 665 | -3,3 | 1 069 676 | -47,9 | 963 822 | -29,7 | 5 597 163 | -21,3 |
| | November | 4 199 248 | 31,2 | 955 555 | 18,4 | 1 061 310 | -7,3 | 6 216 113 | 20,7 |
| | December | 3 174 089 | -3,7 | 1 087 669 | 23,4 | 627 720 | -18,5 | 4 889 478 | -1,1 |
| | Total | 37 189 537 | 13,2 | 14 751 632 | 13,6 | 15 875 075 | 17,8 | 67 816 244 | 14,3 |
| 2023 | January | 1 599 678 | -16,5 | 1 451 781 | 216,5 | 535 533 | -30,0 | 3 586 992 | 14,3 |
| | February | 2 412 794 | 4,4 | 569 750 | -55,2 | 847 764 | -26,1 | 3 830 308 | -19,0 |
| | March | 2 742 408 | -14,2 | 1 709 220 | -34,9 | 669 807 | -64,6 | 5 121 435 | -33,6 |
| | April | 2 532 811 | -24,4 | 1 347 813 | 15,0 | 692 596 | -73,6 | 4 573 220 | -36,0 |
| | May | 3 964 131 | 28,8 | 649 310 | -42,9 | 843 975 | -65,0 | 5 457 416 | -17,7 |
| | June | 2 828 146 | -5,1 | 754 080 | -48,2 | 775 588 | -23,6 | 4 357 814 | -20,1 |
| | July | 2 657 887 | -4,8 | 1 236 636 | 5,9 | 707 345 | -29,8 | 4 601 868 | -7,4 |
| | August | 2 943 874 | -8,6 | 645 177 | -48,3 | 810 604 | -39,4 | 4 399 655 | -24,2 |

1/ The percentage change is the change in the value of buildings reported as completed to municipalities of the relevant year/month compared with the corresponding period of the previous year expressed as a percentage.

2/ Preliminary figures.

Table 6 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building

| Year and month | | Residential buildings | | Non-residential buildings 3/ | | Additions and alterations | | Total | |
|----------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|--------------|
| | | R'000 | % change 1/ | R'000 | % change 1/ | R'000 | % change 1/ | R'000 | % change 1/ |
| 2022 | January | 2 570 799 | -19,3 | 458 707 | -48,0 | 980 194 | 9,0 | 4 009 700 | -19,3 |
| | February | 2 568 945 | -0,1 | 1 271 255 | 177,1 | 1 102 286 | 12,5 | 4 942 486 | 23,3 |
| | March | 3 169 250 | 23,4 | 2 627 335 | 106,7 | 1 618 025 | 46,8 | 7 414 610 | 50,0 |
| | April | 3 644 588 | 15,0 | 1 172 464 | -55,4 | 3 024 540 | 86,9 | 7 841 592 | 5,8 |
| | May | 3 099 759 | -14,9 | 1 137 002 | -3,0 | 2 437 213 | -19,4 | 6 673 974 | -14,9 |
| | June | 2 947 492 | -4,9 | 1 455 223 | 28,0 | 1 017 033 | -58,3 | 5 419 748 | -18,8 |
| | July | 2 762 002 | -6,3 | 1 167 421 | -19,8 | 988 110 | -2,8 | 4 917 533 | -9,3 |
| | August | 3 256 902 | 17,9 | 1 248 420 | 6,9 | 1 236 320 | 25,1 | 5 741 642 | 16,8 |
| | September | 3 141 409 | -3,5 | 1 100 905 | -11,8 | 939 908 | -24,0 | 5 182 222 | -9,7 |
| | October | 3 382 346 | 7,7 | 1 069 676 | -2,8 | 964 997 | 2,7 | 5 417 019 | 4,5 |
| | November | 3 394 957 | 0,4 | 955 555 | -10,7 | 970 349 | 0,6 | 5 320 861 | -1,8 |
| | December | 3 029 138 | -10,8 | 1 087 669 | 13,8 | 743 046 | -23,4 | 4 859 853 | -8,7 |
| 2023 | January | 2 139 285 | -29,4 | 1 451 781 | 33,5 | 638 151 | -14,1 | 4 229 217 | -13,0 |
| | February | 2 671 219 | 24,9 | 569 750 | -60,8 | 812 060 | 27,3 | 4 053 029 | -4,2 |
| | March | 2 744 381 | 2,7 | 1 709 220 | 200,0 | 574 957 | -29,2 | 5 028 558 | 24,1 |
| | April | 2 745 285 | 0,0 | 1 347 813 | -21,1 | 837 403 | 45,6 | 4 930 501 | -2,0 |
| | May | 3 998 536 | 45,7 | 649 310 | -51,8 | 860 140 | 2,7 | 5 507 986 | 11,7 |
| | June | 2 804 120 | -29,9 | 754 080 | 16,1 | 733 755 | -14,7 | 4 291 955 | -22,1 |
| | July | 2 609 406 | -6,9 | 1 236 636 | 64,0 | 706 004 | -3,8 | 4 552 046 | 6,1 |
| | August | 2 968 708 | 13,8 | 645 177 | -47,8 | 732 282 | 3,7 | 4 346 167 | -4,5 |
| | Mar – May 23 | 9 488 202 | | 3 706 343 | | 2 272 500 | | 15 467 045 | |
| | Jun – Aug 23 2/ | 8 382 234 | -11,7 | 2 635 893 | -28,9 | 2 172 041 | -4,4 | 13 190 168 | -14,7 |

1/ The percentage change is the change in the seasonally adjusted value of buildings reported as completed to municipalities of the relevant month compared with the previous month expressed as a percentage.

2/ The percentage change is the change in the seasonally adjusted value of buildings reported as completed to municipalities for the latest three months compared with the previous three months expressed as a percentage.

3/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 10 and 11 on page 38.

Table 7 – Value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices by type of building

| Year and month 2/ | | Residential buildings | | Non-residential buildings | | Additions and alterations | | Total | |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| | | R'000 | % change 1/ | R'000 | % change 1/ | R'000 | % change 1/ | R'000 | % change 1/ |
| 2022 | January | 1 585 631 | 8,7 | 379 724 | -31,6 | 633 010 | 21,2 | 2 598 365 | 2,4 |
| | February | 1 898 122 | -10,1 | 1 044 581 | -11,3 | 942 768 | 17,8 | 3 885 471 | -5,0 |
| | March | 2 601 869 | -11,9 | 2 137 783 | 384,1 | 1 539 141 | 37,5 | 6 278 793 | 39,1 |
| | April | 2 700 458 | 34,0 | 944 774 | -0,2 | 2 111 969 | 141,8 | 5 757 201 | 50,1 |
| | May | 2 443 132 | 7,1 | 902 383 | -13,4 | 1 914 489 | 158,0 | 5 260 004 | 29,4 |
| | June | 2 354 840 | -0,6 | 1 149 465 | 27,3 | 801 369 | -11,1 | 4 305 674 | 3,2 |
| | July | 2 190 729 | 1,5 | 915 624 | -15,2 | 790 563 | -32,3 | 3 896 916 | -11,5 |
| | August | 2 540 486 | 18,1 | 984 558 | -3,5 | 1 054 050 | -31,3 | 4 579 094 | -2,7 |
| | September | 2 697 326 | 4,9 | 872 349 | -12,3 | 813 271 | -38,1 | 4 382 946 | -10,2 |
| | October | 2 837 313 | -9,0 | 851 653 | -51,0 | 767 374 | -33,8 | 4 456 340 | -25,9 |
| | November | 3 332 737 | 24,2 | 758 377 | 12,1 | 842 310 | -12,3 | 4 933 424 | 14,2 |
| | December | 2 515 126 | -8,5 | 861 861 | 17,1 | 497 401 | -22,6 | 3 874 388 | -6,2 |
| | Total | 29 697 769 | 3,8 | 11 803 132 | 4,4 | 12 707 715 | 8,2 | 54 208 616 | 4,9 |
| 2023 | January | 1 255 634 | -20,8 | 1 139 546 | 200,1 | 420 356 | -33,6 | 2 815 536 | 8,4 |
| | February | 1 866 043 | -1,7 | 440 642 | -57,8 | 655 657 | -30,5 | 2 962 342 | -23,8 |
| | March | 2 101 462 | -19,2 | 1 309 747 | -38,7 | 513 262 | -66,7 | 3 924 471 | -37,5 |
| | April | 1 940 851 | -28,1 | 1 032 807 | 9,3 | 530 725 | -74,9 | 3 504 383 | -39,1 |
| | May | 3 023 746 | 23,8 | 495 278 | -45,1 | 643 764 | -66,4 | 4 162 788 | -20,9 |
| | June | 2 162 191 | -8,2 | 576 514 | -49,8 | 592 957 | -26,0 | 3 331 662 | -22,6 |
| | July | 2 019 671 | -7,8 | 939 693 | 2,6 | 537 496 | -32,0 | 3 496 860 | -10,3 |
| | August | 2 228 519 | -12,3 | 488 400 | -50,4 | 613 629 | -41,8 | 3 330 548 | -27,3 |

1/ The percentage change is the change in the value of buildings reported as completed to municipalities of the relevant year/month compared with the corresponding period of the previous year expressed as a percentage.

2/ Preliminary figures.

Table 8 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices by type of building

| Year and month | | Residential buildings | | Non-residential buildings 3/ | | Additions and alterations | | Total | |
|----------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|--------------|
| | | R'000 | % change 1/ | R'000 | % change 1/ | R'000 | % change 1/ | R'000 | % change 1/ |
| 2022 | January | 2 117 352 | -20,1 | 379 724 | -48,4 | 800 884 | 6,1 | 3 297 960 | -20,4 |
| | February | 2 105 866 | -0,5 | 1 044 581 | 175,1 | 904 622 | 13,0 | 4 055 069 | 23,0 |
| | March | 2 574 567 | 22,3 | 2 137 783 | 104,7 | 1 303 395 | 44,1 | 6 015 745 | 48,4 |
| | April | 2 936 135 | 14,0 | 944 774 | -55,8 | 2 472 767 | 89,7 | 6 353 676 | 5,6 |
| | May | 2 462 416 | -16,1 | 902 383 | -4,5 | 1 931 720 | -21,9 | 5 296 519 | -16,6 |
| | June | 2 331 247 | -5,3 | 1 149 465 | 27,4 | 800 153 | -58,6 | 4 280 865 | -19,2 |
| | July | 2 170 327 | -6,9 | 915 624 | -20,3 | 778 790 | -2,7 | 3 864 741 | -9,7 |
| | August | 2 568 283 | 18,3 | 984 558 | 7,5 | 976 806 | 25,4 | 4 529 647 | 17,2 |
| | September | 2 494 422 | -2,9 | 872 349 | -11,4 | 748 637 | -23,4 | 4 115 408 | -9,1 |
| | October | 2 693 125 | 8,0 | 851 653 | -2,4 | 768 739 | 2,7 | 4 313 517 | 4,8 |
| | November | 2 701 773 | 0,3 | 758 377 | -11,0 | 764 790 | -0,5 | 4 224 940 | -2,1 |
| | December | 2 392 834 | -11,4 | 861 861 | 13,6 | 592 708 | -22,5 | 3 847 403 | -8,9 |
| 2023 | January | 1 671 833 | -30,1 | 1 139 546 | 32,2 | 493 803 | -16,7 | 3 305 182 | -14,1 |
| | February | 2 062 230 | 23,4 | 440 642 | -61,3 | 626 829 | 26,9 | 3 129 701 | -5,3 |
| | March | 2 099 773 | 1,8 | 1 309 747 | 197,2 | 439 147 | -29,9 | 3 848 667 | 23,0 |
| | April | 2 103 713 | 0,2 | 1 032 807 | -21,1 | 647 282 | 47,4 | 3 783 802 | -1,7 |
| | May | 3 054 250 | 45,2 | 495 278 | -52,0 | 655 495 | 1,3 | 4 205 023 | 11,1 |
| | June | 2 144 507 | -29,8 | 576 514 | 16,4 | 562 499 | -14,2 | 3 283 520 | -21,9 |
| | July | 1 987 816 | -7,3 | 939 693 | 63,0 | 537 919 | -4,4 | 3 465 428 | 5,5 |
| | August | 2 248 530 | 13,1 | 488 400 | -48,0 | 553 442 | 2,9 | 3 290 372 | -5,1 |
| | Mar – May 23 | 7 257 736 | | 2 837 832 | | 1 741 924 | | 11 837 492 | |
| | Jun – Aug 23 2/ | 6 380 853 | -12,1 | 2 004 607 | -29,4 | 1 653 860 | -5,1 | 10 039 320 | -15,2 |

1/ The percentage change is the change in the seasonally adjusted value of buildings reported as completed to municipalities of the relevant month compared with the previous month expressed as a percentage.

2/ The percentage change is the change in the seasonally adjusted value of buildings reported as completed to municipalities for the latest three months compared with the previous three months expressed as a percentage.

3/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 10 and 11 on page 38.

Table 9 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: South Africa

| | | | Aug 2022 | Jul 2023 | Aug 2023 | Jan – Aug 2022 | Jan – Aug 2023 | % change 1/ |
|--|--|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 725 | 714 | 400 | 7 790 | 5 417 | -30,5 |
| | | square metres | 39 230 | 34 403 | 19 975 | 401 364 | 263 276 | -34,4 |
| | | R'000 | 300 677 | 266 508 | 154 563 | 2 767 612 | 1 901 015 | -31,3 |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 1 399 | 1 104 | 1 013 | 10 979 | 8 383 | -23,6 |
| | | square metres | 396 663 | 326 983 | 286 489 | 3 079 520 | 2 526 362 | -18,0 |
| | | R'000 | 3 302 963 | 2 685 920 | 2 350 611 | 24 596 875 | 21 027 310 | -14,5 |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 910 | 1 220 | 1 515 | 16 411 | 11 912 | -27,4 |
| | | square metres | 120 295 | 145 132 | 149 587 | 1 526 328 | 1 210 511 | -20,7 |
| | | R'000 | 1 050 642 | 1 298 207 | 1 369 611 | 13 652 219 | 11 303 046 | -17,2 |
| | Other residential buildings 2/ | square metres | 26 856 | 4 836 | 4 487 | 91 965 | 56 115 | -39,0 |
| | | R'000 | 219 966 | 47 588 | 35 537 | 715 794 | 475 253 | -33,6 |
| | Total residential buildings | R'000 | 4 874 248 | 4 298 223 | 3 910 322 | 41 732 500 | 34 706 624 | -16,8 |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 5 812 | 22 079 | 27 296 | 96 544 | 227 524 | 135,7 |
| | | R'000 | 59 835 | 205 105 | 284 928 | 851 953 | 2 411 520 | 183,1 |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 33 393 | 18 115 | 40 140 | 338 839 | 379 374 | 12,0 |
| | | R'000 | 290 356 | 151 163 | 388 013 | 3 157 688 | 3 507 082 | 11,1 |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 169 048 | 82 824 | 81 647 | 1 230 638 | 1 076 184 | -12,6 |
| | | R'000 | 1 182 418 | 595 288 | 583 359 | 8 006 957 | 7 463 584 | -6,8 |
| | Other non-residential buildings 3/ | square metres | 33 374 | 14 496 | 19 251 | 300 049 | 248 172 | -17,3 |
| | | R'000 | 290 642 | 104 067 | 147 390 | 2 339 882 | 2 070 102 | -11,5 |
| | Total non-residential buildings | R'000 | 1 823 251 | 1 055 623 | 1 403 690 | 14 356 480 | 15 452 288 | 7,6 |
| | Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 280 128 | 227 374 | 184 518 | 2 008 459 | 1 711 830 |
| R'000 | | | 2 337 292 | 1 862 911 | 1 486 327 | 16 189 169 | 14 334 294 | -11,5 |
| Other buildings 4/ | | square metres | 123 861 | 63 800 | 90 815 | 506 658 | 515 257 | 1,7 |
| | | R'000 | 1 289 283 | 590 262 | 878 936 | 5 605 127 | 5 157 197 | -8,0 |
| Total additions and alterations | | R'000 | 3 626 575 | 2 453 173 | 2 365 263 | 21 794 296 | 19 491 491 | -10,6 |
| Building plans passed | Total at current prices | R'000 | 10 324 074 | 7 807 019 | 7 679 275 | 77 883 276 | 69 650 403 | -10,6 |

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

3/ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.

4/ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Table 10 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Western Cape

| | | | Aug 2022 | Jul 2023 | Aug 2023 | Jan – Aug 2022 | Jan – Aug 2023 | % change 1/ |
|--|--|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 255 | 135 | 160 | 3 261 | 1 853 | -43,2 |
| | | square metres | 12 017 | 6 179 | 7 278 | 147 982 | 84 155 | -43,1 |
| | | R'000 | 72 136 | 42 866 | 51 605 | 923 420 | 559 402 | -39,4 |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 581 | 441 | 366 | 4 382 | 3 407 | -22,3 |
| | | square metres | 156 377 | 137 918 | 104 061 | 1 159 879 | 1 011 046 | -12,8 |
| | | R'000 | 1 161 523 | 1 038 967 | 812 663 | 8 263 748 | 7 674 553 | -7,1 |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 344 | 449 | 736 | 5 588 | 4 040 | -27,7 |
| | | square metres | 53 251 | 71 980 | 64 770 | 545 123 | 477 137 | -12,5 |
| | | R'000 | 408 486 | 600 698 | 556 450 | 4 370 737 | 4 020 777 | -8,0 |
| | Other residential buildings 2/ | square metres | 552 | 360 | 55 | 18 659 | 10 121 | -45,8 |
| | | R'000 | 3 340 | 2 809 | 325 | 158 586 | 71 592 | -54,9 |
| | Total residential buildings | R'000 | 1 645 485 | 1 685 340 | 1 421 043 | 13 716 491 | 12 326 324 | -10,1 |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 1 271 | 2 725 | 16 816 | 34 010 | 58 640 | 72,4 |
| | | R'000 | 9 218 | 23 818 | 152 480 | 256 500 | 512 181 | 99,7 |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 6 923 | 9 144 | 4 963 | 49 208 | 55 747 | 13,3 |
| | | R'000 | 53 361 | 87 194 | 43 986 | 365 436 | 461 729 | 26,4 |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 19 716 | 30 334 | 30 724 | 211 557 | 299 669 | 41,6 |
| | | R'000 | 144 019 | 220 809 | 228 313 | 1 428 268 | 2 124 434 | 48,7 |
| | Other non-residential buildings 3/ | square metres | 11 682 | 5 459 | 7 543 | 142 940 | 82 265 | -42,4 |
| | | R'000 | 79 953 | 41 822 | 52 236 | 1 069 738 | 632 476 | -40,9 |
| Total non-residential buildings | R'000 | 286 551 | 373 643 | 477 015 | 3 119 942 | 3 730 820 | 19,6 | |
| Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 120 136 | 95 414 | 65 866 | 749 424 | 657 209 | -12,3 |
| | | R'000 | 888 056 | 723 946 | 491 912 | 5 276 161 | 4 998 053 | -5,3 |
| | Other buildings 4/ | square metres | 33 206 | 24 858 | 12 530 | 176 980 | 169 372 | -4,3 |
| | | R'000 | 364 241 | 232 962 | 138 418 | 2 186 526 | 1 816 195 | -16,9 |
| | Total additions and alterations | R'000 | 1 252 297 | 956 908 | 630 330 | 7 462 687 | 6 814 248 | -8,7 |
| Building plans passed | Total at current prices | R'000 | 3 184 333 | 3 015 891 | 2 528 388 | 24 299 120 | 22 871 392 | -5,9 |

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

3/ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.

4/ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Table 11 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Eastern Cape

| | | | Aug 2022 | Jul 2023 | Aug 2023 | Jan – Aug 2022 | Jan – Aug 2023 | % change 1/ |
|--|--|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 52 | 23 | 34 | 583 | 487 | -16,5 |
| | | square metres | 3 164 | 1 199 | 1 570 | 28 448 | 22 988 | -19,2 |
| | | R'000 | 24 738 | 9 590 | 12 189 | 178 043 | 162 985 | -8,5 |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 121 | 77 | 90 | 852 | 672 | -21,1 |
| | | square metres | 25 785 | 23 690 | 19 549 | 200 661 | 176 493 | -12,0 |
| | | R'000 | 208 968 | 198 502 | 163 948 | 1 582 844 | 1 464 925 | -7,4 |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 79 | 32 | 30 | 512 | 132 | -74,2 |
| | | square metres | 7 773 | 4 592 | 2 756 | 65 142 | 15 857 | -75,7 |
| | | R'000 | 60 877 | 39 061 | 23 812 | 504 302 | 130 971 | -74,0 |
| | Other residential buildings 2/ | square metres | 25 640 | 581 | 59 | 46 921 | 1 148 | -97,6 |
| | | R'000 | 211 453 | 4 792 | 487 | 369 815 | 9 468 | -97,4 |
| | Total residential buildings | R'000 | 506 036 | 251 945 | 200 436 | 2 635 004 | 1 768 349 | -32,9 |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 132 | 0 | 193 | 663 | 4 550 | 586,3 |
| | | R'000 | 1 052 | 0 | 1 724 | 4 993 | 37 262 | 646,3 |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 165 | 798 | 0 | 16 945 | 1 016 | -94,0 |
| | | R'000 | 1 315 | 6 581 | 0 | 123 090 | 8 379 | -93,2 |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 12 811 | 9 790 | 8 571 | 50 231 | 110 423 | 119,8 |
| | | R'000 | 102 192 | 72 290 | 70 247 | 380 402 | 892 662 | 134,7 |
| | Other non-residential buildings 3/ | square metres | 0 | 462 | 1 123 | 20 702 | 10 037 | -51,5 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 3 810 | 9 261 | 152 798 | 79 166 | -48,2 |
| | Total non-residential buildings | R'000 | 104 559 | 82 681 | 81 232 | 661 283 | 1 017 469 | 53,9 |
| | Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 21 802 | 14 842 | 14 649 | 172 039 | 139 633 |
| R'000 | | | 174 340 | 117 596 | 117 724 | 1 311 268 | 1 119 582 | -14,6 |
| Other buildings 4/ | | square metres | 7 706 | 8 202 | 11 447 | 47 883 | 64 968 | 35,7 |
| | | R'000 | 63 536 | 66 803 | 96 828 | 384 075 | 540 462 | 40,7 |
| Total additions and alterations | | R'000 | 237 876 | 184 399 | 214 552 | 1 695 343 | 1 660 044 | -2,1 |
| Building plans passed | Total at current prices | R'000 | 848 471 | 519 025 | 496 220 | 4 991 630 | 4 445 862 | -10,9 |

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

3/ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.

4/ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Table 12 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Northern Cape

| | | | Aug 2022 | Jul 2023 | Aug 2023 | Jan – Aug 2022 | Jan – Aug 2023 | % change 1/ |
|--|--|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 1 | 0 | 18 | 20 | 52 | 160,0 |
| | | square metres | 34 | 0 | 920 | 1 212 | 2 680 | 121,1 |
| | | R'000 | 320 | 0 | 8 660 | 10 704 | 25 228 | 135,7 |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 17 | 11 | 26 | 131 | 140 | 6,9 |
| | | square metres | 4 212 | 2 261 | 4 769 | 28 699 | 27 383 | -4,6 |
| | | R'000 | 37 326 | 19 051 | 42 728 | 237 554 | 240 312 | 1,2 |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 10 | 150,0 |
| | | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 642 | 982 | -62,8 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 295 | 9 244 | -58,5 |
| | Other residential buildings 2/ | square metres | 0 | 1 164 | 0 | 2 811 | 4 653 | 65,5 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 10 957 | 0 | 24 636 | 43 799 | 77,8 |
| | Total residential buildings | R'000 | 37 646 | 30 008 | 51 388 | 295 189 | 318 583 | 7,9 |
| | Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 252 | 704 | 0 | 4 229 | 1 551 |
| R'000 | | | 2 372 | 6 627 | 0 | 36 932 | 14 600 | -60,5 |
| Shopping space | | square metres | 0 | 0 | 508 | 516 | 3 057 | 492,4 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 4 782 | 4 523 | 28 776 | 536,2 |
| Industrial and warehouse space | | square metres | 0 | 0 | 1 105 | 26 262 | 1 754 | -93,3 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 10 401 | 220 542 | 16 510 | -92,5 |
| Other non-residential buildings 3/ | | square metres | 1 039 | 0 | 118 | 12 313 | 182 | -98,5 |
| | | R'000 | 9 780 | 0 | 1 111 | 108 585 | 1 713 | -98,4 |
| Total non-residential buildings | | R'000 | 12 152 | 6 627 | 16 294 | 370 582 | 61 599 | -83,4 |
| Additions and alterations | | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 5 002 | 2 413 | 2 246 | 39 626 | 26 263 |
| | R'000 | | 46 015 | 21 474 | 19 888 | 334 873 | 237 437 | -29,1 |
| | Other buildings 4/ | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 294 | 276 | -78,7 |
| | | R'000 | 461 | 350 | 1 632 | 19 487 | 8 480 | -56,5 |
| | Total additions and alterations | R'000 | 46 476 | 21 824 | 21 520 | 354 360 | 245 917 | -30,6 |
| Building plans passed | Total at current prices | R'000 | 96 274 | 58 459 | 89 202 | 1 020 131 | 626 099 | -38,6 |

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

3/ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.

4/ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Table 13 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Free State

| | | | Aug 2022 | Jul 2023 | Aug 2023 | Jan – Aug 2022 | Jan – Aug 2023 | % change 1/ |
|--|--|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 3 | 10 | 2 | 115 | 58 | -49,6 |
| | | square metres | 193 | 629 | 157 | 6 478 | 3 501 | -46,0 |
| | | R'000 | 1 643 | 6 052 | 1 239 | 56 623 | 31 995 | -43,5 |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 35 | 31 | 33 | 408 | 278 | -31,9 |
| | | square metres | 7 325 | 7 834 | 7 639 | 85 841 | 70 294 | -18,1 |
| | | R'000 | 63 640 | 62 579 | 58 445 | 674 893 | 569 994 | -15,5 |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 15 | 0 | 59 | 128 | 138 | 7,8 |
| | | square metres | 2 860 | 0 | 25 965 | 19 457 | 36 279 | 86,5 |
| | | R'000 | 27 516 | 0 | 249 650 | 183 113 | 345 501 | 88,7 |
| | Other residential buildings 2/ | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 641 | 6 854 | 88,2 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 229 | 54 820 | 126,3 |
| | Total residential buildings | R'000 | 92 799 | 68 631 | 309 334 | 938 858 | 1 002 310 | 6,8 |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 0 | 378 | 0 | 530 | 2 404 | 353,6 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 3 013 | 0 | 3 052 | 20 788 | 581,1 |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 332 | 29 499 | 365,9 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 43 362 | 182 795 | 321,6 |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 1 174 | 324 | 1 709 | 20 015 | 13 058 | -34,8 |
| | | R'000 | 8 616 | 2 004 | 10 570 | 137 463 | 102 128 | -25,7 |
| | Other non-residential buildings 3/ | square metres | 1 163 | 609 | 0 | 2 159 | 1 786 | -17,3 |
| | | R'000 | 11 189 | 4 855 | 0 | 20 772 | 13 370 | -35,6 |
| | Total non-residential buildings | R'000 | 19 805 | 9 872 | 10 570 | 204 649 | 319 081 | 55,9 |
| | Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 4 386 | 6 350 | 5 398 | 50 737 | 56 231 |
| R'000 | | | 35 053 | 49 228 | 44 379 | 403 801 | 468 560 | 16,0 |
| Other buildings 4/ | | square metres | 12 | 956 | 200 | 3 512 | 9 018 | 156,8 |
| | | R'000 | 768 | 7 219 | 4 184 | 41 679 | 86 980 | 108,7 |
| Total additions and alterations | | R'000 | 35 821 | 56 447 | 48 563 | 445 480 | 555 540 | 24,7 |
| Building plans passed | Total at current prices | R'000 | 148 425 | 134 950 | 368 467 | 1 588 987 | 1 876 931 | 18,1 |

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

3/ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.

4/ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Table 14 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: KwaZulu-Natal

| | | | Aug 2022 | Jul 2023 | Aug 2023 | Jan – Aug 2022 | Jan – Aug 2023 | % change 1/ |
|--|--|-----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 16 | 8 | 19 | 319 | 85 | -73,4 |
| | | square metres | 914 | 406 | 968 | 19 707 | 4 407 | -77,6 |
| | | R'000 | 7 117 | 3 734 | 6 854 | 186 946 | 34 742 | -81,4 |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 116 | 79 | 99 | 897 | 635 | -29,2 |
| | | square metres | 34 987 | 26 416 | 32 020 | 296 282 | 216 506 | -26,9 |
| | | R'000 | 349 169 | 267 327 | 324 042 | 3 001 000 | 2 175 909 | -27,5 |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 158 | 21 | 195 | 3 670 | 758 | -79,3 |
| | | square metres | 27 278 | 5 860 | 15 418 | 388 365 | 89 797 | -76,9 |
| | | R'000 | 279 374 | 50 441 | 159 796 | 4 008 323 | 905 643 | -77,4 |
| | Other residential buildings 2/ | square metres | 457 | 772 | 1 598 | 6 949 | 8 600 | 23,8 |
| | | R'000 | 3 654 | 7 367 | 14 512 | 52 359 | 87 697 | 67,5 |
| | Total residential buildings | R'000 | 639 314 | 328 869 | 505 204 | 7 248 628 | 3 203 991 | -55,8 |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 0 | 6 307 | 0 | 16 894 | 13 604 | -19,5 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 46 325 | 0 | 164 376 | 115 899 | -29,5 |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 17 211 | 607 | 12 372 | 82 948 | 92 802 | 11,9 |
| | | R'000 | 179 913 | 3 035 | 109 623 | 814 387 | 920 252 | 13,0 |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 48 797 | 24 151 | 7 176 | 246 163 | 197 200 | -19,9 |
| | | R'000 | 309 386 | 168 736 | 56 624 | 1 505 962 | 1 270 409 | -15,6 |
| | Other non-residential buildings 3/ | square metres | 0 | 200 | 1 025 | 17 185 | 8 251 | -52,0 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 1 804 | 8 243 | 138 666 | 67 188 | -51,5 |
| | Total non-residential buildings | R'000 | 489 299 | 219 900 | 174 490 | 2 623 391 | 2 373 748 | -9,5 |
| | Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 25 436 | 20 840 | 28 060 | 213 496 | 167 897 |
| R'000 | | | 251 736 | 203 967 | 264 781 | 2 220 506 | 1 671 238 | -24,7 |
| Other buildings 4/ | | square metres | 59 172 | 12 087 | 31 360 | 134 307 | 114 876 | -14,5 |
| | | R'000 | 647 478 | 142 890 | 374 135 | 1 561 553 | 1 386 734 | -11,2 |
| Total additions and alterations | | R'000 | 899 214 | 346 857 | 638 916 | 3 782 059 | 3 057 972 | -19,1 |
| Building plans passed | Total at current prices | R'000 | 2 027 827 | 895 626 | 1 318 610 | 13 654 078 | 8 635 711 | -36,8 |

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

3/ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.

4/ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Table 15 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: North West

| | | | Aug 2022 | Jul 2023 | Aug 2023 | Jan – Aug 2022 | Jan – Aug 2023 | % change 1/ |
|--|--|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 4 | 11 | 10 | 247 | 63 | -74,5 |
| | | square metres | 263 | 633 | 577 | 10 494 | 3 384 | -67,8 |
| | | R'000 | 1 714 | 4 498 | 4 112 | 50 355 | 23 471 | -53,4 |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 103 | 58 | 84 | 709 | 463 | -34,7 |
| | | square metres | 31 554 | 14 233 | 17 770 | 192 279 | 128 570 | -33,1 |
| | | R'000 | 228 938 | 95 100 | 130 176 | 1 325 859 | 890 279 | -32,9 |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 32 | 14 | 29 | 158 | 183 | 15,8 |
| | | square metres | 2 561 | 1 213 | 3 136 | 12 404 | 19 625 | 58,2 |
| | | R'000 | 15 840 | 8 496 | 21 384 | 73 971 | 118 573 | 60,3 |
| | Other residential buildings 2/ | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 879 | 3 213 | 11,6 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 708 | 22 990 | 22,9 |
| | Total residential buildings | R'000 | 246 492 | 108 094 | 155 672 | 1 468 893 | 1 055 313 | -28,2 |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 32 | 0 | 0 | 1 789 | 16 286 | 810,3 |
| | | R'000 | 198 | 0 | 0 | 10 375 | 96 583 | 830,9 |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 6 450 | 7 427 | 1 127 | 19 267 | 25 371 | 31,7 |
| | | R'000 | 36 479 | 53 474 | 8 114 | 119 889 | 169 566 | 41,4 |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 790 | 1 493 | 724 | 46 443 | 12 235 | -73,7 |
| | | R'000 | 4 343 | 10 057 | 5 213 | 273 984 | 76 290 | -72,2 |
| | Other non-residential buildings 3/ | square metres | 3 648 | 1 447 | 0 | 14 014 | 6 726 | -52,0 |
| | | R'000 | 20 835 | 10 994 | 0 | 86 423 | 47 209 | -45,4 |
| | Total non-residential buildings | R'000 | 61 855 | 74 525 | 13 327 | 490 671 | 389 648 | -20,6 |
| | Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 13 041 | 9 805 | 8 597 | 78 175 | 58 348 |
| R'000 | | | 90 214 | 65 760 | 60 802 | 511 258 | 390 104 | -23,7 |
| Other buildings 4/ | | square metres | 638 | 2 818 | 3 692 | 23 254 | 10 776 | -53,7 |
| | | R'000 | 12 786 | 28 609 | 26 865 | 220 410 | 135 827 | -38,4 |
| Total additions and alterations | | R'000 | 103 000 | 94 369 | 87 667 | 731 668 | 525 931 | -28,1 |
| Building plans passed | Total at current prices | R'000 | 411 347 | 276 988 | 256 666 | 2 691 232 | 1 970 892 | -26,8 |

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

3/ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.

4/ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Table 16 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Gauteng

| | | | Aug 2022 | Jul 2023 | Aug 2023 | Jan – Aug 2022 | Jan – Aug 2023 | % change 1/ |
|--|--|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 374 | 494 | 143 | 2 961 | 2 634 | -11,0 |
| | | square metres | 21 487 | 23 209 | 7 569 | 169 695 | 130 756 | -22,9 |
| | | R'000 | 184 555 | 182 817 | 61 953 | 1 239 217 | 975 916 | -21,2 |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 310 | 290 | 212 | 2 505 | 1 975 | -21,2 |
| | | square metres | 100 702 | 73 241 | 61 235 | 781 051 | 602 133 | -22,9 |
| | | R'000 | 978 086 | 703 040 | 529 709 | 7 210 627 | 5 840 380 | -19,0 |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 207 | 684 | 425 | 4 468 | 6 306 | 41,1 |
| | | square metres | 18 385 | 58 382 | 34 117 | 404 822 | 527 842 | 30,4 |
| | | R'000 | 194 174 | 578 609 | 336 756 | 3 910 204 | 5 479 094 | 40,1 |
| | Other residential buildings 2/ | square metres | 0 | 1 959 | 2 775 | 42 | 6 707 | 15 869,0 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 21 663 | 20 213 | 285 | 56 247 | 19 635,8 |
| | Total residential buildings | R'000 | 1 356 815 | 1 486 129 | 948 631 | 12 360 333 | 12 351 637 | -0,1 |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 3 609 | 11 211 | 9 907 | 34 419 | 125 761 | 265,4 |
| | | R'000 | 43 449 | 119 548 | 127 642 | 349 704 | 1 582 630 | 352,6 |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 1 382 | 0 | 19 672 | 109 425 | 92 503 | -15,5 |
| | | R'000 | 11 118 | 0 | 211 022 | 1 344 253 | 1 084 843 | -19,3 |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 81 965 | 14 281 | 22 265 | 535 287 | 351 356 | -34,4 |
| | | R'000 | 581 111 | 102 323 | 139 666 | 3 408 975 | 2 365 289 | -30,6 |
| | Other non-residential buildings 3/ | square metres | 15 698 | 6 036 | 4 039 | 75 363 | 90 491 | 20,1 |
| | | R'000 | 167 856 | 38 993 | 39 330 | 670 435 | 855 567 | 27,6 |
| | Total non-residential buildings | R'000 | 803 534 | 260 864 | 517 660 | 5 773 367 | 5 888 329 | 2,0 |
| | Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 77 973 | 57 594 | 43 354 | 549 988 | 470 784 |
| R'000 | | | 762 881 | 538 369 | 377 292 | 5 122 766 | 4 513 324 | -11,9 |
| Other buildings 4/ | | square metres | 19 855 | 11 357 | 27 726 | 97 391 | 124 181 | 27,5 |
| | | R'000 | 163 128 | 83 830 | 201 185 | 940 833 | 980 431 | 4,2 |
| Total additions and alterations | | R'000 | 926 009 | 622 199 | 578 477 | 6 063 599 | 5 493 755 | -9,4 |
| Building plans passed | Total at current prices | R'000 | 3 086 358 | 2 369 192 | 2 044 768 | 24 197 299 | 23 733 721 | -1,9 |

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

3/ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.

4/ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Table 17 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Mpumalanga

| | | | Aug 2022 | Jul 2023 | Aug 2023 | Jan – Aug 2022 | Jan – Aug 2023 | % change 1/ | |
|--|--|--------------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 13 | 33 | 11 | 232 | 167 | -28,0 | |
| | | square metres | 767 | 2 148 | 756 | 13 973 | 10 269 | -26,5 | |
| | | R'000 | 5 786 | 16 951 | 6 714 | 100 468 | 79 646 | -20,7 | |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 71 | 77 | 56 | 748 | 549 | -26,6 | |
| | | square metres | 20 150 | 26 683 | 25 020 | 217 480 | 202 301 | -7,0 | |
| | | R'000 | 163 772 | 199 534 | 186 410 | 1 517 029 | 1 525 820 | 0,6 | |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 44 | 0 | 32 | 80 | 81 | 1,3 | |
| | | square metres | 4 372 | 0 | 1 911 | 8 155 | 4 832 | -40,7 | |
| | | R'000 | 39 099 | 0 | 12 081 | 64 302 | 30 408 | -52,7 | |
| | Other residential buildings 2/ | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 885 | 14 551 | 147,3 | |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 41 379 | 126 674 | 206,1 | |
| | Total residential buildings | | R'000 | 208 657 | 216 485 | 205 205 | 1 723 178 | 1 762 548 | 2,3 |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 0 | 284 | 380 | 1 722 | 4 258 | 147,3 | |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 2 414 | 3 082 | 11 299 | 28 217 | 149,7 | |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 731 | 139 | 1 498 | 36 051 | 66 045 | 83,2 | |
| | | R'000 | 4 521 | 879 | 10 486 | 232 646 | 559 353 | 140,4 | |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 3 795 | 1 000 | 3 518 | 63 892 | 65 667 | 2,8 | |
| | | R'000 | 32 751 | 8 950 | 28 757 | 455 625 | 462 889 | 1,6 | |
| | Other non-residential buildings 3/ | square metres | 0 | 283 | 853 | 12 089 | 25 356 | 109,7 | |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 1 789 | 5 278 | 69 926 | 211 437 | 202,4 | |
| | Total non-residential buildings | | R'000 | 37 272 | 14 032 | 47 603 | 769 496 | 1 261 896 | 64,0 |
| | Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 8 982 | 16 526 | 12 210 | 123 983 | 106 969 | -13,7 |
| R'000 | | | 66 433 | 118 594 | 81 249 | 810 145 | 742 573 | -8,3 | |
| Other buildings 4/ | | square metres | 2 272 | 1 884 | 2 283 | 15 242 | 17 067 | 12,0 | |
| | | R'000 | 24 528 | 13 925 | 23 950 | 165 212 | 145 118 | -12,2 | |
| Total additions and alterations | | R'000 | 90 961 | 132 519 | 105 199 | 975 357 | 887 691 | -9,0 | |
| Building plans passed | | Total at current prices | R'000 | 336 890 | 363 036 | 358 007 | 3 468 031 | 3 912 135 | 12,8 |

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

3/ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.

4/ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Table 18 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Limpopo

| | | | Aug 2022 | Jul 2023 | Aug 2023 | Jan – Aug 2022 | Jan – Aug 2023 | % change 1/ |
|--|--|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 7 | 0 | 3 | 52 | 18 | -65,4 |
| | | square metres | 391 | 0 | 180 | 3 375 | 1 136 | -66,3 |
| | | R'000 | 2 668 | 0 | 1 237 | 21 836 | 7 630 | -65,1 |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 45 | 40 | 47 | 347 | 264 | -23,9 |
| | | square metres | 15 571 | 14 707 | 14 426 | 117 348 | 91 636 | -21,9 |
| | | R'000 | 111 541 | 101 820 | 102 490 | 783 321 | 645 138 | -17,6 |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 31 | 20 | 9 | 1 803 | 264 | -85,4 |
| | | square metres | 3 815 | 3 105 | 1 514 | 80 218 | 38 160 | -52,4 |
| | | R'000 | 25 276 | 20 902 | 9 682 | 514 972 | 262 835 | -49,0 |
| | Other residential buildings 2/ | square metres | 207 | 0 | 0 | 4 178 | 268 | -93,6 |
| | | R'000 | 1 519 | 0 | 0 | 25 797 | 1 966 | -92,4 |
| | Total residential buildings | R'000 | 141 004 | 122 722 | 113 409 | 1 345 926 | 917 569 | -31,8 |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 516 | 470 | 0 | 2 288 | 470 | -79,5 |
| | | R'000 | 3 546 | 3 360 | 0 | 14 722 | 3 360 | -77,2 |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 531 | 0 | 0 | 18 147 | 13 334 | -26,5 |
| | | R'000 | 3 649 | 0 | 0 | 110 102 | 91 389 | -17,0 |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 0 | 1 451 | 5 855 | 30 788 | 24 822 | -19,4 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 10 119 | 33 568 | 195 736 | 152 973 | -21,8 |
| | Other non-residential buildings 3/ | square metres | 144 | 0 | 4 550 | 3 284 | 23 078 | 602,7 |
| | | R'000 | 1 029 | 0 | 31 931 | 22 539 | 161 976 | 618,6 |
| | Total non-residential buildings | R'000 | 8 224 | 13 479 | 65 499 | 343 099 | 409 698 | 19,4 |
| | Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 3 370 | 3 590 | 4 138 | 30 991 | 28 496 |
| R'000 | | | 22 564 | 23 977 | 28 300 | 198 391 | 193 423 | -2,5 |
| Other buildings 4/ | | square metres | 1 000 | 1 638 | 1 577 | 6 795 | 4 723 | -30,5 |
| | | R'000 | 12 357 | 13 674 | 11 739 | 85 352 | 56 970 | -33,3 |
| Total additions and alterations | | R'000 | 34 921 | 37 651 | 40 039 | 283 743 | 250 393 | -11,8 |
| Building plans passed | Total at current prices | R'000 | 184 149 | 173 852 | 218 947 | 1 972 768 | 1 577 660 | -20,0 |

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

3/ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.

4/ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Table 19 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: South Africa

| | | | Aug 2022 | Jul 2023 | Aug 2023 | Jan – Aug 2022 | Jan – Aug 2023 | % change 1/ | |
|--|--|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 973 | 1 264 | 664 | 6 288 | 5 452 | -13,3 | |
| | | square metres | 51 738 | 56 704 | 34 405 | 321 765 | 273 382 | -15,0 | |
| | | R'000 | 357 986 | 426 970 | 245 551 | 2 178 168 | 1 979 185 | -9,1 | |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 853 | 757 | 930 | 6 339 | 5 781 | -8,8 | |
| | | square metres | 218 277 | 189 145 | 188 693 | 1 605 361 | 1 434 760 | -10,6 | |
| | | R'000 | 1 851 752 | 1 566 035 | 1 646 411 | 12 849 867 | 12 430 283 | -3,3 | |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 851 | 710 | 823 | 8 709 | 7 037 | -19,2 | |
| | | square metres | 114 490 | 74 634 | 104 081 | 841 300 | 796 588 | -5,3 | |
| | | R'000 | 1 011 598 | 652 369 | 956 317 | 7 450 556 | 7 077 553 | -5,0 | |
| | Other residential buildings 2/ | square metres | 0 | 1 920 | 7 452 | 41 620 | 20 476 | -50,8 | |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 12 513 | 95 595 | 369 919 | 194 708 | -47,4 | |
| | Total residential buildings | | R'000 | 3 221 336 | 2 657 887 | 2 943 874 | 22 848 510 | 21 681 729 | -5,1 |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 6 829 | 24 048 | 702 | 104 248 | 132 427 | 27,0 | |
| | | R'000 | 60 827 | 236 167 | 4 997 | 924 449 | 1 558 493 | 68,6 | |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 8 478 | 2 679 | 13 464 | 223 808 | 230 305 | 2,9 | |
| | | R'000 | 82 114 | 25 526 | 90 053 | 2 209 542 | 2 399 125 | 8,6 | |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 143 215 | 149 422 | 79 580 | 879 848 | 578 874 | -34,2 | |
| | | R'000 | 910 898 | 948 699 | 503 525 | 5 571 183 | 3 841 028 | -31,1 | |
| | Other non-residential buildings 3/ | square metres | 22 614 | 3 068 | 6 668 | 234 712 | 66 152 | -71,8 | |
| | | R'000 | 194 581 | 26 244 | 46 602 | 1 832 653 | 565 121 | -69,2 | |
| | Total non-residential buildings | | R'000 | 1 248 420 | 1 236 636 | 645 177 | 10 537 827 | 8 363 767 | -20,6 |
| | Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 84 951 | 65 202 | 77 518 | 1 070 832 | 433 708 | -59,5 |
| R'000 | | | 680 779 | 535 521 | 617 902 | 7 802 440 | 3 638 906 | -53,4 | |
| Other buildings 4/ | | square metres | 73 508 | 18 354 | 21 722 | 435 628 | 227 976 | -47,7 | |
| | | R'000 | 655 757 | 171 824 | 192 702 | 4 393 435 | 2 244 306 | -48,9 | |
| Total additions and alterations | | R'000 | 1 336 536 | 707 345 | 810 604 | 12 195 875 | 5 883 212 | -51,8 | |
| Buildings completed | | Total at current prices | R'000 | 5 806 292 | 4 601 868 | 4 399 655 | 45 582 212 | 35 928 708 | -21,2 |

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

3/ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.

4/ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Table 20 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Western Cape

| | | | Aug 2022 | Jul 2023 | Aug 2023 | Jan – Aug 2022 | Jan – Aug 2023 | % change 1/ | |
|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 177 | 605 | 183 | 2 334 | 1 818 | -22,1 | |
| | | square metres | 7 867 | 25 100 | 8 705 | 100 080 | 81 733 | -18,3 | |
| | | R'000 | 46 196 | 180 644 | 55 538 | 568 010 | 547 227 | -3,7 | |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 292 | 237 | 421 | 2 521 | 1 959 | -22,3 | |
| | | square metres | 63 759 | 63 144 | 68 803 | 631 346 | 462 432 | -26,8 | |
| | | R'000 | 441 315 | 461 060 | 508 395 | 4 340 018 | 3 295 623 | -24,1 | |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 294 | 154 | 154 | 4 630 | 2 972 | -35,8 | |
| | | square metres | 45 224 | 21 552 | 21 526 | 418 031 | 367 949 | -12,0 | |
| | | R'000 | 368 593 | 176 825 | 181 524 | 3 298 544 | 2 930 980 | -11,1 | |
| | Other residential buildings 2/ | square metres | 0 | 1 442 | 6 036 | 10 673 | 12 652 | 18,5 | |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 8 858 | 81 500 | 69 178 | 123 507 | 78,5 | |
| | Total residential buildings | | R'000 | 856 104 | 827 387 | 826 957 | 8 275 750 | 6 897 337 | -16,7 |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 5 808 | 0 | 0 | 51 780 | 7 246 | -86,0 | |
| | | R'000 | 50 820 | 0 | 0 | 407 312 | 44 960 | -89,0 | |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 3 648 | 0 | 1 209 | 74 750 | 28 897 | -61,3 | |
| | | R'000 | 31 923 | 0 | 8 210 | 603 884 | 221 231 | -63,4 | |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 29 323 | 23 820 | 26 511 | 189 549 | 132 142 | -30,3 | |
| | | R'000 | 198 173 | 166 773 | 183 811 | 1 271 945 | 936 561 | -26,4 | |
| | Other non-residential buildings 3/ | square metres | 19 858 | 1 415 | 5 828 | 119 781 | 40 010 | -66,6 | |
| | | R'000 | 174 113 | 11 129 | 40 913 | 896 425 | 282 120 | -68,5 | |
| Total non-residential buildings | | R'000 | 455 029 | 177 902 | 232 934 | 3 179 566 | 1 484 872 | -53,3 | |
| Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 36 808 | 24 244 | 26 675 | 762 336 | 153 401 | -79,9 | |
| | | R'000 | 246 858 | 169 607 | 181 684 | 5 094 785 | 1 081 224 | -78,8 | |
| | Other buildings 4/ | square metres | 30 922 | 9 048 | 11 910 | 294 466 | 118 223 | -59,9 | |
| | | R'000 | 301 542 | 78 407 | 104 304 | 3 118 372 | 1 086 301 | -65,2 | |
| Total additions and alterations | | R'000 | 548 400 | 248 014 | 285 988 | 8 213 157 | 2 167 525 | -73,6 | |
| Buildings completed | | Total at current prices | R'000 | 1 859 533 | 1 253 303 | 1 345 879 | 19 668 473 | 10 549 734 | -46,4 |

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

3/ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.

4/ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Table 21 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Eastern Cape

| | | | Aug 2022 | Jul 2023 | Aug 2023 | Jan – Aug 2022 | Jan – Aug 2023 | % change 1/ |
|--|--|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 43 | 57 | 30 | 240 | 367 | 52,9 |
| | | square metres | 2 643 | 2 795 | 1 497 | 14 243 | 17 705 | 24,3 |
| | | R'000 | 19 698 | 22 655 | 11 830 | 103 356 | 125 640 | 21,6 |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 54 | 30 | 30 | 386 | 405 | 4,9 |
| | | square metres | 11 755 | 5 500 | 7 582 | 82 994 | 101 746 | 22,6 |
| | | R'000 | 99 896 | 44 897 | 60 805 | 653 001 | 845 708 | 29,5 |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 11 | 7 | 65 | 187 | 292 | 56,1 |
| | | square metres | 1 264 | 1 825 | 5 730 | 14 828 | 24 180 | 63,1 |
| | | R'000 | 10 424 | 15 051 | 47 255 | 114 017 | 199 412 | 74,9 |
| | Other residential buildings 2/ | square metres | 0 | 0 | 104 | 5 297 | 104 | -98,0 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 658 | 40 676 | 658 | -98,4 |
| Total residential buildings | R'000 | 130 018 | 82 603 | 120 548 | 911 050 | 1 171 418 | 28,6 | |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 0 | 1 558 | 192 | 3 921 | 1 750 | -55,4 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 12 140 | 1 583 | 30 109 | 13 723 | -54,4 |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 520 | 0 | 0 | 688 | 3 727 | 441,7 |
| | | R'000 | 3 668 | 0 | 0 | 4 958 | 30 422 | 513,6 |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 0 | 7 262 | 178 | 9 479 | 23 589 | 148,9 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 59 123 | 1 468 | 72 790 | 187 013 | 156,9 |
| | Other non-residential buildings 3/ | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 913 | 331 | -98,9 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 230 805 | 2 687 | -98,8 |
| | Total non-residential buildings | R'000 | 3 668 | 71 263 | 3 051 | 338 662 | 233 845 | -31,0 |
| | Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 11 894 | 5 275 | 14 997 | 60 704 | 49 865 |
| R'000 | | | 96 219 | 43 125 | 120 201 | 472 193 | 407 212 | -13,8 |
| Other buildings 4/ | | square metres | 26 304 | 3 879 | 7 774 | 37 320 | 30 626 | -17,9 |
| | | R'000 | 210 263 | 31 391 | 63 882 | 299 935 | 254 725 | -15,1 |
| Total additions and alterations | R'000 | 306 482 | 74 516 | 184 083 | 772 128 | 661 937 | -14,3 | |
| Buildings completed | Total at current prices | R'000 | 440 168 | 228 382 | 307 682 | 2 021 840 | 2 067 200 | 2,2 |

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

3/ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.

4/ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Table 22 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Northern Cape

| | | | Aug 2022 | Jul 2023 | Aug 2023 | Jan – Aug 2022 | Jan – Aug 2023 | % change 1/ | |
|--|--|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 2 | -77,8 | |
| | | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 568 | 153 | -73,1 | |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 688 | 1 140 | -75,7 | |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 9 | 10 | 7 | 62 | 42 | -32,3 | |
| | | square metres | 1 564 | 1 927 | 1 258 | 14 076 | 9 729 | -30,9 | |
| | | R'000 | 14 722 | 18 145 | 11 842 | 119 078 | 91 584 | -23,1 | |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 0 | 1 | 0 | 20 | 1 | -95,0 | |
| | | square metres | 0 | 66 | 0 | 1 571 | 66 | -95,8 | |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 621 | 0 | 12 730 | 621 | -95,1 | |
| | Other residential buildings 2/ | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .. | |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .. | |
| | Total residential buildings | | R'000 | 14 722 | 18 766 | 11 842 | 136 496 | 93 345 | -31,6 |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 461 | 1 387 | 200,9 | |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 735 | 13 056 | 249,6 | |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 249 | 0 | -100,0 | |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 344 | 0 | -100,0 | |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 169 | 473 | -97,7 | |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 163 430 | 4 452 | -97,3 | |
| | Other non-residential buildings 3/ | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 202 | 0 | -100,0 | |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 637 | 0 | -100,0 | |
| | Total non-residential buildings | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 171 146 | 17 508 | -89,8 |
| | Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 3 349 | 2 129 | 2 108 | 27 366 | 15 077 | -44,9 |
| R'000 | | | 31 524 | 20 040 | 19 843 | 230 828 | 141 921 | -38,5 | |
| Other buildings 4/ | | square metres | 0 | 344 | 0 | 2 151 | 3 733 | 73,5 | |
| | | R'000 | 280 | 3 518 | 250 | 20 526 | 39 019 | 90,1 | |
| Total additions and alterations | | R'000 | 31 804 | 23 558 | 20 093 | 251 354 | 180 940 | -28,0 | |
| Buildings completed | | Total at current prices | R'000 | 46 526 | 42 324 | 31 935 | 558 996 | 291 793 | -47,8 |

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

3/ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.

4/ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Table 23 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Free State

| | | | Aug 2022 | Jul 2023 | Aug 2023 | Jan – Aug 2022 | Jan – Aug 2023 | % change 1/ |
|--|--|-----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 47 | 0 | 0 | 145 | 58 | -60,0 |
| | | square metres | 2 645 | 0 | 0 | 7 882 | 3 328 | -57,8 |
| | | R'000 | 25 448 | 0 | 0 | 72 158 | 32 019 | -55,6 |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 27 | 11 | 8 | 144 | 84 | -41,7 |
| | | square metres | 4 699 | 3 599 | 2 043 | 28 016 | 18 601 | -33,6 |
| | | R'000 | 40 094 | 28 441 | 15 709 | 226 979 | 146 740 | -35,4 |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 0 | 14 | 45 | 2 | 70 | 3 400,0 |
| | | square metres | 0 | 2 246 | 9 512 | 355 | 13 325 | 3 653,5 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 18 523 | 78 445 | 2 044 | 109 891 | 5 276,3 |
| | Other residential buildings 2/ | square metres | 0 | 204 | 0 | 1 487 | 204 | -86,3 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 1 682 | 0 | 8 563 | 1 682 | -80,4 |
| | Total residential buildings | R'000 | 65 542 | 48 646 | 94 154 | 309 744 | 290 332 | -6,3 |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 0 | 421 | 0 | 0 | 696 | .. |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 3 373 | 0 | 0 | 5 074 | .. |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 0 | 0 | 1 117 | 207 | 1 421 | 586,5 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 9 212 | 1 992 | 11 635 | 484,1 |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 0 | 3 031 | 0 | 2 786 | 3 939 | 41,4 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 24 997 | 0 | 21 319 | 32 485 | 52,4 |
| | Other non-residential buildings 3/ | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 353 | 0 | -100,0 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 129 | 0 | -100,0 |
| | Total non-residential buildings | R'000 | 0 | 28 370 | 9 212 | 25 440 | 49 194 | 93,4 |
| | Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 2 145 | 812 | 413 | 16 022 | 8 516 |
| R'000 | | | 19 513 | 6 365 | 3 073 | 109 542 | 69 219 | -36,8 |
| Other buildings 4/ | | square metres | 0 | 614 | 0 | 3 794 | 1 706 | -55,0 |
| | | R'000 | 176 | 5 064 | 0 | 32 529 | 15 559 | -52,2 |
| Total additions and alterations | R'000 | 19 689 | 11 429 | 3 073 | 142 071 | 84 778 | -40,3 | |
| Buildings completed | Total at current prices | R'000 | 85 231 | 88 445 | 106 439 | 477 255 | 424 304 | -11,1 |

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

3/ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.

4/ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Table 24 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: KwaZulu-Natal

| | | | Aug 2022 | Jul 2023 | Aug 2023 | Jan – Aug 2022 | Jan – Aug 2023 | % change 1/ |
|--|-------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 4 | 9 | 13 | 64 | 64 | 0,0 |
| | | square metres | 259 | 542 | 821 | 3 694 | 3 917 | 6,0 |
| | | R'000 | 2 087 | 5 229 | 8 428 | 35 837 | 36 339 | 1,4 |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 63 | 59 | 143 | 430 | 550 | 27,9 |
| | | square metres | 19 377 | 19 020 | 30 662 | 155 102 | 172 594 | 11,3 |
| | | R'000 | 201 184 | 185 510 | 356 872 | 1 621 478 | 1 901 890 | 17,3 |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 206 | 39 | 232 | 1 608 | 879 | -45,3 |
| | | square metres | 32 772 | 5 783 | 23 106 | 151 514 | 107 997 | -28,7 |
| | | R'000 | 362 328 | 55 812 | 265 406 | 1 687 191 | 1 148 333 | -31,9 |
| | Other residential buildings 2/ | square metres | 0 | 0 | 841 | 20 423 | 1 992 | -90,2 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 10 008 | 224 653 | 23 705 | -89,4 |
| Total residential buildings | R'000 | 565 599 | 246 551 | 640 714 | 3 569 159 | 3 110 267 | -12,9 | |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 767 | 0 | 0 | 8 251 | 9 956 | 20,7 |
| | | R'000 | 8 437 | 0 | 0 | 90 761 | 108 428 | 19,5 |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 4 109 | 387 | 251 | 47 713 | 48 137 | 0,9 |
| | | R'000 | 45 199 | 4 257 | 1 883 | 518 850 | 516 548 | -0,4 |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 66 205 | 111 800 | 10 521 | 226 623 | 143 930 | -36,5 |
| | | R'000 | 410 496 | 671 174 | 53 662 | 1 395 229 | 854 730 | -38,7 |
| | Other non-residential buildings 3/ | square metres | 661 | 174 | 375 | 14 758 | 7 198 | -51,2 |
| | | R'000 | 8 263 | 1 952 | 2 813 | 150 249 | 81 688 | -45,6 |
| Total non-residential buildings | R'000 | 472 395 | 677 383 | 58 358 | 2 155 089 | 1 561 394 | -27,5 | |
| Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 6 216 | 7 955 | 7 916 | 56 470 | 55 994 | -0,8 |
| | | R'000 | 70 853 | 91 172 | 89 456 | 640 341 | 630 799 | -1,5 |
| | Other buildings 4/ | square metres | 2 339 | 1 272 | 218 | 29 036 | 31 148 | 7,3 |
| | | R'000 | 28 682 | 24 760 | 5 840 | 387 326 | 361 230 | -6,7 |
| Total additions and alterations | R'000 | 99 535 | 115 932 | 95 296 | 1 027 667 | 992 029 | -3,5 | |
| Buildings completed | Total at current prices | R'000 | 1 137 529 | 1 039 866 | 794 368 | 6 751 915 | 5 663 690 | -16,1 |

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

3/ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.

4/ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Table 25 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: North West

| | | | Aug 2022 | Jul 2023 | Aug 2023 | Jan – Aug 2022 | Jan – Aug 2023 | % change 1/ |
|--|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 33 | 34 | 144 | 219 | 318 | 45,2 |
| | | square metres | 1 891 | 2 049 | 6 529 | 12 547 | 17 122 | 36,5 |
| | | R'000 | 10 544 | 14 404 | 32 451 | 69 005 | 95 547 | 38,5 |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 76 | 67 | 66 | 537 | 455 | -15,3 |
| | | square metres | 18 210 | 16 094 | 16 973 | 113 733 | 99 279 | -12,7 |
| | | R'000 | 132 369 | 106 567 | 123 457 | 775 335 | 696 688 | -10,1 |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 2 | 48 | 54 | 62 | 195 | 214,5 |
| | | square metres | 495 | 5 750 | 6 480 | 8 042 | 22 313 | 177,5 |
| | | R'000 | 2 862 | 35 764 | 45 674 | 49 042 | 144 491 | 194,6 |
| | Other residential buildings 2/ | square metres | 0 | 274 | 184 | 1 051 | 2 890 | 175,0 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 1 973 | 1 324 | 7 077 | 18 572 | 162,4 |
| Total residential buildings | R'000 | 145 775 | 158 708 | 202 906 | 900 459 | 955 298 | 6,1 | |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 254 | 0 | 285 | 1 309 | 285 | -78,2 |
| | | R'000 | 1 570 | 0 | 1 763 | 7 688 | 1 763 | -77,1 |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 201 | 866 | 1 219 | 11 385 | 4 444 | -61,0 |
| | | R'000 | 1 324 | 6 760 | 7 652 | 79 543 | 29 825 | -62,5 |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 711 | 0 | 3 318 | 12 684 | 8 533 | -32,7 |
| | | R'000 | 3 909 | 0 | 23 890 | 86 554 | 66 030 | -23,7 |
| | Other non-residential buildings 3/ | square metres | 2 095 | 0 | 0 | 15 607 | 0 | -100,0 |
| | | R'000 | 12 205 | 0 | 0 | 93 177 | 0 | -100,0 |
| Total non-residential buildings | R'000 | 19 008 | 6 760 | 33 305 | 266 962 | 97 618 | -63,4 | |
| Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 1 921 | 5 174 | 12 540 | 11 597 | 25 523 | 120,1 |
| | | R'000 | 11 814 | 32 392 | 78 300 | 70 573 | 159 842 | 126,5 |
| | Other buildings 4/ | square metres | 776 | 1 484 | 350 | 4 780 | 4 344 | -9,1 |
| | | R'000 | 7 495 | 12 995 | 2 813 | 48 021 | 78 689 | 63,9 |
| Total additions and alterations | R'000 | 19 309 | 45 387 | 81 113 | 118 594 | 238 531 | 101,1 | |
| Buildings completed | Total at current prices | R'000 | 184 092 | 210 855 | 317 324 | 1 286 015 | 1 291 447 | 0,4 |

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

3/ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.

4/ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Table 26 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Gauteng

| | | | Aug 2022 | Jul 2023 | Aug 2023 | Jan – Aug 2022 | Jan – Aug 2023 | % change 1/ | |
|--|--|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 641 | 544 | 266 | 3 084 | 2 670 | -13,4 | |
| | | square metres | 34 572 | 25 329 | 15 123 | 171 227 | 139 846 | -18,3 | |
| | | R'000 | 241 802 | 198 164 | 124 650 | 1 247 386 | 1 074 363 | -13,9 | |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 248 | 233 | 212 | 1 671 | 1 824 | 9,2 | |
| | | square metres | 73 618 | 58 112 | 49 909 | 440 952 | 461 427 | 4,6 | |
| | | R'000 | 740 660 | 561 763 | 487 890 | 4 152 366 | 4 646 718 | 11,9 | |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 323 | 395 | 209 | 2 111 | 2 224 | 5,4 | |
| | | square metres | 32 294 | 33 020 | 29 085 | 236 775 | 225 873 | -4,6 | |
| | | R'000 | 250 614 | 310 505 | 283 378 | 2 220 147 | 2 299 207 | 3,6 | |
| | Other residential buildings 2/ | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 474 | 1 817 | -26,6 | |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 303 | 20 590 | 12,5 | |
| | Total residential buildings | | R'000 | 1 233 076 | 1 070 432 | 895 918 | 7 638 202 | 8 040 878 | 5,3 |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 0 | 21 591 | 0 | 37 071 | 109 822 | 196,2 | |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 217 369 | 0 | 376 274 | 1 362 595 | 262,1 | |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 0 | 911 | 1 026 | 85 283 | 121 389 | 42,3 | |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 10 969 | 8 461 | 976 838 | 1 440 290 | 47,4 | |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 41 870 | 1 267 | 39 052 | 386 276 | 202 784 | -47,5 | |
| | | R'000 | 258 925 | 11 223 | 240 694 | 2 323 857 | 1 326 909 | -42,9 | |
| | Other non-residential buildings 3/ | square metres | 0 | 1 479 | 465 | 40 748 | 18 613 | -54,3 | |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 13 163 | 2 876 | 361 311 | 198 626 | -45,0 | |
| | Total non-residential buildings | | R'000 | 258 925 | 252 724 | 252 031 | 4 038 280 | 4 328 420 | 7,2 |
| | Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 20 874 | 16 749 | 10 585 | 124 617 | 106 309 | -14,7 |
| R'000 | | | 192 078 | 151 234 | 106 913 | 1 105 362 | 1 013 859 | -8,3 | |
| Other buildings 4/ | | square metres | 13 167 | 1 713 | 1 470 | 58 668 | 30 871 | -47,4 | |
| | | R'000 | 105 584 | 12 106 | 11 514 | 430 156 | 296 738 | -31,0 | |
| Total additions and alterations | | R'000 | 297 662 | 163 340 | 118 427 | 1 535 518 | 1 310 597 | -14,6 | |
| Buildings completed | | Total at current prices | R'000 | 1 789 663 | 1 486 496 | 1 266 376 | 13 212 000 | 13 679 895 | 3,5 |

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

3/ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.

4/ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Table 27 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Mpumalanga

| | | | Aug 2022 | Jul 2023 | Aug 2023 | Jan – Aug 2022 | Jan – Aug 2023 | % change 1/ | |
|--|--|--------------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|-------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 16 | 13 | 24 | 125 | 129 | 3,2 | |
| | | square metres | 1 052 | 764 | 1 470 | 7 113 | 7 858 | 10,5 | |
| | | R'000 | 6 651 | 5 015 | 10 867 | 48 880 | 55 157 | 12,8 | |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 49 | 72 | 26 | 392 | 288 | -26,5 | |
| | | square metres | 12 986 | 13 332 | 6 833 | 76 214 | 60 765 | -20,3 | |
| | | R'000 | 97 483 | 101 504 | 49 491 | 550 648 | 473 480 | -14,0 | |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 0 | 52 | 64 | 4 | 116 | 2 800,0 | |
| | | square metres | 0 | 4 392 | 8 642 | 509 | 13 034 | 2 460,7 | |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 39 268 | 54 635 | 2 966 | 93 903 | 3 066,0 | |
| | Other residential buildings 2/ | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .. | |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .. | |
| | Total residential buildings | | R'000 | 104 134 | 145 787 | 114 993 | 602 494 | 622 540 | 3,3 |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 455 | 73 | -95,0 | |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 570 | 460 | -94,6 | |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 0 | 0 | 8 642 | 0 | 9 302 | .. | |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 54 635 | 0 | 60 095 | .. | |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 2 078 | 0 | 0 | 14 497 | 22 168 | 52,9 | |
| | | R'000 | 18 584 | 0 | 0 | 120 236 | 143 039 | 19,0 | |
| | Other non-residential buildings 3/ | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 599 | 0 | -100,0 | |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 71 604 | 0 | -100,0 | |
| | Total non-residential buildings | | R'000 | 18 584 | 0 | 54 635 | 200 410 | 203 594 | 1,6 |
| | Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 1 121 | 1 537 | 2 119 | 7 468 | 15 746 | 110,8 |
| R'000 | | | 8 149 | 12 424 | 17 274 | 52 183 | 112 527 | 115,6 | |
| Other buildings 4/ | | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 806 | 7 086 | 292,4 | |
| | | R'000 | 735 | 1 583 | 4 099 | 26 313 | 99 715 | 279,0 | |
| Total additions and alterations | | R'000 | 8 884 | 14 007 | 21 373 | 78 496 | 212 242 | 170,4 | |
| Buildings completed | | Total at current prices | R'000 | 131 602 | 159 794 | 191 001 | 881 400 | 1 038 376 | 17,8 |

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

3/ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.

4/ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Table 28 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Limpopo

| | | | Aug 2022 | Jul 2023 | Aug 2023 | Jan – Aug 2022 | Jan – Aug 2023 | % change 1/ | |
|--|-------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 12 | 2 | 4 | 68 | 26 | -61,8 | |
| | | square metres | 809 | 125 | 260 | 4 411 | 1 720 | -61,0 | |
| | | R'000 | 5 560 | 859 | 1 787 | 28 848 | 11 753 | -59,3 | |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 35 | 38 | 17 | 196 | 174 | -11,2 | |
| | | square metres | 12 309 | 8 417 | 4 630 | 62 928 | 48 187 | -23,4 | |
| | | R'000 | 84 029 | 58 148 | 31 950 | 410 964 | 331 852 | -19,3 | |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 15 | 0 | 0 | 85 | 288 | 238,8 | |
| | | square metres | 2 441 | 0 | 0 | 9 675 | 21 851 | 125,9 | |
| | | R'000 | 16 777 | 0 | 0 | 63 875 | 150 715 | 136,0 | |
| | Other residential buildings 2/ | square metres | 0 | 0 | 287 | 215 | 817 | 280,0 | |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 2 105 | 1 469 | 5 994 | 308,0 | |
| | Total residential buildings | | R'000 | 106 366 | 59 007 | 35 842 | 505 156 | 500 314 | -1,0 |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 0 | 478 | 225 | 0 | 1 212 | .. | |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 3 285 | 1 651 | 0 | 8 434 | .. | |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 0 | 515 | 0 | 3 533 | 12 988 | 267,6 | |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 3 540 | 0 | 21 133 | 89 079 | 321,5 | |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 3 028 | 2 242 | 0 | 17 785 | 41 316 | 132,3 | |
| | | R'000 | 20 811 | 15 409 | 0 | 115 823 | 289 809 | 150,2 | |
| | Other non-residential buildings 3/ | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 751 | 0 | -100,0 | |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 316 | 0 | -100,0 | |
| Total non-residential buildings | | R'000 | 20 811 | 22 234 | 1 651 | 162 272 | 387 322 | 138,7 | |
| Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 623 | 1 327 | 165 | 4 252 | 3 277 | -22,9 | |
| | | R'000 | 3 771 | 9 162 | 1 158 | 26 633 | 22 303 | -16,3 | |
| | Other buildings 4/ | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 607 | 239 | -93,4 | |
| | | R'000 | 1 000 | 2 000 | 0 | 30 257 | 12 330 | -59,2 | |
| Total additions and alterations | | R'000 | 4 771 | 11 162 | 1 158 | 56 890 | 34 633 | -39,1 | |
| Buildings completed | Total at current prices | | R'000 | 131 948 | 92 403 | 38 651 | 724 318 | 922 269 | 27,3 |

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.

3/ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.

4/ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Explanatory notes

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| Introduction | 1 | Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and, therefore, do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses in their reporting. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses can be obtained from the Department of Human Settlements. |
| | 2 | In order to improve timeliness of the publication, some information for the current month has been estimated due to late submission by respondents. These estimates will be revised in the next statistical release(s) as soon as actual information is available. |
| Purpose of the survey | 3 | The monthly survey data are used in monitoring the state of economy and formulation of economic policy. Furthermore, the results are important inputs to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and to calculate the Composite Leading Business Cycle Indicator. The data are extensively used by the private sector. |
| Scope of the survey | 4 | This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • passing of building plans; and • final inspection of completed buildings. |
| Classification | 5 | Building activities are classified in division five according to the 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities</i> (SIC), Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02. The SIC is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities</i> (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions. |
| Collection rate | 6 | The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for August 2023 was 92,7%. The improved collection rate for July 2023 was 94,6%. |
| Statistical unit | 7 | The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities. |
| Survey methodology and design | 8 | Stats SA conducts a monthly survey of metropolitan municipalities and large local municipalities on building plans passed and buildings completed. An annual survey of the remaining municipalities is conducted regarding buildings completed. The monthly survey represents approximately 85% of the total value of buildings completed. Information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed for the private sector is collected by email, fax and telephone. |
| Constant prices | 9 | The value of building plans passed and buildings completed at constant prices measures building activities in terms of ruling prices in a specific base year, which is currently 2019. The value of building plans passed at constant prices for each month is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with a price index known as the 'lump sum domestic buildings' as published in statistical release P0151.1: <i>Construction Materials Price Indices</i> . In order to be applicable, these indices (base December 2021=100) are converted to the base year 2019=100. |

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| Seasonal adjustment | 10 | Seasonally adjusted estimates of building plans passed and buildings completed are generated each month, using the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by the United States Census Bureau. |
| | 11 | Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. Influences that are volatile or unsystematic can still make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variations. Therefore, the month-to-month movements of seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. The X-12-ARIMA procedure for building statistics is described in more detail on the Stats SA website at: Click to download building statistics seasonal adjustment February 2022. |
| Trend cycle | 12 | The trend is a long-term pattern or movement of a time series. The X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program is used for smoothing seasonally adjusted data. |
| Revised figures | 13 | Revised figures are due to late submission of data to Stats SA, or to respondents reporting revisions or corrections to their figures. Figures for the latest two years are therefore preliminary. Data are edited at municipal level. |
| | 14 | Once a year the annual statistical release P5041.3: <i>Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions</i> is published with the revised and updated information at provincial and municipal level for the previous calendar year. Due to this comprehensive revision, the monthly statistical release P5041.1 reflects provincial revision where applicable. |
| Related publications | 15 | Users may also wish to refer to the following publications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P5041.3: <i>Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions</i> issued annually; • P9101.2: <i>Actual and expected expenditure on construction by the public sector per statistical region</i> issued annually; and • <i>Building Statistics</i> (Report No. 50-11-01) issued annually. |
| Rounding-off of figures | 16 | Where necessary, the figures in the tables have been rounded off to the nearest digit shown. |
| Symbols and abbreviations | 17 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> .. Changes from a zero in the preceding period cannot be calculated as a percentage 0 Nil or figure too small to publish * Revised Stats SA Statistics South Africa SIC Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities ISIC International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities |

Glossary

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| Additions and alterations | Extensions to existing buildings as well as internal and external alterations of existing buildings. |
| Blocks of flats | High-density housing consisting of a number of self-contained dwelling-units, each with at least one living-room together with a kitchen and bathroom, conjoined to similar units in one building. |
| Dwelling-house | A free-standing, complete structure on a separate stand or a self-contained dwelling-unit, e.g. granny flat, on the same premises as an existing residence. Out-buildings and garages are included. |
| Local government institutions | <p>Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • district municipalities; • metropolitan municipalities; and • local municipalities. |
| Municipality | A generic term describing the “unit” of government in the local spheres responsible for local government in a geographically demarcated area and including district, metropolitan and local municipalities. It is an institution consisting of a municipal council (elected political representatives) and municipal administration (appointed officials). |
| District municipality | A municipality that has municipal executive and legislative authority in an area that includes more than one municipality, and which is described in section 155(1) of the Constitution as a category C municipality (refer to Local Government: Municipal Structure Act, 1998 (Act No. 117 of 1998)). |
| Metropolitan municipality | A municipality that has municipal executive and legislative authority in an area that includes more than one municipality, and which is described in section 155(1) of the Constitution as a category A municipality (refer to Local Government: Municipal Structure Act, 1998 (Act No. 117 of 1998)). |
| Local municipality | A municipality that shares municipal executive and legislative authority in its area with a district municipality within whose area it falls, which is described in section 155(1) of the constitution as a category B municipality. |
| Non-residential buildings | Factories and commercial, financial and other office buildings, as well as other buildings not used for residential purposes, such as churches, halls, clubs, schools and hospitals. |
| Other residential buildings | Institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, old people’s homes, hostels, hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation, entertainment centres and casinos. |
| Percentage change | <p>When using monthly actual values, the percentage change is the change in actual values of building activities (building plans passed or buildings completed) of the relevant month compared with the same month in the previous year expressed as a percentage.</p> <p>When using annual actual values, the percentage change is the change in the actual values of building activities (building plans passed or buildings completed) of the relevant year compared with the previous year expressed as a percentage.</p> <p>When using seasonally adjusted values, the percentage change is the change in the seasonally adjusted values of building activities (building plans passed or buildings completed) of the relevant month compared with the previous month expressed as a percentage.</p> |

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| Reference period | One calendar month. |
| Residential buildings | Buildings that are used primarily as residences. Includes dwelling-houses, flats, townhouses and other residential buildings. |
| Townhouses | Multiple, medium-density dwelling-units including cluster housing, group housing, simplexes, duplexes, triplexes and other similar dwelling-units which are usually grouped together, with one level of each unit on ground level. This category excludes blocks of flats. |
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