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Key findings for January to August 2024

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 2023	Jan – Aug 2024	Difference in value between Jan – Aug 2023 and Jan – Aug 2024	% change between Jan – Aug 2023 and Jan – Aug 2024
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	34 728 275	30 437 900	-4 290 375	-12,4
-Dwelling-houses	22 927 945	19 604 991	-3 322 954	-14,5
-Flats and townhouses	11 322 198	9 957 492	-1 364 706	-12,1
-Other residential buildings	478 132	875 417	397 285	83,1
Non-residential buildings	16 183 983	15 311 604	-872 379	-5,4
Additions and alterations	19 719 678	18 002 049	-1 717 629	-8,7
Total	70 631 936	63 751 553	-6 880 383	-9,7

The value of building plans passed (at current prices) decreased by 9,7% (-R6 880,4 million) during January to August 2024 compared with January to August 2023. Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-R4 290,4 million), additions and alterations (-R1 717,6 million) and non-residential buildings (-R872,4 million) – see Table A.

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

Province	Jan – Aug 2023	Jan – Aug 2024	Weight Jan – Aug 2023	% change between Jan – Aug 2023 and Jan – Aug 2024	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan – Aug 2023 and Jan – Aug 2024 ¹	Difference in value between Jan – Aug 2023 and Jan – Aug 2024
	R'000	R'000	%			R'000
Western Cape	22 871 392	20 010 512	32,4	-12,5	-4,1	-2 860 880
Eastern Cape	4 643 682	3 681 355	6,6	-20,7	-1,4	-962 327
Northern Cape	626 099	751 243	0,9	20,0	0,2	125 144
Free State	1 876 931	1 621 032	2,7	-13,6	-0,4	-255 899
KwaZulu-Natal	9 346 212	9 953 030	13,2	6,5	0,9	606 818
North West	1 970 892	2 739 568	2,8	39,0	1,1	768 676
Gauteng	23 780 485	19 832 835	33,7	-16,6	-5,6	-3 947 650
Mpumalanga	3 912 135	3 671 639	5,5	-6,1	-0,3	-240 496
Limpopo	1 604 108	1 490 339	2,3	-7,1	-0,2	-113 769
Total	70 631 936	63 751 553	100,0	-9,7	-9,7	-6 880 383

¹ 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 negative contributions to the total decrease of 9,7% (-R6 880,4 million) were made by Gauteng (contributing -5,6 percentage points or -R3 947,7 million), Western Cape (contributing -4,1 percentage points or -R2 860,9 million) and Eastern Cape (contributing -1,4 percentage points or -R962,3 million).

The largest positive contributors were North West (contributing 1,1 percentage points or R768,7 million) and KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 0,9 of a percentage point or R606,8 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 2023	Jan – Aug 2024	Difference in value between Jan – Aug 2023 and Jan – Aug 2024	% change between Jan – Aug 2023 and Jan – Aug 2024
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	26 613 061	22 260 544	-4 352 517	-16,4
Non-residential buildings	12 386 255	11 179 324	-1 206 931	-9,7
Additions and alterations	15 110 926	13 158 417	-1 952 509	-12,9
Total	54 110 242	46 598 285	-7 511 957	-13,9

The real value of building plans passed (at constant 2019 prices) decreased by 13,9% (-R7 512,0 million) during January to August 2024 compared with January to August 2023. Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-R4 352,5 million), additions and alterations (-R1 952,5 million) and non-residential buildings (-R1 206,9 million) – see Table C.

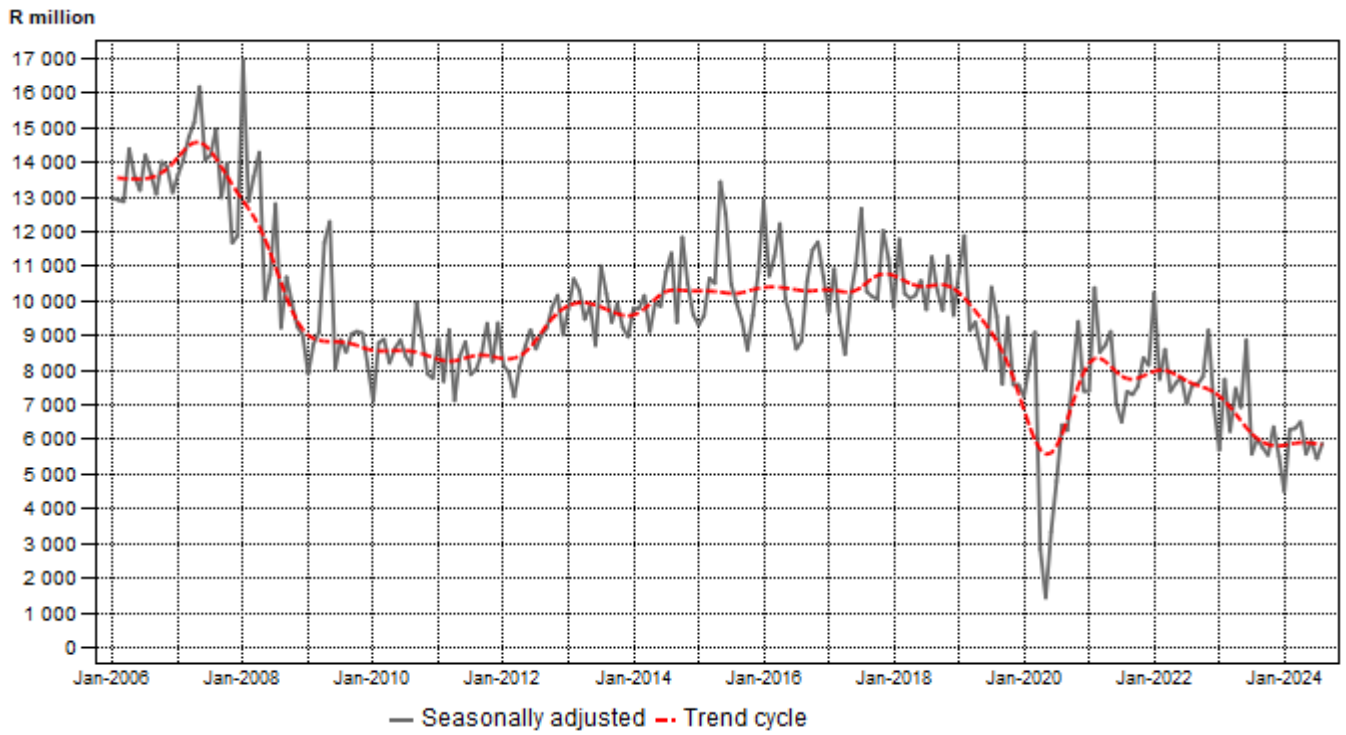
Table D – Seasonally adjusted building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices for the latest three months by type of building

Type of building	Mar – May 2024	Jun – Aug 2024	% change between Mar – May 2024 and Jun – Aug 2024
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	8 558 340	7 412 678	-13,4
Non-residential buildings ¹	4 654 627	4 822 193	3,6
Additions and alterations	5 194 278	5 041 809	-2,9
Total	18 407 245	17 276 680	-6,1

¹ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 9 and 10 on page 38.

The seasonally adjusted real value of building plans passed decreased by 6,1% in the three months ended August 2024 compared with the previous three months. Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-13,4%) and additions and alterations (-2,9%). An increase was reported for non-residential buildings (3,6%) – 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 2023	Jan – Aug 2024	Difference in value between Jan – Aug 2023 and Jan – Aug 2024	% change between Jan – Aug 2023 and Jan – Aug 2024
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	21 815 502	18 603 415	-3 212 087	-14,7
-Dwelling-houses	14 536 083	12 385 474	-2 150 609	-14,8
-Flats and townhouses	7 083 963	6 002 540	-1 081 423	-15,3
-Other residential buildings	195 456	215 401	19 945	10,2
Non-residential buildings	8 387 436	6 846 060	-1 541 376	-18,4
Additions and alterations	5 852 203	6 812 692	960 489	16,4
Total	36 055 141	32 262 167	-3 792 974	-10,5

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) decreased by 10,5% (-R3 793,0 million) during January to August 2024 compared with January to August 2023.

Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-R3 212,1 million) and non-residential buildings (-R1 541,4 million). An increase was reported for additions and alterations (R960,5 million) – see Table E.

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

Province	Jan – Aug 2023	Jan – Aug 2024	Weight Jan – Aug 2023	% change between Jan – Aug 2023 and Jan – Aug 2024	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan – Aug 2023 and Jan – Aug 2024 ¹	Difference in value between Jan – Aug 2023 and Jan – Aug 2024
	R'000	R'000	%			R'000
Western Cape	10 549 734	9 293 803	29,3	-11,9	-3,5	-1 255 931
Eastern Cape	2 145 420	2 230 576	6,0	4,0	0,2	85 156
Northern Cape	291 793	245 260	0,8	-15,9	-0,1	-46 533
Free State	472 517	307 097	1,3	-35,0	-0,5	-165 420
KwaZulu-Natal	5 663 690	4 770 862	15,7	-15,8	-2,5	-892 828
North West	1 291 447	1 258 302	3,6	-2,6	-0,1	-33 145
Gauteng	13 679 895	12 770 900	37,9	-6,6	-2,5	-908 995
Mpumalanga	1 038 376	860 490	2,9	-17,1	-0,5	-177 886
Limpopo	922 269	524 877	2,6	-43,1	-1,1	-397 392
Total	36 055 141	32 262 167	100,0	-10,5	-10,5	-3 792 974

¹ 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.

Eight provinces reported year-on-year decreases in the value of buildings completed during January to August 2024, of which Western Cape (contributing -3,5 percentage points or -R1 255,9 million), Gauteng (contributing -2,5 percentage points or -R909,0 million), KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -2,5 percentage points or -R892,8 million) and Limpopo (contributing -1,1 percentage points or -R397,4 million) were the largest negative contributors – 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 2023	Jan – Aug 2024	Difference in value between Jan – Aug 2023 and Jan – Aug 2024	% change between Jan – Aug 2023 and Jan – Aug 2024
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	16 699 586	13 594 294	-3 105 292	-18,6
Non-residential buildings	6 440 545	4 998 382	-1 442 163	-22,4
Additions and alterations	4 484 583	4 980 167	495 584	11,1
Total	27 624 714	23 572 843	-4 051 871	-14,7

The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2019 prices) decreased by 14,7% (-R4 051,9 million) during January to August 2024 compared with January to August 2023. Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-R3 105,3 million) and non-residential buildings (-R1 442,2 million). Additions and alterations rose by R495,6 million – see Table G.

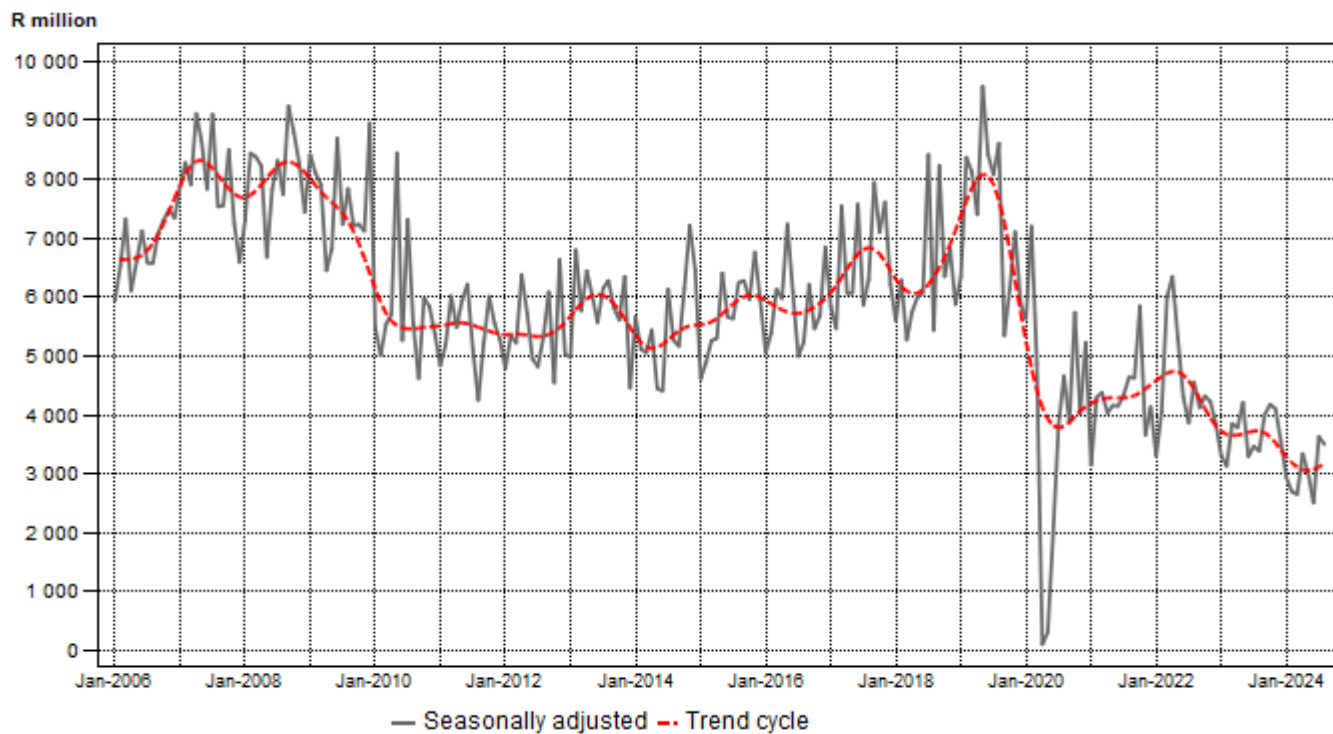
Table H – Seasonally adjusted buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices for the latest three months by type of building

Type of building	Mar – May 2024	Jun – Aug 2024	% change between Mar – May 2024 and Jun – Aug 2024
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	5 220 404	5 584 938	7,0
Non-residential buildings ¹	2 183 346	1 924 177	-11,9
Additions and alterations	1 603 141	2 125 180	32,6
Total	9 006 891	9 634 295	7,0

¹ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 9 and 10 on page 38.

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed increased by 7,0% in the three months ended August 2024 compared with the previous three months. Increases were reported for additions and alterations (32,6%) and residential buildings (7,0%). A decrease was reported for non-residential buildings (-11,9%) – 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		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
2023	January	2 761 377	-51,8	721 791	-49,0	1 926 198	7,2	5 409 366	-39,5
	February	5 305 695	16,1	1 856 777	-17,7	2 639 147	8,0	9 801 619	5,8
	March	4 658 432	-8,8	1 696 971	-50,1	2 152 231	-17,1	8 507 634	-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	-24,2	4 622 149	179,7	2 768 581	2,1	12 114 101	14,3
	July	4 298 223	-20,8	1 055 623	-7,1	2 453 173	-19,2	7 807 019	-18,7
	August	3 929 094	-19,4	2 135 385	17,1	2 549 565	-29,7	8 614 044	-16,6
	September	4 478 991	-12,2	1 024 407	-45,6	2 384 182	-24,2	7 887 580	-22,1
	October	4 019 390	-31,3	1 101 434	-26,2	2 990 523	-3,1	8 111 347	-22,2
	November	4 466 586	-27,7	1 664 278	-40,2	2 781 043	-9,7	8 911 907	-26,0
	December	2 671 199	-21,5	1 563 744	-17,6	1 814 476	-12,8	6 049 419	-18,1
	Total	50 364 441	-19,2	21 537 846	-4,6	29 689 902	-10,5	101 592 189	-13,9
2024	January	2 641 211	-4,4	646 429	-10,4	1 392 946	-27,7	4 680 586	-13,5
	February	4 987 654	-6,0	1 655 142	-10,9	2 359 384	-10,6	9 002 180	-8,2
	March	3 540 798	-24,0	1 674 931	-1,3	2 596 885	20,7	7 812 614	-8,2
	April	4 241 995	-8,1	2 658 595	30,6	2 282 122	0,5	9 182 712	2,9
	May	4 033 138	-9,1	2 040 668	-0,9	1 939 535	-34,5	8 013 341	-15,3
	June	3 484 874	-26,2	2 478 972	-46,4	2 281 970	-17,6	8 245 816	-31,9
	July	3 469 111	-19,3	2 168 315	105,4	2 692 550	9,8	8 329 976	6,7
	August	4 039 119	2,8	1 988 552	-6,9	2 456 657	-3,6	8 484 328	-1,5

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.

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
2023	January	3 908 720	-12,5	721 791	-62,0	2 672 509	5,2	7 303 020	-18,0
	February	5 425 650	38,8	1 856 777	157,2	2 692 189	0,7	9 974 616	36,6
	March	4 361 884	-19,6	1 696 971	-8,6	2 098 434	-22,1	8 157 289	-18,2
	April	5 040 944	15,6	2 035 643	20,0	2 660 665	26,8	9 737 252	19,4
	May	4 195 746	-16,8	2 059 644	1,2	2 817 636	5,9	9 073 026	-6,8
	June	4 333 811	3,3	4 622 149	124,4	2 648 933	-6,0	11 604 893	27,9
	July	4 060 920	-6,3	1 055 623	-77,2	2 222 926	-16,1	7 339 469	-36,8
	August	3 427 302	-15,6	2 135 385	102,3	2 338 606	5,2	7 901 293	7,7
	September	4 440 031	29,5	1 024 407	-52,0	2 172 023	-7,1	7 636 461	-3,4
	October	3 616 523	-18,5	1 101 434	7,5	2 647 769	21,9	7 365 726	-3,5
	November	4 358 047	20,5	1 664 278	51,1	2 518 567	-4,9	8 540 892	16,0
	December	3 610 047	-17,2	1 563 744	-6,0	2 322 613	-7,8	7 496 404	-12,2
2024	January	3 644 205	0,9	646 429	-58,7	1 836 888	-20,9	6 127 522	-18,3
	February	4 460 475	22,4	1 655 142	156,0	2 390 975	30,2	8 506 592	38,8
	March	3 983 927	-10,7	1 674 931	1,2	2 977 481	24,5	8 636 339	1,5
	April	3 976 369	-0,2	2 658 595	58,7	2 247 897	-24,5	8 882 861	2,9
	May	3 748 534	-5,7	2 040 668	-23,2	1 873 613	-16,7	7 662 815	-13,7
	June	3 333 228	-11,1	2 478 972	21,5	2 352 574	25,6	8 164 774	6,6
	July	3 055 684	-8,3	2 168 315	-12,5	2 263 134	-3,8	7 487 133	-8,3
	August	3 760 785	23,1	1 988 552	-8,3	2 312 213	2,2	8 061 550	7,7
	Mar – May 24	11 708 830		6 374 194		7 098 991		25 182 015	
	Jun – Aug 24 ²	10 149 697	-13,3	6 635 839	4,1	6 927 921	-2,4	23 713 457	-5,8

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 9 and 10 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		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
2023	January	2 167 486	-54,3	566 555	-51,6	1 511 929	1,6	4 245 970	-42,6
	February	4 103 399	9,3	1 436 022	-22,5	2 041 104	1,6	7 580 525	-0,5
	March	3 569 680	-14,1	1 300 361	-53,0	1 649 219	-21,9	6 519 260	-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	-26,7	3 533 753	170,7	2 116 652	-1,2	9 261 545	10,6
	July	3 266 127	-23,3	802 145	-10,0	1 864 113	-21,7	5 932 385	-21,2
	August	2 974 333	-22,6	1 616 491	12,4	1 930 026	-32,5	6 520 850	-19,9
	September	3 370 196	-16,6	770 810	-48,4	1 793 967	-28,0	5 934 973	-26,0
	October	3 017 560	-35,2	826 902	-30,4	2 245 137	-8,7	6 089 599	-26,7
	November	3 340 752	-31,9	1 244 785	-43,7	2 080 062	-14,9	6 665 599	-30,3
	December	1 987 499	-26,3	1 163 500	-22,6	1 350 057	-18,1	4 501 056	-23,1
	Total	38 329 068	-23,1	16 392 252	-9,3	22 580 149	-14,8	77 301 469	-18,1
2024	January	1 957 903	-9,7	479 191	-15,4	1 032 577	-31,7	3 469 671	-18,3
	February	3 686 367	-10,2	1 223 313	-14,8	1 743 817	-14,6	6 653 497	-12,2
	March	2 601 615	-27,1	1 230 662	-5,4	1 908 071	15,7	5 740 348	-11,9
	April	3 098 608	-12,4	1 941 998	24,5	1 666 999	-4,2	6 707 605	-1,9
	May	2 928 931	-13,5	1 481 967	-5,7	1 408 522	-37,6	5 819 420	-19,3
	June	2 539 996	-29,7	1 806 831	-48,9	1 663 243	-21,4	6 010 070	-35,1
	July	2 513 849	-23,0	1 571 243	95,9	1 951 123	4,7	6 036 215	1,8
	August	2 933 275	-1,4	1 444 119	-10,7	1 784 065	-7,6	6 161 459	-5,5

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.

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
2023	January	3 035 629	-12,8	566 555	-62,3	2 089 125	4,3	5 691 309	-18,5
	February	4 222 105	39,1	1 436 022	153,5	2 080 295	-0,4	7 738 422	36,0
	March	3 319 848	-21,4	1 300 361	-9,4	1 607 713	-22,7	6 227 922	-19,5
	April	3 880 380	16,9	1 559 880	20,0	2 039 672	26,9	7 479 932	20,1
	May	3 196 893	-17,6	1 571 048	0,7	2 155 140	5,7	6 923 081	-7,4
	June	3 310 399	3,6	3 533 753	124,9	2 030 169	-5,8	8 874 321	28,2
	July	3 082 965	-6,9	802 145	-77,3	1 693 506	-16,6	5 578 616	-37,1
	August	2 633 247	-14,6	1 616 491	101,5	1 773 688	4,7	6 023 426	8,0
	September	3 363 443	27,7	770 810	-52,3	1 634 607	-7,8	5 768 860	-4,2
	October	2 728 488	-18,9	826 902	7,3	1 986 719	21,5	5 542 109	-3,9
	November	3 238 287	18,7	1 244 785	50,5	1 880 270	-5,4	6 363 342	14,8
	December	2 639 260	-18,5	1 163 500	-6,5	1 719 600	-8,5	5 522 360	-13,2
2024	January	2 662 756	0,9	479 191	-58,8	1 356 433	-21,1	4 498 380	-18,5
	February	3 298 970	23,9	1 223 313	155,3	1 765 746	30,2	6 288 029	39,8
	March	2 907 606	-11,9	1 230 662	0,6	2 182 451	23,6	6 320 719	0,5
	April	2 919 258	0,4	1 941 998	57,8	1 647 226	-24,5	6 508 482	3,0
	May	2 731 476	-6,4	1 481 967	-23,7	1 364 601	-17,2	5 578 044	-14,3
	June	2 431 313	-11,0	1 806 831	21,9	1 713 785	25,6	5 951 929	6,7
	July	2 226 013	-8,4	1 571 243	-13,0	1 644 863	-4,0	5 442 119	-8,6
	August	2 755 352	23,8	1 444 119	-8,1	1 683 161	2,3	5 882 632	8,1
	Mar – May 24	8 558 340		4 654 627		5 194 278		18 407 245	
	Jun – Aug 24 ²	7 412 678	-13,4	4 822 193	3,6	5 041 809	-2,9	17 276 680	-6,1

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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 9 and 10 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		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
2023	January	1 601 076	-16,4	1 451 781	216,5	536 096	-29,9	3 588 953	14,3
	February	2 414 223	4,5	569 750	-55,2	851 184	-25,8	3 835 157	-18,9
	March	2 752 569	-13,9	1 709 220	-34,9	674 075	-64,4	5 135 864	-33,4
	April	2 532 811	-24,4	1 347 813	15,0	693 048	-73,6	4 573 672	-36,0
	May	3 965 807	28,8	649 310	-42,9	853 995	-64,6	5 469 112	-17,5
	June	2 832 834	-5,3	754 080	-48,5	779 664	-23,4	4 366 578	-20,2
	July	2 658 357	-4,8	1 236 636	5,9	710 048	-29,6	4 605 041	-7,3
	August	3 057 825	-5,1	668 846	-46,4	754 093	-43,6	4 480 764	-22,8
	September	3 577 785	5,1	1 243 356	12,9	777 404	-24,3	5 598 545	1,2
	October	3 150 698	-11,6	1 537 808	43,8	1 095 896	13,7	5 784 402	3,3
	November	3 543 845	-15,6	1 678 880	75,7	1 014 084	-4,4	6 236 809	0,3
	December	3 283 587	3,4	597 276	-45,1	846 051	34,8	4 726 914	-3,3
Total	35 371 417	-4,9	13 444 756	-8,9	9 585 638	-39,6	58 401 811	-13,9	
2024	January	1 834 865	14,6	738 235	-49,1	662 252	23,5	3 235 352	-9,9
	February	2 097 005	-13,1	464 909	-18,4	932 878	9,6	3 494 792	-8,9
	March	2 149 921	-21,9	392 388	-77,0	911 912	35,3	3 454 221	-32,7
	April	2 362 554	-6,7	1 461 297	8,4	730 773	5,4	4 554 624	-0,4
	May	2 446 961	-38,3	1 139 630	75,5	550 554	-35,5	4 137 145	-24,4
	June	2 194 469	-22,5	486 000	-35,6	731 540	-6,2	3 412 009	-21,9
	July	2 959 655	11,3	818 680	-33,8	1 358 735	91,4	5 137 070	11,6
	August	2 557 985	-16,3	1 344 921	101,1	934 048	23,9	4 836 954	7,9

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.

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
2023	January	2 138 973	-29,3	1 451 781	33,5	639 626	-13,5	4 230 380	-12,8
	February	2 666 732	24,7	569 750	-60,8	817 213	27,8	4 053 695	-4,2
	March	2 747 280	3,0	1 709 220	200,0	575 243	-29,6	5 031 743	24,1
	April	2 741 539	-0,2	1 347 813	-21,1	835 685	45,3	4 925 037	-2,1
	May	3 995 508	45,7	649 310	-51,8	870 231	4,1	5 515 049	12,0
	June	2 806 967	-29,7	754 080	16,1	737 676	-15,2	4 298 723	-22,1
	July	2 606 995	-7,1	1 236 636	64,0	708 958	-3,9	4 552 589	5,9
	August	3 115 135	19,5	668 846	-45,9	686 788	-3,1	4 470 769	-1,8
	September	3 299 761	5,9	1 243 356	85,9	764 597	11,3	5 307 714	18,7
	October	2 994 162	-9,3	1 537 808	23,7	1 028 794	34,6	5 560 764	4,8
	November	2 885 150	-3,6	1 678 880	9,2	923 631	-10,2	5 487 661	-1,3
	December	3 118 441	8,1	597 276	-64,4	1 051 135	13,8	4 766 852	-13,1
2024	January	2 446 128	-21,6	738 235	23,6	800 549	-23,8	3 984 912	-16,4
	February	2 324 815	-5,0	464 909	-37,0	866 572	8,2	3 656 296	-8,2
	March	2 302 857	-0,9	392 388	-15,6	928 382	7,1	3 623 627	-0,9
	April	2 382 038	3,4	1 461 297	272,4	710 134	-23,5	4 553 469	25,7
	May	2 460 538	3,3	1 139 630	-22,0	548 791	-22,7	4 148 959	-8,9
	June	2 172 123	-11,7	486 000	-57,4	778 883	41,9	3 437 006	-17,2
	July	2 899 869	33,5	818 680	68,5	1 280 711	64,4	4 999 260	45,5
	August	2 607 441	-10,1	1 344 921	64,3	861 995	-32,7	4 814 357	-3,7
	Mar – May 24	7 145 433		2 993 315		2 187 307		12 326 055	
	Jun – Aug 24 ²	7 679 433	7,5	2 649 601	-11,5	2 921 589	33,6	13 250 623	7,5

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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 9 and 10 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		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
2023	January	1 256 732	-20,7	1 139 546	200,1	420 797	-33,5	2 817 075	8,4
	February	1 867 148	-1,6	440 642	-57,8	658 302	-30,2	2 966 092	-23,7
	March	2 109 248	-18,9	1 309 747	-38,7	516 533	-66,4	3 935 528	-37,3
	April	1 940 851	-28,1	1 032 807	9,3	531 071	-74,9	3 504 729	-39,1
	May	3 025 024	23,8	495 278	-45,1	651 407	-66,0	4 171 709	-20,7
	June	2 165 775	-8,3	576 514	-50,2	596 073	-25,9	3 338 362	-22,8
	July	2 020 028	-7,8	939 693	2,6	539 550	-31,8	3 499 271	-10,2
	August	2 314 780	-8,9	506 318	-48,6	570 850	-45,8	3 391 948	-25,9
	September	2 692 088	-0,2	935 558	7,2	584 954	-28,1	4 212 600	-3,9
	October	2 365 389	-16,6	1 154 511	35,6	822 745	7,2	4 342 645	-2,6
	November	2 650 595	-20,5	1 255 707	65,6	758 477	-10,0	4 664 779	-5,4
	December	2 443 145	-2,9	444 402	-48,4	629 502	26,6	3 517 049	-9,2
	Total	26 850 803	-9,6	10 230 723	-13,4	7 280 261	-42,7	44 361 787	-18,2
2024	January	1 360 167	8,2	547 246	-52,0	490 921	16,7	2 398 334	-14,9
	February	1 549 893	-17,0	343 613	-22,0	689 489	4,7	2 582 995	-12,9
	March	1 579 663	-25,1	288 309	-78,0	670 031	29,7	2 538 003	-35,5
	April	1 725 752	-11,1	1 067 419	3,4	533 801	0,5	3 326 972	-5,1
	May	1 777 023	-41,3	827 618	67,1	399 821	-38,6	3 004 462	-28,0
	June	1 599 467	-26,1	354 227	-38,6	533 192	-10,5	2 486 886	-25,5
	July	2 144 678	6,2	593 246	-36,9	984 591	82,5	3 722 515	6,4
	August	1 857 651	-19,7	976 704	92,9	678 321	18,8	3 512 676	3,6

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.

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
2023	January	1 671 407	-30,1	1 139 546	32,2	494 785	-16,2	3 305 738	-14,0
	February	2 058 343	23,2	440 642	-61,3	630 136	27,4	3 129 121	-5,3
	March	2 101 425	2,1	1 309 747	197,2	439 482	-30,3	3 850 654	23,1
	April	2 101 599	0,0	1 032 807	-21,1	646 116	47,0	3 780 522	-1,8
	May	3 052 169	45,2	495 278	-52,0	662 875	2,6	4 210 322	11,4
	June	2 146 781	-29,7	576 514	16,4	565 595	-14,7	3 288 890	-21,9
	July	1 985 268	-7,5	939 693	63,0	540 193	-4,5	3 465 154	5,4
	August	2 359 927	18,9	506 318	-46,1	519 053	-3,9	3 385 298	-2,3
	September	2 488 083	5,4	935 558	84,8	578 221	11,4	4 001 862	18,2
	October	2 247 700	-9,7	1 154 511	23,4	771 904	33,5	4 174 115	4,3
	November	2 160 769	-3,9	1 255 707	8,8	686 509	-11,1	4 102 985	-1,7
	December	2 314 278	7,1	444 402	-64,6	788 245	14,8	3 546 925	-13,6
2024	January	1 805 354	-22,0	547 246	23,1	584 853	-25,8	2 937 453	-17,2
	February	1 715 301	-5,0	343 613	-37,2	637 901	9,1	2 696 815	-8,2
	March	1 685 802	-1,7	288 309	-16,1	675 320	5,9	2 649 431	-1,8
	April	1 744 734	3,5	1 067 419	270,2	528 477	-21,7	3 340 630	26,1
	May	1 789 868	2,6	827 618	-22,5	399 344	-24,4	3 016 830	-9,7
	June	1 583 818	-11,5	354 227	-57,2	565 415	41,6	2 503 460	-17,0
	July	2 105 862	33,0	593 246	67,5	930 399	64,6	3 629 507	45,0
	August	1 895 258	-10,0	976 704	64,6	629 366	-32,4	3 501 328	-3,5
	Mar – May 24	5 220 404		2 183 346		1 603 141		9 006 891	
	Jun – Aug 24 ²	5 584 938	7,0	1 924 177	-11,9	2 125 180	32,6	9 634 295	7,0

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 9 and 10 on page 38.

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

			Aug 2023	Jul 2024	Aug 2024	Jan – Aug 2023	Jan – Aug 2024	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	401	500	609	5 418	3 740	-31,0
		square metres	20 031	23 628	29 603	263 332	186 138	-29,3
		R'000	155 252	198 712	226 027	1 901 704	1 450 728	-23,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	995	1 055	915	8 365	7 419	-11,3
		square metres	286 381	285 575	294 339	2 526 254	2 143 673	-15,1
		R'000	2 349 542	2 383 811	2 542 231	21 026 241	18 154 263	-13,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 553	1 115	1 305	11 950	10 193	-14,7
		square metres	151 903	89 921	133 523	1 212 827	1 008 736	-16,8
		R'000	1 388 763	826 128	1 232 742	11 322 198	9 957 492	-12,1
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	4 487	8 112	4 800	56 458	95 669	69,5
		R'000	35 537	60 460	38 119	478 132	875 417	83,1
Total residential buildings	R'000	3 929 094	3 469 111	4 039 119	34 728 275	30 437 900	-12,4	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	27 296	50 286	4 223	227 524	114 575	-49,6
		R'000	284 928	459 835	24 958	2 411 520	1 038 217	-56,9
	Shopping space	square metres	107 249	50 942	12 586	446 483	478 909	7,3
		R'000	1 118 990	526 977	106 442	4 238 059	4 716 321	11,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	81 737	141 553	251 072	1 076 274	1 044 115	-3,0
		R'000	584 077	1 049 236	1 737 043	7 464 302	7 673 111	2,8
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	19 251	15 325	14 501	248 172	225 377	-9,2
		R'000	147 390	132 267	120 109	2 070 102	1 883 955	-9,0
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	2 135 385	2 168 315	1 988 552	16 183 983	15 311 604	-5,4	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	188 642	210 932	208 248	1 715 954	1 485 721	-13,4
		R'000	1 520 965	1 781 705	1 804 063	14 368 932	12 685 341	-11,7
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	109 993	79 598	58 850	540 242	492 062	-8,9
		R'000	1 028 600	910 845	652 594	5 350 746	5 316 708	-0,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	2 549 565	2 692 550	2 456 657	19 719 678	18 002 049	-8,7
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	8 614 044	8 329 976	8 484 328	70 631 936	63 751 553	-9,7

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2023 and 2024.

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 2023	Jul 2024	Aug 2024	Jan – Aug 2023	Jan – Aug 2024	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	160	220	165	1 853	1 089	-41,2	
		square metres	7 278	10 245	7 011	84 155	50 228	-40,3	
		R'000	51 605	86 912	49 548	559 402	351 270	-37,2	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	366	391	385	3 407	2 831	-16,9	
		square metres	104 061	102 170	106 998	1 011 046	749 409	-25,9	
		R'000	812 663	770 885	865 124	7 674 553	5 825 850	-24,1	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	736	683	753	4 040	4 494	11,2	
		square metres	64 770	44 097	80 522	477 137	448 534	-6,0	
		R'000	556 450	396 112	716 392	4 020 777	4 273 039	6,3	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	55	3 269	1 847	10 121	20 000	97,6	
		R'000	325	24 514	15 599	71 592	165 599	131,3	
Total residential buildings		R'000	1 421 043	1 278 423	1 646 663	12 326 324	10 615 758	-13,9	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	16 816	28 414	1 062	58 640	36 900	-37,1	
		R'000	152 480	237 896	8 281	512 181	311 134	-39,3	
	Shopping space	square metres	4 963	3 775	3 872	55 747	97 099	74,2	
		R'000	43 986	36 526	32 015	461 729	1 030 738	123,2	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	30 724	38 266	62 947	299 669	225 162	-24,9	
		R'000	228 313	290 586	465 774	2 124 434	1 668 931	-21,4	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	7 543	3 540	5 001	82 265	65 802	-20,0	
		R'000	52 236	30 083	38 045	632 476	502 044	-20,6	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	477 015	595 091	544 115	3 730 820	3 512 847	-5,8	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	65 866	87 568	86 812	657 209	522 727	-20,5	
		R'000	491 912	636 314	648 900	4 998 053	3 844 745	-23,1	
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	12 530	23 759	24 166	169 372	160 226	-5,4	
		R'000	138 418	349 972	311 318	1 816 195	2 037 162	12,2	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	630 330	986 286	960 218	6 814 248	5 881 907	-13,7	
Building plans passed		Total at current prices	R'000	2 528 388	2 859 800	3 150 996	22 871 392	20 010 512	-12,5

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2023 and 2024.² 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 2023	Jul 2024	Aug 2024	Jan – Aug 2023	Jan – Aug 2024	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	35	32	28	488	218	-55,3
		square metres	1 626	1 478	1 402	23 044	9 550	-58,6
		R'000	12 878	12 514	11 355	163 674	71 840	-56,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	88	48	71	670	453	-32,4
		square metres	21 603	11 412	25 388	178 547	125 851	-29,5
		R'000	180 078	95 910	217 684	1 481 055	1 055 288	-28,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	48	27	10	150	185	23,3
		square metres	3 476	2 037	1 768	16 577	24 060	45,1
		R'000	28 265	16 711	14 877	135 424	195 108	44,1
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	59	1 660	0	1 148	1 660	44,6
		R'000	487	15 256	0	9 468	15 256	61,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	221 708	140 391	243 916	1 789 621	1 337 492	-25,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	193	0	0	4 550	8 252	81,4
		R'000	1 724	0	0	37 262	52 079	39,8
	Shopping space	square metres	897	220	0	1 913	4 594	140,1
		R'000	5 547	1 843	0	13 926	36 122	159,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	8 661	7 384	12 006	110 513	70 176	-36,5
		R'000	70 965	63 775	102 431	893 380	580 546	-35,0
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	1 123	1 419	1 192	10 037	11 275	12,3
		R'000	9 261	13 323	10 331	79 166	88 182	11,4
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	87 497	78 941	112 762	1 023 734	756 929	-26,1	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	18 362	14 851	12 184	143 346	120 066	-16,2
		R'000	148 573	125 163	103 676	1 150 431	980 944	-14,7
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	28 971	8 795	10 740	82 492	69 714	-15,5
		R'000	236 262	79 569	92 909	679 896	605 990	-10,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	384 835	204 732	196 585	1 830 327	1 586 934	-13,3
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	694 040	424 064	553 263	4 643 682	3 681 355	-20,7

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2023 and 2024.² 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 2023	Jul 2024	Aug 2024	Jan – Aug 2023	Jan – Aug 2024	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	18	3	1	52	205	294,2	
		square metres	920	188	63	2 680	8 436	214,8	
		R'000	8 660	1 860	623	25 228	79 524	215,2	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	26	15	13	140	109	-22,1	
		square metres	4 769	3 315	2 088	27 383	21 242	-22,4	
		R'000	42 728	27 828	19 171	240 312	183 054	-23,8	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	2	0	10	6	-40,0	
		square metres	0	924	0	982	1 148	16,9	
		R'000	0	8 042	0	9 244	10 151	9,8	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	4 653	409	-91,2	
		R'000	0	0	0	43 799	3 850	-91,2	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	51 388	37 730	19 794	318 583	276 579	-13,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	1 030	0	1 551	1 977	27,5	
		R'000	0	10 190	0	14 600	16 104	10,3	
	Shopping space	square metres	508	0	0	3 057	3 338	9,2	
		R'000	4 782	0	0	28 776	31 411	9,2	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 105	0	3 400	1 754	23 739	1 253,4	
		R'000	10 401	0	33 636	16 510	225 087	1 263,3	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	118	476	2 297	182	2 773	1 423,6	
		R'000	1 111	4 709	22 724	1 713	27 433	1 501,5	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	16 294	14 899	56 360	61 599	300 035	387,1	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 246	1 004	1 490	26 263	15 920	-39,4	
		R'000	19 888	9 668	14 472	237 437	143 030	-39,8	
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	0	268	281	276	3 167	1 047,5	
		R'000	1 632	2 651	3 276	8 480	31 599	272,6	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	21 520	12 319	17 748	245 917	174 629	-29,0
Building plans passed		Total at current prices	R'000	89 202	64 948	93 902	626 099	751 243	20,0

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2023 and 2024.

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 2023	Jul 2024	Aug 2024	Jan – Aug 2023	Jan – Aug 2024	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2	23	31	58	214	269,0
		square metres	157	998	1 453	3 501	9 461	170,2
		R'000	1 239	4 118	9 170	31 995	55 340	73,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	33	38	47	278	288	3,6
		square metres	7 639	9 164	12 309	70 294	73 518	4,6
		R'000	58 445	79 673	103 950	569 994	633 121	11,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	59	0	0	138	88	-36,2
		square metres	25 965	0	0	36 279	10 230	-71,8
		R'000	249 650	0	0	345 501	98 423	-71,5
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	6 854	1 092	-84,1
		R'000	0	0	0	54 820	9 781	-82,2
Total residential buildings	R'000	309 334	83 791	113 120	1 002 310	796 665	-20,5	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	490	0	2 404	2 024	-15,8
		R'000	0	4 956	0	20 788	16 767	-19,3
	Shopping space	square metres	0	950	0	29 499	16 684	-43,4
		R'000	0	6 632	0	182 795	106 447	-41,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 709	1 066	1 036	13 058	11 922	-8,7
		R'000	10 570	7 442	8 681	102 128	92 265	-9,7
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	1 289	0	1 786	12 367	592,4
		R'000	0	13 038	0	13 370	90 153	574,3
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	10 570	32 068	8 681	319 081	305 632	-4,2	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 398	3 305	7 447	56 231	45 688	-18,7
		R'000	44 379	30 922	67 764	468 560	390 343	-16,7
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	200	1 683	2 456	9 018	15 073	67,1
		R'000	4 184	20 694	22 743	86 980	128 392	47,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	48 563	51 616	90 507	555 540	518 735	-6,6
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	368 467	167 475	212 308	1 876 931	1 621 032	-13,6

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2023 and 2024.

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 2023	Jul 2024	Aug 2024	Jan – Aug 2023	Jan – Aug 2024	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	19	7	19	85	115	35,3
		square metres	968	394	817	4 407	5 515	25,1
		R'000	6 854	3 495	6 527	34 742	45 391	30,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	99	132	83	635	653	2,8
		square metres	32 020	40 865	23 117	216 506	210 104	-3,0
		R'000	324 042	396 901	261 549	2 175 909	2 175 639	0,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	195	209	431	758	1 869	146,6
		square metres	15 418	23 781	39 552	89 797	210 820	134,8
		R'000	159 796	232 046	382 253	905 643	2 086 742	130,4
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	1 598	0	770	8 600	31 607	267,5
		R'000	14 512	0	6 930	87 697	384 704	338,7
	Total residential buildings	R'000	505 204	632 442	657 259	3 203 991	4 692 476	46,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	13 581	2 580	13 604	24 668	81,3
		R'000	0	149 391	12 900	115 899	241 913	108,7
	Shopping space	square metres	76 963	38 144	3 152	157 393	90 013	-42,8
		R'000	820 124	401 370	27 008	1 630 753	934 110	-42,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	7 176	44 684	11 222	197 200	100 930	-48,8
		R'000	56 624	267 590	69 734	1 270 409	655 873	-48,4
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	1 025	4 535	1 645	8 251	38 129	362,1
		R'000	8 243	42 381	17 399	67 188	409 195	509,0
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	884 991	860 732	127 041	3 084 249	2 241 091	-27,3	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	28 060	24 714	28 374	167 897	190 674	13,6
		R'000	264 781	263 286	303 628	1 671 238	2 041 213	22,1
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	31 360	18 575	5 773	114 876	76 391	-33,5
		R'000	374 135	226 911	82 292	1 386 734	978 250	-29,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	638 916	490 197	385 920	3 057 972	3 019 463	-1,3
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 029 111	1 983 371	1 170 220	9 346 212	9 953 030	6,5

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2023 and 2024.

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 2023	Jul 2024	Aug 2024	Jan – Aug 2023	Jan – Aug 2024	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	10	8	7	63	51	-19,0
		square metres	577	516	363	3 384	2 806	-17,1
		R'000	4 112	3 613	2 515	23 471	19 647	-16,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	84	68	43	463	409	-11,7
		square metres	17 770	16 375	15 508	128 570	115 242	-10,4
		R'000	130 176	125 921	109 523	890 279	847 466	-4,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	29	27	42	183	166	-9,3
		square metres	3 136	1 972	1 428	19 625	10 613	-45,9
		R'000	21 384	13 636	9 282	118 573	77 044	-35,0
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	1 135	3 213	29 117	806,2
		R'000	0	0	6 559	22 990	207 714	803,5
	Total residential buildings	R'000	155 672	143 170	127 879	1 055 313	1 151 871	9,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	1 091	581	16 286	1 774	-89,1
		R'000	0	7 339	3 777	96 583	11 746	-87,8
	Shopping space	square metres	1 127	1 361	1 343	25 371	83 656	229,7
		R'000	8 114	9 799	7 761	169 566	683 154	302,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	724	0	5 812	12 235	24 515	100,4
		R'000	5 213	0	40 377	76 290	184 878	142,3
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	6 726	12 068	79,4
		R'000	0	0	0	47 209	96 898	105,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	13 327	17 138	51 915	389 648	976 676	150,7
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	8 597	11 947	8 906	58 348	61 947
R'000			60 802	84 938	58 061	390 104	433 066	11,0
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	3 692	2 021	4 949	10 776	14 206	31,8
		R'000	26 865	15 608	41 979	135 827	177 955	31,0
Total additions and alterations		R'000	87 667	100 546	100 040	525 931	611 021	16,2
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	256 666	260 854	279 834	1 970 892	2 739 568	39,0

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2023 and 2024.² 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 2023	Jul 2024	Aug 2024	Jan – Aug 2023	Jan – Aug 2024	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	143	202	326	2 634	1 733	-34,2
		square metres	7 569	9 500	16 448	130 756	92 882	-29,0
		R'000	61 953	83 906	128 107	975 916	771 957	-20,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	212	247	172	1 975	1 805	-8,6
		square metres	61 235	59 707	60 373	602 133	538 273	-10,6
		R'000	529 709	576 856	596 053	5 840 380	5 202 769	-10,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	425	134	64	6 306	3 057	-51,5
		square metres	34 117	13 502	8 158	527 842	272 491	-48,4
		R'000	336 756	135 889	94 806	5 479 094	2 997 932	-45,3
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	2 775	0	1 048	7 050	4 794	-32,0
		R'000	20 213	0	9 031	59 126	43 134	-27,0
Total residential buildings	R'000	948 631	796 651	827 997	12 354 516	9 015 792	-27,0	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	9 907	1 990	0	125 761	21 262	-83,1
		R'000	127 642	27 244	0	1 582 630	269 040	-83,0
	Shopping space	square metres	19 672	4 333	2 406	92 503	135 908	46,9
		R'000	211 022	53 535	27 646	1 084 843	1 558 017	43,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	22 265	36 983	142 055	351 356	460 260	31,0
		R'000	139 666	335 034	933 938	2 365 289	3 418 135	44,5
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	4 039	856	718	90 491	58 992	-34,8
		R'000	39 330	7 689	7 898	855 567	509 764	-40,4
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	517 660	423 502	969 482	5 888 329	5 754 956	-2,3	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	43 354	51 464	45 479	470 784	404 191	-14,1
		R'000	377 292	522 254	474 573	4 513 324	3 989 882	-11,6
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	27 726	21 009	7 209	129 988	120 707	-7,1
		R'000	201 185	187 359	65 398	1 024 316	1 072 205	4,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	578 477	709 613	539 971	5 537 640	5 062 087	-8,6
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 044 768	1 929 766	2 337 450	23 780 485	19 832 835	-16,6

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2023 and 2024.

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 2023	Jul 2024	Aug 2024	Jan – Aug 2023	Jan – Aug 2024	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	11	3	30	167	95	-43,1
		square metres	756	195	1 909	10 269	6 009	-41,5
		R'000	6 714	1 507	17 192	79 646	47 365	-40,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	56	72	68	549	589	7,3
		square metres	25 020	26 047	34 942	202 301	203 078	0,4
		R'000	186 410	188 407	272 099	1 525 820	1 471 514	-3,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	32	10	0	81	191	135,8
		square metres	1 911	841	0	4 832	14 617	202,5
		R'000	12 081	5 317	0	30 408	102 483	237,0
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	2 445	0	14 551	6 252	-57,0
		R'000	0	15 893	0	126 674	40 582	-68,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	205 205	211 124	289 291	1 762 548	1 661 944	-5,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	380	3 690	0	4 258	7 639	79,4
		R'000	3 082	22 819	0	28 217	50 085	77,5
	Shopping space	square metres	1 498	2 159	1 813	66 045	36 349	-45,0
		R'000	10 486	17 272	12 012	559 353	255 185	-54,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	3 518	12 851	12 594	65 667	112 536	71,4
		R'000	28 757	82 505	82 472	462 889	744 916	60,9
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	853	3 210	3 648	25 356	9 464	-62,7
		R'000	5 278	21 044	23 712	211 437	63 568	-69,9
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	47 603	143 640	118 196	1 261 896	1 113 754	-11,7	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	12 210	12 596	13 785	106 969	102 191	-4,5
		R'000	81 249	83 479	105 917	742 573	704 368	-5,1
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	2 283	2 449	3 017	17 067	21 548	26,3
		R'000	23 950	19 247	29 808	145 118	191 573	32,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	105 199	102 726	135 725	887 691	895 941	0,9
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	358 007	457 490	543 212	3 912 135	3 671 639	-6,1

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2023 and 2024.

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 2023	Jul 2024	Aug 2024	Jan – Aug 2023	Jan – Aug 2024	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	2	2	18	20	11,1
		square metres	180	114	137	1 136	1 251	10,1
		R'000	1 237	787	990	7 630	8 394	10,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	31	44	33	248	282	13,7
		square metres	12 264	16 520	13 616	89 474	106 956	19,5
		R'000	85 291	121 430	97 078	627 939	759 562	21,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	29	23	5	284	137	-51,8
		square metres	3 110	2 767	2 095	39 756	16 223	-59,2
		R'000	24 381	18 375	15 132	277 534	116 570	-58,0
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	738	0	268	738	175,4
		R'000	0	4 797	0	1 966	4 797	144,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	110 909	145 389	113 200	915 069	889 323	-2,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	470	10 079	2 044,5
		R'000	0	0	0	3 360	69 349	1 964,0
	Shopping space	square metres	1 621	0	0	14 955	11 268	-24,7
		R'000	14 929	0	0	106 318	81 137	-23,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	5 855	319	0	24 822	14 875	-40,1
		R'000	33 568	2 304	0	152 973	102 480	-33,0
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	4 550	0	0	23 078	14 507	-37,1
		R'000	31 931	0	0	161 976	96 718	-40,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	80 428	2 304	0	424 627	349 684	-17,6
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 549	3 483	3 771	28 907	22 317
R'000			32 089	25 681	27 072	197 212	157 750	-20,0
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	3 231	1 039	259	6 377	11 030	73,0
		R'000	21 969	8 834	2 871	67 200	93 582	39,3
Total additions and alterations		R'000	54 058	34 515	29 943	264 412	251 332	-4,9
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	245 395	182 208	143 143	1 604 108	1 490 339	-7,1

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2023 and 2024.

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 2023	Jul 2024	Aug 2024	Jan – Aug 2023	Jan – Aug 2024	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	666	393	460	5 459	3 179	-41,8	
		square metres	34 671	20 277	24 240	273 984	165 058	-39,8	
		R'000	247 878	146 594	196 501	1 983 590	1 189 850	-40,0	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	935	687	676	5 805	4 958	-14,6	
		square metres	201 877	171 821	175 222	1 450 692	1 287 377	-11,3	
		R'000	1 751 625	1 528 686	1 540 322	12 552 493	11 195 624	-10,8	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	839	1 140	928	7 053	6 747	-4,3	
		square metres	104 885	123 294	83 288	797 392	631 717	-20,8	
		R'000	962 727	1 249 261	797 782	7 083 963	6 002 540	-15,3	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	7 452	3 981	3 330	20 597	27 324	32,7	
		R'000	95 595	35 114	23 380	195 456	215 401	10,2	
Total residential buildings		R'000	3 057 825	2 959 655	2 557 985	21 815 502	18 603 415	-14,7	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	702	3 613	3 716	132 427	59 030	-55,4	
		R'000	4 997	36 628	26 406	1 558 493	551 982	-64,6	
	Shopping space	square metres	13 464	14 631	45 912	230 305	196 332	-14,8	
		R'000	90 053	139 016	516 031	2 399 125	2 043 637	-14,8	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	79 580	61 311	101 121	578 874	501 034	-13,4	
		R'000	503 525	456 748	779 326	3 841 028	3 708 987	-3,4	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	9 637	21 847	2 830	69 121	69 726	0,9	
		R'000	70 271	186 288	23 158	588 790	541 454	-8,0	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	668 846	818 680	1 344 921	8 387 436	6 846 060	-18,4	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	69 492	69 171	61 308	429 805	472 243	9,9	
		R'000	553 201	605 092	550 297	3 599 707	4 058 346	12,7	
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	21 487	61 279	42 510	227 741	253 563	11,3	
		R'000	200 892	753 643	383 751	2 252 496	2 754 346	22,3	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	754 093	1 358 735	934 048	5 852 203	6 812 692	16,4
Buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	4 480 764	5 137 070	4 836 954	36 055 141	32 262 167	-10,5

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2023 and 2024.

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 2023	Jul 2024	Aug 2024	Jan – Aug 2023	Jan – Aug 2024	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	183	148	149	1 818	1 076	-40,8
		square metres	8 705	6 703	6 462	81 733	48 861	-40,2
		R'000	55 538	46 293	42 922	547 227	317 055	-42,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	421	253	253	1 959	1 832	-6,5
		square metres	68 803	60 730	62 045	462 432	459 798	-0,6
		R'000	508 395	458 297	464 432	3 295 623	3 424 228	3,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	154	220	310	2 972	2 214	-25,5
		square metres	21 526	29 891	26 486	367 949	243 486	-33,8
		R'000	181 524	262 575	240 245	2 930 980	2 085 128	-28,9
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	6 036	1 010	2 669	12 652	18 723	48,0
		R'000	81 500	9 384	16 626	123 507	129 751	5,1
Total residential buildings	R'000	826 957	776 549	764 225	6 897 337	5 956 162	-13,6	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	2 268	0	7 246	12 021	65,9
		R'000	0	21 095	0	44 960	109 603	143,8
	Shopping space	square metres	1 209	6 721	2 232	28 897	20 027	-30,7
		R'000	8 210	65 047	16 122	221 231	154 786	-30,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	26 511	7 195	49 390	132 142	110 904	-16,1
		R'000	183 811	53 589	355 557	936 561	816 100	-12,9
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	5 828	9 887	1 305	40 010	44 526	11,3
		R'000	40 913	63 847	9 651	282 120	289 868	2,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	232 934	203 578	381 330	1 484 872	1 370 357	-7,7
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	26 675	16 965	17 280	153 401	135 837
R'000			181 684	126 513	125 036	1 081 224	992 364	-8,2
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	11 910	26 618	26 850	118 223	99 314	-16,0
		R'000	104 304	242 707	215 721	1 086 301	974 920	-10,3
Total additions and alterations		R'000	285 988	369 220	340 757	2 167 525	1 967 284	-9,2
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 345 879	1 349 347	1 486 312	10 549 734	9 293 803	-11,9

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2023 and 2024.

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 2023	Jul 2024	Aug 2024	Jan – Aug 2023	Jan – Aug 2024	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	32	46	62	369	213	-42,3
		square metres	1 709	2 117	2 783	17 917	10 834	-39,5
		R'000	13 842	18 159	24 080	127 652	89 640	-29,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	35	60	38	410	318	-22,4
		square metres	20 766	18 134	7 606	114 930	79 142	-31,1
		R'000	166 019	155 408	65 487	950 922	661 598	-30,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	81	8	1	308	375	21,8
		square metres	6 534	1 364	107	24 984	23 753	-4,9
		R'000	53 665	11 822	927	205 822	191 226	-7,1
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	104	0	0	104	0	-100,0
		R'000	658	0	0	658	0	-100,0
Total residential buildings	R'000	234 184	185 389	90 494	1 285 054	942 464	-26,7	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	192	0	0	1 750	1 554	-11,2
		R'000	1 583	0	0	13 723	12 816	-6,6
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	7 157	3 727	8 032	115,5
		R'000	0	0	60 110	30 422	67 458	121,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	178	237	4 843	23 589	8 567	-63,7
		R'000	1 468	2 054	41 974	187 013	71 762	-61,6
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	2 969	0	0	3 300	2 654	-19,6
		R'000	23 669	0	0	26 356	21 132	-19,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	26 720	2 054	102 084	257 514	173 168	-32,8
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 558	21 721	9 447	41 426	91 794
R'000			52 926	185 833	81 580	339 937	764 222	124,8
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	7 539	3 472	3 009	30 391	36 902	21,4
		R'000	72 072	48 670	28 404	262 915	350 722	33,4
Total additions and alterations		R'000	124 998	234 503	109 984	602 852	1 114 944	84,9
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	385 902	421 946	302 562	2 145 420	2 230 576	4,0

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2023 and 2024.² 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 2023	Jul 2024	Aug 2024	Jan – Aug 2023	Jan – Aug 2024	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	1	1	2	5	150,0
		square metres	0	40	71	153	278	81,7
		R'000	0	396	702	1 140	2 670	134,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	7	2	3	42	32	-23,8
		square metres	1 258	444	621	9 729	5 813	-40,3
		R'000	11 842	4 392	4 033	91 584	53 118	-42,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	1	0	-100,0
		square metres	0	0	0	66	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	621	0	-100,0
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	1 164	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	10 957	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	11 842	4 788	4 735	93 345	66 745	-28,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	1 387	1 074	-22,6
		R'000	0	0	0	13 056	10 109	-22,6
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	473	3 585	657,9
		R'000	0	0	0	4 452	33 746	658,0
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	0	193	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	1 817	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	0	0	17 508	45 672	160,9
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 108	2 039	1 948	15 077	10 943
R'000			19 843	20 172	19 272	141 921	104 921	-26,1
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	0	0	66	3 733	2 785	-25,4
		R'000	250	390	973	39 019	27 922	-28,4
Total additions and alterations		R'000	20 093	20 562	20 245	180 940	132 843	-26,6
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	31 935	25 350	24 980	291 793	245 260	-15,9

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2023 and 2024.

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 2023	Jul 2024	Aug 2024	Jan – Aug 2023	Jan – Aug 2024	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	0	3	64	6	-90,6
		square metres	68	0	228	3 732	392	-89,5
		R'000	421	0	2 306	34 518	3 884	-88,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	8	9	11	103	67	-35,0
		square metres	2 043	1 995	3 206	21 349	15 259	-28,5
		R'000	15 709	18 692	28 670	163 736	127 722	-22,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	45	43	0	70	43	-38,6
		square metres	9 512	7 178	0	13 325	7 178	-46,1
		R'000	78 445	72 605	0	109 891	72 605	-33,9
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	325	991	204,9
		R'000	0	0	0	2 430	7 654	215,0
Total residential buildings	R'000	94 575	91 297	30 976	310 575	211 865	-31,8	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	696	277	-60,2
		R'000	0	0	0	5 074	2 665	-47,5
	Shopping space	square metres	1 117	0	0	1 421	1 017	-28,4
		R'000	9 212	0	0	11 635	9 287	-20,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	107	0	3 939	107	-97,3
		R'000	0	1 082	0	32 485	1 082	-96,7
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	9 212	1 082	0	49 194	13 034	-73,5	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	812	445	171	13 038	10 489	-19,6
		R'000	5 541	3 188	1 084	97 189	74 113	-23,7
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	0	0	0	1 706	276	-83,8
		R'000	0	0	1 500	15 559	8 085	-48,0
Total additions and alterations	R'000	5 541	3 188	2 584	112 748	82 198	-27,1	
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	109 328	95 567	33 560	472 517	307 097	-35,0

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2023 and 2024.

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 2023	Jul 2024	Aug 2024	Jan – Aug 2023	Jan – Aug 2024	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	13	11	24	64	97	51,6	
		square metres	821	618	1 345	3 917	5 547	41,6	
		R'000	8 428	6 430	15 752	36 339	57 852	59,2	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	143	52	50	550	398	-27,6	
		square metres	30 662	15 713	13 808	172 594	118 918	-31,1	
		R'000	356 872	187 986	160 994	1 901 890	1 306 304	-31,3	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	232	103	86	879	573	-34,8	
		square metres	23 106	10 213	8 698	107 997	65 513	-39,3	
		R'000	265 406	112 315	75 990	1 148 333	662 448	-42,3	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	841	0	0	1 992	381	-80,9	
		R'000	10 008	0	0	23 705	3 050	-87,1	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	640 714	306 731	252 736	3 110 267	2 029 654	-34,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	9 956	1 732	-82,6	
		R'000	0	0	0	108 428	15 260	-85,9	
	Shopping space	square metres	251	266	284	48 137	67 820	40,9	
		R'000	1 883	2 926	2 499	516 548	734 441	42,2	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	10 521	20 796	4 021	143 930	73 272	-49,1	
		R'000	53 662	156 960	24 140	854 730	499 036	-41,6	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	375	1 390	1 023	7 198	7 887	9,6	
		R'000	2 813	15 490	7 673	81 688	80 866	-1,0	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	58 358	175 376	34 312	1 561 394	1 329 603	-14,8
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	7 916	8 657	10 269	55 994	61 962	10,7
R'000			89 456	96 542	114 526	630 799	700 622	11,1	
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	218	17 785	8 423	31 148	45 115	44,8	
		R'000	5 840	328 673	101 201	361 230	710 983	96,8	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	95 296	425 215	215 727	992 029	1 411 605	42,3	
Buildings completed		Total at current prices	R'000	794 368	907 322	502 775	5 663 690	4 770 862	-15,8

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2023 and 2024.

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 2023	Jul 2024	Aug 2024	Jan – Aug 2023	Jan – Aug 2024	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	144	27	8	318	139	-56,3
		square metres	6 529	1 474	513	17 122	7 924	-53,7
		R'000	32 451	10 497	3 403	95 547	55 861	-41,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	66	41	72	455	365	-19,8
		square metres	16 973	10 986	17 782	99 279	82 265	-17,1
		R'000	123 457	81 237	128 782	696 688	594 593	-14,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	54	0	30	195	111	-43,1
		square metres	6 480	0	2 398	22 313	10 161	-54,5
		R'000	45 674	0	13 868	144 491	67 208	-53,5
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	184	2 101	0	2 890	2 101	-27,3
		R'000	1 324	15 127	0	18 572	15 127	-18,5
	Total residential buildings	R'000	202 906	106 861	146 053	955 298	732 789	-23,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	285	100	301	285	3 099	987,4
		R'000	1 763	650	1 739	1 763	20 016	1 035,3
	Shopping space	square metres	1 219	427	92	4 444	5 210	17,2
		R'000	7 652	2 776	637	29 825	37 458	25,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	3 318	0	0	8 533	10 378	21,6
		R'000	23 890	0	0	66 030	72 872	10,4
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	0	284	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	1 757	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	33 305	3 426	2 376	97 618	132 103	35,3
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	12 540	4 314	4 953	25 523	37 354
R'000			78 300	28 494	32 470	159 842	238 890	49,5
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	350	1 046	0	4 344	12 074	177,9
		R'000	2 813	21 326	3 601	78 689	154 520	96,4
Total additions and alterations		R'000	81 113	49 820	36 071	238 531	393 410	64,9
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	317 324	160 107	184 500	1 291 447	1 258 302	-2,6

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2023 and 2024.

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 2023	Jul 2024	Aug 2024	Jan – Aug 2023	Jan – Aug 2024	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	265	159	207	2 669	1 604	-39,9
		square metres	15 109	9 284	12 458	139 832	88 760	-36,5
		R'000	124 544	64 552	104 683	1 074 257	646 111	-39,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	212	228	213	1 824	1 629	-10,7
		square metres	49 909	52 829	60 681	461 427	443 405	-3,9
		R'000	487 890	535 686	613 871	4 646 718	4 420 731	-4,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	209	652	472	2 224	3 230	45,2
		square metres	29 085	64 441	44 095	225 873	263 165	16,5
		R'000	283 378	725 355	455 889	2 299 207	2 799 663	21,8
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	870	661	1 817	3 964	118,2
		R'000	0	10 603	6 754	20 590	48 862	137,3
Total residential buildings	R'000	895 812	1 336 196	1 181 197	8 040 772	7 915 367	-1,6	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	1 245	3 415	109 822	19 932	-81,9
		R'000	0	14 883	24 667	1 362 595	229 882	-83,1
	Shopping space	square metres	1 026	2 913	36 147	121 389	89 492	-26,3
		R'000	8 461	37 179	436 663	1 440 290	1 006 743	-30,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	39 052	27 990	42 867	202 784	263 849	30,1
		R'000	240 694	205 740	357 655	1 326 909	1 987 934	49,8
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	465	7 545	502	18 613	11 157	-40,1
		R'000	2 876	87 688	5 834	198 626	126 751	-36,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	252 031	345 490	824 819	4 328 420	3 351 310	-22,6
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	10 599	11 015	14 590	106 323	101 936
R'000			107 019	114 041	156 123	1 013 965	1 024 969	1,1
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	1 470	12 072	3 996	30 871	54 431	76,3
		R'000	11 514	90 064	31 152	296 738	479 254	61,5
Total additions and alterations		R'000	118 533	204 105	187 275	1 310 703	1 504 223	14,8
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 266 376	1 885 791	2 193 291	13 679 895	12 770 900	-6,6

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2023 and 2024.

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 2023	Jul 2024	Aug 2024	Jan – Aug 2023	Jan – Aug 2024	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	24	1	0	129	12	-90,7
		square metres	1 470	41	0	7 858	757	-90,4
		R'000	10 867	267	0	55 157	5 122	-90,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	26	26	19	288	176	-38,9
		square metres	6 833	7 110	5 404	60 765	43 581	-28,3
		R'000	49 491	59 392	45 362	473 480	332 677	-29,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	64	114	0	116	154	32,8
		square metres	8 642	10 207	0	13 034	14 251	9,3
		R'000	54 635	64 589	0	93 903	94 801	1,0
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
Total residential buildings	R'000	114 993	124 248	45 362	622 540	432 600	-30,5	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	73	9 748	13 253,4
		R'000	0	0	0	460	84 480	18 265,2
	Shopping space	square metres	8 642	0	0	9 302	0	-100,0
		R'000	54 635	0	0	60 095	0	-100,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	4 402	0	22 168	21 632	-2,4
		R'000	0	33 105	0	143 039	168 259	17,6
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	3 025	0	0	3 025	..
		R'000	0	19 263	0	0	19 263	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	54 635	52 368	0	203 594	272 002	33,6
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 119	3 299	2 407	15 746	16 885
R'000			17 274	25 467	18 451	112 527	123 737	10,0
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	0	0	0	7 086	1 419	-80,0
		R'000	4 099	19 650	0	99 715	32 151	-67,8
Total additions and alterations	R'000	21 373	45 117	18 451	212 242	155 888	-26,6	
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	191 001	221 733	63 813	1 038 376	860 490	-17,1

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2023 and 2024.

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 2023	Jul 2024	Aug 2024	Jan – Aug 2023	Jan – Aug 2024	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	4	0	6	26	27	3,8
		square metres	260	0	380	1 720	1 705	-0,9
		R'000	1 787	0	2 653	11 753	11 655	-0,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	17	16	17	174	141	-19,0
		square metres	4 630	3 880	4 069	48 187	39 196	-18,7
		R'000	31 950	27 596	28 691	331 852	274 653	-17,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	29	288	47	-83,7
		square metres	0	0	1 504	21 851	4 210	-80,7
		R'000	0	0	10 863	150 715	29 461	-80,5
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	287	0	0	817	0	-100,0
		R'000	2 105	0	0	5 994	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings		R'000	35 842	27 596	42 207	500 314	315 769
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	225	0	0	1 212	9 593	691,5
		R'000	1 651	0	0	8 434	67 151	696,2
	Shopping space	square metres	0	4 304	0	12 988	4 734	-63,6
		R'000	0	31 088	0	89 079	33 464	-62,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	584	0	41 316	8 740	-78,8
		R'000	0	4 218	0	289 809	58 196	-79,9
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	1 651	35 306	0	387 322	158 811	-59,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	165	716	243	3 277	5 043	53,9
		R'000	1 158	4 842	1 755	22 303	34 508	54,7
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	0	286	166	239	1 247	421,8
		R'000	0	2 163	1 199	12 330	15 789	28,1
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	1 158	7 005	2 954	34 633	50 297
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	38 651	69 907	45 161	922 269	524 877	-43,1

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2023 and 2024.

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

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.
Purpose of the survey	2	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	3	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	4	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	5	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for August 2024 was 87,3%. The revised collection rate for July 2024 was 89,1%.
Statistical unit	6	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	7	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	8	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 2023=100) are converted to the base year 2019=100.

- Seasonal adjustment** 9 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.
- 10 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** 11 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** 12 Revised figures are mainly due to late submission of data to Stats SA, or respondents reporting revisions or corrections to their figures. The reasons for routine revisions are outlined in the following schedule. Any unscheduled revisions will be promptly indicated in relevant tables to maintain transparency and accuracy. It is important to note that seasonally adjusted figures are revised monthly.

Statistical release	Reason for revision	Period subject to revision
Aug-24	Additional information from respondents	Aug-22 - Jul-24
Sep-24	Additional information from respondents	Sep-22 - Aug-24
Oct-24	Additional information from respondents	Oct-22 - Sep-24
Nov-24	Additional information from respondents	Nov-22 - Oct-24
Dec-24	Additional information from respondents	Dec-22 - Nov-24
Jan-25	Additional information from respondents	Jan-23 - Dec-24
Feb-25	Additional information from respondents	Feb-23 - Jan-25
Mar-25	Additional information from respondents	Mar-23 - Feb-25
Apr-25	Additional information from respondents	Apr-23 - Mar-25
May-25	Additional information from respondents	May-23 - Apr-25
Jun-25	Additional information from respondents	Jun-23 - May-25
Jul-25	Additional information from respondents	Jul-23 - Jun-25
New base year in 2027/28 – periodic, approximately four to five-year intervals		

- Related publications** 13 Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:
- P5041.3: *Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions* issued annually;
 - P9101.2: *Actual and expected expenditure on construction by the public sector per statistical region* issued annually; and
 - *Building Statistics* (Report No. 50-11-01) issued annually.

- Rounding-off of figures** 14 Where necessary, the figures in the tables have been rounded off to the nearest digit shown.

- Symbols and abbreviations** 15
- .. Changes from a zero in the preceding period cannot be calculated as a percentage
 - 0 Nil or figure too small to publish
 - * Revised figures
 - Stats SA Statistics South Africa
 - SIC Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities
 - ISIC International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities

Glossary

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>

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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