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Key findings for January to December 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 – Dec 2022 ¹	Jan – Dec 2023 ¹	Difference in value between Jan – Dec 2022 and Jan – Dec 2023	% change between Jan – Dec 2022 and Jan – Dec 2023
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	62 270 443	50 361 562	-11 908 881	-19,1
-Dwelling-houses	40 629 288	32 871 658	-7 757 630	-19,1
-Flats and townhouses	20 540 617	16 685 337	-3 855 280	-18,8
-Other residential buildings	1 100 538	804 567	-295 971	-26,9
Non-residential buildings	22 479 150	21 537 846	-941 304	-4,2
Additions and alterations	33 186 516	29 716 972	-3 469 544	-10,5
Total	117 936 109	101 616 380	-16 319 729	-13,8

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 13,8% (-R16 319,7 million) in 2023 compared with 2022.

Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-19,1% or -R11 908,9 million), additions and alterations (-10,5% or -R3 469,5 million) and non-residential buildings (-4,2% or -R941,3 million) – see Table A.

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

Province	Jan – Dec 2022 ¹	Jan – Dec 2023 ¹	Weight Jan – Dec 2022	% change between Jan – Dec 2022 and Jan – Dec 2023	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan – Dec 2022 and Jan – Dec 2023 ²	Difference in value between Jan – Dec 2022 and Jan – Dec 2023
	R'000	R'000	%			R'000
Western Cape	36 993 314	32 440 187	31,4	-12,3	-3,9	-4 553 127
Eastern Cape	7 369 820	6 857 026	6,2	-7,0	-0,4	-512 794
Northern Cape	1 515 517	1 021 439	1,3	-32,6	-0,4	-494 078
Free State	2 389 128	2 758 556	2,0	15,5	0,3	369 428
KwaZulu-Natal	19 754 115	13 614 275	16,7	-31,1	-5,2	-6 139 840
North West	4 271 004	3 073 096	3,6	-28,0	-1,0	-1 197 908
Gauteng	37 250 624	33 959 670	31,6	-8,8	-2,8	-3 290 954
Mpumalanga	5 640 419	5 628 171	4,8	-0,2	0,0	-12 248
Limpopo	2 752 168	2 263 960	2,3	-17,7	-0,4	-488 208
Total	117 936 109	101 616 380	100,0	-13,8	-13,8	-16 319 729

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 13,8% (-R16 319,7 million) were made by KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -5,2 percentage points or -R6 139,8 million), Western Cape (contributing -3,9 percentage points or -R4 553,1 million) and Gauteng (contributing -2,8 percentage points or -R3 291,0 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 – Dec 2022 ¹	Jan – Dec 2023 ¹	Difference in value between Jan – Dec 2022 and Jan – Dec 2023	% change between Jan – Dec 2022 and Jan – Dec 2023
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	49 811 581	38 326 862	-11 484 719	-23,1
Non-residential buildings	18 007 357	16 392 252	-1 615 105	-9,0
Additions and alterations	26 495 047	22 598 496	-3 896 551	-14,7
Total	94 313 985	77 317 610	-16 996 375	-18,0

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 18,0% (-R16 996,4 million) in 2023 compared with 2022. Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-23,1% or -R11 484,7 million), additions and alterations (-14,7% or -R3 896,6 million) and non-residential buildings (-9,0% or -R1 615,1 million) – see Table C.

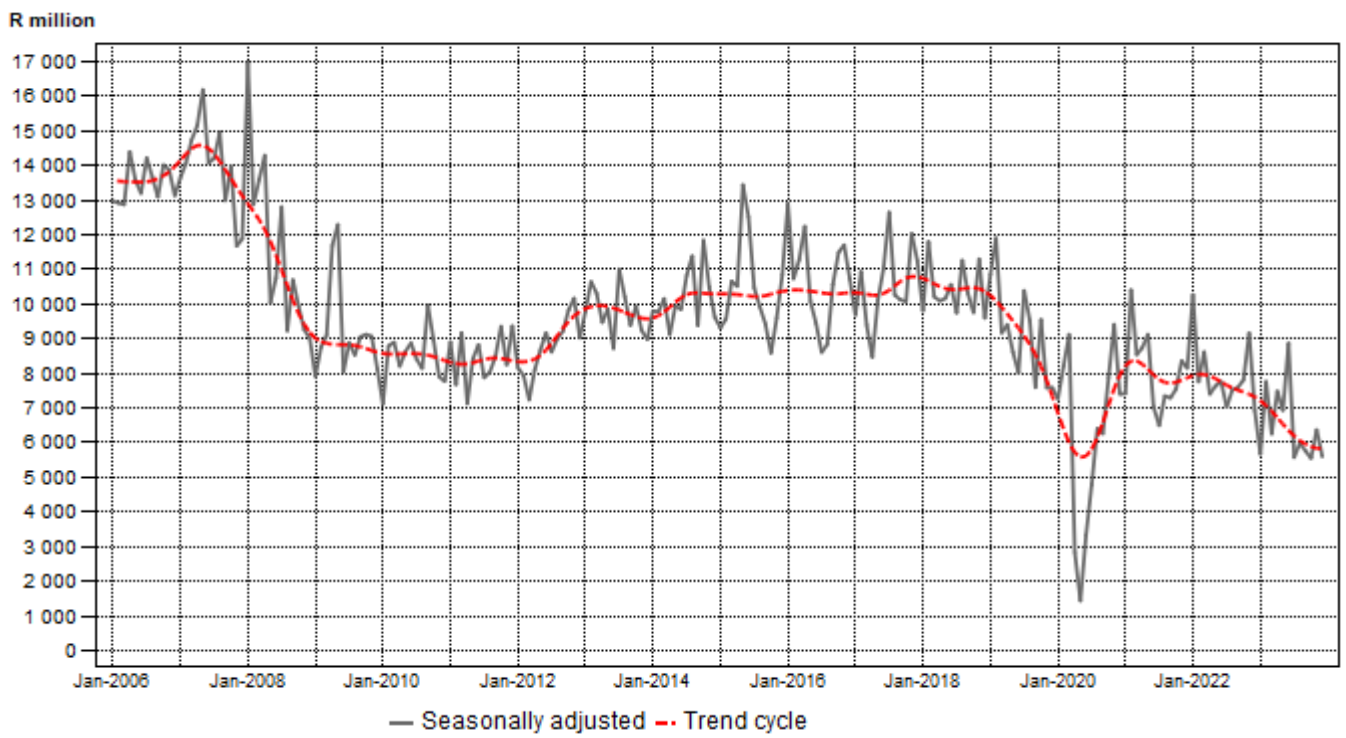
Table D – Seasonally adjusted building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices for the latest three months by type of building

Type of building	Jul – Sep 2023	Oct – Dec 2023	% change between Jul – Sep 2023 and Oct – Dec 2023
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	9 036 283	8 609 303	-4,7
Non-residential buildings ¹	3 189 446	3 235 187	1,4
Additions and alterations	5 082 877	5 658 879	11,3
Total	17 308 606	17 503 369	1,1

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 increased by 1,1% in the fourth quarter of 2023 compared with the third quarter of 2023. Increases were reported for additions and alterations (11,3%) and non-residential buildings (1,4%). A decrease was reported for residential buildings (-4,7%) – 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 – Dec 2022 ¹	Jan – Dec 2023 ¹	Difference in value between Jan – Dec 2022 and Jan – Dec 2023	% change between Jan – Dec 2022 and Jan – Dec 2023
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	37 189 537	34 759 297	-2 430 240	-6,5
-Dwelling-houses	24 114 993	22 618 209	-1 496 784	-6,2
-Flats and townhouses	12 428 034	11 670 694	-757 340	-6,1
-Other residential buildings	646 510	470 394	-176 116	-27,2
Non-residential buildings	14 751 632	13 444 756	-1 306 876	-8,9
Additions and alterations	15 875 075	9 585 313	-6 289 762	-39,6
Total	67 816 244	57 789 366	-10 026 878	-14,8

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 14,8% (-R10 026,9 million) in 2023 compared with 2022.

Decreases were reported for additions and alterations (-39,6% or -R6 289,8 million), non-residential buildings (-8,9% or -R1 306,9 million) and residential buildings (-6,5% or -R2 430,2 million) – see Table E.

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

Province	Jan – Dec 2022 ¹	Jan – Dec 2023 ¹	Weight Jan – Dec 2022	% change between Jan – Dec 2022 and Jan – Dec 2023	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan – Dec 2022 and Jan – Dec 2023 ²	Difference in value between Jan – Dec 2022 and Jan – Dec 2023
	R'000	R'000	%			R'000
Western Cape	27 085 321	17 371 564	39,9	-35,9	-14,3	-9 713 757
Eastern Cape	2 986 724	3 605 489	4,4	20,7	0,9	618 765
Northern Cape	767 340	408 523	1,1	-46,8	-0,5	-358 817
Free State	557 088	606 802	0,8	8,9	0,1	49 714
KwaZulu-Natal	9 770 918	10 551 128	14,4	8,0	1,2	780 210
North West	2 222 991	2 214 026	3,3	-0,4	0,0	-8 965
Gauteng	22 174 236	20 379 653	32,7	-8,1	-2,6	-1 794 583
Mpumalanga	1 177 929	1 353 560	1,7	14,9	0,3	175 631
Limpopo	1 073 697	1 298 621	1,6	20,9	0,3	224 924
Total	67 816 244	57 789 366	100,0	-14,8	-14,8	-10 026 878

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 in 2023, of which Western Cape (contributing -14,3 percentage points or -R9 713,8 million) and Gauteng (contributing -2,6 percentage points or -R1 794,6 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 – Dec 2022 ¹	Jan – Dec 2023 ¹	Difference in value between Jan – Dec 2022 and Jan – Dec 2023	% change between Jan – Dec 2022 and Jan – Dec 2023
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	29 697 769	26 395 357	-3 302 412	-11,1
Non-residential buildings	11 803 132	10 230 723	-1 572 409	-13,3
Additions and alterations	12 707 715	7 280 019	-5 427 696	-42,7
Total	54 208 616	43 906 099	-10 302 517	-19,0

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 19,0% (-R10 302,5 million) in 2023 compared with 2022. Decreases were reported for additions and alterations (-42,7% or -R5 427,7 million), non-residential buildings (-13,3% or -R1 572,4 million) and residential buildings (-11,1% or -R3 302,4 million) – see Table G.

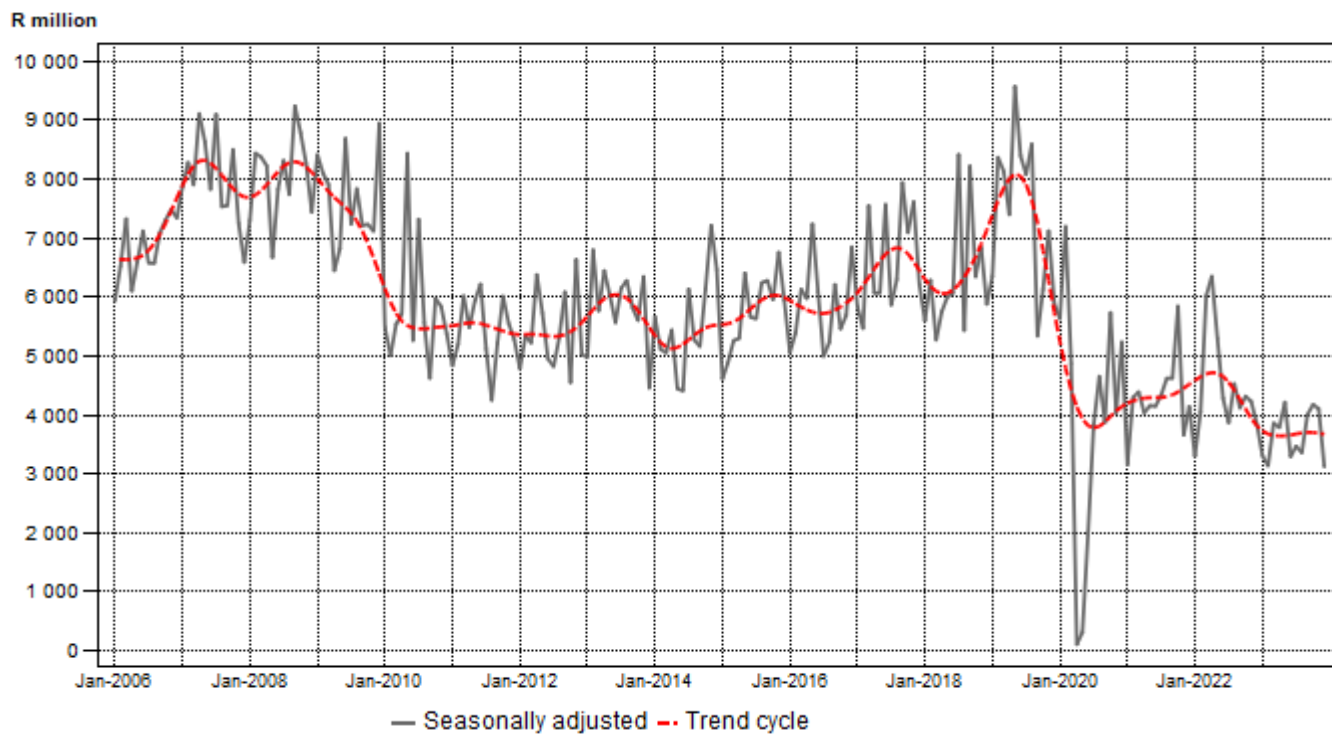
Table H – Seasonally adjusted buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices for the latest three months by type of building

Type of building	Jul – Sep 2023	Oct – Dec 2023	% change between Jul – Sep 2023 and Oct – Dec 2023
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	6 812 492	6 292 019	-7,6
Non-residential buildings ¹	2 381 569	2 854 620	19,9
Additions and alterations	1 631 843	2 251 136	38,0
Total	10 825 904	11 397 775	5,3

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 increased by 5,3% in the fourth quarter of 2023 compared with the third quarter of 2023. Increases were reported for additions and alterations (38,0%) and non-residential buildings (19,9%). A decrease was reported for residential buildings (-7,6%) – 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	1 136 464	6,3	3 035 046	21,8	9 597 945	15,8
	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	3 080 572	4,0	12 046 777	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	22 479 150	19,3	33 186 516	11,0	117 936 109	8,1
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	-7,1	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	-13,6	1 885 431	-9,4	6 120 374	-16,1
	Total	50 361 562	-19,1	21 537 846	-4,2	29 716 972	-10,5	101 616 380	-13,8

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	8 521 200	42,8	1 415 467	2,5	2 554 627	2,1	12 491 294	26,8
	February	4 669 750	-45,2	2 255 248	59,3	2 497 029	-2,3	9 422 027	-24,6
	March	4 685 596	0,3	3 402 406	50,9	2 545 430	1,9	10 633 432	12,9
	April	5 241 749	11,9	1 142 322	-66,4	2 753 026	8,2	9 137 097	-14,1
	May	4 843 817	-7,6	1 681 108	47,2	3 106 761	12,8	9 631 686	5,4
	June	5 583 883	15,3	1 652 544	-1,7	2 594 527	-16,5	9 830 954	2,1
	July	5 046 669	-9,6	1 136 464	-31,2	2 792 653	7,6	8 975 786	-8,7
	August	4 365 921	-13,5	1 823 251	60,4	3 249 298	16,4	9 438 470	5,2
	September	4 835 640	10,8	1 883 600	3,3	2 794 537	-14,0	9 513 777	0,8
	October	5 519 901	14,2	1 492 387	-20,8	2 810 383	0,6	9 822 671	3,2
	November	6 033 206	9,3	2 784 773	86,6	2 787 285	-0,8	11 605 264	18,1
	December	4 474 831	-25,8	1 809 580	-35,0	2 541 852	-8,8	8 826 263	-23,9
2023	January	3 930 045	-12,2	721 791	-60,1	2 613 203	2,8	7 265 039	-17,7
	February	5 442 257	38,5	1 856 777	157,2	2 698 456	3,3	9 997 490	37,6
	March	4 372 646	-19,7	1 696 971	-8,6	2 105 737	-22,0	8 175 354	-18,2
	April	5 043 299	15,3	2 035 643	20,0	2 665 865	26,6	9 744 807	19,2
	May	4 196 546	-16,8	2 059 644	1,2	2 819 439	5,8	9 075 629	-6,9
	June	4 326 549	3,1	4 622 149	124,4	2 651 580	-6,0	11 600 278	27,8
	July	4 049 438	-6,4	1 055 623	-77,2	2 225 134	-16,1	7 330 195	-36,8
	August	3 402 502	-16,0	2 135 385	102,3	2 316 134	4,1	7 854 021	7,1
	September	4 431 292	30,2	1 024 407	-52,0	2 170 463	-6,3	7 626 162	-2,9
	October	3 616 277	-18,4	1 101 434	7,5	2 648 909	22,0	7 366 620	-3,4
	November	4 363 472	20,7	1 664 278	51,1	2 517 830	-4,9	8 545 580	16,0
	December	3 618 166	-17,1	1 563 744	-6,0	2 415 044	-4,1	7 596 954	-11,1
	Jul – Sep 23	11 883 232		4 215 415		6 711 731		22 810 378	
Oct – Dec 23 ²	11 597 915	-2,4	4 329 456	2,7	7 581 783	13,0	23 509 154	3,1	

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	891 344	-3,3	2 380 428	10,8	7 527 799	5,4
	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	2 444 898	-1,6	9 560 933	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	18 007 357	8,4	26 495 047	1,5	94 313 985	-1,2
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	-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	-18,9	1 402 850	-14,9	4 553 849	-21,2
	Total	38 326 862	-23,1	16 392 252	-9,0	22 598 496	-14,7	77 317 610	-18,0

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	6 995 201	42,5	1 171 744	1,7	2 102 618	1,0	10 269 563	26,1
	February	3 854 251	-44,9	1 853 121	58,2	2 046 735	-2,7	7 754 107	-24,5
	March	3 785 957	-1,8	2 768 434	49,4	2 064 962	0,9	8 619 353	11,2
	April	4 246 761	12,2	920 485	-66,8	2 224 398	7,7	7 391 644	-14,2
	May	3 829 484	-9,8	1 334 213	44,9	2 469 273	11,0	7 632 970	3,3
	June	4 405 134	15,0	1 305 327	-2,2	2 049 739	-17,0	7 760 200	1,7
	July	3 933 046	-10,7	891 344	-31,7	2 196 592	7,2	7 020 982	-9,5
	August	3 507 153	-10,8	1 437 895	61,3	2 572 863	17,1	7 517 911	7,1
	September	3 877 090	10,5	1 492 552	3,8	2 218 490	-13,8	7 588 132	0,9
	October	4 388 755	13,2	1 188 206	-20,4	2 235 005	0,7	7 811 966	2,9
	November	4 745 936	8,1	2 210 137	86,0	2 207 158	-1,2	9 163 231	17,3
	December	3 483 310	-26,6	1 433 899	-35,1	2 005 388	-9,1	6 922 597	-24,5
2023	January	3 048 223	-12,5	566 555	-60,5	2 043 076	1,9	5 657 854	-18,3
	February	4 243 672	39,2	1 436 022	153,5	2 084 610	2,0	7 764 304	37,2
	March	3 331 096	-21,5	1 300 361	-9,4	1 613 823	-22,6	6 245 280	-19,6
	April	3 886 535	16,7	1 559 880	20,0	2 042 992	26,6	7 489 407	19,9
	May	3 197 603	-17,7	1 571 048	0,7	2 156 216	5,5	6 924 867	-7,5
	June	3 305 536	3,4	3 533 753	124,9	2 031 261	-5,8	8 870 550	28,1
	July	3 073 764	-7,0	802 145	-77,3	1 694 160	-16,6	5 570 069	-37,2
	August	2 607 584	-15,2	1 616 491	101,5	1 755 207	3,6	5 979 282	7,3
	September	3 354 935	28,7	770 810	-52,3	1 633 510	-6,9	5 759 255	-3,7
	October	2 726 288	-18,7	826 902	7,3	1 988 089	21,7	5 541 279	-3,8
	November	3 239 724	18,8	1 244 785	50,5	1 881 051	-5,4	6 365 560	14,9
	December	2 643 291	-18,4	1 163 500	-6,5	1 789 739	-4,9	5 596 530	-12,1
		Jul – Sep 23	9 036 283		3 189 446		5 082 877		17 308 606
	Oct – Dec 23 ²	8 609 303	-4,7	3 235 187	1,4	5 658 879	11,3	17 503 369	1,1

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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 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	1 601 076	-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	-5,0	754 080	-48,2	779 664	-23,2	4 366 578	-19,9
	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	2 671 467	-15,8	597 276	-45,1	845 726	34,7	4 114 469	-15,9
	Total	34 759 297	-6,5	13 444 756	-8,9	9 585 313	-39,6	57 789 366	-14,8

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	2 570 869	-19,3	458 707	-48,0	979 917	9,0	4 009 493	-19,3
	February	2 568 630	-0,1	1 271 255	177,1	1 102 144	12,5	4 942 029	23,3
	March	3 168 298	23,3	2 627 335	106,7	1 617 944	46,8	7 413 577	50,0
	April	3 643 806	15,0	1 172 464	-55,4	3 024 147	86,9	7 840 417	5,8
	May	3 099 001	-15,0	1 137 002	-3,0	2 436 374	-19,4	6 672 377	-14,9
	June	2 947 036	-4,9	1 455 223	28,0	1 016 774	-58,3	5 419 033	-18,8
	July	2 761 918	-6,3	1 167 421	-19,8	988 008	-2,8	4 917 347	-9,3
	August	3 256 917	17,9	1 248 420	6,9	1 236 363	25,1	5 741 700	16,8
	September	3 142 189	-3,5	1 100 905	-11,8	940 228	-24,0	5 183 322	-9,7
	October	3 383 280	7,7	1 069 676	-2,8	965 434	2,7	5 418 390	4,5
	November	3 396 315	0,4	955 555	-10,7	970 632	0,5	5 322 502	-1,8
	December	3 029 237	-10,8	1 087 669	13,8	743 341	-23,4	4 860 247	-8,7
2023	January	2 141 266	-29,3	1 451 781	33,5	638 619	-14,1	4 231 666	-12,9
	February	2 672 406	24,8	569 750	-60,8	815 176	27,6	4 057 332	-4,1
	March	2 753 609	3,0	1 709 220	200,0	578 547	-29,0	5 041 376	24,3
	April	2 744 536	-0,3	1 347 813	-21,1	837 742	44,8	4 930 091	-2,2
	May	3 999 068	45,7	649 310	-51,8	869 946	3,8	5 518 324	11,9
	June	2 808 325	-29,8	754 080	16,1	737 350	-15,2	4 299 755	-22,1
	July	2 609 892	-7,1	1 236 636	64,0	708 565	-3,9	4 555 093	5,9
	August	3 083 916	18,2	668 846	-45,9	681 241	-3,9	4 434 003	-2,7
	September	3 301 915	7,1	1 243 356	85,9	763 820	12,1	5 309 091	19,7
	October	2 990 966	-9,4	1 537 808	23,7	1 029 342	34,8	5 558 116	4,7
	November	2 886 999	-3,5	1 678 880	9,2	922 885	-10,3	5 488 764	-1,2
	December	2 538 874	-12,1	597 276	-64,4	1 057 066	14,5	4 193 216	-23,6
		Jul – Sep 23	8 995 723		3 148 838		2 153 626		14 298 187
	Oct – Dec 23 ²	8 416 839	-6,4	3 813 964	21,1	3 009 293	39,7	15 240 096	6,6

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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 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	1 256 732	-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	-8,0	576 514	-49,8	596 073	-25,6	3 338 362	-22,5
	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	1 987 699	-21,0	444 402	-48,4	629 260	26,5	3 061 361	-21,0
Total	26 395 357	-11,1	10 230 723	-13,3	7 280 019	-42,7	43 906 099	-19,0	

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	2 117 469	-20,1	379 724	-48,4	800 623	6,0	3 297 816	-20,4
	February	2 105 737	-0,6	1 044 581	175,1	904 531	13,0	4 054 849	23,0
	March	2 573 996	22,2	2 137 783	104,7	1 303 400	44,1	6 015 179	48,3
	April	2 935 688	14,1	944 774	-55,8	2 472 619	89,7	6 353 081	5,6
	May	2 461 891	-16,1	902 383	-4,5	1 931 110	-21,9	5 295 384	-16,6
	June	2 330 778	-5,3	1 149 465	27,4	799 912	-58,6	4 280 155	-19,2
	July	2 169 974	-6,9	915 624	-20,3	778 614	-2,7	3 864 212	-9,7
	August	2 567 714	18,3	984 558	7,5	976 618	25,4	4 528 890	17,2
	September	2 494 784	-2,8	872 349	-11,4	748 877	-23,3	4 116 010	-9,1
	October	2 693 719	8,0	851 653	-2,4	769 095	2,7	4 314 467	4,8
	November	2 703 043	0,3	758 377	-11,0	765 096	-0,5	4 226 516	-2,0
	December	2 393 558	-11,4	861 861	13,6	593 111	-22,5	3 848 530	-8,9
2023	January	1 673 452	-30,1	1 139 546	32,2	494 141	-16,7	3 307 139	-14,1
	February	2 063 325	23,3	440 642	-61,3	629 264	27,3	3 133 231	-5,3
	March	2 107 057	2,1	1 309 747	197,2	441 920	-29,8	3 858 724	23,2
	April	2 103 308	-0,2	1 032 807	-21,1	647 597	46,5	3 783 712	-1,9
	May	3 054 742	45,2	495 278	-52,0	662 981	2,4	4 213 001	11,3
	June	2 147 542	-29,7	576 514	16,4	565 204	-14,7	3 289 260	-21,9
	July	1 987 768	-7,4	939 693	63,0	539 759	-4,5	3 467 220	5,4
	August	2 334 950	17,5	506 318	-46,1	514 675	-4,6	3 355 943	-3,2
	September	2 489 774	6,6	935 558	84,8	577 409	12,2	4 002 741	19,3
	October	2 245 878	-9,8	1 154 511	23,4	772 335	33,8	4 172 724	4,2
	November	2 161 651	-3,8	1 255 707	8,8	686 427	-11,1	4 103 785	-1,7
	December	1 884 490	-12,8	444 402	-64,6	792 374	15,4	3 121 266	-23,9
		Jul – Sep 23	6 812 492		2 381 569		1 631 843		10 825 904
	Oct – Dec 23 ²	6 292 019	-7,6	2 854 620	19,9	2 251 136	38,0	11 397 775	5,3

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

			Dec 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan – Dec 2022	Jan – Dec 2023	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	280	569	177	10 138	7 377	-27,2	
		square metres	14 658	26 751	9 241	525 270	361 549	-31,2	
		R'000	106 782	197 741	66 149	3 667 864	2 577 113	-29,7	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 019	1 172	673	16 279	12 307	-24,4	
		square metres	291 957	318 985	208 341	4 568 579	3 635 724	-20,4	
		R'000	2 463 254	2 727 440	1 743 687	36 961 424	30 294 545	-18,0	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 222	1 312	641	23 453	17 310	-26,2	
		square metres	83 107	145 468	81 407	2 257 181	1 757 390	-22,1	
		R'000	755 579	1 525 637	754 968	20 540 617	16 685 337	-18,8	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	9 234	1 912	12 275	138 341	99 562	-28,0	
		R'000	78 909	15 768	106 395	1 100 538	804 567	-26,9	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	3 404 524	4 466 586	2 671 199	62 270 443	50 361 562	-19,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	34 919	25 470	13 830	265 687	280 696	5,6	
		R'000	388 895	234 990	172 903	2 778 827	2 931 535	5,5	
	Shopping space	square metres	22 150	46 738	11 694	531 218	538 328	1,3	
		R'000	204 003	411 783	91 837	4 851 853	5 028 405	3,6	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	143 502	95 359	126 010	1 757 248	1 496 870	-14,8	
		R'000	951 977	688 482	919 288	11 562 501	10 481 874	-9,3	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	37 319	36 286	44 862	431 967	371 834	-13,9	
		R'000	264 705	329 023	379 716	3 285 969	3 096 032	-5,8	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	1 809 580	1 664 278	1 563 744	22 479 150	21 537 846	-4,2	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	165 995	224 509	148 210	2 933 845	2 479 324	-15,5	
		R'000	1 447 654	1 892 056	1 235 054	24 148 763	20 879 845	-13,5	
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	63 148	88 255	69 598	832 927	883 622	6,1	
		R'000	632 879	888 987	650 377	9 037 753	8 837 127	-2,2	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	2 080 533	2 781 043	1 885 431	33 186 516	29 716 972	-10,5
Building plans passed		Total at current prices	R'000	7 294 637	8 911 907	6 120 374	117 936 109	101 616 380	-13,8

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

			Dec 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan – Dec 2022	Jan – Dec 2023	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	108	217	105	4 261	2 544	-40,3
		square metres	4 898	9 292	4 876	195 874	115 481	-41,0
		R'000	34 886	68 334	33 877	1 242 231	787 618	-36,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	370	494	273	6 502	4 991	-23,2
		square metres	97 127	111 610	77 479	1 712 692	1 410 201	-17,7
		R'000	725 067	849 264	605 598	12 419 057	10 715 925	-13,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	234	445	405	8 402	6 117	-27,2
		square metres	25 019	52 365	51 262	850 276	684 893	-19,5
		R'000	209 028	477 026	436 993	6 984 562	5 879 488	-15,8
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	5 648	0	6 503	36 993	20 674	-44,1
		R'000	49 545	0	58 590	301 071	155 073	-48,5
Total residential buildings	R'000	1 018 526	1 394 624	1 135 058	20 946 921	17 538 104	-16,3	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	7 730	6 478	740	59 051	68 079	15,3
		R'000	54 519	51 123	6 570	448 116	587 897	31,2
	Shopping space	square metres	12 342	2 890	2 018	77 599	69 369	-10,6
		R'000	105 865	18 510	17 658	597 634	562 904	-5,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	25 855	22 790	16 568	310 767	376 705	21,2
		R'000	182 096	168 340	128 493	2 113 635	2 706 893	28,1
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	17 752	16 528	22 035	194 281	131 518	-32,3
		R'000	125 889	135 900	173 320	1 436 616	1 019 657	-29,0
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	468 369	373 873	326 041	4 596 001	4 877 351	6,1	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	47 200	77 768	57 639	1 067 617	897 756	-15,9
		R'000	361 483	578 183	424 948	7 683 405	6 783 405	-11,7
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	29 179	25 850	14 785	317 448	311 312	-1,9
		R'000	277 589	255 631	151 990	3 766 987	3 241 327	-14,0
Total additions and alterations	R'000	639 072	833 814	576 938	11 450 392	10 024 732	-12,5	
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 125 967	2 602 311	2 038 037	36 993 314	32 440 187	-12,3

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.

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

			Dec 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan – Dec 2022	Jan – Dec 2023	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	18	179	23	886	741	-16,4
		square metres	839	7 808	1 192	43 418	34 537	-20,5
		R'000	5 109	64 125	9 353	270 578	257 377	-4,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	77	69	52	1 196	983	-17,8
		square metres	22 779	19 549	12 726	291 671	257 479	-11,7
		R'000	189 354	164 296	104 499	2 334 977	2 137 910	-8,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	20	13	2	926	203	-78,1
		square metres	2 442	2 034	307	102 838	25 794	-74,9
		R'000	20 139	17 333	2 532	812 019	210 628	-74,1
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	1 912	383	46 921	4 868	-89,6
		R'000	0	15 768	2 173	369 815	39 990	-89,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	214 602	261 522	118 557	3 787 389	2 645 905	-30,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	108	2 832	5 294	86,9
		R'000	0	0	861	22 634	43 368	91,6
	Shopping space	square metres	250	5 611	0	22 082	10 948	-50,4
		R'000	2 062	34 542	0	164 747	75 562	-54,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	5 244	7 868	54 362	130 203	139,5
		R'000	0	43 247	64 887	410 325	1 055 715	157,3
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	5 461	923	0	29 742	20 656	-30,5
		R'000	45 037	5 226	0	222 213	162 410	-26,9
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	47 099	83 015	65 748	819 919	1 337 055	63,1	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	18 515	16 742	15 698	264 818	215 060	-18,8
		R'000	148 523	134 497	127 792	2 054 368	1 736 814	-15,5
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	4 331	4 436	33 217	87 043	135 966	56,2
		R'000	36 472	38 492	290 995	708 144	1 137 252	60,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	184 995	172 989	418 787	2 762 512	2 874 066	4,0
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	446 696	517 526	603 092	7 369 820	6 857 026	-7,0

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

			Dec 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan – Dec 2022	Jan – Dec 2023	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	0	2	32	57	78,1
		square metres	198	0	109	1 911	2 946	54,2
		R'000	1 864	0	1 026	17 284	27 734	60,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	11	16	7	203	200	-1,5
		square metres	2 413	4 530	1 515	46 446	40 943	-11,8
		R'000	19 444	40 260	11 941	395 138	358 809	-9,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	2	4	12	200,0
		square metres	0	0	183	2 642	1 165	-55,9
		R'000	0	0	1 723	22 295	10 967	-50,8
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	1 986	0	3 064	5 385	7 717	43,3
		R'000	18 694	0	28 841	48 865	72 640	48,7
Total residential buildings	R'000	40 002	40 260	43 531	483 582	470 150	-2,8	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	12 860	1 551	-87,9
		R'000	0	0	0	118 176	14 600	-87,6
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	920	3 057	232,3
		R'000	0	0	0	8 326	28 776	245,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 227	973	188	27 610	3 113	-88,7
		R'000	11 550	9 159	1 770	233 231	29 303	-87,4
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	302	1 696	11 968	13 481	13 846	2,7
		R'000	2 843	15 843	112 654	119 580	130 210	8,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	14 393	25 002	114 424	479 313	202 889	-57,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 801	2 520	1 558	54 906	36 395	-33,7
		R'000	15 616	22 243	13 420	473 229	327 548	-30,8
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	714	567	510	7 383	1 353	-81,7
		R'000	7 411	6 017	5 251	79 393	20 852	-73,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	23 027	28 260	18 671	552 622	348 400	-37,0
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	77 422	93 522	176 626	1 515 517	1 021 439	-32,6

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

			Dec 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan – Dec 2022	Jan – Dec 2023	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	7	48	0	204	113	-44,6	
		square metres	390	2 548	0	11 429	6 457	-43,5	
		R'000	3 752	15 665	0	103 783	51 428	-50,4	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	23	46	40	549	436	-20,6	
		square metres	5 536	10 584	10 412	117 356	106 810	-9,0	
		R'000	42 881	86 274	83 236	932 537	868 102	-6,9	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	4	28	248	176	-29,0	
		square metres	0	609	1 851	29 521	39 996	35,5	
		R'000	0	5 335	11 448	279 938	370 059	32,2	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	142	4 235	6 996	65,2	
		R'000	0	0	1 366	27 903	56 186	101,4	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	46 633	107 274	96 050	1 344 161	1 345 775	0,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	2 220	2 404	8,3	
		R'000	0	0	0	13 970	20 788	48,8	
	Shopping space	square metres	0	1 885	0	6 565	32 815	399,8	
		R'000	0	12 861	0	45 219	208 406	360,9	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	17 555	34 666	40 659	17,3	
		R'000	0	0	168 897	235 082	367 118	56,2	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	8 835	0	366	15 074	2 152	-85,7	
		R'000	54 644	0	3 521	102 960	16 891	-83,6	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	54 644	12 861	172 418	397 231	613 203	54,4	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 663	6 032	3 356	72 683	78 869	8,5	
		R'000	20 113	48 397	25 190	589 640	651 879	10,6	
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	0	2 220	901	3 598	14 428	301,0	
		R'000	6 131	23 292	8 370	58 096	147 699	154,2	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	26 244	71 689	33 560	647 736	799 578	23,4
Building plans passed		Total at current prices	R'000	127 521	191 824	302 028	2 389 128	2 758 556	15,5

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

			Dec 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan – Dec 2022	Jan – Dec 2023	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	13	12	0	377	149	-60,5
		square metres	790	536	0	22 980	7 547	-67,2
		R'000	6 813	4 466	0	216 619	58 843	-72,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	76	86	46	1 230	962	-21,8
		square metres	32 025	26 690	21 309	421 420	322 587	-23,5
		R'000	310 421	297 619	230 288	4 260 866	3 270 575	-23,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	186	36	86	4 267	1 174	-72,5
		square metres	20 721	9 325	14 019	483 605	155 284	-67,9
		R'000	215 788	88 423	163 239	5 067 653	1 617 316	-68,1
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	16 247	12 678	-22,0
		R'000	0	0	0	169 475	132 893	-21,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	533 022	390 508	393 527	9 714 613	5 079 627	-47,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 000	5 716	0	19 863	21 781	9,7
		R'000	10 500	62 876	0	195 914	205 846	5,1
	Shopping space	square metres	344	0	2 779	139 043	161 867	16,4
		R'000	2 580	0	17 911	1 388 689	1 665 932	20,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	19 125	29 030	38 053	416 427	286 311	-31,2
		R'000	116 741	183 018	259 938	2 615 735	1 863 483	-28,8
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	1 054	1 419	336	20 926	20 494	-2,1
		R'000	11 067	15 999	2 604	175 138	152 540	-12,9
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	140 888	261 893	280 453	4 375 476	3 887 801	-11,1	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	23 366	22 785	16 947	334 595	266 001	-20,5
		R'000	253 513	240 736	179 731	3 512 305	2 710 467	-22,8
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	7 054	7 519	8 163	185 615	158 008	-14,9
		R'000	85 712	117 387	99 354	2 151 721	1 936 380	-10,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	339 225	358 123	279 085	5 664 026	4 646 847	-18,0
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 013 135	1 010 524	953 065	19 754 115	13 614 275	-31,1

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

			Dec 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan – Dec 2022	Jan – Dec 2023	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	5	12	3	283	364	28,6
		square metres	327	557	187	12 496	16 240	30,0
		R'000	2 044	3 931	1 202	62 512	83 754	34,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	51	65	31	1 041	700	-32,8
		square metres	13 387	18 354	9 662	274 332	196 656	-28,3
		R'000	89 766	136 066	66 931	1 908 712	1 389 007	-27,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	141	3	9	397	266	-33,0
		square metres	4 290	375	1 998	25 629	28 989	13,1
		R'000	26 534	2 414	12 987	162 699	182 959	12,5
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	1 562	15 270	4 775	-68,7
		R'000	0	0	11 264	90 576	34 254	-62,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	118 344	142 411	92 384	2 224 499	1 689 974	-24,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	176	310	0	7 608	22 789	199,5
		R'000	1 089	2 558	0	55 402	143 731	159,4
	Shopping space	square metres	1 899	779	942	63 535	28 281	-55,5
		R'000	12 257	6 312	6 932	398 328	190 569	-52,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	50 754	30 117	-40,7
		R'000	0	0	0	306 166	190 355	-37,8
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	814	2 345	2 873	42 808	12 271	-71,3
		R'000	5 034	14 816	24 033	286 098	88 412	-69,1
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	18 380	23 686	30 965	1 045 994	613 067	-41,4
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 018	12 136	4 162	108 561	88 768
R'000			40 473	84 067	29 675	715 761	602 815	-15,8
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	116	1 114	990	28 030	13 918	-50,3
		R'000	22 866	7 772	12 179	284 750	167 240	-41,3
Total additions and alterations		R'000	63 339	91 839	41 854	1 000 511	770 055	-23,0
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	200 063	257 936	165 203	4 271 004	3 073 096	-28,0

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

			Dec 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan – Dec 2022	Jan – Dec 2023	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	110	95	33	3 676	3 187	-13,3	
		square metres	6 155	5 555	2 224	211 117	164 683	-22,0	
		R'000	43 832	37 148	16 114	1 565 379	1 206 866	-22,9	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	321	261	171	3 829	2 851	-25,5	
		square metres	87 556	81 440	56 428	1 181 193	876 936	-25,8	
		R'000	856 813	811 140	506 571	11 049 434	8 459 593	-23,4	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	631	756	108	7 191	8 840	22,9	
		square metres	30 136	75 324	11 271	655 708	758 338	15,7	
		R'000	280 833	895 355	123 193	6 501 847	7 981 563	22,8	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	240	0	0	1 074	8 102	654,4	
		R'000	2 203	0	0	12 805	66 408	418,6	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	1 183 681	1 743 643	645 878	19 129 465	17 714 430	-7,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	25 758	1 192	12 406	152 860	140 216	-8,3	
		R'000	321 175	13 281	161 613	1 869 621	1 765 231	-5,6	
	Shopping space	square metres	6 483	6 396	1 600	147 270	110 089	-25,2	
		R'000	75 979	77 472	13 502	1 773 639	1 277 557	-28,0	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	64 626	29 166	44 950	700 990	526 364	-24,9	
		R'000	412 994	220 497	288 998	4 536 211	3 558 457	-21,6	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	707	10 989	4 207	84 662	111 247	31,4	
		R'000	5 421	125 908	37 969	751 568	1 074 789	43,0	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	815 569	437 158	502 082	8 931 039	7 676 034	-14,1	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	51 491	66 639	40 436	798 965	700 558	-12,3	
		R'000	505 723	647 343	376 889	7 578 178	6 723 331	-11,3	
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	18 998	43 548	9 086	167 920	213 383	27,1	
		R'000	175 467	408 671	68 459	1 611 942	1 845 875	14,5	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	681 190	1 056 014	445 348	9 190 120	8 569 206	-6,8
Building plans passed		Total at current prices	R'000	2 680 440	3 236 815	1 593 308	37 250 624	33 959 670	-8,8

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

			Dec 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan – Dec 2022	Jan – Dec 2023	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	15	6	9	356	190	-46,6	
		square metres	991	455	538	21 949	11 721	-46,6	
		R'000	8 001	4 072	3 815	162 908	90 498	-44,4	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	66	94	26	1 102	803	-27,1	
		square metres	22 603	29 970	9 017	346 421	286 274	-17,4	
		R'000	167 881	227 405	66 937	2 465 107	2 131 057	-13,6	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1	35	0	103	201	95,1	
		square metres	252	2 461	0	13 601	15 848	16,5	
		R'000	1 559	19 180	0	104 387	103 698	-0,7	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	1 360	0	621	7 245	20 336	180,7	
		R'000	8 467	0	4 161	49 846	163 721	228,5	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	185 908	250 657	74 913	2 782 248	2 488 974	-10,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	255	11 774	576	4 706	18 112	284,9	
		R'000	1 612	105 152	3 859	30 758	146 714	377,0	
	Shopping space	square metres	832	25 513	4 105	43 484	103 033	136,9	
		R'000	5 260	228 341	34 454	279 200	877 256	214,2	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	32 669	8 156	828	124 166	77 757	-37,4	
		R'000	228 596	64 221	6 305	870 207	553 043	-36,4	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	1 933	2 146	3 077	27 248	34 039	24,9	
		R'000	12 221	13 570	25 615	166 708	272 727	63,6	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	247 689	411 284	70 233	1 346 873	1 849 740	37,3	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	12 166	17 239	6 154	185 559	152 696	-17,7	
		R'000	83 209	117 853	42 350	1 240 018	1 047 325	-15,5	
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	2 756	2 831	1 640	28 595	27 009	-5,5	
		R'000	18 645	23 057	10 534	271 280	242 132	-10,7	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	101 854	140 910	52 884	1 511 298	1 289 457	-14,7
Building plans passed		Total at current prices	R'000	535 451	802 851	198 030	5 640 419	5 628 171	-0,2

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

			Dec 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan – Dec 2022	Jan – Dec 2023	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	0	2	63	32	-49,2
		square metres	70	0	115	4 096	1 937	-52,7
		R'000	481	0	762	26 570	12 995	-51,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	24	41	27	627	381	-39,2
		square metres	8 531	16 258	9 793	177 048	137 838	-22,1
		R'000	61 627	115 116	67 686	1 195 596	963 567	-19,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	9	20	1	1 915	321	-83,2
		square metres	247	2 975	516	93 361	47 083	-49,6
		R'000	1 698	20 571	2 853	605 217	328 659	-45,7
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	4 971	13 416	169,9
		R'000	0	0	0	30 182	83 402	176,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	63 806	135 687	71 301	1 857 565	1 388 623	-25,2
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	3 687	470
R'000			0	0	0	24 236	3 360	-86,1
Shopping space		square metres	0	3 664	250	30 720	18 869	-38,6
		R'000	0	33 745	1 380	196 071	141 443	-27,9
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	0	0	0	37 506	25 641	-31,6
		R'000	0	0	0	241 909	157 507	-34,9
Other non-residential buildings ³		square metres	461	240	0	3 745	25 611	583,9
		R'000	2 549	1 761	0	25 088	178 396	611,1
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	2 549	35 506	1 380	487 304	480 706	-1,4
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 775	2 648	2 260	46 141	43 221
	R'000		19 001	18 737	15 059	301 859	296 261	-1,9
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	0	170	306	7 295	8 245	13,0
		R'000	2 586	8 668	3 245	105 440	98 370	-6,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	21 587	27 405	18 304	407 299	394 631	-3,1
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	87 942	198 598	90 985	2 752 168	2 263 960	-17,7

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

			Dec 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan – Dec 2022	Jan – Dec 2023	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	462	699	369	9 537	7 912	-17,0	
		square metres	25 459	36 673	18 648	497 169	398 273	-19,9	
		R'000	177 736	268 515	125 118	3 466 376	2 863 183	-17,4	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	850	922	633	10 002	8 906	-11,0	
		square metres	222 281	247 792	183 847	2 525 077	2 293 974	-9,2	
		R'000	1 935 452	2 152 311	1 589 001	20 648 617	19 755 026	-4,3	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	873	1 195	947	13 753	11 916	-13,4	
		square metres	97 940	122 639	87 262	1 378 688	1 282 446	-7,0	
		R'000	856 363	1 113 511	785 321	12 428 034	11 670 694	-6,1	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	26 028	1 567	19 721	78 091	57 543	-26,3	
		R'000	204 538	9 508	172 027	646 510	470 394	-27,2	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	3 174 089	3 543 845	2 671 467	37 189 537	34 759 297	-6,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	8 387	20 915	20 259	128 128	189 184	47,7	
		R'000	76 625	194 343	239 376	1 135 248	2 140 865	88,6	
	Shopping space	square metres	9 601	24 076	6 748	370 925	352 959	-4,8	
		R'000	83 439	169 941	55 888	3 523 346	3 536 438	0,4	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	128 061	153 293	38 216	1 232 155	1 020 782	-17,2	
		R'000	803 041	1 096 393	235 216	7 887 057	6 744 711	-14,5	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	14 635	23 735	7 660	282 797	120 813	-57,3	
		R'000	124 564	218 203	66 796	2 205 981	1 022 742	-53,6	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	1 087 669	1 678 880	597 276	14 751 632	13 444 756	-8,9
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	48 096	70 490	55 856	1 347 717	688 439	-48,9
R'000			396 711	594 509	493 513	10 088 359	5 827 125	-42,2	
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	17 038	34 223	34 419	551 484	370 665	-32,8	
		R'000	231 009	419 575	352 213	5 786 716	3 758 188	-35,1	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	627 720	1 014 084	845 726	15 875 075	9 585 313	-39,6	
Buildings completed		Total at current prices	R'000	4 889 478	6 236 809	4 114 469	67 816 244	57 789 366	-14,8

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

			Dec 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan – Dec 2022	Jan – Dec 2023	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	168	257	153	3 424	2 741	-19,9	
		square metres	8 405	11 798	7 389	149 985	123 765	-17,5	
		R'000	49 400	76 829	49 358	868 000	813 453	-6,3	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	328	343	304	4 009	3 168	-21,0	
		square metres	74 645	83 831	75 639	969 307	771 359	-20,4	
		R'000	536 054	634 508	558 993	6 723 997	5 568 640	-17,2	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	397	605	718	6 797	4 846	-28,7	
		square metres	54 084	72 466	66 287	646 901	579 674	-10,4	
		R'000	430 106	618 565	555 282	5 135 608	4 709 346	-8,3	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	25 146	1 257	16 018	45 120	43 530	-3,5	
		R'000	194 166	7 537	140 182	327 774	351 917	7,4	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	1 209 726	1 337 439	1 303 815	13 055 379	11 443 356	-12,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	7 185	0	2 283	68 472	19 883	-71,0	
		R'000	67 539	0	20 786	545 622	156 909	-71,2	
	Shopping space	square metres	6 986	3 648	2 853	95 637	43 564	-54,4	
		R'000	60 663	31 923	20 941	780 994	346 941	-55,6	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	11 623	56 945	0	252 461	201 505	-20,2	
		R'000	76 371	411 399	0	1 702 065	1 439 871	-15,4	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	4 061	7 341	1 248	147 582	50 073	-66,1	
		R'000	29 926	49 696	9 351	1 095 190	350 357	-68,0	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	234 499	493 018	51 078	4 123 871	2 294 078	-44,4
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	22 802	34 256	14 556	902 634	259 136	-71,3
R'000			159 862	264 049	112 364	6 071 084	1 870 630	-69,2	
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	7 416	10 667	8 819	348 999	179 387	-48,6	
		R'000	104 869	160 237	105 066	3 834 987	1 763 500	-54,0	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	264 731	424 286	217 430	9 906 071	3 634 130	-63,3	
Buildings completed		Total at current prices	R'000	1 708 956	2 254 743	1 572 323	27 085 321	17 371 564	-35,9

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

			Dec 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan – Dec 2022	Jan – Dec 2023	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	23	45	21	339	547	61,4	
		square metres	1 316	3 154	1 026	20 124	27 153	34,9	
		R'000	9 866	25 886	8 367	147 007	203 483	38,4	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	39	82	38	567	653	15,2	
		square metres	10 621	26 247	7 250	123 928	184 923	49,2	
		R'000	88 540	212 837	59 328	998 552	1 516 883	51,9	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	14	30	27	221	411	86,0	
		square metres	1 065	3 160	2 534	20 059	37 006	84,5	
		R'000	8 783	25 738	20 898	157 157	304 538	93,8	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	5 297	104	-98,0	
		R'000	0	0	0	40 676	658	-98,4	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	107 189	264 461	88 593	1 343 392	2 025 562	50,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	2 874	3 921	4 624	17,9	
		R'000	0	0	22 912	30 109	36 635	21,7	
	Shopping space	square metres	262	0	805	29 013	5 027	-82,7	
		R'000	2 161	0	6 639	237 538	40 123	-83,1	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 350	2 964	3 073	12 111	29 626	144,6	
		R'000	10 762	23 647	16 895	93 300	227 555	143,9	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	4 491	250	3 958	35 736	20 192	-43,5	
		R'000	35 803	2 062	32 642	269 346	142 521	-47,1	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	48 726	25 709	79 088	630 293	446 834	-29,1
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 318	6 404	17 596	75 750	75 082	-0,9
R'000			19 738	51 574	140 788	597 204	611 571	2,4	
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	114	7 132	9 817	49 920	59 732	19,7	
		R'000	12 397	66 676	80 728	415 835	521 522	25,4	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	32 135	118 250	221 516	1 013 039	1 133 093	11,9	
Buildings completed		Total at current prices	R'000	188 050	408 420	389 197	2 986 724	3 605 489	20,7

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

			Dec 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan – Dec 2022	Jan – Dec 2023	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	7	0	16	9	-43,8
		square metres	78	366	0	1 059	519	-51,0
		R'000	734	3 437	0	9 310	4 577	-50,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	8	3	5	84	60	-28,6
		square metres	2 929	333	1 215	19 720	14 182	-28,1
		R'000	27 571	3 082	11 437	172 205	133 448	-22,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	20	1	-95,0
		square metres	0	0	0	1 571	66	-95,8
		R'000	0	0	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	28 305	6 519	11 437	194 245	138 646	-28,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	1 466	1 387	-5,4
		R'000	0	0	0	13 195	13 056	-1,1
	Shopping space	square metres	0	729	2 803	249	3 532	1 318,5
		R'000	0	6 712	26 385	2 344	33 097	1 312,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	22 619	473	-97,9
		R'000	0	0	0	186 492	4 452	-97,6
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	587	442	587	32,8
		R'000	0	0	5 525	3 896	5 525	41,8
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	6 712	31 910	205 927	56 130	-72,7	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 423	659	396	37 482	18 343	-51,1
		R'000	13 395	6 067	3 728	326 050	172 528	-47,1
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	0	0	0	4 145	3 733	-9,9
		R'000	240	130	180	41 118	41 219	0,2
Total additions and alterations	R'000	13 635	6 197	3 908	367 168	213 747	-41,8	
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	41 940	19 428	47 255	767 340	408 523	-46,8

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

			Dec 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan – Dec 2022	Jan – Dec 2023	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	0	0	147	65	-55,8	
		square metres	0	0	0	7 977	3 768	-52,8	
		R'000	0	0	0	72 843	34 741	-52,3	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	3	6	9	171	143	-16,4	
		square metres	815	1 463	1 914	35 147	28 936	-17,7	
		R'000	5 729	11 954	14 756	278 553	222 472	-20,1	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	43	0	2	113	5 550,0	
		square metres	0	2 587	0	355	15 912	4 382,3	
		R'000	0	20 626	0	2 044	130 517	6 285,4	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	1 637	325	-80,1	
		R'000	0	0	0	9 759	2 430	-75,1	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	5 729	32 580	14 756	363 199	390 160	7,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	261	696	166,7	
		R'000	0	0	0	2 081	5 074	143,8	
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	207	1 421	586,5	
		R'000	0	0	0	1 992	11 635	484,1	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	2 786	6 370	128,6	
		R'000	0	0	0	21 319	51 865	143,3	
	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	0	0	27 521	68 574	149,2
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	350	818	860	19 067	17 459	-8,4
R'000			2 550	6 416	6 768	131 348	132 509	0,9	
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	223	0	0	4 096	1 706	-58,3	
		R'000	1 839	0	0	35 020	15 559	-55,6	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	4 389	6 416	6 768	166 368	148 068	-11,0	
Buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	10 118	38 996	21 524	557 088	606 802	8,9

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

			Dec 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan – Dec 2022	Jan – Dec 2023	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2	6	2	105	86	-18,1	
		square metres	114	321	110	5 891	5 095	-13,5	
		R'000	1 033	3 481	1 309	55 725	47 330	-15,1	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	59	84	54	666	820	23,1	
		square metres	24 516	28 782	17 763	242 812	266 590	9,8	
		R'000	260 678	327 789	200 953	2 553 300	2 924 974	14,6	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	193	68	33	2 315	1 168	-49,5	
		square metres	19 912	7 641	3 670	234 754	150 867	-35,7	
		R'000	187 711	87 269	42 263	2 585 736	1 652 902	-36,1	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	90	0	3 703	20 513	5 695	-72,2	
		R'000	720	0	31 845	225 373	55 550	-75,4	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	450 142	418 539	276 370	5 420 134	4 680 756	-13,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	10 705	0	10 858	21 232	95,5	
		R'000	0	105 980	0	116 522	219 776	88,6	
	Shopping space	square metres	1 441	548	0	58 740	116 415	98,2	
		R'000	12 648	5 555	0	621 833	1 253 485	101,6	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	13 046	28 907	31 853	301 253	401 873	33,4	
		R'000	80 768	173 442	197 649	1 845 370	2 408 937	30,5	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	3 063	14 002	1 273	23 186	26 306	13,5	
		R'000	38 288	151 614	14 003	233 867	289 496	23,8	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	131 704	436 591	211 652	2 817 592	4 171 694	48,1
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 799	7 093	6 386	80 993	86 559	6,9
R'000			31 724	78 217	71 595	918 587	973 808	6,0	
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	494	10 038	11 833	45 069	62 949	39,7	
		R'000	8 194	115 576	128 643	614 605	724 870	17,9	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	39 918	193 793	200 238	1 533 192	1 698 678	10,8	
Buildings completed		Total at current prices	R'000	621 764	1 048 923	688 260	9 770 918	10 551 128	8,0

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

			Dec 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan – Dec 2022	Jan – Dec 2023	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	18	39	72	307	540	75,9	
		square metres	1 060	2 342	3 168	18 143	28 056	54,6	
		R'000	6 148	16 218	13 033	103 798	155 338	49,7	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	54	107	19	810	768	-5,2	
		square metres	11 345	24 338	7 838	170 819	168 869	-1,1	
		R'000	87 371	168 510	63 351	1 198 615	1 185 382	-1,1	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	15	22	0	194	267	37,6	
		square metres	1 478	1 737	0	20 069	30 062	49,8	
		R'000	9 451	10 743	0	126 036	198 031	57,1	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	310	0	2 043	5 255	157,2	
		R'000	0	1 971	0	13 504	33 255	146,3	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	102 970	197 442	76 384	1 441 953	1 572 006	9,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	4 309	0	1 309	5 534	322,8	
		R'000	0	35 549	0	7 688	44 080	473,4	
	Shopping space	square metres	413	16 895	0	49 168	23 415	-52,4	
		R'000	2 615	101 986	0	366 820	144 651	-60,6	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	3 437	0	19 617	14 847	-24,3	
		R'000	0	27 496	0	133 706	114 070	-14,7	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	1 447	1 086	0	18 363	1 247	-93,2	
		R'000	8 950	6 717	0	110 224	7 713	-93,0	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	11 565	171 748	0	618 438	310 514	-49,8
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	880	4 790	102	15 951	36 209	127,0
R'000			5 521	30 375	617	97 902	227 579	132,5	
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	0	1 299	163	5 131	6 338	23,5	
		R'000	4 626	12 283	2 868	64 698	103 927	60,6	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	10 147	42 658	3 485	162 600	331 506	103,9	
Buildings completed		Total at current prices	R'000	124 682	411 848	79 869	2 222 991	2 214 026	-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

			Dec 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan – Dec 2022	Jan – Dec 2023	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	234	340	119	4 915	3 756	-23,6	
		square metres	13 539	18 356	6 860	277 088	199 517	-28,0	
		R'000	104 378	140 051	52 273	2 096 208	1 531 272	-27,0	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	315	220	160	2 874	2 640	-8,1	
		square metres	84 972	64 793	60 477	764 113	698 860	-8,5	
		R'000	839 826	657 427	591 761	7 316 209	7 025 834	-4,0	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	254	385	143	4 082	4 616	13,1	
		square metres	21 401	31 515	12 460	441 192	426 728	-3,3	
		R'000	220 312	323 506	146 510	4 316 127	4 373 053	1,3	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	792	0	0	3 266	1 817	-44,4	
		R'000	9 652	0	0	27 955	20 590	-26,3	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	1 174 168	1 120 984	790 544	13 756 499	12 950 749	-5,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 202	0	14 843	40 386	128 383	217,9	
		R'000	9 086	0	193 360	411 461	1 601 309	289,2	
	Shopping space	square metres	499	2 011	0	126 940	124 410	-2,0	
		R'000	5 352	21 572	0	1 439 571	1 468 363	2,0	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	100 932	60 290	2 729	587 462	297 588	-49,3	
		R'000	627 511	453 696	16 816	3 658 606	2 029 080	-44,5	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	1 573	1 056	339	44 355	22 153	-50,1	
		R'000	11 597	8 114	2 993	391 335	224 848	-42,5	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	653 546	483 382	213 169	5 900 973	5 323 600	-9,8
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	16 265	15 270	15 548	197 962	170 203	-14,0
R'000			155 454	148 679	153 990	1 823 646	1 654 610	-9,3	
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	8 411	5 087	3 787	85 467	47 974	-43,9	
		R'000	95 287	57 809	29 143	693 118	450 694	-35,0	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	250 741	206 488	183 133	2 516 764	2 105 304	-16,3	
Buildings completed		Total at current prices	R'000	2 078 455	1 810 854	1 186 846	22 174 236	20 379 653	-8,1

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

			Dec 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan – Dec 2022	Jan – Dec 2023	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	11	2	1	184	132	-28,3	
		square metres	602	146	55	10 414	8 059	-22,6	
		R'000	3 806	1 307	492	70 536	56 956	-19,3	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	22	59	18	522	390	-25,3	
		square metres	5 134	10 655	4 867	107 056	82 569	-22,9	
		R'000	39 076	86 093	40 259	794 875	645 027	-18,9	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	22	26	4	164	4 000,0	
		square metres	0	1 206	2 311	509	16 551	3 151,7	
		R'000	0	10 794	20 368	2 966	125 065	4 116,6	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	42 882	98 194	61 119	868 377	827 048	-4,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	5 901	259	1 455	6 233	328,4	
		R'000	0	52 814	2 318	8 570	55 592	548,7	
	Shopping space	square metres	0	245	287	0	10 121	..	
		R'000	0	2 193	1 923	0	66 134	..	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	750	0	14 497	22 918	58,1	
		R'000	0	6 713	0	120 236	149 752	24,5	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	255	8 599	255	-97,0	
		R'000	0	0	2 282	71 604	2 282	-96,8	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	0	61 720	6 523	200 410	273 760	36,6
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	359	913	255	11 021	20 548	86,4
R'000			2 267	7 159	2 584	78 818	150 749	91,3	
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	0	0	0	1 806	7 206	299,0	
		R'000	341	1 014	0	30 324	102 003	236,4	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	2 608	8 173	2 584	109 142	252 752	131,6	
Buildings completed		Total at current prices	R'000	45 490	168 087	70 226	1 177 929	1 353 560	14,9

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

			Dec 2022	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan – Dec 2022	Jan – Dec 2023	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	5	3	1	100	36	-64,0
		square metres	345	190	40	6 488	2 341	-63,9
		R'000	2 371	1 306	286	42 949	16 033	-62,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	22	18	26	299	264	-11,7
		square metres	7 304	7 350	6 884	92 175	77 686	-15,7
		R'000	50 607	50 111	48 163	612 311	532 366	-13,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	20	0	118	330	179,7
		square metres	0	2 327	0	13 278	25 580	92,6
		R'000	0	16 270	0	89 630	176 621	97,1
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	215	817	280,0
		R'000	0	0	0	1 469	5 994	308,0
Total residential buildings	R'000	52 978	67 687	48 449	746 359	731 014	-2,1	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	0	1 212	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	8 434	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	10 971	25 054	128,4
		R'000	0	0	0	72 254	172 009	138,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 110	0	561	19 349	45 582	135,6
		R'000	7 629	0	3 856	125 963	319 129	153,4
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	4 181	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	28 390	0	-100,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	7 629	0	3 856	226 607	499 572	120,5
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	900	287	157	6 857	4 900
R'000			6 200	1 973	1 079	43 720	33 141	-24,2
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	380	0	0	6 851	1 640	-76,1
		R'000	3 216	5 850	5 585	57 011	34 894	-38,8
Total additions and alterations		R'000	9 416	7 823	6 664	100 731	68 035	-32,5
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	70 023	75 510	58 969	1 073 697	1 298 621	20,9

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.

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.
	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 December 2023 was 95,5%. The improved collection rate for November 2023 was 94,5%.
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.

- 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: *Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions* 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:
- 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** 16 Where necessary, the figures in the tables have been rounded off to the nearest digit shown.
- Symbols and abbreviations** 17 .. 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

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	Include: <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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