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## Key findings for January to February 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 – Feb 2022	Jan – Feb 2023	Difference in value between Jan – Feb 2022 and Jan – Feb 2023	% change between Jan – Feb 2022 and Jan – Feb 2023
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000	R'000	
<b>Residential buildings</b>	<b>10 292 430</b>	<b>7 984 609</b>	<b>-2 307 821</b>	<b>-22,4</b>
-Dwelling-houses	6 103 829	5 390 631	-713 198	-11,7
-Flats and townhouses	4 129 950	2 547 290	-1 582 660	-38,3
-Other residential buildings	58 651	46 688	-11 963	-20,4
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>2 894 477</b>	<b>2 143 430</b>	<b>-751 047</b>	<b>-25,9</b>
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	<b>4 241 919</b>	<b>4 460 712</b>	<b>218 793</b>	<b>5,2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>17 428 826</b>	<b>14 588 751</b>	<b>-2 840 075</b>	<b>-16,3</b>

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 16,3% (-R2 840,1 million) during January to February 2023 compared with January to February 2022.

Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-25,9% or -R751,0 million) and residential buildings (-22,4% or -R2 307,8 million). An increase was reported for additions and alterations (5,2% or R218,8 million) – see Table A.

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

Province	Jan – Feb 2022	Jan – Feb 2023	Weight Jan – Feb 2022	% change between Jan – Feb 2022 and Jan – Feb 2023	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan – Feb 2022 and Jan – Feb 2023	Difference in value between Jan – Feb 2022 and Jan – Feb 2023
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000				
Western Cape	5 665 916	4 976 180	32,5	-12,2	-4,0	-689 736
Eastern Cape	932 944	688 557	5,4	-26,2	-1,4	-244 387
Northern Cape	188 701	145 528	1,1	-22,9	-0,2	-43 173
Free State	297 466	408 810	1,7	37,4	0,6	111 344
KwaZulu-Natal	3 020 518	1 366 300	17,3	-54,8	-9,5	-1 654 218
North West	366 798	506 958	2,1	38,2	0,8	140 160
Gauteng	5 746 281	5 501 051	33,0	-4,3	-1,4	-245 230
Mpumalanga	871 683	677 630	5,0	-22,3	-1,1	-194 053
Limpopo	338 519	317 737	1,9	-6,1	-0,1	-20 782
<b>Total</b>	<b>17 428 826</b>	<b>14 588 751</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>-16,3</b>	<b>-16,3</b>	<b>-2 840 075</b>

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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 16,3% (-R2 840,1 million) were made by KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -9,5 percentage points or -R1 654,2 million) and Western Cape (contributing -4,0 percentage points or -R689,7 million) – see Table B.

## Building plans passed at constant 2019 prices

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

Type of building	Jan – Feb 2022	Jan – Feb 2023	Difference in value between Jan – Feb 2022 and Jan – Feb 2023	% change between Jan – Feb 2022 and Jan – Feb 2023
	1/	1/		
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	8 492 255	6 206 894	-2 285 361	-26,9
Non-residential buildings	2 387 036	1 665 964	-721 072	-30,2
Additions and alterations	3 496 559	3 471 881	-24 678	-0,7
<b>Total</b>	<b>14 375 850</b>	<b>11 344 739</b>	<b>-3 031 111</b>	<b>-21,1</b>

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The real value of building plans passed (at constant 2019 prices) decreased by 21,1% (-R3 031,1 million) during January to February 2023 compared with January to February 2022. Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-30,2% or -R721,1 million), residential buildings (-26,9% or -R2 285,4 million) and additions and alterations (-0,7% or -R24,7 million) – see Table C.

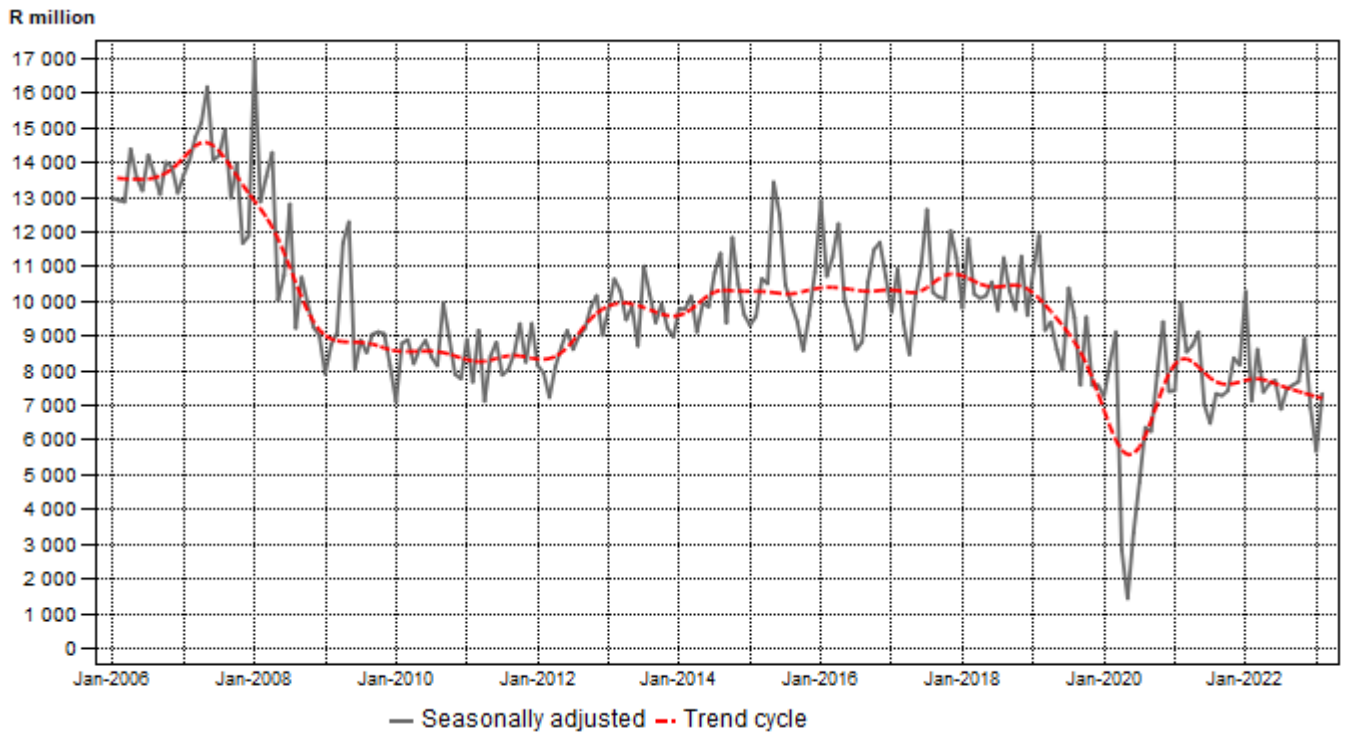
**Table D – Seasonally adjusted building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices for the latest three months by type of building**

Type of building	Sep – Nov 2022	Dec 2022 – Feb 2023	% change between Sep – Nov 2022 and Dec 2022 – Feb 2023
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	13 017 584	10 749 361	-17,4
Non-residential buildings 1/	4 517 929	3 099 863	-31,4
Additions and alterations	6 665 841	6 092 299	-8,6
<b>Total</b>	<b>24 201 354</b>	<b>19 941 523</b>	<b>-17,6</b>

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

The seasonally adjusted real value of building plans passed decreased by 17,6% in the three months ended February 2023 compared with the previous three months. Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-31,4%), residential buildings (-17,4%) and additions and alterations (-8,6%) – 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 – Feb 2022	Jan – Feb 2023	Difference in value between Jan – Feb 2022 and Jan – Feb 2023	% change between Jan – Feb 2022 and Jan – Feb 2023
	1/	1/		
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
<b>Residential buildings</b>	<b>4 225 456</b>	<b>3 903 021</b>	<b>-322 435</b>	<b>-7,6</b>
-Dwelling-houses	2 767 592	2 917 155	149 563	5,4
-Flats and townhouses	1 433 370	937 352	-496 018	-34,6
-Other residential buildings	24 494	48 514	24 020	98,1
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>1 730 347</b>	<b>1 953 111</b>	<b>222 764</b>	<b>12,9</b>
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	<b>1 912 025</b>	<b>1 254 822</b>	<b>-657 203</b>	<b>-34,4</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>7 867 828</b>	<b>7 110 954</b>	<b>-756 874</b>	<b>-9,6</b>

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The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) decreased by 9,6% (-R756,9 million) during January to February 2023 compared with January to February 2022.

Decreases were reported for additions and alterations (-34,4% or -R657,2 million) and residential buildings (-7,6% or -R322,4 million). An increase was reported for non-residential buildings (12,9% or R222,8 million) – see Table E.

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

Province	Jan – Feb 2022	Jan – Feb 2023	Weight Jan – Feb 2022	% change between Jan – Feb 2022 and Jan – Feb 2023	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan – Feb 2022 and Jan – Feb 2023	Difference in value between Jan – Feb 2022 and Jan – Feb 2023
	1/	1/				
	R'000	R'000	%			R'000
Western Cape	2 986 189	2 147 622	38,0	-28,1	-10,7	-838 567
Eastern Cape	599 018	400 671	7,6	-33,1	-2,5	-198 347
Northern Cape	90 834	38 528	1,2	-57,6	-0,7	-52 306
Free State	116 376	62 920	1,5	-45,9	-0,7	-53 456
KwaZulu-Natal	1 149 657	837 713	14,6	-27,1	-4,0	-311 944
North West	299 799	230 002	3,8	-23,3	-0,9	-69 797
Gauteng	2 291 894	3 097 742	29,1	35,2	10,2	805 848
Mpumalanga	134 417	132 294	1,7	-1,6	0,0	-2 123
Limpopo	199 644	163 462	2,5	-18,1	-0,5	-36 182
<b>Total</b>	<b>7 867 828</b>	<b>7 110 954</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>-9,6</b>	<b>-9,6</b>	<b>-756 874</b>

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.

Eight provinces reported year-on-year decreases in the value of buildings completed during January to February 2023, of which Western Cape (contributing -10,7 percentage points or -R838,6 million), KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -4,0 percentage points or -R311,9 million) and Eastern Cape (contributing -2,5 percentage points or -R198,3 million) were the largest negative contributors. Gauteng (contributing 10,2 percentage points or R805,8 million) was the only positive contributor – see Table F.

## Buildings reported as completed at constant 2019 prices

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

Type of building	Jan – Feb 2022	Jan – Feb 2023	Difference in value between Jan – Feb 2022 and Jan – Feb 2023	% change between Jan – Feb 2022 and Jan – Feb 2023
	1/	1/	R'000	
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	3 483 753	3 037 050	-446 703	-12,8
Non-residential buildings	1 424 621	1 527 272	102 651	7,2
Additions and alterations	1 575 778	976 672	-599 106	-38,0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6 484 152</b>	<b>5 540 994</b>	<b>-943 158</b>	<b>-14,5</b>

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The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2019 prices) decreased by 14,5% (-R943,2 million) during January to February 2023 compared with January to February 2022. Decreases were reported for additions and alterations (-38,0% or -R599,1 million) and residential buildings (-12,8% or -R446,7 million). An increase was reported for non-residential buildings (7,2% or R102,7 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**

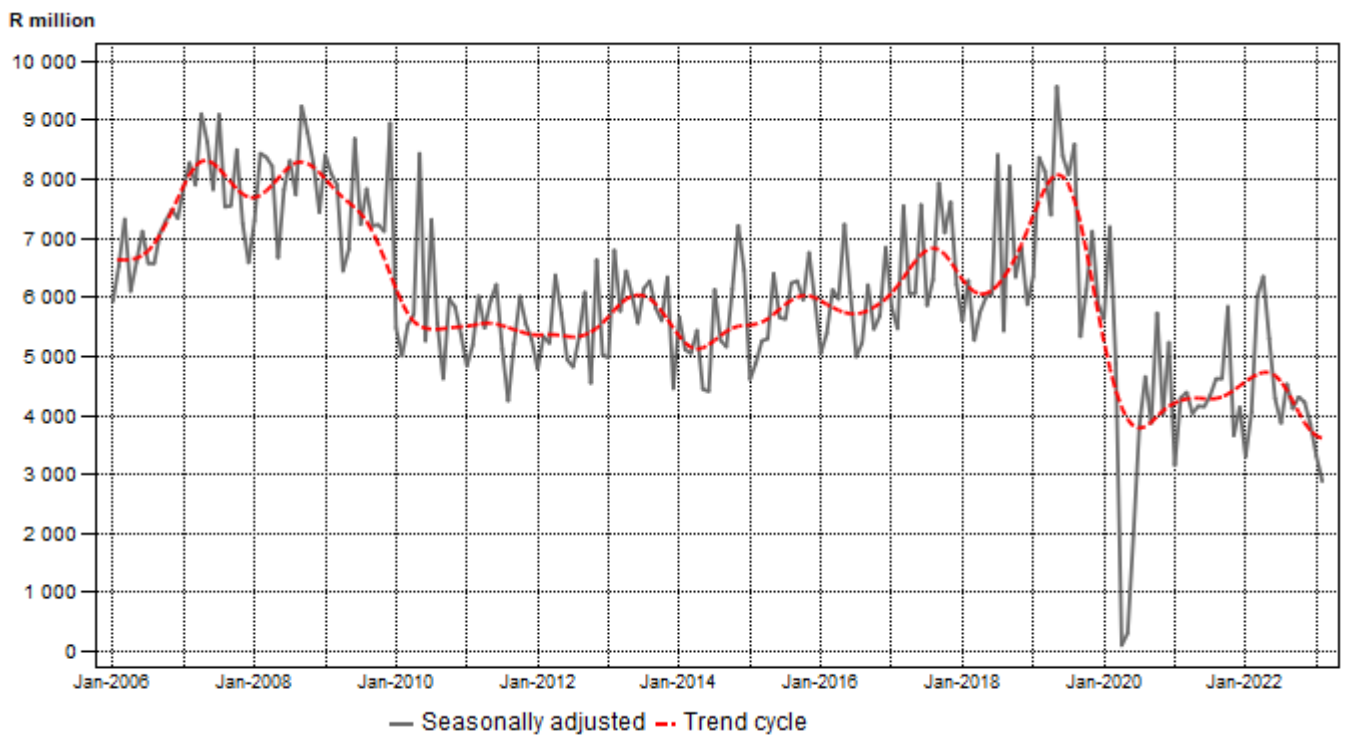
Type of building	Sep – Nov 2022	Dec 2022 – Feb 2023	% change between Sep – Nov 2022 and Dec 2022 – Feb 2023
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	7 886 767	6 030 523	-23,5
Non-residential buildings 1/	2 482 379	2 389 133	-3,8
Additions and alterations	2 281 408	1 616 827	-29,1
<b>Total</b>	<b>12 650 554</b>	<b>10 036 483</b>	<b>-20,7</b>

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

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed decreased by 20,7% in the three months ended February 2023 compared with the previous three months. Decreases were reported for additions and alterations (-29,1%), residential buildings (-23,5%) and non-residential buildings (-3,8%) – 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/
<b>2022</b>	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	1 479 010	-46,9	2 444 275	-7,3	8 491 924	-20,0
	March	5 109 535	11,2	3 402 406	36,1	2 595 055	1,6	11 106 996	15,1
	April	4 845 407	-3,1	1 142 322	-48,9	2 478 941	16,1	8 466 670	-9,6
	May	4 974 997	-20,9	1 681 108	35,3	3 099 515	17,9	9 755 620	-4,0
	June	6 160 033	41,7	1 648 991	-14,8	2 717 245	13,2	10 526 269	21,2
	July	5 426 435	14,8	984 134	-8,0	3 035 046	21,8	9 445 615	14,0
	August	4 840 254	-14,0	1 823 251	97,1	3 626 575	41,3	10 290 080	12,8
	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	1 337 826	25,3	3 087 319	-3,7	10 277 884	9,7
	November	6 181 432	5,2	2 469 889	77,1	3 083 042	4,1	11 734 363	14,7
	December	3 404 524	-27,4	1 809 580	31,1	2 080 533	-0,6	7 294 637	-10,6
	<b>Total</b>	<b>62 187 034</b>	<b>3,1</b>	<b>21 077 584</b>	<b>15,9</b>	<b>33 188 986</b>	<b>11,0</b>	<b>116 453 604</b>	<b>7,4</b>
<b>2023</b>	January	2 742 788	-52,1	714 945	-49,5	1 906 344	6,0	5 364 077	-40,0
	February	5 241 821	14,7	1 428 485	-3,4	2 554 368	4,5	9 224 674	8,6

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2022	January	8 538 484	42,5	1 415 467	2,5	2 554 473	2,0	12 508 424	26,7
	February	4 675 655	-45,2	1 479 010	4,5	2 494 460	-2,3	8 649 125	-30,9
	March	4 688 880	0,3	3 402 406	130,0	2 542 678	1,9	10 633 964	22,9
	April	5 216 390	11,3	1 142 322	-66,4	2 749 558	8,1	9 108 270	-14,3
	May	4 825 805	-7,5	1 681 108	47,2	3 103 074	12,9	9 609 987	5,5
	June	5 548 626	15,0	1 648 991	-1,9	2 591 875	-16,5	9 789 492	1,9
	July	5 044 099	-9,1	984 134	-40,3	2 791 390	7,7	8 819 623	-9,9
	August	4 318 312	-14,4	1 823 251	85,3	3 252 125	16,5	9 393 688	6,5
	September	4 832 524	11,9	1 883 600	3,3	2 798 588	-13,9	9 514 712	1,3
	October	5 526 404	14,4	1 337 826	-29,0	2 815 365	0,6	9 679 595	1,7
	November	6 054 678	9,6	2 469 889	84,6	2 794 507	-0,7	11 319 074	16,9
	December	4 496 901	-25,7	1 809 580	-26,7	2 544 700	-8,9	8 851 181	-21,8
2023	January	3 912 710	-13,0	714 945	-60,5	2 646 157	4,0	7 273 812	-17,8
	February	5 384 756	37,6	1 428 485	99,8	2 607 965	-1,4	9 421 206	29,5
	<b>Sep – Nov 22</b>	<b>16 413 606</b>		<b>5 691 315</b>		<b>8 408 460</b>		<b>30 513 381</b>	
	<b>Dec 22 – Feb 23 2/</b>	<b>13 794 367</b>	<b>-16,0</b>	<b>3 953 010</b>	<b>-30,5</b>	<b>7 798 822</b>	<b>-7,3</b>	<b>25 546 199</b>	<b>-16,3</b>

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/
<b>2022</b>	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	1 215 292	-52,7	2 008 443	-17,4	6 977 752	-28,6
	March	4 157 474	-0,6	2 768 434	21,6	2 111 517	-9,2	9 037 425	2,9
	April	3 904 438	-12,9	920 485	-54,1	1 997 535	4,3	6 822 458	-18,8
	May	3 948 410	-29,1	1 334 213	21,4	2 459 933	5,7	7 742 556	-13,9
	June	4 865 745	29,0	1 302 521	-22,4	2 146 323	3,0	8 314 589	10,3
	July	4 256 027	4,5	771 870	-16,3	2 380 428	10,8	7 408 325	3,7
	August	3 817 235	-21,0	1 437 895	81,0	2 860 075	29,8	8 115 205	3,7
	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	1 065 148	17,9	2 458 057	-9,3	8 183 029	3,2
	November	4 905 898	-0,4	1 960 229	67,6	2 446 859	-1,5	9 312 986	8,5
	December	2 697 721	-31,1	1 433 899	24,4	1 648 600	-5,7	5 780 220	-15,2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>49 745 636</b>	<b>-5,6</b>	<b>16 874 282</b>	<b>5,4</b>	<b>26 497 008</b>	<b>1,5</b>	<b>93 116 926</b>	<b>-1,8</b>
<b>2023</b>	January	2 152 895	-54,6	561 181	-52,1	1 496 345	0,6	4 210 421	-43,1
	February	4 053 999	8,0	1 104 783	-9,1	1 975 536	-1,6	7 134 318	2,2

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	7 017 684	42,6	1 171 744	1,7	2 102 843	1,0	10 292 271	26,2
	February	3 865 929	-44,9	1 215 292	3,7	2 046 137	-2,7	7 127 358	-30,8
	March	3 793 465	-1,9	2 768 434	127,8	2 062 233	0,8	8 624 132	21,0
	April	4 236 799	11,7	920 485	-66,8	2 223 412	7,8	7 380 696	-14,4
	May	3 813 899	-10,0	1 334 213	44,9	2 468 962	11,0	7 617 074	3,2
	June	4 370 635	14,6	1 302 521	-2,4	2 049 638	-17,0	7 722 794	1,4
	July	3 921 652	-10,3	771 870	-40,7	2 196 719	7,2	6 890 241	-10,8
	August	3 473 276	-11,4	1 437 895	86,3	2 574 431	17,2	7 485 602	8,6
	September	3 870 544	11,4	1 492 552	3,8	2 219 695	-13,8	7 582 791	1,3
	October	4 389 266	13,4	1 065 148	-28,6	2 236 140	0,7	7 690 554	1,4
	November	4 757 774	8,4	1 960 229	84,0	2 210 006	-1,2	8 928 009	16,1
	December	3 498 265	-26,5	1 433 899	-26,9	2 005 758	-9,2	6 937 922	-22,3
2023	January	3 040 785	-13,1	561 181	-60,9	2 069 495	3,2	5 671 461	-18,3
	February	4 210 311	38,5	1 104 783	96,9	2 017 046	-2,5	7 332 140	29,3
	<b>Sep – Nov 22</b>	<b>13 017 584</b>		<b>4 517 929</b>		<b>6 665 841</b>		<b>24 201 354</b>	
	<b>Dec 22 – Feb 23 2/</b>	<b>10 749 361</b>	<b>-17,4</b>	<b>3 099 863</b>	<b>-31,4</b>	<b>6 092 299</b>	<b>-8,6</b>	<b>19 941 523</b>	<b>-17,6</b>

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

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

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

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

Year and month <sup>2/</sup>		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change <sup>1/</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1/</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1/</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1/</sup>
<b>2022</b>	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	1 271 640	-0,5	1 147 349	32,2	4 729 003	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	1 340 292	-25,1	5 810 048	6,0
	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
	<b>Total</b>	<b>37 189 537</b>	<b>13,2</b>	<b>14 752 017</b>	<b>13,6</b>	<b>15 878 831</b>	<b>17,8</b>	<b>67 820 385</b>	<b>14,3</b>
<b>2023</b>	January	1 601 507	-16,4	1 451 781	216,5	537 365	-29,7	3 590 653	14,4
	February	2 301 514	-0,4	501 330	-60,6	717 457	-37,5	3 520 301	-25,6

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.

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	2 569 601	-19,3	458 707	-48,0	979 627	9,1	4 007 935	-19,3
	February	2 566 924	-0,1	1 271 640	177,2	1 100 927	12,4	4 939 491	23,2
	March	3 168 479	23,4	2 627 335	106,6	1 617 141	46,9	7 412 955	50,1
	April	3 645 410	15,1	1 172 464	-55,4	3 028 931	87,3	7 846 805	5,9
	May	3 104 248	-14,8	1 137 002	-3,0	2 440 768	-19,4	6 682 018	-14,8
	June	2 950 133	-5,0	1 455 223	28,0	1 018 103	-58,3	5 423 459	-18,8
	July	2 763 450	-6,3	1 167 421	-19,8	988 693	-2,9	4 919 564	-9,3
	August	3 258 424	17,9	1 248 420	6,9	1 240 071	25,4	5 746 915	16,8
	September	3 140 576	-3,6	1 100 905	-11,8	939 887	-24,2	5 181 368	-9,8
	October	3 381 716	7,7	1 069 676	-2,8	964 700	2,6	5 416 092	4,5
	November	3 392 801	0,3	955 555	-10,7	969 771	0,5	5 318 127	-1,8
	December	3 026 829	-10,8	1 087 669	13,8	741 896	-23,5	4 856 394	-8,7
2023	January	2 139 887	-29,3	1 451 781	33,5	639 619	-13,8	4 231 287	-12,9
	February	2 544 335	18,9	501 330	-65,5	685 851	7,2	3 731 516	-11,8
	<b>Sep – Nov 22</b>	<b>9 915 093</b>		<b>3 126 136</b>		<b>2 874 358</b>		<b>15 915 587</b>	
	<b>Dec 22 – Feb 23 2/</b>	<b>7 711 051</b>	<b>-22,2</b>	<b>3 040 780</b>	<b>-2,7</b>	<b>2 067 366</b>	<b>-28,1</b>	<b>12 819 197</b>	<b>-19,5</b>

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

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

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

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

Year and month <sup>2/</sup>		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change <sup>1/</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1/</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1/</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1/</sup>
<b>2022</b>	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	1 044 897	-11,3	942 768	17,8	3 885 787	-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	1 057 013	-31,2	4 582 057	-2,6
	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
	<b>Total</b>	<b>29 697 769</b>	<b>3,8</b>	<b>11 803 448</b>	<b>4,4</b>	<b>12 710 678</b>	<b>8,3</b>	<b>54 211 895</b>	<b>4,9</b>
<b>2023</b>	January	1 257 070	-20,7	1 139 546	200,1	421 794	-33,4	2 818 410	8,5
	February	1 779 980	-6,2	387 726	-62,9	554 878	-41,1	2 722 584	-29,9

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.

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	2 116 973	-20,1	379 724	-48,4	800 747	6,2	3 297 444	-20,4
	February	2 105 147	-0,6	1 044 897	175,2	903 906	12,9	4 053 950	22,9
	March	2 573 705	22,3	2 137 783	104,6	1 302 888	44,1	6 014 376	48,4
	April	2 936 066	14,1	944 774	-55,8	2 475 797	90,0	6 356 637	5,7
	May	2 465 432	-16,0	902 383	-4,5	1 934 230	-21,9	5 302 045	-16,6
	June	2 332 934	-5,4	1 149 465	27,4	800 863	-58,6	4 283 262	-19,2
	July	2 171 102	-6,9	915 624	-20,3	779 071	-2,7	3 865 797	-9,7
	August	2 568 915	18,3	984 558	7,5	979 454	25,7	4 532 927	17,3
	September	2 493 652	-2,9	872 349	-11,4	748 566	-23,6	4 114 567	-9,2
	October	2 692 698	8,0	851 653	-2,4	768 470	2,7	4 312 821	4,8
	November	2 700 417	0,3	758 377	-11,0	764 372	-0,5	4 223 166	-2,1
	December	2 391 655	-11,4	861 861	13,6	591 815	-22,6	3 845 331	-8,9
2023	January	1 673 109	-30,0	1 139 546	32,2	495 226	-16,3	3 307 881	-14,0
	February	1 965 759	17,5	387 726	-66,0	529 786	7,0	2 883 271	-12,8
	<b>Sep – Nov 22</b>	<b>7 886 767</b>		<b>2 482 379</b>		<b>2 281 408</b>		<b>12 650 554</b>	
	<b>Dec 22 – Feb 23 2/</b>	<b>6 030 523</b>	<b>-23,5</b>	<b>2 389 133</b>	<b>-3,8</b>	<b>1 616 827</b>	<b>-29,1</b>	<b>10 036 483</b>	<b>-20,7</b>

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**

			Feb 2022	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Jan – Feb 2022	Jan – Feb 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
<b>Residential buildings</b>	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 011	441	834	1 789	1 275	-28,7
		square metres	55 423	20 401	39 183	93 671	59 584	-36,4
		R'000	395 057	143 245	259 606	642 586	402 851	-37,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 423	808	1 152	2 526	1 960	-22,4
		square metres	365 839	229 376	368 320	683 086	597 696	-12,5
		R'000	2 873 552	1 918 235	3 069 545	5 461 243	4 987 780	-8,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 289	744	1 648	4 872	2 392	-50,9
		square metres	158 631	64 207	188 329	454 667	252 536	-44,5
		R'000	1 293 540	674 707	1 872 583	4 129 950	2 547 290	-38,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 137	1 004	5 599	8 424	6 603	-21,6
		R'000	6 490	6 601	40 087	58 651	46 688	-20,4
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>4 568 639</b>	<b>2 742 788</b>	<b>5 241 821</b>	<b>10 292 430</b>	<b>7 984 609</b>	<b>-22,4</b>
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	Office and banking space	square metres	10 199	13 909	12 607	16 678	26 516	59,0
		R'000	78 583	117 215	107 066	115 913	224 281	93,5
	Shopping space	square metres	37 011	24 563	44 874	107 808	69 437	-35,6
		R'000	230 841	195 841	292 382	1 054 360	488 223	-53,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	91 082	32 828	83 587	161 676	116 415	-28,0
		R'000	580 450	233 308	604 310	1 051 476	837 618	-20,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	76 518	19 731	53 043	88 253	72 774	-17,5
		R'000	589 136	168 581	424 727	672 728	593 308	-11,8
<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 479 010</b>	<b>714 945</b>	<b>1 428 485</b>	<b>2 894 477</b>	<b>2 143 430</b>	<b>-25,9</b>	
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	Dwelling-houses	square metres	241 076	173 852	239 876	415 132	413 728	-0,3
		R'000	1 921 479	1 507 605	2 009 624	3 331 668	3 517 229	5,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	44 680	34 486	52 899	82 205	87 385	6,3
		R'000	522 796	398 739	544 744	910 251	943 483	3,7
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 444 275</b>	<b>1 906 344</b>	<b>2 554 368</b>	<b>4 241 919</b>	<b>4 460 712</b>	<b>5,2</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>8 491 924</b>	<b>5 364 077</b>	<b>9 224 674</b>	<b>17 428 826</b>	<b>14 588 751</b>	<b>-16,3</b>

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**

			Feb 2022	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Jan – Feb 2022	Jan – Feb 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
<b>Residential buildings</b>	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	466	267	366	951	633	-33,4
		square metres	21 248	11 480	15 955	42 676	27 435	-35,7
		R'000	133 047	75 952	100 946	263 981	176 898	-33,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	586	352	452	944	804	-14,8
		square metres	142 396	92 612	149 539	235 530	242 151	2,8
		R'000	1 003 750	683 853	1 124 124	1 658 007	1 807 977	9,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	844	154	504	2 007	658	-67,2
		square metres	76 720	21 022	68 921	190 432	89 943	-52,8
		R'000	616 935	191 595	600 996	1 558 323	792 591	-49,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	237	876	2 349	237	3 225	1 260,8
		R'000	1 307	5 545	15 813	1 307	21 358	1 534,1
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 755 039</b>	<b>956 945</b>	<b>1 841 879</b>	<b>3 481 618</b>	<b>2 798 824</b>	<b>-19,6</b>
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	Office and banking space	square metres	8 707	5 200	7 955	14 391	13 155	-8,6
		R'000	62 234	46 919	65 429	93 507	112 348	20,1
	Shopping space	square metres	971	10 050	1 025	7 630	11 075	45,2
		R'000	8 318	93 568	8 189	58 567	101 757	73,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	32 808	4 536	14 018	48 731	18 554	-61,9
		R'000	198 398	35 895	89 710	308 879	125 605	-59,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	48 376	7 715	8 821	53 331	16 536	-69,0
		R'000	363 659	55 465	60 422	403 925	115 887	-71,3
<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>632 609</b>	<b>231 847</b>	<b>223 750</b>	<b>864 878</b>	<b>455 597</b>	<b>-47,3</b>	
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	Dwelling-houses	square metres	89 641	67 224	104 244	136 393	171 468	25,7
		R'000	618 799	539 485	792 523	931 104	1 332 008	43,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	19 951	10 827	19 551	34 544	30 378	-12,1
		R'000	225 379	149 043	240 708	388 316	389 751	0,4
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>844 178</b>	<b>688 528</b>	<b>1 033 231</b>	<b>1 319 420</b>	<b>1 721 759</b>	<b>30,5</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>3 231 826</b>	<b>1 877 320</b>	<b>3 098 860</b>	<b>5 665 916</b>	<b>4 976 180</b>	<b>-12,2</b>

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**

			Feb 2022	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Jan – Feb 2022	Jan – Feb 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	14	7	4	55	11	-80,0
		square metres	861	458	274	3 048	732	-76,0
		R'000	6 331	3 690	2 416	20 605	6 106	-70,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	96	63	73	168	136	-19,0
		square metres	19 909	13 352	17 855	36 383	31 207	-14,2
		R'000	154 557	110 273	146 955	282 265	257 228	-8,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	71	4	20	210	24	-88,6
		square metres	7 208	1 181	2 778	28 390	3 959	-86,1
		R'000	55 247	9 740	22 910	217 903	32 650	-85,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	1 976	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	10 115	0	-100,0
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>216 135</b>	<b>123 703</b>	<b>172 281</b>	<b>530 888</b>	<b>295 984</b>	<b>-44,2</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	196	0	2 873	196	2 873	1 365,8
		R'000	1 455	0	23 694	1 455	23 694	1 528,5
	Shopping space	square metres	3 125	0	0	3 750	0	-100,0
		R'000	23 997	0	0	28 796	0	-100,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	6 217	4 518	1 436	7 139	5 954	-16,6
		R'000	46 708	37 260	11 843	53 788	49 103	-8,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	2 352	1 570	2 873	3 476	4 443	27,8
		R'000	18 061	12 939	23 694	23 815	36 633	53,8
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>90 221</b>	<b>50 199</b>	<b>59 231</b>	<b>107 854</b>	<b>109 430</b>	<b>1,5</b>
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	17 034	9 052	18 789	32 921	27 841
R'000			128 206	72 689	150 889	246 810	223 578	-9,4
Other buildings 4/		square metres	2 912	2 886	4 303	5 992	7 189	20,0
		R'000	23 168	22 450	37 115	47 392	59 565	25,7
<b>Total additions and alterations</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>151 374</b>	<b>95 139</b>	<b>188 004</b>	<b>294 202</b>	<b>283 143</b>	<b>-3,8</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>457 730</b>	<b>269 041</b>	<b>419 516</b>	<b>932 944</b>	<b>688 557</b>	<b>-26,2</b>

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**

			Feb 2022	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Jan – Feb 2022	Jan – Feb 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	1	4	2	5	150,0
		square metres	0	70	132	141	202	43,3
		R'000	0	659	1 243	1 236	1 902	53,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	14	15	19	23	34	47,8
		square metres	3 739	2 504	3 953	6 148	6 457	5,0
		R'000	30 235	21 905	34 803	50 142	56 708	13,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	0	0	..
		square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>30 235</b>	<b>22 564</b>	<b>36 046</b>	<b>51 378</b>	<b>58 610</b>	<b>14,1</b>
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	665	0
R'000			0	0	0	5 388	0	-100,0
Shopping space		square metres	0	0	729	0	729	..
		R'000	0	0	6 862	0	6 862	..
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	0	0	649	0	649	..
		R'000	0	0	6 109	0	6 109	..
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	8 105	0	0	8 105	0	-100,0
		R'000	71 032	0	0	71 032	0	-100,0
<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>71 032</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12 971</b>	<b>76 420</b>	<b>12 971</b>	<b>-83,0</b>
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 637	4 814	3 009	7 255	7 823
	R'000		29 537	44 225	27 098	58 923	71 323	21,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	0	92	0	92	..
		R'000	1 420	1 458	1 166	1 980	2 624	32,5
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>30 957</b>	<b>45 683</b>	<b>28 264</b>	<b>60 903</b>	<b>73 947</b>	<b>21,4</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>132 224</b>	<b>68 247</b>	<b>77 281</b>	<b>188 701</b>	<b>145 528</b>	<b>-22,9</b>

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**

			Feb 2022	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Jan – Feb 2022	Jan – Feb 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	13	10	3	19	13	-31,6
		square metres	796	541	193	1 151	734	-36,2
		R'000	6 897	4 947	1 857	9 892	6 804	-31,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	53	24	30	94	54	-42,6
		square metres	11 851	6 236	7 062	19 008	13 298	-30,0
		R'000	94 939	51 399	58 142	151 997	109 541	-27,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	19	0	33	19	33	73,7
		square metres	1 348	0	5 464	1 348	5 464	305,3
		R'000	12 075	0	50 662	12 075	50 662	319,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	900	128	405	900	533	-40,8
		R'000	5 183	1 056	3 340	5 183	4 396	-15,2
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>119 094</b>	<b>57 402</b>	<b>114 001</b>	<b>179 147</b>	<b>171 403</b>	<b>-4,3</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	29 052	0	29 052	..
		R'000	0	0	179 687	0	179 687	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	558	0	0	558	0	-100,0
		R'000	3 701	0	0	3 701	0	-100,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>3 701</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>179 687</b>	<b>3 701</b>	<b>179 687</b>	<b>4 755,1</b>
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	9 957	2 230	3 909	12 788	6 139
R'000			78 401	16 669	29 772	101 152	46 441	-54,1
Other buildings 4/		square metres	458	873	123	1 359	996	-26,7
		R'000	6 356	6 921	4 358	13 466	11 279	-16,2
<b>Total additions and alterations</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>84 757</b>	<b>23 590</b>	<b>34 130</b>	<b>114 618</b>	<b>57 720</b>	<b>-49,6</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>207 552</b>	<b>80 992</b>	<b>327 818</b>	<b>297 466</b>	<b>408 810</b>	<b>37,4</b>

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**

			Feb 2022	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Jan – Feb 2022	Jan – Feb 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	180	2	9	192	11	-94,3
		square metres	11 667	54	435	12 234	489	-96,0
		R'000	119 121	432	3 360	123 764	3 792	-96,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	159	40	88	258	128	-50,4
		square metres	36 642	14 129	37 271	76 759	51 400	-33,0
		R'000	349 670	161 642	341 337	752 855	502 979	-33,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	83	24	36	1 270	60	-95,3
		square metres	13 948	4 160	7 041	96 551	11 201	-88,4
		R'000	126 103	40 761	72 677	1 068 286	113 438	-89,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	456	4 608	456	-90,1
		R'000	0	0	2 736	36 864	2 736	-92,6
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>594 894</b>	<b>202 835</b>	<b>420 110</b>	<b>1 981 769</b>	<b>622 945</b>	<b>-68,6</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	785	0	785	..
		R'000	0	0	5 526	0	5 526	..
	Shopping space	square metres	530	0	416	13 137	416	-96,8
		R'000	5 260	0	2 496	140 343	2 496	-98,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	5 403	11 382	11 885	27 734	23 267	-16,1
		R'000	40 515	73 863	92 108	176 561	165 971	-6,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 606	806	0	3 595	806	-77,6
		R'000	13 692	10 075	0	29 684	10 075	-66,1
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>59 467</b>	<b>83 938</b>	<b>100 130</b>	<b>346 588</b>	<b>184 068</b>	<b>-46,9</b>
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	27 294	12 570	18 995	42 340	31 565
R'000			284 080	137 843	200 453	440 934	338 296	-23,3
Other buildings 4/		square metres	13 194	9 717	8 027	19 757	17 744	-10,2
		R'000	178 965	112 857	108 134	251 227	220 991	-12,0
<b>Total additions and alterations</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>463 045</b>	<b>250 700</b>	<b>308 587</b>	<b>692 161</b>	<b>559 287</b>	<b>-19,2</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 117 406</b>	<b>537 473</b>	<b>828 827</b>	<b>3 020 518</b>	<b>1 366 300</b>	<b>-54,8</b>

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**

			Feb 2022	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Jan – Feb 2022	Jan – Feb 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
<b>Residential buildings</b>	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	7	7	4	14	250,0
		square metres	101	307	449	154	756	390,9
		R'000	593	1 879	2 959	918	4 838	427,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	60	48	65	110	113	2,7
		square metres	18 383	15 337	19 096	31 768	34 433	8,4
		R'000	122 581	108 301	141 066	212 488	249 367	17,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	16	14	1	30	2 900,0
		square metres	0	1 268	736	119	2 004	1 584,0
		R'000	0	7 616	4 269	685	11 885	1 635,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	1 895	447	1 895	323,9
		R'000	0	0	14 586	3 433	14 586	324,9
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>123 174</b>	<b>117 796</b>	<b>162 880</b>	<b>217 524</b>	<b>280 676</b>	<b>29,0</b>
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	Office and banking space	square metres	274	5 738	0	274	5 738	1 994,2
		R'000	1 580	33 280	0	1 580	33 280	2 006,3
	Shopping space	square metres	144	6 114	4 926	761	11 040	1 350,7
		R'000	884	37 815	34 215	4 551	72 030	1 482,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	360	2 900	360	-87,6
		R'000	0	0	2 088	20 359	2 088	-89,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	60	991	100	1 051	951,0
		R'000	0	371	6 153	614	6 524	962,5
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 464</b>	<b>71 466</b>	<b>42 456</b>	<b>27 104</b>	<b>113 922</b>	<b>320,3</b>
	<b>Additions and alterations</b>	Dwelling-houses	square metres	7 346	7 000	5 865	13 200	12 865
R'000			45 246	43 334	38 877	82 011	82 211	0,2
Other buildings 4/		square metres	3 378	69	1 958	4 676	2 027	-56,7
		R'000	32 046	9 781	20 368	40 159	30 149	-24,9
<b>Total additions and alterations</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>77 292</b>	<b>53 115</b>	<b>59 245</b>	<b>122 170</b>	<b>112 360</b>	<b>-8,0</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>202 930</b>	<b>242 377</b>	<b>264 581</b>	<b>366 798</b>	<b>506 958</b>	<b>38,2</b>

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**

			Feb 2022	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Jan – Feb 2022	Jan – Feb 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	276	138	403	481	541	12,5
		square metres	16 922	6 998	19 370	28 975	26 368	-9,0
		R'000	101 024	52 453	127 854	184 164	180 307	-2,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	340	180	317	670	497	-25,8
		square metres	100 878	55 904	96 672	202 288	152 576	-24,6
		R'000	919 813	560 286	948 985	1 865 463	1 509 271	-19,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	264	501	1 008	1 351	1 509	11,7
		square metres	59 037	32 838	101 049	136 846	133 887	-2,2
		R'000	481 049	400 416	1 105 647	1 266 637	1 506 063	18,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	226	0	226	..
		R'000	0	0	1 646	0	1 646	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 501 886</b>	<b>1 013 155</b>	<b>2 184 132</b>	<b>3 316 264</b>	<b>3 197 287</b>	<b>-3,6</b>
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 022	2 971	994	1 022	3 965
R'000			13 314	37 016	12 417	13 314	49 433	271,3
Shopping space		square metres	1 118	1 764	742	50 654	2 506	-95,1
		R'000	11 167	20 497	6 059	637 011	26 556	-95,8
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	27 599	5 386	52 018	43 417	57 404	32,2
		R'000	174 180	33 968	381 518	273 811	415 486	51,7
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	16 079	8 884	40 358	16 204	49 242	203,9
		R'000	122 692	85 427	334 458	123 643	419 885	239,6
<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>321 353</b>	<b>176 908</b>	<b>734 452</b>	<b>1 047 779</b>	<b>911 360</b>	<b>-13,0</b>
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	70 677	56 342	64 829	140 387	121 171
	R'000		635 064	556 246	625 332	1 274 434	1 181 578	-7,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	3 483	9 877	17 670	9 816	27 547	180,6
		R'000	37 308	88 932	121 894	107 804	210 826	95,6
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>672 372</b>	<b>645 178</b>	<b>747 226</b>	<b>1 382 238</b>	<b>1 392 404</b>	<b>0,7</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 495 611</b>	<b>1 835 241</b>	<b>3 665 810</b>	<b>5 746 281</b>	<b>5 501 051</b>	<b>-4,3</b>

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**

			Feb 2022	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Jan – Feb 2022	Jan – Feb 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	51	7	35	73	42	-42,5
		square metres	3 201	364	2 176	4 405	2 540	-42,3
		R'000	24 032	2 390	17 729	32 350	20 119	-37,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	70	54	82	177	136	-23,2
		square metres	18 482	19 913	28 331	48 588	48 244	-0,7
		R'000	110 748	154 709	213 700	317 146	368 409	16,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	8	16	0	8	16	100,0
		square metres	370	1 025	0	370	1 025	177,0
		R'000	2 131	6 340	0	2 131	6 340	197,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>136 911</b>	<b>163 439</b>	<b>231 429</b>	<b>351 627</b>	<b>394 868</b>	<b>12,3</b>
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0
R'000			0	0	0	0	0	..
Shopping space		square metres	27 359	2 385	0	27 359	2 385	-91,3
		R'000	161 834	14 751	0	161 834	14 751	-90,9
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	6 155	5 557	2 183	18 615	7 740	-58,4
		R'000	35 815	43 008	13 800	131 708	56 808	-56,9
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	0	696	0	3 442	696	-79,8
		R'000	0	4 304	0	20 015	4 304	-78,5
<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>197 649</b>	<b>62 063</b>	<b>13 800</b>	<b>313 557</b>	<b>75 863</b>	<b>-75,8</b>
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	13 069	10 706	17 737	25 286	28 443
	R'000		85 695	70 700	127 920	167 145	198 620	18,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 061	237	881	4 331	1 118	-74,2
		R'000	9 118	1 799	6 480	39 354	8 279	-79,0
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>94 813</b>	<b>72 499</b>	<b>134 400</b>	<b>206 499</b>	<b>206 899</b>	<b>0,2</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>429 373</b>	<b>298 001</b>	<b>379 629</b>	<b>871 683</b>	<b>677 630</b>	<b>-22,3</b>

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**

			Feb 2022	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Jan – Feb 2022	Jan – Feb 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
<b>Residential buildings</b>	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	8	2	3	12	5	-58,3
		square metres	627	129	199	887	328	-63,0
		R'000	4 012	843	1 242	5 676	2 085	-63,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	45	32	26	82	58	-29,3
		square metres	13 559	9 389	8 541	26 614	17 930	-32,6
		R'000	87 259	65 867	60 433	170 880	126 300	-26,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	29	33	6	62	933,3
		square metres	0	2 713	2 340	611	5 053	727,0
		R'000	0	18 239	15 422	3 910	33 661	760,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	268	256	268	4,7
		R'000	0	0	1 966	1 749	1 966	12,4
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>91 271</b>	<b>84 949</b>	<b>79 063</b>	<b>182 215</b>	<b>164 012</b>	<b>-10,0</b>
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	130	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	669	0	-100,0
	Shopping space	square metres	3 764	4 250	7 984	4 517	12 234	170,8
		R'000	19 381	29 210	54 874	23 258	84 084	261,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	12 342	1 449	1 038	12 582	2 487	-80,2
		R'000	81 133	9 314	7 134	82 669	16 448	-80,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>100 514</b>	<b>38 524</b>	<b>62 008</b>	<b>106 596</b>	<b>100 532</b>	<b>-5,7</b>
	<b>Additions and alterations</b>	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 421	3 914	2 499	4 562	6 413
R'000			16 451	26 414	16 760	29 155	43 174	48,1
Other buildings 4/		square metres	243	0	294	1 730	294	-83,0
		R'000	9 036	5 498	4 521	20 553	10 019	-51,3
<b>Total additions and alterations</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>25 487</b>	<b>31 912</b>	<b>21 281</b>	<b>49 708</b>	<b>53 193</b>	<b>7,0</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>217 272</b>	<b>155 385</b>	<b>162 352</b>	<b>338 519</b>	<b>317 737</b>	<b>-6,1</b>

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**

			Feb 2022	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Jan – Feb 2022	Jan – Feb 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	611	264	663	1 320	927	-29,8
		square metres	30 859	13 638	34 826	66 103	48 464	-26,7
		R'000	201 007	92 263	244 008	434 412	336 271	-22,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	688	483	725	1 167	1 208	3,5
		square metres	172 655	113 474	184 772	291 692	298 246	2,2
		R'000	1 349 589	999 371	1 581 513	2 333 180	2 580 884	10,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	691	592	552	1 576	1 144	-27,4
		square metres	90 631	56 489	52 060	170 577	108 549	-36,4
		R'000	739 646	488 806	448 546	1 433 370	937 352	-34,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	2 689	3 527	2 815	3 509	6 342	80,7
		R'000	19 772	21 067	27 447	24 494	48 514	98,1
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 310 014</b>	<b>1 601 507</b>	<b>2 301 514</b>	<b>4 225 456</b>	<b>3 903 021</b>	<b>-7,6</b>
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	4 803	72 346	16 041	11 196	88 387
R'000			41 900	936 953	194 248	91 507	1 131 201	1 136,2
Shopping space		square metres	68 274	22 183	9 110	73 017	31 293	-57,1
		R'000	631 361	175 653	83 851	666 097	259 504	-61,0
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	25 974	37 496	13 408	74 760	50 904	-31,9
		R'000	161 959	243 342	81 043	481 556	324 385	-32,6
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	55 594	11 996	7 241	62 991	19 237	-69,5
		R'000	436 420	95 833	142 188	491 187	238 021	-51,5
<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 271 640</b>	<b>1 451 781</b>	<b>501 330</b>	<b>1 730 347</b>	<b>1 953 111</b>	<b>12,9</b>
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	99 709	33 020	56 969	172 609	89 989
	R'000		731 221	276 460	482 580	1 248 058	759 040	-39,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	45 463	21 048	24 686	74 833	45 734	-38,9
		R'000	416 128	260 905	234 877	663 967	495 782	-25,3
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 147 349</b>	<b>537 365</b>	<b>717 457</b>	<b>1 912 025</b>	<b>1 254 822</b>	<b>-34,4</b>
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>4 729 003</b>	<b>3 590 653</b>	<b>3 520 301</b>	<b>7 867 828</b>	<b>7 110 954</b>	<b>-9,6</b>

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**

			Feb 2022	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Jan – Feb 2022	Jan – Feb 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
<b>Residential buildings</b>	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	296	131	145	632	276	-56,3
		square metres	12 664	6 171	6 343	26 968	12 514	-53,6
		R'000	73 439	36 829	39 489	155 420	76 318	-50,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	205	149	233	366	382	4,4
		square metres	57 723	35 758	58 074	97 951	93 832	-4,2
		R'000	402 046	246 445	419 465	689 216	665 910	-3,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	365	448	141	904	589	-34,8
		square metres	36 503	41 059	22 516	84 361	63 575	-24,6
		R'000	294 930	323 852	175 025	687 625	498 877	-27,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	3 527	998	0	4 525	..
		R'000	0	21 067	6 857	0	27 924	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>770 415</b>	<b>628 193</b>	<b>640 836</b>	<b>1 532 261</b>	<b>1 269 029</b>	<b>-17,2</b>
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	Office and banking space	square metres	4 608	0	0	5 632	0	-100,0
		R'000	40 320	0	0	48 927	0	-100,0
	Shopping space	square metres	34 364	12 783	7 829	34 364	20 612	-40,0
		R'000	263 853	79 575	71 618	263 853	151 193	-42,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	8 091	6 533	1 157	18 798	7 690	-59,1
		R'000	50 676	49 152	6 942	124 987	56 094	-55,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	2 466	8 101	4 340	5 924	12 441	110,0
		R'000	17 551	56 179	31 022	42 086	87 201	107,2
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>372 400</b>	<b>184 906</b>	<b>109 582</b>	<b>479 853</b>	<b>294 488</b>	<b>-38,6</b>
	<b>Additions and alterations</b>	Dwelling-houses	square metres	55 540	14 136	25 400	98 062	39 536
R'000			344 226	95 981	183 074	605 648	279 055	-53,9
Other buildings 4/		square metres	20 555	16 472	16 769	36 515	33 241	-9,0
		R'000	233 166	158 602	146 448	368 427	305 050	-17,2
<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>577 392</b>	<b>254 583</b>	<b>329 522</b>	<b>974 075</b>	<b>584 105</b>	<b>-40,0</b>	
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 720 207</b>	<b>1 067 682</b>	<b>1 079 940</b>	<b>2 986 189</b>	<b>2 147 622</b>	<b>-28,1</b>

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**

			Feb 2022	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Jan – Feb 2022	Jan – Feb 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	24	13	44	32	57	78,1
		square metres	1 458	806	2 294	1 939	3 100	59,9
		R'000	10 796	6 258	14 827	14 366	21 085	46,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	56	40	89	78	129	65,4
		square metres	11 815	9 005	21 503	16 353	30 508	86,6
		R'000	92 951	76 061	184 955	127 324	261 016	105,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	14	0	1	101	1	-99,0
		square metres	1 066	0	660	5 450	660	-87,9
		R'000	8 082	0	5 443	40 620	5 443	-86,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>111 829</b>	<b>82 319</b>	<b>205 225</b>	<b>182 310</b>	<b>287 544</b>	<b>57,7</b>	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	3 921	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	30 109	0	-100,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	841	0	841	..
		R'000	0	0	7 513	0	7 513	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	162	2 484	0	4 584	2 484	-45,8
		R'000	1 244	15 364	0	35 201	15 364	-56,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	23 091	0	0	26 972	0	-100,0
		R'000	170 210	0	0	200 012	0	-100,0
<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>171 454</b>	<b>15 364</b>	<b>7 513</b>	<b>265 322</b>	<b>22 877</b>	<b>-91,4</b>	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	9 400	2 958	6 153	15 244	9 111	-40,2
		R'000	71 795	25 029	51 194	116 108	76 223	-34,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	852	147	1 111	4 322	1 258	-70,9
		R'000	8 803	4 194	9 833	35 278	14 027	-60,2
<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>80 598</b>	<b>29 223</b>	<b>61 027</b>	<b>151 386</b>	<b>90 250</b>	<b>-40,4</b>	
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>363 881</b>	<b>126 906</b>	<b>273 765</b>	<b>599 018</b>	<b>400 671</b>	<b>-33,1</b>

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**

			Feb 2022	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Jan – Feb 2022	Jan – Feb 2023	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	0	0	1	0	-100,0	
		square metres	0	0	0	70	0	-100,0	
		R'000	0	0	0	567	0	-100,0	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	7	1	4	12	5	-58,3	
		square metres	1 654	332	1 100	2 547	1 432	-43,8	
		R'000	13 402	3 125	10 354	20 638	13 479	-34,7	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	1	0	-100,0	
		square metres	0	0	0	128	0	-100,0	
		R'000	0	0	0	1 037	0	-100,0	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>13 402</b>	<b>3 125</b>	<b>10 354</b>	<b>22 242</b>	<b>13 479</b>	<b>-39,4</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	195	0	0	195	0	-100,0	
		R'000	1 580	0	0	1 580	0	-100,0	
	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	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	202	0	0	202	0	-100,0	
		R'000	1 637	0	0	1 637	0	-100,0	
<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>3 217</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3 217</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-100,0</b>	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 137	595	1 494	6 038	2 089	-65,4	
		R'000	25 419	5 601	14 063	48 926	19 664	-59,8	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 342	554	0	1 893	554	-70,7	
		R'000	11 704	5 215	170	16 449	5 385	-67,3	
<b>Total additions and alterations</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>37 123</b>	<b>10 816</b>	<b>14 233</b>	<b>65 375</b>	<b>25 049</b>	<b>-61,7</b>	
<b>Buildings completed</b>		<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>53 742</b>	<b>13 941</b>	<b>24 587</b>	<b>90 834</b>	<b>38 528</b>	<b>-57,6</b>

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**

			Feb 2022	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Jan – Feb 2022	Jan – Feb 2023	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2	0	32	25	32	28,0	
		square metres	138	0	1 755	1 507	1 755	16,5	
		R'000	1 119	0	16 885	13 383	16 885	26,2	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	16	2	15	28	17	-39,3	
		square metres	2 055	510	3 344	3 971	3 854	-2,9	
		R'000	17 080	3 214	26 493	31 329	29 707	-5,2	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	1	0	1	..	
		square metres	0	0	104	0	104	..	
		R'000	0	0	858	0	858	..	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	820	0	-100,0	
		R'000	0	0	0	4 722	0	-100,0	
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>18 199</b>	<b>3 214</b>	<b>44 236</b>	<b>49 434</b>	<b>47 450</b>	<b>-4,0</b>
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
R'000			0	0	0	0	0	..	
Shopping space		square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	2 493	0	62	2 786	62	-97,8	
		R'000	19 144	0	511	21 319	511	-97,6	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	0	0	0	58	0	-100,0	
		R'000	0	0	0	430	0	-100,0	
<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>19 144</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>21 749</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>-97,7</b>	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	356	171	1 043	2 601	1 214	-53,3
	R'000		2 258	1 076	8 253	16 712	9 329	-44,2	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	3 709	0	679	3 709	679	-81,7	
		R'000	28 481	0	5 630	28 481	5 630	-80,2	
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>30 739</b>	<b>1 076</b>	<b>13 883</b>	<b>45 193</b>	<b>14 959</b>	<b>-66,9</b>
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>68 082</b>	<b>4 290</b>	<b>58 630</b>	<b>116 376</b>	<b>62 920</b>	<b>-45,9</b>	

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**

			Feb 2022	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Jan – Feb 2022	Jan – Feb 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
<b>Residential buildings</b>	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	10	0	13	14	13	-7,1
		square metres	562	0	832	782	832	6,4
		R'000	5 976	0	5 938	8 594	5 938	-30,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	52	28	45	91	73	-19,8
		square metres	22 214	9 450	15 079	33 579	24 529	-27,0
		R'000	201 218	110 250	161 203	320 038	271 453	-15,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	28	33	113	76	146	92,1
		square metres	3 443	4 482	11 372	9 640	15 854	64,5
		R'000	40 932	57 030	116 685	103 157	173 715	68,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>248 126</b>	<b>167 280</b>	<b>283 826</b>	<b>431 789</b>	<b>451 106</b>	<b>4,5</b>	
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	Office and banking space	square metres	0	2 176	7 261	487	9 437	1 837,8
		R'000	0	22 848	79 871	5 357	102 719	1 817,5
	Shopping space	square metres	32 859	1 221	0	33 354	1 221	-96,3
		R'000	361 449	8 547	0	365 409	8 547	-97,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	13 142	1 340	1 943	19 607	3 283	-83,3
		R'000	78 852	8 040	9 715	122 768	17 755	-85,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	996	35	1 069	996	1 104	10,8
		R'000	12 032	438	97 757	12 032	98 195	716,1
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>452 333</b>	<b>39 873</b>	<b>187 343</b>	<b>505 566</b>	<b>227 216</b>	<b>-55,1</b>
	<b>Additions and alterations</b>	Dwelling-houses	square metres	9 497	4 329	7 087	14 505	11 416
R'000			104 841	49 863	79 102	162 506	128 965	-20,6
Other buildings 4/		square metres	2 256	1 561	943	4 308	2 504	-41,9
		R'000	25 508	17 595	12 831	49 796	30 426	-38,9
<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>130 349</b>	<b>67 458</b>	<b>91 933</b>	<b>212 302</b>	<b>159 391</b>	<b>-24,9</b>	
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>830 808</b>	<b>274 611</b>	<b>563 102</b>	<b>1 149 657</b>	<b>837 713</b>	<b>-27,1</b>

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**

			Feb 2022	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Jan – Feb 2022	Jan – Feb 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	21	7	40	33	47	42,4
		square metres	1 263	465	2 411	1 943	2 876	48,0
		R'000	7 331	2 713	14 011	11 275	16 724	48,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	62	32	55	105	87	-17,1
		square metres	11 339	6 237	14 815	21 153	21 052	-0,5
		R'000	71 340	42 264	106 020	133 254	148 284	11,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	16	0	30	23	30	30,4
		square metres	747	0	1 916	1 906	1 916	0,5
		R'000	5 033	0	11 850	11 798	11 850	0,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>83 704</b>	<b>44 977</b>	<b>131 881</b>	<b>156 327</b>	<b>176 858</b>	<b>13,1</b>	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	1 051	45	0	1 051	45	-95,7
		R'000	6 059	278	0	6 059	278	-95,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	716	0	421	5 035	421	-91,6
		R'000	4 153	0	2 604	32 893	2 604	-92,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	11 760	0	0	11 760	0	-100,0
		R'000	68 343	0	0	68 343	0	-100,0
<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>78 555</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>2 604</b>	<b>107 295</b>	<b>2 882</b>	<b>-97,3</b>	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 192	1 296	1 638	3 693	2 934	-20,6
		R'000	6 880	7 873	10 131	21 385	18 004	-15,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	0	654	1 317	654	-50,3
		R'000	2 135	17 295	14 963	14 792	32 258	118,1
<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>9 015</b>	<b>25 168</b>	<b>25 094</b>	<b>36 177</b>	<b>50 262</b>	<b>38,9</b>	
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>171 274</b>	<b>70 423</b>	<b>159 579</b>	<b>299 799</b>	<b>230 002</b>	<b>-23,3</b>

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**

			Feb 2022	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Jan – Feb 2022	Jan – Feb 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
<b>Residential buildings</b>	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	236	109	364	560	473	-15,5
		square metres	13 421	5 905	19 667	31 481	25 572	-18,8
		R'000	93 379	44 463	141 368	221 456	185 831	-16,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	221	180	228	387	408	5,4
		square metres	47 383	41 179	58 978	89 268	100 157	12,2
		R'000	424 138	437 568	589 078	825 579	1 026 646	24,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	214	110	94	416	204	-51,0
		square metres	44 104	10 746	6 877	64 196	17 623	-72,5
		R'000	359 935	106 480	79 474	557 580	185 954	-66,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	2 474	0	1 817	2 474	1 817	-26,6
		R'000	18 303	0	20 590	18 303	20 590	12,5
<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>895 755</b>	<b>588 511</b>	<b>830 510</b>	<b>1 622 918</b>	<b>1 419 021</b>	<b>-12,6</b>	
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	Office and banking space	square metres	0	70 170	8 780	961	78 950	8 115,4
		R'000	0	914 105	114 377	5 534	1 028 482	18 484,8
	Shopping space	square metres	0	8 134	440	4 248	8 574	101,8
		R'000	0	87 253	4 720	30 776	91 973	198,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 370	27 139	8 798	12 811	35 937	180,5
		R'000	7 890	170 786	54 213	73 538	224 999	206,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	17 079	3 860	1 832	17 079	5 692	-66,7
		R'000	166 647	39 216	13 409	166 647	52 625	-68,4
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>174 537</b>	<b>1 211 360</b>	<b>186 719</b>	<b>276 495</b>	<b>1 398 079</b>	<b>405,6</b>
	<b>Additions and alterations</b>	Dwelling-houses	square metres	19 406	8 472	12 469	29 721	20 941
R'000			168 475	84 069	124 419	259 619	208 488	-19,7
Other buildings 4/		square metres	16 601	2 314	4 530	20 815	6 844	-67,1
		R'000	100 011	30 287	41 867	132 862	72 154	-45,7
<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>268 486</b>	<b>114 356</b>	<b>166 286</b>	<b>392 481</b>	<b>280 642</b>	<b>-28,5</b>	
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 338 778</b>	<b>1 914 227</b>	<b>1 183 515</b>	<b>2 291 894</b>	<b>3 097 742</b>	<b>35,2</b>

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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**

			Feb 2022	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Jan – Feb 2022	Jan – Feb 2023	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
<b>Residential buildings</b>	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	10	0	21	10	21	110,0	
		square metres	540	0	1 254	540	1 254	132,2	
		R'000	3 765	0	9 634	3 765	9 634	155,9	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	39	32	39	59	71	20,3	
		square metres	9 336	4 714	6 330	13 334	11 044	-17,2	
		R'000	68 177	36 893	46 293	98 258	83 186	-15,3	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	2	0	0	2	0	-100,0	
		square metres	267	0	0	267	0	-100,0	
		R'000	1 572	0	0	1 572	0	-100,0	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>73 514</b>	<b>36 893</b>	<b>55 927</b>	<b>103 595</b>	<b>92 820</b>	<b>-10,4</b>
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
	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	686	0	-100,0	
		R'000	0	0	0	3 951	0	-100,0	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3 951</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-100,0</b>	
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	Dwelling-houses	square metres	855	481	1 066	1 667	1 547	-7,2	
		R'000	5 298	3 039	8 270	10 436	11 309	8,4	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	0	0	1 806	0	-100,0	
		R'000	4 873	27 030	1 135	16 435	28 165	71,4	
<b>Total additions and alterations</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>10 171</b>	<b>30 069</b>	<b>9 405</b>	<b>26 871</b>	<b>39 474</b>	<b>46,9</b>	
<b>Buildings completed</b>		<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>83 685</b>	<b>66 962</b>	<b>65 332</b>	<b>134 417</b>	<b>132 294</b>	<b>-1,6</b>

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**

			Feb 2022	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Jan – Feb 2022	Jan – Feb 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	12	4	4	13	8	-38,5
		square metres	813	291	270	873	561	-35,7
		R'000	5 202	2 000	1 856	5 586	3 856	-31,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	30	19	17	41	36	-12,2
		square metres	9 136	6 289	5 549	13 536	11 838	-12,5
		R'000	59 237	43 551	37 652	87 544	81 203	-7,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	52	1	172	53	173	226,4
		square metres	4 501	202	8 615	4 629	8 817	90,5
		R'000	29 162	1 444	59 211	29 981	60 655	102,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	215	0	0	215	0	-100,0
		R'000	1 469	0	0	1 469	0	-100,0
<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>95 070</b>	<b>46 995</b>	<b>98 719</b>	<b>124 580</b>	<b>145 714</b>	<b>17,0</b>	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	1 027	10 453	1 027	-90,2
		R'000	0	0	7 058	66 899	7 058	-89,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7 058</b>	<b>66 899</b>	<b>7 058</b>	<b>-89,4</b>	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	326	582	619	1 078	1 201	11,4
		R'000	2 029	3 929	4 074	6 718	8 003	19,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	148	0	0	148	0	-100,0
		R'000	1 447	687	2 000	1 447	2 687	85,7
<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>3 476</b>	<b>4 616</b>	<b>6 074</b>	<b>8 165</b>	<b>10 690</b>	<b>30,9</b>	
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>98 546</b>	<b>51 611</b>	<b>111 851</b>	<b>199 644</b>	<b>163 462</b>	<b>-18,1</b>

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

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## Explanatory notes

<b>Introduction</b>	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.
<b>Purpose of the survey</b>	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.
<b>Scope of the survey</b>	4	This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• passing of building plans; and</li> <li>• final inspection of completed buildings.</li> </ul>
<b>Classification</b>	5	Building activities are classified in division 5 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.
<b>Collection rate</b>	6	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for February 2023 was 81,1%. The improved collection rate for January 2023 was 89,2%.
<b>Statistical unit</b>	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.
<b>Survey methodology and design</b>	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 percent 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.
<b>Constant prices</b>	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

<b>Additions and alterations</b>	Extensions to existing buildings as well as internal and external alterations of existing buildings.
<b>Blocks of flats</b>	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.
<b>Dwelling-house</b>	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.
<b>Local government institutions</b>	<p>Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• district municipalities;</li> <li>• metropolitan municipalities; and</li> <li>• local municipalities.</li> </ul>
<b>Municipality</b>	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).
<b>District municipality</b>	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)).
<b>Metropolitan municipality</b>	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)).
<b>Local municipality</b>	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.
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	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.
<b>Other residential buildings</b>	Institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, old people’s homes, hostels, hotels, motels, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation, entertainment centres and casinos.
<b>Percentage change</b>	<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>



<b>Reference period</b>	One calendar month.
<b>Residential buildings</b>	Buildings that are used primarily as residences. Includes dwelling-houses, flats, townhouses and other residential buildings.
<b>Townhouses</b>	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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