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Key findings for January to February 2024

Building plans passed at current prices

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

| Type of building | Jan – Feb 2023 ¹ | Jan – Feb 2024 ¹ | Difference in value between Jan – Feb 2023 and Jan – Feb 2024 | % change between Jan – Feb 2023 and Jan – Feb 2024 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|--|
| | R'000 | R'000 | R'000 | |
| Residential buildings | 8 067 072 | 6 761 491 | -1 305 581 | -16,2 |
| -Dwelling-houses | 5 359 369 | 4 534 747 | -824 622 | -15,4 |
| -Flats and townhouses | 2 661 015 | 2 175 617 | -485 398 | -18,2 |
| -Other residential buildings | 46 688 | 51 127 | 4 439 | 9,5 |
| Non-residential buildings | 2 578 568 | 2 198 259 | -380 309 | -14,7 |
| Additions and alterations | 4 521 460 | 3 761 739 | -759 721 | -16,8 |
| Total | 15 167 100 | 12 721 489 | -2 445 611 | -16,1 |

¹ 2023 and 2024 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 16,1% (-R2 445,6 million) during January to February 2024 compared with January to February 2023.

Decreases were reported for additions and alterations (-16,8% or -R759,7 million), residential buildings (-16,2% or -R1 305,6 million) and non-residential buildings (-14,7% or -R380,3 million) – see Table A.

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

| Province | Jan – Feb 2023 ¹ | Jan – Feb 2024 ¹ | Weight Jan – Feb 2023 | % change between Jan – Feb 2023 and Jan – Feb 2024 | Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan – Feb 2023 and Jan – Feb 2024 ² | Difference in value between Jan – Feb 2023 and Jan – Feb 2024 |
|---------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|---|
| | R'000 | R'000 | % | | | R'000 |
| Western Cape | 5 225 611 | 4 383 169 | 34,5 | -16,1 | -5,6 | -842 442 |
| Eastern Cape | 691 156 | 772 987 | 4,6 | 11,8 | 0,5 | 81 831 |
| Northern Cape | 145 528 | 121 213 | 1,0 | -16,7 | -0,2 | -24 315 |
| Free State | 408 810 | 435 265 | 2,7 | 6,5 | 0,2 | 26 455 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 1 366 300 | 1 586 770 | 9,0 | 16,1 | 1,5 | 220 470 |
| North West | 506 958 | 369 192 | 3,3 | -27,2 | -0,9 | -137 766 |
| Gauteng | 5 849 159 | 4 084 335 | 38,6 | -30,2 | -11,6 | -1 764 824 |
| Mpumalanga | 649 644 | 553 533 | 4,3 | -14,8 | -0,6 | -96 111 |
| Limpopo | 323 934 | 415 025 | 2,1 | 28,1 | 0,6 | 91 091 |
| Total | 15 167 100 | 12 721 489 | 100,0 | -16,1 | -16,1 | -2 445 611 |

¹ 2023 and 2024 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 16,1% (-R2 445,6 million) were made by Gauteng (contributing -11,6 percentage points or -R1 764,8 million) and Western Cape (contributing -5,6 percentage points or -R842,4 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 2023 ¹ | Jan – Feb 2024 ¹ | Difference in value between Jan – Feb 2023 and Jan – Feb 2024 | % change between Jan – Feb 2023 and Jan – Feb 2024 |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|--|
| | R'000 | R'000 | R'000 | |
| Residential buildings | 6 270 885 | 5 003 195 | -1 267 690 | -20,2 |
| Non-residential buildings | 2 002 577 | 1 626 065 | -376 512 | -18,8 |
| Additions and alterations | 3 518 587 | 2 783 348 | -735 239 | -20,9 |
| Total | 11 792 049 | 9 412 608 | -2 379 441 | -20,2 |

¹ 2023 and 2024 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 20,2% (-R2 379,4 million) during January to February 2024 compared with January to February 2023. Decreases were reported for additions and alterations (-20,9% or -R735,2 million), residential buildings (-20,2% or -R1 267,7 million) and non-residential buildings (-18,8% or -R376,5 million) – see Table C.

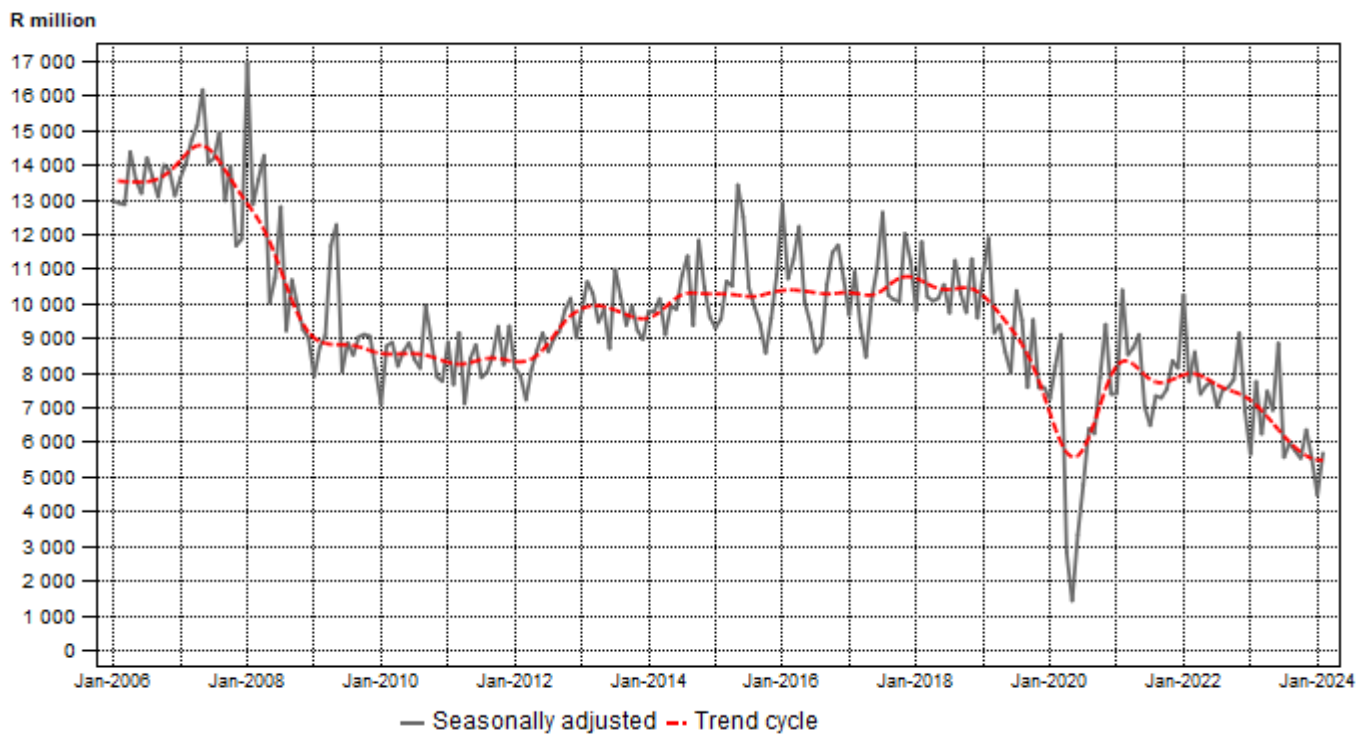
Table D – Seasonally adjusted building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices for the latest three months by type of building

| Type of building | Sep – Nov 2023 | Dec 2023 – Feb 2024 | % change between Sep – Nov 2023 and Dec 2023 – Feb 2024 |
|--|-------------------|---------------------|---|
| | R'000 | R'000 | |
| Residential buildings | 9 323 602 | 8 053 622 | -13,6 |
| Non-residential buildings ¹ | 2 842 497 | 2 789 565 | -1,9 |
| Additions and alterations | 5 502 545 | 4 858 062 | -11,7 |
| Total | 17 668 644 | 15 701 249 | -11,1 |

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 decreased by 11,1% in the three months ended February 2024 compared with the previous three months. Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-13,6%), additions and alterations (-11,7%) and non-residential buildings (-1,9%) – 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 2023 ¹ | Jan – Feb 2024 ¹ | Difference in value between Jan – Feb 2023 and Jan – Feb 2024 | % change between Jan – Feb 2023 and Jan – Feb 2024 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|--|
| | R'000 | R'000 | R'000 | |
| Residential buildings | 4 015 299 | 4 005 624 | -9 675 | -0,2 |
| -Dwelling-houses | 2 862 637 | 2 505 339 | -357 298 | -12,5 |
| -Flats and townhouses | 1 104 148 | 1 407 310 | 303 162 | 27,5 |
| -Other residential buildings | 48 514 | 92 975 | 44 461 | 91,6 |
| Non-residential buildings | 2 021 531 | 1 181 725 | -839 806 | -41,5 |
| Additions and alterations | 1 387 280 | 1 521 117 | 133 837 | 9,6 |
| Total | 7 424 110 | 6 708 466 | -715 644 | -9,6 |

¹ 2023 and 2024 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 9,6% (-R715,6 million) during January to February 2024 compared with January to February 2023.

Non-residential buildings fell by 41,5% (-R839,8 million). An increase was reported for additions and alterations (9,6% or R133,8 million) – see Table E.

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

| Province | Jan – Feb 2023 ¹ | Jan – Feb 2024 ¹ | Weight Jan – Feb 2023 | % change between Jan – Feb 2023 and Jan – Feb 2024 | Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan – Feb 2023 and Jan – Feb 2024 ² | Difference in value between Jan – Feb 2023 and Jan – Feb 2024 |
|---------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|---|
| | R'000 | R'000 | % | | | R'000 |
| Western Cape | 2 318 790 | 1 952 135 | 31,2 | -15,8 | -4,9 | -366 655 |
| Eastern Cape | 396 791 | 671 115 | 5,3 | 69,1 | 3,7 | 274 324 |
| Northern Cape | 38 528 | 61 548 | 0,5 | 59,7 | 0,3 | 23 020 |
| Free State | 69 730 | 92 211 | 0,9 | 32,2 | 0,3 | 22 481 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 750 459 | 1 079 977 | 10,1 | 43,9 | 4,4 | 329 518 |
| North West | 230 002 | 218 160 | 3,1 | -5,1 | -0,2 | -11 842 |
| Gauteng | 3 317 608 | 2 281 915 | 44,7 | -31,2 | -14,0 | -1 035 693 |
| Mpumalanga | 139 551 | 208 406 | 1,9 | 49,3 | 0,9 | 68 855 |
| Limpopo | 162 651 | 142 999 | 2,2 | -12,1 | -0,3 | -19 652 |
| Total | 7 424 110 | 6 708 466 | 100,0 | -9,6 | -9,6 | -715 644 |

¹ 2023 and 2024 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

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

Four provinces reported year-on-year decreases in the value of buildings completed during January to February 2024, of which Gauteng (contributing -14,0 percentage points or -R1 035,7 million) and Western Cape (contributing -4,9 percentage points or -R366,7 million) were the largest negative contributors. KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 4,4 percentage points or R329,5 million) and Eastern Cape (contributing 3,7 percentage points or R274,3 million) were the largest positive 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 – Feb 2023 ¹ | Jan – Feb 2024 ¹ | Difference in value between Jan – Feb 2023 and Jan – Feb 2024 | % change between Jan – Feb 2023 and Jan – Feb 2024 |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|--|
| | R'000 | R'000 | R'000 | |
| Residential buildings | 3 123 880 | 2 964 571 | -159 309 | -5,1 |
| Non-residential buildings | 1 580 188 | 875 029 | -705 159 | -44,6 |
| Additions and alterations | 1 079 099 | 1 125 707 | 46 608 | 4,3 |
| Total | 5 783 167 | 4 965 307 | -817 860 | -14,1 |

¹ 2023 and 2024 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 14,1% (-R817,9 million) during January to February 2024 compared with January to February 2023. Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-44,6% or -R705,2 million) and residential buildings (-5,1% or -R159,3 million). An increase was reported for additions and alterations (4,3% or R46,6 million) – see Table G.

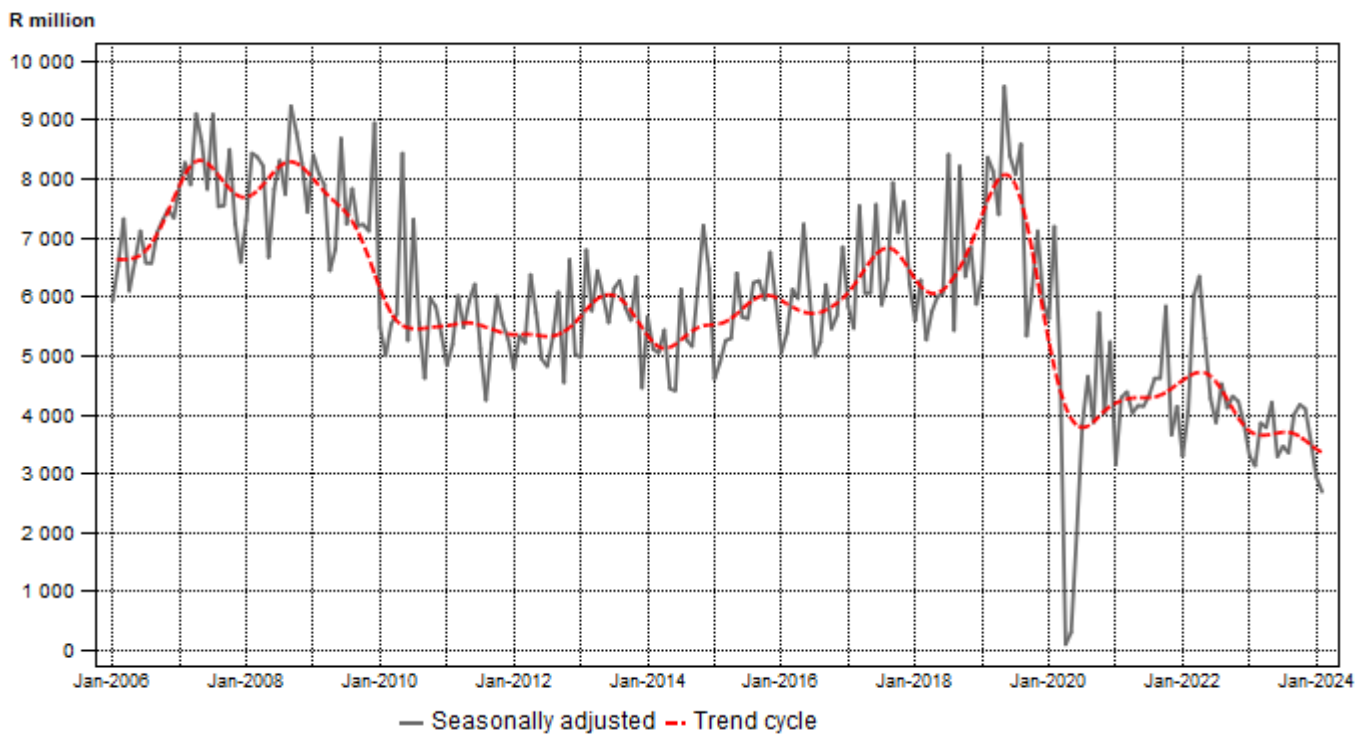
Table H – Seasonally adjusted buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices for the latest three months by type of building

| Type of building | Sep – Nov 2023 | Dec 2023 – Feb 2024 | % change between Sep – Nov 2023 and Dec 2023 – Feb 2024 |
|--|-------------------|---------------------|---|
| | R'000 | R'000 | |
| Residential buildings | 6 897 687 | 5 903 592 | -14,4 |
| Non-residential buildings ¹ | 3 345 776 | 1 319 431 | -60,6 |
| Additions and alterations | 2 036 111 | 1 964 819 | -3,5 |
| Total | 12 279 574 | 9 187 842 | -25,2 |

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

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed decreased by 25,2% in the three months ended February 2024 compared with the previous three months. Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-60,6%), residential buildings (-14,4%) and additions and alterations (-3,5%) – 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 |
| 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 | 1 814 476 | -12,8 | 6 049 419 | -17,1 |
| | Total | 50 361 562 | -19,1 | 21 537 846 | -4,2 | 29 646 017 | -10,7 | 101 545 425 | -13,9 |
| 2024 | January | 2 641 211 | -4,4 | 609 440 | -15,6 | 1 392 946 | -26,0 | 4 643 597 | -13,5 |
| | February | 4 120 280 | -22,3 | 1 588 819 | -14,4 | 2 368 793 | -10,2 | 8 077 892 | -17,6 |

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 |
| 2023 | January | 3 922 394 | -12,4 | 721 791 | -60,1 | 2 612 859 | 2,8 | 7 257 044 | -17,8 |
| | February | 5 450 589 | 39,0 | 1 856 777 | 157,2 | 2 698 272 | 3,3 | 10 005 638 | 37,9 |
| | March | 4 370 552 | -19,8 | 1 696 971 | -8,6 | 2 105 813 | -22,0 | 8 173 336 | -18,3 |
| | April | 5 040 990 | 15,3 | 2 035 643 | 20,0 | 2 665 959 | 26,6 | 9 742 592 | 19,2 |
| | May | 4 194 897 | -16,8 | 2 059 644 | 1,2 | 2 819 315 | 5,8 | 9 073 856 | -6,9 |
| | June | 4 325 569 | 3,1 | 4 622 149 | 124,4 | 2 651 412 | -6,0 | 11 599 130 | 27,8 |
| | July | 4 049 305 | -6,4 | 1 055 623 | -77,2 | 2 224 955 | -16,1 | 7 329 883 | -36,8 |
| | August | 3 402 729 | -16,0 | 2 135 385 | 102,3 | 2 315 737 | 4,1 | 7 853 851 | 7,1 |
| | September | 4 431 726 | 30,2 | 1 024 407 | -52,0 | 2 170 202 | -6,3 | 7 626 335 | -2,9 |
| | October | 3 616 843 | -18,4 | 1 101 434 | 7,5 | 2 648 930 | 22,1 | 7 367 207 | -3,4 |
| | November | 4 364 082 | 20,7 | 1 664 278 | 51,1 | 2 518 390 | -4,9 | 8 546 750 | 16,0 |
| | December | 3 618 912 | -17,1 | 1 563 744 | -6,0 | 2 325 595 | -7,7 | 7 508 251 | -12,2 |
| 2024 | January | 3 656 474 | 1,0 | 609 440 | -61,0 | 1 837 628 | -21,0 | 6 103 542 | -18,7 |
| | February | 3 702 713 | 1,3 | 1 588 819 | 160,7 | 2 406 024 | 30,9 | 7 697 556 | 26,1 |
| | Sep – Nov 23 | 12 412 651 | | 3 790 119 | | 7 337 522 | | 23 540 292 | |
| | Dec 23 – Feb 24 ² | 10 978 099 | -11,6 | 3 762 003 | -0,7 | 6 569 247 | -10,5 | 21 309 349 | -9,5 |

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

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

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

Table 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 |
| 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 | 1 350 057 | -18,1 | 4 501 056 | -22,1 |
| | Total | 38 326 862 | -23,1 | 16 392 252 | -9,0 | 22 545 703 | -14,9 | 77 264 817 | -18,1 |
| 2024 | January | 1 957 903 | -9,7 | 451 772 | -20,3 | 1 032 577 | -30,1 | 3 442 252 | -18,3 |
| | February | 3 045 292 | -25,8 | 1 174 293 | -18,2 | 1 750 771 | -14,2 | 5 970 356 | -21,2 |

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 |
| 2023 | January | 3 044 952 | -12,6 | 566 555 | -60,5 | 2 043 045 | 1,9 | 5 654 552 | -18,3 |
| | February | 4 240 179 | 39,3 | 1 436 022 | 153,5 | 2 084 869 | 2,0 | 7 761 070 | 37,3 |
| | March | 3 330 987 | -21,4 | 1 300 361 | -9,4 | 1 613 848 | -22,6 | 6 245 196 | -19,5 |
| | April | 3 886 779 | 16,7 | 1 559 880 | 20,0 | 2 043 036 | 26,6 | 7 489 695 | 19,9 |
| | May | 3 198 071 | -17,7 | 1 571 048 | 0,7 | 2 156 152 | 5,5 | 6 925 271 | -7,5 |
| | June | 3 306 398 | 3,4 | 3 533 753 | 124,9 | 2 031 228 | -5,8 | 8 871 379 | 28,1 |
| | July | 3 074 877 | -7,0 | 802 145 | -77,3 | 1 694 157 | -16,6 | 5 571 179 | -37,2 |
| | August | 2 608 599 | -15,2 | 1 616 491 | 101,5 | 1 755 086 | 3,6 | 5 980 176 | 7,3 |
| | September | 3 356 000 | 28,7 | 770 810 | -52,3 | 1 633 454 | -6,9 | 5 760 264 | -3,7 |
| | October | 2 727 023 | -18,7 | 826 902 | 7,3 | 1 988 076 | 21,7 | 5 542 001 | -3,8 |
| | November | 3 240 579 | 18,8 | 1 244 785 | 50,5 | 1 881 015 | -5,4 | 6 366 379 | 14,9 |
| | December | 2 644 433 | -18,4 | 1 163 500 | -6,5 | 1 722 399 | -8,4 | 5 530 332 | -13,1 |
| 2024 | January | 2 671 206 | 1,0 | 451 772 | -61,2 | 1 357 845 | -21,2 | 4 480 823 | -19,0 |
| | February | 2 737 983 | 2,5 | 1 174 293 | 159,9 | 1 777 818 | 30,9 | 5 690 094 | 27,0 |
| | Sep – Nov 23 | 9 323 602 | | 2 842 497 | | 5 502 545 | | 17 668 644 | |
| | Dec 23 – Feb 24 ² | 8 053 622 | -13,6 | 2 789 565 | -1,9 | 4 858 062 | -11,7 | 15 701 249 | -11,1 |

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 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 |
| 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 | 3 283 587 | 3,4 | 597 276 | -45,1 | 846 051 | 34,8 | 4 726 914 | -3,3 |
| | Total | 35 371 417 | -4,9 | 13 444 756 | -8,9 | 9 585 638 | -39,6 | 58 401 811 | -13,9 |
| 2024 | January | 1 834 865 | 14,6 | 738 235 | -49,1 | 662 252 | 23,5 | 3 235 352 | -9,9 |
| | February | 2 170 759 | -10,1 | 443 490 | -22,2 | 858 865 | 0,9 | 3 473 114 | -9,4 |

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 |
| 2023 | January | 2 141 038 | -29,4 | 1 451 781 | 33,5 | 638 560 | -14,1 | 4 231 379 | -13,0 |
| | February | 2 671 193 | 24,8 | 569 750 | -60,8 | 814 936 | 27,6 | 4 055 879 | -4,1 |
| | March | 2 753 644 | 3,1 | 1 709 220 | 200,0 | 578 599 | -29,0 | 5 041 463 | 24,3 |
| | April | 2 744 548 | -0,3 | 1 347 813 | -21,1 | 837 762 | 44,8 | 4 930 123 | -2,2 |
| | May | 3 998 695 | 45,7 | 649 310 | -51,8 | 869 850 | 3,8 | 5 517 855 | 11,9 |
| | June | 2 807 897 | -29,8 | 754 080 | 16,1 | 737 260 | -15,2 | 4 299 237 | -22,1 |
| | July | 2 609 435 | -7,1 | 1 236 636 | 64,0 | 708 482 | -3,9 | 4 554 553 | 5,9 |
| | August | 3 083 322 | 18,2 | 668 846 | -45,9 | 681 194 | -3,9 | 4 433 362 | -2,7 |
| | September | 3 302 075 | 7,1 | 1 243 356 | 85,9 | 763 831 | 12,1 | 5 309 262 | 19,8 |
| | October | 2 991 407 | -9,4 | 1 537 808 | 23,7 | 1 029 472 | 34,8 | 5 558 687 | 4,7 |
| | November | 2 888 247 | -3,4 | 1 678 880 | 9,2 | 923 090 | -10,3 | 5 490 217 | -1,2 |
| | December | 3 122 659 | 8,1 | 597 276 | -64,4 | 1 058 094 | 14,6 | 4 778 029 | -13,0 |
| 2024 | January | 2 448 135 | -21,6 | 738 235 | 23,6 | 798 584 | -24,5 | 3 984 954 | -16,6 |
| | February | 2 408 838 | -1,6 | 443 490 | -39,9 | 798 544 | 0,0 | 3 650 872 | -8,4 |
| | Sep – Nov 23 | 9 181 729 | | 4 460 044 | | 2 716 393 | | 16 358 166 | |
| | Dec 23 – Feb 24 ² | 7 979 632 | -13,1 | 1 779 001 | -60,1 | 2 655 222 | -2,3 | 12 413 855 | -24,1 |

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

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

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

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

| Year and month ² | | Residential buildings | | Non-residential buildings | | Additions and alterations | | Total | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| | | R'000 | % change ¹ | R'000 | % change ¹ | R'000 | % change ¹ | R'000 | % change ¹ |
| 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 | 2 443 145 | -2,9 | 444 402 | -48,4 | 629 502 | 26,6 | 3 517 049 | -9,2 |
| | Total | 26 850 803 | -9,6 | 10 230 723 | -13,3 | 7 280 261 | -42,7 | 44 361 787 | -18,2 |
| 2024 | January | 1 360 167 | 8,2 | 547 246 | -52,0 | 490 921 | 16,7 | 2 398 334 | -14,9 |
| | February | 1 604 404 | -14,1 | 327 783 | -25,6 | 634 786 | -3,6 | 2 566 973 | -13,5 |

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 |
| 2023 | January | 1 673 589 | -30,1 | 1 139 546 | 32,2 | 494 135 | -16,7 | 3 307 270 | -14,1 |
| | February | 2 063 171 | 23,3 | 440 642 | -61,3 | 629 264 | 27,3 | 3 133 077 | -5,3 |
| | March | 2 107 099 | 2,1 | 1 309 747 | 197,2 | 441 964 | -29,8 | 3 858 810 | 23,2 |
| | April | 2 103 362 | -0,2 | 1 032 807 | -21,1 | 647 641 | 46,5 | 3 783 810 | -1,9 |
| | May | 3 054 584 | 45,2 | 495 278 | -52,0 | 662 935 | 2,4 | 4 212 797 | 11,3 |
| | June | 2 147 309 | -29,7 | 576 514 | 16,4 | 565 158 | -14,7 | 3 288 981 | -21,9 |
| | July | 1 987 481 | -7,4 | 939 693 | 63,0 | 539 716 | -4,5 | 3 466 890 | 5,4 |
| | August | 2 334 476 | 17,5 | 506 318 | -46,1 | 514 637 | -4,6 | 3 355 431 | -3,2 |
| | September | 2 489 713 | 6,6 | 935 558 | 84,8 | 577 375 | 12,2 | 4 002 646 | 19,3 |
| | October | 2 245 890 | -9,8 | 1 154 511 | 23,4 | 772 324 | 33,8 | 4 172 725 | 4,2 |
| | November | 2 162 084 | -3,7 | 1 255 707 | 8,8 | 686 412 | -11,1 | 4 104 203 | -1,6 |
| | December | 2 316 987 | 7,2 | 444 402 | -64,6 | 792 877 | 15,5 | 3 554 266 | -13,4 |
| 2024 | January | 1 807 713 | -22,0 | 547 246 | 23,1 | 583 750 | -26,4 | 2 938 709 | -17,3 |
| | February | 1 778 892 | -1,6 | 327 783 | -40,1 | 588 192 | 0,8 | 2 694 867 | -8,3 |
| | Sep – Nov 23 | 6 897 687 | | 3 345 776 | | 2 036 111 | | 12 279 574 | |
| | Dec 23 – Feb 24 ² | 5 903 592 | -14,4 | 1 319 431 | -60,6 | 1 964 819 | -3,5 | 9 187 842 | -25,2 |

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

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

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

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

| | | | Feb 2023 | Jan 2024 | Feb 2024 | Jan – Feb 2023 | Jan – Feb 2024 | % change ¹ |
|--|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 929 | 399 | 327 | 1 377 | 726 | -47,3 |
| | | square metres | 43 197 | 22 288 | 17 019 | 63 911 | 39 307 | -38,5 |
| | | R'000 | 281 433 | 176 886 | 121 382 | 426 657 | 298 268 | -30,1 |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 1 105 | 751 | 1 039 | 1 918 | 1 790 | -6,7 |
| | | square metres | 359 700 | 209 478 | 290 842 | 591 094 | 500 320 | -15,4 |
| | | R'000 | 3 000 724 | 1 808 082 | 2 428 397 | 4 932 712 | 4 236 479 | -14,1 |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 1 826 | 522 | 1 202 | 2 571 | 1 724 | -32,9 |
| | | square metres | 201 165 | 70 713 | 148 046 | 265 834 | 218 759 | -17,7 |
| | | R'000 | 1 983 451 | 629 325 | 1 546 292 | 2 661 015 | 2 175 617 | -18,2 |
| | Other residential buildings ² | square metres | 5 599 | 3 518 | 3 444 | 6 603 | 6 962 | 5,4 |
| | | R'000 | 40 087 | 26 918 | 24 209 | 46 688 | 51 127 | 9,5 |
| | Total residential buildings | R'000 | 5 305 695 | 2 641 211 | 4 120 280 | 8 067 072 | 6 761 491 | -16,2 |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 27 429 | 7 554 | 3 066 | 41 738 | 10 620 | -74,6 |
| | | R'000 | 298 033 | 60 872 | 24 086 | 417 776 | 84 958 | -79,7 |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 46 006 | 25 962 | 29 369 | 71 252 | 55 331 | -22,3 |
| | | R'000 | 299 494 | 198 236 | 209 572 | 499 653 | 407 808 | -18,4 |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 117 922 | 33 562 | 137 484 | 150 750 | 171 046 | 13,5 |
| | | R'000 | 830 166 | 257 973 | 1 026 349 | 1 063 474 | 1 284 322 | 20,8 |
| | Other non-residential buildings ³ | square metres | 53 375 | 12 418 | 42 202 | 73 106 | 54 620 | -25,3 |
| | | R'000 | 429 084 | 92 359 | 328 812 | 597 665 | 421 171 | -29,5 |
| Total non-residential buildings | R'000 | 1 856 777 | 609 440 | 1 588 819 | 2 578 568 | 2 198 259 | -14,7 | |
| Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 243 137 | 128 806 | 189 904 | 412 855 | 318 710 | -22,8 |
| | | R'000 | 2 039 020 | 1 119 880 | 1 637 362 | 3 520 720 | 2 757 242 | -21,7 |
| | Other buildings ⁴ | square metres | 59 800 | 27 234 | 59 508 | 94 286 | 86 742 | -8,0 |
| | | R'000 | 600 127 | 273 066 | 731 431 | 1 000 740 | 1 004 497 | 0,4 |
| | Total additions and alterations | R'000 | 2 639 147 | 1 392 946 | 2 368 793 | 4 521 460 | 3 761 739 | -16,8 |
| Building plans passed | Total at current prices | R'000 | 9 801 619 | 4 643 597 | 8 077 892 | 15 167 100 | 12 721 489 | -16,1 |

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2023 and 2024.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

| | | | Feb 2023 | Jan 2024 | Feb 2024 | Jan – Feb 2023 | Jan – Feb 2024 | % change ¹ |
|--|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 397 | 119 | 145 | 664 | 264 | -60,2 |
| | | square metres | 16 944 | 5 339 | 6 878 | 28 424 | 12 217 | -57,0 |
| | | R'000 | 105 566 | 33 181 | 45 046 | 181 518 | 78 227 | -56,9 |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 431 | 273 | 382 | 783 | 655 | -16,3 |
| | | square metres | 147 004 | 68 190 | 106 444 | 239 616 | 174 634 | -27,1 |
| | | R'000 | 1 102 629 | 541 935 | 842 759 | 1 786 482 | 1 384 694 | -22,5 |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 612 | 171 | 829 | 766 | 1 000 | 30,5 |
| | | square metres | 76 147 | 23 119 | 91 094 | 97 169 | 114 213 | 17,5 |
| | | R'000 | 658 349 | 189 495 | 993 218 | 849 944 | 1 182 713 | 39,2 |
| | Other residential buildings ² | square metres | 2 349 | 273 | 176 | 3 225 | 449 | -86,1 |
| | | R'000 | 15 813 | 2 048 | 1 361 | 21 358 | 3 409 | -84,0 |
| Total residential buildings | R'000 | 1 882 357 | 766 659 | 1 882 384 | 2 839 302 | 2 649 043 | -6,7 | |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 7 955 | 893 | 339 | 13 155 | 1 232 | -90,6 |
| | | R'000 | 65 429 | 8 193 | 2 389 | 112 348 | 10 582 | -90,6 |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 1 025 | 3 972 | 5 411 | 11 075 | 9 383 | -15,3 |
| | | R'000 | 8 189 | 37 295 | 39 100 | 101 757 | 76 395 | -24,9 |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 50 536 | 7 369 | 34 675 | 55 072 | 42 044 | -23,7 |
| | | R'000 | 329 366 | 50 665 | 242 717 | 365 261 | 293 382 | -19,7 |
| | Other non-residential buildings ³ | square metres | 9 153 | 4 229 | 8 654 | 16 868 | 12 883 | -23,6 |
| | | R'000 | 64 779 | 31 139 | 65 877 | 120 244 | 97 016 | -19,3 |
| Total non-residential buildings | R'000 | 467 763 | 127 292 | 350 083 | 699 610 | 477 375 | -31,8 | |
| Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 99 309 | 34 202 | 67 266 | 166 533 | 101 468 | -39,1 |
| | | R'000 | 766 064 | 245 179 | 507 679 | 1 305 549 | 752 858 | -42,3 |
| | Other buildings ⁴ | square metres | 17 893 | 12 686 | 26 771 | 28 720 | 39 457 | 37,4 |
| | | R'000 | 232 107 | 128 570 | 375 323 | 381 150 | 503 893 | 32,2 |
| Total additions and alterations | R'000 | 998 171 | 373 749 | 883 002 | 1 686 699 | 1 256 751 | -25,5 | |
| Building plans passed | Total at current prices | R'000 | 3 348 291 | 1 267 700 | 3 115 469 | 5 225 611 | 4 383 169 | -16,1 |

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

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

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

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

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

| | | | Feb 2023 | Jan 2024 | Feb 2024 | Jan – Feb 2023 | Jan – Feb 2024 | % change ¹ | |
|--|--|--------------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 5 | 5 | 3 | 12 | 8 | -33,3 | |
| | | square metres | 325 | 329 | 139 | 783 | 468 | -40,2 | |
| | | R'000 | 2 732 | 2 491 | 1 117 | 6 422 | 3 608 | -43,8 | |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 75 | 47 | 64 | 138 | 111 | -19,6 | |
| | | square metres | 18 201 | 9 700 | 16 975 | 31 553 | 26 675 | -15,5 | |
| | | R'000 | 149 095 | 80 002 | 141 527 | 259 368 | 221 529 | -14,6 | |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 20 | 26 | 9 | 24 | 35 | 45,8 | |
| | | square metres | 2 778 | 3 001 | 2 508 | 3 959 | 5 509 | 39,2 | |
| | | R'000 | 22 910 | 24 184 | 21 200 | 32 650 | 45 384 | 39,0 | |
| | Other residential buildings ² | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .. | |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .. | |
| | Total residential buildings | | R'000 | 174 737 | 106 677 | 163 844 | 298 440 | 270 521 | -9,4 |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 2 873 | 2 276 | 0 | 2 873 | 2 276 | -20,8 | |
| | | R'000 | 23 694 | 14 080 | 0 | 23 694 | 14 080 | -40,6 | |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .. | |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .. | |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 1 436 | 0 | 22 381 | 5 954 | 22 381 | 275,9 | |
| | | R'000 | 11 843 | 0 | 184 072 | 49 103 | 184 072 | 274,9 | |
| | Other non-residential buildings ³ | square metres | 2 873 | 2 331 | 365 | 4 443 | 2 696 | -39,3 | |
| | | R'000 | 23 694 | 19 216 | 3 011 | 36 633 | 22 227 | -39,3 | |
| Total non-residential buildings | | R'000 | 59 231 | 33 296 | 187 083 | 109 430 | 220 379 | 101,4 | |
| Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 18 812 | 15 449 | 15 670 | 27 864 | 31 119 | 11,7 | |
| | | R'000 | 151 032 | 123 333 | 125 560 | 223 721 | 248 893 | 11,3 | |
| | Other buildings ⁴ | square metres | 4 303 | 2 558 | 1 152 | 7 189 | 3 710 | -48,4 | |
| | | R'000 | 37 115 | 22 030 | 11 164 | 59 565 | 33 194 | -44,3 | |
| | Total additions and alterations | | R'000 | 188 147 | 145 363 | 136 724 | 283 286 | 282 087 | -0,4 |
| Building plans passed | | Total at current prices | R'000 | 422 115 | 285 336 | 487 651 | 691 156 | 772 987 | 11,8 |

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

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

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

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

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

| | | | Feb 2023 | Jan 2024 | Feb 2024 | Jan – Feb 2023 | Jan – Feb 2024 | % change ¹ |
|--|--|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 4 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 40,0 |
| | | square metres | 132 | 183 | 155 | 202 | 338 | 67,3 |
| | | R'000 | 1 243 | 1 722 | 1 455 | 1 902 | 3 177 | 67,0 |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 19 | 12 | 13 | 34 | 25 | -26,5 |
| | | square metres | 3 953 | 2 250 | 2 845 | 6 457 | 5 095 | -21,1 |
| | | R'000 | 34 803 | 19 314 | 24 536 | 56 708 | 43 850 | -22,7 |
| | 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 | .. |
| | Total residential buildings | R'000 | 36 046 | 21 036 | 25 991 | 58 610 | 47 027 | -19,8 |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 0 | 947 | 0 | 0 | 947 | .. |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 5 914 | 0 | 0 | 5 914 | .. |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 729 | 0 | 2 428 | 729 | 2 428 | 233,1 |
| | | R'000 | 6 862 | 0 | 22 855 | 6 862 | 22 855 | 233,1 |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 649 | 0 | 0 | 649 | 0 | -100,0 |
| | | R'000 | 6 109 | 0 | 0 | 6 109 | 0 | -100,0 |
| | Other non-residential buildings ³ | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .. |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .. |
| | Total non-residential buildings | R'000 | 12 971 | 5 914 | 22 855 | 12 971 | 28 769 | 121,8 |
| | Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 3 009 | 2 073 | 2 989 | 7 823 | 5 062 |
| R'000 | | | 27 098 | 18 262 | 26 885 | 71 323 | 45 147 | -36,7 |
| Other buildings ⁴ | | square metres | 92 | 0 | 0 | 92 | 0 | -100,0 |
| | | R'000 | 1 166 | 70 | 200 | 2 624 | 270 | -89,7 |
| Total additions and alterations | | R'000 | 28 264 | 18 332 | 27 085 | 73 947 | 45 417 | -38,6 |
| Building plans passed | Total at current prices | R'000 | 77 281 | 45 282 | 75 931 | 145 528 | 121 213 | -16,7 |

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

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

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

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

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

| | | | Feb 2023 | Jan 2024 | Feb 2024 | Jan – Feb 2023 | Jan – Feb 2024 | % change ¹ |
|--|--|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 3 | 5 | 9 | 13 | 14 | 7,7 |
| | | square metres | 193 | 319 | 426 | 734 | 745 | 1,5 |
| | | R'000 | 1 857 | 2 838 | 3 821 | 6 804 | 6 659 | -2,1 |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 30 | 39 | 36 | 54 | 75 | 38,9 |
| | | square metres | 7 062 | 9 403 | 9 181 | 13 298 | 18 584 | 39,8 |
| | | R'000 | 58 142 | 79 129 | 78 016 | 109 541 | 157 145 | 43,5 |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 33 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 0 | -100,0 |
| | | square metres | 5 464 | 0 | 0 | 5 464 | 0 | -100,0 |
| | | R'000 | 50 662 | 0 | 0 | 50 662 | 0 | -100,0 |
| | Other residential buildings ² | square metres | 405 | 0 | 171 | 533 | 171 | -67,9 |
| | | R'000 | 3 340 | 0 | 1 058 | 4 396 | 1 058 | -75,9 |
| | Total residential buildings | R'000 | 114 001 | 81 967 | 82 895 | 171 403 | 164 862 | -3,8 |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 0 | 0 | 205 | 0 | 205 | .. |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 1 634 | 0 | 1 634 | .. |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 29 052 | 11 210 | 0 | 29 052 | 11 210 | -61,4 |
| | | R'000 | 179 687 | 70 238 | 0 | 179 687 | 70 238 | -60,9 |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 0 | 5 273 | 2 871 | 0 | 8 144 | .. |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 42 990 | 21 946 | 0 | 64 936 | .. |
| | Other non-residential buildings ³ | square metres | 0 | 2 979 | 0 | 0 | 2 979 | .. |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 19 638 | 0 | 0 | 19 638 | .. |
| | Total non-residential buildings | R'000 | 179 687 | 132 866 | 23 580 | 179 687 | 156 446 | -12,9 |
| | Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 3 909 | 4 112 | 7 615 | 6 139 | 11 727 |
| R'000 | | | 29 772 | 32 998 | 63 587 | 46 441 | 96 585 | 108,0 |
| Other buildings ⁴ | | square metres | 123 | 1 040 | 962 | 996 | 2 002 | 101,0 |
| | | R'000 | 4 358 | 9 868 | 7 504 | 11 279 | 17 372 | 54,0 |
| Total additions and alterations | | R'000 | 34 130 | 42 866 | 71 091 | 57 720 | 113 957 | 97,4 |
| Building plans passed | Total at current prices | R'000 | 327 818 | 257 699 | 177 566 | 408 810 | 435 265 | 6,5 |

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

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

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

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

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

| | | | Feb 2023 | Jan 2024 | Feb 2024 | Jan – Feb 2023 | Jan – Feb 2024 | % change ¹ | |
|--|--|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 9 | 8 | 37 | 11 | 45 | 309,1 | |
| | | square metres | 435 | 470 | 1 691 | 489 | 2 161 | 341,9 | |
| | | R'000 | 3 360 | 3 882 | 13 099 | 3 792 | 16 981 | 347,8 | |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 88 | 71 | 80 | 128 | 151 | 18,0 | |
| | | square metres | 37 271 | 21 817 | 24 707 | 51 400 | 46 524 | -9,5 | |
| | | R'000 | 341 337 | 225 608 | 254 370 | 502 979 | 479 978 | -4,6 | |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 36 | 35 | 158 | 60 | 193 | 221,7 | |
| | | square metres | 7 041 | 5 866 | 32 687 | 11 201 | 38 553 | 244,2 | |
| | | R'000 | 72 677 | 52 024 | 320 265 | 113 438 | 372 289 | 228,2 | |
| | Other residential buildings ² | square metres | 456 | 1 902 | 0 | 456 | 1 902 | 317,1 | |
| | | R'000 | 2 736 | 12 690 | 0 | 2 736 | 12 690 | 363,8 | |
| | Total residential buildings | | R'000 | 420 110 | 294 204 | 587 734 | 622 945 | 881 938 | 41,6 |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 785 | 2 468 | 784 | 785 | 3 252 | 314,3 | |
| | | R'000 | 5 526 | 24 603 | 8 624 | 5 526 | 33 227 | 501,3 | |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 416 | 0 | 162 | 416 | 162 | -61,1 | |
| | | R'000 | 2 496 | 0 | 1 782 | 2 496 | 1 782 | -28,6 | |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 11 885 | 2 841 | 6 392 | 23 267 | 9 233 | -60,3 | |
| | | R'000 | 92 108 | 17 215 | 46 969 | 165 971 | 64 184 | -61,3 | |
| | Other non-residential buildings ³ | square metres | 0 | 1 715 | 0 | 806 | 1 715 | 112,8 | |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 15 092 | 0 | 10 075 | 15 092 | 49,8 | |
| | Total non-residential buildings | | R'000 | 100 130 | 56 910 | 57 375 | 184 068 | 114 285 | -37,9 |
| | Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 18 995 | 18 055 | 23 495 | 31 565 | 41 550 | 31,6 |
| R'000 | | | 200 453 | 191 898 | 239 311 | 338 296 | 431 209 | 27,5 | |
| Other buildings ⁴ | | square metres | 8 027 | 1 887 | 8 026 | 17 744 | 9 913 | -44,1 | |
| | | R'000 | 108 134 | 31 970 | 127 368 | 220 991 | 159 338 | -27,9 | |
| Total additions and alterations | | R'000 | 308 587 | 223 868 | 366 679 | 559 287 | 590 547 | 5,6 | |
| Building plans passed | | Total at current prices | R'000 | 828 827 | 574 982 | 1 011 788 | 1 366 300 | 1 586 770 | 16,1 |

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

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

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

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

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

| | | | Feb 2023 | Jan 2024 | Feb 2024 | Jan – Feb 2023 | Jan – Feb 2024 | % change ¹ |
|--|--|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 7 | 12 | 6 | 14 | 18 | 28,6 |
| | | square metres | 449 | 574 | 363 | 756 | 937 | 23,9 |
| | | R'000 | 2 959 | 4 132 | 2 716 | 4 838 | 6 848 | 41,5 |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 65 | 34 | 54 | 113 | 88 | -22,1 |
| | | square metres | 19 096 | 8 739 | 16 554 | 34 433 | 25 293 | -26,5 |
| | | R'000 | 141 066 | 64 377 | 120 352 | 249 367 | 184 729 | -25,9 |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 14 | 9 | 20 | 30 | 29 | -3,3 |
| | | square metres | 736 | 792 | 1 479 | 2 004 | 2 271 | 13,3 |
| | | R'000 | 4 269 | 4 899 | 10 513 | 11 885 | 15 412 | 29,7 |
| | Other residential buildings ² | square metres | 1 895 | 310 | 0 | 1 895 | 310 | -83,6 |
| | | R'000 | 14 586 | 1 917 | 0 | 14 586 | 1 917 | -86,9 |
| | Total residential buildings | R'000 | 162 880 | 75 325 | 133 581 | 280 676 | 208 906 | -25,6 |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 0 | 0 | 102 | 5 738 | 102 | -98,2 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 630 | 33 280 | 630 | -98,1 |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 4 926 | 2 438 | 2 706 | 11 040 | 5 144 | -53,4 |
| | | R'000 | 34 215 | 19 844 | 19 737 | 72 030 | 39 581 | -45,0 |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 360 | 479 | 0 | 360 | 479 | 33,1 |
| | | R'000 | 2 088 | 2 898 | 0 | 2 088 | 2 898 | 38,8 |
| | Other non-residential buildings ³ | square metres | 991 | 1 100 | 124 | 1 051 | 1 224 | 16,5 |
| | | R'000 | 6 153 | 6 804 | 767 | 6 524 | 7 571 | 16,0 |
| | Total non-residential buildings | R'000 | 42 456 | 29 546 | 21 134 | 113 922 | 50 680 | -55,5 |
| | Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 5 865 | 5 783 | 6 146 | 12 865 | 11 929 |
| R'000 | | | 38 877 | 40 410 | 44 080 | 82 211 | 84 490 | 2,8 |
| Other buildings ⁴ | | square metres | 1 958 | 585 | 313 | 2 027 | 898 | -55,7 |
| | | R'000 | 20 368 | 4 969 | 20 147 | 30 149 | 25 116 | -16,7 |
| Total additions and alterations | | R'000 | 59 245 | 45 379 | 64 227 | 112 360 | 109 606 | -2,5 |
| Building plans passed | Total at current prices | R'000 | 264 581 | 150 250 | 218 942 | 506 958 | 369 192 | -27,2 |

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

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

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

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

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

| | | | Feb 2023 | Jan 2024 | Feb 2024 | Jan – Feb 2023 | Jan – Feb 2024 | % change ¹ | |
|--|--|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 468 | 234 | 99 | 606 | 333 | -45,0 | |
| | | square metres | 22 443 | 14 280 | 5 606 | 29 441 | 19 886 | -32,5 | |
| | | R'000 | 145 332 | 122 116 | 41 611 | 197 785 | 163 727 | -17,2 | |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 300 | 210 | 311 | 480 | 521 | 8,5 | |
| | | square metres | 92 980 | 68 420 | 73 105 | 148 884 | 141 525 | -4,9 | |
| | | R'000 | 916 858 | 656 365 | 698 325 | 1 477 144 | 1 354 690 | -8,3 | |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 1 065 | 228 | 124 | 1 566 | 352 | -77,5 | |
| | | square metres | 105 688 | 34 044 | 15 658 | 138 526 | 49 702 | -64,1 | |
| | | R'000 | 1 153 053 | 325 781 | 171 888 | 1 553 469 | 497 669 | -68,0 | |
| | Other residential buildings ² | square metres | 226 | 1 033 | 1 902 | 226 | 2 935 | 1 198,7 | |
| | | R'000 | 1 646 | 10 263 | 13 783 | 1 646 | 24 046 | 1 360,9 | |
| | Total residential buildings | | R'000 | 2 216 889 | 1 114 525 | 925 607 | 3 230 044 | 2 040 132 | -36,8 |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 15 816 | 230 | 198 | 18 787 | 428 | -97,7 | |
| | | R'000 | 203 384 | 2 996 | 1 718 | 240 400 | 4 714 | -98,0 | |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 742 | 8 342 | 0 | 2 506 | 8 342 | 232,9 | |
| | | R'000 | 6 059 | 70 859 | 0 | 26 556 | 70 859 | 166,8 | |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 52 018 | 12 108 | 65 280 | 57 404 | 77 388 | 34,8 | |
| | | R'000 | 381 518 | 106 810 | 490 720 | 415 486 | 597 530 | 43,8 | |
| | Other non-residential buildings ³ | square metres | 40 358 | 0 | 23 998 | 49 242 | 23 998 | -51,3 | |
| | | R'000 | 334 458 | 0 | 196 881 | 419 885 | 196 881 | -53,1 | |
| | Total non-residential buildings | | R'000 | 925 419 | 180 665 | 689 319 | 1 102 327 | 869 984 | -21,1 |
| | Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 74 599 | 40 801 | 54 220 | 130 941 | 95 021 | -27,4 |
| R'000 | | | 691 158 | 409 004 | 542 471 | 1 247 404 | 951 475 | -23,7 | |
| Other buildings ⁴ | | square metres | 26 190 | 6 472 | 19 512 | 36 067 | 25 984 | -28,0 | |
| | | R'000 | 180 452 | 56 881 | 165 863 | 269 384 | 222 744 | -17,3 | |
| Total additions and alterations | | R'000 | 871 610 | 465 885 | 708 334 | 1 516 788 | 1 174 219 | -22,6 | |
| Building plans passed | | Total at current prices | R'000 | 4 013 918 | 1 761 075 | 2 323 260 | 5 849 159 | 4 084 335 | -30,2 |

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

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

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

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

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

| | | | Feb 2023 | Jan 2024 | Feb 2024 | Jan – Feb 2023 | Jan – Feb 2024 | % change ¹ | |
|--|--|--------------------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 34 | 12 | 19 | 48 | 31 | -35,4 | |
| | | square metres | 2 145 | 794 | 1 346 | 2 822 | 2 140 | -24,2 | |
| | | R'000 | 17 532 | 6 524 | 9 927 | 21 901 | 16 451 | -24,9 | |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 71 | 29 | 64 | 131 | 93 | -29,0 | |
| | | square metres | 25 592 | 9 692 | 29 353 | 47 603 | 39 045 | -18,0 | |
| | | R'000 | 196 361 | 61 899 | 187 648 | 365 279 | 249 547 | -31,7 | |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 12 | 8 | 62 | 28 | 70 | 150,0 | |
| | | square metres | 757 | 492 | 4 620 | 1 782 | 5 112 | 186,9 | |
| | | R'000 | 4 786 | 4 403 | 29 208 | 11 126 | 33 611 | 202,1 | |
| | Other residential buildings ² | square metres | 0 | 0 | 1 195 | 0 | 1 195 | .. | |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 8 007 | 0 | 8 007 | .. | |
| | Total residential buildings | | R'000 | 218 679 | 72 826 | 234 790 | 398 306 | 307 616 | -22,8 |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 0 | 0 | 1 438 | 400 | 1 438 | 259,5 | |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 9 091 | 2 528 | 9 091 | 259,6 | |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 1 132 | 0 | 9 639 | 4 200 | 9 639 | 129,5 | |
| | | R'000 | 7 112 | 0 | 59 905 | 26 181 | 59 905 | 128,8 | |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 0 | 1 097 | 5 511 | 5 557 | 6 608 | 18,9 | |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 7 106 | 37 184 | 43 008 | 44 290 | 3,0 | |
| | Other non-residential buildings ³ | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 696 | 0 | -100,0 | |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 304 | 0 | -100,0 | |
| Total non-residential buildings | | R'000 | 7 112 | 7 106 | 106 180 | 76 021 | 113 286 | 49,0 | |
| Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 15 996 | 6 658 | 9 081 | 22 639 | 15 739 | -30,5 | |
| | | R'000 | 116 913 | 47 108 | 64 142 | 162 150 | 111 250 | -31,4 | |
| | Other buildings ⁴ | square metres | 881 | 1 295 | 1 060 | 1 118 | 2 355 | 110,6 | |
| | | R'000 | 9 494 | 8 310 | 13 071 | 13 167 | 21 381 | 62,4 | |
| | Total additions and alterations | | R'000 | 126 407 | 55 418 | 77 213 | 175 317 | 132 631 | -24,3 |
| Building plans passed | | Total at current prices | R'000 | 352 198 | 135 350 | 418 183 | 649 644 | 553 533 | -14,8 |

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

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

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

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

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

| | | | Feb 2023 | Jan 2024 | Feb 2024 | Jan – Feb 2023 | Jan – Feb 2024 | % change ¹ |
|--|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 2 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 50,0 |
| | | square metres | 131 | 0 | 415 | 260 | 415 | 59,6 |
| | | R'000 | 852 | 0 | 2 590 | 1 695 | 2 590 | 52,8 |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 26 | 36 | 35 | 57 | 71 | 24,6 |
| | | square metres | 8 541 | 11 267 | 11 678 | 17 850 | 22 945 | 28,5 |
| | | R'000 | 60 433 | 79 453 | 80 864 | 125 844 | 160 317 | 27,4 |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 34 | 45 | 0 | 64 | 45 | -29,7 |
| | | square metres | 2 554 | 3 399 | 0 | 5 729 | 3 399 | -40,7 |
| | | R'000 | 16 745 | 28 539 | 0 | 37 841 | 28 539 | -24,6 |
| | Other residential buildings ² | square metres | 268 | 0 | 0 | 268 | 0 | -100,0 |
| | | R'000 | 1 966 | 0 | 0 | 1 966 | 0 | -100,0 |
| | Total residential buildings | R'000 | 79 996 | 107 992 | 83 454 | 167 346 | 191 446 | 14,4 |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 0 | 740 | 0 | 0 | 740 | .. |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 5 086 | 0 | 0 | 5 086 | .. |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 7 984 | 0 | 9 023 | 12 234 | 9 023 | -26,2 |
| | | R'000 | 54 874 | 0 | 66 193 | 84 084 | 66 193 | -21,3 |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 1 038 | 4 395 | 374 | 2 487 | 4 769 | 91,8 |
| | | R'000 | 7 134 | 30 289 | 2 741 | 16 448 | 33 030 | 100,8 |
| | Other non-residential buildings ³ | square metres | 0 | 64 | 9 061 | 0 | 9 125 | .. |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 470 | 62 276 | 0 | 62 746 | .. |
| Total non-residential buildings | R'000 | 62 008 | 35 845 | 131 210 | 100 532 | 167 055 | 66,2 | |
| Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 2 643 | 1 673 | 3 422 | 6 486 | 5 095 | -21,4 |
| | | R'000 | 17 653 | 11 688 | 23 647 | 43 625 | 35 335 | -19,0 |
| | Other buildings ⁴ | square metres | 333 | 711 | 1 712 | 333 | 2 423 | 627,6 |
| | | R'000 | 6 933 | 10 398 | 10 791 | 12 431 | 21 189 | 70,5 |
| | Total additions and alterations | R'000 | 24 586 | 22 086 | 34 438 | 56 056 | 56 524 | 0,8 |
| Building plans passed | Total at current prices | R'000 | 166 590 | 165 923 | 249 102 | 323 934 | 415 025 | 28,1 |

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

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

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

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

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

| | | | Feb 2023 | Jan 2024 | Feb 2024 | Jan – Feb 2023 | Jan – Feb 2024 | % change ¹ | |
|--|--|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 628 | 197 | 408 | 894 | 605 | -32,3 | |
| | | square metres | 32 845 | 10 809 | 21 462 | 46 590 | 32 271 | -30,7 | |
| | | R'000 | 231 534 | 78 910 | 156 840 | 324 473 | 235 750 | -27,3 | |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 725 | 377 | 645 | 1 202 | 1 022 | -15,0 | |
| | | square metres | 178 412 | 104 041 | 159 000 | 291 716 | 263 041 | -9,8 | |
| | | R'000 | 1 539 900 | 931 402 | 1 338 187 | 2 538 164 | 2 269 589 | -10,6 | |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 720 | 786 | 779 | 1 312 | 1 565 | 19,3 | |
| | | square metres | 68 692 | 77 369 | 69 741 | 125 181 | 147 110 | 17,5 | |
| | | R'000 | 615 342 | 808 427 | 598 883 | 1 104 148 | 1 407 310 | 27,5 | |
| | Other residential buildings ² | square metres | 2 815 | 1 263 | 11 372 | 6 342 | 12 635 | 99,2 | |
| | | R'000 | 27 447 | 16 126 | 76 849 | 48 514 | 92 975 | 91,6 | |
| | Total residential buildings | | R'000 | 2 414 223 | 1 834 865 | 2 170 759 | 4 015 299 | 4 005 624 | -0,2 |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 16 041 | 8 696 | 7 862 | 88 387 | 16 558 | -81,3 | |
| | | R'000 | 194 248 | 77 829 | 74 759 | 1 131 201 | 152 588 | -86,5 | |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 9 110 | 34 939 | 4 806 | 31 293 | 39 745 | 27,0 | |
| | | R'000 | 83 851 | 376 539 | 52 542 | 259 504 | 429 081 | 65,3 | |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 25 072 | 29 711 | 40 606 | 62 568 | 70 317 | 12,4 | |
| | | R'000 | 161 210 | 257 530 | 303 138 | 404 552 | 560 668 | 38,6 | |
| | Other non-residential buildings ³ | square metres | 17 997 | 3 499 | 2 110 | 29 993 | 5 609 | -81,3 | |
| | | R'000 | 130 441 | 26 337 | 13 051 | 226 274 | 39 388 | -82,6 | |
| Total non-residential buildings | | R'000 | 569 750 | 738 235 | 443 490 | 2 021 531 | 1 181 725 | -41,5 | |
| Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 53 729 | 45 402 | 69 556 | 86 527 | 114 958 | 32,9 | |
| | | R'000 | 447 085 | 384 837 | 588 092 | 722 131 | 972 929 | 34,7 | |
| | Other buildings ⁴ | square metres | 44 253 | 23 249 | 26 235 | 65 324 | 49 484 | -24,2 | |
| | | R'000 | 404 099 | 277 415 | 270 773 | 665 149 | 548 188 | -17,6 | |
| | Total additions and alterations | | R'000 | 851 184 | 662 252 | 858 865 | 1 387 280 | 1 521 117 | 9,6 |
| Buildings completed | | Total at current prices | R'000 | 3 835 157 | 3 235 352 | 3 473 114 | 7 424 110 | 6 708 466 | -9,6 |

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2023 and 2024.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

| | | | Feb 2023 | Jan 2024 | Feb 2024 | Jan – Feb 2023 | Jan – Feb 2024 | % change ¹ |
|--|--|-----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 137 | 84 | 128 | 268 | 212 | -20,9 |
| | | square metres | 5 941 | 4 073 | 5 988 | 12 112 | 10 061 | -16,9 |
| | | R'000 | 36 673 | 28 982 | 41 491 | 73 502 | 70 473 | -4,1 |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 213 | 126 | 225 | 362 | 351 | -3,0 |
| | | square metres | 53 329 | 31 191 | 55 193 | 89 087 | 86 384 | -3,0 |
| | | R'000 | 388 298 | 232 467 | 393 394 | 634 743 | 625 861 | -1,4 |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 161 | 184 | 318 | 609 | 502 | -17,6 |
| | | square metres | 22 868 | 23 315 | 38 179 | 63 927 | 61 494 | -3,8 |
| | | R'000 | 175 765 | 211 871 | 332 522 | 499 617 | 544 393 | 9,0 |
| | Other residential buildings ² | square metres | 998 | 1 263 | 8 974 | 4 525 | 10 237 | 126,2 |
| | | R'000 | 6 857 | 16 126 | 56 042 | 27 924 | 72 168 | 158,4 |
| | Total residential buildings | R'000 | 607 593 | 489 446 | 823 449 | 1 235 786 | 1 312 895 | 6,2 |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 0 | 0 | 7 620 | 0 | 7 620 | .. |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 71 876 | 0 | 71 876 | .. |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 7 829 | 0 | 0 | 20 612 | 0 | -100,0 |
| | | R'000 | 71 618 | 0 | 0 | 151 193 | 0 | -100,0 |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 1 157 | 3 387 | 21 989 | 7 690 | 25 376 | 230,0 |
| | | R'000 | 6 942 | 26 744 | 167 602 | 56 094 | 194 346 | 246,5 |
| | Other non-residential buildings ³ | square metres | 15 096 | 3 040 | 2 110 | 23 197 | 5 150 | -77,8 |
| | | R'000 | 106 529 | 22 994 | 13 051 | 162 708 | 36 045 | -77,8 |
| | Total non-residential buildings | R'000 | 185 089 | 49 738 | 252 529 | 369 995 | 302 267 | -18,3 |
| | Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 21 321 | 10 017 | 18 989 | 35 457 | 29 006 |
| R'000 | | | 155 784 | 71 964 | 133 212 | 251 765 | 205 176 | -18,5 |
| Other buildings ⁴ | | square metres | 35 060 | 8 430 | 3 308 | 51 532 | 11 738 | -77,2 |
| | | R'000 | 302 642 | 88 552 | 43 245 | 461 244 | 131 797 | -71,4 |
| Total additions and alterations | | R'000 | 458 426 | 160 516 | 176 457 | 713 009 | 336 973 | -52,7 |
| Buildings completed | Total at current prices | R'000 | 1 251 108 | 699 700 | 1 252 435 | 2 318 790 | 1 952 135 | -15,8 |

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2023 and 2024.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

| | | | Feb 2023 | Jan 2024 | Feb 2024 | Jan – Feb 2023 | Jan – Feb 2024 | % change ¹ | |
|----------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 39 | 4 | 49 | 52 | 53 | 1,9 | |
| | | square metres | 2 029 | 209 | 2 890 | 2 835 | 3 099 | 9,3 | |
| | | R'000 | 13 188 | 1 691 | 23 114 | 19 446 | 24 805 | 27,6 | |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 88 | 15 | 45 | 128 | 60 | -53,1 | |
| | | square metres | 21 141 | 4 350 | 8 060 | 30 146 | 12 410 | -58,8 | |
| | | R'000 | 182 714 | 35 040 | 64 428 | 258 775 | 99 468 | -61,6 | |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 1 | 0 | 317 | 1 | 317 | 31 600,0 | |
| | | square metres | 660 | 0 | 17 421 | 660 | 17 421 | 2 539,5 | |
| | | R'000 | 5 443 | 0 | 139 503 | 5 443 | 139 503 | 2 463,0 | |
| | Other residential buildings ² | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .. | |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .. | |
| | Total residential buildings | | R'000 | 201 345 | 36 731 | 227 045 | 283 664 | 263 776 | -7,0 |
| 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 | 841 | 0 | 0 | 841 | 0 | -100,0 | |
| | | R'000 | 7 513 | 0 | 0 | 7 513 | 0 | -100,0 | |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 0 | 0 | 1 958 | 2 484 | 1 958 | -21,2 | |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 14 367 | 15 364 | 14 367 | -6,5 | |
| | Other non-residential buildings ³ | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .. | |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .. | |
| | Total non-residential buildings | | R'000 | 7 513 | 0 | 14 367 | 22 877 | 14 367 | -37,2 |
| Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 6 153 | 13 063 | 18 029 | 9 111 | 31 092 | 241,3 | |
| | | R'000 | 51 194 | 106 207 | 147 181 | 76 223 | 253 388 | 232,4 | |
| | Other buildings ⁴ | square metres | 1 111 | 5 078 | 10 580 | 1 258 | 15 658 | 1 144,7 | |
| | | R'000 | 9 833 | 51 316 | 88 268 | 14 027 | 139 584 | 895,1 | |
| | Total additions and alterations | | R'000 | 61 027 | 157 523 | 235 449 | 90 250 | 392 972 | 335,4 |
| Buildings completed | | Total at current prices | R'000 | 269 885 | 194 254 | 476 861 | 396 791 | 671 115 | 69,1 |

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

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

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

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

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

| | | | Feb 2023 | Jan 2024 | Feb 2024 | Jan – Feb 2023 | Jan – Feb 2024 | % change ¹ |
|--|--|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | .. |
| | | square metres | 0 | 0 | 58 | 0 | 58 | .. |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 546 | 0 | 546 | .. |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 4 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 40,0 |
| | | square metres | 1 100 | 429 | 1 251 | 1 432 | 1 680 | 17,3 |
| | | R'000 | 10 354 | 4 038 | 11 776 | 13 479 | 15 814 | 17,3 |
| | 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 | 1 164 | 0 | 1 164 | .. |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 10 957 | 0 | 10 957 | .. |
| | Total residential buildings | R'000 | 10 354 | 4 038 | 23 279 | 13 479 | 27 317 | 102,7 |
| 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 | 619 | 0 | 619 | .. |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 5 827 | 0 | 5 827 | .. |
| | Other non-residential buildings ³ | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .. |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .. |
| Total non-residential buildings | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 5 827 | 0 | 5 827 | .. | |
| Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 1 494 | 1 238 | 937 | 2 089 | 2 175 | 4,1 |
| | | R'000 | 14 063 | 11 653 | 8 820 | 19 664 | 20 473 | 4,1 |
| | Other buildings ⁴ | square metres | 0 | 819 | 14 | 554 | 833 | 50,4 |
| | | R'000 | 170 | 7 799 | 132 | 5 385 | 7 931 | 47,3 |
| | Total additions and alterations | R'000 | 14 233 | 19 452 | 8 952 | 25 049 | 28 404 | 13,4 |
| Buildings completed | Total at current prices | R'000 | 24 587 | 23 490 | 38 058 | 38 528 | 61 548 | 59,7 |

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

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

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

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

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

| | | | Feb 2023 | Jan 2024 | Feb 2024 | Jan – Feb 2023 | Jan – Feb 2024 | % change ¹ | |
|--|--|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 32 | 0 | 0 | 32 | 0 | -100,0 | |
| | | square metres | 1 755 | 0 | 0 | 1 755 | 0 | -100,0 | |
| | | R'000 | 16 885 | 0 | 0 | 16 885 | 0 | -100,0 | |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 17 | 10 | 13 | 21 | 23 | 9,5 | |
| | | square metres | 3 575 | 2 094 | 2 802 | 4 311 | 4 896 | 13,6 | |
| | | R'000 | 27 922 | 14 070 | 23 076 | 32 534 | 37 146 | 14,2 | |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | -100,0 | |
| | | square metres | 104 | 0 | 0 | 104 | 0 | -100,0 | |
| | | R'000 | 858 | 0 | 0 | 858 | 0 | -100,0 | |
| | Other residential buildings ² | square metres | 0 | 0 | 853 | 0 | 853 | .. | |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 6 800 | 0 | 6 800 | .. | |
| Total residential buildings | | R'000 | 45 665 | 14 070 | 29 876 | 50 277 | 43 946 | -12,6 | |
| 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 | 145 | 0 | 0 | 145 | .. | |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 897 | 0 | 0 | 897 | .. | |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 62 | 0 | 0 | 62 | 0 | -100,0 | |
| | | R'000 | 511 | 0 | 0 | 511 | 0 | -100,0 | |
| | Other non-residential buildings ³ | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .. | |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .. | |
| Total non-residential buildings | | R'000 | 511 | 897 | 0 | 511 | 897 | 75,5 | |
| Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 1 596 | 3 193 | 3 514 | 1 858 | 6 707 | 261,0 | |
| | | R'000 | 11 673 | 19 836 | 24 117 | 13 312 | 43 953 | 230,2 | |
| | Other buildings ⁴ | square metres | 679 | 0 | 0 | 679 | 0 | -100,0 | |
| | | R'000 | 5 630 | 3 365 | 50 | 5 630 | 3 415 | -39,3 | |
| Total additions and alterations | | R'000 | 17 303 | 23 201 | 24 167 | 18 942 | 47 368 | 150,1 | |
| Buildings completed | Total at current prices | | R'000 | 63 479 | 38 168 | 54 043 | 69 730 | 92 211 | 32,2 |

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

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

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

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

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

| | | | Feb 2023 | Jan 2024 | Feb 2024 | Jan – Feb 2023 | Jan – Feb 2024 | % change ¹ |
|--|--|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 13 | 6 | 12 | 13 | 18 | 38,5 |
| | | square metres | 832 | 367 | 640 | 832 | 1 007 | 21,0 |
| | | R'000 | 5 938 | 3 274 | 5 907 | 5 938 | 9 181 | 54,6 |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 45 | 37 | 42 | 73 | 79 | 8,2 |
| | | square metres | 15 079 | 11 023 | 11 181 | 24 529 | 22 204 | -9,5 |
| | | R'000 | 161 203 | 112 669 | 115 075 | 271 453 | 227 744 | -16,1 |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 113 | 86 | 50 | 146 | 136 | -6,8 |
| | | square metres | 11 372 | 6 216 | 6 691 | 15 854 | 12 907 | -18,6 |
| | | R'000 | 116 685 | 49 604 | 64 741 | 173 715 | 114 345 | -34,2 |
| | Other residential buildings ² | square metres | 0 | 0 | 381 | 0 | 381 | .. |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 3 050 | 0 | 3 050 | .. |
| Total residential buildings | R'000 | 283 826 | 165 547 | 188 773 | 451 106 | 354 320 | -21,5 | |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 7 261 | 0 | 0 | 9 437 | 0 | -100,0 |
| | | R'000 | 79 871 | 0 | 0 | 102 719 | 0 | -100,0 |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 0 | 33 849 | 0 | 1 221 | 33 849 | 2 672,2 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 369 577 | 0 | 8 547 | 369 577 | 4 224,1 |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 1 943 | 9 323 | 2 217 | 3 283 | 11 540 | 251,5 |
| | | R'000 | 9 715 | 70 241 | 13 304 | 17 755 | 83 545 | 370,5 |
| | Other non-residential buildings ³ | square metres | 1 069 | 0 | 0 | 1 104 | 0 | -100,0 |
| | | R'000 | 10 503 | 0 | 0 | 10 941 | 0 | -100,0 |
| | Total non-residential buildings | R'000 | 100 089 | 439 818 | 13 304 | 139 962 | 453 122 | 223,7 |
| | Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 7 087 | 5 061 | 8 294 | 11 416 | 13 355 |
| R'000 | | | 79 102 | 58 343 | 97 814 | 128 965 | 156 157 | 21,1 |
| Other buildings ⁴ | | square metres | 943 | 101 | 6 223 | 2 504 | 6 324 | 152,6 |
| | | R'000 | 12 831 | 23 187 | 93 191 | 30 426 | 116 378 | 282,5 |
| Total additions and alterations | | R'000 | 91 933 | 81 530 | 191 005 | 159 391 | 272 535 | 71,0 |
| Buildings completed | Total at current prices | R'000 | 475 848 | 686 895 | 393 082 | 750 459 | 1 079 977 | 43,9 |

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

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

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

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

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

| | | | Feb 2023 | Jan 2024 | Feb 2024 | Jan – Feb 2023 | Jan – Feb 2024 | % change ¹ |
|--|--|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 40 | 4 | 24 | 47 | 28 | -40,4 |
| | | square metres | 2 411 | 264 | 1 379 | 2 876 | 1 643 | -42,9 |
| | | R'000 | 14 011 | 1 777 | 9 862 | 16 724 | 11 639 | -30,4 |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 55 | 38 | 44 | 87 | 82 | -5,7 |
| | | square metres | 14 815 | 8 191 | 9 376 | 21 052 | 17 567 | -16,6 |
| | | R'000 | 106 020 | 60 865 | 65 391 | 148 284 | 126 256 | -14,9 |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 30 | 0 | 8 | 30 | 8 | -73,3 |
| | | square metres | 1 916 | 0 | 332 | 1 916 | 332 | -82,7 |
| | | R'000 | 11 850 | 0 | 2 053 | 11 850 | 2 053 | -82,7 |
| | Other residential buildings ² | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .. |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .. |
| Total residential buildings | R'000 | 131 881 | 62 642 | 77 306 | 176 858 | 139 948 | -20,9 | |
| 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 | 670 | 45 | 670 | 1 388,9 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 5 007 | 278 | 5 007 | 1 701,1 |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 421 | 0 | 1 621 | 421 | 1 621 | 285,0 |
| | | R'000 | 2 604 | 0 | 10 026 | 2 604 | 10 026 | 285,0 |
| | Other non-residential buildings ³ | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .. |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .. |
| Total non-residential buildings | R'000 | 2 604 | 0 | 15 033 | 2 882 | 15 033 | 421,6 | |
| Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 1 638 | 1 971 | 5 388 | 2 934 | 7 359 | 150,8 |
| | | R'000 | 10 131 | 13 503 | 33 606 | 18 004 | 47 109 | 161,7 |
| | Other buildings ⁴ | square metres | 654 | 336 | 1 149 | 654 | 1 485 | 127,1 |
| | | R'000 | 14 963 | 6 599 | 9 471 | 32 258 | 16 070 | -50,2 |
| | Total additions and alterations | R'000 | 25 094 | 20 102 | 43 077 | 50 262 | 63 179 | 25,7 |
| Buildings completed | Total at current prices | R'000 | 159 579 | 82 744 | 135 416 | 230 002 | 218 160 | -5,1 |

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

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

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

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

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

| | | | Feb 2023 | Jan 2024 | Feb 2024 | Jan – Feb 2023 | Jan – Feb 2024 | % change ¹ |
|--|--|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 343 | 93 | 184 | 452 | 277 | -38,7 |
| | | square metres | 18 334 | 5 500 | 9 849 | 24 239 | 15 349 | -36,7 |
| | | R'000 | 133 231 | 40 430 | 71 178 | 177 694 | 111 608 | -37,2 |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 252 | 125 | 208 | 432 | 333 | -22,9 |
| | | square metres | 58 735 | 41 287 | 57 135 | 99 914 | 98 422 | -1,5 |
| | | R'000 | 587 233 | 433 570 | 563 001 | 1 024 801 | 996 571 | -2,8 |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 242 | 516 | 68 | 352 | 584 | 65,9 |
| | | square metres | 23 157 | 47 838 | 4 412 | 33 903 | 52 250 | 54,1 |
| | | R'000 | 245 530 | 546 952 | 41 466 | 352 010 | 588 418 | 67,2 |
| | Other residential buildings ² | square metres | 1 817 | 0 | 0 | 1 817 | 0 | -100,0 |
| | | R'000 | 20 590 | 0 | 0 | 20 590 | 0 | -100,0 |
| Total residential buildings | R'000 | 986 584 | 1 020 952 | 675 645 | 1 575 095 | 1 696 597 | 7,7 | |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 8 780 | 0 | 242 | 78 950 | 242 | -99,7 |
| | | R'000 | 114 377 | 0 | 2 883 | 1 028 482 | 2 883 | -99,7 |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 440 | 945 | 3 886 | 8 574 | 4 831 | -43,7 |
| | | R'000 | 4 720 | 6 065 | 46 155 | 91 973 | 52 220 | -43,2 |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 20 462 | 12 550 | 4 502 | 47 601 | 17 052 | -64,2 |
| | | R'000 | 134 380 | 129 953 | 39 879 | 305 166 | 169 832 | -44,3 |
| | Other non-residential buildings ³ | square metres | 1 832 | 459 | 0 | 5 692 | 459 | -91,9 |
| | | R'000 | 13 409 | 3 343 | 0 | 52 625 | 3 343 | -93,6 |
| | Total non-residential buildings | R'000 | 266 886 | 139 361 | 88 917 | 1 478 246 | 228 278 | -84,6 |
| | Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 9 793 | 9 944 | 13 359 | 18 265 | 23 303 |
| R'000 | | | 94 041 | 96 969 | 136 186 | 178 110 | 233 155 | 30,9 |
| Other buildings ⁴ | | square metres | 5 806 | 8 458 | 4 193 | 8 120 | 12 651 | 55,8 |
| | | R'000 | 55 870 | 94 747 | 29 138 | 86 157 | 123 885 | 43,8 |
| Total additions and alterations | | R'000 | 149 911 | 191 716 | 165 324 | 264 267 | 357 040 | 35,1 |
| Buildings completed | Total at current prices | R'000 | 1 403 381 | 1 352 029 | 929 886 | 3 317 608 | 2 281 915 | -31,2 |

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

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

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

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

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

| | | | Feb 2023 | Jan 2024 | Feb 2024 | Jan – Feb 2023 | Jan – Feb 2024 | % change ¹ |
|--|--|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 20 | 0 | 8 | 22 | 8 | -63,6 |
| | | square metres | 1 273 | 0 | 533 | 1 380 | 533 | -61,4 |
| | | R'000 | 9 752 | 0 | 3 883 | 10 428 | 3 883 | -62,8 |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 35 | 14 | 46 | 59 | 60 | 1,7 |
| | | square metres | 5 181 | 2 908 | 8 311 | 9 499 | 11 219 | 18,1 |
| | | R'000 | 39 031 | 20 911 | 62 462 | 73 419 | 83 373 | 13,6 |
| | 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 | .. |
| Total residential buildings | R'000 | 48 783 | 20 911 | 66 345 | 83 847 | 87 256 | 4,1 | |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 0 | 8 696 | 0 | 0 | 8 696 | .. |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 77 829 | 0 | 0 | 77 829 | .. |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .. |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .. |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 0 | 0 | 5 045 | 0 | 5 045 | .. |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 35 964 | 0 | 35 964 | .. |
| | Other non-residential buildings ³ | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .. |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .. |
| Total non-residential buildings | R'000 | 0 | 77 829 | 35 964 | 0 | 113 793 | .. | |
| Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 4 077 | 0 | 1 046 | 4 245 | 1 046 | -75,4 |
| | | R'000 | 27 307 | 0 | 7 156 | 28 369 | 7 156 | -74,8 |
| | Other buildings ⁴ | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 0 | -100,0 |
| | | R'000 | 160 | 201 | 0 | 27 335 | 201 | -99,3 |
| Total additions and alterations | R'000 | 27 467 | 201 | 7 156 | 55 704 | 7 357 | -86,8 | |
| Buildings completed | Total at current prices | R'000 | 76 250 | 98 941 | 109 465 | 139 551 | 208 406 | 49,3 |

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

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

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

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

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

| | | | Feb 2023 | Jan 2024 | Feb 2024 | Jan – Feb 2023 | Jan – Feb 2024 | % change ¹ |
|--|--|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 4 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 8 | 0,0 |
| | | square metres | 270 | 396 | 125 | 561 | 521 | -7,1 |
| | | R'000 | 1 856 | 2 756 | 859 | 3 856 | 3 615 | -6,3 |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 16 | 10 | 17 | 35 | 27 | -22,9 |
| | | square metres | 5 457 | 2 568 | 5 691 | 11 746 | 8 259 | -29,7 |
| | | R'000 | 37 125 | 17 772 | 39 584 | 80 676 | 57 356 | -28,9 |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 172 | 0 | 18 | 173 | 18 | -89,6 |
| | | square metres | 8 615 | 0 | 2 706 | 8 817 | 2 706 | -69,3 |
| | | R'000 | 59 211 | 0 | 18 598 | 60 655 | 18 598 | -69,3 |
| | Other residential buildings ² | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .. |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .. |
| | Total residential buildings | | R'000 | 98 192 | 20 528 | 59 041 | 145 187 | 79 569 |
| 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 | 250 | 0 | 250 | .. |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 1 380 | 0 | 1 380 | .. |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 1 027 | 4 451 | 2 655 | 1 027 | 7 106 | 591,9 |
| | | R'000 | 7 058 | 30 592 | 16 169 | 7 058 | 46 761 | 562,5 |
| | Other non-residential buildings ³ | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .. |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .. |
| Total non-residential buildings | | R'000 | 7 058 | 30 592 | 17 549 | 7 058 | 48 141 | 582,1 |
| Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 570 | 915 | 0 | 1 152 | 915 | -20,6 |
| | | R'000 | 3 790 | 6 362 | 0 | 7 719 | 6 362 | -17,6 |
| | Other buildings ⁴ | square metres | 0 | 27 | 768 | 0 | 795 | .. |
| | | R'000 | 2 000 | 1 649 | 7 278 | 2 687 | 8 927 | 232,2 |
| | Total additions and alterations | | R'000 | 5 790 | 8 011 | 7 278 | 10 406 | 15 289 |
| Buildings completed | Total at current prices | R'000 | 111 040 | 59 131 | 83 868 | 162 651 | 142 999 | -12,1 |

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

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

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

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

Explanatory notes

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| Introduction | 1 | Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and, therefore, do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses in their reporting. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses can be obtained from the Department of Human Settlements. |
| | 2 | In order to improve timeliness of the publication, some information for the current month has been estimated due to late submission by respondents. These estimates will be revised in the next statistical release(s) as soon as actual information is available. |
| Purpose of the survey | 3 | The monthly survey data are used in monitoring the state of economy and formulation of economic policy. Furthermore, the results are important inputs to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and to calculate the Composite Leading Business Cycle Indicator. The data are extensively used by the private sector. |
| Scope of the survey | 4 | This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • passing of building plans; and • final inspection of completed buildings. |
| Classification | 5 | Building activities are classified in division five according to the 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities</i> (SIC), Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02. The SIC is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities</i> (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions. |
| Collection rate | 6 | The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for February 2024 was 84,5%. The improved collection rate for January 2024 was 93,6%. |
| Statistical unit | 7 | The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities. |
| Survey methodology and design | 8 | Stats SA conducts a monthly survey of metropolitan municipalities and large local municipalities on building plans passed and buildings completed. An annual survey of the remaining municipalities is conducted regarding buildings completed. The monthly survey represents approximately 85% of the total value of buildings completed. Information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed for the private sector is collected by email, fax and telephone. |
| Constant prices | 9 | The value of building plans passed and buildings completed at constant prices measures building activities in terms of ruling prices in a specific base year, which is currently 2019. The value of building plans passed at constant prices for each month is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with a price index known as the 'lump sum domestic buildings' as published in statistical release P0151.1: <i>Construction Materials Price Indices</i> . In order to be applicable, these indices (base December 2023=100) are converted to the base year 2019=100. |

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

Glossary

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

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