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## Key findings for January to March 2023

### Building plans passed at current prices

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

Type of building	Jan – Mar 2022	Jan – Mar 2023	Difference in value between Jan – Mar 2022 and Jan – Mar 2023	% change between Jan – Mar 2022 and Jan – Mar 2023
	1/	1/		
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
<b>Residential buildings</b>	<b>15 401 965</b>	<b>12 921 846</b>	<b>-2 480 119</b>	<b>-16,1</b>
-Dwelling-houses	9 562 681	8 449 981	-1 112 700	-11,6
-Flats and townhouses	5 544 642	4 409 245	-1 135 397	-20,5
-Other residential buildings	294 642	62 620	-232 022	-78,7
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>6 296 883</b>	<b>4 002 605</b>	<b>-2 294 278</b>	<b>-36,4</b>
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	<b>6 836 974</b>	<b>7 114 193</b>	<b>277 219</b>	<b>4,1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>28 535 822</b>	<b>24 038 644</b>	<b>-4 497 178</b>	<b>-15,8</b>

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

The value of building plans passed (at current prices) decreased by 15,8% (-R4 497,2 million) in the first quarter of 2023 compared with the first quarter of 2022.

Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-36,4% or -R2 294,3 million) and residential buildings (-16,1% or -R2 480,1 million). An increase was reported for additions and alterations (4,1% or R277,2 million) – see Table A.

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

Province	Jan – Mar 2022	Jan – Mar 2023	Weight Jan – Mar 2022	% change between Jan – Mar 2022 and Jan – Mar 2023	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan – Mar 2022 and Jan – Mar 2023	Difference in value between Jan – Mar 2022 and Jan – Mar 2023
	1/	1/				
	R'000	R'000	%			R'000
Western Cape	8 988 969	7 924 718	31,5	-11,8	-3,7	-1 064 251
Eastern Cape	1 441 133	1 197 674	5,1	-16,9	-0,9	-243 459
Northern Cape	284 832	222 462	1,0	-21,9	-0,2	-62 370
Free State	468 999	601 738	1,6	28,3	0,5	132 739
KwaZulu-Natal	5 280 030	2 277 034	18,5	-56,9	-10,5	-3 002 996
North West	726 325	714 051	2,5	-1,7	0,0	-12 274
Gauteng	9 274 908	9 281 768	32,5	0,1	0,0	6 860
Mpumalanga	1 424 858	1 217 103	5,0	-14,6	-0,7	-207 755
Limpopo	645 768	602 096	2,3	-6,8	-0,2	-43 672
<b>Total</b>	<b>28 535 822</b>	<b>24 038 644</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>-15,8</b>	<b>-15,8</b>	<b>-4 497 178</b>

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

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

The largest contributions to the total decrease of 15,8% (-R4 497,2 million) were made by KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -10,5 percentage points or -R3 003,0 million) and Western Cape (contributing -3,7 percentage points or -R1 064,3 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 – Mar 2022	Jan – Mar 2023	Difference in value between Jan – Mar 2022 and Jan – Mar 2023	% change between Jan – Mar 2022 and Jan – Mar 2023
	1/	1/		
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	12 649 729	9 990 652	-2 659 077	-21,0
Non-residential buildings	5 155 470	3 092 435	-2 063 035	-40,0
Additions and alterations	5 608 076	5 505 330	-102 746	-1,8
<b>Total</b>	<b>23 413 275</b>	<b>18 588 417</b>	<b>-4 824 858</b>	<b>-20,6</b>

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

The real value of building plans passed (at constant 2019 prices) decreased by 20,6% (-R4 824,9 million) in the first quarter of 2023 compared with the first quarter of 2022. Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-40,0% or -R2 063,0 million), residential buildings (-21,0% or -R2 659,1 million) and additions and alterations (-1,8% or -R102,7 million) – see Table C.

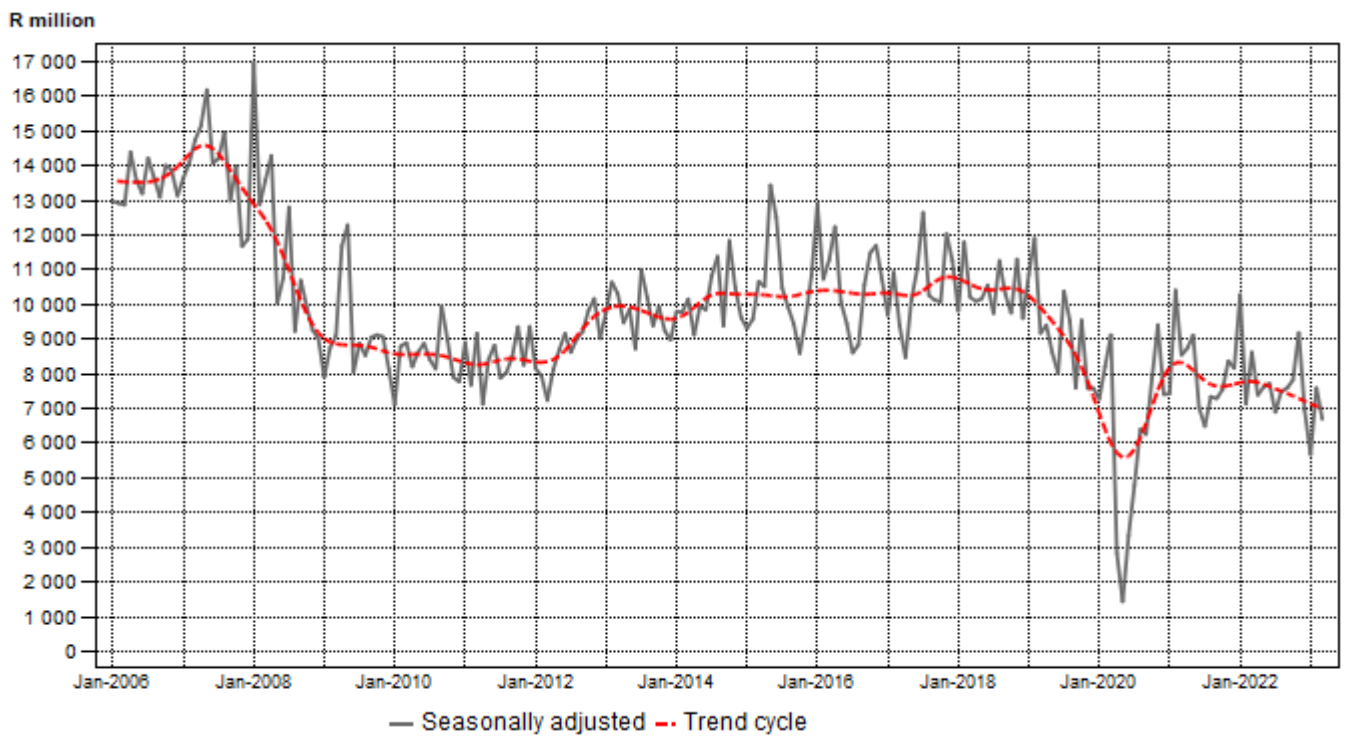
**Table D – Seasonally adjusted building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices for the latest three months by type of building**

Type of building	Oct – Dec 2022	Jan – Mar 2023	% change between Oct – Dec 2022 and Jan – Mar 2023
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	12 648 408	10 797 383	-14,6
Non-residential buildings 1/	4 837 770	3 092 435	-36,1
Additions and alterations	6 450 769	6 068 447	-5,9
<b>Total</b>	<b>23 936 947</b>	<b>19 958 265</b>	<b>-16,6</b>

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

The seasonally adjusted real value of building plans passed decreased by 16,6% in the first quarter of 2023 compared with the fourth quarter of 2022. Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-36,1%), residential buildings (-14,6%) and additions and alterations (-5,9%) – 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 – Mar 2022	Jan – Mar 2023	Difference in value between Jan – Mar 2022 and Jan – Mar 2023	% change between Jan – Mar 2022 and Jan – Mar 2023
	1/	1/		
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
<b>Residential buildings</b>	<b>7 423 153</b>	<b>6 809 579</b>	<b>-613 574</b>	<b>-8,3</b>
-Dwelling-houses	4 778 443	4 921 825	143 382	3,0
-Flats and townhouses	2 300 548	1 825 543	-475 005	-20,6
-Other residential buildings	344 162	62 211	-281 951	-81,9
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	<b>4 357 682</b>	<b>3 719 383</b>	<b>-638 299</b>	<b>-14,6</b>
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	<b>3 803 629</b>	<b>2 377 575</b>	<b>-1 426 054</b>	<b>-37,5</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>15 584 464</b>	<b>12 906 537</b>	<b>-2 677 927</b>	<b>-17,2</b>

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

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) decreased by 17,2% (-R2 677,9 million) in the first quarter of 2023 compared with the first quarter of 2022.

Decreases were reported for additions and alterations (-37,5% or -R1 426,1 million), non-residential buildings (-14,6% or -R638,3 million) and residential buildings (-8,3% or -R613,6 million) – see Table E.

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

Province	Jan – Mar 2022	Jan – Mar 2023	Weight Jan – Mar 2022	% change between Jan – Mar 2022 and Jan – Mar 2023	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan – Mar 2022 and Jan – Mar 2023	Difference in value between Jan – Mar 2022 and Jan – Mar 2023
	1/	1/				
	R'000	R'000	%			R'000
Western Cape	6 161 481	3 648 039	39,5	-40,8	-16,1	-2 513 442
Eastern Cape	810 976	597 505	5,2	-26,3	-1,4	-213 471
Northern Cape	149 265	110 184	1,0	-26,2	-0,3	-39 081
Free State	146 489	101 992	0,9	-30,4	-0,3	-44 497
KwaZulu-Natal	2 084 810	2 173 440	13,4	4,3	0,6	88 630
North West	377 799	387 740	2,4	2,6	0,1	9 941
Gauteng	5 351 802	5 242 339	34,3	-2,0	-0,7	-109 463
Mpumalanga	225 562	349 306	1,4	54,9	0,8	123 744
Limpopo	276 280	295 992	1,8	7,1	0,1	19 712
<b>Total</b>	<b>15 584 464</b>	<b>12 906 537</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>-17,2</b>	<b>-17,2</b>	<b>-2 677 927</b>

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

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

Five provinces reported year-on-year decreases in the value of buildings completed in the first quarter of 2023, of which Western Cape (contributing -16,1 percentage points or -R2 513,4 million) and Eastern Cape (contributing -1,4 percentage points or -R213,5 million) were the largest negative contributors – see Table F.

## Buildings reported as completed at constant 2019 prices

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

Type of building	Jan – Mar 2022	Jan – Mar 2023	Difference in value between Jan – Mar 2022 and Jan – Mar 2023	% change between Jan – Mar 2022 and Jan – Mar 2023
	1/	1/	R'000	
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	6 085 622	5 263 897	-821 725	-13,5
Non-residential buildings	3 562 404	2 881 224	-681 180	-19,1
Additions and alterations	3 114 919	1 838 014	-1 276 905	-41,0
<b>Total</b>	<b>12 762 945</b>	<b>9 983 135</b>	<b>-2 779 810</b>	<b>-21,8</b>

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

The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2019 prices) decreased by 21,8% (-R2 779,8 million) in the first quarter of 2023 compared with the first quarter of 2022. Decreases were reported for additions and alterations (-41,0% or -R1 276,9 million), non-residential buildings (-19,1% or -R681,2 million) and residential buildings (-13,5% or -R821,7 million) – see Table G.

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

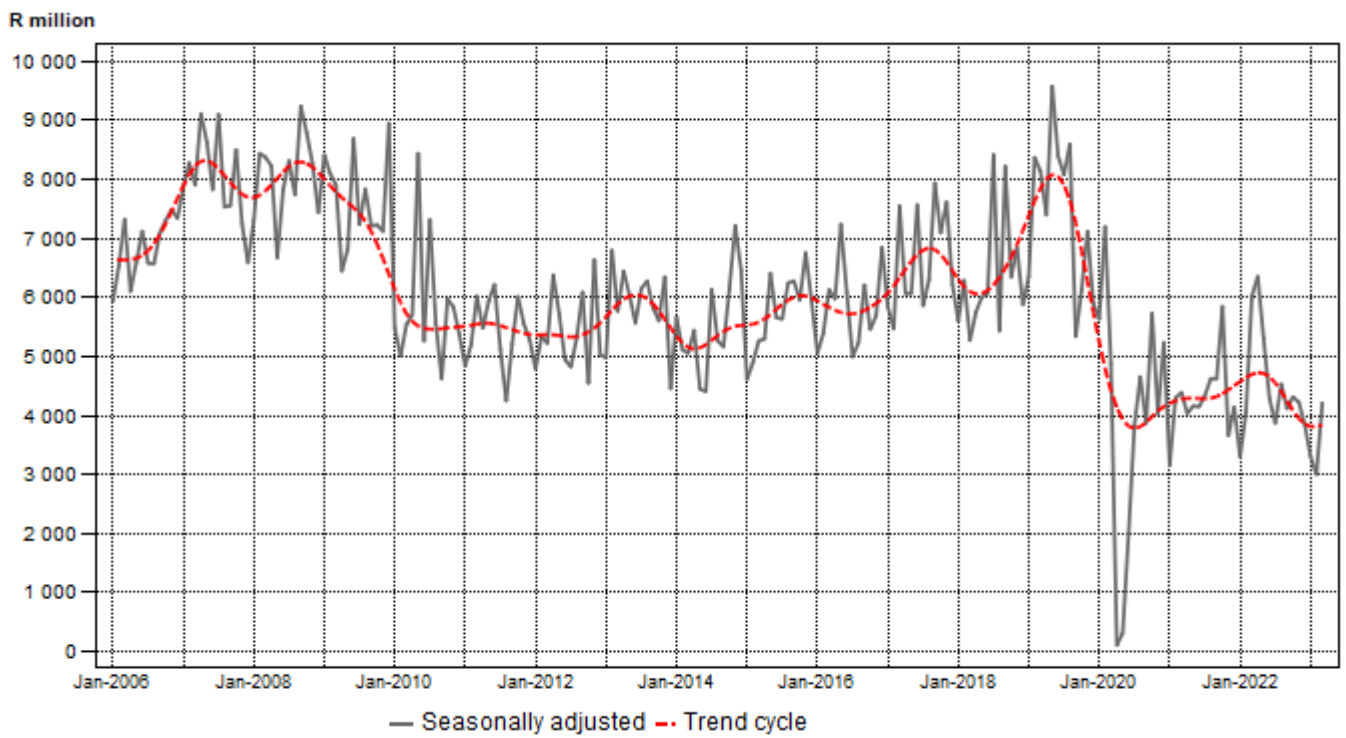
Type of building	Oct – Dec 2022	Jan – Mar 2023	% change between Oct – Dec 2022 and Jan – Mar 2023
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	7 785 178	5 857 676	-24,8
Non-residential buildings 1/	2 471 891	2 881 224	16,6
Additions and alterations	2 124 683	1 772 261	-16,6
<b>Total</b>	<b>12 381 752</b>	<b>10 511 161</b>	<b>-15,1</b>

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

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed decreased by 15,1% in the first quarter of 2023 compared with the fourth quarter of 2022. Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-24,8%) and additions and alterations (-16,6%). An increase was reported for non-residential buildings (16,6%) – see Table H.



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



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## Tables

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
<b>2022</b>	January	5 723 791	57,3	1 415 467	242,3	1 797 644	18,0	8 936 902	60,3
	February	4 568 639	-11,9	1 479 010	-55,3	2 444 275	-7,3	8 491 924	-23,7
	March	5 109 535	11,2	3 402 406	36,1	2 595 055	1,6	11 106 996	15,1
	April	4 845 407	-3,1	1 142 322	-48,9	2 478 941	16,1	8 466 670	-9,6
	May	4 974 997	-20,9	1 681 108	35,3	3 099 515	17,9	9 755 620	-4,0
	June	6 160 033	41,7	1 648 991	-14,8	2 717 245	13,2	10 526 269	21,2
	July	5 426 435	14,8	984 134	-8,0	3 035 046	21,8	9 445 615	14,0
	August	4 840 254	-14,0	1 823 251	97,1	3 626 575	41,3	10 290 080	12,8
	September	5 099 248	-2,5	1 883 600	51,9	3 143 796	16,1	10 126 644	10,3
	October	5 852 739	14,8	1 492 387	23,4	3 087 319	-3,7	10 432 445	9,7
	November	6 181 432	5,2	2 791 738	100,2	3 083 042	4,1	12 056 212	17,9
	December	3 404 524	-27,4	1 809 580	31,1	2 080 533	-0,6	7 294 637	-10,6
	<b>Total</b>	<b>62 187 034</b>	<b>3,1</b>	<b>21 553 994</b>	<b>14,4</b>	<b>33 188 986</b>	<b>11,0</b>	<b>116 930 014</b>	<b>7,2</b>
<b>2023</b>	January	2 759 426	-51,8	721 791	-49,0	1 879 038	4,5	5 360 255	-40,0
	February	5 259 446	15,1	1 665 810	12,6	2 644 298	8,2	9 569 554	12,7
	March	4 902 974	-4,0	1 615 004	-52,5	2 590 857	-0,2	9 108 835	-18,0

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2022	January	8 536 816	42,5	1 415 467	2,5	2 554 920	2,0	12 507 203	26,7
	February	4 674 000	-45,2	1 479 010	4,5	2 495 463	-2,3	8 648 473	-30,9
	March	4 684 113	0,2	3 402 406	130,0	2 542 663	1,9	10 629 182	22,9
	April	5 214 848	11,3	1 142 322	-66,4	2 750 098	8,2	9 107 268	-14,3
	May	4 824 547	-7,5	1 681 108	47,2	3 103 519	12,9	9 609 174	5,5
	June	5 548 186	15,0	1 648 991	-1,9	2 592 014	-16,5	9 789 191	1,9
	July	5 045 307	-9,1	984 134	-40,3	2 791 176	7,7	8 820 617	-9,9
	August	4 320 278	-14,4	1 823 251	85,3	3 251 303	16,5	9 394 832	6,5
	September	4 835 502	11,9	1 883 600	3,3	2 797 808	-13,9	9 516 910	1,3
	October	5 529 541	14,4	1 492 387	-20,8	2 814 663	0,6	9 836 591	3,4
	November	6 056 714	9,5	2 791 738	87,1	2 794 073	-0,7	11 642 525	18,4
	December	4 497 111	-25,7	1 809 580	-35,2	2 544 811	-8,9	8 851 502	-24,0
2023	January	3 935 576	-12,5	721 791	-60,1	2 608 920	2,5	7 266 287	-17,9
	February	5 400 647	37,2	1 665 810	130,8	2 701 374	3,5	9 767 831	34,4
	March	4 603 917	-14,8	1 615 004	-3,0	2 530 722	-6,3	8 749 643	-10,4
	<b>Oct – Dec 22</b>	<b>16 083 366</b>		<b>6 093 705</b>		<b>8 153 547</b>		<b>30 330 618</b>	
	<b>Jan – Mar 23 2/</b>	<b>13 940 140</b>	<b>-13,3</b>	<b>4 002 605</b>	<b>-34,3</b>	<b>7 841 016</b>	<b>-3,8</b>	<b>25 783 761</b>	<b>-15,0</b>

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

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

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

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

Year and month <sup>2/</sup>		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change <sup>1/</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1/</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1/</sup>	R'000	% change <sup>1/</sup>
<b>2022</b>	January	4 738 238	39,0	1 171 744	202,4	1 488 116	4,2	7 398 098	41,6
	February	3 754 017	-21,4	1 215 292	-60,1	2 008 443	-17,4	6 977 752	-32,0
	March	4 157 474	-0,6	2 768 434	21,6	2 111 517	-9,2	9 037 425	2,9
	April	3 904 438	-12,9	920 485	-54,1	1 997 535	4,3	6 822 458	-18,8
	May	3 948 410	-29,1	1 334 213	21,4	2 459 933	5,7	7 742 556	-13,9
	June	4 865 745	29,0	1 302 521	-22,4	2 146 323	3,0	8 314 589	10,3
	July	4 256 027	4,5	771 870	-16,3	2 380 428	10,8	7 408 325	3,7
	August	3 817 235	-21,0	1 437 895	81,0	2 860 075	29,8	8 115 205	3,7
	September	4 040 609	-9,1	1 492 552	41,7	2 491 122	8,2	8 024 283	2,9
	October	4 659 824	8,0	1 188 206	16,2	2 458 057	-9,3	8 306 087	3,2
	November	4 905 898	-0,4	2 215 665	89,4	2 446 859	-1,5	9 568 422	11,5
	December	2 697 721	-31,1	1 433 899	24,4	1 648 600	-5,7	5 780 220	-15,2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>49 745 636</b>	<b>-5,6</b>	<b>17 252 776</b>	<b>3,9</b>	<b>26 497 008</b>	<b>1,5</b>	<b>93 495 420</b>	<b>-2,0</b>
<b>2023</b>	January	2 165 954	-54,3	566 555	-51,6	1 474 912	-0,9	4 207 421	-43,1
	February	4 067 630	8,4	1 288 329	6,0	2 045 087	1,8	7 401 046	6,1
	March	3 757 068	-9,6	1 237 551	-55,3	1 985 331	-6,0	6 979 950	-22,8

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2022	January	7 015 657	42,5	1 171 744	1,7	2 102 565	1,0	10 289 966	26,1
	February	3 864 201	-44,9	1 215 292	3,7	2 045 932	-2,7	7 125 425	-30,8
	March	3 793 324	-1,8	2 768 434	127,8	2 064 028	0,9	8 625 786	21,1
	April	4 235 106	11,6	920 485	-66,8	2 223 479	7,7	7 379 070	-14,5
	May	3 812 513	-10,0	1 334 213	44,9	2 468 939	11,0	7 615 665	3,2
	June	4 369 967	14,6	1 302 521	-2,4	2 049 590	-17,0	7 722 078	1,4
	July	3 922 293	-10,2	771 870	-40,7	2 196 630	7,2	6 890 793	-10,8
	August	3 474 746	-11,4	1 437 895	86,3	2 574 162	17,2	7 486 803	8,6
	September	3 872 599	11,4	1 492 552	3,8	2 219 422	-13,8	7 584 573	1,3
	October	4 391 399	13,4	1 188 206	-20,4	2 235 778	0,7	7 815 383	3,0
	November	4 758 935	8,4	2 215 665	86,5	2 209 618	-1,2	9 184 218	17,5
	December	3 498 074	-26,5	1 433 899	-35,3	2 005 373	-9,2	6 937 346	-24,5
2023	January	3 057 950	-12,6	566 555	-60,5	2 039 371	1,7	5 663 876	-18,4
	February	4 221 712	38,1	1 288 329	127,4	2 087 620	2,4	7 597 661	34,1
	March	3 517 721	-16,7	1 237 551	-3,9	1 941 456	-7,0	6 696 728	-11,9
	<b>Oct – Dec 22</b>	<b>12 648 408</b>		<b>4 837 770</b>		<b>6 450 769</b>		<b>23 936 947</b>	
	<b>Jan – Mar 23 2/</b>	<b>10 797 383</b>	<b>-14,6</b>	<b>3 092 435</b>	<b>-36,1</b>	<b>6 068 447</b>	<b>-5,9</b>	<b>19 958 265</b>	<b>-16,6</b>

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

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

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
<b>2022</b>	January	1 915 442	23,1	458 707	-22,6	764 676	37,2	3 138 825	16,0
	February	2 310 014	0,8	1 271 640	-0,5	1 147 349	32,2	4 729 003	6,5
	March	3 197 697	-1,4	2 627 335	441,9	1 891 604	53,9	7 716 636	55,7
	April	3 351 268	49,1	1 172 464	11,1	2 620 953	169,1	7 144 685	67,0
	May	3 078 346	19,4	1 137 002	-3,4	2 412 256	187,7	6 627 604	44,3
	June	2 981 227	9,3	1 455 223	39,9	1 014 533	-2,3	5 450 983	13,4
	July	2 793 180	11,6	1 167 421	-6,8	1 007 968	-25,6	4 968 569	-2,8
	August	3 221 336	28,5	1 248 420	5,1	1 340 292	-25,1	5 810 048	6,0
	September	3 404 025	12,5	1 100 905	-5,9	1 026 348	-33,7	5 531 278	-3,7
	October	3 563 665	-3,3	1 069 676	-47,9	963 822	-29,7	5 597 163	-21,3
	November	4 199 248	31,2	955 555	18,4	1 061 310	-7,3	6 216 113	20,7
	December	3 174 089	-3,7	1 087 669	23,4	627 720	-18,5	4 889 478	-1,1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>37 189 537</b>	<b>13,2</b>	<b>14 752 017</b>	<b>13,6</b>	<b>15 878 831</b>	<b>17,8</b>	<b>67 820 385</b>	<b>14,3</b>
<b>2023</b>	January	1 599 678	-16,5	1 451 781	216,5	535 533	-30,0	3 586 992	14,3
	February	2 250 049	-2,6	569 750	-55,2	862 145	-24,9	3 681 944	-22,1
	March	2 959 852	-7,4	1 697 852	-35,4	979 897	-48,2	5 637 601	-26,9

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

**Table 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/
<b>2022</b>	January	2 569 968	-19,3	458 707	-48,0	979 870	9,1	4 008 545	-19,3
	February	2 567 569	-0,1	1 271 640	177,2	1 101 475	12,4	4 940 684	23,3
	March	3 166 734	23,3	2 627 335	106,6	1 616 256	46,7	7 410 325	50,0
	April	3 645 153	15,1	1 172 464	-55,4	3 029 577	87,4	7 847 194	5,9
	May	3 104 028	-14,8	1 137 002	-3,0	2 440 961	-19,4	6 681 991	-14,8
	June	2 949 976	-5,0	1 455 223	28,0	1 018 081	-58,3	5 423 280	-18,8
	July	2 763 347	-6,3	1 167 421	-19,8	988 577	-2,9	4 919 345	-9,3
	August	3 258 248	17,9	1 248 420	6,9	1 239 825	25,4	5 746 493	16,8
	September	3 140 705	-3,6	1 100 905	-11,8	939 717	-24,2	5 181 327	-9,8
	October	3 381 895	7,7	1 069 676	-2,8	964 619	2,6	5 416 190	4,5
	November	3 393 378	0,3	955 555	-10,7	969 796	0,5	5 318 729	-1,8
	December	3 027 460	-10,8	1 087 669	13,8	742 128	-23,5	4 857 257	-8,7
<b>2023</b>	January	2 137 983	-29,4	1 451 781	33,5	637 681	-14,1	4 227 445	-13,0
	February	2 488 543	16,4	569 750	-60,8	824 760	29,3	3 883 053	-8,1
	March	2 957 462	18,8	1 697 852	198,0	839 551	1,8	5 494 865	41,5
	<b>Oct – Dec 22</b>	<b>9 802 733</b>		<b>3 112 900</b>		<b>2 676 543</b>		<b>15 592 176</b>	
	<b>Jan – Mar 23 2/</b>	<b>7 583 988</b>	<b>-22,6</b>	<b>3 719 383</b>	<b>19,5</b>	<b>2 301 992</b>	<b>-14,0</b>	<b>13 605 363</b>	<b>-12,7</b>

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

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

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

**Table 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/
<b>2022</b>	January	1 585 631	8,7	379 724	-31,6	633 010	21,2	2 598 365	2,4
	February	1 898 122	-10,1	1 044 897	-11,3	942 768	17,8	3 885 787	-5,0
	March	2 601 869	-11,9	2 137 783	384,1	1 539 141	37,5	6 278 793	39,1
	April	2 700 458	34,0	944 774	-0,2	2 111 969	141,8	5 757 201	50,1
	May	2 443 132	7,1	902 383	-13,4	1 914 489	158,0	5 260 004	29,4
	June	2 354 840	-0,6	1 149 465	27,3	801 369	-11,1	4 305 674	3,2
	July	2 190 729	1,5	915 624	-15,2	790 563	-32,3	3 896 916	-11,5
	August	2 540 486	18,1	984 558	-3,5	1 057 013	-31,2	4 582 057	-2,6
	September	2 697 326	4,9	872 349	-12,3	813 271	-38,1	4 382 946	-10,2
	October	2 837 313	-9,0	851 653	-51,0	767 374	-33,8	4 456 340	-25,9
	November	3 332 737	24,2	758 377	12,1	842 310	-12,3	4 933 424	14,2
	December	2 515 126	-8,5	861 861	17,1	497 401	-22,6	3 874 388	-6,2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>29 697 769</b>	<b>3,8</b>	<b>11 803 448</b>	<b>4,4</b>	<b>12 710 678</b>	<b>8,3</b>	<b>54 211 895</b>	<b>4,9</b>
<b>2023</b>	January	1 255 634	-20,8	1 139 546	200,1	420 356	-33,6	2 815 536	8,4
	February	1 740 177	-8,3	440 642	-57,8	666 779	-29,3	2 847 598	-26,7
	March	2 268 086	-12,8	1 301 036	-39,1	750 879	-51,2	4 320 001	-31,2

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

2/ Preliminary figures.



**Table 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/
<b>2022</b>	January	2 116 987	-20,1	379 724	-48,4	800 849	6,2	3 297 560	-20,4
	February	2 105 268	-0,6	1 044 897	175,2	904 229	12,9	4 054 394	23,0
	March	2 573 547	22,2	2 137 783	104,6	1 302 501	44,0	6 013 831	48,3
	April	2 935 804	14,1	944 774	-55,8	2 476 380	90,1	6 356 958	5,7
	May	2 465 244	-16,0	902 383	-4,5	1 934 423	-21,9	5 302 050	-16,6
	June	2 332 821	-5,4	1 149 465	27,4	800 862	-58,6	4 283 148	-19,2
	July	2 171 056	-6,9	915 624	-20,3	778 998	-2,7	3 865 678	-9,7
	August	2 568 834	18,3	984 558	7,5	979 282	25,7	4 532 674	17,3
	September	2 493 746	-2,9	872 349	-11,4	748 432	-23,6	4 114 527	-9,2
	October	2 692 725	8,0	851 653	-2,4	768 384	2,7	4 312 762	4,8
	November	2 700 646	0,3	758 377	-11,0	764 346	-0,5	4 223 369	-2,1
	December	2 391 807	-11,4	861 861	13,6	591 953	-22,6	3 845 621	-8,9
<b>2023</b>	January	1 671 244	-30,1	1 139 546	32,2	493 637	-16,6	3 304 427	-14,1
	February	1 922 042	15,0	440 642	-61,3	636 936	29,0	2 999 620	-9,2
	March	2 264 390	17,8	1 301 036	195,3	641 688	0,7	4 207 114	40,3
	<b>Oct – Dec 22</b>	<b>7 785 178</b>		<b>2 471 891</b>		<b>2 124 683</b>		<b>12 381 752</b>	
	<b>Jan – Mar 23 2/</b>	<b>5 857 676</b>	<b>-24,8</b>	<b>2 881 224</b>	<b>16,6</b>	<b>1 772 261</b>	<b>-16,6</b>	<b>10 511 161</b>	<b>-15,1</b>

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2022	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Jan – Mar 2022	Jan – Mar 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	951	864	876	2 740	2 188	-20,1
		square metres	47 060	40 124	43 667	140 731	104 505	-25,7
		R'000	331 059	263 955	281 502	973 645	690 681	-29,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 401	1 115	1 174	3 927	3 103	-21,0
		square metres	397 903	361 427	342 297	1 080 989	934 959	-13,5
		R'000	3 127 793	3 019 359	2 809 904	8 589 036	7 759 300	-9,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 547	1 769	1 944	6 419	4 458	-30,5
		square metres	159 576	196 526	186 189	614 243	447 384	-27,2
		R'000	1 414 692	1 936 045	1 795 636	5 544 642	4 409 245	-20,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	26 607	5 599	2 137	35 031	8 740	-75,1
		R'000	235 991	40 087	15 932	294 642	62 620	-78,7
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>5 109 535</b>	<b>5 259 446</b>	<b>4 902 974</b>	<b>15 401 965</b>	<b>12 921 846</b>	<b>-16,1</b>
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	11 983	12 607	7 673	28 661	34 589
R'000			117 976	107 066	67 565	233 889	294 374	25,9
Shopping space		square metres	41 728	46 006	14 185	149 536	85 437	-42,9
		R'000	386 285	299 494	102 379	1 440 645	602 032	-58,2
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	418 306	117 922	179 109	579 982	329 859	-43,1
		R'000	2 524 974	830 166	1 157 981	3 576 450	2 221 455	-37,9
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	46 616	53 375	26 960	134 869	100 066	-25,8
		R'000	373 171	429 084	287 079	1 045 899	884 744	-15,4
<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>3 402 406</b>	<b>1 665 810</b>	<b>1 615 004</b>	<b>6 296 883</b>	<b>4 002 605</b>	<b>-36,4</b>
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	250 765	243 694	226 529	665 897	639 458
	R'000		1 994 157	2 044 171	1 862 300	5 325 825	5 384 896	1,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	53 303	59 800	76 304	135 508	170 590	25,9
		R'000	600 898	600 127	728 557	1 511 149	1 729 297	14,4
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 595 055</b>	<b>2 644 298</b>	<b>2 590 857</b>	<b>6 836 974</b>	<b>7 114 193</b>	<b>4,1</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>11 106 996</b>	<b>9 569 554</b>	<b>9 108 835</b>	<b>28 535 822</b>	<b>24 038 644</b>	<b>-15,8</b>

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2022	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Jan – Mar 2022	Jan – Mar 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
<b>Residential buildings</b>	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	530	397	106	1 481	770	-48,0
		square metres	23 256	16 944	5 310	65 932	33 734	-48,8
		R'000	142 769	105 566	37 385	406 750	218 903	-46,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	604	431	560	1 548	1 343	-13,2
		square metres	160 961	147 004	160 659	396 491	400 275	1,0
		R'000	1 155 446	1 102 629	1 217 984	2 813 453	3 004 466	6,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	587	612	183	2 594	949	-63,4
		square metres	55 101	76 147	30 840	245 533	128 009	-47,9
		R'000	442 193	658 349	266 876	2 000 516	1 116 820	-44,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	7 302	2 349	733	7 539	3 958	-47,5
		R'000	87 744	15 813	5 644	89 051	27 002	-69,7
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 828 152</b>	<b>1 882 357</b>	<b>1 527 889</b>	<b>5 309 770</b>	<b>4 367 191</b>	<b>-17,8</b>
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	Office and banking space	square metres	0	7 955	2 882	14 391	16 037	11,4
		R'000	0	65 429	21 128	93 507	133 476	42,7
	Shopping space	square metres	11 642	1 025	3 013	19 272	14 088	-26,9
		R'000	97 929	8 189	25 749	156 496	127 506	-18,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	20 663	50 536	4 333	69 394	59 405	-14,4
		R'000	131 052	329 366	25 608	439 931	390 869	-11,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	31 369	9 153	4 905	84 700	21 773	-74,3
		R'000	261 853	64 779	31 034	665 778	151 278	-77,3
<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>490 834</b>	<b>467 763</b>	<b>103 519</b>	<b>1 355 712</b>	<b>803 129</b>	<b>-40,8</b>	
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	Dwelling-houses	square metres	103 317	99 309	102 340	239 710	268 873	12,2
		R'000	734 025	766 064	775 499	1 665 129	2 081 048	25,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	22 937	17 893	30 478	57 481	59 198	3,0
		R'000	270 042	232 107	292 200	658 358	673 350	2,3
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 004 067</b>	<b>998 171</b>	<b>1 067 699</b>	<b>2 323 487</b>	<b>2 754 398</b>	<b>18,5</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>3 323 053</b>	<b>3 348 291</b>	<b>2 699 107</b>	<b>8 988 969</b>	<b>7 924 718</b>	<b>-11,8</b>

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2022	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Jan – Mar 2022	Jan – Mar 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
<b>Residential buildings</b>	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	29	5	155	84	167	98,8
		square metres	1 729	325	6 331	4 777	7 114	48,9
		R'000	12 052	2 732	31 401	32 657	37 823	15,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	75	75	95	243	233	-4,1
		square metres	16 433	18 201	21 425	52 816	52 978	0,3
		R'000	127 304	149 095	176 167	409 569	435 535	6,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	5	20	6	215	30	-86,0
		square metres	1 652	2 778	766	30 042	4 725	-84,3
		R'000	12 686	22 910	6 317	230 589	38 967	-83,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	19 305	0	0	21 281	0	-100,0
		R'000	148 247	0	0	158 362	0	-100,0
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>300 289</b>	<b>174 737</b>	<b>213 885</b>	<b>831 177</b>	<b>512 325</b>	<b>-38,4</b>
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	Office and banking space	square metres	0	2 873	50	196	2 923	1 391,3
		R'000	0	23 694	412	1 455	24 106	1 556,8
	Shopping space	square metres	1 073	0	218	4 823	218	-95,5
		R'000	7 964	0	1 798	36 760	1 798	-95,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	951	1 436	5 701	8 090	11 655	44,1
		R'000	7 303	11 843	47 016	61 091	96 119	57,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	2 471	2 873	0	5 947	4 443	-25,3
		R'000	18 481	23 694	0	42 296	36 633	-13,4
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>33 748</b>	<b>59 231</b>	<b>49 226</b>	<b>141 602</b>	<b>158 656</b>	<b>12,0</b>
	<b>Additions and alterations</b>	Dwelling-houses	square metres	16 513	18 812	20 862	49 434	48 726
R'000			124 524	151 032	166 397	371 334	390 118	5,1
Other buildings 4/		square metres	6 456	4 303	9 446	12 448	16 635	33,6
		R'000	49 628	37 115	77 010	97 020	136 575	40,8
<b>Total additions and alterations</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>174 152</b>	<b>188 147</b>	<b>243 407</b>	<b>468 354</b>	<b>526 693</b>	<b>12,5</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>508 189</b>	<b>422 115</b>	<b>506 518</b>	<b>1 441 133</b>	<b>1 197 674</b>	<b>-16,9</b>

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2022	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Jan – Mar 2022	Jan – Mar 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	4	9	2	14	600,0
		square metres	0	132	452	141	654	363,8
		R'000	0	1 243	4 255	1 236	6 157	398,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	13	19	20	36	54	50,0
		square metres	2 495	3 953	3 710	8 643	10 167	17,6
		R'000	20 778	34 803	32 792	70 920	89 500	26,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1	0	0	1	0	-100,0
		square metres	980	0	0	980	0	-100,0
		R'000	8 589	0	0	8 589	0	-100,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	396	0	396	..
		R'000	0	0	3 728	0	3 728	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>29 367</b>	<b>36 046</b>	<b>40 775</b>	<b>80 745</b>	<b>99 385</b>	<b>23,1</b>
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	516	0	0	1 181	0
R'000			4 522	0	0	9 910	0	-100,0
Shopping space		square metres	294	729	0	294	729	148,0
		R'000	2 577	6 862	0	2 577	6 862	166,3
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	0	649	0	0	649	..
		R'000	0	6 109	0	0	6 109	..
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	2 134	0	0	10 239	0	-100,0
		R'000	18 702	0	0	89 734	0	-100,0
<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>25 801</b>	<b>12 971</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>102 221</b>	<b>12 971</b>	<b>-87,3</b>
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 645	3 009	3 901	11 900	11 724
	R'000		37 694	27 098	35 487	96 617	106 810	10,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	259	92	0	259	92	-64,5
		R'000	3 269	1 166	672	5 249	3 296	-37,2
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>40 963</b>	<b>28 264</b>	<b>36 159</b>	<b>101 866</b>	<b>110 106</b>	<b>8,1</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>96 131</b>	<b>77 281</b>	<b>76 934</b>	<b>284 832</b>	<b>222 462</b>	<b>-21,9</b>

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2022	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Jan – Mar 2022	Jan – Mar 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
<b>Residential buildings</b>	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	21	3	4	40	17	-57,5
		square metres	1 109	193	247	2 260	981	-56,6
		R'000	9 482	1 857	2 376	19 374	9 180	-52,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	37	30	30	131	84	-35,9
		square metres	8 344	7 062	8 492	27 352	21 790	-20,3
		R'000	57 050	58 142	66 012	209 047	175 553	-16,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	8	33	9	27	42	55,6
		square metres	1 003	5 464	2 259	2 351	7 723	228,5
		R'000	7 702	50 662	21 734	19 777	72 396	266,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	405	120	900	653	-27,4
		R'000	0	3 340	990	5 183	5 386	3,9
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>74 234</b>	<b>114 001</b>	<b>91 112</b>	<b>253 381</b>	<b>262 515</b>	<b>3,6</b>
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	500	0	500	..
		R'000	0	0	3 093	0	3 093	..
	Shopping space	square metres	136	29 052	447	136	29 499	21 590,4
		R'000	783	179 687	3 108	783	182 795	23 245,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	7 738	0	5 870	8 296	5 870	-29,2
		R'000	59 278	0	53 452	62 979	53 452	-15,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	1 177	0	1 177	..
		R'000	0	0	8 515	0	8 515	..
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>60 061</b>	<b>179 687</b>	<b>68 168</b>	<b>63 762</b>	<b>247 855</b>	<b>288,7</b>
	<b>Additions and alterations</b>	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 736	3 909	3 924	17 524	10 063
R'000			35 072	29 772	29 694	136 224	76 135	-44,1
Other buildings 4/		square metres	104	123	337	1 463	1 333	-8,9
		R'000	2 166	4 358	3 954	15 632	15 233	-2,6
<b>Total additions and alterations</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>37 238</b>	<b>34 130</b>	<b>33 648</b>	<b>151 856</b>	<b>91 368</b>	<b>-39,8</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>171 533</b>	<b>327 818</b>	<b>192 928</b>	<b>468 999</b>	<b>601 738</b>	<b>28,3</b>

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2022	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Jan – Mar 2022	Jan – Mar 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
<b>Residential buildings</b>	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	41	9	14	233	25	-89,3
		square metres	2 479	435	722	14 713	1 211	-91,8
		R'000	21 559	3 360	6 036	145 323	9 828	-93,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	120	88	100	378	228	-39,7
		square metres	36 704	37 271	28 141	113 463	79 541	-29,9
		R'000	388 824	341 337	273 226	1 141 679	776 205	-32,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	500	36	58	1 770	118	-93,3
		square metres	55 302	7 041	7 422	151 853	18 623	-87,7
		R'000	551 528	72 677	81 222	1 619 814	194 660	-88,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	456	0	4 608	456	-90,1
		R'000	0	2 736	0	36 864	2 736	-92,6
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>961 911</b>	<b>420 110</b>	<b>360 484</b>	<b>2 943 680</b>	<b>983 429</b>	<b>-66,6</b>
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	Office and banking space	square metres	9 743	785	0	9 743	785	-91,9
		R'000	101 038	5 526	0	101 038	5 526	-94,5
	Shopping space	square metres	20 130	416	1 905	33 267	2 321	-93,0
		R'000	220 051	2 496	14 288	360 394	16 784	-95,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	76 402	11 885	20 662	104 136	43 929	-57,8
		R'000	459 524	92 108	128 722	636 085	294 693	-53,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	239	0	0	3 834	806	-79,0
		R'000	2 629	0	0	32 313	10 075	-68,8
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>783 242</b>	<b>100 130</b>	<b>143 010</b>	<b>1 129 830</b>	<b>327 078</b>	<b>-71,1</b>
	<b>Additions and alterations</b>	Dwelling-houses	square metres	31 212	18 995	20 693	73 552	52 258
R'000			326 225	200 453	208 855	767 159	547 151	-28,7
Other buildings 4/		square metres	15 337	8 027	18 950	35 094	36 694	4,6
		R'000	188 134	108 134	198 385	439 361	419 376	-4,5
<b>Total additions and alterations</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>514 359</b>	<b>308 587</b>	<b>407 240</b>	<b>1 206 520</b>	<b>966 527</b>	<b>-19,9</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 259 512</b>	<b>828 827</b>	<b>910 734</b>	<b>5 280 030</b>	<b>2 277 034</b>	<b>-56,9</b>

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2022	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Jan – Mar 2022	Jan – Mar 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	6	7	10	10	24	140,0
		square metres	343	449	465	497	1 221	145,7
		R'000	2 372	2 959	3 101	3 290	7 939	141,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	62	65	57	172	170	-1,2
		square metres	20 740	19 096	13 545	52 508	47 978	-8,6
		R'000	144 893	141 066	95 552	357 381	344 919	-3,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	7	14	17	8	47	487,5
		square metres	160	736	932	279	2 936	952,3
		R'000	928	4 269	6 067	1 613	17 952	1 013,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	1 895	888	447	2 783	522,6
		R'000	0	14 586	5 570	3 433	20 156	487,1
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>148 193</b>	<b>162 880</b>	<b>110 290</b>	<b>365 717</b>	<b>390 966</b>	<b>6,9</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	1 800	274	7 538	2 651,1
		R'000	0	0	11 133	1 580	44 413	2 710,9
	Shopping space	square metres	0	4 926	2 320	761	13 360	1 655,6
		R'000	0	34 215	15 731	4 551	87 761	1 828,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	26 287	360	1 489	29 187	1 849	-93,7
		R'000	152 465	2 088	8 186	172 824	10 274	-94,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	901	991	0	1 001	1 051	5,0
		R'000	5 738	6 153	0	6 352	6 524	2,7
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>158 203</b>	<b>42 456</b>	<b>35 050</b>	<b>185 307</b>	<b>148 972</b>	<b>-19,6</b>
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	8 253	5 865	6 573	21 453	19 438
R'000			49 433	38 877	46 380	131 444	128 591	-2,2
Other buildings 4/		square metres	461	1 958	242	5 137	2 269	-55,8
		R'000	3 698	20 368	15 373	43 857	45 522	3,8
<b>Total additions and alterations</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>53 131</b>	<b>59 245</b>	<b>61 753</b>	<b>175 301</b>	<b>174 113</b>	<b>-0,7</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>359 527</b>	<b>264 581</b>	<b>207 093</b>	<b>726 325</b>	<b>714 051</b>	<b>-1,7</b>

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

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

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

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



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

			Mar 2022	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Jan – Mar 2022	Jan – Mar 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	284	403	544	765	1 085	41,8
		square metres	15 794	19 370	28 053	44 769	54 421	21,6
		R'000	126 566	127 854	180 996	310 730	361 303	16,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	272	310	205	942	695	-26,2
		square metres	89 586	94 707	65 963	291 874	216 574	-25,8
		R'000	795 966	935 493	651 203	2 661 429	2 146 982	-19,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	322	1 008	1 574	1 673	3 083	84,3
		square metres	34 365	101 049	125 194	171 211	259 081	51,3
		R'000	322 091	1 105 647	1 280 553	1 588 728	2 786 616	75,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	226	0	0	226	..
		R'000	0	1 646	0	0	1 646	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 244 623</b>	<b>2 170 640</b>	<b>2 112 752</b>	<b>4 560 887</b>	<b>5 296 547</b>	<b>16,1</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	540	994	2 441	1 562	6 406	310,1
		R'000	5 597	12 417	31 799	18 911	81 232	329,5
	Shopping space	square metres	710	742	903	51 364	3 409	-93,4
		R'000	7 092	6 059	7 835	644 103	34 391	-94,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	270 475	52 018	107 605	313 892	165 009	-47,4
		R'000	1 615 025	381 518	663 062	1 888 836	1 078 548	-42,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	7 242	40 358	20 129	23 446	69 371	195,9
		R'000	51 391	334 458	241 432	175 034	661 317	277,8
<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 679 105</b>	<b>734 452</b>	<b>944 128</b>	<b>2 726 884</b>	<b>1 855 488</b>	<b>-32,0</b>	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	59 721	75 156	51 630	200 108	183 128	-8,5
		R'000	545 451	696 309	488 202	1 819 885	1 740 757	-4,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	5 427	26 190	14 362	15 243	50 429	230,8
		R'000	59 448	180 452	119 592	167 252	388 976	132,6
<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>604 899</b>	<b>876 761</b>	<b>607 794</b>	<b>1 987 137</b>	<b>2 129 733</b>	<b>7,2</b>	
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>3 528 627</b>	<b>3 781 853</b>	<b>3 664 674</b>	<b>9 274 908</b>	<b>9 281 768</b>	<b>0,1</b>

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2022	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Jan – Mar 2022	Jan – Mar 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
<b>Residential buildings</b>	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	32	34	34	105	82	-21,9
		square metres	1 840	2 145	2 087	6 245	4 909	-21,4
		R'000	12 995	17 532	15 952	45 345	37 853	-16,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	160	71	65	337	197	-41,5
		square metres	44 303	25 592	23 865	92 891	71 309	-23,2
		R'000	317 601	196 361	179 867	634 747	543 195	-14,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	16	12	20	24	48	100,0
		square metres	2 340	757	932	2 710	2 714	0,1
		R'000	13 476	4 786	5 892	15 607	17 018	9,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>344 072</b>	<b>218 679</b>	<b>201 711</b>	<b>695 699</b>	<b>598 066</b>	<b>-14,0</b>
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	Office and banking space	square metres	1 184	0	0	1 184	400	-66,2
		R'000	6 819	0	0	6 819	2 528	-62,9
	Shopping space	square metres	0	1 132	4 279	27 359	8 479	-69,0
		R'000	0	7 112	26 565	161 834	52 746	-67,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	12 684	0	33 449	31 299	39 006	24,6
		R'000	82 903	0	231 935	214 611	274 943	28,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	866	0	749	4 308	1 445	-66,5
		R'000	5 100	0	6 098	25 115	10 402	-58,6
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>94 822</b>	<b>7 112</b>	<b>264 598</b>	<b>408 379</b>	<b>340 619</b>	<b>-16,6</b>
	<b>Additions and alterations</b>	Dwelling-houses	square metres	15 444	15 996	13 526	40 730	35 682
R'000			98 542	116 913	90 696	265 687	249 571	-6,1
Other buildings 4/		square metres	1 892	881	2 364	6 223	3 482	-44,0
		R'000	15 739	9 494	15 680	55 093	28 847	-47,6
<b>Total additions and alterations</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>114 281</b>	<b>126 407</b>	<b>106 376</b>	<b>320 780</b>	<b>278 418</b>	<b>-13,2</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>553 175</b>	<b>352 198</b>	<b>572 685</b>	<b>1 424 858</b>	<b>1 217 103</b>	<b>-14,6</b>

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2022	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Jan – Mar 2022	Jan – Mar 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	8	2	0	20	4	-80,0
		square metres	510	131	0	1 397	260	-81,4
		R'000	3 264	852	0	8 940	1 695	-81,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	58	26	42	140	99	-29,3
		square metres	18 337	8 541	16 497	44 951	34 347	-23,6
		R'000	119 931	60 433	117 101	290 811	242 945	-16,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	101	34	77	107	141	31,8
		square metres	8 673	2 554	17 844	9 284	23 573	153,9
		R'000	55 499	16 745	126 975	59 409	164 816	177,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	268	0	256	268	4,7
		R'000	0	1 966	0	1 749	1 966	12,4
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>178 694</b>	<b>79 996</b>	<b>244 076</b>	<b>360 909</b>	<b>411 422</b>	<b>14,0</b>
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	130	0
R'000			0	0	0	669	0	-100,0
Shopping space		square metres	7 743	7 984	1 100	12 260	13 334	8,8
		R'000	49 889	54 874	7 305	73 147	91 389	24,9
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	3 106	1 038	0	15 688	2 487	-84,1
		R'000	17 424	7 134	0	100 093	16 448	-83,6
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	1 394	0	0	1 394	0	-100,0
		R'000	9 277	0	0	9 277	0	-100,0
<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>76 590</b>	<b>62 008</b>	<b>7 305</b>	<b>183 186</b>	<b>107 837</b>	<b>-41,1</b>
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 924	2 643	3 080	11 486	9 566
	R'000		43 191	17 653	21 090	72 346	64 715	-10,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	430	333	125	2 160	458	-78,8
		R'000	8 774	6 933	5 691	29 327	18 122	-38,2
	<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>51 965</b>	<b>24 586</b>	<b>26 781</b>	<b>101 673</b>	<b>82 837</b>	<b>-18,5</b>
<b>Building plans passed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>307 249</b>	<b>166 590</b>	<b>278 162</b>	<b>645 768</b>	<b>602 096</b>	<b>-6,8</b>

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2022	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Jan – Mar 2022	Jan – Mar 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
<b>Residential buildings</b>	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 240	649	516	2 560	1 431	-44,1
		square metres	57 430	34 178	27 504	123 533	75 427	-38,9
		R'000	380 441	239 671	197 408	814 853	530 018	-35,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	872	695	826	2 039	1 996	-2,1
		square metres	208 360	177 453	214 849	500 052	505 380	1,1
		R'000	1 630 410	1 533 645	1 861 296	3 963 590	4 391 807	10,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	936	572	689	2 512	1 853	-26,2
		square metres	98 183	52 412	91 626	268 760	200 527	-25,4
		R'000	867 178	449 286	887 451	2 300 548	1 825 543	-20,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	34 268	2 815	1 151	37 777	7 493	-80,2
		R'000	319 668	27 447	13 697	344 162	62 211	-81,9
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>3 197 697</b>	<b>2 250 049</b>	<b>2 959 852</b>	<b>7 423 153</b>	<b>6 809 579</b>	<b>-8,3</b>
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	Office and banking space	square metres	50 787	16 041	8 192	61 983	96 579	55,8
		R'000	459 744	194 248	60 199	551 251	1 191 400	116,1
	Shopping space	square metres	23 076	9 110	122 610	96 093	153 903	60,2
		R'000	207 436	83 851	1 326 640	873 533	1 586 144	81,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	284 583	25 072	36 464	359 343	99 032	-72,4
		R'000	1 687 032	161 210	252 922	2 168 588	657 474	-69,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	39 274	17 997	4 884	102 265	34 877	-65,9
		R'000	273 123	130 441	58 091	764 310	284 365	-62,8
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>2 627 335</b>	<b>569 750</b>	<b>1 697 852</b>	<b>4 357 682</b>	<b>3 719 383</b>	<b>-14,6</b>
	<b>Additions and alterations</b>	Dwelling-houses	square metres	170 953	55 562	68 538	343 562	156 807
R'000			1 195 997	472 049	547 096	2 444 055	1 293 628	-47,1
Other buildings 4/		square metres	60 846	42 977	44 757	135 679	108 805	-19,8
		R'000	695 607	390 096	432 801	1 359 574	1 083 947	-20,3
<b>Total additions and alterations</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 891 604</b>	<b>862 145</b>	<b>979 897</b>	<b>3 803 629</b>	<b>2 377 575</b>	<b>-37,5</b>
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>7 716 636</b>	<b>3 681 944</b>	<b>5 637 601</b>	<b>15 584 464</b>	<b>12 906 537</b>	<b>-17,2</b>

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2022	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Jan – Mar 2022	Jan – Mar 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
<b>Residential buildings</b>	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	643	137	163	1 275	431	-66,2
		square metres	24 763	5 941	7 544	51 731	19 656	-62,0
		R'000	137 637	36 673	48 345	293 057	121 847	-58,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	401	213	315	767	677	-11,7
		square metres	94 434	53 329	77 271	192 385	166 358	-13,5
		R'000	641 102	388 298	553 700	1 330 318	1 188 443	-10,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	448	161	179	1 352	788	-41,7
		square metres	42 430	22 868	27 008	126 791	90 935	-28,3
		R'000	324 445	175 765	230 210	1 012 070	729 827	-27,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	7 458	998	0	7 458	4 525	-39,3
		R'000	47 037	6 857	0	47 037	27 924	-40,6
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 150 221</b>	<b>607 593</b>	<b>832 255</b>	<b>2 682 482</b>	<b>2 068 041</b>	<b>-22,9</b>
	<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	Office and banking space	square metres	16 308	0	5 684	21 940	5 684
R'000			111 456	0	33 592	160 383	33 592	-79,1
Shopping space		square metres	15 013	7 829	0	49 377	20 612	-58,3
		R'000	130 035	71 618	0	393 888	151 193	-61,6
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	22 870	1 157	0	41 668	7 690	-81,5
		R'000	158 127	6 942	0	283 114	56 094	-80,2
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	27 467	15 096	1 420	33 391	24 617	-26,3
		R'000	192 239	106 529	15 000	234 325	177 708	-24,2
<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>591 857</b>	<b>185 089</b>	<b>48 592</b>	<b>1 071 710</b>	<b>418 587</b>	<b>-60,9</b>
<b>Additions and alterations</b>		Dwelling-houses	square metres	132 737	21 321	36 955	230 799	72 412
	R'000		858 697	155 784	251 692	1 464 345	503 457	-65,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	50 032	35 060	20 651	86 547	72 183	-16,6
		R'000	574 517	302 642	196 710	942 944	657 954	-30,2
<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 433 214</b>	<b>458 426</b>	<b>448 402</b>	<b>2 407 289</b>	<b>1 161 411</b>	<b>-51,8</b>	
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>3 175 292</b>	<b>1 251 108</b>	<b>1 329 249</b>	<b>6 161 481</b>	<b>3 648 039</b>	<b>-40,8</b>

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2022	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Jan – Mar 2022	Jan – Mar 2023	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
<b>Residential buildings</b>	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	32	39	53	64	105	64,1	
		square metres	2 108	2 029	2 646	4 047	5 481	35,4	
		R'000	14 844	13 188	16 425	29 210	35 871	22,8	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	71	88	54	149	182	22,1	
		square metres	11 361	21 141	12 416	27 714	42 562	53,6	
		R'000	88 948	182 714	103 819	216 272	362 594	67,7	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	3	1	13	104	14	-86,5	
		square metres	407	660	887	5 857	1 547	-73,6	
		R'000	3 125	5 443	7 315	43 745	12 758	-70,8	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	5 297	0	0	5 297	0	-100,0	
		R'000	40 676	0	0	40 676	0	-100,0	
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>147 593</b>	<b>201 345</b>	<b>127 559</b>	<b>329 903</b>	<b>411 223</b>	<b>24,6</b>
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	3 921	0	-100,0	
		R'000	0	0	0	30 109	0	-100,0	
	Shopping space	square metres	0	841	2 138	0	2 979	..	
		R'000	0	7 513	17 632	0	25 145	..	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	932	0	0	5 516	2 484	-55,0	
		R'000	7 157	0	0	42 358	15 364	-63,7	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	26 972	0	-100,0	
		R'000	0	0	0	200 012	0	-100,0	
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>7 157</b>	<b>7 513</b>	<b>17 632</b>	<b>272 479</b>	<b>40 509</b>	<b>-85,1</b>
	<b>Additions and alterations</b>	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 870	6 153	6 151	22 114	15 262	-31,0
R'000			53 423	51 194	50 462	169 531	126 685	-25,3	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	439	1 111	619	4 761	1 877	-60,6	
		R'000	3 785	9 833	5 061	39 063	19 088	-51,1	
<b>Total additions and alterations</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>57 208</b>	<b>61 027</b>	<b>55 523</b>	<b>208 594</b>	<b>145 773</b>	<b>-30,1</b>	
<b>Buildings completed</b>		<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>211 958</b>	<b>269 885</b>	<b>200 714</b>	<b>810 976</b>	<b>597 505</b>	<b>-26,3</b>

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2022	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Jan – Mar 2022	Jan – Mar 2023	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
<b>Residential buildings</b>	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	0	2	4	2	-50,0	
		square metres	198	0	153	268	153	-42,9	
		R'000	1 604	0	1 140	2 171	1 140	-47,5	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	7	4	8	19	13	-31,6	
		square metres	2 028	1 100	2 303	4 575	3 735	-18,4	
		R'000	16 433	10 354	21 678	37 071	35 157	-5,2	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	10	0	0	11	0	-100,0	
		square metres	821	0	0	949	0	-100,0	
		R'000	6 653	0	0	7 690	0	-100,0	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>24 690</b>	<b>10 354</b>	<b>22 818</b>	<b>46 932</b>	<b>36 297</b>	<b>-22,7</b>
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	1 387	195	1 387	611,3	
		R'000	0	0	13 056	1 580	13 056	726,3	
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	202	0	-100,0	
		R'000	0	0	0	1 637	0	-100,0	
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13 056</b>	<b>3 217</b>	<b>13 056</b>	<b>305,8</b>
	<b>Additions and alterations</b>	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 148	1 494	3 711	10 186	5 800	-43,1
R'000			33 611	14 063	34 932	82 537	54 596	-33,9	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	0	0	0	1 893	554	-70,7	
		R'000	130	170	850	16 579	6 235	-62,4	
<b>Total additions and alterations</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>33 741</b>	<b>14 233</b>	<b>35 782</b>	<b>99 116</b>	<b>60 831</b>	<b>-38,6</b>	
<b>Buildings completed</b>		<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>58 431</b>	<b>24 587</b>	<b>71 656</b>	<b>149 265</b>	<b>110 184</b>	<b>-26,2</b>

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2022	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Jan – Mar 2022	Jan – Mar 2023	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
<b>Residential buildings</b>	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	32	0	26	32	23,1	
		square metres	75	1 755	0	1 582	1 755	10,9	
		R'000	432	16 885	0	13 815	16 885	22,2	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	6	15	10	34	27	-20,6	
		square metres	1 154	3 344	2 872	5 125	6 726	31,2	
		R'000	7 129	26 493	22 244	38 458	51 951	35,1	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	2	1	2	2	3	50,0	
		square metres	355	104	188	355	292	-17,7	
		R'000	2 044	858	1 550	2 044	2 408	17,8	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	362	0	0	1 182	0	-100,0	
		R'000	2 085	0	0	6 807	0	-100,0	
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>11 690</b>	<b>44 236</b>	<b>23 794</b>	<b>61 124</b>	<b>71 244</b>	<b>16,6</b>
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	62	0	2 786	62	-97,8	
		R'000	0	511	0	21 319	511	-97,6	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	295	0	0	353	0	-100,0	
		R'000	1 699	0	0	2 129	0	-100,0	
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 699</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23 448</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>-97,8</b>
	<b>Additions and alterations</b>	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 803	1 043	1 514	5 404	2 728	-49,5
R'000			16 234	8 253	12 112	32 946	21 441	-34,9	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	85	679	207	3 794	886	-76,6	
		R'000	490	5 630	3 166	28 971	8 796	-69,6	
<b>Total additions and alterations</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>16 724</b>	<b>13 883</b>	<b>15 278</b>	<b>61 917</b>	<b>30 237</b>	<b>-51,2</b>	
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>30 113</b>	<b>58 630</b>	<b>39 072</b>	<b>146 489</b>	<b>101 992</b>	<b>-30,4</b>	

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

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

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

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



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

			Mar 2022	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Jan – Mar 2022	Jan – Mar 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	7	13	6	21	19	-9,5
		square metres	412	832	313	1 194	1 145	-4,1
		R'000	3 208	5 938	2 394	11 802	8 332	-29,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	56	45	104	147	177	20,4
		square metres	25 348	15 079	33 510	58 927	58 039	-1,5
		R'000	262 622	161 203	359 979	582 660	631 432	8,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	104	113	184	180	330	83,3
		square metres	14 435	11 372	23 516	24 075	39 370	63,5
		R'000	169 841	116 685	268 618	272 998	442 333	62,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	20 423	0	1 151	20 423	1 151	-94,4
		R'000	224 653	0	13 697	224 653	13 697	-93,9
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>660 324</b>	<b>283 826</b>	<b>644 688</b>	<b>1 092 113</b>	<b>1 095 794</b>	<b>0,3</b>
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	7 261	519	487	9 956
R'000			0	79 871	5 709	5 357	108 428	1 924,0
Shopping space		square metres	1 773	0	43 521	35 127	44 742	27,4
		R'000	14 995	0	478 731	380 404	487 278	28,1
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	9 101	1 943	6 703	28 708	9 986	-65,2
		R'000	54 606	9 715	41 514	177 374	59 269	-66,6
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	1 136	1 069	3 464	2 132	4 568	114,3
		R'000	9 088	10 503	43 091	21 120	54 032	155,8
<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>78 689</b>	<b>100 089</b>	<b>569 045</b>	<b>584 255</b>	<b>709 007</b>	<b>21,4</b>
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	9 621	7 087	5 981	24 126	17 397
	R'000		110 784	79 102	67 160	273 290	196 125	-28,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	6 334	943	13 189	10 642	15 693	47,5
		R'000	85 356	12 831	142 088	135 152	172 514	27,6
<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>196 140</b>	<b>91 933</b>	<b>209 248</b>	<b>408 442</b>	<b>368 639</b>	<b>-9,7</b>	
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>935 153</b>	<b>475 848</b>	<b>1 422 981</b>	<b>2 084 810</b>	<b>2 173 440</b>	<b>4,3</b>

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2022	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Jan – Mar 2022	Jan – Mar 2023	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
<b>Residential buildings</b>	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	22	40	13	55	60	9,1	
		square metres	1 263	2 411	762	3 206	3 638	13,5	
		R'000	7 516	14 011	4 189	18 791	20 913	11,3	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	49	55	71	154	158	2,6	
		square metres	8 343	14 815	13 392	29 496	34 444	16,8	
		R'000	56 165	106 020	91 063	189 419	239 347	26,4	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	4	30	26	27	56	107,4	
		square metres	826	1 916	2 417	2 732	4 333	58,6	
		R'000	5 842	11 850	13 289	17 640	25 139	42,5	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	728	0	0	728	0	-100,0	
		R'000	5 217	0	0	5 217	0	-100,0	
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>74 740</b>	<b>131 881</b>	<b>108 541</b>	<b>231 067</b>	<b>285 399</b>	<b>23,5</b>
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	1 051	45	-95,7	
		R'000	0	0	0	6 059	278	-95,4	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	421	4 794	5 035	5 215	3,6	
		R'000	0	2 604	39 536	32 893	42 140	28,1	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	11 760	0	-100,0	
		R'000	0	0	0	68 343	0	-100,0	
<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2 604</b>	<b>39 536</b>	<b>107 295</b>	<b>42 418</b>	<b>-60,5</b>	
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	Dwelling-houses	square metres	373	1 638	1 057	4 066	3 991	-1,8	
		R'000	2 523	10 131	6 123	23 908	24 127	0,9	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	128	654	323	1 445	977	-32,4	
		R'000	737	14 963	3 538	15 529	35 796	130,5	
<b>Total additions and alterations</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>3 260</b>	<b>25 094</b>	<b>9 661</b>	<b>39 437</b>	<b>59 923</b>	<b>51,9</b>	
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>78 000</b>	<b>159 579</b>	<b>157 738</b>	<b>377 799</b>	<b>387 740</b>	<b>2,6</b>

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2022	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Jan – Mar 2022	Jan – Mar 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	505	364	272	1 065	745	-30,0
		square metres	26 934	19 667	15 679	58 415	41 251	-29,4
		R'000	202 732	141 368	122 237	424 188	308 068	-27,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	212	224	210	599	614	2,5
		square metres	48 260	58 007	61 148	137 528	160 334	16,6
		R'000	439 728	582 407	616 376	1 265 307	1 636 351	29,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	365	94	265	781	469	-39,9
		square metres	38 909	6 877	35 840	103 105	53 463	-48,1
		R'000	355 228	79 474	353 891	912 808	539 845	-40,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	1 817	0	2 474	1 817	-26,6
		R'000	0	20 590	0	18 303	20 590	12,5
<b>Total residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>997 688</b>	<b>823 839</b>	<b>1 092 504</b>	<b>2 620 606</b>	<b>2 504 854</b>	<b>-4,4</b>	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	33 436	8 780	602	34 397	79 552	131,3
		R'000	342 145	114 377	7 842	347 679	1 036 324	198,1
	Shopping space	square metres	4 514	440	64 752	8 762	73 326	736,9
		R'000	51 040	4 720	746 433	81 816	838 406	924,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	251 090	20 462	7 425	263 901	55 026	-79,1
		R'000	1 463 366	134 380	60 971	1 536 904	366 137	-76,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	10 376	1 832	0	27 455	5 692	-79,3
		R'000	70 097	13 409	0	236 744	52 625	-77,8
	<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>1 926 648</b>	<b>266 886</b>	<b>815 246</b>	<b>2 203 143</b>	<b>2 293 492</b>	<b>4,1</b>
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	12 057	12 179	10 762	41 778	31 413
R'000			106 426	122 425	107 897	366 045	314 391	-14,1
Other buildings 4/		square metres	3 744	4 530	6 806	24 559	13 650	-44,4
		R'000	29 146	41 867	57 448	162 008	129 602	-20,0
<b>Total additions and alterations</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>135 572</b>	<b>164 292</b>	<b>165 345</b>	<b>528 053</b>	<b>443 993</b>	<b>-15,9</b>	
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>3 059 908</b>	<b>1 255 017</b>	<b>2 073 095</b>	<b>5 351 802</b>	<b>5 242 339</b>	<b>-2,0</b>

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2022	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Jan – Mar 2022	Jan – Mar 2023	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
<b>Residential buildings</b>	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	18	20	4	28	26	-7,1	
		square metres	1 099	1 273	216	1 639	1 596	-2,6	
		R'000	8 769	9 752	1 365	12 534	11 793	-5,9	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	46	35	35	105	94	-10,5	
		square metres	8 797	5 181	7 215	22 131	16 714	-24,5	
		R'000	63 771	39 031	59 856	162 029	133 275	-17,7	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	2	0	-100,0	
		square metres	0	0	0	267	0	-100,0	
		R'000	0	0	0	1 572	0	-100,0	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>72 540</b>	<b>48 783</b>	<b>61 221</b>	<b>176 135</b>	<b>145 068</b>	<b>-17,6</b>
<b>Non-residential buildings</b>	Office and banking space	square metres	1 043	0	0	1 043	0	-100,0	
		R'000	6 143	0	0	6 143	0	-100,0	
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	17 542	686	17 542	2 457,1	
		R'000	0	0	110 901	3 951	110 901	2 706,9	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>6 143</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>110 901</b>	<b>10 094</b>	<b>110 901</b>	<b>998,7</b>	
<b>Additions and alterations</b>	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 879	4 077	2 242	3 546	6 487	82,9	
		R'000	11 554	27 307	15 693	21 990	44 062	100,4	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	0	2 962	1 806	2 985	65,3	
		R'000	908	160	21 940	17 343	49 275	184,1	
<b>Total additions and alterations</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>12 462</b>	<b>27 467</b>	<b>37 633</b>	<b>39 333</b>	<b>93 337</b>	<b>137,3</b>	
<b>Buildings completed</b>		<b>Total at current prices</b>	<b>R'000</b>	<b>91 145</b>	<b>76 250</b>	<b>209 755</b>	<b>225 562</b>	<b>349 306</b>	<b>54,9</b>

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2022	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Jan – Mar 2022	Jan – Mar 2023	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	9	4	3	22	11	-50,0	
		square metres	578	270	191	1 451	752	-48,2	
		R'000	3 699	1 856	1 313	9 285	5 169	-44,3	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	24	16	19	65	54	-16,9	
		square metres	8 635	5 457	4 722	22 171	16 468	-25,7	
		R'000	54 512	37 125	32 581	142 056	113 257	-20,3	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	172	20	53	193	264,2	
		square metres	0	8 615	1 770	4 629	10 587	128,7	
		R'000	0	59 211	12 578	29 981	73 233	144,3	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	215	0	-100,0	
		R'000	0	0	0	1 469	0	-100,0	
	<b>Total residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>58 211</b>	<b>98 192</b>	<b>46 472</b>	<b>182 791</b>	<b>191 659</b>	<b>4,9</b>
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
	Shopping space	square metres	1 776	0	12 199	1 776	12 199	586,9	
		R'000	11 366	0	83 844	11 366	83 844	637,7	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	590	1 027	0	11 043	1 027	-90,7	
		R'000	3 776	7 058	0	70 675	7 058	-90,0	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
<b>Total non-residential buildings</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>15 142</b>	<b>7 058</b>	<b>83 844</b>	<b>82 041</b>	<b>90 902</b>	<b>10,8</b>	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	465	570	165	1 543	1 317	-14,6	
		R'000	2 745	3 790	1 025	9 463	8 744	-7,6	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	84	0	0	232	0	-100,0	
		R'000	538	2 000	2 000	1 985	4 687	136,1	
<b>Total additions and alterations</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>3 283</b>	<b>5 790</b>	<b>3 025</b>	<b>11 448</b>	<b>13 431</b>	<b>17,3</b>	
<b>Buildings completed</b>	<b>Total at current prices</b>		<b>R'000</b>	<b>76 636</b>	<b>111 040</b>	<b>133 341</b>	<b>276 280</b>	<b>295 992</b>	<b>7,1</b>

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

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

## Explanatory notes

<b>Introduction</b>	1	Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and, therefore, do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses in their reporting. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses can be obtained from the Department of Human Settlements.
	2	In order to improve timeliness of the publication, some information for the current month has been estimated due to late submission by respondents. These estimates will be revised in the next statistical release(s) as soon as actual information is available.
<b>Purpose of the survey</b>	3	The monthly survey data are used in monitoring the state of economy and formulation of economic policy. Furthermore, the results are important inputs to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and to calculate the Composite Leading Business Cycle Indicator. The data are extensively used by the private sector.
<b>Scope of the survey</b>	4	This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• passing of building plans; and</li> <li>• final inspection of completed buildings.</li> </ul>
<b>Classification</b>	5	Building activities are classified in division 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.
<b>Collection rate</b>	6	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for March 2023 was 75,7%. The improved collection rate for February 2023 was 87,4%.
<b>Statistical unit</b>	7	The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities.
<b>Survey methodology and design</b>	8	Stats SA conducts a monthly survey of metropolitan municipalities and large local municipalities on building plans passed and buildings completed. An annual survey of the remaining municipalities is conducted regarding buildings completed. The monthly survey represents approximately 85 percent of the total value of buildings completed. Information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed for the private sector is collected by email, fax and telephone.
<b>Constant prices</b>	9	The value of building plans passed and buildings completed at constant prices measures building activities in terms of ruling prices in a specific base year, which is currently 2019. The value of building plans passed at constant prices for each month is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with a price index known as the 'lump sum domestic buildings' as published in statistical release P0151.1: <i>Construction Materials Price Indices</i> . In order to be applicable, these indices (base December 2021=100) are converted to the base year 2019=100.

- Seasonal adjustment** 10 Seasonally adjusted estimates of building plans passed and buildings completed are generated each month, using the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by the United States Census Bureau.
- 11 Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. Influences that are volatile or unsystematic can still make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variations. Therefore, the month-to-month movements of seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. The X-12-ARIMA procedure for building statistics is described in more detail on the Stats SA website at [Click to download building statistics seasonal adjustment February 2022](#)
- Trend cycle** 12 The trend is a long-term pattern or movement of a time series. The X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program is used for smoothing seasonally adjusted data.
- Revised figures** 13 Revised figures are due to late submission of data to Stats SA, or to respondents reporting revisions or corrections to their figures. Figures for the latest two years are therefore preliminary. Data are edited at municipal level.
- 14 Once a year the annual statistical release P5041.3: *Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions* is published with the revised and updated information at provincial and municipal level for the previous calendar year. Due to this comprehensive revision, the monthly statistical release P5041.1 reflects provincial revision where applicable.
- Related publications** 15 Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:
- P5041.3: *Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions* issued annually;
  - P9101.2: *Actual and expected expenditure on construction by the public sector per statistical region* issued annually; and
  - *Building Statistics* (Report No. 50-11-01) issued annually.
- Rounding-off of figures** 16 Where necessary, the figures in the tables have been rounded off to the nearest digit shown.
- Symbols and abbreviations** 17 .. Changes from a zero in the preceding period cannot be calculated as a percentage  
 0 Nil or figure too small to publish  
 \* Revised  
 Stats SA Statistics South Africa  
 SIC Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities  
 ISIC International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities

## Glossary

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



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