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Key findings for January to March 2024

Building plans passed at current prices

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

Type of building	Jan – Mar 2023 ¹	Jan – Mar 2024 ¹	Difference in value between Jan – Mar 2023 and Jan – Mar 2024	% change between Jan – Mar 2023 and Jan – Mar 2024
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	12 722 625	11 226 285	-1 496 340	-11,8
-Dwelling-houses	8 199 287	6 818 542	-1 380 745	-16,8
-Flats and townhouses	4 460 718	4 330 990	-129 728	-2,9
-Other residential buildings	62 620	76 753	14 133	22,6
Non-residential buildings	4 275 539	3 954 270	-321 269	-7,5
Additions and alterations	6 673 691	6 312 276	-361 415	-5,4
Total	23 671 855	21 492 831	-2 179 024	-9,2

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

The value of building plans passed (at current prices) decreased by 9,2% (-R2 179,0 million) in the first quarter of 2024 compared with the first quarter of 2023.

Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-11,8% or -R1 496,3 million), non-residential buildings (-7,5% or -R321,3 million) and additions and alterations (-5,4% or -R361,4 million) – see Table A.

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

Province	Jan – Mar 2023 ¹	Jan – Mar 2024 ¹	Weight Jan – Mar 2023	% change between Jan – Mar 2023 and Jan – Mar 2024	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan – Mar 2023 and Jan – Mar 2024 ²	Difference in value between Jan – Mar 2023 and Jan – Mar 2024
	R'000	R'000	%			R'000
Western Cape	7 254 075	6 475 743	30,6	-10,7	-3,3	-778 332
Eastern Cape	1 245 462	1 291 526	5,3	3,7	0,2	46 064
Northern Cape	222 462	235 905	0,9	6,0	0,1	13 443
Free State	601 738	948 680	2,5	57,7	1,5	346 942
KwaZulu-Natal	2 277 034	2 985 708	9,6	31,1	3,0	708 674
North West	684 926	979 975	2,9	43,1	1,2	295 049
Gauteng	9 531 199	6 973 440	40,3	-26,8	-10,8	-2 557 759
Mpumalanga	1 252 863	965 951	5,3	-22,9	-1,2	-286 912
Limpopo	602 096	635 903	2,5	5,6	0,1	33 807
Total	23 671 855	21 492 831	100,0	-9,2	-9,2	-2 179 024

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

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

The largest negative contributions to the total decrease of 9,2% (-R2 179,0 million) were made by Gauteng (contributing -10,8 percentage points or -R2 557,8 million) and Western Cape (contributing -3,3 percentage points or -R778,3 million). The largest positive contributions were made by KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 3,0 percentage points or R708,7 million) and Free State (contributing 1,5 percentage points or R346,9 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 2023 ¹	Jan – Mar 2024 ¹	Difference in value between Jan – Mar 2023 and Jan – Mar 2024	% change between Jan – Mar 2023 and Jan – Mar 2024
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	9 838 359	8 287 624	-1 550 735	-15,8
Non-residential buildings	3 302 938	2 916 516	-386 422	-11,7
Additions and alterations	5 167 806	4 657 303	-510 503	-9,9
Total	18 309 103	15 861 443	-2 447 660	-13,4

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

The real value of building plans passed (at constant 2019 prices) decreased by 13,4% (-R2 447,7 million) in the first quarter of 2024 compared with the first quarter of 2023. Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-15,8% or -R1 550,7 million), non-residential buildings (-11,7% or -R386,4 million) and additions and alterations (-9,9% or -R510,5 million) – see Table C.

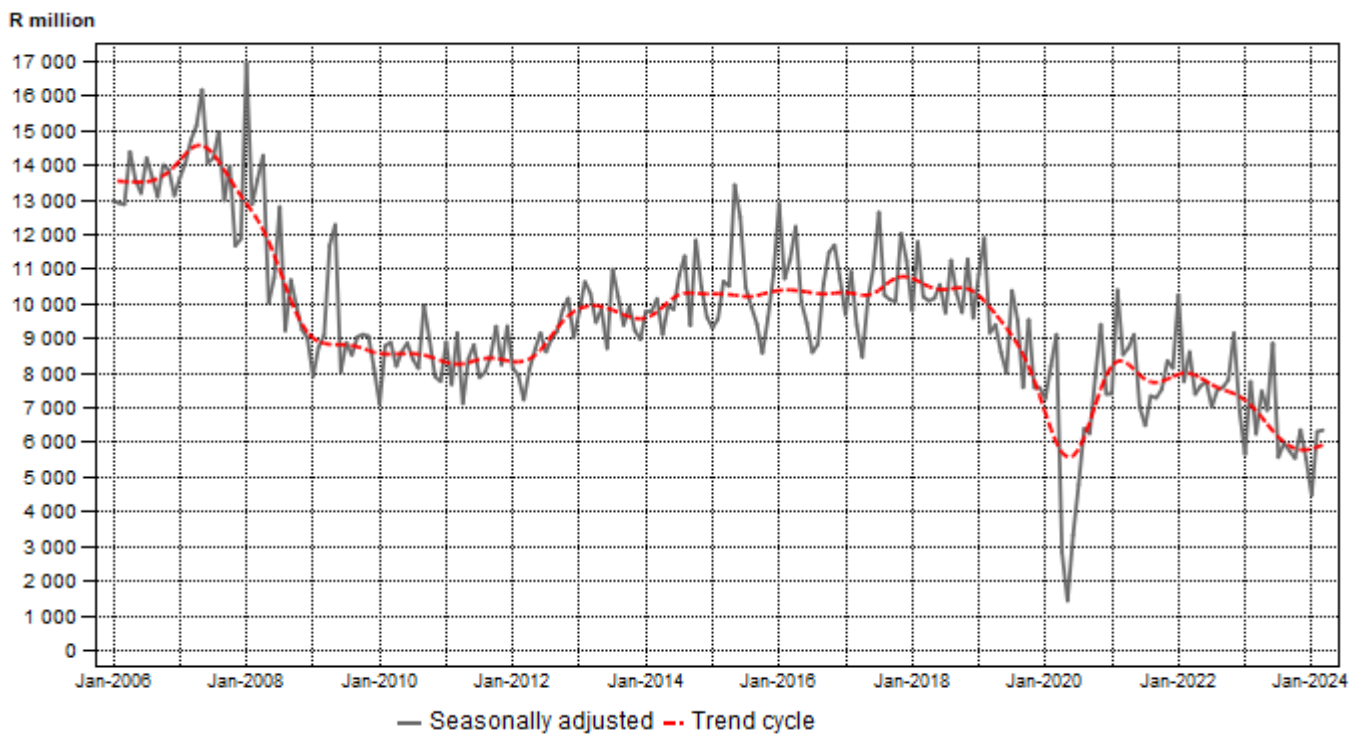
Table D – Seasonally adjusted building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices for the latest three months by type of building

Type of building	Oct – Dec 2023	Jan – Mar 2024	% change between Oct – Dec 2023 and Jan – Mar 2024
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	8 612 167	8 947 555	3,9
Non-residential buildings ¹	3 235 187	2 916 516	-9,9
Additions and alterations	5 591 353	5 287 250	-5,4
Total	17 438 707	17 151 321	-1,6

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 1,6% in the first quarter of 2024 compared with the fourth quarter of 2023. Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-9,9%) and additions and alterations (-5,4%). An increase was reported for residential buildings (3,9%) – 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 2023 ¹	Jan – Mar 2024 ¹	Difference in value between Jan – Mar 2023 and Jan – Mar 2024	% change between Jan – Mar 2023 and Jan – Mar 2024
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	6 767 868	6 175 547	-592 321	-8,8
-Dwelling-houses	4 789 133	3 900 071	-889 062	-18,6
-Flats and townhouses	1 915 776	2 181 647	265 871	13,9
-Other residential buildings	62 959	93 829	30 870	49,0
Non-residential buildings	3 730 751	1 595 532	-2 135 219	-57,2
Additions and alterations	2 061 355	2 389 774	328 419	15,9
Total	12 559 974	10 160 853	-2 399 121	-19,1

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

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) decreased by 19,1% (-R2 399,1 million) in the first quarter of 2024 compared with the first quarter of 2023.

Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-57,2% or -R2 135,2 million) and residential buildings (-8,8% or -R592,3 million). An increase was reported for additions and alterations (15,9% or R328,4 million) – see Table E.

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

Province	Jan – Mar 2023 ¹	Jan – Mar 2024 ¹	Weight Jan – Mar 2023	% change between Jan – Mar 2023 and Jan – Mar 2024	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan – Mar 2023 and Jan – Mar 2024 ²	Difference in value between Jan – Mar 2023 and Jan – Mar 2024
	R'000	R'000	%			R'000
Western Cape	3 151 378	2 992 372	25,1	-5,0	-1,3	-159 006
Eastern Cape	573 663	937 192	4,6	63,4	2,9	363 529
Northern Cape	110 184	81 620	0,9	-25,9	-0,2	-28 564
Free State	123 231	125 040	1,0	1,5	0,0	1 809
KwaZulu-Natal	2 173 440	1 489 612	17,3	-31,5	-5,4	-683 828
North West	408 805	407 883	3,3	-0,2	0,0	-922
Gauteng	5 370 191	3 645 066	42,8	-32,1	-13,7	-1 725 125
Mpumalanga	353 090	300 731	2,8	-14,8	-0,4	-52 359
Limpopo	295 992	181 337	2,4	-38,7	-0,9	-114 655
Total	12 559 974	10 160 853	100,0	-19,1	-19,1	-2 399 121

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

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

Seven provinces reported year-on-year decreases in the value of buildings completed in the first quarter of 2024, of which Gauteng (contributing -13,7 percentage points or -R1 725,1 million), KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -5,4 percentage points or -R683,8 million) and Western Cape (contributing -1,3 percentage points or -R159,0 million) were the largest negative contributors. The largest positive contributor was Eastern Cape (contributing 2,9 percentage points or R363,5 million) – 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 2023 ¹	Jan – Mar 2024 ¹	Difference in value between Jan – Mar 2023 and Jan – Mar 2024	% change between Jan – Mar 2023 and Jan – Mar 2024
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	5 233 128	4 558 692	-674 436	-12,9
Non-residential buildings	2 889 935	1 179 168	-1 710 767	-59,2
Additions and alterations	1 595 632	1 763 879	168 247	10,5
Total	9 718 695	7 501 739	-2 216 956	-22,8

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

The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2019 prices) decreased by 22,8% (-R2 217,0 million) in the first quarter of 2024 compared with the first quarter of 2023. Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-59,2% or -R1 710,8 million) and residential buildings (-12,9% or -R674,4 million). An increase was reported for additions and alterations (10,5% or R168,2 million) – see Table G.

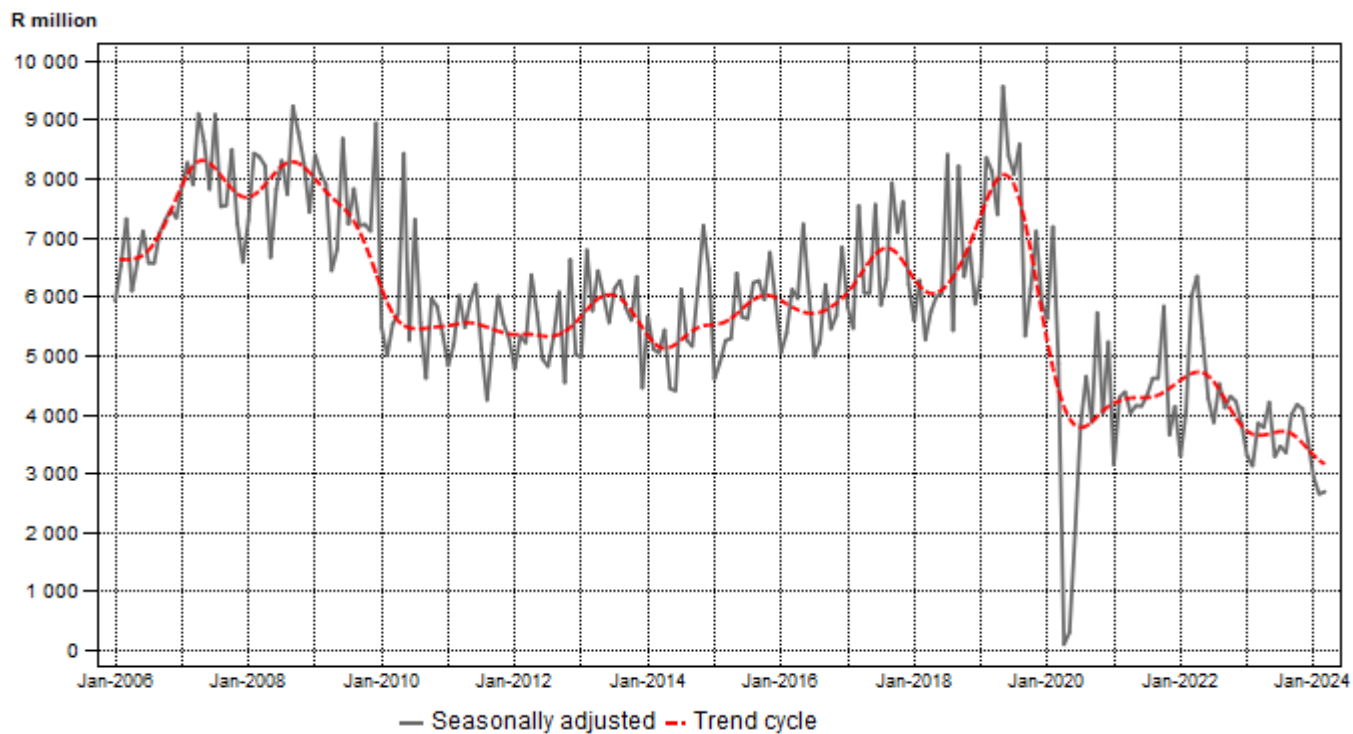
Table H – Seasonally adjusted buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices for the latest three months by type of building

Type of building	Oct – Dec 2023	Jan – Mar 2024	% change between Oct – Dec 2023 and Jan – Mar 2024
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	6 725 290	5 290 464	-21,3
Non-residential buildings ¹	2 854 620	1 179 168	-58,7
Additions and alterations	2 251 639	1 819 110	-19,2
Total	11 831 549	8 288 742	-29,9

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 29,9% in the first quarter of 2024 compared with the fourth quarter of 2023. Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-58,7%), residential buildings (-21,3%) and additions and alterations (-19,2%) – see Table H.

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




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Tables

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

Year and month ²		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2023	January	2 761 377	-51,8	721 791	-49,0	1 882 313	4,7	5 365 481	-40,0
	February	5 305 695	16,1	1 856 777	-17,7	2 639 147	8,0	9 801 619	5,8
	March	4 655 553	-8,9	1 696 971	-50,1	2 152 231	-17,1	8 504 755	-23,4
	April	4 613 802	-4,9	2 035 643	78,2	2 270 843	-8,4	8 920 288	5,3
	May	4 438 281	-11,0	2 059 644	22,5	2 959 940	-4,5	9 457 865	-3,2
	June	4 723 371	-23,7	4 622 149	179,7	2 768 581	1,9	12 114 101	14,7
	July	4 298 223	-20,8	1 055 623	-7,1	2 453 173	-19,2	7 807 019	-18,7
	August	3 929 094	-19,4	2 135 385	17,1	2 549 565	-29,7	8 614 044	-16,6
	September	4 478 991	-12,2	1 024 407	-45,6	2 384 182	-24,2	7 887 580	-22,1
	October	4 019 390	-31,3	1 101 434	-26,2	2 990 523	-3,1	8 111 347	-22,2
	November	4 466 586	-27,7	1 664 278	-40,2	2 781 043	-9,7	8 911 907	-26,0
	December	2 671 199	-21,5	1 563 744	-13,6	1 814 476	-12,8	6 049 419	-17,1
	Total	50 361 562	-19,1	21 537 846	-4,2	29 646 017	-10,7	101 545 425	-13,9
2024	January	2 641 211	-4,4	609 440	-15,6	1 392 946	-26,0	4 643 597	-13,5
	February	5 018 796	-5,4	1 638 340	-11,8	2 354 732	-10,8	9 011 868	-8,1
	March	3 566 278	-23,4	1 706 490	0,6	2 564 598	19,2	7 837 366	-7,8

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

² Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings ³		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2023	January	3 922 410	-12,4	721 791	-60,1	2 613 035	2,8	7 257 236	-17,8
	February	5 450 933	39,0	1 856 777	157,2	2 698 852	3,3	10 006 562	37,9
	March	4 368 652	-19,9	1 696 971	-8,6	2 105 878	-22,0	8 171 501	-18,3
	April	5 040 700	15,4	2 035 643	20,0	2 665 916	26,6	9 742 259	19,2
	May	4 194 610	-16,8	2 059 644	1,2	2 819 217	5,8	9 073 471	-6,9
	June	4 325 429	3,1	4 622 149	124,4	2 651 352	-6,0	11 598 930	27,8
	July	4 049 452	-6,4	1 055 623	-77,2	2 224 919	-16,1	7 329 994	-36,8
	August	3 403 034	-16,0	2 135 385	102,3	2 315 602	4,1	7 854 021	7,1
	September	4 432 309	30,2	1 024 407	-52,0	2 170 044	-6,3	7 626 760	-2,9
	October	3 617 464	-18,4	1 101 434	7,5	2 648 701	22,1	7 367 599	-3,4
	November	4 364 644	20,7	1 664 278	51,1	2 518 184	-4,9	8 547 106	16,0
	December	3 619 309	-17,1	1 563 744	-6,0	2 325 596	-7,6	7 508 649	-12,1
2024	January	3 656 673	1,0	609 440	-61,0	1 837 834	-21,0	6 103 947	-18,7
	February	4 510 735	23,4	1 638 340	168,8	2 392 568	30,2	8 541 643	39,9
	March	4 022 647	-10,8	1 706 490	4,2	2 948 821	23,2	8 677 958	1,6
	Oct – Dec 23	11 601 417		4 329 456		7 492 481		23 423 354	
	Jan – Mar 24 ²	12 190 055	5,1	3 954 270	-8,7	7 179 223	-4,2	23 323 548	-0,4

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

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

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

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

Year and month ²		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2023	January	2 167 486	-54,3	566 555	-51,6	1 477 483	-0,7	4 211 524	-43,1
	February	4 103 399	9,3	1 436 022	-22,5	2 041 104	1,6	7 580 525	-0,5
	March	3 567 474	-14,2	1 300 361	-53,0	1 649 219	-21,9	6 517 054	-27,9
	April	3 535 480	-9,5	1 559 880	69,5	1 740 110	-12,9	6 835 470	0,1
	May	3 385 416	-14,5	1 571 048	17,8	2 257 773	-8,2	7 214 237	-6,9
	June	3 611 140	-26,2	3 533 753	170,7	2 116 652	-1,4	9 261 545	11,0
	July	3 266 127	-23,3	802 145	-10,0	1 864 113	-21,7	5 932 385	-21,2
	August	2 974 333	-22,6	1 616 491	12,4	1 930 026	-32,5	6 520 850	-19,9
	September	3 370 196	-16,6	770 810	-48,4	1 793 967	-28,0	5 934 973	-26,0
	October	3 017 560	-35,2	826 902	-30,4	2 245 137	-8,7	6 089 599	-26,7
	November	3 340 752	-31,9	1 244 785	-43,7	2 080 062	-14,9	6 665 599	-30,3
	December	1 987 499	-26,3	1 163 500	-18,9	1 350 057	-18,1	4 501 056	-22,1
	Total	38 326 862	-23,1	16 392 252	-9,0	22 545 703	-14,9	77 264 817	-18,1
2024	January	1 957 903	-9,7	451 772	-20,3	1 032 577	-30,1	3 442 252	-18,3
	February	3 709 384	-9,6	1 210 894	-15,7	1 740 378	-14,7	6 660 656	-12,1
	March	2 620 337	-26,5	1 253 850	-3,6	1 884 348	14,3	5 758 535	-11,6

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

² Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings ³		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2023	January	3 045 086	-12,6	566 555	-60,5	2 042 982	1,9	5 654 623	-18,3
	February	4 240 768	39,3	1 436 022	153,5	2 084 851	2,0	7 761 641	37,3
	March	3 329 992	-21,5	1 300 361	-9,4	1 614 100	-22,6	6 244 453	-19,5
	April	3 886 814	16,7	1 559 880	20,0	2 043 033	26,6	7 489 727	19,9
	May	3 198 052	-17,7	1 571 048	0,7	2 156 109	5,5	6 925 209	-7,5
	June	3 306 397	3,4	3 533 753	124,9	2 031 211	-5,8	8 871 361	28,1
	July	3 074 929	-7,0	802 145	-77,3	1 694 158	-16,6	5 571 232	-37,2
	August	2 608 638	-15,2	1 616 491	101,5	1 755 029	3,6	5 980 158	7,3
	September	3 355 994	28,6	770 810	-52,3	1 633 417	-6,9	5 760 221	-3,7
	October	2 727 034	-18,7	826 902	7,3	1 988 035	21,7	5 541 971	-3,8
	November	3 240 567	18,8	1 244 785	50,5	1 880 956	-5,4	6 366 308	14,9
	December	2 644 566	-18,4	1 163 500	-6,5	1 722 362	-8,4	5 530 428	-13,1
2024	January	2 671 441	1,0	451 772	-61,2	1 357 784	-21,2	4 480 997	-19,0
	February	3 335 842	24,9	1 210 894	168,0	1 767 225	30,2	6 313 961	40,9
	March	2 940 272	-11,9	1 253 850	3,5	2 162 241	22,4	6 356 363	0,7
	Oct – Dec 23	8 612 167		3 235 187		5 591 353		17 438 707	
	Jan – Mar 24 ²	8 947 555	3,9	2 916 516	-9,9	5 287 250	-5,4	17 151 321	-1,6

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

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

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

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

Year and month ²		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2023	January	1 601 076	-16,4	1 451 781	216,5	536 096	-29,9	3 588 953	14,3
	February	2 414 223	4,5	569 750	-55,2	851 184	-25,8	3 835 157	-18,9
	March	2 752 569	-13,9	1 709 220	-34,9	674 075	-64,4	5 135 864	-33,4
	April	2 532 811	-24,4	1 347 813	15,0	693 048	-73,6	4 573 672	-36,0
	May	3 965 807	28,8	649 310	-42,9	853 995	-64,6	5 469 112	-17,5
	June	2 832 834	-5,0	754 080	-48,2	779 664	-23,2	4 366 578	-19,9
	July	2 658 357	-4,8	1 236 636	5,9	710 048	-29,6	4 605 041	-7,3
	August	3 057 825	-5,1	668 846	-46,4	754 093	-43,6	4 480 764	-22,8
	September	3 577 785	5,1	1 243 356	12,9	777 404	-24,3	5 598 545	1,2
	October	3 150 698	-11,6	1 537 808	43,8	1 095 896	13,7	5 784 402	3,3
	November	3 543 845	-15,6	1 678 880	75,7	1 014 084	-4,4	6 236 809	0,3
	December	3 283 587	3,4	597 276	-45,1	846 051	34,8	4 726 914	-3,3
	Total	35 371 417	-4,9	13 444 756	-8,9	9 585 638	-39,6	58 401 811	-13,9
2024	January	1 834 865	14,6	738 235	-49,1	662 252	23,5	3 235 352	-9,9
	February	2 115 969	-12,4	464 909	-18,4	841 142	-1,2	3 422 020	-10,8
	March	2 224 713	-19,2	392 388	-77,0	886 380	31,5	3 503 481	-31,8

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

² Preliminary figures.

Table 6 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by type of building

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings ³		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2023	January	2 141 401	-29,3	1 451 781	33,5	638 596	-14,1	4 231 778	-13,0
	February	2 671 854	24,8	569 750	-60,8	815 075	27,6	4 056 679	-4,1
	March	2 751 929	3,0	1 709 220	200,0	578 376	-29,0	5 039 525	24,2
	April	2 744 640	-0,3	1 347 813	-21,1	837 788	44,9	4 930 241	-2,2
	May	3 998 721	45,7	649 310	-51,8	869 833	3,8	5 517 864	11,9
	June	2 807 864	-29,8	754 080	16,1	737 249	-15,2	4 299 193	-22,1
	July	2 609 347	-7,1	1 236 636	64,0	708 471	-3,9	4 554 454	5,9
	August	3 083 070	18,2	668 846	-45,9	681 182	-3,9	4 433 098	-2,7
	September	3 302 110	7,1	1 243 356	85,9	763 836	12,1	5 309 302	19,8
	October	2 991 520	-9,4	1 537 808	23,7	1 029 520	34,8	5 558 848	4,7
	November	2 888 644	-3,4	1 678 880	9,2	923 145	-10,3	5 490 669	-1,2
	December	3 123 307	8,1	597 276	-64,4	1 058 317	14,6	4 778 900	-13,0
2024	January	2 448 820	-21,6	738 235	23,6	798 695	-24,5	3 985 750	-16,6
	February	2 349 005	-4,1	464 909	-37,0	782 293	-2,1	3 596 207	-9,8
	March	2 385 772	1,6	392 388	-15,6	906 550	15,9	3 684 710	2,5
	Oct – Dec 23	9 003 471		3 813 964		3 010 982		15 828 417	
	Jan – Mar 24 ²	7 183 597	-20,2	1 595 532	-58,2	2 487 538	-17,4	11 266 667	-28,8

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

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

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

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

Year and month ²		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2023	January	1 256 732	-20,7	1 139 546	200,1	420 797	-33,5	2 817 075	8,4
	February	1 867 148	-1,6	440 642	-57,8	658 302	-30,2	2 966 092	-23,7
	March	2 109 248	-18,9	1 309 747	-38,7	516 533	-66,4	3 935 528	-37,3
	April	1 940 851	-28,1	1 032 807	9,3	531 071	-74,9	3 504 729	-39,1
	May	3 025 024	23,8	495 278	-45,1	651 407	-66,0	4 171 709	-20,7
	June	2 165 775	-8,0	576 514	-49,8	596 073	-25,6	3 338 362	-22,5
	July	2 020 028	-7,8	939 693	2,6	539 550	-31,8	3 499 271	-10,2
	August	2 314 780	-8,9	506 318	-48,6	570 850	-45,8	3 391 948	-25,9
	September	2 692 088	-0,2	935 558	7,2	584 954	-28,1	4 212 600	-3,9
	October	2 365 389	-16,6	1 154 511	35,6	822 745	7,2	4 342 645	-2,6
	November	2 650 595	-20,5	1 255 707	65,6	758 477	-10,0	4 664 779	-5,4
	December	2 443 145	-2,9	444 402	-48,4	629 502	26,6	3 517 049	-9,2
Total	26 850 803	-9,6	10 230 723	-13,3	7 280 261	-42,7	44 361 787	-18,2	
2024	January	1 360 167	8,2	547 246	-52,0	490 921	16,7	2 398 334	-14,9
	February	1 563 909	-16,2	343 613	-22,0	621 687	-5,6	2 529 209	-14,7
	March	1 634 616	-22,5	288 309	-78,0	651 271	26,1	2 574 196	-34,6

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

² Preliminary figures.

Table 8 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices by type of building

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings ³		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2023	January	1 673 693	-30,1	1 139 546	32,2	494 150	-16,7	3 307 389	-14,1
	February	2 063 362	23,3	440 642	-61,3	628 570	27,2	3 132 574	-5,3
	March	2 106 656	2,1	1 309 747	197,2	441 889	-29,7	3 858 292	23,2
	April	2 103 412	-0,2	1 032 807	-21,1	647 765	46,6	3 783 984	-1,9
	May	3 054 605	45,2	495 278	-52,0	663 042	2,4	4 212 925	11,3
	June	2 147 296	-29,7	576 514	16,4	565 262	-14,7	3 289 072	-21,9
	July	1 987 438	-7,4	939 693	63,0	539 818	-4,5	3 466 949	5,4
	August	2 334 317	17,5	506 318	-46,1	514 701	-4,7	3 355 336	-3,2
	September	2 489 717	6,7	935 558	84,8	577 396	12,2	4 002 671	19,3
	October	2 245 877	-9,8	1 154 511	23,4	772 330	33,8	4 172 718	4,2
	November	2 162 219	-3,7	1 255 707	8,8	686 385	-11,1	4 104 311	-1,6
	December	2 317 194	7,2	444 402	-64,6	792 924	15,5	3 554 520	-13,4
2024	January	1 807 897	-22,0	547 246	23,1	583 672	-26,4	2 938 815	-17,3
	February	1 734 262	-4,1	343 613	-37,2	576 031	-1,3	2 653 906	-9,7
	March	1 748 305	0,8	288 309	-16,1	659 407	14,5	2 696 021	1,6
	Oct – Dec 23	6 725 290		2 854 620		2 251 639		11 831 549	
	Jan – Mar 24 ²	5 290 464	-21,3	1 179 168	-58,7	1 819 110	-19,2	8 288 742	-29,9

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 2023	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2023	Jan – Mar 2024	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	824	327	779	2 201	1 505	-31,6
		square metres	40 835	17 019	36 584	104 746	75 891	-27,5
		R'000	262 716	121 382	320 209	689 373	618 477	-10,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 029	1 035	784	2 947	2 570	-12,8
		square metres	311 452	291 745	224 804	902 546	726 027	-19,6
		R'000	2 577 202	2 467 939	1 924 044	7 509 914	6 200 065	-17,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 945	2 307	1 230	4 516	4 059	-10,1
		square metres	187 451	225 725	130 550	453 285	426 988	-5,8
		R'000	1 799 703	2 405 266	1 296 399	4 460 718	4 330 990	-2,9
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	2 137	3 444	3 685	8 740	10 647	21,8
		R'000	15 932	24 209	25 626	62 620	76 753	22,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	4 655 553	5 018 796	3 566 278	12 722 625	11 226 285	-11,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	12 250	3 066	7 758	53 988	18 378	-66,0
		R'000	104 181	24 086	66 964	521 957	151 922	-70,9
	Shopping space	square metres	14 202	29 369	73 633	85 454	128 964	50,9
		R'000	101 933	209 572	657 426	601 586	1 065 234	77,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	182 109	140 188	91 174	332 859	264 924	-20,4
		R'000	1 184 810	1 050 301	658 714	2 248 284	1 966 988	-12,5
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	28 854	46 336	39 972	101 960	98 726	-3,2
		R'000	306 047	354 381	323 386	903 712	770 126	-14,8
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 696 971	1 638 340	1 706 490	4 275 539	3 954 270	-7,5	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	188 781	189 528	194 938	601 636	513 272	-14,7
		R'000	1 580 567	1 631 723	1 701 432	5 101 287	4 453 035	-12,7
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	63 370	58 769	87 942	157 656	173 945	10,3
		R'000	571 664	723 009	863 166	1 572 404	1 859 241	18,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	2 152 231	2 354 732	2 564 598	6 673 691	6 312 276	-5,4
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	8 504 755	9 011 868	7 837 366	23 671 855	21 492 831	-9,2

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2023	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2023	Jan – Mar 2024	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	55	145	88	719	352	-51,0
		square metres	2 694	6 878	3 972	31 118	16 189	-48,0
		R'000	19 021	45 046	25 632	200 539	103 859	-48,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	423	382	296	1 206	951	-21,1
		square metres	129 943	106 444	83 270	369 559	257 904	-30,2
		R'000	989 209	842 759	635 012	2 775 691	2 019 706	-27,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	172	829	452	938	1 452	54,8
		square metres	30 852	91 094	49 324	128 021	163 537	27,7
		R'000	257 879	993 218	487 072	1 107 823	1 669 785	50,7
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	733	176	2 324	3 958	2 773	-29,9
		R'000	5 644	1 361	13 735	27 002	17 144	-36,5
Total residential buildings	R'000	1 271 753	1 882 384	1 161 451	4 111 055	3 810 494	-7,3	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	7 459	339	2 673	20 614	3 905	-81,1
		R'000	57 744	2 389	23 827	170 092	34 409	-79,8
	Shopping space	square metres	3 013	5 411	3 899	14 088	13 282	-5,7
		R'000	25 749	39 100	33 783	127 506	110 178	-13,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	4 333	34 675	22 052	59 405	64 096	7,9
		R'000	25 608	242 717	168 070	390 869	461 452	18,1
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	4 905	8 654	8 356	21 773	21 239	-2,5
		R'000	31 034	65 877	62 123	151 278	159 139	5,2
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	140 135	350 083	287 803	839 745	765 178	-8,9	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	64 644	67 266	53 687	231 177	155 155	-32,9
		R'000	490 999	507 679	392 819	1 796 548	1 145 677	-36,2
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	16 477	26 771	23 951	45 197	63 408	40,3
		R'000	125 577	375 846	249 978	506 727	754 394	48,9
Total additions and alterations	R'000	616 576	883 525	642 797	2 303 275	1 900 071	-17,5	
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 028 464	3 115 992	2 092 051	7 254 075	6 475 743	-10,7

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

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

			Mar 2023	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2023	Jan – Mar 2024	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	156	3	15	168	23	-86,3
		square metres	6 395	139	877	7 178	1 345	-81,3
		R'000	31 973	1 117	6 828	38 395	10 436	-72,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	106	64	59	244	170	-30,3
		square metres	25 132	16 975	14 976	56 685	41 651	-26,5
		R'000	209 289	141 527	125 707	468 657	347 236	-25,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	6	9	7	30	42	40,0
		square metres	766	2 508	1 903	4 725	7 412	56,9
		R'000	6 317	21 200	15 694	38 967	61 078	56,7
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
Total residential buildings	R'000	247 579	163 844	148 229	546 019	418 750	-23,3	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	50	0	504	2 923	2 780	-4,9
		R'000	412	0	4 156	24 106	18 236	-24,4
	Shopping space	square metres	218	0	1 025	218	1 025	370,2
		R'000	1 798	0	7 922	1 798	7 922	340,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	5 701	22 381	6 403	11 655	28 784	147,0
		R'000	47 016	184 072	51 706	96 119	235 778	145,3
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	365	945	4 443	3 641	-18,1
		R'000	0	3 011	7 151	36 633	29 378	-19,8
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	49 226	187 083	70 935	158 656	291 314	83,6	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	22 440	15 670	16 787	50 304	47 906	-4,8
		R'000	180 491	125 560	136 216	404 212	385 109	-4,7
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	9 446	1 152	19 698	16 635	23 408	40,7
		R'000	77 010	11 164	163 159	136 575	196 353	43,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	257 501	136 724	299 375	540 787	581 462	7,5
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	554 306	487 651	518 539	1 245 462	1 291 526	3,7

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2023	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2023	Jan – Mar 2024	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	9	3	188	14	195	1 292,9	
		square metres	452	155	7 545	654	7 883	1 105,4	
		R'000	4 255	1 455	71 021	6 157	74 198	1 105,1	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	20	13	15	54	40	-25,9	
		square metres	3 710	2 845	2 781	10 167	7 876	-22,5	
		R'000	32 792	24 536	23 943	89 500	67 793	-24,3	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	396	0	0	396	0	-100,0	
		R'000	3 728	0	0	3 728	0	-100,0	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	40 775	25 991	94 964	99 385	141 991	42,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	0	947	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	5 914	..	
	Shopping space	square metres	0	2 428	0	729	2 428	233,1	
		R'000	0	22 855	0	6 862	22 855	233,1	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	649	0	-100,0	
		R'000	0	0	0	6 109	0	-100,0	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	0	22 855	0	12 971	28 769	121,8	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 901	2 989	2 144	11 724	7 206	-38,5	
		R'000	35 487	26 885	18 934	106 810	64 081	-40,0	
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	0	0	78	92	78	-15,2	
		R'000	672	200	794	3 296	1 064	-67,7	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	36 159	27 085	19 728	110 106	65 145	-40,8
Building plans passed		Total at current prices	R'000	76 934	75 931	114 692	222 462	235 905	6,0

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2023	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2023	Jan – Mar 2024	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	4	9	9	17	23	35,3
		square metres	247	426	656	981	1 401	42,8
		R'000	2 376	3 821	6 311	9 180	12 970	41,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	30	30	35	84	104	23,8
		square metres	8 492	7 866	8 460	21 790	25 729	18,1
		R'000	66 012	68 340	75 228	175 553	222 697	26,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	9	0	42	42	42	0,0
		square metres	2 259	0	7 091	7 723	7 091	-8,2
		R'000	21 734	0	68 223	72 396	68 223	-5,8
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	120	171	921	653	1 092	67,2
		R'000	990	1 058	8 723	5 386	9 781	81,6
Total residential buildings	R'000	91 112	73 219	158 485	262 515	313 671	19,5	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	500	205	0	500	205	-59,0
		R'000	3 093	1 634	0	3 093	1 634	-47,2
	Shopping space	square metres	447	0	29 705	29 499	40 915	38,7
		R'000	3 108	0	238 029	182 795	308 267	68,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	5 870	2 871	0	5 870	8 144	38,7
		R'000	53 452	21 946	0	53 452	64 936	21,5
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	1 177	4 134	3 408	1 177	10 521	793,9
		R'000	8 515	25 569	28 400	8 515	73 607	764,4
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	68 168	49 149	266 429	247 855	448 444	80,9	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 924	7 784	6 471	10 063	18 367	82,5
		R'000	29 694	63 475	55 450	76 135	151 923	99,5
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	337	962	1 710	1 333	3 712	178,5
		R'000	3 954	7 187	17 587	15 233	34 642	127,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	33 648	70 662	73 037	91 368	186 565	104,2
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	192 928	193 030	497 951	601 738	948 680	57,7

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2023	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2023	Jan – Mar 2024	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	14	37	16	25	61	144,0
		square metres	722	1 691	708	1 211	2 869	136,9
		R'000	6 036	13 099	5 243	9 828	22 224	126,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	100	80	69	228	220	-3,5
		square metres	28 141	24 707	24 901	79 541	71 425	-10,2
		R'000	273 226	254 370	273 138	776 205	753 116	-3,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	58	158	325	118	518	339,0
		square metres	7 422	32 687	32 470	18 623	71 023	281,4
		R'000	81 222	320 265	317 756	194 660	690 045	254,5
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	456	1 902	317,1
		R'000	0	0	0	2 736	12 690	363,8
Total residential buildings	R'000	360 484	587 734	596 137	983 429	1 478 075	50,3	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	784	4 581	785	7 833	897,8
		R'000	0	8 624	38 981	5 526	72 208	1 206,7
	Shopping space	square metres	1 905	162	7 782	2 321	7 944	242,3
		R'000	14 288	1 782	58 003	16 784	59 785	256,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	20 662	6 392	10 846	43 929	20 079	-54,3
		R'000	128 722	46 969	78 540	294 693	142 724	-51,6
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	4 914	806	6 629	722,5
		R'000	0	0	54 156	10 075	69 248	587,3
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	143 010	57 375	229 680	327 078	343 965	5,2	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	20 693	23 495	30 538	52 258	72 088	37,9
		R'000	208 855	239 311	351 275	547 151	782 484	43,0
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	18 950	8 026	20 033	36 694	29 946	-18,4
		R'000	198 385	127 368	221 846	419 376	381 184	-9,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	407 240	366 679	573 121	966 527	1 163 668	20,4
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	910 734	1 011 788	1 398 938	2 277 034	2 985 708	31,1

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2023	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2023	Jan – Mar 2024	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	16	6	1	30	19	-36,7
		square metres	750	363	42	1 506	979	-35,0
		R'000	5 451	2 716	302	10 289	7 150	-30,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	48	54	56	161	144	-10,6
		square metres	12 057	16 554	14 589	46 490	39 882	-14,2
		R'000	81 557	120 352	112 683	330 924	297 412	-10,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	16	20	28	46	57	23,9
		square metres	785	1 479	2 181	2 789	4 452	59,6
		R'000	4 855	10 513	16 158	16 740	31 570	88,6
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	888	0	440	2 783	750	-73,1
		R'000	5 570	0	3 168	20 156	5 085	-74,8
	Total residential buildings	R'000	97 433	133 581	132 311	378 109	341 217	-9,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 800	102	0	7 538	102	-98,6
		R'000	11 133	630	0	44 413	630	-98,6
	Shopping space	square metres	2 337	2 706	25 860	13 377	31 004	131,8
		R'000	15 285	19 737	278 507	87 315	318 088	264,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 489	0	1 925	1 849	2 404	30,0
		R'000	8 186	0	13 860	10 274	16 758	63,1
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	124	9 000	1 051	10 224	872,8
		R'000	0	767	76 050	6 524	83 621	1 181,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	34 604	21 134	368 417	148 526	419 097	182,2
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 526	6 146	10 391	17 391	22 320
R'000			30 418	44 080	73 973	112 629	158 463	40,7
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	259	313	3 768	2 286	4 666	104,1
		R'000	15 513	20 147	36 082	45 662	61 198	34,0
Total additions and alterations		R'000	45 931	64 227	110 055	158 291	219 661	38,8
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	177 968	218 942	610 783	684 926	979 975	43,1

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2023	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2023	Jan – Mar 2024	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	535	99	448	1 141	781	-31,6
		square metres	27 427	5 606	22 039	56 868	41 925	-26,3
		R'000	177 104	41 611	199 361	374 889	363 088	-3,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	197	313	188	677	711	5,0
		square metres	64 055	75 323	52 277	212 939	196 020	-7,9
		R'000	632 087	724 057	502 708	2 109 231	1 883 130	-10,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 587	1 229	306	3 153	1 763	-44,1
		square metres	126 591	93 337	31 418	265 117	158 799	-40,1
		R'000	1 294 829	1 030 862	345 848	2 848 298	1 702 491	-40,2
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	1 902	0	226	2 935	1 198,7
		R'000	0	13 783	0	1 646	24 046	1 360,9
Total residential buildings	R'000	2 104 020	1 810 313	1 047 917	5 334 064	3 972 755	-25,5	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	2 441	198	0	21 228	428	-98,0
		R'000	31 799	1 718	0	272 199	4 714	-98,3
	Shopping space	square metres	903	0	1 164	3 409	9 506	178,9
		R'000	7 835	0	14 135	34 391	84 994	147,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	107 605	67 984	24 017	165 009	104 109	-36,9
		R'000	663 062	514 672	182 059	1 078 548	803 541	-25,5
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	22 023	23 998	8 559	71 265	32 557	-54,3
		R'000	260 400	196 881	65 764	680 285	262 645	-61,4
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	963 096	713 271	261 958	2 065 423	1 155 894	-44,0	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	52 326	53 675	56 511	183 267	150 987	-17,6
		R'000	495 332	536 944	546 306	1 742 736	1 492 254	-14,4
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	14 362	18 773	13 914	50 429	39 159	-22,3
		R'000	119 592	157 235	138 421	388 976	352 537	-9,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	614 924	694 179	684 727	2 131 712	1 844 791	-13,5
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	3 682 040	3 217 763	1 994 602	9 531 199	6 973 440	-26,8

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2023	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2023	Jan – Mar 2024	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	35	19	11	83	42	-49,4
		square metres	2 148	1 346	576	4 970	2 716	-45,4
		R'000	16 500	9 927	4 349	38 401	20 800	-45,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	63	64	27	194	120	-38,1
		square metres	23 425	29 353	7 835	71 028	46 880	-34,0
		R'000	175 929	211 134	60 957	541 208	333 990	-38,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	20	62	38	48	108	125,0
		square metres	932	4 620	2 133	2 714	7 245	166,9
		R'000	5 892	29 208	18 131	17 018	51 742	204,0
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	1 195	0	0	1 195	..
		R'000	0	8 007	0	0	8 007	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	198 321	258 276	83 437	596 627	414 539	-30,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	1 438	0	400	1 438	259,5
		R'000	0	9 091	0	2 528	9 091	259,6
	Shopping space	square metres	4 279	9 639	3 968	8 479	13 607	60,5
		R'000	26 565	59 905	25 774	52 746	85 679	62,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	36 449	5 511	25 009	42 006	31 617	-24,7
		R'000	258 764	37 184	158 262	301 772	202 552	-32,9
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	749	0	0	1 445	0	-100,0
		R'000	6 098	0	0	10 402	0	-100,0
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	291 427	106 180	184 036	367 448	297 322	-19,1	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	13 247	9 081	16 414	35 886	32 153	-10,4
		R'000	88 201	64 142	112 243	250 351	223 493	-10,7
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	3 414	1 060	1 136	4 532	3 491	-23,0
		R'000	25 270	13 071	9 216	38 437	30 597	-20,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	113 471	77 213	121 459	288 788	254 090	-12,0
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	603 219	441 669	388 932	1 252 863	965 951	-22,9

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2023	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2023	Jan – Mar 2024	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	6	3	4	9	125,0
		square metres	0	415	169	260	584	124,6
		R'000	0	2 590	1 162	1 695	3 752	121,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	42	35	39	99	110	11,1
		square metres	16 497	11 678	15 715	34 347	38 660	12,6
		R'000	117 101	80 864	114 668	242 945	274 985	13,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	77	0	32	141	77	-45,4
		square metres	17 844	0	4 030	23 573	7 429	-68,5
		R'000	126 975	0	27 517	164 816	56 056	-66,0
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	268	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	1 966	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	244 076	83 454	143 347	411 422	334 793	-18,6
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	0	740
R'000			0	0	0	0	5 086	..
Shopping space		square metres	1 100	9 023	230	13 334	9 253	-30,6
		R'000	7 305	66 193	1 273	91 389	67 466	-26,2
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	0	374	922	2 487	5 691	128,8
		R'000	0	2 741	6 217	16 448	39 247	138,6
Other non-residential buildings ³		square metres	0	9 061	4 790	0	13 915	..
		R'000	0	62 276	29 742	0	92 488	..
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	7 305	131 210	37 232	107 837	204 287	89,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 080	3 422	1 995	9 566	7 090	-25,9
		R'000	21 090	23 647	14 216	64 715	49 551	-23,4
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	125	1 712	3 654	458	6 077	1 226,9
		R'000	5 691	10 791	26 083	18 122	47 272	160,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	26 781	34 438	40 299	82 837	96 823	16,9
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	278 162	249 102	220 878	602 096	635 903	5,6

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2023	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2023	Jan – Mar 2024	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	553	408	617	1 447	1 222	-15,5	
		square metres	30 278	21 462	30 576	76 868	62 847	-18,2	
		R'000	218 433	156 840	230 426	542 906	466 176	-14,1	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	735	628	529	1 937	1 534	-20,8	
		square metres	192 034	152 674	141 413	483 750	398 128	-17,7	
		R'000	1 708 063	1 271 653	1 230 840	4 246 227	3 433 895	-19,1	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	765	786	1 313	2 077	2 885	38,9	
		square metres	82 821	70 803	85 762	208 002	233 934	12,5	
		R'000	811 628	610 627	762 593	1 915 776	2 181 647	13,9	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	1 272	11 372	138	7 614	12 773	67,8	
		R'000	14 445	76 849	854	62 959	93 829	49,0	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	2 752 569	2 115 969	2 224 713	6 767 868	6 175 547	-8,8
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	9 754	7 862	2 852	98 141	19 410	-80,2
R'000			71 567	74 759	26 983	1 202 768	179 571	-85,1	
Shopping space		square metres	122 610	4 806	2 745	153 903	42 490	-72,4	
		R'000	1 326 640	52 542	20 348	1 586 144	449 429	-71,7	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	36 464	40 606	36 737	99 032	107 054	8,1	
		R'000	252 922	303 138	291 748	657 474	852 416	29,7	
Other non-residential buildings ³		square metres	4 884	4 047	6 149	34 877	13 695	-60,7	
		R'000	58 091	34 470	53 309	284 365	114 116	-59,9	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	1 709 220	464 909	392 388	3 730 751	1 595 532	-57,2	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	41 102	67 621	58 990	127 629	172 013	34,8	
		R'000	357 726	570 369	496 509	1 079 857	1 451 715	34,4	
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	32 721	26 235	42 014	98 045	91 498	-6,7	
		R'000	316 349	270 773	389 871	981 498	938 059	-4,4	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	674 075	841 142	886 380	2 061 355	2 389 774	15,9
Buildings completed		Total at current prices	R'000	5 135 864	3 422 020	3 503 481	12 559 974	10 160 853	-19,1

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2023	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2023	Jan – Mar 2024	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	130	128	227	398	439	10,3
		square metres	6 190	5 988	10 303	18 302	20 364	11,3
		R'000	38 338	41 491	65 789	111 840	136 262	21,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	190	225	210	552	561	1,6
		square metres	49 775	55 193	56 758	138 862	143 142	3,1
		R'000	359 030	393 394	427 556	993 773	1 053 417	6,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	224	318	245	833	747	-10,3
		square metres	29 018	38 179	23 743	92 945	85 237	-8,3
		R'000	251 439	332 522	200 988	751 056	745 381	-0,8
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	8 974	0	4 525	10 237	126,2
		R'000	0	56 042	0	27 924	72 168	158,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	648 807	823 449	694 333	1 884 593	2 007 228	6,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	7 246	7 620	0	7 246	7 620	5,2
		R'000	44 960	71 876	0	44 960	71 876	59,9
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	20 612	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	151 193	0	-100,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	21 989	8 177	7 690	33 553	336,3
		R'000	0	167 602	63 136	56 094	257 482	359,0
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	1 420	2 110	3 037	24 617	8 187	-66,7
		R'000	15 000	13 051	19 114	177 708	55 159	-69,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	59 960	252 529	82 250	429 955	384 517	-10,6
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	9 467	18 989	20 547	44 924	49 553
R'000			69 624	133 212	143 076	321 389	348 252	8,4
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	6 315	3 308	13 046	57 847	24 784	-57,2
		R'000	54 197	43 245	120 578	515 441	252 375	-51,0
Total additions and alterations		R'000	123 821	176 457	263 654	836 830	600 627	-28,2
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	832 588	1 252 435	1 040 237	3 151 378	2 992 372	-5,0

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2023	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2023	Jan – Mar 2024	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	53	49	25	105	78	-25,7
		square metres	2 646	2 890	1 324	5 481	4 423	-19,3
		R'000	16 425	23 114	10 520	35 871	35 325	-1,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	48	45	33	176	93	-47,2
		square metres	10 517	8 060	6 057	40 663	18 467	-54,6
		R'000	86 855	64 428	50 069	345 630	149 537	-56,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	13	317	15	14	332	2 271,4
		square metres	887	17 421	2 494	1 547	19 915	1 187,3
		R'000	7 315	139 503	20 370	12 758	159 873	1 153,1
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	110 595	227 045	80 959	394 259	344 735	-12,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	2 138	0	0	2 979	0	-100,0
		R'000	17 632	0	0	25 145	0	-100,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	1 958	0	2 484	1 958	-21,2
		R'000	0	14 367	0	15 364	14 367	-6,5
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	131	0	131	..
		R'000	0	0	808	0	808	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	17 632	14 367	808	40 509	15 175	-62,5
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 381	18 029	13 317	14 492	44 409
R'000			43 584	147 181	109 479	119 807	362 867	202,9
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	619	10 580	8 961	1 877	24 619	1 211,6
		R'000	5 061	88 268	74 831	19 088	214 415	1 023,3
Total additions and alterations		R'000	48 645	235 449	184 310	138 895	577 282	315,6
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	176 872	476 861	266 077	573 663	937 192	63,4

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2023	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2023	Jan – Mar 2024	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2	1	2	2	3	50,0
		square metres	153	58	109	153	167	9,2
		R'000	1 140	546	1 026	1 140	1 572	37,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	8	5	5	13	12	-7,7
		square metres	2 303	1 251	880	3 735	2 560	-31,5
		R'000	21 678	11 776	8 283	35 157	24 097	-31,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	0	0	..
		square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	1 164	0	0	1 164	..
		R'000	0	10 957	0	0	10 957	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	22 818	23 279	9 309	36 297	36 626	0,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 387	0	0	1 387	0	-100,0
		R'000	13 056	0	0	13 056	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	619	0	0	619	..
		R'000	0	5 827	0	0	5 827	..
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	13 056	5 827	0	13 056	5 827	-55,4
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 711	937	1 102	5 800	3 277
R'000			34 932	8 820	10 373	54 596	30 846	-43,5
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	0	14	0	554	833	50,4
		R'000	850	132	390	6 235	8 321	33,5
Total additions and alterations		R'000	35 782	8 952	10 763	60 831	39 167	-35,6
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	71 656	38 058	20 072	110 184	81 620	-25,9

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2023	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2023	Jan – Mar 2024	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	4	0	2	36	2	-94,4
		square metres	260	0	91	2 015	91	-95,5
		R'000	1 608	0	876	18 493	876	-95,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	19	8	14	40	32	-20,0
		square metres	4 134	1 785	2 623	8 445	6 502	-23,0
		R'000	30 049	14 688	23 696	62 583	52 454	-16,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	2	0	0	3	0	-100,0
		square metres	188	0	0	292	0	-100,0
		R'000	1 550	0	0	2 408	0	-100,0
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	121	853	138	121	991	719,0
		R'000	748	6 800	854	748	7 654	923,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	33 955	21 488	25 426	84 232	60 984	-27,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	277	0	277	..
		R'000	0	0	2 665	0	2 665	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	145	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	897	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	62	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	511	0	-100,0
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	0	2 665	511	3 562	597,1
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 204	2 442	1 969	4 062	7 604
R'000			16 380	16 088	18 135	29 692	54 059	82,1
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	207	0	276	886	276	-68,8
		R'000	3 166	50	3 020	8 796	6 435	-26,8
Total additions and alterations	R'000	19 546	16 138	21 155	38 488	60 494	57,2	
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	53 501	37 626	49 246	123 231	125 040	1,5

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2023	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2023	Jan – Mar 2024	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	6	12	14	19	32	68,4
		square metres	313	640	879	1 145	1 886	64,7
		R'000	2 394	5 907	9 384	8 332	18 565	122,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	104	42	36	177	115	-35,0
		square metres	33 510	11 181	10 749	58 039	32 953	-43,2
		R'000	359 979	115 075	130 403	631 432	358 147	-43,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	184	50	59	330	195	-40,9
		square metres	23 516	6 691	7 397	39 370	20 304	-48,4
		R'000	268 618	64 741	63 682	442 333	178 027	-59,8
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	1 151	381	0	1 151	381	-66,9
		R'000	13 697	3 050	0	13 697	3 050	-77,7
	Total residential buildings	R'000	644 688	188 773	203 469	1 095 794	557 789	-49,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	519	0	0	9 956	0	-100,0
		R'000	5 709	0	0	108 428	0	-100,0
	Shopping space	square metres	43 521	0	306	44 742	34 155	-23,7
		R'000	478 731	0	2 586	487 278	372 163	-23,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	6 703	2 217	629	9 986	12 169	21,9
		R'000	41 514	13 304	3 147	59 269	86 692	46,3
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	3 464	0	2 559	4 568	2 559	-44,0
		R'000	43 091	0	28 149	54 032	28 149	-47,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	569 045	13 304	33 882	709 007	487 004	-31,3
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 981	8 294	8 085	17 397	21 440
R'000			67 160	97 814	92 651	196 125	248 808	26,9
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	13 189	6 223	7 909	15 693	14 233	-9,3
		R'000	142 088	93 191	79 633	172 514	196 011	13,6
Total additions and alterations		R'000	209 248	191 005	172 284	368 639	444 819	20,7
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 422 981	393 082	409 635	2 173 440	1 489 612	-31,5

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2023	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2023	Jan – Mar 2024	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	13	24	38	60	66	10,0
		square metres	762	1 379	2 120	3 638	3 763	3,4
		R'000	4 189	9 862	15 811	20 913	27 450	31,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	76	44	28	163	110	-32,5
		square metres	15 223	9 376	7 189	36 275	24 756	-31,8
		R'000	105 918	65 391	54 305	254 202	180 561	-29,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	27	8	2	57	10	-82,5
		square metres	2 944	332	175	4 860	507	-89,6
		R'000	17 635	2 053	1 260	29 485	3 313	-88,8
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
Total residential buildings	R'000	127 742	77 306	71 376	304 600	211 324	-30,6	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	455	0	455	..
		R'000	0	0	3 754	0	3 754	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	670	2 259	45	2 929	6 408,9
		R'000	0	5 007	16 766	278	21 773	7 732,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	4 794	1 621	1 782	5 215	3 403	-34,7
		R'000	39 536	10 026	14 446	42 140	24 472	-41,9
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	39 536	15 033	34 966	42 418	49 999	17,9	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 283	5 388	1 504	4 217	8 863	110,2
		R'000	7 987	33 606	9 885	25 991	56 994	119,3
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	323	1 149	7 007	977	8 492	769,2
		R'000	3 538	9 471	73 496	35 796	89 566	150,2
Total additions and alterations	R'000	11 525	43 077	83 381	61 787	146 560	137,2	
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	178 803	135 416	189 723	408 805	407 883	-0,2

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2023	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2023	Jan – Mar 2024	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	332	184	307	784	584	-25,5
		square metres	19 127	9 849	15 610	43 366	30 959	-28,6
		R'000	147 905	71 178	126 058	325 599	237 666	-27,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	237	196	180	669	501	-25,1
		square metres	64 781	51 826	51 716	164 695	144 829	-12,1
		R'000	653 421	504 855	498 083	1 678 222	1 436 508	-14,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	295	75	975	647	1 566	142,0
		square metres	24 498	5 474	50 042	58 401	103 354	77,0
		R'000	252 493	53 210	464 212	604 503	1 064 374	76,1
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	1 817	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	20 590	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 053 819	629 243	1 088 353	2 628 914	2 738 548	4,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	602	242	1 068	79 552	1 310	-98,4
		R'000	7 842	2 883	13 913	1 036 324	16 796	-98,4
	Shopping space	square metres	64 752	3 886	0	73 326	4 831	-93,4
		R'000	746 433	46 155	0	838 406	52 220	-93,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	7 425	4 502	18 562	55 026	35 614	-35,3
		R'000	60 971	39 879	146 529	366 137	316 361	-13,6
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	1 937	422	5 692	2 818	-50,5
		R'000	0	21 419	5 238	52 625	30 000	-43,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	815 246	110 336	165 680	2 293 492	415 377	-81,9
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	10 528	12 496	11 643	28 793	34 083
R'000			100 089	126 492	107 372	278 199	330 833	18,9
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	9 106	4 193	4 815	17 226	17 466	1,4
		R'000	83 429	29 138	36 423	169 586	160 308	-5,5
Total additions and alterations		R'000	183 518	155 630	143 795	447 785	491 141	9,7
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 052 583	895 209	1 397 828	5 370 191	3 645 066	-32,1

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2023	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2023	Jan – Mar 2024	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	10	8	0	32	8	-75,0
		square metres	636	533	0	2 016	533	-73,6
		R'000	5 121	3 883	0	15 549	3 883	-75,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	34	46	4	93	64	-31,2
		square metres	7 069	8 311	1 043	16 568	12 262	-26,0
		R'000	58 552	62 462	7 709	131 971	91 082	-31,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	17	0	17	..
		square metres	0	0	1 911	0	1 911	..
		R'000	0	0	12 081	0	12 081	..
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
Total residential buildings	R'000	63 673	66 345	19 790	147 520	107 046	-27,4	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	1 052	0	9 748	..
		R'000	0	0	6 651	0	84 480	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	17 542	5 045	7 587	17 542	12 632	-28,0
		R'000	110 901	35 964	64 490	110 901	100 454	-9,4
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	110 901	35 964	71 141	110 901	184 934	66,8	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 382	1 046	220	6 627	1 266	-80,9
		R'000	16 945	7 156	1 394	45 314	8 550	-81,1
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	2 962	0	0	2 985	0	-100,0
		R'000	22 020	0	0	49 355	201	-99,6
Total additions and alterations	R'000	38 965	7 156	1 394	94 669	8 751	-90,8	
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	213 539	109 465	92 325	353 090	300 731	-14,8

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2023	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2023	Jan – Mar 2024	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	2	2	11	10	-9,1
		square metres	191	125	140	752	661	-12,1
		R'000	1 313	859	962	5 169	4 577	-11,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	19	17	19	54	46	-14,8
		square metres	4 722	5 691	4 398	16 468	12 657	-23,1
		R'000	32 581	39 584	30 736	113 257	88 092	-22,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	20	18	0	193	18	-90,7
		square metres	1 770	2 706	0	10 587	2 706	-74,4
		R'000	12 578	18 598	0	73 233	18 598	-74,6
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	46 472	59 041	31 698	191 659	111 267	-41,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	12 199	250	180	12 199	430	-96,5
		R'000	83 844	1 380	996	83 844	2 376	-97,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	2 655	0	1 027	7 106	591,9
		R'000	0	16 169	0	7 058	46 761	562,5
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	83 844	17 549	996	90 902	49 137	-45,9	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	165	0	603	1 317	1 518	15,3
		R'000	1 025	0	4 144	8 744	10 506	20,2
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	0	768	0	0	795	..
		R'000	2 000	7 278	1 500	4 687	10 427	122,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	3 025	7 278	5 644	13 431	20 933	55,9
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	133 341	83 868	38 338	295 992	181 337	-38,7

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

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

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

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

Explanatory notes

Introduction	1	Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and, therefore, do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses in their reporting. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses can be obtained from the Department of Human Settlements.
	2	In order to improve timeliness of the publication, some information for the current month has been estimated due to late submission by respondents. These estimates will be revised in the next statistical release(s) as soon as actual information is available.
Purpose of the survey	3	The monthly survey data are used in monitoring the state of economy and formulation of economic policy. Furthermore, the results are important inputs to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and to calculate the Composite Leading Business Cycle Indicator. The data are extensively used by the private sector.
Scope of the survey	4	This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • passing of building plans; and • final inspection of completed buildings.
Classification	5	Building activities are classified in division five according to the 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities</i> (SIC), Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02. The SIC is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities</i> (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions.
Collection rate	6	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for March 2024 was 88,2%. The improved collection rate for February 2024 was 88,2%.
Statistical unit	7	The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities.
Survey methodology and design	8	Stats SA conducts a monthly survey of metropolitan municipalities and large local municipalities on building plans passed and buildings completed. An annual survey of the remaining municipalities is conducted regarding buildings completed. The monthly survey represents approximately 85% of the total value of buildings completed. Information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed for the private sector is collected by email, fax and telephone.
Constant prices	9	The value of building plans passed and buildings completed at constant prices measures building activities in terms of ruling prices in a specific base year, which is currently 2019. The value of building plans passed at constant prices for each month is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with a price index known as the 'lump sum domestic buildings' as published in statistical release P0151.1: <i>Construction Materials Price Indices</i> . In order to be applicable, these indices (base December 2023=100) are converted to the base year 2019=100.

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

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

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