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Key findings for January to May 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 – May 2022	Jan – May 2023	Difference in value between Jan – May 2022 and Jan – May 2023	% change between Jan – May 2022 and Jan – May 2023
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	25 237 644	21 789 340	-3 448 304	-13,7
-Dwelling-houses	16 093 097	14 305 830	-1 787 267	-11,1
-Flats and townhouses	8 772 109	7 166 719	-1 605 390	-18,3
-Other residential buildings	372 438	316 791	-55 647	-14,9
Non-residential buildings	9 680 883	7 338 561	-2 342 322	-24,2
Additions and alterations	12 415 430	12 652 880	237 450	1,9
Total	47 333 957	41 780 781	-5 553 176	-11,7

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 11,7% (-R5 553,2 million) during January to May 2023 compared with January to May 2022.

Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-24,2% or -R2 342,3 million) and residential buildings (-13,7% or -R3 448,3 million). An increase was reported for additions and alterations (1,9% or R237,5 million) – see Table A.

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

Province	Jan – May 2022	Jan – May 2023	Weight Jan – May 2022	% change between Jan – May 2022 and Jan – May 2023	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan – May 2022 and Jan – May 2023	Difference in value between Jan – May 2022 and Jan – May 2023
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000	%			
Western Cape	14 999 822	13 686 226	31,7	-8,8	-2,8	-1 313 596
Eastern Cape	2 727 315	2 159 958	5,8	-20,8	-1,2	-567 357
Northern Cape	609 677	414 254	1,3	-32,1	-0,4	-195 423
Free State	734 034	1 144 517	1,6	55,9	0,9	410 483
KwaZulu-Natal	8 700 036	4 897 643	18,4	-43,7	-8,0	-3 802 393
North West	1 523 672	1 174 105	3,2	-22,9	-0,7	-349 567
Gauteng	14 842 070	15 061 162	31,4	1,5	0,5	219 092
Mpumalanga	2 253 446	2 239 349	4,8	-0,6	0,0	-14 097
Limpopo	943 885	1 003 567	2,0	6,3	0,1	59 682
Total	47 333 957	41 780 781	100,0	-11,7	-11,7	-5 553 176

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 11,7% (-R5 553,2 million) were made by KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -8,0 percentage points or -R3 802,4 million) and Western Cape (contributing -2,8 percentage points or -R1 313,6 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 – May 2022	Jan – May 2023	Difference in value between Jan – May 2022 and Jan – May 2023	% change between Jan – May 2022 and Jan – May 2023
	1/	1/		
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	20 514 746	16 771 657	-3 743 089	-18,2
Non-residential buildings	7 870 784	5 644 831	-2 225 953	-28,3
Additions and alterations	10 065 544	9 739 036	-326 508	-3,2
Total	38 451 074	32 155 524	-6 295 550	-16,4

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 16,4% (-R6 295,6 million) during January to May 2023 compared with January to May 2022. Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-28,3% or -R2 226,0 million), residential buildings (-18,2% or -R3 743,1 million) and additions and alterations (-3,2% or -R326,5 million) – see Table C.

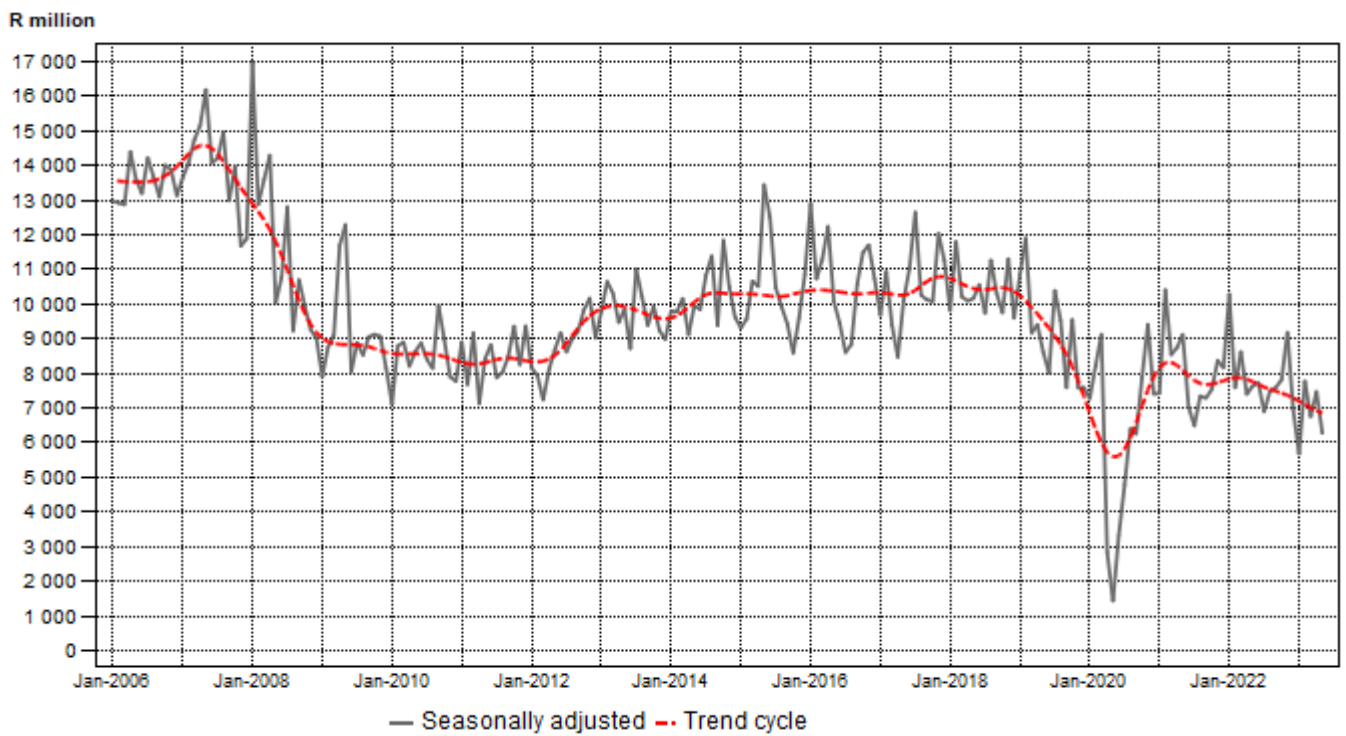
Table D – Seasonally adjusted building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices for the latest three months by type of building

Type of building	Dec 2022 – Feb 2023	Mar – May 2023	% change between Dec 2022 – Feb 2023 and Mar – May 2023
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	10 808 511	10 436 757	-3,4
Non-residential buildings 1/	3 436 476	3 642 254	6,0
Additions and alterations	6 132 334	6 409 415	4,5
Total	20 377 321	20 488 426	0,5

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

The seasonally adjusted real value of building plans passed increased by 0,5% in the three months ended May 2023 compared with the previous three months. Increases were reported for non-residential buildings (6,0%) and additions and alterations (4,5%). Residential buildings fell by 3,4% – 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 – May 2022	Jan – May 2023	Difference in value between Jan – May 2022 and Jan – May 2023	% change between Jan – May 2022 and Jan – May 2023
	1/	1/		
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	13 852 767	12 623 618	-1 229 149	-8,9
-Dwelling-houses	9 119 316	8 842 615	-276 701	-3,0
-Flats and townhouses	4 376 981	3 697 528	-679 453	-15,5
-Other residential buildings	356 470	83 475	-272 995	-76,6
Non-residential buildings	6 666 763	5 712 034	-954 729	-14,3
Additions and alterations	8 836 838	4 271 859	-4 564 979	-51,7
Total	29 356 368	22 607 511	-6 748 857	-23,0

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 23,0% (-R6 748,9 million) during January to May 2023 compared with January to May 2022.

Decreases were reported for additions and alterations (-51,7% or -R4 565,0 million), non-residential buildings (-14,3% or -R954,7 million) and residential buildings (-8,9% or -R1 229,1 million) – see Table E.

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

Province	Jan – May 2022	Jan – May 2023	Weight Jan – May 2022	% change between Jan – May 2022 and Jan – May 2023	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan – May 2022 and Jan – May 2023	Difference in value between Jan – May 2022 and Jan – May 2023
	1/	1/				
	R'000	R'000	%			R'000
Western Cape	14 178 596	6 202 841	48,3	-56,3	-27,2	-7 975 755
Eastern Cape	1 259 555	1 273 467	4,3	1,1	0,0	13 912
Northern Cape	249 295	177 092	0,8	-29,0	-0,2	-72 203
Free State	223 989	177 914	0,8	-20,6	-0,2	-46 075
KwaZulu-Natal	3 821 146	3 296 889	13,0	-13,7	-1,8	-524 257
North West	787 015	670 061	2,7	-14,9	-0,4	-116 954
Gauteng	7 905 248	9 598 745	26,9	21,4	5,8	1 693 497
Mpumalanga	484 555	563 703	1,7	16,3	0,3	79 148
Limpopo	446 969	646 799	1,5	44,7	0,7	199 830
Total	29 356 368	22 607 511	100,0	-23,0	-23,0	-6 748 857

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 during January to May 2023, of which Western Cape (contributing -27,2 percentage points or -R7 975,8 million) was the largest negative contributor. Gauteng (contributing 5,8 percentage points or R1 693,5 million) was the largest positive contributor – see Table F.

Buildings reported as completed at constant 2019 prices

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

Type of building	Jan – May 2022	Jan – May 2023	Difference in value between Jan – May 2022 and Jan – May 2023	% change between Jan – May 2022 and Jan – May 2023
	1/	1/	R'000	
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	11 229 212	9 709 826	-1 519 386	-13,5
Non-residential buildings	5 409 245	4 405 948	-1 003 297	-18,5
Additions and alterations	7 141 377	3 286 175	-3 855 202	-54,0
Total	23 779 834	17 401 949	-6 377 885	-26,8

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 26,8% (-R6 377,9 million) during January to May 2023 compared with January to May 2022. Decreases were reported for additions and alterations (-54,0% or -R3 855,2 million), non-residential buildings (-18,5% or -R1 003,3 million) and residential buildings (-13,5% or -R1 519,4 million) – see Table G.

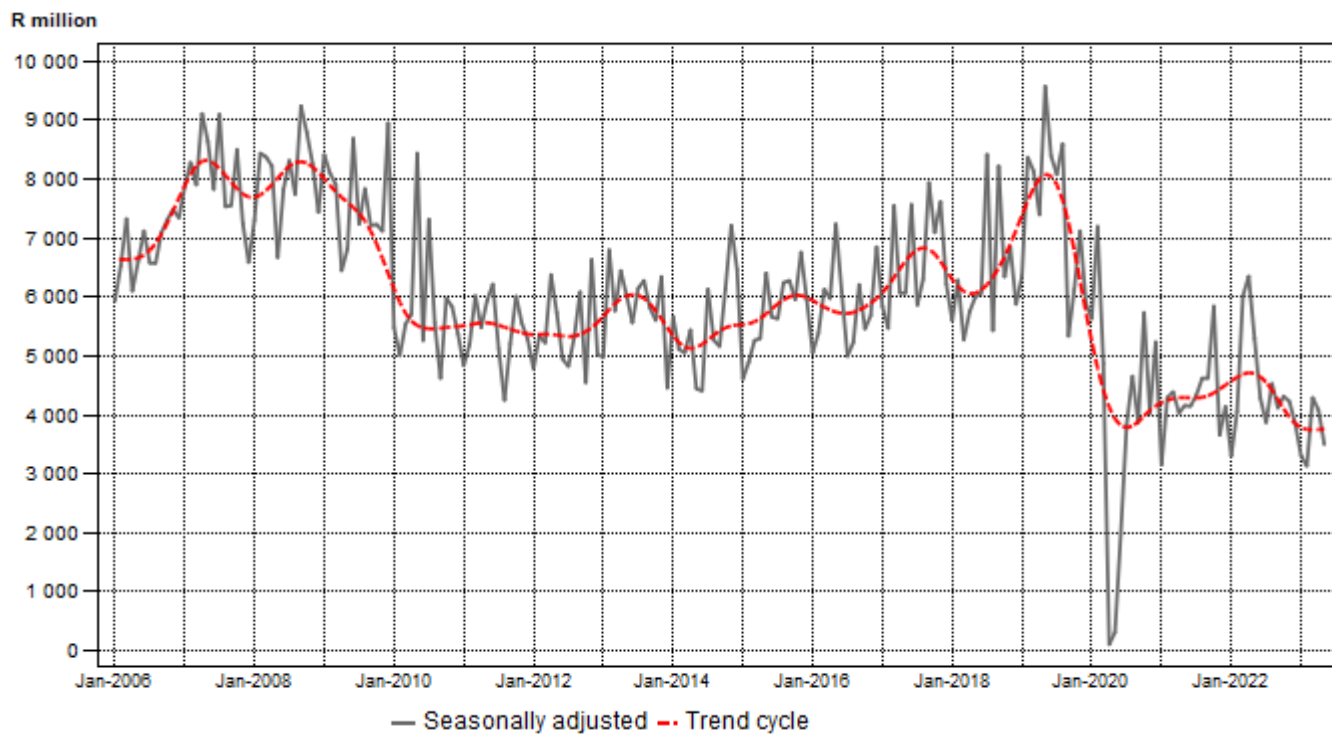
Table H – Seasonally adjusted buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices for the latest three months by type of building

Type of building	Dec 2022 – Feb 2023	Mar – May 2023	% change between Dec 2022 – Feb 2023 and Mar – May 2023
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	6 127 242	6 771 051	10,5
Non-residential buildings 1/	2 442 049	2 825 760	15,7
Additions and alterations	1 712 767	2 273 293	32,7
Total	10 282 058	11 870 104	15,4

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

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed increased by 15,4% in the three months ended May 2023 compared with the previous three months. Increases were reported for additions and alterations (32,7%), non-residential buildings (15,7%) and residential buildings (10,5%) – see Table H.

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



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Tables

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2022	January	5 723 791	57,3	1 415 467	242,3	1 797 644	18,0	8 936 902	60,3
	February	4 568 639	-11,9	2 039 580	-38,3	2 444 275	-7,3	9 052 494	-18,7
	March	5 109 535	11,2	3 402 406	36,1	2 595 055	1,6	11 106 996	15,1
	April	4 849 203	-3,0	1 142 322	-48,9	2 478 941	16,1	8 470 466	-9,6
	May	4 986 476	-20,7	1 681 108	35,3	3 099 515	17,9	9 767 099	-3,9
	June	6 160 033	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	2 784 773	99,7	3 083 042	4,1	12 049 247	17,8
	December	3 404 524	-27,4	1 809 580	31,1	2 080 533	-0,6	7 294 637	-10,6
	Total	62 202 309	3,2	22 107 599	17,3	33 188 986	11,0	117 498 894	7,7
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	-9,0	2 639 147	8,0	9 801 619	8,3
	March	4 911 689	-3,9	1 660 355	-51,2	2 603 354	0,3	9 175 398	-17,4
	April	4 711 505	-2,8	1 602 628	40,3	2 527 268	1,9	8 841 401	4,4
	May	4 099 074	-17,8	1 497 010	-11,0	3 000 798	-3,2	8 596 882	-12,0

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	8 532 170	42,5	1 415 467	2,5	2 554 861	2,0	12 502 498	26,7
	February	4 671 891	-45,2	2 039 580	44,1	2 496 421	-2,3	9 207 892	-26,4
	March	4 683 238	0,2	3 402 406	66,8	2 544 640	1,9	10 630 284	15,4
	April	5 234 385	11,8	1 142 322	-66,4	2 751 635	8,1	9 128 342	-14,1
	May	4 832 833	-7,7	1 681 108	47,2	3 105 202	12,8	9 619 143	5,4
	June	5 554 200	14,9	1 648 991	-1,9	2 592 758	-16,5	9 795 949	1,8
	July	5 048 880	-9,1	984 134	-40,3	2 791 305	7,7	8 824 319	-9,9
	August	4 320 460	-14,4	1 823 251	85,3	3 250 097	16,4	9 393 808	6,5
	September	4 832 289	11,8	1 883 600	3,3	2 796 124	-14,0	9 512 013	1,3
	October	5 523 780	14,3	1 492 387	-20,8	2 812 607	0,6	9 828 774	3,3
	November	6 050 427	9,5	2 784 773	86,6	2 792 060	-0,7	11 627 260	18,3
	December	4 493 327	-25,7	1 809 580	-35,0	2 543 685	-8,9	8 846 592	-23,9
2023	January	3 935 935	-12,4	721 791	-60,1	2 613 301	2,7	7 271 027	-17,8
	February	5 445 267	38,3	1 856 777	157,2	2 697 495	3,2	9 999 539	37,5
	March	4 611 071	-15,3	1 660 355	-10,6	2 545 830	-5,6	8 817 256	-11,8
	April	5 142 097	11,5	1 602 628	-3,5	2 964 638	16,5	9 709 363	10,1
	May	3 865 371	-24,8	1 497 010	-6,6	2 855 886	-3,7	8 218 267	-15,4
	Dec 22 – Feb 23	13 874 529		4 388 148		7 854 481		26 117 158	
	Mar – May 23 2/	13 618 539	-1,8	4 759 993	8,5	8 366 354	6,5	26 744 886	2,4

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/
2022	January	4 738 238	39,0	1 171 744	202,4	1 488 116	4,2	7 398 098	41,6
	February	3 754 017	-21,4	1 675 908	-45,0	2 008 443	-17,4	7 438 368	-27,5
	March	4 157 474	-0,6	2 768 434	21,6	2 111 517	-9,2	9 037 425	2,9
	April	3 907 496	-12,9	920 485	-54,1	1 997 535	4,3	6 825 516	-18,8
	May	3 957 521	-28,9	1 334 213	21,4	2 459 933	5,7	7 751 667	-13,8
	June	4 865 745	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	2 210 137	88,9	2 446 859	-1,5	9 562 894	11,4
	December	2 697 721	-31,1	1 433 899	24,4	1 648 600	-5,7	5 780 220	-15,2
	Total	49 757 805	-5,6	17 707 864	6,6	26 497 008	1,5	93 962 677	-1,5
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	-14,3	2 041 104	1,6	7 580 525	1,9
	March	3 763 746	-9,5	1 272 303	-54,0	1 994 907	-5,5	7 030 956	-22,2
	April	3 610 349	-7,6	1 228 067	33,4	1 936 604	-3,1	6 775 020	-0,7
	May	3 126 677	-21,0	1 141 884	-14,4	2 288 938	-7,0	6 557 499	-15,4

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	7 012 061	42,5	1 171 744	1,7	2 102 638	1,0	10 286 443	26,1
	February	3 862 060	-44,9	1 675 908	43,0	2 046 277	-2,7	7 584 245	-26,3
	March	3 790 717	-1,8	2 768 434	65,2	2 064 512	0,9	8 623 663	13,7
	April	4 246 689	12,0	920 485	-66,8	2 223 670	7,7	7 390 844	-14,3
	May	3 825 279	-9,9	1 334 213	44,9	2 468 835	11,0	7 628 327	3,2
	June	4 370 802	14,3	1 302 521	-2,4	2 049 673	-17,0	7 722 996	1,2
	July	3 923 048	-10,2	771 870	-40,7	2 196 610	7,2	6 891 528	-10,8
	August	3 474 808	-11,4	1 437 895	86,3	2 573 790	17,2	7 486 493	8,6
	September	3 871 608	11,4	1 492 552	3,8	2 219 099	-13,8	7 583 259	1,3
	October	4 389 211	13,4	1 188 206	-20,4	2 235 490	0,7	7 812 907	3,0
	November	4 755 814	8,4	2 210 137	86,0	2 209 399	-1,2	9 175 350	17,4
	December	3 495 820	-26,5	1 433 899	-35,1	2 005 354	-9,2	6 935 073	-24,4
2023	January	3 057 768	-12,5	566 555	-60,5	2 042 996	1,9	5 667 319	-18,3
	February	4 254 923	39,2	1 436 022	153,5	2 083 984	2,0	7 774 929	37,2
	March	3 519 778	-17,3	1 272 303	-11,4	1 951 447	-6,4	6 743 528	-13,3
	April	3 968 468	12,7	1 228 067	-3,5	2 272 686	16,5	7 469 221	10,8
	May	2 948 511	-25,7	1 141 884	-7,0	2 185 282	-3,8	6 275 677	-16,0
	Dec 22 – Feb 23	10 808 511		3 436 476		6 132 334		20 377 321	
	Mar – May 23 2/	10 436 757	-3,4	3 642 254	6,0	6 409 415	4,5	20 488 426	0,5

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

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

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2022	January	1 915 442	23,1	458 707	-22,6	764 676	37,2	3 138 825	16,0
	February	2 310 014	0,8	1 271 255	-0,6	1 147 349	32,2	4 728 618	6,5
	March	3 197 697	-1,4	2 627 335	441,9	1 891 604	53,9	7 716 636	55,7
	April	3 351 268	49,1	1 172 464	11,1	2 620 953	169,1	7 144 685	67,0
	May	3 078 346	19,4	1 137 002	-3,4	2 412 256	187,7	6 627 604	44,3
	June	2 981 227	9,3	1 455 223	39,9	1 014 533	-2,3	5 450 983	13,4
	July	2 793 180	11,6	1 167 421	-6,8	1 007 968	-25,6	4 968 569	-2,8
	August	3 221 336	28,5	1 248 420	5,1	1 340 292	-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
	Total	37 189 537	13,2	14 751 632	13,6	15 878 831	17,8	67 820 000	14,3
2023	January	1 599 678	-16,5	1 451 781	216,5	535 533	-30,0	3 586 992	14,3
	February	2 412 794	4,4	569 750	-55,2	847 764	-26,1	3 830 308	-19,0
	March	3 053 742	-4,5	1 697 852	-35,4	994 388	-47,4	5 745 982	-25,5
	April	2 583 416	-22,9	1 362 107	16,2	954 432	-63,6	4 899 955	-31,4
	May	2 973 988	-3,4	630 544	-44,5	939 742	-61,0	4 544 274	-31,4

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2022	January	2 571 169	-19,3	458 707	-48,0	980 092	9,1	4 009 968	-19,3
	February	2 568 752	-0,1	1 271 255	177,1	1 101 952	12,4	4 941 959	23,2
	March	3 168 228	23,3	2 627 335	106,7	1 617 376	46,8	7 412 939	50,0
	April	3 642 081	15,0	1 172 464	-55,4	3 023 470	86,9	7 838 015	5,7
	May	3 097 026	-15,0	1 137 002	-3,0	2 436 709	-19,4	6 670 737	-14,9
	June	2 948 911	-4,8	1 455 223	28,0	1 018 101	-58,2	5 422 235	-18,7
	July	2 762 790	-6,3	1 167 421	-19,8	988 717	-2,9	4 918 928	-9,3
	August	3 257 996	17,9	1 248 420	6,9	1 240 110	25,4	5 746 526	16,8
	September	3 141 499	-3,6	1 100 905	-11,8	940 005	-24,2	5 182 409	-9,8
	October	3 383 269	7,7	1 069 676	-2,8	964 989	2,7	5 417 934	4,5
	November	3 395 952	0,4	955 555	-10,7	970 261	0,5	5 321 768	-1,8
	December	3 029 927	-10,8	1 087 669	13,8	742 680	-23,5	4 860 276	-8,7
2023	January	2 139 600	-29,4	1 451 781	33,5	638 019	-14,1	4 229 400	-13,0
	February	2 670 792	24,8	569 750	-60,8	811 697	27,2	4 052 239	-4,2
	March	3 054 348	14,4	1 697 852	198,0	853 055	5,1	5 605 255	38,3
	April	2 797 262	-8,4	1 362 107	-19,8	1 153 305	35,2	5 312 674	-5,2
	May	2 995 763	7,1	630 544	-53,7	957 285	-17,0	4 583 592	-13,7
	Dec 22 – Feb 23	7 840 319		3 109 200		2 192 396		13 141 915	
	Mar – May 23 2/	8 847 373	12,8	3 690 503	18,7	2 963 645	35,2	15 501 521	18,0

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/
2022	January	1 585 631	8,7	379 724	-31,6	633 010	21,2	2 598 365	2,4
	February	1 898 122	-10,1	1 044 581	-11,3	942 768	17,8	3 885 471	-5,0
	March	2 601 869	-11,9	2 137 783	384,1	1 539 141	37,5	6 278 793	39,1
	April	2 700 458	34,0	944 774	-0,2	2 111 969	141,8	5 757 201	50,1
	May	2 443 132	7,1	902 383	-13,4	1 914 489	158,0	5 260 004	29,4
	June	2 354 840	-0,6	1 149 465	27,3	801 369	-11,1	4 305 674	3,2
	July	2 190 729	1,5	915 624	-15,2	790 563	-32,3	3 896 916	-11,5
	August	2 540 486	18,1	984 558	-3,5	1 057 013	-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
	Total	29 697 769	3,8	11 803 132	4,4	12 710 678	8,3	54 211 579	4,9
2023	January	1 255 634	-20,8	1 139 546	200,1	420 356	-33,6	2 815 536	8,4
	February	1 866 043	-1,7	440 642	-57,8	655 657	-30,5	2 962 342	-23,8
	March	2 340 032	-10,1	1 301 036	-39,1	761 983	-50,5	4 403 051	-29,9
	April	1 979 629	-26,7	1 043 760	10,5	731 366	-65,4	3 754 755	-34,8
	May	2 268 488	-7,1	480 964	-46,7	716 813	-62,6	3 466 265	-34,1

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2022	January	2 117 592	-20,1	379 724	-48,4	800 888	6,1	3 298 204	-20,4
	February	2 105 771	-0,6	1 044 581	175,1	904 431	12,9	4 054 783	22,9
	March	2 574 026	22,2	2 137 783	104,7	1 303 036	44,1	6 014 845	48,3
	April	2 934 727	14,0	944 774	-55,8	2 472 315	89,7	6 351 816	5,6
	May	2 460 996	-16,1	902 383	-4,5	1 931 866	-21,9	5 295 245	-16,6
	June	2 332 150	-5,2	1 149 465	27,4	800 868	-58,5	4 282 483	-19,1
	July	2 170 738	-6,9	915 624	-20,3	779 113	-2,7	3 865 475	-9,7
	August	2 568 706	18,3	984 558	7,5	979 529	25,7	4 532 793	17,3
	September	2 494 348	-2,9	872 349	-11,4	748 685	-23,6	4 115 382	-9,2
	October	2 693 626	8,0	851 653	-2,4	768 693	2,7	4 313 972	4,8
	November	2 702 282	0,3	758 377	-11,0	764 682	-0,5	4 225 341	-2,1
	December	2 393 216	-11,4	861 861	13,6	592 366	-22,5	3 847 443	-8,9
2023	January	1 672 012	-30,1	1 139 546	32,2	493 766	-16,6	3 305 324	-14,1
	February	2 062 014	23,3	440 642	-61,3	626 635	26,9	3 129 291	-5,3
	March	2 337 363	13,4	1 301 036	195,3	651 692	4,0	4 290 091	37,1
	April	2 144 261	-8,3	1 043 760	-19,8	891 732	36,8	4 079 753	-4,9
	May	2 289 427	6,8	480 964	-53,9	729 869	-18,2	3 500 260	-14,2
	Dec 22 – Feb 23	6 127 242		2 442 049		1 712 767		10 282 058	
	Mar – May 23 2/	6 771 051	10,5	2 825 760	15,7	2 273 293	32,7	11 870 104	15,4

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

			May 2022	Apr 2023	May 2023	Jan – May 2022	Jan – May 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 578	449	652	5 005	3 353	-33,0
		square metres	78 780	24 792	30 066	255 428	162 220	-36,5
		R'000	543 790	196 754	238 132	1 751 130	1 142 623	-34,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 438	1 005	1 202	6 482	5 291	-18,4
		square metres	420 953	302 336	343 376	1 818 173	1 578 974	-13,2
		R'000	3 263 195	2 557 099	2 867 419	14 341 967	13 163 207	-8,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 489	1 877	916	10 026	7 320	-27,0
		square metres	127 660	183 995	100 929	975 428	738 197	-24,3
		R'000	1 126 558	1 806 405	890 599	8 772 109	7 166 719	-18,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	7 344	17 445	10 657	46 736	36 842	-21,2
		R'000	52 933	151 247	102 924	372 438	316 791	-14,9
	Total residential buildings	R'000	4 986 476	4 711 505	4 099 074	25 237 644	21 789 340	-13,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	9 432	15 791	27 848	49 352	93 050	88,5
		R'000	77 286	140 093	299 034	407 215	924 468	127,0
	Shopping space	square metres	16 323	9 775	28 600	247 877	123 829	-50,0
		R'000	134 272	100 066	215 576	2 442 673	917 228	-62,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	180 629	144 370	108 476	843 380	585 705	-30,6
		R'000	1 174 560	920 173	713 959	5 341 968	3 882 416	-27,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	39 997	50 665	36 924	192 728	189 549	-1,6
		R'000	294 990	442 296	268 441	1 489 027	1 614 449	8,4
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 681 108	1 602 628	1 497 010	9 680 883	7 338 561	-24,2	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	278 283	216 365	260 134	1 195 038	1 115 831	-6,6
		R'000	2 222 680	1 836 499	2 159 770	9 520 154	9 382 056	-1,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	79 437	61 438	79 721	268 471	312 816	16,5
		R'000	876 835	690 769	841 028	2 895 276	3 270 824	13,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	3 099 515	2 527 268	3 000 798	12 415 430	12 652 880	1,9
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	9 767 099	8 841 401	8 596 882	47 333 957	41 780 781	-11,7

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2022	Apr 2023	May 2023	Jan – May 2022	Jan – May 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	538	128	203	2 250	1 101	-51,1
		square metres	25 009	6 240	9 385	101 557	49 359	-51,4
		R'000	158 298	43 437	73 988	627 483	336 328	-46,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	593	441	529	2 597	2 313	-10,9
		square metres	169 123	119 819	145 884	690 280	665 978	-3,5
		R'000	1 173 999	932 766	1 108 989	4 872 896	5 046 221	3,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	577	736	148	3 908	1 833	-53,1
		square metres	52 897	72 523	27 651	370 396	228 183	-38,4
		R'000	406 521	613 577	240 247	2 994 461	1 970 644	-34,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	757	551	3 924	11 306	8 433	-25,4
		R'000	5 653	3 318	30 615	111 265	60 935	-45,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 744 471	1 593 098	1 453 839	8 606 105	7 414 128	-13,9
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 085	105	3 532	25 625	19 674
R'000			9 207	967	27 557	191 518	162 000	-15,4
Shopping space		square metres	2 946	971	5 614	22 328	20 673	-7,4
		R'000	24 580	5 739	39 048	181 681	172 293	-5,2
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	70 893	8 212	6 542	146 275	74 159	-49,3
		R'000	473 034	51 848	38 797	958 297	481 514	-49,8
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	18 167	30 723	7 336	107 703	59 832	-44,4
		R'000	121 111	272 144	55 201	827 206	478 623	-42,1
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	627 932	330 698	160 603	2 158 702	1 294 430	-40,0	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	89 105	89 708	104 846	435 243	463 427	6,5
		R'000	615 095	672 533	790 920	3 033 965	3 544 501	16,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	20 459	17 600	50 508	102 855	127 306	23,8
		R'000	309 565	229 284	530 533	1 201 050	1 433 167	19,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	924 660	901 817	1 321 453	4 235 015	4 977 668	17,5
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	3 297 063	2 825 613	2 935 895	14 999 822	13 686 226	-8,8

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2022	Apr 2023	May 2023	Jan – May 2022	Jan – May 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	158	79	21	297	268	-9,8
		square metres	6 856	4 599	1 128	14 887	12 905	-13,3
		R'000	45 441	34 795	8 635	101 925	81 825	-19,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	111	84	82	473	410	-13,3
		square metres	24 778	19 375	22 520	107 111	98 580	-8,0
		R'000	188 727	162 209	184 159	826 956	815 025	-1,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	150	33	3	377	66	-82,5
		square metres	15 357	2 694	488	47 979	7 907	-83,5
		R'000	117 927	20 362	3 804	368 328	63 133	-82,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	21 281	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	158 362	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	352 095	217 366	196 598	1 455 571	959 983	-34,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	196	2 923	1 391,3
		R'000	0	0	0	1 455	24 106	1 556,8
	Shopping space	square metres	603	0	0	13 457	218	-98,4
		R'000	4 630	0	0	96 330	1 798	-98,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	5 211	6 441	2 232	15 953	20 328	27,4
		R'000	39 550	46 640	17 573	115 914	160 332	38,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 021	1 231	1 746	9 159	7 420	-19,0
		R'000	7 840	10 152	10 799	66 528	57 584	-13,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	52 020	56 792	28 372	280 227	243 820	-13,0
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	24 724	12 253	20 374	101 164	82 931
R'000			183 997	99 501	162 678	757 437	666 391	-12,0
Other buildings 4/		square metres	11 643	7 879	10 468	30 297	34 982	15,5
		R'000	86 716	67 905	85 284	234 080	289 764	23,8
Total additions and alterations		R'000	270 713	167 406	247 962	991 517	956 155	-3,6
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	674 828	441 564	472 932	2 727 315	2 159 958	-20,8

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2022	Apr 2023	May 2023	Jan – May 2022	Jan – May 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	6	18	1	14	33	135,7
		square metres	419	1 062	19	864	1 735	100,8
		R'000	3 528	9 997	179	7 428	16 333	119,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	17	20	12	72	86	19,4
		square metres	3 006	4 466	2 795	16 119	17 428	8,1
		R'000	23 893	39 634	24 075	128 574	153 209	19,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	4	0	-100,0
		square metres	0	0	0	2 642	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	22 295	0	-100,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	2 811	1 609	1 105	2 811	3 110	10,6
		R'000	24 636	15 146	10 401	24 636	29 275	18,8
	Total residential buildings	R'000	52 057	64 777	34 655	182 933	198 817	8,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	498	0	847	1 757	847	-51,8
		R'000	4 364	0	7 973	14 906	7 973	-46,5
	Shopping space	square metres	0	484	0	516	1 213	135,1
		R'000	0	4 556	0	4 523	11 418	152,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	14 341	0	0	14 341	649	-95,5
		R'000	116 444	0	0	116 444	6 109	-94,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	64	0	10 239	64	-99,4
		R'000	0	602	0	89 734	602	-99,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	120 808	5 158	7 973	225 607	26 102	-88,4
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 281	6 145	2 253	23 962	20 122
R'000			51 963	56 606	19 948	195 787	183 364	-6,3
Other buildings 4/		square metres	0	162	0	259	254	-1,9
		R'000	101	1 635	1 040	5 350	5 971	11,6
Total additions and alterations		R'000	52 064	58 241	20 988	201 137	189 335	-5,9
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	224 929	128 176	63 616	609 677	414 254	-32,1

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2022	Apr 2023	May 2023	Jan – May 2022	Jan – May 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	36	5	11	91	33	-63,7
		square metres	1 941	299	588	5 050	1 868	-63,0
		R'000	16 915	1 859	5 566	43 642	16 605	-62,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	41	61	41	209	186	-11,0
		square metres	9 587	17 485	9 763	42 599	49 038	15,1
		R'000	66 260	154 127	76 157	320 441	405 837	26,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	27	0	27	69	155,6
		square metres	0	1 698	0	2 351	9 421	300,7
		R'000	0	16 336	0	19 777	88 732	348,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	900	653	-27,4
		R'000	0	0	0	5 183	5 386	3,9
	Total residential buildings	R'000	83 175	172 322	81 723	389 043	516 560	32,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	530	0	0	530	500	-5,7
		R'000	3 052	0	0	3 052	3 093	1,3
	Shopping space	square metres	2 788	0	0	2 924	29 499	908,9
		R'000	20 710	0	0	21 493	182 795	750,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	7 278	0	1 284	16 652	7 154	-57,0
		R'000	41 914	0	7 941	114 034	61 393	-46,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	0	1 177	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	8 515	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	65 676	0	7 941	138 579	255 796	84,6
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 816	15 019	12 492	24 744	37 574
R'000			30 330	137 878	105 062	184 638	319 075	72,8
Other buildings 4/		square metres	87	2 988	962	2 426	5 283	117,8
		R'000	1 051	28 891	8 962	21 774	53 086	143,8
Total additions and alterations		R'000	31 381	166 769	114 024	206 412	372 161	80,3
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	180 232	339 091	203 688	734 034	1 144 517	55,9

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2022	Apr 2023	May 2023	Jan – May 2022	Jan – May 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	20	10	10	267	45	-83,1
		square metres	1 058	591	601	16 699	2 403	-85,6
		R'000	8 514	4 534	4 790	162 510	19 152	-88,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	114	69	86	570	383	-32,8
		square metres	44 530	21 956	29 348	182 918	130 845	-28,5
		R'000	450 178	218 916	307 749	1 860 058	1 302 870	-30,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	683	220	102	2 870	440	-84,7
		square metres	51 741	26 291	13 305	284 360	58 219	-79,5
		R'000	530 304	271 069	128 249	2 946 541	593 978	-79,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 490	0	5 628	6 098	6 084	-0,2
		R'000	8 689	0	61 908	45 553	64 644	41,9
	Total residential buildings	R'000	997 685	494 519	502 696	5 014 662	1 980 644	-60,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	963	0	3 145	10 706	3 930	-63,3
		R'000	6 165	0	27 011	107 203	32 537	-69,6
	Shopping space	square metres	6 076	994	18 462	52 733	21 777	-58,7
		R'000	52 345	7 952	148 665	518 699	173 401	-66,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	35 436	68 903	41 942	157 727	154 774	-1,9
		R'000	207 837	412 491	273 202	955 399	980 386	2,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	3 302	3 251	2 969	7 227	7 026	-2,8
		R'000	29 766	23 523	23 543	63 171	57 141	-9,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	296 113	443 966	472 421	1 644 472	1 243 465	-24,4
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	35 637	17 739	22 739	132 666	92 736
R'000			373 311	177 188	210 638	1 388 801	934 977	-32,7
Other buildings 4/		square metres	9 673	18 894	5 956	52 885	61 544	16,4
		R'000	120 084	233 572	85 609	652 101	738 557	13,3
Total additions and alterations		R'000	493 395	410 760	296 247	2 040 902	1 673 534	-18,0
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 787 193	1 349 245	1 271 364	8 700 036	4 897 643	-43,7

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2022	Apr 2023	May 2023	Jan – May 2022	Jan – May 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	214	4	7	228	41	-82,0
		square metres	8 806	210	396	9 558	2 112	-77,9
		R'000	39 087	1 384	2 742	44 242	14 415	-67,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	130	48	53	377	262	-30,5
		square metres	33 562	16 691	14 795	105 766	77 976	-26,3
		R'000	231 799	116 583	97 298	726 376	544 805	-25,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	15	10	53	53	109	105,7
		square metres	1 117	939	8 310	3 035	12 038	296,6
		R'000	6 456	5 560	45 854	17 890	68 154	281,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 856	430	0	2 879	3 213	11,6
		R'000	11 479	2 834	0	18 708	22 990	22,9
	Total residential buildings	R'000	288 821	126 361	145 894	807 216	650 364	-19,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 385	6 842	1 220	1 659	15 600	840,3
		R'000	8 033	39 684	7 546	9 613	91 643	853,3
	Shopping space	square metres	2 080	127	3 241	10 012	16 745	67,2
		R'000	12 125	837	19 308	65 433	107 460	64,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	4 105	2 733	2 323	36 136	6 905	-80,9
		R'000	23 809	15 851	13 473	214 638	39 598	-81,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	4 329	746	0	8 728	1 797	-79,4
		R'000	24 932	4 621	0	55 457	11 145	-79,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	68 899	60 993	40 327	345 141	249 846	-27,6
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	12 091	5 084	8 722	43 316	31 197
R'000			81 145	34 307	58 261	277 822	205 197	-26,1
Other buildings 4/		square metres	3 460	81	1 305	9 431	3 672	-61,1
		R'000	38 122	2 021	21 015	93 493	68 698	-26,5
Total additions and alterations		R'000	119 267	36 328	79 276	371 315	273 895	-26,2
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	476 987	223 682	265 497	1 523 672	1 174 105	-22,9

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2022	Apr 2023	May 2023	Jan – May 2022	Jan – May 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	574	170	393	1 667	1 704	2,2
		square metres	32 792	9 668	17 625	95 322	84 161	-11,7
		R'000	259 143	85 168	140 071	684 174	600 128	-12,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	282	198	299	1 481	1 174	-20,7
		square metres	85 708	71 196	82 946	461 777	367 081	-20,5
		R'000	780 538	696 753	809 715	4 192 443	3 615 699	-13,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	43	802	592	2 633	4 547	72,7
		square metres	4 245	74 440	49 385	250 026	388 942	55,6
		R'000	50 613	841 264	462 385	2 311 094	4 151 947	79,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	1 747	0	42	1 973	4 597,6
		R'000	0	12 725	0	285	14 371	4 942,5
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 090 294	1 635 910	1 412 171	7 187 996	8 382 145	16,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	3 823	8 363	16 391	5 385	45 982	753,9
		R'000	38 082	96 401	211 795	56 993	580 395	918,4
	Shopping space	square metres	1 830	6 160	461	106 288	10 030	-90,6
		R'000	19 882	74 413	3 358	1 319 533	112 162	-91,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	30 433	51 329	47 029	381 493	263 367	-31,0
		R'000	187 806	349 527	317 442	2 369 057	1 745 517	-26,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	6 892	1 669	515	37 464	73 449	96,1
		R'000	75 140	15 198	3 809	314 874	699 292	122,1
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	320 910	535 539	536 404	4 060 457	3 137 366	-22,7
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	77 943	54 975	66 909	334 465	305 151
R'000			714 097	550 164	662 403	3 047 049	2 955 303	-3,0
Other buildings 4/		square metres	31 050	12 169	8 175	56 495	70 773	25,3
		R'000	284 523	114 955	82 417	546 568	586 348	7,3
Total additions and alterations		R'000	998 620	665 119	744 820	3 593 617	3 541 651	-1,4
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 409 824	2 836 568	2 693 395	14 842 070	15 061 162	1,5

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2022	Apr 2023	May 2023	Jan – May 2022	Jan – May 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	25	32	2	160	117	-26,9
		square metres	1 433	1 938	95	9 360	7 003	-25,2
		R'000	9 882	14 405	576	66 089	53 382	-19,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	112	63	72	497	329	-33,8
		square metres	38 773	23 084	25 252	147 369	119 364	-19,0
		R'000	270 483	177 146	187 863	997 188	906 217	-9,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	1	24	49	104,2
		square metres	0	0	207	2 710	2 921	7,8
		R'000	0	0	1 309	15 607	18 327	17,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	430	13 108	0	1 163	13 108	1 027,1
		R'000	2 476	117 224	0	6 697	117 224	1 650,4
Total residential buildings	R'000	282 841	308 775	189 748	1 085 581	1 095 150	0,9	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	538	481	2 713	1 722	3 594	108,7
		R'000	4 480	3 041	17 152	11 299	22 721	101,1
	Shopping space	square metres	0	1 039	822	27 359	10 340	-62,2
		R'000	0	6 569	5 197	161 834	64 512	-60,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	12 932	4 390	3 323	48 980	49 719	1,5
		R'000	84 166	27 754	23 467	333 238	352 993	5,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	6 286	12 981	5 830	10 594	20 256	91,2
		R'000	36 201	116 056	45 044	61 316	171 502	179,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	124 847	153 420	90 860	567 687	611 728	7,8
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	23 783	13 715	17 023	78 530	66 624
R'000			147 746	96 510	117 558	502 532	464 419	-7,6
Other buildings 4/		square metres	3 065	1 025	2 131	10 945	7 688	-29,8
		R'000	29 269	6 932	22 683	97 646	68 052	-30,3
Total additions and alterations		R'000	177 015	103 442	140 241	600 178	532 471	-11,3
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	584 703	565 637	420 849	2 253 446	2 239 349	-0,6

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2022	Apr 2023	May 2023	Jan – May 2022	Jan – May 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	7	3	4	31	11	-64,5
		square metres	466	185	229	2 131	674	-68,4
		R'000	2 982	1 175	1 585	13 637	4 455	-67,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	38	21	28	206	148	-28,2
		square metres	11 886	8 264	10 073	64 234	52 684	-18,0
		R'000	77 318	58 965	71 414	417 035	373 324	-10,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	21	49	17	130	207	59,2
		square metres	2 303	5 410	1 583	11 929	30 566	156,2
		R'000	14 737	38 237	8 751	76 116	211 804	178,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	256	268	4,7
		R'000	0	0	0	1 749	1 966	12,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	95 037	98 377	81 750	508 537	591 549	16,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	610	0	0	1 772	0	-100,0
		R'000	3 903	0	0	11 176	0	-100,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	12 260	13 334	8,8
		R'000	0	0	0	73 147	91 389	24,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	2 362	3 801	25 823	8 650	-66,5
		R'000	0	16 062	22 064	164 947	54 574	-66,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	18 528	1 614	18 528	1 048,0
		R'000	0	0	130 045	10 741	130 045	1 110,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	3 903	16 062	152 109	260 011	276 008	6,2
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 903	1 727	4 776	20 948	16 069
R'000			24 996	11 812	32 302	132 123	108 829	-17,6
Other buildings 4/		square metres	0	640	216	2 878	1 314	-54,3
		R'000	7 404	5 574	3 485	43 214	27 181	-37,1
Total additions and alterations		R'000	32 400	17 386	35 787	175 337	136 010	-22,4
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	131 340	131 825	269 646	943 885	1 003 567	6,3

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2022	Apr 2023	May 2023	Jan – May 2022	Jan – May 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	808	688	732	4 300	2 896	-32,7
		square metres	41 351	35 230	36 790	213 037	149 982	-29,6
		R'000	269 855	237 846	281 359	1 410 803	1 070 510	-24,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 031	625	913	3 928	3 587	-8,7
		square metres	251 865	177 229	212 486	988 004	899 242	-9,0
		R'000	1 915 043	1 520 780	1 821 060	7 708 513	7 772 105	0,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	947	821	738	5 408	3 591	-33,6
		square metres	99 958	89 423	89 229	504 052	398 578	-20,9
		R'000	883 374	816 936	858 159	4 376 981	3 697 528	-15,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 383	1 078	2 119	39 551	10 690	-73,0
		R'000	10 074	7 854	13 410	356 470	83 475	-76,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	3 078 346	2 583 416	2 973 988	13 852 767	12 623 618	-8,9
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	10 245	823	6 070	80 187	103 472
R'000			78 408	5 843	78 206	691 947	1 275 449	84,3
Shopping space		square metres	1 564	46 786	5 015	132 563	205 704	55,2
		R'000	15 824	581 601	42 178	1 179 753	2 209 923	87,3
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	94 460	93 442	66 831	529 240	259 305	-51,0
		R'000	587 168	646 360	453 017	3 266 514	1 756 851	-46,2
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	55 737	10 786	7 824	198 107	53 487	-73,0
		R'000	455 602	128 303	57 143	1 528 549	469 811	-69,3
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	1 137 002	1 362 107	630 544	6 666 763	5 712 034	-14,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	252 583	62 721	63 007	822 441	279 511	-66,0
		R'000	1 831 302	504 390	506 446	5 851 898	2 264 510	-61,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	58 736	46 968	39 825	292 696	199 174	-32,0
		R'000	580 954	450 042	433 296	2 984 940	2 007 349	-32,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	2 412 256	954 432	939 742	8 836 838	4 271 859	-51,7
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	6 627 604	4 899 955	4 544 274	29 356 368	22 607 511	-23,0

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2022	Apr 2023	May 2023	Jan – May 2022	Jan – May 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	341	166	171	1 998	768	-61,6
		square metres	15 533	7 931	8 017	84 525	35 604	-57,9
		R'000	82 657	54 695	51 302	474 910	227 844	-52,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	449	280	339	1 606	1 296	-19,3
		square metres	118 324	69 340	74 497	423 354	310 195	-26,7
		R'000	805 492	479 195	515 691	2 901 792	2 183 329	-24,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	452	120	147	3 056	1 055	-65,5
		square metres	52 073	17 202	25 971	265 844	134 108	-49,6
		R'000	411 771	124 960	212 812	2 094 418	1 067 599	-49,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 078	235	0	8 604	4 760	-44,7
		R'000	8 318	2 100	0	55 729	30 024	-46,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 308 238	660 950	779 805	5 526 849	3 508 796	-36,5
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	10 245	0	0	38 426	5 684
R'000			78 408	0	0	290 465	33 592	-88,4
Shopping space		square metres	300	350	118	63 357	21 080	-66,7
		R'000	1 920	3 080	811	508 610	155 084	-69,5
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	18 393	16 066	6 651	91 417	30 407	-66,7
		R'000	121 506	128 909	47 000	620 309	232 003	-62,6
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	27 929	179	5 857	95 157	30 653	-67,8
		R'000	190 082	1 044	36 225	687 451	214 977	-68,7
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	391 916	133 033	84 036	2 106 835	635 656	-69,8
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	204 720	31 356	32 409	631 726	136 177
	R'000		1 436 397	202 316	217 404	4 220 711	923 177	-78,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	42 106	23 450	24 118	218 029	119 751	-45,1
		R'000	430 959	225 846	251 412	2 324 201	1 135 212	-51,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 867 356	428 162	468 816	6 544 912	2 058 389	-68,5
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	3 567 510	1 222 145	1 332 657	14 178 596	6 202 841	-56,3

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2022	Apr 2023	May 2023	Jan – May 2022	Jan – May 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	34	74	15	122	194	59,0
		square metres	1 994	3 304	875	7 416	9 660	30,3
		R'000	14 302	17 851	6 993	52 980	60 715	14,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	51	41	61	245	278	13,5
		square metres	10 863	14 972	16 368	52 524	72 003	37,1
		R'000	86 998	125 363	130 237	403 065	601 230	49,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	16	5	196	156	215	37,8
		square metres	1 674	937	13 287	9 683	15 771	62,9
		R'000	12 751	7 727	109 578	73 021	130 063	78,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	5 297	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	40 676	0	-100,0
Total residential buildings	R'000	114 051	150 941	246 808	569 742	792 008	39,0	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	3 921	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	30 109	0	-100,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	748	0	3 727	..
		R'000	0	0	5 277	0	30 422	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 147	6 465	4 924	9 479	13 873	46,4
		R'000	8 808	51 680	40 608	72 790	107 652	47,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	158	0	26 972	158	-99,4
		R'000	0	1 260	0	200 012	1 260	-99,4
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	8 808	52 940	45 885	302 911	139 334	-54,0	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	14 131	5 006	3 625	40 873	23 123	-43,4
		R'000	107 279	40 833	30 444	312 345	191 084	-38,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 977	15 846	302	9 317	18 025	93,5
		R'000	15 639	129 219	2 734	74 557	151 041	102,6
Total additions and alterations	R'000	122 918	170 052	33 178	386 902	342 125	-11,6	
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	245 777	373 933	325 871	1 259 555	1 273 467	1,1

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2022	Apr 2023	May 2023	Jan – May 2022	Jan – May 2023	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2	0	0	8	2	-75,0	
		square metres	110	0	0	502	153	-69,5	
		R'000	891	0	0	4 067	1 140	-72,0	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	6	6	3	37	22	-40,5	
		square metres	1 148	1 570	555	8 165	5 860	-28,2	
		R'000	9 302	14 778	5 224	66 161	55 159	-16,6	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	12	0	-100,0	
		square metres	0	0	0	1 081	0	-100,0	
		R'000	0	0	0	8 760	0	-100,0	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	10 193	14 778	5 224	78 988	56 299	-28,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	461	1 387	200,9	
		R'000	0	0	0	3 735	13 056	249,6	
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	473	0	1 220	473	-61,2	
		R'000	0	4 452	0	9 886	4 452	-55,0	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	202	0	-100,0	
		R'000	0	0	0	1 637	0	-100,0	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	0	4 452	0	15 258	17 508	14,7	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 695	2 166	2 087	16 719	10 053	-39,9	
		R'000	29 941	20 389	19 645	135 474	94 630	-30,1	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	258	51	0	2 151	605	-71,9	
		R'000	2 331	2 020	400	19 575	8 655	-55,8	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	32 272	22 409	20 045	155 049	103 285	-33,4
Buildings completed		Total at current prices	R'000	42 465	41 639	25 269	249 295	177 092	-29,0

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2022	Apr 2023	May 2023	Jan – May 2022	Jan – May 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	15	2	2	44	36	-18,2
		square metres	529	150	100	2 231	2 005	-10,1
		R'000	3 283	1 443	962	17 789	19 290	8,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	36	6	23	74	56	-24,3
		square metres	4 361	1 210	3 380	10 730	11 316	5,5
		R'000	28 955	9 155	28 699	76 075	89 805	18,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	8	2	11	450,0
		square metres	0	0	1 275	355	1 567	341,4
		R'000	0	0	10 515	2 044	12 923	532,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	305	0	0	1 487	0	-100,0
		R'000	1 756	0	0	8 563	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	33 994	10 598	40 176	104 471	122 018	16,8
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	275	0	0	275
R'000			0	1 701	0	0	1 701	..
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	2 786	62	-97,8
		R'000	0	0	0	21 319	511	-97,6
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	0	0	0	353	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	2 129	0	-100,0
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	0	1 701	0	23 448	2 212	-90,6
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 693	775	1 735	11 294	5 238
	R'000		32 880	6 852	14 896	67 099	43 189	-35,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	0	206	3 794	1 092	-71,2
		R'000	0	0	1 699	28 971	10 495	-63,8
Total additions and alterations	R'000	32 880	6 852	16 595	96 070	53 684	-44,1	
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	66 874	19 151	56 771	223 989	177 914	-20,6

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2022	Apr 2023	May 2023	Jan – May 2022	Jan – May 2023	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	10	6	10	40	35	-12,5	
		square metres	570	366	601	2 299	2 112	-8,1	
		R'000	5 802	3 204	6 797	22 312	18 333	-17,8	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	64	42	75	274	294	7,3	
		square metres	24 726	20 079	22 540	103 209	100 658	-2,5	
		R'000	258 575	222 302	252 683	1 052 795	1 106 417	5,1	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	245	102	72	896	504	-43,8	
		square metres	20 561	16 136	10 178	72 546	65 684	-9,5	
		R'000	208 539	149 741	98 196	798 033	690 270	-13,5	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	20 423	1 151	-94,4	
		R'000	0	0	0	224 653	13 697	-93,9	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	472 916	375 247	357 676	2 097 793	1 828 717	-12,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	487	9 956	1 944,4	
		R'000	0	0	0	5 357	108 428	1 924,0	
	Shopping space	square metres	1 264	1 095	1 050	36 391	46 887	28,8	
		R'000	13 904	9 672	7 350	394 308	504 300	27,9	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	32 725	1 643	8 831	84 401	20 460	-75,8	
		R'000	199 652	10 152	52 986	532 200	122 407	-77,0	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	8 945	0	1 758	13 467	6 326	-53,0	
		R'000	94 816	0	19 338	135 056	73 370	-45,7	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	308 372	19 824	79 674	1 066 921	808 505	-24,2	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	7 109	7 417	6 031	35 170	30 845	-12,3	
		R'000	79 599	84 747	70 783	397 893	351 655	-11,6	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	7 556	3 715	8 119	21 221	27 527	29,7	
		R'000	85 456	43 020	92 478	258 539	308 012	19,1	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	165 055	127 767	163 261	656 432	659 667	0,5	
Buildings completed		Total at current prices	R'000	946 343	522 838	600 611	3 821 146	3 296 889	-13,7

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2022	Apr 2023	May 2023	Jan – May 2022	Jan – May 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	26	21	23	112	104	-7,1
		square metres	1 551	1 233	1 285	6 577	6 156	-6,4
		R'000	9 236	7 177	6 578	38 579	34 668	-10,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	84	47	80	317	290	-8,5
		square metres	18 978	8 621	15 142	62 876	60 038	-4,5
		R'000	131 617	61 936	111 413	415 614	427 551	2,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	5	4	4	38	65	71,1
		square metres	569	935	384	4 123	6 179	49,9
		R'000	3 300	5 423	2 227	26 832	37 135	38,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	576	1 856	1 051	2 432	131,4
		R'000	0	3 796	11 479	7 077	15 275	115,8
Total residential buildings	R'000	144 153	78 332	131 697	488 102	514 629	5,4	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	1 040	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	6 032	0	-100,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	1 132	1 182	11 013	2 359	-78,6
		R'000	0	8 279	6 856	77 161	15 413	-80,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	9 829	5 215	-46,9
		R'000	0	0	0	69 706	42 140	-39,5
	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
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	8 279	6 856	221 242	57 553	-74,0	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 116	325	1 944	8 031	6 486	-19,2
		R'000	13 493	2 527	12 240	48 444	40 758	-15,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	112	546	987	2 698	2 510	-7,0
		R'000	1 070	9 737	11 588	29 227	57 121	95,4
Total additions and alterations	R'000	14 563	12 264	23 828	77 671	97 879	26,0	
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	158 716	98 875	162 381	787 015	670 061	-14,9

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2022	Apr 2023	May 2023	Jan – May 2022	Jan – May 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	336	401	488	1 854	1 673	-9,8
		square metres	18 674	21 312	24 461	102 270	89 139	-12,8
		R'000	137 374	147 579	199 446	750 373	672 624	-10,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	196	174	266	1 005	1 109	10,3
		square metres	51 181	53 357	64 040	245 445	282 092	14,9
		R'000	449 511	546 902	656 590	2 240 734	2 881 714	28,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	229	509	303	1 191	1 459	22,5
		square metres	25 081	44 281	37 413	145 282	154 029	6,0
		R'000	247 013	460 757	419 876	1 340 926	1 613 022	20,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	2 474	1 817	-26,6
		R'000	0	0	0	18 303	20 590	12,5
Total residential buildings	R'000	833 898	1 155 238	1 275 912	4 350 336	5 187 950	19,3	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	548	6 070	34 397	86 170	150,5
		R'000	0	4 142	78 206	347 679	1 118 672	221,8
	Shopping space	square metres	0	44 209	1 917	19 076	119 452	526,2
		R'000	0	560 570	21 884	183 416	1 420 860	674,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	39 950	40 782	44 471	315 387	140 279	-55,5
		R'000	241 905	252 789	297 179	1 845 601	916 105	-50,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	8 868	10 449	209	40 201	16 350	-59,3
		R'000	91 305	125 999	1 580	354 522	180 204	-49,2
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	333 210	943 500	398 849	2 731 218	3 635 841	33,1	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	13 509	13 280	13 690	70 540	55 763	-20,9
		R'000	119 773	131 386	129 776	616 968	539 361	-12,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	5 461	3 202	2 150	30 694	22 578	-26,4
		R'000	35 278	37 658	28 349	206 726	235 593	14,0
Total additions and alterations	R'000	155 051	169 044	158 125	823 694	774 954	-5,9	
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 322 159	2 267 782	1 832 886	7 905 248	9 598 745	21,4

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2022	Apr 2023	May 2023	Jan – May 2022	Jan – May 2023	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	35	16	20	80	68	-15,0
		square metres	1 820	821	1 251	4 535	4 088	-9,9
		R'000	12 663	5 190	7 906	32 631	28 645	-12,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	122	11	45	259	149	-42,5
		square metres	14 270	2 891	11 218	43 570	30 677	-29,6
		R'000	93 600	25 857	87 822	307 968	245 650	-20,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	4	0	-100,0
		square metres	0	0	0	509	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	2 966	0	-100,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
Total residential buildings	R'000	106 263	31 047	95 728	343 565	274 295	-20,2	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	1 455	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	8 570	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	483	0	1 954	1 169	19 496	1 567,8
		R'000	4 022	0	15 244	7 973	126 145	1 482,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	8 009	0	0	8 009	0	-100,0
		R'000	66 691	0	0	66 691	0	-100,0
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	70 713	0	15 244	83 234	126 145	51,6	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	984	2 311	1 184	5 528	10 122	83,1
		R'000	7 981	14 762	9 154	37 101	69 230	86,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	158	3 943	1 806	7 086	292,4
		R'000	620	1 042	43 636	20 655	94 033	355,3
Total additions and alterations	R'000	8 601	15 804	52 790	57 756	163 263	182,7	
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	185 577	46 851	163 762	484 555	563 703	16,3

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2022	Apr 2023	May 2023	Jan – May 2022	Jan – May 2023	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	9	2	3	42	16	-61,9	
		square metres	570	113	200	2 682	1 065	-60,3	
		R'000	3 647	707	1 375	17 162	7 251	-57,7	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	23	18	21	111	93	-16,2	
		square metres	8 014	5 189	4 746	38 131	26 403	-30,8	
		R'000	50 993	35 292	32 701	244 309	181 250	-25,8	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	81	8	53	282	432,1	
		square metres	0	9 932	721	4 629	21 240	358,8	
		R'000	0	68 328	4 955	29 981	146 516	388,7	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	267	263	215	530	146,5	
		R'000	0	1 958	1 931	1 469	3 889	164,7	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	54 640	106 285	40 962	292 921	338 906	15,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	2 726	12 199	347,5	
		R'000	0	0	0	16 258	83 844	415,7	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 762	28 013	0	13 552	29 040	114,3	
		R'000	11 275	198 378	0	86 730	205 436	136,9	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 986	0	0	1 986	0	-100,0	
		R'000	12 708	0	0	12 708	0	-100,0	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	23 983	198 378	0	115 696	289 280	150,0	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	626	85	302	2 560	1 704	-33,4	
		R'000	3 959	578	2 104	15 863	11 426	-28,0	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 266	0	0	2 986	0	-100,0	
		R'000	9 601	1 500	1 000	22 489	7 187	-68,0	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	13 560	2 078	3 104	38 352	18 613	-51,5	
Buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	92 183	306 741	44 066	446 969	646 799	44,7

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

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

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

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

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 May 2023 was 88,3%. The improved collection rate for April 2023 was 84,7%.
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 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.
Constant prices	9	The value of building plans passed and buildings completed at constant prices measures building activities in terms of ruling prices in a specific base year, which is currently 2019. The value of building plans passed at constant prices for each month is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with a price index known as the 'lump sum domestic buildings' as published in statistical release P0151.1: <i>Construction Materials Price Indices</i> . In order to be applicable, these indices (base December 2021=100) are converted to the base year 2019=100.

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

Glossary

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

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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