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Key findings for January to May 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 – May 2023	Jan – May 2024	Difference in value between Jan – May 2023 and Jan – May 2024	% change between Jan – May 2023 and Jan – May 2024
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	21 774 708	19 501 284	-2 273 424	-10,4
-Dwelling-houses	13 985 065	11 757 847	-2 227 218	-15,9
-Flats and townhouses	7 472 852	6 996 875	-475 977	-6,4
-Other residential buildings	316 791	746 562	429 771	135,7
Non-residential buildings	8 370 826	8 857 017	486 191	5,8
Additions and alterations	11 904 474	10 591 708	-1 312 766	-11,0
Total	42 050 008	38 950 009	-3 099 999	-7,4

The value of building plans passed (at current prices) decreased by 7,4% (-R3 100,0 million) during January to May 2024 compared with January to May 2023. Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-R2 273,4 million) and additions and alterations (-R1 312,8 million). An increase was reported for non-residential buildings (R486,2 million) – see Table A.

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

Province	Jan – May 2023	Jan – May 2024	Weight Jan – May 2023	% change between Jan – May 2023 and Jan – May 2024	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan – May 2023 and Jan – May 2024 ¹	Difference in value between Jan – May 2023 and Jan – May 2024
	R'000	R'000	%	R'000		
Western Cape	13 955 453	11 086 776	33,2	-20,6	-6,8	-2 868 677
Eastern Cape	2 159 958	2 197 123	5,1	1,7	0,1	37 165
Northern Cape	414 254	366 177	1,0	-11,6	-0,1	-48 077
Free State	1 144 517	1 332 084	2,7	16,4	0,4	187 567
KwaZulu-Natal	4 897 643	5 897 290	11,6	20,4	2,4	999 647
North West	1 174 105	1 972 303	2,8	68,0	1,9	798 198
Gauteng	15 061 162	13 121 462	35,8	-12,9	-4,6	-1 939 700
Mpumalanga	2 239 349	2 003 199	5,3	-10,5	-0,6	-236 150
Limpopo	1 003 567	973 595	2,4	-3,0	-0,1	-29 972
Total	42 050 008	38 950 009	100,0	-7,4	-7,4	-3 099 999

¹ 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 7,4% (-R3 100,0 million) were made by Western Cape (contributing -6,8 percentage points or -R2 868,7 million) and Gauteng (contributing -4,6 percentage points or -R1 939,7 million). The largest positive contributions were made by KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 2,4 percentage points or R999,6 million) and North West (contributing 1,9 percentage points or R798,2 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 2023	Jan – May 2024	Difference in value between Jan – May 2023 and Jan – May 2024	% change between Jan – May 2023 and Jan – May 2024
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	16 759 255	14 314 447	-2 444 808	-14,6
Non-residential buildings	6 433 866	6 490 193	56 327	0,9
Additions and alterations	9 165 689	7 775 118	-1 390 571	-15,2
Total	32 358 810	28 579 758	-3 779 052	-11,7

The real value of building plans passed (at constant 2019 prices) decreased by 11,7% (-R3 779,1 million) during January to May 2024 compared with January to May 2023. Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-R2 444,8 million) and additions and alterations (-R1 390,6 million) – see Table C.

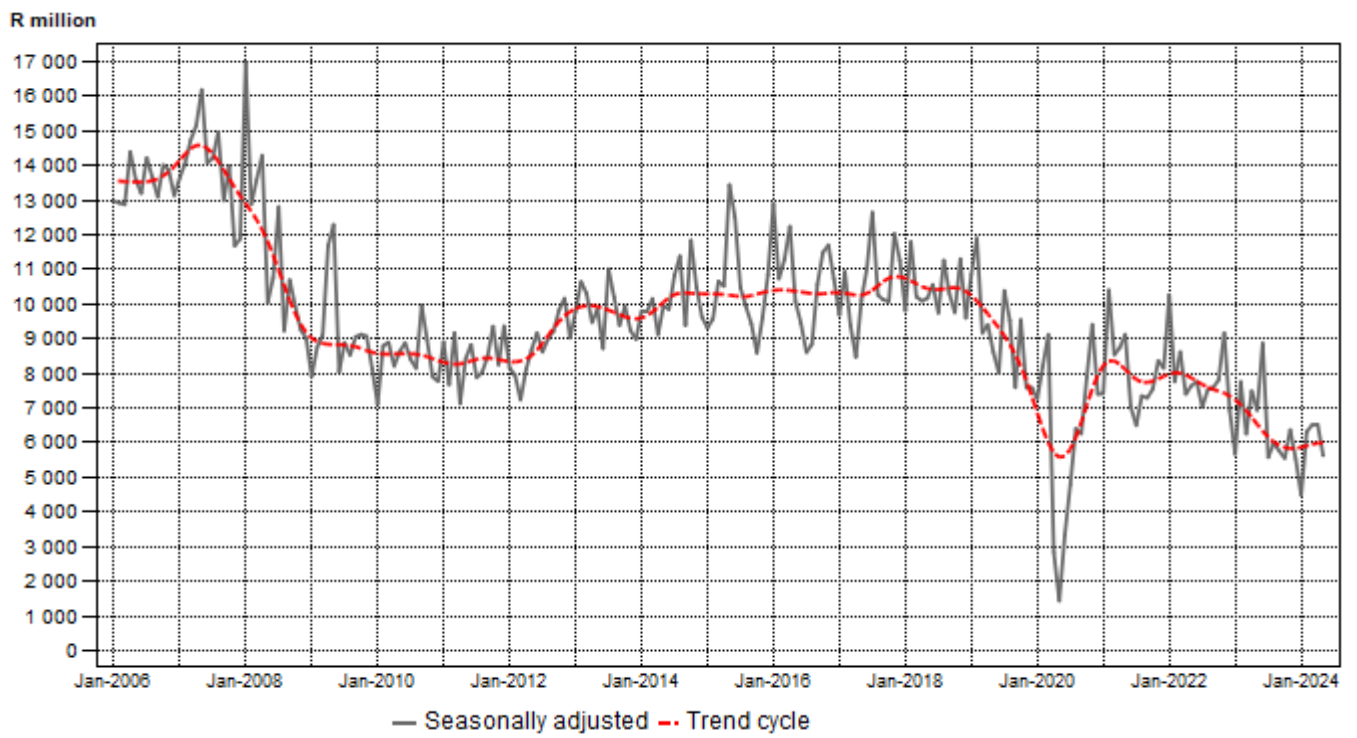
Table D – Seasonally adjusted building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices for the latest three months by type of building

Type of building	Dec 2023 – Feb 2024	Mar – May 2024	% change between Dec 2023 – Feb 2024 and Mar – May 2024
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	8 630 398	8 618 447	-0,1
Non-residential buildings ¹	2 838 585	4 815 108	69,6
Additions and alterations	4 850 545	5 220 492	7,6
Total	16 319 528	18 654 047	14,3

¹ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 9 and 10 on page 38.

The seasonally adjusted real value of building plans passed increased by 14,3% in the three months ended May 2024 compared with the previous three months. Increases were reported for non-residential buildings (69,6%) and additions and alterations (7,6%) – see Table D.

Figure 1 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices



Buildings reported as completed at current prices

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

Type of building	Jan – May 2023	Jan – May 2024	Difference in value between Jan – May 2023 and Jan – May 2024	% change between Jan – May 2023 and Jan – May 2024
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	13 266 486	10 855 044	-2 411 442	-18,2
-Dwelling-houses	8 501 950	7 291 350	-1 210 600	-14,2
-Flats and townhouses	4 680 313	3 418 537	-1 261 776	-27,0
-Other residential buildings	84 223	145 157	60 934	72,3
Non-residential buildings	5 727 874	4 196 459	-1 531 415	-26,7
Additions and alterations	3 608 398	3 809 606	201 208	5,6
Total	22 602 758	18 861 109	-3 741 649	-16,6

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) decreased by 16,6% (-R3 741,6 million) during January to May 2024 compared with January to May 2023.

Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-R2 411,4 million) and non-residential buildings (-R1 531,4 million). An increase was reported for additions and alterations (R201,2 million) – see Table E.

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

Province	Jan – May 2023	Jan – May 2024	Weight Jan – May 2023	% change between Jan – May 2023 and Jan – May 2024	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan – May 2023 and Jan – May 2024 ¹	Difference in value between Jan – May 2023 and Jan – May 2024
	R'000	R'000	%			R'000
Western Cape	6 292 587	5 300 740	27,8	-15,8	-4,4	-991 847
Eastern Cape	1 273 467	1 280 263	5,6	0,5	0,0	6 796
Northern Cape	177 092	175 421	0,8	-0,9	0,0	-1 671
Free State	211 301	175 445	0,9	-17,0	-0,2	-35 856
KwaZulu-Natal	3 296 889	2 841 212	14,6	-13,8	-2,0	-455 677
North West	670 061	757 757	3,0	13,1	0,4	87 696
Gauteng	9 470 859	7 510 734	41,9	-20,7	-8,7	-1 960 125
Mpumalanga	563 703	522 972	2,5	-7,2	-0,2	-40 731
Limpopo	646 799	296 565	2,9	-54,1	-1,5	-350 234
Total	22 602 758	18 861 109	100,0	-16,6	-16,6	-3 741 649

¹ 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 during January to May 2024, of which Gauteng (contributing -8,7 percentage points or -R1 960,1 million), Western Cape (contributing -4,4 percentage points or -R991,8 million), KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -2,0 percentage points or -R455,7 million) and Limpopo (contributing -1,5 percentage points or -R350,2 million) were the largest negative contributors – see Table F.

Buildings reported as completed at constant 2019 prices

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

Type of building	Jan – May 2023	Jan – May 2024	Difference in value between Jan – May 2023 and Jan – May 2024	% change between Jan – May 2023 and Jan – May 2024
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	10 199 003	7 966 164	-2 232 839	-21,9
Non-residential buildings	4 418 020	3 074 205	-1 343 815	-30,4
Additions and alterations	2 778 110	2 799 486	21 376	0,8
Total	17 395 133	13 839 855	-3 555 278	-20,4

The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2019 prices) decreased by 20,4% (-R3 555,3 million) during January to May 2024 compared with January to May 2023. Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-R2 232,8 million) and non-residential buildings (-R1 343,8 million) – see Table G.

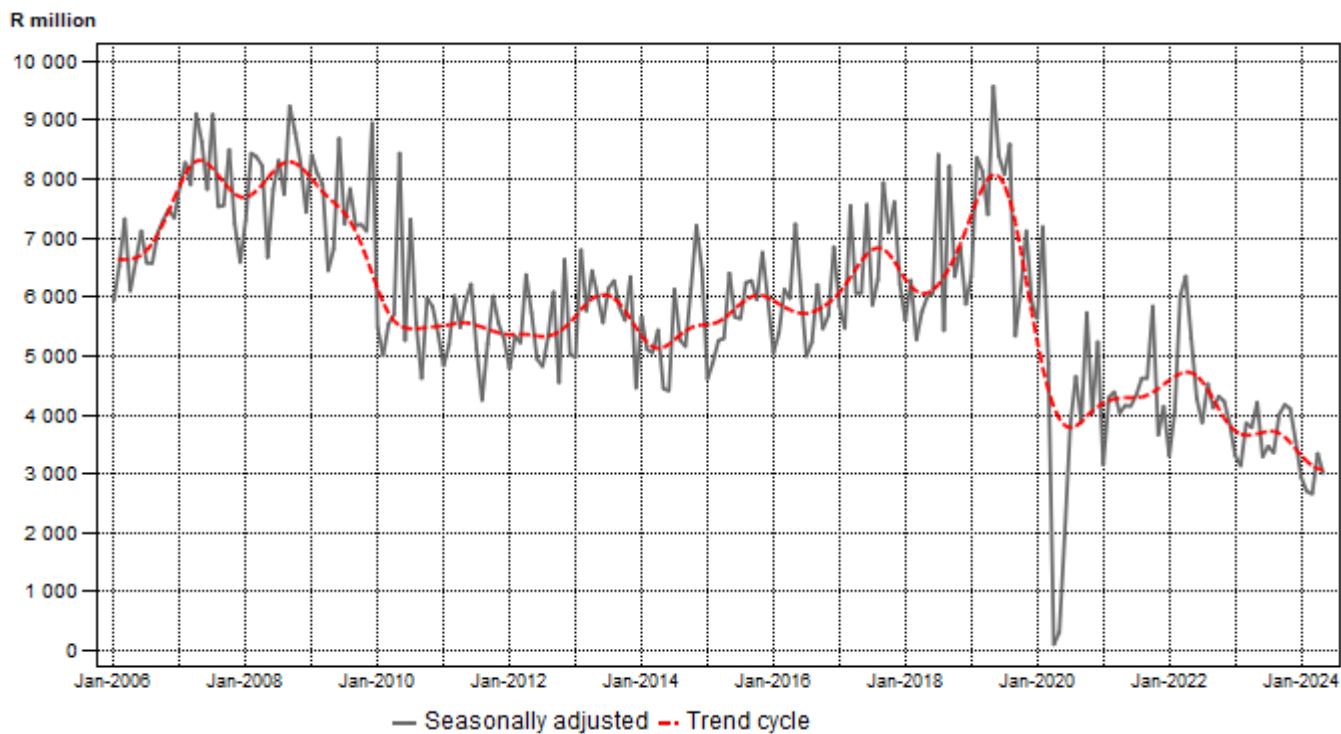
Table H – Seasonally adjusted buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices for the latest three months by type of building

Type of building	Dec 2023 – Feb 2024	Mar – May 2024	% change between Dec 2023 – Feb 2024 and Mar – May 2024
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	5 844 617	5 201 518	-11,0
Non-residential buildings ¹	1 335 261	2 183 346	63,5
Additions and alterations	2 015 595	1 622 771	-19,5
Total	9 195 473	9 007 635	-2,0

¹ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 9 and 10 on page 38.

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed decreased by 2,0% in the three months ended May 2024 compared with the previous three months. Decreases were reported for additions and alterations (-19,5%) and residential buildings (-11,0%). An increase was reported for non-residential buildings (63,5%) – 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		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2023	January	2 761 377	-51,8	721 791	-49,0	1 882 313	4,7	5 365 481	-40,0
	February	5 305 695	16,1	1 856 777	-17,7	2 639 147	8,0	9 801 619	5,8
	March	4 655 553	-8,9	1 696 971	-50,1	2 152 231	-17,1	8 504 755	-23,4
	April	4 613 802	-4,9	2 035 643	78,2	2 270 843	-8,4	8 920 288	5,3
	May	4 438 281	-11,0	2 059 644	22,5	2 959 940	-4,5	9 457 865	-3,2
	June	4 723 371	-23,7	4 622 149	179,7	2 768 581	1,9	12 114 101	14,7
	July	4 298 223	-20,8	1 055 623	-7,1	2 453 173	-19,2	7 807 019	-18,7
	August	3 929 094	-19,4	2 135 385	17,1	2 549 565	-29,7	8 614 044	-16,6
	September	4 478 991	-12,2	1 024 407	-45,6	2 384 182	-24,2	7 887 580	-22,1
	October	4 019 390	-31,3	1 101 434	-26,2	2 990 523	-3,1	8 111 347	-22,2
	November	4 466 586	-27,7	1 664 278	-40,2	2 781 043	-9,7	8 911 907	-26,0
	December	2 671 199	-21,5	1 563 744	-13,6	1 814 476	-12,8	6 049 419	-17,1
	Total	50 361 562	-19,1	21 537 846	-4,2	29 646 017	-10,7	101 545 425	-13,9
2024	January	2 641 211	-4,4	609 440	-15,6	1 392 946	-26,0	4 643 597	-13,5
	February	4 987 654	-6,0	1 655 142	-10,9	2 359 384	-10,6	9 002 180	-8,2
	March	3 540 798	-23,9	1 908 097	12,4	2 596 885	20,7	8 045 780	-5,4
	April	4 241 995	-8,1	2 658 595	30,6	2 282 122	0,5	9 182 712	2,9
	May	4 089 626	-7,9	2 025 743	-1,6	1 960 371	-33,8	8 075 740	-14,6

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.

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	3 921 325	-12,4	721 791	-60,1	2 612 801	2,8	7 255 917	-17,8
	February	5 450 510	39,0	1 856 777	157,2	2 699 050	3,3	10 006 337	37,9
	March	4 369 559	-19,8	1 696 971	-8,6	2 106 444	-22,0	8 172 974	-18,3
	April	5 046 929	15,5	2 035 643	20,0	2 666 802	26,6	9 749 374	19,3
	May	4 193 902	-16,9	2 059 644	1,2	2 819 389	5,7	9 072 935	-6,9
	June	4 327 602	3,2	4 622 149	124,4	2 651 163	-6,0	11 600 914	27,9
	July	4 050 846	-6,4	1 055 623	-77,2	2 224 809	-16,1	7 331 278	-36,8
	August	3 403 038	-16,0	2 135 385	102,3	2 315 333	4,1	7 853 756	7,1
	September	4 430 581	30,2	1 024 407	-52,0	2 169 844	-6,3	7 624 832	-2,9
	October	3 615 197	-18,4	1 101 434	7,5	2 648 395	22,1	7 365 026	-3,4
	November	4 361 697	20,6	1 664 278	51,1	2 517 677	-4,9	8 543 652	16,0
	December	3 617 609	-17,1	1 563 744	-6,0	2 325 156	-7,6	7 506 509	-12,1
2024	January	3 655 443	1,0	609 440	-61,0	1 837 557	-21,0	6 102 440	-18,7
	February	4 482 222	22,6	1 655 142	171,6	2 397 523	30,5	8 534 887	39,9
	March	3 994 749	-10,9	1 908 097	15,3	2 987 221	24,6	8 890 067	4,2
	April	3 981 996	-0,3	2 658 595	39,3	2 253 863	-24,5	8 894 454	0,0
	May	3 798 517	-4,6	2 025 743	-23,8	1 895 253	-15,9	7 719 513	-13,2
	Dec 23 – Feb 24	11 755 274		3 828 326		6 560 236		22 143 836	
	Mar – May 24 ²	11 775 262	0,2	6 592 435	72,2	7 136 337	8,8	25 504 034	15,2

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 9 and 10 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		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	3 686 367	-10,2	1 223 313	-14,8	1 743 817	-14,6	6 653 497	-12,2
	March	2 601 615	-27,1	1 401 982	7,8	1 908 071	15,7	5 911 668	-9,3
	April	3 098 608	-12,4	1 941 998	24,5	1 666 999	-4,2	6 707 605	-1,9
	May	2 969 954	-12,3	1 471 128	-6,4	1 423 654	-36,9	5 864 736	-18,7

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.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings ³		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2023	January	3 044 789	-12,6	566 555	-60,5	2 042 846	1,9	5 654 190	-18,3
	February	4 240 849	39,3	1 436 022	153,5	2 084 799	2,1	7 761 670	37,3
	March	3 330 542	-21,5	1 300 361	-9,4	1 614 034	-22,6	6 244 937	-19,5
	April	3 887 601	16,7	1 559 880	20,0	2 043 420	26,6	7 490 901	20,0
	May	3 198 929	-17,7	1 571 048	0,7	2 156 418	5,5	6 926 395	-7,5
	June	3 306 212	3,4	3 533 753	124,9	2 031 163	-5,8	8 871 128	28,1
	July	3 074 795	-7,0	802 145	-77,3	1 694 155	-16,6	5 571 095	-37,2
	August	2 608 465	-15,2	1 616 491	101,5	1 754 917	3,6	5 979 873	7,3
	September	3 355 604	28,6	770 810	-52,3	1 633 366	-6,9	5 759 780	-3,7
	October	2 726 670	-18,7	826 902	7,3	1 987 993	21,7	5 541 565	-3,8
	November	3 239 938	18,8	1 244 785	50,5	1 880 844	-5,4	6 365 567	14,9
	December	2 644 172	-18,4	1 163 500	-6,5	1 722 277	-8,4	5 529 949	-13,1
2024	January	2 671 035	1,0	451 772	-61,2	1 357 649	-21,2	4 480 456	-19,0
	February	3 315 191	24,1	1 223 313	170,8	1 770 619	30,4	6 309 123	40,8
	March	2 920 000	-11,9	1 401 982	14,6	2 189 300	23,6	6 511 282	3,2
	April	2 926 199	0,2	1 941 998	38,5	1 650 813	-24,6	6 519 010	0,1
	May	2 772 248	-5,3	1 471 128	-24,2	1 380 379	-16,4	5 623 755	-13,7
	Dec 23 – Feb 24	8 630 398		2 838 585		4 850 545		16 319 528	
	Mar – May 24 ²	8 618 447	-0,1	4 815 108	69,6	5 220 492	7,6	18 654 047	14,3

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 9 and 10 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		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	2 097 005	-13,1	464 909	-18,4	932 878	9,6	3 494 792	-8,9
	March	2 149 921	-21,9	392 388	-77,0	911 912	35,3	3 454 221	-32,7
	April	2 362 554	-6,7	1 461 297	8,4	730 773	5,4	4 554 624	-0,4
	May	2 410 699	-39,2	1 139 630	75,5	571 791	-33,0	4 122 120	-24,6

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.

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	2 141 798	-29,3	1 451 781	33,5	638 589	-14,2	4 232 168	-13,0
	February	2 672 631	24,8	569 750	-60,8	815 215	27,7	4 057 596	-4,1
	March	2 753 111	3,0	1 709 220	200,0	578 580	-29,0	5 040 911	24,2
	April	2 743 627	-0,3	1 347 813	-21,1	837 574	44,8	4 929 014	-2,2
	May	3 996 024	45,6	649 310	-51,8	869 404	3,8	5 514 738	11,9
	June	2 807 838	-29,7	754 080	16,1	737 230	-15,2	4 299 148	-22,0
	July	2 609 232	-7,1	1 236 636	64,0	708 455	-3,9	4 554 323	5,9
	August	3 082 627	18,1	668 846	-45,9	681 164	-3,9	4 432 637	-2,7
	September	3 302 022	7,1	1 243 356	85,9	763 812	12,1	5 309 190	19,8
	October	2 991 385	-9,4	1 537 808	23,7	1 029 514	34,8	5 558 707	4,7
	November	2 889 038	-3,4	1 678 880	9,2	923 152	-10,3	5 491 070	-1,2
	December	3 124 052	8,1	597 276	-64,4	1 058 607	14,7	4 779 935	-13,0
2024	January	2 449 595	-21,6	738 235	23,6	798 754	-24,5	3 986 584	-16,6
	February	2 329 119	-4,9	464 909	-37,0	867 880	8,7	3 661 908	-8,1
	March	2 307 288	-0,9	392 388	-15,6	933 177	7,5	3 632 853	-0,8
	April	2 384 694	3,4	1 461 297	272,4	711 392	-23,8	4 557 383	25,4
	May	2 424 076	1,7	1 139 630	-22,0	569 086	-20,0	4 132 792	-9,3
	Dec 23 – Feb 24	7 902 766		1 800 420		2 725 241		12 428 427	
	Mar – May 24 ²	7 116 058	-10,0	2 993 315	66,3	2 213 655	-18,8	12 323 028	-0,8

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 9 and 10 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		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	1 549 893	-17,0	343 613	-22,0	689 489	4,7	2 582 995	-12,9
	March	1 579 663	-25,1	288 309	-78,0	670 031	29,7	2 538 003	-35,5
	April	1 725 752	-11,1	1 067 419	3,4	533 801	0,5	3 326 972	-5,1
	May	1 750 689	-42,1	827 618	67,1	415 244	-36,3	2 993 551	-28,2

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

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	1 673 799	-30,1	1 139 546	32,2	494 073	-16,8	3 307 418	-14,1
	February	2 063 561	23,3	440 642	-61,3	628 578	27,2	3 132 781	-5,3
	March	2 106 945	2,1	1 309 747	197,2	441 942	-29,7	3 858 634	23,2
	April	2 103 144	-0,2	1 032 807	-21,1	647 722	46,6	3 783 673	-1,9
	May	3 053 727	45,2	495 278	-52,0	662 899	2,3	4 211 904	11,3
	June	2 147 283	-29,7	576 514	16,4	565 257	-14,7	3 289 054	-21,9
	July	1 987 393	-7,4	939 693	63,0	539 825	-4,5	3 466 911	5,4
	August	2 334 076	17,4	506 318	-46,1	514 713	-4,7	3 355 107	-3,2
	September	2 489 760	6,7	935 558	84,8	577 407	12,2	4 002 725	19,3
	October	2 245 826	-9,8	1 154 511	23,4	772 359	33,8	4 172 696	4,2
	November	2 162 437	-3,7	1 255 707	8,8	686 389	-11,1	4 104 533	-1,6
	December	2 317 491	7,2	444 402	-64,6	793 116	15,5	3 555 009	-13,4
2024	January	1 808 103	-22,0	547 246	23,1	583 596	-26,4	2 938 945	-17,3
	February	1 719 023	-4,9	343 613	-37,2	638 883	9,5	2 701 519	-8,1
	March	1 689 975	-1,7	288 309	-16,1	678 507	6,2	2 656 791	-1,7
	April	1 747 115	3,4	1 067 419	270,2	529 697	-21,9	3 344 231	25,9
	May	1 764 428	1,0	827 618	-22,5	414 567	-21,7	3 006 613	-10,1
	Dec 23 – Feb 24	5 844 617		1 335 261		2 015 595		9 195 473	
	Mar – May 24 ²	5 201 518	-11,0	2 183 346	63,5	1 622 771	-19,5	9 007 635	-2,0

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 9 and 10 on page 38.

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

			May 2023	Apr 2024	May 2024	Jan – May 2023	Jan – May 2024	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	850	419	330	3 516	2 235	-36,4	
		square metres	39 092	20 813	17 511	169 128	113 581	-32,8	
		R'000	293 274	148 174	130 321	1 179 206	894 988	-24,1	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 198	1 047	967	5 059	4 542	-10,2	
		square metres	349 325	280 122	289 608	1 532 405	1 290 631	-15,8	
		R'000	2 907 440	2 319 832	2 397 600	12 805 859	10 862 859	-15,2	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 208	1 639	1 202	7 876	6 900	-12,4	
		square metres	133 197	148 661	120 249	782 403	695 898	-11,1	
		R'000	1 134 643	1 482 117	1 183 768	7 472 852	6 996 875	-6,4	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	10 657	37 393	30 869	36 842	78 909	114,2	
		R'000	102 924	291 872	377 937	316 791	746 562	135,7	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	4 438 281	4 241 995	4 089 626	21 774 708	19 501 284	-10,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	38 922	5 602	13 459	108 701	38 702	-64,4	
		R'000	407 518	63 756	126 615	1 069 568	358 565	-66,5	
	Shopping space	square metres	39 499	90 720	113 062	134 979	332 746	146,5	
		R'000	310 904	898 544	1 114 251	1 014 363	3 078 029	203,4	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	157 083	202 690	56 599	693 751	551 884	-20,4	
		R'000	1 062 790	1 549 930	412 632	4 662 455	4 131 687	-11,4	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	38 054	18 021	40 269	190 679	157 016	-17,7	
		R'000	278 432	146 365	372 245	1 624 440	1 288 736	-20,7	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	2 059 644	2 658 595	2 025 743	8 370 826	8 857 017	5,8	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	251 234	189 787	180 405	1 050 562	883 768	-15,9	
		R'000	2 098 161	1 549 928	1 500 480	8 872 078	7 506 742	-15,4	
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	75 660	70 897	44 097	289 586	291 917	0,8	
		R'000	861 779	732 194	459 891	3 032 396	3 084 966	1,7	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	2 959 940	2 282 122	1 960 371	11 904 474	10 591 708	-11,0
Building plans passed		Total at current prices	R'000	9 457 865	9 182 712	8 075 740	42 050 008	38 950 009	-7,4

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

			May 2023	Apr 2024	May 2024	Jan – May 2023	Jan – May 2024	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	401	111	146	1 264	609	-51,8
		square metres	18 411	5 035	6 938	56 267	28 162	-49,9
		R'000	129 130	33 860	44 671	372 911	182 390	-51,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	525	395	363	2 081	1 709	-17,9
		square metres	151 833	100 723	92 207	619 409	450 834	-27,2
		R'000	1 149 010	771 129	710 103	4 688 873	3 500 938	-25,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	440	739	441	2 389	2 632	10,2
		square metres	59 919	67 841	47 595	272 389	278 973	2,4
		R'000	484 291	626 736	429 725	2 276 777	2 726 246	19,7
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	3 924	6 495	1 768	8 433	11 036	30,9
		R'000	30 615	65 228	12 838	60 935	95 210	56,2
Total residential buildings	R'000	1 793 046	1 496 953	1 197 337	7 399 496	6 504 784	-12,1	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	14 606	526	684	35 325	5 115	-85,5
		R'000	136 041	4 843	6 078	307 100	45 330	-85,2
	Shopping space	square metres	16 513	1 064	1 931	31 823	16 277	-48,9
		R'000	134 376	8 820	17 267	269 428	136 265	-49,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	55 149	22 049	21 255	182 205	107 400	-41,1
		R'000	387 628	164 853	161 628	1 261 553	787 933	-37,5
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	8 466	13 193	8 387	60 962	42 819	-29,8
		R'000	65 192	96 475	64 436	488 614	320 050	-34,5
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	723 237	274 991	249 409	2 326 695	1 289 578	-44,6	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	95 946	72 327	58 068	398 158	285 550	-28,3
		R'000	729 311	515 707	423 983	3 034 523	2 085 367	-31,3
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	46 447	17 949	22 917	104 076	104 274	0,2
		R'000	551 284	212 041	240 612	1 194 739	1 207 047	1,0
Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 280 595	727 748	664 595	4 229 262	3 292 414	-22,2	
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	3 796 878	2 499 692	2 111 341	13 955 453	11 086 776	-20,6

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

			May 2023	Apr 2024	May 2024	Jan – May 2023	Jan – May 2024	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	21	21	11	268	55	-79,5	
		square metres	1 128	1 092	581	12 905	3 018	-76,6	
		R'000	8 635	8 905	4 465	81 825	23 806	-70,9	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	82	65	55	410	290	-29,3	
		square metres	22 520	16 042	16 355	98 580	74 048	-24,9	
		R'000	184 159	133 403	135 816	815 025	616 455	-24,4	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	3	7	79	66	128	93,9	
		square metres	488	860	7 993	7 907	16 265	105,7	
		R'000	3 804	6 624	66 635	63 133	134 337	112,8	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	196 598	148 932	206 916	959 983	774 598	-19,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	206	5 266	2 923	8 252	182,3	
		R'000	0	1 273	32 570	24 106	52 079	116,0	
	Shopping space	square metres	0	939	0	218	1 964	800,9	
		R'000	0	6 482	0	1 798	14 404	701,1	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 232	3 210	5 620	20 328	37 614	85,0	
		R'000	17 573	25 635	45 397	160 332	306 810	91,4	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	1 746	0	4 527	7 420	8 168	10,1	
		R'000	10 799	0	30 719	57 584	60 097	4,4	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	28 372	33 390	108 686	243 820	433 390	77,7
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	20 374	10 712	19 752	82 931	78 370	-5,5
R'000			162 678	86 370	159 436	666 391	630 915	-5,3	
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	10 468	16 564	2 839	34 982	42 811	22,4	
		R'000	85 284	138 007	23 860	289 764	358 220	23,6	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	247 962	224 377	183 296	956 155	989 135	3,4	
Building plans passed		Total at current prices	R'000	472 932	406 699	498 898	2 159 958	2 197 123	1,7

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

			May 2023	Apr 2024	May 2024	Jan – May 2023	Jan – May 2024	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	2	3	33	200	506,1	
		square metres	19	150	120	1 735	8 153	369,9	
		R'000	179	1 412	1 130	16 333	76 740	369,8	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	12	16	16	86	72	-16,3	
		square metres	2 795	3 443	2 543	17 428	13 862	-20,5	
		R'000	24 075	30 168	21 709	153 209	119 670	-21,9	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	4	0	4	..	
		square metres	0	0	224	0	224	..	
		R'000	0	0	2 109	0	2 109	..	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	1 105	409	0	3 110	409	-86,8	
		R'000	10 401	3 850	0	29 275	3 850	-86,8	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	34 655	35 430	24 948	198 817	202 369	1,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	847	0	0	847	947	11,8	
		R'000	7 973	0	0	7 973	5 914	-25,8	
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	1 213	2 428	100,2	
		R'000	0	0	0	11 418	22 855	100,2	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	3 745	0	649	3 745	477,0	
		R'000	0	35 252	0	6 109	35 252	477,1	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	64	0	-100,0	
		R'000	0	0	0	602	0	-100,0	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	7 973	35 252	0	26 102	64 021	145,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 253	1 192	2 517	20 122	10 915	-45,8	
		R'000	19 948	9 984	22 440	183 364	96 505	-47,4	
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	0	107	66	254	251	-1,2	
		R'000	1 040	1 087	1 131	5 971	3 282	-45,0	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	20 988	11 071	23 571	189 335	99 787	-47,3
Building plans passed		Total at current prices	R'000	63 616	81 753	48 519	414 254	366 177	-11,6

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

			May 2023	Apr 2024	May 2024	Jan – May 2023	Jan – May 2024	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	11	121	12	33	156	372,7	
		square metres	588	4 851	554	1 868	6 806	264,3	
		R'000	5 566	21 915	5 330	16 605	40 215	142,2	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	41	43	31	186	178	-4,3	
		square metres	9 763	12 242	7 824	49 038	45 795	-6,6	
		R'000	76 157	105 975	65 577	405 837	394 249	-2,9	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	46	69	88	27,5	
		square metres	0	0	3 139	9 421	10 230	8,6	
		R'000	0	0	30 200	88 732	98 423	10,9	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	653	1 092	67,2	
		R'000	0	0	0	5 386	9 781	81,6	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	81 723	127 890	101 107	516 560	542 668	5,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	1 134	0	500	1 339	167,8	
		R'000	0	8 971	0	3 093	10 605	242,9	
	Shopping space	square metres	0	3 524	347	29 499	44 786	51,8	
		R'000	0	22 568	2 146	182 795	332 981	82,2	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 284	408	1 268	7 154	9 820	37,3	
		R'000	7 941	3 363	7 843	61 393	76 142	24,0	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	522	0	1 177	11 043	838,2	
		R'000	0	3 229	0	8 515	76 836	802,4	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	7 941	38 131	9 989	255 796	496 564	94,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	12 492	5 808	6 061	37 574	30 236	-19,5	
		R'000	105 062	46 890	51 021	319 075	249 834	-21,7	
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	962	86	564	5 283	4 362	-17,4	
		R'000	8 962	1 113	7 263	53 086	43 018	-19,0	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	114 024	48 003	58 284	372 161	292 852	-21,3
Building plans passed		Total at current prices	R'000	203 688	214 024	169 380	1 144 517	1 332 084	16,4

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

			May 2023	Apr 2024	May 2024	Jan – May 2023	Jan – May 2024	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	10	13	9	45	83	84,4
		square metres	601	696	479	2 403	4 044	68,3
		R'000	4 790	6 653	4 472	19 152	33 349	74,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	86	101	73	383	394	2,9
		square metres	29 348	29 642	27 604	130 845	128 671	-1,7
		R'000	307 749	289 029	272 282	1 302 870	1 314 427	0,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	102	258	341	440	1 117	153,9
		square metres	13 305	31 781	30 044	58 219	132 848	128,2
		R'000	128 249	302 551	310 663	593 978	1 303 259	119,4
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	5 628	1 311	27 624	6 084	30 837	406,9
		R'000	61 908	14 421	350 663	64 644	377 774	484,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	502 696	612 654	938 080	1 980 644	3 028 809	52,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	3 145	0	0	3 930	7 833	99,3
		R'000	27 011	0	0	32 537	72 208	121,9
	Shopping space	square metres	18 462	4 196	36 027	21 777	48 167	121,2
		R'000	148 665	45 788	396 287	173 401	501 860	189,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	41 942	9 582	8 776	154 774	38 437	-75,2
		R'000	273 202	71 321	58 143	980 386	272 188	-72,2
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	2 969	288	14 952	7 026	21 869	211,3
		R'000	23 543	2 814	179 736	57 141	251 798	340,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	472 421	119 923	634 166	1 243 465	1 098 054	-11,7
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	22 739	23 735	20 110	92 736	115 933
R'000			210 638	250 485	203 042	934 977	1 236 011	32,2
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	5 956	6 433	4 825	61 544	41 204	-33,0
		R'000	85 609	90 457	62 775	738 557	534 416	-27,6
Total additions and alterations		R'000	296 247	340 942	265 817	1 673 534	1 770 427	5,8
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 271 364	1 073 519	1 838 063	4 897 643	5 897 290	20,4

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

			May 2023	Apr 2024	May 2024	Jan – May 2023	Jan – May 2024	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	7	4	3	41	26	-36,6
		square metres	396	173	152	2 112	1 304	-38,3
		R'000	2 742	1 164	992	14 415	9 306	-35,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	53	52	53	262	249	-5,0
		square metres	14 795	13 772	16 668	77 976	70 322	-9,8
		R'000	97 298	99 793	121 595	544 805	518 800	-4,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	53	13	10	109	80	-26,6
		square metres	8 310	620	762	12 038	5 834	-51,5
		R'000	45 854	4 464	6 439	68 154	42 473	-37,7
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	27 232	0	3 213	27 982	770,9
		R'000	0	196 070	0	22 990	201 155	775,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	145 894	301 491	129 026	650 364	771 734	18,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 220	0	0	15 600	102	-99,3
		R'000	7 546	0	0	91 643	630	-99,3
	Shopping space	square metres	3 241	31 963	15 551	16 745	78 518	368,9
		R'000	19 308	230 133	99 604	107 460	647 825	502,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 323	13 274	925	6 905	16 603	140,4
		R'000	13 473	105 963	6 660	39 598	129 381	226,7
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	1 844	1 797	12 068	571,6
		R'000	0	0	13 277	11 145	96 898	769,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	40 327	336 096	119 541	249 846	874 734	250,1
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	8 722	6 077	4 843	31 197	33 240
R'000			58 261	41 179	34 058	205 197	233 700	13,9
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	1 305	2 128	120	3 672	6 914	88,3
		R'000	21 015	22 011	8 926	68 698	92 135	34,1
Total additions and alterations		R'000	79 276	63 190	42 984	273 895	325 835	19,0
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	265 497	700 777	291 551	1 174 105	1 972 303	68,0

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

			May 2023	Apr 2024	May 2024	Jan – May 2023	Jan – May 2024	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	393	143	126	1 704	1 031	-39,5
		square metres	17 625	8 575	7 482	84 161	57 348	-31,9
		R'000	140 071	72 704	61 348	600 128	495 156	-17,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	299	223	251	1 174	1 143	-2,6
		square metres	82 946	65 701	78 751	367 081	335 346	-8,6
		R'000	809 715	610 793	757 903	3 615 699	3 197 188	-11,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	592	567	281	4 547	2 611	-42,6
		square metres	49 385	42 500	30 492	388 942	231 791	-40,4
		R'000	462 385	506 880	337 997	4 151 947	2 547 368	-38,6
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	811	1 973	3 746	89,9
		R'000	0	0	10 057	14 371	34 103	137,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 412 171	1 190 377	1 167 305	8 382 145	6 273 815	-25,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	16 391	3 736	7 231	45 982	12 658	-72,5
		R'000	211 795	48 669	85 980	580 395	155 635	-73,2
	Shopping space	square metres	461	47 449	41 966	10 030	98 921	886,3
		R'000	3 358	574 656	471 571	112 162	1 131 221	908,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	47 029	132 843	6 559	263 367	271 182	3,0
		R'000	317 442	1 026 901	47 344	1 745 517	2 079 923	19,2
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	515	3 075	9 198	73 449	44 830	-39,0
		R'000	3 809	35 360	75 661	699 292	373 666	-46,6
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	536 404	1 685 586	680 556	3 137 366	3 740 445	19,2	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	66 909	49 935	48 225	305 151	249 451	-18,3
		R'000	662 403	468 982	466 399	2 955 303	2 430 934	-17,7
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	8 175	20 168	10 636	70 773	72 941	3,1
		R'000	82 417	204 731	85 360	586 348	676 268	15,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	744 820	673 713	551 759	3 541 651	3 107 202	-12,3
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 693 395	3 549 676	2 399 620	15 061 162	13 121 462	-12,9

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

			May 2023	Apr 2024	May 2024	Jan – May 2023	Jan – May 2024	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2	2	16	117	60	-48,7
		square metres	95	135	955	7 003	3 806	-45,7
		R'000	576	826	6 195	53 382	27 821	-47,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	72	121	96	329	337	2,4
		square metres	25 252	26 083	35 571	119 364	108 534	-9,1
		R'000	187 863	194 074	227 716	906 217	755 780	-16,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1	26	0	49	134	173,5
		square metres	207	2 114	0	2 921	9 359	220,4
		R'000	1 309	14 798	0	18 327	66 540	263,1
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	1 946	666	13 108	3 807	-71,0
		R'000	0	12 303	4 379	117 224	24 689	-78,9
	Total residential buildings	R'000	189 748	222 001	238 290	1 095 150	874 830	-20,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	2 713	0	0	3 594	1 438	-60,0
		R'000	17 152	0	0	22 721	9 091	-60,0
	Shopping space	square metres	822	1 098	16 054	10 340	30 759	197,5
		R'000	5 197	6 928	119 225	64 512	211 832	228,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	3 323	13 232	7 678	49 719	52 527	5,6
		R'000	23 467	86 765	54 565	352 993	343 882	-2,6
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	5 830	943	1 361	20 256	2 304	-88,6
		R'000	45 044	8 487	8 416	171 502	16 903	-90,1
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	90 860	102 180	182 206	611 728	581 708	-4,9
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	17 023	16 238	18 728	66 624	67 119
R'000			117 558	104 741	125 237	464 419	453 471	-2,4
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	2 131	4 805	1 311	7 688	9 607	25,0
		R'000	22 683	41 485	21 108	68 052	93 190	36,9
Total additions and alterations		R'000	140 241	146 226	146 345	532 471	546 661	2,7
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	420 849	470 407	566 841	2 239 349	2 003 199	-10,5

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

			May 2023	Apr 2024	May 2024	Jan – May 2023	Jan – May 2024	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	4	2	4	11	15	36,4
		square metres	229	106	250	674	940	39,5
		R'000	1 585	735	1 718	4 455	6 205	39,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	28	31	29	148	170	14,9
		square metres	10 073	12 474	12 085	52 684	63 219	20,0
		R'000	71 414	85 468	84 899	373 324	445 352	19,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	17	29	0	207	106	-48,8
		square metres	1 583	2 945	0	30 566	10 374	-66,1
		R'000	8 751	20 064	0	211 804	76 120	-64,1
	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	81 750	106 267	86 617	591 549	527 677	-10,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	278	0	1 018	..
		R'000	0	0	1 987	0	7 073	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	487	1 186	13 334	10 926	-18,1
		R'000	0	3 169	8 151	91 389	78 786	-13,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	3 801	4 347	4 518	8 650	14 556	68,3
		R'000	22 064	29 877	31 052	54 574	100 176	83,6
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	18 528	0	0	18 528	13 915	-24,9
		R'000	130 045	0	0	130 045	92 488	-28,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	152 109	33 046	41 190	276 008	278 523	0,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 776	3 763	2 101	16 069	12 954	-19,4
		R'000	32 302	25 590	14 864	108 829	90 005	-17,3
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	216	2 657	819	1 314	9 553	627,0
		R'000	3 485	21 262	8 856	27 181	77 390	184,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	35 787	46 852	23 720	136 010	167 395	23,1
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	269 646	186 165	151 527	1 003 567	973 595	-3,0

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

			May 2023	Apr 2024	May 2024	Jan – May 2023	Jan – May 2024	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	787	335	505	2 917	2 022	-30,7	
		square metres	39 666	17 120	26 740	151 320	104 769	-30,8	
		R'000	300 245	121 070	168 820	1 076 544	745 237	-30,8	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	866	637	695	3 335	2 822	-15,4	
		square metres	205 424	174 288	194 488	850 762	761 021	-10,5	
		R'000	1 770 312	1 522 307	1 649 072	7 425 406	6 546 113	-11,8	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 763	838	513	4 878	4 215	-13,6	
		square metres	219 018	77 780	59 145	526 714	368 533	-30,0	
		R'000	1 881 840	685 902	574 754	4 680 313	3 418 537	-27,0	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	2 119	2 669	2 737	10 811	18 179	68,2	
		R'000	13 410	33 275	18 053	84 223	145 157	72,3	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	3 965 807	2 362 554	2 410 699	13 266 486	10 855 044	-18,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	6 070	6 943	11 751	105 034	38 104	-63,7	
		R'000	78 206	52 706	138 184	1 286 817	370 461	-71,2	
	Shopping space	square metres	5 015	35 709	47 054	205 704	125 253	-39,1	
		R'000	42 178	369 942	449 637	2 209 923	1 269 008	-42,6	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	69 462	136 962	68 436	259 659	312 452	20,3	
		R'000	471 783	1 002 337	440 355	1 761 323	2 295 108	30,3	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	7 824	4 852	16 942	53 487	35 489	-33,6	
		R'000	57 143	36 312	111 454	469 811	261 882	-44,3	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	649 310	1 461 297	1 139 630	5 727 874	4 196 459	-26,7
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	56 718	61 376	53 683	226 166	291 242	28,8
R'000			477 914	526 077	434 633	1 933 361	2 456 679	27,1	
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	37 185	19 012	12 244	168 227	129 232	-23,2	
		R'000	376 081	204 696	137 158	1 675 037	1 352 927	-19,2	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	853 995	730 773	571 791	3 608 398	3 809 606	5,6	
Buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	5 469 112	4 554 624	4 122 120	22 602 758	18 861 109	-16,6

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2023	Apr 2024	May 2024	Jan – May 2023	Jan – May 2024	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	226	118	96	785	653	-16,8	
		square metres	10 893	5 431	4 216	36 682	30 011	-18,2	
		R'000	70 188	34 296	25 644	232 270	196 202	-15,5	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	290	237	253	1 029	1 051	2,1	
		square metres	67 164	61 696	69 076	259 725	273 914	5,5	
		R'000	463 267	446 188	523 452	1 824 322	2 023 057	10,9	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 172	489	262	2 342	1 498	-36,0	
		square metres	155 760	39 082	32 592	276 178	156 911	-43,2	
		R'000	1 236 493	305 940	267 682	2 178 270	1 319 003	-39,4	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	236	2 737	4 760	13 210	177,5	
		R'000	0	1 770	18 053	30 024	91 991	206,4	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	1 769 948	788 194	834 831	4 264 886	3 630 253	-14,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	845	1 288	7 246	9 753	34,6	
		R'000	0	7 780	8 852	44 960	88 508	96,9	
	Shopping space	square metres	118	2 154	8 920	21 080	11 074	-47,5	
		R'000	811	13 835	59 782	155 084	73 617	-52,5	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	9 282	5 417	5 829	30 761	44 799	45,6	
		R'000	65 766	36 336	41 036	236 475	334 854	41,6	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	5 857	2 312	15 847	30 653	26 346	-14,1	
		R'000	36 225	14 681	102 678	214 977	172 518	-19,8	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	102 802	72 632	212 348	651 496	669 497	2,8
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	24 500	21 675	17 603	79 805	88 831	11,3
R'000			178 852	181 144	118 482	573 305	647 878	13,0	
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	21 478	4 718	4 212	88 804	33 714	-62,0	
		R'000	194 197	52 664	48 073	802 900	353 112	-56,0	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	373 049	233 808	166 555	1 376 205	1 000 990	-27,3	
Buildings completed		Total at current prices	R'000	2 245 799	1 094 634	1 213 734	6 292 587	5 300 740	-15,8

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2023	Apr 2024	May 2024	Jan – May 2023	Jan – May 2024	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	15	11	12	194	101	-47,9	
		square metres	875	506	760	9 660	5 689	-41,1	
		R'000	6 993	4 091	6 097	60 715	45 513	-25,0	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	61	30	47	278	170	-38,8	
		square metres	16 368	8 368	14 231	72 003	41 066	-43,0	
		R'000	130 237	67 967	117 956	601 230	335 460	-44,2	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	196	0	29	215	361	67,9	
		square metres	13 287	0	1 776	15 771	21 691	37,5	
		R'000	109 578	0	13 452	130 063	173 325	33,3	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	246 808	72 058	137 505	792 008	554 298	-30,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	1 291	263	0	1 554	..	
		R'000	0	10 647	2 169	0	12 816	..	
	Shopping space	square metres	748	682	193	3 727	875	-76,5	
		R'000	5 277	5 624	1 724	30 422	7 348	-75,8	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	4 924	1 080	0	13 873	3 038	-78,1	
		R'000	40 608	8 907	0	107 652	23 274	-78,4	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	1 759	31	158	1 921	1 115,8	
		R'000	0	14 023	256	1 260	15 087	1 097,4	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	45 885	39 201	4 149	139 334	58 525	-58,0
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 625	5 921	3 568	23 123	53 898	133,1
R'000			30 444	48 622	29 715	191 084	441 204	130,9	
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	302	332	877	18 025	25 828	43,3	
		R'000	2 734	4 314	7 507	151 041	226 236	49,8	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	33 178	52 936	37 222	342 125	667 440	95,1	
Buildings completed		Total at current prices	R'000	325 871	164 195	178 876	1 273 467	1 280 263	0,5

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

			May 2023	Apr 2024	May 2024	Jan – May 2023	Jan – May 2024	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	0	0	2	3	50,0
		square metres	0	0	0	153	167	9,2
		R'000	0	0	0	1 140	1 572	37,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	3	3	5	22	20	-9,1
		square metres	555	471	803	5 860	3 834	-34,6
		R'000	5 224	4 434	7 559	55 159	36 090	-34,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	0	0	..
		square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	1 164	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	10 957	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	5 224	4 434	7 559	56 299	48 619	-13,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	846	1 387	846	-39,0
		R'000	0	0	7 963	13 056	7 963	-39,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	2 339	627	473	3 585	657,9
		R'000	0	22 017	5 902	4 452	33 746	658,0
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	193	0	193	..
		R'000	0	0	1 817	0	1 817	..
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	22 017	15 682	17 508	43 526	148,6	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 087	1 331	1 453	10 053	6 061	-39,7
		R'000	19 645	12 529	13 677	94 630	57 052	-39,7
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	0	245	1 641	605	2 719	349,4
		R'000	400	2 336	15 567	8 655	26 224	203,0
Total additions and alterations	R'000	20 045	14 865	29 244	103 285	83 276	-19,4	
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	25 269	41 316	52 485	177 092	175 421	-0,9

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

			May 2023	Apr 2024	May 2024	Jan – May 2023	Jan – May 2024	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2	0	0	40	2	-95,0	
		square metres	100	0	0	2 265	91	-96,0	
		R'000	962	0	0	20 898	876	-95,8	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	25	6	6	71	44	-38,0	
		square metres	3 651	1 690	1 208	13 306	9 400	-29,4	
		R'000	30 375	13 028	9 868	102 113	75 350	-26,2	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	8	0	0	11	0	-100,0	
		square metres	1 275	0	0	1 567	0	-100,0	
		R'000	10 515	0	0	12 923	0	-100,0	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	121	991	719,0	
		R'000	0	0	0	748	7 654	923,3	
Total residential buildings		R'000	41 852	13 028	9 868	136 682	83 880	-38,6	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	275	277	0,7	
		R'000	0	0	0	1 701	2 665	56,7	
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	872	0	1 017	..	
		R'000	0	0	8 390	0	9 287	..	
	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	8 390	2 212	11 952	440,3	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 355	1 714	902	8 265	10 220	23,7	
		R'000	24 916	12 297	6 672	61 912	73 028	18,0	
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	206	0	0	1 092	276	-74,7	
		R'000	1 699	0	150	10 495	6 585	-37,3	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	26 615	12 297	6 822	72 407	79 613	10,0	
Buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	68 467	25 325	25 080	211 301	175 445	-17,0

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

			May 2023	Apr 2024	May 2024	Jan – May 2023	Jan – May 2024	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	10	5	7	35	44	25,7	
		square metres	601	279	440	2 112	2 605	23,3	
		R'000	6 797	3 049	4 163	18 333	25 777	40,6	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	75	58	54	294	227	-22,8	
		square metres	22 540	20 028	16 531	100 658	69 512	-30,9	
		R'000	252 683	231 921	180 797	1 106 417	770 865	-30,3	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	72	11	77	504	283	-43,8	
		square metres	10 178	2 587	11 892	65 684	34 783	-47,0	
		R'000	98 196	21 411	149 870	690 270	349 308	-49,4	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	1 151	381	-66,9	
		R'000	0	0	0	13 697	3 050	-77,7	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	357 676	256 381	334 830	1 828 717	1 149 000	-37,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	1 732	0	9 956	1 732	-82,6	
		R'000	0	15 260	0	108 428	15 260	-85,9	
	Shopping space	square metres	1 050	31 449	0	46 887	65 604	39,9	
		R'000	7 350	338 527	0	504 300	710 690	40,9	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	8 831	24 093	3 333	20 460	39 595	93,5	
		R'000	52 986	154 400	23 684	122 407	264 776	116,3	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	1 758	497	579	6 326	3 635	-42,5	
		R'000	19 338	5 851	3 474	73 370	37 474	-48,9	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	79 674	514 038	27 158	808 505	1 028 200	27,2
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 031	8 164	6 111	30 845	35 715	15,8
R'000			70 783	89 522	69 879	351 655	408 209	16,1	
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	8 119	869	2 916	27 527	18 018	-34,5	
		R'000	92 478	24 506	35 286	308 012	255 803	-17,0	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	163 261	114 028	105 165	659 667	664 012	0,7	
Buildings completed		Total at current prices	R'000	600 611	884 447	467 153	3 296 889	2 841 212	-13,8

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

			May 2023	Apr 2024	May 2024	Jan – May 2023	Jan – May 2024	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	23	30	3	104	99	-4,8	
		square metres	1 285	1 716	198	6 156	5 677	-7,8	
		R'000	6 578	11 540	1 224	34 668	40 214	16,0	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	80	25	55	290	190	-34,5	
		square metres	15 142	7 656	11 324	60 038	43 736	-27,2	
		R'000	111 413	59 067	52 146	427 551	291 774	-31,8	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	4	15	29	65	54	-16,9	
		square metres	384	2 609	2 184	6 179	5 300	-14,2	
		R'000	2 227	18 785	13 508	37 135	35 606	-4,1	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	1 856	0	0	2 432	0	-100,0	
		R'000	11 479	0	0	15 275	0	-100,0	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	131 697	89 392	66 878	514 629	367 594	-28,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	2 243	0	0	2 698	..	
		R'000	0	13 873	0	0	17 627	..	
	Shopping space	square metres	1 182	359	608	2 359	3 896	65,2	
		R'000	6 856	2 724	4 378	15 413	28 875	87,3	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	5 349	1 626	5 215	10 378	99,0	
		R'000	0	36 693	11 707	42 140	72 872	72,9	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	284	0	0	284	..	
		R'000	0	1 757	0	0	1 757	..	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	6 856	55 047	16 085	57 553	121 131	110,5
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 944	7 956	6 637	6 486	23 456	261,6
R'000			12 240	50 272	41 985	40 758	149 251	266,2	
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	987	942	1 116	2 510	10 550	320,3	
		R'000	11 588	16 079	14 136	57 121	119 781	109,7	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	23 828	66 351	56 121	97 879	269 032	174,9	
Buildings completed		Total at current prices	R'000	162 381	210 790	139 084	670 061	757 757	13,1

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

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

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

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

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

			May 2023	Apr 2024	May 2024	Jan – May 2023	Jan – May 2024	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	488	167	384	1 673	1 095	-34,5	
		square metres	24 461	8 981	20 931	89 139	58 933	-33,9	
		R'000	199 446	66 650	130 525	672 624	424 012	-37,0	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	266	232	224	1 109	913	-17,7	
		square metres	64 040	60 823	66 613	282 092	266 382	-5,6	
		R'000	656 590	603 001	653 366	2 881 714	2 633 714	-8,6	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	303	300	116	1 459	1 961	34,4	
		square metres	37 413	31 369	10 701	140 095	143 098	2,1	
		R'000	419 876	321 635	130 242	1 485 136	1 492 485	0,5	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	2 433	0	1 817	2 433	33,9	
		R'000	0	31 505	0	20 590	31 505	53,0	
Total residential buildings		R'000	1 275 912	1 022 791	914 133	5 060 064	4 581 716	-9,5	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	6 070	832	9 354	86 170	11 496	-86,7	
		R'000	78 206	5 146	119 200	1 118 672	141 142	-87,4	
	Shopping space	square metres	1 917	1 065	36 461	119 452	42 357	-64,5	
		R'000	21 884	9 232	375 363	1 420 860	436 815	-69,3	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	44 471	95 476	55 239	140 279	186 329	32,8	
		R'000	297 179	718 706	345 552	916 105	1 380 619	50,7	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	209	0	292	16 350	3 110	-81,0	
		R'000	1 580	0	3 229	180 204	33 229	-81,6	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	398 849	733 084	843 344	3 635 841	1 991 805	-45,2
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	13 690	10 745	12 284	55 763	61 282	9,9
R'000			129 776	103 630	117 954	539 361	596 671	10,6	
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	2 150	11 141	865	22 578	35 950	59,2	
		R'000	28 349	96 456	10 764	235 593	340 542	44,5	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	158 125	200 086	128 718	774 954	937 213	20,9	
Buildings completed		Total at current prices	R'000	1 832 886	1 955 961	1 886 195	9 470 859	7 510 734	-20,7

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

			May 2023	Apr 2024	May 2024	Jan – May 2023	Jan – May 2024	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	20	0	0	68	8	-88,2
		square metres	1 251	0	0	4 088	533	-87,0
		R'000	7 906	0	0	28 645	3 883	-86,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	45	24	31	149	119	-20,1
		square metres	11 218	6 147	8 654	30 677	27 063	-11,8
		R'000	87 822	45 035	61 035	245 650	197 152	-19,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	23	0	0	40	..
		square metres	0	2 133	0	0	4 044	..
		R'000	0	18 131	0	0	30 212	..
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
Total residential buildings	R'000	95 728	63 166	61 035	274 295	231 247	-15,7	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	0	9 748	..
		R'000	0	0	0	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	1 954	2 158	1 782	19 496	16 572	-15,0
		R'000	15 244	18 061	12 474	126 145	130 989	3,8
	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	15 244	18 061	12 474	126 145	215 469	70,8	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 184	3 145	4 530	10 122	8 941	-11,7
		R'000	9 154	23 078	32 411	69 230	64 039	-7,5
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	3 943	765	617	7 086	1 382	-80,5
		R'000	43 636	7 341	4 675	94 033	12 217	-87,0
Total additions and alterations	R'000	52 790	30 419	37 086	163 263	76 256	-53,3	
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	163 762	111 646	110 595	563 703	522 972	-7,2

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

			May 2023	Apr 2024	May 2024	Jan – May 2023	Jan – May 2024	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	4	3	16	17	6,3
		square metres	200	207	195	1 065	1 063	-0,2
		R'000	1 375	1 444	1 167	7 251	7 188	-0,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	21	22	20	93	88	-5,4
		square metres	4 746	7 409	6 048	26 403	26 114	-1,1
		R'000	32 701	51 666	42 893	181 250	182 651	0,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	8	0	0	282	18	-93,6
		square metres	721	0	0	21 240	2 706	-87,3
		R'000	4 955	0	0	146 516	18 598	-87,3
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	263	0	0	530	0	-100,0
		R'000	1 931	0	0	3 889	0	-100,0
Total residential buildings	R'000	40 962	53 110	44 060	338 906	208 437	-38,5	
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	12 199	430	-96,5
		R'000	0	0	0	83 844	2 376	-97,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	1 050	0	29 040	8 156	-71,9
		R'000	0	7 217	0	205 436	53 978	-73,7
	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	7 217	0	289 280	56 354	-80,5	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	302	725	595	1 704	2 838	66,5
		R'000	2 104	4 983	3 858	11 426	19 347	69,3
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	0	0	0	0	795	..
		R'000	1 000	1 000	1 000	7 187	12 427	72,9
Total additions and alterations	R'000	3 104	5 983	4 858	18 613	31 774	70,7	
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	44 066	66 310	48 918	646 799	296 565	-54,1

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

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

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

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

Explanatory notes

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.
Purpose of the survey	2	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	3	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	4	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	5	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for May 2024 was 83,6%. The revised collection rate for April 2024 was 95,5%.
Statistical unit	6	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	7	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	8	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** 9 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.
- 10 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** 11 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** 12 Revised figures are mainly due to late submission of data to Stats SA, or respondents reporting revisions or corrections to their figures. The reasons for routine revisions are outlined in the following schedule. Any unscheduled revisions will be promptly indicated in relevant tables to maintain transparency and accuracy. It is important to note that seasonally adjusted figures are revised monthly.

Statistical release	Reason for revision	Period subject to revision
May-24	Additional information from respondents	May-22 - Apr-24
Jun-24	Additional information from respondents	Jun-22 - May-24
Jul-24	Additional information from respondents	Jul-22 - Jun-24
Aug-24	Additional information from respondents	Aug-22 - Jul-24
Sep-24	Additional information from respondents	Sep-22 - Aug-24
Oct-24	Additional information from respondents	Oct-22 - Sep-24
Nov-24	Additional information from respondents	Nov-22 - Oct-24
Dec-24	Additional information from respondents	Dec-22 - Nov-24
Jan-25	Additional information from respondents	Jan-23 - Dec-24
Feb-25	Additional information from respondents	Feb-23 - Jan-25
Mar-25	Additional information from respondents	Mar-23 - Feb-25
Apr-25	Additional information from respondents	Apr-23 - Mar-25
New base year in 2027/28 – periodic, approximately four to five-year intervals		

- Related publications** 13 Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:
- P5041.3: *Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions* issued annually;
 - P9101.2: *Actual and expected expenditure on construction by the public sector per statistical region* issued annually; and
 - *Building Statistics* (Report No. 50-11-01) issued annually.
- Rounding-off of figures** 14 Where necessary, the figures in the tables have been rounded off to the nearest digit shown.
- Symbols and abbreviations** 15
- .. Changes from a zero in the preceding period cannot be calculated as a percentage
 - 0 Nil or figure too small to publish
 - * Revised figures
 - 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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