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Results for January to October 2020

**Table A – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices:
January to October 2019 versus January to October 2020**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Oct 2019	Jan – Oct 2020	Difference in value between Jan – Oct 2019 and Jan – Oct 2020	% change between Jan – Oct 2019 and Jan – Oct 2020
	1/	1/		
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	48 846 943	30 111 349	-18 735 594	-38,4
-Dwelling-houses	26 121 287	18 857 180	-7 264 107	-27,8
-Flats and townhouses	22 004 753	10 967 949	-11 036 804	-50,2
-Other residential buildings	720 903	286 220	-434 683	-60,3
Non-residential buildings	20 567 081	11 452 864	-9 114 217	-44,3
Additions and alterations	25 536 299	16 450 420	-9 085 879	-35,6
Total	94 950 323	58 014 633	-36 935 690	-38,9

1/ 2019 and 2020 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Total value of recorded building plans passed at current prices

The value of recorded building plans passed (at current prices) decreased by 38,9% (-R36 935,7 million) during January to October 2020 compared with January to October 2019.

Decreases were recorded for non-residential buildings (-44,3% or -R9 114,2 million), residential buildings (-38,4% or -R18 735,6 million) and additions and alterations (-35,6% or -R9 085,9 million) – see Table A.

**Table B – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:
January to October 2019 versus January to October 2020**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Oct 2019	Jan – Oct 2020	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during Jan – Oct 2019	% change between Jan – Oct 2019 and Jan – Oct 2020	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan – Oct 2019 and Jan – Oct 2020	Difference in value between Jan – Oct 2019 and Jan – Oct 2020
	1/	1/				
	R'000	R'000			2/	R'000
Western Cape	24 937 641	19 396 089	26,3	-22,2	-5,8	-5 541 552
Eastern Cape	6 080 117	2 991 972	6,4	-50,8	-3,3	-3 088 145
Northern Cape	1 286 542	898 605	1,4	-30,2	-0,4	-387 937
Free State	2 701 410	1 705 874	2,8	-36,9	-1,0	-995 536
KwaZulu-Natal	15 125 960	9 610 050	15,9	-36,5	-5,8	-5 515 910
North West	2 255 136	2 280 319	2,4	1,1	0,0	25 183
Gauteng	36 931 527	16 941 408	38,9	-54,1	-21,1	-19 990 119
Mpumalanga	3 674 880	3 044 558	3,9	-17,2	-0,7	-630 322
Limpopo	1 957 110	1 145 758	2,1	-41,5	-0,9	-811 352
Total	94 950 323	58 014 633	100,0	-38,9	-38,9	-36 935 690

1/ 2019 and 2020 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 of each province between January to October 2019 and January to October 2020 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of building plans passed during January to October 2019, divided by 100.

The largest contributions to the total decrease of 38,9% (-R36 935,7 million) were made by Gauteng (contributing -21,1 percentage points or -R19 990,1 million), Western Cape (contributing -5,8 percentage points or -R5 541,6 million), KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -5,8 percentage points or -R5 515,9 million) and Eastern Cape (contributing -3,3 percentage points or -R3 088,1 million) – see Table B.

Table C – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices: January to October 2019 versus January to October 2020

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	Jan – Oct 2019	Jan – Oct 2020	Difference in value between Jan – Oct 2019 and Jan – Oct 2020	% change between Jan – Oct 2019 and Jan – Oct 2020
	1/	1/		
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	40 186 067	23 977 853	-16 208 214	-40,3
Non-residential buildings	16 892 865	9 152 167	-7 740 698	-45,8
Additions and alterations	20 965 003	13 106 655	-7 858 348	-37,5
Total	78 043 935	46 236 675	-31 807 260	-40,8

1/ 2019 and 2020 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Real value of recorded building plans passed

The real value of recorded building plans passed (at constant 2015 prices) decreased by 40,8% (-R31 807,3 million) during January to October 2020 compared with January to October 2019. Decreases were recorded for non-residential buildings (-45,8% or -R7 740,7 million), residential buildings (-40,3% or -R16 208,2 million) and additions and alterations (-37,5% or -R7 858,3 million) – see Table C.

Table D – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	May – Jul 2020	Aug – Oct 2020	% change between May – Jul 2020 and Aug – Oct 2020
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	3 938 765	8 954 751	127,3
Non-residential buildings 1/	1 701 326	2 580 532	51,7
Additions and alterations	1 999 379	4 716 195	135,9
Total	7 639 470	16 251 478	112,7

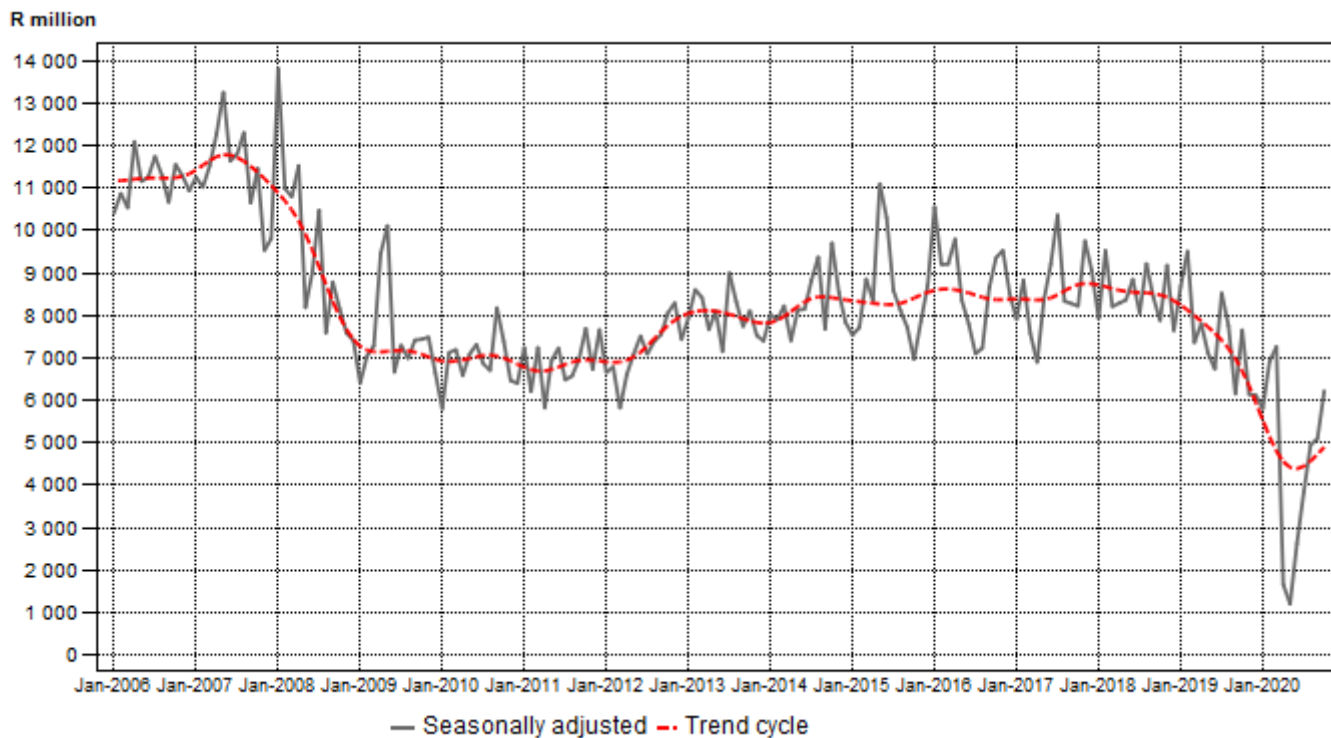
1/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 10 and 11 on page 39.

Seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed

The seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed increased by 112,7% in the three months ended October 2020 compared with the previous three months. Increases were recorded for additions and alterations (135,9%), residential buildings (127,3%) and non-residential buildings (51,7%) – see Table D.

Figure 1 – Real value of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities

Constant 2015 prices



**Table E – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices:
January to October 2019 versus January to October 2020**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Oct 2019	Jan – Oct 2020	Difference in value between Jan – Oct 2019 and Jan – Oct 2020	% change between Jan – Oct 2019 and Jan – Oct 2020
	1/	1/		
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	44 757 433	19 362 815	-25 394 618	-56,7
-Dwelling-houses	18 793 771	11 509 118	-7 284 653	-38,8
-Flats and townhouses	25 415 283	7 591 322	-17 823 961	-70,1
-Other residential buildings	548 379	262 375	-286 004	-52,2
Non-residential buildings	18 877 838	11 186 968	-7 690 870	-40,7
Additions and alterations	11 020 316	8 039 252	-2 981 064	-27,1
Total	74 655 587	38 589 035	-36 066 552	-48,3

1/ 2019 and 2020 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Total value of buildings reported as completed at current prices

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) decreased by 48,3% (-R36 066,6 million) during January to October 2020 compared with January to October 2019.

Decreases were recorded for residential buildings (-56,7% or -R25 394,6 million), non-residential buildings (-40,7% or -R7 690,9 million) and additions and alterations (-27,1% or -R2 981,1 million) – see Table E.

**Table F – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:
January to October 2019 versus January to October 2020**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Oct 2019	Jan – Oct 2020	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during Jan – Oct 2019	% change between Jan – Oct 2019 and Jan – Oct 2020	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan – Oct 2019 and Jan – Oct 2020	Difference in value between Jan – Oct 2019 and Jan – Oct 2020
	1/	1/				2/
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	18 173 570	12 878 158	24,3	-29,1	-7,1	-5 295 412
Eastern Cape	3 212 833	1 694 678	4,3	-47,3	-2,0	-1 518 155
Northern Cape	511 615	557 766	0,7	9,0	0,1	46 151
Free State	534 692	576 599	0,7	7,8	0,1	41 907
KwaZulu-Natal	11 432 988	6 348 697	15,3	-44,5	-6,8	-5 084 291
North West	1 700 202	1 154 391	2,3	-32,1	-0,7	-545 811
Gauteng	36 458 525	13 645 780	48,8	-62,6	-30,6	-22 812 745
Mpumalanga	1 896 176	1 047 900	2,5	-44,7	-1,1	-848 276
Limpopo	734 986	685 066	1,0	-6,8	-0,1	-49 920
Total	74 655 587	38 589 035	100,0	-48,3	-48,3	-36 066 552

1/ 2019 and 2020 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 of each province between January to October 2019 and January to October 2020 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of buildings completed during January to October 2019, divided by 100.

Seven provinces reported year-on-year decreases in the value of buildings completed during January to October 2020, of which Gauteng (contributing -30,6 percentage points or -R22 812,7 million), Western Cape (contributing -7,1 percentage points or -R5 295,4 million) and KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -6,8 percentage points or -R5 084,3 million) were the largest negative contributors – see Table F.

Table G – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices: January to October 2019 versus January to October 2020

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	Jan – Oct 2019	Jan – Oct 2020	Difference in value between Jan – Oct 2019 and Jan – Oct 2020	% change between Jan – Oct 2019 and Jan – Oct 2020
	1/	1/	R'000	
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	36 778 653	15 405 425	-21 373 228	-58,1
Non-residential buildings	15 523 650	8 922 363	-6 601 287	-42,5
Additions and alterations	9 045 940	6 401 345	-2 644 595	-29,2
Total	61 348 243	30 729 133	-30 619 110	-49,9

1/ 2019 and 2020 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Real value of buildings reported as completed

The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2015 prices) decreased by 49,9% (-R30 619,1 million) during January to October 2020 compared with January to October 2019. Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-58,1% or -R21 373,2 million), non-residential buildings (-42,5% or -R6 601,3 million) and additions and alterations (-29,2% or -R2 644,6 million) – see Table G.

Table H – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	May – Jul 2020	Aug – Oct 2020	% change between May – Jul 2020 and Aug – Oct 2020
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	3 269 893	6 252 720	91,2
Non-residential buildings 1/	845 105	2 936 532	247,5
Additions and alterations	966 278	2 471 503	155,8
Total	5 081 276	11 660 755	129,5

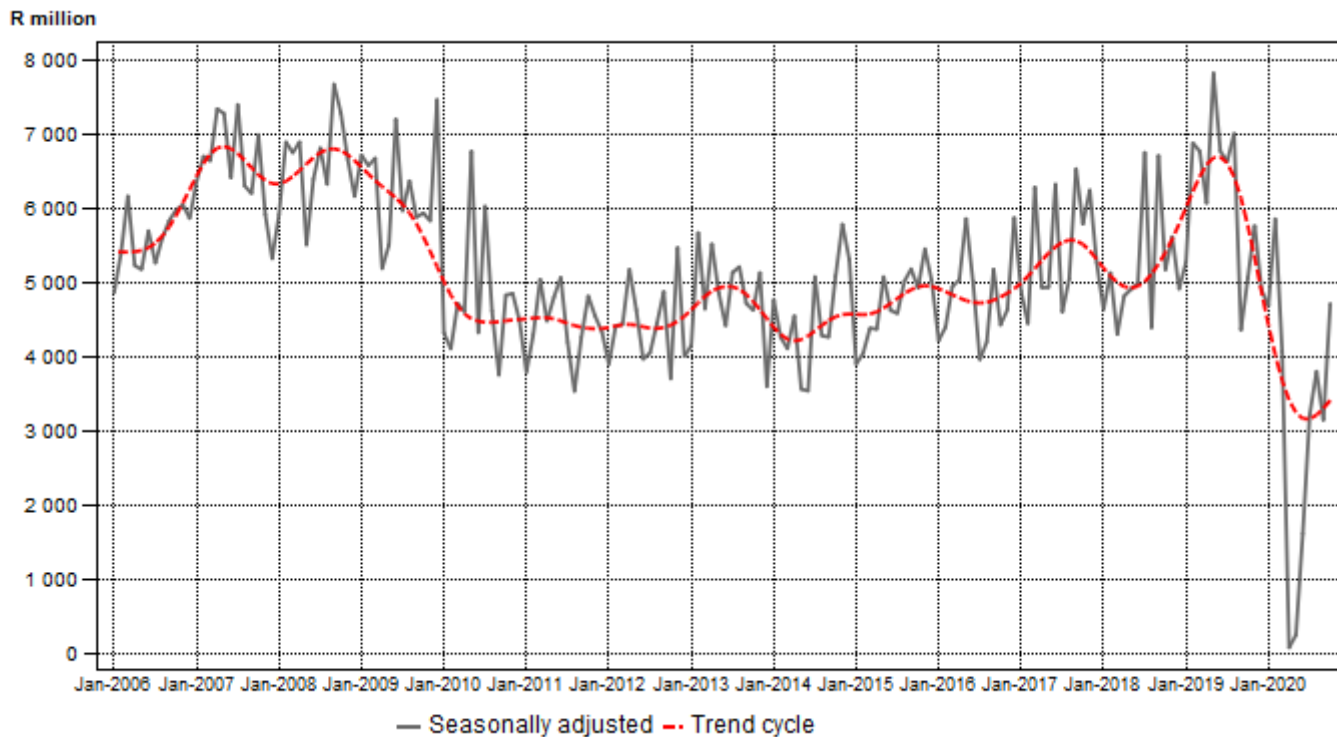
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Seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed increased by 129,5% in the three months ended October 2020 compared with the previous three months. Increases were reported for non-residential buildings (247,5%), additions and alterations (155,8%) and residential buildings (91,2%) – see Table H.

Figure 2 – Real value of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities

Constant 2015 prices



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Table 1 – Value and percentage change of recorded 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/}
2019	January	4 772 821	39,4	1 611 299	-7,9	1 836 501	-10,4	8 220 621	13,8
	February	6 990 891	47,8	2 069 538	-45,8	2 399 945	1,7	11 460 374	5,1
	March	4 148 476	-7,3	2 414 651	32,7	2 314 165	-9,2	8 877 292	0,4
	April	4 276 398	-24,1	2 194 558	11,6	2 583 603	19,4	9 054 559	-7,2
	May	4 548 469	-20,0	1 664 678	-12,7	2 646 651	6,9	8 859 798	-12,0
	June	4 082 091	-24,9	1 648 322	-34,2	2 534 350	-6,2	8 264 763	-22,3
	July	6 167 514	18,8	1 917 207	-0,6	3 282 645	20,2	11 367 366	15,4
	August	5 031 902	-22,4	2 749 039	-4,7	2 453 296	-0,7	10 234 237	-13,6
	September	3 431 994	-36,3	1 679 577	-29,9	2 703 734	9,3	7 815 305	-23,8
	October	5 396 387	0,6	2 618 212	29,0	2 781 409	-12,3	10 796 008	2,2
	November	3 846 996	-29,7	997 639	-67,7	2 751 222	6,0	7 595 857	-31,9
	December	2 605 709	-41,8	1 980 035	59,6	1 961 680	5,1	6 547 424	-13,7
	Total	55 299 648	-10,5	23 544 755	-13,9	30 249 201	2,2	109 093 604	-8,1
2020	January	2 607 999	-45,4	1 422 087	-11,7	1 686 359	-8,2	5 716 445	-30,5
	February	4 312 361	-38,3	1 840 942	-11,0	2 501 881	4,2	8 655 184	-24,5
	March	4 612 502	11,2	2 056 317	-14,8	2 488 772	7,5	9 157 591	3,2
	April	807 896	-81,1	729 784	-66,7	442 419	-82,9	1 980 099	-78,1
	May	809 776	-82,2	180 087	-89,2	436 126	-83,5	1 425 989	-83,9
	June	1 534 701	-62,4	970 593	-41,1	852 929	-66,3	3 358 223	-59,4
	July	2 853 632	-53,7	964 709	-49,7	1 466 582	-55,3	5 284 923	-53,5
	August	3 642 246	-27,6	897 647	-67,3	1 939 745	-20,9	6 479 638	-36,7
	September	3 891 553	13,4	1 005 117	-40,2	2 147 058	-20,6	7 043 728	-9,9
	October	5 038 683	-6,6	1 385 581	-47,1	2 488 549	-10,5	8 912 813	-17,4

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

Table 2 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of recorded 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/
2019	January	6 228 586	13,7	1 611 299	29,8	2 459 351	2,2	10 299 236	12,9
	February	6 824 160	9,6	2 069 538	28,4	2 484 872	1,0	11 378 570	10,5
	March	4 023 427	-41,0	2 414 651	16,7	2 489 990	0,2	8 928 068	-21,5
	April	4 638 306	15,3	2 194 558	-9,1	2 677 938	7,5	9 510 802	6,5
	May	4 377 284	-5,6	1 664 678	-24,1	2 604 729	-2,7	8 646 691	-9,1
	June	3 963 375	-9,5	1 648 322	-1,0	2 547 601	-2,2	8 159 298	-5,6
	July	5 814 944	46,7	1 917 207	16,3	2 688 065	5,5	10 420 216	27,7
	August	4 400 065	-24,3	2 749 039	43,4	2 367 662	-11,9	9 516 766	-8,7
	September	3 407 863	-22,5	1 679 577	-38,9	2 504 880	5,8	7 592 320	-20,2
	October	4 510 996	32,4	2 618 212	55,9	2 327 325	-7,1	9 456 533	24,6
	November	3 974 453	-11,9	997 639	-61,9	2 580 688	10,9	7 552 780	-20,1
	December	3 193 698	-19,6	1 980 035	98,5	2 419 183	-6,3	7 592 916	0,5
2020	January	3 465 215	8,5	1 422 087	-28,2	2 313 633	-4,4	7 200 935	-5,2
	February	4 183 296	20,7	1 840 942	29,5	2 628 091	13,6	8 652 329	20,2
	March	4 416 464	5,6	2 056 317	11,7	2 530 829	-3,7	9 003 610	4,1
	April	839 886	-81,0	729 784	-64,5	472 015	-81,3	2 041 685	-77,3
	May	829 103	-1,3	180 087	-75,3	460 521	-2,4	1 469 711	-28,0
	June	1 487 695	79,4	970 593	439,0	780 035	69,4	3 238 323	120,3
	July	2 572 575	72,9	964 709	-0,6	1 232 707	58,0	4 769 991	47,3
	August	3 406 328	32,4	897 647	-7,0	1 947 054	57,9	6 251 029	31,0
	September	3 618 540	6,2	1 005 117	12,0	1 859 606	-4,5	6 483 263	3,7
	October	4 375 539	20,9	1 385 581	37,9	2 211 341	18,9	7 972 461	23,0
	May – Jul 20	4 889 373		2 115 389		2 473 263		9 478 025	
	Aug – Oct 20 2/	11 400 407	133,2	3 288 345	55,4	6 018 001	143,3	20 706 753	118,5

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

2/ The percentage change is the change in the seasonally adjusted value of recorded building plans passed by municipalities for the latest three months compared with the seasonally adjusted value of recorded building plans passed by municipalities of 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 recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 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/}
2019	January	4 027 697	35,3	1 359 746	-10,6	1 549 790	-13,0	6 937 233	10,5
	February	5 850 118	42,1	1 731 831	-47,9	2 008 322	-2,2	9 590 271	1,0
	March	3 428 493	-11,8	1 995 579	26,2	1 912 533	-13,6	7 336 605	-4,5
	April	3 513 885	-27,9	1 803 252	5,9	2 122 928	13,4	7 440 065	-12,0
	May	3 731 312	-24,0	1 365 610	-17,1	2 171 166	1,4	7 268 088	-16,5
	June	3 351 470	-28,3	1 353 302	-37,2	2 080 747	-10,5	6 785 519	-25,9
	July	5 042 939	14,1	1 567 626	-4,5	2 684 092	15,4	9 294 657	10,8
	August	4 100 980	-25,9	2 240 456	-9,1	1 999 426	-5,3	8 340 862	-17,5
	September	2 776 694	-39,1	1 358 881	-33,0	2 187 487	4,5	6 323 062	-27,2
	October	4 362 479	-3,1	2 116 582	24,3	2 248 512	-15,5	8 727 573	-1,5
	November	3 117 501	-32,0	808 459	-68,7	2 229 515	2,6	6 155 475	-34,1
	December	2 104 773	-44,0	1 599 382	53,5	1 584 556	1,1	5 288 711	-17,0
	Total	45 408 341	-14,0	19 300 706	-17,5	24 779 074	-2,1	89 488 121	-11,9
2020	January	2 099 838	-47,9	1 144 998	-15,8	1 357 777	-12,4	4 602 613	-33,7
	February	3 455 417	-40,9	1 475 114	-14,8	2 004 712	-0,2	6 935 243	-27,7
	March	3 719 760	8,5	1 658 320	-16,9	2 007 074	4,9	7 385 154	0,7
	April	655 228	-81,4	591 877	-67,2	358 815	-83,1	1 605 920	-78,4
	May	657 286	-82,4	146 175	-89,3	353 998	-83,7	1 157 459	-84,1
	June	1 239 662	-63,0	784 001	-42,1	688 957	-66,9	2 712 620	-60,0
	July	2 281 081	-54,8	771 150	-50,8	1 172 328	-56,3	4 224 559	-54,5
	August	2 888 379	-29,6	711 853	-68,2	1 538 259	-23,1	5 138 491	-38,4
	September	3 056 994	10,1	789 566	-41,9	1 686 613	-22,9	5 533 173	-12,5
	October	3 924 208	-10,0	1 079 113	-49,0	1 938 122	-13,8	6 941 443	-20,5

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

Table 4 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 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/
2019	January	5 253 555	15,0	1 359 746	30,5	2 065 002	2,0	8 678 303	13,7
	February	5 714 090	8,8	1 731 831	27,4	2 066 625	0,1	9 512 546	9,6
	March	3 318 825	-41,9	1 995 579	15,2	2 039 650	-1,3	7 354 054	-22,7
	April	3 813 147	14,9	1 803 252	-9,6	2 187 494	7,2	7 803 893	6,1
	May	3 597 938	-5,6	1 365 610	-24,3	2 145 794	-1,9	7 109 342	-8,9
	June	3 252 927	-9,6	1 353 302	-0,9	2 127 056	-0,9	6 733 285	-5,3
	July	4 766 672	46,5	1 567 626	15,8	2 194 882	3,2	8 529 180	26,7
	August	3 588 593	-24,7	2 240 456	42,9	1 915 960	-12,7	7 745 009	-9,2
	September	2 748 980	-23,4	1 358 881	-39,3	2 036 695	6,3	6 144 556	-20,7
	October	3 654 348	32,9	2 116 582	55,8	1 881 739	-7,6	7 652 669	24,5
	November	3 230 485	-11,6	808 459	-61,8	2 094 103	11,3	6 133 047	-19,9
	December	2 566 370	-20,6	1 599 382	97,8	1 952 347	-6,8	6 118 099	-0,2
2020	January	2 789 273	8,7	1 144 998	-28,4	1 860 675	-4,7	5 794 946	-5,3
	February	3 349 574	20,1	1 475 114	28,8	2 086 887	12,2	6 911 575	19,3
	March	3 547 555	5,9	1 658 320	12,4	2 053 935	-1,6	7 259 810	5,0
	April	682 031	-80,8	591 877	-64,3	379 803	-81,5	1 653 711	-77,2
	May	674 291	-1,1	146 175	-75,3	373 492	-1,7	1 193 958	-27,8
	June	1 200 324	78,0	784 001	436,3	633 355	69,6	2 617 680	119,2
	July	2 064 150	72,0	771 150	-1,6	992 532	56,7	3 827 832	46,2
	August	2 702 457	30,9	711 853	-7,7	1 534 468	54,6	4 948 778	29,3
	September	2 839 209	5,1	789 566	10,9	1 459 521	-4,9	5 088 296	2,8
	October	3 413 085	20,2	1 079 113	36,7	1 722 206	18,0	6 214 404	22,1
	May – Jul 20	3 938 765		1 701 326		1 999 379		7 639 470	
	Aug – Oct 20 2/	8 954 751	127,3	2 580 532	51,7	4 716 195	135,9	16 251 478	112,7

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2/ The percentage change is the change in the seasonally adjusted value of recorded building plans passed by municipalities for the latest three months compared with the seasonally adjusted value of recorded building plans passed by municipalities of 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/
2019	January	3 215 693	19,7	1 129 725	40,0	704 984	-11,1	5 050 402	17,8
	February	3 662 196	22,2	3 157 234	107,5	991 268	-5,9	7 810 698	40,2
	March	5 459 272	93,3	1 420 463	36,0	1 490 196	39,5	8 369 931	69,5
	April	4 328 058	28,3	1 623 694	34,6	1 026 808	15,3	6 978 560	27,6
	May	5 249 660	64,5	3 123 392	112,0	1 035 312	14,6	9 408 364	69,0
	June	6 325 555	87,0	1 259 061	-14,8	868 430	-14,9	8 453 046	43,8
	July	4 795 499	-2,5	1 904 394	28,3	1 202 470	-11,7	7 902 363	1,8
	August	5 048 824	76,4	2 136 907	101,6	1 240 827	5,0	8 426 558	65,1
	September	3 405 658	-28,9	1 262 510	-53,5	1 108 538	16,0	5 776 706	-31,7
	October	3 267 018	-11,6	1 860 458	18,8	1 351 483	18,3	6 478 959	1,1
	November	4 771 617	-20,0	2 350 550	117,9	1 224 790	9,2	8 346 957	2,2
	December	2 964 337	-21,6	1 984 860	65,2	1 026 971	24,5	5 976 168	2,9
	Total	52 493 387	18,1	23 213 248	39,6	13 272 077	7,8	88 978 712	21,2
2020	January	2 148 619	-33,2	1 477 291	30,8	1 183 302	67,8	4 809 212	-4,8
	February	2 778 801	-24,1	2 973 015	-5,8	1 267 666	27,9	7 019 482	-10,1
	March	2 254 732	-58,7	1 899 216	33,7	995 404	-33,2	5 149 352	-38,5
	April	36 187	-99,2	46 153	-97,2	14 131	-98,6	96 471	-98,6
	May	112 461	-97,9	104 955	-96,6	84 515	-91,8	301 931	-96,8
	June	1 116 026	-82,4	520 306	-58,7	415 366	-52,2	2 051 698	-75,7
	July	2 767 364	-42,3	424 883	-77,7	719 931	-40,1	3 912 178	-50,5
	August	2 504 564	-50,4	1 146 262	-46,4	1 087 927	-12,3	4 738 753	-43,8
	September	2 144 830	-37,0	978 096	-22,5	1 128 749	1,8	4 251 675	-26,4
	October	3 499 231	7,1	1 616 791	-13,1	1 142 261	-15,5	6 258 283	-3,4

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 value of buildings reported as completed to municipalities of the comparable 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/
2019	January	4 218 775	12,8	1 129 725	-5,9	918 483	-2,1	6 266 983	6,6
	February	4 081 290	-3,3	3 157 234	179,5	985 138	7,3	8 223 662	31,2
	March	5 606 808	37,4	1 420 463	-55,0	1 144 377	16,2	8 171 648	-0,6
	April	4 465 258	-20,4	1 623 694	14,3	1 294 698	13,1	7 383 650	-9,6
	May	5 328 935	19,3	3 123 392	92,4	1 074 381	-17,0	9 526 708	29,0
	June	6 137 580	15,2	1 259 061	-59,7	835 617	-22,2	8 232 258	-13,6
	July	5 002 219	-18,5	1 904 394	51,3	1 199 145	43,5	8 105 758	-1,5
	August	5 310 922	6,2	2 136 907	12,2	1 152 501	-3,9	8 600 330	6,1
	September	3 057 071	-42,4	1 262 510	-40,9	1 068 502	-7,3	5 388 083	-37,4
	October	3 153 326	3,1	1 860 458	47,4	1 245 496	16,6	6 259 280	16,2
	November	3 635 147	15,3	2 350 550	26,3	1 118 412	-10,2	7 104 109	13,5
	December	2 929 743	-19,4	1 984 860	-15,6	1 167 647	4,4	6 082 250	-14,4
2020	January	2 829 018	-3,4	1 477 291	-25,6	1 535 324	31,5	5 841 633	-4,0
	February	3 082 550	9,0	2 973 015	101,2	1 258 565	-18,0	7 314 130	25,2
	March	2 324 136	-24,6	1 899 216	-36,1	810 681	-35,6	5 034 033	-31,2
	April	37 371	-98,4	46 153	-97,6	17 068	-97,9	100 592	-98,0
	May	114 131	205,4	104 955	127,4	88 296	417,3	307 382	205,6
	June	1 078 483	845,0	520 306	395,7	401 671	354,9	2 000 460	550,8
	July	2 884 142	167,4	424 883	-18,3	712 171	77,3	4 021 196	101,0
	August	2 646 297	-8,2	1 146 262	169,8	1 002 685	40,8	4 795 244	19,2
	September	1 932 812	-27,0	978 096	-14,7	1 090 962	8,8	4 001 870	-16,5
	October	3 381 568	75,0	1 616 791	65,3	1 049 640	-3,8	6 047 999	51,1
	May – Jul 20	4 076 756		1 050 144		1 202 138		6 329 038	
	Aug – Oct 20 2/	7 960 677	95,3	3 741 149	256,3	3 143 287	161,5	14 845 113	134,6

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 seasonally adjusted value of buildings reported as completed to municipalities of 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 seasonally adjusted value of buildings reported as completed to municipalities of 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 2015 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/
2019	January	2 713 665	16,2	953 354	35,9	594 923	-13,7	4 261 942	14,4
	February	3 064 599	17,5	2 642 037	99,5	829 513	-9,5	6 536 149	34,8
	March	4 511 795	83,9	1 173 936	29,3	1 231 567	32,7	6 917 298	61,3
	April	3 556 334	21,7	1 334 177	27,8	843 721	9,4	5 734 232	21,1
	May	4 306 530	56,1	2 562 258	101,2	849 313	8,7	7 718 101	60,4
	June	5 193 395	78,4	1 033 712	-18,7	712 997	-18,8	6 940 104	37,1
	July	3 921 095	-6,3	1 557 150	23,3	983 213	-15,2	6 461 458	-2,2
	August	4 114 771	68,4	1 741 570	92,4	1 011 269	0,2	6 867 610	57,6
	September	2 755 387	-32,0	1 021 448	-55,5	896 875	10,9	4 673 710	-34,7
	October	2 641 082	-14,8	1 504 008	14,5	1 092 549	14,0	5 237 639	-2,5
	November	3 866 788	-22,5	1 904 822	111,0	992 536	5,8	6 764 146	-1,0
	December	2 394 456	-24,5	1 603 279	59,0	829 540	19,7	4 827 275	-1,0
	Total	43 039 897	13,5	19 031 751	33,9	10 868 016	3,2	72 939 664	16,4
2020	January	1 729 967	-36,2	1 189 445	24,8	952 739	60,1	3 872 151	-9,1
	February	2 226 603	-27,3	2 382 224	-9,8	1 015 758	22,5	5 624 585	-13,9
	March	1 818 332	-59,7	1 531 626	30,5	802 745	-34,8	4 152 703	-40,0
	April	29 349	-99,2	37 431	-97,2	11 461	-98,6	78 241	-98,6
	May	91 283	-97,9	85 191	-96,7	68 600	-91,9	245 074	-96,8
	June	901 475	-82,6	420 279	-59,3	335 514	-52,9	1 657 268	-76,1
	July	2 212 122	-43,6	339 635	-78,2	575 484	-41,5	3 127 241	-51,6
	August	1 986 173	-51,7	909 010	-47,8	862 749	-14,7	3 757 932	-45,3
	September	1 684 863	-38,9	768 339	-24,8	886 684	-1,1	3 339 886	-28,5
	October	2 725 258	3,2	1 259 183	-16,3	889 611	-18,6	4 874 052	-6,9

1/ The percentage change is the change in the value of buildings reported as completed to municipalities of the relevant year/month compared with the value of buildings reported as completed to municipalities of the comparable 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 2015 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/
2019	January	3 545 124	13,6	953 354	-5,5	771 878	-1,8	5 270 356	7,3
	February	3 411 137	-3,8	2 642 037	177,1	824 295	6,8	6 877 469	30,5
	March	4 648 452	36,3	1 173 936	-55,6	947 082	14,9	6 769 470	-1,6
	April	3 671 613	-21,0	1 334 177	13,6	1 062 492	12,2	6 068 282	-10,4
	May	4 377 586	19,2	2 562 258	92,0	883 028	-16,9	7 822 872	28,9
	June	5 047 671	15,3	1 033 712	-59,7	686 914	-22,2	6 768 297	-13,5
	July	4 091 050	-19,0	1 557 150	50,6	981 605	42,9	6 629 805	-2,0
	August	4 326 235	5,7	1 741 570	11,8	939 565	-4,3	7 007 370	5,7
	September	2 472 465	-42,8	1 021 448	-41,3	865 341	-7,9	4 359 254	-37,8
	October	2 551 180	3,2	1 504 008	47,2	1 006 850	16,4	5 062 038	16,1
	November	2 955 205	15,8	1 904 822	26,6	906 620	-10,0	5 766 647	13,9
	December	2 352 478	-20,4	1 603 279	-15,8	941 071	3,8	4 896 828	-15,1
2020	January	2 267 743	-3,6	1 189 445	-25,8	1 231 172	30,8	4 688 360	-4,3
	February	2 466 053	8,7	2 382 224	100,3	1 007 455	-18,2	5 855 732	24,9
	March	1 880 555	-23,7	1 531 626	-35,7	654 410	-35,0	4 066 591	-30,6
	April	30 318	-98,4	37 431	-97,6	13 829	-97,9	81 578	-98,0
	May	92 732	205,9	85 191	127,6	71 807	419,2	249 730	206,1
	June	872 385	840,8	420 279	393,3	324 700	352,2	1 617 364	547,6
	July	2 304 776	164,2	339 635	-19,2	569 771	75,5	3 214 182	98,7
	August	2 097 545	-9,0	909 010	167,6	795 350	39,6	3 801 905	18,3
	September	1 518 432	-27,6	768 339	-15,5	858 363	7,9	3 145 134	-17,3
	October	2 636 743	73,6	1 259 183	63,9	817 790	-4,7	4 713 716	49,9
	May – Jul 20	3 269 893		845 105		966 278		5 081 276	
	Aug – Oct 20 2/	6 252 720	91,2	2 936 532	247,5	2 471 503	155,8	11 660 755	129,5

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 seasonally adjusted value of buildings reported as completed to municipalities of 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 seasonally adjusted value of buildings reported as completed to municipalities of 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 – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: South Africa

			Oct 2019	Sep 2020	Oct 2020	Jan – Oct 2019	Jan – Oct 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 462	962	895	12 012	9 462	-21,2
		square metres	78 525	51 096	46 993	630 928	452 752	-28,2
		R'000	389 012	298 006	289 796	3 201 808	2 161 360	-32,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 339	1 167	1 343	11 206	8 021	-28,4
		square metres	350 354	325 294	383 344	3 073 590	2 212 275	-28,0
		R'000	2 683 551	2 458 472	2 949 720	22 919 479	16 695 820	-27,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	2 542	1 281	1 844	22 069	12 184	-44,8
		square metres	282 292	130 398	189 047	2 615 645	1 263 602	-51,7
		R'000	2 267 587	1 127 592	1 700 014	22 004 753	10 967 949	-50,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	9 617	1 019	12 159	99 555	37 577	-62,3
		R'000	56 237	7 483	99 153	720 903	286 220	-60,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	5 396 387	3 891 553	5 038 683	48 846 943	30 111 349	-38,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	7 800	9 745	6 955	355 056	195 769	-44,9
		R'000	63 684	90 567	51 623	3 244 342	1 594 742	-50,8
	Shopping space	square metres	46 052	15 293	69 380	469 969	386 241	-17,8
		R'000	413 327	129 535	519 363	3 654 170	3 044 930	-16,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	233 388	66 007	101 679	1 518 442	733 113	-51,7
		R'000	1 664 448	464 850	663 829	9 733 944	4 860 891	-50,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	66 318	45 714	22 279	550 453	262 301	-52,3
		R'000	476 753	320 165	150 766	3 934 625	1 952 301	-50,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	2 618 212	1 005 117	1 385 581	20 567 081	11 452 864	-44,3
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	276 979	192 907	246 428	2 390 897	1 524 122
R'000			2 081 177	1 470 807	1 920 662	18 017 899	11 548 267	-35,9
Other buildings 4/		square metres	75 093	80 665	54 749	688 520	492 303	-28,5
		R'000	700 232	676 251	567 887	7 518 400	4 902 153	-34,8
Total additions and alterations		R'000	2 781 409	2 147 058	2 488 549	25 536 299	16 450 420	-35,6
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	10 796 008	7 043 728	8 912 813	94 950 323	58 014 633	-38,9

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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

			Oct 2019	Sep 2020	Oct 2020	Jan – Oct 2019	Jan – Oct 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	154	327	467	2 506	2 029	-19,0
		square metres	7 745	15 493	21 759	113 199	95 493	-15,6
		R'000	45 668	88 112	127 197	673 880	565 216	-16,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	328	354	432	3 415	2 669	-21,8
		square metres	77 254	92 353	108 570	840 364	693 947	-17,4
		R'000	517 071	639 532	735 973	5 576 208	4 713 681	-15,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 161	755	799	5 854	5 012	-14,4
		square metres	95 814	60 054	63 682	619 385	459 712	-25,8
		R'000	775 605	485 389	496 427	4 873 233	3 616 578	-25,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	452	2 012	48 513	16 172	-66,7
		R'000	0	3 284	18 913	347 830	123 353	-64,5
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 338 344	1 216 317	1 378 510	11 471 151	9 018 828	-21,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	3 235	1 647	200	53 425	88 309	65,3
		R'000	28 306	11 836	1 600	415 408	735 452	77,0
	Shopping space	square metres	7 852	13 210	18 672	117 954	122 234	3,6
		R'000	65 535	112 458	162 439	966 541	1 005 187	4,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	111 092	22 853	36 851	381 159	251 268	-34,1
		R'000	861 019	156 001	253 585	2 729 390	1 777 756	-34,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	7 646	12 301	9 031	262 252	129 393	-50,7
		R'000	46 057	72 212	64 166	1 799 848	957 559	-46,8
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 000 917	352 507	481 790	5 911 187	4 475 954	-24,3	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	79 698	48 873	65 078	684 304	518 655	-24,2
		R'000	523 422	319 052	434 473	4 497 143	3 443 337	-23,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	34 358	48 318	28 814	277 549	238 921	-13,9
		R'000	335 867	397 234	279 595	3 058 160	2 457 970	-19,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	859 289	716 286	714 068	7 555 303	5 901 307	-21,9
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	3 198 550	2 285 110	2 574 368	24 937 641	19 396 089	-22,2

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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

			Oct 2019	Sep 2020	Oct 2020	Jan – Oct 2019	Jan – Oct 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	17	14	12	310	153	-50,6
		square metres	1 092	794	720	19 066	9 119	-52,2
		R'000	6 700	5 288	3 803	121 545	57 837	-52,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	130	119	98	942	640	-32,1
		square metres	27 869	27 453	19 580	215 249	147 075	-31,7
		R'000	192 134	198 204	141 018	1 447 619	1 043 613	-27,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	112	14	94	531	234	-55,9
		square metres	13 996	2 039	8 439	65 245	23 514	-64,0
		R'000	94 761	13 297	59 983	435 396	163 096	-62,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	3 662	273	3 852	1 311,0
		R'000	0	0	26 476	1 958	27 900	1 324,9
	Total residential buildings	R'000	293 595	216 789	231 280	2 006 518	1 292 446	-35,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	630	1 280	0	15 063	9 796	-35,0
		R'000	4 359	9 254	0	97 336	62 618	-35,7
	Shopping space	square metres	223	0	0	32 955	33 434	1,5
		R'000	1 491	0	0	201 025	231 403	15,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	58 433	2 353	0	263 879	48 051	-81,8
		R'000	391 079	15 418	0	1 750 728	303 312	-82,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	5 626	0	0	16 767	3 679	-78,1
		R'000	38 926	0	0	112 414	23 591	-79,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	435 855	24 672	0	2 161 503	620 924	-71,3
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	24 087	16 567	19 268	210 482	123 034
R'000			161 295	121 134	138 246	1 380 500	858 304	-37,8
Other buildings 4/		square metres	11 211	1 735	2 706	75 570	28 034	-62,9
		R'000	79 664	15 379	18 844	531 596	220 298	-58,6
Total additions and alterations		R'000	240 959	136 513	157 090	1 912 096	1 078 602	-43,6
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	970 409	377 974	388 370	6 080 117	2 991 972	-50,8

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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 – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Northern Cape

			Oct 2019	Sep 2020	Oct 2020	Jan – Oct 2019	Jan – Oct 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	12	3	0	141	14	-90,1
		square metres	704	165	0	6 571	776	-88,2
		R'000	6 170	1 397	0	29 462	6 647	-77,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	23	14	26	171	154	-9,9
		square metres	4 566	3 129	6 220	41 142	37 776	-8,2
		R'000	36 073	26 059	52 549	304 999	312 576	2,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	41	104	153,7
		square metres	0	0	0	3 430	9 687	182,4
		R'000	0	0	0	28 776	84 622	194,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	293	0	0	293	5 005	1 608,2
		R'000	2 568	0	0	2 568	41 041	1 498,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	44 811	27 456	52 549	365 805	444 886	21,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	266	274	879	5 481	2 590	-52,7
		R'000	2 181	2 356	7 559	44 624	20 421	-54,2
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	1 576	1 609	2,1
		R'000	0	0	0	9 261	9 709	4,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	887	3 613	0	9 466	12 851	35,8
		R'000	5 312	29 356	0	63 279	107 993	70,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	3 113	0	0	54 174	7 676	-85,8
		R'000	20 242	0	0	428 548	67 145	-84,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	27 735	31 712	7 559	545 712	205 268	-62,4
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 711	1 914	5 926	36 549	25 987
R'000			39 310	16 005	50 893	285 910	218 438	-23,6
Other buildings 4/		square metres	0	595	968	8 852	3 121	-64,7
		R'000	1 285	5 863	8 965	89 115	30 013	-66,3
Total additions and alterations		R'000	40 595	21 868	59 858	375 025	248 451	-33,8
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	113 141	81 036	119 966	1 286 542	898 605	-30,2

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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

			Oct 2019	Sep 2020	Oct 2020	Jan – Oct 2019	Jan – Oct 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	24	48	21	206	181	-12,1
		square metres	1 571	2 811	1 231	12 430	10 523	-15,3
		R'000	12 474	23 589	10 080	93 730	85 196	-9,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	81	72	34	594	354	-40,4
		square metres	15 436	15 064	6 807	125 305	74 536	-40,5
		R'000	111 724	116 878	49 103	851 944	556 219	-34,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	16	6	310	208	-32,9
		square metres	0	2 021	308	35 271	22 860	-35,2
		R'000	0	16 859	2 598	266 801	180 356	-32,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	2 119	567	0	10 284	808	-92,1
		R'000	14 684	4 199	0	56 785	6 145	-89,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	138 882	161 525	61 781	1 269 260	827 916	-34,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	164	0	90	8 802	5 845	-33,6
		R'000	1 013	0	629	61 406	47 120	-23,3
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	14 990	887	-94,1
		R'000	0	0	0	87 571	6 378	-92,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	580	6 082	1 763	11 799	25 364	115,0
		R'000	3 879	36 835	11 989	79 989	149 965	87,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 568	0	0	27 829	2 467	-91,1
		R'000	9 532	0	0	204 751	19 029	-90,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	14 424	36 835	12 618	433 717	222 492	-48,7
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	13 592	9 410	5 282	96 554	68 507
R'000			98 886	71 456	39 808	656 898	509 864	-22,4
Other buildings 4/		square metres	3 102	1 300	173	27 210	15 197	-44,1
		R'000	26 706	12 580	1 955	341 535	145 602	-57,4
Total additions and alterations		R'000	125 592	84 036	41 763	998 433	655 466	-34,4
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	278 898	282 396	116 162	2 701 410	1 705 874	-36,9

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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

			Oct 2019	Sep 2020	Oct 2020	Jan – Oct 2019	Jan – Oct 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	20	21	10	680	160	-76,5
		square metres	1 075	1 031	625	26 324	9 174	-65,1
		R'000	7 877	8 046	5 011	136 867	76 728	-43,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	99	83	92	1 014	717	-29,3
		square metres	36 948	31 907	34 084	322 174	242 315	-24,8
		R'000	369 211	306 440	342 525	3 109 521	2 364 551	-24,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	144	98	216	2 654	1 824	-31,3
		square metres	18 331	12 053	44 350	329 166	227 775	-30,8
		R'000	182 046	101 869	425 675	3 290 450	2 405 849	-26,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	5 531	10 553	6 066	-42,5
		R'000	0	0	47 629	121 081	51 707	-57,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	559 134	416 355	820 840	6 657 919	4 898 835	-26,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	2 760	1 022	0	41 119	6 354	-84,5
		R'000	18 587	6 781	0	401 458	58 264	-85,5
	Shopping space	square metres	12 717	1 789	8 837	51 129	115 796	126,5
		R'000	99 709	14 312	97 207	450 940	983 769	118,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	11 287	11 256	31 443	382 625	124 504	-67,5
		R'000	76 993	95 556	197 533	2 339 508	864 309	-63,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	8 765	6 237	5 168	41 897	30 253	-27,8
		R'000	58 882	43 972	39 071	371 233	265 462	-28,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	254 171	160 621	333 811	3 563 139	2 171 804	-39,0
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	29 008	27 272	29 826	314 029	162 482
R'000			276 353	235 257	305 769	3 153 829	1 657 012	-47,5
Other buildings 4/		square metres	15 832	5 355	8 501	135 496	67 086	-50,5
		R'000	175 635	71 934	115 132	1 751 073	882 399	-49,6
Total additions and alterations		R'000	451 988	307 191	420 901	4 904 902	2 539 411	-48,2
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 265 293	884 167	1 575 552	15 125 960	9 610 050	-36,5

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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

			Oct 2019	Sep 2020	Oct 2020	Jan – Oct 2019	Jan – Oct 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	4	27	11	54	1 618	2 896,3
		square metres	268	1 571	706	2 997	66 799	2 128,9
		R'000	1 706	8 683	4 049	16 266	180 730	1 011,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	54	109	79	516	544	5,4
		square metres	15 065	25 552	20 126	139 674	130 183	-6,8
		R'000	92 850	154 731	128 847	835 980	818 904	-2,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	204	26	11	625	221	-64,6
		square metres	49 330	2 030	1 489	79 265	22 196	-72,0
		R'000	278 726	13 376	8 125	457 997	146 236	-68,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	3 156	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	20 381	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	373 282	176 790	141 021	1 310 243	1 166 251	-11,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	252	0	5 170	2 659	-48,6
		R'000	0	1 367	0	29 654	15 265	-48,5
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	35 898	16 692	60 959	265,2
		R'000	0	0	203 266	104 685	366 051	249,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	533	1 931	4 558	4 908	21 406	336,1
		R'000	3 688	12 383	32 236	27 011	127 814	373,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 843	1 181	331	22 830	5 233	-77,1
		R'000	11 902	7 582	1 795	137 966	32 151	-76,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	15 590	21 332	237 297	299 316	541 281	80,8
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	9 234	11 581	14 644	88 501	76 574
R'000			54 145	70 246	88 073	508 034	466 943	-8,1
Other buildings 4/		square metres	1 937	3 225	792	13 966	11 501	-17,7
		R'000	12 078	19 014	4 298	137 543	105 844	-23,0
Total additions and alterations		R'000	66 223	89 260	92 371	645 577	572 787	-11,3
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	455 095	287 382	470 689	2 255 136	2 280 319	1,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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

			Oct 2019	Sep 2020	Oct 2020	Jan – Oct 2019	Jan – Oct 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 164	490	309	7 758	4 991	-35,7
		square metres	61 861	27 495	18 253	429 151	242 854	-43,4
		R'000	286 284	152 848	118 233	2 019 656	1 086 765	-46,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	487	282	346	3 418	2 014	-41,1
		square metres	131 727	84 112	106 436	1 058 874	587 966	-44,5
		R'000	1 093 770	710 803	955 070	8 767 809	4 945 343	-43,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	901	372	654	11 261	4 184	-62,8
		square metres	103 921	52 201	65 238	1 438 169	474 748	-67,0
		R'000	929 699	496 802	672 089	12 400 896	4 235 324	-65,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 258	0	0	9 229	1 564	-83,1
		R'000	8 126	0	0	66 059	9 558	-85,5
	Total residential buildings	R'000	2 317 879	1 360 453	1 745 392	23 254 420	10 276 990	-55,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	745	5 270	400	184 966	28 910	-84,4
		R'000	9 238	58 973	5 059	1 939 977	311 396	-83,9
	Shopping space	square metres	23 173	294	3 485	128 542	25 055	-80,5
		R'000	234 558	2 765	36 943	1 109 266	260 691	-76,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	45 479	8 025	13 379	398 826	182 563	-54,2
		R'000	292 154	43 512	83 894	2 379 832	1 086 370	-54,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	15 767	9 443	2 627	75 714	56 683	-25,1
		R'000	133 003	66 615	17 512	575 888	394 158	-31,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	668 953	171 865	143 408	6 004 963	2 052 615	-65,8
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	94 667	63 230	81 129	791 580	441 474
R'000			793 339	548 234	704 263	6 561 860	3 741 407	-43,0
Other buildings 4/		square metres	7 384	19 565	7 448	129 862	114 324	-12,0
		R'000	56 036	146 182	87 851	1 110 284	870 396	-21,6
Total additions and alterations		R'000	849 375	694 416	792 114	7 672 144	4 611 803	-39,9
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	3 836 207	2 226 734	2 680 914	36 931 527	16 941 408	-54,1

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

			Oct 2019	Sep 2020	Oct 2020	Jan – Oct 2019	Jan – Oct 2020	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	31	20	50	267	237	-11,2	
		square metres	1 955	1 066	2 748	15 595	13 410	-14,0	
		R'000	9 136	6 006	15 693	78 934	74 710	-5,4	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	95	100	171	730	633	-13,3	
		square metres	26 351	33 200	59 375	191 184	197 306	3,2	
		R'000	183 342	228 012	408 920	1 250 584	1 330 332	6,4	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	20	0	0	97	13	-86,6	
		square metres	900	0	0	4 713	2 017	-57,2	
		R'000	6 750	0	0	26 021	11 047	-57,5	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	5 947	0	0	9 659	0	-100,0	
		R'000	30 859	0	0	49 769	0	-100,0	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	230 087	234 018	424 613	1 405 308	1 416 089	0,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	5 386	31 749	50 683	59,6	
		R'000	0	0	36 776	203 257	340 614	67,6	
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	2 488	66 614	22 338	-66,5	
		R'000	0	0	19 508	487 960	157 285	-67,8	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	4 205	8 595	13 685	37 594	52 249	39,0	
		R'000	25 181	67 963	84 592	205 541	357 109	73,7	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	19 662	16 552	4 594	40 595	22 722	-44,0	
		R'000	147 407	129 784	24 913	258 398	165 760	-35,9	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	172 588	197 747	165 789	1 155 156	1 020 768	-11,6
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	16 888	9 249	19 565	115 156	77 668	-32,6
R'000			105 197	60 340	124 577	670 271	472 784	-29,5	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	535	572	4 295	14 301	8 860	-38,0	
		R'000	4 754	6 065	38 409	444 145	134 917	-69,6	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	109 951	66 405	162 986	1 114 416	607 701	-45,5	
Recorded plans passed		Total at current prices	R'000	512 626	498 170	753 388	3 674 880	3 044 558	-17,2

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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

			Oct 2019	Sep 2020	Oct 2020	Jan – Oct 2019	Jan – Oct 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	36	12	15	90	79	-12,2
		square metres	2 254	670	951	5 595	4 604	-17,7
		R'000	12 997	4 037	5 730	31 468	27 531	-12,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	42	34	65	406	296	-27,1
		square metres	15 138	12 524	22 146	139 624	101 171	-27,5
		R'000	87 376	77 813	135 715	774 815	610 601	-21,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	64	696	384	-44,8
		square metres	0	0	5 541	41 001	21 093	-48,6
		R'000	0	0	35 117	225 183	124 841	-44,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	954	10 751	954	-91,1
		R'000	0	0	6 135	74 853	6 135	-91,8
	Total residential buildings	R'000	100 373	81 850	182 697	1 106 319	769 108	-30,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	9 281	623	-93,3
		R'000	0	0	0	51 222	3 592	-93,0
	Shopping space	square metres	2 087	0	0	39 517	3 929	-90,1
		R'000	12 034	0	0	236 921	24 457	-89,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	892	1 299	0	28 186	14 857	-47,3
		R'000	5 143	7 826	0	158 666	86 263	-45,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	2 328	0	528	8 395	4 195	-50,0
		R'000	10 802	0	3 309	45 579	27 446	-39,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	27 979	7 826	3 309	492 388	141 758	-71,2
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 094	4 811	5 710	53 742	29 741
R'000			29 230	29 083	34 560	303 454	180 178	-40,6
Other buildings 4/		square metres	734	0	1 052	5 714	5 259	-8,0
		R'000	8 207	2 000	12 838	54 949	54 714	-0,4
Total additions and alterations		R'000	37 437	31 083	47 398	358 403	234 892	-34,5
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	165 789	120 759	233 404	1 957 110	1 145 758	-41,5

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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

			Oct 2019	Sep 2020	Oct 2020	Jan – Oct 2019	Jan – Oct 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	912	889	738	8 203	5 924	-27,8
		square metres	46 570	44 258	38 162	420 868	299 940	-28,7
		R'000	274 744	255 880	242 816	2 427 511	1 782 533	-26,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	864	684	937	8 285	5 117	-38,2
		square metres	220 068	159 422	227 280	2 154 232	1 261 694	-41,4
		R'000	1 705 023	1 241 518	1 830 226	16 366 260	9 726 585	-40,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 373	678	1 414	22 359	7 329	-67,2
		square metres	137 637	77 647	167 852	3 074 624	888 280	-71,1
		R'000	1 256 010	647 432	1 401 189	25 415 283	7 591 322	-70,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	5 141	0	2 603	64 492	27 615	-57,2
		R'000	31 241	0	25 000	548 379	262 375	-52,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	3 267 018	2 144 830	3 499 231	44 757 433	19 362 815	-56,7
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	17 226	22 864	22 634	461 884	368 504
R'000			163 489	195 172	209 780	4 646 934	3 498 247	-24,7
Shopping space		square metres	9 347	23 790	44 235	475 544	211 301	-55,6
		R'000	56 562	175 759	462 198	4 379 257	1 830 585	-58,2
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	242 886	76 346	129 591	1 169 550	802 341	-31,4
		R'000	1 514 810	493 823	800 979	7 296 502	5 041 397	-30,9
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	15 075	15 656	15 401	357 282	109 934	-69,2
		R'000	125 597	113 342	143 834	2 555 145	816 739	-68,0
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	1 860 458	978 096	1 616 791	18 877 838	11 186 968	-40,7
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	114 469	65 687	76 765	900 199	562 013
	R'000		812 103	527 231	622 743	6 631 492	4 286 605	-35,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	63 340	64 499	51 611	439 880	348 274	-20,8
		R'000	539 380	601 518	519 518	4 388 824	3 752 647	-14,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 351 483	1 128 749	1 142 261	11 020 316	8 039 252	-27,1
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	6 478 959	4 251 675	6 258 283	74 655 587	38 589 035	-48,3

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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

			Oct 2019	Sep 2020	Oct 2020	Jan – Oct 2019	Jan – Oct 2020	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	333	214	222	2 243	1 664	-25,8	
		square metres	14 783	9 195	9 618	103 300	74 526	-27,9	
		R'000	86 652	47 526	52 915	618 234	410 367	-33,6	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	305	233	304	2 584	1 843	-28,7	
		square metres	69 979	60 511	66 548	623 700	436 328	-30,0	
		R'000	479 978	413 370	482 924	4 276 231	3 021 485	-29,3	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	609	249	467	5 501	2 868	-47,9	
		square metres	60 155	35 674	65 594	613 835	323 584	-47,3	
		R'000	467 649	280 949	530 785	4 857 330	2 606 857	-46,3	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	15 638	7 166	-54,2	
		R'000	0	0	0	124 248	48 427	-61,0	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	1 034 279	741 845	1 066 624	9 876 043	6 087 136	-38,4
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	900	12 714	13 494	49 536	71 516	44,4
R'000			7 490	100 821	120 151	394 165	584 320	48,2	
Shopping space		square metres	521	20 623	8 115	96 962	74 694	-23,0	
		R'000	4 515	144 361	72 593	833 582	575 810	-30,9	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	30 618	12 803	36 733	305 277	124 249	-59,3	
		R'000	214 345	85 639	245 528	2 094 895	846 531	-59,6	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	2 484	13 373	7 448	149 909	56 868	-62,1	
		R'000	17 795	95 900	57 185	1 118 639	401 371	-64,1	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	244 145	426 721	495 457	4 441 281	2 408 032	-45,8	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	39 316	39 239	27 675	318 189	271 127	-14,8
	R'000		250 204	298 369	195 155	2 076 571	1 884 252	-9,3	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	23 811	44 176	21 381	175 879	217 511	23,7	
		R'000	205 301	452 222	209 727	1 779 675	2 498 738	40,4	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	455 505	750 591	404 882	3 856 246	4 382 990	13,7
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	1 733 929	1 919 157	1 966 963	18 173 570	12 878 158	-29,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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

			Oct 2019	Sep 2020	Oct 2020	Jan – Oct 2019	Jan – Oct 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	27	1	3	252	95	-62,3
		square metres	1 450	45	194	12 496	5 520	-55,8
		R'000	8 205	315	1 136	69 482	35 487	-48,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	50	47	27	537	291	-45,8
		square metres	10 778	7 511	6 240	107 758	57 866	-46,3
		R'000	76 283	52 541	46 192	721 980	410 817	-43,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	14	11	1	205	102	-50,2
		square metres	1 816	836	145	21 335	9 925	-53,5
		R'000	12 565	5 547	1 048	139 712	68 877	-50,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	729	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	5 013	0	-100,0
Total residential buildings	R'000	97 053	58 403	48 376	936 187	515 181	-45,0	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	510	0	10 981	1 070	-90,3
		R'000	0	3 687	0	73 050	7 047	-90,4
	Shopping space	square metres	141	0	445	7 430	445	-94,0
		R'000	976	0	3 217	48 944	3 217	-93,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	3 916	0	0	100 112	82 129	-18,0
		R'000	26 190	0	0	674 197	547 435	-18,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	2 597	0	0	29 846	1 852	-93,8
		R'000	17 887	0	0	193 398	9 607	-95,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	45 053	3 687	3 217	989 589	567 306	-42,7
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	28 764	4 466	6 088	135 637	63 883
R'000			196 496	32 224	43 769	888 195	445 500	-49,8
Other buildings 4/		square metres	10 105	103	539	54 976	23 098	-58,0
		R'000	73 998	727	3 897	398 862	166 691	-58,2
Total additions and alterations	R'000	270 494	32 951	47 666	1 287 057	612 191	-52,4	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	412 600	95 041	99 259	3 212 833	1 694 678	-47,3

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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

			Oct 2019	Sep 2020	Oct 2020	Jan – Oct 2019	Jan – Oct 2020	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	2	2	40	5	-87,5	
		square metres	0	131	136	2 464	308	-87,5	
		R'000	0	1 127	1 170	19 579	2 650	-86,5	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	5	16	18	79	98	24,1	
		square metres	2 802	3 483	3 120	23 427	21 293	-9,1	
		R'000	22 976	29 954	26 832	181 831	178 628	-1,8	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1	12	0	32	16	-50,0	
		square metres	66	644	0	3 134	1 115	-64,4	
		R'000	541	5 538	0	25 148	9 339	-62,9	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	475	500	5,3	
		R'000	0	0	0	3 563	4 300	20,7	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	23 517	36 619	28 002	230 121	194 917	-15,3
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	216	0	400	990	400	-59,6
R'000			1 771	0	3 440	7 857	3 440	-56,2	
Shopping space		square metres	0	0	0	0	4 775	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	39 155	..	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	1 407	8 668	2 651	5 218	13 768	163,9	
		R'000	10 553	74 545	22 799	39 268	116 214	196,0	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	133	357	145	1 106	1 470	32,9	
		R'000	797	3 070	1 247	8 627	12 440	44,2	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	13 121	77 615	27 486	55 752	171 249	207,2	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 137	1 513	2 579	21 757	16 862	-22,5
	R'000		9 323	13 012	22 179	170 897	143 673	-15,9	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	63	1 486	2 268	6 048	5 392	-10,8	
		R'000	747	12 850	20 068	54 845	47 927	-12,6	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	10 070	25 862	42 247	225 742	191 600	-15,1
Recorded buildings completed		Total at current prices	R'000	46 708	140 096	97 735	511 615	557 766	9,0

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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

			Oct 2019	Sep 2020	Oct 2020	Jan – Oct 2019	Jan – Oct 2020	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	15	0	0	31	78	151,6	
		square metres	982	0	0	1 923	4 740	146,5	
		R'000	7 333	0	0	13 449	38 137	183,6	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	34	4	7	166	100	-39,8	
		square metres	5 246	1 129	1 600	33 980	23 335	-31,3	
		R'000	33 380	7 238	10 010	204 603	168 371	-17,7	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	26	36	38,5	
		square metres	0	0	0	1 479	10 313	597,3	
		R'000	0	0	0	8 403	83 246	890,7	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 153	0	0	2 314	0	-100,0	
		R'000	9 307	0	0	16 609	0	-100,0	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	50 020	7 238	10 010	243 064	289 754	19,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	2 239	6 713	199,8	
		R'000	0	0	0	11 872	54 187	356,4	
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	234	2 970	1 169,2	
		R'000	0	0	0	1 565	23 974	1 431,9	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	866	10 943	15 415	40,9	
		R'000	0	0	6 052	69 873	122 231	74,9	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	378	0	0	856	0	-100,0	
		R'000	3 051	0	0	6 743	0	-100,0	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	3 051	0	6 052	90 053	200 392	122,5
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 304	161	780	27 974	7 483	-73,3
R'000			25 272	953	5 248	158 395	46 919	-70,4	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	940	0	0	3 742	3 440	-8,1	
		R'000	18 631	0	317	43 180	39 534	-8,4	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	43 903	953	5 565	201 575	86 453	-57,1	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	96 974	8 191	21 627	534 692	576 599	7,8

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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

			Oct 2019	Sep 2020	Oct 2020	Jan – Oct 2019	Jan – Oct 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	18	36	17	127	113	-11,0
		square metres	989	2 093	911	7 307	6 753	-7,6
		R'000	8 222	23 015	9 152	63 725	68 823	8,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	93	88	78	642	461	-28,2
		square metres	28 252	18 902	22 927	203 089	122 019	-39,9
		R'000	298 728	212 994	240 975	2 178 613	1 286 107	-41,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	339	179	77	1 845	989	-46,4
		square metres	45 900	11 513	12 501	265 917	124 299	-53,3
		R'000	515 259	101 553	130 677	2 921 806	1 296 392	-55,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	11 133	13 463	20,9
		R'000	0	0	0	122 463	148 937	21,6
Total residential buildings	R'000	822 209	337 562	380 804	5 286 607	2 800 259	-47,0	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	965	107 108	28 681	-73,2
		R'000	0	0	10 615	1 168 187	296 438	-74,6
	Shopping space	square metres	0	2 041	2 162	46 932	16 873	-64,0
		R'000	0	22 451	23 782	505 914	142 083	-71,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	191 337	28 596	17 169	333 595	347 589	4,2
		R'000	1 148 022	171 576	103 014	2 015 913	2 090 068	3,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	4 514	347	7 578	33 390	8 445	-74,7
		R'000	49 314	3 401	84 016	229 230	93 238	-59,3
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 197 336	197 428	221 427	3 919 244	2 621 827	-33,1	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	13 739	6 591	14 076	108 514	65 298	-39,8
		R'000	138 414	72 630	159 912	1 210 851	713 683	-41,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	7 325	1 884	2 713	81 806	14 337	-82,5
		R'000	78 193	26 575	49 927	1 016 286	212 928	-79,0
Total additions and alterations	R'000	216 607	99 205	209 839	2 227 137	926 611	-58,4	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 236 152	634 195	812 070	11 432 988	6 348 697	-44,5

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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

			Oct 2019	Sep 2020	Oct 2020	Jan – Oct 2019	Jan – Oct 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	6	5	19	44	70	59,1
		square metres	432	287	1 203	2 857	4 381	53,3
		R'000	2 242	1 636	6 685	15 914	24 093	51,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	57	34	89	719	361	-49,8
		square metres	15 291	7 606	22 541	134 353	79 505	-40,8
		R'000	97 005	50 320	150 015	774 381	516 419	-33,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	143	4	232	544	391	-28,1
		square metres	6 263	376	18 909	40 183	36 434	-9,3
		R'000	42 177	2 143	133 916	241 124	247 307	2,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	3 988	0	1 260	6 697	1 260	-81,2
		R'000	21 934	0	9 110	38 401	9 110	-76,3
Total residential buildings	R'000	163 358	54 099	299 726	1 069 820	796 929	-25,5	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	442	4 900	4 596	-6,2
		R'000	0	0	3 196	24 401	27 178	11,4
	Shopping space	square metres	6 671	0	1 013	19 240	13 893	-27,8
		R'000	39 458	0	5 853	115 658	92 139	-20,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	14 196	5 151	-63,7
		R'000	0	0	0	71 404	30 852	-56,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	661	0	10 751	2 194	-79,6
		R'000	0	3 822	0	57 859	12 255	-78,8
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	39 458	3 822	9 049	269 322	162 424	-39,7	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 705	739	9 777	38 277	20 703	-45,9
		R'000	26 186	5 123	69 186	225 069	137 722	-38,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	10 655	0	5 081	20 904	5 603	-73,2
		R'000	72 125	843	36 902	135 991	57 316	-57,9
Total additions and alterations	R'000	98 311	5 966	106 088	361 060	195 038	-46,0	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	301 127	63 887	414 863	1 700 202	1 154 391	-32,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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

			Oct 2019	Sep 2020	Oct 2020	Jan – Oct 2019	Jan – Oct 2020	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	429	599	452	4 965	3 669	-26,1	
		square metres	22 410	30 875	24 719	260 246	191 052	-26,6	
		R'000	133 845	172 661	163 440	1 469 675	1 133 626	-22,9	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	223	216	290	2 752	1 509	-45,2	
		square metres	64 186	46 541	77 191	809 165	402 974	-50,2	
		R'000	539 425	384 966	676 025	6 711 346	3 369 790	-49,8	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	249	223	605	13 893	2 729	-80,4	
		square metres	20 781	28 604	68 484	2 089 859	366 293	-82,5	
		R'000	202 299	251 702	591 394	17 010 898	3 182 424	-81,3	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	1 343	26 988	5 226	-80,6	
		R'000	0	0	15 890	235 031	51 601	-78,0	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	875 569	809 329	1 446 749	25 426 950	7 737 441	-69,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	16 110	9 640	6 710	282 514	253 801	-10,2	
		R'000	154 228	90 664	68 624	2 945 883	2 515 921	-14,6	
	Shopping space	square metres	0	692	32 500	270 879	76 538	-71,7	
		R'000	0	5 544	356 753	2 655 328	790 661	-70,2	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	12 596	26 279	54 436	383 095	171 047	-55,4	
		R'000	98 878	162 063	316 727	2 240 021	1 009 991	-54,9	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	2 198	918	0	122 817	21 378	-82,6	
		R'000	22 067	7 149	0	896 945	168 082	-81,3	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	275 173	265 420	742 104	8 738 177	4 484 655	-48,7
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	17 150	12 117	13 511	202 860	95 823	-52,8
R'000			135 981	99 355	110 809	1 626 725	794 788	-51,1	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	10 250	13 690	15 846	89 552	69 150	-22,8	
		R'000	83 937	83 876	167 911	666 673	628 896	-5,7	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	219 918	183 231	278 720	2 293 398	1 423 684	-37,9	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	1 370 660	1 257 980	2 467 573	36 458 525	13 645 780	-62,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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

			Oct 2019	Sep 2020	Oct 2020	Jan – Oct 2019	Jan – Oct 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	49	9	12	410	158	-61,5
		square metres	3 178	484	711	24 547	8 552	-65,2
		R'000	16 646	2 683	4 281	127 202	44 821	-64,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	67	26	108	507	285	-43,8
		square metres	15 490	7 625	22 533	138 573	66 107	-52,3
		R'000	110 179	54 411	170 124	869 701	466 577	-46,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	151	26	-82,8
		square metres	0	0	0	21 569	3 306	-84,7
		R'000	0	0	0	113 556	17 521	-84,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	126 825	57 094	174 405	1 110 459	528 919	-52,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	1 684	863	-48,8
		R'000	0	0	0	10 860	4 573	-57,9
	Shopping space	square metres	0	434	0	26 548	20 149	-24,1
		R'000	0	3 403	0	176 714	157 988	-10,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 537	0	0	9 582	16 809	75,4
		R'000	7 976	0	0	50 200	120 082	139,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	2 771	0	0	6 757	9 586	41,9
		R'000	14 686	0	0	34 651	72 745	109,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	22 662	3 403	0	272 425	355 388	30,5
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 962	280	2 152	41 082	17 094
R'000			21 573	2 195	15 865	241 564	98 956	-59,0
Other buildings 4/		square metres	0	0	3 583	5 248	5 042	-3,9
		R'000	4 657	5 294	28 564	271 728	64 637	-76,2
Total additions and alterations		R'000	26 230	7 489	44 429	513 292	163 593	-68,1
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	175 717	67 986	218 834	1 896 176	1 047 900	-44,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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

			Oct 2019	Sep 2020	Oct 2020	Jan – Oct 2019	Jan – Oct 2020	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	35	23	11	91	72	-20,9	
		square metres	2 346	1 148	670	5 728	4 108	-28,3	
		R'000	11 599	6 917	4 037	30 251	24 529	-18,9	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	30	20	16	299	169	-43,5	
		square metres	8 044	6 114	4 580	80 187	52 267	-34,8	
		R'000	47 069	35 724	27 129	447 574	308 391	-31,1	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	18	0	32	162	172	6,2	
		square metres	2 656	0	2 219	17 313	13 011	-24,8	
		R'000	15 520	0	13 369	97 306	79 359	-18,4	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	518	0	-100,0	
		R'000	0	0	0	3 051	0	-100,0	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	74 188	42 641	44 535	578 182	412 279	-28,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	623	1 932	864	-55,3	
		R'000	0	0	3 754	10 659	5 143	-51,7	
	Shopping space	square metres	2 014	0	0	7 319	964	-86,8	
		R'000	11 613	0	0	41 552	5 558	-86,6	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 475	0	17 736	7 532	26 184	247,6	
		R'000	8 846	0	106 859	40 731	157 993	287,9	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	230	1 850	8 141	340,1	
		R'000	0	0	1 386	9 053	47 001	419,2	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	20 459	0	111 999	101 995	215 695	111,5
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 392	581	127	5 909	3 740	-36,7
R'000			8 654	3 370	620	33 225	21 112	-36,5	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	191	3 160	200	1 725	4 701	172,5	
		R'000	1 791	19 131	2 205	21 584	35 980	66,7	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	10 445	22 501	2 825	54 809	57 092	4,2	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	105 092	65 142	159 359	734 986	685 066	-6,8

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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 5 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 October 2020 was 88,2%. The collection rate for September 2020 was 91,8%.
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 mail, 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 2015. 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: <i>Contract Price Adjustment Provisions (CPAP) Work Groups and Selected Materials Indices</i> . In order to be applicable, these indices (base December 2016=100) are converted to the base year 2015=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 US Bureau of the Census Economic Research and Analyses Division, 1968.
	11	<p>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 May 2017</p> <p>Note: Owing to the impact of the COVID-19 lockdown, additive outlier adjustments were performed. The methodology will be reviewed as more data points are added to the time series.</p>
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	<p>Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:</p> <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	.. 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 ISIC	Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities. 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 actual values of building activities (building plans passed or buildings completed) of 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 actual values of building activities (building plans passed or buildings completed) of 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 seasonally adjusted values of building activities (building plans passed or buildings completed) of 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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