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Key findings for January to October 2023

Building plans passed at current prices

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

Type of building	Jan – Oct 2022 ¹	Jan – Oct 2023 ¹	Difference in value between Jan – Oct 2022 and Jan – Oct 2023	% change between Jan – Oct 2022 and Jan – Oct 2023
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	52 684 487	43 002 561	-9 681 926	-18,4
-Dwelling-houses	34 338 016	28 135 048	-6 202 968	-18,1
-Flats and townhouses	17 343 811	14 225 842	-3 117 969	-18,0
-Other residential buildings	1 002 660	641 671	-360 989	-36,0
Non-residential buildings	17 732 467	18 277 248	544 781	3,1
Additions and alterations	28 025 411	25 154 594	-2 870 817	-10,2
Total	98 442 365	86 434 403	-12 007 962	-12,2

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

The value of building plans passed (at current prices) decreased by 12,2% (-R12 008,0 million) during January to October 2023 compared with January to October 2022.

Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-18,4% or -R9 681,9 million) and additions and alterations (-10,2% or -R2 870,8 million). An increase was reported for non-residential buildings (3,1% or R544,8 million) – see Table A.

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

Province	Jan – Oct 2022 ¹	Jan – Oct 2023 ¹	Weight Jan – Oct 2022	% change between Jan – Oct 2022 and Jan – Oct 2023	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan – Oct 2022 and Jan – Oct 2023 ²	Difference in value between Jan – Oct 2022 and Jan – Oct 2023
	R'000	R'000	%			R'000
Western Cape	30 616 934	27 925 675	31,1	-8,8	-2,7	-2 691 259
Eastern Cape	6 392 285	5 736 408	6,5	-10,3	-0,7	-655 877
Northern Cape	1 361 468	751 291	1,4	-44,8	-0,6	-610 177
Free State	2 080 396	2 264 704	2,1	8,9	0,2	184 308
KwaZulu-Natal	16 670 092	11 609 953	16,9	-30,4	-5,1	-5 060 139
North West	3 543 639	2 645 843	3,6	-25,3	-0,9	-897 796
Gauteng	30 803 638	28 898 862	31,3	-6,2	-1,9	-1 904 776
Mpumalanga	4 510 117	4 627 290	4,6	2,6	0,1	117 173
Limpopo	2 463 796	1 974 377	2,5	-19,9	-0,5	-489 419
Total	98 442 365	86 434 403	100,0	-12,2	-12,2	-12 007 962

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

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

The largest contributions to the total decrease of 12,2% (-R12 008,0 million) were made by KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -5,1 percentage points or -R5 060,1 million), Western Cape (contributing -2,7 percentage points or -R2 691,3 million) and Gauteng (contributing -1,9 percentage points or -R1 904,8 million) – see Table B.

Building plans passed at constant 2019 prices

Table C – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices by type of building

Type of building	Jan – Oct 2022 ¹	Jan – Oct 2023 ¹	Difference in value between Jan – Oct 2022 and Jan – Oct 2023	% change between Jan – Oct 2022 and Jan – Oct 2023
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	42 207 962	32 832 464	-9 375 498	-22,2
Non-residential buildings	14 243 847	13 959 511	-284 336	-2,0
Additions and alterations	22 401 549	19 193 735	-3 207 814	-14,3
Total	78 853 358	65 985 710	-12 867 648	-16,3

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

The real value of building plans passed (at constant 2019 prices) decreased by 16,3% (-R12 867,6 million) during January to October 2023 compared with January to October 2022. Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-22,2% or -R9 375,5 million), additions and alterations (-14,3% or -R3 207,8 million) and non-residential buildings (-2,0% or -R284,3 million) – see Table C.

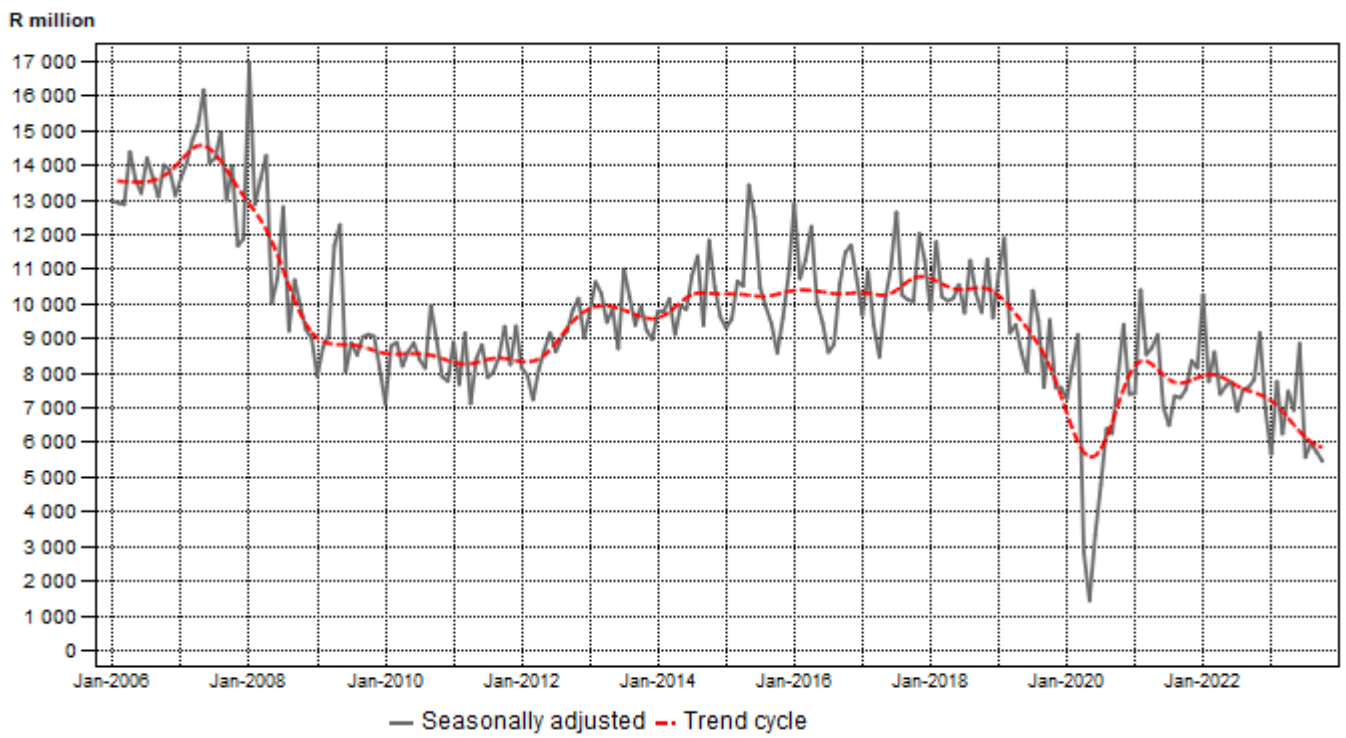
Table D – Seasonally adjusted building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices for the latest three months by type of building

Type of building	May – Jul 2023	Aug – Oct 2023	% change between May – Jul 2023 and Aug – Oct 2023
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	9 571 278	8 533 186	-10,8
Non-residential buildings ¹	5 906 946	3 189 747	-46,0
Additions and alterations	5 881 540	5 445 913	-7,4
Total	21 359 764	17 168 846	-19,6

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

The seasonally adjusted real value of building plans passed decreased by 19,6% in the three months ended October 2023 compared with the previous three months. Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-46,0%), residential buildings (-10,8%) and additions and alterations (-7,4%) – see Table D.

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



Buildings reported as completed at current prices

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

Type of building	Jan – Oct 2022 ¹	Jan – Oct 2023 ¹	Difference in value between Jan – Oct 2022 and Jan – Oct 2023	% change between Jan – Oct 2022 and Jan – Oct 2023
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	29 816 200	28 540 363	-1 275 837	-4,3
-Dwelling-houses	19 439 076	18 479 642	-959 434	-4,9
-Flats and townhouses	9 939 884	9 771 862	-168 022	-1,7
-Other residential buildings	437 240	288 859	-148 381	-33,9
Non-residential buildings	12 708 408	11 168 600	-1 539 808	-12,1
Additions and alterations	14 186 045	7 716 524	-6 469 521	-45,6
Total	56 710 653	47 425 487	-9 285 166	-16,4

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

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) decreased by 16,4% (-R9 285,2 million) during January to October 2023 compared with January to October 2022.

Decreases were reported for additions and alterations (-45,6% or -R6 469,5 million), non-residential buildings (-12,1% or -R1 539,8 million) and residential buildings (-4,3% or -R1 275,8 million) – see Table E.

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

Province	Jan – Oct 2022 ¹	Jan – Oct 2023 ¹	Weight Jan – Oct 2022	% change between Jan – Oct 2022 and Jan – Oct 2023	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan – Oct 2022 and Jan – Oct 2023 ²	Difference in value between Jan – Oct 2022 and Jan – Oct 2023
	R'000	R'000	%			R'000
Western Cape	23 182 257	13 544 498	40,9	-41,6	-17,0	-9 637 759
Eastern Cape	2 606 872	2 807 872	4,6	7,7	0,4	201 000
Northern Cape	678 147	341 840	1,2	-49,6	-0,6	-336 307
Free State	528 131	546 282	0,9	3,4	0,0	18 151
KwaZulu-Natal	8 062 092	8 808 945	14,2	9,3	1,3	746 853
North West	1 833 882	1 722 309	3,2	-6,1	-0,2	-111 573
Gauteng	17 892 809	17 374 352	31,6	-2,9	-0,9	-518 457
Mpumalanga	1 036 838	1 115 247	1,8	7,6	0,1	78 409
Limpopo	889 625	1 164 142	1,6	30,9	0,5	274 517
Total	56 710 653	47 425 487	100,0	-16,4	-16,4	-9 285 166

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

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

Four provinces reported year-on-year decreases in the value of buildings completed during January to October 2023, of which Western Cape (contributing -17,0 percentage points or -R9 637,8 million) was the largest negative contributor. KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 1,3 percentage points or R746,9 million) was the largest positive contributor – see Table F.

Buildings reported as completed at constant 2019 prices

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

Type of building	Jan – Oct 2022 ¹	Jan – Oct 2023 ¹	Difference in value between Jan – Oct 2022 and Jan – Oct 2023	% change between Jan – Oct 2022 and Jan – Oct 2023
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	23 849 906	21 754 344	-2 095 562	-8,8
Non-residential buildings	10 182 894	8 530 614	-1 652 280	-16,2
Additions and alterations	11 368 004	5 885 541	-5 482 463	-48,2
Total	45 400 804	36 170 499	-9 230 305	-20,3

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

The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2019 prices) decreased by 20,3% (-R9 230,3 million) during January to October 2023 compared with January to October 2022. Decreases were reported for additions and alterations (-48,2% or -R5 482,5 million), non-residential buildings (-16,2% or -R1 652,3 million) and residential buildings (-8,8% or -R2 095,6 million) – see Table G.

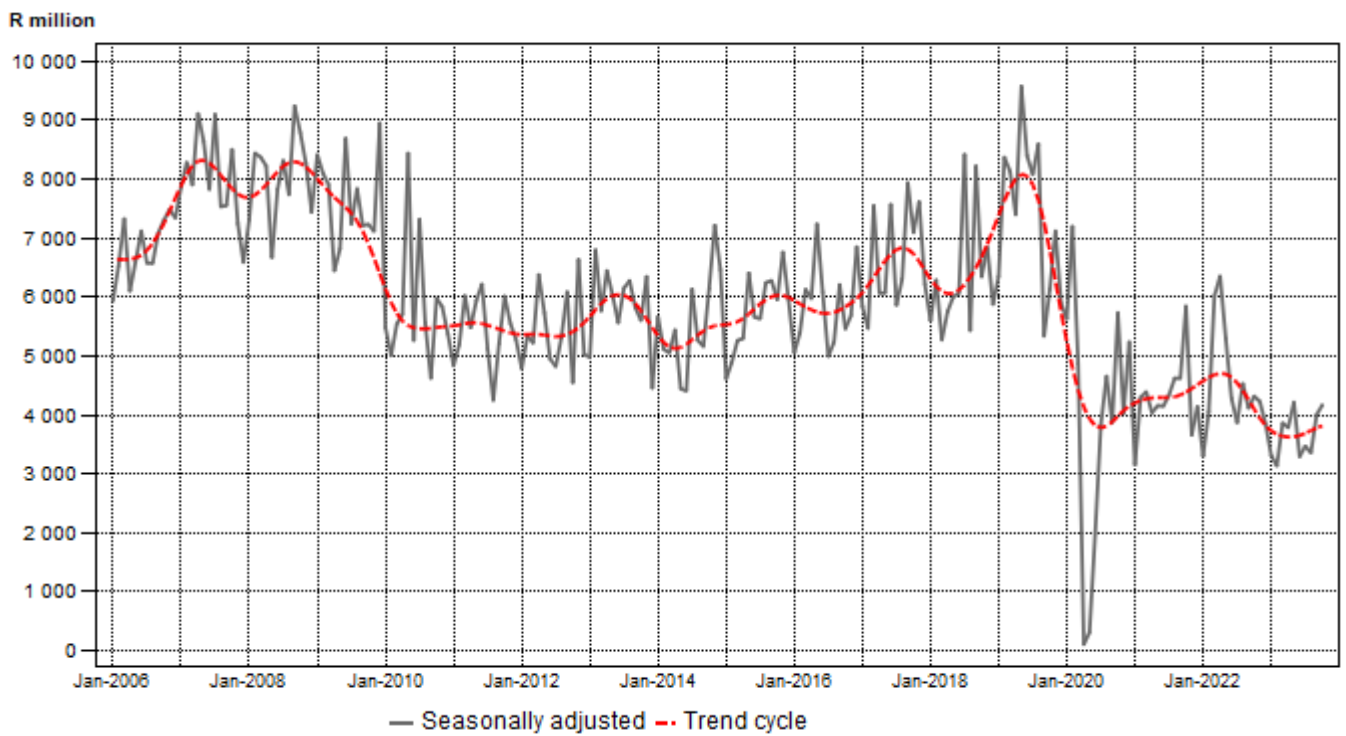
Table H – Seasonally adjusted buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices for the latest three months by type of building

Type of building	May – Jul 2023	Aug – Oct 2023	% change between May – Jul 2023 and Aug – Oct 2023
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	7 191 471	7 067 869	-1,7
Non-residential buildings ¹	2 011 485	2 596 387	29,1
Additions and alterations	1 768 321	1 858 246	5,1
Total	10 971 277	11 522 502	5,0

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

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed increased by 5,0% in the three months ended October 2023 compared with the previous three months. Increases were reported for non-residential buildings (29,1%) and additions and alterations (5,1%). Residential buildings decreased by 1,7% – see Table H.

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



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Tables

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

Year and month ²		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2022	January	5 723 791	57,3	1 415 467	242,3	1 797 644	18,0	8 936 902	60,3
	February	4 568 639	-11,9	2 255 248	-31,8	2 444 275	-7,3	9 268 162	-16,7
	March	5 109 535	11,2	3 402 406	36,1	2 595 055	1,6	11 106 996	15,1
	April	4 849 203	-3,0	1 142 322	-48,9	2 478 941	16,1	8 470 466	-9,6
	May	4 986 476	-20,7	1 681 108	35,3	3 099 515	17,9	9 767 099	-3,9
	June	6 194 173	42,5	1 652 544	-14,6	2 717 245	13,2	10 563 962	21,7
	July	5 426 435	14,8	984 134	-8,0	3 035 046	21,8	9 445 615	14,0
	August	4 874 248	-13,4	1 823 251	97,1	3 626 575	41,3	10 324 074	13,2
	September	5 099 248	-2,5	1 883 600	51,9	3 143 796	16,1	10 126 644	10,3
	October	5 852 739	14,8	1 492 387	23,4	3 087 319	-3,7	10 432 445	9,7
	November	6 181 432	5,2	2 784 773	99,7	3 083 042	4,1	12 049 247	17,8
	December	3 404 524	-27,4	1 809 580	31,1	2 080 533	-0,6	7 294 637	-10,6
	Total	62 270 443	3,3	22 326 820	18,5	33 188 986	11,0	117 786 249	8,0
2023	January	2 761 377	-51,8	721 791	-49,0	1 882 313	4,7	5 365 481	-40,0
	February	5 305 695	16,1	1 856 777	-17,7	2 639 147	8,0	9 801 619	5,8
	March	4 655 553	-8,9	1 696 971	-50,1	2 152 231	-17,1	8 504 755	-23,4
	April	4 613 802	-4,9	2 035 643	78,2	2 270 843	-8,4	8 920 288	5,3
	May	4 438 281	-11,0	2 059 644	22,5	2 959 940	-4,5	9 457 865	-3,2
	June	4 723 371	-23,7	4 622 149	179,7	2 768 581	1,9	12 114 101	14,7
	July	4 298 223	-20,8	1 055 623	7,3	2 453 173	-19,2	7 807 019	-17,3
	August	3 929 094	-19,4	2 135 385	17,1	2 549 565	-29,7	8 614 044	-16,6
	September	4 438 258	-13,0	1 024 407	-45,6	2 384 182	-24,2	7 846 847	-22,5
	October	3 838 907	-34,4	1 068 858	-28,4	3 094 619	0,2	8 002 384	-23,3

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

² Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings ³		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2022	January	8 521 357	42,6	1 415 467	2,5	2 554 529	2,0	12 491 353	26,7
	February	4 669 537	-45,2	2 255 248	59,3	2 496 876	-2,3	9 421 661	-24,6
	March	4 685 117	0,3	3 402 406	50,9	2 545 381	1,9	10 632 904	12,9
	April	5 240 975	11,9	1 142 322	-66,4	2 753 022	8,2	9 136 319	-14,1
	May	4 843 546	-7,6	1 681 108	47,2	3 106 919	12,9	9 631 573	5,4
	June	5 584 355	15,3	1 652 544	-1,7	2 594 544	-16,5	9 831 443	2,1
	July	5 046 877	-9,6	984 134	-40,4	2 792 536	7,6	8 823 547	-10,3
	August	4 364 943	-13,5	1 823 251	85,3	3 249 220	16,4	9 437 414	7,0
	September	4 831 556	10,7	1 883 600	3,3	2 794 027	-14,0	9 509 183	0,8
	October	5 510 562	14,1	1 492 387	-20,8	2 809 245	0,5	9 812 194	3,2
	November	6 041 951	9,6	2 784 773	86,6	2 790 972	-0,7	11 617 696	18,4
	December	4 485 540	-25,8	1 809 580	-35,0	2 543 163	-8,9	8 838 283	-23,9
2023	January	3 930 180	-12,4	721 791	-60,1	2 612 964	2,7	7 264 935	-17,8
	February	5 442 043	38,5	1 856 777	157,2	2 698 151	3,3	9 996 971	37,6
	March	4 372 183	-19,7	1 696 971	-8,6	2 105 611	-22,0	8 174 765	-18,2
	April	5 042 505	15,3	2 035 643	20,0	2 665 794	26,6	9 743 942	19,2
	May	4 196 177	-16,8	2 059 644	1,2	2 819 513	5,8	9 075 334	-6,9
	June	4 326 863	3,1	4 622 149	124,4	2 651 500	-6,0	11 600 512	27,8
	July	4 049 678	-6,4	1 055 623	-77,2	2 224 948	-16,1	7 330 249	-36,8
	August	3 401 612	-16,0	2 135 385	102,3	2 315 909	4,1	7 852 906	7,1
	September	4 386 604	29,0	1 024 407	-52,0	2 169 773	-6,3	7 580 784	-3,5
	October	3 446 912	-21,4	1 068 858	4,3	2 739 270	26,2	7 255 040	-4,3
	May – Jul 23	12 572 718		7 737 416		7 695 961		28 006 095	
	Aug – Oct 23 ²	11 235 128	-10,6	4 228 650	-45,3	7 224 952	-6,1	22 688 730	-19,0

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

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

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

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

Year and month ²		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2022	January	4 738 238	39,0	1 171 744	202,4	1 488 116	4,2	7 398 098	41,6
	February	3 754 017	-21,4	1 853 121	-39,2	2 008 443	-17,4	7 615 581	-25,7
	March	4 157 474	-0,6	2 768 434	21,6	2 111 517	-9,2	9 037 425	2,9
	April	3 907 496	-12,9	920 485	-54,1	1 997 535	4,3	6 825 516	-18,8
	May	3 957 521	-28,9	1 334 213	21,4	2 459 933	5,7	7 751 667	-13,8
	June	4 892 712	29,7	1 305 327	-22,3	2 146 323	3,0	8 344 362	10,7
	July	4 256 027	4,5	771 870	-16,3	2 380 428	10,8	7 408 325	3,7
	August	3 844 044	-20,4	1 437 895	81,0	2 860 075	29,8	8 142 014	4,0
	September	4 040 609	-9,1	1 492 552	41,7	2 491 122	8,2	8 024 283	2,9
	October	4 659 824	8,0	1 188 206	16,2	2 458 057	-9,3	8 306 087	3,2
	November	4 905 898	-0,4	2 210 137	88,9	2 446 859	-1,5	9 562 894	11,4
	December	2 697 721	-31,1	1 433 899	24,4	1 648 600	-5,7	5 780 220	-15,2
	Total	49 811 581	-5,5	17 887 883	7,7	26 497 008	1,5	94 196 472	-1,3
2023	January	2 167 486	-54,3	566 555	-51,6	1 477 483	-0,7	4 211 524	-43,1
	February	4 103 399	9,3	1 436 022	-22,5	2 041 104	1,6	7 580 525	-0,5
	March	3 567 474	-14,2	1 300 361	-53,0	1 649 219	-21,9	6 517 054	-27,9
	April	3 535 480	-9,5	1 559 880	69,5	1 740 110	-12,9	6 835 470	0,1
	May	3 385 416	-14,5	1 571 048	17,8	2 257 773	-8,2	7 214 237	-6,9
	June	3 611 140	-26,2	3 533 753	170,7	2 116 652	-1,4	9 261 545	11,0
	July	3 266 127	-23,3	802 145	3,9	1 864 113	-21,7	5 932 385	-19,9
	August	2 974 333	-22,6	1 616 491	12,4	1 930 026	-32,5	6 520 850	-19,9
	September	3 339 547	-17,4	770 810	-48,4	1 793 967	-28,0	5 904 324	-26,4
	October	2 882 062	-38,2	802 446	-32,5	2 323 288	-5,5	6 007 796	-27,7

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

² Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings ³		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2022	January	6 996 797	42,4	1 171 744	1,7	2 102 630	1,0	10 271 171	26,1
	February	3 854 610	-44,9	1 853 121	58,2	2 046 683	-2,7	7 754 414	-24,5
	March	3 785 634	-1,8	2 768 434	49,4	2 064 958	0,9	8 619 026	11,1
	April	4 245 600	12,2	920 485	-66,8	2 224 361	7,7	7 390 446	-14,3
	May	3 828 067	-9,8	1 334 213	44,9	2 469 330	11,0	7 631 610	3,3
	June	4 403 264	15,0	1 305 327	-2,2	2 049 732	-17,0	7 758 323	1,7
	July	3 931 633	-10,7	771 870	-40,9	2 196 519	7,2	6 900 022	-11,1
	August	3 506 385	-10,8	1 437 895	86,3	2 572 939	17,1	7 517 219	8,9
	September	3 876 666	10,6	1 492 552	3,8	2 218 461	-13,8	7 587 679	0,9
	October	4 388 228	13,2	1 188 206	-20,4	2 234 938	0,7	7 811 372	2,9
	November	4 751 356	8,3	2 210 137	86,0	2 209 156	-1,2	9 170 649	17,4
	December	3 488 467	-26,6	1 433 899	-35,1	2 005 416	-9,2	6 927 782	-24,5
2023	January	3 048 984	-12,6	566 555	-60,5	2 043 046	1,9	5 658 585	-18,3
	February	4 243 964	39,2	1 436 022	153,5	2 084 513	2,0	7 764 499	37,2
	March	3 330 507	-21,5	1 300 361	-9,4	1 613 794	-22,6	6 244 662	-19,6
	April	3 884 842	16,6	1 559 880	20,0	2 042 942	26,6	7 487 664	19,9
	May	3 195 750	-17,7	1 571 048	0,7	2 156 244	5,5	6 923 042	-7,5
	June	3 303 438	3,4	3 533 753	124,9	2 031 217	-5,8	8 868 408	28,1
	July	3 072 090	-7,0	802 145	-77,3	1 694 079	-16,6	5 568 314	-37,2
	August	2 606 618	-15,2	1 616 491	101,5	1 755 229	3,6	5 978 338	7,4
	September	3 323 563	27,5	770 810	-52,3	1 633 473	-6,9	5 727 846	-4,2
	October	2 603 005	-21,7	802 446	4,1	2 057 211	25,9	5 462 662	-4,6
	May – Jul 23	9 571 278		5 906 946		5 881 540		21 359 764	
	Aug – Oct 23 ²	8 533 186	-10,8	3 189 747	-46,0	5 445 913	-7,4	17 168 846	-19,6

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

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

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

Year and month ²		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2022	January	1 915 442	23,1	458 707	-22,6	764 676	37,2	3 138 825	16,0
	February	2 310 014	0,8	1 271 255	-0,6	1 147 349	32,2	4 728 618	6,5
	March	3 197 697	-1,4	2 627 335	441,9	1 891 604	53,9	7 716 636	55,7
	April	3 351 268	49,1	1 172 464	11,1	2 620 953	169,1	7 144 685	67,0
	May	3 078 346	19,4	1 137 002	-3,4	2 412 256	187,7	6 627 604	44,3
	June	2 981 227	9,3	1 455 223	39,9	1 014 533	-2,3	5 450 983	13,4
	July	2 793 180	11,6	1 167 421	-6,8	1 007 968	-25,6	4 968 569	-2,8
	August	3 221 336	28,5	1 248 420	5,1	1 336 536	-25,3	5 806 292	5,9
	September	3 404 025	12,5	1 100 905	-5,9	1 026 348	-33,7	5 531 278	-3,7
	October	3 563 665	-3,3	1 069 676	-47,9	963 822	-29,7	5 597 163	-21,3
	November	4 199 248	31,2	955 555	18,4	1 061 310	-7,3	6 216 113	20,7
	December	3 174 089	-3,7	1 087 669	23,4	627 720	-18,5	4 889 478	-1,1
Total	37 189 537	13,2	14 751 632	13,6	15 875 075	17,8	67 816 244	14,3	
2023	January	1 601 076	-16,4	1 451 781	216,5	536 096	-29,9	3 588 953	14,3
	February	2 414 223	4,5	569 750	-55,2	851 184	-25,8	3 835 157	-18,9
	March	2 752 569	-13,9	1 709 220	-34,9	674 075	-64,4	5 135 864	-33,4
	April	2 532 811	-24,4	1 347 813	15,0	693 048	-73,6	4 573 672	-36,0
	May	3 965 807	28,8	649 310	-42,9	853 995	-64,6	5 469 112	-17,5
	June	2 832 834	-5,0	754 080	-48,2	779 664	-23,2	4 366 578	-19,9
	July	2 658 357	-4,8	1 236 636	5,9	710 048	-29,6	4 605 041	-7,3
	August	3 057 825	-5,1	668 846	-46,4	754 093	-43,6	4 480 764	-22,8
	September	3 577 785	5,1	1 243 356	12,9	777 404	-24,3	5 598 545	1,2
	October	3 147 076	-11,7	1 537 808	43,8	1 086 917	12,8	5 771 801	3,1

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

² Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings ³		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2022	January	2 570 672	-19,3	458 707	-48,0	980 035	9,0	4 009 414	-19,3
	February	2 568 681	-0,1	1 271 255	177,1	1 102 190	12,5	4 942 126	23,3
	March	3 168 749	23,4	2 627 335	106,7	1 617 963	46,8	7 414 047	50,0
	April	3 644 356	15,0	1 172 464	-55,4	3 024 363	86,9	7 841 183	5,8
	May	3 099 634	-14,9	1 137 002	-3,0	2 436 886	-19,4	6 673 522	-14,9
	June	2 947 556	-4,9	1 455 223	28,0	1 016 953	-58,3	5 419 732	-18,8
	July	2 762 192	-6,3	1 167 421	-19,8	988 101	-2,8	4 917 714	-9,3
	August	3 257 099	17,9	1 248 420	6,9	1 236 380	25,1	5 741 899	16,8
	September	3 141 537	-3,5	1 100 905	-11,8	940 135	-24,0	5 182 577	-9,7
	October	3 382 243	7,7	1 069 676	-2,8	965 246	2,7	5 417 165	4,5
	November	3 395 482	0,4	955 555	-10,7	970 336	0,5	5 321 373	-1,8
	December	3 029 334	-10,8	1 087 669	13,8	743 140	-23,4	4 860 143	-8,7
2023	January	2 141 022	-29,3	1 451 781	33,5	638 696	-14,1	4 231 499	-12,9
	February	2 672 447	24,8	569 750	-60,8	815 227	27,6	4 057 424	-4,1
	March	2 754 059	3,1	1 709 220	200,0	578 573	-29,0	5 041 852	24,3
	April	2 745 083	-0,3	1 347 813	-21,1	837 853	44,8	4 930 749	-2,2
	May	4 000 098	45,7	649 310	-51,8	870 191	3,9	5 519 599	11,9
	June	2 808 901	-29,8	754 080	16,1	737 526	-15,2	4 300 507	-22,1
	July	2 610 169	-7,1	1 236 636	64,0	708 674	-3,9	4 555 479	5,9
	August	3 084 021	18,2	668 846	-45,9	681 267	-3,9	4 434 134	-2,7
	September	3 300 984	7,0	1 243 356	85,9	763 741	12,1	5 308 081	19,7
	October	2 986 211	-9,5	1 537 808	23,7	1 020 638	33,6	5 544 657	4,5
	May – Jul 23	9 419 168		2 640 026		2 316 391		14 375 585	
	Aug – Oct 23 ²	9 371 216	-0,5	3 450 010	30,7	2 465 646	6,4	15 286 872	6,3

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

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

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

Year and month ²		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2022	January	1 585 631	8,7	379 724	-31,6	633 010	21,2	2 598 365	2,4
	February	1 898 122	-10,1	1 044 581	-11,3	942 768	17,8	3 885 471	-5,0
	March	2 601 869	-11,9	2 137 783	384,1	1 539 141	37,5	6 278 793	39,1
	April	2 700 458	34,0	944 774	-0,2	2 111 969	141,8	5 757 201	50,1
	May	2 443 132	7,1	902 383	-13,4	1 914 489	158,0	5 260 004	29,4
	June	2 354 840	-0,6	1 149 465	27,3	801 369	-11,1	4 305 674	3,2
	July	2 190 729	1,5	915 624	-15,2	790 563	-32,3	3 896 916	-11,5
	August	2 540 486	18,1	984 558	-3,5	1 054 050	-31,3	4 579 094	-2,7
	September	2 697 326	4,9	872 349	-12,3	813 271	-38,1	4 382 946	-10,2
	October	2 837 313	-9,0	851 653	-51,0	767 374	-33,8	4 456 340	-25,9
	November	3 332 737	24,2	758 377	12,1	842 310	-12,3	4 933 424	14,2
	December	2 515 126	-8,5	861 861	17,1	497 401	-22,6	3 874 388	-6,2
Total	29 697 769	3,8	11 803 132	4,4	12 707 715	8,2	54 208 616	4,9	
2023	January	1 256 732	-20,7	1 139 546	200,1	420 797	-33,5	2 817 075	8,4
	February	1 867 148	-1,6	440 642	-57,8	658 302	-30,2	2 966 092	-23,7
	March	2 109 248	-18,9	1 309 747	-38,7	516 533	-66,4	3 935 528	-37,3
	April	1 940 851	-28,1	1 032 807	9,3	531 071	-74,9	3 504 729	-39,1
	May	3 025 024	23,8	495 278	-45,1	651 407	-66,0	4 171 709	-20,7
	June	2 165 775	-8,0	576 514	-49,8	596 073	-25,6	3 338 362	-22,5
	July	2 020 028	-7,8	939 693	2,6	539 550	-31,8	3 499 271	-10,2
	August	2 314 780	-8,9	506 318	-48,6	570 850	-45,8	3 391 948	-25,9
	September	2 692 088	-0,2	935 558	7,2	584 954	-28,1	4 212 600	-3,9
	October	2 362 670	-16,7	1 154 511	35,6	816 004	6,3	4 333 185	-2,8

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

² Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings ³		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹	R'000	% change ¹
2022	January	2 117 313	-20,1	379 724	-48,4	800 730	6,1	3 297 767	-20,4
	February	2 105 749	-0,5	1 044 581	175,1	904 558	13,0	4 054 888	23,0
	March	2 574 285	22,3	2 137 783	104,7	1 303 384	44,1	6 015 452	48,4
	April	2 936 021	14,1	944 774	-55,8	2 472 675	89,7	6 353 470	5,6
	May	2 462 305	-16,1	902 383	-4,5	1 931 418	-21,9	5 296 106	-16,6
	June	2 331 180	-5,3	1 149 465	27,4	800 042	-58,6	4 280 687	-19,2
	July	2 170 260	-6,9	915 624	-20,3	778 704	-2,7	3 864 588	-9,7
	August	2 568 039	18,3	984 558	7,5	976 693	25,4	4 529 290	17,2
	September	2 494 582	-2,9	872 349	-11,4	748 899	-23,3	4 115 830	-9,1
	October	2 693 413	8,0	851 653	-2,4	769 092	2,7	4 314 158	4,8
	November	2 702 165	0,3	758 377	-11,0	764 782	-0,6	4 225 324	-2,1
	December	2 393 035	-11,4	861 861	13,6	592 809	-22,5	3 847 705	-8,9
2023	January	1 673 268	-30,1	1 139 546	32,2	494 210	-16,6	3 307 024	-14,1
	February	2 063 316	23,3	440 642	-61,3	629 291	27,3	3 133 249	-5,3
	March	2 107 315	2,1	1 309 747	197,2	441 925	-29,8	3 858 987	23,2
	April	2 103 622	-0,2	1 032 807	-21,1	647 642	46,6	3 784 071	-1,9
	May	3 055 395	45,2	495 278	-52,0	663 127	2,4	4 213 800	11,4
	June	2 147 987	-29,7	576 514	16,4	565 332	-14,7	3 289 833	-21,9
	July	1 988 089	-7,4	939 693	63,0	539 862	-4,5	3 467 644	5,4
	August	2 335 298	17,5	506 318	-46,1	514 746	-4,7	3 356 362	-3,2
	September	2 489 574	6,6	935 558	84,8	577 463	12,2	4 002 595	19,3
	October	2 242 997	-9,9	1 154 511	23,4	766 037	32,7	4 163 545	4,0
	May – Jul 23	7 191 471		2 011 485		1 768 321		10 971 277	
	Aug – Oct 23 ²	7 067 869	-1,7	2 596 387	29,1	1 858 246	5,1	11 522 502	5,0

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

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

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

			Oct 2022	Sep 2023	Oct 2023	Jan – Oct 2022	Jan – Oct 2023	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	734	398	747	9 172	6 563	-28,4	
		square metres	38 785	21 327	37 958	475 582	322 617	-32,2	
		R'000	270 892	173 433	235 853	3 313 145	2 310 990	-30,2	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 416	1 057	1 043	13 710	10 465	-23,7	
		square metres	385 675	290 499	292 825	3 853 667	3 109 578	-19,3	
		R'000	3 210 462	2 373 858	2 423 959	31 024 871	25 824 058	-16,8	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	2 224	1 768	1 312	20 177	15 011	-25,6	
		square metres	224 509	182 213	115 821	1 915 925	1 510 861	-21,1	
		R'000	2 134 526	1 777 711	1 125 933	17 343 811	14 225 842	-18,0	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	26 790	17 454	8 103	126 700	81 672	-35,5	
		R'000	236 859	113 256	53 162	1 002 660	641 671	-36,0	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	5 852 739	4 438 258	3 838 907	52 684 487	43 002 561	-18,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	12 493	10 517	3 355	137 223	241 396	75,9	
		R'000	127 810	88 730	23 392	1 292 692	2 523 642	95,2	
	Shopping space	square metres	50 020	13 955	19 458	413 120	479 896	16,2	
		R'000	434 777	117 389	169 337	3 792 433	4 524 785	19,3	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	91 709	96 544	98 733	1 492 148	1 271 551	-14,8	
		R'000	644 105	707 640	669 586	9 803 460	8 841 528	-9,8	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	39 192	14 232	28 282	369 411	290 686	-21,3	
		R'000	285 695	110 648	206 543	2 843 882	2 387 293	-16,1	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	1 492 387	1 024 407	1 068 858	17 732 467	18 277 248	3,1	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	253 198	189 319	199 606	2 539 092	2 104 879	-17,1	
		R'000	2 138 398	1 627 151	1 734 912	20 719 401	17 730 995	-14,4	
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	84 981	71 806	135 358	663 935	741 599	11,7	
		R'000	948 921	757 031	1 359 707	7 306 010	7 423 599	1,6	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	3 087 319	2 384 182	3 094 619	28 025 411	25 154 594	-10,2
Building plans passed		Total at current prices	R'000	10 432 445	7 846 847	8 002 384	98 442 365	86 434 403	-12,2

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Oct 2022	Sep 2023	Oct 2023	Jan – Oct 2022	Jan – Oct 2023	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	248	125	244	3 725	2 222	-40,3	
		square metres	12 488	5 641	11 517	170 372	101 313	-40,5	
		R'000	82 999	43 716	82 289	1 070 694	685 407	-36,0	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	539	392	425	5 444	4 224	-22,4	
		square metres	141 310	108 794	101 272	1 437 802	1 221 112	-15,1	
		R'000	1 061 970	831 941	754 569	10 329 590	9 261 063	-10,3	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	906	739	480	7 076	5 259	-25,7	
		square metres	97 789	74 346	29 783	708 477	581 266	-18,0	
		R'000	805 258	685 362	259 330	5 749 077	4 965 469	-13,6	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	4 309	2 626	1 424	28 938	14 171	-51,0	
		R'000	37 558	15 634	9 257	232 557	96 483	-58,5	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	1 987 785	1 576 653	1 105 445	17 381 918	15 008 422	-13,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	922	1 454	767	36 785	60 861	65,5	
		R'000	7 190	13 249	4 774	278 190	530 204	90,6	
	Shopping space	square metres	7 380	4 223	4 491	58 544	64 461	10,1	
		R'000	57 984	32 835	32 172	438 397	526 736	20,2	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	29 416	20 379	17 299	255 743	337 347	31,9	
		R'000	191 457	156 674	128 952	1 736 156	2 410 060	38,8	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	4 605	4 275	6 415	156 548	92 955	-40,6	
		R'000	36 650	27 392	50 569	1 174 355	710 437	-39,5	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	293 281	230 150	216 467	3 627 098	4 177 437	15,2	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	89 604	55 123	50 017	942 342	762 349	-19,1	
		R'000	664 378	433 162	349 059	6 715 097	5 780 274	-13,9	
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	25 475	41 587	75 548	233 117	286 507	22,9	
		R'000	356 649	464 984	678 363	2 892 821	2 959 542	2,3	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	1 021 027	898 146	1 027 422	9 607 918	8 739 816	-9,0	
Building plans passed		Total at current prices	R'000	3 302 093	2 704 949	2 349 334	30 616 934	27 925 675	-8,8

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Oct 2022	Sep 2023	Oct 2023	Jan – Oct 2022	Jan – Oct 2023	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	204	35	16	832	539	-35,2
		square metres	9 418	1 660	833	40 311	25 537	-36,7
		R'000	53 945	13 806	6 419	248 654	183 899	-26,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	94	122	70	1 028	862	-16,1
		square metres	22 062	25 973	20 684	244 564	225 204	-7,9
		R'000	181 579	219 688	168 372	1 943 904	1 869 115	-3,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	206	31	7	877	188	-78,6
		square metres	15 455	6 313	563	95 725	23 453	-75,5
		R'000	126 415	50 394	4 945	755 478	190 763	-74,7
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	1 425	0	46 921	2 573	-94,5
		R'000	0	12 581	0	369 815	22 049	-94,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	361 939	296 469	179 736	3 317 851	2 265 826	-31,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	897	0	636	2 832	5 186	83,1
		R'000	7 151	0	5 245	22 634	42 507	87,8
	Shopping space	square metres	0	2 140	1 284	21 039	5 337	-74,6
		R'000	0	17 649	9 445	156 145	41 020	-73,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 179	6 406	172	53 986	117 091	116,9
		R'000	9 723	52 830	1 371	407 224	947 581	132,7
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	1 374	3 563	6 133	23 835	19 733	-17,2
		R'000	10 954	27 439	50 579	173 498	157 184	-9,4
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	27 828	97 918	66 640	759 501	1 188 292	56,5	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	29 856	18 649	20 625	223 779	182 620	-18,4
		R'000	239 691	154 471	169 623	1 724 461	1 474 525	-14,5
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	17 988	6 762	9 059	73 173	98 313	34,4
		R'000	148 346	54 784	73 085	590 472	807 765	36,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	388 037	209 255	242 708	2 314 933	2 282 290	-1,4
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	777 804	603 642	489 084	6 392 285	5 736 408	-10,3

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

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

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

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

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

			Oct 2022	Sep 2023	Oct 2023	Jan – Oct 2022	Jan – Oct 2023	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	0	3	25	55	120,0
		square metres	189	0	157	1 491	2 837	90,3
		R'000	1 779	0	1 480	13 330	26 708	100,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	30	17	20	178	177	-0,6
		square metres	6 903	3 637	3 878	39 872	34 898	-12,5
		R'000	62 980	32 032	34 264	338 787	306 608	-9,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	4	10	150,0
		square metres	0	0	0	2 642	982	-62,8
		R'000	0	0	0	22 295	9 244	-58,5
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	3 399	4 653	36,9
		R'000	0	0	0	30 171	43 799	45,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	64 759	32 032	35 744	404 583	386 359	-4,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	4 310	0	0	12 378	1 551	-87,5
		R'000	40 570	0	0	113 639	14 600	-87,2
	Shopping space	square metres	404	0	0	920	3 057	232,3
		R'000	3 803	0	0	8 326	28 776	245,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	121	198	0	26 383	1 952	-92,6
		R'000	1 139	1 864	0	221 681	18 374	-91,7
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	13 179	182	-98,6
		R'000	0	0	0	116 737	1 713	-98,5
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	45 512	1 864	0	460 383	63 463	-86,2	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 464	3 047	3 007	49 544	32 317	-34,8
		R'000	50 250	27 421	27 027	425 314	291 885	-31,4
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	3 813	0	0	6 634	276	-95,8
		R'000	36 827	537	567	71 188	9 584	-86,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	87 077	27 958	27 594	496 502	301 469	-39,3
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	197 348	61 854	63 338	1 361 468	751 291	-44,8

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

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

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

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

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

			Oct 2022	Sep 2023	Oct 2023	Jan – Oct 2022	Jan – Oct 2023	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	29	2	5	171	65	-62,0
		square metres	1 610	86	322	9 595	3 909	-59,3
		R'000	15 113	670	3 098	86 235	35 763	-58,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	45	28	44	484	350	-27,7
		square metres	9 151	4 907	10 613	100 961	85 814	-15,0
		R'000	75 821	40 265	88 333	801 810	698 592	-12,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	48	6	0	248	144	-41,9
		square metres	4 814	1 257	0	29 521	37 536	27,2
		R'000	46 315	7 775	0	279 938	353 276	26,2
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	4 235	6 854	61,8
		R'000	0	0	0	27 903	54 820	96,5
	Total residential buildings	R'000	137 249	48 710	91 431	1 195 886	1 142 451	-4,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	790	2 404	204,3
		R'000	0	0	0	5 125	20 788	305,6
	Shopping space	square metres	0	398	1 033	6 332	30 930	388,5
		R'000	0	3 173	9 577	43 362	195 545	351,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	494	5 064	4 982	34 666	23 104	-33,4
		R'000	4 753	48 721	47 372	235 082	198 221	-15,7
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	2 788	0	0	4 947	1 786	-63,9
		R'000	17 244	0	0	38 016	13 370	-64,8
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	21 997	51 894	56 949	321 585	427 924	33,1	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	7 430	7 896	5 354	64 201	69 481	8,2
		R'000	62 086	64 563	45 169	520 411	578 292	11,1
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	44	69	2 220	3 556	11 307	218,0
		R'000	813	732	28 325	42 514	116 037	172,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	62 899	65 295	73 494	562 925	694 329	23,3
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	222 145	165 899	221 874	2 080 396	2 264 704	8,9

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Oct 2022	Sep 2023	Oct 2023	Jan – Oct 2022	Jan – Oct 2023	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	12	8	44	357	137	-61,6
		square metres	808	443	2 161	21 824	7 011	-67,9
		R'000	8 406	3 921	15 714	206 998	54 377	-73,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	57	91	104	1 052	830	-21,1
		square metres	17 157	25 224	32 858	353 169	274 588	-22,3
		R'000	191 123	237 456	329 303	3 578 287	2 742 668	-23,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	150	110	184	3 911	1 052	-73,1
		square metres	20 874	19 565	22 578	418 870	131 940	-68,5
		R'000	260 124	199 918	260 093	4 373 747	1 365 654	-68,8
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	9 298	375	0	16 247	8 975	-44,8
		R'000	117 116	4 463	0	169 475	92 160	-45,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	576 769	445 758	605 110	8 328 507	4 254 859	-48,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	2 461	0	16 894	16 065	-4,9
		R'000	0	27 071	0	164 376	142 970	-13,0
	Shopping space	square metres	25 294	1 236	459	108 846	159 088	46,2
		R'000	238 991	13 596	3 672	1 059 805	1 648 021	55,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	22 233	10 759	11 269	349 905	219 228	-37,3
		R'000	140 598	75 214	74 904	2 199 117	1 420 527	-35,4
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	821	0	10 488	18 252	18 739	2,7
		R'000	9 202	0	66 749	150 943	133 937	-11,3
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	388 791	115 881	145 325	3 574 241	3 345 455	-6,4	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	23 558	23 524	34 848	277 327	226 269	-18,4
		R'000	250 384	232 848	385 914	2 901 197	2 290 000	-21,1
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	16 837	9 351	18 099	161 359	142 326	-11,8
		R'000	187 673	107 912	224 993	1 866 147	1 719 639	-7,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	438 057	340 760	610 907	4 767 344	4 009 639	-15,9
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 403 617	902 399	1 361 342	16 670 092	11 609 953	-30,4

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

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

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

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

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

			Oct 2022	Sep 2023	Oct 2023	Jan – Oct 2022	Jan – Oct 2023	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	7	2	212	271	277	2,2
		square metres	437	121	8 823	11 854	12 328	4,0
		R'000	2 699	871	50 165	58 392	74 507	27,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	93	68	73	882	604	-31,5
		square metres	23 736	18 334	21 736	240 545	168 640	-29,9
		R'000	172 319	137 172	158 559	1 673 585	1 186 010	-29,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	10	40	31	218	254	16,5
		square metres	603	3 946	3 045	19 876	26 616	33,9
		R'000	3 497	27 149	21 836	127 515	167 558	31,4
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	12 391	0	0	15 270	3 213	-79,0
		R'000	71 868	0	0	90 576	22 990	-74,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	250 383	165 192	230 560	1 950 068	1 451 065	-25,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	340	6 193	0	2 129	22 479	955,8
		R'000	2 241	44 590	0	12 616	141 173	1 019,0
	Shopping space	square metres	734	695	494	26 281	26 560	1,1
		R'000	5 493	4 299	3 460	170 219	177 325	4,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	2 301	15 581	46 443	30 117	-35,2
		R'000	0	14 256	99 809	273 984	190 355	-30,5
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	21 954	0	327	40 509	7 053	-82,6
		R'000	149 834	0	2 354	270 157	49 563	-81,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	157 568	63 145	105 623	726 976	558 416	-23,2
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	7 157	6 263	7 859	95 936	72 470
R'000			46 520	44 379	54 590	629 401	489 073	-22,3
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	149	737	301	24 690	11 814	-52,2
		R'000	5 114	5 193	6 269	237 194	147 289	-37,9
Total additions and alterations		R'000	51 634	49 572	60 859	866 595	636 362	-26,6
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	459 585	277 909	397 042	3 543 639	2 645 843	-25,3

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

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

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

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

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

			Oct 2022	Sep 2023	Oct 2023	Jan – Oct 2022	Jan – Oct 2023	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	193	216	213	3 414	3 063	-10,3
		square metres	11 556	12 797	13 579	196 879	157 132	-20,2
		R'000	89 441	106 415	73 154	1 460 531	1 155 485	-20,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	372	225	222	3 223	2 422	-24,9
		square metres	114 432	65 188	72 927	1 008 396	740 248	-26,6
		R'000	1 103 951	609 790	692 352	9 389 021	7 142 522	-23,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	851	807	525	5 880	7 638	29,9
		square metres	77 329	73 140	51 107	542 312	652 089	20,2
		R'000	835 470	781 129	523 902	5 382 176	6 784 125	26,0
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	792	0	1 395	834	8 102	871,5
		R'000	10 317	0	10 161	10 602	66 408	526,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	2 039 179	1 497 334	1 299 569	16 242 330	15 148 540	-6,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	4 962	409	448	57 954	126 618	118,5
		R'000	63 954	3 820	3 887	647 655	1 590 337	145,6
	Shopping space	square metres	4 281	1 134	8 456	118 774	102 093	-14,0
		R'000	46 532	11 219	90 521	1 452 325	1 186 583	-18,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	25 255	49 336	47 606	611 294	448 298	-26,7
		R'000	210 750	345 447	305 650	3 946 818	3 016 386	-23,6
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	3 905	3 816	1 744	83 955	96 051	14,4
		R'000	37 634	38 912	16 433	746 147	910 912	22,1
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	358 870	399 398	416 491	6 792 945	6 704 218	-1,3	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	68 091	59 100	61 873	688 863	591 757	-14,1
		R'000	671 895	563 826	600 209	6 500 427	5 677 359	-12,7
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	15 337	10 420	26 148	129 595	160 749	24,0
		R'000	173 725	100 491	287 823	1 267 936	1 368 745	8,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	845 620	664 317	888 032	7 768 363	7 046 104	-9,3
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	3 243 669	2 561 049	2 604 092	30 803 638	28 898 862	-6,2

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

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

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

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

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

			Oct 2022	Sep 2023	Oct 2023	Jan – Oct 2022	Jan – Oct 2023	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	36	3	5	318	175	-45,0	
		square metres	2 151	188	271	19 425	10 728	-44,8	
		R'000	15 630	1 290	1 675	143 562	82 611	-42,5	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	86	83	51	919	683	-25,7	
		square metres	33 777	27 268	17 718	277 631	247 287	-10,9	
		R'000	245 205	188 785	122 110	1 956 476	1 836 715	-6,1	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	12	16	69	92	166	80,4	
		square metres	2 171	1 107	7 448	10 326	13 387	29,6	
		R'000	19 415	7 023	47 087	83 717	84 518	1,0	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	5 164	5 885	19 715	235,0	
		R'000	0	0	32 886	41 379	159 560	285,6	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	280 250	197 098	203 758	2 225 134	2 163 404	-2,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	988	0	1 504	4 295	5 762	34,2	
		R'000	6 246	0	9 486	27 751	37 703	35,9	
	Shopping space	square metres	0	4 129	3 241	42 310	73 415	73,5	
		R'000	0	34 618	20 490	271 778	614 461	126,1	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	11 939	1 282	1 824	78 869	68 773	-12,8	
		R'000	78 317	8 100	11 528	559 682	482 517	-13,8	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	3 745	285	3 175	24 902	28 816	15,7	
		R'000	24 177	2 246	19 859	151 490	233 542	54,2	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	108 740	44 964	61 363	1 010 701	1 368 223	35,4
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	18 203	10 756	11 578	156 237	129 303	-17,2
R'000			127 234	71 624	72 925	1 037 336	887 122	-14,5	
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	5 107	1 757	3 714	24 516	22 538	-8,1	
		R'000	31 687	13 710	49 713	236 946	208 541	-12,0	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	158 921	85 334	122 638	1 274 282	1 095 663	-14,0	
Building plans passed		Total at current prices	R'000	547 911	327 396	387 759	4 510 117	4 627 290	2,6

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Oct 2022	Sep 2023	Oct 2023	Jan – Oct 2022	Jan – Oct 2023	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2	7	5	59	30	-49,2
		square metres	128	391	295	3 831	1 822	-52,4
		R'000	880	2 744	1 859	24 749	12 233	-50,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	100	31	34	500	313	-37,4
		square metres	17 147	11 174	11 139	150 727	111 787	-25,8
		R'000	115 514	76 729	76 097	1 013 411	780 765	-23,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	41	19	16	1 871	300	-84,0
		square metres	5 474	2 539	1 297	88 176	43 592	-50,6
		R'000	38 032	18 961	8 740	569 868	305 235	-46,4
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	13 028	120	4 971	13 416	169,9
		R'000	0	80 578	858	30 182	83 402	176,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	154 426	179 012	87 554	1 638 210	1 181 635	-27,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	74	0	0	3 166	470	-85,2
		R'000	458	0	0	20 706	3 360	-83,8
	Shopping space	square metres	11 927	0	0	30 074	14 955	-50,3
		R'000	81 974	0	0	192 076	106 318	-44,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 072	819	0	34 859	25 641	-26,4
		R'000	7 368	4 534	0	223 716	157 507	-29,6
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	2 293	0	3 284	25 371	672,6
		R'000	0	14 659	0	22 539	176 635	683,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	89 800	19 193	0	459 037	443 820	-3,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 835	4 961	4 445	40 863	38 313	-6,2
		R'000	25 960	34 857	30 396	265 757	262 465	-1,2
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	231	1 123	269	7 295	7 769	6,5
		R'000	8 087	8 688	10 569	100 792	86 457	-14,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	34 047	43 545	40 965	366 549	348 922	-4,8
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	278 273	241 750	128 519	2 463 796	1 974 377	-19,9

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

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

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

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

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

			Oct 2022	Sep 2023	Oct 2023	Jan – Oct 2022	Jan – Oct 2023	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 078	685	696	8 178	6 840	-16,4	
		square metres	57 372	34 937	33 849	423 895	342 770	-19,1	
		R'000	401 412	258 954	225 505	2 928 790	2 468 049	-15,7	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	881	794	754	8 143	7 353	-9,7	
		square metres	213 007	209 969	201 839	2 039 444	1 862 500	-8,7	
		R'000	1 799 788	1 768 768	1 690 332	16 510 286	16 011 593	-3,0	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 311	1 468	1 253	11 302	9 774	-13,5	
		square metres	138 301	150 810	124 343	1 105 249	1 072 545	-3,0	
		R'000	1 304 235	1 537 351	1 150 548	9 939 884	9 771 862	-1,7	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	8 388	2 055	13 603	51 345	36 255	-29,4	
		R'000	58 230	12 712	80 691	437 240	288 859	-33,9	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	3 563 665	3 577 785	3 147 076	29 816 200	28 540 363	-4,3
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	558	2 188	13 395	115 118	148 010	28,6
R'000			5 740	27 258	121 395	1 013 549	1 707 146	68,4	
Shopping space		square metres	38 051	3 337	88 493	298 526	322 135	7,9	
		R'000	305 441	26 801	884 683	2 806 609	3 310 609	18,0	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	97 004	185 417	64 982	1 080 222	829 273	-23,2	
		R'000	664 412	1 129 201	442 873	6 929 057	5 413 102	-21,9	
Other non-residential buildings ³		square metres	12 550	6 340	13 957	251 435	89 418	-64,4	
		R'000	94 083	60 096	88 857	1 959 193	737 743	-62,3	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	1 069 676	1 243 356	1 537 808	12 708 408	11 168 600	-12,1	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	74 902	63 092	69 060	1 224 952	561 957	-54,1	
		R'000	625 276	527 863	602 554	9 070 591	4 730 124	-47,9	
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	24 465	27 035	47 247	500 821	302 023	-39,7	
		R'000	338 546	249 541	484 363	5 115 454	2 986 400	-41,6	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	963 822	777 404	1 086 917	14 186 045	7 716 524	-45,6
Buildings completed		Total at current prices	R'000	5 597 163	5 598 545	5 771 801	56 710 653	47 425 487	-16,4

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

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

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

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

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

			Oct 2022	Sep 2023	Oct 2023	Jan – Oct 2022	Jan – Oct 2023	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	369	169	344	2 856	2 331	-18,4	
		square metres	15 771	7 740	15 105	122 492	104 578	-14,6	
		R'000	86 461	46 782	93 257	693 485	687 266	-0,9	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	365	294	268	3 272	2 521	-23,0	
		square metres	80 364	78 104	71 353	791 789	611 889	-22,7	
		R'000	555 835	567 072	512 444	5 461 803	4 375 139	-19,9	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	614	236	315	5 765	3 523	-38,9	
		square metres	55 122	31 251	41 721	514 490	440 921	-14,3	
		R'000	434 607	258 056	346 463	4 070 993	3 535 499	-13,2	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	8 238	0	13 603	19 974	26 255	31,4	
		R'000	57 034	0	80 691	133 608	204 198	52,8	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	1 133 937	871 910	1 032 855	10 359 889	8 802 102	-15,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	266	205	10 149	61 145	17 600	-71,2	
		R'000	1 936	1 709	89 454	476 833	136 123	-71,5	
	Shopping space	square metres	6 192	770	7 396	82 007	37 063	-54,8	
		R'000	51 443	7 328	65 518	664 728	294 077	-55,8	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	15 100	4 109	8 309	232 437	144 560	-37,8	
		R'000	100 667	33 338	58 573	1 570 686	1 028 472	-34,5	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	7 055	1 186	288	129 362	41 484	-67,9	
		R'000	51 737	7 393	1 797	965 468	291 310	-69,8	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	205 783	49 768	215 342	3 677 715	1 749 982	-52,4
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	37 725	30 007	26 916	844 395	210 324	-75,1
R'000			266 569	216 424	196 569	5 664 172	1 494 217	-73,6	
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	10 632	9 297	32 381	321 425	159 901	-50,3	
		R'000	186 196	95 387	316 509	3 480 481	1 498 197	-57,0	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	452 765	311 811	513 078	9 144 653	2 992 414	-67,3	
Buildings completed		Total at current prices	R'000	1 792 485	1 233 489	1 761 275	23 182 257	13 544 498	-41,6

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Oct 2022	Sep 2023	Oct 2023	Jan – Oct 2022	Jan – Oct 2023	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	17	65	47	287	481	67,6	
		square metres	999	2 899	2 157	17 087	22 973	34,4	
		R'000	7 341	23 908	17 670	124 472	169 230	36,0	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	32	74	49	460	533	15,9	
		square metres	6 731	25 162	11 334	99 549	151 426	52,1	
		R'000	56 271	202 154	91 642	792 607	1 244 718	57,0	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1	30	16	195	354	81,5	
		square metres	79	3 905	2 423	16 802	31 312	86,4	
		R'000	652	32 208	19 872	130 297	257 902	97,9	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	5 297	104	-98,0	
		R'000	0	0	0	40 676	658	-98,4	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	64 264	258 270	129 184	1 088 052	1 672 508	53,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	3 921	1 750	-55,4	
		R'000	0	0	0	30 109	13 723	-54,4	
	Shopping space	square metres	493	0	495	28 751	4 222	-85,3	
		R'000	3 049	0	3 062	235 377	33 484	-85,8	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	300	0	0	10 761	23 589	119,2	
		R'000	1 649	0	0	82 538	187 013	126,6	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	1 460	11 224	30 913	15 984	-48,3	
		R'000	0	12 041	69 420	230 805	107 817	-53,3	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	4 698	12 041	72 482	578 829	342 037	-40,9
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 657	4 052	5 604	69 253	51 082	-26,2
R'000			46 126	33 056	46 216	542 900	419 209	-22,8	
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	2 472	8 103	4 289	49 015	42 783	-12,7	
		R'000	20 870	67 946	43 257	397 091	374 118	-5,8	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	66 996	101 002	89 473	939 991	793 327	-15,6	
Buildings completed		Total at current prices	R'000	135 958	371 313	291 139	2 606 872	2 807 872	7,7

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

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

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

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

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

			Oct 2022	Sep 2023	Oct 2023	Jan – Oct 2022	Jan – Oct 2023	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	5	0	0	15	2	-86,7
		square metres	346	0	0	981	153	-84,4
		R'000	3 257	0	0	8 576	1 140	-86,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	3	3	7	70	52	-25,7
		square metres	472	920	1 985	15 556	12 634	-18,8
		R'000	4 443	8 660	18 685	133 009	118 929	-10,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	20	1	-95,0
		square metres	0	0	0	1 571	66	-95,8
		R'000	0	0	0	12 730	621	-95,1
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
Total residential buildings	R'000	7 700	8 660	18 685	154 315	120 690	-21,8	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	461	1 387	200,9
		R'000	0	0	0	3 735	13 056	249,6
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	249	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	2 344	0	-100,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 940	0	0	22 109	473	-97,9
		R'000	18 261	0	0	181 691	4 452	-97,5
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	240	0	0	442	0	-100,0
		R'000	2 259	0	0	3 896	0	-100,0
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	20 520	0	0	191 666	17 508	-90,9	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 588	1 175	1 036	34 589	17 288	-50,0
		R'000	33 774	11 060	9 752	298 818	162 733	-45,5
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	1 242	0	0	3 460	3 733	7,9
		R'000	11 911	1 750	140	33 348	40 909	22,7
Total additions and alterations	R'000	45 685	12 810	9 892	332 166	203 642	-38,7	
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	73 905	21 470	28 577	678 147	341 840	-49,6

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

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

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

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

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

			Oct 2022	Sep 2023	Oct 2023	Jan – Oct 2022	Jan – Oct 2023	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	1	0	146	65	-55,5
		square metres	0	36	0	7 922	3 768	-52,4
		R'000	0	223	0	72 405	34 741	-52,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	11	17	8	164	128	-22,0
		square metres	3 094	2 380	1 830	33 200	25 559	-23,0
		R'000	22 570	18 041	13 985	264 650	195 762	-26,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	2	70	3 400,0
		square metres	0	0	0	355	13 325	3 653,5
		R'000	0	0	0	2 044	109 891	5 276,3
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	150	0	0	1 637	325	-80,1
		R'000	1 196	0	0	9 759	2 430	-75,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	23 766	18 264	13 985	348 858	342 824	-1,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	0	696	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	5 074	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	207	1 421	586,5
		R'000	0	0	0	1 992	11 635	484,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	2 431	0	2 786	6 370	128,6
		R'000	0	19 380	0	21 319	51 865	143,3
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	353	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	2 129	0	-100,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	19 380	0	25 440	68 574	169,6
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	924	1 894	849	17 584	15 781
R'000			7 287	15 484	6 652	121 304	119 325	-1,6
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	0	0	0	3 794	1 706	-55,0
		R'000	0	0	0	32 529	15 559	-52,2
Total additions and alterations	R'000	7 287	15 484	6 652	153 833	134 884	-12,3	
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	31 053	53 128	20 637	528 131	546 282	3,4

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

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

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

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

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

			Oct 2022	Sep 2023	Oct 2023	Jan – Oct 2022	Jan – Oct 2023	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	18	12	2	97	78	-19,6
		square metres	875	646	101	5 361	4 664	-13,0
		R'000	7 078	5 223	978	49 966	42 540	-14,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	49	59	73	522	682	30,7
		square metres	13 283	19 691	27 760	186 543	220 045	18,0
		R'000	144 713	212 087	282 255	1 955 911	2 396 232	22,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	57	166	22	1 823	1 067	-41,5
		square metres	6 005	29 031	2 528	184 999	139 556	-24,6
		R'000	56 666	352 612	22 425	2 058 881	1 523 370	-26,0
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	20 423	1 992	-90,2
		R'000	0	0	0	224 653	23 705	-89,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	208 457	569 922	305 658	4 289 411	3 985 847	-7,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	571	8 251	10 527	27,6
		R'000	0	0	5 368	90 761	113 796	25,4
	Shopping space	square metres	2 321	1 557	66 173	50 034	115 867	131,6
		R'000	25 531	12 972	718 410	544 381	1 247 930	129,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	160 299	36 884	277 870	341 113	22,8
		R'000	0	961 812	221 304	1 703 449	2 037 846	19,6
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	4 554	3 694	139	20 123	11 031	-45,2
		R'000	35 350	40 662	1 529	195 579	123 879	-36,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	60 881	1 015 446	946 611	2 534 170	3 523 451	39,0
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 275	9 433	7 653	69 024	73 080
R'000			50 638	105 307	82 890	781 637	818 996	4,8
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	5 468	2 119	7 811	35 676	41 078	15,1
		R'000	56 777	26 714	92 707	456 874	480 651	5,2
Total additions and alterations		R'000	107 415	132 021	175 597	1 238 511	1 299 647	4,9
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	376 753	1 717 389	1 427 866	8 062 092	8 808 945	9,3

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

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

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

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

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

			Oct 2022	Sep 2023	Oct 2023	Jan – Oct 2022	Jan – Oct 2023	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	15	49	62	277	429	54,9	
		square metres	885	2 554	2 870	16 375	22 546	37,7	
		R'000	5 148	15 787	14 753	93 510	126 087	34,8	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	58	50	137	667	642	-3,7	
		square metres	11 769	9 886	27 528	139 058	136 693	-1,7	
		R'000	87 256	69 243	187 590	959 921	953 521	-0,7	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	71	17	33	173	245	41,6	
		square metres	4 293	1 633	4 379	17 922	28 325	58,0	
		R'000	28 849	11 126	31 671	112 447	187 288	66,6	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	2 055	0	1 325	4 945	273,2	
		R'000	0	12 712	0	8 772	31 284	256,6	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	121 253	108 868	234 014	1 174 650	1 298 180	10,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	940	1 309	1 225	-6,4	
		R'000	0	0	6 768	7 688	8 531	11,0	
	Shopping space	square metres	28 575	0	2 076	40 554	6 520	-83,9	
		R'000	219 711	0	12 840	302 988	42 665	-85,9	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 518	0	2 877	14 993	11 410	-23,9	
		R'000	8 804	0	20 544	99 709	86 574	-13,2	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	473	0	161	16 916	161	-99,0	
		R'000	2 926	0	996	101 274	996	-99,0	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	231 441	0	41 148	511 659	138 766	-72,9
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	727	2 473	3 321	14 287	31 317	119,2
R'000			4 567	15 556	21 189	87 501	196 587	124,7	
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	0	232	300	5 131	4 876	-5,0	
		R'000	6 210	3 031	7 056	60 072	88 776	47,8	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	10 777	18 587	28 245	147 573	285 363	93,4	
Buildings completed		Total at current prices	R'000	363 471	127 455	303 407	1 833 882	1 722 309	-6,1

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

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

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

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

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

			Oct 2022	Sep 2023	Oct 2023	Jan – Oct 2022	Jan – Oct 2023	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	618	387	237	4 250	3 293	-22,5	
		square metres	36 318	20 926	13 361	238 719	174 119	-27,1	
		R'000	277 148	166 096	97 094	1 785 553	1 337 447	-25,1	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	302	260	178	2 285	2 262	-1,0	
		square metres	82 711	62 073	50 255	607 338	573 755	-5,5	
		R'000	816 906	612 415	515 392	5 775 854	5 774 525	0,0	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	568	1 001	863	3 231	4 088	26,5	
		square metres	72 802	83 961	72 919	358 150	382 753	6,9	
		R'000	783 461	876 277	727 553	3 480 104	3 903 037	12,2	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	2 474	1 817	-26,6	
		R'000	0	0	0	18 303	20 590	12,5	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	1 877 515	1 654 788	1 340 039	11 059 814	11 035 599	-0,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	292	1 983	1 735	38 576	113 540	194,3	
		R'000	3 804	25 549	19 805	395 853	1 407 949	255,7	
	Shopping space	square metres	470	1 010	0	85 753	122 399	42,7	
		R'000	5 707	6 501	0	982 545	1 446 791	47,2	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	78 146	18 578	13 207	486 530	234 569	-51,8	
		R'000	535 031	114 671	116 988	3 031 095	1 558 568	-48,6	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	228	0	2 145	40 976	20 758	-49,3	
		R'000	1 811	0	15 115	363 122	213 741	-41,1	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	546 353	146 721	151 908	4 772 615	4 627 049	-3,1
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	20 788	11 331	21 595	161 836	139 249	-14,0
R'000			207 872	111 381	222 616	1 479 547	1 347 962	-8,9	
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	4 059	6 951	1 278	75 297	39 100	-48,1	
		R'000	48 895	51 075	15 929	580 833	363 742	-37,4	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	256 767	162 456	238 545	2 060 380	1 711 704	-16,9	
Buildings completed		Total at current prices	R'000	2 680 635	1 963 965	1 730 492	17 892 809	17 374 352	-2,9

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

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

			Oct 2022	Sep 2023	Oct 2023	Jan – Oct 2022	Jan – Oct 2023	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	24	0	0	160	129	-19,4
		square metres	1 411	0	0	9 145	7 858	-14,1
		R'000	9 707	0	0	62 513	55 157	-11,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	40	12	13	464	313	-32,5
		square metres	9 483	3 703	2 579	92 805	67 047	-27,8
		R'000	75 952	26 712	18 483	681 387	518 675	-23,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	4	116	2 800,0
		square metres	0	0	0	509	13 034	2 460,7
		R'000	0	0	0	2 966	93 903	3 066,0
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
Total residential buildings	R'000	85 659	26 712	18 483	746 866	667 735	-10,6	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	1 455	73	-95,0
		R'000	0	0	0	8 570	460	-94,6
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	287	0	9 589	..
		R'000	0	0	1 923	0	62 018	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	14 497	22 168	52,9
		R'000	0	0	0	120 236	143 039	19,0
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	8 599	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	71 604	0	-100,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	0	1 923	200 410	205 517	2,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	768	2 072	1 562	8 472	19 380	128,8
		R'000	5 825	15 410	13 069	59 825	141 006	135,7
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	0	120	0	1 806	7 206	299,0
		R'000	3 118	1 174	100	29 737	100 989	239,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	8 943	16 584	13 169	89 562	241 995	170,2
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	94 602	43 296	33 575	1 036 838	1 115 247	7,6

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

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

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

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

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

			Oct 2022	Sep 2023	Oct 2023	Jan – Oct 2022	Jan – Oct 2023	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	12	2	4	90	32	-64,4
		square metres	767	136	255	5 813	2 111	-63,7
		R'000	5 272	935	1 753	38 310	14 441	-62,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	21	25	21	239	220	-7,9
		square metres	5 100	8 050	7 215	73 606	63 452	-13,8
		R'000	35 842	52 384	49 856	485 144	434 092	-10,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	18	4	89	310	248,3
		square metres	0	1 029	373	10 451	23 253	122,5
		R'000	0	7 072	2 564	69 422	160 351	131,0
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	215	817	280,0
		R'000	0	0	0	1 469	5 994	308,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	41 114	60 391	54 173	594 345	614 878	3,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	0	1 212	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	8 434	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	12 066	10 971	25 054	128,4
		R'000	0	0	82 930	72 254	172 009	138,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	3 705	18 239	45 021	146,8
		R'000	0	0	25 464	118 334	315 273	166,4
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	3 751	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	25 316	0	-100,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	0	108 394	215 904	495 716	129,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	450	655	524	5 512	4 456	-19,2
		R'000	2 618	4 185	3 601	34 887	30 089	-13,8
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	592	213	1 188	5 217	1 640	-68,6
		R'000	4 569	2 464	8 665	44 489	23 459	-47,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	7 187	6 649	12 266	79 376	53 548	-32,5
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	48 301	67 040	174 833	889 625	1 164 142	30,9

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2022 and 2023.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Explanatory notes

Introduction	1	Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and, therefore, do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses in their reporting. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses can be obtained from the Department of Human Settlements.
	2	In order to improve timeliness of the publication, some information for the current month has been estimated due to late submission by respondents. These estimates will be revised in the next statistical release(s) as soon as actual information is available.
Purpose of the survey	3	The monthly survey data are used in monitoring the state of economy and formulation of economic policy. Furthermore, the results are important inputs to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and to calculate the Composite Leading Business Cycle Indicator. The data are extensively used by the private sector.
Scope of the survey	4	This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • passing of building plans; and • final inspection of completed buildings.
Classification	5	Building activities are classified in division five according to the 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities</i> (SIC), Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02. The SIC is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities</i> (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions.
Collection rate	6	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for October 2023 was 93,6%. The improved collection rate for September 2023 was 94,5%.
Statistical unit	7	The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities.
Survey methodology and design	8	Stats SA conducts a monthly survey of metropolitan municipalities and large local municipalities on building plans passed and buildings completed. An annual survey of the remaining municipalities is conducted regarding buildings completed. The monthly survey represents approximately 85% of the total value of buildings completed. Information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed for the private sector is collected by email, fax and telephone.
Constant prices	9	The value of building plans passed and buildings completed at constant prices measures building activities in terms of ruling prices in a specific base year, which is currently 2019. The value of building plans passed at constant prices for each month is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with a price index known as the 'lump sum domestic buildings' as published in statistical release P0151.1: <i>Construction Materials Price Indices</i> . In order to be applicable, these indices (base December 2021=100) are converted to the base year 2019=100.

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

Glossary

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

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