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Key findings for January to September 2024

Building plans passed at current prices

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

| Type of building | Jan – Sep 2023 | Jan – Sep 2024 | Difference in value between Jan – Sep 2023 and Jan – Sep 2024 | % change between Jan – Sep 2023 and Jan – Sep 2024 |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---|--|
| | R'000 | R'000 | R'000 | |
| Residential buildings | 39 207 266 | 35 184 744 | -4 022 522 | -10,3 |
| -Dwelling-houses | 25 475 236 | 22 462 750 | -3 012 486 | -11,8 |
| -Flats and townhouses | 13 099 909 | 11 820 058 | -1 279 851 | -9,8 |
| -Other residential buildings | 632 121 | 901 936 | 269 815 | 42,7 |
| Non-residential buildings | 17 310 375 | 17 373 265 | 62 890 | 0,4 |
| Additions and alterations | 22 103 860 | 20 616 935 | -1 486 925 | -6,7 |
| Total | 78 621 501 | 73 174 944 | -5 446 557 | -6,9 |

The value of building plans passed (at current prices) decreased by 6,9% (-R5 446,6 million) during January to September 2024 compared with January to September 2023. Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-R4 022,5 million) and additions and alterations (-R1 486,9 million) – see Table A.

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

| Province | Jan – Sep 2023 | Jan – Sep 2024 | Weight Jan – Sep 2023 | % change between Jan – Sep 2023 and Jan – Sep 2024 | Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan – Sep 2023 and Jan – Sep 2024 ¹ | Difference in value between Jan – Sep 2023 and Jan – Sep 2024 |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|--|--|---|
| | R'000 | R'000 | % | | | R'000 |
| Western Cape | 25 678 326 | 22 836 973 | 32,7 | -11,1 | -3,6 | -2 841 353 |
| Eastern Cape | 5 247 324 | 4 093 814 | 6,7 | -22,0 | -1,5 | -1 153 510 |
| Northern Cape | 687 953 | 911 934 | 0,9 | 32,6 | 0,3 | 223 981 |
| Free State | 2 042 830 | 1 809 920 | 2,6 | -11,4 | -0,3 | -232 910 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 10 289 344 | 11 240 572 | 13,1 | 9,2 | 1,2 | 951 228 |
| North West | 2 248 801 | 2 935 977 | 2,9 | 30,6 | 0,9 | 687 176 |
| Gauteng | 26 341 534 | 23 412 764 | 33,5 | -11,1 | -3,7 | -2 928 770 |
| Mpumalanga | 4 239 531 | 4 302 238 | 5,4 | 1,5 | 0,1 | 62 707 |
| Limpopo | 1 845 858 | 1 630 752 | 2,3 | -11,7 | -0,3 | -215 106 |
| Total | 78 621 501 | 73 174 944 | 100,0 | -6,9 | -6,9 | -5 446 557 |

¹ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change by its weight, divided by 100, where the weight is the percentage contribution of each province to the cumulative total building plans passed during the previous year.

The largest negative contributions to the total decrease of 6,9% (-R5 446,6 million) were made by Gauteng (contributing -3,7 percentage points or -R2 928,8 million), Western Cape (contributing -3,6 percentage points or -R2 841,4 million) and Eastern Cape (contributing -1,5 percentage points or -R1 153,5 million).

The largest positive contributors were KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 1,2 percentage points or R951,2 million) and North West (contributing 0,9 of a percentage point or R687,2 million) – see Table B.

Building plans passed at constant 2019 prices

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

| Type of building | Jan – Sep 2023 | Jan – Sep 2024 | Difference in value between Jan – Sep 2023 and Jan – Sep 2024 | % change between Jan – Sep 2023 and Jan – Sep 2024 |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---|--|
| | R'000 | R'000 | R'000 | |
| Residential buildings | 29 983 257 | 25 710 275 | -4 272 982 | -14,3 |
| Non-residential buildings | 13 235 214 | 12 677 624 | -557 590 | -4,2 |
| Additions and alterations | 16 904 893 | 15 058 756 | -1 846 137 | -10,9 |
| Total | 60 123 364 | 53 446 655 | -6 676 709 | -11,1 |

The real value of building plans passed (at constant 2019 prices) decreased by 11,1% (-R6 676,7 million) during January to September 2024 compared with January to September 2023. Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-R4 273,0 million), additions and alterations (-R1 846,1 million) and non-residential buildings (-R557,6 million) – see Table C.

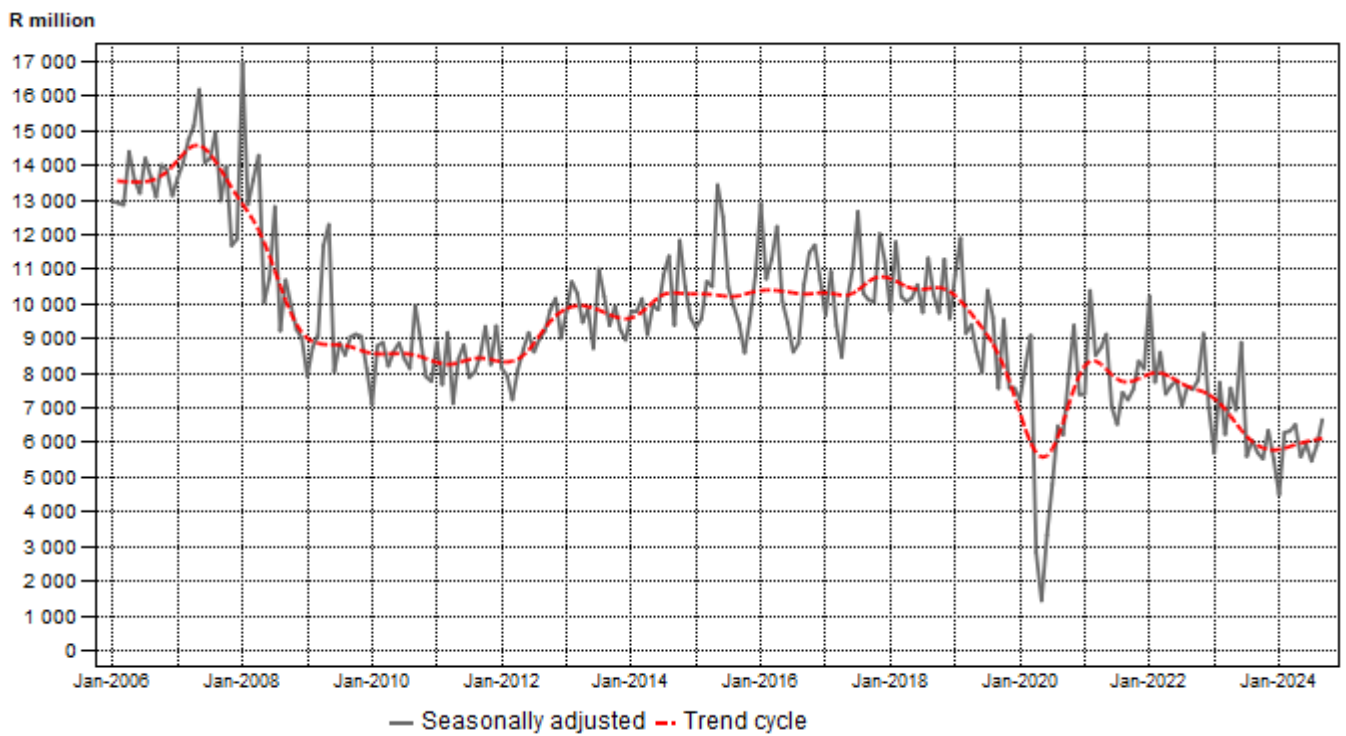
Table D – Seasonally adjusted building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices for the latest three months by type of building

| Type of building | Apr – Jun 2024 | Jul – Sep 2024 | % change between Apr – Jun 2024 and Jul – Sep 2024 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|--|
| | R'000 | R'000 | |
| Residential buildings | 8 107 226 | 8 458 301 | 4,3 |
| Non-residential buildings ¹ | 5 230 796 | 4 513 662 | -13,7 |
| Additions and alterations | 4 728 944 | 5 069 099 | 7,2 |
| Total | 18 066 966 | 18 041 062 | -0,1 |

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

The seasonally adjusted real value of building plans passed decreased by 0,1% in the third quarter of 2024 compared with the second quarter of 2024. A decrease was reported for non-residential buildings (-13,7%). Increases were reported for additions and alterations (7,2%) and residential buildings (4,3%) – 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 – Sep 2023 | Jan – Sep 2024 | Difference in value between Jan – Sep 2023 and Jan – Sep 2024 | % change between Jan – Sep 2023 and Jan – Sep 2024 |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---|--|
| | R'000 | R'000 | R'000 | |
| Residential buildings | 25 393 287 | 21 769 924 | -3 623 363 | -14,3 |
| -Dwelling-houses | 16 563 805 | 14 205 150 | -2 358 655 | -14,2 |
| -Flats and townhouses | 8 621 314 | 7 329 325 | -1 291 989 | -15,0 |
| -Other residential buildings | 208 168 | 235 449 | 27 281 | 13,1 |
| Non-residential buildings | 9 630 792 | 7 778 689 | -1 852 103 | -19,2 |
| Additions and alterations | 6 629 607 | 7 771 978 | 1 142 371 | 17,2 |
| Total | 41 653 686 | 37 320 591 | -4 333 095 | -10,4 |

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) decreased by 10,4% (-R4 333,1 million) during January to September 2024 compared with January to September 2023.

Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-R3 623,4 million) and non-residential buildings (-R1 852,1 million). An increase was reported for additions and alterations (R1 142,4 million) – see Table E.

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

| Province | Jan – Sep 2023 | Jan – Sep 2024 | Weight Jan – Sep 2023 | % change between Jan – Sep 2023 and Jan – Sep 2024 | Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan – Sep 2023 and Jan – Sep 2024 ¹ | Difference in value between Jan – Sep 2023 and Jan – Sep 2024 |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|--|--|---|
| | R'000 | R'000 | % | | | R'000 |
| Western Cape | 11 783 223 | 10 994 493 | 28,3 | -6,7 | -1,9 | -788 730 |
| Eastern Cape | 2 516 733 | 2 494 474 | 6,0 | -0,9 | -0,1 | -22 259 |
| Northern Cape | 313 263 | 279 198 | 0,8 | -10,9 | -0,1 | -34 065 |
| Free State | 525 645 | 323 470 | 1,3 | -38,5 | -0,5 | -202 175 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 7 381 079 | 5 359 096 | 17,7 | -27,4 | -4,9 | -2 021 983 |
| North West | 1 418 902 | 1 410 905 | 3,4 | -0,6 | 0,0 | -7 997 |
| Gauteng | 15 643 860 | 14 910 142 | 37,6 | -4,7 | -1,8 | -733 718 |
| Mpumalanga | 1 081 672 | 985 471 | 2,6 | -8,9 | -0,2 | -96 201 |
| Limpopo | 989 309 | 563 342 | 2,4 | -43,1 | -1,0 | -425 967 |
| Total | 41 653 686 | 37 320 591 | 100,0 | -10,4 | -10,4 | -4 333 095 |

¹ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change by its weight, divided by 100, where the weight is the percentage contribution of each province to the cumulative total buildings reported as completed during the previous year.

All nine provinces reported year-on-year decreases in the value of buildings completed during January to September 2024, of which KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -4,9 percentage points or -R2 022,0 million), Western Cape (contributing -1,9 percentage points or -R788,7 million), Gauteng (contributing -1,8 percentage points or -R733,7 million) and Limpopo (contributing -1,0 percentage point or -R426,0 million) were the largest contributors – see Table F.

Buildings reported as completed at constant 2019 prices

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

| Type of building | Jan – Sep 2023 | Jan – Sep 2024 | Difference in value between Jan – Sep 2023 and Jan – Sep 2024 | % change between Jan – Sep 2023 and Jan – Sep 2024 |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---|--|
| | R'000 | R'000 | R'000 | |
| Residential buildings | 19 391 674 | 15 895 468 | -3 496 206 | -18,0 |
| Non-residential buildings | 7 376 103 | 5 676 165 | -1 699 938 | -23,0 |
| Additions and alterations | 5 069 537 | 5 677 319 | 607 782 | 12,0 |
| Total | 31 837 314 | 27 248 952 | -4 588 362 | -14,4 |

The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2019 prices) decreased by 14,4% (-R4 588,4 million) during January to September 2024 compared with January to September 2023. Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-R3 496,2 million) and non-residential buildings (-R1 699,9 million). Additions and alterations rose by R607,8 million – see Table G.

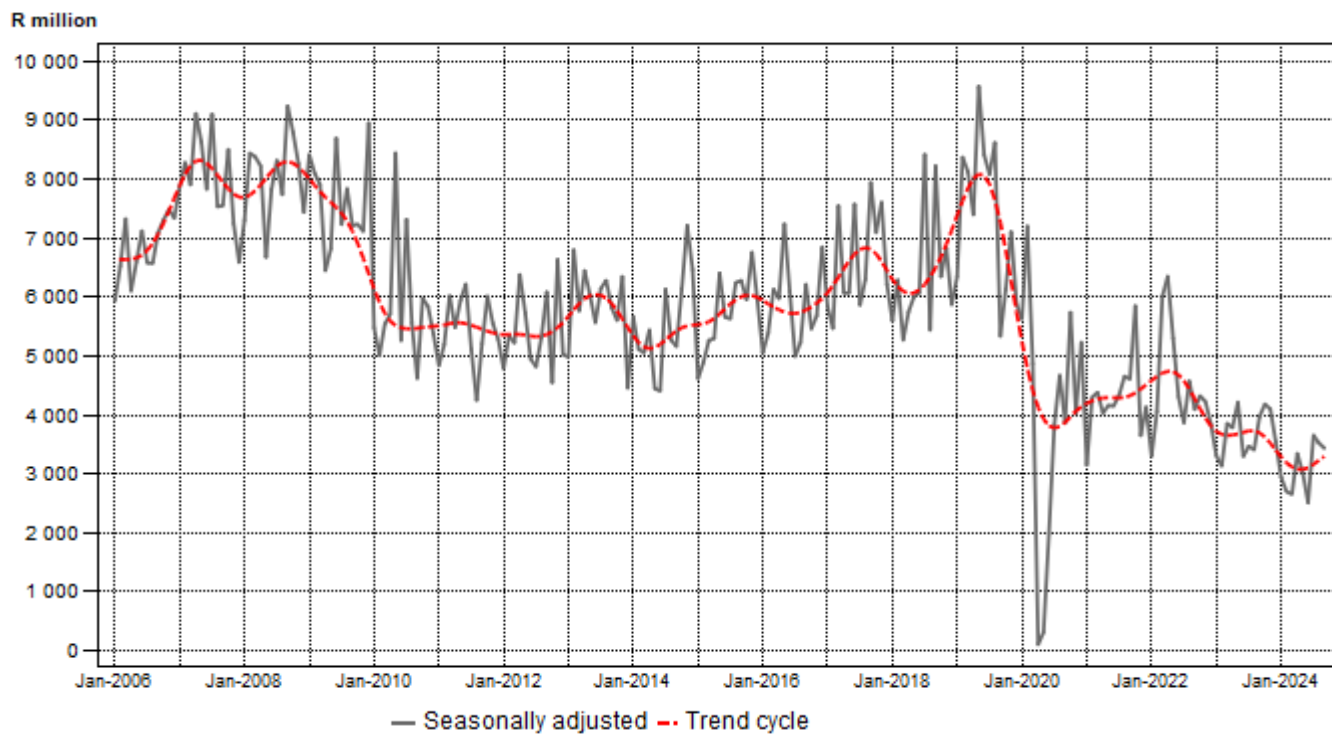
Table H – Seasonally adjusted buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices for the latest three months by type of building

| Type of building | Apr – Jun 2024 | Jul – Sep 2024 | % change between Apr – Jun 2024 and Jul – Sep 2024 |
|--|------------------|-------------------|--|
| | R'000 | R'000 | |
| Residential buildings | 5 124 877 | 6 115 777 | 19,3 |
| Non-residential buildings ¹ | 2 249 264 | 2 247 733 | -0,1 |
| Additions and alterations | 1 493 588 | 2 242 715 | 50,2 |
| Total | 8 867 729 | 10 606 225 | 19,6 |

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

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed increased by 19,6% in the third quarter of 2024 compared with the second quarter of 2024. Increases were reported for additions and alterations (50,2%) and residential buildings (19,3%) – see Table H.

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




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Tables

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

| Year and month | | Residential buildings | | Non-residential buildings | | Additions and alterations | | Total | |
|----------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| | | R'000 | % change ¹ | R'000 | % change ¹ | R'000 | % change ¹ | R'000 | % change ¹ |
| 2023 | January | 2 761 377 | -51,8 | 721 791 | -49,0 | 1 926 198 | 7,2 | 5 409 366 | -39,5 |
| | February | 5 305 695 | 16,1 | 1 856 777 | -17,7 | 2 639 147 | 8,0 | 9 801 619 | 5,8 |
| | March | 4 658 432 | -8,8 | 1 696 971 | -50,1 | 2 152 231 | -17,1 | 8 507 634 | -23,4 |
| | April | 4 613 802 | -4,9 | 2 137 628 | 87,1 | 2 270 843 | -8,4 | 9 022 273 | 6,5 |
| | 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 | -24,2 | 4 622 149 | 179,7 | 2 768 581 | 2,1 | 12 114 101 | 14,3 |
| | July | 4 298 223 | -20,8 | 1 055 623 | -7,1 | 2 453 173 | -19,2 | 7 807 019 | -18,7 |
| | August | 3 929 094 | -19,4 | 2 135 385 | 17,1 | 2 549 565 | -29,7 | 8 614 044 | -16,6 |
| | September | 4 478 991 | -12,2 | 1 024 407 | -45,6 | 2 384 182 | -24,2 | 7 887 580 | -22,1 |
| | October | 4 019 390 | -31,3 | 1 101 434 | -26,2 | 2 990 523 | -3,1 | 8 111 347 | -22,2 |
| | November | 4 466 586 | -27,7 | 1 664 278 | -40,2 | 2 781 043 | -9,7 | 8 911 907 | -26,0 |
| | December | 2 671 199 | -21,5 | 1 563 744 | -17,6 | 1 814 476 | -12,8 | 6 049 419 | -18,1 |
| | Total | 50 364 441 | -19,2 | 21 639 831 | -4,1 | 29 689 902 | -10,5 | 101 694 174 | -13,9 |
| 2024 | January | 2 641 211 | -4,4 | 646 429 | -10,4 | 1 392 946 | -27,7 | 4 680 586 | -13,5 |
| | February | 4 987 654 | -6,0 | 1 655 142 | -10,9 | 2 359 384 | -10,6 | 9 002 180 | -8,2 |
| | March | 3 540 798 | -24,0 | 1 674 931 | -1,3 | 2 596 885 | 20,7 | 7 812 614 | -8,2 |
| | April | 4 241 995 | -8,1 | 2 658 595 | 24,4 | 2 282 122 | 0,5 | 9 182 712 | 1,8 |
| | May | 4 033 138 | -9,1 | 2 040 668 | -0,9 | 1 939 535 | -34,5 | 8 013 341 | -15,3 |
| | June | 3 484 874 | -26,2 | 2 478 972 | -46,4 | 2 281 970 | -17,6 | 8 245 816 | -31,9 |
| | July | 3 474 787 | -19,2 | 2 168 315 | 105,4 | 2 699 772 | 10,1 | 8 342 874 | 6,9 |
| | August | 4 035 524 | 2,7 | 1 988 552 | -6,9 | 2 456 657 | -3,6 | 8 480 733 | -1,5 |
| | September | 4 744 763 | 5,9 | 2 061 661 | 101,3 | 2 607 664 | 9,4 | 9 414 088 | 19,4 |

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

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

| Year and month | | Residential buildings | | Non-residential buildings ³ | | Additions and alterations | | Total | |
|----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| | | R'000 | % change ¹ | R'000 | % change ¹ | R'000 | % change ¹ | R'000 | % change ¹ |
| 2023 | January | 3 901 547 | -12,8 | 721 791 | -62,0 | 2 672 495 | 5,2 | 7 295 833 | -18,1 |
| | February | 5 424 912 | 39,0 | 1 856 777 | 157,2 | 2 692 629 | 0,8 | 9 974 318 | 36,7 |
| | March | 4 360 137 | -19,6 | 1 696 971 | -8,6 | 2 098 847 | -22,1 | 8 155 955 | -18,2 |
| | April | 5 052 542 | 15,9 | 2 137 628 | 26,0 | 2 661 559 | 26,8 | 9 851 729 | 20,8 |
| | May | 4 203 824 | -16,8 | 2 059 644 | -3,6 | 2 818 525 | 5,9 | 9 081 993 | -7,8 |
| | June | 4 349 838 | 3,5 | 4 622 149 | 124,4 | 2 650 058 | -6,0 | 11 622 045 | 28,0 |
| | July | 4 077 390 | -6,3 | 1 055 623 | -77,2 | 2 223 864 | -16,1 | 7 356 877 | -36,7 |
| | August | 3 471 440 | -14,9 | 2 135 385 | 102,3 | 2 340 789 | 5,3 | 7 947 614 | 8,0 |
| | September | 4 371 214 | 25,9 | 1 024 407 | -52,0 | 2 165 481 | -7,5 | 7 561 102 | -4,9 |
| | October | 3 601 948 | -17,6 | 1 101 434 | 7,5 | 2 647 976 | 22,3 | 7 351 358 | -2,8 |
| | November | 4 344 013 | 20,6 | 1 664 278 | 51,1 | 2 518 740 | -4,9 | 8 527 031 | 16,0 |
| | December | 3 607 361 | -17,0 | 1 563 744 | -6,0 | 2 322 861 | -7,8 | 7 493 966 | -12,1 |
| 2024 | January | 3 638 257 | 0,9 | 646 429 | -58,7 | 1 837 046 | -20,9 | 6 121 732 | -18,3 |
| | February | 4 462 751 | 22,7 | 1 655 142 | 156,0 | 2 391 552 | 30,2 | 8 509 445 | 39,0 |
| | March | 3 986 528 | -10,7 | 1 674 931 | 1,2 | 2 978 426 | 24,5 | 8 639 885 | 1,5 |
| | April | 3 986 811 | 0,0 | 2 658 595 | 58,7 | 2 248 897 | -24,5 | 8 894 303 | 2,9 |
| | May | 3 755 539 | -5,8 | 2 040 668 | -23,2 | 1 874 330 | -16,7 | 7 670 537 | -13,8 |
| | June | 3 345 306 | -10,9 | 2 478 972 | 21,5 | 2 353 740 | 25,6 | 8 178 018 | 6,6 |
| | July | 3 074 368 | -8,1 | 2 168 315 | -12,5 | 2 270 294 | -3,5 | 7 512 977 | -8,1 |
| | August | 3 813 440 | 24,0 | 1 988 552 | -8,3 | 2 314 529 | 1,9 | 8 116 521 | 8,0 |
| | September | 4 684 163 | 22,8 | 2 061 661 | 3,7 | 2 389 084 | 3,2 | 9 134 908 | 12,5 |
| | Apr – Jun 24 | 11 087 656 | | 7 178 235 | | 6 476 967 | | 24 742 858 | |
| | Jul – Sep 24 ² | 11 571 971 | 4,4 | 6 218 528 | -13,4 | 6 973 907 | 7,7 | 24 764 406 | 0,1 |

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

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

³ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 9 and 10 on page 38.

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

| Year and month | | Residential buildings | | Non-residential buildings | | Additions and alterations | | Total | |
|----------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| | | R'000 | % change ¹ | R'000 | % change ¹ | R'000 | % change ¹ | R'000 | % change ¹ |
| 2023 | January | 2 167 486 | -54,3 | 566 555 | -51,6 | 1 511 929 | 1,6 | 4 245 970 | -42,6 |
| | February | 4 103 399 | 9,3 | 1 436 022 | -22,5 | 2 041 104 | 1,6 | 7 580 525 | -0,5 |
| | March | 3 569 680 | -14,1 | 1 300 361 | -53,0 | 1 649 219 | -21,9 | 6 519 260 | -27,9 |
| | April | 3 535 480 | -9,5 | 1 638 029 | 78,0 | 1 740 110 | -12,9 | 6 913 619 | 1,3 |
| | 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 | -26,7 | 3 533 753 | 170,7 | 2 116 652 | -1,2 | 9 261 545 | 10,6 |
| | July | 3 266 127 | -23,3 | 802 145 | -10,0 | 1 864 113 | -21,7 | 5 932 385 | -21,2 |
| | August | 2 974 333 | -22,6 | 1 616 491 | 12,4 | 1 930 026 | -32,5 | 6 520 850 | -19,9 |
| | September | 3 370 196 | -16,6 | 770 810 | -48,4 | 1 793 967 | -28,0 | 5 934 973 | -26,0 |
| | October | 3 017 560 | -35,2 | 826 902 | -30,4 | 2 245 137 | -8,7 | 6 089 599 | -26,7 |
| | November | 3 340 752 | -31,9 | 1 244 785 | -43,7 | 2 080 062 | -14,9 | 6 665 599 | -30,3 |
| | December | 1 987 499 | -26,3 | 1 163 500 | -22,6 | 1 350 057 | -18,1 | 4 501 056 | -23,1 |
| | Total | 38 329 068 | -23,1 | 16 470 401 | -8,9 | 22 580 149 | -14,8 | 77 379 618 | -18,0 |
| 2024 | January | 1 957 903 | -9,7 | 479 191 | -15,4 | 1 032 577 | -31,7 | 3 469 671 | -18,3 |
| | February | 3 686 367 | -10,2 | 1 223 313 | -14,8 | 1 743 817 | -14,6 | 6 653 497 | -12,2 |
| | March | 2 601 615 | -27,1 | 1 230 662 | -5,4 | 1 908 071 | 15,7 | 5 740 348 | -11,9 |
| | April | 3 098 608 | -12,4 | 1 941 998 | 18,6 | 1 666 999 | -4,2 | 6 707 605 | -3,0 |
| | May | 2 928 931 | -13,5 | 1 481 967 | -5,7 | 1 408 522 | -37,6 | 5 819 420 | -19,3 |
| | June | 2 539 996 | -29,7 | 1 806 831 | -48,9 | 1 663 243 | -21,4 | 6 010 070 | -35,1 |
| | July | 2 517 962 | -22,9 | 1 571 243 | 95,9 | 1 956 357 | 4,9 | 6 045 562 | 1,9 |
| | August | 2 930 664 | -1,5 | 1 444 119 | -10,7 | 1 784 065 | -7,6 | 6 158 848 | -5,6 |
| | September | 3 448 229 | 2,3 | 1 498 300 | 94,4 | 1 895 105 | 5,6 | 6 841 634 | 15,3 |

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.

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

| Year and month | | Residential buildings | | Non-residential buildings ³ | | Additions and alterations | | Total | |
|----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| | | R'000 | % change ¹ | R'000 | % change ¹ | R'000 | % change ¹ | R'000 | % change ¹ |
| 2023 | January | 3 029 243 | -13,0 | 566 555 | -62,3 | 2 089 506 | 4,3 | 5 685 304 | -18,6 |
| | February | 4 221 811 | 39,4 | 1 436 022 | 153,5 | 2 081 131 | -0,4 | 7 738 964 | 36,1 |
| | March | 3 320 795 | -21,3 | 1 300 361 | -9,4 | 1 608 521 | -22,7 | 6 229 677 | -19,5 |
| | April | 3 890 104 | 17,1 | 1 638 029 | 26,0 | 2 040 975 | 26,9 | 7 569 108 | 21,5 |
| | May | 3 203 533 | -17,6 | 1 571 048 | -4,1 | 2 156 430 | 5,7 | 6 931 011 | -8,4 |
| | June | 3 322 146 | 3,7 | 3 533 753 | 124,9 | 2 031 490 | -5,8 | 8 887 389 | 28,2 |
| | July | 3 097 416 | -6,8 | 802 145 | -77,3 | 1 694 422 | -16,6 | 5 593 983 | -37,1 |
| | August | 2 673 414 | -13,7 | 1 616 491 | 101,5 | 1 770 646 | 4,5 | 6 060 551 | 8,3 |
| | September | 3 306 111 | 23,7 | 770 810 | -52,3 | 1 630 042 | -7,9 | 5 706 963 | -5,8 |
| | October | 2 714 534 | -17,9 | 826 902 | 7,3 | 1 987 419 | 21,9 | 5 528 855 | -3,1 |
| | November | 3 225 793 | 18,8 | 1 244 785 | 50,5 | 1 880 960 | -5,4 | 6 351 538 | 14,9 |
| | December | 2 635 205 | -18,3 | 1 163 500 | -6,5 | 1 720 334 | -8,5 | 5 519 039 | -13,1 |
| 2024 | January | 2 657 590 | 0,8 | 479 191 | -58,8 | 1 357 002 | -21,1 | 4 493 783 | -18,6 |
| | February | 3 300 919 | 24,2 | 1 223 313 | 155,3 | 1 766 785 | 30,2 | 6 291 017 | 40,0 |
| | March | 2 911 464 | -11,8 | 1 230 662 | 0,6 | 2 183 875 | 23,6 | 6 326 001 | 0,6 |
| | April | 2 928 067 | 0,6 | 1 941 998 | 57,8 | 1 648 457 | -24,5 | 6 518 522 | 3,0 |
| | May | 2 737 909 | -6,5 | 1 481 967 | -23,7 | 1 365 495 | -17,2 | 5 585 371 | -14,3 |
| | June | 2 441 250 | -10,8 | 1 806 831 | 21,9 | 1 714 992 | 25,6 | 5 963 073 | 6,8 |
| | July | 2 241 321 | -8,2 | 1 571 243 | -13,0 | 1 650 170 | -3,8 | 5 462 734 | -8,4 |
| | August | 2 798 264 | 24,8 | 1 444 119 | -8,1 | 1 679 619 | 1,8 | 5 922 002 | 8,4 |
| | September | 3 418 716 | 22,2 | 1 498 300 | 3,8 | 1 739 310 | 3,6 | 6 656 326 | 12,4 |
| | Apr – Jun 24 | 8 107 226 | | 5 230 796 | | 4 728 944 | | 18 066 966 | |
| | Jul – Sep 24 ² | 8 458 301 | 4,3 | 4 513 662 | -13,7 | 5 069 099 | 7,2 | 18 041 062 | -0,1 |

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

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

³ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 9 and 10 on page 38.

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

| Year and month | | Residential buildings | | Non-residential buildings | | Additions and alterations | | Total | |
|----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| | | R'000 | % change ¹ | R'000 | % change ¹ | R'000 | % change ¹ | R'000 | % change ¹ |
| 2023 | January | 1 601 076 | -16,4 | 1 451 781 | 216,5 | 536 096 | -29,9 | 3 588 953 | 14,3 |
| | February | 2 414 223 | 4,5 | 569 750 | -55,2 | 851 184 | -25,8 | 3 835 157 | -18,9 |
| | March | 2 752 569 | -13,9 | 1 709 220 | -34,9 | 674 075 | -64,4 | 5 135 864 | -33,4 |
| | April | 2 532 811 | -24,4 | 1 347 813 | 15,0 | 693 048 | -73,6 | 4 573 672 | -36,0 |
| | May | 3 965 807 | 28,8 | 649 310 | -42,9 | 853 995 | -64,6 | 5 469 112 | -17,5 |
| | June | 2 832 834 | -5,3 | 754 080 | -48,5 | 779 664 | -23,4 | 4 366 578 | -20,2 |
| | July | 2 658 357 | -4,8 | 1 236 636 | 5,9 | 710 048 | -29,6 | 4 605 041 | -7,3 |
| | August | 3 057 825 | -5,1 | 668 846 | -46,4 | 754 093 | -43,6 | 4 480 764 | -22,8 |
| | September | 3 577 785 | 5,1 | 1 243 356 | 12,9 | 777 404 | -24,3 | 5 598 545 | 1,2 |
| | October | 3 150 698 | -11,6 | 1 537 808 | 43,8 | 1 095 896 | 13,7 | 5 784 402 | 3,3 |
| | November | 3 543 845 | -15,6 | 1 678 880 | 75,7 | 1 014 084 | -4,4 | 6 236 809 | 0,3 |
| | December | 3 283 587 | 3,4 | 597 276 | -45,1 | 846 051 | 34,8 | 4 726 914 | -3,3 |
| Total | 35 371 417 | -4,9 | 13 444 756 | -8,9 | 9 585 638 | -39,6 | 58 401 811 | -13,9 | |
| 2024 | January | 1 834 865 | 14,6 | 738 235 | -49,1 | 662 252 | 23,5 | 3 235 352 | -9,9 |
| | February | 2 097 005 | -13,1 | 464 909 | -18,4 | 932 878 | 9,6 | 3 494 792 | -8,9 |
| | March | 2 149 921 | -21,9 | 392 388 | -77,0 | 911 912 | 35,3 | 3 454 221 | -32,7 |
| | April | 2 362 554 | -6,7 | 1 461 297 | 8,4 | 730 773 | 5,4 | 4 554 624 | -0,4 |
| | May | 2 446 961 | -38,3 | 1 139 630 | 75,5 | 550 554 | -35,5 | 4 137 145 | -24,4 |
| | June | 2 194 469 | -22,5 | 486 000 | -35,6 | 731 540 | -6,2 | 3 412 009 | -21,9 |
| | July | 2 991 476 | 12,5 | 818 680 | -33,8 | 1 360 226 | 91,6 | 5 170 382 | 12,3 |
| | August | 2 557 985 | -16,3 | 1 344 921 | 101,1 | 934 048 | 23,9 | 4 836 954 | 7,9 |
| | September | 3 134 688 | -12,4 | 932 629 | -25,0 | 957 795 | 23,2 | 5 025 112 | -10,2 |

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

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

| Year and month | | Residential buildings | | Non-residential buildings ³ | | Additions and alterations | | Total | |
|----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| | | R'000 | % change ¹ | R'000 | % change ¹ | R'000 | % change ¹ | R'000 | % change ¹ |
| 2023 | January | 2 138 806 | -29,3 | 1 451 781 | 33,5 | 639 557 | -13,5 | 4 230 144 | -12,8 |
| | February | 2 667 300 | 24,7 | 569 750 | -60,8 | 817 329 | 27,8 | 4 054 379 | -4,2 |
| | March | 2 749 268 | 3,1 | 1 709 220 | 200,0 | 575 391 | -29,6 | 5 033 879 | 24,2 |
| | April | 2 742 269 | -0,3 | 1 347 813 | -21,1 | 836 020 | 45,3 | 4 926 102 | -2,1 |
| | May | 3 998 600 | 45,8 | 649 310 | -51,8 | 870 458 | 4,1 | 5 518 368 | 12,0 |
| | June | 2 809 754 | -29,7 | 754 080 | 16,1 | 737 973 | -15,2 | 4 301 807 | -22,0 |
| | July | 2 605 687 | -7,3 | 1 236 636 | 64,0 | 709 221 | -3,9 | 4 551 544 | 5,8 |
| | August | 3 156 289 | 21,1 | 668 846 | -45,9 | 687 767 | -3,0 | 4 512 902 | -0,8 |
| | September | 3 256 970 | 3,2 | 1 243 356 | 85,9 | 761 633 | 10,7 | 5 261 959 | 16,6 |
| | October | 2 998 222 | -7,9 | 1 537 808 | 23,7 | 1 028 855 | 35,1 | 5 564 885 | 5,8 |
| | November | 2 881 029 | -3,9 | 1 678 880 | 9,2 | 923 683 | -10,2 | 5 483 592 | -1,5 |
| | December | 3 115 434 | 8,1 | 597 276 | -64,4 | 1 051 492 | 13,8 | 4 764 202 | -13,1 |
| 2024 | January | 2 446 008 | -21,5 | 738 235 | 23,6 | 800 552 | -23,9 | 3 984 795 | -16,4 |
| | February | 2 325 569 | -4,9 | 464 909 | -37,0 | 866 820 | 8,3 | 3 657 298 | -8,2 |
| | March | 2 304 660 | -0,9 | 392 388 | -15,6 | 928 757 | 7,1 | 3 625 805 | -0,9 |
| | April | 2 383 181 | 3,4 | 1 461 297 | 272,4 | 710 465 | -23,5 | 4 554 943 | 25,6 |
| | May | 2 462 749 | 3,3 | 1 139 630 | -22,0 | 548 956 | -22,7 | 4 151 335 | -8,9 |
| | June | 2 174 541 | -11,7 | 486 000 | -57,4 | 779 234 | 41,9 | 3 439 775 | -17,1 |
| | July | 2 929 354 | 34,7 | 818 680 | 68,5 | 1 282 675 | 64,6 | 5 030 709 | 46,3 |
| | August | 2 645 145 | -9,7 | 1 344 921 | 64,3 | 863 353 | -32,7 | 4 853 419 | -3,5 |
| | September | 2 849 907 | 7,7 | 932 629 | -30,7 | 932 949 | 8,1 | 4 715 485 | -2,8 |
| | Apr – Jun 24 | 7 020 471 | | 3 086 927 | | 2 038 655 | | 12 146 053 | |
| | Jul – Sep 24 ² | 8 424 406 | 20,0 | 3 096 230 | 0,3 | 3 078 977 | 51,0 | 14 599 613 | 20,2 |

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

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

³ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 9 and 10 on page 38.

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

| Year and month | | Residential buildings | | Non-residential buildings | | Additions and alterations | | Total | |
|----------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| | | R'000 | % change ¹ | R'000 | % change ¹ | R'000 | % change ¹ | R'000 | % change ¹ |
| 2023 | January | 1 256 732 | -20,7 | 1 139 546 | 200,1 | 420 797 | -33,5 | 2 817 075 | 8,4 |
| | February | 1 867 148 | -1,6 | 440 642 | -57,8 | 658 302 | -30,2 | 2 966 092 | -23,7 |
| | March | 2 109 248 | -18,9 | 1 309 747 | -38,7 | 516 533 | -66,4 | 3 935 528 | -37,3 |
| | April | 1 940 851 | -28,1 | 1 032 807 | 9,3 | 531 071 | -74,9 | 3 504 729 | -39,1 |
| | May | 3 025 024 | 23,8 | 495 278 | -45,1 | 651 407 | -66,0 | 4 171 709 | -20,7 |
| | June | 2 165 775 | -8,3 | 576 514 | -50,2 | 596 073 | -25,9 | 3 338 362 | -22,8 |
| | July | 2 020 028 | -7,8 | 939 693 | 2,6 | 539 550 | -31,8 | 3 499 271 | -10,2 |
| | August | 2 314 780 | -8,9 | 506 318 | -48,6 | 570 850 | -45,8 | 3 391 948 | -25,9 |
| | September | 2 692 088 | -0,2 | 935 558 | 7,2 | 584 954 | -28,1 | 4 212 600 | -3,9 |
| | October | 2 365 389 | -16,6 | 1 154 511 | 35,6 | 822 745 | 7,2 | 4 342 645 | -2,6 |
| | November | 2 650 595 | -20,5 | 1 255 707 | 65,6 | 758 477 | -10,0 | 4 664 779 | -5,4 |
| | December | 2 443 145 | -2,9 | 444 402 | -48,4 | 629 502 | 26,6 | 3 517 049 | -9,2 |
| | Total | 26 850 803 | -9,6 | 10 230 723 | -13,4 | 7 280 261 | -42,7 | 44 361 787 | -18,2 |
| 2024 | January | 1 360 167 | 8,2 | 547 246 | -52,0 | 490 921 | 16,7 | 2 398 334 | -14,9 |
| | February | 1 549 893 | -17,0 | 343 613 | -22,0 | 689 489 | 4,7 | 2 582 995 | -12,9 |
| | March | 1 579 663 | -25,1 | 288 309 | -78,0 | 670 031 | 29,7 | 2 538 003 | -35,5 |
| | April | 1 725 752 | -11,1 | 1 067 419 | 3,4 | 533 801 | 0,5 | 3 326 972 | -5,1 |
| | May | 1 777 023 | -41,3 | 827 618 | 67,1 | 399 821 | -38,6 | 3 004 462 | -28,0 |
| | June | 1 599 467 | -26,1 | 354 227 | -38,6 | 533 192 | -10,5 | 2 486 886 | -25,5 |
| | July | 2 167 736 | 7,3 | 593 246 | -36,9 | 985 671 | 82,7 | 3 746 653 | 7,1 |
| | August | 1 857 651 | -19,7 | 976 704 | 92,9 | 678 321 | 18,8 | 3 512 676 | 3,6 |
| | September | 2 278 116 | -15,4 | 677 783 | -27,6 | 696 072 | 19,0 | 3 651 971 | -13,3 |

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

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

| Year and month | | Residential buildings | | Non-residential buildings ³ | | Additions and alterations | | Total | |
|----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| | | R'000 | % change ¹ | R'000 | % change ¹ | R'000 | % change ¹ | R'000 | % change ¹ |
| 2023 | January | 1 671 774 | -30,1 | 1 139 546 | 32,2 | 494 696 | -16,2 | 3 306 016 | -14,0 |
| | February | 2 059 568 | 23,2 | 440 642 | -61,3 | 630 183 | 27,4 | 3 130 393 | -5,3 |
| | March | 2 103 906 | 2,2 | 1 309 747 | 197,2 | 439 564 | -30,2 | 3 853 217 | 23,1 |
| | April | 2 103 099 | 0,0 | 1 032 807 | -21,1 | 646 296 | 47,0 | 3 782 202 | -1,8 |
| | May | 3 055 725 | 45,3 | 495 278 | -52,0 | 662 965 | 2,6 | 4 213 968 | 11,4 |
| | June | 2 149 754 | -29,6 | 576 514 | 16,4 | 565 714 | -14,7 | 3 291 982 | -21,9 |
| | July | 1 984 644 | -7,7 | 939 693 | 63,0 | 540 286 | -4,5 | 3 464 623 | 5,2 |
| | August | 2 380 603 | 20,0 | 506 318 | -46,1 | 519 354 | -3,9 | 3 406 275 | -1,7 |
| | September | 2 455 992 | 3,2 | 935 558 | 84,8 | 577 092 | 11,1 | 3 968 642 | 16,5 |
| | October | 2 252 361 | -8,3 | 1 154 511 | 23,4 | 771 942 | 33,8 | 4 178 814 | 5,3 |
| | November | 2 158 654 | -4,2 | 1 255 707 | 8,8 | 686 520 | -11,1 | 4 100 881 | -1,9 |
| | December | 2 312 970 | 7,1 | 444 402 | -64,6 | 788 470 | 14,9 | 3 545 842 | -13,5 |
| 2024 | January | 1 806 108 | -21,9 | 547 246 | 23,1 | 584 782 | -25,8 | 2 938 136 | -17,1 |
| | February | 1 716 687 | -5,0 | 343 613 | -37,2 | 637 998 | 9,1 | 2 698 298 | -8,2 |
| | March | 1 687 999 | -1,7 | 288 309 | -16,1 | 675 506 | 5,9 | 2 651 814 | -1,7 |
| | April | 1 746 430 | 3,5 | 1 067 419 | 270,2 | 528 640 | -21,7 | 3 342 489 | 26,0 |
| | May | 1 792 226 | 2,6 | 827 618 | -22,5 | 399 407 | -24,4 | 3 019 251 | -9,7 |
| | June | 1 586 221 | -11,5 | 354 227 | -57,2 | 565 541 | 41,6 | 2 505 989 | -17,0 |
| | July | 2 127 577 | 34,1 | 593 246 | 67,5 | 931 600 | 64,7 | 3 652 423 | 45,7 |
| | August | 1 912 728 | -10,1 | 976 704 | 64,6 | 629 751 | -32,4 | 3 519 183 | -3,6 |
| | September | 2 075 472 | 8,5 | 677 783 | -30,6 | 681 364 | 8,2 | 3 434 619 | -2,4 |
| | Apr – Jun 24 | 5 124 877 | | 2 249 264 | | 1 493 588 | | 8 867 729 | |
| | Jul – Sep 24 ² | 6 115 777 | 19,3 | 2 247 733 | -0,1 | 2 242 715 | 50,2 | 10 606 225 | 19,6 |

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 previous month expressed as a percentage.

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

³ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 9 and 10 on page 38.

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

| | | | Sep 2023 | Aug 2024 | Sep 2024 | Jan – Sep 2023 | Jan – Sep 2024 | % change ¹ | |
|--|--|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 398 | 609 | 721 | 5 816 | 4 461 | -23,3 | |
| | | square metres | 21 327 | 29 603 | 34 014 | 284 659 | 220 152 | -22,7 | |
| | | R'000 | 173 433 | 226 027 | 278 052 | 2 075 137 | 1 728 780 | -16,7 | |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 1 057 | 915 | 1 059 | 9 422 | 8 473 | -10,1 | |
| | | square metres | 290 499 | 294 339 | 297 609 | 2 816 753 | 2 441 898 | -13,3 | |
| | | R'000 | 2 373 858 | 2 542 231 | 2 574 031 | 23 400 099 | 20 733 970 | -11,4 | |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 1 768 | 1 305 | 1 973 | 13 718 | 12 166 | -11,3 | |
| | | square metres | 182 213 | 133 523 | 186 688 | 1 395 040 | 1 195 424 | -14,3 | |
| | | R'000 | 1 777 711 | 1 229 147 | 1 866 161 | 13 099 909 | 11 820 058 | -9,8 | |
| | Other residential buildings ² | square metres | 21 157 | 4 800 | 3 695 | 77 615 | 99 364 | 28,0 | |
| | | R'000 | 153 989 | 38 119 | 26 519 | 632 121 | 901 936 | 42,7 | |
| | Total residential buildings | | R'000 | 4 478 991 | 4 035 524 | 4 744 763 | 39 207 266 | 35 184 744 | -10,3 |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 10 517 | 4 223 | 3 864 | 238 041 | 118 439 | -50,2 | |
| | | R'000 | 88 730 | 24 958 | 37 675 | 2 500 250 | 1 075 892 | -57,0 | |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 13 955 | 12 586 | 62 827 | 474 036 | 541 736 | 14,3 | |
| | | R'000 | 117 389 | 106 442 | 499 808 | 4 457 433 | 5 216 129 | 17,0 | |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 96 544 | 251 072 | 190 508 | 1 172 818 | 1 234 623 | 5,3 | |
| | | R'000 | 707 640 | 1 737 043 | 1 327 740 | 8 171 942 | 9 000 851 | 10,1 | |
| | Other non-residential buildings ³ | square metres | 14 232 | 14 501 | 27 039 | 262 404 | 252 416 | -3,8 | |
| | | R'000 | 110 648 | 120 109 | 196 438 | 2 180 750 | 2 080 393 | -4,6 | |
| | Total non-residential buildings | | R'000 | 1 024 407 | 1 988 552 | 2 061 661 | 17 310 375 | 17 373 265 | 0,4 |
| | Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 189 319 | 208 248 | 195 607 | 1 905 273 | 1 682 165 | -11,7 |
| R'000 | | | 1 627 151 | 1 804 063 | 1 713 602 | 15 996 083 | 14 406 165 | -9,9 | |
| Other buildings ⁴ | | square metres | 71 806 | 58 850 | 84 340 | 612 048 | 576 402 | -5,8 | |
| | | R'000 | 757 031 | 652 594 | 894 062 | 6 107 777 | 6 210 770 | 1,7 | |
| Total additions and alterations | | R'000 | 2 384 182 | 2 456 657 | 2 607 664 | 22 103 860 | 20 616 935 | -6,7 | |
| Building plans passed | | Total at current prices | R'000 | 7 887 580 | 8 480 733 | 9 414 088 | 78 621 501 | 73 174 944 | -6,9 |

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

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

| | | | Sep 2023 | Aug 2024 | Sep 2024 | Jan – Sep 2023 | Jan – Sep 2024 | % change ¹ | |
|--|--|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 125 | 165 | 255 | 1 978 | 1 344 | -32,1 | |
| | | square metres | 5 641 | 7 011 | 11 399 | 89 796 | 61 627 | -31,4 | |
| | | R'000 | 43 716 | 49 548 | 98 007 | 603 118 | 449 277 | -25,5 | |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 392 | 385 | 431 | 3 799 | 3 262 | -14,1 | |
| | | square metres | 108 794 | 106 998 | 115 595 | 1 119 840 | 865 004 | -22,8 | |
| | | R'000 | 831 941 | 865 124 | 897 052 | 8 506 494 | 6 722 902 | -21,0 | |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 739 | 753 | 799 | 4 779 | 5 293 | 10,8 | |
| | | square metres | 74 346 | 80 522 | 77 448 | 551 483 | 525 982 | -4,6 | |
| | | R'000 | 685 362 | 716 392 | 681 259 | 4 706 139 | 4 954 298 | 5,3 | |
| | Other residential buildings ² | square metres | 2 626 | 1 847 | 98 | 12 747 | 20 098 | 57,7 | |
| | | R'000 | 15 634 | 15 599 | 800 | 87 226 | 166 399 | 90,8 | |
| | Total residential buildings | | R'000 | 1 576 653 | 1 646 663 | 1 677 118 | 13 902 977 | 12 292 876 | -11,6 |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 1 454 | 1 062 | 1 411 | 60 094 | 38 311 | -36,2 | |
| | | R'000 | 13 249 | 8 281 | 12 699 | 525 430 | 323 833 | -38,4 | |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 4 223 | 3 872 | 5 024 | 73 568 | 102 123 | 38,8 | |
| | | R'000 | 32 835 | 32 015 | 45 216 | 596 549 | 1 075 954 | 80,4 | |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 20 379 | 62 947 | 27 395 | 320 048 | 252 557 | -21,1 | |
| | | R'000 | 156 674 | 465 774 | 213 768 | 2 281 108 | 1 882 699 | -17,5 | |
| | Other non-residential buildings ³ | square metres | 4 275 | 5 001 | 4 172 | 86 540 | 69 974 | -19,1 | |
| | | R'000 | 27 392 | 38 045 | 31 334 | 659 868 | 533 378 | -19,2 | |
| Total non-residential buildings | | R'000 | 230 150 | 544 115 | 303 017 | 4 062 955 | 3 815 864 | -6,1 | |
| Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 55 123 | 86 812 | 76 091 | 712 332 | 598 818 | -15,9 | |
| | | R'000 | 433 162 | 648 900 | 571 471 | 5 431 215 | 4 416 216 | -18,7 | |
| | Other buildings ⁴ | square metres | 41 587 | 24 166 | 20 214 | 210 959 | 180 440 | -14,5 | |
| | | R'000 | 464 984 | 311 318 | 274 855 | 2 281 179 | 2 312 017 | 1,4 | |
| | Total additions and alterations | | R'000 | 898 146 | 960 218 | 846 326 | 7 712 394 | 6 728 233 | -12,8 |
| Building plans passed | | Total at current prices | R'000 | 2 704 949 | 3 150 996 | 2 826 461 | 25 678 326 | 22 836 973 | -11,1 |

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

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

| | | | Sep 2023 | Aug 2024 | Sep 2024 | Jan – Sep 2023 | Jan – Sep 2024 | % change ¹ | |
|--|--|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 35 | 28 | 99 | 523 | 317 | -39,4 | |
| | | square metres | 1 660 | 1 402 | 4 442 | 24 704 | 13 992 | -43,4 | |
| | | R'000 | 13 806 | 11 355 | 38 013 | 177 480 | 109 853 | -38,1 | |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 122 | 71 | 43 | 792 | 496 | -37,4 | |
| | | square metres | 25 973 | 25 388 | 11 345 | 204 520 | 137 196 | -32,9 | |
| | | R'000 | 219 688 | 217 684 | 98 096 | 1 700 743 | 1 153 384 | -32,2 | |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 31 | 10 | 7 | 181 | 192 | 6,1 | |
| | | square metres | 6 313 | 1 768 | 1 423 | 22 890 | 25 483 | 11,3 | |
| | | R'000 | 50 394 | 14 877 | 12 194 | 185 818 | 207 302 | 11,6 | |
| | Other residential buildings ² | square metres | 1 425 | 0 | 0 | 2 573 | 1 660 | -35,5 | |
| | | R'000 | 12 581 | 0 | 0 | 22 049 | 15 256 | -30,8 | |
| | Total residential buildings | | R'000 | 296 469 | 243 916 | 148 303 | 2 086 090 | 1 485 795 | -28,8 |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 0 | 0 | 868 | 4 550 | 9 120 | 100,4 | |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 7 523 | 37 262 | 59 602 | 60,0 | |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 2 140 | 0 | 1 235 | 4 053 | 5 829 | 43,8 | |
| | | R'000 | 17 649 | 0 | 7 758 | 31 575 | 43 880 | 39,0 | |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 6 406 | 12 006 | 10 017 | 116 919 | 80 193 | -31,4 | |
| | | R'000 | 52 830 | 102 431 | 86 817 | 946 210 | 667 363 | -29,5 | |
| | Other non-residential buildings ³ | square metres | 3 563 | 1 192 | 793 | 13 600 | 12 068 | -11,3 | |
| | | R'000 | 27 439 | 10 331 | 6 726 | 106 605 | 94 908 | -11,0 | |
| | Total non-residential buildings | | R'000 | 97 918 | 112 762 | 108 824 | 1 121 652 | 865 753 | -22,8 |
| | Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 18 649 | 12 184 | 9 768 | 161 995 | 129 834 | -19,9 |
| R'000 | | | 154 471 | 103 676 | 82 950 | 1 304 902 | 1 063 894 | -18,5 | |
| Other buildings ⁴ | | square metres | 6 762 | 10 740 | 8 372 | 89 254 | 78 086 | -12,5 | |
| | | R'000 | 54 784 | 92 909 | 72 382 | 734 680 | 678 372 | -7,7 | |
| Total additions and alterations | | R'000 | 209 255 | 196 585 | 155 332 | 2 039 582 | 1 742 266 | -14,6 | |
| Building plans passed | | Total at current prices | R'000 | 603 642 | 553 263 | 412 459 | 5 247 324 | 4 093 814 | -22,0 |

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

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

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

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

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

| | | | Sep 2023 | Aug 2024 | Sep 2024 | Jan – Sep 2023 | Jan – Sep 2024 | % change ¹ |
|--|--|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 0 | 1 | 112 | 52 | 317 | 509,6 |
| | | square metres | 0 | 63 | 4 513 | 2 680 | 12 949 | 383,2 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 623 | 44 625 | 25 228 | 124 149 | 392,1 |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 17 | 13 | 15 | 157 | 124 | -21,0 |
| | | square metres | 3 637 | 2 088 | 3 986 | 31 020 | 25 228 | -18,7 |
| | | R'000 | 32 032 | 19 171 | 31 228 | 272 344 | 214 282 | -21,3 |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 6 | -40,0 |
| | | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 982 | 1 148 | 16,9 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 244 | 10 151 | 9,8 |
| | Other residential buildings ² | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 653 | 409 | -91,2 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 43 799 | 3 850 | -91,2 |
| | Total residential buildings | R'000 | 32 032 | 19 794 | 75 853 | 350 615 | 352 432 | 0,5 |
| | Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 551 | 1 977 |
| R'000 | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 600 | 16 104 | 10,3 |
| Shopping space | | square metres | 0 | 0 | 280 | 3 057 | 3 618 | 18,4 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 2 770 | 28 776 | 34 181 | 18,8 |
| Industrial and warehouse space | | square metres | 198 | 3 400 | 2 758 | 1 952 | 26 497 | 1 257,4 |
| | | R'000 | 1 864 | 33 636 | 27 285 | 18 374 | 252 372 | 1 273,5 |
| Other non-residential buildings ³ | | square metres | 0 | 2 297 | 3 125 | 182 | 5 898 | 3 140,7 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 22 724 | 22 849 | 1 713 | 50 282 | 2 835,3 |
| Total non-residential buildings | R'000 | 1 864 | 56 360 | 52 904 | 63 463 | 352 939 | 456,1 | |
| Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 3 047 | 1 490 | 1 715 | 29 310 | 17 635 | -39,8 |
| | | R'000 | 27 421 | 14 472 | 16 698 | 264 858 | 159 728 | -39,7 |
| | Other buildings ⁴ | square metres | 0 | 281 | 1 525 | 276 | 4 692 | 1 600,0 |
| | | R'000 | 537 | 3 276 | 15 236 | 9 017 | 46 835 | 419,4 |
| | Total additions and alterations | R'000 | 27 958 | 17 748 | 31 934 | 273 875 | 206 563 | -24,6 |
| Building plans passed | Total at current prices | R'000 | 61 854 | 93 902 | 160 691 | 687 953 | 911 934 | 32,6 |

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

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

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

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

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

| | | | Sep 2023 | Aug 2024 | Sep 2024 | Jan – Sep 2023 | Jan – Sep 2024 | % change ¹ | |
|--|--|--------------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 2 | 31 | 33 | 60 | 247 | 311,7 | |
| | | square metres | 86 | 1 453 | 1 312 | 3 587 | 10 773 | 200,3 | |
| | | R'000 | 670 | 9 170 | 11 056 | 32 665 | 66 396 | 103,3 | |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 28 | 47 | 29 | 306 | 317 | 3,6 | |
| | | square metres | 4 907 | 12 309 | 7 638 | 75 201 | 81 156 | 7,9 | |
| | | R'000 | 40 265 | 103 950 | 66 187 | 610 259 | 699 308 | 14,6 | |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 6 | 0 | 56 | 144 | 144 | 0,0 | |
| | | square metres | 1 257 | 0 | 5 273 | 37 536 | 15 503 | -58,7 | |
| | | R'000 | 7 775 | 0 | 53 321 | 353 276 | 151 744 | -57,0 | |
| | Other residential buildings ² | square metres | 0 | 0 | 98 | 6 854 | 1 190 | -82,6 | |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 644 | 54 820 | 10 425 | -81,0 | |
| Total residential buildings | | R'000 | 48 710 | 113 120 | 131 208 | 1 051 020 | 927 873 | -11,7 | |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 404 | 2 024 | -15,8 | |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 788 | 16 767 | -19,3 | |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 398 | 0 | 0 | 29 897 | 16 684 | -44,2 | |
| | | R'000 | 3 173 | 0 | 0 | 185 968 | 106 447 | -42,8 | |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 5 064 | 1 036 | 0 | 18 122 | 11 922 | -34,2 | |
| | | R'000 | 48 721 | 8 681 | 0 | 150 849 | 92 265 | -38,8 | |
| | Other non-residential buildings ³ | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 786 | 12 367 | 592,4 | |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 370 | 90 153 | 574,3 | |
| Total non-residential buildings | | R'000 | 51 894 | 8 681 | 0 | 370 975 | 305 632 | -17,6 | |
| Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 7 896 | 7 447 | 5 448 | 64 127 | 51 136 | -20,3 | |
| | | R'000 | 64 563 | 67 764 | 47 356 | 533 123 | 437 699 | -17,9 | |
| | Other buildings ⁴ | square metres | 69 | 2 456 | 1 075 | 9 087 | 16 148 | 77,7 | |
| | | R'000 | 732 | 22 743 | 10 324 | 87 712 | 138 716 | 58,1 | |
| | Total additions and alterations | | R'000 | 65 295 | 90 507 | 57 680 | 620 835 | 576 415 | -7,2 |
| Building plans passed | | Total at current prices | R'000 | 165 899 | 212 308 | 188 888 | 2 042 830 | 1 809 920 | -11,4 |

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

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

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

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

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

| | | | Sep 2023 | Aug 2024 | Sep 2024 | Jan – Sep 2023 | Jan – Sep 2024 | % change ¹ |
|--|--|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 8 | 19 | 28 | 93 | 143 | 53,8 |
| | | square metres | 443 | 817 | 1 293 | 4 850 | 6 808 | 40,4 |
| | | R'000 | 3 921 | 6 527 | 9 542 | 38 663 | 54 933 | 42,1 |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 91 | 83 | 71 | 726 | 724 | -0,3 |
| | | square metres | 25 224 | 23 117 | 23 879 | 241 730 | 233 983 | -3,2 |
| | | R'000 | 237 456 | 261 549 | 263 093 | 2 413 365 | 2 438 732 | 1,1 |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 110 | 431 | 215 | 868 | 2 084 | 140,1 |
| | | square metres | 19 565 | 39 552 | 28 629 | 109 362 | 239 449 | 119,0 |
| | | R'000 | 199 918 | 382 253 | 326 545 | 1 105 561 | 2 413 287 | 118,3 |
| | Other residential buildings ² | square metres | 4 078 | 770 | 1 554 | 12 678 | 33 161 | 161,6 |
| | | R'000 | 45 196 | 6 930 | 12 432 | 132 893 | 397 136 | 198,8 |
| | Total residential buildings | R'000 | 486 491 | 657 259 | 611 612 | 3 690 482 | 5 304 088 | 43,7 |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 2 461 | 2 580 | 0 | 16 065 | 24 668 | 53,6 |
| | | R'000 | 27 071 | 12 900 | 0 | 142 970 | 241 913 | 69,2 |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 1 236 | 3 152 | 4 321 | 158 629 | 94 334 | -40,5 |
| | | R'000 | 13 596 | 27 008 | 33 180 | 1 644 349 | 967 290 | -41,2 |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 10 759 | 11 222 | 29 298 | 207 959 | 130 228 | -37,4 |
| | | R'000 | 75 214 | 69 734 | 189 551 | 1 345 623 | 845 424 | -37,2 |
| | Other non-residential buildings ³ | square metres | 0 | 1 645 | 1 710 | 8 251 | 39 839 | 382,8 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 17 399 | 19 205 | 67 188 | 428 400 | 537,6 |
| Total non-residential buildings | R'000 | 115 881 | 127 041 | 241 936 | 3 200 130 | 2 483 027 | -22,4 | |
| Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 23 524 | 28 374 | 21 709 | 191 421 | 212 383 | 11,0 |
| | | R'000 | 232 848 | 303 628 | 233 843 | 1 904 086 | 2 275 056 | 19,5 |
| | Other buildings ⁴ | square metres | 9 351 | 5 773 | 13 688 | 124 227 | 90 079 | -27,5 |
| | | R'000 | 107 912 | 82 292 | 200 151 | 1 494 646 | 1 178 401 | -21,2 |
| | Total additions and alterations | R'000 | 340 760 | 385 920 | 433 994 | 3 398 732 | 3 453 457 | 1,6 |
| Building plans passed | Total at current prices | R'000 | 943 132 | 1 170 220 | 1 287 542 | 10 289 344 | 11 240 572 | 9,2 |

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

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

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

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

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

| | | | Sep 2023 | Aug 2024 | Sep 2024 | Jan – Sep 2023 | Jan – Sep 2024 | % change ¹ |
|--|--|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 2 | 7 | 6 | 65 | 57 | -12,3 |
| | | square metres | 121 | 363 | 321 | 3 505 | 3 127 | -10,8 |
| | | R'000 | 871 | 2 515 | 2 125 | 24 342 | 21 772 | -10,6 |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 68 | 43 | 51 | 531 | 460 | -13,4 |
| | | square metres | 18 334 | 15 508 | 11 396 | 146 904 | 126 638 | -13,8 |
| | | R'000 | 137 172 | 109 523 | 74 682 | 1 027 451 | 922 148 | -10,2 |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 40 | 42 | 16 | 223 | 182 | -18,4 |
| | | square metres | 3 946 | 1 428 | 2 910 | 23 571 | 13 523 | -42,6 |
| | | R'000 | 27 149 | 9 282 | 29 100 | 145 722 | 106 144 | -27,2 |
| | Other residential buildings ² | square metres | 0 | 1 135 | 0 | 3 213 | 29 117 | 806,2 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 6 559 | 0 | 22 990 | 207 714 | 803,5 |
| | Total residential buildings | R'000 | 165 192 | 127 879 | 105 907 | 1 220 505 | 1 257 778 | 3,1 |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 6 193 | 581 | 400 | 22 479 | 2 174 | -90,3 |
| | | R'000 | 44 590 | 3 777 | 3 520 | 141 173 | 15 266 | -89,2 |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 695 | 1 343 | 3 166 | 26 066 | 86 822 | 233,1 |
| | | R'000 | 4 299 | 7 761 | 20 688 | 173 865 | 703 842 | 304,8 |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 2 301 | 5 812 | 228 | 14 536 | 24 743 | 70,2 |
| | | R'000 | 14 256 | 40 377 | 1 432 | 90 546 | 186 310 | 105,8 |
| | Other non-residential buildings ³ | square metres | 0 | 0 | 593 | 6 726 | 12 661 | 88,2 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 4 000 | 47 209 | 100 898 | 113,7 |
| | Total non-residential buildings | R'000 | 63 145 | 51 915 | 29 640 | 452 793 | 1 006 316 | 122,2 |
| | Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 6 263 | 8 906 | 6 837 | 64 611 | 68 784 |
| R'000 | | | 44 379 | 58 061 | 47 214 | 434 483 | 480 280 | 10,5 |
| Other buildings ⁴ | | square metres | 737 | 4 949 | 795 | 11 513 | 15 001 | 30,3 |
| | | R'000 | 5 193 | 41 979 | 13 648 | 141 020 | 191 603 | 35,9 |
| Total additions and alterations | | R'000 | 49 572 | 100 040 | 60 862 | 575 503 | 671 883 | 16,7 |
| Building plans passed | Total at current prices | R'000 | 277 909 | 279 834 | 196 409 | 2 248 801 | 2 935 977 | 30,6 |

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

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

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

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

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

| | | | Sep 2023 | Aug 2024 | Sep 2024 | Jan – Sep 2023 | Jan – Sep 2024 | % change ¹ |
|--|--|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 216 | 326 | 181 | 2 850 | 1 914 | -32,8 |
| | | square metres | 12 797 | 16 448 | 10 329 | 143 553 | 103 211 | -28,1 |
| | | R'000 | 106 415 | 128 107 | 71 724 | 1 082 331 | 843 681 | -22,0 |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 225 | 172 | 308 | 2 200 | 2 108 | -4,2 |
| | | square metres | 65 188 | 60 373 | 81 565 | 667 321 | 620 454 | -7,0 |
| | | R'000 | 609 790 | 596 053 | 824 275 | 6 450 170 | 6 032 720 | -6,5 |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 807 | 64 | 852 | 7 113 | 3 909 | -45,0 |
| | | square metres | 73 140 | 8 158 | 67 180 | 600 982 | 339 671 | -43,5 |
| | | R'000 | 781 129 | 91 211 | 737 624 | 6 260 223 | 3 731 961 | -40,4 |
| | Other residential buildings ² | square metres | 0 | 1 048 | 0 | 7 050 | 4 794 | -32,0 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 9 031 | 0 | 59 126 | 43 134 | -27,0 |
| | Total residential buildings | R'000 | 1 497 334 | 824 402 | 1 633 623 | 13 851 850 | 10 651 496 | -23,1 |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 409 | 0 | 860 | 126 170 | 22 122 | -82,5 |
| | | R'000 | 3 820 | 0 | 11 774 | 1 586 450 | 280 814 | -82,3 |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 1 134 | 2 406 | 46 628 | 93 637 | 182 536 | 94,9 |
| | | R'000 | 11 219 | 27 646 | 373 061 | 1 096 062 | 1 931 078 | 76,2 |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 49 336 | 142 055 | 116 954 | 400 692 | 577 214 | 44,1 |
| | | R'000 | 345 447 | 933 938 | 777 674 | 2 710 736 | 4 195 809 | 54,8 |
| | Other non-residential buildings ³ | square metres | 3 816 | 718 | 9 138 | 94 307 | 68 130 | -27,8 |
| | | R'000 | 38 912 | 7 898 | 63 463 | 894 479 | 573 227 | -35,9 |
| Total non-residential buildings | R'000 | 399 398 | 969 482 | 1 225 972 | 6 287 727 | 6 980 928 | 11,0 | |
| Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 59 100 | 45 479 | 55 739 | 529 884 | 460 767 | -13,0 |
| | | R'000 | 563 826 | 474 573 | 578 103 | 5 077 150 | 4 575 207 | -9,9 |
| | Other buildings ⁴ | square metres | 10 420 | 7 209 | 16 767 | 140 408 | 137 474 | -2,1 |
| | | R'000 | 100 491 | 65 398 | 132 928 | 1 124 807 | 1 205 133 | 7,1 |
| | Total additions and alterations | R'000 | 664 317 | 539 971 | 711 031 | 6 201 957 | 5 780 340 | -6,8 |
| Building plans passed | Total at current prices | R'000 | 2 561 049 | 2 333 855 | 3 570 626 | 26 341 534 | 23 412 764 | -11,1 |

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

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

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

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

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

| | | | Sep 2023 | Aug 2024 | Sep 2024 | Jan – Sep 2023 | Jan – Sep 2024 | % change ¹ |
|--|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 3 | 30 | 5 | 170 | 100 | -41,2 |
| | | square metres | 188 | 1 909 | 286 | 10 457 | 6 295 | -39,8 |
| | | R'000 | 1 290 | 17 192 | 2 087 | 80 936 | 49 452 | -38,9 |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 83 | 68 | 74 | 632 | 663 | 4,9 |
| | | square metres | 27 268 | 34 942 | 29 594 | 229 569 | 232 672 | 1,4 |
| | | R'000 | 188 785 | 272 099 | 228 603 | 1 714 605 | 1 700 117 | -0,8 |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 16 | 0 | 21 | 97 | 212 | 118,6 |
| | | square metres | 1 107 | 0 | 2 426 | 5 939 | 17 043 | 187,0 |
| | | R'000 | 7 023 | 0 | 16 013 | 37 431 | 118 496 | 216,6 |
| | Other residential buildings ² | square metres | 0 | 0 | 1 945 | 14 551 | 8 197 | -43,7 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 12 643 | 126 674 | 53 225 | -58,0 |
| | Total residential buildings | R'000 | 197 098 | 289 291 | 259 346 | 1 959 646 | 1 921 290 | -2,0 |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 0 | 0 | 325 | 4 258 | 7 964 | 87,0 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 2 159 | 28 217 | 52 244 | 85,2 |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 4 129 | 1 813 | 2 173 | 70 174 | 38 522 | -45,1 |
| | | R'000 | 34 618 | 12 012 | 17 135 | 593 971 | 272 320 | -54,2 |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 1 282 | 12 594 | 3 858 | 66 949 | 116 394 | 73,9 |
| | | R'000 | 8 100 | 82 472 | 31 213 | 470 989 | 776 129 | 64,8 |
| | Other non-residential buildings ³ | square metres | 285 | 3 648 | 7 508 | 25 641 | 16 972 | -33,8 |
| | | R'000 | 2 246 | 23 712 | 48 861 | 213 683 | 112 429 | -47,4 |
| Total non-residential buildings | R'000 | 44 964 | 118 196 | 99 368 | 1 306 860 | 1 213 122 | -7,2 | |
| Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 10 756 | 13 785 | 13 806 | 117 725 | 115 997 | -1,5 |
| | | R'000 | 71 624 | 105 917 | 102 824 | 814 197 | 807 192 | -0,9 |
| | Other buildings ⁴ | square metres | 1 757 | 3 017 | 21 215 | 18 824 | 42 763 | 127,2 |
| | | R'000 | 13 710 | 29 808 | 169 061 | 158 828 | 360 634 | 127,1 |
| | Total additions and alterations | R'000 | 85 334 | 135 725 | 271 885 | 973 025 | 1 167 826 | 20,0 |
| Building plans passed | Total at current prices | R'000 | 327 396 | 543 212 | 630 599 | 4 239 531 | 4 302 238 | 1,5 |

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

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

| | | | Sep 2023 | Aug 2024 | Sep 2024 | Jan – Sep 2023 | Jan – Sep 2024 | % change ¹ |
|--|--|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 7 | 2 | 2 | 25 | 22 | -12,0 |
| | | square metres | 391 | 137 | 119 | 1 527 | 1 370 | -10,3 |
| | | R'000 | 2 744 | 990 | 873 | 10 374 | 9 267 | -10,7 |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 31 | 33 | 37 | 279 | 319 | 14,3 |
| | | square metres | 11 174 | 13 616 | 12 611 | 100 648 | 119 567 | 18,8 |
| | | R'000 | 76 729 | 97 078 | 90 815 | 704 668 | 850 377 | 20,7 |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 19 | 5 | 7 | 303 | 144 | -52,5 |
| | | square metres | 2 539 | 2 095 | 1 399 | 42 295 | 17 622 | -58,3 |
| | | R'000 | 18 961 | 15 132 | 10 105 | 296 495 | 126 675 | -57,3 |
| | Other residential buildings ² | square metres | 13 028 | 0 | 0 | 13 296 | 738 | -94,4 |
| | | R'000 | 80 578 | 0 | 0 | 82 544 | 4 797 | -94,2 |
| | Total residential buildings | R'000 | 179 012 | 113 200 | 101 793 | 1 094 081 | 991 116 | -9,4 |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 470 | 10 079 | 2 044,5 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 360 | 69 349 | 1 964,0 |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 955 | 11 268 | -24,7 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 106 318 | 81 137 | -23,7 |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 819 | 0 | 0 | 25 641 | 14 875 | -42,0 |
| | | R'000 | 4 534 | 0 | 0 | 157 507 | 102 480 | -34,9 |
| | Other non-residential buildings ³ | square metres | 2 293 | 0 | 0 | 25 371 | 14 507 | -42,8 |
| | | R'000 | 14 659 | 0 | 0 | 176 635 | 96 718 | -45,2 |
| | Total non-residential buildings | R'000 | 19 193 | 0 | 0 | 443 820 | 349 684 | -21,2 |
| | Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 4 961 | 3 771 | 4 494 | 33 868 | 26 811 |
| R'000 | | | 34 857 | 27 072 | 33 143 | 232 069 | 190 893 | -17,7 |
| Other buildings ⁴ | | square metres | 1 123 | 259 | 689 | 7 500 | 11 719 | 56,3 |
| | | R'000 | 8 688 | 2 871 | 5 477 | 75 888 | 99 059 | 30,5 |
| Total additions and alterations | | R'000 | 43 545 | 29 943 | 38 620 | 307 957 | 289 952 | -5,8 |
| Building plans passed | Total at current prices | R'000 | 241 750 | 143 143 | 140 413 | 1 845 858 | 1 630 752 | -11,7 |

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

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

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

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

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

| | | | Sep 2023 | Aug 2024 | Sep 2024 | Jan – Sep 2023 | Jan – Sep 2024 | % change ¹ | |
|--|--|-----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 685 | 460 | 332 | 6 144 | 3 511 | -42,9 | |
| | | square metres | 34 937 | 24 240 | 17 351 | 308 921 | 182 409 | -41,0 | |
| | | R'000 | 258 954 | 196 501 | 133 560 | 2 242 544 | 1 323 410 | -41,0 | |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 794 | 676 | 634 | 6 599 | 5 595 | -15,2 | |
| | | square metres | 209 969 | 175 222 | 181 008 | 1 660 661 | 1 472 695 | -11,3 | |
| | | R'000 | 1 768 768 | 1 540 322 | 1 654 295 | 14 321 261 | 12 881 740 | -10,1 | |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 1 468 | 928 | 1 505 | 8 521 | 8 252 | -3,2 | |
| | | square metres | 150 810 | 83 288 | 129 741 | 948 202 | 761 458 | -19,7 | |
| | | R'000 | 1 537 351 | 797 782 | 1 326 785 | 8 621 314 | 7 329 325 | -15,0 | |
| | Other residential buildings ² | square metres | 2 055 | 3 330 | 2 939 | 22 652 | 30 263 | 33,6 | |
| | | R'000 | 12 712 | 23 380 | 20 048 | 208 168 | 235 449 | 13,1 | |
| | Total residential buildings | | R'000 | 3 577 785 | 2 557 985 | 3 134 688 | 25 393 287 | 21 769 924 | -14,3 |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 2 188 | 3 716 | 0 | 134 615 | 59 030 | -56,1 | |
| | | R'000 | 27 258 | 26 406 | 0 | 1 585 751 | 551 982 | -65,2 | |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 3 337 | 45 912 | 32 848 | 233 642 | 229 180 | -1,9 | |
| | | R'000 | 26 801 | 516 031 | 255 071 | 2 425 926 | 2 298 708 | -5,2 | |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 185 417 | 101 121 | 89 559 | 764 291 | 590 593 | -22,7 | |
| | | R'000 | 1 129 201 | 779 326 | 661 837 | 4 970 229 | 4 370 824 | -12,1 | |
| | Other non-residential buildings ³ | square metres | 6 340 | 2 830 | 1 947 | 75 461 | 71 673 | -5,0 | |
| | | R'000 | 60 096 | 23 158 | 15 721 | 648 886 | 557 175 | -14,1 | |
| | Total non-residential buildings | | R'000 | 1 243 356 | 1 344 921 | 932 629 | 9 630 792 | 7 778 689 | -19,2 |
| | Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 63 092 | 61 308 | 63 356 | 492 897 | 535 799 | 8,7 |
| R'000 | | | 527 863 | 550 297 | 578 486 | 4 127 570 | 4 638 323 | 12,4 | |
| Other buildings ⁴ | | square metres | 27 035 | 42 510 | 34 529 | 254 776 | 288 092 | 13,1 | |
| | | R'000 | 249 541 | 383 751 | 379 309 | 2 502 037 | 3 133 655 | 25,2 | |
| Total additions and alterations | | R'000 | 777 404 | 934 048 | 957 795 | 6 629 607 | 7 771 978 | 17,2 | |
| Buildings completed | Total at current prices | | R'000 | 5 598 545 | 4 836 954 | 5 025 112 | 41 653 686 | 37 320 591 | -10,4 |

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

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

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

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

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

| | | | Sep 2023 | Aug 2024 | Sep 2024 | Jan – Sep 2023 | Jan – Sep 2024 | % change ¹ |
|--|--|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 169 | 149 | 167 | 1 987 | 1 243 | -37,4 |
| | | square metres | 7 740 | 6 462 | 7 689 | 89 473 | 56 550 | -36,8 |
| | | R'000 | 46 782 | 42 922 | 51 503 | 594 009 | 368 558 | -38,0 |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 294 | 253 | 180 | 2 253 | 2 012 | -10,7 |
| | | square metres | 78 104 | 62 045 | 51 550 | 540 536 | 511 348 | -5,4 |
| | | R'000 | 567 072 | 464 432 | 393 305 | 3 862 695 | 3 817 533 | -1,2 |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 236 | 310 | 972 | 3 208 | 3 186 | -0,7 |
| | | square metres | 31 251 | 26 486 | 66 421 | 399 200 | 309 907 | -22,4 |
| | | R'000 | 258 056 | 240 245 | 580 149 | 3 189 036 | 2 665 277 | -16,4 |
| | Other residential buildings ² | square metres | 0 | 2 669 | 2 563 | 12 652 | 21 286 | 68,2 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 16 626 | 17 444 | 123 507 | 147 195 | 19,2 |
| | Total residential buildings | R'000 | 871 910 | 764 225 | 1 042 401 | 7 769 247 | 6 998 563 | -9,9 |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 205 | 0 | 0 | 7 451 | 12 021 | 61,3 |
| | | R'000 | 1 709 | 0 | 0 | 46 669 | 109 603 | 134,9 |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 770 | 2 232 | 24 876 | 29 667 | 44 903 | 51,4 |
| | | R'000 | 7 328 | 16 122 | 175 881 | 228 559 | 330 667 | 44,7 |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 4 109 | 49 390 | 14 793 | 136 251 | 125 697 | -7,7 |
| | | R'000 | 33 338 | 355 557 | 116 026 | 969 899 | 932 126 | -3,9 |
| | Other non-residential buildings ³ | square metres | 1 186 | 1 305 | 1 571 | 41 196 | 46 097 | 11,9 |
| | | R'000 | 7 393 | 9 651 | 11 585 | 289 513 | 301 453 | 4,1 |
| | Total non-residential buildings | R'000 | 49 768 | 381 330 | 303 492 | 1 534 640 | 1 673 849 | 9,1 |
| | Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 30 007 | 17 280 | 16 119 | 183 408 | 151 956 |
| R'000 | | | 216 424 | 125 036 | 121 067 | 1 297 648 | 1 113 431 | -14,2 |
| Other buildings ⁴ | | square metres | 9 297 | 26 850 | 21 585 | 127 520 | 120 899 | -5,2 |
| | | R'000 | 95 387 | 215 721 | 233 730 | 1 181 688 | 1 208 650 | 2,3 |
| Total additions and alterations | | R'000 | 311 811 | 340 757 | 354 797 | 2 479 336 | 2 322 081 | -6,3 |
| Buildings completed | Total at current prices | R'000 | 1 233 489 | 1 486 312 | 1 700 690 | 11 783 223 | 10 994 493 | -6,7 |

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

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

| | | | Sep 2023 | Aug 2024 | Sep 2024 | Jan – Sep 2023 | Jan – Sep 2024 | % change ¹ |
|--|--|-----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 65 | 62 | 11 | 434 | 224 | -48,4 |
| | | square metres | 2 899 | 2 783 | 531 | 20 816 | 11 365 | -45,4 |
| | | R'000 | 23 908 | 24 080 | 4 065 | 151 560 | 93 705 | -38,2 |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 74 | 38 | 19 | 484 | 337 | -30,4 |
| | | square metres | 25 162 | 7 606 | 3 901 | 140 092 | 83 043 | -40,7 |
| | | R'000 | 202 154 | 65 487 | 33 768 | 1 153 076 | 695 366 | -39,7 |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 30 | 1 | 10 | 338 | 385 | 13,9 |
| | | square metres | 3 905 | 107 | 1 879 | 28 889 | 25 632 | -11,3 |
| | | R'000 | 32 208 | 927 | 16 285 | 238 030 | 207 511 | -12,8 |
| | Other residential buildings ² | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 104 | 0 | -100,0 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 658 | 0 | -100,0 |
| Total residential buildings | R'000 | 258 270 | 90 494 | 54 118 | 1 543 324 | 996 582 | -35,4 | |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 750 | 1 554 | -11,2 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 723 | 12 816 | -6,6 |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 0 | 7 157 | 2 994 | 3 727 | 11 026 | 195,8 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 60 110 | 24 869 | 30 422 | 92 327 | 203,5 |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 0 | 4 843 | 5 008 | 23 589 | 13 575 | -42,5 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 41 974 | 42 430 | 187 013 | 114 192 | -38,9 |
| | Other non-residential buildings ³ | square metres | 1 460 | 0 | 0 | 4 760 | 2 654 | -44,2 |
| | | R'000 | 12 041 | 0 | 0 | 38 397 | 21 132 | -45,0 |
| | Total non-residential buildings | R'000 | 12 041 | 102 084 | 67 299 | 269 555 | 240 467 | -10,8 |
| | Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 4 052 | 9 447 | 10 696 | 45 478 | 102 490 |
| R'000 | | | 33 056 | 81 580 | 91 684 | 372 993 | 855 906 | 129,5 |
| Other buildings ⁴ | | square metres | 8 103 | 3 009 | 5 687 | 38 494 | 42 589 | 10,6 |
| | | R'000 | 67 946 | 28 404 | 50 797 | 330 861 | 401 519 | 21,4 |
| Total additions and alterations | | R'000 | 101 002 | 109 984 | 142 481 | 703 854 | 1 257 425 | 78,6 |
| Buildings completed | Total at current prices | R'000 | 371 313 | 302 562 | 263 898 | 2 516 733 | 2 494 474 | -0,9 |

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

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

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

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

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

| | | | Sep 2023 | Aug 2024 | Sep 2024 | Jan – Sep 2023 | Jan – Sep 2024 | % change ¹ |
|--|--|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 150,0 |
| | | square metres | 0 | 71 | 0 | 153 | 278 | 81,7 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 702 | 0 | 1 140 | 2 670 | 134,2 |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 3 | 3 | 7 | 45 | 39 | -13,3 |
| | | square metres | 920 | 621 | 1 649 | 10 649 | 7 462 | -29,9 |
| | | R'000 | 8 660 | 4 033 | 14 705 | 100 244 | 67 823 | -32,3 |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | -100,0 |
| | | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 66 | 0 | -100,0 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 621 | 0 | -100,0 |
| | Other residential buildings ² | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 164 | .. |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 957 | .. |
| | Total residential buildings | R'000 | 8 660 | 4 735 | 14 705 | 102 005 | 81 450 | -20,2 |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 387 | 1 074 | -22,6 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 056 | 10 109 | -22,6 |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .. |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .. |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 473 | 3 585 | 657,9 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 452 | 33 746 | 658,0 |
| | Other non-residential buildings ³ | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 193 | .. |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 817 | .. |
| Total non-residential buildings | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 508 | 45 672 | 160,9 | |
| Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 1 175 | 1 948 | 1 934 | 16 252 | 12 877 | -20,8 |
| | | R'000 | 11 060 | 19 272 | 19 133 | 152 981 | 124 054 | -18,9 |
| | Other buildings ⁴ | square metres | 0 | 66 | 0 | 3 733 | 2 785 | -25,4 |
| | | R'000 | 1 750 | 973 | 100 | 40 769 | 28 022 | -31,3 |
| Total additions and alterations | R'000 | 12 810 | 20 245 | 19 233 | 193 750 | 152 076 | -21,5 | |
| Buildings completed | Total at current prices | R'000 | 21 470 | 24 980 | 33 938 | 313 263 | 279 198 | -10,9 |

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

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

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

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

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

| | | | Sep 2023 | Aug 2024 | Sep 2024 | Jan – Sep 2023 | Jan – Sep 2024 | % change ¹ |
|--|--|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 1 | 3 | 0 | 65 | 6 | -90,8 |
| | | square metres | 36 | 228 | 0 | 3 768 | 392 | -89,6 |
| | | R'000 | 223 | 2 306 | 0 | 34 741 | 3 884 | -88,8 |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 17 | 11 | 8 | 120 | 75 | -37,5 |
| | | square metres | 2 380 | 3 206 | 1 345 | 23 729 | 16 604 | -30,0 |
| | | R'000 | 18 041 | 28 670 | 11 364 | 181 777 | 139 086 | -23,5 |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 0 | 0 | 0 | 70 | 43 | -38,6 |
| | | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 325 | 7 178 | -46,1 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 109 891 | 72 605 | -33,9 |
| | Other residential buildings ² | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 325 | 991 | 204,9 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 430 | 7 654 | 215,0 |
| Total residential buildings | R'000 | 18 264 | 30 976 | 11 364 | 328 839 | 223 229 | -32,1 | |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 696 | 277 | -60,2 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 074 | 2 665 | -47,5 |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 421 | 1 017 | -28,4 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 635 | 9 287 | -20,2 |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 2 431 | 0 | 0 | 6 370 | 107 | -98,3 |
| | | R'000 | 19 380 | 0 | 0 | 51 865 | 1 082 | -97,9 |
| | Other non-residential buildings ³ | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .. |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .. |
| Total non-residential buildings | R'000 | 19 380 | 0 | 0 | 68 574 | 13 034 | -81,0 | |
| Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 1 894 | 171 | 702 | 14 932 | 11 191 | -25,1 |
| | | R'000 | 15 484 | 1 084 | 5 009 | 112 673 | 79 122 | -29,8 |
| | Other buildings ⁴ | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 706 | 276 | -83,8 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 1 500 | 0 | 15 559 | 8 085 | -48,0 |
| Total additions and alterations | R'000 | 15 484 | 2 584 | 5 009 | 128 232 | 87 207 | -32,0 | |
| Buildings completed | Total at current prices | R'000 | 53 128 | 33 560 | 16 373 | 525 645 | 323 470 | -38,5 |

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

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

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

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

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

| | | | Sep 2023 | Aug 2024 | Sep 2024 | Jan – Sep 2023 | Jan – Sep 2024 | % change ¹ | |
|--|--|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 12 | 24 | 18 | 76 | 115 | 51,3 | |
| | | square metres | 646 | 1 345 | 1 178 | 4 563 | 6 725 | 47,4 | |
| | | R'000 | 5 223 | 15 752 | 15 347 | 41 562 | 73 199 | 76,1 | |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 59 | 50 | 66 | 609 | 464 | -23,8 | |
| | | square metres | 19 691 | 13 808 | 20 434 | 192 285 | 139 352 | -27,5 | |
| | | R'000 | 212 087 | 160 994 | 238 167 | 2 113 977 | 1 544 471 | -26,9 | |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 166 | 86 | 54 | 1 045 | 627 | -40,0 | |
| | | square metres | 29 031 | 8 698 | 8 878 | 137 028 | 74 391 | -45,7 | |
| | | R'000 | 352 612 | 75 990 | 101 496 | 1 500 945 | 763 944 | -49,1 | |
| | Other residential buildings ² | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 992 | 381 | -80,9 | |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 705 | 3 050 | -87,1 | |
| | Total residential buildings | | R'000 | 569 922 | 252 736 | 355 010 | 3 680 189 | 2 384 664 | -35,2 |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 956 | 1 732 | -82,6 | |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 108 428 | 15 260 | -85,9 | |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 1 557 | 284 | 3 543 | 49 694 | 71 363 | 43,6 | |
| | | R'000 | 12 972 | 2 499 | 38 973 | 529 520 | 773 414 | 46,1 | |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 160 299 | 4 021 | 3 644 | 304 229 | 76 916 | -74,7 | |
| | | R'000 | 961 812 | 24 140 | 27 137 | 1 816 542 | 526 173 | -71,0 | |
| | Other non-residential buildings ³ | square metres | 3 694 | 1 023 | 376 | 10 892 | 8 263 | -24,1 | |
| | | R'000 | 40 662 | 7 673 | 4 136 | 122 350 | 85 002 | -30,5 | |
| | Total non-residential buildings | | R'000 | 1 015 446 | 34 312 | 70 246 | 2 576 840 | 1 399 849 | -45,7 |
| | Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 9 433 | 10 269 | 9 510 | 65 427 | 71 472 | 9,2 |
| R'000 | | | 105 307 | 114 526 | 111 827 | 736 106 | 812 449 | 10,4 | |
| Other buildings ⁴ | | square metres | 2 119 | 8 423 | 4 029 | 33 267 | 49 144 | 47,7 | |
| | | R'000 | 26 714 | 101 201 | 51 151 | 387 944 | 762 134 | 96,5 | |
| Total additions and alterations | | R'000 | 132 021 | 215 727 | 162 978 | 1 124 050 | 1 574 583 | 40,1 | |
| Buildings completed | | Total at current prices | R'000 | 1 717 389 | 502 775 | 588 234 | 7 381 079 | 5 359 096 | -27,4 |

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

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

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

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

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

| | | | Sep 2023 | Aug 2024 | Sep 2024 | Jan – Sep 2023 | Jan – Sep 2024 | % change ¹ |
|--|--|-----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 49 | 8 | 4 | 367 | 143 | -61,0 |
| | | square metres | 2 554 | 513 | 220 | 19 676 | 8 144 | -58,6 |
| | | R'000 | 15 787 | 3 403 | 1 444 | 111 334 | 57 305 | -48,5 |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 50 | 72 | 58 | 505 | 423 | -16,2 |
| | | square metres | 9 886 | 17 782 | 13 782 | 109 165 | 96 047 | -12,0 |
| | | R'000 | 69 243 | 128 782 | 97 330 | 765 931 | 691 923 | -9,7 |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 17 | 30 | 14 | 212 | 125 | -41,0 |
| | | square metres | 1 633 | 2 398 | 1 488 | 23 946 | 11 649 | -51,4 |
| | | R'000 | 11 126 | 13 868 | 10 079 | 155 617 | 77 287 | -50,3 |
| | Other residential buildings ² | square metres | 2 055 | 0 | 376 | 4 945 | 2 477 | -49,9 |
| | | R'000 | 12 712 | 0 | 2 604 | 31 284 | 17 731 | -43,3 |
| Total residential buildings | R'000 | 108 868 | 146 053 | 111 457 | 1 064 166 | 844 246 | -20,7 | |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 0 | 301 | 0 | 285 | 3 099 | 987,4 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 1 739 | 0 | 1 763 | 20 016 | 1 035,3 |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 0 | 92 | 0 | 4 444 | 5 210 | 17,2 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 637 | 0 | 29 825 | 37 458 | 25,6 |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 0 | 0 | 2 274 | 8 533 | 12 652 | 48,3 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 13 234 | 66 030 | 86 106 | 30,4 |
| | Other non-residential buildings ³ | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 284 | .. |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 757 | .. |
| | Total non-residential buildings | R'000 | 0 | 2 376 | 13 234 | 97 618 | 145 337 | 48,9 |
| | Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 2 473 | 4 953 | 3 934 | 27 996 | 41 288 |
| R'000 | | | 15 556 | 32 470 | 25 585 | 175 398 | 264 475 | 50,8 |
| Other buildings ⁴ | | square metres | 232 | 0 | 275 | 4 576 | 12 349 | 169,9 |
| | | R'000 | 3 031 | 3 601 | 2 327 | 81 720 | 156 847 | 91,9 |
| Total additions and alterations | | R'000 | 18 587 | 36 071 | 27 912 | 257 118 | 421 322 | 63,9 |
| Buildings completed | Total at current prices | R'000 | 127 455 | 184 500 | 152 603 | 1 418 902 | 1 410 905 | -0,6 |

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

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

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

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

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

| | | | Sep 2023 | Aug 2024 | Sep 2024 | Jan – Sep 2023 | Jan – Sep 2024 | % change ¹ | |
|--|--|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 387 | 207 | 127 | 3 056 | 1 731 | -43,4 | |
| | | square metres | 20 926 | 12 458 | 7 423 | 160 758 | 96 183 | -40,2 | |
| | | R'000 | 166 096 | 104 683 | 58 809 | 1 240 353 | 704 920 | -43,2 | |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 260 | 213 | 248 | 2 084 | 1 880 | -9,8 | |
| | | square metres | 62 073 | 60 681 | 74 608 | 523 500 | 522 323 | -0,2 | |
| | | R'000 | 612 415 | 613 871 | 754 011 | 5 259 133 | 5 206 563 | -1,0 | |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 1 001 | 472 | 433 | 3 225 | 3 663 | 13,6 | |
| | | square metres | 83 961 | 44 095 | 49 515 | 309 834 | 312 680 | 0,9 | |
| | | R'000 | 876 277 | 455 889 | 608 411 | 3 175 484 | 3 408 074 | 7,3 | |
| | Other residential buildings ² | square metres | 0 | 661 | 0 | 1 817 | 3 964 | 118,2 | |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 6 754 | 0 | 20 590 | 48 862 | 137,3 | |
| Total residential buildings | | R'000 | 1 654 788 | 1 181 197 | 1 421 231 | 9 695 560 | 9 368 419 | -3,4 | |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 1 983 | 3 415 | 0 | 111 805 | 19 932 | -82,2 | |
| | | R'000 | 25 549 | 24 667 | 0 | 1 388 144 | 229 882 | -83,4 | |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 1 010 | 36 147 | 1 435 | 122 399 | 90 927 | -25,7 | |
| | | R'000 | 6 501 | 436 663 | 15 348 | 1 446 791 | 1 022 091 | -29,4 | |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 18 578 | 42 867 | 61 757 | 221 362 | 325 606 | 47,1 | |
| | | R'000 | 114 671 | 357 655 | 448 454 | 1 441 580 | 2 436 388 | 69,0 | |
| | Other non-residential buildings ³ | square metres | 0 | 502 | 0 | 18 613 | 11 157 | -40,1 | |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 5 834 | 0 | 198 626 | 126 751 | -36,2 | |
| | Total non-residential buildings | | R'000 | 146 721 | 824 819 | 463 802 | 4 475 141 | 3 815 112 | -14,7 |
| | Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 11 331 | 14 590 | 18 617 | 117 654 | 120 753 | 2,6 |
| R'000 | | | 111 381 | 156 123 | 188 969 | 1 125 346 | 1 215 429 | 8,0 | |
| Other buildings ⁴ | | square metres | 6 951 | 3 996 | 2 953 | 37 822 | 57 384 | 51,7 | |
| | | R'000 | 51 075 | 31 152 | 31 928 | 347 813 | 511 182 | 47,0 | |
| Total additions and alterations | | R'000 | 162 456 | 187 275 | 220 897 | 1 473 159 | 1 726 611 | 17,2 | |
| Buildings completed | | Total at current prices | R'000 | 1 963 965 | 2 193 291 | 2 105 930 | 15 643 860 | 14 910 142 | -4,7 |

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

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

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

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

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

| | | | Sep 2023 | Aug 2024 | Sep 2024 | Jan – Sep 2023 | Jan – Sep 2024 | % change ¹ |
|--|--|-----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 0 | 0 | 1 | 129 | 13 | -89,9 |
| | | square metres | 0 | 0 | 70 | 7 858 | 827 | -89,5 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 658 | 55 157 | 5 780 | -89,5 |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 12 | 19 | 29 | 300 | 205 | -31,7 |
| | | square metres | 3 703 | 5 404 | 10 044 | 64 468 | 53 625 | -16,8 |
| | | R'000 | 26 712 | 45 362 | 84 616 | 500 192 | 417 293 | -16,6 |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 0 | 0 | 22 | 116 | 176 | 51,7 |
| | | square metres | 0 | 0 | 1 560 | 13 034 | 15 811 | 21,3 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 10 365 | 93 903 | 105 166 | 12,0 |
| | Other residential buildings ² | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .. |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .. |
| Total residential buildings | R'000 | 26 712 | 45 362 | 95 639 | 649 252 | 528 239 | -18,6 | |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 73 | 9 748 | 13 253,4 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 460 | 84 480 | 18 265,2 |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 302 | 0 | -100,0 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 60 095 | 0 | -100,0 |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 0 | 0 | 845 | 22 168 | 22 477 | 1,4 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 5 614 | 143 039 | 173 873 | 21,6 |
| | Other non-residential buildings ³ | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 025 | .. |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 263 | .. |
| | Total non-residential buildings | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 5 614 | 203 594 | 277 616 | 36,4 |
| | Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 2 072 | 2 407 | 1 844 | 17 818 | 18 729 |
| R'000 | | | 15 410 | 18 451 | 15 212 | 127 937 | 138 949 | 8,6 |
| Other buildings ⁴ | | square metres | 120 | 0 | 0 | 7 206 | 1 419 | -80,3 |
| | | R'000 | 1 174 | 0 | 8 516 | 100 889 | 40 667 | -59,7 |
| Total additions and alterations | | R'000 | 16 584 | 18 451 | 23 728 | 228 826 | 179 616 | -21,5 |
| Buildings completed | Total at current prices | R'000 | 43 296 | 63 813 | 124 981 | 1 081 672 | 985 471 | -8,9 |

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

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

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

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

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

| | | | Sep 2023 | Aug 2024 | Sep 2024 | Jan – Sep 2023 | Jan – Sep 2024 | % change ¹ |
|--|--|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Category of building | Type of building | Measuring unit | | | | | | |
| Residential buildings | Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres | Number | 2 | 6 | 4 | 28 | 31 | 10,7 |
| | | square metres | 136 | 380 | 240 | 1 856 | 1 945 | 4,8 |
| | | R'000 | 935 | 2 653 | 1 734 | 12 688 | 13 389 | 5,5 |
| | Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres | Number | 25 | 17 | 19 | 199 | 160 | -19,6 |
| | | square metres | 8 050 | 4 069 | 3 695 | 56 237 | 42 891 | -23,7 |
| | | R'000 | 52 384 | 28 691 | 27 029 | 384 236 | 301 682 | -21,5 |
| | Flats and townhouses | Number | 18 | 29 | 0 | 306 | 47 | -84,6 |
| | | square metres | 1 029 | 1 504 | 0 | 22 880 | 4 210 | -81,6 |
| | | R'000 | 7 072 | 10 863 | 0 | 157 787 | 29 461 | -81,3 |
| | Other residential buildings ² | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 817 | 0 | -100,0 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 994 | 0 | -100,0 |
| | Total residential buildings | R'000 | 60 391 | 42 207 | 28 763 | 560 705 | 344 532 | -38,6 |
| Non-residential buildings | Office and banking space | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 212 | 9 593 | 691,5 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 434 | 67 151 | 696,2 |
| | Shopping space | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 988 | 4 734 | -63,6 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 89 079 | 33 464 | -62,4 |
| | Industrial and warehouse space | square metres | 0 | 0 | 1 238 | 41 316 | 9 978 | -75,8 |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 8 942 | 289 809 | 67 138 | -76,8 |
| | Other non-residential buildings ³ | square metres | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .. |
| | | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .. |
| Total non-residential buildings | R'000 | 0 | 0 | 8 942 | 387 322 | 167 753 | -56,7 | |
| Additions and alterations | Dwelling-houses | square metres | 655 | 243 | 0 | 3 932 | 5 043 | 28,3 |
| | | R'000 | 4 185 | 1 755 | 0 | 26 488 | 34 508 | 30,3 |
| | Other buildings ⁴ | square metres | 213 | 166 | 0 | 452 | 1 247 | 175,9 |
| | | R'000 | 2 464 | 1 199 | 760 | 14 794 | 16 549 | 11,9 |
| Total additions and alterations | R'000 | 6 649 | 2 954 | 760 | 41 282 | 51 057 | 23,7 | |
| Buildings completed | Total at current prices | R'000 | 67 040 | 45 161 | 38 465 | 989 309 | 563 342 | -43,1 |

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

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

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

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

Explanatory notes

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|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| Introduction | 1 | Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and, therefore, do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses in their reporting. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses can be obtained from the Department of Human Settlements. |
| Purpose of the survey | 2 | The monthly survey data are used in monitoring the state of economy and formulation of economic policy. Furthermore, the results are important inputs to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and to calculate the Composite Leading Business Cycle Indicator. The data are extensively used by the private sector. |
| Scope of the survey | 3 | This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • passing of building plans; and • final inspection of completed buildings. |
| Classification | 4 | Building activities are classified in division five according to the 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities</i> (SIC), Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02. The SIC is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities</i> (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions. |
| Collection rate | 5 | The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for September 2024 was 87,3%. The revised collection rate for August 2024 was 88,2%. |
| Statistical unit | 6 | The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities. |
| Survey methodology and design | 7 | Stats SA conducts a monthly survey of metropolitan municipalities and large local municipalities on building plans passed and buildings completed. An annual survey of the remaining municipalities is conducted regarding buildings completed. The monthly survey represents approximately 85% of the total value of buildings completed. Information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed for the private sector is collected by email, fax and telephone. |
| Constant prices | 8 | The value of building plans passed and buildings completed at constant prices measures building activities in terms of ruling prices in a specific base year, which is currently 2019. The value of building plans passed at constant prices for each month is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with a price index known as the 'lump sum domestic buildings' as published in statistical release P0151.1: <i>Construction Materials Price Indices</i> . In order to be applicable, these indices (base December 2023=100) are converted to the base year 2019=100. |

- Seasonal adjustment** 9 Seasonally adjusted estimates of building plans passed and buildings completed are generated each month, using the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by the United States Census Bureau.
- 10 Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. Influences that are volatile or unsystematic can still make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variations. Therefore, the month-to-month movements of seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. The X-12-ARIMA procedure for building statistics is described in more detail on the Stats SA website at: [Click to download building statistics seasonal adjustment February 2022](#).
- Trend cycle** 11 The trend is a long-term pattern or movement of a time series. The X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program is used for smoothing seasonally adjusted data.
- Revised figures** 12 Revised figures are mainly due to late submission of data to Stats SA, or respondents reporting revisions or corrections to their figures. The reasons for routine revisions are outlined in the following schedule. Any unscheduled revisions will be promptly indicated in relevant tables to maintain transparency and accuracy. It is important to note that seasonally adjusted figures are revised monthly.

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

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

Glossary

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| 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> |

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| 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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