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Results for January to August 2021

**Table A – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices:
January to August 2020 versus January to August 2021**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Aug 2020 1/	Jan – Aug 2021 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Aug 2020 and Jan – Aug 2021	% change between Jan – Aug 2020 and Jan – Aug 2021
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	22 051 646	39 195 986	17 144 340	77,7
-Dwelling-houses	12 861 339	23 743 998	10 882 659	84,6
-Flats and townhouses	9 010 723	14 782 603	5 771 880	64,1
-Other residential buildings	179 584	669 385	489 801	272,7
Non-residential buildings	9 080 220	12 844 654	3 764 434	41,5
Additions and alterations	11 815 432	18 854 185	7 038 753	59,6
Total	42 947 298	70 894 825	27 947 527	65,1

1/ 2020 and 2021 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Total value of recorded building plans passed at current prices

The value of recorded building plans passed (at current prices) increased by 65,1% (R27 947,5 million) during January to August 2021 compared with January to August 2020.

Increases were recorded for residential buildings (77,7% or R17 144,3 million), additions and alterations (59,6% or R7 038,8 million) and non-residential buildings (41,5% or R3 764,4 million) – see Table A.

**Table B – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:
January to August 2020 versus January to August 2021**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Aug 2020 1/	Jan – Aug 2021 1/	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during Jan – Aug 2020	% change between Jan – Aug 2020 and Jan – Aug 2021	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan – Aug 2020 and Jan – Aug 2021 2/	Difference in value between Jan – Aug 2020 and Jan – Aug 2021
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	14 551 047	19 273 798	33,9	32,5	11,0	4 722 751
Eastern Cape	2 225 628	5 531 809	5,2	148,6	7,7	3 306 181
Northern Cape	697 603	650 285	1,6	-6,8	-0,1	-47 318
Free State	1 307 316	1 772 314	3,0	35,6	1,1	464 998
KwaZulu-Natal	7 150 331	12 869 481	16,6	80,0	13,3	5 719 150
North West	1 522 248	3 248 732	3,5	113,4	4,0	1 726 484
Gauteng	12 901 435	23 619 798	30,0	83,1	25,0	10 718 363
Mpumalanga	1 800 095	2 450 266	4,2	36,1	1,5	650 171
Limpopo	791 595	1 478 342	1,8	86,8	1,6	686 747
Total	42 947 298	70 894 825	100,0	65,1	65,1	27 947 527

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2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between January to August 2020 and January to August 2021 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of building plans passed during January to August 2020, divided by 100.

The largest contributions to the total increase of 65,1% (R27 947,5 million) were made by Gauteng (contributing 25,0 percentage points or R10 718,4 million), KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 13,3 percentage points or R5 719,2 million), Western Cape (contributing 11,0 percentage points or R4 722,8 million) and Eastern Cape (contributing 7,7 percentage points or R3 306,2 million) – see Table B.

**Table C – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices:
January to August 2020 versus January to August 2021**

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	Jan – Aug 2020 1/	Jan – Aug 2021 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Aug 2020 and Jan – Aug 2021	% change between Jan – Aug 2020 and Jan – Aug 2021
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	17 693 395	28 623 004	10 929 609	61,8
Non-residential buildings	7 297 920	9 426 903	2 128 983	29,2
Additions and alterations	9 482 400	13 767 544	4 285 144	45,2
Total	34 473 715	51 817 451	17 343 736	50,3

1/ 2020 and 2021 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Real value of recorded building plans passed

The real value of recorded building plans passed (at constant 2015 prices) increased by 50,3% (R17 343,7 million) during January to August 2021 compared with January to August 2020. Increases were recorded for residential buildings (61,8% or R10 929,6 million), additions and alterations (45,2% or R4 285,1 million) and non-residential buildings (29,2% or R2 129,0 million) – see Table C.

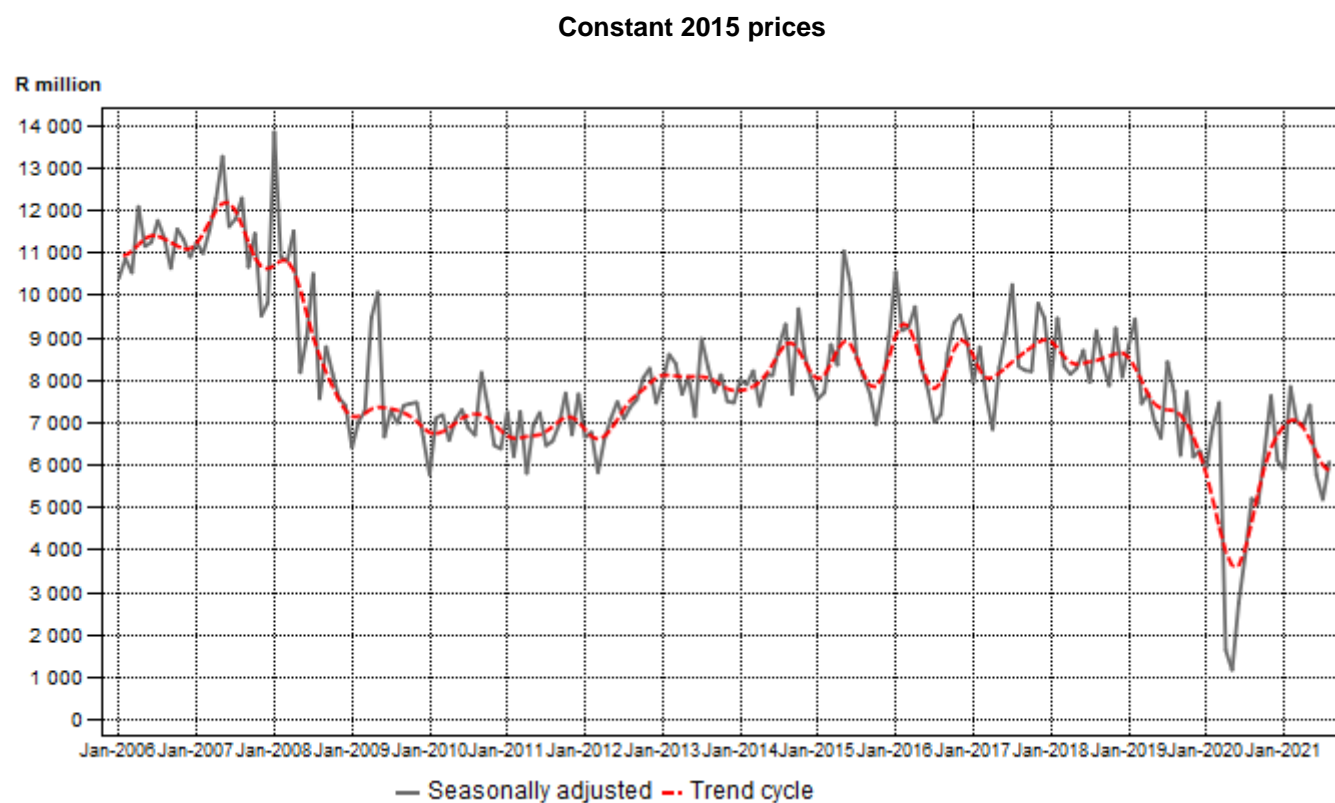
Table D – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	Mar – May 2021	Jun – Aug 2021	% change between Mar – May 2021 and Jun – Aug 2021
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	11 555 728	9 482 571	-17,9
Non-residential buildings 1/	4 256 530	2 769 777	-34,9
Additions and alterations	5 526 889	4 778 214	-13,5
Total	21 339 147	17 030 562	-20,2

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

Seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed

The seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed decreased by 20,2% in the three months ended August 2021 compared with the previous three months. Decreases were recorded for non-residential buildings (-34,9%), residential buildings (-17,9%) and additions and alterations (-13,5%) – see Table D.

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

**Table E – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices:
January to August 2020 versus January to August 2021**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Aug 2020 1/	Jan – Aug 2021 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Aug 2020 and Jan – Aug 2021	% change between Jan – Aug 2020 and Jan – Aug 2021
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	13 719 688	19 653 675	5 933 987	43,3
-Dwelling-houses	7 939 612	11 831 279	3 891 667	49,0
-Flats and townhouses	5 542 701	7 363 980	1 821 279	32,9
-Other residential buildings	237 375	458 416	221 041	93,1
Non-residential buildings	8 592 081	8 069 642	-522 439	-6,1
Additions and alterations	5 768 242	8 649 335	2 881 093	49,9
Total	28 080 011	36 372 652	8 292 641	29,5

1/ 2020 and 2021 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Total value of buildings reported as completed at current prices

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) increased by 29,5% (R8 292,6 million) during January to August 2021 compared with January to August 2020.

Increases were recorded for additions and alterations (49,9% or R2 881,1 million) and residential buildings (43,3% or R5 934,0 million). A decrease was recorded for non-residential buildings (-6,1% or -R522,4 million) – see Table E.

**Table F – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:
January to August 2020 versus January to August 2021**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Aug 2020 1/	Jan – Aug 2021 1/	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during Jan – Aug 2020	% change between Jan – Aug 2020 and Jan – Aug 2021	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan – Aug 2020 and Jan – Aug 2021 2/	Difference in value between Jan – Aug 2020 and Jan – Aug 2021
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	8 992 038	13 846 470	32,0	54,0	17,3	4 854 432
Eastern Cape	1 500 378	2 273 936	5,3	51,6	2,8	773 558
Northern Cape	319 935	382 067	1,1	19,4	0,2	62 132
Free State	546 781	476 913	1,9	-12,8	-0,2	-69 868
KwaZulu-Natal	4 902 432	4 692 415	17,5	-4,3	-0,7	-210 017
North West	675 641	1 419 015	2,4	110,0	2,6	743 374
Gauteng	9 920 227	12 158 448	35,3	22,6	8,0	2 238 221
Mpumalanga	762 014	660 262	2,7	-13,4	-0,4	-101 752
Limpopo	460 565	463 126	1,6	0,6	0,0	2 561
Total	28 080 011	36 372 652	100,0	29,5	29,5	8 292 641

1/ 2020 and 2021 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between January to August 2020 and January to August 2021 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of buildings completed during January to August 2020, divided by 100.

Six provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of buildings completed during January to August 2021, of which Western Cape (contributing 17,3 percentage points or R4 854,4 million) and Gauteng (contributing 8,0 percentage points or R2 238,2 million) were the largest positive contributors – see Table F.

**Table G – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices:
January to August 2020 versus January to August 2021**

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	Jan – Aug 2020	Jan – Aug 2021	Difference in value between Jan – Aug 2020 and Jan – Aug 2021	% change between Jan – Aug 2020 and Jan – Aug 2021
	1/	1/		
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	10 996 057	14 349 433	3 353 376	30,5
Non-residential buildings	6 894 841	5 876 806	-1 018 035	-14,8
Additions and alterations	4 625 050	6 284 348	1 659 298	35,9
Total	22 515 948	26 510 587	3 994 639	17,7

1/ 2020 and 2021 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Real value of buildings reported as completed

The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2015 prices) increased by 17,7% (R3 994,6 million) during January to August 2021 compared with January to August 2020. Increases were recorded for additions and alterations (35,9% or R1 659,3 million) and residential buildings (30,5% or R3 353,4 million). Non-residential buildings fell by 14,8% (-R1 018,0 million) – see Table G.

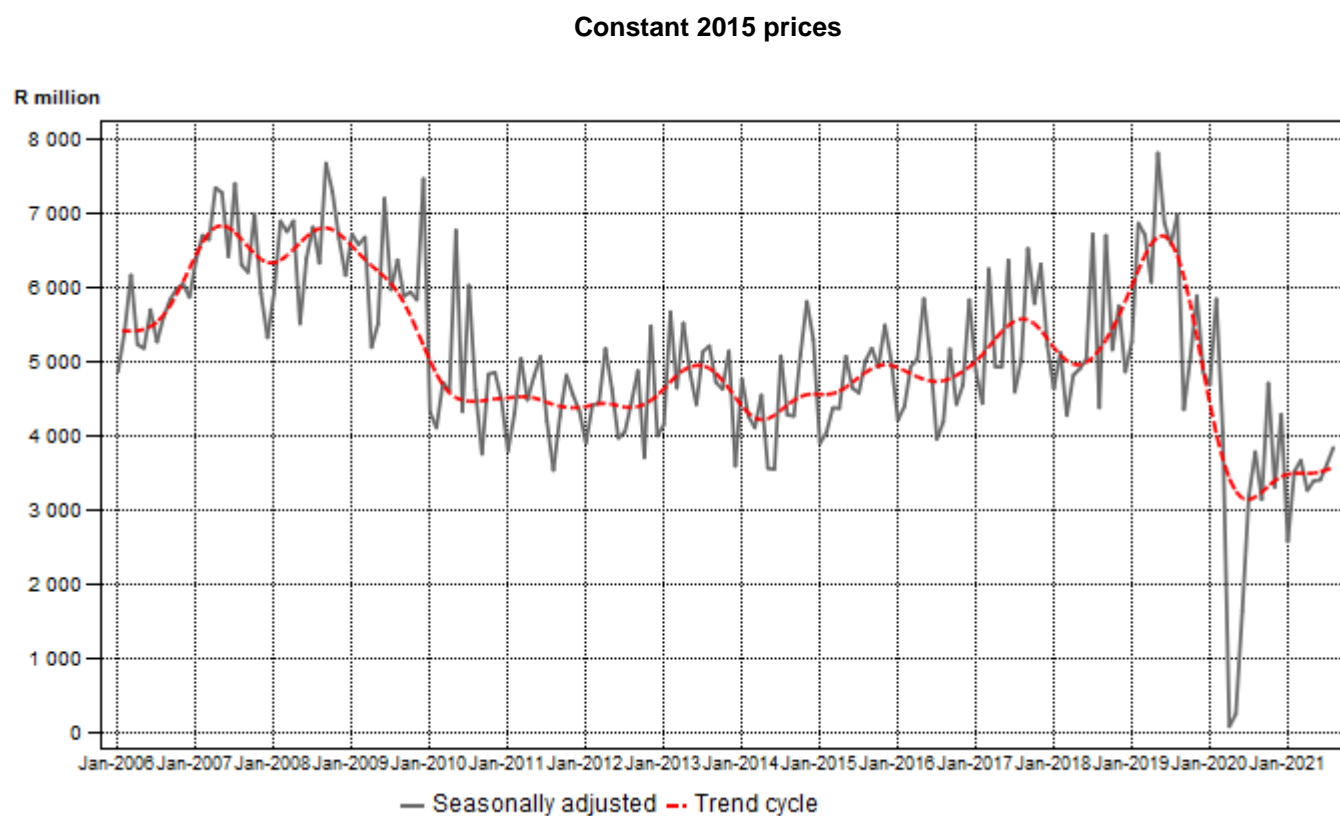
Table H – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	Mar – May 2021	Jun – Aug 2021	% change between Mar – May 2021 and Jun – Aug 2021
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	6 079 696	5 576 576	-8,3
Non-residential buildings 1/	1 992 385	2 463 797	23,7
Additions and alterations	2 252 346	2 813 261	24,9
Total	10 324 427	10 853 634	5,1

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

Seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed increased by 5,1% in the three months ended August 2021 compared with the previous three months. Increases were reported for additions and alterations (24,9%) and non-residential buildings (23,7%). Residential buildings fell by 8,3% – see Table H.

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2020	January	2 682 473	-43,8	1 432 830	-11,1	1 686 359	-8,2	5 801 662	-29,4
	February	4 312 361	-38,3	1 840 942	-11,0	2 501 881	4,2	8 655 184	-24,5
	March	4 696 032	13,2	2 071 869	-14,2	2 487 758	7,5	9 255 659	4,3
	April	807 896	-81,1	729 784	-66,7	442 419	-82,9	1 980 099	-78,1
	May	809 776	-82,2	180 087	-89,4	436 126	-83,5	1 425 989	-84,0
	June	1 777 401	-56,5	955 406	-42,0	853 147	-66,3	3 585 954	-56,6
	July	2 978 453	-51,7	964 709	-50,4	1 466 582	-55,3	5 409 744	-52,5
	August	3 987 254	-20,8	904 593	-67,1	1 941 160	-20,9	6 833 007	-33,2
	September	3 891 983	9,6	1 005 117	-40,2	2 146 483	-20,6	7 043 583	-11,2
	October	5 099 397	-5,5	1 385 581	-47,8	2 505 796	-9,9	8 990 774	-17,0
	November	4 690 598	20,9	2 557 651	156,4	2 338 480	-15,0	9 586 729	25,7
	December	3 720 492	42,8	949 443	-52,0	1 978 329	0,8	6 648 264	1,5
	Total	39 454 116	-28,9	14 978 012	-36,6	20 784 520	-31,3	75 216 648	-31,2
2021	January	3 471 114	29,4	413 216	-71,2	1 522 409	-9,7	5 406 739	-6,8
	February	5 184 991	20,2	2 758 191	49,8	2 636 828	5,4	10 580 010	22,2
	March	4 552 882	-3,0	2 499 249	20,6	2 554 253	2,7	9 606 384	3,8
	April	5 000 286	518,9	2 024 317	177,4	2 135 961	382,8	9 160 564	362,6
	May	6 289 829	676,7	1 242 347	589,9	2 630 019	503,0	10 162 195	612,6
	June	4 346 231	144,5	1 934 417	102,5	2 401 341	181,5	8 681 989	142,1
	July	4 725 414	58,7	1 047 662	8,6	2 404 495	64,0	8 177 571	51,2
	August	5 625 239	41,1	925 255	2,3	2 568 879	32,3	9 119 373	33,5

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2020	January	3 657 697	5,0	1 432 830	-27,6	2 294 922	-4,8	7 385 449	-6,2
	February	4 176 029	14,2	1 840 942	28,5	2 623 350	14,3	8 640 321	17,0
	March	4 626 717	10,8	2 071 869	12,5	2 530 105	-3,6	9 228 691	6,8
	April	814 533	-82,4	729 784	-64,8	478 396	-81,1	2 022 713	-78,1
	May	796 327	-2,2	180 087	-75,3	459 924	-3,9	1 436 338	-29,0
	June	1 652 476	107,5	955 406	430,5	785 380	70,8	3 393 262	136,2
	July	2 608 073	57,8	964 709	1,0	1 245 127	58,5	4 817 909	42,0
	August	3 758 410	44,1	904 593	-6,2	1 933 581	55,3	6 596 584	36,9
	September	3 600 776	-4,2	1 005 117	11,1	1 859 080	-3,9	6 464 973	-2,0
	October	4 512 727	25,3	1 385 581	37,9	2 207 857	18,8	8 106 165	25,4
	November	5 025 829	11,4	2 557 651	84,6	2 205 974	-0,1	9 789 454	20,8
	December	4 619 311	-8,1	949 443	-62,9	2 340 942	6,1	7 909 696	-19,2
2021	January	5 061 652	9,6	413 216	-56,5	2 249 924	-3,9	7 724 792	-2,3
	February	4 996 327	-1,3	2 758 191	567,5	2 680 405	19,1	10 434 923	35,1
	March	4 292 633	-14,1	2 499 249	-9,4	2 456 958	-8,3	9 248 840	-11,4
	April	5 172 776	20,5	2 024 317	-19,0	2 323 589	-5,4	9 520 682	2,9
	May	6 239 174	20,6	1 242 347	-38,6	2 748 670	18,3	10 230 191	7,5
	June	3 914 041	-37,3	1 934 417	55,7	2 241 959	-18,4	8 090 417	-20,9
	July	4 174 276	6,6	1 047 662	-45,8	2 109 857	-5,9	7 331 795	-9,4
	August	5 274 264	26,4	925 255	-11,7	2 429 587	15,2	8 629 106	17,7
	Mar – May 21	15 704 583		5 765 913		7 529 217		28 999 713	
	Jun – Aug 21 2/	13 362 581	-14,9	3 907 334	-32,2	6 781 403	-9,9	24 051 318	-17,1

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

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

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

Table 3 – Value and percentage change of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices by type of building

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2020	January	2 159 801	-46,4	1 153 647	-15,2	1 357 777	-12,4	4 671 225	-32,7
	February	3 455 417	-40,9	1 475 114	-14,8	2 004 712	-0,2	6 935 243	-27,7
	March	3 787 123	10,5	1 670 862	-16,3	2 006 256	4,9	7 464 241	1,7
	April	655 228	-81,4	591 877	-67,2	358 815	-83,1	1 605 920	-78,4
	May	657 286	-82,4	146 175	-89,5	353 998	-83,7	1 157 459	-84,1
	June	1 435 704	-57,2	771 733	-43,0	689 133	-66,9	2 896 570	-57,3
	July	2 380 858	-52,8	771 150	-51,5	1 172 328	-56,3	4 324 336	-53,6
	August	3 161 978	-22,9	717 362	-68,0	1 539 381	-23,0	5 418 721	-35,0
	September	3 057 332	6,4	789 566	-41,9	1 686 161	-22,9	5 533 059	-13,8
	October	3 971 493	-9,0	1 079 113	-49,8	1 951 555	-13,2	7 002 161	-20,1
	November	3 647 432	16,0	1 988 842	146,0	1 818 414	-18,4	7 454 688	20,6
	December	2 881 868	36,9	735 432	-54,0	1 532 400	-3,3	5 149 700	-2,6
	Total	31 251 520	-31,4	11 890 873	-38,6	16 470 930	-33,5	59 613 323	-33,5
2021	January	2 665 986	23,4	317 370	-72,5	1 169 285	-13,9	4 152 641	-11,1
	February	3 916 156	13,3	2 083 226	41,2	1 991 562	-0,7	7 990 944	15,2
	March	3 400 211	-10,2	1 866 504	11,7	1 907 583	-4,9	7 174 298	-3,9
	April	3 676 681	461,1	1 488 468	151,5	1 570 560	337,7	6 735 709	319,4
	May	4 564 462	594,4	901 558	516,8	1 908 577	439,1	7 374 597	537,1
	June	3 093 403	115,5	1 376 809	78,4	1 709 140	148,0	6 179 352	113,3
	July	3 341 877	40,4	740 921	-3,9	1 700 492	45,1	5 783 290	33,7
	August	3 964 228	25,4	652 047	-9,1	1 810 345	17,6	6 426 620	18,6

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

Table 4 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices by type of building

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2020	January	2 928 731	4,8	1 153 647	-27,9	1 850 901	-5,0	5 933 279	-6,4
	February	3 330 623	13,7	1 475 114	27,9	2 083 866	12,6	6 889 603	16,1
	March	3 755 300	12,8	1 670 862	13,3	2 053 464	-1,5	7 479 626	8,6
	April	660 292	-82,4	591 877	-64,6	382 697	-81,4	1 634 866	-78,1
	May	646 948	-2,0	146 175	-75,3	373 513	-2,4	1 166 636	-28,6
	June	1 338 294	106,9	771 733	428,0	636 560	70,4	2 746 587	135,4
	July	2 093 830	56,5	771 150	-0,1	994 825	56,3	3 859 805	40,5
	August	2 981 456	42,4	717 362	-7,0	1 515 749	52,4	5 214 567	35,1
	September	2 833 368	-5,0	789 566	10,1	1 461 802	-3,6	5 084 736	-2,5
	October	3 509 864	23,9	1 079 113	36,7	1 727 156	18,2	6 316 133	24,2
	November	3 901 450	11,2	1 988 842	84,3	1 747 509	1,2	7 637 801	20,9
	December	3 554 954	-8,9	735 432	-63,0	1 818 267	4,0	6 108 653	-20,0
2021	January	3 863 917	8,7	317 370	-56,8	1 722 698	-5,3	5 903 985	-3,4
	February	3 755 367	-2,8	2 083 226	556,4	2 012 266	16,8	7 850 859	33,0
	March	3 230 388	-14,0	1 866 504	-10,4	1 913 140	-4,9	7 010 032	-10,7
	April	3 802 261	17,7	1 488 468	-20,3	1 621 183	-15,3	6 911 912	-1,4
	May	4 523 079	19,0	901 558	-39,4	1 992 566	22,9	7 417 203	7,3
	June	2 798 105	-38,1	1 376 809	52,7	1 599 435	-19,7	5 774 349	-22,1
	July	2 960 715	5,8	740 921	-46,2	1 484 784	-7,2	5 186 420	-10,2
	August	3 723 751	25,8	652 047	-12,0	1 693 995	14,1	6 069 793	17,0
	Mar – May 21	11 555 728		4 256 530		5 526 889		21 339 147	
	Jun – Aug 21 2/	9 482 571	-17,9	2 769 777	-34,9	4 778 214	-13,5	17 030 562	-20,2

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

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2020	January	2 148 619	-33,2	1 477 291	30,8	1 183 302	67,8	4 809 212	-4,8
	February	2 778 801	-24,1	2 973 015	-5,8	1 267 666	27,9	7 019 482	-10,1
	March	2 255 666	-58,7	1 899 216	33,7	995 404	-33,2	5 150 286	-38,5
	April	36 187	-99,2	46 153	-97,2	14 131	-98,6	96 471	-98,6
	May	112 461	-97,9	104 955	-96,6	84 515	-91,8	301 931	-96,8
	June	1 116 026	-82,4	520 306	-58,7	415 366	-52,2	2 051 698	-75,7
	July	2 767 364	-42,3	424 883	-77,7	719 931	-40,1	3 912 178	-50,5
	August	2 504 564	-50,4	1 146 262	-46,4	1 087 927	-12,3	4 738 753	-43,8
	September	2 146 712	-37,0	978 096	-22,5	1 128 749	1,8	4 253 557	-26,4
	October	3 513 106	7,5	1 616 791	-13,1	1 142 690	-15,4	6 272 587	-3,2
	November	2 931 244	-38,6	870 742	-63,0	1 160 531	-5,2	4 962 517	-40,5
	December	3 260 890	10,0	1 405 213	-29,2	867 951	-15,5	5 534 054	-7,4
	Total	25 571 640	-51,3	13 462 923	-42,0	10 068 163	-24,1	49 102 726	-44,8
2021	January	1 555 519	-27,6	592 555	-59,9	557 442	-52,9	2 705 516	-43,7
	February	2 292 037	-17,5	1 278 339	-57,0	868 117	-31,5	4 438 493	-36,8
	March	3 241 970	43,7	484 864	-74,5	1 229 078	23,5	4 955 912	-3,8
	April	2 247 786	6 111,6	1 055 478	2 186,9	974 063	6 793,1	4 277 327	4 333,8
	May	2 577 282	2 191,7	1 177 072	1 021,5	838 562	892,2	4 592 916	1 421,2
	June	2 728 620	144,5	1 040 200	99,9	1 037 899	149,9	4 806 719	134,3
	July	2 502 803	-9,6	1 252 762	194,8	1 355 087	88,2	5 110 652	30,6
	August	2 507 658	0,1	1 188 372	3,7	1 789 087	64,4	5 485 117	15,8

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2020	January	2 834 185	-1,5	1 477 291	-25,6	1 523 509	29,4	5 834 985	-3,4
	February	3 075 105	8,5	2 973 015	101,2	1 255 228	-17,6	7 303 348	25,2
	March	2 284 336	-25,7	1 899 216	-36,1	814 683	-35,1	4 998 235	-31,6
	April	37 380	-98,4	46 153	-97,6	16 883	-97,9	100 416	-98,0
	May	113 760	204,3	104 955	127,4	88 312	423,1	307 027	205,8
	June	1 099 681	866,7	520 306	395,7	404 589	358,1	2 024 576	559,4
	July	2 847 509	158,9	424 883	-18,3	707 788	74,9	3 980 180	96,6
	August	2 619 691	-8,0	1 146 262	169,8	1 006 616	42,2	4 772 569	19,9
	September	1 923 940	-26,6	978 096	-14,7	1 092 047	8,5	3 994 083	-16,3
	October	3 371 842	75,3	1 616 791	65,3	1 052 657	-3,6	6 041 290	51,3
	November	2 317 578	-31,3	870 742	-46,1	1 050 636	-0,2	4 238 956	-29,8
	December	3 160 347	36,4	1 405 213	61,4	1 005 811	-4,3	5 571 371	31,4
2021	January	2 056 736	-34,9	592 555	-57,8	714 956	-28,9	3 364 247	-39,6
	February	2 531 069	23,1	1 278 339	115,7	853 614	19,4	4 663 022	38,6
	March	3 290 950	30,0	484 864	-62,1	1 124 934	31,8	4 900 748	5,1
	April	2 330 872	-29,2	1 055 478	117,7	1 045 706	-7,0	4 432 056	-9,6
	May	2 611 352	12,0	1 177 072	11,5	883 718	-15,5	4 672 142	5,4
	June	2 705 539	3,6	1 040 200	-11,6	1 026 028	16,1	4 771 767	2,1
	July	2 543 766	-6,0	1 252 762	20,4	1 310 996	27,8	5 107 524	7,0
	August	2 619 163	3,0	1 188 372	-5,1	1 635 589	24,8	5 443 124	6,6
	Mar – May 21	8 233 174		2 717 414		3 054 358		14 004 946	
	Jun – Aug 21 2/	7 868 468	-4,4	3 481 334	28,1	3 972 613	30,1	15 322 415	9,4

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

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

Table 7 – Value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices by type of building

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2020	January	1 729 967	-36,2	1 189 445	24,8	952 739	60,1	3 872 151	-9,1
	February	2 226 603	-27,3	2 382 224	-9,8	1 015 758	22,5	5 624 585	-13,9
	March	1 819 085	-59,7	1 531 626	30,5	802 745	-34,8	4 153 456	-40,0
	April	29 349	-99,2	37 431	-97,2	11 461	-98,6	78 241	-98,6
	May	91 283	-97,9	85 191	-96,7	68 600	-91,9	245 074	-96,8
	June	901 475	-82,6	420 279	-59,3	335 514	-52,9	1 657 268	-76,1
	July	2 212 122	-43,6	339 635	-78,2	575 484	-41,5	3 127 241	-51,6
	August	1 986 173	-51,7	909 010	-47,8	862 749	-14,7	3 757 932	-45,3
	September	1 686 341	-38,8	768 339	-24,8	886 684	-1,1	3 341 364	-28,5
	October	2 736 064	3,6	1 259 183	-16,3	889 945	-18,5	4 885 192	-6,7
	November	2 279 350	-41,1	677 093	-64,5	902 435	-9,1	3 858 878	-43,0
	December	2 525 864	5,5	1 088 469	-32,1	672 309	-19,0	4 286 642	-11,2
	Total	20 223 676	-53,0	10 687 925	-43,8	7 976 423	-26,6	38 888 024	-46,7
2021	January	1 194 715	-30,9	455 111	-61,7	428 143	-55,1	2 077 969	-46,3
	February	1 731 146	-22,3	965 513	-59,5	655 677	-35,4	3 352 336	-40,4
	March	2 421 187	33,1	362 109	-76,4	917 907	14,3	3 701 203	-10,9
	April	1 652 784	5 531,5	776 087	1 973,4	716 223	6 149,2	3 145 094	3 919,8
	May	1 870 306	1 948,9	854 189	902,7	608 536	787,1	3 333 031	1 260,0
	June	1 942 078	115,4	740 356	76,2	738 718	120,2	3 421 152	106,4
	July	1 770 016	-20,0	885 970	160,9	958 336	66,5	3 614 322	15,6
	August	1 767 201	-11,0	837 471	-7,9	1 260 808	46,1	3 865 480	2,9

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

Table 8 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices by type of building

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2020	January	2 271 836	-1,3	1 189 445	-25,8	1 221 131	28,7	4 682 412	-3,5
	February	2 459 114	8,2	2 382 224	100,3	1 004 272	-17,8	5 845 610	24,8
	March	1 850 079	-24,8	1 531 626	-35,7	657 214	-34,6	4 038 919	-30,9
	April	30 337	-98,4	37 431	-97,6	13 712	-97,9	81 480	-98,0
	May	92 448	204,7	85 191	127,6	71 822	423,8	249 461	206,2
	June	891 587	864,4	420 279	393,3	327 225	355,6	1 639 091	557,1
	July	2 276 283	155,3	339 635	-19,2	566 372	73,1	3 182 290	94,1
	August	2 076 211	-8,8	909 010	167,6	798 797	41,0	3 784 018	18,9
	September	1 512 554	-27,1	768 339	-15,5	859 209	7,6	3 140 102	-17,0
	October	2 629 312	73,8	1 259 183	63,9	819 996	-4,6	4 708 491	49,9
	November	1 809 984	-31,2	677 093	-46,2	817 167	-0,3	3 304 244	-29,8
	December	2 422 728	33,9	1 088 469	60,8	777 034	-4,9	4 288 231	29,8
2021	January	1 572 188	-35,1	455 111	-58,2	546 565	-29,7	2 573 864	-40,0
	February	1 906 332	21,3	965 513	112,1	643 092	17,7	3 514 937	36,6
	March	2 468 925	29,5	362 109	-62,5	838 960	30,5	3 669 994	4,4
	April	1 714 448	-30,6	776 087	114,3	770 931	-8,1	3 261 466	-11,1
	May	1 896 323	10,6	854 189	10,1	642 455	-16,7	3 392 967	4,0
	June	1 932 896	1,9	740 356	-13,3	731 032	13,8	3 404 284	0,3
	July	1 798 731	-6,9	885 970	19,7	928 427	27,0	3 613 128	6,1
	August	1 844 949	2,6	837 471	-5,5	1 153 802	24,3	3 836 222	6,2
	Mar – May 21	6 079 696		1 992 385		2 252 346		10 324 427	
	Jun – Aug 21 2/	5 576 576	-8,3	2 463 797	23,7	2 813 261	24,9	10 853 634	5,1

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

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

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

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

			Aug 2020	Jul 2021	Aug 2021	Jan – Aug 2020	Jan – Aug 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	668	578	923	7 605	5 856	-23,0
		square metres	34 447	28 639	48 463	354 663	296 358	-16,4
		R'000	219 903	192 914	353 693	1 573 558	1 924 474	22,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	900	1 256	1 668	5 510	10 307	87,1
		square metres	281 263	346 281	400 372	1 503 666	2 833 758	88,5
		R'000	2 168 749	2 767 834	3 123 775	11 287 781	21 819 524	93,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 378	2 435	1 803	9 933	17 082	72,0
		square metres	177 974	198 767	205 370	1 061 109	1 644 035	54,9
		R'000	1 589 393	1 658 319	1 886 936	9 010 723	14 782 603	64,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 310	14 028	35 117	24 399	86 805	255,8
		R'000	9 209	106 347	260 835	179 584	669 385	272,7
	Total residential buildings	R'000	3 987 254	4 725 414	5 625 239	22 051 646	39 195 986	77,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	8 958	10 388	11 996	180 573	213 076	18,0
		R'000	64 232	77 516	93 450	1 459 911	1 921 320	31,6
	Shopping space	square metres	8 506	22 960	30 182	302 102	352 578	16,7
		R'000	58 317	207 964	285 957	2 401 493	2 724 457	13,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	98 634	77 167	61 450	565 562	1 053 047	86,2
		R'000	684 249	503 960	418 537	3 733 403	6 650 625	78,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	13 322	31 966	18 139	194 834	223 223	14,6
		R'000	97 795	258 222	127 311	1 485 413	1 548 252	4,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	904 593	1 047 662	925 255	9 080 220	12 844 654	41,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	167 615	253 714	236 437	1 084 895	1 867 942	72,2
		R'000	1 248 039	1 994 869	1 874 410	8 157 417	14 602 257	79,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	87 788	36 245	68 340	356 889	425 072	19,1
		R'000	693 121	409 626	694 469	3 658 015	4 251 928	16,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 941 160	2 404 495	2 568 879	11 815 432	18 854 185	59,6
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	6 833 007	8 177 571	9 119 373	42 947 298	70 894 825	65,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

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

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

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

			Aug 2020	Jul 2021	Aug 2021	Jan – Aug 2020	Jan – Aug 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	260	352	271	1 235	1 313	6,3
		square metres	11 033	15 961	11 968	58 241	61 586	5,7
		R'000	62 797	95 959	75 589	349 907	375 688	7,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	269	396	519	1 883	3 232	71,6
		square metres	81 488	102 403	137 905	493 024	842 474	70,9
		R'000	562 963	706 262	969 776	3 338 176	5 863 535	75,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	402	1 439	476	3 458	5 582	61,4
		square metres	39 330	101 562	50 807	335 976	535 096	59,3
		R'000	310 331	802 144	405 836	2 634 762	4 128 739	56,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 310	8 813	29 632	13 708	57 920	322,5
		R'000	9 209	76 130	215 021	101 156	445 224	340,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	945 300	1 680 495	1 666 222	6 424 001	10 813 186	68,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	2 410	8 802	4 971	89 124	47 741	-46,4
		R'000	13 996	64 094	43 496	736 452	347 881	-52,8
	Shopping space	square metres	1 873	3 083	3 657	90 352	49 405	-45,3
		R'000	16 559	20 282	25 249	730 290	396 875	-45,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	74 469	20 354	19 835	191 564	181 047	-5,5
		R'000	522 550	139 851	139 076	1 368 170	1 219 878	-10,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	8 894	26 648	12 632	108 061	107 423	-0,6
		R'000	63 528	216 980	87 354	821 181	748 863	-8,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	616 633	441 207	295 175	3 656 093	2 713 497	-25,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	54 416	104 211	75 940	404 704	581 909	43,8
		R'000	355 619	720 650	515 684	2 689 812	4 000 274	48,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	21 012	17 573	39 075	161 789	166 100	2,7
		R'000	185 012	207 093	367 398	1 781 141	1 746 841	-1,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	540 631	927 743	883 082	4 470 953	5 747 115	28,5
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 102 564	3 049 445	2 844 479	14 551 047	19 273 798	32,5

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

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

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

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

			Aug 2020	Jul 2021	Aug 2021	Jan – Aug 2020	Jan – Aug 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	50	29	85	127	1 213	855,1
		square metres	2 596	1 537	4 223	7 605	57 154	651,5
		R'000	15 978	8 933	24 457	48 746	254 078	421,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	77	123	135	423	940	122,2
		square metres	20 103	27 004	25 323	100 042	237 680	137,6
		R'000	144 288	205 999	192 745	704 391	1 735 651	146,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	11	126	25	126	579	359,5
		square metres	1 868	18 133	18 862	13 036	69 785	435,3
		R'000	13 506	135 624	144 841	89 816	506 128	463,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	395	0	190	570	200,0
		R'000	0	2 275	0	1 424	3 224	126,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	173 772	352 831	362 043	844 377	2 499 081	196,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	8 516	4 017	-52,8
		R'000	0	0	0	53 364	25 003	-53,1
	Shopping space	square metres	0	156	426	33 434	59 618	78,3
		R'000	0	1 298	3 376	231 403	426 787	84,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	209	13 524	9 045	45 698	124 184	171,7
		R'000	1 008	98 060	68 531	287 894	885 777	207,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	662	574	0	3 679	10 987	198,6
		R'000	4 931	4 070	0	23 591	77 517	228,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	5 939	103 428	71 907	596 252	1 415 084	137,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	13 006	21 220	15 665	87 199	183 509	110,4
		R'000	92 379	158 651	117 988	598 924	1 312 934	119,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	4 393	2 150	905	23 593	39 014	65,4
		R'000	33 965	17 086	7 987	186 075	304 710	63,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	126 344	175 737	125 975	784 999	1 617 644	106,1
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	306 055	631 996	559 925	2 225 628	5 531 809	148,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

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

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

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

			Aug 2020	Jul 2021	Aug 2021	Jan – Aug 2020	Jan – Aug 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	4	5	7	11	37	236,4
		square metres	243	289	347	611	2 145	251,1
		R'000	2 110	2 608	3 041	5 250	18 769	257,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	21	20	4	114	121	6,1
		square metres	5 654	5 312	772	28 427	28 492	0,2
		R'000	48 824	45 907	4 975	233 968	236 578	1,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	10	0	0	104	145	39,4
		square metres	641	0	0	9 687	9 143	-5,6
		R'000	5 513	0	0	84 622	78 915	-6,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	5 005	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	41 041	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	56 447	48 515	8 016	364 881	334 262	-8,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	1 437	1 835	27,7
		R'000	0	0	0	10 506	15 781	50,2
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	1 609	276	-82,8
		R'000	0	0	0	9 709	2 374	-75,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 086	541	0	9 238	11 743	27,1
		R'000	9 340	4 741	0	78 637	99 575	26,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	361	7 676	762	-90,1
		R'000	0	0	2 925	67 145	6 438	-90,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	9 340	4 741	2 925	165 997	124 168	-25,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 883	2 637	1 555	18 147	20 005	10,2
		R'000	24 997	22 844	12 273	151 540	166 381	9,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	775	0	205	1 558	1 593	2,2
		R'000	6 915	490	3 411	15 185	25 474	67,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	31 912	23 334	15 684	166 725	191 855	15,1
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	97 699	76 590	26 625	697 603	650 285	-6,8

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

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

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

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

			Aug 2020	Jul 2021	Aug 2021	Jan – Aug 2020	Jan – Aug 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	18	27	12	112	122	8,9
		square metres	997	1 575	661	6 481	7 387	14,0
		R'000	8 185	13 478	5 480	51 527	60 371	17,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	24	101	40	248	472	90,3
		square metres	9 478	18 771	9 813	52 665	94 408	79,3
		R'000	74 354	155 983	79 101	390 238	711 253	82,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	12	16	0	186	66	-64,5
		square metres	1 683	1 680	0	20 531	9 444	-54,0
		R'000	14 196	14 894	0	160 899	80 027	-50,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	170	893	241	3 495	1 350,2
		R'000	0	1 305	7 999	1 946	24 931	1 181,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	96 735	185 660	92 580	604 610	876 582	45,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	100	1 047	0	5 755	1 047	-81,8
		R'000	844	9 379	0	46 491	9 379	-79,8
	Shopping space	square metres	0	308	6 117	887	13 216	1 390,0
		R'000	0	2 286	54 796	6 378	99 537	1 460,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 001	0	2 877	17 519	8 795	-49,8
		R'000	7 248	0	16 979	101 141	56 220	-44,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	2 467	23 813	865,3
		R'000	0	0	0	19 029	142 253	647,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	8 092	11 665	71 775	173 039	307 389	77,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 328	13 681	5 874	53 815	71 059	32,0
		R'000	34 401	110 361	43 385	398 600	515 414	29,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	6 364	657	565	13 724	9 322	-32,1
		R'000	50 021	5 527	5 755	131 067	72 929	-44,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	84 422	115 888	49 140	529 667	588 343	11,1
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	189 249	313 213	213 495	1 307 316	1 772 314	35,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

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

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

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

			Aug 2020	Jul 2021	Aug 2021	Jan – Aug 2020	Jan – Aug 2021	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	16	7	15	129	144	11,6	
		square metres	798	350	903	7 518	8 214	9,3	
		R'000	5 852	2 940	8 612	63 671	70 367	10,5	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	147	96	81	542	767	41,5	
		square metres	48 935	34 247	26 170	176 324	241 645	37,0	
		R'000	486 380	355 026	269 725	1 715 586	2 400 860	39,9	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	204	176	268	1 510	3 493	131,3	
		square metres	26 596	16 500	32 212	171 372	326 386	90,5	
		R'000	297 771	167 329	354 241	1 878 305	3 478 420	85,2	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	2 229	992	535	13 805	2 480,4	
		R'000	0	11 145	7 936	4 078	111 185	2 626,5	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	790 003	536 440	640 514	3 661 640	6 060 832	65,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	539	5 525	5 332	15 022	181,7	
		R'000	0	4 043	30 414	51 483	116 815	126,9	
	Shopping space	square metres	0	5 483	707	105 170	38 233	-63,6	
		R'000	0	39 898	7 000	872 250	374 219	-57,1	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	10 215	9 055	15 062	81 805	417 169	410,0	
		R'000	75 143	60 340	99 454	571 220	2 575 649	350,9	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	502	522	1 438	18 848	20 793	10,3	
		R'000	3 919	5 742	9 465	182 419	164 561	-9,8	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	79 062	110 023	146 333	1 677 372	3 231 244	92,6
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	13 372	26 890	32 542	105 384	238 173	126,0
R'000			130 147	281 266	324 351	1 115 986	2 427 891	117,6	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	12 684	8 182	15 798	53 230	104 343	96,0	
		R'000	132 877	103 173	182 582	695 333	1 149 514	65,3	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	263 024	384 439	506 933	1 811 319	3 577 405	97,5	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 132 089	1 030 902	1 293 780	7 150 331	12 869 481	80,0	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

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

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

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

			Aug 2020	Jul 2021	Aug 2021	Jan – Aug 2020	Jan – Aug 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	8	6	3	1 580	78	-95,1
		square metres	619	368	188	64 522	4 202	-93,5
		R'000	3 523	2 241	1 235	167 998	25 437	-84,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	75	100	91	356	767	115,4
		square metres	20 088	26 790	21 111	84 505	192 895	128,3
		R'000	131 694	181 738	140 672	535 326	1 252 107	133,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	26	0	20	184	630	242,4
		square metres	2 067	0	2 142	18 677	55 670	198,1
		R'000	14 945	0	12 226	124 735	352 283	182,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	1 373	3 156	1 373	-56,5
		R'000	0	0	9 300	20 381	9 300	-54,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	150 162	183 979	163 433	848 440	1 639 127	93,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	2 407	1 331	-44,7
		R'000	0	0	0	13 898	7 993	-42,5
	Shopping space	square metres	3 110	1 770	2 178	25 061	110 803	342,1
		R'000	17 899	10 861	14 247	162 785	649 838	299,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 144	0	0	14 917	5 430	-63,6
		R'000	12 275	0	0	83 195	30 671	-63,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 036	3 242	1 693	3 721	18 519	397,7
		R'000	7 080	24 139	9 750	22 774	113 314	397,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	37 254	35 000	23 997	282 652	801 816	183,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	11 620	12 115	11 162	50 349	96 869	92,4
		R'000	69 761	77 422	71 632	308 624	605 735	96,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	5 242	0	810	7 484	21 156	182,7
		R'000	34 371	540	10 665	82 532	202 054	144,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	104 132	77 962	82 297	391 156	807 789	106,5
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	291 548	296 941	269 727	1 522 248	3 248 732	113,4

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

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

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

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

			Aug 2020	Jul 2021	Aug 2021	Jan – Aug 2020	Jan – Aug 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	275	146	505	4 192	2 772	-33,9
		square metres	15 995	8 217	28 560	197 106	145 111	-26,4
		R'000	110 015	64 641	224 191	815 684	1 057 982	29,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	196	285	571	1 386	2 711	95,6
		square metres	64 572	94 477	127 813	397 418	831 816	109,3
		R'000	529 028	865 470	1 132 890	3 279 470	7 339 451	123,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	713	551	973	4 032	6 219	54,2
		square metres	105 789	45 990	99 188	474 261	596 660	25,8
		R'000	933 131	448 715	956 539	3 936 813	5 901 250	49,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	2 227	1 564	6 248	299,5
		R'000	0	0	20 579	9 558	53 768	462,5
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 572 174	1 378 826	2 334 199	8 041 525	14 352 451	78,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	2 393	0	1 500	22 082	140 262	535,2
		R'000	19 994	0	19 540	240 287	1 386 810	477,1
	Shopping space	square metres	378	10 766	14 722	21 810	70 151	221,6
		R'000	4 149	121 731	165 346	226 444	705 504	211,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	8 950	30 389	9 830	160 319	274 095	71,0
		R'000	52 294	178 090	65 334	955 096	1 586 899	66,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 995	980	1 662	44 906	35 636	-20,6
		R'000	17 073	7 291	16 000	312 810	265 103	-15,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	93 510	307 112	266 220	1 734 637	3 944 316	127,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	55 728	56 942	72 513	297 115	540 185	81,8
		R'000	468 239	523 539	657 530	2 488 910	4 739 157	90,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	36 030	7 193	10 560	87 311	69 371	-20,5
		R'000	237 990	65 413	86 895	636 363	583 874	-8,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	706 229	588 952	744 425	3 125 273	5 323 031	70,3
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 371 913	2 274 890	3 344 844	12 901 435	23 619 798	83,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

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

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

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

			Aug 2020	Jul 2021	Aug 2021	Jan – Aug 2020	Jan – Aug 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	30	3	22	167	101	-39,5
		square metres	1 787	139	1 436	9 596	5 764	-39,9
		R'000	9 150	800	9 955	53 011	32 582	-38,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	49	94	137	361	882	144,3
		square metres	14 030	22 797	32 696	104 760	228 192	117,8
		R'000	84 971	158 862	213 725	693 553	1 461 327	110,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	81	21	13	153	1 076,9
		square metres	0	9 357	1 107	2 017	16 545	720,3
		R'000	0	55 075	6 521	11 047	101 366	817,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	94 121	214 737	230 201	757 611	1 595 275	110,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	4 055	0	0	45 297	378	-99,2
		R'000	29 398	0	0	303 838	2 964	-99,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	1 394	2 375	19 850	10 341	-47,9
		R'000	0	11 608	15 943	137 777	65 882	-52,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	560	900	1 000	30 944	12 337	-60,1
		R'000	4 391	7 495	8 327	209 613	86 888	-58,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	233	0	0	1 809	4 387	142,5
		R'000	1 264	0	0	12 327	25 072	103,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	35 053	19 103	24 270	663 555	180 806	-72,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	7 513	12 420	16 597	48 962	99 779	103,8
		R'000	42 548	77 471	102 297	288 486	613 037	112,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	551	327	400	3 993	3 132	-21,6
		R'000	5 508	4 280	24 135	90 443	61 148	-32,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	48 056	81 751	126 432	378 929	674 185	77,9
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	177 230	315 591	380 903	1 800 095	2 450 266	36,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

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

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

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

			Aug 2020	Jul 2021	Aug 2021	Jan – Aug 2020	Jan – Aug 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	7	3	3	52	76	46,2
		square metres	379	203	177	2 983	4 795	60,7
		R'000	2 293	1 314	1 133	17 764	29 200	64,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	42	41	90	197	415	110,7
		square metres	16 915	14 480	18 769	66 501	136 156	104,7
		R'000	106 247	92 587	120 166	397 073	818 762	106,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	46	20	320	215	-32,8
		square metres	0	5 545	1 052	15 552	25 306	62,7
		R'000	0	34 538	6 732	89 724	155 475	73,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	2 421	0	0	3 394	..
		R'000	0	15 492	0	0	21 753	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	108 540	143 931	128 031	504 561	1 025 190	103,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	623	1 443	131,6
		R'000	0	0	0	3 592	8 694	142,0
	Shopping space	square metres	3 145	0	0	3 929	535	-86,4
		R'000	19 710	0	0	24 457	3 441	-85,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	2 404	3 801	13 558	18 247	34,6
		R'000	0	15 383	20 836	78 437	109 068	39,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	353	3 667	903	-75,4
		R'000	0	0	1 817	24 137	5 131	-78,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	19 710	15 383	22 653	130 623	126 334	-3,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 749	3 598	4 589	19 220	36 454	89,7
		R'000	29 948	22 665	29 270	116 535	221 434	90,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	737	163	22	4 207	11 041	162,4
		R'000	6 462	6 024	5 641	39 876	105 384	164,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	36 410	28 689	34 911	156 411	326 818	108,9
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	164 660	188 003	185 595	791 595	1 478 342	86,8

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

			Aug 2020	Jul 2021	Aug 2021	Jan – Aug 2020	Jan – Aug 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	705	787	682	4 297	4 686	9,1
		square metres	36 157	42 196	34 854	217 520	247 456	13,8
		R'000	220 334	276 680	236 587	1 283 837	1 593 966	24,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	623	766	827	3 498	5 140	46,9
		square metres	150 727	187 929	206 035	875 172	1 304 306	49,0
		R'000	1 124 422	1 459 980	1 670 397	6 655 775	10 237 313	53,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 149	492	689	5 237	9 182	75,3
		square metres	125 345	63 263	64 593	642 781	877 829	36,6
		R'000	1 115 508	508 265	553 163	5 542 701	7 363 980	32,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	6 730	23 740	7 741	25 012	48 550	94,1
		R'000	44 300	257 878	47 511	237 375	458 416	93,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	2 504 564	2 502 803	2 507 658	13 719 688	19 653 675	43,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	52 661	31 618	42 689	323 006	151 526	-53,1
		R'000	503 577	252 135	360 127	3 093 295	1 275 953	-58,8
	Shopping space	square metres	35 455	26 753	4 020	143 276	251 034	75,2
		R'000	254 454	197 512	40 150	1 192 628	2 028 825	70,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	53 147	79 617	106 017	596 404	596 222	0,0
		R'000	345 043	536 057	735 765	3 746 595	3 840 212	2,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	6 073	28 688	7 406	78 877	115 757	46,8
		R'000	43 188	267 058	52 330	559 563	924 652	65,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 146 262	1 252 762	1 188 372	8 592 081	8 069 642	-6,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	64 925	110 539	125 538	419 561	644 472	53,6
		R'000	524 001	815 024	980 553	3 136 631	4 935 376	57,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	35 942	54 044	98 210	232 164	345 347	48,8
		R'000	563 926	540 063	808 534	2 631 611	3 713 959	41,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 087 927	1 355 087	1 789 087	5 768 242	8 649 335	49,9
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	4 738 753	5 110 652	5 485 117	28 080 011	36 372 652	29,5

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

			Aug 2020	Jul 2021	Aug 2021	Jan – Aug 2020	Jan – Aug 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	313	400	240	1 228	1 740	41,7
		square metres	13 688	18 100	10 761	55 713	78 707	41,3
		R'000	70 103	94 891	61 884	309 926	439 796	41,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	246	319	243	1 306	1 781	36,4
		square metres	58 815	72 158	57 571	309 269	423 698	37,0
		R'000	403 200	487 367	387 658	2 125 191	2 903 226	36,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	353	306	415	2 152	4 563	112,0
		square metres	38 623	39 798	37 981	222 316	391 253	76,0
		R'000	308 616	308 411	296 841	1 795 123	3 044 918	69,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	5 601	0	7 741	7 166	22 136	208,9
		R'000	35 983	0	47 511	48 427	180 045	271,8
	Total residential buildings	R'000	817 902	890 669	793 894	4 278 667	6 567 985	53,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	25 999	28 278	36 862	45 308	97 882	116,0
		R'000	217 872	227 346	313 727	363 348	797 851	119,6
	Shopping space	square metres	15 326	20 775	373	45 956	47 363	3,1
		R'000	108 130	162 095	2 306	358 856	379 901	5,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	6 281	43 919	70 347	74 713	192 100	157,1
		R'000	48 188	306 607	475 113	515 364	1 309 595	154,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	5 028	7 977	2 950	36 047	35 722	-0,9
		R'000	36 047	61 149	22 352	248 286	248 771	0,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	410 237	757 197	813 498	1 485 854	2 736 118	84,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	39 208	65 065	70 139	204 213	327 333	60,3
		R'000	305 007	431 592	454 943	1 390 728	2 192 174	57,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	24 388	39 745	75 281	151 954	197 868	30,2
		R'000	436 135	403 161	594 321	1 836 789	2 350 193	28,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	741 142	834 753	1 049 264	3 227 517	4 542 367	40,7
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 969 281	2 482 619	2 656 656	8 992 038	13 846 470	54,0

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

			Aug 2020	Jul 2021	Aug 2021	Jan – Aug 2020	Jan – Aug 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	6	12	5	91	86	-5,5
		square metres	333	760	300	5 281	4 913	-7,0
		R'000	2 118	5 701	2 122	34 036	32 290	-5,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	34	57	94	217	326	50,2
		square metres	6 481	7 927	22 147	44 115	80 856	83,3
		R'000	47 003	61 339	171 970	312 084	594 498	90,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	17	30	12	90	206	128,9
		square metres	1 481	3 011	740	8 944	16 707	86,8
		R'000	10 690	22 104	5 579	62 282	120 493	93,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	59 811	89 144	179 671	408 402	747 281	83,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	3 193	2 344	560	10 537	1 781,6
		R'000	0	23 698	17 397	3 360	77 245	2 199,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	1 657	0	0	3 605	..
		R'000	0	9 543	0	0	23 466	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	2 721	20 524	82 129	105 230	28,1
		R'000	0	15 670	155 496	547 435	750 703	37,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	1 527	0	1 852	2 878	55,4
		R'000	0	11 726	0	9 607	21 168	120,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	60 637	172 893	560 402	872 582	55,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 379	16 403	5 856	53 329	72 099	35,2
		R'000	31 447	121 927	45 420	369 507	518 871	40,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	22	6 973	3 972	22 456	14 884	-33,7
		R'000	159	51 975	39 873	162 067	135 202	-16,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	31 606	173 902	85 293	531 574	654 073	23,0
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	91 417	323 683	437 857	1 500 378	2 273 936	51,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

			Aug 2020	Jul 2021	Aug 2021	Jan – Aug 2020	Jan – Aug 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	1	6	1	15	1 400,0
		square metres	0	53	329	41	877	2 039,0
		R'000	0	464	2 828	353	7 601	2 053,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	15	6	4	64	62	-3,1
		square metres	3 703	2 167	1 421	14 690	15 466	5,3
		R'000	31 846	18 992	11 514	121 842	131 401	7,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	4	11	175,0
		square metres	0	0	0	471	1 035	119,7
		R'000	0	0	0	3 801	8 901	134,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	500	1 117	0	500	1 117	123,4
		R'000	4 300	9 789	0	4 300	9 789	127,7
	Total residential buildings	R'000	36 146	29 245	14 342	130 296	157 692	21,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	0	274	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	2 356	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	4 775	1 190	-75,1
		R'000	0	0	0	39 155	10 429	-73,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	647	0	0	2 449	1 086	-55,7
		R'000	5 564	0	0	18 870	9 340	-50,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	464	0	0	968	195	-79,9
		R'000	3 990	0	0	8 123	1 677	-79,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	9 554	0	0	66 148	23 802	-64,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 248	1 338	2 078	12 770	15 501	21,4
		R'000	19 333	11 726	16 838	108 482	132 670	22,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 638	0	1 023	1 638	7 769	374,3
		R'000	14 267	220	8 377	15 009	67 903	352,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	33 600	11 946	25 215	123 491	200 573	62,4
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	79 300	41 191	39 557	319 935	382 067	19,4

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

			Aug 2020	Jul 2021	Aug 2021	Jan – Aug 2020	Jan – Aug 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	8	3	47	78	218	179,5
		square metres	456	154	2 862	4 740	13 247	179,5
		R'000	3 743	1 143	25 480	38 137	111 859	193,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	10	8	11	89	167	87,6
		square metres	2 178	1 646	2 459	20 606	29 346	42,4
		R'000	14 447	11 919	18 191	151 123	219 423	45,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	36	35	-2,8
		square metres	0	0	0	10 313	4 012	-61,1
		R'000	0	0	0	83 246	33 393	-59,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	605	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	4 942	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	18 190	13 062	43 671	272 506	369 617	35,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	147	0	6 713	147	-97,8
		R'000	0	1 091	0	54 187	1 091	-98,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	2 970	538	-81,9
		R'000	0	0	0	23 974	3 640	-84,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	4 035	1 213	14 549	6 315	-56,6
		R'000	0	29 948	9 003	116 179	46 469	-60,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	0	471	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	2 653	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	31 039	9 003	194 340	53 853	-72,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	727	176	1 522	6 542	7 200	10,1
		R'000	4 172	1 112	12 087	40 718	47 798	17,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	0	0	3 440	628	-81,7
		R'000	0	0	350	39 217	5 645	-85,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	4 172	1 112	12 437	79 935	53 443	-33,1
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	22 362	45 213	65 111	546 781	476 913	-12,8

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

			Aug 2020	Jul 2021	Aug 2021	Jan – Aug 2020	Jan – Aug 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	11	4	15	60	60	0,0
		square metres	648	248	834	3 749	3 552	-5,3
		R'000	6 893	2 635	8 779	36 656	33 874	-7,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	38	32	57	295	359	21,7
		square metres	9 196	9 701	17 826	80 190	120 461	50,2
		R'000	96 239	104 651	187 273	832 138	1 237 483	48,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	114	24	27	733	398	-45,7
		square metres	14 209	4 111	4 308	100 285	53 731	-46,4
		R'000	160 349	36 497	44 121	1 064 162	488 614	-54,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	22 623	0	13 463	24 068	78,8
		R'000	0	248 089	0	148 937	259 649	74,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	263 481	391 872	240 173	2 081 893	2 019 620	-3,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	21 857	0	0	27 716	19 983	-27,9
		R'000	240 514	0	0	285 823	212 528	-25,6
	Shopping space	square metres	9 906	217	2 230	12 670	75 247	493,9
		R'000	74 368	1 519	22 300	95 850	678 598	608,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	14 880	24 192	8 864	301 824	70 022	-76,8
		R'000	90 463	151 703	58 049	1 815 478	443 532	-75,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	520	2 979	472,9
		R'000	0	0	0	5 821	16 035	175,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	405 345	153 222	80 349	2 202 972	1 350 693	-38,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 284	8 838	15 985	44 631	73 310	64,3
		R'000	68 739	103 404	187 556	481 141	832 728	73,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 084	4 324	7 478	9 740	42 271	334,0
		R'000	47 344	53 134	87 070	136 426	489 374	258,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	116 083	156 538	274 626	617 567	1 322 102	114,1
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	784 909	701 632	595 148	4 902 432	4 692 415	-4,3

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

			Aug 2020	Jul 2021	Aug 2021	Jan – Aug 2020	Jan – Aug 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	7	13	11	46	139	202,2
		square metres	436	797	678	2 891	8 418	191,2
		R'000	2 563	4 654	3 943	15 772	48 264	206,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	46	74	42	238	385	61,8
		square metres	11 271	14 537	11 047	49 358	87 123	76,5
		R'000	72 639	101 630	75 826	316 084	564 303	78,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	6	1	7	155	179	15,5
		square metres	952	217	688	17 149	20 833	21,5
		R'000	5 476	1 332	4 671	111 248	136 690	22,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	80 678	107 616	84 440	443 104	749 257	69,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	4 154	7 339	76,7
		R'000	0	0	0	23 982	42 368	76,7
	Shopping space	square metres	10 223	1 895	0	12 880	66 604	417,1
		R'000	71 956	11 628	0	86 286	401 809	365,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	500	5 151	3 292	-36,1
		R'000	0	0	3 068	30 852	21 800	-29,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	520	0	1 533	520	-66,1
		R'000	0	3 993	0	8 433	3 993	-52,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	71 956	15 621	3 068	149 553	469 970	214,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 235	1 099	365	10 187	11 586	13,7
		R'000	13 771	8 191	2 252	63 413	67 255	6,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	129	0	0	522	14 079	2 597,1
		R'000	5 042	0	0	19 571	132 533	577,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	18 813	8 191	2 252	82 984	199 788	140,8
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	171 447	131 428	89 760	675 641	1 419 015	110,0

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

			Aug 2020	Jul 2021	Aug 2021	Jan – Aug 2020	Jan – Aug 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	339	338	332	2 618	2 267	-13,4
		square metres	19 183	21 170	17 513	135 458	128 398	-5,2
		R'000	127 579	162 726	122 421	797 525	865 371	8,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	187	222	309	1 003	1 667	66,2
		square metres	44 723	64 518	80 269	279 242	442 113	58,3
		R'000	370 955	564 435	726 098	2 308 799	3 866 088	67,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	547	120	228	1 901	3 707	95,0
		square metres	61 226	14 501	20 876	269 205	382 370	42,0
		R'000	575 995	129 804	201 951	2 339 328	3 482 644	48,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	629	0	0	3 883	484	-87,5
		R'000	4 017	0	0	35 711	3 091	-91,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 078 546	856 965	1 050 470	5 481 363	8 217 194	49,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	4 805	0	0	237 451	7 715	-96,8
		R'000	45 191	0	0	2 356 633	82 604	-96,5
	Shopping space	square metres	0	535	1 417	43 346	46 067	6,3
		R'000	0	4 108	15 544	428 364	465 448	8,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	30 678	4 750	4 569	90 332	212 376	135,1
		R'000	196 845	32 129	35 036	531 201	1 223 097	130,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	581	18 664	4 456	20 460	71 160	247,8
		R'000	3 151	190 190	29 978	160 933	618 606	284,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	245 187	226 427	80 558	3 477 131	2 389 755	-31,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	9 570	16 075	28 158	70 195	126 593	80,3
		R'000	80 075	127 204	250 349	584 624	1 074 487	83,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	7 681	2 987	10 293	39 614	64 386	62,5
		R'000	60 344	30 710	73 619	377 109	477 012	26,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	140 419	157 914	323 968	961 733	1 551 499	61,3
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 464 152	1 241 306	1 454 996	9 920 227	12 158 448	22,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

			Aug 2020	Jul 2021	Aug 2021	Jan – Aug 2020	Jan – Aug 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	12	10	12	137	92	-32,8
		square metres	818	532	772	7 357	5 151	-30,0
		R'000	3 750	2 022	3 979	37 857	29 205	-22,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	18	24	27	153	207	35,3
		square metres	4 115	6 417	6 899	36 129	54 192	50,0
		R'000	26 200	52 576	53 212	242 976	411 934	69,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	4	0	26	10	-61,5
		square metres	0	554	0	3 306	816	-75,3
		R'000	0	3 264	0	17 521	5 318	-69,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	29 950	57 862	57 191	298 354	446 457	49,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	3 483	863	6 680	674,0
		R'000	0	0	29 003	4 573	54 071	1 082,4
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	19 715	7 840	-60,2
		R'000	0	0	0	154 585	51 456	-66,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	16 809	4 608	-72,6
		R'000	0	0	0	120 082	28 264	-76,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	9 586	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	72 745	0	-100,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	0	29 003	351 985	133 791	-62,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	95	951	1 136	14 662	7 022	-52,1
		R'000	527	6 505	9 238	80 896	47 191	-41,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	15	0	1 459	1 581	8,4
		R'000	135	363	0	30 779	32 823	6,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	662	6 868	9 238	111 675	80 014	-28,4
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	30 612	64 730	95 432	762 014	660 262	-13,4

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

			Aug 2020	Jul 2021	Aug 2021	Jan – Aug 2020	Jan – Aug 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	9	6	14	38	69	81,6
		square metres	595	382	805	2 290	4 193	83,1
		R'000	3 585	2 444	5 151	13 575	25 706	89,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	29	24	40	133	186	39,8
		square metres	10 245	8 858	6 396	41 573	51 051	22,8
		R'000	61 893	57 071	38 655	245 538	308 957	25,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	112	7	0	140	73	-47,9
		square metres	8 854	1 071	0	10 792	7 072	-34,5
		R'000	54 382	6 853	0	65 990	43 009	-34,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	140	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	900	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	119 860	66 368	43 806	325 103	378 572	16,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	241	969	302,1
		R'000	0	0	0	1 389	5 839	320,4
	Shopping space	square metres	0	1 674	0	964	2 580	167,6
		R'000	0	8 619	0	5 558	14 078	153,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	661	0	0	8 448	1 193	-85,9
		R'000	3 983	0	0	51 134	7 412	-85,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	7 911	1 832	-76,8
		R'000	0	0	0	45 615	11 749	-74,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	3 983	8 619	0	103 696	39 078	-62,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	179	594	299	3 032	3 828	26,3
		R'000	930	3 363	1 870	17 122	22 202	29,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	0	163	1 341	1 881	40,3
		R'000	500	500	4 924	14 644	23 274	58,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 430	3 863	6 794	31 766	45 476	43,2
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	125 273	78 850	50 600	460 565	463 126	0,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2020 and 2021.

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

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

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

Explanatory notes

Introduction	1	Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and, therefore, do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses in their reporting. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses can be obtained from the Department of Human Settlements.
	2	In order to improve timeliness of the publication, some information for the current month has been estimated due to late submission by respondents. These estimates will be revised in the next statistical release(s) as soon as actual information is available.
Purpose of the survey	3	The monthly survey data are used in monitoring the state of economy and formulation of economic policy. Furthermore, the results are important inputs to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and to calculate the Composite Leading Business Cycle Indicator. The data are extensively used by the private sector.
Scope of the survey	4	This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • passing of building plans; and • final inspection of completed buildings.
Classification	5	Building activities are classified in division 5 according to the 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> (SIC), Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02. The SIC is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions.
Collection rate	6	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for August 2021 was 83,8%. The improved collection rate for July 2021 was 85,6%.
Statistical unit	7	The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities.
Survey methodology and design	8	Stats SA conducts a monthly survey of metropolitan municipalities and large local municipalities on building plans passed and buildings completed. An annual survey of the remaining municipalities is conducted regarding buildings completed. The monthly survey represents approximately 85 percent of the total value of buildings completed. Information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed for the private sector is collected by mail, fax and telephone.
Constant prices	9	The value of building plans passed and buildings completed at constant prices measures building activities in terms of ruling prices in a specific base year, which is currently 2015. The value of building plans passed at constant prices for each month is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with a price index known as the 'lump sum domestic buildings' as published in statistical release P0151: <i>Contract Price Adjustment Provisions (CPAP) Work Groups and Selected Materials Indices</i> . In order to be applicable, these indices (base December 2016=100) are converted to the base year 2015=100.

Seasonal adjustment	10	Seasonally adjusted estimates of building plans passed and buildings completed are generated each month, using the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by US Bureau of the Census Economic Research and Analyses Division, 1968.
	11	<p>Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. Influences that are volatile or unsystematic can still make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variations. Therefore, the month-to-month movements of seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. The X-12-ARIMA procedure for building statistics is described in more detail on the Stats SA website at Click to download building statistics seasonal adjustment May 2017</p> <p>Note: Owing to the impact of the COVID-19 lockdown, additive outlier adjustments were performed. The methodology will be reviewed as more data points are added to the time series.</p>
Trend cycle	12	The trend is a long-term pattern or movement of a time series. The X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program is used for smoothing seasonally adjusted data.
Revised figures	13	Revised figures are due to late submission of data to Stats SA, or to respondents reporting revisions or corrections to their figures. Figures for the latest two years are therefore preliminary. Data are edited at municipal level.
	14	Once a year the annual statistical release P5041.3: <i>Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions</i> is published with the revised and updated information at provincial and municipal level for the previous calendar year. Due to this comprehensive revision, the monthly statistical release P5041.1 reflects provincial revision where applicable.
Related publications	15	<p>Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P5041.3: <i>Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions</i> issued annually; • P9101.2: <i>Actual and expected expenditure on construction by the public sector per statistical region</i> issued annually; and • <i>Building Statistics</i> (Report No. 50-11-01) issued annually.
Rounding-off of figures	16	Where necessary, the figures in the tables have been rounded off to the nearest digit shown.
Symbols and abbreviations	17	.. Changes from a zero in the preceding period cannot be calculated as a percentage.
	0	Nil or figure too small to publish.
	*	Revised.
	Stats SA	Statistics South Africa.
	SIC	Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities.
	ISIC	International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities.

Glossary

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

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