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Results for January to December 2019

**Table A – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices:
January to December 2018 versus January to December 2019**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Dec 2018	Jan – Dec 2019	Difference in value between Jan – Dec 2018 and Jan – Dec 2019	% change between Jan – Dec 2018 and Jan – Dec 2019
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	61 760 655	54 572 056	-7 188 599	-11,6
-Dwelling-houses	33 128 191	30 661 010	-2 467 181	-7,4
-Flats and townhouses	26 824 390	23 190 690	-3 633 700	-13,5
-Other residential buildings	1 808 074	720 356	-1 087 718	-60,2
Non-residential buildings	27 194 795	23 183 205	-4 011 590	-14,8
Additions and alterations	29 611 670	30 146 232	534 562	1,8
Total	118 567 120	107 901 493	-10 665 627	-9,0

1/ 2018 and 2019 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Total value of recorded building plans passed at current prices

The value of recorded building plans passed (at current prices) decreased by 9,0% (-R10 665,6 million) in 2019 compared with 2018.

Decreases were recorded for non-residential buildings (-14,8% or -R4 011,6 million) and residential buildings (-11,6% or -R7 188,6 million). An increase was recorded for additions and alterations (1,8% or R534,6 million) – see Table A.

**Table B – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:
January to December 2018 versus January to December 2019**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Dec 2018	Jan – Dec 2019	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during Jan – Dec 2018	% change between Jan – Dec 2018 and Jan – Dec 2019	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan – Dec 2018 and Jan – Dec 2019	Difference in value between Jan – Dec 2018 and Jan – Dec 2019
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000				
Western Cape	32 941 280	28 388 093	27,8	-13,8	-3,8	-4 553 187
Eastern Cape	7 137 722	7 222 679	6,0	1,2	0,1	84 957
Northern Cape	1 008 267	1 487 167	0,9	47,5	0,4	478 900
Free State	3 990 178	3 079 153	3,4	-22,8	-0,8	-911 025
KwaZulu-Natal	21 639 463	17 978 109	18,3	-16,9	-3,1	-3 661 354
North West	2 787 620	2 683 982	2,4	-3,7	-0,1	-103 638
Gauteng	43 265 173	40 844 064	36,5	-5,6	-2,0	-2 421 109
Mpumalanga	4 063 671	4 049 942	3,4	-0,3	0,0	-13 729
Limpopo	1 733 746	2 168 304	1,5	25,1	0,4	434 558
Total	118 567 120	107 901 493	100,0	-9,0	-9,0	-10 665 627

1/ 2018 and 2019 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 December 2018 and January to December 2019 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of building plans passed during January to December 2018, divided by 100.

The largest negative contributions to the total decrease of 9,0% (-R10 665,6 million) were made by Western Cape (contributing -3,8 percentage points or -R4 553,2 million), KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -3,1 percentage points or -R3 661,4 million) and Gauteng (contributing -2,0 percentage points or -R2 421,1 million) – see Table B.

Table C – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices: January to December 2018 versus January to December 2019

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	Jan – Dec 2018	Jan – Dec 2019	Difference in value between Jan – Dec 2018 and Jan – Dec 2019	% change between Jan – Dec 2018 and Jan – Dec 2019
	1/	1/		
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	52 803 378	44 808 125	-7 995 253	-15,1
Non-residential buildings	23 276 031	19 002 525	-4 273 506	-18,4
Additions and alterations	25 318 311	24 689 467	-628 844	-2,5
Total	101 397 720	88 500 117	-12 897 603	-12,7

1/ 2018 and 2019 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Real value of recorded building plans passed

The real value of recorded building plans passed (at constant 2015 prices) decreased by 12,7% (-R12 897,6 million) in 2019 compared with 2018. Decreases were recorded for non-residential buildings (-18,4% or -R4 273,5 million), residential buildings (-15,1% or -R7 995,3 million) and additions and alterations (-2,5% or -R628,8 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	Jul – Sep 2019	Oct – Dec 2019	% change between Jul – Sep 2019 and Oct – Dec 2019
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	10 780 253	9 201 624	-14,6
Non-residential buildings 1/	5 064 135	4 500 749	-11,1
Additions and alterations	6 145 588	5 911 950	-3,8
Total	21 989 976	19 614 323	-10,8

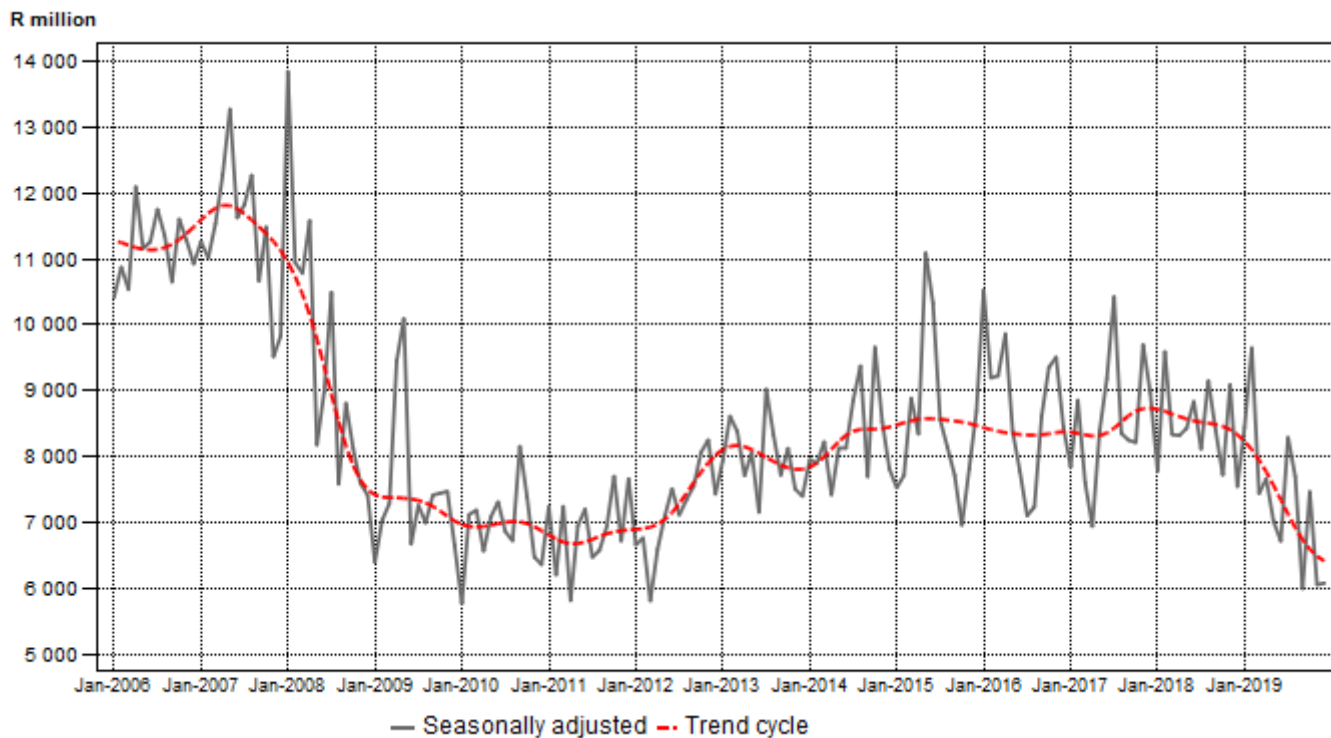
1/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 10 and 11 on page 38.

Seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed

The seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed decreased by 10,8% in the fourth quarter of 2019 compared with the third quarter of 2019. Decreases were recorded for residential buildings (-14,6%), non-residential buildings (-11,1%) and additions and alterations (-3,8%) – see Table D.

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

Constant 2015 prices



**Table E – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices:
January to December 2018 versus January to December 2019**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Dec 2018	Jan – Dec 2019	Difference in value between Jan – Dec 2018 and Jan – Dec 2019	% change between Jan – Dec 2018 and Jan – Dec 2019
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	44 465 069	52 458 852	7 993 783	18,0
-Dwelling-houses	23 255 502	22 893 843	-361 659	-1,6
-Flats and townhouses	20 534 729	28 980 476	8 445 747	41,1
-Other residential buildings	674 838	584 533	-90 305	-13,4
Non-residential buildings	16 634 074	23 123 733	6 489 659	39,0
Additions and alterations	12 317 159	13 268 281	951 122	7,7
Total	73 416 302	88 850 866	15 434 564	21,0

1/ 2018 and 2019 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 21,0% (R15 434,6 million) in 2019 compared with 2018.

Increases were recorded for non-residential buildings (39,0% or R6 489,7 million), residential buildings (18,0% or R7 993,8 million) and additions and alterations (7,7% or R951,1 million) – see Table E.

**Table F – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:
January to December 2018 versus January to December 2019**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Dec 2018	Jan – Dec 2019	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during Jan – Dec 2018	% change between Jan – Dec 2018 and Jan – Dec 2019	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan – Dec 2018 and Jan – Dec 2019	Difference in value between Jan – Dec 2018 and Jan – Dec 2019
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000				
Western Cape	21 199 550	22 008 625	28,9	3,8	1,1	809 075
Eastern Cape	2 404 733	3 696 909	3,3	53,7	1,8	1 292 176
Northern Cape	433 521	637 950	0,6	47,2	0,3	204 429
Free State	1 132 300	609 692	1,5	-46,2	-0,7	-522 608
KwaZulu-Natal	9 234 025	12 846 509	12,6	39,1	4,9	3 612 484
North West	2 161 521	1 907 288	2,9	-11,8	-0,3	-254 233
Gauteng	33 701 914	43 951 843	45,9	30,4	14,0	10 249 929
Mpumalanga	2 143 894	2 335 201	2,9	8,9	0,3	191 307
Limpopo	1 004 844	856 849	1,4	-14,7	-0,2	-147 995
Total	73 416 302	88 850 866	100,0	21,0	21,0	15 434 564

1/ 2018 and 2019 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 December 2018 and January to December 2019 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of buildings completed during January to December 2018, divided by 100.

Six provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of buildings completed in 2019, of which Gauteng (contributing 14,0 percentage points or R10 249,9 million), KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 4,9 percentage points or R3 612,5 million), Eastern Cape (contributing 1,8 percentage points or R1 292,2 million) and Western Cape (contributing 1,1 percentage points or R809,1 million) were the largest positive contributors – see Table F.

Table G – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices: January to December 2018 versus January to December 2019

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	Jan – Dec 2018	Jan – Dec 2019	Difference in value between Jan – Dec 2018 and Jan – Dec 2019	% change between Jan – Dec 2018 and Jan – Dec 2019
	1/	1/	R'000	
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	37 935 432	43 003 836	5 068 404	13,4
Non-residential buildings	14 212 087	18 955 127	4 743 040	33,4
Additions and alterations	10 530 752	10 862 677	331 925	3,2
Total	62 678 271	72 821 640	10 143 369	16,2

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Real value of buildings reported as completed

The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2015 prices) increased by 16,2% (R10 143,4 million) in 2019 compared with 2018. Increases were reported for non-residential buildings (33,4% or R4 743,0 million), residential buildings (13,4% or R5 068,4 million) and additions and alterations (3,2% or R331,9 million) – see Table G.

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

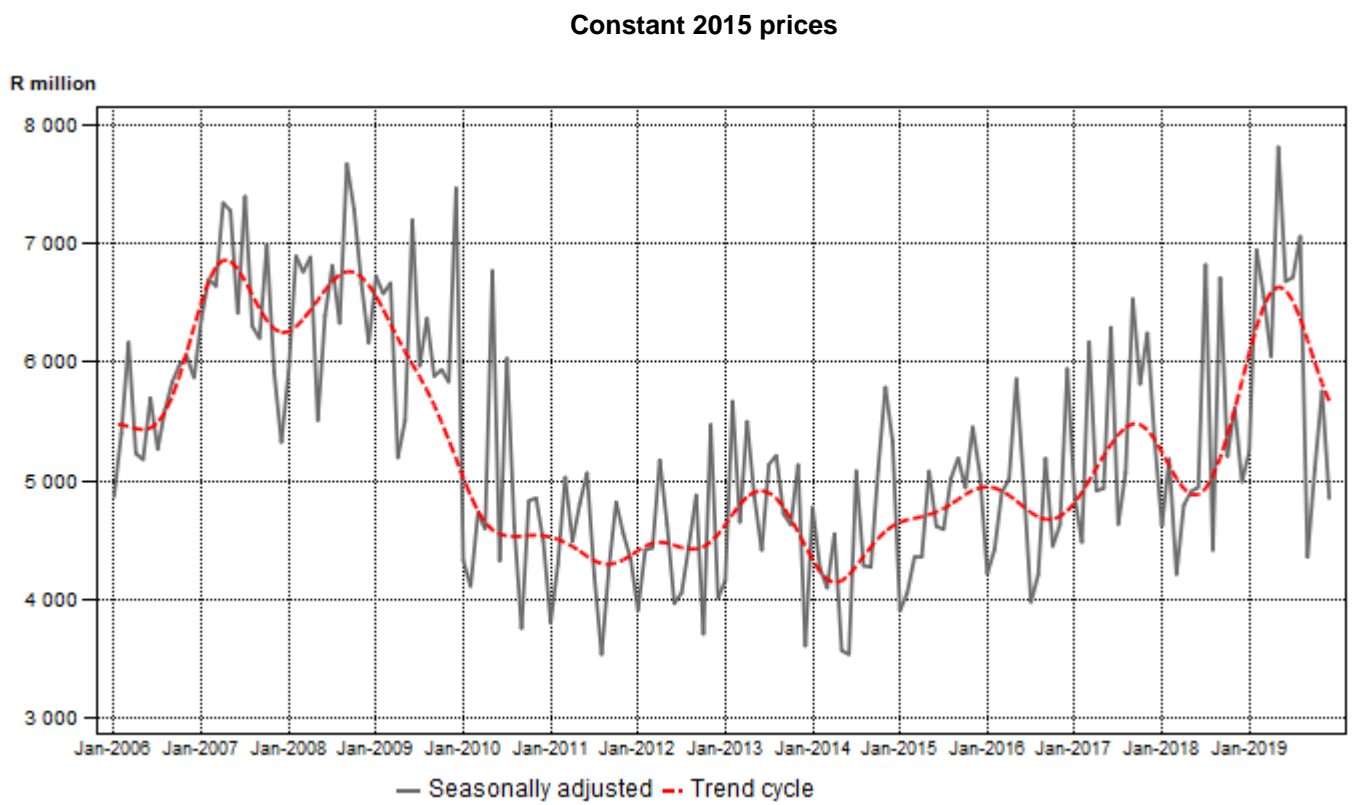
Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	Jul – Sep 2019	Oct – Dec 2019	% change between Jul – Sep 2019 and Oct – Dec 2019
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	11 006 501	7 936 527	-27,9
Non-residential buildings 1/	4 320 168	4 935 485	14,2
Additions and alterations	2 800 130	2 828 474	1,0
Total	18 126 799	15 700 486	-13,4

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 decreased by 13,4% in the fourth quarter of 2019 compared with the third quarter of 2019. Residential buildings fell by 27,9% and non-residential buildings rose by 14,2% – 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/
2018	January	3 423 823	8,3	1 750 009	-8,7	2 048 834	20,3	7 222 666	6,5
	February	4 728 955	3,7	3 819 701	29,2	2 360 140	9,2	10 908 796	12,7
	March	4 473 589	-5,3	1 819 474	1,3	2 549 303	11,9	8 842 366	0,5
	April	5 632 240	38,8	1 966 738	89,1	2 162 953	9,0	9 761 931	37,9
	May	5 682 387	22,3	1 906 493	-21,2	2 476 180	1,4	10 065 060	5,8
	June	5 433 066	-9,4	2 504 395	7,8	2 702 425	2,3	10 639 886	-2,9
	July	5 192 940	-16,4	1 928 957	-31,2	2 732 053	4,0	9 853 950	-15,4
	August	6 483 327	41,4	2 885 915	0,4	2 471 082	-16,5	11 840 324	13,6
	September	5 389 035	-2,9	2 396 777	44,1	2 474 656	-8,5	10 260 468	3,5
	October	5 365 205	0,9	1 886 023	-2,3	3 170 956	5,9	10 422 184	1,8
	November	5 475 866	17,0	3 089 401	-24,6	2 596 278	-6,8	11 161 545	-3,5
	December	4 480 222	1,1	1 240 912	-51,1	1 866 810	-5,8	7 587 944	-15,2
	Total	61 760 655	6,6	27 194 795	-4,1	29 611 670	1,2	118 567 120	2,6
2019	January	4 772 821	39,4	1 611 299	-7,9	1 836 501	-10,4	8 220 621	13,8
	February	6 990 891	47,8	2 069 538	-45,8	2 399 945	1,7	11 460 374	5,1
	March	4 148 476	-7,3	2 320 258	27,5	2 314 165	-9,2	8 782 899	-0,7
	April	4 276 398	-24,1	2 091 416	6,3	2 473 785	14,4	8 841 599	-9,4
	May	4 422 359	-22,2	1 653 807	-13,3	2 646 651	6,9	8 722 817	-13,3
	June	4 082 091	-24,9	1 648 322	-34,2	2 534 350	-6,2	8 264 763	-22,3
	July	5 781 318	11,3	1 917 207	-0,6	3 282 645	20,2	10 981 170	11,4
	August	5 000 208	-22,9	2 749 039	-4,7	2 453 296	-0,7	10 202 543	-13,8
	September	3 431 994	-36,3	1 552 481	-35,2	2 703 734	9,3	7 688 209	-25,1
	October	5 218 314	-2,7	2 578 004	36,7	2 772 425	-12,6	10 568 743	1,4
	November	3 846 996	-29,7	997 639	-67,7	2 751 222	6,0	7 595 857	-31,9
	December	2 600 190	-42,0	1 994 195	60,7	1 977 513	5,9	6 571 898	-13,4
	Total	54 572 056	-11,6	23 183 205	-14,8	30 146 232	1,8	107 901 493	-9,0

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/
2018	January	4 575 960	-12,6	1 750 009	-31,0	2 649 290	4,1	8 975 259	-13,0
	February	4 736 841	3,5	3 819 701	118,3	2 461 336	-7,1	11 017 878	22,8
	March	4 939 641	4,3	1 819 474	-52,4	2 901 856	17,9	9 660 971	-12,3
	April	5 381 397	8,9	1 966 738	8,1	2 190 145	-24,5	9 538 280	-1,3
	May	5 427 166	0,9	1 906 493	-3,1	2 398 559	9,5	9 732 218	2,0
	June	5 161 139	-4,9	2 504 395	31,4	2 578 793	7,5	10 244 327	5,3
	July	5 220 932	1,2	1 928 957	-23,0	2 362 994	-8,4	9 512 883	-7,1
	August	5 559 473	6,5	2 885 915	49,6	2 275 436	-3,7	10 720 824	12,7
	September	5 164 068	-7,1	2 396 777	-16,9	2 368 969	4,1	9 929 814	-7,4
	October	4 733 298	-8,3	1 886 023	-21,3	2 655 581	12,1	9 274 902	-6,6
	November	5 368 008	13,4	3 089 401	63,8	2 392 276	-9,9	10 849 685	17,0
	December	5 356 509	-0,2	1 240 912	-59,8	2 401 708	0,4	8 999 129	-17,1
2019	January	6 006 284	12,1	1 611 299	29,8	2 405 960	0,2	10 023 543	11,4
	February	6 959 905	15,9	2 069 538	28,4	2 505 248	4,1	11 534 691	15,1
	March	4 187 513	-39,8	2 320 258	12,1	2 503 318	-0,1	9 011 089	-21,9
	April	4 644 089	10,9	2 091 416	-9,9	2 579 197	3,0	9 314 702	3,4
	May	4 286 119	-7,7	1 653 807	-20,9	2 592 217	0,5	8 532 143	-8,4
	June	3 973 350	-7,3	1 648 322	-0,3	2 523 511	-2,7	8 145 183	-4,5
	July	5 532 420	39,2	1 917 207	16,3	2 687 525	6,5	10 137 152	24,5
	August	4 341 786	-21,5	2 749 039	43,4	2 376 447	-11,6	9 467 272	-6,6
	September	3 359 365	-22,6	1 552 481	-43,5	2 497 718	5,1	7 409 564	-21,7
	October	4 356 245	29,7	2 578 004	66,1	2 352 227	-5,8	9 286 476	25,3
	November	3 909 544	-10,3	997 639	-61,3	2 581 791	9,8	7 488 974	-19,4
	December	3 102 948	-20,6	1 994 195	99,9	2 434 875	-5,7	7 532 018	0,6
	Jul – Sep 19	13 233 571		6 218 727		7 561 690		27 013 988	
Oct – Dec 19 2/	11 368 737	-14,1	5 569 838	-10,4	7 368 893	-2,5	24 307 468	-10,0	

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/
2018	January	2 977 237	3,6	1 521 747	-12,6	1 781 595	15,1	6 280 579	1,9
	February	4 115 714	0,0	3 324 370	24,5	2 054 082	5,3	9 494 166	8,7
	March	3 886 698	-8,6	1 580 777	-2,2	2 214 859	8,0	7 682 334	-3,0
	April	4 876 398	33,8	1 702 803	82,2	1 872 687	5,1	8 451 888	32,9
	May	4 911 311	18,7	1 647 790	-23,6	2 140 173	-1,6	8 699 274	2,7
	June	4 675 616	-12,8	2 155 245	3,8	2 325 667	-1,5	9 156 528	-6,5
	July	4 419 523	-20,4	1 641 666	-34,5	2 325 151	-0,8	8 386 340	-19,3
	August	5 536 573	35,9	2 464 488	-3,4	2 110 232	-19,7	10 111 293	9,3
	September	4 559 251	-6,8	2 027 730	38,3	2 093 618	-12,3	8 680 599	-0,7
	October	4 501 011	-3,3	1 582 234	-6,4	2 660 198	1,5	8 743 443	-2,5
	November	4 582 315	12,5	2 585 273	-27,5	2 172 618	-10,4	9 340 206	-7,2
	December	3 761 731	-2,4	1 041 908	-52,7	1 567 431	-9,1	6 371 070	-18,1
	Total	52 803 378	2,6	23 276 031	-7,6	25 318 311	-2,6	101 397 720	-1,2
2019	January	4 027 697	35,3	1 359 746	-10,6	1 549 790	-13,0	6 937 233	10,5
	February	5 850 118	42,1	1 731 831	-47,9	2 008 322	-2,2	9 590 271	1,0
	March	3 428 493	-11,8	1 917 569	21,3	1 912 533	-13,6	7 258 595	-5,5
	April	3 513 885	-27,9	1 718 501	0,9	2 032 691	8,5	7 265 077	-14,0
	May	3 627 858	-26,1	1 356 692	-17,7	2 171 166	1,4	7 155 716	-17,7
	June	3 351 470	-28,3	1 353 302	-37,2	2 080 747	-10,5	6 785 519	-25,9
	July	4 727 161	7,0	1 567 626	-4,5	2 684 092	15,4	8 978 879	7,1
	August	4 075 149	-26,4	2 240 456	-9,1	1 999 426	-5,3	8 315 031	-17,8
	September	2 776 694	-39,1	1 256 053	-38,1	2 187 487	4,5	6 220 234	-28,3
	October	4 218 524	-6,3	2 084 078	31,7	2 241 249	-15,7	8 543 851	-2,3
	November	3 112 456	-32,1	807 151	-68,8	2 225 908	2,5	6 145 515	-34,2
	December	2 098 620	-44,2	1 609 520	54,5	1 596 056	1,8	5 304 196	-16,7
	Total	44 808 125	-15,1	19 002 525	-18,4	24 689 467	-2,5	88 500 117	-12,7

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/
2018	January	3 965 155	-12,5	1 521 747	-31,0	2 291 734	2,9	7 778 636	-13,2
	February	4 122 876	4,0	3 324 370	118,5	2 143 968	-6,4	9 591 214	23,3
	March	4 278 405	3,8	1 580 777	-52,4	2 476 760	15,5	8 335 942	-13,1
	April	4 688 882	9,6	1 702 803	7,7	1 928 138	-22,2	8 319 823	-0,2
	May	4 695 807	0,1	1 647 790	-3,2	2 085 845	8,2	8 429 442	1,3
	June	4 439 229	-5,5	2 155 245	30,8	2 244 183	7,6	8 838 657	4,9
	July	4 456 551	0,4	1 641 666	-23,8	2 016 254	-10,2	8 114 471	-8,2
	August	4 743 221	6,4	2 464 488	50,1	1 942 161	-3,7	9 149 870	12,8
	September	4 361 786	-8,0	2 027 730	-17,7	2 017 610	3,9	8 407 126	-8,1
	October	3 977 593	-8,8	1 582 234	-22,0	2 163 041	7,2	7 722 868	-8,1
	November	4 496 229	13,0	2 585 273	63,4	2 009 967	-7,1	9 091 469	17,7
	December	4 483 684	-0,3	1 041 908	-59,7	2 023 280	0,7	7 548 872	-17,0
2019	January	5 048 977	12,6	1 359 746	30,5	2 033 945	0,5	8 442 668	11,8
	February	5 820 503	15,3	1 731 831	27,4	2 097 244	3,1	9 649 578	14,3
	March	3 460 766	-40,5	1 917 569	10,7	2 064 371	-1,6	7 442 706	-22,9
	April	3 826 336	10,6	1 718 501	-10,4	2 120 307	2,7	7 665 144	3,0
	May	3 522 251	-7,9	1 356 692	-21,1	2 140 455	1,0	7 019 398	-8,4
	June	3 257 784	-7,5	1 353 302	-0,2	2 108 754	-1,5	6 719 840	-4,3
	July	4 535 609	39,2	1 567 626	15,8	2 190 957	3,9	8 294 192	23,4
	August	3 531 282	-22,1	2 240 456	42,9	1 923 663	-12,2	7 695 401	-7,2
	September	2 713 362	-23,2	1 256 053	-43,9	2 030 968	5,6	6 000 383	-22,0
	October	3 529 086	30,1	2 084 078	65,9	1 858 096	-8,5	7 471 260	24,5
	November	3 167 254	-10,3	807 151	-61,3	2 085 924	12,3	6 060 329	-18,9
	December	2 505 284	-20,9	1 609 520	99,4	1 967 930	-5,7	6 082 734	0,4
	Jul – Sep 19	10 780 253		5 064 135		6 145 588		21 989 976	
Oct – Dec 19 2/	9 201 624	-14,6	4 500 749	-11,1	5 911 950	-3,8	19 614 323	-10,8	

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 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/
2018	January	2 685 943	13,8	807 034	-39,1	792 693	4,9	4 285 670	-3,4
	February	2 996 399	0,3	1 521 419	91,7	1 053 541	25,5	5 571 359	20,6
	March	2 823 654	-21,4	1 044 722	-57,7	1 068 288	-2,6	4 936 664	-31,0
	April	3 373 893	-9,4	1 205 988	44,3	890 508	29,3	5 470 389	4,3
	May	3 191 090	6,5	1 473 491	1,0	903 658	-3,7	5 568 239	3,2
	June	3 381 928	6,2	1 478 214	-47,4	1 020 156	-8,9	5 880 298	-17,3
	July	4 918 774	76,2	1 484 338	4,6	1 362 088	55,0	7 765 200	52,6
	August	2 862 038	-5,3	1 060 192	-31,1	1 181 840	5,4	5 104 070	-10,2
	September	4 790 862	58,8	2 712 580	-22,5	955 730	-22,6	8 459 172	9,1
	October	3 696 841	10,9	1 566 033	-41,3	1 142 493	37,4	6 405 367	-6,3
	November	5 964 109	62,8	1 078 925	-66,9	1 121 099	-1,8	8 164 133	1,3
	December	3 779 538	-9,1	1 201 138	39,1	825 065	-13,9	5 805 741	-2,9
	Total	44 465 069	14,5	16 634 074	-27,5	12 317 159	6,1	73 416 302	0,1
2019	January	3 215 693	19,7	1 129 725	40,0	704 984	-11,1	5 050 402	17,8
	February	3 662 196	22,2	3 157 234	107,5	991 268	-5,9	7 810 698	40,2
	March	5 459 272	93,3	1 420 463	36,0	1 490 196	39,5	8 369 931	69,5
	April	4 328 058	28,3	1 623 694	34,6	1 026 808	15,3	6 978 560	27,6
	May	5 249 660	64,5	3 123 392	112,0	1 035 312	14,6	9 408 364	69,0
	June	6 325 555	87,0	1 259 061	-14,8	868 430	-14,9	8 453 046	43,8
	July	4 795 499	-2,5	1 904 394	28,3	1 202 470	-11,7	7 902 363	1,8
	August	5 048 824	76,4	2 136 907	101,6	1 240 827	5,0	8 426 558	65,1
	September	3 405 658	-28,9	1 262 510	-53,5	1 108 538	16,0	5 776 706	-31,7
	October	3 267 018	-11,6	1 860 458	18,8	1 351 483	18,3	6 478 959	1,1
	November	4 771 617	-20,0	2 350 550	117,9	1 224 790	9,2	8 346 957	2,2
	December	2 929 802	-22,5	1 895 345	57,8	1 023 175	24,0	5 848 322	0,7
	Total	52 458 852	18,0	23 123 733	39,0	13 268 281	7,7	88 850 866	21,0

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/
2018	January	3 479 567	-17,2	807 034	-6,5	1 045 024	-4,9	5 331 625	-13,5
	February	3 374 791	-3,0	1 521 419	88,5	1 056 513	1,1	5 952 723	11,6
	March	2 783 622	-17,5	1 044 722	-31,3	1 011 527	-4,3	4 839 871	-18,7
	April	3 429 933	23,2	1 205 988	15,4	890 277	-12,0	5 526 198	14,2
	May	3 262 524	-4,9	1 473 491	22,2	933 083	4,8	5 669 098	2,6
	June	3 288 587	0,8	1 478 214	0,3	972 604	4,2	5 739 405	1,2
	July	5 146 952	56,5	1 484 338	0,4	1 373 929	41,3	8 005 219	39,5
	August	3 004 933	-41,6	1 060 192	-28,6	1 097 917	-20,1	5 163 042	-35,5
	September	4 300 959	43,1	2 712 580	155,9	919 547	-16,2	7 933 086	53,7
	October	3 586 458	-16,6	1 566 033	-42,3	1 042 866	13,4	6 195 357	-21,9
	November	4 605 974	28,4	1 078 925	-31,1	1 032 989	-0,9	6 717 888	8,4
	December	3 826 997	-16,9	1 201 138	11,3	934 920	-9,5	5 963 055	-11,2
2019	January	4 174 904	9,1	1 129 725	-5,9	931 898	-0,3	6 236 527	4,6
	February	4 132 491	-1,0	3 157 234	179,5	1 006 602	8,0	8 296 327	33,0
	March	5 361 725	29,7	1 420 463	-55,0	1 128 943	12,2	7 911 131	-4,6
	April	4 427 543	-17,4	1 623 694	14,3	1 304 280	15,5	7 355 517	-7,0
	May	5 313 590	20,0	3 123 392	92,4	1 071 390	-17,9	9 508 372	29,3
	June	6 047 767	13,8	1 259 061	-59,7	820 939	-23,4	8 127 767	-14,5
	July	5 082 650	-16,0	1 904 394	51,3	1 216 240	48,2	8 203 284	0,9
	August	5 366 634	5,6	2 136 907	12,2	1 152 740	-5,2	8 656 281	5,5
	September	3 051 805	-43,1	1 262 510	-40,9	1 068 702	-7,3	5 383 017	-37,8
	October	3 204 581	5,0	1 860 458	47,4	1 230 778	15,2	6 295 817	17,0
	November	3 653 438	14,0	2 350 550	26,3	1 114 147	-9,5	7 118 135	13,1
	December	2 974 116	-18,6	1 895 345	-19,4	1 157 771	3,9	6 027 232	-15,3
	Jul – Sep 19	13 501 089		5 303 811		3 437 682		22 242 582	
Oct – Dec 19 2/	9 832 135	-27,2	6 106 353	15,1	3 502 696	1,9	19 441 184	-12,6	

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

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

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2018	January	2 335 603	8,9	701 769	-41,7	689 298	0,4	3 726 670	-7,6
	February	2 607 832	-3,3	1 324 124	84,8	916 920	21,0	4 848 876	16,3
	March	2 453 218	-24,1	907 665	-59,2	928 139	-6,0	4 289 022	-33,4
	April	2 921 119	-12,7	1 044 145	39,0	771 003	24,6	4 736 267	0,5
	May	2 758 073	3,3	1 273 545	-2,0	781 035	-6,5	4 812 653	0,2
	June	2 910 437	2,3	1 272 129	-49,3	877 931	-12,2	5 060 497	-20,4
	July	4 186 191	67,9	1 263 266	-0,3	1 159 224	47,8	6 608 681	45,4
	August	2 444 097	-8,9	905 373	-33,7	1 009 257	1,3	4 358 727	-13,6
	September	4 053 183	52,3	2 294 907	-25,7	808 570	-25,7	7 156 660	4,7
	October	3 101 377	6,3	1 313 786	-43,8	958 467	31,6	5 373 630	-10,2
	November	4 990 886	56,5	902 866	-68,1	938 158	-5,6	6 831 910	-2,6
	December	3 173 416	-12,3	1 008 512	34,4	692 750	-16,9	4 874 678	-6,3
	Total	37 935 432	10,0	14 212 087	-30,1	10 530 752	2,1	62 678 271	-3,8
2019	January	2 713 665	16,2	953 354	35,9	594 923	-13,7	4 261 942	14,4
	February	3 064 599	17,5	2 642 037	99,5	829 513	-9,5	6 536 149	34,8
	March	4 511 795	83,9	1 173 936	29,3	1 231 567	32,7	6 917 298	61,3
	April	3 556 334	21,7	1 334 177	27,8	843 721	9,4	5 734 232	21,1
	May	4 306 530	56,1	2 562 258	101,2	849 313	8,7	7 718 101	60,4
	June	5 193 395	78,4	1 033 712	-18,7	712 997	-18,8	6 940 104	37,1
	July	3 921 095	-6,3	1 557 150	23,3	983 213	-15,2	6 461 458	-2,2
	August	4 114 771	68,4	1 741 570	92,4	1 011 269	0,2	6 867 610	57,6
	September	2 755 387	-32,0	1 021 448	-55,5	896 875	10,9	4 673 710	-34,7
	October	2 641 082	-14,8	1 504 008	14,5	1 092 549	14,0	5 237 639	-2,5
	November	3 860 532	-22,6	1 901 739	110,6	990 930	5,6	6 753 201	-1,2
	December	2 364 651	-25,5	1 529 738	51,7	825 807	19,2	4 720 196	-3,2
	Total	43 003 836	13,4	18 955 127	33,4	10 862 677	3,2	72 821 640	16,2

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 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/
2018	January	3 013 721	-17,1	701 769	-6,5	905 673	-4,8	4 621 163	-13,4
	February	2 938 158	-2,5	1 324 124	88,7	920 596	1,6	5 182 878	12,2
	March	2 422 956	-17,5	907 665	-31,5	877 988	-4,6	4 208 609	-18,8
	April	2 975 204	22,8	1 044 145	15,0	771 032	-12,2	4 790 381	13,8
	May	2 826 043	-5,0	1 273 545	22,0	807 997	4,8	4 907 585	2,4
	June	2 833 442	0,3	1 272 129	-0,1	838 109	3,7	4 943 680	0,7
	July	4 387 039	54,8	1 263 266	-0,7	1 171 154	39,7	6 821 459	38,0
	August	2 568 941	-41,4	905 373	-28,3	937 462	-20,0	4 411 776	-35,3
	September	3 636 297	41,5	2 294 907	153,5	778 490	-17,0	6 709 694	52,1
	October	3 013 631	-17,1	1 313 786	-42,8	875 105	12,4	5 202 522	-22,5
	November	3 847 670	27,7	902 866	-31,3	863 962	-1,3	5 614 498	7,9
	December	3 197 294	-16,9	1 008 512	11,7	782 297	-9,5	4 988 103	-11,2
2019	January	3 508 013	9,7	953 354	-5,5	783 868	0,2	5 245 235	5,2
	February	3 459 657	-1,4	2 642 037	177,1	843 165	7,6	6 944 859	32,4
	March	4 437 837	28,3	1 173 936	-55,6	935 670	11,0	6 547 443	-5,7
	April	3 643 923	-17,9	1 334 177	13,6	1 067 854	14,1	6 045 954	-7,7
	May	4 369 566	19,9	2 562 258	92,0	880 851	-17,5	7 812 675	29,2
	June	4 971 379	13,8	1 033 712	-59,7	674 563	-23,4	6 679 654	-14,5
	July	4 160 498	-16,3	1 557 150	50,6	995 625	47,6	6 713 273	0,5
	August	4 378 513	5,2	1 741 570	11,8	939 060	-5,7	7 059 143	5,2
	September	2 467 490	-43,6	1 021 448	-41,3	865 445	-7,8	4 354 383	-38,3
	October	2 595 389	5,2	1 504 008	47,2	995 311	15,0	5 094 708	17,0
	November	2 951 170	13,7	1 901 739	26,4	901 356	-9,4	5 754 265	12,9
	December	2 389 968	-19,0	1 529 738	-19,6	931 807	3,4	4 851 513	-15,7
	Jul – Sep 19	11 006 501		4 320 168		2 800 130		18 126 799	
Oct – Dec 19 2/	7 936 527	-27,9	4 935 485	14,2	2 828 474	1,0	15 700 486	-13,4	

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

			Dec 2018	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Jan – Dec 2018	Jan – Dec 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	519	945	978	16 673	13 935	-16,4
		square metres	28 310	47 236	48 526	803 258	726 690	-9,5
		R'000	175 116	286 068	275 584	4 443 401	3 763 460	-15,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 025	1 199	815	15 049	13 220	-12,2
		square metres	235 882	291 416	229 859	3 987 119	3 594 865	-9,8
		R'000	1 704 223	2 221 511	1 756 560	28 684 790	26 897 550	-6,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 878	1 646	872	28 799	24 049	-16,5
		square metres	282 274	157 180	69 604	3 275 231	2 760 094	-15,7
		R'000	2 564 485	1 323 268	553 048	26 824 390	23 190 690	-13,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	5 133	2 306	2 116	189 117	100 723	-46,7
		R'000	36 398	16 149	14 998	1 808 074	720 356	-60,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	4 480 222	3 846 996	2 600 190	61 760 655	54 572 056	-11,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	27 593	26 719	34 064	619 969	396 291	-36,1
		R'000	290 784	222 443	357 405	5 885 837	3 628 470	-38,4
	Shopping space	square metres	19 803	24 985	69 616	619 302	559 544	-9,6
		R'000	176 432	184 862	645 417	5 196 064	4 444 241	-14,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	110 149	72 178	152 154	2 014 822	1 739 059	-13,7
		R'000	680 780	465 051	873 358	12 221 177	11 050 356	-9,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	15 994	18 921	14 223	557 141	568 220	2,0
		R'000	92 916	125 283	118 015	3 891 717	4 060 138	4,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 240 912	997 639	1 994 195	27 194 795	23 183 205	-14,8
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	177 317	253 408	173 998	2 861 570	2 818 303
R'000			1 283 871	1 903 248	1 358 901	20 895 192	21 280 048	1,8
Other buildings 4/		square metres	48 245	82 477	53 990	909 135	814 249	-10,4
		R'000	582 939	847 974	618 612	8 716 478	8 866 184	1,7
Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 866 810	2 751 222	1 977 513	29 611 670	30 146 232	1,8	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	7 587 944	7 595 857	6 571 898	118 567 120	107 901 493	-9,0

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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

			Dec 2018	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Jan – Dec 2018	Jan – Dec 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	164	162	184	6 070	2 852	-53,0
		square metres	7 358	7 526	8 332	271 661	129 057	-52,5
		R'000	45 653	44 955	52 139	1 613 811	770 974	-52,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	358	321	267	5 313	4 003	-24,7
		square metres	81 977	65 494	67 436	1 292 420	973 294	-24,7
		R'000	524 424	454 632	452 496	8 528 775	6 483 336	-24,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	560	338	186	10 556	6 378	-39,6
		square metres	57 764	43 398	23 043	1 029 501	685 826	-33,4
		R'000	441 764	339 332	182 262	7 829 822	5 394 827	-31,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	423	0	151	24 595	48 664	97,9
		R'000	5 000	0	1 071	193 605	348 901	80,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 016 841	838 919	687 968	18 166 013	12 998 038	-28,4
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 402	7 042	7 385	106 953	67 852
R'000			9 263	47 240	61 428	841 589	524 076	-37,7
Shopping space		square metres	6 708	4 467	5 896	147 314	128 317	-12,9
		R'000	54 351	36 920	46 837	1 202 958	1 050 298	-12,7
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	30 362	12 552	3 399	412 837	397 110	-3,8
		R'000	202 669	85 051	22 311	2 769 988	2 836 752	2,4
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	10 050	5 496	11 329	200 944	275 723	37,2
		R'000	55 477	31 460	98 321	1 393 607	1 906 237	36,8
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	321 760	200 671	228 897	6 208 142	6 317 363	1,8
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	61 053	85 348	53 261	855 924	822 913
	R'000		373 501	558 186	364 411	5 670 967	5 419 740	-4,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	11 942	26 347	21 558	295 699	325 454	10,1
		R'000	118 460	324 511	270 281	2 896 158	3 652 952	26,1
Total additions and alterations	R'000	491 961	882 697	634 692	8 567 125	9 072 692	5,9	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 830 562	1 922 287	1 551 557	32 941 280	28 388 093	-13,8

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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

			Dec 2018	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Jan – Dec 2018	Jan – Dec 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	11	3	8	1 132	321	-71,6
		square metres	688	165	534	53 821	19 765	-63,3
		R'000	4 425	998	3 057	336 496	125 600	-62,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	64	136	61	1 303	1 139	-12,6
		square metres	16 179	26 802	15 860	275 901	257 911	-6,5
		R'000	106 119	178 950	103 907	1 770 910	1 730 476	-2,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	405	179	57	1 592	767	-51,8
		square metres	22 187	17 640	4 144	103 810	87 029	-16,2
		R'000	136 583	100 063	25 279	649 938	560 738	-13,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	3 013	273	-90,9
		R'000	0	0	0	15 906	1 958	-87,7
Total residential buildings	R'000	247 127	280 011	132 243	2 773 250	2 418 772	-12,8	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 097	2 039	3 031	36 307	20 133	-44,5
		R'000	7 021	14 007	20 971	231 253	132 314	-42,8
	Shopping space	square metres	0	4 639	21 856	13 883	59 450	328,2
		R'000	0	26 303	151 222	86 847	378 550	335,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	58 504	11 162	9 202	203 694	284 243	39,5
		R'000	351 476	75 842	63 669	1 217 454	1 890 239	55,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 165	104	1 872	46 149	18 743	-59,4
		R'000	5 976	700	11 557	275 460	124 671	-54,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	364 473	116 852	247 419	1 811 014	2 525 774	39,5
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	17 415	26 788	15 566	288 532	252 836
R'000			104 507	181 941	101 505	1 786 028	1 663 946	-6,8
Other buildings 4/		square metres	7 028	6 924	5 080	124 855	87 574	-29,9
		R'000	43 657	49 269	33 322	767 430	614 187	-20,0
Total additions and alterations	R'000	148 164	231 210	134 827	2 553 458	2 278 133	-10,8	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	759 764	628 073	514 489	7 137 722	7 222 679	1,2

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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

			Dec 2018	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Jan – Dec 2018	Jan – Dec 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	4	5	21	150	614,3
		square metres	78	260	269	1 192	7 100	495,6
		R'000	585	2 279	2 328	9 536	34 069	257,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	11	21	12	153	204	33,3
		square metres	2 938	4 308	3 740	33 740	49 190	45,8
		R'000	22 185	35 026	29 515	234 209	369 540	57,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	2	3	0	75	44	-41,3
		square metres	227	396	0	6 591	3 826	-42,0
		R'000	1 785	3 471	0	49 973	32 247	-35,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	1 705	293	-82,8
		R'000	0	0	0	11 935	2 568	-78,5
	Total residential buildings	R'000	24 555	40 776	31 843	305 653	438 424	43,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	955	278	1 399	11 341	7 158	-36,9
		R'000	6 685	2 280	11 472	89 842	58 376	-35,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	9 288	1 576	-83,0
		R'000	0	0	0	71 638	9 261	-87,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	874	375	19 491	10 715	-45,0
		R'000	0	5 234	2 246	127 283	70 759	-44,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	2 199	54 174	2 363,6
		R'000	0	0	0	17 682	428 548	2 323,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	6 685	7 514	13 718	306 445	566 944	85,0
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 158	8 515	3 560	40 146	48 624
R'000			23 896	71 421	28 834	294 374	386 165	31,2
Other buildings 4/		square metres	469	390	175	12 793	9 417	-26,4
		R'000	3 747	3 729	2 790	101 795	95 634	-6,1
Total additions and alterations	R'000	27 643	75 150	31 624	396 169	481 799	21,6	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	58 883	123 440	77 185	1 008 267	1 487 167	47,5

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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

			Dec 2018	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Jan – Dec 2018	Jan – Dec 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	38	16	3	256	225	-12,1
		square metres	2 270	989	190	14 957	13 609	-9,0
		R'000	17 458	7 642	1 534	102 921	102 906	0,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	50	52	20	709	666	-6,1
		square metres	10 050	11 491	5 464	148 009	142 260	-3,9
		R'000	69 851	81 109	35 174	961 307	968 227	0,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	79	157	0	468	467	-0,2
		square metres	18 939	4 696	0	53 080	39 967	-24,7
		R'000	146 285	37 906	0	392 808	304 707	-22,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 434	0	0	15 556	10 284	-33,9
		R'000	11 076	0	0	100 982	56 785	-43,8
	Total residential buildings	R'000	244 670	126 657	36 708	1 558 018	1 432 625	-8,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	7 979	8 802	10,3
		R'000	0	0	0	53 989	61 406	13,7
	Shopping space	square metres	0	585	168	34 704	15 743	-54,6
		R'000	0	3 036	1 124	232 000	91 731	-60,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	10 955	0	79 698	22 754	-71,4
		R'000	0	56 845	0	533 108	136 834	-74,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 546	0	0	9 171	27 829	203,4
		R'000	7 677	0	0	55 362	204 751	269,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	7 677	59 881	1 124	874 459	494 722	-43,4
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	10 293	6 562	6 316	138 283	109 432
R'000			71 639	44 215	43 626	910 352	744 739	-18,2
Other buildings 4/		square metres	4 343	3 101	4 740	72 350	35 051	-51,6
		R'000	43 951	23 337	42 195	647 349	407 067	-37,1
Total additions and alterations	R'000	115 590	67 552	85 821	1 557 701	1 151 806	-26,1	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	367 937	254 090	123 653	3 990 178	3 079 153	-22,8

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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

			Dec 2018	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Jan – Dec 2018	Jan – Dec 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	5	46	14	158	740	368,4
		square metres	314	2 680	887	9 821	29 891	204,4
		R'000	2 475	29 319	7 724	76 676	173 910	126,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	78	124	117	1 127	1 255	11,4
		square metres	23 798	31 447	36 765	348 949	390 386	11,9
		R'000	220 490	299 837	362 072	3 411 886	3 771 430	10,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	243	205	159	3 211	3 018	-6,0
		square metres	96 165	30 519	20 390	490 186	380 075	-22,5
		R'000	1 134 378	273 235	222 674	5 083 209	3 786 359	-25,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 057	0	0	86 849	10 553	-87,8
		R'000	9 103	0	0	1 088 041	121 081	-88,9
Total residential buildings	R'000	1 366 446	602 391	592 470	9 659 812	7 852 780	-18,7	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	22 306	0	308	150 178	41 427	-72,4
		R'000	245 366	0	2 169	1 573 077	403 627	-74,3
	Shopping space	square metres	8 073	1 000	39 635	65 913	86 738	31,6
		R'000	85 743	5 000	427 808	682 768	843 540	23,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	15 763	15 305	20 132	552 927	418 062	-24,4
		R'000	95 396	94 725	150 263	3 307 322	2 584 496	-21,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 411	1 909	247	64 123	44 053	-31,3
		R'000	13 828	16 800	2 421	512 692	390 454	-23,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	440 333	116 525	582 661	6 075 859	4 222 117	-30,5
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	23 123	29 438	27 173	366 258	370 640
R'000			226 728	299 534	282 448	3 641 725	3 735 811	2,6
Other buildings 4/		square metres	10 003	18 522	15 601	176 438	169 619	-3,9
		R'000	193 504	219 954	205 358	2 262 067	2 167 401	-4,2
Total additions and alterations	R'000	420 232	519 488	487 806	5 903 792	5 903 212	0,0	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 227 011	1 238 404	1 662 937	21 639 463	17 978 109	-16,9

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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

			Dec 2018	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Jan – Dec 2018	Jan – Dec 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	304	347	942	705	-25,2
		square metres	188	12 534	15 449	41 002	30 980	-24,4
		R'000	1 016	46 814	57 713	145 724	120 793	-17,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	31	79	27	692	622	-10,1
		square metres	7 804	15 365	7 061	173 734	162 100	-6,7
		R'000	47 768	89 457	42 233	976 921	967 670	-0,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	34	8	12	1 031	645	-37,4
		square metres	3 351	467	498	98 194	80 230	-18,3
		R'000	19 851	3 269	2 584	528 859	463 850	-12,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	1 102	10 259	1 102	-89,3
		R'000	0	0	8 816	55 407	8 816	-84,1
Total residential buildings	R'000	68 635	139 540	111 346	1 706 911	1 561 129	-8,5	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	7 218	5 170	-28,4
		R'000	0	0	0	34 592	29 654	-14,3
	Shopping space	square metres	504	4 129	266	27 858	21 087	-24,3
		R'000	2 502	26 665	1 840	150 626	133 190	-11,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	1 767	0	23 304	6 675	-71,4
		R'000	0	9 667	0	124 084	36 678	-70,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	493	8 701	0	7 464	31 531	322,4
		R'000	2 767	56 191	0	38 374	194 157	406,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	5 269	92 523	1 840	347 676	393 679	13,2
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 167	8 176	4 200	112 635	100 877
R'000			30 507	47 858	23 354	612 789	579 246	-5,5
Other buildings 4/		square metres	892	1 656	189	18 204	15 811	-13,1
		R'000	6 406	11 073	1 312	120 244	149 928	24,7
Total additions and alterations	R'000	36 913	58 931	24 666	733 033	729 174	-0,5	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	110 817	290 994	137 852	2 787 620	2 683 982	-3,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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

			Dec 2018	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Jan – Dec 2018	Jan – Dec 2019	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	262	383	372	7 562	8 513	12,6	
		square metres	15 701	21 722	20 446	379 920	471 319	24,1	
		R'000	94 859	146 795	138 912	1 998 514	2 305 363	15,4	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	386	380	232	4 354	4 030	-7,4	
		square metres	76 964	113 511	70 218	1 308 120	1 242 603	-5,0	
		R'000	621 363	953 789	591 436	10 480 281	10 313 034	-1,6	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	540	744	448	11 529	11 915	3,3	
		square metres	82 084	59 005	21 189	1 460 550	1 436 028	-1,7	
		R'000	676 278	559 641	118 447	12 106 350	12 388 605	2,3	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	28 960	5 975	-79,4	
		R'000	0	0	0	238 013	34 365	-85,6	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	1 392 500	1 660 225	848 795	24 823 158	25 041 367	0,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 833	15 656	21 941	270 851	203 015	-25,0	
		R'000	22 449	148 113	261 365	2 890 443	2 153 735	-25,5	
	Shopping space	square metres	2 513	9 017	1 795	274 940	139 354	-49,3	
		R'000	23 681	81 153	16 586	2 532 928	1 207 005	-52,3	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	920	16 217	114 345	588 443	525 673	-10,7	
		R'000	7 170	119 654	604 838	3 359 207	3 082 327	-8,2	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	589	2 711	775	187 377	67 177	-64,1	
		R'000	3 516	20 132	5 716	1 385 594	507 343	-63,4	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	56 816	369 052	888 505	10 168 172	6 950 410	-31,6
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	47 773	75 119	51 159	874 286	917 858	5,0
R'000			404 794	619 995	440 726	6 972 068	7 622 581	9,3	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	12 755	22 421	5 794	172 582	147 339	-14,6	
		R'000	97 568	176 369	52 871	1 301 775	1 229 706	-5,5	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	502 362	796 364	493 597	8 273 843	8 852 287	7,0	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices		R'000	1 951 678	2 825 641	2 230 897	43 265 173	40 844 064	-5,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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

			Dec 2018	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Jan – Dec 2018	Jan – Dec 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	35	23	42	299	332	11,0
		square metres	1 713	1 115	2 224	17 288	18 934	9,5
		R'000	8 645	5 853	11 053	90 412	95 840	6,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	26	51	48	896	829	-7,5
		square metres	7 376	10 907	12 380	243 258	214 471	-11,8
		R'000	44 702	58 878	76 504	1 460 014	1 385 966	-5,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	5	0	10	149	107	-28,2
		square metres	475	0	340	15 341	5 053	-67,1
		R'000	2 411	0	1 802	86 066	27 823	-67,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	2 219	2 306	863	17 501	12 828	-26,7
		R'000	11 219	16 149	5 111	100 692	71 029	-29,5
	Total residential buildings	R'000	66 977	80 880	94 470	1 737 184	1 580 658	-9,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	897	0	21 789	32 646	49,8
		R'000	0	6 279	0	131 638	209 536	59,2
	Shopping space	square metres	2 005	0	0	25 462	66 614	161,6
		R'000	10 155	0	0	128 129	487 960	280,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 903	3 346	3 658	102 831	44 598	-56,6
		R'000	14 707	18 033	24 017	618 499	247 591	-60,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	740	0	0	31 345	40 595	29,5
		R'000	3 675	0	0	171 609	258 398	50,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	28 537	24 312	24 017	1 049 875	1 203 485	14,6
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 697	9 534	9 671	136 979	134 361
R'000			33 585	57 501	55 883	749 349	783 655	4,6
Other buildings 4/		square metres	659	2 371	853	25 356	17 525	-30,9
		R'000	73 796	31 016	6 983	527 263	482 144	-8,6
Total additions and alterations	R'000	107 381	88 517	62 866	1 276 612	1 265 799	-0,8	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	202 895	193 709	181 353	4 063 671	4 049 942	-0,3

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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

			Dec 2018	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Jan – Dec 2018	Jan – Dec 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	4	3	233	97	-58,4
		square metres	0	245	195	13 596	6 035	-55,6
		R'000	0	1 413	1 124	69 311	34 005	-50,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	21	35	31	502	472	-6,0
		square metres	8 796	12 091	10 935	162 988	162 650	-0,2
		R'000	47 321	69 833	63 223	860 487	907 871	5,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	10	12	0	188	708	276,6
		square metres	1 082	1 059	0	17 978	42 060	134,0
		R'000	5 150	6 351	0	97 365	231 534	137,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	679	10 751	1 483,4
		R'000	0	0	0	3 493	74 853	2 042,9
	Total residential buildings	R'000	52 471	77 597	64 347	1 030 656	1 248 263	21,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	807	0	7 353	10 088	37,2
		R'000	0	4 524	0	39 414	55 746	41,4
	Shopping space	square metres	0	1 148	0	19 940	40 665	103,9
		R'000	0	5 785	0	108 170	242 706	124,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 697	0	1 043	31 597	29 229	-7,5
		R'000	9 362	0	6 014	164 232	164 680	0,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	8 369	8 395	0,3
		R'000	0	0	0	41 337	45 579	10,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	9 362	10 309	6 014	353 153	508 711	44,0
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 638	3 928	3 092	48 527	60 762
R'000			14 714	22 597	18 114	257 540	344 165	33,6
Other buildings 4/		square metres	154	745	0	10 858	6 459	-40,5
		R'000	1 850	8 716	3 500	92 397	67 165	-27,3
Total additions and alterations	R'000	16 564	31 313	21 614	349 937	411 330	17,5	
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	78 397	119 219	91 975	1 733 746	2 168 304	25,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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

			Dec 2018	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Jan – Dec 2018	Jan – Dec 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 230	858	775	11 662	9 836	-15,7
		square metres	63 306	44 385	40 535	591 930	505 788	-14,6
		R'000	345 371	266 025	226 611	3 427 017	2 920 147	-14,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 138	980	733	10 715	9 998	-6,7
		square metres	259 489	258 016	211 748	2 693 756	2 623 996	-2,6
		R'000	1 982 113	1 960 826	1 646 610	19 828 485	19 973 696	0,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 437	2 081	1 039	17 825	25 479	42,9
		square metres	170 825	292 227	119 848	2 562 728	3 486 699	36,1
		R'000	1 337 819	2 539 150	1 026 043	20 534 729	28 980 476	41,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	23 493	919	4 994	91 649	70 405	-23,2
		R'000	114 235	5 616	30 538	674 838	584 533	-13,4
Total residential buildings	R'000	3 779 538	4 771 617	2 929 802	44 465 069	52 458 852	18,0	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	27 154	70 312	56 563	616 052	588 759	-4,4
		R'000	252 016	729 933	544 857	5 762 733	5 921 724	2,8
	Shopping space	square metres	25 649	77 706	55 644	334 340	608 894	82,1
		R'000	170 895	731 525	490 006	2 728 510	5 600 788	105,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	96 164	106 491	127 993	1 111 757	1 404 034	26,3
		R'000	560 733	683 272	737 075	6 574 273	8 716 849	32,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	28 673	29 214	15 037	219 933	401 533	82,6
		R'000	217 494	205 820	123 407	1 568 558	2 884 372	83,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 201 138	2 350 550	1 895 345	16 634 074	23 123 733	39,0
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	66 607	86 924	70 733	1 102 698	1 057 856
R'000			515 106	665 868	549 067	7 994 921	7 846 427	-1,9
Other buildings 4/		square metres	32 463	58 250	44 850	454 099	542 980	19,6
		R'000	309 959	558 922	474 108	4 322 238	5 421 854	25,4
Total additions and alterations	R'000	825 065	1 224 790	1 023 175	12 317 159	13 268 281	7,7	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	5 805 741	8 346 957	5 848 322	73 416 302	88 850 866	21,0

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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

			Dec 2018	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Jan – Dec 2018	Jan – Dec 2019	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	244	229	192	4 095	2 664	-34,9	
		square metres	12 272	11 097	8 992	188 678	123 389	-34,6	
		R'000	64 298	68 166	45 116	1 100 876	731 516	-33,6	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	384	337	304	3 644	3 225	-11,5	
		square metres	83 842	85 642	80 193	848 514	789 535	-7,0	
		R'000	567 778	597 016	538 060	5 680 746	5 411 307	-4,7	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	723	310	426	5 805	6 237	7,4	
		square metres	75 654	46 912	51 231	637 825	711 978	11,6	
		R'000	608 179	357 755	404 038	4 978 925	5 619 123	12,9	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	23 074	0	320	50 815	15 958	-68,6	
		R'000	111 923	0	2 325	324 358	126 573	-61,0	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	1 352 178	1 022 937	989 539	12 084 905	11 888 519	-1,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	5 890	7 016	17 058	161 951	73 610	-54,5	
		R'000	43 446	59 869	144 661	1 326 792	598 695	-54,9	
	Shopping space	square metres	558	16 546	20 225	93 318	133 733	43,3	
		R'000	4 928	139 190	165 577	721 490	1 138 349	57,8	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	11 772	20 295	16 428	268 786	342 000	27,2	
		R'000	76 795	138 817	112 346	1 734 078	2 346 058	35,3	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	3 895	8 210	1 129	86 546	159 248	84,0	
		R'000	28 537	57 206	8 356	600 085	1 184 201	97,3	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	153 706	395 082	430 940	4 382 445	5 267 303	20,2	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	24 988	35 988	31 199	435 016	385 376	-11,4	
		R'000	170 845	239 100	226 261	2 724 347	2 541 932	-6,7	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	20 403	22 452	27 515	210 111	225 846	7,5	
		R'000	199 156	202 643	328 553	2 007 853	2 310 871	15,1	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	370 001	441 743	554 814	4 732 200	4 852 803	2,5	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	1 875 885	1 859 762	1 975 293	21 199 550	22 008 625	3,8

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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

			Dec 2018	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Jan – Dec 2018	Jan – Dec 2019	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	69	94	5	526	351	-33,3	
		square metres	4 467	3 918	283	26 537	16 697	-37,1	
		R'000	28 924	14 835	1 522	135 742	85 839	-36,8	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	69	49	39	595	625	5,0	
		square metres	12 221	13 913	10 369	123 675	132 040	6,8	
		R'000	79 126	89 293	69 052	821 879	880 325	7,1	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	13	61	31	231	297	28,6	
		square metres	3 519	4 858	2 456	27 436	28 649	4,4	
		R'000	23 627	32 568	16 082	181 050	188 362	4,0	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	273	0	1 002	..	
		R'000	0	0	2 046	0	7 059	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	131 677	136 696	88 702	1 138 671	1 161 585	2,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	2 210	1 840	13 191	616,9	
		R'000	0	0	11 468	11 822	84 518	614,9	
	Shopping space	square metres	0	244	1 633	2 124	9 307	338,2	
		R'000	0	1 560	10 919	12 023	61 423	410,9	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	6 165	372	3 260	53 642	103 744	93,4	
		R'000	39 028	2 566	22 272	324 650	699 035	115,3	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	24	0	1 336	11 386	31 182	173,9	
		R'000	120	0	7 043	71 040	200 441	182,2	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	39 148	4 126	51 702	419 535	1 045 417	149,2
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 026	8 578	7 549	89 174	151 764	70,2
R'000			23 748	57 885	51 274	561 506	997 354	77,6	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	68	4 348	7 793	40 662	67 117	65,1	
		R'000	1 346	29 982	63 709	285 021	492 553	72,8	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	25 094	87 867	114 983	846 527	1 489 907	76,0	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	195 919	228 689	255 387	2 404 733	3 696 909	53,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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

			Dec 2018	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Jan – Dec 2018	Jan – Dec 2019	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2	0	0	14	40	185,7	
		square metres	121	0	0	896	2 464	175,0	
		R'000	935	0	0	6 971	19 579	180,9	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	5	10	9	55	98	78,2	
		square metres	644	2 182	2 488	10 788	28 097	160,4	
		R'000	4 154	17 892	19 780	80 094	219 503	174,1	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	1	0	2	33	1 550,0	
		square metres	0	75	0	221	3 209	1 352,0	
		R'000	0	615	0	1 737	25 763	1 383,2	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	475	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	3 563	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	5 089	18 507	19 780	88 802	268 408	202,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	108	1 760	1 098	-37,6	
		R'000	0	0	886	13 051	8 743	-33,0	
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	2 899	2 486	2 362	10 603	348,9	
		R'000	0	23 772	20 385	17 455	83 425	377,9	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	0	1 106	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	8 627	..	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	0	23 772	21 271	30 506	100 795	230,4
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 144	2 212	2 657	29 836	26 626	-10,8
R'000			8 880	18 140	21 787	224 135	210 824	-5,9	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	969	340	0	10 211	6 388	-37,4	
		R'000	7 468	3 018	60	90 078	57 923	-35,7	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	16 348	21 158	21 847	314 213	268 747	-14,5	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	21 437	63 437	62 898	433 521	637 950	47,2	

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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

			Dec 2018	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Jan – Dec 2018	Jan – Dec 2019	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	54	18	2	210	51	-75,7	
		square metres	2 856	1 070	137	11 761	3 130	-73,4	
		R'000	13 440	8 575	711	66 642	22 735	-65,9	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	24	11	8	178	185	3,9	
		square metres	3 992	2 589	1 469	36 071	38 038	5,5	
		R'000	24 619	16 702	7 669	230 837	228 974	-0,8	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	10	0	342	36	-89,5	
		square metres	0	629	0	44 522	2 108	-95,3	
		R'000	0	4 352	0	333 294	12 755	-96,2	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	135	607	2 449	303,5	
		R'000	0	0	701	3 162	17 310	447,4	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	38 059	29 629	9 081	633 935	281 774	-55,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	7 786	2 239	-71,2	
		R'000	0	0	0	57 772	11 872	-79,5	
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	2 145	234	-89,1	
		R'000	0	0	0	12 664	1 565	-87,6	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	1 037	0	14 793	11 980	-19,0	
		R'000	0	7 175	0	113 216	77 048	-31,9	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	9 284	0	0	10 606	856	-91,9	
		R'000	71 710	0	0	80 054	6 743	-91,6	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	71 710	7 175	0	263 706	97 228	-63,1
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 919	2 288	2 295	20 981	32 557	55,2
R'000			10 533	15 520	11 925	123 120	185 840	50,9	
Other buildings 4/		square metres	85	139	0	11 225	3 881	-65,4	
		R'000	717	1 520	150	111 539	44 850	-59,8	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	11 250	17 040	12 075	234 659	230 690	-1,7	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	121 019	53 844	21 156	1 132 300	609 692	-46,2

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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

			Dec 2018	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Jan – Dec 2018	Jan – Dec 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	9	10	6	206	143	-30,6
		square metres	535	601	308	11 969	8 216	-31,4
		R'000	4 998	4 274	2 931	122 715	70 930	-42,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	57	38	45	835	725	-13,2
		square metres	19 400	9 943	14 252	234 403	227 284	-3,0
		R'000	211 694	112 658	152 537	2 449 770	2 443 808	-0,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	42	36	50	812	1 931	137,8
		square metres	9 033	8 233	7 224	146 679	281 374	91,8
		R'000	86 713	77 266	80 502	1 503 367	3 079 574	104,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	704	19 629	11 837	-39,7
		R'000	0	0	4 928	223 699	127 391	-43,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	303 405	194 198	240 898	4 299 551	5 721 703	33,1
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 714	11 133	0	76 881	118 241
R'000			18 854	122 463	0	839 712	1 290 650	53,7
Shopping space		square metres	3 262	15 232	2 875	56 721	65 039	14,7
		R'000	32 911	141 499	30 313	563 319	677 726	20,3
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	25 708	21 391	20 781	141 092	375 767	166,3
		R'000	170 280	128 346	121 880	868 172	2 266 139	161,0
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	349	11 968	4 295	24 348	49 653	103,9
		R'000	2 827	71 808	41 804	208 831	342 842	64,2
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	224 872	464 116	193 997	2 480 034	4 577 357	84,6
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	11 312	8 328	6 044	170 325	122 886
	R'000		129 785	95 793	68 361	1 832 085	1 375 005	-24,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 990	11 012	3 440	55 309	96 258	74,0
		R'000	38 407	121 411	34 747	622 355	1 172 444	88,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	168 192	217 204	103 108	2 454 440	2 547 449	3,8
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	696 469	875 518	538 003	9 234 025	12 846 509	39,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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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

			Dec 2018	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Jan – Dec 2018	Jan – Dec 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	6	0	305	50	-83,6
		square metres	0	355	0	17 892	3 212	-82,0
		R'000	0	1 842	0	88 346	17 756	-79,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	111	62	14	820	795	-3,0
		square metres	12 563	18 081	2 946	147 931	155 380	5,0
		R'000	66 694	109 934	16 876	816 687	901 191	10,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	77	81	30	1 115	655	-41,3
		square metres	8 134	6 373	3 122	100 975	49 678	-50,8
		R'000	49 705	37 344	19 657	583 822	298 125	-48,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	1 862	6 697	259,7
		R'000	0	0	0	9 188	38 401	317,9
	Total residential buildings		R'000	116 399	149 120	36 533	1 498 043	1 255 473
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	2 379	4 900	106,0
		R'000	0	0	0	13 155	24 401	85,5
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	14 450	19 240	33,1
		R'000	0	0	0	74 652	115 658	54,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	421	0	19 459	14 617	-24,9
		R'000	0	2 719	0	95 566	74 123	-22,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	1 586	9 385	12 337	31,5
		R'000	0	0	8 725	50 181	66 584	32,7
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	0	2 719	8 725	233 554	280 766	20,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	800	1 063	639	59 477	39 979	-32,8
		R'000	5 297	5 444	3 595	348 749	234 108	-32,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	4 331	0	0	12 792	20 904	63,4
		R'000	28 999	750	200	81 175	136 941	68,7
Total additions and alterations		R'000	34 296	6 194	3 795	429 924	371 049	-13,7
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	150 695	158 033	49 053	2 161 521	1 907 288	-11,8

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2018 and 2019.

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

			Dec 2018	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Jan – Dec 2018	Jan – Dec 2019	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	697	456	523	5 440	5 944	9,3	
		square metres	35 037	24 584	28 560	287 193	313 390	9,1	
		R'000	191 889	152 804	164 296	1 675 493	1 786 775	6,6	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	405	370	239	3 535	3 361	-4,9	
		square metres	109 087	102 366	83 247	1 026 136	994 778	-3,1	
		R'000	922 250	867 791	738 047	8 247 463	8 317 184	0,8	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	469	1 506	498	9 231	15 897	72,2	
		square metres	59 723	217 460	55 357	1 576 194	2 362 676	49,9	
		R'000	496 287	1 988 116	503 123	12 799 717	19 502 137	52,4	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	919	3 562	2 842	31 469	1 007,3	
		R'000	0	5 616	20 538	17 340	261 185	1 406,3	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	1 610 426	3 014 327	1 426 004	22 740 013	29 867 281	31,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	16 850	52 098	21 952	349 086	356 564	2,1	
		R'000	174 820	547 226	272 209	3 424 024	3 765 318	10,0	
	Shopping space	square metres	3 993	44 239	29 553	120 036	344 671	187,1	
		R'000	36 306	441 780	275 508	1 106 812	3 372 616	204,7	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	50 199	53 457	85 038	578 113	521 590	-9,8	
		R'000	262 854	333 640	460 192	3 232 919	3 033 853	-6,2	
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	8 330	9 036	6 691	63 299	138 544	118,9	
		R'000	80 576	76 806	57 479	486 540	1 031 230	112,0	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	554 556	1 399 452	1 065 388	8 250 295	11 203 017	35,8	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	17 137	24 530	17 839	241 902	245 229	1,4	
		R'000	139 041	211 301	151 424	1 866 031	1 989 450	6,6	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	3 518	19 834	6 102	103 278	115 488	11,8	
		R'000	26 415	181 579	43 843	845 575	892 095	5,5	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	165 456	392 880	195 267	2 711 606	2 881 545	6,3	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	2 330 438	4 806 659	2 686 659	33 701 914	43 951 843	30,4

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

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

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

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

			Dec 2018	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Jan – Dec 2018	Jan – Dec 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	145	36	41	709	487	-31,3
		square metres	7 374	2 200	1 873	37 296	28 620	-23,3
		R'000	37 334	12 300	9 832	177 776	149 334	-16,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	53	74	57	712	638	-10,4
		square metres	8 118	16 039	10 017	174 738	164 629	-5,8
		R'000	53 398	108 399	65 069	1 019 315	1 043 169	2,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	113	68	0	180	219	21,7
		square metres	14 762	6 843	0	18 665	28 412	52,2
		R'000	73 308	36 267	0	97 302	149 823	54,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	5 648	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	40 716	0	..
Total residential buildings	R'000	164 040	156 966	74 901	1 335 109	1 342 326	0,5	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	15 235	2 336	16 919	624,3
		R'000	0	0	115 633	11 549	126 493	995,3
	Shopping space	square metres	2 997	1 445	245	16 684	28 238	69,3
		R'000	14 883	7 496	1 271	81 543	185 481	127,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 320	4 647	0	18 207	14 229	-21,8
		R'000	11 776	34 866	0	107 171	85 066	-20,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	6 791	0	0	13 129	6 757	-48,5
		R'000	33 724	0	0	65 908	34 651	-47,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	60 383	42 362	116 904	266 171	431 691	62,2
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 738	3 480	1 403	50 842	45 965
R'000			23 928	20 335	7 692	287 941	269 591	-6,4
Other buildings 4/		square metres	1 099	125	0	9 521	5 373	-43,6
		R'000	6 451	17 019	2 846	254 673	291 593	14,5
Total additions and alterations	R'000	30 379	37 354	10 538	542 614	561 184	3,4	
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	254 802	236 682	202 343	2 143 894	2 335 201	8,9

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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

			Dec 2018	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Jan – Dec 2018	Jan – Dec 2019	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	10	9	6	157	106	-32,5
		square metres	644	560	382	9 708	6 670	-31,3
		R'000	3 553	3 229	2 203	52 456	35 683	-32,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	30	29	18	341	346	1,5
		square metres	9 622	7 261	6 767	91 500	94 215	3,0
		R'000	52 400	41 141	39 520	481 694	528 235	9,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	8	4	107	174	62,6
		square metres	0	844	458	10 211	18 615	82,3
		R'000	0	4 867	2 641	55 515	104 814	88,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	419	0	0	10 246	518	-94,9
		R'000	2 312	0	0	56 375	3 051	-94,6
Total residential buildings		R'000	58 265	49 237	44 364	646 040	671 783	4,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	2 700	65	0	12 033	1 997	-83,4
		R'000	14 896	375	0	64 856	11 034	-83,0
	Shopping space	square metres	14 839	0	1 113	28 862	8 432	-70,8
		R'000	81 867	0	6 418	156 007	47 970	-69,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	1 972	0	15 303	9 504	-37,9
		R'000	0	11 371	0	81 046	52 102	-35,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	1 234	1 850	49,9
		R'000	0	0	0	5 919	9 053	52,9
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	96 763	11 746	6 418	307 828	120 159	-61,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	543	457	1 108	5 145	7 474	45,3
		R'000	3 049	2 350	6 748	27 007	42 323	56,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	0	0	990	1 725	74,2
		R'000	1 000	1 000	0	23 969	22 584	-5,8
Total additions and alterations		R'000	4 049	3 350	6 748	50 976	64 907	27,3
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	159 077	64 333	57 530	1 004 844	856 849	-14,7

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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 December 2019 was 92,7%. The improved collection rate for November 2019 was 93,6%.
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 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](#)
- Trend cycle** 12 The trend is a long-term pattern or movement of a time series. The X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program is used for smoothing seasonally adjusted data.
- Revised figures** 13 Revised figures are due to late submission of data to Stats SA, or to respondents reporting revisions or corrections to their figures. Figures for the latest two years are therefore preliminary. Data are edited at municipal level.
- 14 Once a year the annual statistical release P5041.3: *Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions* is published with the revised and updated information at provincial and municipal level for the previous calendar year. Due to this comprehensive revision, the monthly statistical release P5041.1 reflects provincial revision where applicable.
- Related publications** 15 Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:
- P5041.3: *Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions* issued annually;
 - P9101.2: *Actual and expected expenditure on construction by the public sector per statistical region* issued annually; and
 - *Building Statistics* (Report No. 50-11-01) issued annually.
- Rounding-off of figures** 16 Where necessary, the figures in the tables have been rounded off to the nearest digit shown.
- Symbols and abbreviations** 17 .. No meaningful percentage change between two specified periods available since either one or both of the totals are nil.
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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