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Results for January to March 2021

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

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Mar 2020 1/	Jan – Mar 2021 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Mar 2020 and Jan – Mar 2021	% change between Jan – Mar 2020 and Jan – Mar 2021
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	11 690 866	13 205 801	1 514 935	13,0
-Dwelling-houses	6 654 617	7 992 764	1 338 147	20,1
-Flats and townhouses	4 920 712	5 142 511	221 799	4,5
-Other residential buildings	115 537	70 526	-45 011	-39,0
Non-residential buildings	5 324 807	5 608 362	283 555	5,3
Additions and alterations	6 675 998	6 722 942	46 944	0,7
Total	23 691 671	25 537 105	1 845 434	7,8

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

Total value of recorded building plans passed at current prices

The value of recorded building plans passed (at current prices) increased by 7,8% (R1 845,4 million) in the first quarter of 2021 compared with first quarter of 2020.

Residential buildings rose by 13,0% (R1 514,9 million) – see Table A.

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

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Mar 2020 1/	Jan – Mar 2021 1/	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during Jan – Mar 2020	% change between Jan – Mar 2020 and Jan – Mar 2021	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan – Mar 2020 and Jan – Mar 2021 2/	Difference in value between Jan – Mar 2020 and Jan – Mar 2021
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	5 806 622	6 269 876	24,5	8,0	2,0	463 254
Eastern Cape	1 256 450	1 657 099	5,3	31,9	1,7	400 649
Northern Cape	338 886	263 546	1,4	-22,2	-0,3	-75 340
Free State	819 043	681 453	3,5	-16,8	-0,6	-137 590
KwaZulu-Natal	4 805 518	5 803 421	20,3	20,8	4,2	997 903
North West	745 093	1 097 451	3,1	47,3	1,5	352 358
Gauteng	8 543 996	8 520 666	36,1	-0,3	-0,1	-23 330
Mpumalanga	899 927	797 081	3,8	-11,4	-0,4	-102 846
Limpopo	476 136	446 512	2,0	-6,2	-0,1	-29 624
Total	23 691 671	25 537 105	100,0	7,8	7,8	1 845 434

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

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

The largest contributions to the total increase of 7,8% (R1 845,4 million) were made by KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 4,2 percentage points or R997,9 million), Western Cape (contributing 2,0 percentage points or R463,3 million), Eastern Cape (contributing 1,7 percentage points or R400,6 million) and North West (contributing 1,5 percentage points or R352,4 million) – see Table B.

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

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	Jan – Mar 2020	Jan – Mar 2021	Difference in value between Jan – Mar 2020 and Jan – Mar 2021	% change between Jan – Mar 2020 and Jan – Mar 2021
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	9 402 341	9 979 973	577 632	6,1
Non-residential buildings	4 282 829	4 220 577	-62 252	-1,5
Additions and alterations	5 368 745	5 075 489	-293 256	-5,5
Total	19 053 915	19 276 039	222 124	1,2

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

Real value of recorded building plans passed

The real value of recorded building plans passed (at constant 2015 prices) increased by 1,2% (R222,1 million) in the first quarter of 2021 compared with the first quarter of 2020. An increase was recorded for residential buildings (6,1% or R577,6 million). Decreases were recorded for additions and alterations (-5,5% or -R293,3 million) and non-residential buildings (-1,5% or -R62,3 million) – see Table C.

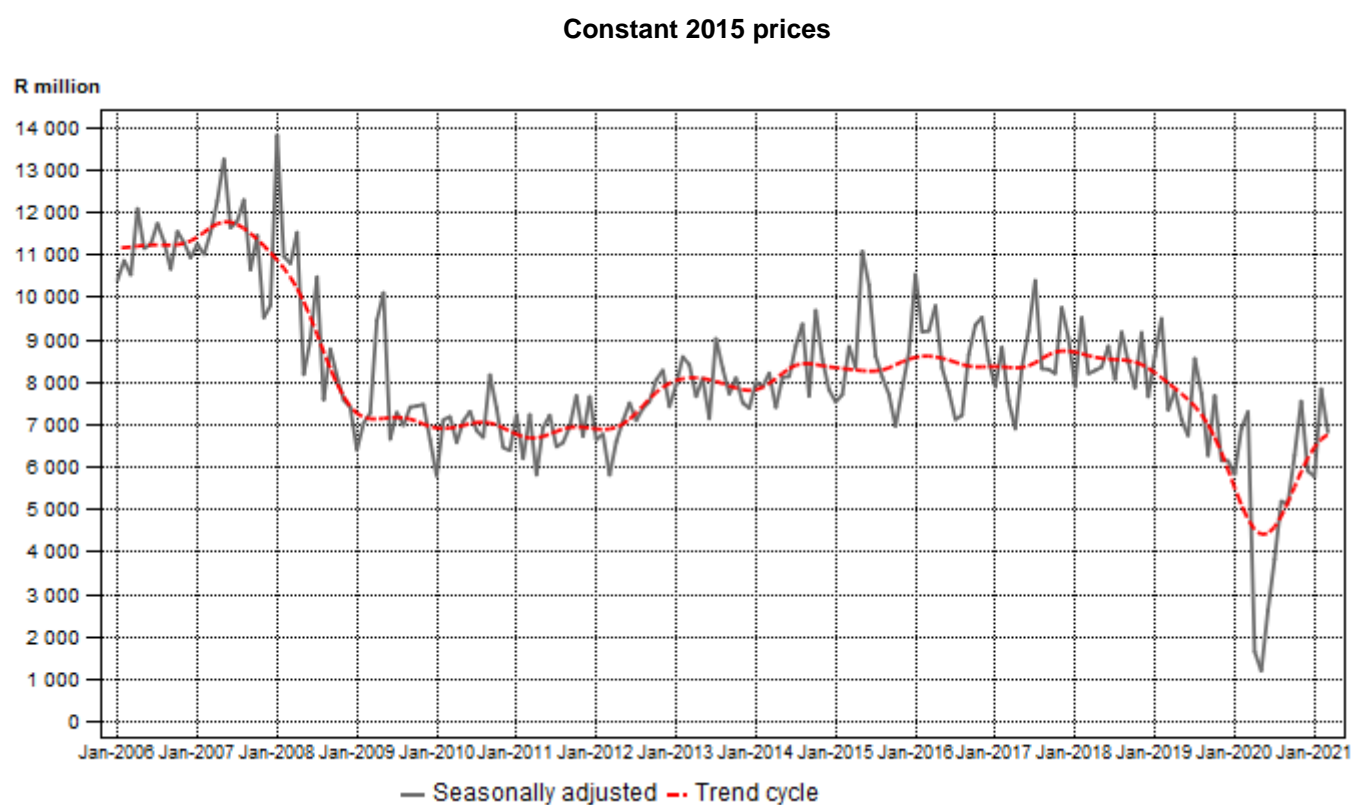
Table D – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	Oct – Dec 2020	Jan – Mar 2021	% change between Oct – Dec 2020 and Jan – Mar 2021
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	10 642 557	10 564 876	-0,7
Non-residential buildings 1/	3 803 387	4 220 577	11,0
Additions and alterations	5 291 794	5 669 528	7,1
Total	19 737 738	20 454 981	3,6

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 increased by 3,6% in the first quarter of 2021 compared with the fourth quarter of 2020. Increases were recorded for non-residential buildings (11,0%) and additions and alterations (7,1%). A decrease was recorded for residential buildings (-0,7%) – see Table D.

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

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

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Mar 2020 1/	Jan – Mar 2021 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Mar 2020 and Jan – Mar 2021	% change between Jan – Mar 2020 and Jan – Mar 2021
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	7 183 086	7 100 591	-82 495	-1,1
-Dwelling-houses	4 448 685	3 751 052	-697 633	-15,7
-Flats and townhouses	2 684 223	3 260 161	575 938	21,5
-Other residential buildings	50 178	89 378	39 200	78,1
Non-residential buildings	6 349 522	2 312 301	-4 037 221	-63,6
Additions and alterations	3 446 372	2 699 694	-746 678	-21,7
Total	16 978 980	12 112 586	-4 866 394	-28,7

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

Total value of buildings reported as completed at current prices

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) decreased by 28,7% (-R4 866,4 million) in the first quarter of 2021 compared with first quarter of 2020.

Decreases were recorded for non-residential buildings (-63,6% or -R4 037,2 million), additions and alterations (-21,7% or -R746,7 million) and residential buildings (-1,1% or -R82,5 million) – see Table E.

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

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Mar 2020 1/	Jan – Mar 2021 1/	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during Jan – Mar 2020	% change between Jan – Mar 2020 and Jan – Mar 2021	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan – Mar 2020 and Jan – Mar 2021	Difference in value between Jan – Mar 2020 and Jan – Mar 2021
	R'000	R'000			2/	R'000
Western Cape	4 445 161	4 340 563	26,2	-2,4	-0,6	-104 598
Eastern Cape	1 144 351	734 963	6,7	-35,8	-2,4	-409 388
Northern Cape	140 722	112 654	0,8	-19,9	-0,2	-28 068
Free State	504 982	202 618	3,0	-59,9	-1,8	-302 364
KwaZulu-Natal	3 103 469	1 165 084	18,3	-62,5	-11,4	-1 938 385
North West	278 591	474 288	1,6	70,2	1,2	195 697
Gauteng	6 753 737	4 754 416	39,8	-29,6	-11,8	-1 999 321
Mpumalanga	433 609	209 053	2,6	-51,8	-1,3	-224 556
Limpopo	174 358	118 947	1,0	-31,8	-0,3	-55 411
Total	16 978 980	12 112 586	100,0	-28,7	-28,7	-4 866 394

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

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

Eight provinces reported year-on-year decreases in the value of buildings completed in the first quarter of 2021, of which Gauteng (contributing -11,8 percentage points or -R1 999,3 million), KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -11,4 percentage points or -R1 938,4 million), Eastern Cape (contributing -2,4 percentage points or -R409,4 million) and Free State (contributing -1,8 percentage points or -R302,4 million) were the largest negative contributors – see Table F.

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

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	Jan – Mar 2020	Jan – Mar 2021	Difference in value between Jan – Mar 2020 and Jan – Mar 2021	% change between Jan – Mar 2020 and Jan – Mar 2021
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	5 775 655	5 355 312	-420 343	-7,3
Non-residential buildings	5 103 295	1 750 278	-3 353 017	-65,7
Additions and alterations	2 771 242	2 035 377	-735 865	-26,6
Total	13 650 192	9 140 967	-4 509 225	-33,0

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

Real value of buildings reported as completed

The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2015 prices) decreased by 33,0% (-R4 509,2 million) in the first quarter of 2021 compared with the first quarter of 2020. Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-65,7% or -R3 353,0 million), additions and alterations (-26,6% or -R735,9 million) and residential buildings (-7,3% or -R420,3 million) – see Table G.

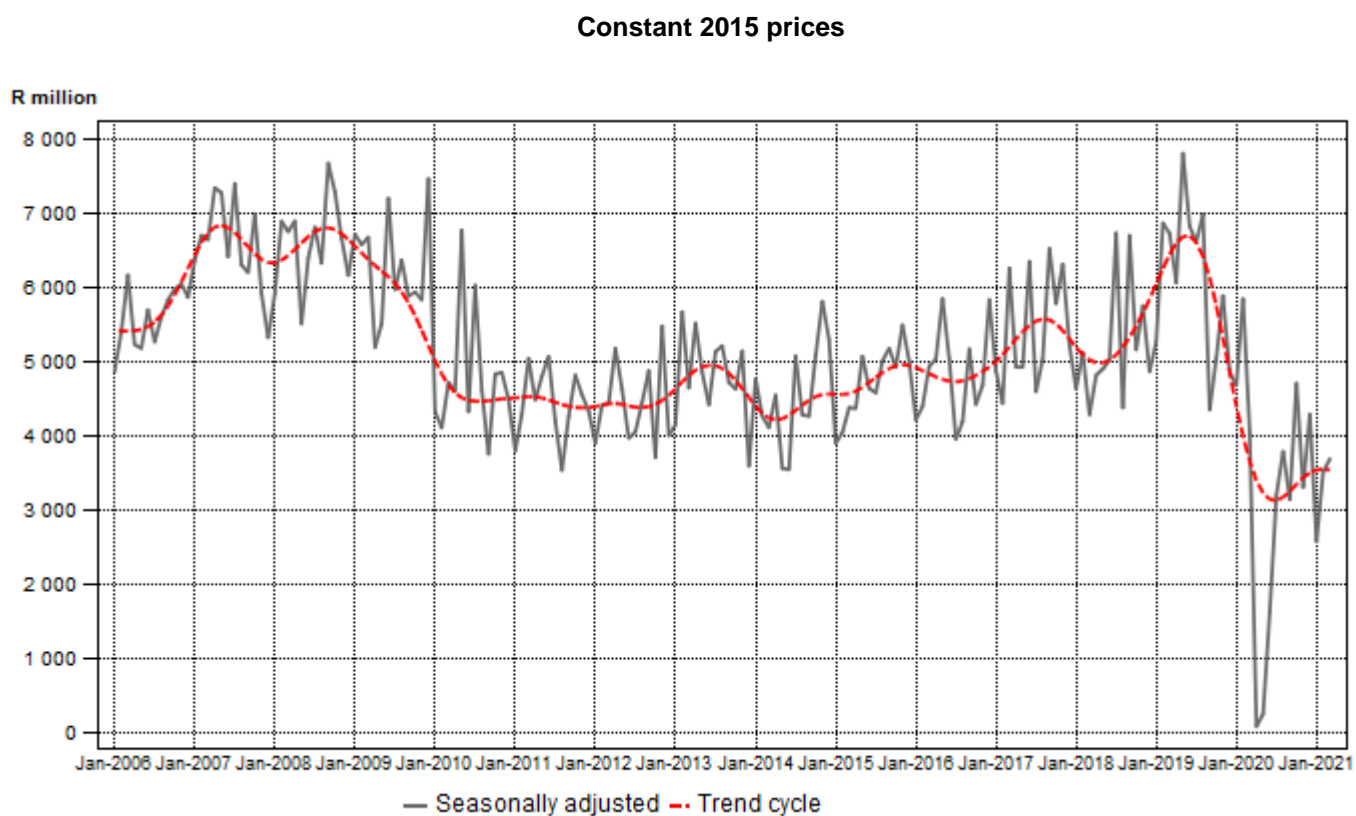
Table H – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	Oct – Dec 2020	Jan – Mar 2021	% change between Oct – Dec 2020 and Jan – Mar 2021
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	6 863 626	5 969 106	-13,0
Non-residential buildings 1/	3 024 745	1 750 278	-42,1
Additions and alterations	2 413 529	2 056 638	-14,8
Total	12 301 900	9 776 022	-20,5

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 20,5% in the first quarter of 2021 compared with the fourth quarter of 2020. Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-42,1%), additions and alterations (-14,8%) and residential buildings (-13,0%) – see Table H.

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2020	January	2 682 473	-43,8	1 427 548	-11,4	1 686 359	-8,2	5 796 380	-29,5
	February	4 312 361	-38,3	1 840 942	-11,0	2 501 881	4,2	8 655 184	-24,5
	March	4 696 032	13,2	2 056 317	-14,8	2 487 758	7,5	9 240 107	4,1
	April	807 896	-81,1	729 784	-66,7	442 419	-82,9	1 980 099	-78,1
	May	809 776	-82,2	180 087	-89,4	436 126	-83,5	1 425 989	-84,0
	June	1 534 178	-62,4	975 652	-40,8	853 147	-66,3	3 362 977	-59,3
	July	2 853 632	-53,7	964 709	-50,4	1 466 582	-55,3	5 284 923	-53,6
	August	3 987 254	-20,8	898 911	-67,3	1 941 160	-20,9	6 827 325	-33,3
	September	3 891 983	9,6	1 005 117	-40,2	2 146 483	-20,6	7 043 583	-11,2
	October	5 099 397	-5,5	1 385 581	-47,8	2 505 796	-9,9	8 990 774	-17,0
	November	4 690 598	20,9	2 557 651	156,4	2 338 480	-15,0	9 586 729	25,7
	December	3 720 492	42,8	949 443	-52,0	1 978 329	0,8	6 648 264	1,5
	Total	39 086 072	-29,5	14 971 742	-36,7	20 784 520	-31,3	74 842 334	-31,6
2021	January	3 471 114	29,4	413 216	-71,1	1 522 409	-9,7	5 406 739	-6,7
	February	5 184 991	20,2	2 758 191	49,8	2 636 828	5,4	10 580 010	22,2
	March	4 549 696	-3,1	2 436 955	18,5	2 563 705	3,1	9 550 356	3,4

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2020	January	3 539 811	10,0	1 427 548	-27,9	2 312 671	-4,2	7 280 030	-4,3
	February	4 188 861	18,3	1 840 942	29,0	2 630 086	13,7	8 659 889	19,0
	March	4 475 231	6,8	2 056 317	11,7	2 536 422	-3,6	9 067 970	4,7
	April	837 588	-81,3	729 784	-64,5	475 825	-81,2	2 043 197	-77,5
	May	827 608	-1,2	180 087	-75,3	460 140	-3,3	1 467 835	-28,2
	June	1 488 055	79,8	975 652	441,8	779 365	69,4	3 243 072	120,9
	July	2 568 152	72,6	964 709	-1,1	1 242 223	59,4	4 775 084	47,2
	August	3 746 158	45,9	898 911	-6,8	1 945 755	56,6	6 590 824	38,0
	September	3 633 559	-3,0	1 005 117	11,8	1 857 058	-4,6	6 495 734	-1,4
	October	4 457 477	22,7	1 385 581	37,9	2 205 676	18,8	8 048 734	23,9
	November	4 916 806	10,3	2 557 651	84,6	2 205 874	0,0	9 680 331	20,3
	December	4 304 763	-12,4	949 443	-62,9	2 343 438	6,2	7 597 644	-21,5
2021	January	4 907 132	14,0	413 216	-56,5	2 271 513	-3,1	7 591 861	-0,1
	February	4 981 201	1,5	2 758 191	567,5	2 690 387	18,4	10 429 779	37,4
	March	4 149 785	-16,7	2 436 955	-11,6	2 475 265	-8,0	9 062 005	-13,1
	Oct – Dec 20	13 679 046		4 892 675		6 754 988		25 326 709	
	Jan – Mar 21 2/	14 038 118	2,6	5 608 362	14,6	7 437 165	10,1	27 083 645	6,9

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

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

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2020	January	2 159 801	-46,4	1 149 395	-15,5	1 357 777	-12,4	4 666 973	-32,7
	February	3 455 417	-40,9	1 475 114	-14,8	2 004 712	-0,2	6 935 243	-27,7
	March	3 787 123	10,5	1 658 320	-16,9	2 006 256	4,9	7 451 699	1,6
	April	655 228	-81,4	591 877	-67,2	358 815	-83,1	1 605 920	-78,4
	May	657 286	-82,4	146 175	-89,5	353 998	-83,7	1 157 459	-84,1
	June	1 239 239	-63,0	788 087	-41,8	689 133	-66,9	2 716 459	-60,0
	July	2 281 081	-54,8	771 150	-51,5	1 172 328	-56,3	4 224 559	-54,7
	August	3 161 978	-22,9	712 856	-68,2	1 539 381	-23,0	5 414 215	-35,1
	September	3 057 332	6,4	789 566	-41,9	1 686 161	-22,9	5 533 059	-13,8
	October	3 971 493	-9,0	1 079 113	-49,8	1 951 555	-13,2	7 002 161	-20,1
	November	3 647 432	16,0	1 988 842	146,0	1 818 414	-18,4	7 454 688	20,6
	December	2 881 868	36,9	735 432	-54,0	1 532 400	-3,3	5 149 700	-2,6
	Total	30 955 278	-32,0	11 885 927	-38,7	16 470 930	-33,5	59 312 135	-33,9
2021	January	2 665 986	23,4	317 370	-72,4	1 169 285	-13,9	4 152 641	-11,0
	February	3 916 156	13,3	2 083 226	41,2	1 991 562	-0,7	7 990 944	15,2
	March	3 397 831	-10,3	1 819 981	9,7	1 914 642	-4,6	7 132 454	-4,3

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2020	January	2 826 599	8,6	1 149 395	-28,1	1 853 741	-4,8	5 829 735	-5,2
	February	3 344 285	18,3	1 475 114	28,3	2 084 303	12,4	6 903 702	18,4
	March	3 590 419	7,4	1 658 320	12,4	2 059 361	-1,2	7 308 100	5,9
	April	679 173	-81,1	591 877	-64,3	382 295	-81,4	1 653 345	-77,4
	May	672 376	-1,0	146 175	-75,3	374 105	-2,1	1 192 656	-27,9
	June	1 199 506	78,4	788 087	439,1	635 842	70,0	2 623 435	120,0
	July	2 064 310	72,1	771 150	-2,1	992 833	56,1	3 828 293	45,9
	August	2 967 607	43,8	712 856	-7,6	1 516 908	52,8	5 197 371	35,8
	September	2 882 460	-2,9	789 566	10,8	1 460 314	-3,7	5 132 340	-1,3
	October	3 473 752	20,5	1 079 113	36,7	1 723 168	18,0	6 276 033	22,3
	November	3 813 880	9,8	1 988 842	84,3	1 750 320	1,6	7 553 042	20,3
	December	3 354 925	-12,0	735 432	-63,0	1 818 306	3,9	5 908 663	-21,8
2021	January	3 735 925	11,4	317 370	-56,8	1 726 655	-5,0	5 779 950	-2,2
	February	3 746 706	0,3	2 083 226	556,4	2 014 784	16,7	7 844 716	35,7
	March	3 082 245	-17,7	1 819 981	-12,6	1 928 089	-4,3	6 830 315	-12,9
	Oct – Dec 20	10 642 557		3 803 387		5 291 794		19 737 738	
	Jan – Mar 21 2/	10 564 876	-0,7	4 220 577	11,0	5 669 528	7,1	20 454 981	3,6

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/
2020	January	2 148 619	-33,2	1 477 291	30,8	1 183 302	67,8	4 809 212	-4,8
	February	2 778 801	-24,1	2 973 015	-5,8	1 267 666	27,9	7 019 482	-10,1
	March	2 255 666	-58,7	1 899 216	33,7	995 404	-33,2	5 150 286	-38,5
	April	36 187	-99,2	46 153	-97,2	14 131	-98,6	96 471	-98,6
	May	112 461	-97,9	104 955	-96,6	84 515	-91,8	301 931	-96,8
	June	1 116 026	-82,4	520 306	-58,7	415 366	-52,2	2 051 698	-75,7
	July	2 767 364	-42,3	424 883	-77,7	719 931	-40,1	3 912 178	-50,5
	August	2 504 564	-50,4	1 146 262	-46,4	1 087 927	-12,3	4 738 753	-43,8
	September	2 146 712	-37,0	978 096	-22,5	1 128 749	1,8	4 253 557	-26,4
	October	3 513 106	7,5	1 616 791	-13,1	1 142 690	-15,4	6 272 587	-3,2
	November	2 931 244	-38,6	870 742	-63,0	1 160 531	-5,2	4 962 517	-40,5
	December	3 260 890	10,0	1 405 213	-29,2	867 951	-15,5	5 534 054	-7,4
	Total	25 571 640	-51,3	13 462 923	-42,0	10 068 163	-24,1	49 102 726	-44,8
2021	January	1 555 519	-27,6	592 555	-59,9	557 442	-52,9	2 705 516	-43,7
	February	2 292 037	-17,5	1 278 339	-57,0	868 117	-31,5	4 438 493	-36,8
	March	3 253 035	44,2	441 407	-76,8	1 274 135	28,0	4 968 577	-3,5

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2020	January	2 835 113	-1,5	1 477 291	-25,6	1 521 104	29,2	5 833 508	-3,4
	February	3 074 782	8,5	2 973 015	101,2	1 253 776	-17,6	7 301 573	25,2
	March	2 290 631	-25,5	1 899 216	-36,1	812 516	-35,2	5 002 363	-31,5
	April	37 246	-98,4	46 153	-97,6	17 088	-97,9	100 487	-98,0
	May	113 619	205,1	104 955	127,4	88 351	417,0	306 925	205,4
	June	1 088 708	858,2	520 306	395,7	401 820	354,8	2 010 834	555,2
	July	2 869 022	163,5	424 883	-18,3	712 443	77,3	4 006 348	99,2
	August	2 630 349	-8,3	1 146 262	169,8	1 003 199	40,8	4 779 810	19,3
	September	1 923 570	-26,9	978 096	-14,7	1 091 682	8,8	3 993 348	-16,5
	October	3 371 843	75,3	1 616 791	65,3	1 052 732	-3,6	6 041 366	51,3
	November	2 319 247	-31,2	870 742	-46,1	1 050 250	-0,2	4 240 239	-29,8
	December	3 161 689	36,3	1 405 213	61,4	1 005 321	-4,3	5 572 223	31,4
2021	January	2 057 295	-34,9	592 555	-57,8	713 864	-29,0	3 363 714	-39,6
	February	2 530 542	23,0	1 278 339	115,7	852 563	19,4	4 661 444	38,6
	March	3 312 409	30,9	441 407	-65,5	1 162 399	36,3	4 916 215	5,5
	Oct – Dec 20	8 852 779		3 892 746		3 108 303		15 853 828	
	Jan – Mar 21 2/	7 900 246	-10,8	2 312 301	-40,6	2 728 826	-12,2	12 941 373	-18,4

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2020	January	1 729 967	-36,2	1 189 445	24,8	952 739	60,1	3 872 151	-9,1
	February	2 226 603	-27,3	2 382 224	-9,8	1 015 758	22,5	5 624 585	-13,9
	March	1 819 085	-59,7	1 531 626	30,5	802 745	-34,8	4 153 456	-40,0
	April	29 349	-99,2	37 431	-97,2	11 461	-98,6	78 241	-98,6
	May	91 283	-97,9	85 191	-96,7	68 600	-91,9	245 074	-96,8
	June	901 475	-82,6	420 279	-59,3	335 514	-52,9	1 657 268	-76,1
	July	2 212 122	-43,6	339 635	-78,2	575 484	-41,5	3 127 241	-51,6
	August	1 986 173	-51,7	909 010	-47,8	862 749	-14,7	3 757 932	-45,3
	September	1 686 341	-38,8	768 339	-24,8	886 684	-1,1	3 341 364	-28,5
	October	2 736 064	3,6	1 259 183	-16,3	889 945	-18,5	4 885 192	-6,7
	November	2 279 350	-41,1	677 093	-64,5	902 435	-9,1	3 858 878	-43,0
	December	2 525 864	5,5	1 088 469	-32,1	672 309	-19,0	4 286 642	-11,2
	Total	20 223 676	-53,0	10 687 925	-43,8	7 976 423	-26,6	38 888 024	-46,7
2021	January	1 194 715	-30,9	455 111	-61,7	428 143	-55,1	2 077 969	-46,3
	February	1 731 146	-22,3	965 513	-59,5	655 677	-35,4	3 352 336	-40,4
	March	2 429 451	33,6	329 654	-78,5	951 557	18,5	3 710 662	-10,7

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2020	January	2 272 967	-1,3	1 189 445	-25,8	1 219 837	28,7	4 682 249	-3,5
	February	2 459 905	8,2	2 382 224	100,3	1 003 612	-17,7	5 845 741	24,8
	March	1 857 949	-24,5	1 531 626	-35,7	656 118	-34,6	4 045 693	-30,8
	April	30 219	-98,4	37 431	-97,6	13 864	-97,9	81 514	-98,0
	May	92 306	205,5	85 191	127,6	71 842	418,2	249 339	205,9
	June	882 944	856,5	420 279	393,3	324 799	352,1	1 628 022	552,9
	July	2 292 143	159,6	339 635	-19,2	569 995	75,5	3 201 773	96,7
	August	2 083 341	-9,1	909 010	167,6	795 772	39,6	3 788 123	18,3
	September	1 512 158	-27,4	768 339	-15,5	859 081	8,0	3 139 578	-17,1
	October	2 629 146	73,9	1 259 183	63,9	819 866	-4,6	4 708 195	50,0
	November	1 810 009	-31,2	677 093	-46,2	816 901	-0,4	3 304 003	-29,8
	December	2 424 471	33,9	1 088 469	60,8	776 762	-4,9	4 289 702	29,8
2021	January	1 572 922	-35,1	455 111	-58,2	546 050	-29,7	2 574 083	-40,0
	February	1 906 870	21,2	965 513	112,1	642 655	17,7	3 515 038	36,6
	March	2 489 314	30,5	329 654	-65,9	867 933	35,1	3 686 901	4,9
	Oct – Dec 20	6 863 626		3 024 745		2 413 529		12 301 900	
	Jan – Mar 21 2/	5 969 106	-13,0	1 750 278	-42,1	2 056 638	-14,8	9 776 022	-20,5

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2020	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Jan – Mar 2020	Jan – Mar 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	671	500	509	4 967	1 283	-74,2
		square metres	36 495	28 556	27 597	224 371	71 556	-68,1
		R'000	226 557	189 229	171 656	896 612	469 096	-47,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	973	1 376	1 250	2 801	3 514	25,5
		square metres	271 812	386 948	355 142	759 778	983 684	29,5
		R'000	2 076 706	2 991 579	2 682 818	5 758 005	7 523 668	30,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	2 354	2 970	1 634	5 441	6 223	14,4
		square metres	278 104	238 753	179 484	583 865	580 900	-0,5
		R'000	2 349 246	1 971 519	1 672 716	4 920 712	5 142 511	4,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	5 833	4 264	3 018	15 670	9 478	-39,5
		R'000	43 523	32 664	22 506	115 537	70 526	-39,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	4 696 032	5 184 991	4 549 696	11 690 866	13 205 801	13,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	20 319	24 854	113 115	90 840	145 861	60,6
		R'000	191 108	240 921	1 059 193	732 660	1 361 702	85,9
	Shopping space	square metres	90 356	69 961	5 880	211 806	85 085	-59,8
		R'000	691 707	561 192	40 014	1 691 885	664 336	-60,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	142 978	306 557	166 047	354 718	504 234	42,2
		R'000	814 336	1 833 432	1 056 997	2 235 465	3 098 762	38,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	46 125	18 152	43 807	91 346	73 727	-19,3
		R'000	359 166	122 646	280 751	664 797	483 562	-27,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	2 056 317	2 758 191	2 436 955	5 324 807	5 608 362	5,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	222 421	271 606	236 157	602 810	664 951	10,3
		R'000	1 718 167	2 149 786	1 821 578	4 595 617	5 202 020	13,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	85 175	45 526	84 861	207 138	161 829	-21,9
		R'000	769 591	487 042	742 127	2 080 381	1 520 922	-26,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	2 487 758	2 636 828	2 563 705	6 675 998	6 722 942	0,7
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	9 240 107	10 580 010	9 550 356	23 691 671	25 537 105	7,8

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2020	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Jan – Mar 2020	Jan – Mar 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	239	96	209	436	349	-20,0
		square metres	12 398	5 140	10 194	21 585	17 787	-17,6
		R'000	75 530	33 102	62 118	125 085	109 914	-12,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	319	428	355	824	1 097	33,1
		square metres	77 728	112 771	90 082	206 654	284 064	37,5
		R'000	524 431	818 354	628 880	1 377 976	2 014 290	46,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	348	780	685	1 080	1 869	73,1
		square metres	36 773	81 820	59 684	121 846	188 457	54,7
		R'000	285 541	660 337	444 274	956 892	1 467 078	53,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	5 524	303	3 018	6 120	4 660	-23,9
		R'000	41 138	1 569	22 506	45 130	33 115	-26,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	926 640	1 513 362	1 157 778	2 505 083	3 624 397	44,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 824	6 920	565	39 057	14 339	-63,3
		R'000	15 348	55 360	5 064	330 285	112 795	-65,8
	Shopping space	square metres	3 160	16 774	0	21 228	19 893	-6,3
		R'000	18 051	141 013	0	146 634	157 173	7,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	37 567	9 110	40 441	62 967	56 197	-10,8
		R'000	249 136	62 185	270 289	423 737	377 513	-10,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	20 314	4 494	6 390	35 098	15 838	-54,9
		R'000	138 224	30 973	40 373	224 687	106 974	-52,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	420 759	289 531	315 726	1 125 343	754 455	-33,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	67 999	90 852	64 743	185 916	201 447	8,4
		R'000	437 496	652 689	445 830	1 199 246	1 430 988	19,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	44 634	14 062	19 903	97 905	48 002	-51,0
		R'000	402 495	151 911	179 844	976 950	460 036	-52,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	839 991	804 600	625 674	2 176 196	1 891 024	-13,1
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 187 390	2 607 493	2 099 178	5 806 622	6 269 876	8,0

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2020	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Jan – Mar 2020	Jan – Mar 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	18	33	30	40	71	77,5
		square metres	1 245	1 847	1 625	2 615	3 908	49,4
		R'000	8 520	11 724	10 378	17 334	24 777	42,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	63	87	112	202	294	45,5
		square metres	14 952	38 295	32 927	45 253	89 649	98,1
		R'000	102 750	273 013	231 484	308 151	636 906	106,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	18	235	44	39	297	661,5
		square metres	1 842	14 334	4 199	3 707	20 631	456,5
		R'000	12 341	98 935	29 451	24 770	143 135	477,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	190	0	0	190	0	-100,0
		R'000	1 424	0	0	1 424	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	125 035	383 672	271 313	351 679	804 818	128,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	4 696	2 083	790	5 206	2 873	-44,8
		R'000	30 994	11 296	5 712	33 943	17 008	-49,9
	Shopping space	square metres	0	1 145	0	31 777	1 417	-95,5
		R'000	0	6 209	0	222 417	7 684	-96,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 264	4 352	8 660	30 115	20 521	-31,9
		R'000	15 781	26 840	60 567	183 027	141 115	-22,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	749	3 550	6 032	2 094	9 737	365,0
		R'000	5 543	25 667	42 583	12 667	69 371	447,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	52 318	70 012	108 862	452 054	235 178	-48,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	16 946	16 246	31 539	52 463	64 125	22,2
		R'000	111 197	112 870	223 402	349 798	450 287	28,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	5 690	9 231	10 101	13 042	21 631	65,9
		R'000	42 819	76 920	71 938	102 919	166 816	62,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	154 016	189 790	295 340	452 717	617 103	36,3
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	331 369	643 474	675 515	1 256 450	1 657 099	31,9

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2020	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Jan – Mar 2020	Jan – Mar 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	2	4	3	6	100,0
		square metres	31	135	258	124	393	216,9
		R'000	272	1 183	2 219	1 060	3 402	220,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	21	11	30	53	51	-3,8
		square metres	4 811	3 310	6 615	13 186	11 775	-10,7
		R'000	39 867	28 385	54 047	107 557	96 316	-10,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	20	0	94	20	-78,7
		square metres	0	1 277	0	9 046	1 277	-85,9
		R'000	0	10 983	0	79 109	10 983	-86,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	5 005	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	41 041	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	40 139	40 551	56 266	228 767	110 701	-51,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	272	1 835	0	1 437	1 835	27,7
		R'000	2 230	15 781	0	10 506	15 781	50,2
	Shopping space	square metres	235	0	276	235	276	17,4
		R'000	2 060	0	2 374	2 060	2 374	15,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	818	3 466	4 316	3 262	7 782	138,6
		R'000	6 708	29 808	35 157	27 333	64 965	137,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	366	0	0	366	..
		R'000	0	3 207	0	0	3 207	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	10 998	48 796	37 531	39 899	86 327	116,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 834	1 581	3 615	7 690	7 012	-8,8
		R'000	23 951	13 548	30 183	63 457	57 808	-8,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	622	229	708	896	26,6
		R'000	707	5 757	2 316	6 763	8 710	28,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	24 658	19 305	32 499	70 220	66 518	-5,3
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	75 795	108 652	126 296	338 886	263 546	-22,2

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2020	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Jan – Mar 2020	Jan – Mar 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	18	7	11	49	24	-51,0
		square metres	1 041	423	717	2 747	1 444	-47,4
		R'000	7 659	3 201	5 707	20 744	11 472	-44,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	41	49	71	142	160	12,7
		square metres	8 870	9 277	14 112	29 615	32 557	9,9
		R'000	65 625	62 546	98 753	218 147	229 250	5,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	53	32	10	105	43	-59,0
		square metres	8 752	5 021	2 140	12 726	7 350	-42,2
		R'000	70 646	42 352	18 051	102 583	61 769	-39,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	119	230	0	119	1 087	813,4
		R'000	961	1 247	0	961	7 563	687,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	144 891	109 346	122 511	342 435	310 054	-9,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	5 655	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	45 647	0	-100,0
	Shopping space	square metres	486	72	447	887	1 487	67,6
		R'000	3 923	390	3 481	6 378	10 944	71,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	1 267	1 117	14 995	2 572	-82,8
		R'000	0	8 699	8 076	83 135	18 361	-77,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	2 011	18 931	0	21 586	..
		R'000	0	15 698	102 810	0	123 940	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	3 923	24 787	114 367	135 160	153 245	13,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	18 649	9 756	9 564	38 652	26 661	-31,0
		R'000	139 532	63 903	66 168	281 527	182 136	-35,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	12	1 805	2 160	5 842	5 091	-12,9
		R'000	3 323	15 308	14 382	59 921	36 018	-39,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	142 855	79 211	80 550	341 448	218 154	-36,1
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	291 669	213 344	317 428	819 043	681 453	-16,8

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2020	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Jan – Mar 2020	Jan – Mar 2021	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	25	22	12	65	58	-10,8	
		square metres	1 459	1 193	763	3 924	3 341	-14,9	
		R'000	14 747	11 077	5 946	35 663	28 654	-19,7	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	106	96	98	272	270	-0,7	
		square metres	34 012	32 372	28 875	84 394	85 404	1,2	
		R'000	345 486	316 178	279 737	844 766	838 244	-0,8	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	232	1 128	384	900	1 718	90,9	
		square metres	29 898	49 308	57 818	104 026	136 694	31,4	
		R'000	333 119	385 439	676 042	1 159 504	1 386 888	19,6	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	3 731	0	0	3 731	..	
		R'000	0	29 848	0	0	29 848	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	693 352	742 542	961 725	2 039 933	2 283 634	11,9
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	2 567	358	4 495	2 925	-34,9
R'000			0	16 000	2 506	44 787	18 506	-58,7	
Shopping space		square metres	69 705	16 173	0	105 170	19 563	-81,4	
		R'000	493 404	176 658	0	872 250	200 524	-77,0	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	12 959	216 280	66 379	57 935	296 118	411,1	
		R'000	77 754	1 307 250	418 047	400 869	1 806 051	350,5	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	11 921	3 707	2 913	14 747	7 147	-51,5	
		R'000	128 559	19 369	16 164	149 646	39 960	-73,3	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	699 717	1 519 277	436 717	1 467 552	2 065 041	40,7	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	25 229	36 482	33 992	72 663	94 159	29,6
	R'000		283 126	369 047	345 475	796 241	946 257	18,8	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	9 758	6 069	40 140	34 418	51 170	48,7	
		R'000	149 071	75 120	368 038	501 792	508 489	1,3	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	432 197	444 167	713 513	1 298 033	1 454 746	12,1
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 825 266	2 705 986	2 111 955	4 805 518	5 803 421	20,8	

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2020	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Jan – Mar 2020	Jan – Mar 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	10	5	8	1 045	23	-97,8
		square metres	576	305	538	42 481	1 406	-96,7
		R'000	3 985	1 966	2 943	108 747	8 336	-92,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	37	140	96	150	305	103,3
		square metres	8 507	28 443	24 170	33 517	66 816	99,3
		R'000	47 671	179 532	155 506	199 246	426 175	113,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	11	21	20	93	298	220,4
		square metres	464	2 564	1 946	10 912	19 845	81,9
		R'000	2 552	13 945	11 244	70 128	111 762	59,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	3 156	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	20 381	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	54 208	195 443	169 693	398 502	546 273	37,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 942	338	0	2 407	475	-80,3
		R'000	10 681	1 952	0	13 898	2 695	-80,6
	Shopping space	square metres	1 285	26 971	668	19 598	27 905	42,4
		R'000	7 934	155 692	3 860	131 245	161 347	22,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 070	0	0	5 940	421	-92,9
		R'000	11 954	0	0	36 122	2 283	-93,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	619	3 348	824	2 580	8 519	230,2
		R'000	4 282	20 147	5 315	14 935	51 111	242,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	34 851	177 791	9 175	196 200	217 436	10,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	7 674	17 850	9 359	23 348	35 710	52,9
		R'000	47 411	110 863	58 956	140 859	221 553	57,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	74	4 055	2 593	916	8 415	818,7
		R'000	1 922	70 411	29 505	9 532	112 189	1 077,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	49 333	181 274	88 461	150 391	333 742	121,9
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	138 392	554 508	267 329	745 093	1 097 451	47,3

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2020	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Jan – Mar 2020	Jan – Mar 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	330	316	197	3 237	673	-79,2
		square metres	18 043	18 414	11 234	145 838	38 758	-73,4
		R'000	105 855	120 669	70 961	556 253	258 087	-53,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	290	427	294	864	925	7,1
		square metres	89 945	119 884	98 078	258 837	288 846	11,6
		R'000	740 718	1 051 188	852 719	2 148 613	2 508 219	16,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 681	752	436	2 797	1 875	-33,0
		square metres	198 456	84 168	46 906	304 033	196 140	-35,5
		R'000	1 633 982	758 108	449 454	2 426 955	1 894 208	-22,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	1 080	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	6 600	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	2 480 555	1 929 965	1 373 134	5 138 421	4 660 514	-9,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	10 290	11 111	110 628	13 144	122 640	833,0
		R'000	124 989	140 532	1 041 248	151 404	1 190 254	686,1
	Shopping space	square metres	15 434	8 171	640	21 432	10 040	-53,2
		R'000	166 100	76 848	7 025	222 295	96 634	-56,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	86 526	68 037	42 589	147 530	112 913	-23,5
		R'000	448 900	374 766	248 576	877 202	641 375	-26,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	10 025	676	7 458	32 633	9 275	-71,6
		R'000	65 257	7 585	66 622	235 174	82 115	-65,1
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	805 246	599 731	1 363 471	1 486 075	2 010 378	35,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	71 116	85 165	65 151	184 036	195 632	6,3
		R'000	604 632	742 438	539 311	1 545 126	1 667 853	7,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	23 527	8 665	5 761	49 245	21 558	-56,2
		R'000	155 075	81 328	42 152	374 374	181 921	-51,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	759 707	823 766	581 463	1 919 500	1 849 774	-3,6
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	4 045 508	3 353 462	3 318 068	8 543 996	8 520 666	-0,3

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2020	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Jan – Mar 2020	Jan – Mar 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	14	12	21	67	45	-32,8
		square metres	783	626	1 168	3 599	2 454	-31,8
		R'000	4 690	3 467	4 756	23 270	11 873	-49,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	62	84	138	194	283	45,9
		square metres	22 251	22 013	41 702	56 992	79 598	39,7
		R'000	149 483	140 099	274 049	374 432	514 621	37,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	2	49	13	51	292,3
		square metres	0	261	5 820	2 017	6 081	201,5
		R'000	0	1 420	38 350	11 047	39 770	260,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	154 173	144 986	317 155	408 749	566 264	38,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 295	0	0	18 816	0	-100,0
		R'000	6 866	0	0	98 598	0	-100,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	120	3 849	10 695	3 969	-62,9
		R'000	0	941	23 274	83 859	24 215	-71,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	774	1 017	2 545	19 426	3 562	-81,7
		R'000	4 103	5 640	16 285	131 688	21 925	-83,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	1 259	914	1 259	37,7
		R'000	0	0	6 884	5 872	6 884	17,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	10 969	6 581	46 443	320 017	53 024	-83,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	7 507	8 793	12 364	26 110	27 442	5,1
		R'000	42 418	55 478	76 968	148 050	168 887	14,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	680	245	0	2 371	320	-86,5
		R'000	5 508	2 636	4 266	23 111	8 906	-61,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	47 926	58 114	81 234	171 161	177 793	3,9
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	213 068	209 681	444 832	899 927	797 081	-11,4

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2020	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Jan – Mar 2020	Jan – Mar 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	16	7	17	25	34	36,0
		square metres	919	473	1 100	1 458	2 065	41,6
		R'000	5 299	2 840	6 628	8 456	12 581	48,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	34	54	56	100	129	29,0
		square metres	10 736	20 583	18 581	31 330	44 975	43,6
		R'000	60 675	122 284	107 643	179 117	259 647	45,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	11	0	6	320	52	-83,8
		square metres	1 919	0	971	15 552	4 425	-71,5
		R'000	11 065	0	5 850	89 724	26 918	-70,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	77 039	125 124	120 121	277 297	299 146	7,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	774	623	774	24,2
		R'000	0	0	4 663	3 592	4 663	29,8
	Shopping space	square metres	51	535	0	784	535	-31,8
		R'000	235	3 441	0	4 747	3 441	-27,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	3 028	0	12 548	4 148	-66,9
		R'000	0	18 244	0	72 352	25 174	-65,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	2 497	0	0	3 280	0	-100,0
		R'000	17 301	0	0	21 816	0	-100,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	17 536	21 685	4 663	102 507	33 278	-67,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 467	4 881	5 830	11 932	12 763	7,0
		R'000	28 404	28 950	35 285	71 313	76 251	6,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	800	772	3 974	2 691	4 746	76,4
		R'000	8 671	7 651	29 686	25 019	37 837	51,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	37 075	36 601	64 971	96 332	114 088	18,4
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	131 650	183 410	189 755	476 136	446 512	-6,2

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2020	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Jan – Mar 2020	Jan – Mar 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	893	388	656	2 333	1 379	-40,9
		square metres	45 470	21 849	33 648	117 641	73 068	-37,9
		R'000	274 254	133 340	204 812	684 643	450 790	-34,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	579	531	704	1 886	1 613	-14,5
		square metres	162 733	129 720	191 672	490 840	428 517	-12,7
		R'000	1 238 284	1 002 259	1 470 976	3 764 042	3 300 262	-12,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	547	1 037	1 802	2 252	4 063	80,4
		square metres	87 969	127 180	185 886	309 800	392 086	26,6
		R'000	724 644	1 080 684	1 566 670	2 684 223	3 260 161	21,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 748	9 383	1 397	5 002	11 222	124,4
		R'000	18 484	75 754	10 577	50 178	89 378	78,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	2 255 666	2 292 037	3 253 035	7 183 086	7 100 591	-1,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	26 407	27 992	2 153	259 522	52 538	-79,8
		R'000	206 114	229 021	13 361	2 491 537	456 264	-81,7
	Shopping space	square metres	21 481	43 876	14 155	73 163	85 046	16,2
		R'000	193 312	371 737	118 957	661 138	756 502	14,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	236 950	62 660	44 520	441 553	114 721	-74,0
		R'000	1 461 241	397 601	283 236	2 796 815	725 568	-74,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	5 220	30 143	4 049	54 593	44 281	-18,9
		R'000	38 549	279 980	25 853	400 032	373 967	-6,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 899 216	1 278 339	441 407	6 349 522	2 312 301	-63,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	88 071	62 135	95 800	273 292	213 520	-21,9
		R'000	642 029	498 069	723 046	1 998 721	1 631 399	-18,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	36 220	21 675	56 018	128 962	87 597	-32,1
		R'000	353 375	370 048	551 089	1 447 651	1 068 295	-26,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	995 404	868 117	1 274 135	3 446 372	2 699 694	-21,7
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	5 150 286	4 438 493	4 968 577	16 978 980	12 112 586	-28,7

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2020	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Jan – Mar 2020	Jan – Mar 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	320	53	283	578	463	-19,9
		square metres	14 682	2 323	12 396	26 407	20 113	-23,8
		R'000	80 569	14 340	65 701	148 155	111 316	-24,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	225	187	227	629	524	-16,7
		square metres	57 925	45 240	54 044	159 830	125 640	-21,4
		R'000	393 414	316 327	369 380	1 085 961	863 527	-20,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	149	307	1 063	656	2 403	266,3
		square metres	19 524	42 225	71 148	83 783	176 248	110,4
		R'000	157 801	339 498	552 895	667 475	1 365 749	104,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	500	7 938	925	500	9 172	1 734,4
		R'000	3 633	64 194	6 596	3 633	72 876	1 905,9
	Total residential buildings	R'000	635 417	734 359	994 572	1 905 224	2 413 468	26,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	8 426	19 636	2 153	15 336	27 697	80,6
		R'000	59 194	163 613	13 361	115 016	221 490	92,6
	Shopping space	square metres	520	21 131	300	18 617	24 399	31,1
		R'000	4 550	181 464	2 625	154 378	203 489	31,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	11 749	15 191	13 439	56 926	28 630	-49,7
		R'000	83 824	107 088	91 825	387 646	198 913	-48,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	154	3 555	3 006	19 105	10 859	-43,2
		R'000	755	22 632	19 352	133 455	66 812	-49,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	148 323	474 797	127 163	790 495	690 704	-12,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	39 495	28 332	40 721	126 191	96 576	-23,5
		R'000	246 368	198 976	282 437	820 774	663 205	-19,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	23 009	9 049	15 596	78 411	30 697	-60,9
		R'000	214 270	227 358	239 405	928 668	573 186	-38,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	460 638	426 334	521 842	1 749 442	1 236 391	-29,3
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 244 378	1 635 490	1 643 577	4 445 161	4 340 563	-2,4

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2020	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Jan – Mar 2020	Jan – Mar 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	14	6	13	39	26	-33,3
		square metres	769	366	782	2 210	1 504	-31,9
		R'000	5 277	1 980	5 112	13 667	9 086	-33,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	30	30	52	123	99	-19,5
		square metres	6 717	4 862	28 025	27 245	36 087	32,5
		R'000	47 798	34 599	197 810	190 259	254 866	34,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	3	16	17	21	73	247,6
		square metres	248	1 624	2 533	2 288	6 190	170,5
		R'000	1 670	11 134	18 076	15 409	43 909	185,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	54 745	47 713	220 998	219 335	307 861	40,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	560	5 000	0	560	5 000	792,9
		R'000	3 360	36 150	0	3 360	36 150	975,9
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	445	0	1 725	..
		R'000	0	0	3 110	0	12 364	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	4 205	12 001	606	82 129	12 607	-84,6
		R'000	29 009	83 875	2 922	547 435	86 797	-84,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	385	1 786	1 351	-24,4
		R'000	0	0	2 691	9 146	9 442	3,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	32 369	120 025	8 723	559 941	144 753	-74,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	8 080	3 318	28 583	39 950	37 050	-7,3
		R'000	55 065	22 869	201 026	273 739	260 716	-4,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	3 812	163	1 950	12 740	2 113	-83,4
		R'000	28 632	3 576	17 478	91 336	21 633	-76,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	83 697	26 445	218 504	365 075	282 349	-22,7
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	170 811	194 183	448 225	1 144 351	734 963	-35,8

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2020	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Jan – Mar 2020	Jan – Mar 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	0	0	0	0	..
		square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	11	8	10	32	19	-40,6
		square metres	1 520	1 750	3 201	7 232	5 097	-29,5
		R'000	12 464	15 050	25 978	58 320	42 284	-27,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	2	4	0	3	7	133,3
		square metres	213	284	0	382	482	26,2
		R'000	1 747	2 442	0	3 133	4 145	32,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	14 211	17 492	25 978	61 453	46 429	-24,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	1 802	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	13 306	0	-100,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	195	0	504	195	-61,3
		R'000	0	1 677	0	4 133	1 677	-59,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	1 677	0	17 439	1 677	-90,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 238	3 619	1 812	7 203	7 417	3,0
		R'000	29 012	31 123	15 475	61 525	63 678	3,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	80	250	305	870	185,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	29 012	31 203	15 725	61 830	64 548	4,4
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	43 223	50 372	41 703	140 722	112 654	-19,9

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2020	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Jan – Mar 2020	Jan – Mar 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	22	13	47	48	70	45,8
		square metres	1 262	894	2 850	2 905	4 277	47,2
		R'000	10 000	7 541	23 859	23 263	35 896	54,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	40	34	53	75	104	38,7
		square metres	9 877	4 708	9 067	17 447	16 936	-2,9
		R'000	74 850	35 455	70 487	130 130	128 177	-1,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	26	2	0	36	2	-94,4
		square metres	6 296	372	0	10 313	372	-96,4
		R'000	50 821	2 690	0	83 246	2 690	-96,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	472	0	605	..
		R'000	0	0	3 981	0	4 942	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	135 671	45 686	98 327	236 639	171 705	-27,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	6 713	0	0	6 713	0	-100,0
		R'000	54 187	0	0	54 187	0	-100,0
	Shopping space	square metres	2 970	0	538	2 970	538	-81,9
		R'000	23 974	0	3 640	23 974	3 640	-84,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	4 607	0	254	14 549	254	-98,3
		R'000	37 188	0	1 836	116 179	1 836	-98,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	408	0	408	..
		R'000	0	0	2 213	0	2 213	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	115 349	0	7 689	194 340	7 689	-96,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 795	971	1 839	5 527	3 351	-39,4
		R'000	18 432	6 837	10 516	34 821	21 041	-39,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	484	26	276	3 440	302	-91,2
		R'000	11 552	188	1 995	39 182	2 183	-94,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	29 984	7 025	12 511	74 003	23 224	-68,6
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	281 004	52 711	118 527	504 982	202 618	-59,9

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2020	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Jan – Mar 2020	Jan – Mar 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	11	7	8	40	21	-47,5
		square metres	675	472	489	2 544	1 292	-49,2
		R'000	7 552	3 829	4 065	25 019	10 466	-58,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	40	53	58	180	133	-26,1
		square metres	12 765	13 539	23 568	51 066	43 852	-14,1
		R'000	132 108	122 969	229 851	521 801	431 617	-17,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	94	46	48	496	103	-79,2
		square metres	10 838	6 130	8 531	65 064	17 246	-73,5
		R'000	108 720	51 633	70 970	680 588	140 470	-79,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 248	1 445	0	1 248	1 445	15,8
		R'000	14 851	11 560	0	14 851	11 560	-22,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	263 231	189 991	304 886	1 242 259	594 113	-52,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	673	1 686	0	5 578	14 696	163,5
		R'000	7 403	11 997	0	42 218	155 107	267,4
	Shopping space	square metres	1 545	2 084	1 987	2 764	4 071	47,3
		R'000	10 446	20 603	13 909	21 482	34 512	60,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	190 257	3 026	3 263	232 215	7 310	-96,9
		R'000	1 141 542	18 156	25 297	1 394 330	49 579	-96,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	267	0	0	267	0	-100,0
		R'000	2 937	0	0	2 937	0	-100,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 162 328	50 756	39 206	1 460 967	239 198	-83,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	7 926	6 975	8 744	31 530	20 420	-35,2
		R'000	92 297	74 525	103 986	331 958	229 351	-30,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 182	3 035	4 940	5 909	9 224	56,1
		R'000	22 452	32 480	54 653	68 285	102 422	50,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	114 749	107 005	158 639	400 243	331 773	-17,1
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 540 308	347 752	502 731	3 103 469	1 165 084	-62,5

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2020	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Jan – Mar 2020	Jan – Mar 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	7	8	26	25	40	60,0
		square metres	438	607	1 443	1 577	2 477	57,1
		R'000	2 409	3 501	8 108	8 733	13 925	59,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	16	26	69	118	165	39,8
		square metres	2 939	5 423	12 738	18 957	35 036	84,8
		R'000	15 860	34 891	81 399	116 195	216 348	86,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	7	12	27	98	40	-59,2
		square metres	823	1 956	4 831	10 739	7 004	-34,8
		R'000	4 527	11 301	33 214	66 877	45 769	-31,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	22 796	49 693	122 721	191 805	276 042	43,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	3 047	0	0	3 689	463	-87,4
		R'000	16 759	0	0	20 727	2 639	-87,3
	Shopping space	square metres	900	11 984	0	2 505	14 319	471,6
		R'000	4 950	86 156	0	13 278	99 028	645,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	260	3 131	260	-91,7
		R'000	0	0	1 880	16 247	1 880	-88,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	1 533	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	8 433	0	-100,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	21 709	86 156	1 880	58 685	103 547	76,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	223	153	3 786	2 654	7 946	199,4
		R'000	1 130	849	20 589	15 988	44 429	177,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	381	117	51	592	1 060,8
		R'000	0	48 525	640	12 113	50 270	315,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 130	49 374	21 229	28 101	94 699	237,0
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	45 635	185 223	145 830	278 591	474 288	70,2

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2020	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Jan – Mar 2020	Jan – Mar 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	484	283	238	1 527	683	-55,3
		square metres	25 770	16 215	13 316	77 825	39 113	-49,7
		R'000	158 208	96 520	83 450	443 377	244 379	-44,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	178	162	168	586	451	-23,0
		square metres	60 673	44 580	44 690	177 233	133 992	-24,4
		R'000	497 388	377 857	385 103	1 469 324	1 147 808	-21,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	240	650	647	912	1 435	57,3
		square metres	46 721	74 589	98 843	133 662	184 544	38,1
		R'000	381 837	661 986	891 515	1 148 458	1 657 429	44,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	3 254	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	31 694	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 037 433	1 136 363	1 360 068	3 092 853	3 049 616	-1,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	6 125	1 087	0	226 542	1 087	-99,5
		R'000	60 638	13 748	0	2 250 067	13 748	-99,4
	Shopping space	square metres	12 196	8 677	9 979	41 993	39 088	-6,9
		R'000	123 125	83 514	90 214	416 201	398 010	-4,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	9 307	30 366	26 547	30 363	63 433	108,9
		R'000	48 552	173 855	158 566	181 398	371 026	104,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	4 799	26 393	250	19 879	31 388	57,9
		R'000	34 857	255 671	1 597	157 782	293 343	85,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	267 172	526 788	250 377	3 005 448	1 076 127	-64,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	19 301	17 390	8 774	46 467	37 124	-20,1
		R'000	162 629	153 993	79 357	385 020	326 372	-15,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	6 623	9 021	31 618	26 421	43 148	63,3
		R'000	69 970	53 730	227 645	270 416	302 301	11,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	232 599	207 723	307 002	655 436	628 673	-4,1
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 537 204	1 870 874	1 917 447	6 753 737	4 754 416	-29,6

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2020	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Jan – Mar 2020	Jan – Mar 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	28	9	27	63	46	-27,0
		square metres	1 439	470	1 514	3 379	2 473	-26,8
		R'000	7 731	2 604	9 348	17 851	14 763	-17,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	22	17	35	83	65	-21,7
		square metres	5 792	5 586	8 354	16 608	17 995	8,4
		R'000	38 272	40 718	64 280	104 341	133 484	27,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	26	0	0	26	0	-100,0
		square metres	3 306	0	0	3 306	0	-100,0
		R'000	17 521	0	0	17 521	0	-100,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	63 524	43 322	73 628	139 713	148 247	6,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	863	0	0	863	3 012	249,0
		R'000	4 573	0	0	4 573	23 617	416,4
	Shopping space	square metres	3 350	0	0	3 350	0	-100,0
		R'000	26 267	0	0	26 267	0	-100,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	11 154	1 184	0	14 130	1 184	-91,6
		R'000	87 459	9 284	0	102 934	9 284	-91,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	8 543	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	66 986	0	-100,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	118 299	9 284	0	200 760	32 901	-83,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 832	1 142	578	11 961	2 350	-80,4
		R'000	36 072	7 554	4 031	64 764	15 204	-76,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	0	1 483	1 261	1 483	17,6
		R'000	1 365	2 111	8 294	28 372	12 701	-55,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	37 437	9 665	12 325	93 136	27 905	-70,0
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	219 260	62 271	85 953	433 609	209 053	-51,8

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

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

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

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

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

			Mar 2020	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Jan – Mar 2020	Jan – Mar 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	7	9	14	13	30	130,8
		square metres	435	502	858	794	1 819	129,1
		R'000	2 508	3 025	5 169	4 578	10 959	139,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	17	14	32	60	53	-11,7
		square metres	4 525	4 032	7 985	15 222	13 882	-8,8
		R'000	26 130	24 393	46 688	87 711	82 151	-6,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	4	0	-100,0
		square metres	0	0	0	263	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	1 516	0	-100,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	28 638	27 418	51 857	93 805	93 110	-0,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	583	0	241	583	141,9
		R'000	0	3 513	0	1 389	3 513	152,9
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	906	964	906	-6,0
		R'000	0	0	5 459	5 558	5 459	-1,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	5 671	892	151	6 308	1 043	-83,5
		R'000	33 667	5 343	910	37 340	6 253	-83,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	2 976	80	-97,3
		R'000	0	0	0	17 160	480	-97,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	33 667	8 856	6 369	61 447	15 705	-74,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	181	235	963	1 809	1 286	-28,9
		R'000	1 024	1 343	5 629	10 132	7 403	-26,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	110	0	38	729	38	-94,8
		R'000	5 134	2 000	729	8 974	2 729	-69,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	6 158	3 343	6 358	19 106	10 132	-47,0
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	68 463	39 617	64 584	174 358	118 947	-31,8

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

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

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

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

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 March 2021 was 89,2%. The improved collection rate for February 2021 was 91,0%.
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 Note: Owing to the impact of the COVID-19 lockdown, additive outlier adjustments were performed. The methodology will be reviewed as more data points are added to the time series.
Trend cycle	12	The trend is a long-term pattern or movement of a time series. The X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program is used for smoothing seasonally adjusted data.
Revised figures	13	Revised figures are due to late submission of data to Stats SA, or to respondents reporting revisions or corrections to their figures. Figures for the latest two years are therefore preliminary. Data are edited at municipal level.
	14	Once a year the annual statistical release P5041.3: <i>Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions</i> is published with the revised and updated information at provincial and municipal level for the previous calendar year. Due to this comprehensive revision, the monthly statistical release P5041.1 reflects provincial revision where applicable.
Related publications	15	Users may also wish to refer to the following publications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P5041.3: <i>Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions</i> issued annually; • P9101.2: <i>Actual and expected expenditure on construction by the public sector per statistical region</i> issued annually; and • <i>Building Statistics</i> (Report No. 50-11-01) issued annually.
Rounding-off of figures	16	Where necessary, the figures in the tables have been rounded off to the nearest digit shown.
Symbols and abbreviations	17	.. Changes from a zero in the preceding period cannot be calculated as a percentage.
	0	Nil or figure too small to publish.
	*	Revised.
	Stats SA	Statistics South Africa.
	SIC	Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities.
	ISIC	International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities.

Glossary

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

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

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