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Results for January to September 2020

**Table A – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices:
January to September 2019 versus January to September 2020**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Sep 2019 1/	Jan – Sep 2020 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Sep 2019 and Jan – Sep 2020	% change between Jan – Sep 2019 and Jan – Sep 2020
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	43 324 446	25 053 626	-18 270 820	-42,2
-Dwelling-houses	23 048 724	15 598 624	-7 450 100	-32,3
-Flats and townhouses	19 611 056	9 267 935	-10 343 121	-52,7
-Other residential buildings	664 666	187 067	-477 599	-71,9
Non-residential buildings	17 845 727	10 058 675	-7 787 052	-43,6
Additions and alterations	22 645 072	13 970 839	-8 674 233	-38,3
Total	83 815 245	49 083 140	-34 732 105	-41,4

1/ 2019 and 2020 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 41,4% (-R34 732,1 million) during January to September 2020 compared with January to September 2019.

Decreases were recorded for non-residential buildings (-43,6% or -R7 787,1 million), residential buildings (-42,2% or -R18 270,8 million) and additions and alterations (-38,3% or -R8 674,2 million) – see Table A.

**Table B – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:
January to September 2019 versus January to September 2020**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Sep 2019 1/	Jan – Sep 2020 1/	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during Jan – Sep 2019	% change between Jan – Sep 2019 and Jan – Sep 2020	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan – Sep 2019 and Jan – Sep 2020 2/	Difference in value between Jan – Sep 2019 and Jan – Sep 2020
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	21 726 570	16 821 721	25,9	-22,6	-5,9	-4 904 849
Eastern Cape	5 109 708	2 603 602	6,1	-49,0	-3,0	-2 506 106
Northern Cape	1 173 401	778 639	1,4	-33,6	-0,5	-394 762
Free State	2 422 512	1 589 712	2,9	-34,4	-1,0	-832 800
KwaZulu-Natal	13 860 667	8 034 498	16,5	-42,0	-7,0	-5 826 169
North West	1 800 041	1 809 630	2,1	0,5	0,0	9 589
Gauteng	32 768 771	14 241 814	39,1	-56,5	-22,1	-18 526 957
Mpumalanga	3 162 254	2 291 170	3,8	-27,5	-1,0	-871 084
Limpopo	1 791 321	912 354	2,1	-49,1	-1,0	-878 967
Total	83 815 245	49 083 140	100,0	-41,4	-41,4	-34 732 105

1/ 2019 and 2020 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 September 2019 and January to September 2020 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of building plans passed during January to September 2019, divided by 100.

The largest contributions to the total decrease of 41,4% (-R34 732,1 million) were made by Gauteng (contributing -22,1 percentage points or -R18 527,0 million), KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -7,0 percentage points or -R5 826,2 million), Western Cape (contributing -5,9 percentage points or -R4 904,8 million) and Eastern Cape (contributing -3,0 percentage points or -R2 506,1 million) – see Table B.

**Table C – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices:
January to September 2019 versus January to September 2020**

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	Jan – Sep 2019 1/	Jan – Sep 2020 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Sep 2019 and Jan – Sep 2020	% change between Jan – Sep 2019 and Jan – Sep 2020
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	35 720 134	20 038 546	-15 681 588	-43,9
Non-residential buildings	14 691 532	8 066 228	-6 625 304	-45,1
Additions and alterations	18 626 254	11 175 549	-7 450 705	-40,0
Total	69 037 920	39 280 323	-29 757 597	-43,1

1/ 2019 and 2020 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 43,1% (-R29 757,6 million) during January to September 2020 compared with January to September 2019. Decreases were recorded for non-residential buildings (-45,1% or -R6 625,3 million), residential buildings (-43,9% or -R15 681,6 million) and additions and alterations (-40,0% or -R7 450,7 million) – see Table C.

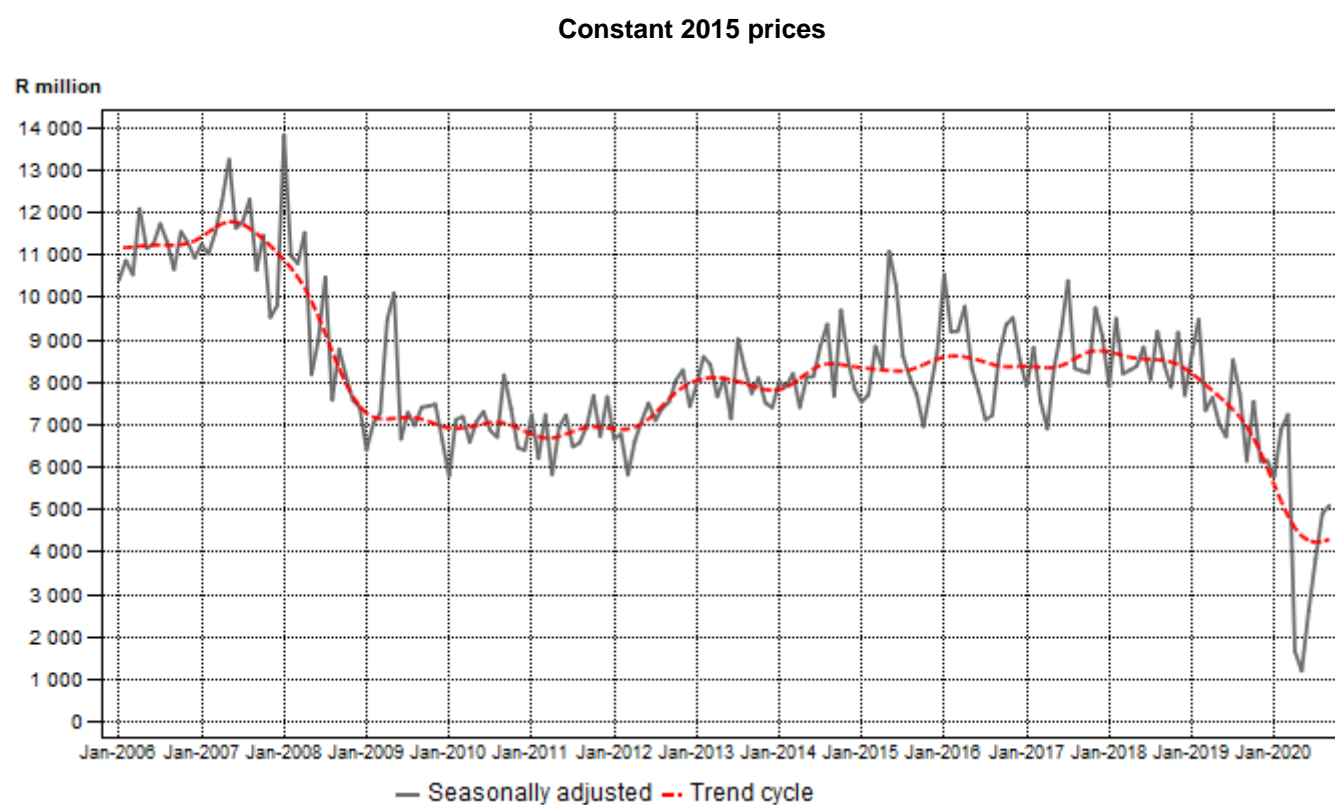
Table D – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	Apr – Jun 2020	Jul – Sep 2020	% change between Apr – Jun 2020 and Jul – Sep 2020
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	2 552 290	7 573 671	196,7
Non-residential buildings 1/	1 522 053	2 265 743	48,9
Additions and alterations	1 389 607	3 990 308	187,2
Total	5 463 950	13 829 722	153,1

1/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 10 and 11 on page 39.

Seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed

The seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed increased by 153,1% in the third quarter of 2020 compared with the second quarter of 2020. Increases were recorded for residential buildings (196,7%), additions and alterations (187,2%) and non-residential buildings (48,9%) – 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 September 2019 versus January to September 2020**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Sep 2019 1/	Jan – Sep 2020 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Sep 2019 and Jan – Sep 2020	% change between Jan – Sep 2019 and Jan – Sep 2020
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	41 490 415	15 849 971	-25 640 444	-61,8
-Dwelling-houses	16 814 004	9 425 590	-7 388 414	-43,9
-Flats and townhouses	24 159 273	6 187 006	-17 972 267	-74,4
-Other residential buildings	517 138	237 375	-279 763	-54,1
Non-residential buildings	17 017 380	9 570 177	-7 447 203	-43,8
Additions and alterations	9 668 833	6 898 390	-2 770 443	-28,7
Total	68 176 628	32 318 538	-35 858 090	-52,6

1/ 2019 and 2020 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 52,6% (-R35 858,1 million) during January to September 2020 compared with January to September 2019.

Decreases were recorded for residential buildings (-61,8% or -R25 640,4 million), non-residential buildings (-43,8% or -R7 447,2 million) and additions and alterations (-28,7% or -R2 770,4 million) – see Table E.

**Table F – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:
January to September 2019 versus January to September 2020**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Sep 2019 1/	Jan – Sep 2020 1/	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during Jan – Sep 2019	% change between Jan – Sep 2019 and Jan – Sep 2020	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan – Sep 2019 and Jan – Sep 2020 2/	Difference in value between Jan – Sep 2019 and Jan – Sep 2020
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	16 439 641	10 911 195	24,1	-33,6	-8,1	-5 528 446
Eastern Cape	2 800 233	1 595 419	4,1	-43,0	-1,8	-1 204 814
Northern Cape	464 907	460 031	0,7	-1,0	0,0	-4 876
Free State	437 718	554 972	0,6	26,8	0,2	117 254
KwaZulu-Natal	9 196 836	5 536 627	13,5	-39,8	-5,4	-3 660 209
North West	1 399 075	739 528	2,1	-47,1	-1,0	-659 547
Gauteng	35 087 865	11 165 993	51,5	-68,2	-35,1	-23 921 872
Mpumalanga	1 720 459	829 066	2,5	-51,8	-1,3	-891 393
Limpopo	629 894	525 707	0,9	-16,5	-0,2	-104 187
Total	68 176 628	32 318 538	100,0	-52,6	-52,6	-35 858 090

1/ 2019 and 2020 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 September 2019 and January to September 2020 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of buildings completed during January to September 2019, divided by 100.

Seven provinces reported year-on-year decreases in the value of buildings completed during January to September 2020, of which Gauteng (contributing -35,1 percentage points or -R23 921,9 million), Western Cape (contributing -8,1 percentage points or -R5 528,4 million) and KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -5,4 percentage points or -R3 660,2 million) were the largest negative contributors – see Table F.

**Table G – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices:
January to September 2019 versus January to September 2020**

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	Jan – Sep 2019 1/	Jan – Sep 2020 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Sep 2019 and Jan – Sep 2020	% change between Jan – Sep 2019 and Jan – Sep 2020
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	34 137 571	12 669 371	-21 468 200	-62,9
Non-residential buildings	14 019 642	7 663 180	-6 356 462	-45,3
Additions and alterations	7 953 391	5 512 844	-2 440 547	-30,7
Total	56 110 604	25 845 395	-30 265 209	-53,9

1/ 2019 and 2020 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 53,9% (-R30 265,2 million) during January to September 2020 compared with January to September 2019. Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-62,9% or -R21 468,2 million), non-residential buildings (-45,3% or -R6 356,5 million) and additions and alterations (-30,7% or -R2 440,5 million) – see Table G.

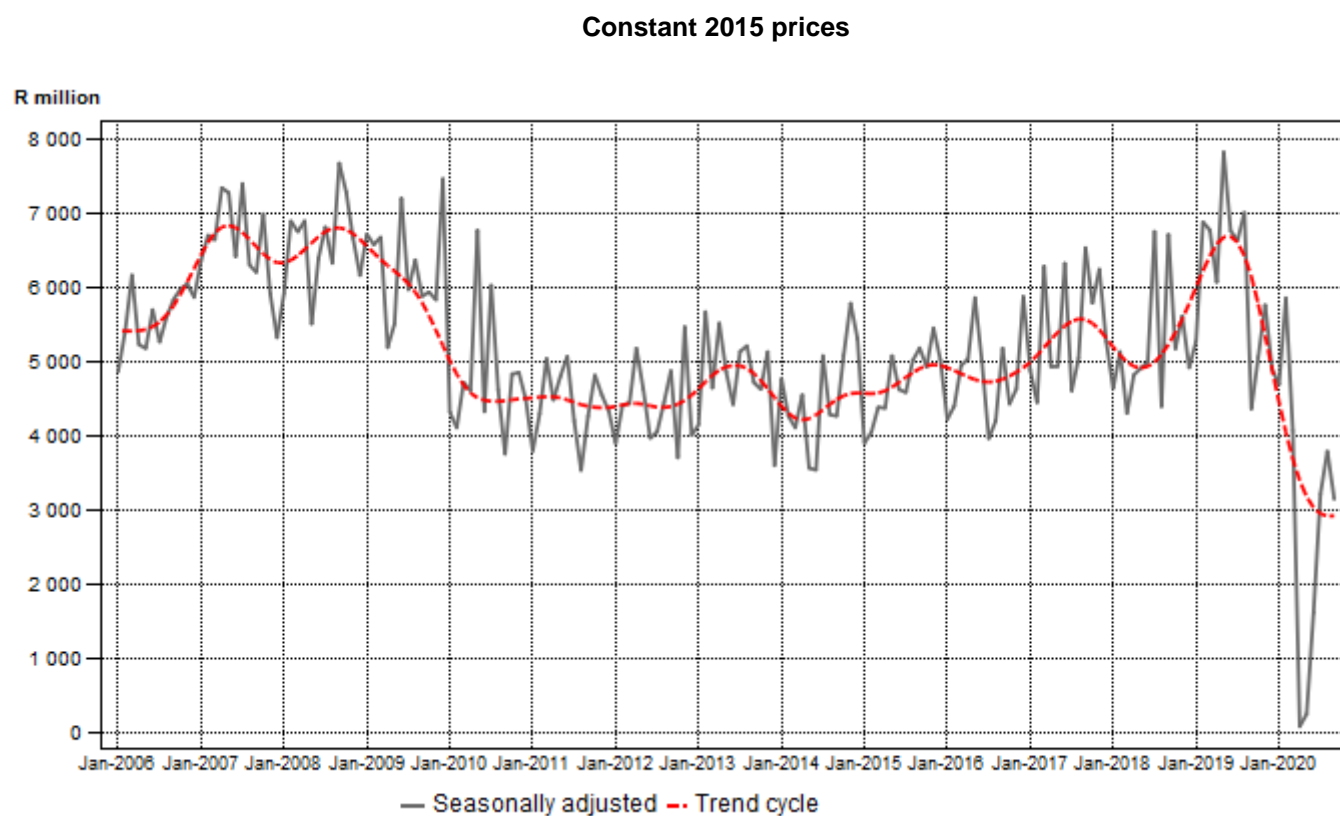
Table H – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	Apr – Jun 2020	Jul – Sep 2020	% change between Apr – Jun 2020 and Jul – Sep 2020
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	993 737	5 907 413	494,5
Non-residential buildings 1/	542 901	2 016 984	271,5
Additions and alterations	410 750	2 230 631	443,1
Total	1 947 388	10 155 028	421,5

1/ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 10 and 11 on page 39.

Seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed increased by 421,5% in the third quarter of 2020 compared with the second quarter of 2020. Increases were reported for residential buildings (494,5%), additions and alterations (443,1%) and non-residential buildings (271,5%) – 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/
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	2 414 651	32,7	2 314 165	-9,2	8 877 292	0,4
	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	1 664 678	-12,7	2 646 651	6,9	8 733 688	-13,2
	June	4 082 091	-24,9	1 648 322	-34,2	2 534 350	-6,2	8 264 763	-22,3
	July	6 167 514	18,8	1 917 207	-0,6	3 282 645	20,2	11 367 366	15,4
	August	5 031 902	-22,4	2 749 039	-4,7	2 453 296	-0,7	10 234 237	-13,6
	September	3 431 994	-36,3	1 679 577	-29,9	2 703 734	9,3	7 815 305	-23,8
	October	5 218 314	-2,7	2 618 212	29,0	2 772 425	-12,6	10 608 951	0,4
	November	3 846 996	-29,7	997 639	-67,7	2 751 222	6,0	7 595 857	-31,9
	December	2 605 709	-41,8	1 980 035	59,6	1 961 680	5,1	6 547 424	-13,7
	Total	54 995 465	-11,0	23 441 613	-14,3	30 130 399	1,8	108 567 477	-8,5
2020	January	2 607 999	-45,4	1 422 087	-11,7	1 686 359	-8,2	5 716 445	-30,5
	February	4 312 361	-38,3	1 840 942	-11,0	2 501 881	4,2	8 655 184	-24,5
	March	4 612 502	11,2	2 056 317	-14,8	2 488 772	7,5	9 157 591	3,2
	April	807 896	-81,1	729 784	-65,1	442 419	-82,1	1 980 099	-77,6
	May	809 776	-81,7	180 087	-89,2	436 126	-83,5	1 425 989	-83,7
	June	1 534 701	-62,4	970 593	-41,1	852 929	-66,3	3 358 223	-59,4
	July	2 853 632	-53,7	964 709	-49,7	1 466 582	-55,3	5 284 923	-53,5
	August	3 623 206	-28,0	889 039	-67,7	1 935 908	-21,1	6 448 153	-37,0
	September	3 891 553	13,4	1 005 117	-40,2	2 159 863	-20,1	7 056 533	-9,7

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 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/
2019	January	6 228 340	11,6	1 611 299	29,8	2 455 842	2,2	10 295 481	11,6
	February	6 804 075	9,2	2 069 538	28,4	2 476 900	0,9	11 350 513	10,2
	March	4 013 557	-41,0	2 414 651	16,7	2 480 204	0,1	8 908 412	-21,5
	April	4 624 910	15,2	2 091 416	-13,4	2 584 162	4,2	9 300 488	4,4
	May	4 275 588	-7,6	1 664 678	-20,4	2 598 588	0,6	8 538 854	-8,2
	June	3 953 513	-7,5	1 648 322	-1,0	2 541 166	-2,2	8 143 001	-4,6
	July	5 789 287	46,4	1 917 207	16,3	2 697 585	6,2	10 404 079	27,8
	August	4 384 952	-24,3	2 749 039	43,4	2 366 405	-12,3	9 500 396	-8,7
	September	3 388 580	-22,7	1 679 577	-38,9	2 501 098	5,7	7 569 255	-20,3
	October	4 400 508	29,9	2 618 212	55,9	2 332 943	-6,7	9 351 663	23,5
	November	3 962 736	-9,9	997 639	-61,9	2 577 198	10,5	7 537 573	-19,4
	December	3 245 296	-18,1	1 980 035	98,5	2 416 866	-6,2	7 642 197	1,4
2020	January	3 466 711	6,8	1 422 087	-28,2	2 307 232	-4,5	7 196 030	-5,8
	February	4 168 765	20,3	1 840 942	29,5	2 618 892	13,5	8 628 599	19,9
	March	4 404 909	5,7	2 056 317	11,7	2 525 040	-3,6	8 986 266	4,1
	April	838 246	-81,0	729 784	-64,5	475 495	-81,2	2 043 525	-77,3
	May	831 904	-0,8	180 087	-75,3	459 498	-3,4	1 471 489	-28,0
	June	1 481 161	78,0	970 593	439,0	780 459	69,9	3 232 213	119,7
	July	2 564 624	73,1	964 709	-0,6	1 235 692	58,3	4 765 025	47,4
	August	3 370 920	31,4	889 039	-7,8	1 940 703	57,1	6 200 662	30,1
	September	3 593 604	6,6	1 005 117	13,1	1 868 652	-3,7	6 467 373	4,3
	Apr – Jun 20	3 151 311		1 880 464		1 715 452		6 747 227	
	Jul – Sep 20 2/	9 529 148	202,4	2 858 865	52,0	5 045 047	194,1	17 433 060	158,4

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/
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	1 995 579	26,2	1 912 533	-13,6	7 336 605	-4,5
	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	1 365 610	-17,1	2 171 166	1,4	7 164 634	-17,6
	June	3 351 470	-28,3	1 353 302	-37,2	2 080 747	-10,5	6 785 519	-25,9
	July	5 042 939	14,1	1 567 626	-4,5	2 684 092	15,4	9 294 657	10,8
	August	4 100 980	-25,9	2 240 456	-9,1	1 999 426	-5,3	8 340 862	-17,5
	September	2 776 694	-39,1	1 358 881	-33,0	2 187 487	4,5	6 323 062	-27,2
	October	4 218 524	-6,3	2 116 582	24,3	2 241 249	-15,7	8 576 355	-3,3
	November	3 117 501	-32,0	808 459	-68,7	2 229 515	2,6	6 155 475	-34,1
	December	2 104 773	-44,0	1 599 382	53,5	1 584 556	1,1	5 288 711	-17,0
	Total	45 160 932	-14,5	19 215 955	-17,9	24 681 574	-2,5	89 058 461	-12,3
2020	January	2 099 838	-47,9	1 144 998	-15,8	1 357 777	-12,4	4 602 613	-33,7
	February	3 455 417	-40,9	1 475 114	-14,8	2 004 712	-0,2	6 935 243	-27,7
	March	3 719 760	8,5	1 658 320	-16,9	2 007 074	4,9	7 385 154	0,7
	April	655 228	-81,4	591 877	-65,6	358 815	-82,3	1 605 920	-77,9
	May	657 286	-81,9	146 175	-89,3	353 998	-83,7	1 157 459	-83,8
	June	1 239 662	-63,0	784 001	-42,1	688 957	-66,9	2 712 620	-60,0
	July	2 281 081	-54,8	771 150	-50,8	1 172 328	-56,3	4 224 559	-54,5
	August	2 873 280	-29,9	705 027	-68,5	1 535 216	-23,2	5 113 523	-38,7
	September	3 056 994	10,1	789 566	-41,9	1 696 672	-22,4	5 543 232	-12,3

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/
2019	January	5 231 608	13,1	1 359 746	30,5	2 062 058	2,0	8 653 412	12,5
	February	5 692 044	8,8	1 731 831	27,4	2 062 100	0,0	9 485 975	9,6
	March	3 307 779	-41,9	1 995 579	15,2	2 029 639	-1,6	7 332 997	-22,7
	April	3 800 709	14,9	1 718 501	-13,9	2 125 676	4,7	7 644 886	4,3
	May	3 513 683	-7,6	1 365 610	-20,5	2 139 650	0,7	7 018 943	-8,2
	June	3 243 778	-7,7	1 353 302	-0,9	2 118 410	-1,0	6 715 490	-4,3
	July	4 770 857	47,1	1 567 626	15,8	2 194 432	3,6	8 532 915	27,1
	August	3 574 939	-25,1	2 240 456	42,9	1 916 312	-12,7	7 731 707	-9,4
	September	2 746 985	-23,2	1 358 881	-39,3	2 034 719	6,2	6 140 585	-20,6
	October	3 567 154	29,9	2 116 582	55,8	1 865 458	-8,3	7 549 194	22,9
	November	3 214 705	-9,9	808 459	-61,8	2 113 446	13,3	6 136 610	-18,7
	December	2 602 652	-19,0	1 599 382	97,8	1 950 395	-7,7	6 152 429	0,3
2020	January	2 775 936	6,7	1 144 998	-28,4	1 856 407	-4,8	5 777 341	-6,1
	February	3 333 219	20,1	1 475 114	28,8	2 081 884	12,1	6 890 217	19,3
	March	3 534 213	6,0	1 658 320	12,4	2 049 926	-1,5	7 242 459	5,1
	April	680 522	-80,7	591 877	-64,3	384 376	-81,2	1 656 775	-77,1
	May	676 596	-0,6	146 175	-75,3	372 420	-3,1	1 195 191	-27,9
	June	1 195 172	76,6	784 001	436,3	632 811	69,9	2 611 984	118,5
	July	2 063 678	72,7	771 150	-1,6	991 475	56,7	3 826 303	46,5
	August	2 673 769	29,6	705 027	-8,6	1 531 468	54,5	4 910 264	28,3
	September	2 836 224	6,1	789 566	12,0	1 467 365	-4,2	5 093 155	3,7
	Apr – Jun 20	2 552 290		1 522 053		1 389 607		5 463 950	
	Jul – Sep 20 2/	7 573 671	196,7	2 265 743	48,9	3 990 308	187,2	13 829 722	153,1

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

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
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	2 964 337	-21,6	1 984 860	65,2	1 026 971	24,5	5 976 168	2,9
	Total	52 493 387	18,1	23 213 248	39,6	13 272 077	7,8	88 978 712	21,2
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	2 254 732	-58,7	1 899 216	33,7	995 404	-33,2	5 149 352	-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	2 490 951	-50,7	1 146 262	-46,4	1 089 326	-12,2	4 726 539	-43,9
	September	2 144 830	-37,0	978 096	-22,5	1 128 749	1,8	4 251 675	-26,4

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/
2019	January	4 220 217	12,8	1 129 725	-5,9	918 421	-2,1	6 268 363	6,6
	February	4 082 109	-3,3	3 157 234	179,5	985 302	7,3	8 224 645	31,2
	March	5 607 441	37,4	1 420 463	-55,0	1 144 540	16,2	8 172 444	-0,6
	April	4 465 204	-20,4	1 623 694	14,3	1 294 680	13,1	7 383 578	-9,7
	May	5 328 462	19,3	3 123 392	92,4	1 075 166	-17,0	9 527 020	29,0
	June	6 129 096	15,0	1 259 061	-59,7	836 528	-22,2	8 224 685	-13,7
	July	4 999 955	-18,4	1 904 394	51,3	1 201 596	43,6	8 105 945	-1,4
	August	5 308 732	6,2	2 136 907	12,2	1 154 935	-3,9	8 600 574	6,1
	September	3 055 721	-42,4	1 262 510	-40,9	1 071 644	-7,2	5 389 875	-37,3
	October	3 162 216	3,5	1 860 458	47,4	1 235 186	15,3	6 257 860	16,1
	November	3 633 156	14,9	2 350 550	26,3	1 118 105	-9,5	7 101 811	13,5
	December	2 931 045	-19,3	1 984 860	-15,6	1 167 429	4,4	6 083 334	-14,3
2020	January	2 829 865	-3,5	1 477 291	-25,6	1 535 064	31,5	5 842 220	-4,0
	February	3 082 968	8,9	2 973 015	101,2	1 258 631	-18,0	7 314 614	25,2
	March	2 324 259	-24,6	1 899 216	-36,1	810 754	-35,6	5 034 229	-31,2
	April	37 369	-98,4	46 153	-97,6	17 066	-97,9	100 588	-98,0
	May	114 120	205,4	104 955	127,4	88 365	417,8	307 440	205,6
	June	1 076 805	843,6	520 306	395,7	402 158	355,1	1 999 269	550,3
	July	2 882 675	167,7	424 883	-18,3	713 763	77,5	4 021 321	101,1
	August	2 630 692	-8,7	1 146 262	169,8	1 006 376	41,0	4 783 330	18,9
	September	1 931 802	-26,6	978 096	-14,7	1 094 733	8,8	4 004 631	-16,3
	Apr – Jun 20	1 228 294		671 414		507 589		2 407 297	
	Jul – Sep 20 2/	7 445 169	506,1	2 549 241	279,7	2 814 872	454,6	12 809 282	432,1

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

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

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

Table 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/
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	3 866 788	-22,5	1 904 822	111,0	992 536	5,8	6 764 146	-1,0
	December	2 394 456	-24,5	1 603 279	59,0	829 540	19,7	4 827 275	-1,0
	Total	43 039 897	13,5	19 031 751	33,9	10 868 016	3,2	72 939 664	16,4
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	1 818 332	-59,7	1 531 626	30,5	802 745	-34,8	4 152 703	-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	1 975 377	-52,0	909 010	-47,8	863 859	-14,6	3 748 246	-45,4
	September	1 684 863	-38,9	768 339	-24,8	886 684	-1,1	3 339 886	-28,5

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 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/
2019	January	3 546 298	13,6	953 354	-5,5	771 842	-1,8	5 271 494	7,2
	February	3 412 191	-3,8	2 642 037	177,1	824 400	6,8	6 878 628	30,5
	March	4 649 183	36,3	1 173 936	-55,6	947 195	14,9	6 770 314	-1,6
	April	3 671 461	-21,0	1 334 177	13,6	1 061 392	12,1	6 067 030	-10,4
	May	4 377 141	19,2	2 562 258	92,0	883 636	-16,7	7 823 035	28,9
	June	5 039 071	15,1	1 033 712	-59,7	687 627	-22,2	6 760 410	-13,6
	July	4 089 824	-18,8	1 557 150	50,6	983 608	43,0	6 630 582	-1,9
	August	4 326 187	5,8	1 741 570	11,8	941 530	-4,3	7 009 287	5,7
	September	2 470 868	-42,9	1 021 448	-41,3	867 888	-7,8	4 360 204	-37,8
	October	2 559 193	3,6	1 504 008	47,2	999 555	15,2	5 062 756	16,1
	November	2 952 332	15,4	1 904 822	26,6	906 376	-9,3	5 763 530	13,8
	December	2 353 872	-20,3	1 603 279	-15,8	940 884	3,8	4 898 035	-15,0
2020	January	2 268 391	-3,6	1 189 445	-25,8	1 230 955	30,8	4 688 791	-4,3
	February	2 466 705	8,7	2 382 224	100,3	1 007 478	-18,2	5 856 407	24,9
	March	1 880 754	-23,8	1 531 626	-35,7	654 460	-35,0	4 066 840	-30,6
	April	30 316	-98,4	37 431	-97,6	13 812	-97,9	81 559	-98,0
	May	92 721	205,8	85 191	127,6	71 861	420,3	249 773	206,2
	June	870 700	839,1	420 279	393,3	325 077	352,4	1 616 056	547,0
	July	2 304 004	164,6	339 635	-19,2	571 041	75,7	3 214 680	98,9
	August	2 086 149	-9,5	909 010	167,6	798 257	39,8	3 793 416	18,0
	September	1 517 260	-27,3	768 339	-15,5	861 333	7,9	3 146 932	-17,0
	Apr – Jun 20	993 737		542 901		410 750		1 947 388	
	Jul – Sep 20 2/	5 907 413	494,5	2 016 984	271,5	2 230 631	443,1	10 155 028	421,5

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

			Sep 2019	Aug 2020	Sep 2020	Jan – Sep 2019	Jan – Sep 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	948	646	962	10 550	8 545	-19,0
		square metres	47 862	33 325	51 096	552 403	404 637	-26,7
		R'000	256 815	212 866	298 006	2 812 796	1 864 527	-33,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 094	890	1 167	9 867	6 668	-32,4
		square metres	310 765	279 219	325 294	2 723 236	1 826 888	-32,9
		R'000	2 370 134	2 156 739	2 458 472	20 235 928	13 734 097	-32,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	901	1 136	1 281	19 441	10 340	-46,8
		square metres	91 488	136 829	130 398	2 318 313	1 074 555	-53,6
		R'000	762 875	1 244 392	1 127 592	19 611 056	9 267 935	-52,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	6 315	1 310	1 019	89 938	25 418	-71,7
		R'000	42 170	9 209	7 483	664 666	187 067	-71,9
	Total residential buildings	R'000	3 431 994	3 623 206	3 891 553	43 324 446	25 053 626	-42,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	30 711	8 958	9 745	340 546	188 814	-44,6
		R'000	299 901	64 232	90 567	3 112 034	1 543 119	-50,4
	Shopping space	square metres	44 895	8 506	15 293	423 917	316 861	-25,3
		R'000	345 253	58 317	129 535	3 240 843	2 525 567	-22,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	129 908	97 387	66 007	1 281 339	630 187	-50,8
		R'000	811 220	677 186	464 850	8 047 499	4 189 999	-47,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	36 349	12 079	45 714	482 334	239 780	-50,3
		R'000	223 203	89 304	320 165	3 445 351	1 799 990	-47,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 679 577	889 039	1 005 117	17 845 727	10 058 675	-43,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	233 584	166 746	194 273	2 113 918	1 278 452	-39,5
		R'000	1 798 121	1 242 787	1 483 612	15 936 722	9 636 573	-39,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	98 021	87 788	80 665	602 689	437 554	-27,4
		R'000	905 613	693 121	676 251	6 708 350	4 334 266	-35,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	2 703 734	1 935 908	2 159 863	22 645 072	13 970 839	-38,3
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	7 815 305	6 448 153	7 056 533	83 815 245	49 083 140	-41,4

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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

			Sep 2019	Aug 2020	Sep 2020	Jan – Sep 2019	Jan – Sep 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	154	260	327	2 352	1 562	-33,6
		square metres	7 418	11 033	15 493	105 454	73 734	-30,1
		R'000	54 880	62 797	88 112	628 212	438 019	-30,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	291	269	354	3 087	2 237	-27,5
		square metres	73 251	81 488	92 353	763 110	585 377	-23,3
		R'000	499 169	562 963	639 532	5 059 137	3 977 708	-21,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	310	402	755	4 693	4 213	-10,2
		square metres	35 998	39 330	60 054	523 571	396 030	-24,4
		R'000	286 490	310 331	485 389	4 097 628	3 120 151	-23,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	2 837	1 310	452	48 513	14 160	-70,8
		R'000	20 763	9 209	3 284	347 830	104 440	-70,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	861 302	945 300	1 216 317	10 132 807	7 640 318	-24,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	301	2 410	1 647	50 190	88 109	75,6
		R'000	2 113	13 996	11 836	387 102	733 852	89,6
	Shopping space	square metres	15 317	1 873	13 210	110 102	103 562	-5,9
		R'000	131 941	16 559	112 458	901 006	842 748	-6,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	12 075	74 469	22 853	270 067	214 417	-20,6
		R'000	82 045	522 550	156 001	1 868 371	1 524 171	-18,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	20 398	8 894	12 301	252 805	120 362	-52,4
		R'000	114 502	63 528	72 212	1 741 270	893 393	-48,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	330 601	616 633	352 507	4 897 749	3 994 164	-18,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	69 730	54 416	48 873	604 606	453 577	-25,0
		R'000	461 214	355 619	319 052	3 973 721	3 008 864	-24,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	35 224	21 012	48 318	243 191	210 107	-13,6
		R'000	371 995	185 012	397 234	2 722 293	2 178 375	-20,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	833 209	540 631	716 286	6 696 014	5 187 239	-22,5
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 025 112	2 102 564	2 285 110	21 726 570	16 821 721	-22,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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

			Sep 2019	Aug 2020	Sep 2020	Jan – Sep 2019	Jan – Sep 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	64	50	14	293	141	-51,9
		square metres	3 934	2 596	794	17 974	8 399	-53,3
		R'000	25 919	15 978	5 288	114 845	54 034	-53,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	100	77	119	812	542	-33,3
		square metres	20 635	20 103	27 453	187 380	127 495	-32,0
		R'000	143 236	144 288	198 204	1 255 485	902 595	-28,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	47	11	14	419	140	-66,6
		square metres	6 169	1 868	2 039	51 249	15 075	-70,6
		R'000	42 599	13 506	13 297	340 635	103 113	-69,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	273	190	-30,4
		R'000	0	0	0	1 958	1 424	-27,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	211 754	173 772	216 789	1 712 923	1 061 166	-38,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 922	0	1 280	14 433	9 796	-32,1
		R'000	13 298	0	9 254	92 977	62 618	-32,7
	Shopping space	square metres	1 751	0	0	32 732	33 434	2,1
		R'000	12 115	0	0	199 534	231 403	16,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	27 279	209	2 353	205 446	48 051	-76,6
		R'000	189 433	1 008	15 418	1 359 649	303 312	-77,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	585	662	0	11 141	3 679	-67,0
		R'000	3 036	4 931	0	73 488	23 591	-67,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	217 882	5 939	24 672	1 725 648	620 924	-64,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	19 798	13 006	16 567	186 395	103 766	-44,3
		R'000	133 770	92 379	121 134	1 219 205	720 058	-40,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	9 745	4 393	1 735	64 359	25 328	-60,6
		R'000	71 189	33 965	15 379	451 932	201 454	-55,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	204 959	126 344	136 513	1 671 137	921 512	-44,9
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	634 595	306 055	377 974	5 109 708	2 603 602	-49,0

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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

			Sep 2019	Aug 2020	Sep 2020	Jan – Sep 2019	Jan – Sep 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	4	3	129	14	-89,1
		square metres	147	243	165	5 867	776	-86,8
		R'000	1 246	2 110	1 397	23 292	6 647	-71,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	20	21	14	148	128	-13,5
		square metres	4 432	5 654	3 129	36 576	31 556	-13,7
		R'000	31 735	48 824	26 059	268 926	260 027	-3,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	5	10	0	41	104	153,7
		square metres	692	641	0	3 430	9 687	182,4
		R'000	6 015	5 513	0	28 776	84 622	194,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	5 005	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	41 041	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	38 996	56 447	27 456	320 994	392 337	22,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	582	0	274	5 215	1 711	-67,2
		R'000	5 101	0	2 356	42 443	12 862	-69,7
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	1 576	1 609	2,1
		R'000	0	0	0	9 261	9 709	4,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 306	1 086	3 613	8 579	12 851	49,8
		R'000	9 598	9 340	29 356	57 967	107 993	86,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	51 061	7 676	-85,0
		R'000	0	0	0	408 306	67 145	-83,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	14 699	9 340	31 712	517 977	197 709	-61,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 175	2 883	1 914	31 838	20 061	-37,0
		R'000	43 243	24 997	16 005	246 600	167 545	-32,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	775	595	8 852	2 153	-75,7
		R'000	2 241	6 915	5 863	87 830	21 048	-76,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	45 484	31 912	21 868	334 430	188 593	-43,6
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	99 179	97 699	81 036	1 173 401	778 639	-33,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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

			Sep 2019	Aug 2020	Sep 2020	Jan – Sep 2019	Jan – Sep 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	15	18	48	182	160	-12,1
		square metres	927	997	2 811	10 859	9 292	-14,4
		R'000	7 252	8 185	23 589	81 256	75 116	-7,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	41	24	72	513	320	-37,6
		square metres	9 077	9 478	15 064	109 869	67 729	-38,4
		R'000	58 919	74 354	116 878	740 220	507 116	-31,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	17	12	16	310	202	-34,8
		square metres	1 986	1 683	2 021	35 271	22 552	-36,1
		R'000	15 720	14 196	16 859	266 801	177 758	-33,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	567	8 165	808	-90,1
		R'000	0	0	4 199	42 101	6 145	-85,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	81 891	96 735	161 525	1 130 378	766 135	-32,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	513	100	0	8 638	5 755	-33,4
		R'000	2 662	844	0	60 393	46 491	-23,0
	Shopping space	square metres	224	0	0	14 990	887	-94,1
		R'000	1 808	0	0	87 571	6 378	-92,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 910	1 001	6 082	11 219	23 601	110,4
		R'000	23 490	7 248	36 835	76 110	137 976	81,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	26 261	2 467	-90,6
		R'000	0	0	0	195 219	19 029	-90,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	27 960	8 092	36 835	419 293	209 874	-49,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 935	4 328	9 410	82 962	63 225	-23,8
		R'000	45 929	34 401	71 456	558 012	470 056	-15,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	7 939	6 364	1 300	24 108	15 024	-37,7
		R'000	45 003	50 021	12 580	314 829	143 647	-54,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	90 932	84 422	84 036	872 841	613 703	-29,7
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	200 783	189 249	282 396	2 422 512	1 589 712	-34,4

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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

			Sep 2019	Aug 2020	Sep 2020	Jan – Sep 2019	Jan – Sep 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	23	16	21	660	150	-77,3
		square metres	1 517	798	1 031	25 249	8 549	-66,1
		R'000	11 441	5 852	8 046	128 990	71 717	-44,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	106	147	83	915	625	-31,7
		square metres	33 251	48 935	31 907	285 226	208 231	-27,0
		R'000	319 892	486 380	306 440	2 740 310	2 022 026	-26,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	102	204	98	2 510	1 608	-35,9
		square metres	12 453	26 596	12 053	310 835	183 425	-41,0
		R'000	115 139	297 771	101 869	3 108 404	1 980 174	-36,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	10 553	535	-94,9
		R'000	0	0	0	121 081	4 078	-96,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	446 472	790 003	416 355	6 098 785	4 077 995	-33,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	644	0	1 022	38 359	6 354	-83,4
		R'000	7 084	0	6 781	382 871	58 264	-84,8
	Shopping space	square metres	4 056	0	1 789	38 412	106 959	178,5
		R'000	37 476	0	14 312	351 231	886 562	152,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	16 036	10 215	11 256	371 338	93 061	-74,9
		R'000	107 143	75 143	95 556	2 262 515	666 776	-70,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	4 907	502	6 237	33 132	25 085	-24,3
		R'000	40 423	3 919	43 972	312 351	226 391	-27,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	192 126	79 062	160 621	3 308 968	1 837 993	-44,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	32 179	13 372	27 272	285 021	132 656	-53,5
		R'000	329 028	130 147	235 257	2 877 476	1 351 243	-53,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	17 350	12 684	5 355	119 664	58 585	-51,0
		R'000	197 174	132 877	71 934	1 575 438	767 267	-51,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	526 202	263 024	307 191	4 452 914	2 118 510	-52,4
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 164 800	1 132 089	884 167	13 860 667	8 034 498	-42,0

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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

			Sep 2019	Aug 2020	Sep 2020	Jan – Sep 2019	Jan – Sep 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2	8	27	50	1 607	3 114,0
		square metres	106	619	1 571	2 729	66 093	2 321,9
		R'000	638	3 523	8 683	14 560	176 681	1 113,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	46	75	109	462	465	0,6
		square metres	13 136	20 088	25 552	124 609	110 057	-11,7
		R'000	79 563	131 694	154 731	743 130	690 057	-7,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	5	26	26	421	210	-50,1
		square metres	554	2 067	2 030	29 935	20 707	-30,8
		R'000	2 875	14 945	13 376	179 271	138 111	-23,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	3 156	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	20 381	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	83 076	150 162	176 790	936 961	1 025 230	9,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 204	0	252	5 170	2 659	-48,6
		R'000	6 539	0	1 367	29 654	15 265	-48,5
	Shopping space	square metres	226	3 110	0	16 692	25 061	50,1
		R'000	1 172	17 899	0	104 685	162 785	55,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 717	2 144	1 931	4 375	16 848	285,1
		R'000	8 909	12 275	12 383	23 323	95 578	309,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	220	1 036	1 181	20 987	4 902	-76,6
		R'000	1 142	7 080	7 582	126 064	30 356	-75,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	17 762	37 254	21 332	283 726	303 984	7,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	7 171	11 620	11 581	79 267	61 930	-21,9
		R'000	41 485	69 761	70 246	453 889	378 870	-16,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	218	5 242	3 225	12 029	10 709	-11,0
		R'000	2 823	34 371	19 014	125 465	101 546	-19,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	44 308	104 132	89 260	579 354	480 416	-17,1
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	145 146	291 548	287 382	1 800 041	1 809 630	0,5

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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

			Sep 2019	Aug 2020	Sep 2020	Jan – Sep 2019	Jan – Sep 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	670	253	490	6 594	4 660	-29,3
		square metres	32 762	14 873	27 495	367 290	223 479	-39,2
		R'000	150 836	102 978	152 848	1 733 372	961 495	-44,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	352	186	282	2 931	1 658	-43,4
		square metres	116 781	62 529	84 112	927 147	479 487	-48,3
		R'000	986 423	517 025	710 803	7 674 039	3 978 270	-48,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	415	471	372	10 274	3 530	-65,6
		square metres	33 636	64 644	52 201	1 319 208	409 510	-69,0
		R'000	294 037	588 130	496 802	11 345 087	3 563 235	-68,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	7 971	1 564	-80,4
		R'000	0	0	0	57 933	9 558	-83,5
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 431 296	1 208 133	1 360 453	20 810 431	8 512 558	-59,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	25 210	2 393	5 270	177 511	28 510	-83,9
		R'000	261 366	19 994	58 973	1 862 115	306 337	-83,5
	Shopping space	square metres	22 221	378	294	105 369	21 570	-79,5
		R'000	154 398	4 149	2 765	874 708	223 748	-74,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	53 213	7 703	8 025	349 632	167 937	-52,0
		R'000	303 004	45 231	43 512	2 065 681	995 413	-51,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	4 781	985	9 443	59 947	53 814	-10,2
		R'000	34 923	9 846	66 615	442 885	375 101	-15,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	753 691	79 220	171 865	5 245 389	1 900 599	-63,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	80 212	55 120	64 596	696 913	361 103	-48,2
		R'000	672 552	464 402	561 039	5 768 521	3 046 112	-47,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	25 700	36 030	19 565	111 740	106 876	-4,4
		R'000	200 838	237 990	146 182	944 430	782 545	-17,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	873 390	702 392	707 221	6 712 951	3 828 657	-43,0
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	3 058 377	1 989 745	2 239 539	32 768 771	14 241 814	-56,5

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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

			Sep 2019	Aug 2020	Sep 2020	Jan – Sep 2019	Jan – Sep 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	17	30	20	236	187	-20,8
		square metres	1 051	1 787	1 066	13 640	10 662	-21,8
		R'000	4 603	9 150	6 006	69 798	59 017	-15,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	98	49	100	635	462	-27,2
		square metres	26 079	14 029	33 200	164 833	137 931	-16,3
		R'000	171 126	84 964	228 012	1 067 242	921 412	-13,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	77	13	-83,1
		square metres	0	0	0	3 813	2 017	-47,1
		R'000	0	0	0	19 271	11 047	-42,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	3 712	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	18 910	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	175 729	94 114	234 018	1 175 221	991 476	-15,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	4 055	0	31 749	45 297	42,7
		R'000	0	29 398	0	203 257	303 838	49,5
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	66 614	19 850	-70,2
		R'000	0	0	0	487 960	137 777	-71,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 689	560	8 595	33 389	38 564	15,5
		R'000	14 468	4 391	67 963	180 360	272 517	51,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	4 964	0	16 552	20 933	18 128	-13,4
		R'000	26 329	0	129 784	110 991	140 847	26,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	40 797	33 789	197 747	982 568	854 979	-13,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	8 803	7 252	9 249	98 268	58 103	-40,9
		R'000	49 944	41 133	60 340	565 074	348 207	-38,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 301	551	572	13 766	4 565	-66,8
		R'000	9 297	5 508	6 065	439 391	96 508	-78,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	59 241	46 641	66 405	1 004 465	444 715	-55,7
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	275 767	174 544	498 170	3 162 254	2 291 170	-27,5

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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

			Sep 2019	Aug 2020	Sep 2020	Jan – Sep 2019	Jan – Sep 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	7	12	54	64	18,5
		square metres	0	379	670	3 341	3 653	9,3
		R'000	0	2 293	4 037	18 471	21 801	18,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	40	42	34	364	231	-36,5
		square metres	14 123	16 915	12 524	124 486	79 025	-36,5
		R'000	80 071	106 247	77 813	687 439	474 886	-30,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	696	320	-54,0
		square metres	0	0	0	41 001	15 552	-62,1
		R'000	0	0	0	225 183	89 724	-60,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	3 478	0	0	10 751	0	-100,0
		R'000	21 407	0	0	74 853	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	101 478	108 540	81 850	1 005 946	586 411	-41,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	335	0	0	9 281	623	-93,3
		R'000	1 738	0	0	51 222	3 592	-93,0
	Shopping space	square metres	1 100	3 145	0	37 430	3 929	-89,5
		R'000	6 343	19 710	0	224 887	24 457	-89,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	12 683	0	1 299	27 294	14 857	-45,6
		R'000	73 130	0	7 826	153 523	86 263	-43,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	494	0	0	6 067	3 667	-39,6
		R'000	2 848	0	0	34 777	24 137	-30,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	84 059	19 710	7 826	464 409	138 449	-70,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 581	4 749	4 811	48 648	24 031	-50,6
		R'000	20 956	29 948	29 083	274 224	145 618	-46,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	544	737	0	4 980	4 207	-15,5
		R'000	5 053	6 462	2 000	46 742	41 876	-10,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	26 009	36 410	31 083	320 966	187 494	-41,6
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	211 546	164 660	120 759	1 791 321	912 354	-49,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2019	Aug 2020	Sep 2020	Jan – Sep 2019	Jan – Sep 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	853	665	889	7 291	5 146	-29,4
		square metres	44 291	34 531	44 258	374 298	260 152	-30,5
		R'000	256 845	210 831	255 880	2 152 767	1 530 214	-28,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	738	622	684	7 421	4 179	-43,7
		square metres	197 000	150 573	159 422	1 934 164	1 034 260	-46,5
		R'000	1 541 275	1 123 439	1 241 518	14 661 237	7 895 376	-46,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 671	1 145	678	20 986	5 911	-71,8
		square metres	194 151	124 793	77 647	2 936 987	719 876	-75,5
		R'000	1 583 117	1 112 381	647 432	24 159 273	6 187 006	-74,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	2 280	6 730	0	59 351	25 012	-57,9
		R'000	24 421	44 300	0	517 138	237 375	-54,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	3 405 658	2 490 951	2 144 830	41 490 415	15 849 971	-61,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	18 496	52 661	22 864	444 658	345 870	-22,2
		R'000	155 609	503 577	195 172	4 483 445	3 288 467	-26,7
	Shopping space	square metres	8 858	35 455	23 790	466 197	167 066	-64,2
		R'000	90 223	254 454	175 759	4 322 695	1 368 387	-68,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	128 739	53 147	76 346	926 664	672 750	-27,4
		R'000	875 752	345 043	493 823	5 781 692	4 240 418	-26,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	18 788	6 073	15 656	342 207	94 533	-72,4
		R'000	140 926	43 188	113 342	2 429 548	672 905	-72,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 262 510	1 146 262	978 096	17 017 380	9 570 177	-43,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	83 972	65 183	65 687	785 730	485 506	-38,2
		R'000	642 114	525 400	527 231	5 819 389	3 665 261	-37,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	43 479	35 942	64 499	376 540	296 663	-21,2
		R'000	466 424	563 926	601 518	3 849 444	3 233 129	-16,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 108 538	1 089 326	1 128 749	9 668 833	6 898 390	-28,7
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	5 776 706	4 726 539	4 251 675	68 176 628	32 318 538	-52,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2019	Aug 2020	Sep 2020	Jan – Sep 2019	Jan – Sep 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	145	313	214	1 910	1 442	-24,5
		square metres	6 762	13 688	9 195	88 517	64 908	-26,7
		R'000	41 971	70 103	47 526	531 582	357 452	-32,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	212	246	233	2 279	1 539	-32,5
		square metres	55 483	58 815	60 511	553 721	369 780	-33,2
		R'000	374 706	403 200	413 370	3 796 253	2 538 561	-33,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	613	353	249	4 892	2 401	-50,9
		square metres	61 152	38 623	35 674	553 680	257 990	-53,4
		R'000	481 300	308 616	280 949	4 389 681	2 076 072	-52,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	5 601	0	15 638	7 166	-54,2
		R'000	0	35 983	0	124 248	48 427	-61,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	897 977	817 902	741 845	8 841 764	5 020 512	-43,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	13 138	25 999	12 714	48 636	58 022	19,3
		R'000	113 502	217 872	100 821	386 675	464 169	20,0
	Shopping space	square metres	657	15 326	20 623	96 441	66 579	-31,0
		R'000	5 796	108 130	144 361	829 067	503 217	-39,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	9 332	6 281	12 803	274 659	87 516	-68,1
		R'000	64 896	48 188	85 639	1 880 550	601 003	-68,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	17 275	5 028	13 373	147 425	49 420	-66,5
		R'000	127 077	36 047	95 900	1 100 844	344 186	-68,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	311 271	410 237	426 721	4 197 136	1 912 575	-54,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	28 840	39 208	39 239	278 873	243 452	-12,7
		R'000	197 230	305 007	298 369	1 826 367	1 689 097	-7,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	13 907	24 388	44 176	152 068	196 130	29,0
		R'000	153 560	436 135	452 222	1 574 374	2 289 011	45,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	350 790	741 142	750 591	3 400 741	3 978 108	17,0
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 560 038	1 969 281	1 919 157	16 439 641	10 911 195	-33,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2019	Aug 2020	Sep 2020	Jan – Sep 2019	Jan – Sep 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	34	6	1	225	92	-59,1
		square metres	1 858	333	45	11 046	5 326	-51,8
		R'000	12 630	2 118	315	61 277	34 351	-43,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	44	34	47	487	264	-45,8
		square metres	10 046	6 481	7 511	96 980	51 626	-46,8
		R'000	71 271	47 003	52 541	645 697	364 625	-43,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	13	17	11	191	101	-47,1
		square metres	1 251	1 481	836	19 519	9 780	-49,9
		R'000	8 624	10 690	5 547	127 147	67 829	-46,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	729	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	5 013	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	92 525	59 811	58 403	839 134	466 805	-44,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	2 287	0	510	10 981	1 070	-90,3
		R'000	15 824	0	3 687	73 050	7 047	-90,4
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	7 289	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	47 968	0	-100,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	51 918	0	0	96 196	82 129	-14,6
		R'000	359 165	0	0	648 007	547 435	-15,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	27 249	1 852	-93,2
		R'000	0	0	0	175 511	9 607	-94,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	374 989	0	3 687	944 536	564 089	-40,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	16 876	4 379	4 466	106 873	57 795	-45,9
		R'000	115 520	31 447	32 224	691 699	401 731	-41,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	15 733	22	103	44 871	22 559	-49,7
		R'000	110 323	159	727	324 864	162 794	-49,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	225 843	31 606	32 951	1 016 563	564 525	-44,5
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	693 357	91 417	95 041	2 800 233	1 595 419	-43,0

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2019	Aug 2020	Sep 2020	Jan – Sep 2019	Jan – Sep 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	0	2	40	3	-92,5
		square metres	0	0	131	2 464	172	-93,0
		R'000	0	0	1 127	19 579	1 480	-92,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	8	15	16	74	80	8,1
		square metres	1 590	3 703	3 483	20 625	18 173	-11,9
		R'000	13 038	31 846	29 954	158 855	151 796	-4,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	9	0	12	31	16	-48,4
		square metres	868	0	644	3 068	1 115	-63,7
		R'000	7 118	0	5 538	24 607	9 339	-62,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	500	0	475	500	5,3
		R'000	0	4 300	0	3 563	4 300	20,7
	Total residential buildings	R'000	20 156	36 146	36 619	206 604	166 915	-19,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	402	0	0	774	0	-100,0
		R'000	3 296	0	0	6 086	0	-100,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	4 775	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	39 155	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	647	8 668	3 811	11 117	191,7
		R'000	0	5 564	74 545	28 715	93 415	225,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	464	357	973	1 325	36,2
		R'000	0	3 990	3 070	7 830	11 193	43,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	3 296	9 554	77 615	42 631	143 763	237,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	808	2 248	1 513	20 620	14 283	-30,7
		R'000	6 626	19 333	13 012	161 574	121 494	-24,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	1 638	1 486	5 985	3 124	-47,8
		R'000	780	14 267	12 850	54 098	27 859	-48,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	7 406	33 600	25 862	215 672	149 353	-30,7
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	30 858	79 300	140 096	464 907	460 031	-1,0

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2019	Aug 2020	Sep 2020	Jan – Sep 2019	Jan – Sep 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	5	8	0	16	78	387,5
		square metres	287	456	0	941	4 740	403,7
		R'000	1 737	3 743	0	6 116	38 137	523,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	14	10	4	132	93	-29,5
		square metres	3 169	2 178	1 129	28 734	21 735	-24,4
		R'000	18 844	14 447	7 238	171 223	158 361	-7,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	26	36	38,5
		square metres	0	0	0	1 479	10 313	597,3
		R'000	0	0	0	8 403	83 246	890,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	433	0	0	1 161	0	-100,0
		R'000	2 996	0	0	7 302	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	23 577	18 190	7 238	193 044	279 744	44,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	849	0	0	2 239	6 713	199,8
		R'000	4 969	0	0	11 872	54 187	356,4
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	234	2 970	1 169,2
		R'000	0	0	0	1 565	23 974	1 431,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	10 943	14 549	33,0
		R'000	0	0	0	69 873	116 179	66,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	478	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	3 692	0	-100,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	4 969	0	0	87 002	194 340	123,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 650	727	161	23 670	6 703	-71,7
		R'000	14 650	4 172	953	133 123	41 671	-68,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	248	0	0	2 802	3 440	22,8
		R'000	2 595	0	0	24 549	39 217	59,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	17 245	4 172	953	157 672	80 888	-48,7
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	45 791	22 362	8 191	437 718	554 972	26,8

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2019	Aug 2020	Sep 2020	Jan – Sep 2019	Jan – Sep 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	13	11	36	109	96	-11,9
		square metres	730	648	2 093	6 318	5 842	-7,5
		R'000	7 774	6 893	23 015	55 503	59 671	7,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	69	38	88	549	383	-30,2
		square metres	20 228	9 196	18 902	174 837	99 092	-43,3
		R'000	211 708	96 239	212 994	1 879 885	1 045 132	-44,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	50	114	179	1 506	912	-39,4
		square metres	6 763	14 209	11 513	220 017	111 798	-49,2
		R'000	68 222	160 349	101 553	2 406 547	1 165 715	-51,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	11 133	13 463	20,9
		R'000	0	0	0	122 463	148 937	21,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	287 704	263 481	337 562	4 464 398	2 419 455	-45,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	21 857	0	107 108	27 716	-74,1
		R'000	0	240 514	0	1 168 187	285 823	-75,5
	Shopping space	square metres	263	9 906	2 041	46 932	14 711	-68,7
		R'000	2 893	74 368	22 451	505 914	118 301	-76,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	19 999	14 880	28 596	142 258	330 420	132,3
		R'000	128 072	90 463	171 576	867 891	1 987 054	129,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	118	0	347	28 876	867	-97,0
		R'000	1 121	0	3 401	179 916	9 222	-94,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	132 086	405 345	197 428	2 721 908	2 400 400	-11,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	10 054	6 284	6 591	94 775	51 222	-46,0
		R'000	107 505	68 739	72 630	1 072 437	553 771	-48,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	4 919	2 084	1 884	74 481	11 624	-84,4
		R'000	113 380	47 344	26 575	938 093	163 001	-82,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	220 885	116 083	99 205	2 010 530	716 772	-64,3
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	640 675	784 909	634 195	9 196 836	5 536 627	-39,8

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2019	Aug 2020	Sep 2020	Jan – Sep 2019	Jan – Sep 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	7	5	38	51	34,2
		square metres	0	436	287	2 425	3 178	31,1
		R'000	0	2 563	1 636	13 672	17 408	27,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	31	46	34	662	272	-58,9
		square metres	7 384	11 271	7 606	119 062	56 964	-52,2
		R'000	45 059	72 639	50 320	677 376	366 404	-45,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	12	6	4	401	159	-60,3
		square metres	1 539	952	376	33 920	17 525	-48,3
		R'000	9 238	5 476	2 143	198 947	113 391	-43,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	2 709	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	16 467	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	54 297	80 678	54 099	906 462	497 203	-45,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	4 900	4 154	-15,2
		R'000	0	0	0	24 401	23 982	-1,7
	Shopping space	square metres	0	10 223	0	12 569	12 880	2,5
		R'000	0	71 956	0	76 200	86 286	13,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	879	0	0	14 196	5 151	-63,7
		R'000	4 835	0	0	71 404	30 852	-56,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	661	10 751	2 194	-79,6
		R'000	0	0	3 822	57 859	12 255	-78,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	4 835	71 956	3 822	229 864	153 375	-33,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	581	2 235	739	33 572	10 926	-67,5
		R'000	3 450	13 771	5 123	198 883	68 536	-65,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 516	129	0	10 249	522	-94,9
		R'000	9 996	5 042	843	63 866	20 414	-68,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	13 446	18 813	5 966	262 749	88 950	-66,1
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	72 578	171 447	63 887	1 399 075	739 528	-47,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2019	Aug 2020	Sep 2020	Jan – Sep 2019	Jan – Sep 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	619	299	599	4 536	3 177	-30,0
		square metres	32 604	17 557	30 875	237 836	164 707	-30,7
		R'000	180 806	118 076	172 661	1 335 830	960 683	-28,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	292	186	216	2 529	1 218	-51,8
		square metres	81 477	44 569	46 541	744 979	325 629	-56,3
		R'000	697 503	369 972	384 966	6 171 921	2 692 782	-56,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	956	543	223	13 644	2 120	-84,5
		square metres	121 208	60 674	28 604	2 069 078	297 257	-85,6
		R'000	1 000 716	572 868	251 702	16 808 599	2 587 903	-84,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 847	629	0	26 988	3 883	-85,6
		R'000	21 425	4 017	0	235 031	35 711	-84,8
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 900 450	1 064 933	809 329	24 551 381	6 277 079	-74,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 820	4 805	9 640	266 404	247 091	-7,2
		R'000	18 018	45 191	90 664	2 791 655	2 447 297	-12,3
	Shopping space	square metres	7 340	0	692	270 879	44 038	-83,7
		R'000	78 362	0	5 544	2 655 328	433 908	-83,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	44 491	30 678	26 279	370 499	116 611	-68,5
		R'000	307 781	196 845	162 063	2 141 143	693 264	-67,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	945	581	918	120 619	21 378	-82,3
		R'000	10 395	3 151	7 149	874 878	168 082	-80,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	414 556	245 187	265 420	8 463 004	3 742 551	-55,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	21 807	9 828	12 117	185 710	82 570	-55,5
		R'000	184 961	81 474	99 355	1 490 744	685 378	-54,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	7 072	7 681	13 690	79 302	53 304	-32,8
		R'000	72 313	60 344	83 876	582 736	460 985	-20,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	257 274	141 818	183 231	2 073 480	1 146 363	-44,7
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 572 280	1 451 938	1 257 980	35 087 865	11 165 993	-68,2

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2019	Aug 2020	Sep 2020	Jan – Sep 2019	Jan – Sep 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	37	12	9	361	146	-59,6
		square metres	2 050	818	484	21 369	7 841	-63,3
		R'000	11 927	3 750	2 683	110 556	40 540	-63,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	39	18	26	440	177	-59,8
		square metres	7 479	4 115	7 625	123 083	43 574	-64,6
		R'000	51 057	26 200	54 411	759 522	296 453	-61,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	151	26	-82,8
		square metres	0	0	0	21 569	3 306	-84,7
		R'000	0	0	0	113 556	17 521	-84,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	62 984	29 950	57 094	983 634	354 514	-64,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	1 684	863	-48,8
		R'000	0	0	0	10 860	4 573	-57,9
	Shopping space	square metres	598	0	434	26 548	20 149	-24,1
		R'000	3 172	0	3 403	176 714	157 988	-10,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 120	0	0	8 045	16 809	108,9
		R'000	11 003	0	0	42 224	120 082	184,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	450	0	0	3 986	9 586	140,5
		R'000	2 333	0	0	19 965	72 745	264,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	16 508	0	3 403	249 763	355 388	42,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 011	95	280	37 120	14 942	-59,7
		R'000	10 493	527	2 195	219 991	83 091	-62,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	84	0	0	5 248	1 459	-72,2
		R'000	2 977	135	5 294	267 071	36 073	-86,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	13 470	662	7 489	487 062	119 164	-75,5
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	92 962	30 612	67 986	1 720 459	829 066	-51,8

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2019	Aug 2020	Sep 2020	Jan – Sep 2019	Jan – Sep 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	9	23	56	61	8,9
		square metres	0	595	1 148	3 382	3 438	1,7
		R'000	0	3 585	6 917	18 652	20 492	9,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	29	29	20	269	153	-43,1
		square metres	10 144	10 245	6 114	72 143	47 687	-33,9
		R'000	58 089	61 893	35 724	400 505	281 262	-29,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	18	112	0	144	140	-2,8
		square metres	1 370	8 854	0	14 657	10 792	-26,4
		R'000	7 899	54 382	0	81 786	65 990	-19,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	518	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	3 051	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	65 988	119 860	42 641	503 994	367 744	-27,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	1 932	241	-87,5
		R'000	0	0	0	10 659	1 389	-87,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	5 305	964	-81,8
		R'000	0	0	0	29 939	5 558	-81,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	661	0	6 057	8 448	39,5
		R'000	0	3 983	0	31 885	51 134	60,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	1 850	7 911	327,6
		R'000	0	0	0	9 053	45 615	403,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	3 983	0	81 536	103 696	27,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	345	179	581	4 517	3 613	-20,0
		R'000	1 679	930	3 370	24 571	20 492	-16,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	0	3 160	1 534	4 501	193,4
		R'000	500	500	19 131	19 793	33 775	70,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	2 179	1 430	22 501	44 364	54 267	22,3
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	68 167	125 273	65 142	629 894	525 707	-16,5

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2019 and 2020.

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.

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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 September 2020 was 91,8%. The improved collection rate for August 2020 was 90,9%.
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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