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Results for January to September 2021

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

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Sep 2020 1/	Jan – Sep 2021 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Sep 2020 and Jan – Sep 2021	% change between Jan – Sep 2020 and Jan – Sep 2021
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	25 943 629	44 341 091	18 397 462	70,9
-Dwelling-houses	15 618 247	27 691 393	12 073 146	77,3
-Flats and townhouses	10 138 315	15 913 075	5 774 760	57,0
-Other residential buildings	187 067	736 623	549 556	293,8
Non-residential buildings	10 085 337	14 084 567	3 999 230	39,7
Additions and alterations	13 961 915	21 526 186	7 564 271	54,2
Total	49 990 881	79 951 844	29 960 963	59,9

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

Total value of recorded building plans passed at current prices

The value of recorded building plans passed (at current prices) increased by 59,9% (R29 961,0 million) during January to September 2021 compared with January to September 2020.

Increases were recorded for residential buildings (70,9% or R18 397,5 million), additions and alterations (54,2% or R7 564,3 million) and non-residential buildings (39,7% or R3 999,2 million) – see Table A.

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

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Sep 2020 1/	Jan – Sep 2021 1/	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during Jan – Sep 2020	% change between Jan – Sep 2020 and Jan – Sep 2021	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan – Sep 2020 and Jan – Sep 2021 2/	Difference in value between Jan – Sep 2020 and Jan – Sep 2021
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	16 836 157	21 995 400	33,7	30,6	10,3	5 159 243
Eastern Cape	2 603 602	6 177 862	5,2	137,3	7,1	3 574 260
Northern Cape	778 639	763 967	1,6	-1,9	0,0	-14 672
Free State	1 589 712	1 961 964	3,2	23,4	0,7	372 252
KwaZulu-Natal	8 034 498	14 292 773	16,1	77,9	12,5	6 258 275
North West	1 809 630	3 542 693	3,6	95,8	3,5	1 733 063
Gauteng	15 128 169	26 747 433	30,3	76,8	23,2	11 619 264
Mpumalanga	2 298 120	2 787 999	4,6	21,3	1,0	489 879
Limpopo	912 354	1 681 753	1,8	84,3	1,5	769 399
Total	49 990 881	79 951 844	100,0	59,9	59,9	29 960 963

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

The largest contributions to the total increase of 59,9% (R29 961,0 million) were made by Gauteng (contributing 23,2 percentage points or R11 619,3 million), KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 12,5 percentage points or R6 258,3 million), Western Cape (contributing 10,3 percentage points or R5 159,2 million) and Eastern Cape (contributing 7,1 percentage points or R3 574,3 million) – see Table B.

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

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	Jan – Sep 2020	Jan – Sep 2021	Difference in value between Jan – Sep 2020 and Jan – Sep 2021	% change between Jan – Sep 2020 and Jan – Sep 2021
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	20 750 727	32 210 947	11 460 220	55,2
Non-residential buildings	8 087 486	10 291 556	2 204 070	27,3
Additions and alterations	11 168 561	15 630 852	4 462 291	40,0
Total	40 006 774	58 133 355	18 126 581	45,3

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

Real value of recorded building plans passed

The real value of recorded building plans passed (at constant 2015 prices) increased by 45,3% (R18 126,6 million) during January to September 2021 compared with January to September 2020. Increases were recorded for residential buildings (55,2% or R11 460,2 million), additions and alterations (40,0% or R4 462,3 million) and non-residential buildings (27,3% or R2 204,1 million) – see Table C.

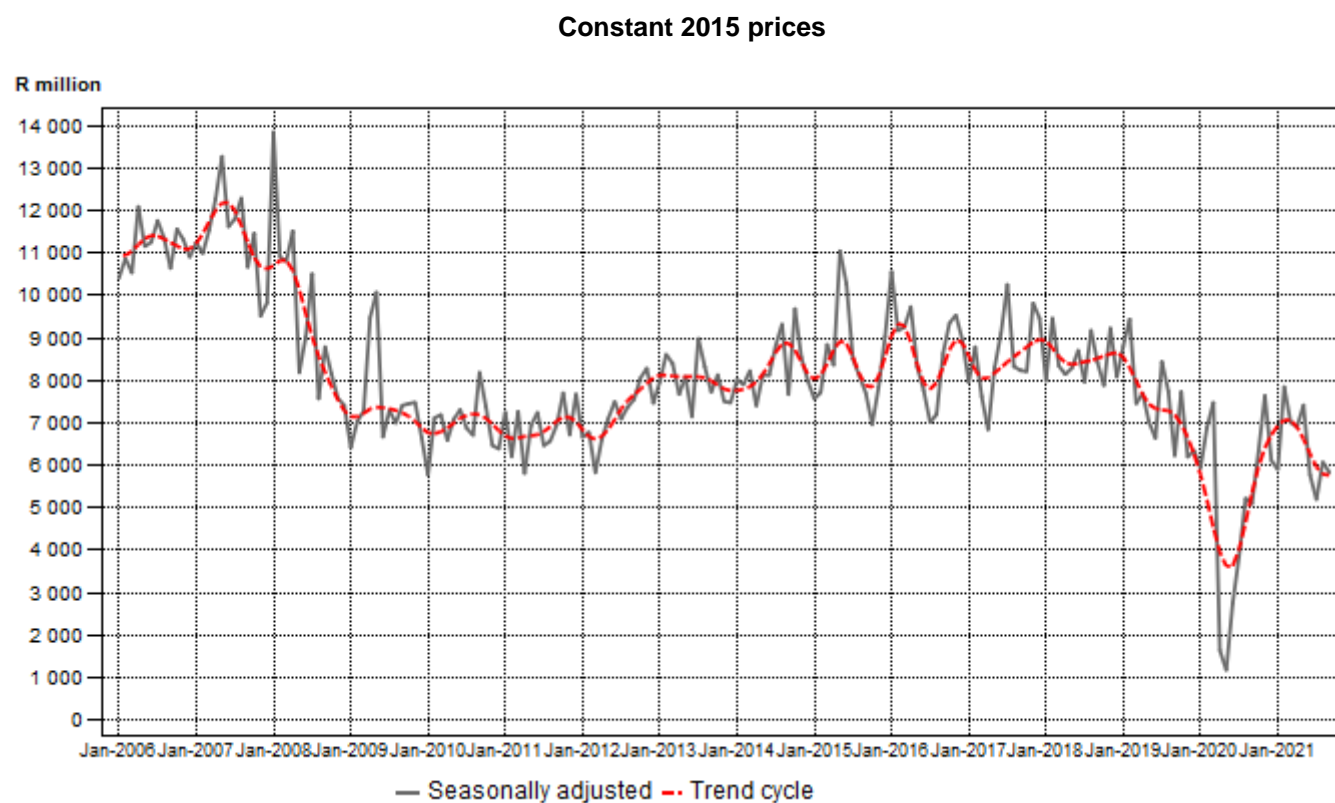
Table D – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	Apr – Jun 2021	Jul – Sep 2021	% change between Apr – Jun 2021 and Jul – Sep 2021
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	11 116 350	9 984 076	-10,2
Non-residential buildings 1/	3 766 835	2 257 621	-40,1
Additions and alterations	5 210 228	4 849 421	-6,9
Total	20 093 413	17 091 118	-14,9

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

Seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed

The seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed decreased by 14,9% in the third quarter of 2021 compared with the second quarter of 2021. Decreases were recorded for non-residential buildings (-40,1%), residential buildings (-10,2%) and additions and alterations (-6,9%) – 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 2020 versus January to September 2021**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Sep 2020 1/	Jan – Sep 2021 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Sep 2020 and Jan – Sep 2021	% change between Jan – Sep 2020 and Jan – Sep 2021
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	15 866 400	22 683 286	6 816 886	43,0
-Dwelling-houses	9 438 892	13 814 400	4 375 508	46,4
-Flats and townhouses	6 190 133	8 410 470	2 220 337	35,9
-Other residential buildings	237 375	458 416	221 041	93,1
Non-residential buildings	9 570 177	9 239 854	-330 323	-3,5
Additions and alterations	6 896 991	10 195 713	3 298 722	47,8
Total	32 333 568	42 118 853	9 785 285	30,3

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

Total value of buildings reported as completed at current prices

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) increased by 30,3% (R9 785,3 million) during January to September 2021 compared with January to September 2020.

Increases were recorded for additions and alterations (47,8% or R3 298,7 million) and residential buildings (43,0% or R6 816,9 million) – see Table E.

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

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Sep 2020 1/	Jan – Sep 2021 1/	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during Jan – Sep 2020	% change between Jan – Sep 2020 and Jan – Sep 2021	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan – Sep 2020 and Jan – Sep 2021 2/	Difference in value between Jan – Sep 2020 and Jan – Sep 2021
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	10 911 195	16 419 435	33,7	50,5	17,0	5 508 240
Eastern Cape	1 595 419	2 431 299	4,9	52,4	2,6	835 880
Northern Cape	460 031	426 201	1,4	-7,4	-0,1	-33 830
Free State	554 972	515 273	1,7	-7,2	-0,1	-39 699
KwaZulu-Natal	5 536 627	5 419 535	17,1	-2,1	-0,4	-117 092
North West	739 528	1 814 919	2,3	145,4	3,3	1 075 391
Gauteng	11 178 207	13 739 215	34,6	22,9	7,9	2 561 008
Mpumalanga	831 882	781 237	2,6	-6,1	-0,2	-50 645
Limpopo	525 707	571 739	1,6	8,8	0,1	46 032
Total	32 333 568	42 118 853	100,0	30,3	30,3	9 785 285

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

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

Five provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of buildings completed during January to September 2021, of which Western Cape (contributing 17,0 percentage points or R5 508,2 million), Gauteng (contributing 7,9 percentage points or R2 561,0 million) and North West (contributing 3,3 percentage points or R1 075,4 million) were the largest positive contributors – see Table F.

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

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	Jan – Sep 2020	Jan – Sep 2021	Difference in value between Jan – Sep 2020 and Jan – Sep 2021	% change between Jan – Sep 2020 and Jan – Sep 2021
	1/ R'000	1/ R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	12 682 398	16 462 120	3 779 722	29,8
Non-residential buildings	7 663 180	6 692 853	-970 327	-12,7
Additions and alterations	5 511 734	7 362 711	1 850 977	33,6
Total	25 857 312	30 517 684	4 660 372	18,0

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

Real value of buildings reported as completed

The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2015 prices) increased by 18,0% (R4 660,4 million) during January to September 2021 compared with January to September 2020. Increases were recorded for additions and alterations (33,6% or R1 851,0 million) and residential buildings (29,8% or R3 779,7 million). Non-residential buildings fell by 12,7% (-R970,3 million) – see Table G.

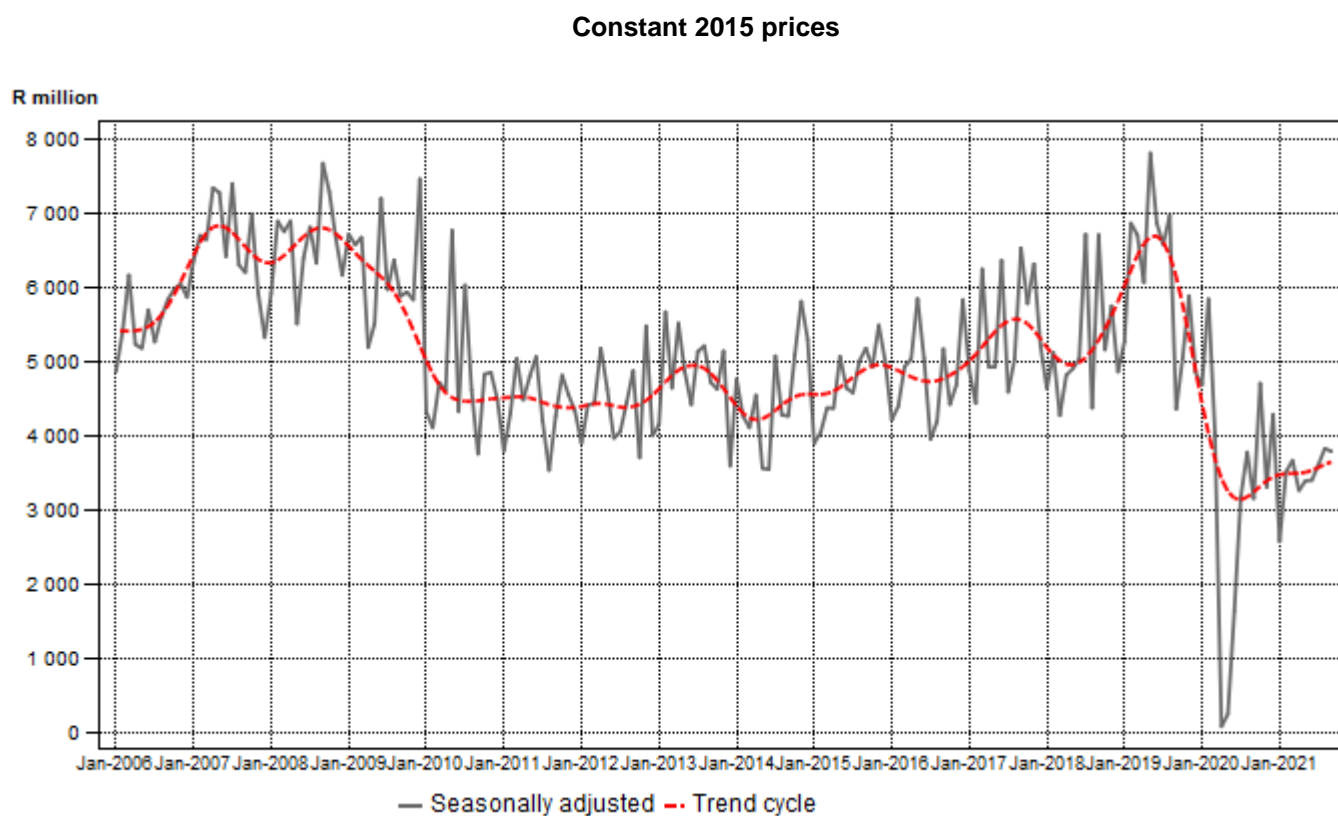
Table H – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	Apr – Jun 2021	Jul – Sep 2021	% change between Apr – Jun 2021 and Jul – Sep 2021
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	5 538 434	5 549 973	0,2
Non-residential buildings 1/	2 370 632	2 539 488	7,1
Additions and alterations	2 144 176	3 137 062	46,3
Total	10 053 242	11 226 523	11,7

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

Seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed increased by 11,7% in the third quarter of 2021 compared with the second quarter of 2021. Increases were reported for additions and alterations (46,3%), non-residential buildings (7,1%) and residential buildings (0,2%) – see Table H.

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2020	January	2 682 473	-43,8	1 432 830	-11,1	1 686 359	-8,2	5 801 662	-29,4
	February	4 312 361	-38,3	1 840 942	-11,0	2 501 881	4,2	8 655 184	-24,5
	March	4 696 032	13,2	2 071 869	-14,2	2 487 758	7,5	9 255 659	4,3
	April	807 896	-81,1	729 784	-66,7	442 419	-82,9	1 980 099	-78,1
	May	809 776	-82,2	180 087	-89,4	436 126	-83,5	1 425 989	-84,0
	June	1 777 401	-56,5	955 406	-42,0	853 147	-66,3	3 585 954	-56,6
	July	2 978 453	-51,7	964 709	-50,4	1 466 582	-55,3	5 409 744	-52,5
	August	3 987 254	-20,8	904 593	-67,1	1 941 160	-20,9	6 833 007	-33,2
	September	3 891 983	9,8	1 005 117	-40,2	2 146 483	-20,3	7 043 583	-11,0
	October	5 099 397	-5,5	1 385 581	-47,8	2 505 796	-9,9	8 990 774	-17,0
	November	4 690 598	20,9	2 557 651	156,4	2 338 480	-15,0	9 586 729	25,7
	December	3 720 492	42,8	949 443	-52,0	1 978 329	0,8	6 648 264	1,5
	Total	39 454 116	-28,8	14 978 012	-36,6	20 784 520	-31,3	75 216 648	-31,2
2021	January	3 471 114	29,4	413 216	-71,2	1 522 409	-9,7	5 406 739	-6,8
	February	5 184 991	20,2	2 758 191	49,8	2 636 828	5,4	10 580 010	22,2
	March	4 552 882	-3,0	2 499 249	20,6	2 554 253	2,7	9 606 384	3,8
	April	5 000 286	518,9	2 024 317	177,4	2 135 961	382,8	9 160 564	362,6
	May	6 289 829	676,7	1 242 347	589,9	2 630 019	503,0	10 162 195	612,6
	June	4 346 231	144,5	1 934 417	102,5	2 401 341	181,5	8 681 989	142,1
	July	4 725 414	58,7	1 047 662	8,6	2 404 495	64,0	8 177 571	51,2
	August	5 625 762	41,1	925 255	2,3	2 567 253	32,3	9 118 270	33,4
	September	5 144 582	32,2	1 239 913	23,4	2 673 627	24,6	9 058 122	28,6

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2020	January	3 656 602	4,9	1 432 830	-27,6	2 293 912	-4,9	7 383 344	-6,3
	February	4 173 344	14,1	1 840 942	28,5	2 623 410	14,4	8 637 696	17,0
	March	4 624 052	10,8	2 071 869	12,5	2 529 594	-3,6	9 225 515	6,8
	April	813 968	-82,4	729 784	-64,8	478 499	-81,1	2 022 251	-78,1
	May	795 934	-2,2	180 087	-75,3	459 838	-3,9	1 435 859	-29,0
	June	1 652 720	107,6	955 406	430,5	785 302	70,8	3 393 428	136,3
	July	2 609 595	57,9	964 709	1,0	1 246 003	58,7	4 820 307	42,0
	August	3 760 234	44,1	904 593	-6,2	1 934 418	55,2	6 599 245	36,9
	September	3 602 109	-4,2	1 005 117	11,1	1 858 280	-3,9	6 465 506	-2,0
	October	4 516 423	25,4	1 385 581	37,9	2 207 989	18,8	8 109 993	25,4
	November	5 027 357	11,3	2 557 651	84,6	2 205 751	-0,1	9 790 759	20,7
	December	4 620 029	-8,1	949 443	-62,9	2 340 172	6,1	7 909 644	-19,2
2021	January	5 059 284	9,5	413 216	-56,5	2 248 625	-3,9	7 721 125	-2,4
	February	4 992 411	-1,3	2 758 191	567,5	2 680 781	19,2	10 431 383	35,1
	March	4 288 884	-14,1	2 499 249	-9,4	2 456 450	-8,4	9 244 583	-11,4
	April	5 167 485	20,5	2 024 317	-19,0	2 324 074	-5,4	9 515 876	2,9
	May	6 235 028	20,7	1 242 347	-38,6	2 748 737	18,3	10 226 112	7,5
	June	3 914 389	-37,2	1 934 417	55,7	2 242 206	-18,4	8 091 012	-20,9
	July	4 177 278	6,7	1 047 662	-45,8	2 111 753	-5,8	7 336 693	-9,3
	August	5 278 499	26,4	925 255	-11,7	2 430 040	15,1	8 633 794	17,7
	September	4 721 273	-10,6	1 239 913	34,0	2 365 364	-2,7	8 326 550	-3,6
	Apr – Jun 21	15 316 902		5 201 081		7 315 017		27 833 000	
	Jul – Sep 21 2/	14 177 050	-7,4	3 212 830	-38,2	6 907 157	-5,6	24 297 037	-12,7

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

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

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2020	January	2 159 801	-46,4	1 153 647	-15,2	1 357 777	-12,4	4 671 225	-32,7
	February	3 455 417	-40,9	1 475 114	-14,8	2 004 712	-0,2	6 935 243	-27,7
	March	3 787 123	10,5	1 670 862	-16,3	2 006 256	4,9	7 464 241	1,7
	April	655 228	-81,4	591 877	-67,2	358 815	-83,1	1 605 920	-78,4
	May	657 286	-82,4	146 175	-89,5	353 998	-83,7	1 157 459	-84,1
	June	1 435 704	-57,2	771 733	-43,0	689 133	-66,9	2 896 570	-57,3
	July	2 380 858	-52,8	771 150	-51,5	1 172 328	-56,3	4 324 336	-53,6
	August	3 161 978	-22,9	717 362	-68,0	1 539 381	-23,0	5 418 721	-35,0
	September	3 057 332	6,6	789 566	-41,9	1 686 161	-22,7	5 533 059	-13,6
	October	3 971 493	-9,0	1 079 113	-49,8	1 951 555	-13,2	7 002 161	-20,1
	November	3 647 432	16,0	1 988 842	146,0	1 818 414	-18,4	7 454 688	20,6
	December	2 881 868	36,9	735 432	-54,0	1 532 400	-3,3	5 149 700	-2,6
	Total	31 251 520	-31,4	11 890 873	-38,6	16 470 930	-33,5	59 613 323	-33,5
2021	January	2 665 986	23,4	317 370	-72,5	1 169 285	-13,9	4 152 641	-11,1
	February	3 916 156	13,3	2 083 226	41,2	1 991 562	-0,7	7 990 944	15,2
	March	3 400 211	-10,2	1 866 504	11,7	1 907 583	-4,9	7 174 298	-3,9
	April	3 676 681	461,1	1 488 468	151,5	1 570 560	337,7	6 735 709	319,4
	May	4 564 462	594,4	901 558	516,8	1 908 577	439,1	7 374 597	537,1
	June	3 093 403	115,5	1 376 809	78,4	1 709 140	148,0	6 179 352	113,3
	July	3 341 877	40,4	740 921	-3,9	1 700 492	45,1	5 783 290	33,7
	August	3 964 596	25,4	652 047	-9,1	1 809 199	17,5	6 425 842	18,6
	September	3 587 575	17,3	864 653	9,5	1 864 454	10,6	6 316 682	14,2

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2020	January	2 927 777	4,8	1 153 647	-27,9	1 849 378	-5,0	5 930 802	-6,5
	February	3 328 267	13,7	1 475 114	27,9	2 082 888	12,6	6 886 269	16,1
	March	3 753 154	12,8	1 670 862	13,3	2 052 552	-1,5	7 476 568	8,6
	April	659 799	-82,4	591 877	-64,6	382 531	-81,4	1 634 207	-78,1
	May	646 614	-2,0	146 175	-75,3	373 305	-2,4	1 166 094	-28,6
	June	1 338 404	107,0	771 733	428,0	636 295	70,4	2 746 432	135,5
	July	2 094 978	56,5	771 150	-0,1	995 329	56,4	3 861 457	40,6
	August	2 982 458	42,4	717 362	-7,0	1 517 856	52,5	5 217 676	35,1
	September	2 835 413	-4,9	789 566	10,1	1 461 897	-3,7	5 086 876	-2,5
	October	3 512 788	23,9	1 079 113	36,7	1 727 662	18,2	6 319 563	24,2
	November	3 902 844	11,1	1 988 842	84,3	1 749 245	1,2	7 640 931	20,9
	December	3 555 573	-8,9	735 432	-63,0	1 817 374	3,9	6 108 379	-20,1
2021	January	3 862 006	8,6	317 370	-56,8	1 720 904	-5,3	5 900 280	-3,4
	February	3 752 176	-2,8	2 083 226	556,4	2 011 332	16,9	7 846 734	33,0
	March	3 227 625	-14,0	1 866 504	-10,4	1 911 905	-4,9	7 006 034	-10,7
	April	3 798 205	17,7	1 488 468	-20,3	1 620 002	-15,3	6 906 675	-1,4
	May	4 519 987	19,0	901 558	-39,4	1 991 340	22,9	7 412 885	7,3
	June	2 798 158	-38,1	1 376 809	52,7	1 598 886	-19,7	5 773 853	-22,1
	July	2 962 559	5,9	740 921	-46,2	1 485 708	-7,1	5 189 188	-10,1
	August	3 725 767	25,8	652 047	-12,0	1 695 751	14,1	6 073 565	17,0
	September	3 295 750	-11,5	864 653	32,6	1 667 962	-1,6	5 828 365	-4,0
	Apr – Jun 21	11 116 350		3 766 835		5 210 228		20 093 413	
	Jul – Sep 21 2/	9 984 076	-10,2	2 257 621	-40,1	4 849 421	-6,9	17 091 118	-14,9

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

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2020	January	2 148 619	-33,2	1 477 291	30,8	1 183 302	67,8	4 809 212	-4,8
	February	2 778 801	-24,1	2 973 015	-5,8	1 267 666	27,9	7 019 482	-10,1
	March	2 255 666	-58,7	1 899 216	33,7	995 404	-33,2	5 150 286	-38,5
	April	36 187	-99,2	46 153	-97,2	14 131	-98,6	96 471	-98,6
	May	112 461	-97,9	104 955	-96,6	84 515	-91,8	301 931	-96,8
	June	1 116 026	-82,4	520 306	-58,7	415 366	-52,2	2 051 698	-75,7
	July	2 767 364	-42,3	424 883	-77,7	719 931	-40,1	3 912 178	-50,5
	August	2 504 564	-50,4	1 146 262	-46,4	1 087 927	-12,3	4 738 753	-43,8
	September	2 146 712	-36,9	978 096	-22,5	1 128 749	2,2	4 253 557	-26,3
	October	3 513 106	7,5	1 616 791	-13,1	1 142 690	-15,4	6 272 587	-3,2
	November	2 931 244	-38,6	870 742	-63,0	1 160 531	-5,2	4 962 517	-40,5
	December	3 260 890	10,0	1 405 213	-29,2	867 951	-15,5	5 534 054	-7,4
	Total	25 571 640	-51,3	13 462 923	-42,0	10 068 163	-24,1	49 102 726	-44,8
2021	January	1 555 519	-27,6	592 555	-59,9	557 442	-52,9	2 705 516	-43,7
	February	2 292 037	-17,5	1 278 339	-57,0	868 117	-31,5	4 438 493	-36,8
	March	3 241 970	43,7	484 864	-74,5	1 229 078	23,5	4 955 912	-3,8
	April	2 247 786	6 111,6	1 055 478	2 186,9	974 063	6 793,1	4 277 327	4 333,8
	May	2 577 282	2 191,7	1 177 072	1 021,5	838 562	892,2	4 592 916	1 421,2
	June	2 728 620	144,5	1 040 200	99,9	1 037 899	149,9	4 806 719	134,3
	July	2 502 803	-9,6	1 252 762	194,8	1 355 087	88,2	5 110 652	30,6
	August	2 505 989	0,1	1 188 372	3,7	1 788 633	64,4	5 482 994	15,7
	September	3 031 280	41,2	1 170 212	19,6	1 546 832	37,0	5 748 324	35,1

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2020	January	2 834 564	-1,5	1 477 291	-25,6	1 523 471	29,4	5 835 326	-3,4
	February	3 075 589	8,5	2 973 015	101,2	1 255 214	-17,6	7 303 818	25,2
	March	2 282 052	-25,8	1 899 216	-36,1	814 672	-35,1	4 995 940	-31,6
	April	37 371	-98,4	46 153	-97,6	16 882	-97,9	100 406	-98,0
	May	113 692	204,2	104 955	127,4	88 297	423,0	306 944	205,7
	June	1 098 388	866,1	520 306	395,7	404 533	358,2	2 023 227	559,2
	July	2 842 898	158,8	424 883	-18,3	707 467	74,9	3 975 248	96,5
	August	2 613 025	-8,1	1 146 262	169,8	1 006 082	42,2	4 765 369	19,9
	September	1 936 157	-25,9	978 096	-14,7	1 094 178	8,8	4 008 431	-15,9
	October	3 371 236	74,1	1 616 791	65,3	1 052 495	-3,8	6 040 522	50,7
	November	2 317 887	-31,2	870 742	-46,1	1 050 446	-0,2	4 239 075	-29,8
	December	3 160 525	36,4	1 405 213	61,4	1 005 659	-4,3	5 571 397	31,4
2021	January	2 056 979	-34,9	592 555	-57,8	714 919	-28,9	3 364 453	-39,6
	February	2 531 426	23,1	1 278 339	115,7	853 579	19,4	4 663 344	38,6
	March	3 286 938	29,8	484 864	-62,1	1 124 902	31,8	4 896 704	5,0
	April	2 329 893	-29,1	1 055 478	117,7	1 045 613	-7,0	4 430 984	-9,5
	May	2 609 320	12,0	1 177 072	11,5	883 538	-15,5	4 669 930	5,4
	June	2 701 495	3,5	1 040 200	-11,6	1 025 859	16,1	4 767 554	2,1
	July	2 538 652	-6,0	1 252 762	20,4	1 310 308	27,7	5 101 722	7,0
	August	2 609 271	2,8	1 188 372	-5,1	1 634 176	24,7	5 431 819	6,5
	September	2 745 293	5,2	1 170 212	-1,5	1 511 709	-7,5	5 427 214	-0,1
	Apr – Jun 21	7 640 708		3 272 750		2 955 010		13 868 468	
	Jul – Sep 21 2/	7 893 216	3,3	3 611 346	10,3	4 456 193	50,8	15 960 755	15,1

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/
2020	January	1 729 967	-36,2	1 189 445	24,8	952 739	60,1	3 872 151	-9,1
	February	2 226 603	-27,3	2 382 224	-9,8	1 015 758	22,5	5 624 585	-13,9
	March	1 819 085	-59,7	1 531 626	30,5	802 745	-34,8	4 153 456	-40,0
	April	29 349	-99,2	37 431	-97,2	11 461	-98,6	78 241	-98,6
	May	91 283	-97,9	85 191	-96,7	68 600	-91,9	245 074	-96,8
	June	901 475	-82,6	420 279	-59,3	335 514	-52,9	1 657 268	-76,1
	July	2 212 122	-43,6	339 635	-78,2	575 484	-41,5	3 127 241	-51,6
	August	1 986 173	-51,7	909 010	-47,8	862 749	-14,7	3 757 932	-45,3
	September	1 686 341	-38,7	768 339	-24,8	886 684	-0,8	3 341 364	-28,4
	October	2 736 064	3,6	1 259 183	-16,3	889 945	-18,5	4 885 192	-6,7
	November	2 279 350	-41,1	677 093	-64,5	902 435	-9,1	3 858 878	-43,0
	December	2 525 864	5,5	1 088 469	-32,1	672 309	-19,0	4 286 642	-11,2
	Total	20 223 676	-53,0	10 687 925	-43,8	7 976 423	-26,6	38 888 024	-46,7
2021	January	1 194 715	-30,9	455 111	-61,7	428 143	-55,1	2 077 969	-46,3
	February	1 731 146	-22,3	965 513	-59,5	655 677	-35,4	3 352 336	-40,4
	March	2 421 187	33,1	362 109	-76,4	917 907	14,3	3 701 203	-10,9
	April	1 652 784	5 531,5	776 087	1 973,4	716 223	6 149,2	3 145 094	3 919,8
	May	1 870 306	1 948,9	854 189	902,7	608 536	787,1	3 333 031	1 260,0
	June	1 942 078	115,4	740 356	76,2	738 718	120,2	3 421 152	106,4
	July	1 770 016	-20,0	885 970	160,9	958 336	66,5	3 614 322	15,6
	August	1 766 025	-11,1	837 471	-7,9	1 260 488	46,1	3 863 984	2,8
	September	2 113 863	25,4	816 047	6,2	1 078 683	21,7	4 008 593	20,0

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2020	January	2 272 095	-1,3	1 189 445	-25,8	1 221 064	28,7	4 682 604	-3,5
	February	2 459 409	8,2	2 382 224	100,3	1 004 292	-17,8	5 845 925	24,8
	March	1 848 412	-24,8	1 531 626	-35,7	657 179	-34,6	4 037 217	-30,9
	April	30 328	-98,4	37 431	-97,6	13 712	-97,9	81 471	-98,0
	May	92 392	204,6	85 191	127,6	71 812	423,7	249 395	206,1
	June	890 531	863,9	420 279	393,3	327 196	355,6	1 638 006	556,8
	July	2 272 649	155,2	339 635	-19,2	566 102	73,0	3 178 386	94,0
	August	2 071 001	-8,9	909 010	167,6	798 397	41,0	3 778 408	18,9
	September	1 522 113	-26,5	768 339	-15,5	860 771	7,8	3 151 223	-16,6
	October	2 628 986	72,7	1 259 183	63,9	819 822	-4,8	4 707 991	49,4
	November	1 810 111	-31,1	677 093	-46,2	817 060	-0,3	3 304 264	-29,8
	December	2 422 829	33,8	1 088 469	60,8	776 954	-4,9	4 288 252	29,8
2021	January	1 572 346	-35,1	455 111	-58,2	546 521	-29,7	2 573 978	-40,0
	February	1 906 528	21,3	965 513	112,1	643 091	17,7	3 515 132	36,6
	March	2 466 189	29,4	362 109	-62,5	838 898	30,4	3 667 196	4,3
	April	1 713 660	-30,5	776 087	114,3	770 902	-8,1	3 260 649	-11,1
	May	1 894 807	10,6	854 189	10,1	642 336	-16,7	3 391 332	4,0
	June	1 929 967	1,9	740 356	-13,3	730 938	13,8	3 401 261	0,3
	July	1 795 144	-7,0	885 970	19,7	927 920	26,9	3 609 034	6,1
	August	1 838 035	2,4	837 471	-5,5	1 152 825	24,2	3 828 331	6,1
	September	1 916 794	4,3	816 047	-2,6	1 056 317	-8,4	3 789 158	-1,0
	Apr – Jun 21	5 538 434		2 370 632		2 144 176		10 053 242	
	Jul – Sep 21 2/	5 549 973	0,2	2 539 488	7,1	3 137 062	46,3	11 226 523	11,7

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 2020	Aug 2021	Sep 2021	Jan – Sep 2020	Jan – Sep 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	962	929	1 946	8 567	7 808	-8,9
		square metres	51 096	48 738	86 493	405 759	383 126	-5,6
		R'000	298 006	355 166	447 760	1 871 564	2 373 707	26,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 167	1 665	1 541	6 677	11 845	77,4
		square metres	325 373	400 171	435 411	1 829 039	3 268 968	78,7
		R'000	2 458 902	3 122 825	3 499 112	13 746 683	25 317 686	84,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 281	1 803	920	11 214	18 002	60,5
		square metres	130 398	205 370	131 170	1 191 507	1 775 205	49,0
		R'000	1 127 592	1 886 936	1 130 472	10 138 315	15 913 075	57,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 019	35 117	7 910	25 418	94 715	272,6
		R'000	7 483	260 835	67 238	187 067	736 623	293,8
	Total residential buildings	R'000	3 891 983	5 625 762	5 144 582	25 943 629	44 341 091	70,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	9 745	11 996	17 394	190 318	230 470	21,1
		R'000	90 567	93 450	188 448	1 550 478	2 109 768	36,1
	Shopping space	square metres	15 293	30 182	10 181	317 395	362 759	14,3
		R'000	129 535	285 957	85 499	2 531 028	2 809 956	11,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	66 007	61 450	142 630	631 569	1 195 677	89,3
		R'000	464 850	418 537	882 609	4 198 253	7 533 234	79,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	45 714	18 139	12 989	240 548	236 212	-1,8
		R'000	320 165	127 311	83 357	1 805 578	1 631 609	-9,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 005 117	925 255	1 239 913	10 085 337	14 084 567	39,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	192 801	236 110	242 124	1 277 696	2 109 739	65,1
		R'000	1 470 232	1 872 585	1 953 278	9 627 649	16 553 710	71,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	80 665	68 376	81 549	437 554	506 657	15,8
		R'000	676 251	694 668	720 349	4 334 266	4 972 476	14,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	2 146 483	2 567 253	2 673 627	13 961 915	21 526 186	54,2
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	7 043 583	9 118 270	9 058 122	49 990 881	79 951 844	59,9

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2020	Aug 2021	Sep 2021	Jan – Sep 2020	Jan – Sep 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	327	271	957	1 562	2 270	45,3
		square metres	15 493	11 968	40 988	73 734	102 574	39,1
		R'000	88 112	75 589	219 046	438 019	594 734	35,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	354	519	628	2 237	3 860	72,6
		square metres	92 353	137 905	159 959	585 377	1 002 433	71,2
		R'000	639 532	969 776	1 165 170	3 977 708	7 028 705	76,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	755	476	363	4 213	5 945	41,1
		square metres	60 054	50 807	51 035	396 030	586 131	48,0
		R'000	485 389	405 836	402 641	3 120 151	4 531 380	45,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	452	29 632	0	14 160	57 920	309,0
		R'000	3 284	215 021	0	104 440	445 224	326,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 216 317	1 666 222	1 786 857	7 640 318	12 600 043	64,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 647	4 971	1 881	90 771	49 622	-45,3
		R'000	11 836	43 496	16 459	748 288	364 340	-51,3
	Shopping space	square metres	13 210	3 657	6 777	103 562	56 182	-45,8
		R'000	112 458	25 249	56 998	842 748	453 873	-46,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	22 853	19 835	1 075	214 417	182 122	-15,1
		R'000	156 001	139 076	7 481	1 524 171	1 227 359	-19,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	12 301	12 632	9 287	120 362	116 710	-3,0
		R'000	72 212	87 354	60 319	893 393	809 182	-9,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	352 507	295 175	141 257	4 008 600	2 854 754	-28,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	48 873	75 940	71 405	453 577	653 314	44,0
		R'000	319 052	515 684	493 420	3 008 864	4 493 694	49,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	48 318	39 075	29 495	210 107	195 595	-6,9
		R'000	397 234	367 398	300 068	2 178 375	2 046 909	-6,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	716 286	883 082	793 488	5 187 239	6 540 603	26,1
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 285 110	2 844 479	2 721 602	16 836 157	21 995 400	30,6

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2020	Aug 2021	Sep 2021	Jan – Sep 2020	Jan – Sep 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	14	85	716	141	1 929	1 268,1
		square metres	794	4 223	29 435	8 399	86 589	930,9
		R'000	5 288	24 457	126 666	54 034	380 744	604,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	119	135	85	542	1 025	89,1
		square metres	27 453	25 470	24 636	127 495	262 463	105,9
		R'000	198 204	193 499	188 579	902 595	1 924 984	113,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	14	25	48	140	627	347,9
		square metres	2 039	18 862	4 010	15 075	73 795	389,5
		R'000	13 297	144 841	28 778	103 113	534 906	418,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	190	570	200,0
		R'000	0	0	0	1 424	3 224	126,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	216 789	362 797	344 023	1 061 166	2 843 858	168,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 280	0	0	9 796	4 017	-59,0
		R'000	9 254	0	0	62 618	25 003	-60,1
	Shopping space	square metres	0	426	168	33 434	59 786	78,8
		R'000	0	3 376	968	231 403	427 755	84,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 353	9 045	5 336	48 051	129 520	169,5
		R'000	15 418	68 531	39 749	303 312	925 526	205,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	3 679	10 987	198,6
		R'000	0	0	0	23 591	77 517	228,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	24 672	71 907	40 717	620 924	1 455 801	134,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	16 567	15 700	24 732	103 766	208 276	100,7
		R'000	121 134	118 163	186 624	720 058	1 499 733	108,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 735	941	9 582	25 328	48 632	92,0
		R'000	15 379	8 186	73 561	201 454	378 470	87,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	136 513	126 349	260 185	921 512	1 878 203	103,8
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	377 974	561 053	644 925	2 603 602	6 177 862	137,3

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2020	Aug 2021	Sep 2021	Jan – Sep 2020	Jan – Sep 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	7	7	14	44	214,3
		square metres	165	347	357	776	2 502	222,4
		R'000	1 397	3 041	3 041	6 647	21 810	228,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	14	4	20	128	141	10,2
		square metres	3 129	772	5 729	31 556	34 221	8,4
		R'000	26 059	4 975	47 438	260 027	284 016	9,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	104	145	39,4
		square metres	0	0	0	9 687	9 143	-5,6
		R'000	0	0	0	84 622	78 915	-6,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	5 005	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	41 041	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	27 456	8 016	50 479	392 337	384 741	-1,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	274	0	0	1 711	1 835	7,2
		R'000	2 356	0	0	12 862	15 781	22,7
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	1 609	276	-82,8
		R'000	0	0	0	9 709	2 374	-75,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	3 613	0	987	12 851	12 730	-0,9
		R'000	29 356	0	7 998	107 993	107 573	-0,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	361	0	7 676	762	-90,1
		R'000	0	2 925	0	67 145	6 438	-90,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	31 712	2 925	7 998	197 709	132 166	-33,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 914	1 555	5 823	20 061	25 828	28,7
		R'000	16 005	12 273	48 181	167 545	214 562	28,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	595	205	195	2 153	1 788	-17,0
		R'000	5 863	3 411	7 024	21 048	32 498	54,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	21 868	15 684	55 205	188 593	247 060	31,0
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	81 036	26 625	113 682	778 639	763 967	-1,9

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2020	Aug 2021	Sep 2021	Jan – Sep 2020	Jan – Sep 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	48	12	5	160	127	-20,6
		square metres	2 811	661	284	9 292	7 671	-17,4
		R'000	23 589	5 480	2 374	75 116	62 745	-16,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	72	40	54	320	526	64,4
		square metres	15 064	9 813	12 659	67 729	107 067	58,1
		R'000	116 878	79 101	94 879	507 116	806 132	59,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	16	0	0	202	66	-67,3
		square metres	2 021	0	0	22 552	9 444	-58,1
		R'000	16 859	0	0	177 758	80 027	-55,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	567	893	240	808	3 735	362,3
		R'000	4 199	7 999	1 843	6 145	26 774	335,7
	Total residential buildings	R'000	161 525	92 580	99 096	766 135	975 678	27,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	5 755	1 047	-81,8
		R'000	0	0	0	46 491	9 379	-79,8
	Shopping space	square metres	0	6 117	0	887	13 216	1 390,0
		R'000	0	54 796	0	6 378	99 537	1 460,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	6 082	2 877	956	23 601	9 751	-58,7
		R'000	36 835	16 979	5 506	137 976	61 726	-55,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	356	2 467	24 169	879,7
		R'000	0	0	2 050	19 029	144 303	658,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	36 835	71 775	7 556	209 874	314 945	50,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	9 410	5 874	6 435	63 225	77 494	22,6
		R'000	71 456	43 385	47 414	470 056	562 828	19,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 300	565	4 561	15 024	13 883	-7,6
		R'000	12 580	5 755	35 584	143 647	108 513	-24,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	84 036	49 140	82 998	613 703	671 341	9,4
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	282 396	213 495	189 650	1 589 712	1 961 964	23,4

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2020	Aug 2021	Sep 2021	Jan – Sep 2020	Jan – Sep 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	21	15	35	150	179	19,3
		square metres	1 031	903	2 201	8 549	10 415	21,8
		R'000	8 046	8 612	14 979	71 717	85 346	19,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	83	81	121	625	888	42,1
		square metres	31 907	26 170	40 581	208 231	282 226	35,5
		R'000	306 440	269 725	420 248	2 022 026	2 821 108	39,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	98	268	164	1 608	3 657	127,4
		square metres	12 053	32 212	21 532	183 425	347 918	89,7
		R'000	101 869	354 241	209 251	1 980 174	3 687 671	86,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	992	279	535	14 084	2 532,5
		R'000	0	7 936	2 232	4 078	113 417	2 681,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	416 355	640 514	646 710	4 077 995	6 707 542	64,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 022	5 525	3 166	6 354	18 188	186,2
		R'000	6 781	30 414	37 992	58 264	154 807	165,7
	Shopping space	square metres	1 789	707	627	106 959	38 860	-63,7
		R'000	14 312	7 000	4 703	886 562	378 922	-57,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	11 256	15 062	52 924	93 061	470 093	405,1
		R'000	95 556	99 454	325 868	666 776	2 901 517	335,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	6 237	1 438	261	25 085	21 054	-16,1
		R'000	43 972	9 465	2 088	226 391	166 649	-26,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	160 621	146 333	370 651	1 837 993	3 601 895	96,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	27 272	32 542	31 658	132 656	269 831	103,4
		R'000	235 257	324 351	326 584	1 351 243	2 754 475	103,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	5 355	15 798	6 825	58 585	111 168	89,8
		R'000	71 934	182 582	79 347	767 267	1 228 861	60,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	307 191	506 933	405 931	2 118 510	3 983 336	88,0
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	884 167	1 293 780	1 423 292	8 034 498	14 292 773	77,9

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2020	Aug 2021	Sep 2021	Jan – Sep 2020	Jan – Sep 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	27	7	38	1 607	120	-92,5
		square metres	1 571	359	2 198	66 093	6 571	-90,1
		R'000	8 683	2 109	13 487	176 681	39 798	-77,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	109	89	71	465	836	79,8
		square metres	25 552	20 645	19 228	110 057	211 657	92,3
		R'000	154 731	138 287	136 625	690 057	1 386 347	100,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	26	20	36	210	666	217,1
		square metres	2 030	2 142	3 160	20 707	58 830	184,1
		R'000	13 376	12 226	18 769	138 111	371 052	168,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	1 373	0	3 156	1 373	-56,5
		R'000	0	9 300	0	20 381	9 300	-54,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	176 790	161 922	168 881	1 025 230	1 806 497	76,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	252	0	216	2 659	1 547	-41,8
		R'000	1 367	0	1 244	15 265	9 237	-39,5
	Shopping space	square metres	0	2 178	0	25 061	110 803	342,1
		R'000	0	14 247	0	162 785	649 838	299,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 931	0	2 943	16 848	8 373	-50,3
		R'000	12 383	0	20 729	95 578	51 400	-46,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 181	1 693	941	4 902	19 460	297,0
		R'000	7 582	9 750	5 419	30 356	118 733	291,1
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	21 332	23 997	27 392	303 984	829 208	172,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	11 581	11 023	10 000	61 930	106 730	72,3
		R'000	70 246	70 915	64 474	378 870	669 492	76,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	3 225	810	1 252	10 709	22 408	109,2
		R'000	19 014	10 665	35 442	101 546	237 496	133,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	89 260	81 580	99 916	480 416	906 988	88,8
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	287 382	267 499	296 189	1 809 630	3 542 693	95,8

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2020	Aug 2021	Sep 2021	Jan – Sep 2020	Jan – Sep 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	490	505	180	4 682	2 952	-37,0
		square metres	27 495	28 560	10 657	224 601	155 768	-30,6
		R'000	152 848	224 191	65 979	968 532	1 123 961	16,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	282	571	391	1 668	3 102	86,0
		square metres	84 112	127 813	125 206	481 530	957 022	98,7
		R'000	710 803	1 132 890	1 132 184	3 990 273	8 471 635	112,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	372	973	305	4 404	6 524	48,1
		square metres	52 201	99 188	51 021	526 462	647 681	23,0
		R'000	496 802	956 539	468 291	4 433 615	6 369 541	43,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	2 227	7 391	1 564	13 639	772,1
		R'000	0	20 579	63 163	9 558	116 931	1 123,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 360 453	2 334 199	1 729 617	9 401 978	16 082 068	71,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	5 270	1 500	12 131	27 352	152 393	457,2
		R'000	58 973	19 540	132 753	299 260	1 519 563	407,8
	Shopping space	square metres	294	14 722	1 540	22 104	71 691	224,3
		R'000	2 765	165 346	16 674	229 209	722 178	215,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	8 025	9 830	75 871	168 344	349 966	107,9
		R'000	43 512	65 334	454 142	998 608	2 041 041	104,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	9 443	1 662	942	54 349	36 578	-32,7
		R'000	66 615	16 000	6 389	379 425	271 492	-28,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	171 865	266 220	609 958	1 906 502	4 554 274	138,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	63 230	72 513	70 297	360 345	610 482	69,4
		R'000	548 234	657 530	645 677	3 037 144	5 384 834	77,3
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	19 565	10 560	22 162	106 876	91 533	-14,4
		R'000	146 182	86 895	142 383	782 545	726 257	-7,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	694 416	744 425	788 060	3 819 689	6 111 091	60,0
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 226 734	3 344 844	3 127 635	15 128 169	26 747 433	76,8

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2020	Aug 2021	Sep 2021	Jan – Sep 2020	Jan – Sep 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	20	24	8	187	111	-40,6
		square metres	1 066	1 540	373	10 662	6 241	-41,5
		R'000	6 006	10 554	2 188	59 017	35 369	-40,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	100	136	97	461	978	112,1
		square metres	33 279	32 814	25 930	138 039	254 240	84,2
		R'000	228 442	214 406	172 926	921 995	1 634 934	77,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	21	0	13	153	1 076,9
		square metres	0	1 107	0	2 017	16 545	720,3
		R'000	0	6 521	0	11 047	101 366	817,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	234 448	231 481	175 114	992 059	1 771 669	78,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	45 297	378	-99,2
		R'000	0	0	0	303 838	2 964	-99,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	2 375	1 069	19 850	11 410	-42,5
		R'000	0	15 943	6 156	137 777	72 038	-47,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	8 595	1 000	2 538	39 539	14 875	-62,4
		R'000	67 963	8 327	21 136	277 576	108 024	-61,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	16 552	0	1 202	18 361	5 589	-69,6
		R'000	129 784	0	7 092	142 111	32 164	-77,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	197 747	24 270	34 384	861 302	215 190	-75,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	9 143	16 374	16 790	58 105	116 346	100,2
		R'000	59 765	101 014	109 181	348 251	720 935	107,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	572	400	3 045	4 565	6 177	35,3
		R'000	6 065	24 135	19 057	96 508	80 205	-16,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	65 830	125 149	128 238	444 759	801 140	80,1
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	498 025	380 900	337 736	2 298 120	2 787 999	21,3

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2020	Aug 2021	Sep 2021	Jan – Sep 2020	Jan – Sep 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	12	3	0	64	76	18,8
		square metres	670	177	0	3 653	4 795	31,3
		R'000	4 037	1 133	0	21 801	29 200	33,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	34	90	74	231	489	111,7
		square metres	12 524	18 769	21 483	79 025	157 639	99,5
		R'000	77 813	120 166	141 063	474 886	959 825	102,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	20	4	320	219	-31,6
		square metres	0	1 052	412	15 552	25 718	65,4
		R'000	0	6 732	2 742	89 724	158 217	76,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	3 394	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	21 753	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	81 850	128 031	143 805	586 411	1 168 995	99,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	623	1 443	131,6
		R'000	0	0	0	3 592	8 694	142,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	3 929	535	-86,4
		R'000	0	0	0	24 457	3 441	-85,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 299	3 801	0	14 857	18 247	22,8
		R'000	7 826	20 836	0	86 263	109 068	26,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	353	0	3 667	903	-75,4
		R'000	0	1 817	0	24 137	5 131	-78,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	7 826	22 653	0	138 449	126 334	-8,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 811	4 589	4 984	24 031	41 438	72,4
		R'000	29 083	29 270	31 723	145 618	253 157	73,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	22	4 432	4 207	15 473	267,8
		R'000	2 000	5 641	27 883	41 876	133 267	218,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	31 083	34 911	59 606	187 494	386 424	106,1
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	120 759	185 595	203 411	912 354	1 681 753	84,3

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2020	Aug 2021	Sep 2021	Jan – Sep 2020	Jan – Sep 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	889	682	1 040	5 186	5 726	10,4
		square metres	44 258	34 854	51 437	261 778	298 893	14,2
		R'000	255 880	236 587	337 146	1 539 717	1 931 112	25,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	685	825	840	4 183	5 978	42,9
		square metres	159 769	205 732	201 814	1 034 941	1 505 817	45,5
		R'000	1 243 400	1 668 728	1 647 644	7 899 175	11 883 288	50,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	678	689	1 384	5 915	10 566	78,6
		square metres	77 647	64 593	121 190	720 428	999 019	38,7
		R'000	647 432	553 163	1 046 490	6 190 133	8 410 470	35,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	7 741	0	25 012	48 550	94,1
		R'000	0	47 511	0	237 375	458 416	93,1
	Total residential buildings	R'000	2 146 712	2 505 989	3 031 280	15 866 400	22 683 286	43,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	22 864	42 689	2 343	345 870	153 869	-55,5
		R'000	195 172	360 127	20 255	3 288 467	1 296 208	-60,6
	Shopping space	square metres	23 790	4 020	82 927	167 066	333 961	99,9
		R'000	175 759	40 150	605 654	1 368 387	2 634 479	92,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	76 346	106 017	75 227	672 750	671 449	-0,2
		R'000	493 823	735 765	481 167	4 240 418	4 321 379	1,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	15 656	7 406	9 659	94 533	125 416	32,7
		R'000	113 342	52 330	63 136	672 905	987 788	46,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	978 096	1 188 372	1 170 212	9 570 177	9 239 854	-3,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	65 687	125 449	111 656	485 248	756 039	55,8
		R'000	527 231	980 099	823 556	3 663 862	5 758 478	57,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	64 499	98 210	80 284	296 663	425 631	43,5
		R'000	601 518	808 534	723 276	3 233 129	4 437 235	37,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 128 749	1 788 633	1 546 832	6 896 991	10 195 713	47,8
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	4 253 557	5 482 994	5 748 324	32 333 568	42 118 853	30,3

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2020	Aug 2021	Sep 2021	Jan – Sep 2020	Jan – Sep 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	214	240	500	1 442	2 240	55,3
		square metres	9 195	10 761	22 475	64 908	101 182	55,9
		R'000	47 526	61 884	131 756	357 452	571 552	59,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	233	243	278	1 539	2 059	33,8
		square metres	60 511	57 571	67 845	369 780	491 543	32,9
		R'000	413 370	387 658	463 839	2 538 561	3 367 065	32,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	249	415	639	2 401	5 202	116,7
		square metres	35 674	37 981	53 852	257 990	445 105	72,5
		R'000	280 949	296 841	422 630	2 076 072	3 467 548	67,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	7 741	0	7 166	22 136	208,9
		R'000	0	47 511	0	48 427	180 045	271,8
	Total residential buildings	R'000	741 845	793 894	1 018 225	5 020 512	7 586 210	51,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	12 714	36 862	1 943	58 022	99 825	72,0
		R'000	100 821	313 727	15 044	464 169	812 895	75,1
	Shopping space	square metres	20 623	373	34 826	66 579	82 189	23,4
		R'000	144 361	2 306	300 723	503 217	680 624	35,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	12 803	70 347	29 972	87 516	222 072	153,8
		R'000	85 639	475 113	210 567	601 003	1 520 162	152,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	13 373	2 950	4 338	49 420	40 060	-18,9
		R'000	95 900	22 352	26 922	344 186	275 693	-19,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	426 721	813 498	553 256	1 912 575	3 289 374	72,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	39 239	70 139	68 953	243 452	396 286	62,8
		R'000	298 369	454 943	434 483	1 689 097	2 626 657	55,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	44 176	75 281	67 062	196 130	264 930	35,1
		R'000	452 222	594 321	567 001	2 289 011	2 917 194	27,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	750 591	1 049 264	1 001 484	3 978 108	5 543 851	39,4
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 919 157	2 656 656	2 572 965	10 911 195	16 419 435	50,5

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2020	Aug 2021	Sep 2021	Jan – Sep 2020	Jan – Sep 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1	5	30	92	116	26,1
		square metres	45	300	1 676	5 326	6 589	23,7
		R'000	315	2 122	12 478	34 351	44 768	30,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	47	93	48	264	373	41,3
		square metres	7 511	22 030	7 822	51 626	88 561	71,5
		R'000	52 541	171 370	60 614	364 625	654 512	79,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	11	12	44	101	250	147,5
		square metres	836	740	4 072	9 780	20 779	112,5
		R'000	5 547	5 579	31 269	67 829	151 762	123,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	58 403	179 071	104 361	466 805	851 042	82,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	510	2 344	0	1 070	10 537	884,8
		R'000	3 687	17 397	0	7 047	77 245	996,1
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	3 605	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	23 466	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	20 524	0	82 129	105 230	28,1
		R'000	0	155 496	0	547 435	750 703	37,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	243	1 852	3 121	68,5
		R'000	0	0	1 866	9 607	23 034	139,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	3 687	172 893	1 866	564 089	874 448	55,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 466	5 767	4 949	57 795	76 959	33,2
		R'000	32 224	44 966	37 629	401 731	556 046	38,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	103	3 972	1 847	22 559	16 731	-25,8
		R'000	727	39 873	14 561	162 794	149 763	-8,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	32 951	84 839	52 190	564 525	705 809	25,0
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	95 041	436 803	158 417	1 595 419	2 431 299	52,4

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2020	Aug 2021	Sep 2021	Jan – Sep 2020	Jan – Sep 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2	6	0	3	15	400,0
		square metres	131	329	0	172	877	409,9
		R'000	1 127	2 828	0	1 480	7 601	413,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	16	4	10	80	72	-10,0
		square metres	3 483	1 421	2 231	18 173	17 697	-2,6
		R'000	29 954	11 514	18 078	151 796	149 479	-1,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	12	0	0	16	11	-31,3
		square metres	644	0	0	1 115	1 035	-7,2
		R'000	5 538	0	0	9 339	8 901	-4,7
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	500	1 117	123,4
		R'000	0	0	0	4 300	9 789	127,7
	Total residential buildings	R'000	36 619	14 342	18 078	166 915	175 770	5,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	0	274	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	2 356	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	4 775	1 190	-75,1
		R'000	0	0	0	39 155	10 429	-73,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	8 668	0	293	11 117	1 379	-87,6
		R'000	74 545	0	2 374	93 415	11 714	-87,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	357	0	0	1 325	195	-85,3
		R'000	3 070	0	0	11 193	1 677	-85,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	77 615	0	2 374	143 763	26 176	-81,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 513	2 078	2 797	14 283	18 298	28,1
		R'000	13 012	16 838	22 664	121 494	155 334	27,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 486	1 023	112	3 124	7 881	152,3
		R'000	12 850	8 377	1 018	27 859	68 921	147,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	25 862	25 215	23 682	149 353	224 255	50,2
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	140 096	39 557	44 134	460 031	426 201	-7,4

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2020	Aug 2021	Sep 2021	Jan – Sep 2020	Jan – Sep 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	47	4	78	222	184,6
		square metres	0	2 862	232	4 740	13 479	184,4
		R'000	0	25 480	1 722	38 137	113 581	197,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	4	11	7	93	174	87,1
		square metres	1 129	2 459	1 935	21 735	31 281	43,9
		R'000	7 238	18 191	14 796	158 361	234 219	47,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	36	35	-2,8
		square metres	0	0	0	10 313	4 012	-61,1
		R'000	0	0	0	83 246	33 393	-59,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	605	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	4 942	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	7 238	43 671	16 518	279 744	386 135	38,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	6 713	147	-97,8
		R'000	0	0	0	54 187	1 091	-98,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	2 970	538	-81,9
		R'000	0	0	0	23 974	3 640	-84,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	1 213	0	14 549	6 315	-56,6
		R'000	0	9 003	0	116 179	46 469	-60,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	0	471	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	2 653	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	9 003	0	194 340	53 853	-72,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	161	1 522	3 396	6 703	10 596	58,1
		R'000	953	12 087	21 842	41 671	69 640	67,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	0	0	3 440	628	-81,7
		R'000	0	350	0	39 217	5 645	-85,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	953	12 437	21 842	80 888	75 285	-6,9
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	8 191	65 111	38 360	554 972	515 273	-7,2

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2020	Aug 2021	Sep 2021	Jan – Sep 2020	Jan – Sep 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	36	15	9	96	69	-28,1
		square metres	2 093	834	525	5 842	4 077	-30,2
		R'000	23 015	8 779	6 247	59 671	40 121	-32,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	88	57	90	383	449	17,2
		square metres	18 902	17 826	18 323	99 092	138 784	40,1
		R'000	212 994	187 273	208 466	1 045 132	1 445 949	38,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	179	27	258	912	656	-28,1
		square metres	11 513	4 308	19 857	111 798	73 588	-34,2
		R'000	101 553	44 121	196 262	1 165 715	684 876	-41,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	13 463	24 068	78,8
		R'000	0	0	0	148 937	259 649	74,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	337 562	240 173	410 975	2 419 455	2 430 595	0,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	27 716	19 983	-27,9
		R'000	0	0	0	285 823	212 528	-25,6
	Shopping space	square metres	2 041	2 230	4 810	14 711	80 057	444,2
		R'000	22 451	22 300	53 843	118 301	732 441	519,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	28 596	8 864	9 200	330 420	79 222	-76,0
		R'000	171 576	58 049	55 200	1 987 054	498 732	-74,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	347	0	678	867	3 657	321,8
		R'000	3 401	0	7 458	9 222	23 493	154,7
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	197 428	80 349	116 501	2 400 400	1 467 194	-38,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 591	15 985	10 120	51 222	83 430	62,9
		R'000	72 630	187 556	116 691	553 771	949 419	71,4
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 884	7 478	6 248	11 624	48 519	317,4
		R'000	26 575	87 070	82 953	163 001	572 327	251,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	99 205	274 626	199 644	716 772	1 521 746	112,3
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	634 195	595 148	727 120	5 536 627	5 419 535	-2,1

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2020	Aug 2021	Sep 2021	Jan – Sep 2020	Jan – Sep 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	5	11	9	51	148	190,2
		square metres	287	678	630	3 178	9 048	184,7
		R'000	1 636	3 943	3 654	17 408	51 918	198,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	34	42	43	272	428	57,4
		square metres	7 606	11 047	11 270	56 964	98 393	72,7
		R'000	50 320	75 826	77 147	366 404	641 450	75,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	4	7	0	159	179	12,6
		square metres	376	688	0	17 525	20 833	18,9
		R'000	2 143	4 671	0	113 391	136 690	20,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	54 099	84 440	80 801	497 203	830 058	66,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	4 154	7 339	76,7
		R'000	0	0	0	23 982	42 368	76,7
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	43 291	12 880	109 895	753,2
		R'000	0	0	251 088	86 286	652 897	656,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	500	6 472	5 151	9 764	89,6
		R'000	0	3 068	44 476	30 852	66 276	114,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	661	0	0	2 194	520	-76,3
		R'000	3 822	0	0	12 255	3 993	-67,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	3 822	3 068	295 564	153 375	765 534	399,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	739	365	741	10 926	12 327	12,8
		R'000	5 123	2 252	4 811	68 536	72 066	5,2
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	0	2 055	522	16 134	2 990,8
		R'000	843	0	14 728	20 414	147 261	621,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	5 966	2 252	19 539	88 950	219 327	146,6
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	63 887	89 760	395 904	739 528	1 814 919	145,4

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2020	Aug 2021	Sep 2021	Jan – Sep 2020	Jan – Sep 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	599	332	462	3 217	2 729	-15,2
		square metres	30 875	17 513	24 358	166 333	152 756	-8,2
		R'000	172 661	122 421	171 426	970 186	1 036 797	6,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	216	309	294	1 219	1 961	60,9
		square metres	46 541	80 269	74 516	325 783	516 629	58,6
		R'000	384 966	726 098	682 210	2 693 765	4 548 298	68,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	223	228	396	2 124	4 103	93,2
		square metres	28 604	20 876	38 299	297 809	420 669	41,3
		R'000	251 702	201 951	363 476	2 591 030	3 846 120	48,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	3 883	484	-87,5
		R'000	0	0	0	35 711	3 091	-91,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	809 329	1 050 470	1 217 112	6 290 692	9 434 306	50,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	9 640	0	400	247 091	8 115	-96,7
		R'000	90 664	0	5 211	2 447 297	87 815	-96,4
	Shopping space	square metres	692	1 417	0	44 038	46 067	4,6
		R'000	5 544	15 544	0	433 908	465 448	7,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	26 279	4 569	26 304	116 611	238 680	104,7
		R'000	162 063	35 036	150 932	693 264	1 374 029	98,2
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	918	4 456	436	21 378	71 596	234,9
		R'000	7 149	29 978	3 502	168 082	622 108	270,1
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	265 420	80 558	159 645	3 742 551	2 549 400	-31,9
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	12 117	28 158	19 088	82 312	145 681	77,0
		R'000	99 355	250 349	174 820	683 979	1 249 307	82,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	13 690	10 293	2 776	53 304	67 162	26,0
		R'000	83 876	73 619	29 190	460 985	506 202	9,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	183 231	323 968	204 010	1 144 964	1 755 509	53,3
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 257 980	1 454 996	1 580 767	11 178 207	13 739 215	22,9

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2020	Aug 2021	Sep 2021	Jan – Sep 2020	Jan – Sep 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	9	12	6	146	98	-32,9
		square metres	484	772	313	7 841	5 464	-30,3
		R'000	2 683	3 979	2 005	40 540	31 210	-23,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	27	26	40	180	246	36,7
		square metres	7 972	6 713	7 132	44 101	61 138	38,6
		R'000	56 293	52 143	54 631	299 269	465 496	55,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	16	26	26	0,0
		square metres	0	0	1 426	3 306	2 242	-32,2
		R'000	0	0	9 182	17 521	14 500	-17,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	58 976	56 122	65 818	357 330	511 206	43,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	3 483	0	863	6 680	674,0
		R'000	0	29 003	0	4 573	54 071	1 082,4
	Shopping space	square metres	434	0	0	20 149	7 840	-61,1
		R'000	3 403	0	0	157 988	51 456	-67,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	2 986	16 809	7 594	-54,8
		R'000	0	0	17 618	120 082	45 882	-61,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	3 964	9 586	3 964	-58,6
		R'000	0	0	23 388	72 745	23 388	-67,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	3 403	29 003	41 006	355 388	174 797	-50,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	280	1 136	632	14 942	7 654	-48,8
		R'000	2 195	9 238	4 393	83 091	51 584	-37,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	0	28	1 459	1 609	10,3
		R'000	5 294	0	10 827	36 073	43 650	21,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	7 489	9 238	15 220	119 164	95 234	-20,1
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	69 868	94 363	122 044	831 882	781 237	-6,1

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

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

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

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

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

			Sep 2020	Aug 2021	Sep 2021	Jan – Sep 2020	Jan – Sep 2021	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	23	14	20	61	89	45,9
		square metres	1 148	805	1 228	3 438	5 421	57,7
		R'000	6 917	5 151	7 858	20 492	33 564	63,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	20	40	30	153	216	41,2
		square metres	6 114	6 396	10 740	47 687	61 791	29,6
		R'000	35 724	38 655	67 863	281 262	376 820	34,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	31	140	104	-25,7
		square metres	0	0	3 684	10 792	10 756	-0,3
		R'000	0	0	23 671	65 990	66 680	1,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	140	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	900	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	42 641	43 806	99 392	367 744	477 964	30,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	241	969	302,1
		R'000	0	0	0	1 389	5 839	320,4
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	964	2 580	167,6
		R'000	0	0	0	5 558	14 078	153,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	8 448	1 193	-85,9
		R'000	0	0	0	51 134	7 412	-85,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	7 911	1 832	-76,8
		R'000	0	0	0	45 615	11 749	-74,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	0	0	103 696	39 078	-62,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	581	299	980	3 613	4 808	33,1
		R'000	3 370	1 870	6 223	20 492	28 425	38,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	3 160	163	156	4 501	2 037	-54,7
		R'000	19 131	4 924	2 998	33 775	26 272	-22,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	22 501	6 794	9 221	54 267	54 697	0,8
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	65 142	50 600	108 613	525 707	571 739	8,8

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

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

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

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

Explanatory notes

Introduction	1	Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and, therefore, do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses in their reporting. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses can be obtained from the Department of Human Settlements.
	2	In order to improve timeliness of the publication, some information for the current month has been estimated due to late submission by respondents. These estimates will be revised in the next statistical release(s) as soon as actual information is available.
Purpose of the survey	3	The monthly survey data are used in monitoring the state of economy and formulation of economic policy. Furthermore, the results are important inputs to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and to calculate the Composite Leading Business Cycle Indicator. The data are extensively used by the private sector.
Scope of the survey	4	This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • passing of building plans; and • final inspection of completed buildings.
Classification	5	Building activities are classified in division 5 according to the 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> (SIC), Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02. The SIC is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions.
Collection rate	6	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for September 2021 was 82,9%. The improved collection rate for August 2021 was 86,5%.
Statistical unit	7	The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities.
Survey methodology and design	8	Stats SA conducts a monthly survey of metropolitan municipalities and large local municipalities on building plans passed and buildings completed. An annual survey of the remaining municipalities is conducted regarding buildings completed. The monthly survey represents approximately 85 percent of the total value of buildings completed. Information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed for the private sector is collected by mail, fax and telephone.
Constant prices	9	The value of building plans passed and buildings completed at constant prices measures building activities in terms of ruling prices in a specific base year, which is currently 2015. The value of building plans passed at constant prices for each month is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with a price index known as the 'lump sum domestic buildings' as published in statistical release P0151: <i>Contract Price Adjustment Provisions (CPAP) Work Groups and Selected Materials Indices</i> . In order to be applicable, these indices (base December 2016=100) are converted to the base year 2015=100.

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

Glossary

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

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