BUILDING STATISTICS SURVEY

Questionnaire for the month of ........................................

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Purpose of the survey
The Building Statistics Survey is a monthly survey covering a sample of local government institutions in South Africa. The results of the survey are used to estimate building activities financed by the private sector. These estimates are in turn used to compile estimates of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), and to monitor the subsidised housing projects of the Reconstruction and Development Programme (RDP). The results will be published monthly in Statistical Release P5041.1: Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions, and annually in Statistical Release P5041.3: Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions.

Collection authority
The information required is collected under Section 16 of the Statistics Act, 1999 (Act No. 6 of 1999). Your co-operation is sought in completing and returning this questionnaire by the due date. The provision of the information sought is compulsory.

Due date
Please complete this questionnaire and return it in the business reply service envelope or fax it to Stats SA not later than ten days after the end of the month concerned. Stats SA recommends that you retain a copy to consult in the event of a query.

Help available
If you have problems in completing this questionnaire, or find that it will be difficult for you to meet the due date, please contact us at:

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- Fax number (012) 310-8664
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Person whom Stats SA should contact if any queries arise regarding this questionnaire

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* This questionnaire is also available in Afrikaans
Please note

For this survey

- The questionnaire must cover a period of one month. Particulars must be submitted for the month concerned and should therefore not contain cumulative monthly figures.
- Stats SA must be notified of any significant changes in the area that falls under the jurisdiction of the local government institutions and that may influence the scope of the information provided by the local government institutions.
- Report all monetary values in thousands of rands (R’000). Where the value of your own accounts is not expressed in thousands, round the value off to the nearest thousand rand.
- Value added tax (VAT) must be excluded.
- Information regarding preliminary building plans must be reflected in the questionnaire as building plans passed soon as building operations in respect of these plans have commenced. In order to prevent duplication, information regarding these plans must not be shown again as building plans passed when the building plans are finally approved.
- The value of building plans passed/buildings completed must reflect the value of building costs at the time the plans were passed.
- The items listed under Include and Exclude are examples and should not be taken as a complete list of items to be included or excluded.
- If exact figures are not available, please provide careful estimates.

Dwelling-houses

Definition

- A free-standing, complete, self-contained dwelling-unit on a separate premises is regarded as a dwelling-house.
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Notes

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- Duets are regarded as two units.

Low-cost housing

Definitions

- The People’s Housing Process allows people or beneficiaries to build or organise the building of their homes.
- Houses subsidised by the Project Linked Subsidies are built by contractors employed by the province or municipalities.

Abbreviations

- RDP - Reconstruction and Development Programme
- PHP - People’s Housing Process
- PLS - Project Linked Subsidies
Part 1 - Residential building plans passed during this month

1. Dwelling-house plans passed

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Residential building plans (excluding dwelling-house plans)

Townhouses

**Definition**
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**Include**
- Cluster housing
- Group housing
- Simplexes
- Duplexes
- Triplexes

Blocks of flats

**Definition**
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**Notes**
- A flat built onto an existing building is regarded as an addition and should be included under ‘Additions and alterations’ in Part 3.
- Retirement villages must, where applicable, be shown either against ‘Townhouses’ or against ‘Blocks of flats’.

Tourism accommodation and casinos

**Include**
- Hotels/Motels
- Guest houses
- Holiday chalets
- Entertainment centres
- Bed-and-breakfast accommodation
- Casinos

Other residential buildings

**Include**
- Institutions for the disabled
- Boarding houses
- Old people’s homes
- Hostels

Non-residential buildings

**Definition**
- A building consisting of offices and/or shops conjoined to flats in the same building, is regarded as a non-residential building, if the total area occupied by the offices and/or shops is more than 50 per cent of the total area of the building. (If not, it must be regarded as a block of flats.)

**Note**
- If, for example, a building is predominantly intended for office space, but includes shopping space and/or flats, the construction area and estimated cost of the complete building must be shown against ‘Office and banking space’ in Question 3 only.
Residential building plans (excluding dwelling-house plans) passed

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Part 2 - Non-residential building plans passed

4. Owned by the Private Sector

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5. Owned by the Public Sector

| Hospital and clinics                              |                           |                                               |                                       |
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### Plans for addition and alterations

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- Prefabricated walls
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- Pergolas
- Cages for birds
# Part 3 - Plans for additions and alterations passed

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Part 4 - Residential buildings completed during this month

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| Total | | |

11. Owned by the Public Sector

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Part 7 - Comments

13. To minimize queries from Stats SA regarding the data provided, please provide comments on:
   - Any information you have supplied in this questionnaire.
   - Significant differences between monthly figures.
   - Any unusual circumstances affecting the data provided.
   - Changes in local government institutions (e.g. amalgamation or split-up of local government institutions).
   - Questions where only estimates could be provided.
   - Any other difficulties with the completion of the questionnaire.

14. Please indicate your preferred way of reporting the information contained in this questionnaire

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Please retain a copy for your records.

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Thank you for completing this questionnaire.