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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

SELECTED BUILDING STATISTICS OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR REGARDING BUILDING PLANS PASSED AT CURRENT PRICES

Table A – Selected key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices: January to April 2008 versus January to April 2009

Estimates at current prices	January to April 2008	January to April 2009 1/	Difference in value between January to April 2008 and January to April 2009	Percentage change between January to April 2008 and January to April 2009
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	14 599 288	7 529 001	-7 070 287	-48,4
-Dwelling-houses	8 379 405	5 304 251	-3 075 154	-36,7
-Flats and townhouses	5 781 623	1 933 192	-3 848 431	-66,6
-Other residential buildings	438 260	291 558	-146 702	-33,5
Non-residential buildings	6 931 200	5 148 447	-1 782 753	-25,7
Additions and alterations	7 297 832	7 276 540	-21 292	-0,3
Total	28 828 320	19 953 988	-8 874 332	-30,8

1/ Apr. 2009 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 decreased

The value of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities (at current prices) during January to April 2009 decreased by 30,8% (-R8 874,3 million) compared with January to April 2008 (see Table A).

The largest decrease was reported for residential buildings (-48,4% or -R7 070,3 million), followed by non-residential buildings (-25,7% or -R1 782,8 million) and additions and alterations (-0,3% or -R21,3 million).

Table B – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level: January to April 2008 versus January to April 2009

Estimates at current prices	January to April 2008	January to April 2009 1/	Percentage contribution to the total value of building plans passed during January to April 2008	Percentage change between January to April 2008 and January to April 2009	Contribution (percentage points) to the percentage change in the value of building plans passed between January to April 2008 and January to April 2009 2/	Difference in value between January to April 2008 and January to April 2009
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	6 229 330	3 737 596	21,6	-40,0	-8,6	-2 491 734
Eastern Cape	1 092 194	850 551	3,8	-22,1	-0,8	-241 643
Northern Cape	183 886	123 286	0,6	-33,0	-0,2	-60 600
Free State	584 264	737 158	2,0	26,2	0,5	152 894
KwaZulu-Natal	5 609 748	3 322 047	19,5	-40,8	-7,9	-2 287 701
North West	826 804	905 897	2,9	9,6	0,3	79 093
Gauteng	12 438 781	9 196 675	43,1	-26,1	-11,2	-3 242 106
Mpumalanga	1 246 959	707 561	4,3	-43,3	-1,9	-539 398
Limpopo	616 354	373 217	2,1	-39,4	-0,8	-243 137
Total	28 828 320	19 953 988	100,0	-30,8	-30,8	-8 874 332

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2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between Jan. to Apr. 2008 and Jan. to Apr. 2009 with the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of building plans passed during Jan. to Apr. 2008, divided by 100.

Seven provinces reported decreases in the value of building plans passed during January to April 2009. The biggest contributor to the decrease of 30,8% was Gauteng (contributing -11,2 percentage points or -R3 242,1 million), followed by Western Cape (-8,6 percentage points or -R2 491,7 million) and KwaZulu-Natal (-7,9 percentage points or -R2 287,7 million) (see Table B).

SELECTED BUILDING STATISTICS OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR REGARDING BUILDING PLANS PASSED AT CONSTANT PRICES

Table C – Selected key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2005 prices: January to April 2008 versus January to April 2009

Estimates at constant 2005 prices	January to April 2008	January to April 2009	Difference in value between January to April 2008 and January to April 2009	Percentage change between January to April 2008 and January to April 2009
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	11 314 509	5 441 528	-5 872 981	-51,9
Non-residential buildings	5 351 416	3 720 117	-1 631 299	-30,5
Additions and alterations	5 679 364	5 246 299	-433 065	-7,6
Total	22 345 289	14 407 944	-7 937 345	-35,5

1/ Apr. 2009 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Total real value of recorded building plans passed decreased

The real value of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities (at constant 2005 prices) during January to April 2009 decreased by 35,5% (-R7 937,3 million) compared with January to April 2008. The biggest decrease for January to April 2009 was reported for residential buildings (-51,9% or -R5 873,0 million), followed by non-residential buildings (-30,5% or -R1 631,3 million) and additions and alterations (-7,6% or -R433,1 million) (see Table C).

Table D – Seasonally adjusted key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2005 prices: current quarter versus previous quarter

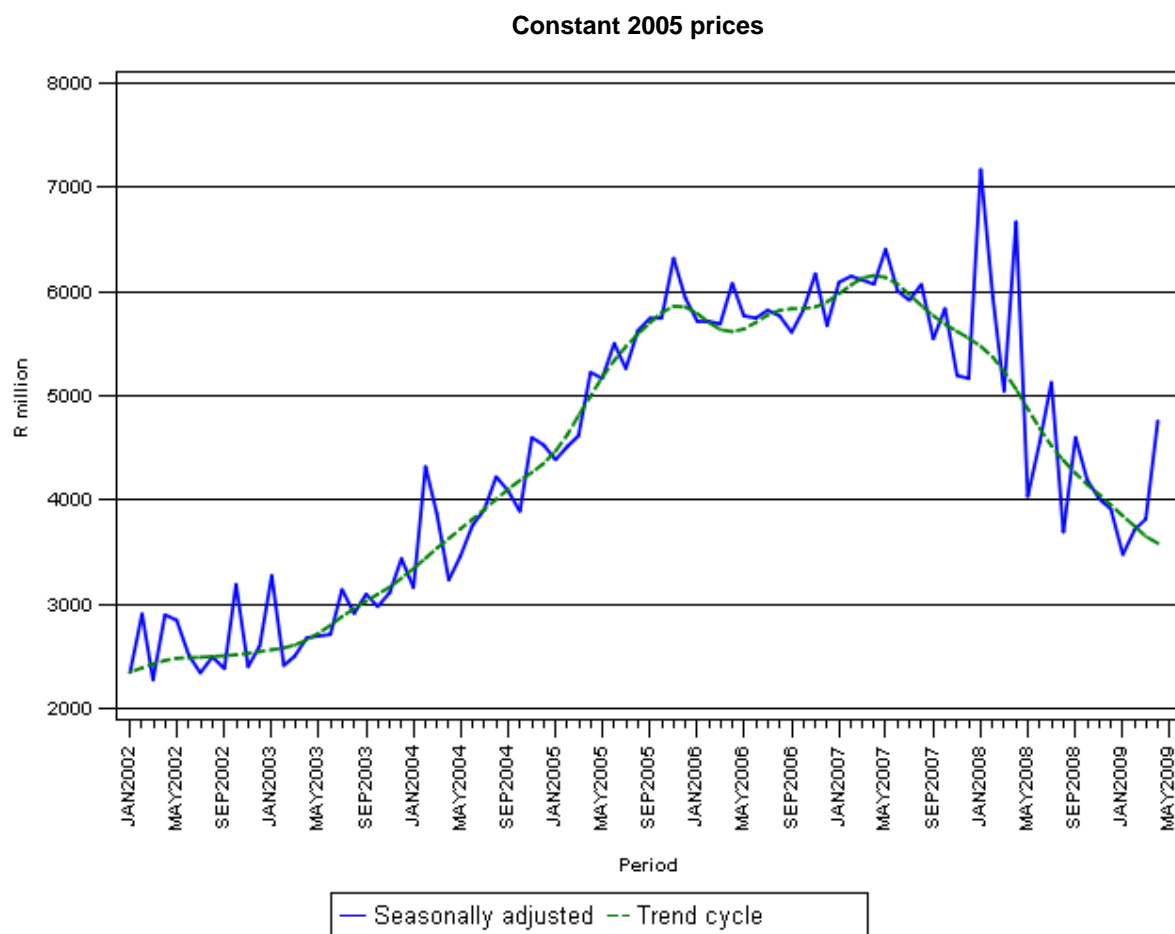
Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2005 prices	November 2008 to January 2009	February to April 2009	Percentage change between November 2008 to January 2009 and February to April 2009
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	5 054 275	4 433 338	-12,3
Non-residential buildings	3 020 021	3 013 542	-0,2
Additions and alterations	3 328 030	4 845 862	45,6
Total	11 402 326	12 292 742	7,8

Seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed increased

The seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities during the three months ending April 2009 increased by 7,8% compared with the previous three months ending January 2009. This was due to a large increase reported for additions and alterations (45,6%). However, decreases were reported for residential buildings (-12,3%) and non-residential buildings (-0,2%) (see Table D).

Figure 1 shows both the seasonally adjusted and the trend series for recorded building plans passed at constant 2005 prices between January 2002 and April 2009. The large increase in the seasonally adjusted value at constant 2005 prices for April 2009 was mainly due to an increase in plans passed for additions to non-residential buildings in Gauteng (see Table 16, page 24).

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



SELECTED BUILDING STATISTICS OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR REGARDING BUILDINGS COMPLETED AT CURRENT PRICES

Table E – Selected key figures regarding buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices: January to April 2008 versus January to April 2009

Estimates at current prices	January to April 2008	January to April 2009 1/	Difference in value between January to April 2008 and January to April 2009	Percentage change between January to April 2008 and January to April 2009
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	9 182 515	8 528 200	-654 315	-7,1
-Dwelling-houses	5 791 660	5 089 058	-702 602	-12,1
-Flats and townhouses	3 219 424	3 171 936	-47 488	-1,5
-Other residential buildings	171 431	267 206	95 775	55,9
Non-residential buildings	3 388 182	3 907 278	519 096	15,3
Additions and alterations	3 171 327	4 385 891	1 214 564	38,3
Total	15 742 024	16 821 369	1 079 345	6,9

1/ Apr. 2009 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 increased at a slower pace

As indicated in Table E, the value of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities (at current prices) during January to April 2009 increased by 6,9% (R1 079,3 million) compared with January to April 2008. In the first quarter of 2009 the annual increase was 17,3%.

Increases during the first four months were reported for additions and alterations (38,3% or R1 214,6 million) and non-residential buildings (15,3% or R519,1 million). Residential buildings recorded a decrease of 7,1% (-R654,3 million) during the above-mentioned period.

Table F – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level: January to April 2008 versus January to April 2009

Estimates at current prices	January to April 2008	January to April 2009 1/	Percentage contribution to the total value of buildings completed during January to April 2008	Percentage change between January to April 2008 and January to April 2009	Contribution (percentage points) to the percentage change in the value of buildings completed between January to April 2008 and January to April 2009 2/	Difference in value between January to April 2008 and January to April 2009
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	3 915 989	4 365 397	24,9	11,5	2,9	449 408
Eastern Cape	620 176	560 410	3,9	-9,6	-0,4	-59 766
Northern Cape	103 802	112 992	0,7	8,9	0,1	9 190
Free State	271 876	612 632	1,7	125,3	2,2	340 756
KwaZulu-Natal	2 544 049	2 951 836	16,2	16,0	2,6	407 787
North West	601 468	504 796	3,8	-16,1	-0,6	-96 672
Gauteng	6 976 272	6 910 950	44,3	-0,9	-0,4	-65 322
Mpumalanga	528 623	607 854	3,4	15,0	0,5	79 231
Limpopo	179 769	194 502	1,1	8,2	0,1	14 733
Total	15 742 024	16 821 369	100,0	6,9	6,9	1 079 345

1/ Apr. 2009 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 Jan. to Apr. 2008 and Jan. to Apr. 2009 with the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of buildings completed during Jan. to Apr. 2008, divided by 100.

Six provinces reported increases in the value of buildings completed during January to April 2009. The largest contributor to the increase of 6,9% was Western Cape (2,9 percentage points or R449,4 million), followed by KwaZulu-Natal (2,6 percentage points or R407,8 million) and Free State (2,2 percentage points or R340,8 million) (see Table F).

SELECTED BUILDING STATISTICS OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR REGARDING BUILDINGS COMPLETED AT CONSTANT PRICES

Table G – Selected key figures regarding buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2005 prices: January to April 2008 versus January to April 2009

Estimates at constant 2005 prices	January to April 2008	January to April 2009 1/	Difference in value between January to April 2008 and January to April 2009	Percentage change between January to April 2008 and January to April 2009
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	7 658 923	6 230 691	-1 428 232	-18,6
Non-residential buildings	3 026 371	3 200 966	174 595	5,8
Additions and alterations	2 729 973	3 412 349	682 376	25,0
Total	13 415 267	12 844 006	-571 261	-4,3

1/ Apr. 2009 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Total real value of buildings reported as completed decreased

As indicated in Table G, the real value of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities (at constant 2005 prices) during January to April 2009 decreased by 4,3% (-R571,3 million) compared with January to April 2008. Increases in the real value of buildings completed were reported for additions and alterations (25,0% or R682,4 million) and non-residential buildings (5,8% or R174,6 million). However, a decrease was reported for residential buildings (-18,6% or -R1 428,2 million).

Table H – Seasonally adjusted key figures regarding buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2005 prices: current quarter versus previous quarter

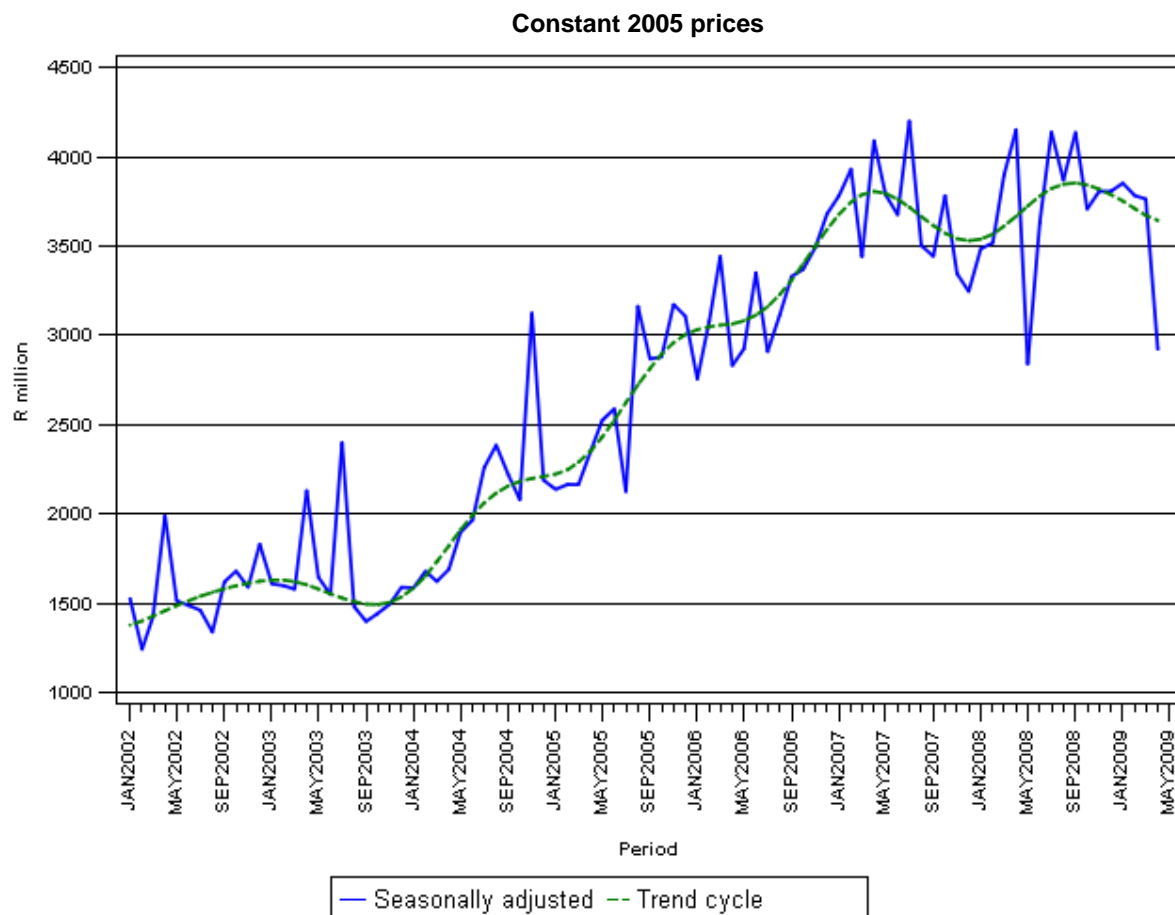
Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2005 prices	November 2008 to January 2009	February to April 2009	Percentage change between November 2008 to January 2009 and February to April 2009
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	6 025 335	5 164 366	-14,3
Non-residential buildings	2 985 667	2 651 518	-11,2
Additions and alterations	2 451 589	2 650 627	8,1
Total	11 462 591	10 466 511	-8,7

Seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed decreased

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities during the three months ending April 2009 decreased by 8,7% compared with the previous three months ending January 2009. Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-14,3%) and non-residential buildings (-11,2%). However, an increase was reported for additions and alterations (8,1%) (see Table H).

Figure 2 shows both the seasonally adjusted and trend series for buildings reported as completed to municipalities at constant 2005 prices between January 2002 and April 2009. The large decrease in the seasonally adjusted value at constant 2005 prices for April 2009 was due to decreases reported for residential buildings and additions and alterations (see Table 8, page 16).

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		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/
2008	January	2 892 141	-1,8	1 828 127	81,3	2 188 261	56,9	6 908 529	29,2
	February	4 264 074	15,9	1 139 581	-19,7	1 880 843	11,7	7 284 498	7,4
	March	3 496 952	-16,8	1 373 268	36,6	1 437 699	-12,2	6 307 919	-7,8
	April	3 946 121	6,0	2 590 224	108,5	1 791 029	9,9	8 327 374	26,2
	May	2 947 192	-36,5	1 468 612	-1,5	1 758 866	-24,6	6 174 670	-27,0
	June	3 413 668	-20,1	1 189 164	-17,2	1 963 226	9,5	6 566 058	-12,5
	July	4 268 688	-1,9	1 732 443	20,5	2 225 901	-3,2	8 227 032	1,7
	August	2 912 595	-29,8	1 106 661	-35,7	1 774 338	-22,4	5 793 594	-29,0
	September	2 969 508	-20,7	1 742 698	13,1	2 187 909	22,4	6 900 115	-2,4
	October	2 954 133	-29,2	1 704 012	11,2	2 297 767	-9,1	6 955 912	-15,5
	November	2 490 812	-31,2	1 510 386	47,5	1 757 400	-7,6	5 758 598	-12,0
	December	1 942 865	-23,2	999 601	-12,1	1 328 000	-3,2	4 270 466	-15,3
	Total	38 498 749	-16,4	18 384 777	14,9	22 591 239	-0,2	79 474 765	-6,1
2009	January*	1 607 703	-44,4	1 117 084	-38,9	986 940	-54,9	3 711 727	-46,3
	February*	2 227 487	-47,8	1 242 050	9,0	1 471 350	-21,8	4 940 887	-32,2
	March	1 922 188	-45,0	1 682 280	22,5	1 476 597	2,7	5 081 065	-19,4
	April 2/	1 771 623	-55,1	1 107 033	-57,3	3 341 653	86,6	6 220 309	-25,3

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

*Revised.

Table 2 – Seasonally adjusted values 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		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2008	January	3 858 507	18,6	2 298 234	57,3	2 886 717	70,0	9 043 458	41,0
	February	4 362 708	13,1	1 245 524	-45,8	2 043 526	-29,2	7 651 758	-15,4
	March	3 604 429	-17,4	1 362 919	9,4	1 612 197	-21,1	6 579 545	-14,0
	April	4 350 001	20,7	2 754 678	102,1	1 895 884	17,6	9 000 563	36,8
	May	2 580 599	-40,7	1 397 384	-49,3	1 617 295	-14,7	5 595 278	-37,8
	June	3 130 854	21,3	1 272 662	-8,9	1 932 771	19,5	6 336 287	13,2
	July	3 785 796	20,9	1 511 838	18,8	1 926 742	-0,3	7 224 376	14,0
	August	2 703 186	-28,6	889 857	-41,1	1 659 517	-13,9	5 252 560	-27,3
	September	2 824 122	4,5	1 710 741	92,2	2 012 219	21,3	6 547 082	24,6
	October	2 693 249	-4,6	1 425 134	-16,7	1 857 940	-7,7	5 976 323	-8,7
	November	2 433 696	-9,6	1 525 360	7,0	1 708 689	-8,0	5 667 745	-5,2
	December	2 509 835	3,1	1 299 599	-14,8	1 654 709	-3,2	5 464 143	-3,6
2009	January	2 136 309	-14,9	1 397 937	7,6	1 293 198	-21,8	4 827 444	-11,7
	February	2 264 981	6,0	1 347 903	-3,6	1 597 460	23,5	5 210 344	7,9
	March	1 966 512	-13,2	1 714 217	27,2	1 674 300	4,8	5 355 029	2,8
	April	1 949 431	-0,9	1 182 439	-31,0	3 529 824	110,8	6 661 694	24,4
	Nov.08 - Jan.09	7 079 840		4 222 896		4 656 596		15 959 332	
	Feb. - Apr.09 2/	6 180 924	-12,7	4 244 559	0,5	6 801 584	46,1	17 227 067	7,9

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

Table 3 – Value and percentage change of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2005 prices by type of building

Year and month		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/
2008	January	2 319 279	-9,1	1 466 020	67,8	1 754 820	45,2	5 540 119	19,5
	February	3 362 834	5,6	898 723	-26,9	1 483 315	1,7	5 744 872	-2,2
	March	2 694 108	-25,7	1 057 988	22,0	1 107 626	-21,6	4 859 722	-17,7
	April	2 938 288	-7,0	1 928 685	83,0	1 333 603	-3,5	6 200 576	10,8
	May	2 127 936	-45,1	1 060 370	-14,9	1 269 939	-34,8	4 458 245	-36,9
	June	2 443 571	-31,1	851 227	-28,5	1 405 316	-5,5	4 700 114	-24,5
	July	3 008 237	-16,3	1 220 890	2,8	1 568 641	-17,4	5 797 768	-13,2
	August	2 021 232	-40,5	767 981	-45,5	1 231 324	-34,3	4 020 537	-39,8
	September	2 069 344	-32,6	1 214 424	-3,8	1 524 675	4,1	4 808 443	-17,0
	October	2 065 827	-39,2	1 191 617	-4,5	1 606 830	-21,9	4 864 274	-27,4
	November	1 764 031	-40,1	1 069 678	28,5	1 244 618	-19,5	4 078 327	-23,4
	December	1 398 751	-31,7	719 655	-21,8	956 084	-13,9	3 074 490	-24,7
	Total	28 213 438	-26,5	13 447 258	0,9	16 486 791	-12,5	58 147 487	-17,6
2009	January*	1 172 650	-49,4	814 795	-44,4	719 869	-59,0	2 707 314	-51,1
	February*	1 614 121	-52,0	900 036	0,1	1 066 196	-28,1	3 580 353	-37,7
	March	1 383 865	-48,6	1 211 145	14,5	1 063 065	-4,0	3 658 075	-24,7
	April 2/	1 270 892	-56,7	794 141	-58,8	2 397 169	79,8	4 462 202	-28,0

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

* Revised.

Table 4 – Seasonally adjusted values and percentage change of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2005 prices by type of building

Year and month		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/
2008	January	3 049 836	16,1	1 822 922	55,5	2 298 936	68,2	7 171 694	38,8
	February	3 396 810	11,4	968 675	-46,9	1 586 371	-31,0	5 951 856	-17,0
	March	2 792 942	-17,8	1 027 748	6,1	1 224 020	-22,8	5 044 710	-15,2
	April	3 219 505	15,3	2 046 072	99,1	1 405 503	14,8	6 671 080	32,2
	May	1 858 950	-42,3	1 012 528	-50,5	1 162 128	-17,3	4 033 606	-39,5
	June	2 249 645	21,0	915 242	-9,6	1 391 861	19,8	4 556 748	13,0
	July	2 682 450	19,2	1 075 157	17,5	1 371 580	-1,5	5 129 187	12,6
	August	1 897 971	-29,2	624 953	-41,9	1 169 892	-14,7	3 692 816	-28,0
	September	1 981 302	4,4	1 204 423	92,7	1 416 575	21,1	4 602 300	24,6
	October	1 888 000	-4,7	1 002 112	-16,8	1 305 124	-7,9	4 195 236	-8,8
	November	1 717 921	-9,0	1 086 011	8,4	1 207 492	-7,5	4 011 424	-4,4
	December	1 803 113	5,0	926 726	-14,7	1 184 550	-1,9	3 914 389	-2,4
2009	January	1 533 241	-15,0	1 007 284	8,7	935 988	-21,0	3 476 513	-11,2
	February	1 618 738	5,6	962 161	-4,5	1 137 753	21,6	3 718 652	7,0
	March	1 424 751	-12,0	1 205 228	25,3	1 186 648	4,3	3 816 627	2,6
	April	1 389 849	-2,4	846 153	-29,8	2 521 461	112,5	4 757 463	24,7
	Nov.08 - Jan.09	5 054 275		3 020 021		3 328 030		11 402 326	
	Feb. - Apr.09 2/	4 433 338	-12,3	3 013 542	-0,2	4 845 862	45,6	12 292 742	7,8

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

Table 5 – 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		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2008	January	1 672 765	-2,3	682 572	30,5	619 658	-9,7	2 974 995	1,9
	February	2 236 930	-3,4	647 316	-27,7	932 253	60,4	3 816 499	0,7
	March	2 613 608	18,4	1 180 297	50,1	841 243	20,0	4 635 148	25,5
	April	2 659 212	3,4	877 997	33,5	778 173	33,2	4 315 382	13,2
	May	1 890 393	-33,3	758 103	1,0	782 703	24,9	3 431 199	-18,6
	June	2 632 489	-4,0	926 051	51,8	835 780	20,2	4 394 320	8,6
	July	2 641 774	-10,3	1 610 436	37,7	1 006 436	31,1	5 258 646	7,7
	August	2 828 886	-0,6	1 180 478	109,2	974 027	19,4	4 983 391	17,9
	September	3 154 406	30,2	1 281 359	27,1	1 021 988	46,7	5 457 753	32,2
	October	3 196 479	20,6	1 067 950	-13,1	926 921	4,0	5 191 350	8,8
	November	2 744 135	-1,3	1 460 078	109,1	1 285 733	40,0	5 489 946	24,9
	December	2 829 547	8,2	1 048 490	67,2	755 947	68,8	4 633 984	25,6
	Total	31 100 624	1,5	12 721 127	33,6	10 760 862	27,9	54 582 613	12,4
2009	January	2 058 515	23,1	686 831	0,6	964 252	55,6	3 709 598	24,7
	February*	2 396 258	7,1	1 109 410	71,4	1 115 753	19,7	4 621 421	21,1
	March	2 292 441	-12,3	1 144 599	-3,0	1 634 539	94,3	5 071 579	9,4
	April 2/	1 780 986	-33,0	966 438	10,1	671 347	-13,7	3 418 771	-20,8

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

* Revised.

Table 6 – Seasonally adjusted values 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		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2008	January	2 397 749	-1,7	917 231	18,6	698 706	26,8	4 013 686	6,7
	February	2 485 497	3,7	675 013	-26,4	941 255	34,7	4 101 765	2,2
	March	2 720 769	9,5	988 492	46,4	806 815	-14,3	4 516 076	10,1
	April	3 032 468	11,5	1 064 601	7,7	889 417	10,2	4 986 486	10,4
	May	1 861 445	-38,6	749 186	-29,6	791 843	-11,0	3 402 474	-31,8
	June	2 560 303	37,5	967 472	29,1	849 273	7,3	4 377 048	28,6
	July	2 504 285	-2,2	1 523 109	57,4	964 920	13,6	4 992 314	14,1
	August	2 613 634	4,4	1 167 793	-23,3	948 008	-1,8	4 729 435	-5,3
	September	2 896 822	10,8	1 225 421	4,9	984 430	3,8	5 106 673	8,0
	October	2 970 999	2,6	824 728	-32,7	877 935	-10,8	4 673 662	-8,5
	November	2 408 786	-18,9	1 352 455	64,0	1 024 159	16,7	4 785 400	2,4
	December	2 627 968	9,1	1 296 385	-4,1	938 248	-8,4	4 862 601	1,6
2009	January	2 945 863	12,1	935 892	-27,8	1 083 362	15,5	4 965 117	2,1
	February	2 653 799	-9,9	1 123 589	20,1	1 124 640	3,8	4 902 028	-1,3
	March	2 388 965	-10,0	964 421	-14,2	1 557 416	38,5	4 910 802	0,2
	April	2 036 746	-14,7	1 140 992	18,3	767 314	-50,7	3 945 052	-19,7
	Nov.08 - Jan.09	7 982 617		3 584 732		3 045 769		14 613 118	
	Feb. - Apr.09 2/	7 079 510	-11,3	3 229 002	-9,9	3 449 370	13,3	13 757 882	-5,9

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

Table 7 – Value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2005 prices by type of building

Year and month		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/
2008	January	1 405 211	-12,1	622 785	19,8	536 965	-19,4	2 564 961	-7,9
	February	1 867 106	-12,3	577 445	-34,7	807 145	43,7	3 251 696	-9,1
	March	2 185 216	8,3	1 049 153	35,4	725 835	7,4	3 960 204	14,2
	April	2 201 390	-6,5	776 988	20,0	660 028	18,3	3 638 406	2,2
	May	1 548 776	-39,3	663 838	-9,8	653 887	10,8	2 866 501	-26,0
	June	2 154 745	-12,4	806 665	35,2	693 593	7,8	3 655 003	-1,2
	July	2 139 469	-17,9	1 395 525	22,9	831 078	18,7	4 366 072	-1,7
	August	2 265 574	-8,9	1 022 059	87,5	797 729	9,7	4 085 362	8,7
	September	2 494 760	17,9	1 105 573	13,7	837 695	35,3	4 438 028	19,7
	October	2 482 458	8,8	905 810	-22,8	754 822	-4,3	4 143 090	-2,4
	November	2 058 264	-12,9	1 219 781	85,5	1 045 311	30,0	4 323 356	13,0
	December	2 129 284	-3,5	870 116	49,8	612 103	56,9	3 611 503	13,7
	Total	24 932 253	-8,2	11 015 738	19,4	8 956 191	15,9	44 904 182	1,8
2009	January	1 535 648	9,3	567 160	-8,9	773 257	44,0	2 876 065	12,1
	February*	1 753 364	-6,1	908 608	57,3	879 931	9,0	3 541 903	8,9
	March	1 664 678	-23,8	938 196	-10,6	1 259 275	73,5	3 862 149	-2,5
	April 2/	1 277 001	-42,0	787 002	1,3	499 886	-24,3	2 563 889	-29,5

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

*Revised.

Table 8 – Seasonally adjusted values and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2005 prices by type of building

Year and month		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/
2008	January	2 041 009	-0,5	840 470	17,1	602 070	26,4	3 483 549	7,3
	February	2 094 429	2,6	606 654	-27,8	816 175	35,6	3 517 258	1,0
	March	2 324 694	11,0	881 618	45,3	691 435	-15,3	3 897 747	10,8
	April	2 453 934	5,6	943 094	7,0	753 787	9,0	4 150 815	6,5
	May	1 521 895	-38,0	655 235	-30,5	661 737	-12,2	2 838 867	-31,6
	June	2 086 615	37,1	838 324	27,9	705 526	6,6	3 630 465	27,9
	July	2 012 068	-3,6	1 323 430	57,9	802 243	13,7	4 137 741	14,0
	August	2 078 703	3,3	1 005 828	-24,0	783 663	-2,3	3 868 194	-6,5
	September	2 275 886	9,5	1 049 661	4,4	810 018	3,4	4 135 565	6,9
	October	2 297 454	0,9	697 853	-33,5	710 997	-12,2	3 706 304	-10,4
	November	1 840 818	-19,9	1 131 199	62,1	833 575	17,2	3 805 592	2,7
	December	1 973 168	7,2	1 078 204	-4,7	754 275	-9,5	3 805 647	-0,0
2009	January	2 211 349	12,1	776 264	-28,0	863 739	14,5	3 851 352	1,2
	February	1 965 332	-11,1	927 558	19,5	888 517	2,9	3 781 407	-1,8
	March	1 777 943	-9,5	793 552	-14,4	1 191 438	34,1	3 762 933	-0,5
	April	1 421 091	-20,1	930 408	17,2	570 672	-52,1	2 922 171	-22,3
	Nov.08 - Jan.09	6 025 335		2 985 667		2 451 589		11 462 591	
	Feb. - Apr.09 2/	5 164 366	-14,3	2 651 518	-11,2	2 650 627	8,1	10 466 511	-8,7

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

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	Apr. 2008*	Mar. 2009	Apr. 2009	Jan. - Apr. 2008	Jan. - Apr. 2009	% Change 1/
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 588	1 874	1 469	8 345	8 385	0,5
		square metres	76 162	77 764	66 415	384 773	366 380	-4,8
		R'000	200 382	166 476	136 762	872 788	653 002	-25,2
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 981	1 270	1 044	7 769	4 544	-41,5
		square metres	505 057	322 647	283 443	1 991 234	1 177 658	-40,9
		R'000	1 942 993	1 282 178	1 129 247	7 506 617	4 651 249	-38,0
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	3 298	1 007	1 204	11 839	4 666	-60,6
		square metres	421 936	98 032	111 417	1 399 134	455 316	-67,5
		R'000	1 738 564	436 275	466 132	5 781 623	1 933 192	-66,6
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	16 242	8 923	8 794	105 857	65 907	-37,7
		R'000	64 182	37 259	39 482	438 260	291 558	-33,5
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	3 946 121	1 922 188	1 771 623	14 599 288	7 529 001	-48,4
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	126 941	58 426	109 021	340 600	291 920	-14,3
		R'000	568 251	249 096	637 792	1 531 783	1 550 049	1,2
	2. Shopping space	square metres	229 752	145 046	20 409	659 308	284 279	-56,9
		R'000	1 113 672	673 602	85 129	2 946 042	1 261 989	-57,2
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	229 482	182 669	99 983	702 314	586 424	-16,5
		R'000	704 261	566 151	332 486	2 122 780	1 797 663	-15,3
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	45 088	41 685	13 352	85 692	120 652	40,8
		R'000	204 040	193 431	51 626	330 595	538 746	63,0
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	2 590 224	1 682 280	1 107 033	6 931 200	5 148 447	-25,7
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	327 648	301 273	231 732	1 314 684	996 433	-24,2
		R'000	1 162 523	1 132 343	882 808	4 706 572	3 723 417	-20,9
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	133 806	78 114	549 106	590 923	802 329	35,8
		R'000	628 506	344 254	2 458 845	2 591 260	3 553 123	37,1
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 791 029	1 476 597	3 341 653	7 297 832	7 276 540	-0,3
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	8 327 374	5 081 065	6 220 309	28 828 320	19 953 988	-30,8

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2008 and 2009.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, 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.

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

			Apr. 2008*	Mar. 2009	Apr. 2009	Jan. - Apr. 2008	Jan. - Apr. 2009	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	322	153	412	1 393	1 476	6,0
		square metres	17 229	7 115	17 079	68 567	62 338	-9,1
		R'000	43 542	16 793	26 601	134 920	103 524	-23,3
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	475	234	184	1 881	802	-57,4
		square metres	115 383	69 310	53 176	478 689	226 759	-52,6
		R'000	434 986	279 353	219 820	1 790 600	918 340	-48,7
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	864	313	378	3 153	1 103	-65,0
		square metres	90 300	33 155	25 963	331 616	100 832	-69,6
		R'000	342 011	141 327	113 519	1 220 630	409 900	-66,4
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	4 457	652	1 091	9 554	16 915	77,0
		R'000	13 845	2 745	4 319	32 751	82 246	151,1
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	834 384	440 218	364 259	3 178 901	1 514 010	-52,4
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	33 658	34 003	2 930	63 732	49 478	-22,4
		R'000	135 683	148 675	13 114	251 302	213 621	-15,0
	2. Shopping space	square metres	21 700	5 181	9 561	66 906	34 311	-48,7
		R'000	77 692	23 778	40 177	253 409	146 185	-42,3
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	62 090	25 087	27 692	218 306	77 022	-64,7
		R'000	213 014	96 034	104 014	703 327	276 541	-60,7
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	35 078	4 892	2 800	48 505	18 338	-62,2
		R'000	161 638	19 476	11 186	193 551	69 420	-64,1
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	588 027	287 963	168 491	1 401 589	705 767	-49,6
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	96 710	87 770	68 136	351 408	279 705
R'000			321 039	327 790	256 168	1 148 477	1 015 091	-11,6
2. Other buildings 4/		square metres	39 381	22 057	31 273	108 612	88 726	-18,3
		R'000	176 373	118 233	174 325	500 363	502 728	0,5
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	497 412	446 023	430 493	1 648 840	1 517 819	-7,9
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	1 919 823	1 174 204	963 243	6 229 330	3 737 596	-40,0

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2008 and 2009.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, 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.

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	Apr. 2008*	Mar. 2009	Apr. 2009	Jan. - Apr. 2008	Jan. - Apr. 2009	% Change 1/
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	22	103	439	228	1 694	643,0
		square metres	1 185	4 529	17 940	10 174	69 208	580,2
		R'000	2 698	10 447	32 326	16 230	89 483	451,3
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	90	65	88	339	327	-3,5
		square metres	23 634	13 547	18 281	95 288	69 200	-27,4
		R'000	76 376	46 429	65 070	313 234	240 047	-23,4
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	0	49	13	4	176	4 300,0
		square metres	0	3 555	1 089	498	15 780	3 068,7
		R'000	0	7 760	3 411	1 263	47 006	3 621,8
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	108	0	0	1 685	0	..
		R'000	211	0	0	4 400	0	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	79 285	64 636	100 807	335 127	376 536	12,4
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	11 008	1 665	282	14 443	7 034	-51,3
		R'000	33 090	4 648	924	41 479	21 603	-47,9
	2. Shopping space	square metres	14 513	3 498	0	122 262	6 712	-94,5
		R'000	41 819	9 115	0	451 782	19 199	-95,8
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	5 344	24 908	662	19 099	32 850	72,0
		R'000	10 408	54 996	1 935	42 201	73 382	73,9
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	428	3 500	1 323	2 759	8 944	224,2
		R'000	1 054	8 613	3 938	8 005	26 833	235,2
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	86 371	77 372	6 797	543 467	141 017	-74,1
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	15 261	28 287	16 407	69 450	84 419	21,6
		R'000	36 930	86 877	52 833	175 014	254 002	45,1
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	3 346	5 654	12 530	13 008	26 781	105,9
		R'000	9 202	15 139	38 336	38 586	78 996	104,7
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	46 132	102 016	91 169	213 600	332 998	55,9
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	211 788	244 024	198 773	1 092 194	850 551	-22,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2008 and 2009.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, 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.

* Revised.

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	Apr. 2008*	Mar. 2009	Apr. 2009	Jan. - Apr. 2008	Jan. - Apr. 2009	% Change 1/
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	1	0	10	1	-90,0
		square metres	183	42	0	461	42	-90,9
		R'000	753	188	0	1 241	188	-84,9
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	19	13	8	78	46	-41,0
		square metres	3 519	2 751	1 944	16 187	9 755	-39,7
		R'000	11 593	9 347	7 496	53 720	36 150	-32,7
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	0	7	6	112	13	-88,4
		square metres	0	798	276	7 642	1 074	-85,9
		R'000	0	3 040	828	20 206	3 868	-80,9
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	240	0	0	2 407	328	-86,4
		R'000	720	0	0	8 305	1 246	-85,0
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	13 066	12 575	8 324	83 472	41 452	-50,3
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	4 561	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	13 152	0	..
	2. Shopping space	square metres	317	600	336	2 940	936	-68,2
		R'000	1 305	2 700	1 512	10 299	4 212	-59,1
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	932	0	5 200	3 291	6 838	107,8
		R'000	2 610	0	15 000	8 805	20 569	133,6
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	364	0	0	1 217	2 300	89,0
		R'000	1 019	0	0	3 241	7 850	142,2
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	4 934	2 700	16 512	35 497	32 631	-8,1
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 205	4 204	3 021	18 683	12 620	-32,5
		R'000	12 420	14 061	9 691	56 531	41 156	-27,2
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	349	463	493	2 718	2 148	-21,0
		R'000	1 472	1 485	1 663	8 386	8 047	-4,0
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	13 892	15 546	11 354	64 917	49 203	-24,2
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	31 892	30 821	36 190	183 886	123 286	-33,0

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2008 and 2009.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, 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.

* Revised.

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	Apr. 2008	Mar. 2009	Apr. 2009	Jan. - Apr. 2008	Jan. - Apr. 2009	% Change 1/
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	11	231	240	46	722	1 469,6
		square metres	654	9 746	9 722	2 923	29 764	918,3
		R'000	1 655	14 457	12 811	6 857	41 216	501,1
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	77	72	72	380	297	-21,8
		square metres	16 757	16 180	16 018	92 339	65 621	-28,9
		R'000	49 023	52 803	50 103	266 541	212 925	-20,1
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	37	21	362	147	428	191,2
		square metres	4 954	3 550	36 596	17 385	45 749	163,2
		R'000	14 060	12 185	146 384	48 664	179 835	269,5
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	278	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	920	0	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	64 738	79 445	209 298	322 982	433 976	34,4
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	2 012	0	0	6 679	896	-86,6
		R'000	7 243	0	0	22 313	4 032	-81,9
	2. Shopping space	square metres	3 842	376	2 153	4 998	19 675	293,7
		R'000	12 737	1 692	7 942	16 379	85 070	419,4
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	6 941	9 445	0	9 980	12 336	23,6
		R'000	19 025	20 399	0	27 122	28 331	4,5
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	369	940	836	4 441	3 181	-28,4
		R'000	1 158	4 230	2 983	14 173	10 252	-27,7
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	40 163	26 321	10 925	79 987	127 685	59,6
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	11 596	11 067	9 623	54 891	44 007	-19,8
		R'000	30 826	33 172	28 779	136 778	132 099	-3,4
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	466	1 808	6 880	8 812	9 704	10,1
		R'000	3 218	10 719	25 586	44 517	43 398	-2,5
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	34 044	43 891	54 365	181 295	175 497	-3,2
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	138 945	149 657	274 588	584 264	737 158	26,2

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2008 and 2009.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, 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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	Apr. 2008*	Mar. 2009	Apr. 2009	Jan. - Apr. 2008	Jan. - Apr. 2009	% Change 1/
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	336	42	49	1 346	188	-86,0
		square metres	12 091	2 313	2 869	47 974	10 687	-77,7
		R'000	28 701	8 567	11 252	116 675	41 496	-64,4
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	200	131	141	768	521	-32,2
		square metres	56 573	34 851	35 700	223 756	134 312	-40,0
		R'000	277 748	181 154	173 560	1 042 478	673 458	-35,4
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	534	338	92	2 145	663	-69,1
		square metres	135 830	32 555	19 214	335 117	104 402	-68,8
		R'000	654 796	164 657	104 559	1 682 840	527 258	-68,7
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	8 291	593	1 540	11 374	2 133	-81,2
		R'000	39 803	2 965	5 200	61 026	8 165	-86,6
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	1 001 048	357 343	294 571	2 903 019	1 250 377	-56,9
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	28 509	14 831	17 462	71 153	66 504	-6,5
		R'000	101 267	52 625	87 971	304 348	309 822	1,8
	2. Shopping space	square metres	5 986	1 107	4 294	111 043	28 317	-74,5
		R'000	30 527	2 948	18 947	568 535	114 453	-79,9
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	29 100	30 949	17 873	155 290	145 475	-6,3
		R'000	92 214	109 325	61 093	457 460	496 527	8,5
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	2 070	2 274	1 806	8 219	38 916	373,5
		R'000	8 283	8 877	8 030	34 801	187 062	437,5
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	232 291	173 775	176 041	1 365 144	1 107 864	-18,8
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	51 347	33 860	30 196	204 880	133 849	-34,7
		R'000	218 668	155 174	136 652	869 805	602 779	-30,7
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	24 756	15 151	15 097	102 434	86 110	-15,9
		R'000	144 706	77 405	62 709	471 780	361 027	-23,5
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	363 374	232 579	199 361	1 341 585	963 806	-28,2
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	1 596 713	763 697	669 973	5 609 748	3 322 047	-40,8

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2008 and 2009.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, 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.

*Revised.

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

			Apr. 2008*	Mar. 2009	Apr. 2009	Jan. - Apr. 2008	Jan. - Apr. 2009	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	108	232	92	255	1 959	668,2
		square metres	5 705	11 856	5 146	15 018	92 418	515,4
		R'000	12 671	40 623	17 710	32 465	152 813	370,7
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	225	133	83	730	461	-36,8
		square metres	42 916	22 914	20 376	145 479	88 955	-38,9
		R'000	120 621	75 543	73 148	417 068	302 990	-27,4
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	83	15	32	428	187	-56,3
		square metres	6 594	1 489	2 536	45 514	16 174	-64,5
		R'000	16 621	4 318	10 473	136 443	62 422	-54,3
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 958	1 411	0	2 464	3 465	40,6
		R'000	6 853	3 600	0	7 934	11 066	39,5
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	156 766	124 084	101 331	593 910	529 291	-10,9
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	2 075	569	0	15 704	8 325	-47,0
		R'000	7 149	2 227	0	44 915	33 171	-26,1
	2. Shopping space	square metres	1 798	34 187	730	16 494	34 917	111,7
		R'000	5 000	136 740	3 652	42 861	140 392	227,6
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	6 021	806	527	11 383	1 633	-85,7
		R'000	6 770	1 932	2 371	16 911	5 503	-67,5
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	588	410	3 921	1 960	4 948	152,4
		R'000	1 050	1 311	15 226	5 012	18 899	277,1
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	19 969	142 210	21 249	109 699	197 965	80,5
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	12 724	15 458	10 892	42 088	48 932	16,3
		R'000	27 922	47 503	34 856	95 095	148 959	56,6
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	761	3 068	1 182	10 117	9 538	-5,7
		R'000	3 210	8 726	4 215	28 100	29 682	5,6
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	31 132	56 229	39 071	123 195	178 641	45,0
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	207 867	322 523	161 651	826 804	905 897	9,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2008 and 2009.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, 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.

*Revised.

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	Apr. 2008*	Mar. 2009	Apr. 2009	Jan. - Apr. 2008	Jan. - Apr. 2009	% Change 1/
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	677	1 006	214	4 639	2 182	-53,0
		square metres	33 452	36 665	12 140	216 821	92 742	-57,2
		R'000	99 713	64 136	30 268	515 985	199 817	-61,3
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	705	453	350	2 793	1 497	-46,4
		square metres	204 253	126 438	110 173	756 650	440 576	-41,8
		R'000	842 354	508 828	447 792	3 050 615	1 785 793	-41,5
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	1 458	218	299	5 095	1 892	-62,9
		square metres	161 420	19 026	23 306	589 578	150 465	-74,5
		R'000	629 557	87 489	77 005	2 423 548	620 447	-74,4
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	5 760	4 138	70 762	35 912	-49,2
		R'000	0	25 921	25 232	300 815	168 216	-44,1
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	1 571 624	686 374	580 297	6 290 963	2 774 273	-55,9
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	49 454	5 643	85 236	145 276	148 476	2,2
		R'000	283 279	35 387	524 879	787 420	925 053	17,5
	2. Shopping space	square metres	180 422	94 931	2 679	236 798	150 167	-36,6
		R'000	940 965	484 021	11 099	1 187 088	725 449	-38,9
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	103 602	86 468	41 887	247 090	288 008	16,6
		R'000	314 356	267 883	128 109	755 301	824 146	9,1
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	4 895	26 568	2 301	7 549	34 661	359,1
		R'000	25 645	140 330	8 529	35 776	182 895	411,2
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 564 245	927 621	672 616	2 765 585	2 657 543	-3,9
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	109 698	95 745	73 959	476 920	316 007	-33,7
		R'000	443 766	380 899	298 760	1 941 179	1 261 071	-35,0
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	60 962	26 270	480 078	328 597	571 703	74,0
		R'000	279 212	101 359	2 147 710	1 441 054	2 503 788	73,7
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	722 978	482 258	2 446 470	3 382 233	3 764 859	11,3
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	3 858 847	2 096 253	3 699 383	12 438 781	9 196 675	-26,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2008 and 2009.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, 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.

*Revised.

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

			Apr. 2008*	Mar. 2009	Apr. 2009	Jan. - Apr. 2008	Jan. - Apr. 2009	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	100	91	13	373	116	-68,9
		square metres	5 106	4 573	886	19 307	6 174	-68,0
		R'000	8 778	7 835	3 465	37 671	13 491	-64,2
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	104	121	82	496	401	-19,2
		square metres	25 323	26 018	20 048	119 664	99 345	-17,0
		R'000	76 698	90 028	64 602	366 271	329 650	-10,0
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	205	38	13	382	144	-62,3
		square metres	15 078	3 319	1 182	32 843	14 041	-57,2
		R'000	55 310	13 276	5 184	115 074	56 620	-50,8
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	764	507	1 355	1 508	2 150	42,6
		R'000	1 902	2 028	3 390	4 509	6 138	36,1
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	142 688	113 167	76 641	523 525	405 899	-22,5
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	1 051	2 482	11 532	8 910	-22,7
		R'000	0	4 204	9 331	45 175	36 025	-20,3
	2. Shopping space	square metres	1 174	0	656	77 861	3 713	-95,2
		R'000	3 627	0	1 800	346 710	13 034	-96,2
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	15 187	2 647	2 736	30 890	9 641	-68,8
		R'000	45 214	6 618	7 722	88 262	26 365	-70,1
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	676	1 097	0	3 166	6 063	91,5
		R'000	1 986	2 992	0	10 595	23 403	120,9
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	50 827	13 814	18 853	490 742	98 827	-79,9
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	18 800	18 789	13 338	66 767	55 267	-17,2
		R'000	46 568	65 658	43 254	188 478	191 671	1,7
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 102	1 038	318	11 371	2 526	-77,8
		R'000	2 980	4 439	1 791	44 214	11 164	-74,8
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	49 548	70 097	45 045	232 692	202 835	-12,8
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	243 063	197 078	140 539	1 246 959	707 561	-43,3

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2008 and 2009.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, 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.

* Revised.

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	Apr. 2008*	Mar. 2009	Apr. 2009	Jan. - Apr. 2008	Jan. - Apr. 2009	% Change 1/
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	9	15	10	55	47	-14,5
		square metres	557	925	633	3 528	3 007	-14,8
		R'000	1 871	3 430	2 329	10 744	10 974	2,1
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	86	48	36	304	192	-36,8
		square metres	16 699	10 638	7 727	63 182	43 135	-31,7
		R'000	53 594	38 693	27 656	206 090	151 896	-26,3
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	117	8	9	373	60	-83,9
		square metres	7 760	585	1 255	38 941	6 799	-82,5
		R'000	26 209	2 223	4 769	132 955	25 836	-80,6
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	424	0	670	5 825	5 004	-14,1
		R'000	848	0	1 341	17 600	14 481	-17,7
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	82 522	44 346	36 095	367 389	203 187	-44,7
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	225	664	629	7 520	2 297	-69,5
		R'000	540	1 330	1 573	21 679	6 722	-69,0
	2. Shopping space	square metres	0	5 166	0	20 006	5 531	-72,4
		R'000	0	12 608	0	68 979	13 995	-79,7
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	265	2 359	3 406	6 985	12 621	80,7
		R'000	650	8 964	12 242	23 391	46 299	97,9
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	620	2 004	365	7 876	3 301	-58,1
		R'000	2 207	7 602	1 734	25 441	12 132	-52,3
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	3 397	30 504	15 549	139 490	79 148	-43,3
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	7 307	6 093	6 160	29 597	21 627	-26,9
		R'000	24 384	21 209	21 815	95 215	76 589	-19,6
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 683	2 605	1 255	5 254	5 093	-3,1
		R'000	8 133	6 749	2 510	14 260	14 293	0,2
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	32 517	27 958	24 325	109 475	90 882	-17,0
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	118 436	102 808	75 969	616 354	373 217	-39,4

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2008 and 2009.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, 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.

* Revised.

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	Apr. 2008*	Mar. 2009	Apr. 2009	Jan. - Apr. 2008	Jan. - Apr. 2009	% Change 1/
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	1 700	1 935	2 017	7 086	7 400	4,4
		square metres	77 578	83 952	84 364	311 072	320 097	2,9
		R'000	173 467	172 406	160 892	626 588	600 941	-4,1
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 690	1 304	1 018	6 747	4 773	-29,3
		square metres	397 562	325 857	254 636	1 492 571	1 217 736	-18,4
		R'000	1 424 752	1 206 968	923 483	5 165 072	4 488 117	-13,1
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	2 304	1 533	1 613	7 775	6 880	-11,5
		square metres	240 824	187 040	170 029	828 926	783 022	-5,5
		R'000	998 319	747 597	676 268	3 219 424	3 171 936	-1,5
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	15 913	36 734	5 585	45 138	61 237	35,7
		R'000	62 674	165 470	20 343	171 431	267 206	55,9
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	2 659 212	2 292 441	1 780 986	9 182 515	8 528 200	-7,1
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	43 856	82 857	36 345	295 278	245 750	-16,8
		R'000	176 310	384 637	178 566	1 349 973	1 132 312	-16,1
	2. Shopping space	square metres	91 442	45 847	82 094	224 616	217 159	-3,3
		R'000	436 707	157 860	412 712	961 497	944 028	-1,8
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	82 703	170 208	109 293	346 139	531 408	53,5
		R'000	234 327	553 359	346 378	948 082	1 638 072	72,8
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	9 363	17 594	9 310	42 147	64 854	53,9
		R'000	30 653	48 743	28 782	128 630	192 866	49,9
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	877 997	1 144 599	966 438	3 388 182	3 907 278	15,3
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	180 091	217 635	164 004	655 213	829 937	26,7
		R'000	597 503	730 359	547 385	2 126 114	2 848 068	34,0
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	51 506	216 569	30 708	284 896	383 561	34,6
		R'000	180 670	904 180	123 962	1 045 213	1 537 823	47,1
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	778 173	1 634 539	671 347	3 171 327	4 385 891	38,3
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	4 315 382	5 071 579	3 418 771	15 742 024	16 821 369	6,9

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2008 and 2009.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, 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.

* Revised.

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	Apr. 2008*	Mar. 2009	Apr. 2009	Jan. - Apr. 2008	Jan. - Apr. 2009	% Change 1/
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	225	604	328	771	1 653	114,4
		square metres	9 568	24 580	14 145	33 483	74 482	122,4
		R'000	16 774	35 795	23 978	60 146	113 027	87,9
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	415	356	224	1 781	1 202	-32,5
		square metres	94 604	96 608	62 905	396 094	323 053	-18,4
		R'000	307 728	339 990	222 391	1 267 406	1 120 104	-11,6
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	402	686	175	2 005	1 892	-5,6
		square metres	36 137	98 938	23 547	182 423	223 669	22,6
		R'000	121 001	373 995	89 798	629 522	828 995	31,7
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	14 083	0	4 400	17 531	4 658	-73,4
		R'000	58 895	0	16 803	70 419	17 577	-75,0
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	504 398	749 780	352 970	2 027 493	2 079 703	2,6
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	14 192	22 218	1 789	59 409	72 938	22,8
		R'000	50 929	88 283	5 904	198 445	304 238	53,3
	2. Shopping space	square metres	22 935	20 068	0	54 771	46 896	-14,4
		R'000	107 986	65 948	0	221 734	163 393	-26,3
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	19 524	48 179	11 528	133 956	125 133	-6,6
		R'000	63 583	149 757	41 425	372 717	409 822	10,0
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	3 111	3 837	3 608	12 030	15 813	31,4
		R'000	8 724	12 163	13 168	31 110	47 941	54,1
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	231 222	316 151	60 497	824 006	925 394	12,3
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	56 347	98 157	61 423	239 416	342 686	43,1
		R'000	155 630	285 040	178 317	671 481	986 526	46,9
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	18 980	16 516	9 179	95 866	94 722	-1,2
		R'000	78 857	83 289	40 277	393 009	373 774	-4,9
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	234 487	368 329	218 594	1 064 490	1 360 300	27,8
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	970 107	1 434 260	632 061	3 915 989	4 365 397	11,5

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2008 and 2009.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, 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.

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

			Apr. 2008	Mar. 2009	Apr. 2009	Jan. - Apr. 2008	Jan. - Apr. 2009	% Change 1/
Category of building								
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	74	328	282	289	672	132,5
		square metres	3 442	13 410	11 343	12 761	27 465	115,2
		R'000	5 858	19 367	18 192	20 161	41 665	106,7
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	104	82	62	378	306	-19,0
		square metres	18 598	16 935	14 598	79 622	72 573	-8,9
		R'000	50 197	51 219	42 140	220 981	220 759	-0,1
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	62	27	5	254	65	-74,4
		square metres	6 742	3 106	750	26 106	9 871	-62,2
		R'000	17 056	8 588	2 343	75 000	27 443	-63,4
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 235	0	0	2 171	147	-93,2
		R'000	2 408	0	0	4 328	397	-90,8
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	75 519	79 174	62 675	320 470	290 264	-9,4
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	5 936	6 340	0	6 685	6 477	-3,1
		R'000	17 885	16 941	0	20 423	17 310	-15,2
	2. Shopping space	square metres	0	729	1 595	27 364	4 197	-84,7
		R'000	0	1 897	4 785	88 295	12 989	-85,3
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	7 279	806	5 896	24 673	19 052	-22,8
		R'000	14 038	1 588	14 764	44 932	44 671	-0,6
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	2 791	11 059	340	3 012	12 298	308,3
		R'000	6 616	25 644	993	7 132	28 670	302,0
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	38 539	46 070	20 542	160 782	103 640	-35,5
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	8 573	12 107	13 777	37 376	38,3
			R'000	19 706	28 144	31 634	82 046	46,5
		2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	11 535	1 911	2 056	29 275	-40,4
			R'000	19 369	5 357	5 291	56 878	-18,6
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	39 075	33 501	36 925	138 924	166 506	19,9
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	153 133	158 745	120 142	620 176	560 410	-9,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2008 and 2009.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, 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

			Apr. 2008*	Mar. 2009	Apr. 2009	Jan. - Apr. 2008	Jan. - Apr. 2009	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	31	2	103	34	129	279,4
		square metres	1 295	123	3 770	1 467	4 875	232,3
		R'000	1 335	391	4 090	1 843	6 287	241,1
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	14	8	9	56	33	-41,1
		square metres	2 978	1 460	1 637	9 626	6 483	-32,7
		R'000	9 200	5 231	5 875	28 588	22 315	-21,9
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	8	0	0	67	19	-71,6
		square metres	1 081	0	0	7 680	2 525	-67,1
		R'000	3 027	0	0	21 469	9 372	-56,3
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	117	0	96	1 032	546	-47,1
		R'000	328	0	240	2 890	1 905	-34,1
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	13 890	5 622	10 205	54 790	39 879	-27,2
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	812	3 083	279,7
		R'000	0	0	0	3 116	9 249	196,8
	2. Shopping space	square metres	0	2 844	0	352	2 844	708,0
		R'000	0	10 829	0	1 417	10 829	664,2
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	892	0	302	1 018	237,1
		R'000	0	3 347	0	664	3 687	455,3
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 034	0	0	1 358	475	-65,0
		R'000	2 894	0	0	3 801	1 283	-66,2
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	2 894	14 176	0	8 998	25 048	178,4
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 904	2 104	3 280	11 847	10 387	-12,3
		R'000	8 142	6 223	9 928	35 160	31 599	-10,1
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	63	3 837	880	2 010	4 844	141,0
		R'000	176	13 059	3 072	4 854	16 466	239,2
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	8 318	19 282	13 000	40 014	48 065	20,1
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	25 102	39 080	23 205	103 802	112 992	8,9

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2008 and 2009.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, 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.

*Revised.

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	Apr. 2008*	Mar. 2009	Apr. 2009	Jan. - Apr. 2008	Jan. - Apr. 2009	% Change 1/
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	27	21	319	144	357	147,9
		square metres	1 360	1 395	12 959	7 604	15 485	103,6
		R'000	2 299	3 183	22 844	12 183	28 065	130,4
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	47	90	73	245	325	32,7
		square metres	7 893	12 815	16 868	41 941	70 336	67,7
		R'000	20 084	31 341	45 254	103 789	174 466	68,1
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	6	1	31	63	288	357,1
		square metres	1 344	98	5 015	8 440	36 599	333,6
		R'000	3 144	492	11 369	19 951	102 273	412,6
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	391	7 684	0	9 574	7 684	-19,7
		R'000	608	34 745	0	22 472	34 745	54,6
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	26 135	69 761	79 467	158 395	339 549	114,4
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	2 710	6 252	2 710	-56,7
		R'000	0	0	8 130	21 848	8 130	-62,8
	2. Shopping space	square metres	0	4 225	15 817	0	21 242	..
		R'000	0	12 675	68 322	0	86 997	..
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 280	731	148	5 387	12 781	137,3
		R'000	1 911	1 462	296	12 386	37 156	200,0
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	441	473	2 354	1 260	6 454	412,2
		R'000	794	946	5 885	2 596	14 717	466,9
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	2 705	15 083	82 633	36 830	147 000	299,1
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	7 043	9 760	6 889	26 467	37 898	43,2
		R'000	15 176	19 675	15 689	60 628	83 675	38,0
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	3 205	802	534	4 240	14 535	242,8
		R'000	10 508	3 833	3 943	16 023	42 408	164,7
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	25 684	23 508	19 632	76 651	126 083	64,5
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	54 524	108 352	181 732	271 876	612 632	125,3

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2008 and 2009.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, 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.

* Revised.

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

			Apr. 2008*	Mar. 2009	Apr. 2009	Jan. - Apr. 2008	Jan. - Apr. 2009	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	342	208	200	770	774	0,5
		square metres	11 771	8 140	6 915	29 792	28 327	-4,9
		R'000	26 350	24 442	18 677	78 744	81 379	3,3
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	140	132	101	530	430	-18,9
		square metres	30 720	31 393	24 860	121 121	103 445	-14,6
		R'000	136 814	150 279	117 126	528 223	491 596	-6,9
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	328	382	115	880	926	5,2
		square metres	57 926	46 872	18 738	150 234	131 520	-12,5
		R'000	253 669	219 528	93 698	623 609	647 241	3,8
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	87	0	0	87	0	..
		R'000	435	0	0	435	0	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	417 268	394 249	229 501	1 231 011	1 220 216	-0,9
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	16 921	12 882	12 142	50 473	51 264	1,6
		R'000	84 570	60 937	57 193	245 683	222 320	-9,5
	2. Shopping space	square metres	1 825	310	10 392	7 108	36 982	420,3
		R'000	6 463	1 550	56 774	23 867	166 356	597,0
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	31 515	95 297	53 190	79 060	175 217	121,6
		R'000	87 167	320 388	168 552	227 019	570 838	151,4
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	706	498	0	7 164	15 506	116,4
		R'000	3 455	2 736	0	31 193	57 199	83,4
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	181 655	385 611	282 519	527 762	1 016 713	92,6
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	32 284	31 100	27 250	105 943	114 172
R'000			150 670	150 999	134 654	480 554	556 619	15,8
2. Other buildings 4/		square metres	5 887	26 475	5 524	89 137	42 714	-52,1
		R'000	27 698	82 555	24 777	304 722	158 288	-48,1
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	178 368	233 554	159 431	785 276	714 907	-9,0
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	777 291	1 013 414	671 451	2 544 049	2 951 836	16,0

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2008 and 2009.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, 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.

*Revised.

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	Apr. 2008*	Mar. 2009	Apr. 2009	Jan. - Apr. 2008	Jan. - Apr. 2009	% Change 1/
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	224	72	93	717	228	-68,2
		square metres	7 659	4 140	5 596	25 592	13 521	-47,2
		R'000	8 286	14 529	19 553	35 223	46 978	33,4
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	88	55	51	519	363	-30,1
		square metres	19 737	12 751	13 307	111 208	77 993	-29,9
		R'000	60 141	43 576	50 862	325 024	260 764	-19,8
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	135	60	23	530	320	-39,6
		square metres	11 455	5 664	3 384	46 515	29 776	-36,0
		R'000	46 268	18 881	12 198	154 365	99 322	-35,7
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	276	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	952	0	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	114 695	76 986	82 613	515 564	407 064	-21,0
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	4 455	0	0	10 178	1 248	-87,7
		R'000	12 106	0	0	28 915	2 848	-90,2
	2. Shopping space	square metres	0	358	609	4 467	7 467	67,2
		R'000	0	716	2 740	10 820	27 124	150,7
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	2 186	8 179	274,2
		R'000	0	0	0	4 500	22 200	393,3
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	3 282	893	-72,8
		R'000	0	0	0	8 027	3 572	-55,5
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	12 106	716	2 740	52 262	55 744	6,7
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 305	3 578	5 208	13 864	15 037	8,5
		R'000	3 410	11 587	12 109	24 542	38 692	57,7
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	507	51	544	1 208	809	-33,0
		R'000	7 795	180	2 287	9 100	3 296	-63,8
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	11 205	11 767	14 396	33 642	41 988	24,8
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	138 006	89 469	99 749	601 468	504 796	-16,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2008 and 2009.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, 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.

*Revised.

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	Apr. 2008*	Mar. 2009	Apr. 2009	Jan. - Apr. 2008	Jan. - Apr. 2009	% Change 1/
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	686	656	668	3 739	2 714	-27,4
		square metres	37 912	29 585	28 285	169 779	115 133	-32,2
		R'000	105 618	66 986	49 047	378 648	230 822	-39,0
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	773	457	371	2 632	1 670	-36,6
		square metres	196 227	127 034	102 217	593 885	480 654	-19,1
		R'000	760 612	501 199	381 634	2 279 436	1 930 111	-15,3
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	1 318	377	1 037	3 731	3 071	-17,7
		square metres	120 961	32 362	94 996	384 621	320 233	-16,7
		R'000	532 897	126 113	386 936	1 618 397	1 358 081	-16,1
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	29 050	0	13 209	45 613	245,3
		R'000	0	130 725	0	66 413	205 261	209,1
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	1 399 127	825 023	817 617	4 342 894	3 724 275	-14,2
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	2 352	24 225	17 596	160 307	82 553	-48,5
		R'000	10 820	155 767	101 623	827 721	475 359	-42,6
	2. Shopping space	square metres	65 487	13 988	53 681	124 357	94 206	-24,2
		R'000	318 460	52 028	280 091	596 676	464 123	-22,2
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	17 730	10 922	28 415	88 397	164 751	86,4
		R'000	53 818	29 208	82 868	252 787	458 999	81,6
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 280	1 424	3 008	10 962	11 360	3,6
		R'000	8 170	6 496	8 736	36 027	33 470	-7,1
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	391 268	243 499	473 318	1 713 211	1 431 951	-16,4
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	64 195	40 176	36 357	183 203	210 220	14,7
		R'000	226 282	154 643	135 684	677 771	861 159	27,1
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	9 788	166 372	11 991	57 098	207 425	263,3
		R'000	31 959	713 976	44 234	242 396	893 565	268,6
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	258 241	868 619	179 918	920 167	1 754 724	90,7
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	2 048 636	1 937 141	1 470 853	6 976 272	6 910 950	-0,9

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2008 and 2009.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, 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.

*Revised.

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

Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit	Apr. 2008*	Mar. 2009	Apr. 2009	Jan. - Apr. 2008	Jan. - Apr. 2009	% Change 1/
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	75	33	21	559	81	-85,5
		square metres	3 554	1 826	1 176	26 502	4 595	-82,7
		R'000	3 518	4 962	3 898	26 240	14 233	-45,8
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	71	101	114	454	381	-16,1
		square metres	18 371	22 002	15 635	107 861	68 521	-36,5
		R'000	50 349	65 698	49 333	307 581	214 386	-30,3
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	34	0	216	139	230	65,5
		square metres	3 830	0	21 942	14 438	23 497	62,7
		R'000	16 497	0	73 507	49 574	78 825	59,0
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	196	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	491	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	70 364	70 660	126 738	383 395	307 935	-19,7
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	4 134	1 765	1 162	10 702	821,0
		R'000	0	13 089	4 413	3 822	36 714	860,6
	2. Shopping space	square metres	1 195	3 325	0	2 742	3 325	21,3
		R'000	3 798	12 217	0	8 095	12 217	50,9
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	4 720	13 381	7 958	10 935	23 119	111,4
		R'000	12 500	47 609	30 273	30 076	82 499	174,3
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	303	0	719	303	-57,9
		R'000	0	758	0	1 655	758	-54,2
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	16 298	73 673	34 686	43 648	132 188	202,9
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 345	20 145	9 514	33 883	46 120	36,1
		R'000	15 975	72 242	28 277	85 501	164 009	91,8
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	598	605	0	5 044	1 060	-79,0
		R'000	2 419	1 931	81	16 079	3 722	-76,9
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	18 394	74 173	28 358	101 580	167 731	65,1
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	105 056	218 506	189 782	528 623	607 854	15,0

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2008 and 2009.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, 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.

*Revised.

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

			Apr. 2008*	Mar. 2009	Apr. 2009	Jan. - Apr. 2008	Jan. - Apr. 2009	% Change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	16	11	3	63	792	1 157,1
		square metres	1 017	753	175	4 092	36 214	785,0
		R'000	3 429	2 751	613	13 400	38 485	187,2
	2. Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	38	23	13	152	63	-58,6
		square metres	8 434	4 859	2 609	31 213	14 678	-53,0
		R'000	29 627	18 435	8 868	104 044	53 616	-48,5
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	11	0	11	106	69	-34,9
		square metres	1 348	0	1 657	8 469	5 332	-37,0
		R'000	4 760	0	6 419	27 537	20 384	-26,0
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	1 089	1 258	2 393	90,2
		R'000	0	0	3 300	3 522	6 830	93,9
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	37 816	21 186	19 200	148 503	119 315	-19,7
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	13 058	343	0	14 775	..
		R'000	0	49 620	1 303	0	56 144	..
	2. Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	3 455	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	10 593	0	..
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	655	0	2 158	1 243	2 158	73,6
		R'000	1 310	0	8 200	3 001	8 200	173,2
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	2 360	1 752	-25,8
		R'000	0	0	0	7 089	5 256	-25,9
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 310	49 620	9 503	20 683	69 600	236,5
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 095	508	306	3 214	1 708	-46,9
		R'000	2 512	1 806	1 093	8 431	5 587	-33,7
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	943	0	0	1 018	0	..
		R'000	1 889	0	0	2 152	0	..
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	4 401	1 806	1 093	10 583	5 587	-47,2
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	43 527	72 612	29 796	179 769	194 502	8,2

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2008 and 2009.

2/ Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guesthouses, 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.

*Revised.

Table 29 – Subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses completed and in process of completion: 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2007

Province	Number 1/	R'000 2/ 3/
Eastern Cape	16 526	637 700
Free State	19 662	528 400
Gauteng	77 044	1 748 300
KwaZulu-Natal	38 290	1 074 500
Limpopo	23 609	646 700
Mpumalanga	10 651	329 900
North West	46 972	696 500
Northern Cape	3 880	104 800
Western Cape	34 585	768 200
South Africa	271 219	6 535 000

Source: Housing Subsidy System and Provincial Housing Departments co-ordinated by the National Department of Housing

1/ All top structures completed and sites serviced in respect of the reporting period.

2/ Expenditure by the Provincial Housing Departments in respect of subsidies for the financial year 2006/07.

3/ Subsidies not yet fully paid out in all cases.

Table 30 – Subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses completed and in the process of completion: 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008

Province	Number 1/	R'000 2/ 3/
Eastern Cape	12 684	397 248
Free State	12 482	473 160
Gauteng	90 886	2 612 566
KwaZulu-Natal	34 471	1 311 040
Limpopo	18 970	635 351
Mpumalanga	16 569	652 190
North West	19 945	785 510
Northern Cape	8 686	231 021
Western Cape	34 517	1 121 708
South Africa	248 850	8 219 794

Source: Housing Subsidy System and Provincial Housing Departments co-ordinated by the National Department of Housing

1/ All top structures completed and sites serviced in respect of the reporting period.

2/ Expenditure by the Provincial Housing Departments in respect of subsidies for the financial year 2007/08.

3/ Subsidies not yet fully paid out in all cases.

Explanatory notes

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| 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. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses, supplied by the Housing Subsidy System and Provincial Housing Departments and co-ordinated by the National Department of Housing, are shown in tables 29 and 30 (page 37). |
| | 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, (SIC) Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02</i> . The SIC is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC)</i> with suitable adaptations for local conditions. |
| Response rate | 6 | The preliminary response rate for the survey on building statistics for April 2009 was 93,8%. Improved response rate for March 2009 was 96,5%. |
| 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 90 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.

According to the municipalities, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses, supplied by the provincial governments and co-ordinated by the National Department of Housing, are shown in tables 29 and 30 (page 37). |
| 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 2005. 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>JBCC Contract Price Adjustment Provisions Work Group Indices</i> . In order to be applicable, these indices (base February 1991=100) are converted to the base year 2005=100. |

- 10** The value of buildings completed at constant prices is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with the price index which is used to calculate building plans passed at constant prices (see paragraph 9). Since the completion of buildings may extend over a few months to a few years, the current value of buildings completed is deflated by price indices which prevailed at the time the plans were passed. Therefore, the duration of the completion of different types of buildings are taken into account in ascertaining the deflators e.g. the value of dwelling-houses completed at constant prices at January 2008 is obtained by deflating the current value of dwelling-houses completed for January 2008 with the price index of a month six months prior to January 2008. Furthermore, the value of other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and additions and alterations at constant prices is obtained by deflating the current values with price indices of 12 months, 18 months and 12 months prior to the relevant month, respectively.
- Seasonal adjustment** **11** Seasonally adjusted estimates of building plans passed and buildings completed are generated each month, using the X-11 Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by US Bureau of the Census Economic Research and Analyses Division, 1968.
- 12** 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.
- Trend cycle** **13** The trend is a long-term pattern or movement of a time series. The X-11 Seasonal Adjustment Program is used for smoothing seasonally adjusted data.
- Revised figures** **14** 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 month are therefore preliminary. Data are edited at municipal level.
- 15** Once a year the annual statistical release P5041.3 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 for 2007 where applicable.
- Related publications** **16** Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:
- P5041.3: Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions issued annually.
 - P9101.2: Actual and expected expenditure on construction by the public sector per statistical region issued annually.
 - Bulletin of Statistics issued quarterly.
 - South African Statistics issued annually.
 - Report 50-11-01 issued annually.
- Rounding-off of figures** **17** The figures in the tables have, where necessary, been rounded off to the nearest digit shown.
- Pre-release policy** **18** Stats SA's pre-release policy may be inspected at its website, www.statssa.gov.za

Symbols and abbreviations

19	..	no meaningful percentage change between two specified periods available since either one or both of the totals are nil
	0	nil or figure too small to publish
	*	revised
	Stats SA	Statistics South Africa
	SIC	Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities
	ISIC	International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities
	JBCC	Joint Building Contracts Committee
	CD	Compact Disc
	US	United States
	SARB	South African Reserve Bank
	DTI	Department of Trade and Industry

2010 World Cup note

20	Information relating to the 2010 Soccer World Cup new stadia and renovations, as well as other public sector infrastructure spending e.g. Eskom expansions and the Gautrain project, will not be included in the private sector building data series, as these are partially public sector funded.
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Change in base year of constant prices from 2000 to 2005

21	Following international practice, the base year of the price index ("lump sum domestic buildings" as published in statistical release P0151 –JBCC Contract Price Adjustment Provision Work Group Indices), which is used to deflate the current prices of building plans passed and buildings completed to constant prices, has been converted to 2005=100 with effect from January 2009. Previously the value of building plans passed and buildings completed was published at constant 2000 prices. Please note that the change does not in any way affect the trends.
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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	Include – <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, guest-houses, 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 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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