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Results for January to April 2012

**Table A – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices:
January to April 2011 versus January to April 2012**

Estimates at current prices	January to April 2011 1/	January to April 2012 1/	Difference in value between January to April 2011 and January to April 2012	% change between January to April 2011 and January to April 2012
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	8 633 341	8 996 081	362 740	4,2
-Dwelling-houses	6 220 996	7 034 026	813 030	13,1
-Flats and townhouses	2 165 235	1 830 928	-334 307	-15,4
-Other residential buildings	247 110	131 127	-115 983	-46,9
Non-residential buildings	4 438 513	4 067 505	-371 008	-8,4
Additions and alterations	6 456 982	6 623 722	166 740	2,6
Total	19 528 836	19 687 308	158 472	0,8

1/ 2011 and 2012 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Total value of recorded building plans passed at current prices

The value of recorded building plans passed (at current prices) increased by 0,8% (R158,5 million) during January to April 2012 compared with January to April 2011 (see Table A).

The biggest increase was reported for residential buildings (4,2% or R362,7 million), followed by additions and alterations (2,6% or R166,7 million), as opposed to a decrease reported for non-residential buildings (-8,4% or -R371,0 million).

**Table B – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:
January to April 2011 versus January to April 2012**

Estimates at current prices	January to April 2011 1/	January to April 2012 1/	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during January to April 2011	% change between January to April 2011 and January to April 2012	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between January to April 2011 and January to April 2012 2/	Difference in value between January to April 2011 and January to April 2012
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	4 021 979	4 459 371	20,6	10,9	2,2	437 392
Eastern Cape	978 066	1 138 076	5,0	16,4	0,8	160 010
Northern Cape	204 490	294 229	1,0	43,9	0,5	89 739
Free State	635 393	734 940	3,3	15,7	0,5	99 547
KwaZulu-Natal	3 902 092	2 677 147	20,0	-31,4	-6,3	-1 224 945
North West	646 229	955 949	3,3	47,9	1,6	309 720
Gauteng	7 303 010	7 472 611	37,4	2,3	0,9	169 601
Mpumalanga	1 427 904	1 433 363	7,3	0,4	0,0	5 459
Limpopo	409 673	521 622	2,1	27,3	0,6	111 949
Total	19 528 836	19 687 308	100,0	0,8	0,8	158 472

1/ 2011 and 2012 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. 2011 and Jan. to Apr. 2012 with the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of building plans passed during Jan. to Apr. 2011, divided by 100.

Eight provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of building plans passed during January to April 2012. The increase in the value of building plans passed was dominated by Western Cape (contributing 2,2 percentage points or R437,4 million) and North West (contributing 1,6 percentage points or R309,7 million). The decrease reported for KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -6,3 percentage points or -R1 224,9 million) counteracted the increase reported for building plans passed to a large extent (see Table B).

**Table C – Recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2005 prices:
January to April 2011 versus January to April 2012**

Estimates at constant 2005 prices	January to April 2011 1/	January to April 2012 1/	Difference in value between January to April 2011 and January to April 2012	% change between January to April 2011 and January to April 2012
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	5 755 490	5 662 381	-93 109	-1,6
Non-residential buildings	2 972 902	2 558 628	-414 274	-13,9
Additions and alterations	4 309 054	4 168 776	-140 278	-3,3
Total	13 037 446	12 389 785	-647 661	-5,0

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Real value of recorded building plans passed

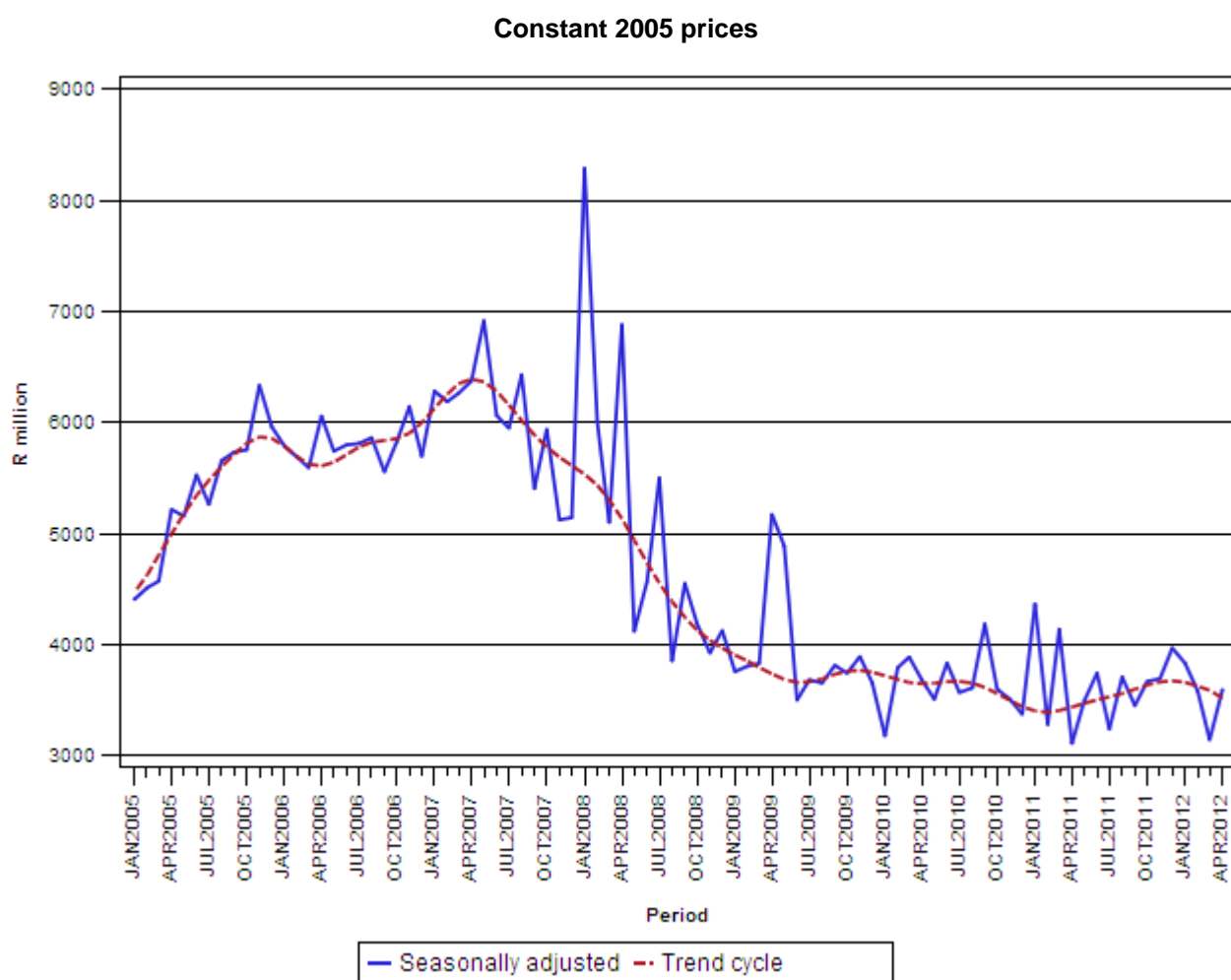
The real value of recorded building plans passed (at constant 2005 prices) decreased year-on-year by 5,0% (-R647,7 million) during January to April 2012. All three major building categories showed decreases, with the largest decrease reported for non-residential buildings (-13,9% or -R414,3 million) (see Table C).

**Table D – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by
larger municipalities at constant 2005 prices**

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2005 prices	November 2011 to January 2012	February to April 2012	% change between November 2011 to January 2012 and February to April 2012
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	5 237 339	4 662 511	-11,0
Non-residential buildings	2 282 692	2 205 827	-3,4
Additions and alterations	3 967 912	3 440 376	-13,3
Total	11 487 943	10 308 714	-10,3

Seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed

The seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed decreased by 10,3% during the three months ended April 2012 compared with the three months ended January 2012. The biggest decrease was reported for additions and alterations (-13,3%), followed by residential buildings (-11,0%) and non-residential buildings (-3,4%) (see Table D).

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

**Table E – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices:
January to April 2011 versus January to April 2012**

Estimates at current prices	January to April 2011 1/	January to April 2012 1/	Difference in value between January to April 2011 and January to April 2012	% change between January to April 2011 and January to April 2012
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	6 167 973	6 747 703	579 730	9,4
-Dwelling-houses	4 421 655	5 037 932	616 277	13,9
-Flats and townhouses	1 283 073	1 667 156	384 083	29,9
-Other residential buildings	463 245	42 615	-420 630	-90,8
Non-residential buildings	3 161 264	3 949 136	787 872	24,9
Additions and alterations	3 933 320	3 571 291	-362 029	-9,2
Total	13 262 557	14 268 130	1 005 573	7,6

1/ 2011 and 2012 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

As indicated in Table E, the value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) increased by 7,6% (R1 005,6 million) during January to April 2012 compared with January to April 2011.

Increases were reported for non-residential buildings (24,9% or R787,9 million) and residential buildings (9,4% or R579,7 million) while a decrease was reported for additions and alterations (-9,2% or -R362,0 million) during the above-mentioned period.

**Table F – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities aggregated to provincial level:
January to April 2011 versus January to April 2012**

Estimates at current prices	January to April 2011 1/	January to April 2012 1/	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during January to April 2011	% change between January to April 2011 and January to April 2012	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between January to April 2011 and January to April 2012 2/	Difference in value between January to April 2011 and January to April 2012
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	3 451 630	3 437 959	26,0	-0,4	-0,1	-13 671
Eastern Cape	504 227	525 277	3,8	4,2	0,2	21 050
Northern Cape	75 380	144 839	0,6	92,1	0,5	69 459
Free State	336 004	436 123	2,5	29,8	0,8	100 119
KwaZulu-Natal	2 305 367	1 905 486	17,4	-17,3	-3,0	-399 881
North West	230 196	377 033	1,7	63,8	1,1	146 837
Gauteng	5 725 488	6 688 107	43,2	16,8	7,3	962 619
Mpumalanga	447 686	611 957	3,4	36,7	1,2	164 271
Limpopo	186 579	141 349	1,4	-24,2	-0,3	-45 230
Total	13 262 557	14 268 130	100,0	7,6	7,6	1 005 573

1/ 2011 and 2012 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. 2011 and Jan. to Apr. 2012 with the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of buildings completed during Jan. to Apr. 2011, divided by 100.

Six provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of buildings completed during January to April 2012. The biggest increase was reported for Gauteng (contributing 7,3 percentage points or R962,6 million), followed by Mpumalanga (contributing 1,2 percentage points or R164,3 million) and North West (contributing 1,1 percentage points or R146,8 million). The largest decrease was reported in KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -3,0 percentage points or -R399,9 million) (see Table F).

**Table G – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2005 prices:
January to April 2011 versus January to April 2012**

Estimates at constant 2005 prices	January to April 2011 1/	January to April 2012 1/	Difference in value between January to April 2011 and January to April 2012	% change between January to April 2011 and January to April 2012
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	4 257 647	4 405 837	148 190	3,5
Non-residential buildings	2 250 054	2 713 760	463 706	20,6
Additions and alterations	2 741 881	2 381 740	-360 141	-13,1
Total	9 249 582	9 501 337	251 755	2,7

1/ 2011 and 2012 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Real value of buildings reported as completed

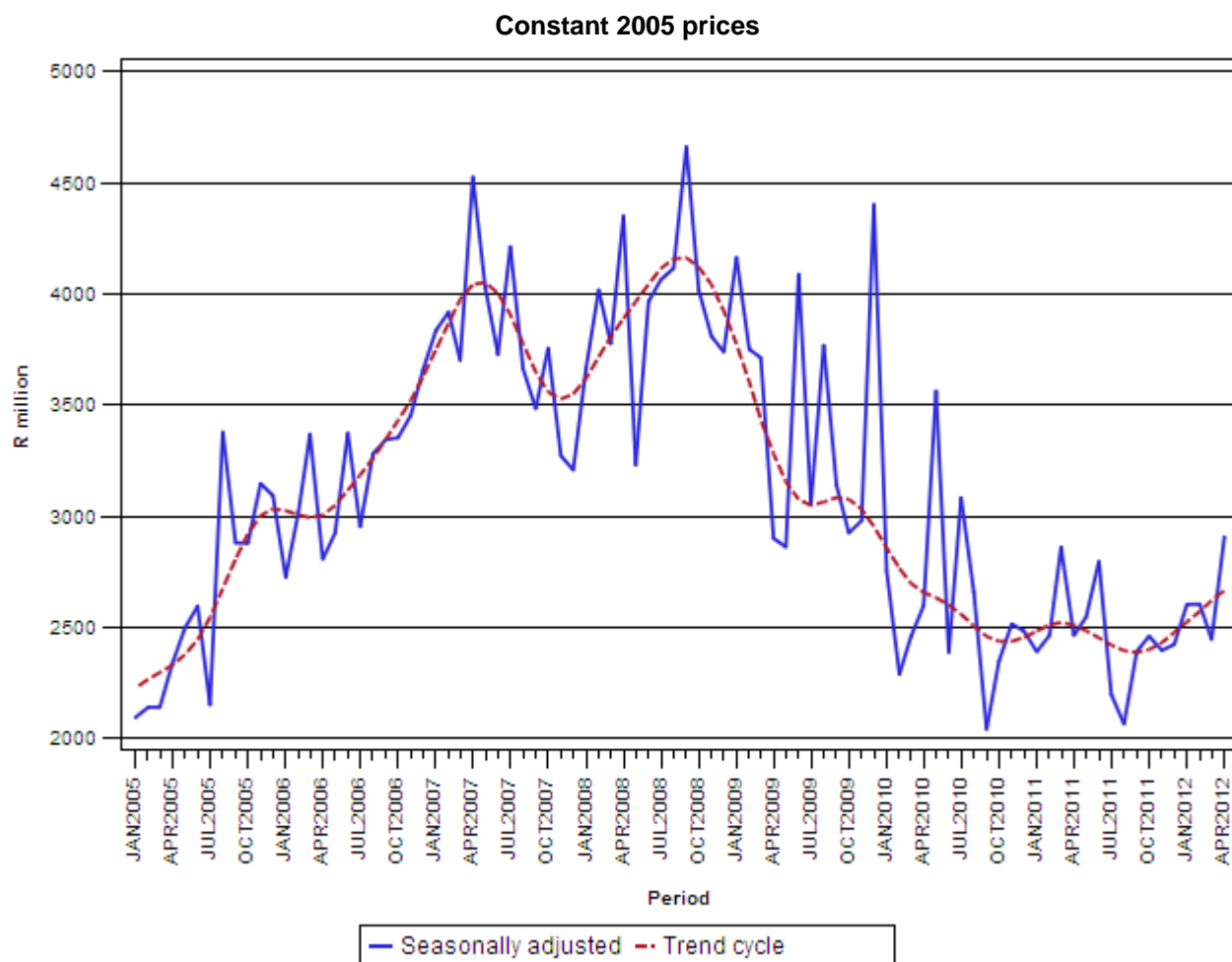
As indicated in Table G, the real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2005 prices) increased by 2,7% (R251,8 million) during January to April 2012 compared with January to April 2011. Increases reported for non-residential buildings (20,6% or R463,7 million) and residential buildings (3,5% or R148,2 million) counteracted the decrease reported for additions and alterations (-13,1% or -R360,1 million) to a certain extent.

Table H – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2005 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2005 prices	November 2011 to January 2012	February to April 2012	% change between November 2011 to January 2012 and February to April 2012
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	3 612 965	3 861 281	6,9
Non-residential buildings	1 925 135	2 186 243	13,6
Additions and alterations	1 881 129	1 905 739	1,3
Total	7 419 229	7 953 263	7,2

Seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed increased by 7,2% during the three months ended April 2012 compared with the three months ended January 2012. The biggest increase was reported for non-residential buildings (13,6%), followed by residential buildings (6,9%) and additions and alterations (1,3%) during the above-mentioned period (see Table H).

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

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

Year and month		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/
2011 2/	January	1 567 041	-3,3	1 656 955	218,7	1 271 047	17,0	4 495 043	39,3
	February	1 970 284	-6,3	1 108 714	-13,6	1 794 674	-11,2	4 873 672	-9,8
	March	3 074 325	48,0	1 000 239	-35,1	1 979 564	5,8	6 054 128	10,3
	April	2 021 691	1,3	672 605	-42,8	1 411 697	-6,7	4 105 993	-12,3
	May	2 429 171	-2,9	1 473 321	34,8	1 704 865	-6,5	5 607 357	3,5
	June	2 946 729	16,9	1 355 028	-11,9	1 746 673	-2,2	6 048 430	3,5
	July	2 708 689	9,8	1 032 367	2,9	1 724 471	-23,6	5 465 527	-4,6
	August	2 707 591	7,2	1 193 475	23,0	1 884 706	1,9	5 785 772	8,2
	September	2 494 082	-8,8	1 655 937	67,5	1 937 966	-40,1	6 087 985	-12,5
	October	2 253 071	-11,4	2 495 539	143,1	1 881 737	-26,6	6 630 347	8,1
	November	2 928 568	30,2	1 000 947	-21,3	2 252 316	16,9	6 181 831	13,5
	December	2 124 496	23,4	1 319 225	47,9	1 786 060	17,5	5 229 781	26,5
	Total	29 225 738	8,0	15 964 352	20,0	21 375 776	-8,8	66 565 866	4,3
2012 2/	January	1 999 952	27,6	732 864	-55,8	1 487 170	17,0	4 219 986	-6,1
	February	2 540 679	28,9	1 320 373	19,1	1 800 708	0,3	5 661 760	16,2
	March	2 335 750	-24,0	854 961	-14,5	1 649 173	-16,7	4 839 884	-20,1
	April	2 119 700	4,8	1 159 307	72,4	1 686 671	19,5	4 965 678	20,9

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2011	January	2 152 781	-2,2	2 479 347	144,4	1 875 656	5,5	6 507 784	30,3
	February	1 993 033	-7,4	1 107 109	-55,3	1 801 827	-3,9	4 901 969	-24,7
	March	3 193 588	60,2	1 018 275	-8,0	2 053 637	14,0	6 265 500	27,8
	April	2 303 688	-27,9	769 128	-24,5	1 635 522	-20,4	4 708 338	-24,9
	May	2 181 729	-5,3	1 293 219	68,1	1 740 369	6,4	5 215 317	10,8
	June	2 607 768	19,5	1 306 191	1,0	1 778 438	2,2	5 692 397	9,1
	July	2 479 537	-4,9	902 222	-30,9	1 561 259	-12,2	4 943 018	-13,2
	August	2 574 614	3,8	1 272 367	41,0	1 818 025	16,4	5 665 006	14,6
	September	2 277 959	-11,5	1 442 017	13,3	1 597 806	-12,1	5 317 782	-6,1
	October	1 972 142	-13,4	2 127 064	47,5	1 586 292	-0,7	5 685 498	6,9
	November	2 804 676	42,2	988 858	-53,5	1 986 309	25,2	5 779 843	1,7
	December	2 708 699	-3,4	1 480 994	49,8	2 066 330	4,0	6 256 023	8,2
2012	January	2 759 652	1,9	1 116 723	-24,6	2 193 333	6,1	6 069 708	-3,0
	February	2 588 405	-6,2	1 296 079	16,1	1 805 507	-17,7	5 689 991	-6,3
	March	2 438 800	-5,8	885 100	-31,7	1 696 190	-6,1	5 020 090	-11,8
	April	2 422 739	-0,7	1 337 320	51,1	1 990 369	17,3	5 750 428	14,5
	Nov. 11 - Jan. 12	8 273 027		3 586 575		6 245 972		18 105 574	
	Feb. - Apr. 12 2/	7 449 944	-9,9	3 518 499	-1,9	5 492 066	-12,1	16 460 509	-9,1

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

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

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/
2011 2/	January	1 060 962	-6,7	1 121 838	207,4	860 560	12,9	3 043 360	34,4
	February	1 322 338	-9,9	744 103	-16,9	1 204 479	-14,6	3 270 920	-13,3
	March	2 035 977	41,0	662 410	-38,2	1 310 970	0,8	4 009 357	5,0
	April	1 336 213	-3,5	444 551	-45,5	933 045	-11,1	2 713 809	-16,5
	May	1 605 533	-6,8	973 775	29,4	1 126 811	-10,2	3 706 119	-0,6
	June	1 937 363	12,0	890 880	-15,6	1 148 371	-6,3	3 976 614	-0,9
	July	1 764 618	4,0	672 552	-2,6	1 123 434	-27,6	3 560 604	-9,6
	August	1 760 462	1,2	775 992	16,1	1 225 427	-3,8	3 761 881	2,2
	September	1 614 293	-14,2	1 071 804	57,7	1 254 347	-43,7	3 940 444	-17,7
	October	1 453 594	-16,7	1 610 025	128,7	1 214 024	-30,9	4 277 643	1,7
	November	1 880 904	22,2	642 869	-26,2	1 446 574	9,7	3 970 347	6,5
	December	1 360 113	15,8	844 574	38,8	1 143 444	10,3	3 348 131	18,7
	Total	19 132 370	2,5	10 455 373	13,9	13 991 486	-13,5	43 579 229	-1,0
2012 2/	January	1 273 044	20,0	466 495	-58,4	946 639	10,0	2 686 178	-11,7
	February	1 600 932	21,1	831 993	11,8	1 134 662	-5,8	3 567 587	9,1
	March	1 464 420	-28,1	536 026	-19,1	1 033 964	-21,1	3 034 410	-24,3
	April	1 323 985	-0,9	724 114	62,9	1 053 511	12,9	3 101 610	14,3

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

Table 4 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 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/
2011	January	1 439 538	-3,0	1 664 476	142,4	1 259 971	4,9	4 363 985	29,5
	February	1 332 156	-7,5	740 737	-55,5	1 204 290	-4,4	3 277 183	-24,9
	March	2 106 576	58,1	673 978	-9,0	1 356 286	12,6	4 136 840	26,2
	April	1 519 707	-27,9	506 628	-24,8	1 082 093	-20,2	3 108 428	-24,9
	May	1 474 048	-3,0	860 730	69,9	1 157 619	7,0	3 492 397	12,4
	June	1 713 937	16,3	855 931	-0,6	1 171 140	1,2	3 741 008	7,1
	July	1 630 812	-4,8	584 208	-31,7	1 022 278	-12,7	3 237 298	-13,5
	August	1 679 340	3,0	839 470	43,7	1 187 313	16,1	3 706 123	14,5
	September	1 474 675	-12,2	934 648	11,3	1 039 572	-12,4	3 448 895	-6,9
	October	1 268 738	-14,0	1 375 496	47,2	1 022 129	-1,7	3 666 363	6,3
	November	1 786 957	40,8	633 949	-53,9	1 269 373	24,2	3 690 279	0,7
	December	1 712 786	-4,2	942 321	48,6	1 311 707	3,3	3 966 814	7,5
2012	January	1 737 596	1,4	706 422	-25,0	1 386 832	5,7	3 830 850	-3,4
	February	1 626 859	-6,4	815 878	15,5	1 135 273	-18,1	3 578 010	-6,6
	March	1 524 268	-6,3	555 540	-31,9	1 060 330	-6,6	3 140 138	-12,2
	April	1 511 384	-0,8	834 409	50,2	1 244 773	17,4	3 590 566	14,3
	Nov. 11 - Jan. 12	5 237 339		2 282 692		3 967 912		11 487 943	
	Feb. - Apr. 12 2/	4 662 511	-11,0	2 205 827	-3,4	3 440 376	-13,3	10 308 714	-10,3

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

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/
2011 2/	January	1 125 745	-8,0	444 436	-40,5	741 775	21,5	2 311 956	-10,4
	February	1 572 168	2,0	680 377	12,0	1 053 311	20,0	3 305 856	9,2
	March	1 970 910	23,7	1 006 080	-14,4	1 333 781	53,6	4 310 771	18,5
	April	1 499 150	-2,2	1 030 371	15,9	804 453	-16,8	3 333 974	-1,6
	May	1 794 272	-28,2	1 073 391	-27,2	810 876	-19,6	3 678 539	-26,1
	June	1 855 347	10,4	1 067 467	46,8	1 060 307	26,0	3 983 121	22,6
	July	1 753 772	-6,5	809 374	-46,1	932 648	-33,4	3 495 794	-26,8
	August	1 534 533	-14,8	552 989	-22,0	898 305	-24,6	2 985 827	-19,4
	September	1 985 697	29,9	650 495	2,4	973 206	21,6	3 609 398	21,8
	October	2 048 160	25,1	1 146 807	-19,3	936 292	15,4	4 131 259	6,8
	November	2 174 964	4,5	912 244	-10,5	1 115 957	2,1	4 203 165	0,2
	December	2 062 568	2,1	705 605	4,9	811 523	3,0	3 579 696	2,9
	Total	21 377 286	1,7	10 079 636	-12,9	11 472 434	1,9	42 929 356	-2,1
2012 2/	January	1 251 364	11,2	687 725	54,7	636 117	-14,2	2 575 206	11,4
	February	1 751 099	11,4	875 898	28,7	954 095	-9,4	3 581 092	8,3
	March	2 122 602	7,7	732 076	-27,2	1 031 619	-22,7	3 886 297	-9,8
	April	1 622 638	8,2	1 653 437	60,5	949 460	18,0	4 225 535	26,7

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2011	January	1 712 230	-2,2	710 349	-14,5	988 118	4,0	3 410 697	-3,4
	February	1 746 751	2,0	756 209	6,5	1 020 390	3,3	3 523 350	3,3
	March	1 862 183	6,6	985 510	30,3	1 225 987	20,1	4 073 680	15,6
	April	1 782 179	-4,3	909 360	-7,7	840 248	-31,5	3 531 787	-13,3
	May	1 869 270	4,9	947 641	4,2	857 240	2,0	3 674 151	4,0
	June	1 876 367	0,4	1 071 207	13,0	1 127 685	31,5	4 075 259	10,9
	July	1 733 258	-7,6	715 704	-33,2	778 504	-31,0	3 227 466	-20,8
	August	1 523 044	-12,1	669 504	-6,5	820 468	5,4	3 013 016	-6,6
	September	1 824 023	19,8	709 640	6,0	970 960	18,3	3 504 623	16,3
	October	1 840 958	0,9	820 558	15,6	953 504	-1,8	3 615 020	3,2
	November	1 784 865	-3,0	815 211	-0,7	950 014	-0,4	3 550 090	-1,8
	December	1 772 865	-0,7	861 200	5,6	969 221	2,0	3 603 286	1,5
2012	January	1 913 418	7,9	1 101 315	27,9	860 332	-11,2	3 875 065	7,5
	February	1 959 163	2,4	1 005 444	-8,7	925 821	7,6	3 890 428	0,4
	March	1 999 933	2,1	719 510	-28,4	944 014	2,0	3 663 457	-5,8
	April	1 939 044	-3,0	1 436 037	99,6	987 427	4,6	4 362 508	19,1
	Nov. 11 - Jan. 12	5 471 148		2 777 726		2 779 567		11 028 441	
	Feb. - Apr. 12 2/	5 898 140	7,8	3 160 991	13,8	2 857 262	2,8	11 916 393	8,1

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

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

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/
2011 2/	January	779 556	-11,4	317 908	-39,6	520 544	16,9	1 618 008	-12,6
	February	1 087 394	-1,4	484 254	14,9	735 552	15,6	2 307 200	6,8
	March	1 358 894	19,3	715 053	-12,7	927 525	48,4	3 001 472	16,2
	April	1 031 803	-5,8	732 839	17,9	558 260	-19,8	2 322 902	-3,7
	May	1 230 322	-31,3	762 893	-27,0	558 070	-23,5	2 551 285	-28,4
	June	1 267 623	5,9	754 394	43,0	727 733	19,4	2 749 750	17,8
	July	1 191 192	-10,0	567 982	-48,1	641 436	-36,0	2 400 610	-29,8
	August	1 033 990	-18,2	386 166	-24,8	618 667	-27,1	2 038 823	-22,4
	September	1 327 393	24,2	452 361	-1,1	669 330	17,6	2 449 084	16,9
	October	1 369 517	19,9	795 841	-22,2	642 176	11,3	2 807 534	2,4
	November	1 452 450	0,4	627 835	-14,8	763 831	-1,7	2 844 116	-4,0
	December	1 369 616	-2,3	484 286	-0,6	553 563	-0,6	2 407 465	-1,6
	Total	14 499 750	-2,4	7 081 812	-14,4	7 916 687	-1,9	29 498 249	-5,4
2012 2/	January	821 557	5,4	472 988	48,8	430 682	-17,3	1 725 227	6,6
	February	1 148 288	5,6	603 236	24,6	640 332	-12,9	2 391 856	3,7
	March	1 382 773	1,8	503 491	-29,6	683 191	-26,3	2 569 455	-14,4
	April	1 053 219	2,1	1 134 045	54,7	627 535	12,4	2 814 799	21,2

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

Table 8 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 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/
2011	January	1 188 352	-2,0	513 550	-15,1	687 553	3,4	2 389 455	-3,7
	February	1 212 152	2,0	541 832	5,5	709 268	3,2	2 463 252	3,1
	March	1 294 058	6,8	708 813	30,8	857 238	20,9	2 860 109	16,1
	April	1 226 982	-5,2	649 061	-8,4	586 789	-31,5	2 462 832	-13,9
	May	1 283 188	4,6	665 336	2,5	596 844	1,7	2 545 368	3,4
	June	1 272 103	-0,9	748 064	12,4	775 711	30,0	2 795 878	9,8
	July	1 169 597	-8,1	503 202	-32,7	524 290	-32,4	2 197 089	-21,4
	August	1 027 627	-12,1	462 169	-8,2	573 867	9,5	2 063 663	-6,1
	September	1 233 342	20,0	489 085	5,8	668 032	16,4	2 390 459	15,8
	October	1 232 457	-0,1	569 790	16,5	656 829	-1,7	2 459 076	2,9
	November	1 181 171	-4,2	565 229	-0,8	648 603	-1,3	2 395 003	-2,6
	December	1 173 603	-0,6	593 994	5,1	654 398	0,9	2 421 995	1,1
2012	January	1 258 191	7,2	765 912	28,9	578 128	-11,7	2 602 231	7,4
	February	1 287 921	2,4	696 277	-9,1	618 899	7,1	2 603 097	-0,0
	March	1 314 109	2,0	501 189	-28,0	629 620	1,7	2 444 918	-6,1
	April	1 259 251	-4,2	988 777	97,3	657 220	4,4	2 905 248	18,8
	Nov. 11 - Jan. 12	3 612 965		1 925 135		1 881 129		7 419 229	
	Feb. - Apr. 12 2/	3 861 281	6,9	2 186 243	13,6	1 905 739	1,3	7 953 263	7,2

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

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

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

			Apr. 2011	Mar. 2012	Apr. 2012	Jan. - Apr. 2011	Jan. - Apr. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	954	1 163	1 500	7 000	5 922	-15,4
		square metres	47 820	60 221	73 406	337 955	287 171	-15,0
		R'000	124 355	173 680	229 325	731 076	871 360	19,2
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	1 127	1 357	1 185	4 421	5 191	17,4
		square metres	264 396	299 184	265 366	1 134 408	1 168 361	3,0
		R'000	1 282 421	1 593 050	1 377 329	5 489 920	6 162 666	12,3
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	951	1 111	850	4 620	3 638	-21,3
		square metres	107 251	101 143	93 732	434 204	346 508	-20,2
		R'000	564 402	548 906	501 244	2 165 235	1 830 928	-15,4
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	11 962	3 491	3 372	56 398	27 037	-52,1
		R'000	50 513	20 114	11 802	247 110	131 127	-46,9
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	2 021 691	2 335 750	2 119 700	8 633 341	8 996 081	4,2
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	29 612	39 469	10 062	164 929	107 420	-34,9
		R'000	201 952	255 362	66 192	1 122 577	667 175	-40,6
	2. Shopping space	square metres	27 722	25 767	49 350	255 355	210 400	-17,6
		R'000	140 836	135 724	242 382	1 603 024	1 102 438	-31,2
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	69 673	89 566	166 318	310 659	460 529	48,2
		R'000	278 176	357 404	683 158	1 228 249	1 878 616	53,0
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	10 073	19 233	32 057	97 944	85 243	-13,0
		R'000	51 641	106 471	167 575	484 663	419 276	-13,5
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	672 605	854 961	1 159 307	4 438 513	4 067 505	-8,4
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	228 841	267 757	234 265	984 618	973 347	-1,1
		R'000	1 062 148	1 321 776	1 177 970	4 534 721	4 844 006	6,8
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	66 722	59 235	86 200	340 781	280 319	-17,7
		R'000	349 549	327 397	508 701	1 922 261	1 779 716	-7,4
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 411 697	1 649 173	1 686 671	6 456 982	6 623 722	2,6
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	4 105 993	4 839 884	4 965 678	19 528 836	19 687 308	0,8

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2011	Mar. 2012	Apr. 2012	Jan. - Apr. 2011	Jan. - Apr. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	391	381	590	2 254	1 500	-33,5
		square metres	16 421	17 779	26 821	95 930	68 522	-28,6
		R'000	26 182	41 331	68 484	164 105	180 455	10,0
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	202	276	233	865	998	15,4
		square metres	53 639	55 606	60 124	229 724	235 775	2,6
		R'000	249 242	273 942	305 798	1 018 667	1 186 276	16,5
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	68	265	123	889	847	-4,7
		square metres	8 260	23 385	14 218	90 184	78 408	-13,1
		R'000	34 030	118 408	74 177	398 954	402 970	1,0
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	8 472	2 606	0	48 498	2 606	-94,6
		R'000	36 829	13 655	0	218 482	13 655	-93,8
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	346 283	447 336	448 459	1 800 208	1 783 356	-0,9
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	2 247	1 254	0	14 791	33 417	125,9
		R'000	9 478	6 283	0	65 178	180 062	176,3
	2. Shopping space	square metres	193	2 764	202	32 130	38 937	21,2
		R'000	823	14 926	1 153	134 168	219 014	63,2
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	4 657	22 484	38 683	21 919	96 966	342,4
		R'000	19 018	106 080	184 632	88 943	450 707	406,7
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 103	3 254	4 753	12 304	12 623	2,6
		R'000	5 515	13 343	31 027	55 587	65 462	17,8
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	34 834	140 632	216 812	343 876	915 245	166,2
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	60 649	75 742	69 172	267 177	265 725
R'000			245 620	353 601	313 756	1 075 711	1 221 254	13,5
2. Other buildings 4/		square metres	28 335	18 707	26 756	124 983	69 327	-44,5
		R'000	142 712	107 417	192 435	802 184	539 516	-32,7
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	388 332	461 018	506 191	1 877 895	1 760 770	-6,2
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	769 449	1 048 986	1 171 462	4 021 979	4 459 371	10,9

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2011	Mar. 2012	Apr. 2012	Jan. - Apr. 2011	Jan. - Apr. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	31	58	30	92	240	160,9
		square metres	1 881	3 720	1 815	5 408	12 111	123,9
		R'000	6 328	13 261	5 592	19 162	29 157	52,2
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	72	69	67	279	235	-15,8
		square metres	14 303	15 108	13 407	58 639	49 877	-14,9
		R'000	58 619	65 258	60 084	244 064	215 983	-11,5
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	77	77	37	204	450	120,6
		square metres	9 906	5 331	2 490	20 394	27 713	35,9
		R'000	41 396	23 765	9 847	85 168	114 206	34,1
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	190	0	1 361	700	-48,6
		R'000	0	1 140	0	3 133	4 200	34,1
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	106 343	103 424	75 523	351 527	363 546	3,4
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	247	1 460	224	5 136	2 407	-53,1
		R'000	825	6 472	993	20 728	9 880	-52,3
	2. Shopping space	square metres	8 101	6 866	6 259	18 177	14 252	-21,6
		R'000	32 570	24 249	21 620	72 538	51 009	-29,7
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 207	11 297	24 197	21 902	50 724	131,6
		R'000	9 273	34 959	68 470	81 258	149 291	83,7
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	740	2 149	3 627	9 624	12 556	30,5
		R'000	2 717	9 323	11 698	28 188	48 418	71,8
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	45 385	75 003	102 781	202 712	258 598	27,6
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	18 421	25 638	22 362	83 809	91 780	9,5
		R'000	70 544	101 657	101 003	318 679	378 171	18,7
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	3 968	8 101	17 104	34 108	40 904	19,9
		R'000	14 504	28 201	60 568	105 148	137 761	31,0
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	85 048	129 858	161 571	423 827	515 932	21,7
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	236 776	308 285	339 875	978 066	1 138 076	16,4

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2011	Mar. 2012	Apr. 2012	Jan. - Apr. 2011	Jan. - Apr. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	0	1	1	2	502	25 000,0
		square metres	0	70	43	112	20 859	18 524,1
		R'000	0	316	141	397	87 584	21 961,5
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	33	12	11	82	55	-32,9
		square metres	5 196	3 804	2 194	13 855	13 621	-1,7
		R'000	22 055	16 875	9 584	59 857	58 324	-2,6
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	65	0	0	178	2	-98,9
		square metres	4 241	0	0	11 475	142	-98,8
		R'000	17 896	0	0	48 353	639	-98,7
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	39 951	17 191	9 725	108 607	146 547	34,9
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	376	531	212	945	3 406	260,4
		R'000	1 542	1 726	954	4 103	14 666	257,4
	2. Shopping space	square metres	0	115	358	857	473	-44,8
		R'000	0	374	1 289	3 856	1 663	-56,9
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	216	939	0	1 257	1 188	-5,5
		R'000	886	4 019	0	5 154	5 170	0,3
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	2 342	250	2 934	1 073,6
		R'000	0	0	9 169	1 025	11 182	990,9
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	2 428	6 119	11 412	14 138	32 681	131,2
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 780	5 252	3 394	12 623	18 355	45,4
		R'000	15 795	22 435	14 720	52 884	78 739	48,9
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 198	4 632	334	7 053	7 872	11,6
		R'000	8 892	19 440	2 373	28 861	36 262	25,6
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	24 687	41 875	17 093	81 745	115 001	40,7
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	67 066	65 185	38 230	204 490	294 229	43,9

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2011	Mar. 2012	Apr. 2012	Jan. - Apr. 2011	Jan. - Apr. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	70	10	9	699	199	-71,5
		square metres	3 618	640	637	35 362	10 397	-70,6
		R'000	7 721	2 400	2 632	57 957	22 283	-61,6
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	63	72	59	227	254	11,9
		square metres	12 880	13 469	13 242	43 538	54 920	26,1
		R'000	48 131	54 931	53 852	163 389	220 811	35,1
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	55	86	59	344	145	-57,8
		square metres	9 480	6 603	7 577	39 266	14 180	-63,9
		R'000	39 988	34 077	34 565	169 105	68 642	-59,4
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	11 485	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	62 553	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	95 840	91 408	91 049	390 451	374 289	-4,1
	2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	474	0	816	2 358	962
R'000			1 185	0	2 854	8 894	3 546	-60,1
2. Shopping space		square metres	1 090	1 077	509	3 618	2 090	-42,2
		R'000	3 115	5 501	1 712	10 799	9 084	-15,9
3. Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	406	554	1 528	3 094	3 581	15,7
		R'000	1 169	2 216	5 110	8 650	13 240	53,1
4. Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	381	2 203	0	4 184	3 324	-20,6
		R'000	1 936	9 369	0	15 948	13 363	-16,2
5. Total non-residential buildings		R'000	7 405	17 086	9 676	44 291	39 233	-11,4
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	12 136	15 944	12 438	41 985	52 575	25,2
		R'000	41 441	57 636	44 707	143 402	189 299	32,0
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 214	2 113	4 054	9 215	25 175	173,2
		R'000	11 985	9 321	20 183	57 249	132 119	130,8
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	53 426	66 957	64 890	200 651	321 418	60,2
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	156 671	175 451	165 615	635 393	734 940	15,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2011	Mar. 2012	Apr. 2012	Jan. - Apr. 2011	Jan. - Apr. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	34	24	23	158	100	-36,7
		square metres	2 030	1 301	1 382	9 132	5 785	-36,7
		R'000	11 710	8 261	8 923	59 649	38 031	-36,2
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	88	111	82	441	403	-8,6
		square metres	25 908	33 677	22 016	122 781	118 206	-3,7
		R'000	168 142	242 334	141 642	825 092	820 784	-0,5
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	200	48	66	513	363	-29,2
		square metres	31 322	8 032	17 410	58 705	49 990	-14,8
		R'000	218 122	54 406	101 395	364 279	304 299	-16,5
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	293	0	0	1 585	0	..
		R'000	1 319	0	0	6 344	0	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	399 293	305 001	251 960	1 255 364	1 163 114	-7,3
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	133	7 588	670	46 759	17 145	-63,3
		R'000	399	57 666	3 300	336 359	131 563	-60,9
	2. Shopping space	square metres	91	1 577	2 761	116 832	10 887	-90,7
		R'000	673	7 258	17 168	698 747	67 114	-90,4
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	29 577	21 740	21 742	83 523	76 765	-8,1
		R'000	114 815	86 146	87 933	326 091	304 532	-6,6
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	3 549	2 916	9 896	34 511	15 499	-55,1
		R'000	22 522	19 508	53 108	196 461	84 978	-56,7
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	138 409	170 578	161 509	1 557 658	588 187	-62,2
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	26 785	28 246	27 212	117 250	101 570	-13,4
		R'000	179 654	176 275	174 680	747 251	657 988	-11,9
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	12 951	8 805	7 625	62 238	36 817	-40,8
		R'000	58 172	57 760	53 605	341 819	267 858	-21,6
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	237 826	234 035	228 285	1 089 070	925 846	-15,0
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	775 528	709 614	641 754	3 902 092	2 677 147	-31,4

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2011	Mar. 2012	Apr. 2012	Jan. - Apr. 2011	Jan. - Apr. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	46	7	49	276	66	-76,1
		square metres	2 581	489	2 252	16 092	3 355	-79,2
		R'000	3 457	1 899	3 268	22 168	7 437	-66,5
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	99	108	92	371	397	7,0
		square metres	19 219	22 543	20 506	76 961	83 335	8,3
		R'000	71 356	96 579	88 210	266 611	357 258	34,0
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	72	90	14	238	158	-33,6
		square metres	6 449	4 856	650	20 135	13 765	-31,6
		R'000	25 043	21 294	3 575	77 903	54 963	-29,4
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	1 097	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	4 419	0	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	99 856	119 772	95 053	371 101	419 658	13,1
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	1 517	0	366	2 119	479,0
		R'000	0	5 203	0	1 472	7 648	419,6
	2. Shopping space	square metres	3 622	464	32 254	8 362	35 057	319,2
		R'000	9 722	1 856	159 932	24 354	171 172	602,8
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	524	2 571	7 859	2 427	13 072	438,6
		R'000	1 309	8 157	23 099	7 629	39 023	411,5
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 607	859	4 349	5 619	7 538	34,2
		R'000	5 575	4 787	22 467	21 494	35 780	66,5
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	16 606	20 003	205 498	54 949	253 623	361,6
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	12 668	14 807	13 361	53 852	55 311	2,7
		R'000	42 133	58 163	57 250	178 909	220 711	23,4
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 482	2 336	6 180	10 593	16 013	51,2
		R'000	5 050	7 376	24 175	41 270	61 957	50,1
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	47 183	65 539	81 425	220 179	282 668	28,4
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	163 645	205 314	381 976	646 229	955 949	47,9

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2011	Mar. 2012	Apr. 2012	Jan. - Apr. 2011	Jan. - Apr. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	345	636	758	3 148	3 067	-2,6
		square metres	19 011	33 438	37 973	156 898	152 481	-2,8
		R'000	59 395	94 340	129 288	349 558	456 848	30,7
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	408	512	484	1 442	2 139	48,3
		square metres	99 592	112 628	101 418	429 675	460 458	7,2
		R'000	530 502	657 095	583 698	2 282 832	2 636 752	15,5
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	396	437	406	1 866	1 277	-31,6
		square metres	35 593	40 751	41 583	164 066	119 831	-27,0
		R'000	180 613	236 837	234 017	898 287	695 017	-22,6
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 280	555	3 372	1 280	12 106	845,8
		R'000	6 231	4 829	11 802	6 231	50 229	706,1
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	776 741	993 101	958 805	3 536 908	3 838 846	8,5
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	24 842	24 602	7 005	89 712	41 433	-53,8
		R'000	183 351	164 777	52 314	667 585	292 054	-56,3
	2. Shopping space	square metres	13 371	12 803	3 114	29 930	28 429	-5,0
		R'000	88 436	81 156	21 401	193 102	173 500	-10,2
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	25 168	21 096	57 601	131 376	164 549	25,3
		R'000	107 265	78 028	248 838	535 758	692 700	29,3
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 326	7 852	6 363	24 208	24 008	-0,8
		R'000	7 908	50 141	36 106	132 115	135 566	2,6
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	386 960	374 102	358 659	1 528 560	1 293 820	-15,4
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	81 088	84 385	75 238	337 448	326 582	-3,2
		R'000	417 202	477 119	424 565	1 744 648	1 841 834	5,6
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	15 173	13 744	22 843	84 506	77 131	-8,7
		R'000	104 455	92 245	149 740	492 894	498 111	1,1
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	521 657	569 364	574 305	2 237 542	2 339 945	4,6
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	1 685 358	1 936 567	1 891 769	7 303 010	7 472 611	2,3

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2011	Mar. 2012	Apr. 2012	Jan. - Apr. 2011	Jan. - Apr. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	18	32	32	297	211	-29,0
		square metres	1 037	1 870	1 976	14 457	11 402	-21,1
		R'000	3 938	6 262	7 831	37 309	36 875	-1,2
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	125	157	117	553	545	-1,4
		square metres	23 558	32 917	24 155	117 996	111 398	-5,6
		R'000	89 284	138 284	94 551	447 049	470 620	5,3
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	9	77	57	263	155	-41,1
		square metres	627	8 934	3 607	16 118	15 242	-5,4
		R'000	2 508	45 760	15 781	63 459	72 099	13,6
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 917	0	0	2 577	0	..
		R'000	6 134	0	0	8 501	0	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	101 864	190 306	118 163	556 318	579 594	4,2
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	1 293	0	860	4 571	3 739	-18,2
		R'000	5 172	0	4 730	17 151	13 474	-21,4
	2. Shopping space	square metres	1 110	101	3 893	45 028	79 068	75,6
		R'000	4 993	404	18 107	463 986	405 657	-12,6
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	4 492	7 621	4 479	39 734	37 879	-4,7
		R'000	13 524	33 275	19 045	152 676	155 835	2,1
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 367	0	727	7 060	6 607	-6,4
		R'000	5 468	0	4 000	33 146	24 065	-27,4
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	29 157	33 679	45 882	666 959	599 031	-10,2
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	9 365	12 163	6 399	45 967	39 432	-14,2
		R'000	33 395	50 113	25 586	170 257	157 800	-7,3
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	352	797	755	4 118	5 497	33,5
		R'000	2 822	5 637	3 718	34 370	96 938	182,0
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	36 217	55 750	29 304	204 627	254 738	24,5
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	167 238	279 735	193 349	1 427 904	1 433 363	0,4

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2011	Mar. 2012	Apr. 2012	Jan. - Apr. 2011	Jan. - Apr. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	19	14	8	74	37	-50,0
		square metres	1 241	914	507	4 564	2 259	-50,5
		R'000	5 624	5 610	3 166	20 771	12 690	-38,9
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	37	40	40	161	165	2,5
		square metres	10 101	9 432	8 304	41 239	40 771	-1,1
		R'000	45 090	47 752	39 910	182 359	195 858	7,4
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	9	31	88	125	241	92,8
		square metres	1 373	3 251	6 197	13 861	27 237	96,5
		R'000	4 806	14 359	27 887	59 727	118 093	97,7
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	140	0	0	140	..
		R'000	0	490	0	0	490	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	55 520	68 211	70 963	262 857	327 131	24,5
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	2 517	275	291	2 792	859,5
		R'000	0	13 235	1 047	1 107	14 282	1 190,2
	2. Shopping space	square metres	144	0	0	421	1 207	186,7
		R'000	504	0	0	1 474	4 225	186,6
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 426	1 264	10 229	5 427	15 805	191,2
		R'000	10 917	4 524	46 031	22 090	68 118	208,4
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	184	154	-16,3
		R'000	0	0	0	699	462	-33,9
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	11 421	17 759	47 078	25 370	87 087	243,3
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 949	5 580	4 689	24 507	22 017	-10,2
		R'000	16 364	24 777	21 703	102 980	98 210	-4,6
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	49	0	549	3 967	1 583	-60,1
		R'000	957	0	1 904	18 466	9 194	-50,2
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	17 321	24 777	23 607	121 446	107 404	-11,6
4. Recorded plans passed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	84 262	110 747	141 648	409 673	521 622	27,3

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2011	Mar. 2012	Apr. 2012	Jan. - Apr. 2011	Jan. - Apr. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	1 786	1 764	1 440	6 529	5 404	-17,2
		square metres	79 711	79 099	66 040	286 710	245 598	-14,3
		R'000	177 014	225 611	185 586	652 238	673 925	3,3
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	753	1 017	857	3 219	3 658	13,6
		square metres	186 763	253 137	208 212	815 007	874 654	7,3
		R'000	879 826	1 302 413	1 034 190	3 769 417	4 364 007	15,8
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	656	1 199	870	2 978	3 605	21,1
		square metres	62 912	117 228	80 634	261 520	333 347	27,5
		R'000	295 447	575 028	399 007	1 283 073	1 667 156	29,9
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	22 168	2 723	939	74 990	9 985	-86,7
		R'000	146 863	19 550	3 855	463 245	42 615	-90,8
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	1 499 150	2 122 602	1 622 638	6 167 973	6 747 703	9,4
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	4 878	28 590	44 282	97 580	115 929	18,8
		R'000	26 170	144 465	348 649	527 649	706 594	33,9
	2. Shopping space	square metres	111 034	37 188	180 002	233 308	312 921	34,1
		R'000	695 785	171 326	1 058 723	1 330 807	1 762 927	32,5
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	69 522	93 368	45 752	262 850	317 945	21,0
		R'000	292 230	393 812	177 486	1 084 053	1 261 130	16,3
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	3 556	4 790	13 604	65 374	43 498	-33,5
		R'000	16 186	22 473	68 579	218 755	218 485	-0,1
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 030 371	732 076	1 653 437	3 161 264	3 949 136	24,9
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	126 308	130 996	117 599	621 772	496 488	-20,1
		R'000	550 862	584 374	553 777	2 731 404	2 247 997	-17,7
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	47 193	48 299	68 328	234 831	205 459	-12,5
		R'000	253 591	447 245	395 683	1 201 916	1 323 294	10,1
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	804 453	1 031 619	949 460	3 933 320	3 571 291	-9,2
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	3 333 974	3 886 297	4 225 535	13 262 557	14 268 130	7,6

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2011	Mar. 2012	Apr. 2012	Jan. - Apr. 2011	Jan. - Apr. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	1 086	542	336	2 286	1 331	-41,8
		square metres	45 641	23 250	14 171	96 705	56 377	-41,7
		R'000	74 180	65 971	34 897	160 796	134 382	-16,4
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	152	246	207	797	900	12,9
		square metres	40 019	57 018	47 181	204 181	216 219	5,9
		R'000	162 450	257 360	190 879	809 799	931 827	15,1
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	232	254	209	854	662	-22,5
		square metres	22 291	24 635	22 187	70 098	69 554	-0,8
		R'000	92 302	104 313	96 233	296 930	295 982	-0,3
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	282	0	15 062	720	-95,2
		R'000	0	1 465	0	65 677	4 531	-93,1
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	328 932	429 109	322 009	1 333 202	1 366 722	2,5
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	1 655	4 737	0	33 704	13 540	-59,8
		R'000	7 342	32 757	0	148 060	71 165	-51,9
	2. Shopping space	square metres	32 502	404	4 644	66 858	61 845	-7,5
		R'000	192 010	2 020	20 877	326 706	316 928	-3,0
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	4 201	29 948	1 987	59 929	93 103	55,4
		R'000	15 926	129 691	8 120	258 313	397 079	53,7
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	3 322	1 534	1 520	51 959	7 636	-85,3
		R'000	14 692	5 347	6 950	158 385	21 649	-86,3
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	229 970	169 815	35 947	891 464	806 821	-9,5
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	45 153	56 871	41 809	206 865	200 497	-3,1
		R'000	163 499	209 221	151 807	750 965	733 731	-2,3
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	15 762	23 714	9 506	96 370	66 542	-31,0
		R'000	83 166	306 188	57 699	475 999	530 685	11,5
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	246 665	515 409	209 506	1 226 964	1 264 416	3,1
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	805 567	1 114 333	567 462	3 451 630	3 437 959	-0,4

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2011	Mar. 2012	Apr. 2012	Jan. - Apr. 2011	Jan. - Apr. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	112	241	89	1 085	797	-26,5
		square metres	4 636	9 902	3 856	44 312	32 847	-25,9
		R'000	9 563	18 440	8 211	84 848	51 680	-39,1
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	43	61	55	200	182	-9,0
		square metres	9 828	11 822	10 684	43 814	35 570	-18,8
		R'000	36 804	42 930	40 592	152 602	132 070	-13,5
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	16	21	258	51	283	454,9
		square metres	1 517	2 174	19 798	5 922	22 556	280,9
		R'000	4 572	8 688	62 035	20 833	72 626	248,6
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	247	5 504	2 128,3
		R'000	0	0	0	839	15 169	1 708,0
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	50 939	70 058	110 838	259 122	271 545	4,8
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	498	1 330	16 158	1 114,9
		R'000	0	0	1 631	3 743	49 178	1 213,9
	2. Shopping space	square metres	398	5 991	0	7 516	5 991	-20,3
		R'000	1 256	30 401	0	21 830	30 401	39,3
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	400	1 510	4 531	6 742	7 484	11,0
		R'000	1 478	8 305	12 234	18 894	24 304	28,6
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	97	567	1 146	828	-27,7
		R'000	0	272	2 149	4 573	3 057	-33,2
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	2 734	38 978	16 014	49 040	106 940	118,1
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	9 615	8 350	8 506	52 027	31 911
R'000			29 140	28 188	29 487	160 751	105 597	-34,3
2. Other buildings 4/		square metres	1 344	2 406	5 480	11 126	12 230	9,9
		R'000	3 879	7 687	17 417	35 314	41 195	16,7
3. Total additions and alterations		R'000	33 019	35 875	46 904	196 065	146 792	-25,1
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	86 692	144 911	173 756	504 227	525 277	4,2

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2011	Mar. 2012	Apr. 2012	Jan. - Apr. 2011	Jan. - Apr. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	0	0	0	96	3	-96,9
		square metres	0	0	0	3 840	173	-95,5
		R'000	0	0	0	4 800	679	-85,9
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	5	8	4	20	28	40,0
		square metres	1 085	1 529	756	4 269	5 306	24,3
		R'000	4 671	6 603	3 348	17 382	23 014	32,4
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	1	0	4	9	11	22,2
		square metres	112	0	388	1 242	1 414	13,8
		R'000	448	0	1 630	4 805	6 453	34,3
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	5 119	6 603	4 978	26 987	30 146	11,7
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	16	190	1 087,5
		R'000	0	0	0	66	855	1 195,5
	2. Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	382	0	1 056	1 347	1 096	-18,6
		R'000	1 719	0	3 927	5 097	4 107	-19,4
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	830	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	2 905	0	..
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 719	0	3 927	8 068	4 962	-38,5
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 648	6 914	2 384	8 554	19 419	127,0
		R'000	6 835	29 453	10 229	35 746	82 641	131,2
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	157	986	1 672	1 018	6 500	538,5
		R'000	1 260	4 179	5 685	4 579	27 090	491,6
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	8 095	33 632	15 914	40 325	109 731	172,1
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	14 933	40 235	24 819	75 380	144 839	92,1

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2011	Mar. 2012	Apr. 2012	Jan. - Apr. 2011	Jan. - Apr. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	15	12	221	592	261	-55,9
		square metres	772	740	11 241	24 838	13 658	-45,0
		R'000	2 039	2 046	19 112	51 652	25 521	-50,6
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	20	64	54	144	205	42,4
		square metres	4 534	11 126	10 261	30 091	39 430	31,0
		R'000	13 523	39 948	30 321	96 272	129 137	34,1
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	2	23	2	33	37	12,1
		square metres	496	2 406	301	3 582	4 204	17,4
		R'000	2 480	9 075	783	12 077	15 858	31,3
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	18 042	51 069	50 216	160 001	170 516	6,6
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	130	365	1 690	363,0
		R'000	0	0	650	1 643	6 266	281,4
	2. Shopping space	square metres	397	29 845	117	8 698	30 848	254,7
		R'000	1 137	133 685	585	35 107	137 850	292,7
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	3 641	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	10 923	0	..
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	377	220	821	961	17,1
		R'000	0	1 787	440	2 135	3 319	55,5
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 137	135 472	1 675	49 808	147 435	196,0
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 687	3 224	6 684	24 409	18 525	-24,1
		R'000	10 577	10 345	20 090	72 146	57 395	-20,4
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	4 365	2 216	4 649	13 728	10 548	-23,2
		R'000	18 476	10 269	30 079	54 049	60 777	12,4
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	29 053	20 614	50 169	126 195	118 172	-6,4
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	48 232	207 155	102 060	336 004	436 123	29,8

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2011	Mar. 2012	Apr. 2012	Jan. - Apr. 2011	Jan. - Apr. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	51	24	38	161	133	-17,4
		square metres	2 897	1 509	2 434	9 071	8 126	-10,4
		R'000	20 461	9 424	16 646	59 871	51 379	-14,2
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	80	88	76	318	323	1,6
		square metres	23 146	24 376	17 764	88 631	84 797	-4,3
		R'000	147 716	164 090	124 694	572 925	559 899	-2,3
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	39	63	101	374	263	-29,7
		square metres	6 993	8 230	11 226	52 325	40 016	-23,5
		R'000	35 050	57 529	69 568	300 818	256 345	-14,8
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	2 270	0	3 802	2 651	-30,3
		R'000	0	17 085	0	21 808	18 060	-17,2
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	203 227	248 128	210 908	955 422	885 683	-7,3
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	4 197	1 788	31 124	6 821	-78,1
		R'000	0	23 157	7 152	211 994	36 350	-82,9
	2. Shopping space	square metres	343	777	44 198	17 041	54 052	217,2
		R'000	1 427	4 126	176 792	106 852	242 020	126,5
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	34 547	3 442	22 077	79 973	28 683	-64,1
		R'000	121 029	14 838	90 004	308 554	118 346	-61,6
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	497	1 700	3 136	5 966	90,2
		R'000	0	3 231	10 441	19 673	34 289	74,3
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	122 456	45 352	284 389	647 073	431 005	-33,4
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	14 021	14 337	17 725	73 263	61 641	-15,9
		R'000	94 392	106 304	127 377	514 926	454 109	-11,8
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	6 656	6 206	7 378	32 786	22 571	-31,2
		R'000	34 347	29 121	53 470	187 946	134 689	-28,3
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	128 739	135 425	180 847	702 872	588 798	-16,2
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	454 422	428 905	676 144	2 305 367	1 905 486	-17,3

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2011	Mar. 2012	Apr. 2012	Jan. - Apr. 2011	Jan. - Apr. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	0	12	0	96	25	-74,0
		square metres	0	788	0	5 802	1 485	-74,4
		R'000	0	2 809	0	7 051	4 822	-31,6
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	71	69	26	183	209	14,2
		square metres	13 995	13 996	8 519	38 320	44 330	15,7
		R'000	52 535	58 465	31 744	137 736	169 431	23,0
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	10	81	16	144	267	85,4
		square metres	579	6 989	810	10 931	18 198	66,5
		R'000	1 505	26 911	3 566	40 607	72 422	78,3
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	54 040	88 185	35 310	185 394	246 675	33,1
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	12 625	0	113	15 963	14 026,5
		R'000	0	38 561	0	509	54 161	10 540,7
	2. Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	215	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	527	..
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	1 508	8 872	488,3
		R'000	0	0	0	3 016	30 704	918,0
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	38 561	0	3 525	85 392	2 322,5
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 759	1 213	2 303	11 867	10 906	-8,1
		R'000	5 291	4 654	10 393	33 286	35 937	8,0
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	137	0	0	2 870	2 191	-23,7
		R'000	449	10	0	7 991	9 029	13,0
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	5 740	4 664	10 393	41 277	44 966	8,9
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	59 780	131 410	45 703	230 196	377 033	63,8

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2011	Mar. 2012	Apr. 2012	Jan. - Apr. 2011	Jan. - Apr. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	480	923	714	2 033	2 743	34,9
		square metres	23 125	42 264	32 012	91 555	126 659	38,3
		R'000	61 536	124 213	97 176	243 270	381 453	56,8
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	334	390	330	1 201	1 382	15,1
		square metres	85 536	112 609	87 266	341 557	351 775	3,0
		R'000	428 410	647 469	507 997	1 748 564	2 022 964	15,7
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	284	668	259	1 282	1 861	45,2
		square metres	26 516	55 436	23 706	99 494	144 642	45,4
		R'000	140 114	298 821	156 470	529 942	809 911	52,8
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	22 168	0	619	55 162	619	-98,9
		R'000	146 863	0	2 475	372 754	2 475	-99,3
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	776 923	1 070 503	764 118	2 894 530	3 216 803	11,1
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	2 607	7 031	40 248	24 039	59 553	147,7
		R'000	16 055	49 990	332 744	137 262	480 365	250,0
	2. Shopping space	square metres	69 889	171	129 648	122 900	158 506	29,0
		R'000	459 466	1 094	854 889	787 268	1 029 309	30,7
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	28 102	52 524	15 215	95 326	167 022	75,2
		R'000	143 186	217 202	59 834	417 460	639 295	53,1
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	186	2 058	9 597	5 941	27 578	364,2
		R'000	1 311	10 867	48 599	24 929	153 894	517,3
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	620 018	279 153	1 296 066	1 366 919	2 302 863	68,5
	3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	42 708	30 371	33 955	204 969	-39,2
			R'000	214 949	160 307	186 807	1 039 803	-35,5
		2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	18 370	11 980	37 264	73 841	8,8
			R'000	110 406	83 850	222 293	498 038	17,4
		3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	325 355	244 157	409 100	1 464 039	-20,2
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	1 722 296	1 593 813	2 469 284	5 725 488	6 688 107	16,8

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2011	Mar. 2012	Apr. 2012	Jan. - Apr. 2011	Jan. - Apr. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	32	2	32	99	84	-15,2
		square metres	2 008	92	1 753	5 818	4 634	-20,4
		R'000	6 368	215	7 012	17 866	16 680	-6,6
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	36	73	83	303	355	17,2
		square metres	6 106	15 422	19 744	52 075	79 550	52,8
		R'000	22 876	61 306	78 031	182 241	316 927	73,9
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	72	89	10	116	204	75,9
		square metres	4 408	17 358	618	7 726	28 366	267,1
		R'000	18 976	69 691	2 470	33 037	121 557	267,9
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	171	0	717	171	-76,2
		R'000	0	1 000	0	2 167	1 000	-53,9
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	48 220	132 212	87 513	235 311	456 164	93,9
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	1 618	5 633	1 618	-71,3
		R'000	0	0	6 472	18 719	6 472	-65,4
	2. Shopping space	square metres	789	0	1 395	789	1 464	85,6
		R'000	3 551	0	5 580	3 551	5 892	65,9
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 002	5 944	0	12 821	9 144	-28,7
		R'000	4 008	23 776	0	53 874	36 576	-32,1
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	227	0	1 493	529	-64,6
		R'000	0	969	0	5 972	2 277	-61,9
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	7 559	24 745	12 052	82 116	51 217	-37,6
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	7 568	9 099	3 553	38 601	26 161	-32,2
		R'000	25 528	33 337	13 896	118 457	95 066	-19,7
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	402	400	0	3 092	1 368	-55,8
		R'000	1 608	4 182	0	11 802	9 510	-19,4
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	27 136	37 519	13 896	130 259	104 576	-19,7
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	82 915	194 476	113 461	447 686	611 957	36,7

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

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

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

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

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

			Apr. 2011	Mar. 2012	Apr. 2012	Jan. - Apr. 2011	Jan. - Apr. 2012	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
1. Residential buildings	1. Dwelling-houses smaller than 80 square metres	Number	10	8	10	81	27	-66,7
		square metres	632	554	573	4 769	1 639	-65,6
		R'000	2 867	2 493	2 532	22 084	7 329	-66,8
	2. Dwelling-houses equal to or greater than 80 square metres	Number	12	18	22	53	74	39,6
		square metres	2 514	5 239	6 037	12 069	17 677	46,5
		R'000	10 841	24 242	26 584	51 896	78 738	51,7
	3. Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	11	115	17	-85,2
		square metres	0	0	1 600	10 200	4 397	-56,9
		R'000	0	0	6 252	44 024	16 002	-63,7
	4. Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	320	0	320	..
		R'000	0	0	1 380	0	1 380	..
	5. Total residential buildings	R'000	13 708	26 735	36 748	118 004	103 449	-12,3
2. Non-residential buildings	1. Office and banking space	square metres	616	0	0	1 256	396	-68,5
		R'000	2 773	0	0	5 653	1 782	-68,5
	2. Shopping space	square metres	6 716	0	0	9 506	0	..
		R'000	36 938	0	0	49 493	0	..
	3. Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	888	0	886	1 563	2 541	62,6
		R'000	4 884	0	3 367	7 922	10 719	35,3
	4. Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	48	0	0	48	0	..
		R'000	183	0	0	183	0	..
	5. Total non-residential buildings	R'000	44 778	0	3 367	63 251	12 501	-80,2
3. Additions and alterations	1. Dwelling-houses	square metres	149	617	680	1 217	2 904	138,6
		R'000	651	2 565	3 691	5 324	13 118	146,4
	2. Other buildings 4/	square metres	0	391	2 379	0	3 160	..
		R'000	0	1 759	9 040	0	12 281	..
	3. Total additions and alterations	R'000	651	4 324	12 731	5 324	25 399	377,1
4. Recorded buildings completed	1. Total at current prices	R'000	59 137	31 059	52 846	186 579	141 349	-24,2

1/ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2011 and 2012.

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

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

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

Explanatory notes

Introduction	1	Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and therefore do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses can be obtained from the National Department of Housing.
	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.
Collection rate	6	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for April 2012 was 96,4%. Improved collection rate for March 2012 was 97,3%.
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 88 percent of the total value of buildings completed. Information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed for the private sector is collected by mail, fax and telephone.
Constant prices	9	The value of building plans passed and buildings completed at constant prices measures building activities in terms of ruling prices in a specific base year, which is currently 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 two years are therefore preliminary. Data are edited at municipal level.
- 15** Once a year the annual statistical release P5041.3: *Selected building statistics of the private sector as reported by local government institutions* is published with the revised and updated information at provincial and municipal level for the previous calendar year. Due to this comprehensive revision, the monthly statistical release P5041.1 reflects provincial revision where applicable.
- Related publications** **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.
 - *Building Statistics (Report no. 50-11-01)* issued annually.
- Rounding-off of figures** **17** Where necessary, the figures in the tables have been rounded off to the nearest digit shown.

Symbols and abbreviations

18	..	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

2010 World Cup note

- 19** 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.

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, guesthouses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation, entertainment centres and casinos.
Percentage change	<p>When using monthly actual values, the percentage change is the change in actual values of building activities (building plans passed or buildings completed) of the relevant month compared with the actual values of building activities (building plans passed or buildings completed) of the same month in the previous year expressed as a percentage.</p> <p>When using annual actual values, the percentage change is the change in the actual values of building activities (building plans passed or buildings completed) of the relevant year compared with the actual values of building activities (building plans passed or buildings completed) of the previous year expressed as a percentage.</p> <p>When using seasonally adjusted values, the percentage change is the change in the seasonally adjusted values of building activities (building plans passed or buildings completed) of the relevant month compared with the seasonally adjusted values of building activities (building plans passed or buildings completed) of the previous month expressed as a percentage.</p>

Reference period	One calendar month.
Residential buildings	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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