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Results for January to April 2020

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

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Apr 2019 1/	Jan – Apr 2020 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Apr 2019 and Jan – Apr 2020	% change between Jan – Apr 2019 and Jan – Apr 2020
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	20 188 586	12 097 845	-8 090 741	-40,1
-Dwelling-houses	8 971 149	7 072 269	-1 898 880	-21,2
-Flats and townhouses	10 821 545	4 896 881	-5 924 664	-54,7
-Other residential buildings	395 892	128 695	-267 197	-67,5
Non-residential buildings	8 186 904	5 840 624	-2 346 280	-28,7
Additions and alterations	9 024 396	7 135 768	-1 888 628	-20,9
Total	37 399 886	25 074 237	-12 325 649	-33,0

1/ 2019 and 2020 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Total value of recorded building plans passed at current prices

The value of recorded building plans passed (at current prices) decreased by 33,0% (-R12 325,6 million) during January to April 2020 compared with January to April 2019.

Decreases were recorded for residential buildings (-40,1% or -R8 090,7 million), non-residential buildings (-28,7% or -R2 346,3 million) and additions and alterations (-20,9% or -R1 888,6 million) – see Table A.

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

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Apr 2019 1/	Jan – Apr 2020 1/	% contribution to the total value of building plans passed during Jan – Apr 2019	% change between Jan – Apr 2019 and Jan – Apr 2020	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan – Apr 2019 and Jan – Apr 2020 2/	Difference in value between Jan – Apr 2019 and Jan – Apr 2020
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	9 825 746	7 528 039	26,3	-23,4	-6,1	-2 297 707
Eastern Cape	1 948 885	1 274 952	5,2	-34,6	-1,8	-673 933
Northern Cape	671 568	338 886	1,8	-49,5	-0,9	-332 682
Free State	1 035 734	819 043	2,8	-20,9	-0,6	-216 691
KwaZulu-Natal	6 181 735	4 822 845	16,5	-22,0	-3,6	-1 358 890
North West	694 861	745 093	1,9	7,2	0,1	50 232
Gauteng	15 080 865	8 170 712	40,3	-45,8	-18,5	-6 910 153
Mpumalanga	1 113 104	900 272	3,0	-19,1	-0,6	-212 832
Limpopo	847 388	474 395	2,3	-44,0	-1,0	-372 993
Total	37 399 886	25 074 237	100,0	-33,0	-33,0	-12 325 649

1/ 2019 and 2020 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between January to April 2019 and January to April 2020 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of building plans passed during January to April 2019, divided by 100.

The largest negative contributions to the total decrease of 33,0% (-R12 325,6 million) were made by Gauteng (contributing -18,5 percentage points or -R6 910,2 million), Western Cape (contributing -6,1 percentage points or -R2 297,7 million) and KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -3,6 percentage points or -R1 358,9 million) – see Table B.

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

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	Jan – Apr 2019 1/	Jan – Apr 2020 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Apr 2019 and Jan – Apr 2020	% change between Jan – Apr 2019 and Jan – Apr 2020
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	16 820 193	9 734 883	-7 085 310	-42,1
Non-residential buildings	6 805 657	4 703 137	-2 102 520	-30,9
Additions and alterations	7 503 336	5 741 696	-1 761 640	-23,5
Total	31 129 186	20 179 716	-10 949 470	-35,2

1/ 2019 and 2020 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Real value of recorded building plans passed

The real value of recorded building plans passed (at constant 2015 prices) decreased by 35,2% (-R10 949,5 million) during January to April 2020 compared with January to April 2019. Decreases were recorded for residential buildings (-42,1% or -R7 085,3 million), non-residential buildings (-30,9% or -R2 102,5 million) and additions and alterations (-23,5% or -R1 761,6 million) – see Table C.

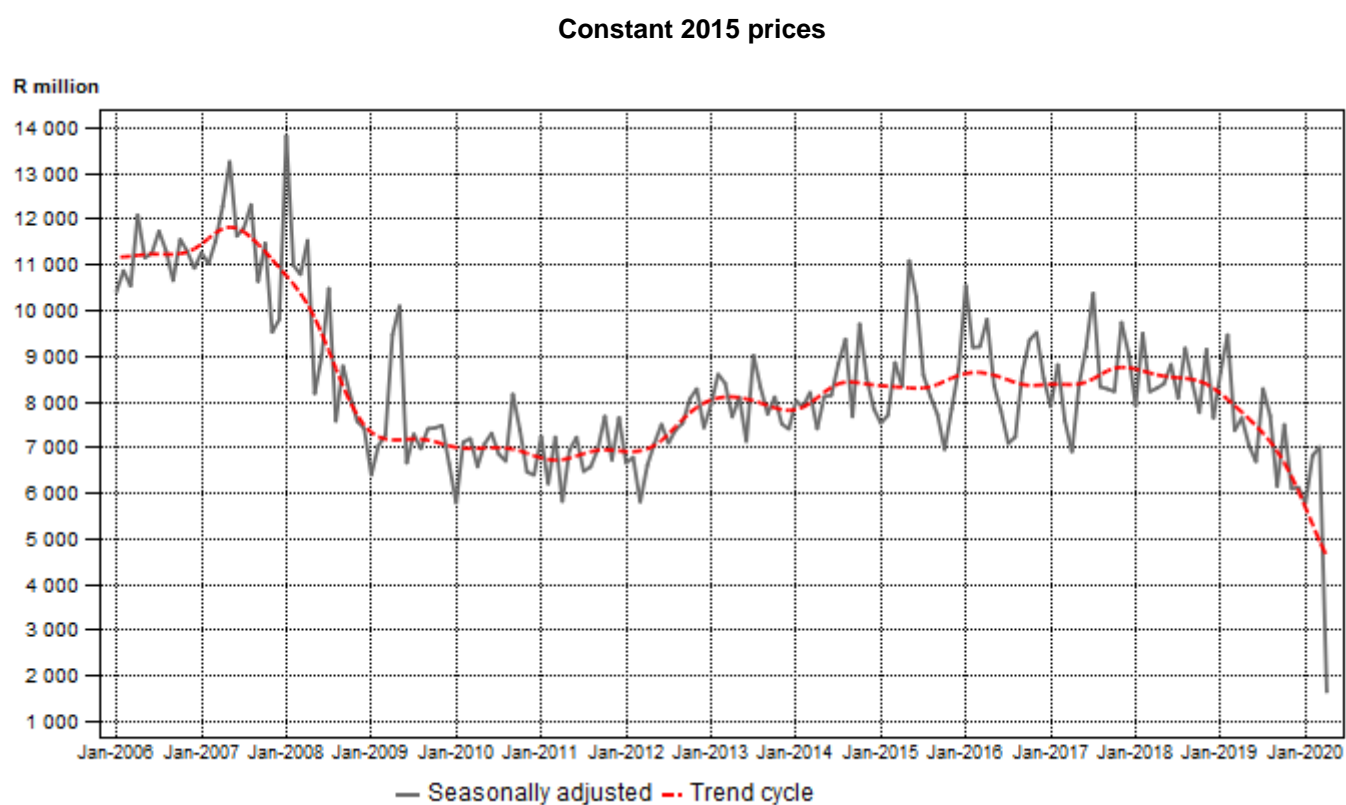
Table D – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding recorded building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	Nov 2019 – Jan 2020	Feb – Apr 2020	% change between Nov 2019 – Jan 2020 and Feb – Apr 2020
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	8 554 796	7 388 429	-13,6
Non-residential buildings 1/	3 551 531	3 558 139	0,2
Additions and alterations	5 903 452	4 542 764	-23,0
Total	18 009 779	15 489 332	-14,0

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

Seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed

The seasonally adjusted real value of recorded building plans passed decreased by 14,0% in the three months ended April 2020 compared with the previous three months. Decreases were recorded for additions and alterations (-23,0%) and residential buildings (-13,6%) – 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 2019 versus January to April 2020**

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Apr 2019 1/	Jan – Apr 2020 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Apr 2019 and Jan – Apr 2020	% change between Jan – Apr 2019 and Jan – Apr 2020
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	16 665 219	7 242 930	-9 422 289	-56,5
-Dwelling-houses	7 405 588	4 551 732	-2 853 856	-38,5
-Flats and townhouses	8 914 181	2 641 020	-6 273 161	-70,4
-Other residential buildings	345 450	50 178	-295 272	-85,5
Non-residential buildings	7 331 116	6 288 620	-1 042 496	-14,2
Additions and alterations	4 213 256	3 428 005	-785 251	-18,6
Total	28 209 591	16 959 555	-11 250 036	-39,9

1/ 2019 and 2020 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Total value of buildings reported as completed at current prices

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) decreased by 39,9% (-R11 250,0 million) during January to April 2020 compared with January to April 2019.

Decreases were recorded for residential buildings (-56,5% or -R9 422,3 million), additions and alterations (-18,6% or -R785,3 million) and non-residential buildings (-14,2% or -R1 042,5 million) – see Table E.

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

Estimates at current prices	Jan – Apr 2019 1/	Jan – Apr 2020 1/	% contribution to the total value of buildings completed during Jan – Apr 2019	% change between Jan – Apr 2019 and Jan – Apr 2020	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan – Apr 2019 and Jan – Apr 2020 2/	Difference in value between Jan – Apr 2019 and Jan – Apr 2020
	R'000	R'000				R'000
Western Cape	6 553 911	4 470 715	23,2	-31,8	-7,4	-2 083 196
Eastern Cape	1 117 847	1 145 881	4,0	2,5	0,1	28 034
Northern Cape	226 691	140 722	0,8	-37,9	-0,3	-85 969
Free State	202 412	504 982	0,7	149,5	1,1	302 570
KwaZulu-Natal	4 338 109	3 103 469	15,4	-28,5	-4,4	-1 234 640
North West	687 087	278 591	2,4	-59,5	-1,4	-408 496
Gauteng	13 931 207	6 691 739	49,4	-52,0	-25,7	-7 239 468
Mpumalanga	913 910	432 675	3,2	-52,7	-1,7	-481 235
Limpopo	238 417	190 781	0,8	-20,0	-0,2	-47 636
Total	28 209 591	16 959 555	100,0	-39,9	-39,9	-11 250 036

1/ 2019 and 2020 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

2/ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each province between January to April 2019 and January to April 2020 by the percentage contribution of the corresponding province to the total value of buildings completed during January to April 2019, divided by 100.

Seven provinces reported year-on-year decreases in the value of buildings completed during January to April 2020, of which Gauteng (contributing -25,7 percentage points or -R7 239,5 million), Western Cape (contributing -7,4 percentage points or -R2 083,2 million) and KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -4,4 percentage points or -R1 234,6 million) were the largest negative contributors – see Table F.

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

Estimates at constant 2015 prices	Jan – Apr 2019 1/	Jan – Apr 2020 1/	Difference in value between Jan – Apr 2019 and Jan – Apr 2020	% change between Jan – Apr 2019 and Jan – Apr 2020
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	13 846 393	5 824 070	-8 022 323	-57,9
Non-residential buildings	6 103 504	5 054 422	-1 049 082	-17,2
Additions and alterations	3 499 724	2 756 482	-743 242	-21,2
Total	23 449 621	13 634 974	-9 814 647	-41,9

1/ 2019 and 2020 figures should be regarded as preliminary because of possible backlogs and incomplete reporting by municipalities.

Real value of buildings reported as completed

The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2015 prices) decreased by 41,9% (-R9 814,6 million) during January to April 2020 compared with January to April 2019. Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-57,9% or -R8 022,3 million), additions and alterations (-21,2% or -R743,2 million) and non-residential buildings (-17,2% or -R1 049,1 million) – see Table G.

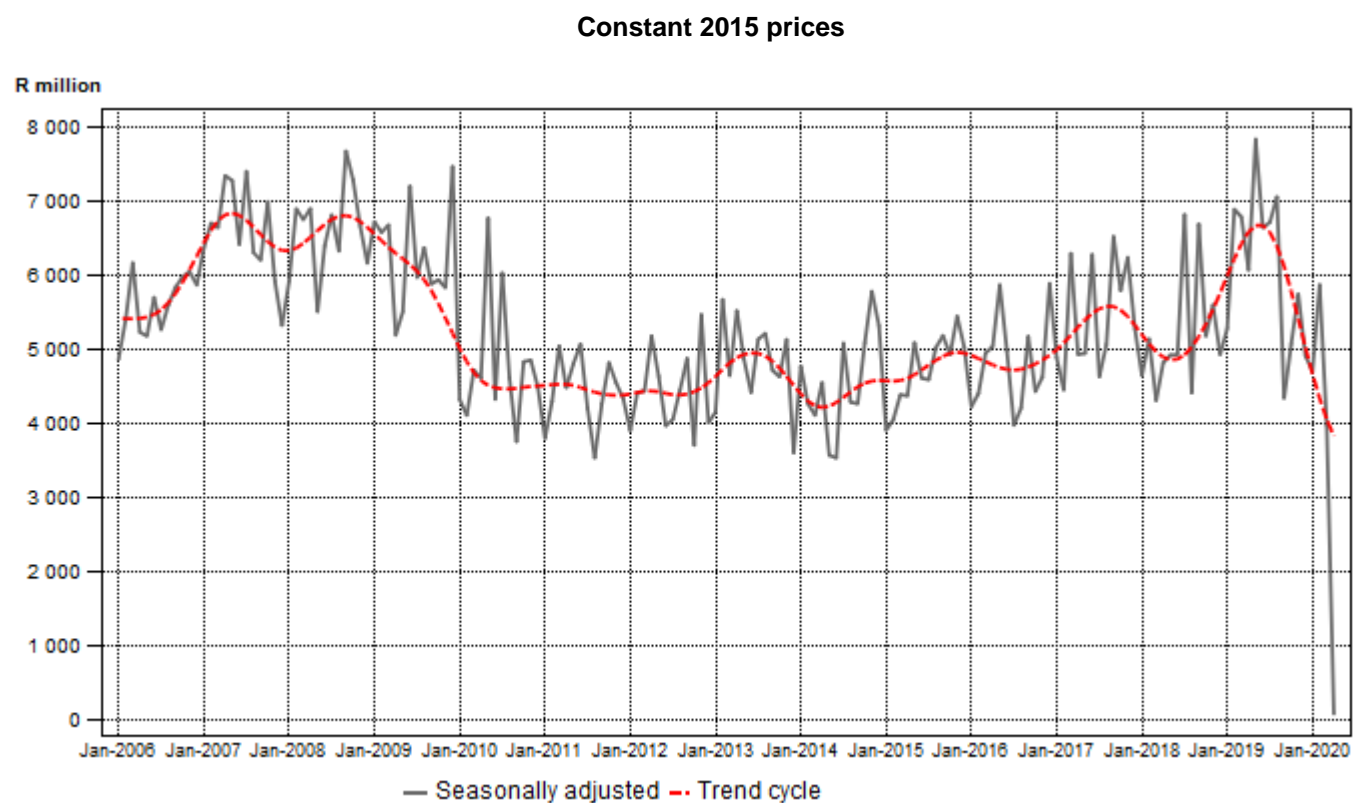
Table H – Seasonally adjusted three-monthly key figures regarding buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices

Seasonally adjusted estimates at constant 2015 prices	Nov 2019 – Jan 2020	Feb – Apr 2020	% change between Nov 2019 – Jan 2020 and Feb – Apr 2020
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	7 574 075	4 404 552	-41,8
Non-residential buildings 1/	4 694 463	3 864 977	-17,7
Additions and alterations	3 086 239	1 655 815	-46,3
Total	15 354 777	9 925 344	-35,4

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

Seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed decreased by 35,4% in the three months ended April 2020 compared with the previous three months. Decreases were reported for additions and alterations (-46,3%), residential buildings (-41,8%) and non-residential buildings (-17,7%) – see Table H.

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2019	January	4 772 821	39,4	1 611 299	-7,9	1 836 501	-10,4	8 220 621	13,8
	February	6 990 891	47,8	2 069 538	-45,8	2 399 945	1,7	11 460 374	5,1
	March	4 148 476	-7,3	2 414 651	32,7	2 314 165	-9,2	8 877 292	0,4
	April	4 276 398	-24,1	2 091 416	6,3	2 473 785	14,4	8 841 599	-9,4
	May	4 422 359	-22,2	1 664 678	-12,7	2 646 651	6,9	8 733 688	-13,2
	June	4 082 091	-24,9	1 648 322	-34,2	2 534 350	-6,2	8 264 763	-22,3
	July	5 781 318	11,3	1 917 207	-0,6	3 282 645	20,2	10 981 170	11,4
	August	5 031 902	-22,4	2 749 039	-4,7	2 453 296	-0,7	10 234 237	-13,6
	September	3 431 994	-36,3	1 679 577	-29,9	2 703 734	9,3	7 815 305	-23,8
	October	5 218 314	-2,7	2 578 004	36,7	2 772 425	-12,6	10 568 743	1,4
	November	3 846 996	-29,7	997 639	-67,7	2 751 222	6,0	7 595 857	-31,9
	December	2 605 709	-41,8	1 980 035	59,6	1 961 680	5,1	6 547 424	-13,7
	Total	54 609 269	-11,6	23 401 405	-13,9	30 130 399	1,8	108 141 073	-8,8
2020	January	2 609 035	-45,3	1 422 087	-11,7	1 687 952	-8,1	5 719 074	-30,4
	February	4 311 091	-38,3	1 744 726	-15,7	2 530 271	5,4	8 586 088	-25,1
	March	4 369 823	5,3	1 944 027	-19,5	2 475 126	7,0	8 788 976	-1,0
	April *	807 896	-81,1	729 784	-65,1	442 419	-82,1	1 980 099	-77,6

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

2/ Preliminary figures.

* The COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown regulations since 27 March have had an extensive impact on economic activity.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2019	January	6 208 787	13,2	1 611 299	29,8	2 457 746	2,3	10 277 832	12,6
	February	6 781 083	9,2	2 069 538	28,4	2 487 184	1,2	11 337 805	10,3
	March	4 051 224	-40,3	2 414 651	16,7	2 489 716	0,1	8 955 591	-21,0
	April	4 623 277	14,1	2 091 416	-13,4	2 590 007	4,0	9 304 700	3,9
	May	4 308 830	-6,8	1 664 678	-20,4	2 603 155	0,5	8 576 663	-7,8
	June	3 944 703	-8,5	1 648 322	-1,0	2 518 181	-3,3	8 111 206	-5,4
	July	5 511 102	39,7	1 917 207	16,3	2 690 259	6,8	10 118 568	24,7
	August	4 338 533	-21,3	2 749 039	43,4	2 368 761	-12,0	9 456 333	-6,5
	September	3 409 903	-21,4	1 679 577	-38,9	2 505 828	5,8	7 595 308	-19,7
	October	4 381 868	28,5	2 578 004	53,5	2 326 014	-7,2	9 285 886	22,3
	November	3 950 445	-9,8	997 639	-61,3	2 575 750	10,7	7 523 834	-19,0
	December	3 197 172	-19,1	1 980 035	98,5	2 419 458	-6,1	7 596 665	1,0
2020	January	3 456 515	8,1	1 422 087	-28,2	2 312 849	-4,4	7 191 451	-5,3
	February	4 148 578	20,0	1 744 726	22,7	2 660 096	15,0	8 553 400	18,9
	March	4 225 102	1,8	1 944 027	11,4	2 523 465	-5,1	8 692 594	1,6
	April *	834 662	-80,2	729 784	-62,5	476 625	-81,1	2 041 071	-76,5
	Nov 19 – Jan 20	10 604 132		4 399 761		7 308 057		22 311 950	
	Feb – Apr 20 2/	9 208 342	-13,2	4 418 537	0,4	5 660 186	-22,5	19 287 065	-13,6

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

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

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

* The COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown regulations since 27 March have had an extensive impact on economic activity.

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2019	January	4 027 697	35,3	1 359 746	-10,6	1 549 790	-13,0	6 937 233	10,5
	February	5 850 118	42,1	1 731 831	-47,9	2 008 322	-2,2	9 590 271	1,0
	March	3 428 493	-11,8	1 995 579	26,2	1 912 533	-13,6	7 336 605	-4,5
	April	3 513 885	-27,9	1 718 501	0,9	2 032 691	8,5	7 265 077	-14,0
	May	3 627 858	-26,1	1 365 610	-17,1	2 171 166	1,4	7 164 634	-17,6
	June	3 351 470	-28,3	1 353 302	-37,2	2 080 747	-10,5	6 785 519	-25,9
	July	4 727 161	7,0	1 567 626	-4,5	2 684 092	15,4	8 978 879	7,1
	August	4 100 980	-25,9	2 240 456	-9,1	1 999 426	-5,3	8 340 862	-17,5
	September	2 776 694	-39,1	1 358 881	-33,0	2 187 487	4,5	6 323 062	-27,2
	October	4 218 524	-6,3	2 084 078	31,7	2 241 249	-15,7	8 543 851	-2,3
	November	3 112 456	-32,1	807 151	-68,8	2 225 908	2,5	6 145 515	-34,2
	December	2 104 773	-44,0	1 599 382	53,5	1 584 556	1,1	5 288 711	-17,0
	Total	44 840 109	-15,1	19 182 143	-17,6	24 677 967	-2,5	88 700 219	-12,5
2020	January	2 100 672	-47,8	1 144 998	-15,8	1 359 060	-12,3	4 604 730	-33,6
	February	3 454 400	-41,0	1 398 018	-19,3	2 027 461	1,0	6 879 879	-28,3
	March	3 524 051	2,8	1 567 764	-21,4	1 996 069	4,4	7 087 884	-3,4
	April *	655 760	-81,3	592 357	-65,5	359 106	-82,3	1 607 223	-77,9

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.

* The COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown regulations since 27 March have had an extensive impact on economic activity.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2019	January	5 229 282	14,3	1 359 746	30,5	2 063 458	1,9	8 652 486	13,2
	February	5 672 529	8,5	1 731 831	27,4	2 064 227	0,0	9 468 587	9,4
	March	3 339 270	-41,1	1 995 579	15,2	2 038 846	-1,2	7 373 695	-22,1
	April	3 800 405	13,8	1 718 501	-13,9	2 131 377	4,5	7 650 283	3,8
	May	3 540 404	-6,8	1 365 610	-20,5	2 147 397	0,8	7 053 411	-7,8
	June	3 234 808	-8,6	1 353 302	-0,9	2 102 049	-2,1	6 690 159	-5,2
	July	4 529 641	40,0	1 567 626	15,8	2 192 454	4,3	8 289 721	23,9
	August	3 533 956	-22,0	2 240 456	42,9	1 920 412	-12,4	7 694 824	-7,2
	September	2 753 121	-22,1	1 358 881	-39,3	2 038 478	6,1	6 150 480	-20,1
	October	3 554 622	29,1	2 084 078	53,4	1 867 192	-8,4	7 505 892	22,0
	November	3 204 044	-9,9	807 151	-61,3	2 087 812	11,8	6 099 007	-18,7
	December	2 572 759	-19,7	1 599 382	98,2	1 955 421	-6,3	6 127 562	0,5
2020	January	2 777 993	8,0	1 144 998	-28,4	1 860 219	-4,9	5 783 210	-5,6
	February	3 318 602	19,5	1 398 018	22,1	2 107 064	13,3	6 823 684	18,0
	March	3 391 421	2,2	1 567 764	12,1	2 049 958	-2,7	7 009 143	2,7
	April *	678 406	-80,0	592 357	-62,2	385 742	-81,2	1 656 505	-76,4
	Nov 19 – Jan 20	8 554 796		3 551 531		5 903 452		18 009 779	
	Feb – Apr 20 2/	7 388 429	-13,6	3 558 139	0,2	4 542 764	-23,0	15 489 332	-14,0

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

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

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

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2019	January	3 215 693	19,7	1 129 725	40,0	704 984	-11,1	5 050 402	17,8
	February	3 662 196	22,2	3 157 234	107,5	991 268	-5,9	7 810 698	40,2
	March	5 459 272	93,3	1 420 463	36,0	1 490 196	39,5	8 369 931	69,5
	April	4 328 058	28,3	1 623 694	34,6	1 026 808	15,3	6 978 560	27,6
	May	5 249 660	64,5	3 123 392	112,0	1 035 312	14,6	9 408 364	69,0
	June	6 325 555	87,0	1 259 061	-14,8	868 430	-14,9	8 453 046	43,8
	July	4 795 499	-2,5	1 904 394	28,3	1 202 470	-11,7	7 902 363	1,8
	August	5 048 824	76,4	2 136 907	101,6	1 240 827	5,0	8 426 558	65,1
	September	3 405 658	-28,9	1 262 510	-53,5	1 108 538	16,0	5 776 706	-31,7
	October	3 267 018	-11,6	1 860 458	18,8	1 351 483	18,3	6 478 959	1,1
	November	4 771 617	-20,0	2 350 550	117,9	1 224 790	9,2	8 346 957	2,2
	December	2 964 337	-21,6	1 984 860	65,2	1 026 971	24,5	5 976 168	2,9
	Total	52 493 387	18,1	23 213 248	39,6	13 272 077	7,8	88 978 712	21,2
2020	January	2 154 645	-33,0	1 477 291	30,8	1 186 716	68,3	4 818 652	-4,6
	February	2 784 450	-24,0	2 973 015	-5,8	1 271 026	28,2	7 028 491	-10,0
	March	2 267 648	-58,5	1 792 161	26,2	956 132	-35,8	5 015 941	-40,1
	April *	36 187	-99,2	46 153	-97,2	14 131	-98,6	96 471	-98,6

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.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2019	January	4 225 163	12,7	1 129 725	-5,9	919 803	-2,1	6 274 691	6,5
	February	4 087 272	-3,3	3 157 234	179,5	985 580	7,2	8 230 086	31,2
	March	5 608 000	37,2	1 420 463	-55,0	1 148 560	16,5	8 177 023	-0,6
	April	4 461 830	-20,4	1 623 694	14,3	1 288 844	12,2	7 374 368	-9,8
	May	5 338 923	19,7	3 123 392	92,4	1 075 325	-16,6	9 537 640	29,3
	June	6 010 942	12,6	1 259 061	-59,7	823 661	-23,4	8 093 664	-15,1
	July	5 081 510	-15,5	1 904 394	51,3	1 216 692	47,7	8 202 596	1,3
	August	5 363 459	5,5	2 136 907	12,2	1 154 356	-5,1	8 654 722	5,5
	September	3 030 427	-43,5	1 262 510	-40,9	1 070 590	-7,3	5 363 527	-38,0
	October	3 166 546	4,5	1 860 458	47,4	1 236 881	15,5	6 263 885	16,8
	November	3 625 467	14,5	2 350 550	26,3	1 119 624	-9,5	7 095 641	13,3
	December	2 938 212	-19,0	1 984 860	-15,6	1 168 964	4,4	6 092 036	-14,1
2020	January	2 841 265	-3,3	1 477 291	-25,6	1 541 898	31,9	5 860 454	-3,8
	February	3 094 432	8,9	2 973 015	101,2	1 262 473	-18,1	7 329 920	25,1
	March	2 338 616	-24,4	1 792 161	-39,7	781 467	-38,1	4 912 244	-33,0
	April *	37 342	-98,4	46 153	-97,4	16 992	-97,8	100 487	-98,0
	Nov 19 – Jan 20	9 404 944		5 812 701		3 830 486		19 048 131	
	Feb – Apr 20 2/	5 470 390	-41,8	4 811 329	-17,2	2 060 932	-46,2	12 342 651	-35,2

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.

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Table 7 – Value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2015 prices by type of building

Year and month 2/		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2019	January	2 713 665	16,2	953 354	35,9	594 923	-13,7	4 261 942	14,4
	February	3 064 599	17,5	2 642 037	99,5	829 513	-9,5	6 536 149	34,8
	March	4 511 795	83,9	1 173 936	29,3	1 231 567	32,7	6 917 298	61,3
	April	3 556 334	21,7	1 334 177	27,8	843 721	9,4	5 734 232	21,1
	May	4 306 530	56,1	2 562 258	101,2	849 313	8,7	7 718 101	60,4
	June	5 193 395	78,4	1 033 712	-18,7	712 997	-18,8	6 940 104	37,1
	July	3 921 095	-6,3	1 557 150	23,3	983 213	-15,2	6 461 458	-2,2
	August	4 114 771	68,4	1 741 570	92,4	1 011 269	0,2	6 867 610	57,6
	September	2 755 387	-32,0	1 021 448	-55,5	896 875	10,9	4 673 710	-34,7
	October	2 641 082	-14,8	1 504 008	14,5	1 092 549	14,0	5 237 639	-2,5
	November	3 860 532	-22,6	1 901 739	110,6	990 930	5,6	6 753 201	-1,2
	December	2 394 456	-24,5	1 603 279	59,0	829 540	19,7	4 827 275	-1,0
	Total	43 033 641	13,4	19 028 668	33,9	10 866 410	3,2	72 928 719	16,4
2020	January	1 734 819	-36,1	1 189 445	24,8	955 488	60,6	3 879 752	-9,0
	February	2 231 130	-27,2	2 382 224	-9,8	1 018 450	22,8	5 631 804	-13,8
	March	1 828 748	-59,5	1 445 291	23,1	771 074	-37,4	4 045 113	-41,5
	April *	29 373	-99,2	37 462	-97,2	11 470	-98,6	78 305	-98,6

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.

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

Year and month		Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings 3/		Additions and alterations		Total	
		R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/	R'000	% change 1/
2019	January	3 551 237	13,4	953 354	-5,5	774 091	-1,6	5 278 682	7,2
	February	3 419 920	-3,7	2 642 037	177,1	824 703	6,5	6 886 660	30,5
	March	4 656 098	36,1	1 173 936	-55,6	951 245	15,3	6 781 279	-1,5
	April	3 671 621	-21,1	1 334 177	13,6	1 060 249	11,5	6 066 047	-10,5
	May	4 386 235	19,5	2 562 258	92,0	883 298	-16,7	7 831 791	29,1
	June	4 930 398	12,4	1 033 712	-59,7	676 420	-23,4	6 640 530	-15,2
	July	4 157 945	-15,7	1 557 150	50,6	994 778	47,1	6 709 873	1,0
	August	4 373 387	5,2	1 741 570	11,8	940 172	-5,5	7 055 129	5,1
	September	2 450 029	-44,0	1 021 448	-41,3	866 543	-7,8	4 338 020	-38,5
	October	2 563 702	4,6	1 504 008	47,2	1 000 201	15,4	5 067 911	16,8
	November	2 934 420	14,5	1 901 739	26,4	906 114	-9,4	5 742 273	13,3
	December	2 361 592	-19,5	1 603 279	-15,7	941 906	4,0	4 906 777	-14,5
2020	January	2 278 063	-3,5	1 189 445	-25,8	1 238 219	31,5	4 705 727	-4,1
	February	2 478 763	8,8	2 382 224	100,3	1 010 654	-18,4	5 871 641	24,8
	March	1 895 442	-23,5	1 445 291	-39,3	631 343	-37,5	3 972 076	-32,4
	April *	30 347	-98,4	37 462	-97,4	13 818	-97,8	81 627	-97,9
	Nov 19 – Jan 20	7 574 075		4 694 463		3 086 239		15 354 777	
	Feb – Apr 20 2/	4 404 552	-41,8	3 864 977	-17,7	1 655 815	-46,3	9 925 344	-35,4

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.

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

			Apr 2019	Mar 2020	Apr 2020 *	Jan – Apr 2019	Jan – Apr 2020	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	917	673	181	3 119	5 162	65,5	
		square metres	46 043	36 795	8 795	158 897	233 999	47,3	
		R'000	257 883	228 368	55 865	905 191	956 443	5,7	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 131	996	164	4 046	2 986	-26,2	
		square metres	313 220	277 360	40 181	1 100 196	805 254	-26,8	
		R'000	2 303 010	2 128 450	308 466	8 065 958	6 115 826	-24,2	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	2 236	2 038	631	10 902	5 574	-48,9	
		square metres	192 080	235 942	53 020	1 296 234	570 218	-56,0	
		R'000	1 503 838	1 969 482	430 407	10 821 545	4 896 881	-54,7	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	28 382	5 833	1 700	52 047	17 370	-66,6	
		R'000	211 667	43 523	13 158	395 892	128 695	-67,5	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	4 276 398	4 369 823	807 896	20 188 586	12 097 845	-40,1
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	39 862	19 232	0	180 336	89 753	-50,2
R'000			391 435	177 629	0	1 627 502	719 181	-55,8	
Shopping space		square metres	17 317	82 542	28 076	174 954	231 534	32,3	
		R'000	128 828	607 927	245 664	1 319 526	1 848 308	40,1	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	151 174	142 244	19 418	519 216	361 145	-30,4	
		R'000	925 423	811 567	150 271	3 199 807	2 286 751	-28,5	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	92 371	44 502	37 898	279 617	127 621	-54,4	
		R'000	645 730	346 904	333 849	2 040 069	986 384	-51,6	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	2 091 416	1 944 027	729 784	8 186 904	5 840 624	-28,7	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	226 731	223 820	36 177	848 680	642 697	-24,3	
		R'000	1 688 150	1 724 994	270 883	6 419 899	4 895 210	-23,7	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	59 568	82 539	11 146	223 021	216 134	-3,1	
		R'000	785 635	750 132	171 536	2 604 497	2 240 558	-14,0	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	2 473 785	2 475 126	442 419	9 024 396	7 135 768	-20,9
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	8 841 599	8 788 976	1 980 099	37 399 886	25 074 237	-33,0	

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

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

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

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

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

			Apr 2019	Mar 2020	Apr 2020 *	Jan – Apr 2019	Jan – Apr 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	403	236	167	1 181	600	-49,2
		square metres	17 597	12 265	7 896	52 307	29 348	-43,9
		R'000	92 482	74 870	52 179	298 978	176 604	-40,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	403	322	119	1 369	946	-30,9
		square metres	94 036	78 406	30 158	341 010	237 490	-30,4
		R'000	632 561	527 791	213 215	2 262 131	1 594 551	-29,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 041	349	600	2 355	1 681	-28,6
		square metres	108 196	36 783	46 963	245 555	168 819	-31,3
		R'000	861 941	285 590	370 724	1 930 518	1 327 665	-31,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	14 574	5 524	1 700	26 532	7 820	-70,5
		R'000	97 195	41 138	13 158	188 033	58 288	-69,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 684 179	929 389	649 276	4 679 660	3 157 108	-32,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	1 824	0	34 570	39 057	13,0
		R'000	0	15 348	0	261 105	330 285	26,5
	Shopping space	square metres	1 621	3 160	28 076	62 195	49 304	-20,7
		R'000	14 184	18 051	245 664	501 277	392 298	-21,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	29 829	37 033	18 029	103 913	80 462	-22,6
		R'000	208 734	246 491	139 367	714 120	560 459	-21,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	76 944	20 314	37 898	149 663	72 996	-51,2
		R'000	556 032	138 224	333 849	1 070 979	558 536	-47,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	778 950	418 114	718 880	2 547 481	1 841 578	-27,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	66 047	68 006	28 329	234 753	214 252	-8,7
		R'000	436 609	437 520	198 060	1 564 635	1 397 330	-10,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	28 905	43 083	10 657	94 642	107 011	13,1
		R'000	381 000	394 813	162 755	1 033 970	1 132 023	9,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	817 609	832 333	360 815	2 598 605	2 529 353	-2,7
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	3 280 738	2 179 836	1 728 971	9 825 746	7 528 039	-23,4

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

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

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

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

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

			Apr 2019	Mar 2020	Apr 2020 *	Jan – Apr 2019	Jan – Apr 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	16	21	0	74	42	-43,2
		square metres	965	1 425	0	4 412	2 734	-38,0
		R'000	5 671	9 455	0	25 873	17 988	-30,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	54	64	5	281	207	-26,3
		square metres	15 106	15 186	1 348	64 230	46 486	-27,6
		R'000	99 361	104 214	9 327	428 656	317 662	-25,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	62	18	0	144	39	-72,9
		square metres	4 386	1 842	0	16 530	3 707	-77,6
		R'000	28 887	12 341	0	105 656	24 770	-76,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	273	190	0	273	190	-30,4
		R'000	1 958	1 424	0	1 958	1 424	-27,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	135 877	127 434	9 327	562 143	361 844	-35,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	508	4 696	0	3 513	5 206	48,2
		R'000	3 363	30 994	0	22 509	33 943	50,8
	Shopping space	square metres	2 134	0	0	14 479	31 777	119,5
		R'000	13 886	0	0	80 246	222 417	177,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	10 089	2 264	0	93 065	30 115	-67,6
		R'000	65 804	15 781	0	597 331	183 027	-69,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 881	749	0	3 605	2 094	-41,9
		R'000	9 829	5 543	0	20 362	12 667	-37,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	92 882	52 318	0	720 448	452 054	-37,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	18 720	17 442	618	71 058	53 556	-24,6
		R'000	121 178	113 768	4 277	464 028	356 628	-23,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	8 436	5 690	204	30 439	13 341	-56,2
		R'000	58 987	42 719	1 364	202 266	104 426	-48,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	180 165	156 487	5 641	666 294	461 054	-30,8
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	408 924	336 239	14 968	1 948 885	1 274 952	-34,6

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

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

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

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

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

			Apr 2019	Mar 2020	Apr 2020 *	Jan – Apr 2019	Jan – Apr 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	1	0	3	3	0,0
		square metres	0	31	0	162	124	-23,5
		R'000	0	272	0	1 220	1 060	-13,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	14	21	0	58	53	-8,6
		square metres	3 187	4 811	0	12 967	13 186	1,7
		R'000	22 245	39 867	0	89 869	107 557	19,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	0	94	..
		square metres	0	0	0	0	9 046	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	79 109	..
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	5 005	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	41 041	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	22 245	40 139	0	91 089	228 767	151,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	272	0	699	1 437	105,6
		R'000	0	2 230	0	5 243	10 506	100,4
	Shopping space	square metres	0	235	0	380	235	-38,2
		R'000	0	2 060	0	3 055	2 060	-32,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	667	818	0	2 153	3 262	51,5
		R'000	3 176	6 708	0	11 930	27 333	129,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	184	0	0	50 370	0	..
		R'000	876	0	0	404 216	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	4 052	10 998	0	424 444	39 899	-90,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 878	2 834	0	13 263	7 690	-42,0
		R'000	29 485	23 951	0	99 074	63 457	-35,9
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	2 877	0	0	7 116	708	-90,1
		R'000	22 008	707	0	56 961	6 763	-88,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	51 493	24 658	0	156 035	70 220	-55,0
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	77 790	75 795	0	671 568	338 886	-49,5

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

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

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

			Apr 2019	Mar 2020	Apr 2020 *	Jan – Apr 2019	Jan – Apr 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	25	18	0	67	49	-26,9
		square metres	1 598	1 041	0	4 112	2 747	-33,2
		R'000	11 684	7 659	0	29 507	20 744	-29,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	71	41	0	220	142	-35,5
		square metres	15 140	8 870	0	45 793	29 615	-35,3
		R'000	98 671	65 625	0	297 263	218 147	-26,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	13	53	0	173	105	-39,3
		square metres	598	8 752	0	17 781	12 726	-28,4
		R'000	4 619	70 646	0	132 294	102 583	-22,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	462	119	0	1 589	119	-92,5
		R'000	2 776	961	0	9 057	961	-89,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	117 750	144 891	0	468 121	342 435	-26,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	439	5 655	1 188,2
		R'000	0	0	0	2 180	45 647	1 993,9
	Shopping space	square metres	41	486	0	7 282	887	-87,8
		R'000	317	3 923	0	38 483	6 378	-83,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 073	0	0	3 490	14 995	329,7
		R'000	7 860	0	0	23 329	83 135	256,4
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	99	0	0	21 155	0	..
		R'000	492	0	0	163 129	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	8 669	3 923	0	227 121	135 160	-40,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 667	18 649	0	31 429	38 652	23,0
		R'000	42 232	139 532	0	202 448	281 527	39,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	815	12	0	7 189	5 842	-18,7
		R'000	13 077	3 323	0	138 044	59 921	-56,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	55 309	142 855	0	340 492	341 448	0,3
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	181 728	291 669	0	1 035 734	819 043	-20,9

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

			Apr 2019	Mar 2020	Apr 2020 *	Jan – Apr 2019	Jan – Apr 2020	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	32	25	0	66	65	-1,5	
		square metres	1 689	1 459	0	3 570	3 924	9,9	
		R'000	12 970	14 747	0	29 117	35 663	22,5	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	101	106	4	388	276	-28,9	
		square metres	32 184	34 012	1 171	119 250	85 565	-28,2	
		R'000	299 115	345 486	13 763	1 132 686	858 529	-24,2	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	190	232	1	1 281	901	-29,7	
		square metres	25 533	29 898	203	145 643	104 229	-28,4	
		R'000	236 165	333 119	2 314	1 444 487	1 161 818	-19,6	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	4 034	0	0	9 179	0	..	
		R'000	47 509	0	0	104 731	0	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	595 759	693 352	16 077	2 711 021	2 056 010	-24,2
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	19 591	0	0	23 644	4 495	-81,0
R'000			206 573	0	0	227 564	44 787	-80,3	
Shopping space		square metres	1 910	69 705	0	22 207	105 170	373,6	
		R'000	16 054	493 404	0	203 537	872 250	328,5	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	70 261	12 959	0	178 859	57 935	-67,6	
		R'000	418 632	77 754	0	1 082 434	400 869	-63,0	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	2 084	11 921	0	8 406	14 747	75,4	
		R'000	20 117	128 559	0	74 806	149 646	100,0	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	661 376	699 717	0	1 588 341	1 467 552	-7,6	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	29 784	25 229	0	127 870	72 663	-43,2
	R'000		302 383	283 126	0	1 268 124	796 241	-37,2	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	9 397	9 758	0	43 363	34 418	-20,6	
		R'000	153 676	149 071	1 250	614 249	503 042	-18,1	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	456 059	432 197	1 250	1 882 373	1 299 283	-31,0
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 713 194	1 825 266	17 327	6 181 735	4 822 845	-22,0	

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

			Apr 2019	Mar 2020	Apr 2020 *	Jan – Apr 2019	Jan – Apr 2020	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	10	0	34	1 045	2 973,5	
		square metres	158	576	0	1 788	42 481	2 275,9	
		R'000	839	3 985	0	9 207	108 747	1 081,1	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	50	37	0	182	150	-17,6	
		square metres	11 852	8 507	0	45 710	33 517	-26,7	
		R'000	70 852	47 671	0	267 866	199 246	-25,6	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	144	11	0	223	93	-58,3	
		square metres	8 263	464	0	17 052	10 912	-36,0	
		R'000	54 709	2 552	0	106 819	70 128	-34,3	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	3 156	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	20 381	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	126 400	54 208	0	383 892	398 502	3,8
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	1 942	0	2 510	2 407	-4,1
R'000			0	10 681	0	13 019	13 898	6,8	
Shopping space		square metres	548	1 285	0	8 868	19 598	121,0	
		R'000	2 419	7 934	0	59 019	131 245	122,4	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	388	2 070	0	388	5 940	1 430,9	
		R'000	1 927	11 954	0	1 927	36 122	1 774,5	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	0	619	0	1 377	2 580	87,4	
		R'000	0	4 282	0	6 809	14 935	119,3	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	4 346	34 851	0	80 774	196 200	142,9	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	7 326	7 674	0	30 644	23 348	-23,8	
		R'000	41 008	47 411	0	171 862	140 859	-18,0	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 140	74	0	3 310	916	-72,3	
		R'000	44 986	1 922	0	58 333	9 532	-83,7	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	85 994	49 333	0	230 195	150 391	-34,7
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	216 740	138 392	0	694 861	745 093	7,2	

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

			Apr 2019	Mar 2020	Apr 2020 *	Jan – Apr 2019	Jan – Apr 2020	% change 1/	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	383	332	14	1 528	3 266	113,7	
		square metres	20 979	18 296	899	82 667	147 584	78,5	
		R'000	118 779	107 391	3 686	459 642	563 911	22,7	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	312	306	36	1 137	914	-19,6	
		square metres	102 404	94 128	7 504	356 325	269 636	-24,3	
		R'000	845 223	784 085	72 161	2 910 943	2 255 443	-22,5	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	285	1 364	30	6 078	2 328	-61,7	
		square metres	20 338	156 284	5 854	818 653	243 210	-70,3	
		R'000	180 789	1 254 169	57 369	6 911 225	2 030 037	-70,6	
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	4 717	1 080	-77,1	
		R'000	0	0	0	26 239	6 600	-74,8	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	1 144 791	2 145 645	133 216	10 308 049	4 855 991	-52,9
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	18 547	9 203	0	98 804	12 057	-87,8
R'000			175 173	111 510	0	1 005 869	137 925	-86,3	
Shopping space		square metres	7 707	7 671	0	36 168	13 135	-63,7	
		R'000	64 933	82 555	0	287 868	133 289	-53,7	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	37 042	86 326	1 389	120 935	136 462	12,8	
		R'000	208 931	448 776	10 904	678 310	791 766	16,7	
Other non-residential buildings 3/		square metres	4 797	10 025	0	30 814	32 633	5,9	
		R'000	26 090	65 257	0	227 349	235 174	3,4	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	475 127	708 098	10 904	2 199 396	1 298 154	-41,0	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	73 904	72 225	7 230	276 023	194 248	-29,6
	R'000		602 355	612 451	68 546	2 292 191	1 639 846	-28,5	
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	7 691	22 442	285	31 314	48 836	56,0	
		R'000	79 066	143 398	6 167	281 229	376 721	34,0	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	681 421	755 849	74 713	2 573 420	2 016 567	-21,6
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 301 339	3 609 592	218 833	15 080 865	8 170 712	-45,8	

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

			Apr 2019	Mar 2020	Apr 2020 *	Jan – Apr 2019	Jan – Apr 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	55	14	0	121	67	-44,6
		square metres	3 057	783	0	7 034	3 599	-48,8
		R'000	15 458	4 690	0	36 030	23 270	-35,4
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	82	62	0	257	194	-24,5
		square metres	21 508	22 122	0	60 707	56 863	-6,3
		R'000	137 339	148 814	0	383 671	373 763	-2,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	37	13	-64,9
		square metres	0	0	0	1 484	2 017	35,9
		R'000	0	0	0	7 449	11 047	48,3
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 989	0	0	2 707	0	..
		R'000	10 096	0	0	13 741	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	162 893	153 504	0	440 891	408 080	-7,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	693	1 295	0	14 537	18 816	29,4
		R'000	3 441	6 866	0	80 947	98 598	21,8
	Shopping space	square metres	3 356	0	0	7 651	10 695	39,8
		R'000	17 035	0	0	41 344	83 859	102,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 568	774	0	9 835	19 426	97,5
		R'000	9 219	4 103	0	54 584	131 688	141,3
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	6 382	0	0	12 473	914	-92,7
		R'000	32 294	0	0	62 749	5 872	-90,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	61 989	10 969	0	239 624	320 017	33,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	13 781	7 702	0	40 847	26 305	-35,6
		R'000	75 773	43 432	0	232 889	149 064	-36,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	255	680	0	3 416	2 371	-30,6
		R'000	31 548	5 508	0	199 700	23 111	-88,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	107 321	48 940	0	432 589	172 175	-60,2
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	332 203	213 413	0	1 113 104	900 272	-19,1

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

			Apr 2019	Mar 2020	Apr 2020 *	Jan – Apr 2019	Jan – Apr 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	16	0	45	25	-44,4
		square metres	0	919	0	2 845	1 458	-48,8
		R'000	0	5 299	0	15 617	8 456	-45,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	44	37	0	154	104	-32,5
		square metres	17 803	11 318	0	54 204	32 896	-39,3
		R'000	97 643	64 897	0	292 873	190 928	-34,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	501	11	0	611	320	-47,6
		square metres	24 766	1 919	0	33 536	15 552	-53,6
		R'000	136 728	11 065	0	183 097	89 724	-51,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	7 050	0	0	7 050	0	..
		R'000	52 133	0	0	52 133	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	286 504	81 261	0	543 720	289 108	-46,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	523	0	0	1 620	623	-61,5
		R'000	2 885	0	0	9 066	3 592	-60,4
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	15 724	733	-95,3
		R'000	0	0	0	104 697	4 512	-95,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	257	0	0	6 578	12 548	90,8
		R'000	1 140	0	0	35 842	72 352	101,9
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	874	0	1 754	1 657	-5,5
		R'000	0	5 039	0	9 670	9 554	-1,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	4 025	5 039	0	159 275	90 010	-43,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 624	4 059	0	22 793	11 983	-47,4
		R'000	37 127	23 803	0	124 648	70 258	-43,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	52	800	0	2 232	2 691	20,6
		R'000	1 287	8 671	0	19 745	25 019	26,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	38 414	32 474	0	144 393	95 277	-34,0
Recorded plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	328 943	118 774	0	847 388	474 395	-44,0

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

			Apr 2019	Mar 2020	Apr 2020 *	Jan – Apr 2019	Jan – Apr 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	962	755	0	3 209	2 212	-31,1
		square metres	47 026	39 366	0	158 741	112 338	-29,2
		R'000	250 732	238 048	0	886 609	651 720	-26,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	781	606	10	3 385	1 934	-42,9
		square metres	231 387	173 908	3 775	862 344	508 012	-41,1
		R'000	1 726 504	1 319 375	36 187	6 518 979	3 900 012	-40,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 961	535	0	9 025	2 208	-75,5
		square metres	251 310	83 551	0	1 071 227	304 455	-71,6
		R'000	2 136 545	691 741	0	8 914 181	2 641 020	-70,4
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	25 179	1 748	0	41 898	5 002	-88,1
		R'000	214 277	18 484	0	345 450	50 178	-85,5
	Total residential buildings		R'000	4 328 058	2 267 648	36 187	16 665 219	7 242 930
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	28 740	20 282	0	125 510	253 397	101,9
		R'000	208 233	145 476	0	1 187 843	2 430 899	104,6
	Shopping space	square metres	53 116	17 817	0	253 779	69 499	-72,6
		R'000	503 912	155 314	0	2 399 758	623 140	-74,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	84 350	236 950	8 927	356 464	450 480	26,4
		R'000	536 584	1 461 241	46 153	2 219 170	2 842 968	28,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	55 040	3 519	0	220 594	52 892	-76,0
		R'000	374 965	30 130	0	1 524 345	391 613	-74,3
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	1 623 694	1 792 161	46 153	7 331 116	6 288 620
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	79 877	85 338	1 411	318 020	272 728	-14,2
		R'000	587 182	620 073	13 830	2 390 032	1 996 551	-16,5
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	44 743	34 471	28	172 455	127 311	-26,2
		R'000	439 626	336 059	301	1 823 224	1 431 454	-21,5
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	1 026 808	956 132	14 131	4 213 256	3 428 005
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	6 978 560	5 015 941	96 471	28 209 591	16 959 555	-39,9

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

			Apr 2019	Mar 2020	Apr 2020 *	Jan – Apr 2019	Jan – Apr 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	218	320	0	752	578	-23,1
		square metres	10 738	14 682	0	34 580	26 407	-23,6
		R'000	62 423	80 569	0	204 252	148 155	-27,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	247	238	1	929	643	-30,8
		square metres	63 094	62 163	165	221 693	164 233	-25,9
		R'000	441 309	414 425	809	1 527 392	1 107 781	-27,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	377	154	0	1 686	661	-60,8
		square metres	45 484	20 022	0	219 136	84 281	-61,5
		R'000	353 772	160 270	0	1 757 654	669 944	-61,9
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	848	500	0	15 412	500	-96,8
		R'000	4 000	3 633	0	122 627	3 633	-97,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	861 504	658 897	809	3 611 925	1 929 513	-46,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	9 894	8 426	0	10 649	15 336	44,0
		R'000	73 410	59 194	0	80 016	115 016	43,7
	Shopping space	square metres	6 332	520	0	15 025	18 617	23,9
		R'000	53 471	4 550	0	125 304	154 378	23,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	44 815	11 749	0	128 057	56 926	-55,5
		R'000	303 999	83 824	0	883 967	387 646	-56,1
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	20 599	154	0	76 159	19 105	-74,9
		R'000	142 410	755	0	532 762	133 455	-75,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	573 290	148 323	0	1 622 049	790 495	-51,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	30 350	39 756	0	101 048	126 452	25,1
		R'000	190 360	247 633	0	664 322	822 039	23,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	19 611	23 009	0	63 507	78 411	23,5
		R'000	222 709	214 270	0	655 615	928 668	41,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	413 069	461 903	0	1 319 937	1 750 707	32,6
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 847 863	1 269 123	809	6 553 911	4 470 715	-31,8

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

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

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

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

			Apr 2019	Mar 2020	Apr 2020 *	Jan – Apr 2019	Jan – Apr 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	17	14	0	136	39	-71,3
		square metres	857	769	0	6 400	2 210	-65,5
		R'000	4 186	5 277	0	30 137	13 667	-54,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	67	31	0	211	125	-40,8
		square metres	13 978	6 837	0	42 897	27 476	-35,9
		R'000	85 558	48 349	0	274 277	191 320	-30,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	18	3	0	62	21	-66,1
		square metres	2 099	248	0	8 178	2 288	-72,0
		R'000	13 823	1 670	0	52 822	15 409	-70,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	492	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	3 313	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	103 567	55 296	0	360 549	220 396	-38,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	7 032	560	0	7 032	560	-92,0
		R'000	45 944	3 360	0	45 944	3 360	-92,7
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	6 468	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	42 251	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 800	4 205	0	22 087	82 129	271,8
		R'000	9 243	29 009	0	139 074	547 435	293,6
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	140	0	0	24 722	1 786	-92,8
		R'000	1 004	0	0	158 206	9 146	-94,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	56 191	32 369	0	385 475	559 941	45,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	7 532	8 128	0	37 295	40 051	7,4
		R'000	45 490	55 288	0	234 681	274 208	16,8
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	13 458	3 812	0	20 514	12 740	-37,9
		R'000	83 826	28 632	0	137 142	91 336	-33,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	129 316	83 920	0	371 823	365 544	-1,7
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	289 074	171 585	0	1 117 847	1 145 881	2,5

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

			Apr 2019	Mar 2020	Apr 2020 *	Jan – Apr 2019	Jan – Apr 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	5	0	0	39	0	..
		square metres	302	0	0	2 398	0	..
		R'000	2 385	0	0	19 237	0	..
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	8	11	0	41	32	-22,0
		square metres	3 373	1 520	0	11 458	7 232	-36,9
		R'000	25 551	12 464	0	87 363	58 320	-33,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	2	0	6	3	-50,0
		square metres	0	213	0	730	382	-47,7
		R'000	0	1 747	0	5 804	3 133	-46,0
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	27 936	14 211	0	112 404	61 453	-45,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	0	1 802	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	13 306	..
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	213	504	136,6
		R'000	0	0	0	1 598	4 133	158,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	0	0	1 598	17 439	991,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 162	3 238	0	9 974	7 203	-27,8
		R'000	24 116	29 012	0	76 504	61 525	-19,6
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	209	0	0	3 816	0	..
		R'000	2 789	0	0	36 185	305	-99,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	26 905	29 012	0	112 689	61 830	-45,1
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	54 841	43 223	0	226 691	140 722	-37,9

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

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

			Apr 2019	Mar 2020	Apr 2020 *	Jan – Apr 2019	Jan – Apr 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	22	0	6	48	700,0
		square metres	172	1 262	0	388	2 905	648,7
		R'000	1 187	10 000	0	2 567	23 263	806,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	16	40	0	71	75	5,6
		square metres	3 602	9 877	0	14 994	17 447	16,4
		R'000	21 008	74 850	0	87 344	130 130	49,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	26	0	0	36	..
		square metres	0	6 296	0	0	10 313	..
		R'000	0	50 821	0	0	83 246	..
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	601	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	3 647	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	22 195	135 671	0	93 558	236 639	152,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	759	6 713	0	1 390	6 713	382,9
		R'000	3 769	54 187	0	6 903	54 187	685,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	2 970	0	0	2 970	..
		R'000	0	23 974	0	0	23 974	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	4 607	0	5 943	14 549	144,8
		R'000	0	37 188	0	29 513	116 179	293,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	478	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	3 692	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	3 769	115 349	0	40 108	194 340	384,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 901	2 795	0	10 079	5 527	-45,2
		R'000	11 227	18 432	0	57 218	34 821	-39,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	1 507	484	0	1 571	3 440	119,0
		R'000	9 476	11 552	0	11 528	39 182	239,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	20 703	29 984	0	68 746	74 003	7,6
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	46 667	281 004	0	202 412	504 982	149,5

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

			Apr 2019	Mar 2020	Apr 2020 *	Jan – Apr 2019	Jan – Apr 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	16	11	0	58	40	-31,0
		square metres	873	675	0	3 373	2 544	-24,6
		R'000	6 539	7 552	0	29 726	25 019	-15,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	43	40	0	244	180	-26,2
		square metres	16 060	12 765	0	79 639	51 066	-35,9
		R'000	182 139	132 108	0	864 779	521 801	-39,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	105	94	0	584	496	-15,1
		square metres	18 064	10 838	0	72 850	65 064	-10,7
		R'000	224 772	108 720	0	792 891	680 588	-14,2
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	1 248	0	0	1 248	..
		R'000	0	14 851	0	0	14 851	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	413 450	263 231	0	1 687 396	1 242 259	-26,4
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 809	673	0	59 672	5 578	-90,7
		R'000	16 643	7 403	0	653 136	42 218	-93,5
	Shopping space	square metres	0	1 545	0	30 496	2 764	-90,9
		R'000	0	10 446	0	333 560	21 482	-93,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	17 623	190 257	0	74 331	232 215	212,4
		R'000	109 168	1 141 542	0	451 562	1 394 330	208,8
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	216	267	0	23 121	267	-98,8
		R'000	1 968	2 937	0	144 633	2 937	-98,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	127 779	1 162 328	0	1 582 891	1 460 967	-7,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	8 452	7 926	0	42 426	31 530	-25,7
		R'000	99 866	92 297	0	495 841	331 958	-33,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	3 062	2 182	0	48 122	5 909	-87,7
		R'000	46 261	22 452	0	571 981	68 285	-88,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	146 127	114 749	0	1 067 822	400 243	-62,5
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	687 356	1 540 308	0	4 338 109	3 103 469	-28,5

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

			Apr 2019	Mar 2020	Apr 2020 *	Jan – Apr 2019	Jan – Apr 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	5	7	0	20	25	25,0
		square metres	295	438	0	1 312	1 577	20,2
		R'000	1 465	2 409	0	8 005	8 733	9,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	34	16	0	401	118	-70,6
		square metres	8 777	2 939	0	54 526	18 957	-65,2
		R'000	48 253	15 860	0	294 218	116 195	-60,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1	7	0	263	98	-62,7
		square metres	255	823	0	20 275	10 739	-47,0
		R'000	1 275	4 527	0	118 937	66 877	-43,8
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	1 822	0	0	2 546	0	..
		R'000	12 063	0	0	15 658	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	63 056	22 796	0	436 818	191 805	-56,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	3 047	0	4 591	3 689	-19,6
		R'000	0	16 759	0	22 867	20 727	-9,4
	Shopping space	square metres	0	900	0	2 206	2 505	13,6
		R'000	0	4 950	0	12 568	13 278	5,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	5 422	3 131	-42,3
		R'000	0	0	0	26 925	16 247	-39,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	3 783	0	0	8 643	1 533	-82,3
		R'000	18 915	0	0	47 167	8 433	-82,1
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	18 915	21 709	0	109 527	58 685	-46,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 114	223	0	19 154	2 654	-86,1
		R'000	16 968	1 130	0	120 042	15 988	-86,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	136	0	0	3 402	51	-98,5
		R'000	675	0	0	20 700	12 113	-41,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	17 643	1 130	0	140 742	28 101	-80,0
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	99 614	45 635	0	687 087	278 591	-59,5

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

			Apr 2019	Mar 2020	Apr 2020 *	Jan – Apr 2019	Jan – Apr 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	665	346	0	2 029	1 406	-30,7
		square metres	31 758	19 666	0	100 079	72 522	-27,5
		R'000	161 389	122 002	0	538 218	410 454	-23,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	266	191	9	1 127	614	-45,5
		square metres	87 245	67 306	3 610	342 531	188 554	-45,0
		R'000	717 763	555 413	35 378	2 826 629	1 573 287	-44,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 439	223	0	6 362	863	-86,4
		square metres	184 426	41 805	0	744 179	127 819	-82,8
		R'000	1 537 706	346 465	0	6 148 791	1 102 786	-82,1
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	22 509	0	0	22 509	3 254	-85,5
		R'000	198 214	0	0	198 214	31 694	-84,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	2 615 072	1 023 880	35 378	9 711 852	3 118 221	-67,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	9 246	0	0	40 549	220 417	443,6
		R'000	68 467	0	0	369 414	2 189 429	492,7
	Shopping space	square metres	46 784	8 532	0	177 530	38 329	-78,4
		R'000	450 441	85 127	0	1 735 553	378 203	-78,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	20 112	9 307	8 927	115 660	39 290	-66,0
		R'000	114 174	48 552	46 153	662 959	227 551	-65,7
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	29 230	3 098	0	84 259	18 178	-78,4
		R'000	205 907	26 438	0	621 528	149 363	-76,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	838 989	160 117	46 153	3 389 454	2 944 546	-13,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	21 186	16 014	1 411	76 674	44 718	-41,7
		R'000	173 772	137 288	13 830	611 390	374 753	-38,7
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	6 702	4 874	28	27 331	24 770	-9,4
		R'000	54 751	52 654	301	218 511	254 219	16,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	228 523	189 942	14 131	829 901	628 972	-24,2
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	3 682 584	1 373 939	95 662	13 931 207	6 691 739	-52,0

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

			Apr 2019	Mar 2020	Apr 2020 *	Jan – Apr 2019	Jan – Apr 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	30	28	0	130	63	-51,5
		square metres	1 854	1 439	0	7 819	3 379	-56,8
		R'000	10 181	7 731	0	41 270	17 851	-56,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	66	20	0	238	81	-66,0
		square metres	25 278	5 612	0	64 309	16 428	-74,5
		R'000	150 413	37 338	0	392 360	103 407	-73,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	26	0	23	26	13,0
		square metres	0	3 306	0	2 552	3 306	29,5
		R'000	0	17 521	0	19 148	17 521	-8,5
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	160 594	62 590	0	452 778	138 779	-69,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	863	0	939	863	-8,1
		R'000	0	4 573	0	5 767	4 573	-20,7
	Shopping space	square metres	0	3 350	0	22 054	3 350	-84,8
		R'000	0	26 267	0	150 522	26 267	-82,5
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	11 154	0	2 938	14 130	380,9
		R'000	0	87 459	0	16 173	102 934	536,5
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	0	0	0	1 149	8 543	643,5
		R'000	0	0	0	5 706	66 986	1 074,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	118 299	0	178 168	200 760	12,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 995	6 832	0	19 589	11 961	-38,9
		R'000	24 358	36 072	0	120 159	64 764	-46,1
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	37	0	0	3 736	1 261	-66,2
		R'000	18 523	1 365	0	162 805	28 372	-82,6
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	42 881	37 437	0	282 964	93 136	-67,1
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	203 475	218 326	0	913 910	432 675	-52,7

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

			Apr 2019	Mar 2020	Apr 2020 *	Jan – Apr 2019	Jan – Apr 2020	% change 1/
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	7	0	39	13	-66,7
		square metres	177	435	0	2 392	794	-66,8
		R'000	977	2 508	0	13 197	4 578	-65,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	34	19	0	123	66	-46,3
		square metres	9 980	4 889	0	30 297	16 619	-45,1
		R'000	54 510	28 568	0	164 617	97 771	-40,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	21	0	0	39	4	-89,7
		square metres	982	0	0	3 327	263	-92,1
		R'000	5 197	0	0	18 134	1 516	-91,6
	Other residential buildings 2/	square metres	0	0	0	338	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	1 991	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	60 684	31 076	0	197 939	103 865	-47,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	688	241	-65,0
		R'000	0	0	0	3 796	1 389	-63,4
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	964	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	5 558	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	5 671	0	2 026	6 308	211,4
		R'000	0	33 667	0	8 997	37 340	315,0
	Other non-residential buildings 3/	square metres	1 072	0	0	1 850	2 976	60,9
		R'000	4 761	0	0	9 053	17 160	89,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	4 761	33 667	0	21 846	61 447	181,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	185	426	0	1 781	2 632	47,8
		R'000	1 025	2 921	0	9 875	16 495	67,0
	Other buildings 4/	square metres	21	110	0	456	729	59,9
		R'000	616	5 134	0	8 757	8 974	2,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	1 641	8 055	0	18 632	25 469	36,7
Recorded buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	67 086	72 798	0	238 417	190 781	-20,0

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Explanatory notes

Introduction	1	Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and, therefore, do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses in their reporting. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses can be obtained from the Department of Human Settlements.
	2	In order to improve timeliness of the publication, some information for the current month has been estimated due to late submission by respondents. These estimates will be revised in the next statistical release(s) as soon as actual information is available.
Purpose of the survey	3	The monthly survey data are used in monitoring the state of economy and formulation of economic policy. Furthermore, the results are important inputs to estimate the gross domestic product (GDP) and to calculate the Composite Leading Business Cycle Indicator. The data are extensively used by the private sector.
Scope of the survey	4	This survey covers local government institutions conducting activities for the private sector regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • passing of building plans; and • final inspection of completed buildings.
Classification	5	Building activities are classified in division 5 according to the 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> , (SIC) Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02. The SIC is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions.
Collection rate	6	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for April 2020 was 88,2%. The collection rate for March 2020 was 75,5%.
Statistical unit	7	The statistical unit for the collection of information is a local government institution. Local government institutions include district municipalities, metropolitan municipalities and local municipalities.
Survey methodology and design	8	Stats SA conducts a monthly survey of metropolitan municipalities and large local municipalities on building plans passed and buildings completed. An annual survey of the remaining municipalities is conducted regarding buildings completed. The monthly survey represents approximately 85 percent of the total value of buildings completed. Information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed for the private sector is collected by mail, fax and telephone.
Constant prices	9	The value of building plans passed and buildings completed at constant prices measures building activities in terms of ruling prices in a specific base year, which is currently 2015. The value of building plans passed at constant prices for each month is obtained by deflating the values at current prices with a price index known as the 'lump sum domestic buildings' as published in statistical release P0151: <i>Contract Price Adjustment Provisions (CPAP) Work Groups and Selected Materials Indices</i> . In order to be applicable, these indices (base December 2016=100) are converted to the base year 2015=100.

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

Glossary

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

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

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