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Key findings for January to April 2025

Building plans passed at current prices

Table A – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building

Type of building	Jan – Apr 2024	Jan – Apr 2025	Difference in value between Jan – Apr 2024 and Jan – Apr 2025	% change between Jan – Apr 2024 and Jan – Apr 2025
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	15 414 082	13 600 775	-1 813 307	-11,8
-Dwelling-houses	9 229 926	9 087 368	-142 558	-1,5
-Flats and townhouses	5 813 107	4 026 663	-1 786 444	-30,7
-Other residential buildings	371 049	486 744	115 695	31,2
Non-residential buildings	6 635 097	6 456 597	-178 500	-2,7
Additions and alterations	8 631 337	9 144 823	513 486	5,9
Total	30 680 516	29 202 195	-1 478 321	-4,8

The value of building plans passed (at current prices) decreased by 4,8% (-R1 478,3 million) during January to April 2025 compared with January to April 2024. Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-R1 813,3 million) and non-residential buildings (-R178,5 million). An increase was reported for additions and alterations (R513,5 million) – see Table A.

Table B – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by province

Province	Jan – Apr 2024	Jan – Apr 2025	Weight Jan – Apr 2024	% change between Jan – Apr 2024 and Jan – Apr 2025	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan – Apr 2024 and Jan – Apr 2025 ¹	Difference in value between Jan – Apr 2024 and Jan – Apr 2025
	R'000	R'000	%			R'000
Western Cape	8 975 435	10 489 725	29,3	16,9	4,9	1 514 290
Eastern Cape	1 698 225	1 938 007	5,5	14,1	0,8	239 782
Northern Cape	317 658	251 784	1,0	-20,7	-0,2	-65 874
Free State	929 538	929 560	3,0	0,0	0,0	22
KwaZulu-Natal	4 059 227	4 108 617	13,2	1,2	0,2	49 390
North West	1 683 176	885 114	5,5	-47,4	-2,6	-798 062
Gauteng	10 758 831	7 906 127	35,1	-26,5	-9,3	-2 852 704
Mpumalanga	1 436 358	2 034 496	4,7	41,6	1,9	598 138
Limpopo	822 068	658 765	2,7	-19,9	-0,5	-163 303
Total	30 680 516	29 202 195	100,0	-4,8	-4,8	-1 478 321

¹ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change by its weight, divided by 100, where the weight is the percentage contribution of each province to the cumulative total building plans passed during the previous year.

The largest negative contributors to the total decrease of 4,8% (-R1 478,3 million) were Gauteng (contributing -9,3 percentage points or -R2 852,7 million) and North West (contributing -2,6 percentage points or -R798,1 million).

The largest positive contributors were Western Cape (contributing 4,9 percentage points or R1 514,3 million), Mpumalanga (contributing 1,9 percentage points or R598,1 million) and Eastern Cape (contributing 0,8 of a percentage point or R239,8 million) – see Table B.

Building plans passed at constant 2019 prices

Table C – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices by type of building

Type of building	Jan – Apr 2024	Jan – Apr 2025	Difference in value between Jan – Apr 2024 and Jan – Apr 2025	% change between Jan – Apr 2024 and Jan – Apr 2025
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	11 346 274	9 773 280	-1 572 994	-13,9
Non-residential buildings	4 875 164	4 639 176	-235 988	-4,8
Additions and alterations	6 351 464	6 569 386	217 922	3,4
Total	22 572 902	20 981 842	-1 591 060	-7,0

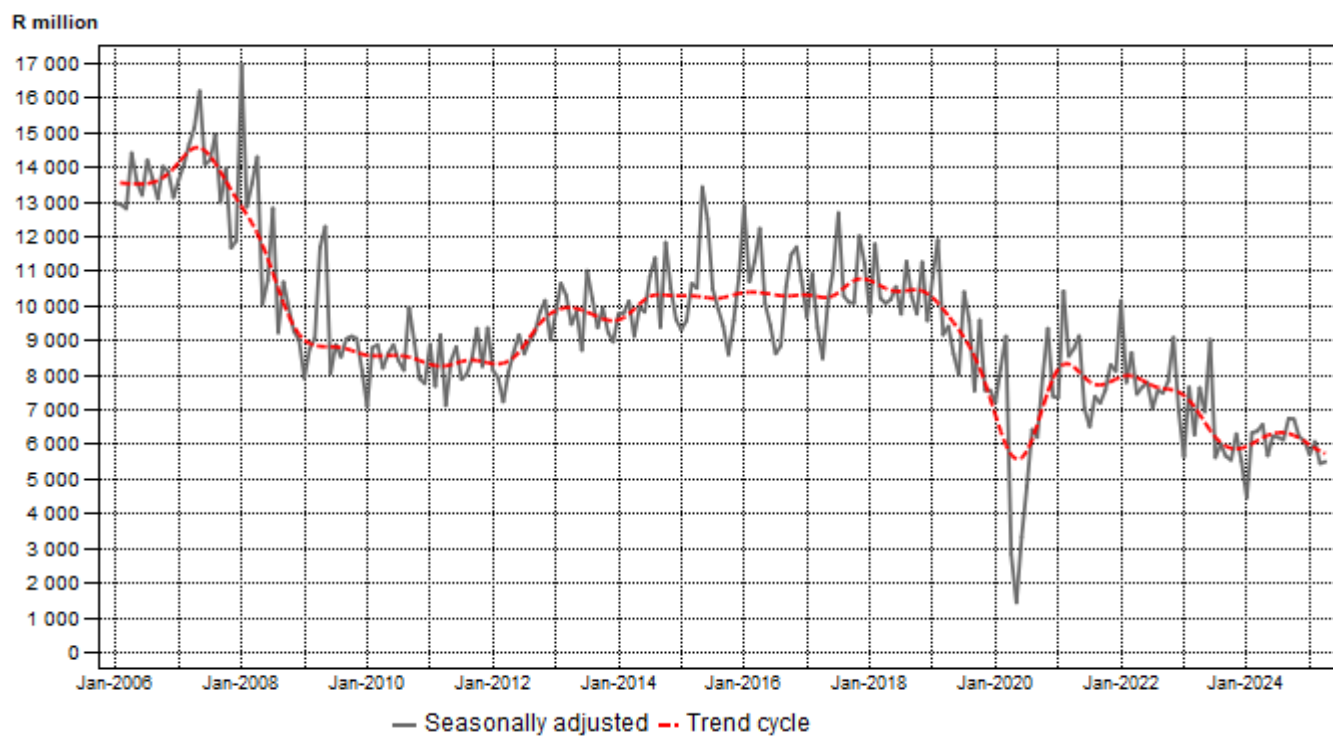
The real value of building plans passed (at constant 2019 prices) decreased by 7,0% (-R1 591,1 million) during January to April 2025 compared with January to April 2024. Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-R1 573,0 million) and non-residential buildings (-R236,0 million). An increase was reported for additions and alterations (R217,9 million) – see Table C.

Table D – Seasonally adjusted building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices for the latest three months by type of building

Type of building	Nov 2024 – Jan 2025	Feb – Apr 2025	% change between Nov 2024 – Jan 2025 and Feb – Apr 2025
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	8 920 393	7 826 081	-12,3
Non-residential buildings ¹	3 572 132	3 776 146	5,7
Additions and alterations	5 551 495	5 438 054	-2,0
Total	18 044 020	17 040 281	-5,6

¹ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 9 and 10 on page 38.

The seasonally adjusted real value of building plans passed decreased by 5,6% in the three months ended April 2025 compared with the previous three months. Decreases were reported for residential buildings (-12,3%) and additions and alterations (-2,0%). An increase was reported for non-residential buildings (5,7%) – see Table D.

Figure 1 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices

Buildings reported as completed at current prices

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

Type of building	Jan – Apr 2024	Jan – Apr 2025	Difference in value between Jan – Apr 2024 and Jan – Apr 2025	% change between Jan – Apr 2024 and Jan – Apr 2025
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	8 444 345	8 882 404	438 059	5,2
-Dwelling-houses	5 473 458	5 275 155	-198 303	-3,6
-Flats and townhouses	2 843 783	3 297 482	453 699	16,0
-Other residential buildings	127 104	309 767	182 663	143,7
Non-residential buildings	3 056 829	2 764 492	-292 337	-9,6
Additions and alterations	3 237 815	2 494 953	-742 862	-22,9
Total	14 738 989	14 141 849	-597 140	-4,1

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) decreased by 4,1% (-R597,1 million) during January to April 2025 compared with January to April 2024. Decreases were reported for additions and alterations (-R742,9 million) and non-residential buildings (-R292,3 million). An increase was reported for residential buildings (R438,1 million) – see Table E.

Table F – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at current prices by province

Province	Jan – Apr 2024	Jan – Apr 2025	Weight Jan – Apr 2024	% change between Jan – Apr 2024 and Jan – Apr 2025	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan – Apr 2024 and Jan – Apr 2025 ¹	Difference in value between Jan – Apr 2024 and Jan – Apr 2025
	R'000	R'000	%			R'000
Western Cape	4 087 006	4 798 298	27,7	17,4	4,8	711 292
Eastern Cape	1 101 387	715 341	7,5	-35,1	-2,6	-386 046
Northern Cape	122 936	62 917	0,8	-48,8	-0,4	-60 019
Free State	150 365	104 007	1,0	-30,8	-0,3	-46 358
KwaZulu-Natal	2 374 059	2 314 523	16,1	-2,5	-0,4	-59 536
North West	618 673	773 864	4,2	25,1	1,1	155 191
Gauteng	5 624 539	4 858 375	38,2	-13,6	-5,2	-766 164
Mpumalanga	412 377	281 899	2,8	-31,6	-0,9	-130 478
Limpopo	247 647	232 625	1,7	-6,1	-0,1	-15 022
Total	14 738 989	14 141 849	100,0	-4,1	-4,1	-597 140

¹ The contribution (percentage points) is calculated by multiplying the percentage change by its weight, divided by 100, where the weight is the percentage contribution of each province to the cumulative total buildings reported as completed during the previous year.

Seven out of the nine provinces reported year-on-year decreases in the value of buildings completed during January to April 2025, of which Gauteng (contributing -5,2 percentage points or -R766,2 million), Eastern Cape (contributing -2,6 percentage points or -R386,0 million) and Mpumalanga (contributing -0,9 of a percentage point or -R130,5 million) were the largest negative contributors.

The largest positive contributors were Western Cape (contributing 4,8 percentage points or R711,3 million) and North West (contributing 1,1 percentage points or R155,2 million) – see Table F.

Buildings reported as completed at constant 2019 prices

Table G – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices by type of building

Type of building	Jan – Apr 2024	Jan – Apr 2025	Difference in value between Jan – Apr 2024 and Jan – Apr 2025	% change between Jan – Apr 2024 and Jan – Apr 2025
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	6 215 475	6 374 024	158 549	2,6
Non-residential buildings	2 246 587	1 990 510	-256 077	-11,4
Additions and alterations	2 384 242	1 790 702	-593 540	-24,9
Total	10 846 304	10 155 236	-691 068	-6,4

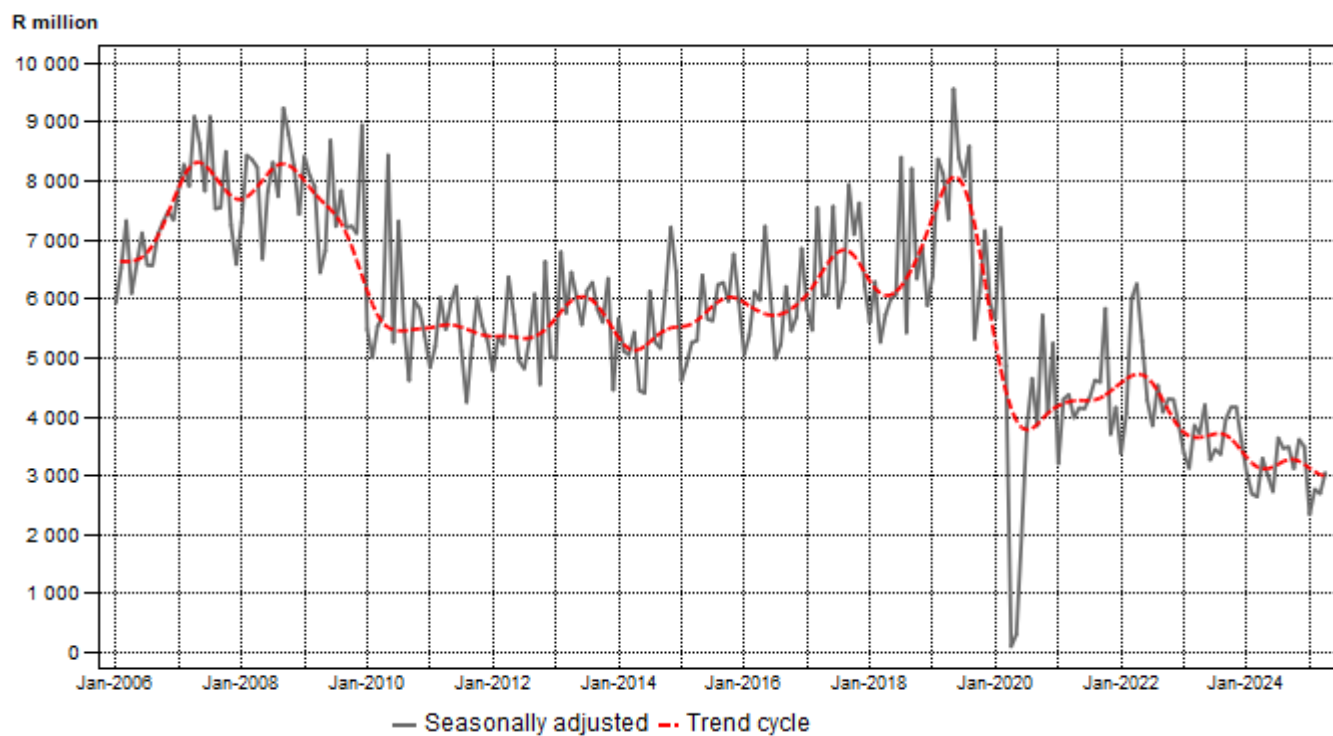
The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2019 prices) decreased by 6,4% (-R691,1 million) during January to April 2025 compared with January to April 2024. Decreases were reported for additions and alterations (-R593,5 million) and non-residential buildings (-R256,1 million). An increase was reported for residential buildings (R158,5 million) – see Table G.

Table H – Seasonally adjusted buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices for the latest three months by type of building

Type of building	Nov 2024 – Jan 2025	Feb – Apr 2025	% change between Nov 2024 – Jan 2025 and Feb – Apr 2025
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	4 521 472	5 731 939	26,8
Non-residential buildings ¹	3 305 389	1 294 788	-60,8
Additions and alterations	1 618 996	1 487 353	-8,1
Total	9 445 857	8 514 080	-9,9

¹ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 9 and 10 on page 38.

The seasonally adjusted real value of buildings reported as completed decreased by 9,9% in the three months ended April 2025 compared with the previous three months. Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-60,8%) and additions and alterations (-8,1%). Residential buildings rose by 26,8% – see Table H.

Figure 2 – Buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices


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Tables

Table 1 – Value and percentage change of 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
2024	January	2 641 211	-4,4	646 429	-10,4	1 392 946	-27,7	4 680 586	-13,5
	February	4 987 654	-6,0	1 655 142	-0,6	2 359 384	-10,5	9 002 180	-6,3
	March	3 543 222	-23,9	1 674 931	-1,3	2 596 885	20,7	7 815 038	-8,1
	April	4 241 995	-8,1	2 658 595	24,4	2 282 122	0,5	9 182 712	1,8
	May	4 138 159	-6,8	2 040 668	-0,9	1 955 538	-33,9	8 134 365	-14,0
	June	3 769 542	-20,2	2 538 847	-47,3	2 334 452	-15,7	8 642 841	-29,8
	July	3 978 787	-7,4	2 652 065	138,7	2 835 702	15,6	9 466 554	20,4
	August	4 294 462	9,3	2 005 025	-6,1	2 578 344	1,1	8 877 831	3,1
	September	4 892 901	9,2	2 070 383	102,1	2 661 175	11,6	9 624 459	22,0
	October	4 650 594	15,7	2 891 035	162,5	2 743 048	-8,3	10 284 677	26,8
	November	4 243 490	-5,0	1 910 056	14,8	2 557 544	-8,0	8 711 090	-2,3
	December	2 945 291	10,3	1 798 704	15,0	2 256 261	24,3	7 000 256	15,7
	Total	48 327 308	-4,0	24 541 880	13,1	28 553 401	-3,8	101 422 589	-0,3
2025	January	3 162 501	19,7	1 187 529	83,7	1 884 891	35,3	6 234 921	33,2
	February	3 387 362	-32,1	2 355 974	42,3	2 500 048	6,0	8 243 384	-8,4
	March	3 635 173	2,6	1 385 314	-17,3	2 431 589	-6,4	7 452 076	-4,6
	April	3 415 739	-19,5	1 527 780	-42,5	2 328 295	2,0	7 271 814	-20,8

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

Table 2 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of 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
2024	January	3 600 512	-0,6	646 429	-58,7	1 834 149	-19,8	6 081 090	-18,6
	February	4 536 283	26,0	1 655 142	156,0	2 379 524	29,7	8 570 949	40,9
	March	4 048 162	-10,8	1 674 931	1,2	2 974 752	25,0	8 697 845	1,5
	April	4 067 940	0,5	2 658 595	58,7	2 248 263	-24,4	8 974 798	3,2
	May	3 861 506	-5,1	2 040 668	-23,2	1 889 258	-16,0	7 791 432	-13,2
	June	3 616 338	-6,3	2 538 847	24,4	2 407 718	27,4	8 562 903	9,9
	July	3 503 717	-3,1	2 652 065	4,5	2 385 851	-0,9	8 541 633	-0,2
	August	3 984 624	13,7	2 005 025	-24,4	2 421 069	1,5	8 410 718	-1,5
	September	4 754 365	19,3	2 070 383	3,3	2 452 313	1,3	9 277 061	10,3
	October	3 927 958	-17,4	2 891 035	39,6	2 364 112	-3,6	9 183 105	-1,0
	November	4 263 014	8,5	1 910 056	-33,9	2 392 733	1,2	8 565 803	-6,7
	December	3 893 550	-8,7	1 798 704	-5,8	2 730 827	14,1	8 423 081	-1,7
2025	January	4 223 281	8,5	1 187 529	-34,0	2 516 938	-7,8	7 927 748	-5,9
	February	3 574 327	-15,4	2 355 974	98,4	2 542 243	1,0	8 472 544	6,9
	March	3 718 646	4,0	1 385 314	-41,2	2 522 102	-0,8	7 626 062	-10,0
	April	3 619 265	-2,7	1 527 780	10,3	2 534 776	0,5	7 681 821	0,7
	Nov 24 – Jan 25	12 379 845		4 896 289		7 640 498		24 916 632	
	Feb – Apr 25 ²	10 912 238	-11,9	5 269 068	7,6	7 599 121	-0,5	23 780 427	-4,6

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

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

³ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 9 and 10 on page 38.

Table 3 – Value and percentage change of building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2019 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
2024	January	1 957 903	-9,7	479 191	-15,4	1 032 577	-31,7	3 469 671	-18,3
	February	3 686 367	-10,2	1 223 313	-5,0	1 743 817	-14,5	6 653 497	-10,5
	March	2 603 396	-27,1	1 230 662	-5,4	1 908 071	15,7	5 742 129	-11,9
	April	3 098 608	-12,4	1 941 998	18,6	1 666 999	-4,2	6 707 605	-3,0
	May	3 005 199	-11,2	1 481 967	-5,7	1 420 144	-37,1	5 907 310	-18,1
	June	2 747 480	-23,9	1 850 472	-49,7	1 701 496	-19,6	6 299 448	-33,1
	July	2 883 179	-11,7	1 921 786	127,6	2 054 857	10,2	6 859 822	14,8
	August	3 118 709	4,9	1 456 082	-9,9	1 872 436	-3,0	6 447 227	-1,1
	September	3 555 887	5,5	1 504 639	95,2	1 933 993	7,8	6 994 519	17,9
	October	3 414 533	13,2	2 122 640	156,7	2 013 985	-10,3	7 551 158	24,0
	November	3 099 701	-7,2	1 395 220	12,1	1 868 184	-10,2	6 363 105	-4,5
	December	2 151 418	8,2	1 313 882	12,9	1 648 109	22,1	5 113 409	13,6
	Total	35 322 380	-7,8	17 921 852	8,5	20 864 668	-7,6	74 108 900	-4,3
2025	January	2 298 329	17,4	863 030	80,1	1 369 834	32,7	4 531 193	30,6
	February	2 435 199	-33,9	1 693 727	38,5	1 797 303	3,1	5 926 229	-10,9
	March	2 594 699	-0,3	988 804	-19,7	1 735 610	-9,0	5 319 113	-7,4
	April	2 445 053	-21,1	1 093 615	-43,7	1 666 639	0,0	5 205 307	-22,4

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

Table 4 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2019 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
2024	January	2 625 141	-0,8	479 191	-58,8	1 352 051	-20,2	4 456 383	-19,0
	February	3 365 649	28,2	1 223 313	155,3	1 756 984	29,9	6 345 946	42,4
	March	2 965 376	-11,9	1 230 662	0,6	2 184 671	24,3	6 380 709	0,5
	April	2 995 608	1,0	1 941 998	57,8	1 644 580	-24,7	6 582 186	3,2
	May	2 818 194	-5,9	1 481 967	-23,7	1 375 895	-16,3	5 676 056	-13,8
	June	2 640 872	-6,3	1 850 472	24,9	1 754 333	27,5	6 245 677	10,0
	July	2 552 079	-3,4	1 921 786	3,9	1 734 616	-1,1	6 208 481	-0,6
	August	2 917 681	14,3	1 456 082	-24,2	1 760 315	1,5	6 134 078	-1,2
	September	3 460 438	18,6	1 504 639	3,3	1 790 638	1,7	6 755 715	10,1
	October	2 881 414	-16,7	2 122 640	41,1	1 732 285	-3,3	6 736 339	-0,3
	November	3 089 567	7,2	1 395 220	-34,3	1 744 898	0,7	6 229 685	-7,5
	December	2 799 842	-9,4	1 313 882	-5,8	1 986 358	13,8	6 100 082	-2,1
2025	January	3 030 984	8,3	863 030	-34,3	1 820 239	-8,4	5 714 253	-6,3
	February	2 567 239	-15,3	1 693 727	96,3	1 824 786	0,2	6 085 752	6,5
	March	2 658 529	3,6	988 804	-41,6	1 802 614	-1,2	5 449 947	-10,4
	April	2 600 313	-2,2	1 093 615	10,6	1 810 654	0,4	5 504 582	1,0
	Nov 24 – Jan 25	8 920 393		3 572 132		5 551 495		18 044 020	
	Feb – Apr 25 ²	7 826 081	-12,3	3 776 146	5,7	5 438 054	-2,0	17 040 281	-5,6

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

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

³ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 9 and 10 on page 38.

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

Year and month		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
2024	January	1 834 865	14,6	738 235	-49,1	662 252	23,5	3 235 352	-9,9
	February	2 097 005	-13,1	464 909	-18,4	932 878	9,6	3 494 792	-8,9
	March	2 149 921	-21,9	392 388	-77,0	911 912	35,3	3 454 221	-32,7
	April	2 362 554	-6,7	1 461 297	8,4	730 773	5,4	4 554 624	-0,4
	May	2 403 328	-39,4	1 152 721	77,5	577 566	-32,4	4 133 615	-24,4
	June	2 166 878	-23,5	833 237	10,5	744 988	-4,4	3 745 103	-14,2
	July	2 995 552	12,7	818 680	-33,8	1 371 761	93,2	5 185 993	12,6
	August	2 500 529	-18,2	1 344 921	101,1	968 386	28,4	4 813 836	7,4
	September	3 089 032	-13,7	977 587	-21,4	1 044 219	34,3	5 110 838	-8,7
	October	2 825 730	-10,3	746 281	-51,5	895 522	-18,3	4 467 533	-22,8
	November	2 605 899	-26,5	2 003 154	19,3	812 265	-19,9	5 421 318	-13,1
	December	2 331 225	-29,0	1 569 481	162,8	816 420	-3,5	4 717 126	-0,2
	Total	29 362 518	-17,0	12 502 891	-7,0	10 468 942	9,2	52 334 351	-10,4
2025	January	1 264 370	-31,1	957 314	29,7	417 292	-37,0	2 638 976	-18,4
	February	2 310 249	10,2	756 905	62,8	577 979	-38,0	3 645 133	4,3
	March	2 505 920	16,6	569 063	45,0	772 015	-15,3	3 846 998	11,4
	April	2 801 865	18,6	481 210	-67,1	727 667	-0,4	4 010 742	-11,9

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 corresponding period of the previous year expressed as a percentage.

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
2024	January	2 585 472	-18,7	738 235	23,6	803 047	-23,1	4 126 754	-14,4
	February	2 309 477	-10,7	464 909	-37,0	875 043	9,0	3 649 429	-11,6
	March	2 304 221	-0,2	392 388	-15,6	917 627	4,9	3 614 236	-1,0
	April	2 328 248	1,0	1 461 297	272,4	700 333	-23,7	4 489 878	24,2
	May	2 412 541	3,6	1 152 721	-21,1	573 935	-18,0	4 139 197	-7,8
	June	2 119 616	-12,1	833 237	-27,7	790 832	37,8	3 743 685	-9,6
	July	2 905 014	37,1	818 680	-1,7	1 289 071	63,0	5 012 765	33,9
	August	2 510 857	-13,6	1 344 921	64,3	895 020	-30,6	4 750 798	-5,2
	September	2 801 551	11,6	977 587	-27,3	1 005 704	12,4	4 784 842	0,7
	October	2 665 646	-4,9	746 281	-23,7	844 266	-16,1	4 256 193	-11,0
	November	2 176 601	-18,3	2 003 154	168,4	774 380	-8,3	4 954 135	16,4
	December	2 261 672	3,9	1 569 481	-21,6	954 192	23,2	4 785 345	-3,4
2025	January	1 787 103	-21,0	957 314	-39,0	495 423	-48,1	3 239 840	-32,3
	February	2 543 265	42,3	756 905	-20,9	559 876	13,0	3 860 046	19,1
	March	2 510 432	-1,3	569 063	-24,8	703 130	25,6	3 782 625	-2,0
	April	2 953 286	17,6	481 210	-15,4	814 034	15,8	4 248 530	12,3
	Nov 24 – Jan 25	6 225 376		4 529 949		2 223 995		12 979 320	
	Feb – Apr 25 ²	8 006 983	28,6	1 807 178	-60,1	2 077 040	-6,6	11 891 201	-8,4

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 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 previous three months expressed as a percentage.

³ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 9 and 10 on page 38.

Table 7 – Value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 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
2024	January	1 360 167	8,2	547 246	-52,0	490 921	16,7	2 398 334	-14,9
	February	1 549 893	-17,0	343 613	-22,0	689 489	4,7	2 582 995	-12,9
	March	1 579 663	-25,1	288 309	-78,0	670 031	29,7	2 538 003	-35,5
	April	1 725 752	-11,1	1 067 419	3,4	533 801	0,5	3 326 972	-5,1
	May	1 745 336	-42,3	837 125	69,0	419 438	-35,6	3 001 899	-28,0
	June	1 579 357	-27,1	607 316	5,3	542 994	-8,9	2 729 667	-18,2
	July	2 170 690	7,5	593 246	-36,9	994 030	84,2	3 757 966	7,4
	August	1 815 925	-21,6	976 704	92,9	703 258	23,2	3 495 887	3,1
	September	2 244 936	-16,6	710 456	-24,1	758 880	29,7	3 714 272	-11,8
	October	2 074 692	-12,3	547 930	-52,5	657 505	-20,1	3 280 127	-24,5
	November	1 903 505	-28,2	1 463 224	16,5	593 327	-21,8	3 960 056	-15,1
	December	1 702 867	-30,3	1 146 443	158,0	596 362	-5,3	3 445 672	-2,0
	Total	21 452 783	-20,1	9 129 031	-10,8	7 650 036	5,1	38 231 850	-13,8
2025	January	918 874	-32,4	695 722	27,1	303 265	-38,2	1 917 861	-20,0
	February	1 660 855	7,2	544 145	58,4	415 513	-39,7	2 620 513	1,5
	March	1 788 665	13,2	406 183	40,9	551 046	-17,8	2 745 894	8,2
	April	2 005 630	16,2	344 460	-67,7	520 878	-2,4	2 870 968	-13,7

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 corresponding period of the previous year expressed as a percentage.

Table 8 – Seasonally adjusted value and percentage change of buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 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
2024	January	1 902 093	-19,2	547 246	23,1	586 887	-25,0	3 036 226	-15,2
	February	1 703 531	-10,4	343 613	-37,2	642 991	9,6	2 690 135	-11,4
	March	1 687 381	-0,9	288 309	-16,1	667 620	3,8	2 643 310	-1,7
	April	1 706 455	1,1	1 067 419	270,2	521 287	-21,9	3 295 161	24,7
	May	1 756 308	2,9	837 125	-21,6	417 583	-19,9	3 011 016	-8,6
	June	1 546 313	-12,0	607 316	-27,5	574 150	37,5	2 727 779	-9,4
	July	2 110 266	36,5	593 246	-2,3	936 349	63,1	3 639 861	33,4
	August	1 830 223	-13,3	976 704	64,6	655 539	-30,0	3 462 466	-4,9
	September	2 043 592	11,7	710 456	-27,3	735 750	12,2	3 489 798	0,8
	October	1 955 726	-4,3	547 930	-22,9	616 439	-16,2	3 120 095	-10,6
	November	1 588 431	-18,8	1 463 224	167,0	563 083	-8,7	3 614 738	15,9
	December	1 644 392	3,5	1 146 443	-21,6	699 765	24,3	3 490 600	-3,4
2025	January	1 288 649	-21,6	695 722	-39,3	356 148	-49,1	2 340 519	-32,9
	February	1 824 745	41,6	544 145	-21,8	400 520	12,5	2 769 410	18,3
	March	1 790 182	-1,9	406 183	-25,4	499 319	24,7	2 695 684	-2,7
	April	2 117 012	18,3	344 460	-15,2	587 514	17,7	3 048 986	13,1
	Nov 24 – Jan 25	4 521 472		3 305 389		1 618 996		9 445 857	
	Feb – Apr 25 ²	5 731 939	26,8	1 294 788	-60,8	1 487 353	-8,1	8 514 080	-9,9

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 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 previous three months expressed as a percentage.

³ Not seasonally adjusted because the presence of seasonality is not significant. See notes 9 and 10 on page 38.

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

			Apr 2024	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	Jan – Apr 2024	Jan – Apr 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	419	889	357	1 905	1 814	-4,8
		square metres	20 813	40 481	18 839	96 070	89 384	-7,0
		R'000	148 174	274 629	141 671	764 667	655 426	-14,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	1 047	835	904	3 575	3 440	-3,8
		square metres	280 122	241 830	249 799	1 001 023	985 946	-1,5
		R'000	2 319 832	2 083 963	2 079 889	8 465 259	8 431 942	-0,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 639	1 222	1 462	5 698	4 481	-21,4
		square metres	148 661	115 861	123 731	575 649	397 716	-30,9
		R'000	1 482 117	1 233 935	1 164 241	5 813 107	4 026 663	-30,7
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	37 393	4 433	4 498	48 390	48 380	0,0
		R'000	291 872	42 646	29 938	371 049	486 744	31,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	4 241 995	3 635 173	3 415 739	15 414 082	13 600 775	-11,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	5 602	8 935	14 131	25 243	53 569	112,2
		R'000	63 756	87 475	160 117	231 950	568 652	145,2
	Shopping space	square metres	90 720	34 052	25 924	195 464	135 555	-30,6
		R'000	898 544	335 361	210 106	1 767 601	1 115 229	-36,9
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	202 690	105 281	138 911	495 285	533 157	7,6
		R'000	1 549 930	789 537	987 944	3 719 055	3 976 416	6,9
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	18 021	21 124	21 803	116 747	92 753	-20,6
		R'000	146 365	172 941	169 613	916 491	796 300	-13,1
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	2 658 595	1 385 314	1 527 780	6 635 097	6 456 597	-2,7
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	189 787	175 284	176 827	703 363	685 552	-2,5
		R'000	1 549 928	1 556 794	1 593 805	6 006 262	6 065 903	1,0
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	70 897	75 777	72 687	247 820	261 340	5,5
		R'000	732 194	874 795	734 490	2 625 075	3 078 920	17,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	2 282 122	2 431 589	2 328 295	8 631 337	9 144 823	5,9
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	9 182 712	7 452 076	7 271 814	30 680 516	29 202 195	-4,8

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² 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 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Western Cape

			Apr 2024	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	Jan – Apr 2024	Jan – Apr 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	111	196	146	463	494	6,7
		square metres	5 035	8 411	6 910	21 224	22 552	6,3
		R'000	33 860	52 734	48 125	137 719	153 665	11,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	395	357	436	1 346	1 598	18,7
		square metres	100 723	96 005	113 978	358 627	418 994	16,8
		R'000	771 129	734 630	865 097	2 790 835	3 198 072	14,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	739	530	1 028	2 191	2 184	-0,3
		square metres	67 841	46 771	67 401	231 378	187 572	-18,9
		R'000	626 736	479 255	592 137	2 296 521	1 747 104	-23,9
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	6 495	1 035	1 609	9 268	17 754	91,6
		R'000	65 228	6 210	9 993	82 372	179 247	117,6
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 496 953	1 272 829	1 515 352	5 307 447	5 278 088	-0,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	526	5 964	0	4 431	23 939	440,3
		R'000	4 843	46 799	0	39 252	234 791	498,2
	Shopping space	square metres	1 064	8 402	9 385	14 346	41 636	190,2
		R'000	8 820	67 772	78 783	118 998	354 954	198,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	22 049	18 212	35 968	86 145	110 092	27,8
		R'000	164 853	140 532	259 600	626 305	832 059	32,9
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	13 193	2 383	14 067	34 432	50 690	47,2
		R'000	96 475	22 186	107 269	255 614	441 907	72,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	274 991	277 289	445 652	1 040 169	1 863 711	79,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	72 327	65 567	67 109	227 482	265 726	16,8
		R'000	515 707	510 378	545 454	1 661 384	2 084 153	25,4
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	17 949	22 080	28 202	81 357	84 948	4,4
		R'000	212 041	320 561	309 624	966 435	1 263 773	30,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	727 748	830 939	855 078	2 627 819	3 347 926	27,4
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	2 499 692	2 381 057	2 816 082	8 975 435	10 489 725	16,9

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² 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 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Eastern Cape

			Apr 2024	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	Jan – Apr 2024	Jan – Apr 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	21	95	17	44	127	188,6
		square metres	1 092	3 702	1 005	2 437	5 395	121,4
		R'000	8 905	31 522	8 717	19 341	45 737	136,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	65	36	39	235	150	-36,2
		square metres	16 042	9 993	12 145	57 693	42 445	-26,4
		R'000	133 403	87 444	106 321	480 639	368 736	-23,3
	Flats and townhouses	Number	7	61	51	49	114	132,7
		square metres	860	6 899	12 679	8 272	20 689	150,1
		R'000	6 624	58 617	96 429	67 702	164 675	143,2
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	148 932	177 583	211 467	567 682	579 148	2,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	206	0	213	2 986	1 918	-35,8
		R'000	1 273	0	1 385	19 509	16 132	-17,3
	Shopping space	square metres	939	0	868	1 964	868	-55,8
		R'000	6 482	0	7 523	14 404	7 523	-47,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	3 210	24 402	394	31 994	76 658	139,6
		R'000	25 635	211 184	3 699	261 413	664 371	154,1
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	4 559	594	3 641	6 134	68,5
		R'000	0	39 954	4 986	29 378	53 442	81,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	33 390	251 138	17 593	324 704	741 468	128,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	10 712	14 571	15 360	58 618	51 655	-11,9
		R'000	86 370	124 963	132 573	471 479	442 801	-6,1
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	16 564	6 298	4 486	39 972	18 084	-54,8
		R'000	138 007	69 943	41 409	334 360	174 590	-47,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	224 377	194 906	173 982	805 839	617 391	-23,4
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	406 699	623 627	403 042	1 698 225	1 938 007	14,1

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² 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 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Northern Cape

			Apr 2024	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	Jan – Apr 2024	Jan – Apr 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2	4	6	197	13	-93,4
		square metres	150	163	234	8 033	559	-93,0
		R'000	1 412	1 613	2 315	75 610	5 534	-92,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	16	21	13	56	64	14,3
		square metres	3 443	3 762	2 750	11 319	12 212	7,9
		R'000	30 168	33 905	23 805	97 961	107 717	10,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	0	0	..
		square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	409	0	0	409	0	-100,0
		R'000	3 850	0	0	3 850	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	35 430	35 518	26 120	177 421	113 251	-36,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	83	947	83	-91,2
		R'000	0	0	821	5 914	821	-86,1
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	2 428	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	22 855	0	-100,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	3 745	1 200	0	3 745	1 272	-66,0
		R'000	35 252	11 872	0	35 252	12 584	-64,3
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	60	0	0	843	..
		R'000	0	594	0	0	8 340	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	35 252	12 466	821	64 021	21 745	-66,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 192	1 914	2 034	8 398	6 845	-18,5
		R'000	9 984	18 105	19 335	74 065	64 292	-13,2
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	107	91	2 352	185	4 280	2 213,5
		R'000	1 087	4 668	23 581	2 151	52 496	2 340,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	11 071	22 773	42 916	76 216	116 788	53,2
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	81 753	70 757	69 857	317 658	251 784	-20,7

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² 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 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Free State

			Apr 2024	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	Jan – Apr 2024	Jan – Apr 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	121	151	3	144	169	17,4
		square metres	4 851	6 174	174	6 252	7 195	15,1
		R'000	21 915	40 572	1 759	34 885	50 282	44,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	43	41	33	147	144	-2,0
		square metres	12 242	10 338	6 760	37 971	34 588	-8,9
		R'000	105 975	85 581	57 279	328 672	295 538	-10,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	10	0	42	72	71,4
		square metres	0	4 498	0	7 091	8 462	19,3
		R'000	0	45 484	0	68 223	85 568	25,4
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	279	1 092	1 396	27,8
		R'000	0	0	2 821	9 781	14 116	44,3
	Total residential buildings	R'000	127 890	171 637	61 859	441 561	445 504	0,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 134	0	0	1 339	130	-90,3
		R'000	8 971	0	0	10 605	1 315	-87,6
	Shopping space	square metres	3 524	3 067	1 650	15 387	7 603	-50,6
		R'000	22 568	27 132	11 654	97 669	64 726	-33,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	408	0	1 231	8 552	12 431	45,4
		R'000	3 363	0	8 002	68 299	87 948	28,8
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	522	235	0	11 043	4 168	-62,3
		R'000	3 229	2 376	0	76 836	42 146	-45,1
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	38 131	29 508	19 656	253 409	196 135	-22,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 808	4 259	7 276	24 175	21 990	-9,0
		R'000	46 890	38 564	61 351	198 813	191 248	-3,8
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	86	7 865	566	3 798	10 940	188,0
		R'000	1 113	61 223	13 413	35 755	96 673	170,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	48 003	99 787	74 764	234 568	287 921	22,7
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	214 024	300 932	156 279	929 538	929 560	0,0

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² 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 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: KwaZulu-Natal

			Apr 2024	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	Jan – Apr 2024	Jan – Apr 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	13	9	5	74	29	-60,8
		square metres	696	529	281	3 565	1 638	-54,1
		R'000	6 653	4 230	2 954	28 877	14 079	-51,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	101	64	60	321	258	-19,6
		square metres	29 642	23 856	20 639	101 067	98 536	-2,5
		R'000	289 029	249 056	195 578	1 042 145	1 060 273	1,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	258	184	197	776	659	-15,1
		square metres	31 781	21 187	21 801	102 804	70 788	-31,1
		R'000	302 551	218 063	250 107	992 596	797 583	-19,6
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	1 311	2 810	0	3 213	22 113	588,2
		R'000	14 421	30 910	0	27 111	243 243	797,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	612 654	502 259	448 639	2 090 729	2 115 178	1,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	651	7 833	899	-88,5
		R'000	0	0	3 255	72 208	4 495	-93,8
	Shopping space	square metres	4 196	1 177	4 606	12 140	7 033	-42,1
		R'000	45 788	8 066	47 215	105 573	63 681	-39,7
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	9 582	18 132	9 034	29 661	56 621	90,9
		R'000	71 321	130 391	59 500	214 045	401 515	87,6
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	288	1 642	2 378	6 917	5 679	-17,9
		R'000	2 814	18 062	25 478	72 062	61 538	-14,6
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	119 923	156 519	135 448	463 888	531 229	14,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	23 735	24 652	25 331	95 823	95 136	-0,7
		R'000	250 485	266 154	284 898	1 032 969	1 041 698	0,8
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	6 433	9 279	10 870	36 379	31 981	-12,1
		R'000	90 457	115 616	137 539	471 641	420 512	-10,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	340 942	381 770	422 437	1 504 610	1 462 210	-2,8
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 073 519	1 040 548	1 006 524	4 059 227	4 108 617	1,2

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² 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 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: North West

			Apr 2024	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	Jan – Apr 2024	Jan – Apr 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	4	3	6	23	23	0,0
		square metres	173	175	382	1 152	1 354	17,5
		R'000	1 164	1 212	2 614	8 314	9 065	9,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	52	27	34	196	139	-29,1
		square metres	13 772	5 652	7 496	53 654	32 515	-39,4
		R'000	99 793	43 717	55 864	397 205	248 582	-37,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	13	4	33	70	62	-11,4
		square metres	620	1 147	2 776	5 072	6 118	20,6
		R'000	4 464	7 266	19 280	36 034	42 148	17,0
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	27 232	0	0	28 332	364	-98,7
		R'000	196 070	0	0	203 579	2 366	-98,8
	Total residential buildings	R'000	301 491	52 195	77 758	645 132	302 161	-53,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	102	445	336,3
		R'000	0	0	0	630	3 026	380,3
	Shopping space	square metres	31 963	2 398	846	62 967	8 480	-86,5
		R'000	230 133	15 587	5 499	548 221	57 163	-89,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	13 274	24 152	845	15 678	25 599	63,3
		R'000	105 963	156 988	6 274	122 721	168 174	37,0
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	929	10 224	1 114	-89,1
		R'000	0	0	6 039	83 621	7 108	-91,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	336 096	172 575	17 812	755 193	235 471	-68,8
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	6 077	6 049	4 024	28 397	20 465	-27,9
		R'000	41 179	42 381	25 159	199 642	138 084	-30,8
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	2 128	915	1 674	6 794	9 488	39,7
		R'000	22 011	77 016	11 024	83 209	209 398	151,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	63 190	119 397	36 183	282 851	347 482	22,8
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	700 777	344 167	131 753	1 683 176	885 114	-47,4

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² 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 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Gauteng

			Apr 2024	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	Jan – Apr 2024	Jan – Apr 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	143	425	170	905	888	-1,9
		square metres	8 575	20 995	9 583	49 866	46 447	-6,9
		R'000	72 704	140 362	73 258	433 808	340 485	-21,5
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	223	200	200	892	751	-15,8
		square metres	65 701	62 388	54 094	256 595	228 098	-11,1
		R'000	610 793	612 605	526 337	2 439 285	2 233 645	-8,4
	Flats and townhouses	Number	567	414	139	2 330	1 321	-43,3
		square metres	42 500	31 538	17 810	201 299	92 610	-54,0
		R'000	506 880	399 994	197 888	2 209 371	1 112 792	-49,6
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	2 935	383	-87,0
		R'000	0	0	0	24 046	2 932	-87,8
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 190 377	1 152 961	797 483	5 106 510	3 689 854	-27,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	3 736	2 971	10 936	5 427	23 907	340,5
		R'000	48 669	40 676	139 282	69 655	292 698	320,2
	Shopping space	square metres	47 449	15 828	596	61 787	19 372	-68,6
		R'000	574 656	191 438	7 607	696 639	228 520	-67,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	132 843	13 800	75 406	264 623	192 243	-27,4
		R'000	1 026 901	101 871	545 742	2 032 579	1 390 686	-31,6
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	3 075	2 450	870	35 632	5 508	-84,5
		R'000	35 360	25 741	7 479	298 005	55 391	-81,4
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 685 586	359 726	700 110	3 096 878	1 967 295	-36,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	49 935	40 781	42 668	201 226	164 699	-18,2
		R'000	468 982	426 445	435 755	1 964 535	1 678 717	-14,5
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	20 168	12 009	24 116	62 305	63 202	1,4
		R'000	204 731	101 817	185 595	590 908	570 261	-3,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	673 713	528 262	621 350	2 555 443	2 248 978	-12,0
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	3 549 676	2 040 949	2 118 943	10 758 831	7 906 127	-26,5

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² 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 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Mpumalanga

			Apr 2024	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	Jan – Apr 2024	Jan – Apr 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2	2	4	44	53	20,5
		square metres	135	90	270	2 851	3 173	11,3
		R'000	826	585	1 929	21 626	28 591	32,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	121	51	65	241	209	-13,3
		square metres	26 083	18 195	23 905	72 963	72 996	0,0
		R'000	194 074	152 122	189 364	528 064	584 494	10,7
	Flats and townhouses	Number	26	9	14	134	40	-70,1
		square metres	2 114	2 912	1 264	9 359	8 269	-11,6
		R'000	14 798	19 347	8 400	66 540	54 941	-17,4
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	1 946	588	1 111	3 141	4 871	55,1
		R'000	12 303	5 526	7 381	20 310	35 097	72,8
	Total residential buildings	R'000	222 001	177 580	207 074	636 540	703 123	10,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	1 489	1 438	1 489	3,5
		R'000	0	0	9 892	9 091	9 892	8,8
	Shopping space	square metres	1 098	2 975	7 973	14 705	49 239	234,8
		R'000	6 928	24 033	51 825	92 607	330 263	256,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	13 232	5 383	15 047	44 849	53 752	19,9
		R'000	86 765	36 699	98 005	289 317	386 424	33,6
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	943	3 185	0	943	3 185	237,8
		R'000	8 487	21 151	0	8 487	21 151	149,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	102 180	81 883	159 722	399 502	747 730	87,2
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	16 238	15 944	11 027	48 391	51 680	6,8
		R'000	104 741	118 544	74 949	328 234	372 498	13,5
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	4 805	8 785	202	8 296	27 784	234,9
		R'000	41 485	62 381	8 723	72 082	211 145	192,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	146 226	180 925	83 672	400 316	583 643	45,8
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	470 407	440 388	450 468	1 436 358	2 034 496	41,6

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² 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 – Building plans passed by larger municipalities at current prices by type of building: Limpopo

			Apr 2024	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	Jan – Apr 2024	Jan – Apr 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	2	4	0	11	18	63,6
		square metres	106	242	0	690	1 071	55,2
		R'000	735	1 799	0	4 487	7 988	78,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	31	38	24	141	127	-9,9
		square metres	12 474	11 641	8 032	51 134	45 562	-10,9
		R'000	85 468	84 903	60 244	360 453	334 885	-7,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	29	10	0	106	29	-72,6
		square metres	2 945	909	0	10 374	3 208	-69,1
		R'000	20 064	5 909	0	76 120	21 852	-71,3
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	1 499	0	1 499	..
		R'000	0	0	9 743	0	9 743	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	106 267	92 611	69 987	441 060	374 468	-15,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	759	740	759	2,6
		R'000	0	0	5 482	5 086	5 482	7,8
	Shopping space	square metres	487	205	0	9 740	1 324	-86,4
		R'000	3 169	1 333	0	70 635	8 399	-88,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	4 347	0	986	10 038	4 489	-55,3
		R'000	29 877	0	7 122	69 124	32 655	-52,8
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	6 610	2 965	13 915	15 432	10,9
		R'000	0	42 877	18 362	92 488	105 277	13,8
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	33 046	44 210	30 966	237 333	151 813	-36,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 763	1 547	1 998	10 853	7 356	-32,2
		R'000	25 590	11 260	14 331	75 141	52 412	-30,2
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	2 657	8 455	219	8 734	10 633	21,7
		R'000	21 262	61 570	3 582	68 534	80 072	16,8
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	46 852	72 830	17 913	143 675	132 484	-7,8
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	186 165	209 651	118 866	822 068	658 765	-19,9

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² 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 2024	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	Jan – Apr 2024	Jan – Apr 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	335	463	406	1 517	1 571	3,6
		square metres	17 120	20 653	18 667	78 029	74 610	-4,4
		R'000	121 070	160 911	139 999	576 417	531 290	-7,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	637	477	564	2 127	2 006	-5,7
		square metres	174 288	135 398	146 949	566 533	538 799	-4,9
		R'000	1 522 307	1 196 753	1 287 450	4 897 041	4 743 865	-3,1
	Flats and townhouses	Number	838	786	1 469	3 702	3 401	-8,1
		square metres	77 780	87 203	144 803	309 388	340 471	10,0
		R'000	685 902	931 848	1 363 108	2 843 783	3 297 482	16,0
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	2 669	23 249	1 256	15 442	37 463	142,6
		R'000	33 275	216 408	11 308	127 104	309 767	143,7
	Total residential buildings	R'000	2 362 554	2 505 920	2 801 865	8 444 345	8 882 404	5,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	6 943	1 526	6 369	26 353	27 229	3,3
		R'000	52 706	13 472	71 405	232 277	261 439	12,6
	Shopping space	square metres	35 709	34 490	38 383	78 199	86 231	10,3
		R'000	369 942	259 297	251 471	819 371	638 037	-22,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	136 962	41 120	11 040	244 016	226 853	-7,0
		R'000	1 002 337	281 762	80 090	1 854 753	1 509 760	-18,6
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	4 852	1 883	7 704	18 547	42 211	127,6
		R'000	36 312	14 532	78 244	150 428	355 256	136,2
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	1 461 297	569 063	481 210	3 056 829	2 764 492	-9,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	61 376	46 909	44 887	237 559	171 347	-27,9
		R'000	526 077	412 622	403 588	2 022 046	1 514 603	-25,1
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	19 012	28 801	28 756	116 988	83 706	-28,4
		R'000	204 696	359 393	324 079	1 215 769	980 350	-19,4
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	730 773	772 015	727 667	3 237 815	2 494 953	-22,9
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	4 554 624	3 846 998	4 010 742	14 738 989	14 141 849	-4,1

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² 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 2024	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	Jan – Apr 2024	Jan – Apr 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	118	92	43	557	288	-48,3
		square metres	5 431	4 139	1 937	25 795	13 402	-48,0
		R'000	34 296	29 732	11 734	170 558	88 908	-47,9
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	237	200	206	798	782	-2,0
		square metres	61 696	54 201	53 556	204 838	207 489	1,3
		R'000	446 188	441 612	409 862	1 499 605	1 601 718	6,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	489	367	688	1 236	1 920	55,3
		square metres	39 082	33 659	81 872	124 319	197 426	58,8
		R'000	305 940	298 945	694 905	1 051 321	1 748 306	66,3
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	236	17 157	257	10 473	29 091	177,8
		R'000	1 770	167 602	1 928	73 938	243 067	228,7
	Total residential buildings	R'000	788 194	937 891	1 118 429	2 795 422	3 681 999	31,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	845	1 113	0	8 465	11 182	32,1
		R'000	7 780	9 893	0	79 656	83 295	4,6
	Shopping space	square metres	2 154	125	0	2 154	581	-73,0
		R'000	13 835	1 063	0	13 835	5 281	-61,8
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	5 417	231	8 665	38 970	26 611	-31,7
		R'000	36 336	1 848	64 196	293 818	187 724	-36,1
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	2 312	1 603	785	10 499	8 646	-17,6
		R'000	14 681	11 504	6 856	69 840	65 050	-6,9
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	72 632	24 308	71 052	457 149	341 350	-25,3
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	21 675	15 932	15 881	71 228	56 655	-20,5
		R'000	181 144	123 607	125 139	529 396	418 470	-21,0
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	4 718	5 406	12 150	29 502	23 856	-19,1
		R'000	52 664	83 781	168 448	305 039	356 479	16,9
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	233 808	207 388	293 587	834 435	774 949	-7,1
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 094 634	1 169 587	1 483 068	4 087 006	4 798 298	17,4

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² 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 2024	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	Jan – Apr 2024	Jan – Apr 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	11	69	59	89	237	166,3
		square metres	506	2 653	2 154	4 929	9 267	88,0
		R'000	4 091	22 805	18 462	39 416	71 017	80,2
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	30	5	20	123	40	-67,5
		square metres	8 368	1 261	5 502	26 835	12 577	-53,1
		R'000	67 967	10 565	48 751	217 504	107 709	-50,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	5	332	5	-98,5
		square metres	0	0	518	19 915	518	-97,4
		R'000	0	0	4 490	159 873	4 490	-97,2
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	3 515	999	0	4 514	..
		R'000	0	30 465	9 380	0	39 845	..
	Total residential buildings		R'000	72 058	63 835	81 083	416 793	223 061
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 291	413	196	1 291	609	-52,8
		R'000	10 647	3 579	1 642	10 647	5 221	-51,0
	Shopping space	square metres	682	12 824	0	682	12 824	1 780,4
		R'000	5 624	107 439	0	5 624	107 439	1 810,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 080	1 162	96	3 038	1 771	-41,7
		R'000	8 907	10 071	832	23 274	15 349	-34,1
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	1 759	0	3 582	1 890	3 582	89,5
		R'000	14 023	0	32 764	14 831	32 764	120,9
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	39 201	121 089	35 238	54 376	160 773
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 921	9 840	5 765	50 330	23 364	-53,6
		R'000	48 622	83 669	50 148	411 489	199 250	-51,6
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	332	3 707	1 351	24 951	14 255	-42,9
		R'000	4 314	41 247	13 249	218 729	132 257	-39,5
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	52 936	124 916	63 397	630 218	331 507
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	164 195	309 840	179 718	1 101 387	715 341	-35,1

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² 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 2024	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	Jan – Apr 2024	Jan – Apr 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	0	0	3	0	-100,0
		square metres	0	0	0	167	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	1 572	0	-100,0
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	3	2	3	15	13	-13,3
		square metres	471	176	468	3 031	2 454	-19,0
		R'000	4 434	1 741	4 630	28 531	24 277	-14,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	0	0	..
		square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	1 164	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	10 957	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	4 434	1 741	4 630	41 060	24 277	-40,9
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	2 339	0	291	2 958	291	-90,2
		R'000	22 017	0	2 879	27 844	2 879	-89,7
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	59	0	59	..
		R'000	0	0	584	0	584	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	22 017	0	3 463	27 844	3 463	-87,6
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 331	459	1 152	4 608	2 689	-41,6
		R'000	12 529	4 541	11 397	43 375	26 603	-38,7
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	245	0	265	1 078	812	-24,7
		R'000	2 336	230	2 812	10 657	8 574	-19,5
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	14 865	4 771	14 209	54 032	35 177	-34,9
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	41 316	6 512	22 302	122 936	62 917	-48,8

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² 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 2024	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	Jan – Apr 2024	Jan – Apr 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	2	0	2	5	150,0
		square metres	0	110	0	91	287	215,4
		R'000	0	1 112	0	876	2 902	231,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	6	11	3	38	36	-5,3
		square metres	1 690	2 367	564	8 192	8 232	0,5
		R'000	13 028	21 592	3 985	65 482	75 199	14,8
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	23	0	0	23	..
		square metres	0	1 984	0	0	1 984	..
		R'000	0	20 062	0	0	20 062	..
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	991	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	7 654	0	-100,0
	Total residential buildings	R'000	13 028	42 766	3 985	74 012	98 163	32,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	277	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	2 665	0	-100,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	145	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	897	0	-100,0
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	0	0	0	3 562	0	-100,0
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 714	180	292	9 318	871	-90,7
		R'000	12 297	1 141	2 057	66 356	5 844	-91,2
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	0	0	0	276	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	6 435	0	-100,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	12 297	1 141	2 057	72 791	5 844	-92,0
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	25 325	43 907	6 042	150 365	104 007	-30,8

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² 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 2024	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	Jan – Apr 2024	Jan – Apr 2025	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	5	13	7	37	42	13,5	
		square metres	279	601	408	2 165	2 282	5,4	
		R'000	3 049	6 648	4 855	21 614	25 969	20,1	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	58	52	56	173	209	20,8	
		square metres	20 028	19 291	18 559	52 981	64 004	20,8	
		R'000	231 921	224 162	211 579	590 068	738 467	25,1	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	11	140	177	206	345	67,5	
		square metres	2 587	16 245	20 570	22 891	44 163	92,9	
		R'000	21 411	203 910	228 485	199 438	485 944	143,7	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	381	0	-100,0	
		R'000	0	0	0	3 050	0	-100,0	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	256 381	434 720	444 919	814 170	1 250 380	53,6
	Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 732	0	0	1 732	6 750	289,7
R'000			15 260	0	0	15 260	74 250	386,6	
Shopping space		square metres	31 449	1 272	988	65 604	10 044	-84,7	
		R'000	338 527	13 992	7 904	710 690	105 278	-85,2	
Industrial and warehouse space		square metres	24 093	10 295	1 452	36 262	59 215	63,3	
		R'000	154 400	62 545	8 712	241 092	375 150	55,6	
Other non-residential buildings ³		square metres	497	0	494	3 056	3 635	18,9	
		R'000	5 851	0	5 684	34 000	33 669	-1,0	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	514 038	76 537	22 300	1 001 042	588 347	-41,2	
Additions and alterations		Dwelling-houses	square metres	8 164	6 433	8 943	29 604	29 234	-1,2
	R'000		89 522	74 075	98 758	338 330	328 540	-2,9	
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	869	5 144	3 079	15 102	12 351	-18,2	
		R'000	24 506	64 862	35 071	220 517	147 256	-33,2	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	114 028	138 937	133 829	558 847	475 796	-14,9
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	884 447	650 194	601 048	2 374 059	2 314 523	-2,5	

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² 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 2024	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	Jan – Apr 2024	Jan – Apr 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	30	11	7	96	42	-56,3
		square metres	1 716	586	414	5 479	2 445	-55,4
		R'000	11 540	3 427	2 473	38 990	14 396	-63,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	25	52	58	135	178	31,9
		square metres	7 656	13 308	10 231	32 412	39 147	20,8
		R'000	59 067	94 512	73 664	239 628	277 656	15,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	15	4	0	25	16	-36,0
		square metres	2 609	374	0	3 116	1 426	-54,2
		R'000	18 785	2 590	0	22 098	11 707	-47,0
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	838	0	0	1 277	..
		R'000	0	5 440	0	0	8 481	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	89 392	105 969	76 137	300 716	312 240	3,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	2 243	0	1 375	2 698	1 375	-49,0
		R'000	13 873	0	7 946	17 627	7 946	-54,9
	Shopping space	square metres	359	15 869	13 378	3 288	31 561	859,9
		R'000	2 724	105 467	87 456	24 497	209 718	756,1
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	5 349	6 950	0	8 752	6 950	-20,6
		R'000	36 693	45 784	0	61 165	45 784	-25,1
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	284	0	0	284	10 836	3 715,5
		R'000	1 757	0	0	1 757	86 848	4 843,0
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	55 047	151 251	95 402	105 046	350 296	233,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	7 956	3 854	3 450	16 819	14 133	-16,0
		R'000	50 272	25 187	22 667	107 266	92 271	-14,0
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	942	1 280	376	9 434	1 717	-81,8
		R'000	16 079	12 903	5 757	105 645	19 057	-82,0
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	66 351	38 090	28 424	212 911	111 328	-47,7
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	210 790	295 310	199 963	618 673	773 864	25,1

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² 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 2024	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	Jan – Apr 2024	Jan – Apr 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	167	271	286	711	934	31,4
		square metres	8 981	12 234	13 470	38 002	45 326	19,3
		R'000	66 650	94 547	100 032	293 487	316 303	7,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	232	115	180	689	614	-10,9
		square metres	60 823	31 693	49 655	199 769	164 964	-17,4
		R'000	603 001	304 036	472 265	1 980 348	1 611 578	-18,6
	Flats and townhouses	Number	300	244	598	1 845	1 083	-41,3
		square metres	31 369	32 379	41 779	132 397	92 328	-30,3
		R'000	321 635	388 915	434 801	1 362 243	1 009 120	-25,9
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	2 433	1 383	0	2 433	1 383	-43,2
		R'000	31 505	10 587	0	31 505	10 587	-66,4
	Total residential buildings	R'000	1 022 791	798 085	1 007 098	3 667 583	2 947 588	-19,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	832	0	4 798	2 142	7 313	241,4
		R'000	5 146	0	61 817	21 942	90 727	313,5
	Shopping space	square metres	1 065	572	24 017	5 896	25 851	338,4
		R'000	9 232	4 379	156 111	61 452	172 226	180,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	95 476	22 482	536	131 090	128 651	-1,9
		R'000	718 706	161 514	3 471	1 035 067	856 785	-17,2
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	280	2 784	2 818	15 453	448,4
		R'000	0	3 028	32 356	30 000	136 341	354,5
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	733 084	168 921	253 755	1 148 461	1 256 079	9,4
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	10 745	7 985	8 094	48 998	36 840	-24,8
		R'000	103 630	84 592	82 206	478 717	381 202	-20,4
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	11 141	11 121	11 406	35 085	27 239	-22,4
		R'000	96 456	138 510	90 518	329 778	273 506	-17,1
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	200 086	223 102	172 724	808 495	654 708	-19,0
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 955 961	1 190 108	1 433 577	5 624 539	4 858 375	-13,6

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² 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 2024	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	Jan – Apr 2024	Jan – Apr 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	2	4	8	17	112,5
		square metres	0	118	284	533	1 187	122,7
		R'000	0	1 109	2 443	3 883	8 768	125,8
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	24	14	13	88	61	-30,7
		square metres	6 147	3 132	3 124	18 409	15 372	-16,5
		R'000	45 035	27 916	26 456	136 117	131 807	-3,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	23	4	1	40	5	-87,5
		square metres	2 133	1 864	64	4 044	1 928	-52,3
		R'000	18 131	12 384	427	30 212	12 811	-57,6
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	356	0	0	1 198	..
		R'000	0	2 314	0	0	7 787	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	63 166	43 723	29 326	170 212	161 173	-5,3
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	9 748	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	84 480	0	-100,0
	Shopping space	square metres	0	958	0	0	958	..
		R'000	0	6 227	0	0	6 227	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	2 158	0	0	14 790	1 822	-87,7
		R'000	18 061	0	0	118 515	17 125	-85,6
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	18 061	6 227	0	202 995	23 352	-88,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 145	2 031	1 250	4 411	6 935	57,2
		R'000	23 078	14 402	10 783	31 628	57 903	83,1
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	765	2 143	0	765	3 347	337,5
		R'000	7 341	16 860	7 474	7 542	39 471	423,3
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	30 419	31 262	18 257	39 170	97 374	148,6
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	111 646	81 212	47 583	412 377	281 899	-31,6

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² 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 2024	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	Jan – Apr 2024	Jan – Apr 2025	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	4	3	0	14	6	-57,1
		square metres	207	212	0	868	414	-52,3
		R'000	1 444	1 531	0	6 021	3 027	-49,7
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	22	26	25	68	73	7,4
		square metres	7 409	9 969	5 290	20 066	24 560	22,4
		R'000	51 666	70 617	36 258	139 758	175 454	25,5
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	4	0	18	4	-77,8
		square metres	0	698	0	2 706	698	-74,2
		R'000	0	5 042	0	18 598	5 042	-72,9
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	53 110	77 190	36 258	164 377	183 523	11,6
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	2 870	0	430	4 412	926,0
		R'000	0	20 730	0	2 376	31 868	1 241,2
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 050	0	0	8 156	1 542	-81,1
		R'000	7 217	0	0	53 978	8 964	-83,4
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	7 217	20 730	0	56 354	40 832	-27,5
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	725	195	60	2 243	626	-72,1
		R'000	4 983	1 408	433	15 489	4 520	-70,8
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	0	0	129	795	129	-83,8
		R'000	1 000	1 000	750	11 427	3 750	-67,2
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	5 983	2 408	1 183	26 916	8 270	-69,3
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	66 310	100 328	37 441	247 647	232 625	-6,1

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2024 and 2025.² Other residential buildings include institutions for the disabled, boarding houses, hostels and tourism accommodation e.g. hotels, motels, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation and casinos.³ Other non-residential space includes churches, sport and recreation clubs, schools, crèches, hospitals and all other non-residential space.⁴ Other buildings include other residential buildings, non-residential buildings and internal alterations. No square metres are collected for internal alterations.

Explanatory notes

Introduction	1	Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly building statistics survey collecting information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed, financed by the private sector, from the largest local government institutions in South Africa. According to these institutions, they are not always notified about low-cost housing projects and, therefore, do not include the bulk of low-cost dwelling-houses in their reporting. Data regarding subsidised low-cost dwelling-houses can be obtained from the Department of Human Settlements.
Purpose of the survey	2	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	3	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	4	Building activities are classified in division five 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	5	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on building statistics for April 2025 was 91,8%. The revised collection rate for March 2025 was 95,5%.
Statistical unit	6	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	7	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% of the total value of buildings completed. Information regarding building plans passed and buildings completed for the private sector is collected by email and telephone.
Constant prices	8	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 2019. 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 P0151.1: <i>Construction Materials Price Indices</i> . In order to be applicable, these indices (base December 2023=100) are converted to the base year 2019=100.

- Seasonal adjustment** 9 Seasonally adjusted estimates of building plans passed and buildings completed are generated each month, using the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by the United States Census Bureau.
- 10 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 February 2022](#).
- Trend cycle** 11 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** 12 Revised figures are mainly due to late submission of data to Stats SA, or respondents reporting revisions or corrections to their figures. The reasons for routine revisions are outlined in the following schedule. Any unscheduled revisions will be promptly indicated in relevant tables to maintain transparency and accuracy. It is important to note that seasonally adjusted figures are revised monthly.

Statistical release	Reason for revision	Period subject to revision
Apr-25	Additional information from respondents	Apr-23 - Mar-25
May-25	Additional information from respondents	May-23 - Apr-25
Jun-25	Additional information from respondents	Jun-23 - May-25
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Aug-25	Additional information from respondents	Aug-23 - Jul-25
Sep-25	Additional information from respondents	Sep-23 - Aug-25
Oct-25	Additional information from respondents	Oct-23 - Sep-25
Nov-25	Additional information from respondents	Nov-23 - Oct-25
Dec-25	Additional information from respondents	Dec-23 - Nov-25
Jan-26	Additional information from respondents	Jan-24 - Dec-25
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- Related publications** 13 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; and
 - *Building Statistics* (Report No. 50-11-01) issued annually.
- Rounding-off of figures** 14 Where necessary, the figures in the tables have been rounded off to the nearest digit shown.
- Symbols and abbreviations** 15
- .. Changes from a zero in the preceding period cannot be calculated as a percentage
 - 0 Nil or figure too small to publish
 - * Revised figures
 - 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 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 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 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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