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Key findings for January to April 2026

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 2025	Jan – Apr 2026	Difference in value between Jan – Apr 2025 and Jan – Apr 2026	% change between Jan – Apr 2025 and Jan – Apr 2026
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	13 637 911	15 561 851	1 923 940	14,1
-Dwelling-houses	9 124 504	9 299 206	174 702	1,9
-Flats and townhouses	4 008 881	5 044 788	1 035 907	25,8
-Other residential buildings	504 526	1 217 857	713 331	141,4
Non-residential buildings	6 518 292	6 521 377	3 085	0,0
Additions and alterations	9 150 019	8 902 717	-247 302	-2,7
Total	29 306 222	30 985 945	1 679 723	5,7

The value of building plans passed (at current prices) increased by 5,7% (R1 679,7 million) during January to April 2026 compared with January to April 2025. Increases were reported for residential buildings (R1 923,9 million) and non-residential buildings (R3,1 million). A decrease was reported for additions and alterations (-R247,3 million) – see Table A.

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

Province	Jan – Apr 2025	Jan – Apr 2026	Weight Jan – Apr 2025	% change between Jan – Apr 2025 and Jan – Apr 2026	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of building plans passed between Jan – Apr 2025 and Jan – Apr 2026 ¹	Difference in value between Jan – Apr 2025 and Jan – Apr 2026
	R'000	R'000	%			R'000
Western Cape	10 489 725	11 225 963	35,8	7,0	2,5	736 238
Eastern Cape	1 938 007	1 949 218	6,6	0,6	0,0	11 211
Northern Cape	251 784	312 505	0,9	24,1	0,2	60 721
Free State	942 777	1 166 392	3,2	23,7	0,8	223 615
KwaZulu-Natal	4 108 617	4 911 369	14,0	19,5	2,7	802 752
North West	885 114	1 009 782	3,0	14,1	0,4	124 668
Gauteng	7 996 937	7 853 268	27,3	-1,8	-0,5	-143 669
Mpumalanga	2 034 496	1 479 749	6,9	-27,3	-1,9	-554 747
Limpopo	658 765	1 077 699	2,2	63,6	1,4	418 934
Total	29 306 222	30 985 945	100,0	5,7	5,7	1 679 723

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 positive contributors to the total increase of 5,7% (R1 679,7 million) were KwaZulu-Natal (contributing 2,7 percentage points or R802,8 million), Western Cape (contributing 2,5 percentage points or R736,2 million) and Limpopo (contributing 1,4 percentage points or R418,9 million).

The largest negative contributor was Mpumalanga (contributing -1,9 percentage points or -R554,7 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 2025	Jan – Apr 2026	Difference in value between Jan – Apr 2025 and Jan – Apr 2026	% change between Jan – Apr 2025 and Jan – Apr 2026
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	9 800 173	10 813 365	1 013 192	10,3
Non-residential buildings	4 683 664	4 527 072	-156 592	-3,3
Additions and alterations	6 572 979	6 185 595	-387 384	-5,9
Total	21 056 816	21 526 032	469 216	2,2

The real value of building plans passed (at constant 2019 prices) increased by 2,2% (R469,2 million) during January to April 2026 compared with January to April 2025. An increase was reported for residential buildings (R1 013,2 million). Decreases were reported for additions and alterations (-R387,4 million) and non-residential buildings (-R156,6 million) – see Table C.

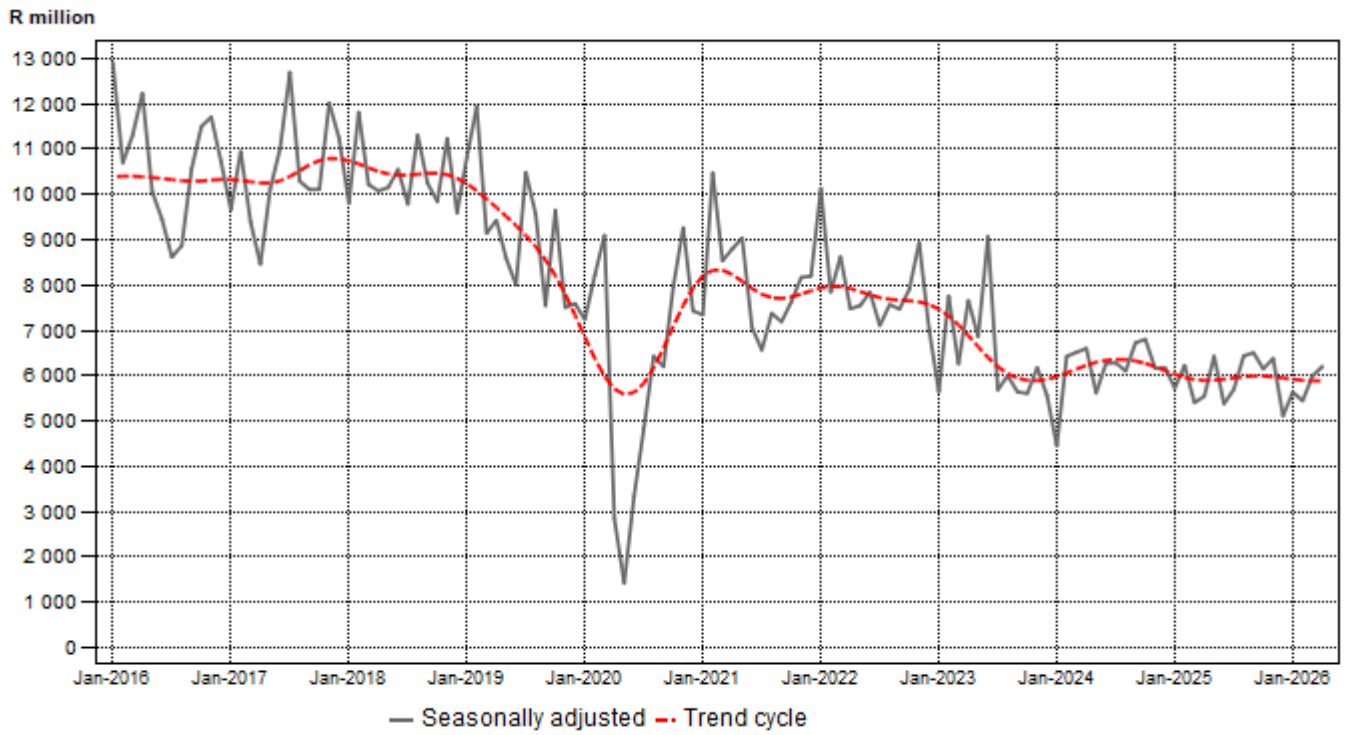
Table D – Seasonally adjusted building plans passed by larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices for the latest three months by type of building

Type of building	Nov 2025 – Jan 2026	Feb – Apr 2026	% change between Nov 2025 – Jan 2026 and Feb – Apr 2026
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	9 181 282	8 939 906	-2,6
Non-residential buildings ¹	2 896 514	3 445 134	18,9
Additions and alterations	5 037 322	5 245 891	4,1
Total	17 115 118	17 630 931	3,0

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 increased by 3,0% in the three months ended April 2026 compared with the previous three months. Increases were reported for non-residential buildings (18,9%) and additions and alterations (4,1%). A decrease was reported for residential buildings (-2,6%) – 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 2025	Jan – Apr 2026	Difference in value between Jan – Apr 2025 and Jan – Apr 2026	% change between Jan – Apr 2025 and Jan – Apr 2026
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	8 846 017	9 252 289	406 272	4,6
-Dwelling-houses	5 118 919	5 552 737	433 818	8,5
-Flats and townhouses	3 417 331	3 453 261	35 930	1,1
-Other residential buildings	309 767	246 291	-63 476	-20,5
Non-residential buildings	3 179 403	3 128 712	-50 691	-1,6
Additions and alterations	2 450 137	3 078 057	627 920	25,6
Total	14 475 557	15 459 058	983 501	6,8

The value of buildings reported as completed (at current prices) increased by 6,8% (R983,5 million) during January to April 2026 compared with January to April 2025. Increases were reported for additions and alterations (R627,9 million) and residential buildings (R406,3 million). A decrease was reported for non-residential buildings (-R50,7 million) – see Table E.

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

Province	Jan – Apr 2025	Jan – Apr 2026	Weight Jan – Apr 2025	% change between Jan – Apr 2025 and Jan – Apr 2026	Contribution (% points) to the % change in the value of buildings completed between Jan – Apr 2025 and Jan – Apr 2026 ¹	Difference in value between Jan – Apr 2025 and Jan – Apr 2026
	R'000	R'000	%			R'000
Western Cape	4 798 298	5 566 433	33,1	16,0	5,3	768 135
Eastern Cape	715 341	885 002	4,9	23,7	1,2	169 661
Northern Cape	62 917	119 251	0,4	89,5	0,4	56 334
Free State	101 207	75 519	0,7	-25,4	-0,2	-25 688
KwaZulu-Natal	2 314 523	1 868 665	16,0	-19,3	-3,1	-445 858
North West	773 864	445 935	5,3	-42,4	-2,3	-327 929
Gauteng	5 194 883	5 607 189	35,9	7,9	2,8	412 306
Mpumalanga	281 899	612 759	1,9	117,4	2,3	330 860
Limpopo	232 625	278 305	1,6	19,6	0,3	45 680
Total	14 475 557	15 459 058	100,0	6,8	6,8	983 501

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.

Six out of the nine provinces reported year-on-year increases in the value of buildings completed during January to April 2026. The largest positive contributors were Western Cape (contributing 5,3 percentage points or R768,1 million), Gauteng (contributing 2,8 percentage points or R412,3 million) and Mpumalanga (contributing 2,3 percentage points or R330,9 million).

The largest negative contributors were KwaZulu-Natal (contributing -3,1 percentage points or -R445,9 million) and North West (contributing -2,3 percentage points or -R327,9 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 2025	Jan – Apr 2026	Difference in value between Jan – Apr 2025 and Jan – Apr 2026	% change between Jan – Apr 2025 and Jan – Apr 2026
	R'000	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	6 347 963	6 428 833	80 870	1,3
Non-residential buildings	2 291 046	2 168 543	-122 503	-5,3
Additions and alterations	1 758 361	2 139 313	380 952	21,7
Total	10 397 370	10 736 689	339 319	3,3

The real value of buildings reported as completed (at constant 2019 prices) increased by 3,3% (R339,3 million) during January to April 2026 compared with January to April 2025. Increases were reported for additions and alterations (R381,0 million) and residential buildings (R80,9 million). A decrease was reported for non-residential buildings (-R122,5 million) – see Table G.

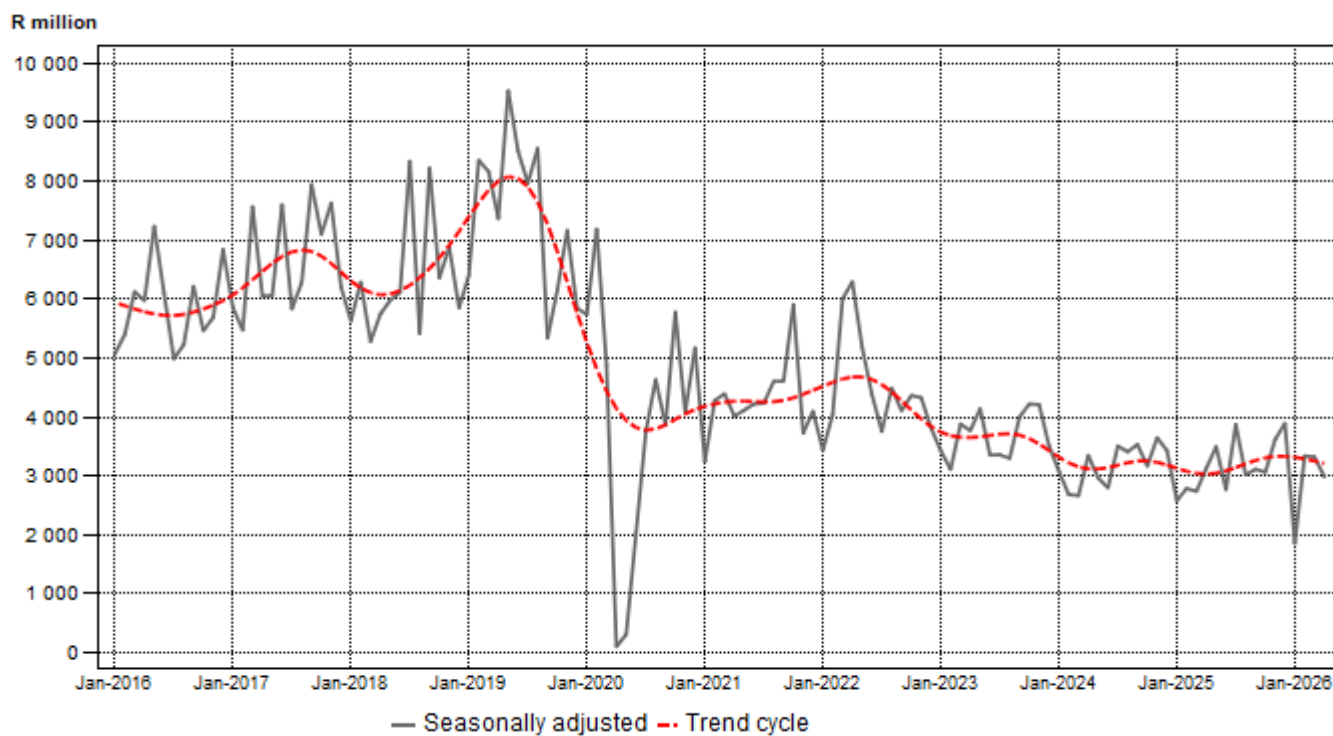
Table H – Seasonally adjusted buildings reported as completed to larger municipalities at constant 2019 prices for the latest three months by type of building

Type of building	Nov 2025 – Jan 2026	Feb – Apr 2026	% change between Nov 2025 – Jan 2026 and Feb – Apr 2026
	R'000	R'000	
Residential buildings	5 605 957	6 005 938	7,1
Non-residential buildings ¹	1 974 978	1 906 948	-3,4
Additions and alterations	1 774 528	1 726 259	-2,7
Total	9 355 463	9 639 145	3,0

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 increased by 3,0% in the three months ended April 2026 compared with the previous three months. An increase was reported for residential buildings (7,1%). Decreases were reported for non-residential buildings (-3,4%) and additions and alterations (-2,7%) – 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
2025	January	3 186 144	20,6	1 206 164	86,6	1 871 867	34,4	6 264 175	33,8
	February	3 404 090	-31,7	2 395 437	44,7	2 505 413	6,2	8 304 940	-7,7
	March	3 635 173	2,6	1 385 314	-27,3	2 431 589	-6,4	7 452 076	-7,4
	April	3 412 504	-19,6	1 531 377	-42,4	2 341 150	2,6	7 285 031	-20,7
	May	4 284 380	3,5	1 964 424	-3,7	2 979 174	52,3	9 227 978	13,4
	June	3 864 945	2,5	1 313 123	-48,3	2 383 783	2,1	7 561 851	-12,5
	July	4 076 597	2,5	1 983 248	-25,4	2 903 987	2,4	8 963 832	-5,4
	August	4 424 700	3,0	2 607 377	30,0	2 272 708	-11,9	9 304 785	4,8
	September	4 326 400	-11,6	2 535 922	22,5	2 953 505	11,0	9 815 827	2,0
	October	4 288 939	-7,8	2 417 842	-16,4	2 857 339	4,2	9 564 120	-7,0
	November	4 991 149	14,7	1 594 033	-16,5	2 733 447	6,9	9 318 629	5,7
	December	3 054 985	3,7	970 890	-46,0	1 974 604	-12,5	6 000 479	-14,3
	Total	46 950 006	-3,1	21 905 151	-11,6	30 208 566	5,8	99 063 723	-2,7
2026	January	3 218 625	1,0	1 540 679	27,7	1 582 114	-15,5	6 341 418	1,2
	February	3 688 846	8,4	1 351 616	-43,6	2 353 183	-6,1	7 393 645	-11,0
	March	4 627 380	27,3	1 431 153	3,3	2 678 883	10,2	8 737 416	17,2
	April	4 027 000	18,0	2 197 929	43,5	2 288 537	-2,2	8 513 466	16,9

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
2025	January	4 202 865	6,4	1 206 164	-32,9	2 550 602	-7,7	7 959 631	-6,5
	February	3 656 074	-13,0	2 395 437	98,6	2 564 980	0,6	8 616 491	8,3
	March	3 664 280	0,2	1 385 314	-42,2	2 485 049	-3,1	7 534 643	-12,6
	April	3 636 520	-0,8	1 531 377	10,5	2 533 784	2,0	7 701 681	2,2
	May	4 085 924	12,4	1 964 424	28,3	2 864 910	13,1	8 915 258	15,8
	June	3 761 646	-7,9	1 313 123	-33,2	2 380 163	-16,9	7 454 932	-16,4
	July	3 520 574	-6,4	1 983 248	51,0	2 482 219	4,3	7 986 041	7,1
	August	4 176 420	18,6	2 607 377	31,5	2 276 216	-8,3	9 060 013	13,4
	September	4 050 343	-3,0	2 535 922	-2,7	2 585 518	13,6	9 171 783	1,2
	October	3 793 534	-6,3	2 417 842	-4,7	2 474 920	-4,3	8 686 296	-5,3
	November	4 834 561	27,4	1 594 033	-34,1	2 665 125	7,7	9 093 719	4,7
	December	4 010 123	-17,1	970 890	-39,1	2 305 653	-13,5	7 286 666	-19,9
2026	January	4 343 929	8,3	1 540 679	58,7	2 209 412	-4,2	8 094 020	11,1
	February	3 976 574	-8,5	1 351 616	-12,3	2 410 244	9,1	7 738 434	-4,4
	March	4 474 835	12,5	1 431 153	5,9	2 665 569	10,6	8 571 557	10,8
	April	4 322 276	-3,4	2 197 929	53,6	2 474 022	-7,2	8 994 227	4,9
	Nov 25 – Jan 26	13 188 613		4 105 602		7 180 190		24 474 405	
	Feb – Apr 26 ²	12 773 685	-3,1	4 980 698	21,3	7 549 835	5,1	25 304 218	3,4

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
2025	January	2 315 512	18,3	876 573	82,9	1 360 368	31,7	4 552 453	31,2
	February	2 447 225	-33,6	1 722 097	40,8	1 801 160	3,3	5 970 482	-10,3
	March	2 594 699	-0,3	988 804	-29,4	1 735 610	-9,0	5 319 113	-10,0
	April	2 442 737	-21,2	1 096 190	-43,6	1 675 841	0,5	5 214 768	-22,3
	May	3 084 507	2,6	1 414 272	-4,6	2 144 834	51,0	6 643 613	12,5
	June	2 782 538	1,3	945 373	-48,9	1 716 186	0,9	5 444 097	-13,6
	July	2 897 368	0,5	1 409 558	-26,8	2 063 957	0,4	6 370 883	-7,2
	August	3 144 776	0,8	1 853 146	27,3	1 615 286	-13,7	6 613 208	2,6
	September	3 074 911	-13,5	1 802 361	19,8	2 099 151	8,5	6 976 423	-0,3
	October	3 031 052	-11,2	1 708 722	-19,5	2 019 321	0,3	6 759 095	-10,5
	November	3 534 808	11,3	1 128 919	-19,1	1 935 869	3,6	6 599 596	2,5
	December	2 157 475	0,3	685 657	-47,8	1 394 494	-15,4	4 237 626	-17,1
	Total	33 507 608	-5,3	15 631 672	-13,6	21 562 077	3,3	70 701 357	-4,9
2026	January	2 260 270	-2,4	1 081 938	23,4	1 111 035	-18,3	4 453 243	-2,2
	February	2 581 418	5,5	945 847	-45,1	1 646 734	-8,6	5 173 999	-13,3
	March	3 213 458	23,8	993 856	0,5	1 860 335	7,2	6 067 649	14,1
	April	2 758 219	12,9	1 505 431	37,3	1 567 491	-6,5	5 831 141	11,8

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 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
2025	January	3 011 011	5,6	876 573	-33,3	1 839 223	-8,3	5 726 807	-7,2
	February	2 661 142	-11,6	1 722 097	96,5	1 839 311	0,0	6 222 550	8,7
	March	2 628 485	-1,2	988 804	-42,6	1 785 259	-2,9	5 402 548	-13,2
	April	2 629 731	0,0	1 096 190	10,9	1 815 895	1,7	5 541 816	2,6
	May	2 954 321	12,3	1 414 272	29,0	2 059 338	13,4	6 427 931	16,0
	June	2 717 968	-8,0	945 373	-33,2	1 710 798	-16,9	5 374 139	-16,4
	July	2 520 212	-7,3	1 409 558	49,1	1 765 999	3,2	5 695 769	6,0
	August	2 953 501	17,2	1 853 146	31,5	1 624 765	-8,0	6 431 412	12,9
	September	2 866 595	-2,9	1 802 361	-2,7	1 836 072	13,0	6 505 028	1,1
	October	2 677 231	-6,6	1 708 722	-5,2	1 760 115	-4,1	6 146 068	-5,5
	November	3 364 121	25,7	1 128 919	-33,9	1 884 115	7,0	6 377 155	3,8
	December	2 807 432	-16,5	685 657	-39,3	1 616 730	-14,2	5 109 819	-19,9
2026	January	3 009 729	7,2	1 081 938	57,8	1 536 477	-5,0	5 628 144	10,1
	February	2 818 038	-6,4	945 847	-12,6	1 681 674	9,4	5 445 559	-3,2
	March	3 127 858	11,0	993 856	5,1	1 865 830	11,0	5 987 544	10,0
	April	2 994 010	-4,3	1 505 431	51,5	1 698 387	-9,0	6 197 828	3,5
	Nov 25 – Jan 26	9 181 282		2 896 514		5 037 322		17 115 118	
	Feb – Apr 26 ²	8 939 906	-2,6	3 445 134	18,9	5 245 891	4,1	17 630 931	3,0

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
2025	January	1 276 232	-30,4	1 244 982	68,6	401 356	-39,4	2 922 570	-9,7
	February	2 263 890	8,0	884 148	90,2	550 009	-41,0	3 698 047	5,8
	March	2 505 920	16,6	569 063	45,0	772 015	-15,3	3 846 998	11,4
	April	2 799 975	18,5	481 210	-67,1	726 757	-0,5	4 007 942	-12,0
	May	2 598 855	8,1	1 228 414	6,6	1 127 334	95,2	4 954 603	19,9
	June	2 076 793	-4,2	1 096 793	31,6	617 782	-17,1	3 791 368	1,2
	July	3 384 823	13,0	1 213 265	48,2	1 262 969	-7,9	5 861 057	13,0
	August	3 029 738	21,2	559 053	-58,4	761 372	-21,4	4 350 163	-9,6
	September	2 759 745	-10,7	1 153 612	18,0	719 069	-31,1	4 632 426	-9,4
	October	2 333 864	-17,4	1 373 530	84,0	739 247	-17,5	4 446 641	-0,5
	November	3 359 954	28,9	1 428 347	-28,7	827 015	1,8	5 615 316	3,6
	December	3 622 634	55,4	993 758	-36,7	942 446	15,4	5 558 838	17,8
	Total	32 012 423	9,0	12 226 175	-2,2	9 447 371	-9,8	53 685 969	2,6
2026	January	1 158 252	-9,2	372 511	-70,1	493 085	22,9	2 023 848	-30,8
	February	3 215 378	42,0	483 733	-45,3	821 320	49,3	4 520 431	22,2
	March	2 503 681	-0,1	1 256 256	120,8	1 084 038	40,4	4 843 975	25,9
	April	2 374 978	-15,2	1 016 212	111,2	679 614	-6,5	4 070 804	1,6

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 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
2025	January	1 803 470	-19,3	1 244 982	-20,7	515 630	-42,4	3 564 082	-24,2
	February	2 438 718	35,2	884 148	-29,0	551 710	7,0	3 874 576	8,7
	March	2 572 885	5,5	569 063	-35,6	675 440	22,4	3 817 388	-1,5
	April	3 056 822	18,8	481 210	-15,4	804 233	19,1	4 342 265	13,7
	May	2 571 181	-15,9	1 228 414	155,3	1 051 083	30,7	4 850 678	11,7
	June	2 096 936	-18,4	1 096 793	-10,7	652 395	-37,9	3 846 124	-20,7
	July	3 150 020	50,2	1 213 265	10,6	1 067 594	63,6	5 430 879	41,2
	August	2 901 950	-7,9	559 053	-53,9	765 940	-28,3	4 226 943	-22,2
	September	2 567 189	-11,5	1 153 612	106,4	670 168	-12,5	4 390 969	3,9
	October	2 196 013	-14,5	1 373 530	19,1	745 228	11,2	4 314 771	-1,7
	November	2 850 319	29,8	1 428 347	4,0	843 521	13,2	5 122 187	18,7
	December	3 483 868	22,2	993 758	-30,4	1 044 036	23,8	5 521 662	7,8
2026	January	1 640 279	-52,9	372 511	-62,5	641 797	-38,5	2 654 587	-51,9
	February	3 460 690	111,0	483 733	29,9	826 225	28,7	4 770 648	79,7
	March	2 578 654	-25,5	1 256 256	159,7	877 975	6,3	4 712 885	-1,2
	April	2 603 739	1,0	1 016 212	-19,1	749 709	-14,6	4 369 660	-7,3
	Nov 25 – Jan 26	7 974 466		2 794 616		2 529 354		13 298 436	
	Feb – Apr 26 ²	8 643 083	8,4	2 756 201	-1,4	2 453 909	-3,0	13 853 193	4,2

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 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
2025	January	927 494	-31,8	904 783	65,3	291 683	-40,6	2 123 960	-11,4
	February	1 627 527	5,0	635 620	85,0	395 405	-42,7	2 658 552	2,9
	March	1 788 665	13,2	406 183	40,9	551 046	-17,8	2 745 894	8,2
	April	2 004 277	16,1	344 460	-67,7	520 227	-2,5	2 868 964	-13,8
	May	1 871 026	7,2	884 387	5,6	811 616	93,5	3 567 029	18,8
	June	1 495 171	-5,3	789 628	30,0	444 767	-18,1	2 729 566	0,0
	July	2 405 702	10,8	862 306	45,4	897 633	-9,7	4 165 641	10,8
	August	2 153 332	18,6	397 337	-59,3	541 131	-23,1	3 091 800	-11,6
	September	1 961 439	-12,6	819 909	15,4	511 065	-32,7	3 292 413	-11,4
	October	1 649 374	-20,5	970 693	77,2	522 436	-20,5	3 142 503	-4,2
	November	2 379 571	25,0	1 011 577	-30,9	585 705	-1,3	3 976 853	0,4
	December	2 558 357	50,2	701 806	-38,8	665 569	11,6	3 925 732	13,9
	Total	22 821 935	6,4	8 728 689	-4,4	6 738 283	-11,9	38 288 907	0,1
2026	January	813 379	-12,3	261 595	-71,1	346 268	18,7	1 421 242	-33,1
	February	2 250 090	38,3	338 512	-46,7	574 752	45,4	3 163 354	19,0
	March	1 738 667	-2,8	872 400	114,8	752 804	36,6	3 363 871	22,5
	April	1 626 697	-18,8	696 036	102,1	465 489	-10,5	2 788 222	-2,8

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
2025	January	1 303 739	-19,8	904 783	-21,1	369 088	-43,6	2 577 610	-24,8
	February	1 753 848	34,5	635 620	-29,7	393 370	6,6	2 782 838	8,0
	March	1 837 853	4,8	406 183	-36,1	490 892	24,8	2 734 928	-1,7
	April	2 195 197	19,4	344 460	-15,2	585 297	19,2	3 124 954	14,3
	May	1 848 880	-15,8	884 387	156,7	760 749	30,0	3 494 016	11,8
	June	1 506 131	-18,5	789 628	-10,7	464 230	-39,0	2 759 989	-21,0
	July	2 246 385	49,1	862 306	9,2	762 670	64,3	3 871 361	40,3
	August	2 070 137	-7,8	397 337	-53,9	545 755	-28,4	3 013 229	-22,2
	September	1 824 614	-11,9	819 909	106,4	466 160	-14,6	3 110 683	3,2
	October	1 558 321	-14,6	970 693	18,4	529 305	13,5	3 058 319	-1,7
	November	2 012 094	29,1	1 011 577	4,2	592 537	11,9	3 616 208	18,2
	December	2 448 026	21,7	701 806	-30,6	738 524	24,6	3 888 356	7,5
2026	January	1 145 837	-53,2	261 595	-62,7	443 467	-40,0	1 850 899	-52,4
	February	2 423 147	111,5	338 512	29,4	573 393	29,3	3 335 052	80,2
	March	1 792 862	-26,0	872 400	157,7	655 043	14,2	3 320 305	-0,4
	April	1 789 929	-0,2	696 036	-20,2	497 823	-24,0	2 983 788	-10,1
	Nov 25 – Jan 26	5 605 957		1 974 978		1 774 528		9 355 463	
	Feb – Apr 26 ²	6 005 938	7,1	1 906 948	-3,4	1 726 259	-2,7	9 639 145	3,0

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 2025	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	Jan – Apr 2025	Jan – Apr 2026	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	357	757	817	1 850	3 067	65,8	
		square metres	18 839	35 795	37 350	91 667	141 941	54,8	
		R'000	141 671	269 929	236 729	667 240	962 751	44,3	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	899	953	837	3 455	3 311	-4,2	
		square metres	249 426	275 764	232 300	988 736	943 086	-4,6	
		R'000	2 076 654	2 435 707	2 015 539	8 457 264	8 336 455	-1,4	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 462	1 840	1 384	4 467	5 689	27,4	
		square metres	123 731	178 140	145 194	396 186	542 169	36,8	
		R'000	1 164 241	1 548 757	1 469 718	4 008 881	5 044 788	25,8	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	4 498	45 033	35 600	49 910	139 179	178,9	
		R'000	29 938	372 987	305 014	504 526	1 217 857	141,4	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	3 412 504	4 627 380	4 027 000	13 637 911	15 561 851	14,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	14 131	11 708	13 831	55 879	45 474	-18,6	
		R'000	160 117	103 056	125 919	598 414	396 950	-33,7	
	Shopping space	square metres	25 924	74 739	128 600	135 555	323 283	138,5	
		R'000	210 106	613 612	1 018 742	1 115 229	2 836 545	154,3	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	139 326	81 878	109 806	537 451	331 604	-38,3	
		R'000	991 541	552 909	811 985	4 008 349	2 439 757	-39,1	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	21 803	20 534	28 678	92 753	94 265	1,6	
		R'000	169 613	161 576	241 283	796 300	848 125	6,5	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	1 531 377	1 431 153	2 197 929	6 518 292	6 521 377	0,0	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	178 048	177 920	160 683	685 355	628 271	-8,3	
		R'000	1 604 389	1 540 169	1 414 975	6 062 484	5 511 497	-9,1	
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	72 949	94 443	84 017	262 254	306 648	16,9	
		R'000	736 761	1 138 714	873 562	3 087 535	3 391 220	9,8	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	2 341 150	2 678 883	2 288 537	9 150 019	8 902 717	-2,7
Building plans passed		Total at current prices	R'000	7 285 031	8 737 416	8 513 466	29 306 222	30 985 945	5,7

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

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 2025	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	Jan – Apr 2025	Jan – Apr 2026	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	146	242	105	494	700	41,7	
		square metres	6 910	10 621	4 618	22 552	31 108	37,9	
		R'000	48 125	73 619	30 165	153 665	215 342	40,1	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	436	435	316	1 598	1 395	-12,7	
		square metres	113 978	122 682	81 046	418 994	366 323	-12,6	
		R'000	865 097	983 203	623 961	3 198 072	2 947 217	-7,8	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 028	1 215	498	2 184	3 162	44,8	
		square metres	67 401	133 499	58 731	187 572	316 389	68,7	
		R'000	592 137	1 082 145	496 135	1 747 104	2 694 265	54,2	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	1 609	9 310	12 859	17 754	32 065	80,6	
		R'000	9 993	69 112	113 014	179 247	255 943	42,8	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	1 515 352	2 208 079	1 263 275	5 278 088	6 112 767	15,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	1 629	4 571	23 939	17 539	-26,7	
		R'000	0	13 805	38 220	234 791	148 262	-36,9	
	Shopping space	square metres	9 385	46 722	33 835	41 636	96 455	131,7	
		R'000	78 783	419 952	271 267	354 954	817 608	130,3	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	35 968	10 881	23 711	110 092	67 743	-38,5	
		R'000	259 600	90 064	183 384	832 059	530 526	-36,2	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	14 067	5 742	15 490	50 690	45 457	-10,3	
		R'000	107 269	42 040	110 279	441 907	352 203	-20,3	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	445 652	565 861	603 150	1 863 711	1 848 599	-0,8	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	67 109	68 652	66 481	265 726	241 668	-9,1	
		R'000	545 454	513 752	526 965	2 084 153	1 847 910	-11,3	
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	28 202	39 066	39 466	84 948	115 701	36,2	
		R'000	309 624	547 799	372 953	1 263 773	1 416 687	12,1	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	855 078	1 061 551	899 918	3 347 926	3 264 597	-2,5
Building plans passed		Total at current prices	R'000	2 816 082	3 835 491	2 766 343	10 489 725	11 225 963	7,0

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

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 2025	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	Jan – Apr 2025	Jan – Apr 2026	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	17	142	54	127	342	169,3	
		square metres	1 005	6 182	2 490	5 395	15 202	181,8	
		R'000	8 717	54 796	22 315	45 737	134 752	194,6	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	39	17	43	150	142	-5,3	
		square metres	12 145	4 683	11 584	42 445	39 090	-7,9	
		R'000	106 321	43 584	109 424	368 736	353 003	-4,3	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	51	67	26	114	116	1,8	
		square metres	12 679	4 985	1 228	20 689	10 552	-49,0	
		R'000	96 429	44 501	9 273	164 675	92 508	-43,8	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	25 640	0	0	25 640	..	
		R'000	0	228 888	0	0	228 888	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	211 467	371 769	141 012	579 148	809 151	39,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	213	860	1 600	1 918	4 311	124,8	
		R'000	1 385	7 677	14 283	16 132	37 942	135,2	
	Shopping space	square metres	868	0	14 300	868	32 754	3 673,5	
		R'000	7 523	0	123 789	7 523	277 064	3 582,9	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	394	0	258	76 658	5 205	-93,2	
		R'000	3 699	0	2 303	664 371	45 072	-93,2	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	594	880	348	6 134	1 693	-72,4	
		R'000	4 986	7 856	3 152	53 442	15 159	-71,6	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	17 593	15 533	143 527	741 468	375 237	-49,4	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	15 360	11 959	14 493	51 655	52 132	0,9	
		R'000	132 573	103 189	132 729	442 801	456 264	3,0	
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	4 486	13 579	6 190	18 084	33 884	87,4	
		R'000	41 409	122 996	57 711	174 590	308 566	76,7	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	173 982	226 185	190 440	617 391	764 830	23,9
Building plans passed		Total at current prices	R'000	403 042	613 487	474 979	1 938 007	1 949 218	0,6

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

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 2025	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	Jan – Apr 2025	Jan – Apr 2026	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	6	2	5	13	9	-30,8	
		square metres	234	88	253	559	430	-23,1	
		R'000	2 315	871	2 578	5 534	4 328	-21,8	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	13	13	12	64	51	-20,3	
		square metres	2 750	2 599	2 916	12 212	10 780	-11,7	
		R'000	23 805	23 135	26 407	107 717	94 802	-12,0	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	0	0	1	..	
		square metres	0	0	0	0	197	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	1 683	..	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	4 640	0	4 640	..	
		R'000	0	0	47 282	0	47 282	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	26 120	24 006	76 267	113 251	148 095	30,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	83	0	0	83	237	185,5	
		R'000	821	0	0	821	2 415	194,2	
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	1 949	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	16 642	..	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	556	0	1 272	3 356	163,8	
		R'000	0	5 665	0	12 584	34 194	171,7	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	843	0	-100,0	
		R'000	0	0	0	8 340	0	-100,0	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	821	5 665	0	21 745	53 251	144,9	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	2 034	1 472	1 189	6 845	7 674	12,1	
		R'000	19 335	14 497	11 646	64 292	76 268	18,6	
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	2 352	1 890	0	4 280	2 373	-44,6	
		R'000	23 581	20 473	7 080	52 496	34 891	-33,5	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	42 916	34 970	18 726	116 788	111 159	-4,8
Building plans passed	Total at current prices		R'000	69 857	64 641	94 993	251 784	312 505	24,1

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² 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 2025	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	Jan – Apr 2025	Jan – Apr 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	3	64	134	169	385	127,8
		square metres	174	2 691	5 571	7 195	16 015	122,6
		R'000	1 759	19 139	27 318	50 282	85 130	69,3
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	28	46	29	139	174	25,2
		square metres	6 387	10 276	9 215	34 215	42 905	25,4
		R'000	54 044	92 086	87 269	292 303	400 591	37,0
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	11	72	27	-62,5
		square metres	0	0	1 420	8 462	2 266	-73,2
		R'000	0	0	14 224	85 568	23 035	-73,1
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	279	5 428	0	1 396	6 985	400,4
		R'000	2 821	39 194	0	14 116	55 410	292,5
	Total residential buildings	R'000	58 624	150 419	128 811	442 269	564 166	27,6
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	419	6 404	130	6 823	5 148,5
		R'000	0	4 364	66 698	1 315	71 062	5 304,0
	Shopping space	square metres	1 650	537	0	7 603	537	-92,9
		R'000	11 654	5 593	0	64 726	5 593	-91,4
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 646	8 768	1 057	12 846	27 782	116,3
		R'000	11 599	59 920	9 127	91 545	236 272	158,1
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	584	224	4 168	1 519	-63,6
		R'000	0	4 951	1 500	42 146	11 670	-72,3
	Total non-residential buildings	R'000	23 253	74 828	77 325	199 732	324 597	62,5
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	8 497	5 530	5 416	23 211	21 748
R'000			71 935	51 548	51 964	201 832	204 069	1,1
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	828	1 817	1 513	11 202	4 612	-58,8
		R'000	15 684	13 745	43 980	98 944	73 560	-25,7
Total additions and alterations		R'000	87 619	65 293	95 944	300 776	277 629	-7,7
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	169 496	290 540	302 080	942 777	1 166 392	23,7

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

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 2025	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	Jan – Apr 2025	Jan – Apr 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	5	9	8	29	22	-24,1
		square metres	281	492	404	1 638	1 148	-29,9
		R'000	2 954	5 099	3 427	14 079	10 899	-22,6
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	60	71	76	258	290	12,4
		square metres	20 639	25 165	23 597	98 536	104 569	6,1
		R'000	195 578	278 076	240 271	1 060 273	1 101 428	3,9
	Flats and townhouses	Number	197	422	25	659	772	17,1
		square metres	21 801	29 238	10 632	70 788	79 401	12,2
		R'000	250 107	336 907	89 578	797 583	804 212	0,8
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	9 613	22 113	15 852	-28,3
		R'000	0	0	81 908	243 243	130 942	-46,2
	Total residential buildings	R'000	448 639	620 082	415 184	2 115 178	2 047 481	-3,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	651	6 849	1 256	899	8 643	861,4
		R'000	3 255	63 405	6 718	4 495	73 473	1 534,5
	Shopping space	square metres	4 606	8 691	60 335	7 033	72 916	936,8
		R'000	47 215	64 759	467 761	63 681	562 490	783,3
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	9 034	38 762	10 260	56 621	72 846	28,7
		R'000	59 500	235 075	104 795	401 515	484 386	20,6
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	2 378	8 320	6 226	5 679	28 167	396,0
		R'000	25 478	64 489	68 070	61 538	316 020	413,5
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	135 448	427 728	647 344	531 229	1 436 369	170,4	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	25 331	29 776	15 352	95 136	83 530	-12,2
		R'000	284 898	295 428	160 273	1 041 698	840 012	-19,4
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	10 870	13 927	11 765	31 981	45 011	40,7
		R'000	137 539	233 189	140 097	420 512	587 507	39,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	422 437	528 617	300 370	1 462 210	1 427 519	-2,4
Building plans passed	Total at current prices	R'000	1 006 524	1 576 427	1 362 898	4 108 617	4 911 369	19,5

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

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 2025	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	Jan – Apr 2025	Jan – Apr 2026	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	6	61	27	23	109	373,9	
		square metres	382	2 912	1 453	1 354	5 650	317,3	
		R'000	2 614	17 332	10 374	9 065	36 075	298,0	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	34	45	41	139	155	11,5	
		square metres	7 496	11 929	10 649	32 515	45 538	40,1	
		R'000	55 864	91 884	84 595	248 582	356 863	43,6	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	33	0	7	62	53	-14,5	
		square metres	2 776	0	704	6 118	4 585	-25,1	
		R'000	19 280	0	4 885	42 148	36 126	-14,3	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	364	0	-100,0	
		R'000	0	0	0	2 366	0	-100,0	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	77 758	109 216	99 854	302 161	429 064	42,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	953	0	445	953	114,2	
		R'000	0	6 380	0	3 026	6 380	110,8	
	Shopping space	square metres	846	15 378	2 384	8 480	18 012	112,4	
		R'000	5 499	99 517	18 701	57 163	119 892	109,7	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	845	0	824	25 599	18 679	-27,0	
		R'000	6 274	0	5 201	168 174	146 139	-13,1	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	929	0	0	1 114	637	-42,8	
		R'000	6 039	0	0	7 108	5 308	-25,3	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	17 812	105 897	23 902	235 471	277 719	17,9
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	4 024	6 160	5 420	20 465	21 787	6,5
R'000			25 159	40 215	37 929	138 084	152 473	10,4	
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	1 674	3 801	317	9 488	13 563	42,9	
		R'000	11 024	33 361	17 506	209 398	150 526	-28,1	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	36 183	73 576	55 435	347 482	302 999	-12,8	
Building plans passed		Total at current prices	R'000	131 753	288 689	179 191	885 114	1 009 782	14,1

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

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 2025	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	Jan – Apr 2025	Jan – Apr 2026	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	170	227	478	924	1 457	57,7	
		square metres	9 583	12 178	22 157	48 730	69 827	43,3	
		R'000	73 258	93 742	137 373	352 299	457 033	29,7	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	200	222	182	771	718	-6,9	
		square metres	54 094	61 620	54 851	231 261	205 970	-10,9	
		R'000	526 337	631 212	540 115	2 262 202	2 076 124	-8,2	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	139	29	800	1 307	1 266	-3,1	
		square metres	17 810	2 252	70 960	91 080	103 323	13,4	
		R'000	197 888	24 264	845 453	1 095 010	1 213 292	10,8	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	727	2 133	1 913	34 432	1 699,9	
		R'000	0	6 229	16 819	20 714	360 954	1 642,6	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	797 483	755 447	1 539 760	3 730 225	4 107 403	10,1
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	10 936	0	0	26 217	772	-97,1	
		R'000	139 282	0	0	322 460	10 886	-96,6	
	Shopping space	square metres	596	242	4 294	19 372	59 995	209,7	
		R'000	7 607	3 181	39 427	228 520	732 728	220,6	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	75 406	17 754	57 945	196 122	101 698	-48,1	
		R'000	545 742	128 352	390 431	1 419 022	717 234	-49,5	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	870	2 323	1 547	5 508	6 733	22,2	
		R'000	7 479	23 529	14 445	55 391	67 556	22,0	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	700 110	155 062	444 303	2 025 393	1 528 404	-24,5
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	42 668	38 363	39 880	163 281	150 675	-7,7
R'000			435 755	401 232	404 354	1 664 714	1 578 302	-5,2	
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	24 116	16 307	20 338	63 854	69 363	8,6	
		R'000	185 595	129 373	194 031	576 605	639 159	10,8	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	621 350	530 605	598 385	2 241 319	2 217 461	-1,1	
Building plans passed		Total at current prices	R'000	2 118 943	1 441 114	2 582 448	7 996 937	7 853 268	-1,8

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

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 2025	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	Jan – Apr 2025	Jan – Apr 2026	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	4	5	5	53	35	-34,0	
		square metres	270	312	344	3 173	2 037	-35,8	
		R'000	1 929	3 015	2 733	28 591	15 455	-45,9	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	65	65	98	209	245	17,2	
		square metres	23 905	24 051	24 867	72 996	81 863	12,1	
		R'000	189 364	196 501	203 853	584 494	661 291	13,1	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	14	3	3	40	90	125,0	
		square metres	1 264	1 114	997	8 269	13 310	61,0	
		R'000	8 400	7 624	6 675	54 941	90 661	65,0	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	1 111	0	1 178	4 871	9 465	94,3	
		R'000	7 381	0	7 887	35 097	63 368	80,6	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	207 074	207 140	221 148	703 123	830 775	18,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 489	0	0	1 489	193	-87,0	
		R'000	9 892	0	0	9 892	1 868	-81,1	
	Shopping space	square metres	7 973	443	3 304	49 239	4 122	-91,6	
		R'000	51 825	4 289	22 613	330 263	30 532	-90,8	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	15 047	3 452	4 778	53 752	15 036	-72,0	
		R'000	98 005	23 625	41 717	386 424	111 737	-71,1	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	1 802	4 018	3 185	8 187	157,0	
		R'000	0	12 064	38 898	21 151	67 641	219,8	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	159 722	39 978	103 228	747 730	211 778	-71,7	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	11 027	14 148	9 549	51 680	41 132	-20,4	
		R'000	74 949	106 446	67 892	372 498	297 323	-20,2	
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	202	660	4 428	27 784	17 309	-37,7	
		R'000	8 723	10 511	40 204	211 145	139 873	-33,8	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	83 672	116 957	108 096	583 643	437 196	-25,1
Building plans passed		Total at current prices	R'000	450 468	364 075	432 472	2 034 496	1 479 749	-27,3

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

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 2025	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	Jan – Apr 2025	Jan – Apr 2026	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	5	1	18	8	-55,6	
		square metres	0	319	60	1 071	524	-51,1	
		R'000	0	2 316	446	7 988	3 737	-53,2	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	24	39	40	127	141	11,0	
		square metres	8 032	12 759	13 575	45 562	46 048	1,1	
		R'000	60 244	96 026	99 644	334 885	345 136	3,1	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	104	14	29	202	596,6	
		square metres	0	7 052	522	3 208	12 146	278,6	
		R'000	0	53 316	3 495	21 852	89 006	307,3	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	1 499	3 928	5 177	1 499	10 100	573,8	
		R'000	9 743	29 564	38 104	9 743	75 070	670,5	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	69 987	181 222	141 689	374 468	512 949	37,0
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	759	998	0	759	6 003	690,9	
		R'000	5 482	7 425	0	5 482	44 662	714,7	
	Shopping space	square metres	0	2 726	10 148	1 324	36 543	2 660,0	
		R'000	0	16 321	75 184	8 399	273 996	3 162,2	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	986	1 705	10 973	4 489	19 259	329,0	
		R'000	7 122	10 208	75 027	32 655	134 197	311,0	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	2 965	883	825	15 432	1 872	-87,9	
		R'000	18 362	6 647	4 939	105 277	12 568	-88,1	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	30 966	40 601	155 150	151 813	465 423	206,6	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 998	1 860	2 903	7 356	7 925	7,7	
		R'000	14 331	13 862	21 223	52 412	58 876	12,3	
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	219	3 396	0	10 633	4 832	-54,6	
		R'000	3 582	27 267	0	80 072	40 451	-49,5	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	17 913	41 129	21 223	132 484	99 327	-25,0
Building plans passed		Total at current prices	R'000	118 866	262 952	318 062	658 765	1 077 699	63,6

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

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 2025	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	Jan – Apr 2025	Jan – Apr 2026	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	406	621	342	1 574	1 985	26,1	
		square metres	18 667	29 838	18 431	74 533	94 723	27,1	
		R'000	139 999	216 522	137 776	531 052	710 899	33,9	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	563	657	508	1 957	2 094	7,0	
		square metres	146 720	172 153	138 187	524 121	552 492	5,4	
		R'000	1 285 560	1 489 165	1 251 265	4 587 867	4 841 838	5,5	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1 469	607	1 276	3 507	4 311	22,9	
		square metres	144 803	74 506	99 016	352 199	329 374	-6,5	
		R'000	1 363 108	741 699	961 553	3 417 331	3 453 261	1,1	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	1 256	5 565	2 132	37 463	20 918	-44,2	
		R'000	11 308	56 295	24 384	309 767	246 291	-20,5	
Total residential buildings		R'000	2 799 975	2 503 681	2 374 978	8 846 017	9 252 289	4,6	
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	6 369	1 767	1 819	42 156	19 716	-53,2	
		R'000	71 405	15 103	17 319	453 759	187 739	-58,6	
	Shopping space	square metres	38 383	87 638	17 153	86 231	117 923	36,8	
		R'000	251 471	838 773	167 854	638 037	1 139 311	78,6	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	11 040	32 440	50 092	257 324	137 223	-46,7	
		R'000	80 090	289 739	384 132	1 732 351	1 116 353	-35,6	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	7 704	9 757	36 786	42 211	62 056	47,0	
		R'000	78 244	112 641	446 907	355 256	685 309	92,9	
Total non-residential buildings		R'000	481 210	1 256 256	1 016 212	3 179 403	3 128 712	-1,6	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	44 776	69 318	41 728	166 189	202 239	21,7	
		R'000	402 678	629 633	386 888	1 463 235	1 803 176	23,2	
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	28 756	37 122	27 732	84 286	112 699	33,7	
		R'000	324 079	454 405	292 726	986 902	1 274 881	29,2	
	Total additions and alterations		R'000	726 757	1 084 038	679 614	2 450 137	3 078 057	25,6
Buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	4 007 942	4 843 975	4 070 804	14 475 557	15 459 058	6,8

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

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 2025	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	Jan – Apr 2025	Jan – Apr 2026	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	43	281	107	288	969	236,5	
		square metres	1 937	11 703	4 771	13 402	41 032	206,2	
		R'000	11 734	79 612	33 308	88 908	293 634	230,3	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	206	333	239	782	1 038	32,7	
		square metres	53 556	79 727	53 983	207 489	247 456	19,3	
		R'000	409 862	624 043	420 961	1 601 718	1 922 432	20,0	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	688	333	641	1 920	2 117	10,3	
		square metres	81 872	45 870	41 803	197 426	157 988	-20,0	
		R'000	694 905	416 171	360 715	1 748 306	1 412 036	-19,2	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	257	5 024	223	29 091	7 748	-73,4	
		R'000	1 928	50 593	1 667	243 067	73 388	-69,8	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	1 118 429	1 170 419	816 651	3 681 999	3 701 490	0,5
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	1 588	0	11 182	13 060	16,8	
		R'000	0	13 820	0	83 295	110 196	32,3	
	Shopping space	square metres	0	4 575	476	581	8 286	1 326,2	
		R'000	0	43 096	4 046	5 281	76 039	1 339,9	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	8 665	6 149	15 212	26 611	47 665	79,1	
		R'000	64 196	48 850	112 613	187 724	359 690	91,6	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	785	673	3 466	8 646	8 823	2,0	
		R'000	6 856	4 481	24 895	65 050	61 428	-5,6	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	71 052	110 247	141 554	341 350	607 353	77,9
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	15 881	24 637	19 548	56 655	83 089	46,7
R'000			125 139	188 539	158 130	418 470	641 527	53,3	
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	12 150	17 209	14 681	23 856	58 652	145,9	
		R'000	168 448	181 486	144 443	356 479	616 063	72,8	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	293 587	370 025	302 573	774 949	1 257 590	62,3	
Buildings completed		Total at current prices	R'000	1 483 068	1 650 691	1 260 778	4 798 298	5 566 433	16,0

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.² 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 2025	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	Jan – Apr 2025	Jan – Apr 2026	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	59	4	38	237	120	-49,4	
		square metres	2 154	264	1 962	9 267	5 387	-41,9	
		R'000	18 462	2 346	17 780	71 017	47 888	-32,6	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	20	18	30	40	103	157,5	
		square metres	5 502	4 178	8 279	12 577	25 654	104,0	
		R'000	48 751	37 746	75 435	107 709	231 344	114,8	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	5	2	3	5	22	340,0	
		square metres	518	367	302	518	2 518	386,1	
		R'000	4 490	3 276	2 696	4 490	21 663	382,5	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	999	0	0	4 514	0	-100,0	
		R'000	9 380	0	0	39 845	0	-100,0	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	81 083	43 368	95 911	223 061	300 895	34,9
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	196	0	1 610	609	2 072	240,2	
		R'000	1 642	0	14 372	5 221	18 496	254,3	
	Shopping space	square metres	0	462	0	12 824	462	-96,4	
		R'000	0	4 124	0	107 439	4 124	-96,2	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	96	0	66	1 771	7 924	347,4	
		R'000	832	0	589	15 349	70 990	362,5	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	3 582	189	3 398	3 582	6 378	78,1	
		R'000	32 764	1 687	30 325	32 764	58 497	78,5	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	35 238	5 811	45 286	160 773	152 107	-5,4
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	5 765	15 450	4 320	23 364	33 959	45,3
R'000			50 148	142 566	39 060	199 250	305 958	53,6	
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	1 351	3 394	4 331	14 255	14 340	0,6	
		R'000	13 249	29 602	39 762	132 257	126 042	-4,7	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	63 397	172 168	78 822	331 507	432 000	30,3	
Buildings completed		Total at current prices	R'000	179 718	221 347	220 019	715 341	885 002	23,7

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

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 2025	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	Jan – Apr 2025	Jan – Apr 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	0	0	0	0	..
		square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	3	1	4	13	9	-30,8
		square metres	468	299	905	2 454	1 958	-20,2
		R'000	4 630	3 047	9 221	24 277	19 504	-19,7
	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	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings	R'000	4 630	3 047	9 221	24 277	19 504	-19,7
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	24	0	0	285	..
		R'000	0	245	0	0	2 904	..
	Shopping space	square metres	0	0	0	0	1 256	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	12 797	..
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	291	851	0	291	1 737	496,9
		R'000	2 879	8 671	0	2 879	17 698	514,7
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	59	0	0	59	0	-100,0
		R'000	584	0	0	584	0	-100,0
Total non-residential buildings	R'000	3 463	8 916	0	3 463	33 399	864,5	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 152	896	1 005	2 689	5 109	90,0
		R'000	11 397	9 129	10 240	26 603	52 055	95,7
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	265	0	0	812	1 340	65,0
		R'000	2 812	350	0	8 574	14 293	66,7
	Total additions and alterations	R'000	14 209	9 479	10 240	35 177	66 348	88,6
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	22 302	21 442	19 461	62 917	119 251	89,5

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

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 2025	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	Jan – Apr 2025	Jan – Apr 2026	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	0	0	5	39	680,0	
		square metres	0	0	0	287	1 583	451,6	
		R'000	0	0	0	2 902	10 653	267,1	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	2	3	5	35	18	-48,6	
		square metres	335	935	1 135	8 003	3 700	-53,8	
		R'000	2 095	8 212	8 661	73 309	32 325	-55,9	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	7	0	23	7	-69,6	
		square metres	0	1 057	0	1 984	1 057	-46,7	
		R'000	0	11 009	0	20 062	11 009	-45,1	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..	
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	2 095	19 221	8 661	96 273	53 987	-43,9
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	0	1 091	0	0	1 498	..	
		R'000	0	7 304	0	0	10 816	..	
	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	7 304	0	0	10 816	..	
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	181	663	112	760	1 059	39,3	
		R'000	1 147	5 749	1 003	4 934	9 258	87,6	
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	0	169	0	0	169	..	
		R'000	0	1 458	0	0	1 458	..	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	1 147	7 207	1 003	4 934	10 716	117,2	
Buildings completed	Total at current prices		R'000	3 242	33 732	9 664	101 207	75 519	-25,4

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

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 2025	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	Jan – Apr 2025	Jan – Apr 2026	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	7	0	4	42	12	-71,4	
		square metres	408	0	240	2 282	702	-69,2	
		R'000	4 855	0	2 699	25 969	7 265	-72,0	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	56	45	44	209	156	-25,4	
		square metres	18 559	14 621	14 879	64 004	49 657	-22,4	
		R'000	211 579	162 677	156 633	738 467	536 762	-27,3	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	177	118	78	345	264	-23,5	
		square metres	20 570	15 484	8 071	44 163	31 640	-28,4	
		R'000	228 485	176 000	94 477	485 944	356 705	-26,6	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	421	1 909	0	2 330	..	
		R'000	0	4 631	22 717	0	27 348	..	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	444 919	343 308	276 526	1 250 380	928 080	-25,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	0	0	0	6 750	541	-92,0	
		R'000	0	0	0	74 250	4 296	-94,2	
	Shopping space	square metres	988	2 495	2 247	10 044	9 878	-1,7	
		R'000	7 904	22 642	15 321	105 278	97 532	-7,4	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	1 452	7 917	11 730	59 215	24 732	-58,2	
		R'000	8 712	98 310	115 913	375 150	245 337	-34,6	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	494	0	0	3 635	1 023	-71,9	
		R'000	5 684	0	0	33 669	13 811	-59,0	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	22 300	120 952	131 234	588 347	360 976	-38,6
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	8 943	8 333	6 384	29 234	23 801	-18,6
R'000			98 758	97 096	72 191	328 540	272 289	-17,1	
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	3 079	9 967	5 766	12 351	19 170	55,2	
		R'000	35 071	176 352	64 754	147 256	307 320	108,7	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	133 829	273 448	136 945	475 796	579 609	21,8	
Buildings completed		Total at current prices	R'000	601 048	737 708	544 705	2 314 523	1 868 665	-19,3

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

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 2025	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	Jan – Apr 2025	Jan – Apr 2026	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	7	26	1	42	38	-9,5	
		square metres	414	1 558	59	2 445	2 270	-7,2	
		R'000	2 473	9 378	351	14 396	14 089	-2,1	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	58	46	20	178	133	-25,3	
		square metres	10 231	10 271	7 206	39 147	33 477	-14,5	
		R'000	73 664	76 303	57 651	277 656	257 073	-7,4	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	0	10	16	24	50,0	
		square metres	0	0	828	1 426	1 571	10,2	
		R'000	0	0	5 428	11 707	10 402	-11,1	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	1 277	0	-100,0	
		R'000	0	0	0	8 481	0	-100,0	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	76 137	85 681	63 430	312 240	281 564	-9,8
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	1 375	155	0	1 375	155	-88,7	
		R'000	7 946	1 038	0	7 946	1 038	-86,9	
	Shopping space	square metres	13 378	5 527	0	31 561	5 596	-82,3	
		R'000	87 456	33 473	0	209 718	33 935	-83,8	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	838	6 950	1 288	-81,5	
		R'000	0	0	5 978	45 784	8 991	-80,4	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	0	0	0	10 836	2 721	-74,9	
		R'000	0	0	0	86 848	17 338	-80,0	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	95 402	34 511	5 978	350 296	61 302	-82,5
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	3 450	3 071	390	14 133	10 479	-25,9
R'000			22 667	20 651	2 455	92 271	70 322	-23,8	
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	376	443	991	1 717	1 892	10,2	
		R'000	5 757	7 137	16 980	19 057	32 747	71,8	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	28 424	27 788	19 435	111 328	103 069	-7,4	
Buildings completed		Total at current prices	R'000	199 963	147 980	88 843	773 864	445 935	-42,4

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

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 2025	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	Jan – Apr 2025	Jan – Apr 2026	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	286	306	191	937	797	-14,9	
		square metres	13 470	16 018	11 322	45 249	43 083	-4,8	
		R'000	100 032	122 862	82 893	316 065	331 691	4,9	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	180	156	126	566	479	-15,4	
		square metres	49 655	48 290	38 680	150 515	142 874	-5,1	
		R'000	472 265	464 593	414 334	1 457 470	1 455 057	-0,2	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	598	145	472	1 189	1 762	48,2	
		square metres	41 779	11 493	42 149	104 056	122 648	17,9	
		R'000	434 801	133 495	441 477	1 128 969	1 540 496	36,5	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	120	0	1 383	10 840	683,8	
		R'000	0	1 071	0	10 587	145 555	1 274,8	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	1 007 098	722 021	938 704	2 913 091	3 472 799	19,2
Non-residential buildings	Office and banking space	square metres	4 798	0	209	22 240	3 603	-83,8	
		R'000	61 817	0	2 947	283 047	50 809	-82,0	
	Shopping space	square metres	24 017	36 914	8 674	25 851	48 602	88,0	
		R'000	156 111	477 721	114 020	172 226	619 224	259,5	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	536	16 432	22 035	159 122	48 936	-69,2	
		R'000	3 471	126 604	146 996	1 079 376	369 499	-65,8	
	Other non-residential buildings ³	square metres	2 784	8 895	29 922	15 453	43 111	179,0	
		R'000	32 356	106 473	391 687	136 341	534 235	291,8	
	Total non-residential buildings		R'000	253 755	710 798	655 650	1 670 990	1 573 767	-5,8
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	8 094	13 774	9 054	31 793	36 954	16,2
R'000			82 206	147 404	96 335	330 744	393 799	19,1	
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	11 406	5 248	1 963	27 819	16 244	-41,6	
		R'000	90 518	49 673	26 777	280 058	166 824	-40,4	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	172 724	197 077	123 112	610 802	560 623	-8,2	
Buildings completed		Total at current prices	R'000	1 433 577	1 629 896	1 717 466	5 194 883	5 607 189	7,9

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

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 2025	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	Jan – Apr 2025	Jan – Apr 2026	% change ¹	
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit							
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	4	1	1	17	6	-64,7	
		square metres	284	58	77	1 187	365	-69,3	
		R'000	2 443	561	745	8 768	3 533	-59,7	
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	13	31	23	61	89	45,9	
		square metres	3 124	7 385	5 754	15 372	20 441	33,0	
		R'000	26 456	65 024	53 208	131 807	185 184	40,5	
	Flats and townhouses	Number	1	0	72	5	83	1 560,0	
		square metres	64	0	5 863	1 928	7 729	300,9	
		R'000	427	0	56 760	12 811	69 531	442,7	
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	1 198	0	-100,0	
		R'000	0	0	0	7 787	0	-100,0	
	Total residential buildings		R'000	29 326	65 585	110 713	161 173	258 248	60,2
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	37 593	0	958	37 850	3 850,9	
		R'000	0	257 286	0	6 227	259 774	4 071,7	
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	211	1 822	3 443	89,0	
		R'000	0	0	2 043	17 125	33 332	94,6	
	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	0	257 286	2 043	23 352	293 106	1 155,2
	Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	1 250	2 282	799	6 935	7 156	3,2
R'000			10 783	16 922	6 611	57 903	53 259	-8,0	
Other buildings ⁴		square metres	0	692	0	3 347	692	-79,3	
		R'000	7 474	7 847	10	39 471	8 146	-79,4	
Total additions and alterations		R'000	18 257	24 769	6 621	97 374	61 405	-36,9	
Buildings completed		Total at current prices	R'000	47 583	347 640	119 377	281 899	612 759	117,4

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

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 2025	Mar 2026	Apr 2026	Jan – Apr 2025	Jan – Apr 2026	% change ¹
Category of building	Type of building	Measuring unit						
Residential buildings	Dwelling-houses < 80 square metres	Number	0	3	0	6	4	-33,3
		square metres	0	237	0	414	301	-27,3
		R'000	0	1 763	0	3 027	2 146	-29,1
	Dwelling-houses >= 80 square metres	Number	25	24	17	73	69	-5,5
		square metres	5 290	6 447	7 366	24 560	27 275	11,1
		R'000	36 258	47 520	55 161	175 454	202 157	15,2
	Flats and townhouses	Number	0	2	0	4	32	700,0
		square metres	0	235	0	698	4 223	505,0
		R'000	0	1 748	0	5 042	31 419	523,1
	Other residential buildings ²	square metres	0	0	0	0	0	..
		R'000	0	0	0	0	0	..
	Total residential buildings		R'000	36 258	51 031	55 161	183 523	235 722
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	72	5 756	4 412	5 993	35,8
		R'000	0	431	34 467	31 868	35 886	12,6
	Industrial and warehouse space	square metres	0	0	0	1 542	0	-100,0
		R'000	0	0	0	8 964	0	-100,0
	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	431	34 467	40 832	35 886	-12,1
Additions and alterations	Dwelling-houses	square metres	60	212	116	626	633	1,1
		R'000	433	1 577	863	4 520	4 709	4,2
	Other buildings ⁴	square metres	129	0	0	129	200	55,0
		R'000	750	500	0	3 750	1 988	-47,0
Total additions and alterations		R'000	1 183	2 077	863	8 270	6 697	-19,0
Buildings completed	Total at current prices	R'000	37 441	53 539	90 491	232 625	278 305	19,6

¹ The percentage change between cumulative figures for 2025 and 2026.

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 2026 was 89,1%. The revised collection rate for March 2026 was 86,4%.
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 is not intended to remove irregular or non-seasonal influences that may occur in a given 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-26	Additional information from respondents	Apr-24 - Mar-26
May-26	Additional information from respondents	May-24 - Apr-26
Jun-26	Additional information from respondents	Jun-24 - May-26
Jul-26	Additional information from respondents	Jul-24 - Jun-26
Aug-26	Additional information from respondents	Aug-24 - Jul-26
Sep-26	Additional information from respondents	Sep-24 - Aug-26
Oct-26	Additional information from respondents	Oct-24 - Sep-26
Nov-26	Additional information from respondents	Nov-24 - Oct-26
Dec-26	Additional information from respondents	Dec-24 - Nov-26
Jan-27	Additional information from respondents New base year for constant prices	Jan-82 - Dec-26
Feb-27	Additional information from respondents	Feb-25 - Jan-27
Mar-27	Additional information from respondents	Mar-25 - Feb-27
New base year in 2026/27 – periodic, approximately four to five-year intervals		

- 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, guest-houses, holiday chalets, bed-and-breakfast accommodation, entertainment centres and casinos.
Percentage change	<p>When using monthly actual values, the percentage change is the change in actual values of building activities (building plans passed or buildings completed) of the relevant month compared with the 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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